

**Revolution:  
Speaker's  
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## Abbie Road

Hi everyone! OK, so I am SO ready for spring!! While I usually love snow- I am ready for some sun and some warmth!! Speaking of spring, Revolution is really gearing up for lots of activities and performances. We have six big presentations scheduled already and lots of fun

activities too (I am totally pumped for the bowling party!) February is Dating Violence Awareness Month! What a great time to wear your t-shirt and educate your friends about why we do what we do. I also want to tell you all how VERY proud I am of each and every one of you. You have all

put so much of your time and effort into Revolution. I never dreamt it would evolve into such a phenomenal thing- presenting in front of hundreds of students at a time. You rock! Ok, so now let's all think about sunshine and hope for an early spring!

## Kelsey's Korner

It's crazy to think that it's already February, and that in just three short months, I will be graduating from high school. Even crazier to think that in six months, I will be packing up and leaving good ol' Columbus, NE for the Big O.

For the past couple months, I have been really busy with college preparations, and it's gotten me thinking a lot about what next year will bring. I plan to attend UNO and major in Journalism. Since my cousin Michele also lives in Omaha, we are going to live together, and we've

just started preparing to go apartment hunting. And though I am very excited for next year, I'm also sad that my career with Revolution will essentially be over.

It's been a great year so far for Revolution. The old theatre group has "retired" after a very successful run, which ended with a phenomenal performance in Orlando, FL. The new theatre group has had three performances, the most recent of which was in Elwood, NE. This performance went really well. We got a great response from the audi-

ence, and the group left feeling like they had really hit it on the head. As for the rest of Revolution, members have been getting more and more involved by attending performances and helping with projects during the Christmas season.

Though I will be moving next year, and my position will inevitably be passed on to someone else, I hope to still be involved with Revolution as much as I can. Until then, I'm excited to make the rest of this year the best it can be!

# Lauren's Lane

My fourth semester of college has started, and I am surprisingly motivated! Maybe it's because after this semester, I only have six more! The downside is that while I am at school in Lincoln, I miss out on a lot of Revolution performances.

For this newsletter, I would like to write my article to the Revolution members. Without all of these people, I am confident we couldn't be doing

the great work that we are.

For those of you who have never been to a Revolution performance...I strongly suggest you attend one as soon as possible. It is an awesome experience seeing such awesome student leaders educate and make a difference in other students' lives. You wouldn't think dating violence and sexual assault are popular or prevalent topics among teens, especially in Co-

lumbus, NE. News flash: they are, and you get to see the affected students cry, give hugs, or simply say thank you, just because we made them feel they are not alone.

Revolution--Keep up the good work!

Readers and Parents--We look forward to seeing you at one of our performances!

# Behind the Scenes on Charlie Sheen

Charlie Sheen, the famous actor from *Two and a Half Men*, is no stranger to domestic violence. He has been accused of multiple counts of abuse in his various relationships throughout the years. However, we find ourselves continuing to watch this actor and his show. In fact, he is the second highest paid actor on Prime-Time TV next to Oprah.

In the late 1980's, he was in a serious dating relationship with Kelly Preston. In 1990, Kelly ended their relationship due to Sheen's "erratic behavior and abusive tendencies." He had also "accidentally" shot her in the leg, which required two sutures; however, he was not charged.

In 1996, he was also cited for an incident with then-girlfriend, Brittany Ashland. He was accused of knocking her to the ground, leaving her bloody and, for a short time, unconscious. As punishment, he had to perform 300 hours of community service and two years probation. After being sen-

tenced, he commented to the judge, "I feel this is very fair, and I'm grateful. You will not see me back in this courtroom."

In December of 2005, Sheen was accused of more abuse towards then-wife Denise Richards. She had filed a statement saying that Sheen had assaulted and threatened her life which also included calling her vulgar names and shoving her to the ground in front of their children.

After their divorce, Sheen remarried and had two children with Brooke Mueller. This past December, she made a 911 call saying that Sheen had threatened her with a knife and that she was afraid for her life. Five days later, she withdrew the accusation.

Even after all of these incidents, Charlie Sheen rakes in about \$20 million per year. What I find most shocking about all of this is people's reactions. Because he is a famous actor, his punishment for the abuse was minimal to none. For his

most recent incident, he was ordered to complete an anger management course and attend couples therapy, which those of us with knowledge of abusive relationships know will not "cure" the abuse. Another sad fact is that on many of the blogs about the various incidents, people were blaming the women who were in the relationships with Sheen, which we also know is never the victim's fault. Another response from the public is that many think alcohol was the reason for the abuse. We learn from our training that alcohol is not the cause. In fact, Levi McPhillips says in his teaching points of the dramatization that "abuse is like a fire, and the alcohol is like lighter fluid. It doesn't cause the violence; it just makes it worse."

The point of this article is not to preach to you about hating Charlie Sheen or to stop watching his shows. We simply want to increase awareness of domestic violence and make people aware that it happens everywhere, even in Hollywood.

## Where Are They Now?

We are creating a new feature for the Revolution newsletter! It will be titled "Where Are They Now?" and it will feature updates from our alumni! If you are alumni and would like us to post "updates" about your life, please feel free to email Kelsey or Lauren at [revolutionstudent@hotmail.com](mailto:revolutionstudent@hotmail.com)

### Jessica Pelster (Kuehler)

I'm in Coleville, California and not totally loving it, BUT it's pretty and close to Lake Tahoe. Grant (Hubby) is still serving in the Marine Corp, so another three years and we'll be off to our next destination. We're expecting a little boy on March 14th. His name is going to be Joseph Conrad :) We're super excited!!! So, all and all, life is going pretty good.

### Davy Foote

I'm a junior at UNL, majoring in Physics and Mathematics and minoring in Computer Science and Music. I'm hoping to graduate in 2012, then go on to grad school and get a Ph.D. in physics. Other than that...I don't know. I've been keeping fairly busy.

### Ben Heinisch

I am currently working at UNL as a staff assistant in the Department of Registration and Records. I am also a grad student in the Counseling and Psychology Department. I became a member of Speaker's Bureau my sophomore year of high school, and I was part of the first group to perform. The most valuable thing I took from Speaker's Bureau was learning and using the information throughout my life.

### Rosie Heinisch

I have worked at Central Community College as the director of the Trio Program for two years. Some of my fondest memories of Speaker's Bureau were the retreats at Camp Luther, the meetings, and the trips to presentations. I am also most proud that the great work of Speaker's Bureau has been continued.

### Morgan Rozmiarek

I graduated from Denver School of Massage Therapy on December 18th, 2009. I have since moved to Lone Tree, CO to become a Massage Therapist Private Contractor, working out of several different chiropractic offices and eventually turning it into a private practice doing out calls and working out of my home.

### Tyler Micek

I am a senior at UNO still working on getting a degree in Secondary Education and Math. I plan on going to Lincoln in two years to get a Masters in Student Affairs so that I can become a Greek Life Advisor, or do something in Res Life or Campus Rec at a college. Fraternity and school have been keeping me extremely busy, but I am loving it!