



## Earthquakes Ravage Japan and Ecuador

By Annika Hanson

Devastating earthquakes have taken place over the past week in our world. Three quakes have ravaged over Japan and Ecuador with magnitudes over 6 on the Richter scale. This tragedy has affected millions of families, all over the world people are coming to the rescue.

The first earthquake was in Japan. On April 14th a earthquake hit Japan with a magnitude of 6.2 on the Richter scale. It was as deep as 10.0 km and was only 7 km South West of Ueki Kumamoto prefecture. Thankfully casualties were limited to only nine in this quake but another earthquake razed Japan only two days later.

This earthquake happened on April 16th, this was bigger then the previous quake ranking 7.0 on the Richter scale. Even though Kumamoto could not take another attack, Mother Nature showed no mercy. In this unfortunate event, 35 more lives were lost.

Senior John Houg thought these events were disastrous. "I don't know much about it but it's a tragedy."

Japan was not the only place that got hit; Ecuador was onslaught by mul-

iple shock waves. The first earthquake was 7.8 on the Richter scale, this is the strongest quake to strike the South American country in decades. Over 2,527 were injured in this accident and 246 were left dead. The epicenter was centered about 170 km west-northwest of the capital city, Quito. This huge earthquake was sadly not the end of it; more than 36 aftershocks came afterwards, some reaching 5.0 in magnitude.

Senior Brady Schleuter commented on the severity of the situation. He said, "I feel bad for the people because earthquakes are hard to deal with, luckily I don't know how hard it is because I have never dealt with an earthquake."

Another earthquake assailed Ecuador on Wednesday. It hit 25 km off Muishe on the North West Pacific coast at a depth of 15 km according to US Geological Survey.

Ecuador's Geophysical institutes said there were in fact two quakes of magnitude 6.2 followed by 17 after shocks. USGS disagrees stating there was only one of the size of 6.1. Regard-

less, if it was classified as one quake or not, it killed over 480 people and injured more than 4,600. On top of this there are 107 people missing and 1,500 buildings destroyed. This led to over two billion dollars in damage.

Thankfully the world is lending a hand in this affair, the United Nation's risk management agency said that 10,000 bottles of water would be shipped to some of the affected areas in the Manabi province along with 7,668 sleeping kits and food for 3,000 people. "We stand by the people of Ecuador in this difficult time and are ready to assist in any way we can" United States Secretary of State John Kerry said.

Some people are debating if the three earthquakes have connection with each other in any way. The U.S. Geological Survey said it was too early to know but many people think it may have something to do with the ring of fire. Regardless the results will come out on a later date, for now recovery is the most important thing for the areas hit.

## Jobs R Us

By Alex Uhl

The summer is fast approaching and vacation is just around the corner . Hold up there hot shot, you can't get anywhere in this world without money, and I'm fairly certain 90% of the readers don't get it for free. So where does one get money? Why, a job of course, and with all that free time in the summer you can have as many jobs as your schedule can handle.

So who's hiring? That's a good question: have you looked in the newspaper recently? Many businesses and companies post advertisements for employment opportunities in the classified area of the newspaper (no its definitely not secret). In addition to that there are other areas you may hear about opportunities such as the

student announcements.

Another way to hunt for jobs is to simply ask around. Make contacts. Go outside for once and use your infinite charisma to make friends. Jokes aside, simply telling people that you are looking for a job will put you into the jobs market. Super easy right? It also helps to have a resume that shows off your skills that you have acquired over the years.

Matt Gustafson said, "All I've heard is that you apply everywhere you can and see what happens."

So now you know about said job, right? Next step is to get a job application form (yay)! It will ask for many different tidbits of information such as your birthday or your current educa-

tion level.

So you sent in your application and your resume is complete. You got the job right? Maybe not yet. In some jobs, there are many other applicants who also want the same position. So you have to make yourself stand out. It's a good idea to bring a copy of your resume as it will help you and your employer better understand your qualifications for the position.

Will you get the job? Maybe, maybe not. Once again it all depends on your qualifications. Sometimes you won't get the job and sometimes you will. But whatever the case you have entered the job market. Hopefully you'll get the job and do wonders for yourself and the economy!

## There's a Crusty Old Demon Loose in the School

Editorial

By Sylvia Larson—Guest Writer

Imagine an irregularity spaced out ticking noise or nails scraping across a chalkboard. Now imagine someone stealing your cupcake or flipping their hair in your face. Events like these tend to annoy the general public to the point of outlash.

I'll be the first to admit that I am easily annoyed. It's not an uncommon observation due to the fact that I regularly vocalize my opinions. Although basically everything annoys me, there are a few things that REALLY grind my peers' and my gears; especially concerning school.

