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Junior **Ben Warner** runs at the state meet in Fort Dodge. **Warner** finished 14th overall. "My favorite part of the state cross country team was seeing how much the guys changed, not just as runners, but as people," said **Warner**.



Freshman **Tess Roorda** heads toward the finish during the state meet. **Roorda** finished first overall (14:36). "I was really happy once I realized I won. It has always been one of my goals. I worked really hard this season and was really proud of how I ran," said **Roorda**.



Senior **Shannon Ewing** pummels the ball in Carlisle against Indianola in the regional final. "Our season was very successful. We were blessed with a great group of girls. I wouldn't have traded this season for anything," said **Ewing**.



Senior **Nathan Clayberg** catches a pass in the playoff game against Washington. **Clayberg** was chosen Elite Team Defense and 3-A First Team Defense. "It was an amazing season. The guys bought into the whole team atmosphere and translated what they learned on to the field," said **Clayberg**.

1 Reason Season

Fall sports end with championships, success

Fall sports ended with accomplishments as each team took their last stride towards victory.

The cross country team wrapped up their seasons as both girls' and boys' teams placed first in the district. Freshman **Tess Roorda** placed first in districts while freshman **Payton Phelps** placed third. Junior **Ben Warner** placed fourth, junior **Sawyer Burton** placed eighth, and sophomore **Adam Sievers** placed ninth.

Both teams qualified for state and traveled to Fort Dodge. Each team placed fourth overall. **Roorda** was state champion, the first female state cross country champion in school history. **Warner** finished 14th.

The volleyball season wrapped up after advancing to the second round with a 3-0 win over Knoxville on Halloween. They fell 1-3 to Indianola in Carlisle Nov. 5. The girls ended their season as co-conference champions with Newton.

The 11-1 football team earned the district title and then annihilated Fairfield 56-14 in their first playoff game, and then advanced to a 37-14 win over Winterset. The season ended with a 14-0 loss to Washington as the Demons avenged an earlier loss to the Little Dutch.

"It was a fantastic season. Everyone did their best, and it was a great start for the Bill Van Horn sports trophy season," said Athletic Director **Dale Otte**.

1 Thing About...

» IHSPA Journalism Conference



Seniors **Derrick Akers**, **Sarah Muller** and **Ben Konfrst** receive awards on behalf of the 2012-2013 Pelladium staff. "It was really cool being able to win awards over other very good papers. It makes all of the hard work worth it knowing that our paper was recognized and respected by others," said **Akers**. Twenty-three journalism students attended the Oct. 24. conference in Iowa City.

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Juniors **Andre Hernandez**, **Chase Petty** and **Andrew Pavlat** look through the program for the day at the IHSPA Fall Conference. Students chose sessions to attend based on their interests. "We got to listen to former San Diego Chargers kicker Nate Kaeding who talked about sports writing and his experiences with professional media," said **Petty**.

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Cross country gives back ... helps plant tulips

☞ Planting 1,500 tulips in three hours was a win in itself as cross country team members plant tulips in the morning for the annual service day Oct. 26.

☞ Freshmen **Tess Roorda** and **Payton Phelps** plant tulips on Main Street. "Though we planted the tulip bulbs in rows, we were tempted to spell out 'Pella XC' with them," said **Phelps**.

☞ Senior **Tanner Phelps**, assistant coach **Mike Buchheit**, and senior **Aaron Houtz** work hard to dig up the tulip beds. "I thought it was fun getting to work hard with my team. It will be even better to see my flowers in the spring," said **Phelps**.



"Don't Drink the Water"

Lively show entertains audiences

"Don't Drink the Water," a comedy by Woody Allen, brought laughter, excitement and an array of accents to audiences Oct. 29, 31 and Nov. 2.

"The characters were so full of personality, and perfectly cast. Walter and Marion Hollander are hilarious - the roles were practically written for **Jack [Parisee]** and **Sydney [Swanson]**!" said senior **Claire Anderson**.

"I thought it went really well... we had a good number of people at every show, even though we had a weird show schedule," said **Swanson**.

The comedy follows a tourist accused of espionage, trapped in a U.S. embassy in a communist country. The family, hindered by an angry female communist general, attempts to escape with the help of an inept embassy employee and a priest/magician.

☞ Senior **Jack Parisee** chases junior **Kody Beller** as he runs away with a rabbit. "Opening night is always what makes or breaks a production. What really made opening night even more difficult for us was the fact that we were doing it on a Tuesday this year. We all stepped up to the challenge and gave a fantastic performance," said **Beller**. The play made school history by opening on a Tuesday night.

☞ Seniors **Claire Anderson** and **Aaron Van Maanen** discuss the state of affairs in the embassy. "It was an incredible experience to be a part of 'Don't Drink the Water' with an incredible cast and great directors," said **Van Maanen**.



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