



Bertram Named Student of the Month



By: Cheyenne Steemken

December's Student of the Month is senior Keely Bertram. Selected by EPJ staff, Keely is a very accomplished student.

Since her freshman year, Keely has been involved in many sports such as volleyball, basketball, and track. Other activities in which Keely participates are year-book staff and All School Play.

Throughout her high school career, Keely has earned many awards ranging from academic to athletic. She has been a member of National Honor Society since her junior year. She has repeatedly been chosen for basketball and volleyball

All-Conference teams, All-Region teams, and All-State teams since her freshman year.

Most recently, Keely was named South Dakota Girls Athlete of the Year by the Yankton Press and Dakotan newspaper. This honor was bestowed upon her for her outstanding performance in all three sports, volleyball, basketball, and track.

In addition to being an amazing athlete, Keely manages to maintain excellent grades and has been on the honor roll since her freshman year.

Keely gives her free time to a variety of community organizations. Some of the volunteer experiences on her resume include serving regularly at Friends Feast, helping with the various Little Huskies camps, and coaching younger girls in basketball. She also babysits when she can fit it into her busy schedule. Keely intends to study at Black Hills State University in the fall.

As a reward for her hard work and accomplishments, Keely will have exclusive access to the up-front parking spot during the month of January as well as class memorabilia distributed during the spring Awards Night.

Cheers to London: England Hosts EPJ Cheerleaders



Stacie McLaury, Saundra Terrell, and Hannah North stop for a photo in front of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

On December 26, EPJ high school students Stacie McLaury, Saundra Terrell, and Hannah North flew to London for a week. They made this trip with over 900 other cheerleaders as a result of attending a Varsity United Cheer Association Camp in July. At the camp they were awarded with the status of All-American Cheerleaders, and they were given the opportunity to go to London to perform in the London New Year's Day Parade.

After an eight hour flight from Dallas, the three girls finally arrived in London the morning of the 27th. That first day was used as a free day to get to know the other cheerleaders in their small groups of about fifteen and to see the sites near their hotel. After a quick orientation, they were off to bed.

On December 28, the cheerleaders enjoyed guided tours to see different sites such as the Palace of Westminster, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Tower of London. After finishing the tour, they were taken back to the hotel to eat and prepare for a rehearsal of their routine.

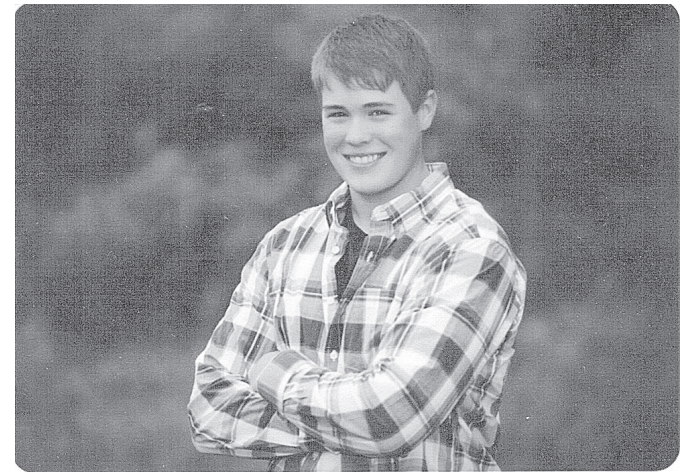
The third day was used as a free time for the groups to explore the city of London on their own. The girls were able to take the Tube or Underground to travel to different sites such as The British Museum and Oxford Circus, a very large shopping district. After returning to the hotel, they set out to attend the musical *Let It Be*.

On Monday, December 30, the group visited the royal town of Windsor and took a tour of Windsor Castle. Upon returning to the hotel, the cheerleaders had time to eat and get ready before going on an evening cruise/party on the *Dixie Queen*, where they could dance the night away on the Thames River.

New Year's Eve day provided another free time for the smaller groups to explore on their own. This time the EPJ group was able to go visit Big Ben, eat at the original Hard Rock Café, and ride on the London Eye. They finished the free day with a trip to Piccadilly Circus where they had some time to shop. When they

Senior Spotlight

This week our spotlight shines on Ian James Grassel. Ian is one of the 43 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes Ian a bright future filled with opportunities.



Ian Grassel

Parents: Todd and Maggie Grassel

Siblings: Mackenzie and Hannah Klinkhammer; Jackson Grassel

Birthday: February 8, 1996

Future Plans: attend SDSU to study wildlife and fisheries sciences

HS Activities: football, basketball, drumline, band, jazz band, All School Play, and National Honor Society

Little-known Fact about Me: I can't touch my toes.

Famous-person Crush: Carrie Underwood

Role Model: Francis Grassel (Grandfather)

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Philadelphia, PA, so I can run up the stairs of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, like Rocky, jamming to "Gonna Fly Now"

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 65, because ... 1) retirement, 2) senior discount at any restaurant, and 3) the parties are always at your house.