### Parking

As teenagers, we are not particularly skilled in the parking department. I know a girl who wrecked her OWN car (not even somebody else's) trying to exit a parking spot. Also there is a mysterious dent on my driver's side door that appeared sometime in January, and I only ever drive my Jeep to school. We just can't park.

There's an unspoken rule amongst us parking lot dwellers to ALWAYS pull through the parking spot so somebody can park behind you with little effort. Some people (you know who you are) refuse to comply to this rule, thus creating havoc in the parking lot and wasting a parking space.

### Blocking the Hallway

It is soooooo annoying to have to shove through a herd of sloths on the way to class, and most of you probably agree. We totally get that you want to

chat with your friends, but PLEASE do it somewhere else. The hallway is already pretty narrow, so when there are six people standing side by side there is no way to get through. It takes every fiber of my being to not yell ALL THE TIME.

### Distractions

I don't pay a lot of attention in class, but it's not because I don't care (although that can be seriously debated). PEOPLE WILL NOT STOP SHAKING THEIR LEGS. It drives me and everybody else insane. I'm pretty easily distracted, so it's horrendously hard to concentrate when there is constant movement in my peripheral vision and -even worse- the nails-on-a-chalkboard sound of pant legs rubbing together. Most people can't stand it. The rest of us don't care if they aren't aware they're doing it - they're the reason I don't know Algebra. I have to constantly try to tune them out whilst also trying to hear Mr. Bohl. I can't do that simultaneously.

Same goes for chewing really loudly, although I'm the one who gives everyone gum so I can't really complain about something I'm basically the ring-leader of.

### Drama

Although I'm a bit of a drama queen, I just don't understand the constant backstabbing and meanness among the high school population. Every day there's a new Caesar and Brutus style debacle or someone say-

ing rude things or somebody taking savage to a whole new level. People don't understand that there wouldn't BE drama if we all just stopped being so competitive with each other. Constant girl-on-girl combat exasperates me. Can't we all just get along?

### PDA

It's hard enough trying to maneuver through the hallways without running someone over. It's MUCH harder to do it while dodging couples displaying their affection for each other in the grossest way possible. If you must make out, PLEASE do it somewhere else. Contrary to popular belief, you won't die if you have to wait a few hours to enjoy time with your significant other; the hallway is not your hotel.

And last but not least,

### People Who Complain About Lunch Every. Single. Day.

We get it, you think the school lunch is gross. Easy solution: bring a sack lunch. You don't have to talk about it EVERY DAY.

Honestly, school in general annoys me. Mostly because I don't like waking early or going to bed at a reasonable time like a smart person so I'm always cranky and sleep-deprived. Unfortunately for you, I take my cantankerous attitude to school with me. If you do these things, you'll probably catch a glimpse of the crusty old demon inside me that rants to people about their annoying-ness. Just stop. Please.



## Golf Sees Early Success, Has Room to Improve

Early on in the season, the Garretson golfers have come out swinging. The season started with their own early bird meet in which senior Micah Mader took first.

Mader continued his success taking

first at the Chester Invitational on Tuesday. Brother Isaiah Mader was the other medalist taking 10th.

The competition continued on Thursday as Garretson headed to Flaudreau. Sophomore Isaiah Mader

picked up the pace on the back nine to secure 1st with an 84. Senior Alex Andersen, 90, took fifth and sophomore Nick Lundberg secured 10th with a 95.

Their next meet is on Monday. Dell Rapids St. Mary's is hosting.



## Track and Field Stay Busy with Two Meets in Four Days

### VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD

The Garretson Blue Dragon track and field team hosted the 32nd annual Jesse James Invitational last Saturday.

Many state qualifying times, distances, heights, and throws were earned despite the strength of the wind whipping across the athletes.

The MVPs for the meet were Ashley Vandermeer from Deubrook as she took first in the 200m dash and long jump and 2nd in the 100m dash and 1600m relay. Zach Anderson from Parker swept his events taking first in the long jump, triple jump, and high jump. Anderson also set the Jesse James Invitational record for high jump with a 7'0" effort.

For the girls, notable Blue Dragon finishes at the Jesse James Invitational were as follows: 3200m relay team of Carmen Bohl, Rachel Kindt, Jaden Bly, and Haley Sage, 1st (10:23.4); 1600m relay team of Morgan Gloe, Peyton Sage, Madison Nordstrom, and Haley Sage, 3rd (4:29.3); Medley relay team of Peyton Sage, Kelsie Paul, Morgan Gloe and Rachel Kindt, 2nd (4:55.0); 1600m run Rachel Kindt, 1st (5:48.8); 3200m run Carmen Bohl, 1st (12:55.4); Discus Peyton Heitkamp, 3rd (91'4").

