FIND ME IN THE PAPER

- This picture will be hidden in the Blue Ink somewhere.
- Look for it throughout the issue as you read the articles and browse the pictures.
- Thank you Mrs. Granberg for creating the Blue Ink dragon

WORTH MENTIONING

- Congratulations to the newest NHS members: Jacoby Costello, Blair Ellefson, Gavin Coburn, Cece Fiegen, and Briann Jacobson

- **Would You Rather have...**
  ...cake or pie for dessert

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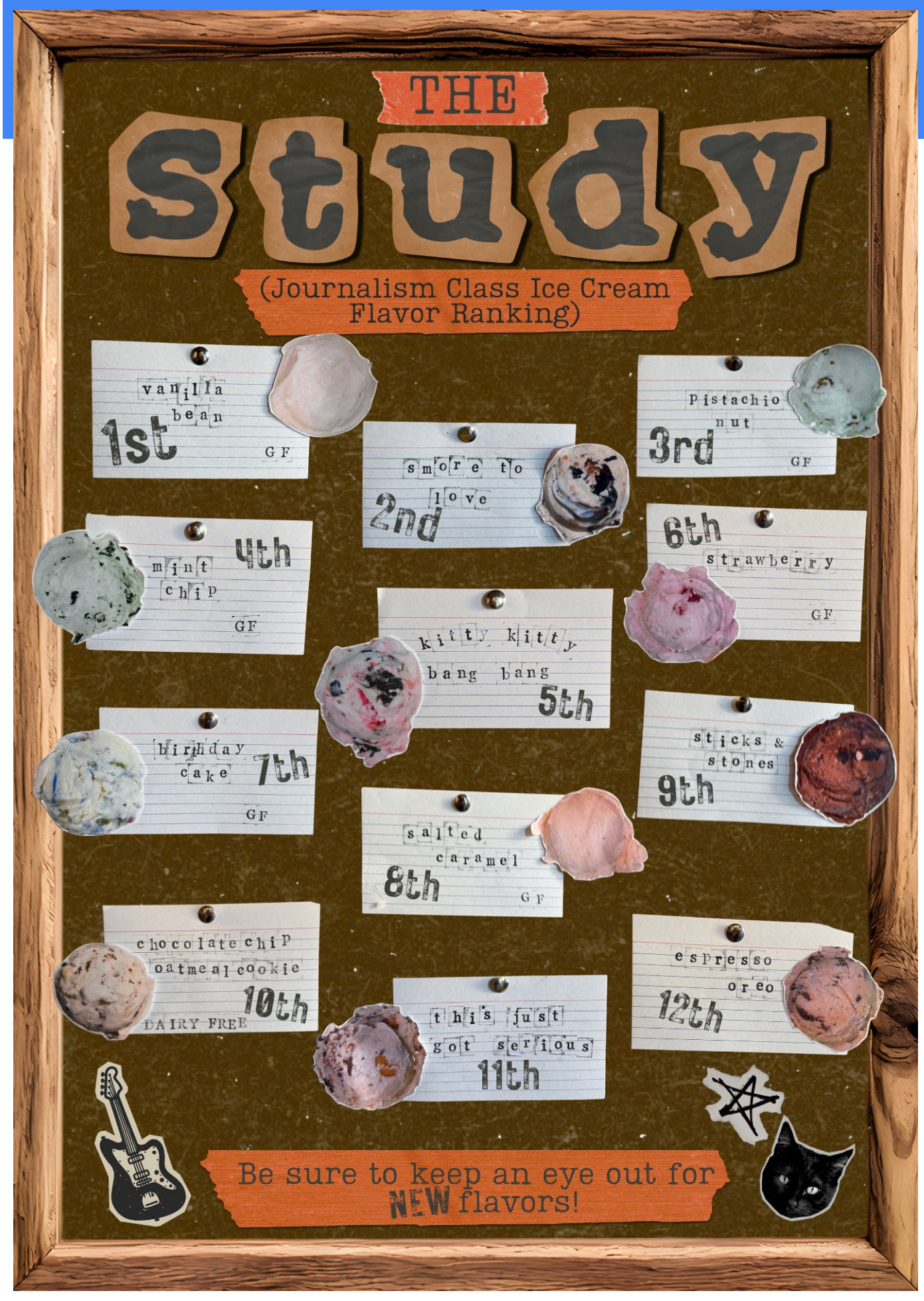
The Study: A sweet addition to Garretson



