

## National Honor Society inducts 13 members

by Carly Buskirk

Based on academic excellence, good character, leadership qualities, and service to school and community, 13 students, sophomores through seniors, were inducted to National Honor Society on March 17.

The inductees included sophomores Dillon Hicks, Elizabeth Hruska, Kaleb Scheffler, and True Siffring; juniors Taylor Bardsley, Danielle Divis, Brooke Fozzard, Sean Kibodeaux, Christina Osantowski, Kristin Potter, Lacey Strenger, and Alissa Trainer; and senior Ciara Severin.

To be eligible for selection, sophomores, juniors, and seniors must have an accumulative grade average in all subjects of at least a 91.5. After the eligible students have been identified, a faculty committee evaluates the prospective inductees. Their evaluation is based

on the student's service, leadership, and character.

"NHS was established in 1921 to recognize outstanding high school students. It is more than just an honor roll. It honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Membership in NHS not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service," adviser Kristi Griffiths said.

Members must maintain an accumulative grade average of 91.5 and uphold the ideals they were chosen for to remain in NHS. Current members shared their opinions of how NHS benefits them. "You get recognition for your hard work and it looks good when other people see you are in NHS," junior Seth Behrens said. Junior Hillary

Sander saw other benefits. "Not only does being in NHS look good on scholarships, but it helps you to push yourself to do well in school, too."

The newly elected members

were all very honored and proud to be selected into NHS. "I feel pretty great. Being selected makes me feel that all my hard work is being recognized and that I'm achieving my goals," Kibodeaux said.



Newly selected members of NHS include (front row) juniors Danielle Divis, Lacey Strenger, Taylor Bardsley, Alissa Trainer, sophomore Elizabeth Hruska, juniors Kristin Potter, Brooke Fozzard, (back row) juniors Sean Kibodeaux, Christina Osantowski, senior Ciara Severin, sophomores Dillon Hicks, True Siffring, and Kaleb Scheffler.

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## Speech team enjoys sweet repeat

by Danielle Divis

Repeat! For the second year in a row, the David City speech team won the Class C-1 state title, defeating long-

time rival, Raymond Central. The Scouts won with 126 points, with Raymond Central placing second with 100 points.

Individual champions included

senior Cody Keck (Humorous and Poetry), senior Staci Ossian (Informative), sophomore Elizabeth Hruska (Extemporaneous), and sophomores Dillon Hicks

and Brad Meusch (Duet). Junior Christina Osantowski placed third in Informative, and sophomore Emma Mattingly finished sixth in Serious Prose.

Earlier, the Scouts once again dominated at the Class C-1 District with 139 points, followed by Raymond Central with 128 points.

The Scouts sent ten members to state in eight events. Keck, Ossian, Osantowski, Hicks, Hruska, Meusch, Mattingly, as well as sophomores Lukas Fricke, Sidnee Pavel, and Kaleb Scheffler, and freshman Aubrie Brown all qualified for state.

Speech coach Jarod Ockander had high hopes going into state. "The pressure situations we faced every weekend at meets helped to better prepare us for state," he said.

The speech team accomplished many of their goals this season and as a result, Ockander was pleased. "We met three major goals: to win conference, districts and state. That is quite an accomplishment," he said.

## Choir travels to Nebraska Capitol for performance

by Elizabeth Hruska

Travelling to the State Capitol's Rotunda on March 8, the David City High School choir had the opportunity as one of only ten schools selected to perform for Music in Our Schools Week.

Sponsored by the Nebraska Music Educators Association, schools from across the state sent in audition tapes hoping to be chosen for this honor, but only ten would be able to perform, marking this a significant achievement for the choir. Each of the schools then had the opportunity to also take a tour around the capitol, as well as to show off their musical talents to the public and our state

representatives.

"This was a big honor; we were excited about it," sophomore Krystal McCombs said, which was an opinion shared by the greater majority of the choir, who were all eager to show off their musical skills. "This was my second trip to the capitol, and it was a good one. I was ready to sing," junior Kristin Potter said.

Led by music director Keith Byrkit and accompanied by long-time pianist Carol Fuxa, the choir put together a 30-minute show. "I'm really proud of the kids,"

Byrkit said. "This was really a great opportunity for them to show the public just what they can do."

The group, which consists of just over twenty members, really proved its ability to learn and absorb quickly, for in the past few months the choir worked to perfect over a half-dozen new songs. They have been singing a variety of songs that include selections from musicals and Broadway performances including *The Phantom of the Opera's* "All I Ask of You," gospel songs, and ragtime-era pieces. Through these, the choir's talents were thoroughly showcased, and gave listeners of any age an exciting performance.