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 ch (12), Angie Ostrom (12), Patty McGuire
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 eir hands on some chocolate chip cookies.*

*ittle bit of R&R. Amy Loberg (10) and Leah
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 inot while at the state swim meet*

*oking up for answers. Chad Markey (10)
 nverses with Joe Spitzer (12) while attend-
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*ou did what!?! Mr. Michael Drew kindly
 eaks to a staff member in the commons.*



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SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

When the summer of '96 was ending, no one expected the year to be so full and exciting. It gave everyone "Something to Talk About" whether it was academic or extracurricular. That is why the theme was chosen, because that's exactly how the 1996-1997 year went.

The year brought many academic rewards to all students including a perfect ACT score. No matter what happened, the students overcame adverse conditions - the worst of which was the weather. It was so severe that school was called off many times, and the first semester finals were postponed two days. Yet, the student body excelled and had "Something to Talk About" in the process.

With many exciting wins, the Packers sports' teams also had much to "talk about." Girls' basketball again went to state and captured fourth place. The football team also had an excellent year winning many of their games including the Homecoming game.

Throughout the school year, there was never a lack of "Something to Talk About" whether it was in drama, music, organizations, academics, sports or each student's every day life.

What did you say? Looking up her research, Sarah Huwe (12) glances across the table to take a break talk.



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Thank you, thank you. Accepting her birthday offerings, Angelene Hoffert (10) sits at her teacher's desk soaking up the glamour.

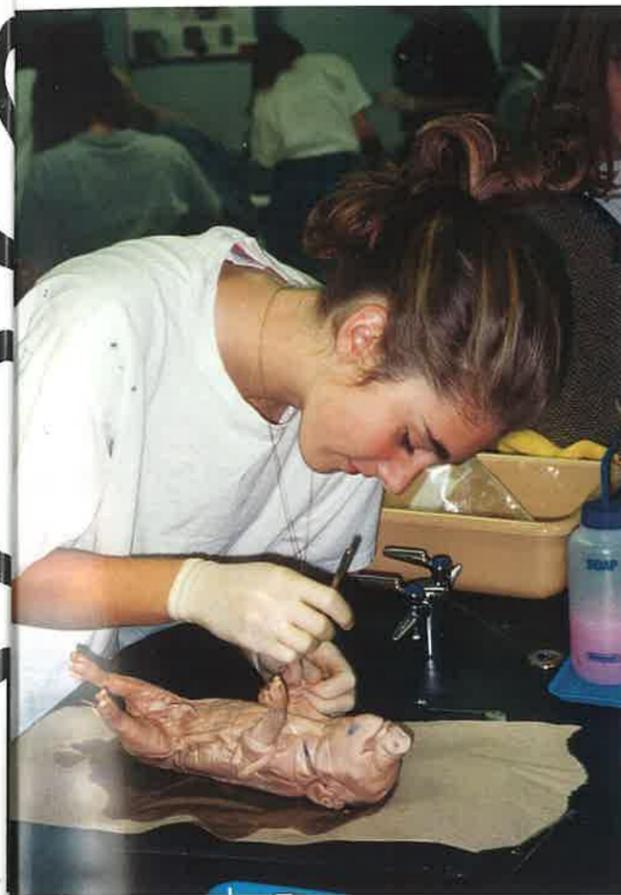
Are you going to finish that? Frank Zuber (10) asks for the rest of the soda.

Don't move an inch! Getting her face painted for Aids Awareness Day, Gine Villi (12) holds still.

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HAS SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

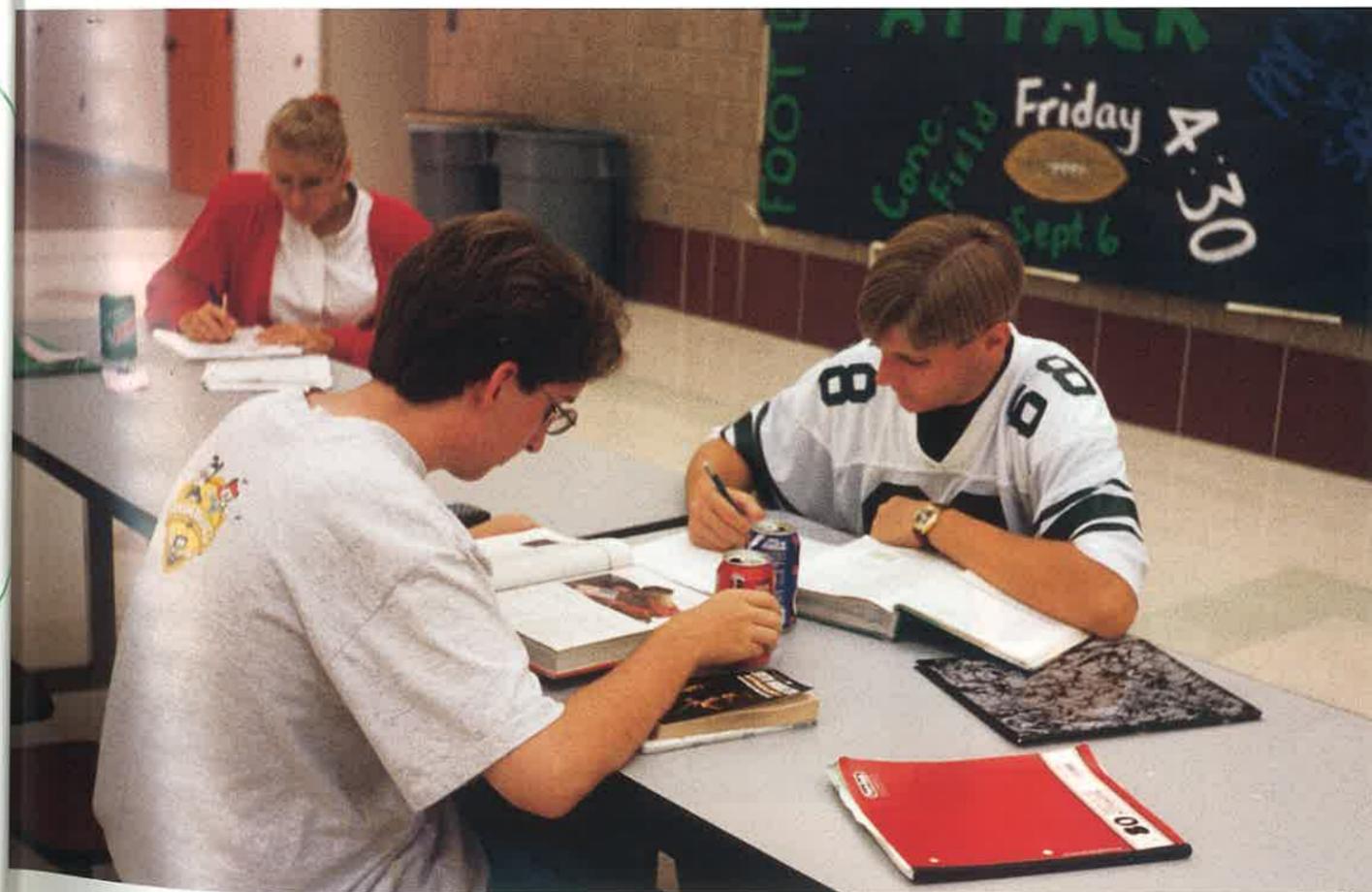
Throughout the year upperclassmen and underclassmen alike have been busy with multiple activities inside and outside of the school walls. Although the year may have had its ups and downs, the memories will last forever. Those memories along with the friends will always give West Fargo High School students something to talk about.



Ewww! Sabrina Hall (12) works on her fetal pig in anatomy class.

Studying in study hall?? Jesse Gehrig (12) and Chris Schmidt (12) ponder over their homework during study hall, while Mrs. Pam Thompson works hard.

Action!! Mark Harbeke(12) prepares to perform as the badger in "The Wind in the Willows," the drama department's annual children's play.



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television was introduced into North Dakota in March 1953, in Minot?

Doing the Macarena! Kristin Burroughs (10), Jamie Gilbertson (10), Erin Przyb (10), and Tacinca Birrenkott (9) watch West Fest Parade.



My favorite thing about the parade was when I saw the piemaker. It hit me with a piece of candy."
-Kristin Burroughs (10)

West Fest provides fun for all

People crammed their way onto Sheyenne Street on September 14, 1996, trying to join in fun and festivities of the fifth annual West Fargo Community Days.

The day started out as something out of a horror movie, all dark and gloomy, but the overcast clouds made way for the sun and the community wide parade. Among the 99 groups of people parading were West Fargo High's own Packatahnas, football and Girls' basketball players and cheerleaders, and the marching band. Other favorites of the massive crowd were Stop-n-Go's 1964 Chevy Impala lowrider, the mobile trampoline act, and of course the Shriners and their go-carts.

As the day wore on, even more and

more people packed the street like a can of sardines to take part in numerous activities. There was everything from kiddie games to pony rides. A favorite of many high school students, especially anyone in sports, was being able to "oh-so-gracefully-lower" Curt Jones, activities director, into the icy cold dunk tank. Another fellow "dunkee" was police chief Arlund Rasmussen.