By **Cece Fiegen**
staff writer & infographic creator

The Study is rapidly becoming a staple to Garretson's Main Street, burrowing its way into the hearts of the community. In just a few months, the ice cream and sweets shop has flourished, creating a space to hang out, get a treat, and talk to neighbors, which is precisely what owners were hoping for.

The owner, Amber Meyers, explained how when she first moved to Garretson, she found herself driving around town, looking for a place to spend her time and meet new people. Meyers decided to join a group dedicated to the revitalization of Main Street, so that she could be a part of the change she wanted to see. There, she met Abigail Lexen, who had already purchased the empty building. The two realized that their visions aligned.

Originally Meyers' vision was to continue her flower farm from Minnesota here in Garretson but then she realized that what Garretson truly needed was a place for people to come together. So in a mix of her passion for treats, her experience with running a small business, and her love of community, the idea The Study was born.

After months of planning and hard work, The Study opened its doors for the first time in June, for JesseJames Days. Now five months later, they remain just as popular as they started.

Meyers has always loved the culinary world and said, "My favorite part of the job is the sugar. That's how it all started. I made dessert at home all the time." Sharing her passion to bring the community together has become very rewarding.

Her experience in running a small business has made her experience with The Study smoother, but she recognizes the difficulties it comes with. From tax strategies, to inventory management, to baking, to social media manager, Meyers has become a jack of all trades. "To be able to wear all the hats and still try to figure out how to get everything done being a one woman show," she said was a challenge.

Being able to work with the Lexens as they both learn their way around owning businesses, has been Meyers' favorite part. She reflects on the friends she has gained in this journey. "[The Lexens] are just great people and they're just so supportive and it's really nice. We're all doing this for the first time."

The Study has given the town a place where they can relax, meet someone new, and have a sweet treat with it. "I get told at least once a week, 'Thank you for being here.' And hearing that is amazing, but also, I just want to thank Garretson for being here because I wouldn't continue to be here if they weren't showing up either."



Spot the Difference

Find the differences between the top and bottom pictures and see if you can find all 15. Answers on page 3.

