

THE CHARGER

EDITORIAL BRIEFS

ONLINE PASSES ARE ANNOYING

Students are crying because in the time it takes to fill out the QR code pass for the bathroom, they have already peed their pants. The new system is better than filling out paper passes, but we still think it can be streamlined. We hope the kinks get worked out in the next few weeks.

HOMECOMING CANDIDATES PULL NAMES FROM WINTER ROYALTY

A couple of the Homecoming candidates pulled their names from consideration for Winter Royalty, giving new students a chance to win a nomination. We're torn on whether this should be an official rule or not, but we applaud the students who made the decision. Good luck to the Winter Royalty candidates Friday night!

WE MISS WINTER VACATION

What is the point of having two days of school after Christmas break? We could have just gone a few days later before break and then continued with a full week after New Year's. Fortunately, it looks like this will be fixed on next year's schedule.

WHS WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

We're glad that Perine and Hendricks stepped up last semester to teach P.E. and Spanish, but it's nice to have teachers who are here on a more permanent basis. Congratulations to Mr. Eck and Mr. Amer on their first teaching jobs. We hope you have a great experience at WHS.

STAFF REPAIRS COMMONS CEILING

The custodial staff worked over break to repair damage to the commons ceiling. It's a tough job caring for several old buildings in the district, and we're happy when the district can find a way to stay on top of the challenges.

BINGE THIS

After binge watching new things for two weeks over break, our opinion is to stay home and watch season 3 of "Series of Unfortunate Events" on Netflix instead of going to the theatres to watch the terrible "Holmes and Watson." Other official endorsements from the Charger include "Birdbox," "Taylor Swift's Reputation Stadium Tour," and "Dumplin'."

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NEW SCHOOL

Spanish, P.E. teachers start career at WHS

AMER HOPES TO HAVE FUN IN CLASS

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New Spanish teacher David Amer looks forward to teaching at Wabaunsee.

Amer filled the teaching position held previously by Kathy Hendricks who had served as an interim Spanish teacher. Along with all Spanish classes, Amer will also be taking on a freshman adviser base class and serve as a freshman adviser.

Amer, originally from Kansas City, is a graduate of Bishop Miege High School. Amer participated in baseball, football and wrestling in high school. He also enjoys working on cars and working out. Amer's current hobbies include spending time with his fiancé, listening to music and following Royals baseball. "I also like to cook, play guitar, and am training my dog so she can be a therapy dog one day," Amer said.

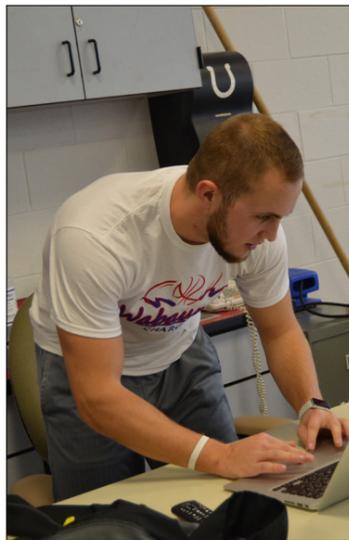
After high school, Amer moved to Topeka and attended Washburn University where he earned a degree in Spanish with an emphasis in Education. Amer student taught at Seaman High School this past semester.

Amer decided to become a teacher after helping coach the baseball team at Bishop Miege during the summer of his freshman and sophomore years of college. "I really enjoyed the experience of being able to work with young people," Amer said, "and I know high school especially is an important time to have positive supportive influences in your life. I hope to be a positive and supportive person to students here and help them get where they want to go in life."

Amer is looking forward to a good year at Wabaunsee. "I chose to come to Wabaunsee because it is a great opportunity to gain experience fresh out of college," Amer said, "and I have the support and



Spanish teacher David Amer addresses his Spanish 1 class. Amer graduated from Washburn in December. Photos by Sierra Quathamer.



P.E. teacher Garret Eck works in the weightroom during body fitness. Eck graduated from Emporia in December.

chance to try some non-traditional Spanish methods in the classroom. My goal for this semester is to teach you guys a lot of Spanish, have fun in class and have a lot of smiles."

ECK HOPES TO PROMOTE FITNESS

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New P.E. teacher Garrett Eck's workout habits show that he is passionate about his subject.

"I decided to go into body fitness because I was originally out of shape and it really brought back my life and I wanted to help people get back in shape and push themselves in the weight room," Eck said.