When 3:00 p.m. came around, a crowd of teenagers and the occasional adult huddled around a picnic table in front of Subway to watch the football and soccer teams battle it out at the sub-eating eating contest. Everyone enjoyed watching the jocks stuff their faces in the traditional jock way which would be any way that they could make it fit in their mouths.

By nightfall Sheyenne Street had been instantaneously transformed from a carnival to a dance floor. Everybody from

an Inspector Gadget look-a-like (Frank Zuber, grade 10) to about a million Garth Brooks wanna be's showed up to dance to the sounds of Pure Country. The crowd enjoyed the occasional blaring of "Macarena" during the breaks that the band took. Another very well-liked song played during a break was Mindy McCready's "Guys Do It All The Time." You could hear the whole female population of West Fargo shouting out the song to any male within a one block radius.

As midnight rolled around, the mass of people began to diminish and make their way home to a bucket of warm water to comfort their aching feet and rest after the big day.

By Mandi Thorson

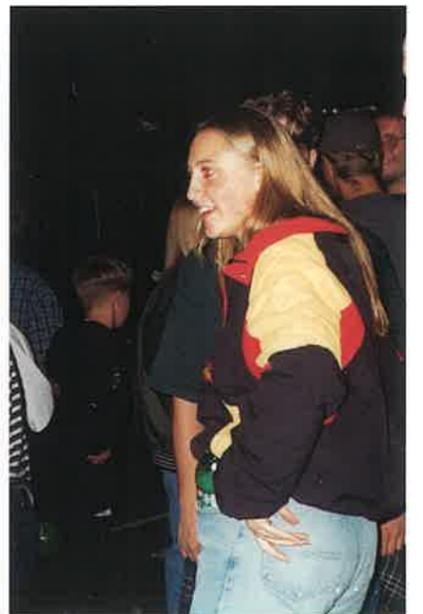


Don't forget to smile! Jessica Hanson (12), Abby Weingarten (10), Stacey Saxowsky (11), Sarah Wilm (10), and Becky Donabauer (11) have fun looking for their friends and waving at the occasional kid.

I'm soaking wet! Activities Director Curt Jones takes a nice refreshing dip in the dunk tank courtesy of a WFHS student.



CHOMP! Mason Heim (10) takes a huge bite stuffing his face with his sub during the sub-eating contest.



More Macarena! At the street dance, Camille O'Meara (12) dances the night away.

Packers prevail at Homecoming



Homecoming week provided West Fargo High School with some very special sporting events. The football field yielded not one, but two thrillers during homecoming week.

The first game to hit the field was the annual Senior and Junior Girls' Powder Puff football game on Wednesday.

On Wednesday the junior-senior rivalry was taken to the field when the girls faced off. The game was slow getting out of the gates, but by the fourth quarter it was full speed ahead. The two teams battled back and forth trying to grasp the victory until the seniors took control and scored the game winning points as the clock expired.

"I thought that we had the win, until

"It's definitely one game that'll stick out in my mind forever!"
-Aarin Zimney (12)

the refs took the game out of our hands, but it was definitely something I'll remember," said Coach Matt Steinmetz (11).

Unfortunately it can't be blamed on the refs, because the senior pulled off the win without help from them.

"It's definitely one game that'll stick out in my mind forever!" said Aarin Zimney(12).

On the other hand, Packer Pride was put on the line when the guys took on

the Fargo North Spartans on Friday night. The field was overwhelmed by pre-game rain showers, and the game was a wet one. The two teams slogged through the rain in a defensive struggle that went to overtime.

"The rain made the game very interesting and tougher on both sides of the ball," said Brad Besette (12).

North got the first chance to score, but they were denied the opportunity by Ben Scoville's (12) interception in the end zone. Then the Packers got their shot. Bill Erenberg (11) charged in from three yards out to bring home a 6-0 victory for the Packers.

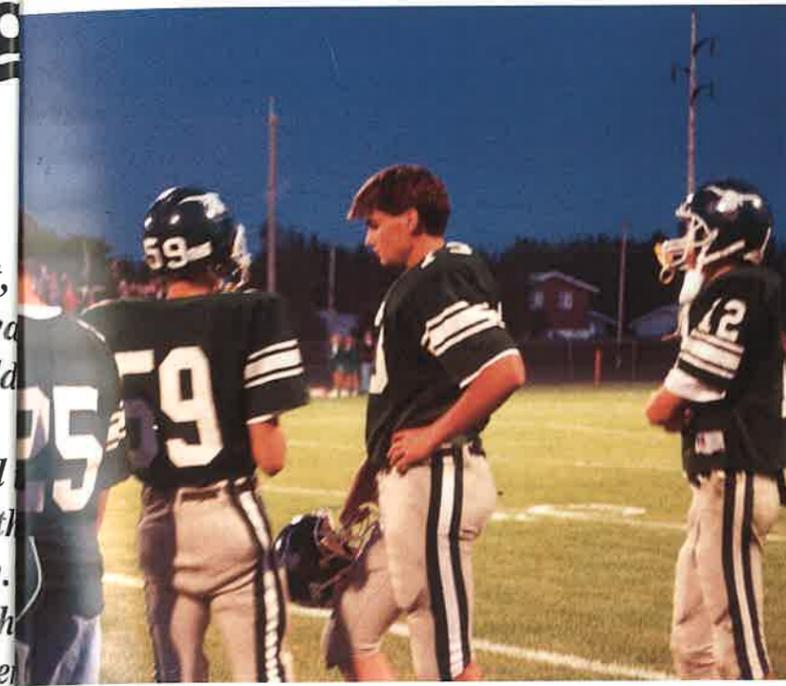
"It felt good to win our first home game since 1993, and the fact that it was homecoming made the victory that much sweeter," said Loren Hansen (12).



"The ground was wet, and it was very cold, but I toughed out for the Packers."
-- Sarah Thornber (10)

By Pat Tweeter

Will we win? Brian Erdmann (12) plans his tack on the Fargo North Spartans at the upcoming game.



Did you know...

In 1950, yearbooks were \$2.25.

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Ready to go. At practice before the Homecoming game, Ben Aarestad (11) receives the ball and is ready to run.



We're number one! The Senior Powder Puff players show their spirit after they won the game against the Juniors.



Give it to me! The senior team blocks the juniors as Amanda L. Olson (11) reaches for the ball.

Let's go! Senior girls follow the lead of Aarin Zimney (12) as she heads on to the football field. The seniors went on to win the game.

Memories are made forever

Feeling cool. Bobbi Ann Ward (11), Weingarten (10), Tony Kunz (11), and Nelson (10) dance the night away.



The thing at I member lost at the dance was when manda undvor (I) was dancing like Michael Jackson"-- Ross Schmidt (10)

Did you know...

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in 1954, the school district had 27 faculty and 700 students?

Coronation 1996, one Homecoming event seniors Jake Reese and Darcy Gaugler will never forget. Coronation is one of the many activities that starts off the week of Homecoming. Early Monday morning seniors got their chance to pick five girls and five guys to represent the school as their Homecoming Royalty. Branded with a ribbon that following Friday morning were the representatives for king, seniors Mike Herbst, Matt Korsmo, Jake Reese, Scott Ruele and Pat Tweeter. The representatives for queen were seniors Darcy Gaugler, Emily Halvorson, Tara Kelsch, Amy Petersen and Aarin Zimney. Coronation took place on Monday,

Sept. 23, a date that will be remembered by many. "I just remember hearing our senior class sing, with tears rolling down my cheeks saying, I don't want to graduate!" said Lyndsey Harles (12) an observer of the beautiful event. The reason this year's Coronation may have been so beautiful was because of the hard work of the Student Council. They provided those wonderful decorations, and Matt Korsmo (12), a Student Council member made the background music. If it weren't for the Student Council, West Fargo High School wouldn't have a Coronation. "I didn't have to do a lot just the spotlight" said Eric Ziegler (10), a Student Council member who completed one of many jobs to make Coronation a hit. Seniors Jeni Buchholz, James Erickson, Michelle Roers and Leif Rosenvold, who were chosen by Mr.

Mueller, provided their vocal cords by singing "True Colors". Vicky Berg (12) and Aaron Hovland (12) also shared their vocal cords, but they didn't sing; in fact, they were the ones who emceed the program. The King and Queen enjoyed their week of fame. Reese felt it was a great experience to be chosen by the entire school. Gaugler is looking forward to further competitions. "Now I get to represent the school at the Miss Homecoming North Dakota pageant," said Gaugler. With schedules set and memories made, Coronation of 1996 was one heck of an evening filled with suspense and excitement, an evening that will be a remembered part of many 'seniors' lives.

By Aarin Zimney



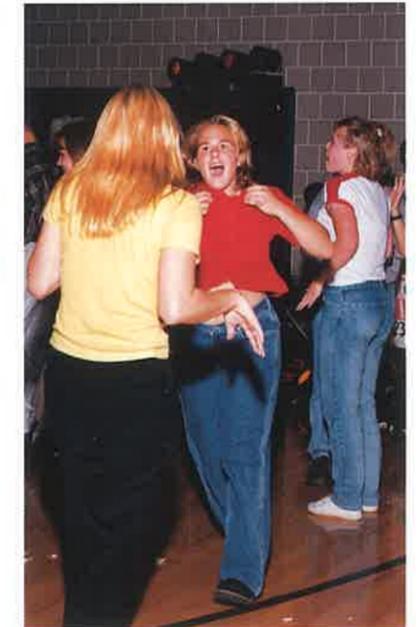
Homecoming Court: Front row: Matt Korsmo (12), Scott Ruele (12), King Jake Reese (12), Queen Darcy Gaugler (12), Amy Petersen (12), and Tara Kelsch (12). Back row: Mike Herbst (12), Pat Tweeter (12), Aarin Zimney (12), and Emily Halvorson (12).