Spot the Difference created by Cecelia Fiegen

STUDENT OPINION POLL
THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

SCAN HERE

RESULTS POSTED IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

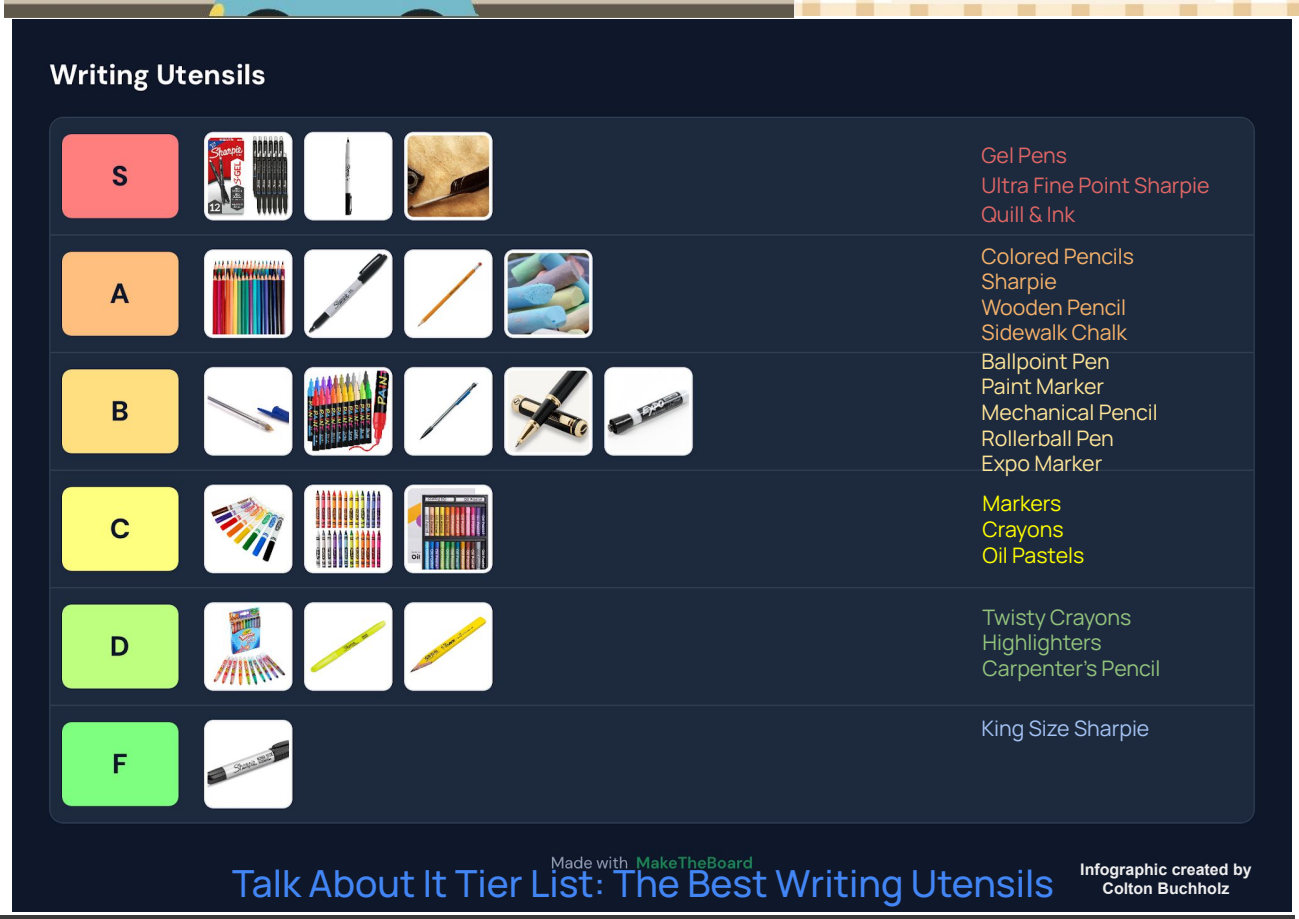
MEET THE STUDENT TEACHER
Ms. Ternus
With Ms. Kientopf in Ag



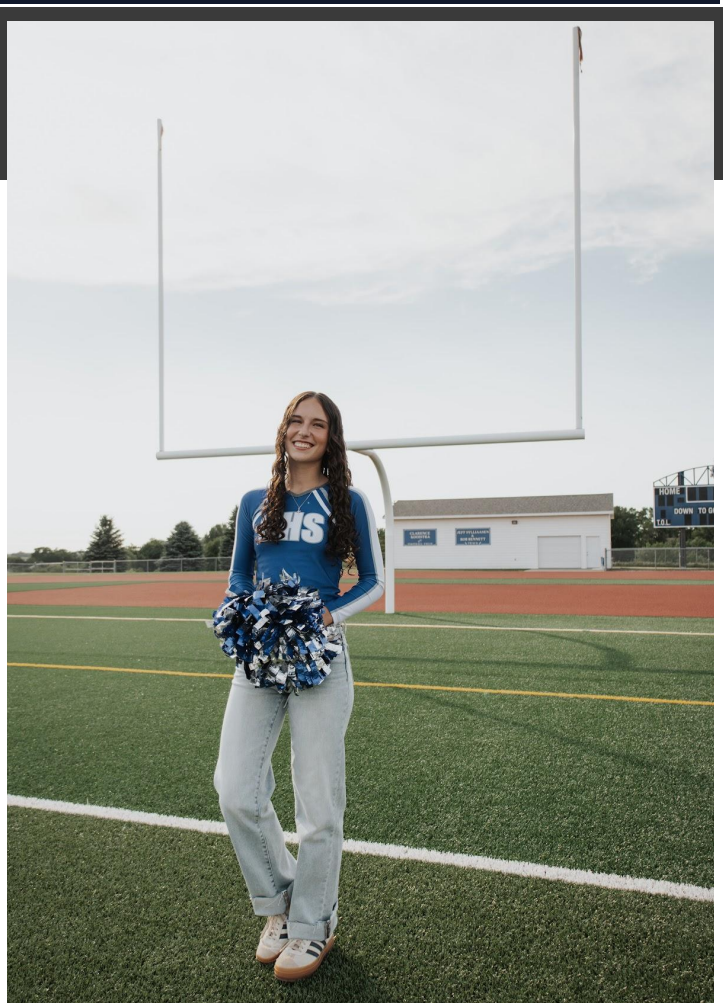
FAVORITES
COLOR: purple
ANIMAL: dog
DRINK: coffee
FOOD: chocolate
SEASON:fall
NUMBER: 3
SUBJECT: science