For the boys' efforts at their home meet, the prominent

finishes were as follows: 1600m relay team of Brennan Mudder, Shay Gibson, Evan Fick, and Keisean Deehr, 3rd (3:47.1); Medley relay team of Erik Hanson, Trenton Karli, Drew Blosmo, and Elijah Pierret, 3rd (4:19.8); 3200 m run Evan Fick, 1st (10:50.3); 1600m run Evan Fick, 1st (4:53.1); 800m run Brennan Mudder, 3rd (2:12.1); 400m dash Keisean Deehr, 1st (53.7); 200m dash Keisean Deehr, 2nd (24.2).

A few days later the Blue Dragon tracksters traveled to Beresford. For the girls 3200m relay team, 3rd (10:19.13); 1600m relay team, 3rd (4:26.43); Rachel Kindt, 2nd (5:47.41) for 1600m run; Haley Sage, 1st (2:24.71) for 800m run.

The boys placed 3200m relay team of Brennan Mudder, Shay Gibson, Elijah Pierret, and Evan Fick, 3rd (8:56.7); 400m relay team of Aaron Hoon, Marc Ratteborg, Shay Gibson, and Diontae Lymon, 2nd (47.4); medley relay team of Erik Hanson, Trenton Karli, Drew Blosmo, and Brennan Mudder, 3rd (4:01.7); 3200 m run Evan Fick, 1st (10:19.2); 800m run Keisean Deehr, 3rd (2:11.6).

The Blue Dragons' next track meet is the Tom Main Invite at Chester beginning at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

### JUNIOR HIGH TRACK AND FIELD

After the varsity meet on Saturday, there was a quick turn around to prepare for the home junior high meet on Thursday.

There was strong attendance, strong performances, and not-so-strong wind.

**Below:** Trenton Karli looks to lessen the distance between him and his opponent during the medley relay. **Bottom Left:** Morgan Gloe explodes from the blocks during the 100m dash. **Bottom Middle:** James Nussbaum pushes through the wind at yesterday's junior high track meet. *Photo by Jaden Braaten* **Bottom Right:** Dominic Abraham and Brady Debates finish strong in the dash. *Photo by Jaden Braaten*





## Club Ball Breaks into Top 5

By Isaiah Mader

After struggling in its previous two games the Garretson club baseball team (5-1) looked to get back on to their winning ways as they were challenged with a rematch of a solid Sioux Falls Christian team on Saturday and Tri-Valley last night.

On the mound for the Dragons was senior Micah Mader who tossed 5 stellar innings to put his team in prime position for a victory against the Chargers. Brady Schleuter then came in to back up Mader, doing his job he

## Senior Spotlight



**NAME:** Saige Gullickson

**SENIOR PROJECT:** DSLR Photography

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Volleyball, Girls Basketball Statistician, NHS, Zion Lutheran Youth Group/Peer Ministry, Great Plains Volunteers

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:**

Teachers, Messing around in class, Shalyssa & Steff-a-manas

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Go to Augustana University in the BioChem program for zoology or to be a family physician



Brady Schleuter looks in for the sign from the catcher as Cole Fiegen, first baseman, looks on and readies for the play during recent action.

kept Garretson on top and provided two solid innings. Schleuter got the save, allowing one run on two hits.

The G-Town boys came out flat and didn't heat up their offense until the 3rd inning when they were able to push across two runs on three hits. The bats continued to roll in the 5th as the home team was able to plate four runs on only three hits with a couple of errors. Garretson recorded 10 hits on the night and being aggressive everywhere on the field they were able to snatch up a 7-5 victory.

Senior Brady Schleuter said, "Overall I think the season has gone really well; we are playing good baseball we just have to clean up our one bad inning. If we can get past that inning, we will be a tough competitor for anybody we take the field against."

Keeping on their winning ways the Dragons went in to Colton to face off against Tri-Valley. With excellent pitching courtesy of seniors Jacob Fitzgerald and Schleuter, the Dragons pulled off the 4-1 defeat of the Mustangs.

Garretson came out hot in the top of the first and recorded two runs; they also tallied one in the 2nd. In the 3rd inning defensively the Blue Drag-

ons weren't mentally in the game and after a couple of mishandled balls and sharp hits by the Mustangs, Tri-Valley was able to push one run across. That would be their only one of the night. In the top of the 7th, G-Town was able to plate one more run and secure the victory over Tri-Valley.

Before last night's game, the Garretson Blue Dragons were ranked 5th in Class B only behind St. Thomas More, Dell Rapids, Bon Homme/Scotland, and Winner/Colome.

Senior Micah Mader commented on their ranking, "It's nice to get recognition finally for a tradition that's been in our town for a while."

Schleuter added, "Hopefully we can move up some spots if we keep tally-whacking some dingers."

With a plethora of strong opponents on the schedule, the Blue Dragons hope to continue defeating their adversaries and look to stay red hot as they enter into the end-half of their season with a goal of reaching the State Tournament.

Garretson will play host to Lennox tonight at 6 as they expect to gather another win on their home field.