Feeling great. Mike Herbst (12) walks stage with anticipation of who will wear the crown.



Standing in a bunch. Having at great time at the dance are Sally Dronen (10), Kara Borslien (10), and Courtney Kirklewski (10).



Jamming at the dance. Aarin Zimney (12), and Vicky Berg (12) trip the light fantastic at Homecoming.

Free time hard to find

Free time for teenagers was hard to come by, especially with school work to do. Most of the free time that was spent by students was on the weekends. For others, spare time came so rarely that when it did, they didn't know what to do with it. Most of the students chose to be with their friends. They'd get together and play sports, go shopping, or just go out. They'd go and "hang out" with friends. "I hang out with friends because there is nothing to do in West Fargo," Melanie Zacher (10) said.

Some students went out and did weird things, while others stayed home and listened to music or watched television. "In my spare time I play spoons, pinocle, go outside and play frisbee, watch Spaceghosts, Bill Nye the Science Guy, and the Simpsons," Frank Zuber (10) said. A number of students worked on the weekends, which didn't leave them with much free time. After work, some just liked to go home and rest. "When I get some spare time, which isn't very often, I either stay home and relax, or hang out with my friends," Stacy Plettl (11) said. Others slept or did nothing, while some liked to go shopping with their friends.

"I go driving around with friends and usually end up at the mall," Amanda Havelang (10) said. Some students had hobbies that they liked to do or work on. Writing poems and music were popular hobbies, along with drawing and painting pictures. "In my limited spare time, I draw and sleep," April Fraedrich (9) said. No matter what they did, or how they got it, students valued their free time. It didn't come around very often, so they took advantage of it when it did and enjoyed it immensely.

By Jenny Groen

"I kill my brain cells by watching too much TV." -- Joe Huovinen (12)

g Queens Rule. While getting ready for the Halloween Dance, Paul Gartner (12), Ben Lyng (12), Kyle Hettenbaugh (12), Mike Hbst (12) and Ben Scoville (12) have a little up gathering.



Did you know...

200 students,
11 teachers,
2 janitors,
and 2 cooks
made up
WFHS in 1954.

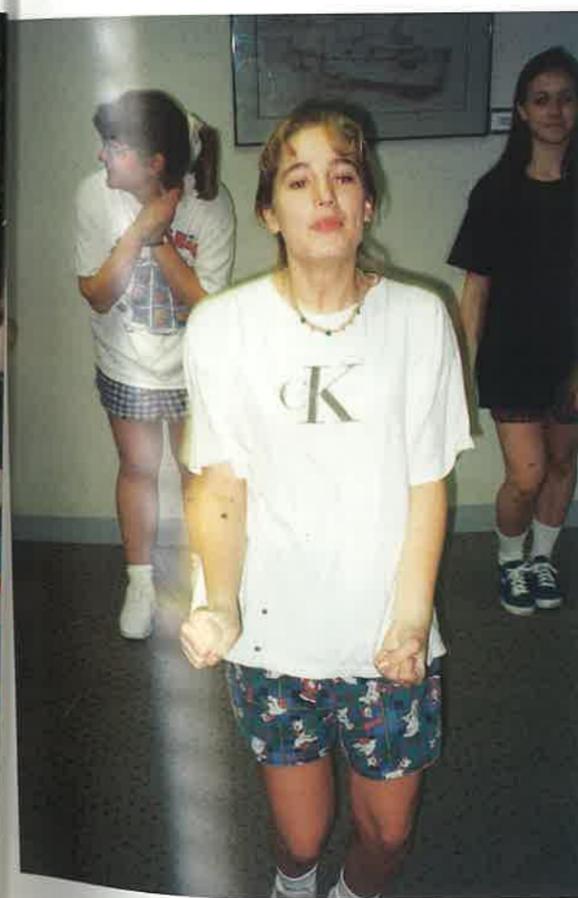
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Beam Me Up. During free time, Sha-Ree Mason (10) and Jamie Gilbertson (10) bum around in the commons.



My pumpkin is bigger than yours. At a little together, Jana Hanson (10), Becca Bach (10), Heather Hansen (10), Ericka Freed (10), Katie Muhonen (10), and Heather Groen (10), all decide to carve some pumpkins for Halloween spirit.



Look at me. During cheerleading practice, Toni Jore (11), Tara Trapp (11), and Chalcee Fingerson (10) get ready to do a cheer.

Oooh tonsillectomy. Getting into the spirit at the powder puff game, Nichole Houser (12) and Erin Westlund (12), freak out.

Did you know...

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in 1954 West Fargo's population was 1032 people?

Crash into me. This is proof that the parking lot is an accident waiting to happen. Shown here, the remnants of a tragic accident that happened this fall.



Sometimes think it'd be easier to take the bus!" - Ivy West (10)

Getting where you gotta be



Transportation can be a major or minor part of a student's school life. Everyone needs some way to get to and from school, and there are various ways to do this.

Most of our high school students get here by car, bus, bike, or on foot. Some students are lucky enough to have a vehicle to drive to school. Not only do they have a way to get to and from school, but they also have many requests for a ride from other people.

Many students get a ride from someone they know, usually from a friend, parent, or sibling.

Then there's always the big yellow school bus. Whether they like it or not,

for a lot of students, this is their main mode of transportation. It may not be the most popular choice, but it is quite efficient. "Riding the bus isn't that bad, but a car would be better!" said Alesha Wateland(10).

For students who live near the school, their own two feet may be their mode of transportation. Some walk to and from school when it's warm, while others walk year-round. Mr. Larry Anderson thinks it's better to walk anyways. "It's better walking to school than driving on the bad roads and trying to find the parking lot under all the snow. It's cheaper, too!" he said.

Those students that drive to school know that the parking lot is pandemon-

ium and mass confusion. Driving in, out, and through the parking lot is dangerous and time-confusing. Jeff Anderson(12) agrees. "Driving through the parking lot sucks," he claims.

Accidents are a frequent occurrence in the parking lot. Students not paying attention or in a hurry to leave are often the cause of these accidents. Sometimes, it's just a matter of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Any way you look at it, you always need to get somewhere, somehow.

By Jennifer Kingsley



These shoes were made for walkin'. Going to and from school the old fashioned way is still an effective method of transportation.



Ridin' in style. Erin Tranby (9) enthusiastically climbs aboard the bus as she begins her exciting trek home.



'Da truck. Those of us lucky enough to have a vehicle of our own are able to drive to school. Featured here is Rob Boser's beloved truck.



Going my way? Jackie Bahnsen (10) gets a ride from a willing driver. Many student's mode of transportation is a ride from someone they know.

TWA, other events in '96 send shock throughout entire nation

Memorial. A makeshift memorial erected on the coast of Fire Island (NY) pays tribute to those lost when TWA Flight 800 exploded and crashed into the ocean below on July 17, 1996.



““ The passing of 1996 brought many events that will live on in the minds of those affected by them.

On July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800 left NY only to explode and crash into the ocean moments later. It was carrying 230 passengers bound for Paris. No one survived.

The three theories that were proposed were a bomb, a missile, and a mechanical error. None were ever proven as the cause for the crash, even after millions of dollars of work had been spent by the Navy, the National Transportation Safety Board, the FBI, and others.

Memorials were erected along the coast of Fire Island (NY) by friends, family, and people paying tribute to the victims.

Just days after the crash, the 1996 Summer Olympic Games began in Atlanta, GA. The U.S. won a number of medals including the first team gold in gymnastics.

Kerri Strug was spotlighted after her vault sealed that victory because it left her with an injured leg.

As a result of her injury, Strug was forced to drop from the all-around competition which was especially hard for her because she had missed the event in Barcelona four years earlier.

Another event that made headlines during the Olympics was the Olympic Park bombing.

At 1:20 a.m. on July 27, 1996, a pipe bomb exploded killing Alice Hawthorne of Albany, GA, and injuring 111 others. A Turkish cameraman died of a heart attack while rushing to the scene.

A security guard working at the park, Richard Jewell, helped to evacuate people and alert police to a suspicious knapsack.

Later, Jewell was identified as the prime suspect.

After an investigation that lasted three months and involved 11 federal, state, and local agencies and more than 200 people, he was cleared publicly of being a target of the investigation.

The Republican National Convention

was held on August 15, 1996, at which time Senator Bob Dole accepted the Republican nomination.

Dole and vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp spoke about Dole's tax cut plan and their plea to expand the Republican Party to blue-collar and minority voters.

“We may not get every vote, but we will speak to every heart,” said Kemp.

President Bill Clinton accepted the Democratic nomination on August 29, 1996, at the Democratic National Convention.