WHY DO YOU WANT TO TEACH?
"I think agriculture is an important thing for people to know about."

THIS OR THAT
Beach or Mountains
Rain or Snow
Indoor or Outdoor
Camping or Hotel
Basketball or Volleyball
Sweet or Sour
Fast Food or Sit Down
Book or Movie
Sack Lunch or School Lunch



Senior Spotlight
Alexis Christensen



Activities Involved In:
FFA
FCA
Cheer
Student Council
NHS
Band

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
Being able to see my friends every day

Favorite School Lunch:
Taco in a Bag

Favorite Class You've Taken:
US History

Plans for Next Year:
Go to SDSU to major in Agricultural Education

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 20
- JH GBB @ Baltic (4:00)
- PTO Family Bingo @ American Legion (7:00)

Monday, November 23
- First Day of Girls Basketball Practice

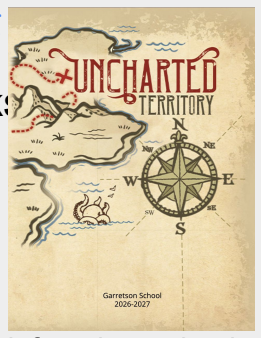
Wednesday, November 25
- No School - Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 26
- No School - Thanksgiving Break

Friday, November 27
- No School - Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 30
- First Day of Boys Basketball Practice
- JH GBB v. McCook Central - Montrose

Worth Mentioning



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ACE AWARDS are back! Thanks for continuing to show your positive attitude, character, and effort. And who knows, maybe you'll get a little extra something for it as well.

CONGRATULATIONS NOVEMBER ACE WINNERS
Vanessa Chapin
Cade Risty
Emma Wolf
Please stop by Study Hall to see Mrs. Costello

Would you rather...

...own a plane or a boat

...have to skip everywhere or have to sing everything

...use a phone for everything or never use a phone again

...never use a blanket again or never use a pillow again

...only write in pencil or only write in pen



MEET THE STUDENT TEACHER

Mrs. Siemonsma

With Mrs. Nelson in Kindergarten



FAVORITES

COLOR: purple
ANIMAL: dog
DRINK: diet mtn dew
FOOD: pizza
SEASON: summer
NUMBER: 4
SUBJECT: math

WHY DO YOU WANT TO TEACH?