Eck replaces interim teacher Shanna Perine, who held the position for the first semester this year.

Eck attended Cloud County Community College to play baseball where he got his associates of science. After CCC he went to Emporia State for his Bachelors of science in secondary education and minor in coaching. Eck student taught at Emporia High School and was an assistant football coach.

Eck, who graduated from Marysville in 2013, was intrigued by the job at Wabaunsee because it is a small school like where he is from and it was a great opportunity to teach right out of college.

His goals for the semester include getting more weight classes and more students in class instead of just having a couple of students in each period.

Challenges Eck has faced from starting later in the year are that the students already have a routine that they were used to and learning everybody's names.

"My biggest goal for the year is to turn things around to get the kids to where they want to lift. They just want to go play games out in the gym. I want to get more kids in weights overall," Eck said.

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Gov. class proposes rule changes

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The students of the WHS Government class have made proposals for changes to the student handbook. The changes will be reviewed by Principal Jan Hutley, and if accepted will take effect in the next school year.

The students reviewed the handbook and looked for policies that could be changed to better serve the student body, as well as outdated rules that needed to be updated. "The students basically go through the legislative process," government teacher Jess Rutledge said, "Introducing an idea, talking about it as a committee, and then writing it out for a bill, and then we send it to administration which we kind of treat like the executive branch."

The administration then either approves the suggestions, which become "laws," or vetoes them. Rutledge said this allows the students to better understand the legislative

process. "It's one thing to teach them about how laws are made," Rutledge said, "so for them to physically do it and then see what all goes into it, all the various angles they have to look at, I feel like they really enjoy that."

Proposed changes to the handbook include entries about the dress code, grading policies, parking lots and college visits. There are also proposed updates to outdated parts of the handbook such as lunch cards that are no longer in use and the correction of the table of contents.

The decision making process was largely left up to the students. "I try to stay out of it as much as possible," Rutledge said. The students had to take the responsibility of choosing reasonable options that they believe will pass.

There was a lot of debate about suggestions. "Some people expanded on their opinions but others just said the same thing over and over," senior Dillion Spellman said. In the end, the classes had two lists

of changes to propose. "We were mostly pleased with the things we came up with," senior Jessica Vanstony said, "most of all of us came to an agreement."

The handbook assignment is different from past years. "The past four years what we've done is a bill to change WHS for the better," Rutledge said. Of those presented over the years, one bill of suggestion was accepted by the school "administrative branch." "It's interesting because we've had a change in administration," Rutledge said, "and with it being a different project I'm interested to see what Mrs. Hutley and the school board's input will be."

Hutley said she will take the student's proposals into consideration when she reviews the handbook for changes. "It's their school too, and I value what they have to say about the policies," Hutley said.

For the full list of specific proposed changes, go to whscharger.com.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is your New Year's resolution?

"To get my homework done on the night I get it not the AB before it's due. I tend to wait to long and procrastinate it."
Freshman Emma Alderman

"To buy mad less food."
Junior Jasmine Boatwright

"To lose weight because I'm chubby and I eat very unhealthy foods."
Freshman Bryce Andrews

"My New Year's resolution is to stop being friends with people who ask me what my New Year's resolution is and to hangout less with Madelyn Hutley."
Junior Megan Strait

"Do not be so sassy. I just have this slight feeling that I throw a lot of sass out and I don't even know it! I am going to be less sassy and more positive."
Junior Macy Flack

"Do more project vehicle builds. Only did one project vehicle last year."
Freshman Brady Bayless

"Make a rap album under the name of Glazed Dognut."
Junior Dan Flach

"I don't have one because time is a concept created by humans to try and better comprehend our existence."
Freshman Justin Carlson

"Party hard and no surrender."
Sophomore Stanley Russo

"Save my money, don't go shopping as often and only buy necessities. I'm poor and I go shopping and buy myself stuff at least twice a week, so I need to stop doing that so I'm not poor anymore."
Junior Alexis Hafenstine

"To hangout with Megan Strait more."
Junior Maddy Hutley

"To drink less coffee and pop and walk more to get healthier."
Junior Emma Michaelis

"Get yoked. I wanna be stronger."
Junior Rhett Murray

"To eat healthier because I want to cut out junk food in my diet."
Junior Autymn Schreiner

"I only want to have two surgeries this year."
Sophomore Reagan Kelley

"To get jacked."
Sophomore Adam Miller

"I would like to cut down on my tardies."
Junior Morgan DeVader

"I want to work out every day."
Junior Natalie Moser