In mid-September of 1996, Hurricane Hortense hit the northeast coast of the U.S. after killing 16 people in the Caribbean, destroying homes and at least \$120 million in crops.

The hurricane brought nearly 18 inches of rain to Puerto Rico. Those who had water, often had a mud-colored liquid emerge from the tap. People waited in lines in up to 90-degree heat for ice and water.

Astronaut Shannon Lucid returned home September 27, 1996, a day after ending her record 6-month space trip.

“All I can say is, Houston never looked so good,” Lucid said.

Her return home from the Russian space station, Mir, was delayed seven weeks because of mechanical and weather problems.

In early October of 1996, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met in the East Room at the White House for negotiations between the two countries.

The negotiations failed to resolve the bitter differences between the countries.

During October of 1996, wildfires burned out of control in California.

The fires destroyed more than six million acres of trees, the largest amount of land to be destroyed since 1952.

For most, 1996 won't be remembered only for TWA and the Olympics, but also for the events that didn't make the headlines.

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“We may not get every vote, but we will speak from our heart.”
Jack Kemp

By Suzanne El-Hileh



A daring rescue. Miguel Ariel Rodriguez and Jose de Leon risked their lives to save year-old, Cassandra Gomez from drowning to flooding caused by Hurricane Hortense in September 1996.



Proof that there is life on Mars. Firefighters fight to control wildfires that burned out of control in California during October of 1996.

Campaign promises. Senator Bob Dole and vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp wave to the crowd at the Republican National Convention on August 15, 1996.

SENIORS

HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

The long train has come to a halt as this year's graduating class moves on to take up a new place in this ever-changing world. There have been many ups and downs during their journey, but they all have survived yet another year. Seniors are closing a chapter in their life, but as they turn the page they find that there is yet another chapter to enter. This year's graduates are looking forward to their post-high school years.



I pledge allegiance...At a luncheon for the foreign exchange students, Matt Biewer (12) says the pledge.

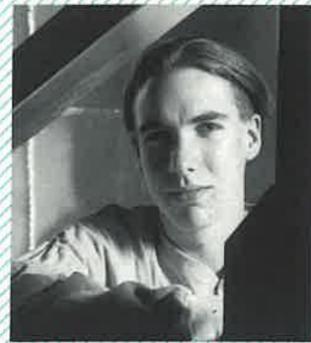
What is this supposed to be? Helping out the publications class, exchange student Gine Villi (12) looks for the perfect picture to print.

We need books with more pictures! Biding her time, Traci Buehre (12) expands her horizons by indulging in a good book.





Chris Akers



Jeff Alley



Jeff Anderson



Derick Anthony



Matt Biewer



Danilo Bilotta



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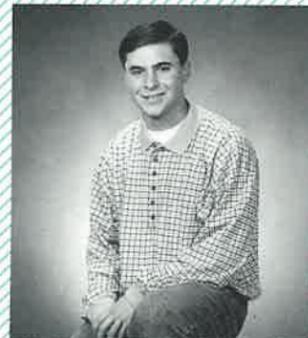
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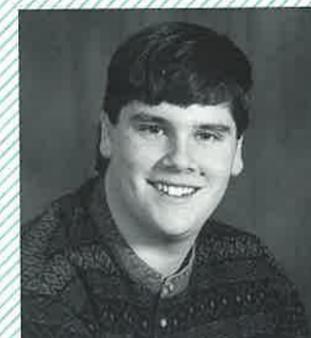
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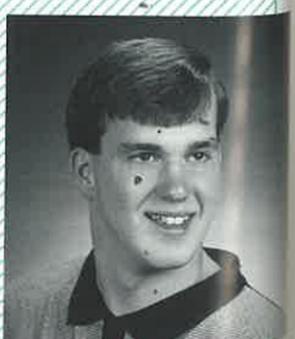
Vicky Berg



Justin Bernardy



Jerrod Bernath



Brad Besette

Foreign Exchange students visit U.S.

Imagine the first day of school: mass hysteria, new classes, new teachers. Imagine all of this while living in a foreign country, and using an unfamiliar language. This is how the year started off for the six foreign exchange students at WFHS.

Celine Collin became an exchange student because she wanted to experience a different culture, meet new people and improve her English. Collin and five other foreign exchange students are getting a chance to do just that in West Fargo this year.

The students are Collin, from France; Gini Villi and Danilo Bilotta-both from Italy; Amelia Mora from Spain; and K.J. Storaker and Martin Floystad-both from Norway.

Collin is staying with the Rodney Falcon family. According to Collin, school is very different here. In France, tests

are more difficult and much longer.

"Homework and tests are much easier in the U.S. We have more things to learn, and in France, we have some tests for four hours every week," she said.

Mora, Villi, and Storaker also say homework is easier, but Mora believes some tests and essays are much more difficult here than in Spain.

Danilo Bilotta, who is staying with the Todd Costain family, and Martin Floystad, who is staying with the Leif Rosenvold family, enjoy staying physically fit. Their hobbies include running, lifting weights and playing soccer for the high school team. Both of them agree soccer in the U.S. is less competitive than in their home countries. Storaker is on the cross country team and enjoys keeping busy with sports. Collin enjoys playing tennis and volleyball, while Villi occupies her time playing soccer and softball. Mora is not big into sports, but

enjoys her art and journalism classes. "Here, I've learned to develop and print pictures, and I think it's becoming a hobby because I really like it," she said.

Mora is staying with the Tim Kludt family.

Villi is staying with the Buchholz family and is happy with her host family.

"They are really nice people, and I like them a lot," she said.

All of the foreign exchange students also agree that there is a drastic difference in the weather.

"It's colder in the winter and warmer in the summer here than in Norway," said Storaker. Villi added they don't have as much wind in Italy as in the U.S.

Whatever barriers stand in their way, all of the foreigners are sure to get a taste of life in the United States.

By Brian Erdmann

Seniors talk about...

"Once when I was running to the car before the Halloween dance, I tripped and fell flat on my face."

--Tara Dockter (12)

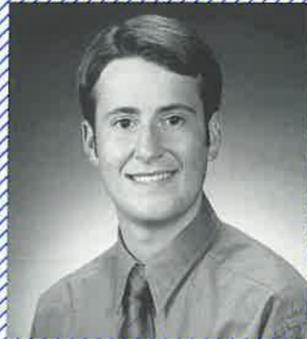
"My favorite memory is when all of my friends and I got together and did fun things like bowling, dances, and chasing guys"

Seniors talk about...

--Becky McCann (12)



Lisa Borshen



Rob Boser



Jodi Braaten



Tessa Brandsted



Traci Buehre



Nicholas Ballis



Shannon Burckhard



Katina Busch



Lisa Brandvold



Jamie Braun



Pat Bostron



Jeni Buchholz



Chrissy Cartivouu



Nicole Christianson



Troy Christianson



Mandy Clemenson

Seniors

make the grade - and the page

Talk about Deja Vu! As an option in Ms. Lori Liebl's senior English classes, students had the opportunity to mimic part of the responsibilities publications students undertake every day. Liebl gave them the chance to do a yearbook story, as opposed to an ordinary book report.

The experience gave many seniors a creative alternative to a typical English assignment.

"I think it's really cool having my story in the yearbook - not just because it's fun to see something I wrote be printed, but also because the entire student body can read it and enjoy it, too," said Jennifer

"(Writing the story) was pretty cool and a new experience. I found out that I'm pretty good at it." -- Jeni Buchholz (12)

Johnson (12). "It's great!"

Other seniors were more enthusiastic about the chance of participating in something that will generate many fond memories for

years to come, as well as a project that might forecast the careers of graduates.

"I found out a lot of interesting things people want to do in their futures," said Amy Grossman (12). "It'll be neat to see if they really do go on to be what they said."

In addition, several seniors thought the assignment was just a fun way to spend time doing classwork.

"(Writing the story) was a pretty cool experience," said Jeni Buchholz (12). "I found out that I'm pretty good at it."

By Mark Harbeke



Clarence Cole



Celine Collin



Todd Costain



Clayton Craft



Nissa Crandall



Josen Cross



Eric Cullen



Erica Davidson

Seniors talk about...

"I tell you what, it was great! I came in a freshmen and thought I knew everything and four years later, I'm graduating. What a change! It goes by so fast and I'm glad I made the most of it."

--Pat Tweeter (12)

"In senior English when we read Les Miserables, and we did a video as a project. There were two girls and one boy, but in the act there were two boys and one girl so we switched roles with Joe Valovage being the girl. He dressed up as a girl with the dress, makeup, and everything."

--Amy Grossman (12)

Seniors talk about...



Kris Davis



Brian Diede



Heather Diehl



Tara Dockter



David Ernst



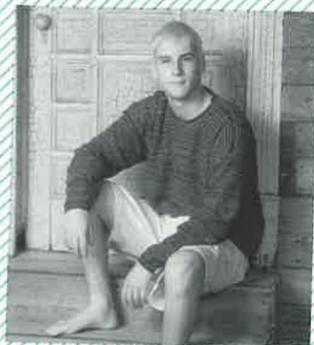
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Jason Eder



Ethan Edgerly



Daniel Edwards



Kelly Elijah



Amy Engebretson



Shawna Enger



Brian Erdmann



James Erickson

Option to pray at school receives support Taking a stand... "at the pole"

Students took advantage of their right to pray at school before school in late September.