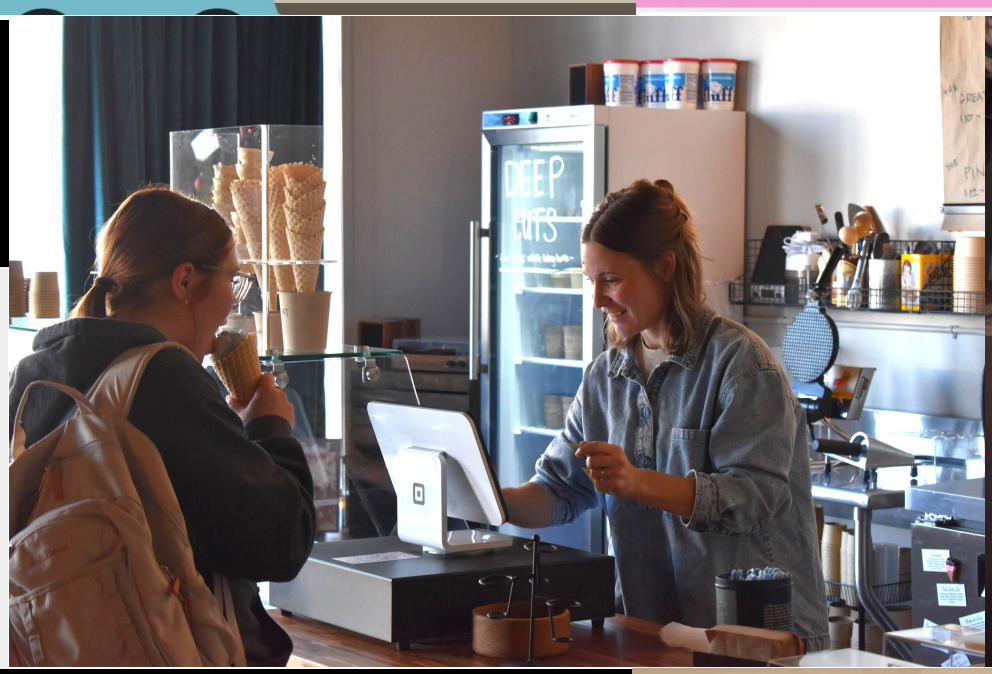
"I love seeing the excitement on students faces when they are learning."

THIS OR THAT

Beach or Mountains
Rain or Snow
Indoor or Outdoor
Camping or Hotel
Basketball or Volleyball
Sweet or Sour
Fast Food or Sit Down
Book or Movie
Sack Lunch or School Lunch

The Study: A sweet treat for all

The Study has quickly endeared itself to many in the community including a strong support from Garretson students. With convenient hours that align nicely with school's afternoon dismissal time, it is not uncommon to see a couple Blue Dragons making their way up Main Street and into The Study (and The Quartzite - another new business which shares the same building space.





Right: Makenna Austad makes a quick pitstop to get an ice cream pick-me-up after a long day of school.
Far Right: The Study offers a variety of ways for their ice cream to be served in cones, with a brownie, or even in a bowl. There also is the ability to have a sampler bowl (best shared with a friend) where one can enjoy the vintage

Pics of the Week



The journalism class did a taste test of The Study's weekly ice cream flavors in addition to visiting the new business in town for a feature (on page 1 of the paper). The ice cream and desserts shop has a variety of ways to down those sweet treats including various cones, dishes, and even sample flight dishes where you can get a little bit of a lot of flavors.

Photo by Colton Buchholz



The GOAT of GOATS: The first reveal

Who really is the best of the best? Questions start getting answered this week as the opening rankings drop

by **Colton Buchholz**
staff writer & infographic creator
editorial



Who is the GOAT of GOATs? Last week, I covered the 30 athletes that are considered the greatest athletes of all time in their respective sports. This week, I will announce the 30-21 category. Remember, each athlete is ranked based off of a formula: /25 for championships and achievements, /25 for individual dominance, /15 for statistics and records, /15 for longevity and consistency, /10 for competition and difficulty, and /10 for impact on sports and legacy all for a grand total out of 100.

30. Kōhei Uchimura (81/100)

Kōhei Uchimura is a Japanese gymnast who has medaled internationally 33 times, but only has three gold medals. And with only being good, but not the greatest kind of hurts, so he receives a 23/25 for championships, and a 21/25 for Dominance. With that being said, he only gets a 13/15 for his stats. Uchimura's career was good while it lasted, it wasn't very long compared to other gymnasts at the same caliber level. Kōhei only receives an 11/15 for his longevity just because his career was shortened. Lastly, he competed against a couple good competitors but it wasn't very stacked, so an 8/10 seems right. Overall, I personally have never heard of him, and he is only popular throughout Japan and the gymnastics world, he only gets a 5/10 for his image.

