**Wrestlers to take on more challenges**

By: Elizabeth Borer

This year’s varsity wrestling team has already started out their season with more victories than last year’s team. Last year, the team finished with six victories and 19 losses. This year, they already have seven wins.

Four of the wrestlers are looking like possible state qualifiers. These wrestlers include juniors Zachary Gates and Ian Hirsh, sophomore Tyler Nielsen and freshman Ryan Mcaan.

On Jan. 13th, Mcaan placed seventh at the Metro Conference tournament. There are many changes within the team that can account for their recent success, one being the increase in the number of wrestlers on the team compared to previous years.

The boys have been able to field a full team at most of their duals and matches. “This success could be a result of the wrestlers’ ability to listen when given instruction and apply their skills to their matches,” head wrestling coach Kevin Kot-tich said. On Jan. 14, the boys defeated neighborhood rival Omaha Gross in a dual with a score of 57-24. The team is hopeful that they will be able to continue to build a foundation of success.

Many of the current freshmen will be competing at higher levels in the future. They will go into future sea-sons already knowing what the wrestlers are capable of and in which ways that they will be able to improve.

The boys will compete in the district meet tomorrow with hopes of earning their way to state.

**McDermott is the face of college basketball**

By: Elizabeth Borer

Front Page Editor

On Papillion LaVista South, McDermott is the face of Creighton’s basketball team. As a junior, he has scored 37 points in a win over UMKC, and 33 points in a win over Tulsa. Against St. Joseph’s, McDermott hit his first game winner, making the entire Creighton career. McDermott started conference play by leading the Bluejays to a 9-2 Big East Conference record, the biggest win coming at #4 Villanova. McDermott had a star performance against Seton Hall with 30 points, 10 rebounds and five assists.

McDermott, who was easily the most efficient scorer last year, decided last spring that he would return to Creighton to play for his senior year, as opposed to entering the NBA draft. Major factors of this decision could include the fact that his father, Greg McDermott, is Creighton’s head coach and that he could be the first player in over 30 years (and the eleventh player all time) to achieve the feat of being a first team All-American.

Many college basketball fans are very happy about McDermott staying for his senior year. Players only playing at the college level for their freshman year before entering the NBA draft has become too com-mon.

McDermott is known as being a very composed, low profile athlete, which is pretty rare these days. Athletes such as pro golfer Tiger Woods, Heisman-winning quarterback Johnny Manziel and Ndamukong Suh, who is currently considered a ‘dirty’ player in the NFL, have gained endless publicity. McDer-mott has had no controversy and has been a half of the publicity he deserves.

By: Luke Doyle

Sports Editor

The Creighton Bluejays joined the Big East Conference this year, which will bring them tougher competition and more opportunity in the national spotlight. Senior forward and two-time first team All-American Doug McDermott is easily the best player in college basketball this sea-son. Sure, he may not be top notch on the defensive end, but on offense, he is nothing short of unstoppable. McDermott em-barrasses just about every defense he plays against. He was the second leading scorer in the nation last year as a junior, averaging 23.2 points per game and shoot-ing almost 50 percent from behind the three point line. He was also one of the top three scorers in the nation as a sophomore, averaging about 25 points per game. His career highs have come against Bradley (44 points) when he was a sophomore and last year against Wichita State (45 points). He scores relentlessly despite the double teams and physical-ity that opposing teams throw at him. McDermott has also led the team in rebounding each of his four years. He led the team last year to beat Wichita State twice in eight days at the end of the season, the second win giving the Bluejays a Missouri Valley Conference title. Those were Wichita State’s last two losses, and they will go into future sea-sons already knowing what the wrestlers are capable of and in which ways that they will be able to improve.

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**Superbowl draws mixed crowd**

By: Abbie Burko

Reporters

For many, the Super Bowl is an unofficial holiday. If they have a job where they nor-mally work on Sunday, they take the day off. Thousands rush to the store to get pop, chips, dip, pizza and all kinds of different snacks for the big day. Although millions of people worldwide watch the sporting event that determines the NFL championship, they all don’t watch it for the same reason. Viewers are divided when it comes to what is the best part of the Super Bowl.

**What was the best part of the 2014 Super Bowl?**

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50 students were polled.

**Girls continue losing streak**

By: Luke Doyle

Junior Troyana Thompson attempts to beat her defender down the court. The girls went on to lose the game.

Junior Chad Miller tries to pin his opponent in a dual against Bellevue West.