"See You at the Pole" was started in the Spring of 1990. It started with just a couple of Texas students going to pray for their friends, their school, their leaders and their country at their school's flagpole. A vision was then born. Youth leaders had a vision of students gathering around their respected school flagpoles throughout Texas. These youth leaders soon realized that the vision wasn't big enough. "See You at the Pole" soon spread around to the entire country.

"See You at the Pole" has proven to be an impact on nation-wide schools, as well as area schools.

Mr. Gary Clark, an assistant principal at West Fargo High School, said, "I was

pleased that we had as many students par-

"We had a lot of questions asked afterwards and a great time to witness [to non-Christians]."

- Sallie Parrott (12)

ticipate as we did. And I admired the students, who were willing to take a public stand for something that they have had a strong personal conviction about."

"See You at the Pole" has gained much popularity at WFHS. In 1995, there were 32 students at "See You at the Pole." In 1996, there were an incredible 41 students in participation. World-wide participation

is up to around 2 million students.

Leif Rosenvold (12) said, "It was cool that the people that walked by paid respect for what we were doing...by not yelling and disturbing our prayer meeting."

"See You at the Pole" is getting big very quickly. National Christian radio shows even have special programs for students to call on and report about their "See You at the Pole" experiences. Sallie Parrott (12) reported to one of those shows, "We had a lot of questions asked afterwards and a great time to witness [to non-Christians]."

The main point of "See You at the Pole" is for students to take a stand for righteousness and good, not the typical stand for rebellion and evil.

By Brian Diede

Seniors talk about...

My favorite memory was winning the sophomore girls' basketball tournament.

--Charity Speich (12)

"My favorite memory was when two of my friends and I drove through a winter storm to get to Bismarck for State, but we ended up getting stuck at Valley City at the Wagon Wheel Inn!"

--Alissa Frederick (12)

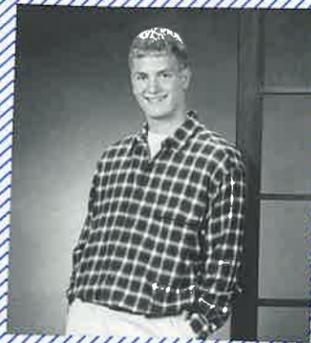
Seniors talk about...



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Paul Gartner



Darcy Gaugler



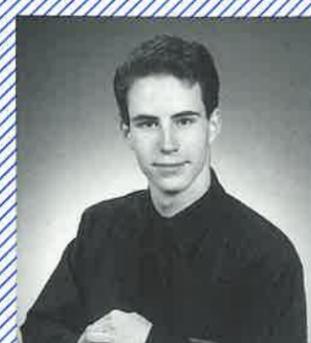
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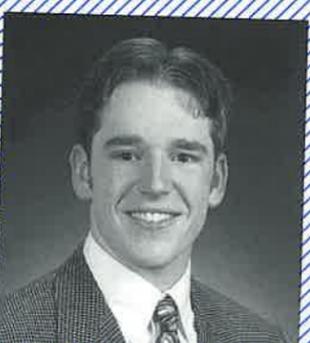
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Matt Garley



Jesse Gehrig



Cory Gilbertson



Carmen Grefstad



Brenda Grinde



Beth Hagemeister



Mindy Hagon



Nedžad Halilovic



Sabrina Hall

Dress code, use of technology become hot topics Seniors face changing times

Drugs, dress and computers are among the "changing times" at WFHS. When the seniors were in first grade, these problems were not that big of a deal until now. The community and school are getting bigger and mainly in these areas.

The dress code states students should not wear anything pertaining to gangs or that would be disrespectful to any student at WFHS.

"I think that the new rules regarding a dress code are just the beginning of the "laws" that the school will enforce upon future generations. They are trying to stifle individualism and instead create a whole bunch of clones," said Alissa Franck (12).

The dress code is not the only thing that has caught up to students at WFHS. Drugs have become a big factor in the community and to help with that the

student council has brought in a drug dog, Kody, to help narrow down drug use in the community and school. Kody goes through the hallways of the school, the parking lot, and sometimes into classrooms to see what he can do about the drug problem.

Brian Johnson (12) said, "If a person is going to do drugs, a person is going to do drugs. We don't need a dog telling us what to do or going through our privacy."

Corey Leske (12) has a different opinion. "I think it is a good idea for the dog to come to school because school is for learning. If your going to do drugs, it should be after school because our education is important and party time should be saved for later in the day," said Leske.

The dog has made many of the students at WFHS upset and very angry, but the school board and student council are only trying to make the school safe and the community

drug free.

As Kody was getting his hands on drugs, students at WFHS were getting their hands on the new computer systems.

"I think that it is a great help for the students, and it shows that West Fargo High does keep up with technology, and that the school board feels computers are an important part to our curriculum," said Alissa Franck (12).

Because of the technology mill levy we have the new computer systems and better technology in the school.

All these ideas are what have changed for the students at West Fargo High since first grade, but the community and the students at WFHS are going to do whatever to make our school the best.

By Ryan McGarry



Emily Halvorson



Angie Hammer



Loren Hansen



Tonya Hansen



Trish Hanson



Jessica Hanson



Jessica Hanzel



Mark Harbeke

Seniors talk about...

"My best memories came from being part of Packatahnas. I'll never forget the feeling when we got our medals at the UPA AmeriCup Nationals, and we were named pom and high kick champion."

--Nicki Veitenheimer (12)

"My favorite memory was when the boys' basketball team got to go to State even though they got fourth place."

--Brenda Wasness (12)

Seniors talk about...



Lyndsey Harles



Shannon Harrington



Rita Haugen



Mandy Haugse



Justin Helgeson



Mike Herbst



Kyle Hettenbaugh



Rachelle Hiedeman



Bradley Hinz



Jeremy Hoffman



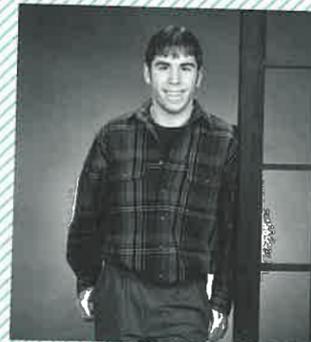
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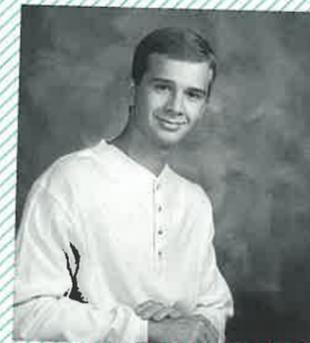
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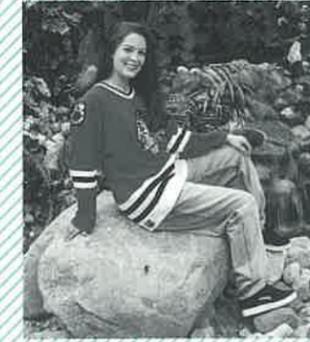
Brian Johnson



Christina Johnson



Jennifer Johnson



Nicole Johnson

Valley fever breaks out, busts loose

"This room was my favorite because of the many different things you can buy and can't find anywhere else."

--Josh Stompro

(12)

Yes, ValleyCon XXI came and went once again. From Oct. 4th to the 7th, the fantasy lovers in the area and from abroad merged at the Doublewood Inn on 13th Avenue South.

This get together of people of all ages was not just a meeting; it was an experience. There was an assortment of rooms, booths and activities. Of these rooms there were three main types.

The first was the dealers' room which contained all the booths and items for sale.

"This room was my favorite because of the many different things you can buy and can't find anywhere else," said Josh Stompro (12).

One could purchase anything from hand puppets to MAGIC THE GATHERING cards to hand made swords.

"I thought the stuff was pretty cheap," said Darrell Kasowski (12).

The next room one could go to was the gaming room where players of MAGIC THE GATHERING, DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS, along with other card and role-playing games, converged and took part in tournaments.

Finally, and probably the most popular, was the infamous "DOOM" room. This room was very much unlike the rest.

The only light came from red florescent lights which reflected off a lining of black plastic on the walls creating a very mind

numbing effect along with the heavy metal music in the background when one first entered.

The main attraction in this room was the network of computers. For 50 cents one could play Duke Nukem 3D with three other people in a death match for 20 minutes.

"I really liked the DOOM room because you could play death match which is a lot more fun than playing against the computer," said Kasowski.

There were constant contests and giveaways for everyone attending. If a person had a specific card received in the packet at registration, that person could win a free hamburger or something at Hardees or McDonalds.

Almost everyone there was wearing some type of costume. They ranged from dressing up like a Star Fleet captain to Dr. Giggles to a medieval knight. It was all there.

"I had a great time," said Stompro. "It's like a party lasting 24 hours a day for three days."

By Ryan Koffler

Seniors talk about...

"My favorite memories are those of working with the Special Education students, and the thoughts of being finished with this school."

--Erin Westlund (12)

"My favorite memory was when Stacey gave me a little stick figure in English!"

--Brad Besette (12)

Seniors talk about...