29. Diana Taurasi (86/100)

Diana Taurasi is widely considered as one of the greatest women's basketball players of all time. With being that high on the board for some people, she only has 3 championships in her 20+ year career earning her a 21/25 in championships and a 15/15 in her longevity. She never really dominated when she played, she just was a good player so she received a 19/25 for dominance. However, her stats received a 15/15 because she is the all-time leading scorer and was an insane passer. Lastly, her competition was very good, but there were major weak points giving her a 9/10. Taurasi being so highly looked at is only known really for her performance earning her a 7/10.

28. Alex Ovechkin (88/100)

Alex Ovechkin is one of, if not the greatest goal scorer in the NHL of all time. He even earned the all-time goals leader last year giving him a 14/15 for his stats, but he only won one championship in his long career which put him at an 18/25 for his championship category. For the most part, he dominated by scoring goals every night earning himself a 23/25 for dominance. As I mentioned earlier, he had a very long career giving him a 15/15 for his longevity. He played against some of the all time greats giving him a 9/10 for competition. Overall, he is a hockey icon that a lot of America knows about giving him an 8/10.

27. Shohei Ohtani (88/100)

Shohei Ohtani is kind of the unicorn of baseball and the new version between being an ace on the mound and hitting dingers. He only gets a 21/25 for championships because he is still playing and hasn't won all the championships he will in the future. Going with that, he only received a 6/15 for longevity because he is still young. His stats received an 11/15 because of his longevity tying into it. But his dominance, competition, and his image are maxed because he is such a feared player playing against arguably the best hitting and pitching the league has ever seen.

26. Jerry Rice (89/100)

Rice is widely considered the greatest receiver in NFL history, and has the stats to back it up. He received a perfect score for stats mostly because he had an insane amount of yards and is the all-time touchdown leader. He played for a long time earning a 15/15, but only won few championships giving him a 21/25. Rice also obtained a 23/25 score for his dominance because he started to slow down at the end of his career. His competition was good, but not amazing so he earned an 8/10, and unless you are a football fan, you might not know who he is so he received a score of 7/10.

25. Pelé (89/100)

Pelé, the Brazilian soccer superstar, wasn't perfect in a single category, but he definitely wasn't bad at any. Most notably he had multiple FIFA World Cups giving him a 24/25 and his stats helped him out giving him a 14/15. He dominated in his prime, but he did slow down at the end of his career giving him a 23/25. Lastly, his competition and his image were a 7/10 and an 8/10 because he played at an earlier time to where not a ton of people know about him.

24. Jenny Finch (89/100)

Considered the greatest softball player of all time, Finch earned perfect scores in dominance and in stats because she was an insane hitter as well as an ace on the mound. She didn't win a ton of championships or receive a bunch of achievements giving her a 21/25. She did end her career kind of early for her caliber of player placing her at a 12/15. Lastly, she received an 8/10 in competition and image because of the era she played in and the recognition as the best softball player ever.

23. Cat Osterman (89/100)

Cat Osterman isn't a very familiar name to anybody giving her a 6/10 for image, but she should be. She dominated in stats and on the field for over 20 years giving perfect scores in both categories. Arguably the greatest prime of all time comes just short because of the lack of championships she won. Only a 20/25 for that category. Lastly, her competition was in one of the strongest eras for softball giving her an 8/10. With the lack of championships holding her back, she could be up there on this list.

22. Allyson Felix (90/100)

The sprinter won, a lot. She is the most decorated female sprinter in USA history and for that, she earned a 24/25. And she ran for a long time but only dominating in her prime giving her a respective 15/15 and a 22/25 in those categories. Felix was fast as lightning and her stats showed earning her a solid 13/15. She is part of the newer era earning her more recognition, but also harder competition giving her an 8/10 in both categories.

21. Jackie Joyner-Kersee (90/100)

As many think, JJK is the greatest female sprinter ever. She dominated in her career and proving that is a 25/25 score. She only received a 13/15 for her longevity and a 21/25 on championships. She had the dominance, but couldn't show up consistently in big events. Her competition was at its peak earning Joyner-Kersee a 9/10 and with the recognition, an 8/10 is well deserved.

With the 30-21 rankings being released, were there any surprises? There was to me and there is even more yet to come. Stay tuned to the next issue where 20-11 will be releases!