Advice for Underclassmen: Time management is your friend; procrastination is your enemy.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."

-Booker T. Washington

School Memory: dancing in Spanish class and being crowned Homecoming King

Superhero: The Incredible Hulk

Movies: *The Breakfast Club*, *The Sandlot*, *The Goonies*, and *Braveheart*

TV Show: *MythBusters*

Book: *Where the Red Fern Grows*

Food: steak and potatoes

HS Class: US history; biology

Song/Artist: "Playboys of the Southwestern World" by Blake Shelton

Sports Team: Pittsburgh Steelers

School Lunch: buffalo chicken pizza

Holiday: Christmas (who doesn't love presents?)

Color: blue

Dessert: apple crisp

Middle School Quarter 2 Honor Roll Announced

To earn a place on the A Honor Roll, students must earn 3.5-4.0 grade point average with no grade lower than a B. To earn a spot on the B Honor Roll, students must earn 3.0-3.49 with no grade lower than a C.

6th Grade A Honor Roll: Dameon Abraham, Collin Becker, Bethany Bentz, Sydney Boone, Sydney Bousquet, Katelyn Chytka, Jennica Colt, Elizabeth Contreras, Carlie Corder, Kenna Curry, Calli Davis, Bryce Densberger, Matthew Giorgio, Adam Grasshoff, Emily Henze, Lily Kempf, Casey Kneip, Joshua Lehman, James Lichtenberg, Caleb Mahin, Grayson McCuin, Bryce Moore, Christopher Nelson, Jordan Niles, Adan Nuno, Kelsie Olson, Elisabeth Peirce, Madison Rupp, Trysten Rupp, Kacie Stepp, Will Suing, Brody Weavill

6th Grade B Honor Roll: Nicholas Bradshaw, Kelsey Corio, Madison Dillon, Riley Donnelly, Kyra Fennel, Hannah Fetterman, Ethan Hammitt, Miles Herrity, Jack Johnston, Emma Robinson

7th Grade A Honor Roll: Parker Berghult, Meghan Brewer, Brianna Chicoine, Katherine Chicoine, Brooke Crabtree, Aubrie Franken, Karson Hall, Anna Jallow, Kody LaFleur, Lukas Larson, Athena Love, Karly Marx, Ally Nearman, Skyler Oberg, Emma Prouty, Jady Reed, Connor Taylor, Hannah VanKirk, Tyler Walsh, Zedekiah Zevenbergen

7th Grade B Honor Roll: Zachary Branson, Callie Chicoine, Lida Conway, Will Dennison, Logan Desmond, Makayla Erickson, Anthony Gehrig, Emma Kelly, William Kolleck, Dalton Monahan, Matthew Roberts, Kendrya Seyb, Jacob Speirs, Caden Stabe, Nathan Vonhaden, Anthony Woody

8th Grade A Honor Roll: Elsie Aslesen, Wendy Bernard, Elyssa Collins, Catherine Corio, Jill Donnelly, Preston Fejfar, Alexander Grashoff, Peyton Hall, Caleb Hanson, Nathan Harvey, Jess Huber, Breanna Hutcheson, Addison Ludwig, James Miller, Susan Miller, Eric Nelson, Matthew Noteboom, Erin Schuldt, Trinity Smith, Taylor Stark, Morgan Swanson, Jordan VonSeggern, Noah VonSeggern, Victoria Wriedt

8th Grade B Honor Roll: Aaron Corbin, Logan Donelan, Hunter Ewing, McKenzie Gunn, Jessica Hansen, Isaiah Jallow, Drew Johnson, Easton Keuck, Presston Kollbaum, Tyler Leif, Ethan Marx, Tianna Stokely, Taylor Trudeau, Journey Umphress, Taylor Welch

Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (1/16): C Team GBB with Gehlen Catholic 6:00
7/8 BBB at Dakota Valley 4:30
- Friday (1/17): BBB and GBB at Ponca 4:00
- Saturday (1/18): Wrestling at Tri Valley 10:00
- Monday (1/20): NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday (1/21): BBB and GBB at Vermillion 4:00
Dakota XII Wrestling at EPJ 5:30
7/8 BBB with Tea Area 4:30

finally returned to the hotel, they had another night of dancing to start off the New Year.

Finally came the day of their performance, and the cheerleaders set off in the rain to get ready. When they arrived at the parade route, they were surrounded by the people of London as they cheered them on. The cheerleaders went through the parade, performing their routine approximately ten times in front of hundreds of people each time. The final performance was broadcast live for anyone who did not wish to brave the weather that day. The finish of the performance brought the trip to a close as they headed back to the hotel to relax for the rest of the night before flying out the next morning. The girls described the trip as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that they were lucky to have.