Randie Johnson



Allison Jung



Jeremiah Kapaun



David Kasin



Darrell Kasowski



Susan Kaufman



Tara Kegley



Tara Kelsch



Sara Kern



Ivana Khristyuchenko



Erin Kiefel



Teresa Klein



Brounna Kleven



Krystia Kludt



Tina Knudson



Ryan Koffler

Fashion trends rock the years

Moon boots were the "big thing" in grade school. The fads in the seniors' lives have changed throughout the years, within the levels of education. The first years were grade school years, that changed to middle school years, and finally the high school years.

Remembering back to her grade school years, Chrissy Carriveau (12) said, "I remember those awesome leg warmers!"

Leg warmers were "cool" and went very well with the moon boots. As the seniors got older, they moved up in the world. They finally went to the Middle School. This is where fashion hit the hardest. This was where being "cool"

was a big part of their lives. The fads were cool then. But now? Nasty!

"Remember when we used to roll and/or pin our jeans?" asked Jeni Buchholz (12). Speaking of jeans, Shane Wirth (12) said, "I remember that you had to have Girbaud jeans to be 'cool', and the navy blue ones were the 'coolest' ones you could have."

Buchholz also remembers those awful body suits that many girls wore. This was also the time that BIG hair was in. Some people went through cans of hairspray at a time.

Jennifer Johnson (12) remembers one of the seniors' Middle School fads.

"I remember that almost everyone had snap-bracelets."

The teachers hated those bracelets big time, and many of them were confiscated.

During the high school years, the seniors have mellowed with the fashion scene. Although, there have been some fads. These fads would be Birkenstocks, baby tees, butterfly clips, Grateful Dead and the new "alternative" look (especially in the younger students).

Through the years the seniors' fads have changed drastically. In their future years, they will look back at the fads they wore and laugh once again.

By Erin Westlund



Stacy Koglin



Matt Korsmo



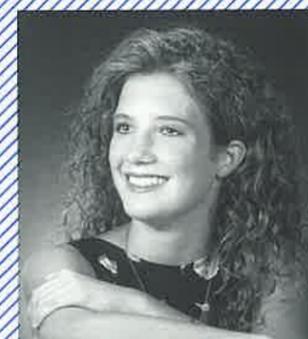
Cory Krauth



Robyn Kraeger



Shelly Langer



Anna Larson



Brent Larson



Nicholas Larson

Seniors talk about...

"My favorite memory was when we went to the state hockey tournament in Grand Forks, and we ended up stranded with no car."

--Karen Zurn (12)

"My favorite memory was going to a resort for Fall Rally and watching Dixie Sapp fall down the stairs in front of some guys!"

--Jennifer Nickamp (12)

Seniors talk about...



Corey Laude



Brianne Lee



Paula Lee



Corey Leske



Aaron Lockwood



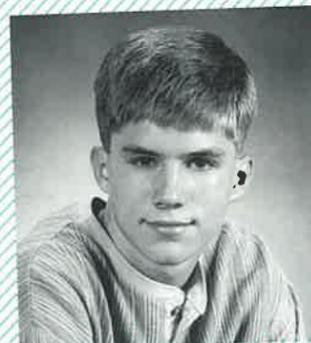
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Amy Lussier



John Magnan



Ryan Majkrzak



Ann Malstrom



Jason Manney



Saul Mark



Jessica Marthaller



Edward Martin



Becky McCann



Ryan McGarry

Seniors talk about...

"My most memorable moment at WFHS was when Mr. Steve Anderson told our whole first period class to drop out of school in the middle of the third quarter."
--Jeremy Thomson (12)



Patty McGuire



Shawna Meberg



Marcia Metzger



Carly Meyer



Mike Migler



Dustin Miller



Margie Miller



Sarah Mills

AP courses offer excitement, challenge

While in high school, many students try to get "ahead of the game." With the opportunity of Advanced Placement courses at higher grade levels, this goal can become a reality for students of the right caliber and interest.

In all, three AP classes are offered: AP History for juniors and AP English and AP Government for seniors. The classes are intended for college-bound students who desire to experience a college-like atmosphere while still in high school. In addition, students who take the classes have an opportunity to "test out" of the same level class later in college if an AP test is taken. If a score of three on a five point scale is

"AP English has given me the chance to serve as an enigma for the contemplative." -- James Erickson (12)

attained, most colleges will acknowledge the effort and allow the student to go on to a higher-level class.

Many students involved believe the classes are a great responsibility to undertake.

"I have learned more from Mrs. Knox-Johnson's class than I will probably learn in any other class that I take," said Shari Wurtzberger (12), commenting on the applicability of AP English.

Other seniors also enjoyed this class, although

their interpretations varied.

"AP English has given me the chance to serve as an enigma for the contemplative," said James Erickson (12).

Likewise, AP Government seemed just as beneficial to seniors pursuing the education of the U.S. governmental structure and implementation.

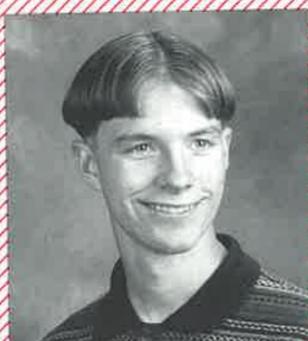
"AP Government taught me many aspects of government I did not understand previously," said Jonita Steinbrecher (12).

By Mark Harbeke

"My most memorable moment was when I freaked out my English class during a speech by making them think I ate cat food."

--Christina Johnson (12)

Seniors talk about...



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Ben Mitlyng



Jeffrey Moe



Sarah Moores



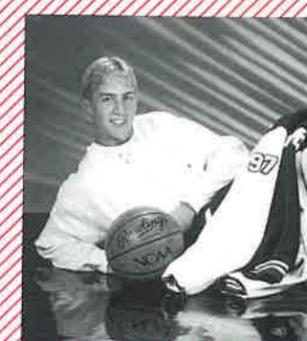
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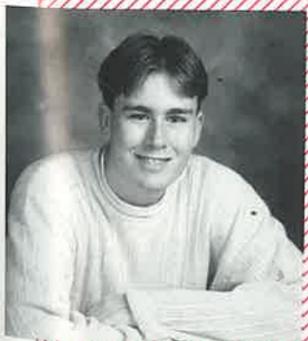
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Christopher Olmstead



Alesha Olson



Joshua Olson



Angie Ostrom

Showing artistic side Seniors become schoolboard artists

Every year the best students of the senior art classes are chosen to contribute their best, original piece of art work to the school board. Students are selected based on their answers to a series of questions asked by Mr. Larry Anderson as well as their attitude towards art.

This year the School Board Artists selected were Dane Boedigheimer (12), Jamie Braun (12), Christina Johnson (12), Sarah Rumsey (12), Melissa Rutten (12), Dean Sahr (12), John Utter (12) Nicole Wilken (12), and Shari Wurtzberger (12).

The students had until January 6th to complete their projects and they had to

be worked on outside of class. Once completed, the projects then were displayed at the school and then were rotated to the different schools throughout the district.

The chance to be a school board artist means different things to different people. For some it is a chance to show their own individual personality, for others it is a chance for recognition. To Boedigheimer, the chance to be a School Board Artist meant "Showing others I have somewhat of an artistic ability and being able to have everyone else see the project in the future."

Overall, the WFHS school board art program is a way to highlight the very talented

artists and to show others what they can do.

"I am very proud of what the students can and have accomplished this year. It's neat to see what each individual is capable of doing. I hope to see more work like this in the future classes," said Mr. Larry Anderson of his class of school board artists.

In the next few years with new art classes being introduced and more students wanting to display their artwork, the number of school board artists should be bigger and better!

By Mike Smith

Seniors talk about...

"My favorite memory of West Fargo High School was taking it all at Nationals and getting first in pom and high kick. It was a great end to three years in Packatahna."
--Stacy Koglin (12)

"My favorite memory was the look on Mr. Steve Anderson's face as he took role call for our Business Management class!"

--Valerie Murch (12)

Seniors talk about...



Alison Ottesen



Misti Painter



Sallie Parrott



Nick Pedersen



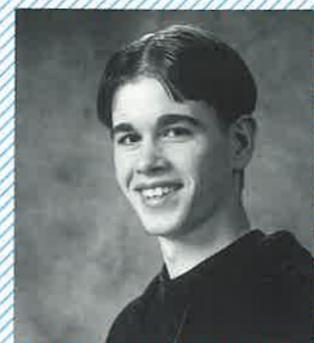
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Toby Roehrich



Stephanie Pederson



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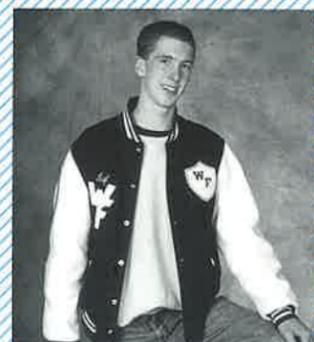
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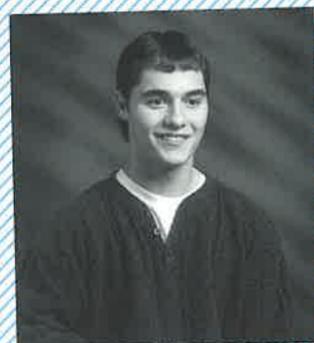
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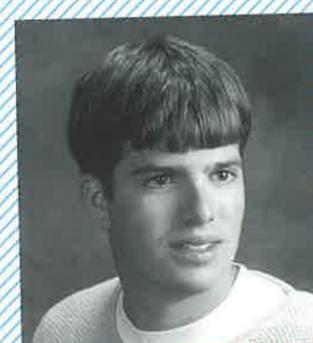
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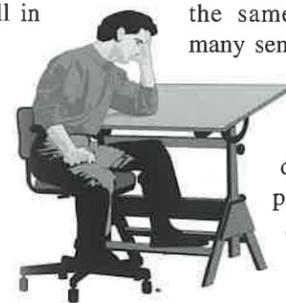
Ben Richard



Brandi Rieniets

After-school jobs Seniors scrounge for working time

When the research paper, big math test and basketball tournament all fell in



the same week, many seniors had to perform disappearing acts similar to those attempted by magicians. And when school and after school activities took precedence over the pay-

*"I feel like I'm always juggling between a fun-filled life and the normal world."
-- Kim Ronning (12)*

check, it was a veritable rat race trying to squeeze in time at the jobs of choice for WFHS seniors.

