



South O'Brien High School

The Wolverine Roar

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Freshmen Attend *Hamlet* at Northwestern College SaulPaul Inspires Students to Make a Difference

By Avery Halverson, Reagan Draper, & Brooklyn Edwards

Mrs. Roskamp's English I class attended the dress rehearsal of *Hamlet* at Northwestern College in Orange City on Thursday, April 11. The opportunity to attend the play came at a perfect time. Just a few days after the performance, Mrs. Roskamp kicked off a Shakespeare unit with the freshmen, where the students began their study of *Romeo and Juliet*. "It was very intriguing and educational. I liked getting the opportunity to see the play," said freshman Lauren Irwin.



Freshman Peyton Young reads her program before the start of the play at Northwestern College.

By Mitchell Enger & Cole Cox

SaulPaul, a Grammy Award-nominated artist, is a musician with a message. Part rapper/part singer-songwriter, Paul is an artist that uses his guitar and his loop pedal to create entertaining live shows in front of students. He spoke to students at South O'Brien Junior-Senior High School on Tuesday, April 23, encouraging students to make a difference. He is visiting many other schools in the Midwest with his message and his infamous memo

#BeTheChange. SaulPaul said, "If you have anything, you have something to give." He talked to students about how they can be the change in the world no matter how little or big it might be. Several student volunteers took part in the presentation. School Counselor Sofia Seliger said, "SaulPaul came to inspire students to give back to their communities. He may not seem relatable at first, but after the presentation, his message is clear for everyone."



SaulPaul leads a song and light show during his recent presentation at South O'Brien Junior-Senior High School on his #BeTheChange tour.

Students and Staff Enjoy Spring Fling Week April 29-May 3

By Carter Halverson & Luis Salazar

South O'Brien High School students and staff celebrated Spring Fling Week '24 April 29-May 3, the week following ISASP testing. To kick off the fun-filled week, students enjoyed donuts as they entered the building Monday morning. During DISCOVER on Monday, students who earned academic letters were recognized.

School spirit came to life on Tuesday as students wore school colors to show off their Wolverine Pride. Seniors wore their college or career apparel on Wednesday for "Signing Day." During an assembly during DISCOVER, seniors announced their future plans and shared some memories and advice with the rest of the student body. "The purpose of Spring Fling is to celebrate and have fun," said

Principal Denise Phillips, who serves as the SOHS Student Council Sponsor, "Spring Fling is great for the students, especially after ISASPs. It gives them a little fun as the school year starts ending, even though the weather wasn't the greatest this year." Spring Fling is one of the many events planned by the SOHS Student Council.



Members of the senior class show off their future plans apparel.

Front: Cole Tjossem, Josh Gnade, Justice Frerk, Mitchell Enger, Luis Salazar, Ian Oliver, Marissa Ebel, and Brooklyn Edwards. Second Row: Aaron Funkhouser, Alex Sage, Reagan Draper, David Bottjen, Cole Cox, Jinger Nieuwenhuis, Claire Wagner, and Elodie Wilson. Third Row: Willie Conley, Brooklyn Joines, Averie Logan, Edie Oliver, Chloe Gergen, Salma Younes, and Juliana Foxhoven. Back: Aedan Guinn, Kyle Anderson, Greenlee Cromer, Ethan Guttau, and Denae Warnke.



Freshman Corbin Warnke and senior Denae Warnke grab a donut before heading to class.



Senior Mitchell Enger takes a bite of ice cream from Junior Student Council Representative Jayven Miller on Friday during Spring Fling Week.

Senior Signings

Ben Woodall signs to Play Baseball at Morningside

By Justice Frerk & Jayven Miller



Ben Woodall signs with Morningside University to play baseball with Head Baseball Coach DJ Lode, his parents Phil and Beth Woodall, and his sister Abby Woodall.

Ben Woodall recently signed with Morningside University in Sioux City to play baseball. While at South O'Brien, Ben has been involved in cross country, basketball, track, baseball, FFA, student council, NHS, FCA, concert band, and jazz band. He also served as the football statistician. At Morningside University he will study Agronomy, and he hopes to pitch for the Mustangs. Woodall said, "I'm excited to be able to continue my competitive spirit and personality playing baseball for Morningside."

Jinger Nieuwenhuis Signs to Play Softball at Morningside

By Justice Frerk & Jayven Miller

Jinger Nieuwenhuis has signed with Morningside University in Sioux City to play softball. While attending South O'Brien, Jinger has been involved in volleyball, dance, cheer, softball, and golf. She also has been an editor for the South O'Brien Publications staff. Jinger is undecided in her major and hopes to play catcher for the Mustangs. Nieuwenhuis said, "I'm ready to experience college life and take a step to the next level in my college career."



Jinger Nieuwenhuis signs to play softball at Morningside with her parents Jen and Jerry Nieuwenhuis and softball coaches Erika Zimmer and Heather Struve.

Prom 2024: Tangled

By Averie Logan & Salma Younes

South O'Brien High School juniors, seniors, and their dates celebrated Prom on Saturday, April 27. The west gym was decorated using Disney's fairytale *Tangled* as the theme. Students walked the Grand March through pathways lit by lanterns and decorated by a forest of trees and vines. Following the Grand March, students gathered for couple and group pictures and danced the night away from 9 pm to midnight. Students attended the After-Prom Party from 12:30-4:30 am. The fun included five inflatables, mini-golf, bag games, card games, and an entertaining hypnotist. The night was truly a fairytale for all those who went to Prom.



The Class of 2024

Front: Ethan Guttau, Jinger Nieuwenhuis, Juliana Foxhoven, Brooklyn Edwards, Marissa Ebel, Claire Wagner, Edie Oliver, Averie Logan, Elodie Wilson, and Aedan Guinn. Second Row: Salma Younes, Kylee Lepley, and Chloe Gergen. Third Row: Alex Sage, Luis Salazar, Aaron Funkhouser, Mitchell Enger, Willie Conley, Trevor Fiddelke, Jordan Wulf, Dyce Warden, and Ian Oliver. Back: Josh Gnade, Colin Odenbrett, Justice Frerk, Cole Cox, Cole Tjossem, David Bottjen, and Ben Woodall.



The Class of 2025

Front: Iverson Harms, Danielle Waggoner, Tricia Kilts, Addyson Harper, Alex Grimm, Shayli Johnson, MaKenna Wallin, Hailei Wallinga, Ryleigh Gimer, and Ryan Fuller. Second Row: Ethan Schwarz, Kaylie McKinny, Maddie Friedrichson, Ella Friedrichson, Brooklyn Joines, Ashlynn Gunnerson, Cyriana Pearson, and Savannah Woodyard. Third Row: Jaxon Weir, Bryce Williams, Brady Struve, Brett Evans, Reese Lundquist, Jayven Miller, Derek Paulsen, Jace Klienwolterink, and Caleb Buenger. Back: Bensen Rower, Bode Bailey, Ashton Hunt, Billy Lange, Carter Halverson, Teagan Bahrenfuss, and Caden Wittrock.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?



Freshman
Abby Woodall
"I'm ready for softball season!"



Sophomore
Nik Bennington
"Getting a break from school."



Junior
Kaylie McKinny
"I'm excited to go swimming and get tan!"



Senior
Kyle Anderson
"Moving out of the house and making some money."



Staff
Mr. Beau Ruleaux
"Spending time with my grandkids."