"I'm the only one in my family with a real job," said Darcy Gaugler (12). "Hey, I'm just trying to make a living here!"

Balancing high school and a job can sometimes produce such hectic situations that are so commonplace, they're nearly impossible not to encounter.

"Having a job is very stressful," said Kim Ronning (12). "I feel like I'm always juggling between a fun-filled life and the normal world."

Often times, however, cooperative arrangements could be forged between managers, co-workers and the seniors trying to balance their scholastic schedules.

By Mark Harbeke

Seniors talk about...

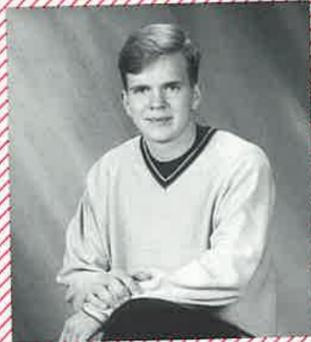
"My favorite memory was playing volleyball for West Fargo and all the great people on the team."
--Valerie Murch (12)

"My favorite memory of West Fargo High School was all the school cancellations because of snow storms!"
--Misti Painter (12)

Seniors talk about...



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Sarah Runsey



Melissa Rutten



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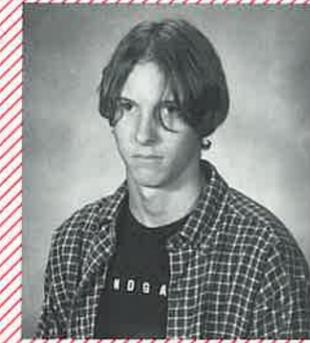
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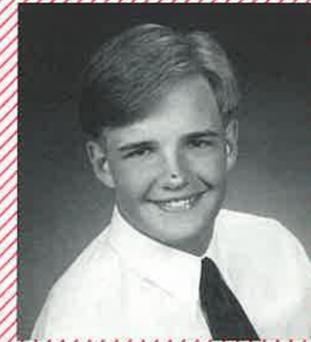
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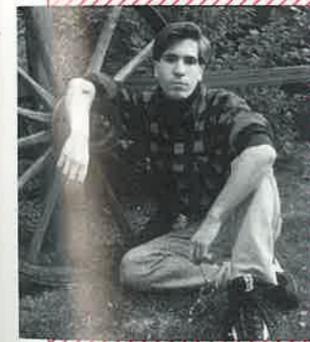
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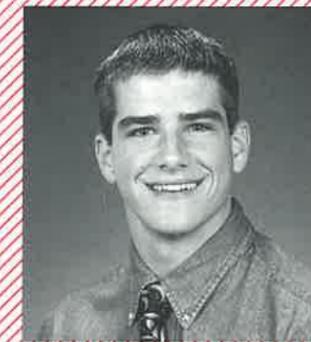
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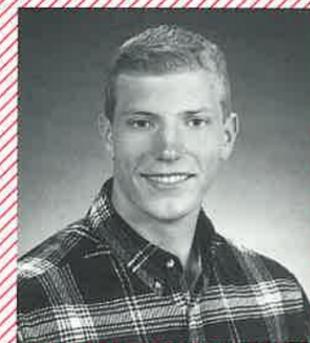
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Crystal Skaurud



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Heather Smith

Memories

trigger many emotions

Memories: This one word can mean a lot to people especially seniors who are going through their last year of their high school career. There are all kinds of memories like ones that make people laugh, cry, or bring a smile to your face.

Student's high school days can be one of the best times for making memories. It's a time for playing tricks on teachers, classmates and friends, a time for taking trips with groups and clubs and just a time for goofing off with close friends or people you've only just met.

Jeni Buchholz (12) said one of her funniest high school memories happened on

a school trip.

"When Gretchen Jost and I were coming back from a music contest, we had to go to the bathroom really bad. Of course there were no bathrooms near by, but we had to go, so we grabbed a bunch of kleenex and headed out in front of the bus and relieved ourselves while everyone waited for us to finish!" said Buchholz.

Sallie Parrott (12), on the other hand, remembers a confrontation with a fellow classmate.

"My funniest memory was when Brian Diede, the least aggressive/violent per-

son in the world, busted my lip because I gave him two pieces of gum!" said Parrott.

Some students remember having played tricks on teachers.

"I filled up a teacher's cup with toilet water, and he drank it!" said Erin Westlund (12).

Memories are one of the greatest treasures a person possesses and should be cherished by all especially by those who wish to always have something to look back on and cherish.

By Jennifer Johnson

Seniors talk about...

"My favorite memory from West Fargo High School was playing in the state soccer tournaments my junior and senior year."

--Rob Boser (12)

My favorite memory connected with WFHS was attending the Key Club convention in Minneapolis and shopping at the Mall of America.

--Jonita Steinbrecher (12)

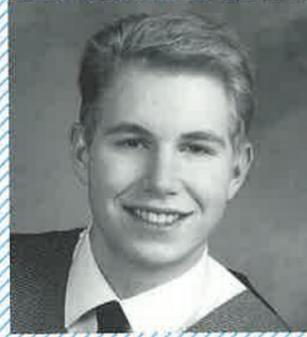
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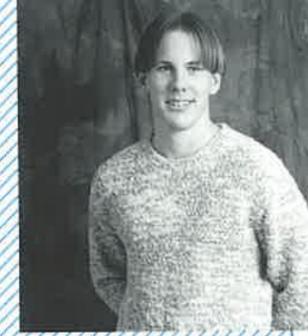
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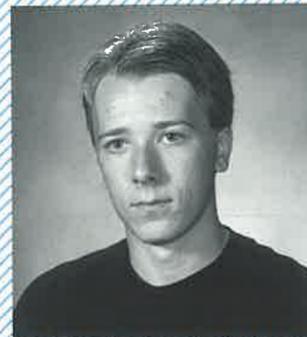
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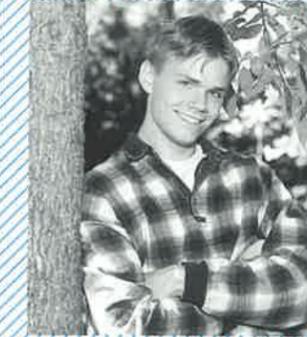
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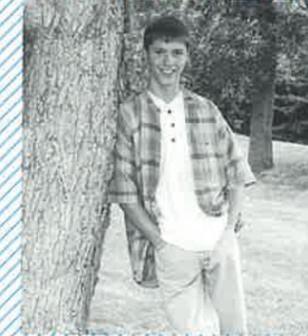
Matt Thorstad



Ricky Timmerman



Elisa Torres



Patrick Tweeter



Toby Ulness

Hobbies play necessary part in life

Hobbies are very important for young adults. After seven hours of sitting in a desk at school, students need to enjoy themselves in activities they find interesting. Some traditional hobbies are spoon or coin collecting, knitting and stamp collecting. But times have changed. More prevalent ones are painting, hunting, working on a car, shopping, or hanging out with friends.

Sports are also a common hobby. Lyndsey

Harles (12) agrees. "In the summer I like to rollerblade with my friends because it's fun and gives me a chance to be with my friends."

Snowmobiling, ice skating, water skiing and downhill skiing are other popular physical activities.

"Football is life for me and getting ready for the season is

cool," said Don Weiker (12). Charlotte Zich (12) agrees that a t-tending sporting activities is a great hobby.

"One of my favorite hobbies is cheerleading. That's why I cheer two seasons in a row, football then hockey," said Zich.

Hobbies are important in the lives of students. Harles be-

lieves hobbies are important because everyone should have their own special activities.

Tracie Tingum (11) has a different view. "Hobbies make a person their own individual and keep them from being a boring person," Tingum said.

Alicia Mills (9) believes hobbies are essential because they help people get involved in activities they enjoy.

Whatever the hobby, enjoy it. People should be proud of what they accomplish. After all, they chose it.

By Debby Hogen

"Hobbies make a person their own individual and keep them from being a boring person."

--Tracie Tingum (11)

Seniors talk about...

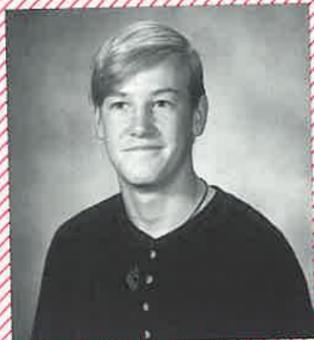
"I remember when in the tenth grade when Joe Spitzer broke the faucet in the biology lab, and the water seeped down into Mr. Boehm's room."

-- Corey Laude (12)

"It was hilarious when Mr. Divine, a substitute for Mr. Boehm in AP U.S. Government, ran into, and nearly knocked over, the podium."

-- Mark Harbeke (12)

Seniors talk about...



John Utter



Joseph Valovage



Nicole Veitenheimer



Gine Villi



Austin Walkin



Brenda Wasness



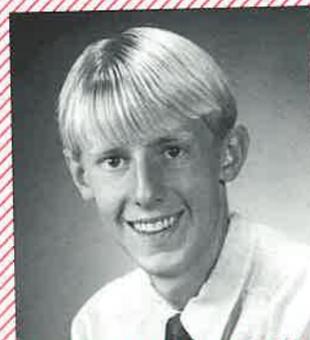
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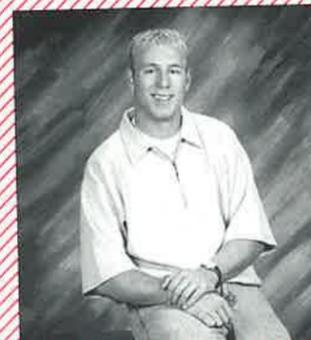
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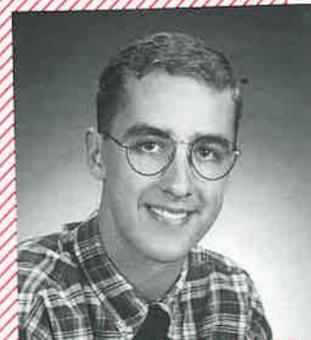
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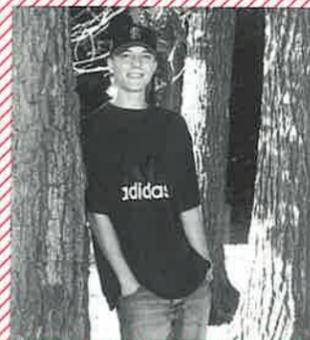
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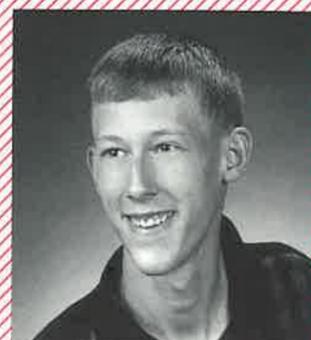
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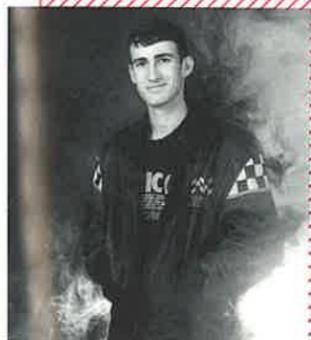
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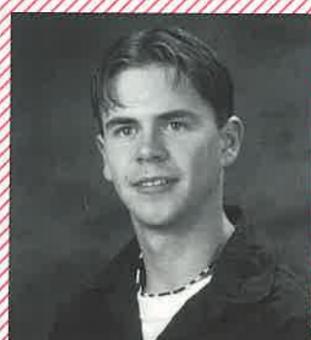
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Nicole Wilken



Kim Wilkinson



Tyler Williams



Tanya Wiltse



Leah Winge



Jamie Witt



Shari Wurtzberger

The granddaddy of all writing tasks Dealing with the compare and contrast paper

The senior term paper, ultimately the pinnacle measurement of English reading and writing abilities, is an assignment some dread from the beginning of ninth grade. Combining a flowing, compare-contrast format with legitimate and applicable content may seem like a nightmare come true for many seniors. However, through perseverance, strategy and possibly a little grace from God, numerous seniors finally scrambled to turn their final drafts in on time.

"I could lie and say I really enjoyed it, but that really wouldn't be nice. So, since I'm such a wonderful student, I'll say I

**"Research papers are so much fun." --
Chad Volk (12)**

loved it and that it was lovely spending my whole life on a paper that I got a 'C' on," said Nissa Crandall (12).

Since the compare and contrast papers were such large research projects to put together and present, procrastination often became the name of the game.

"I seriously thought the paper was a waste

of time. When doing a huge assignment like that, everything seems to get too crammed up," said Dane Boedigheimer (12). "The English department definitely did not give us enough time to finish."

Some seniors treated the assignment more nonchalantly, taking time away from the library and bibliography sheets to enjoy other aspects of their senior year.

"Research papers are so much fun," said Chad Volk (12). "I put hours of time and effort into mine and received a high 'C.' Okay, maybe not hours..."

By Mark Harbeke

Seniors talk about...

"My favorite memory of WFHS was during one of the pep rallies. My friends and I were having a war over which class was better and mine ended up winning."
--Shawna Meberg (12)

"My favorite memory of WFHS was beating up on Courtney Cullen during band."

--Mindy Hagen (12)

Seniors talk about...



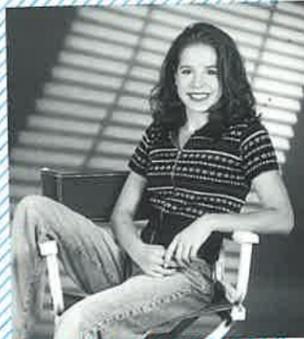
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Charlotte Zich



Aarin Zimney



Karen Zurn

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Melody Bauer
Jeff Cossette
Rita Doll
Daniel Ferber
Leslie Hieb
Joseph Huovinen
Tracey Jenner
Ronald Marsh
Tien Nguyen
Michael Sell
Patrick Steele
Carrie Stephenson
Derek Wald

Most Likely to Fall Asleep in Class

Rob Wenzloff
&
Randie Johnson

Most Artistic



John Utter
&
Christina Johnson

Most Mischievous

Tim Warren
&
Brenda Grinde

Most Likely to be President

Matt Korsmo
&
Darcy Gaugler



Most Easily Embarrassed

Clarence Cole
&
Angie Ostrom

Most Active

Mark Harbeke
&
Michelle Roers

Senior Picks...

Best Smile

Ben Scoville
&
Sarah Kern

Class Clown

Pat Tweeter
&
Jennifer French

Best Body



Kyle Hettenbaugh
&
Tara Kelsh

Seniors talk about...

"My best memory of West Fargo High School was discovering Henry David Thoreau."

--Andy Nowacki (12)

Most Likely to Save the World

Shane Spieker
&
Karina Busch



Most Likely to be a Success

Ryan Majkrzak
&
Amy Petersen

Most Likely to Top the Music Charts

Lief Rosenvold
&
Jeni Buchholz

Senior Picks...

Most Gullible

Brad Bessette
&
Vicki Berg

Most Likely to be Abducted by Oompa Loompas

Mike Smith
&
Erin Westberg

Friendliest



Paul Gartner
&
Holly Rost

Most Likely to End Up on Broadway

James Erickson
&
Nancy Tate



Teacher's Pet



Mike Herbst
&
Julie Schmidt

Senior Picks...

Most Athletic

Jake Reese
&
Aarin Zimney



Wildest Dresser



Andy Nowacki
&
Mandy Savageau

"My best memory was going to Europe for German class and visiting Germany and France."

--Holly Morgan (12)

Seniors talk about...

SENIORS

HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Juniors are now done with what is considered the hardest year of their high school career. They are all planning for their future by taking the credits necessary to graduate. This year most of them took the PSAT and the ASVAB tests. They are now planning their attack on the new freshmen and deciding how to celebrate their role as "Kings of the School." They will soon be ready for the real world.



Louie, Louie. At a basketball game, Denita Linnertz (10) plays a tune on the saxophone.

What am I doing here? At play rehearsal Adam Pankow (11) looks for something interesting to do.

Poor Piggy. Working together, Tara Trapp (11) and Jennifer McDougall (11) dissect their pig for anatomy.



Juniors plan for graduation

Making a future

The thought of graduation as it drew nearer made many juniors think of their futures.

Most juniors had already chosen what they want to do after graduation. For most of them, their plans included some form of college.

"When I graduate from high school, I plan on attending Interstate Business College to become a medical assistant," said Stacey Saxowsky (11). "I think that would be a very fun and educational experience. It will benefit me for the rest of my life."

For others, the mere thought of another four years of school caused them to break out in a sweat.

"I'll become an airplane pilot about five to seven years after high school," said Steven Mootz (11).

The reasons that juniors made the choices they did depended highly on their situation. Some chose to go to college as a means of escape, a method to leave behind their daily routine.

Those juniors who chose not to attend college often said they couldn't stand going to school for another four years.

Regardless of the choices they made, most juniors agreed on one thing, graduation was one time they would never forget.

By Suzanne El-Hileh



YMCA, it's fun to stay at the, YMCA. Sherri Ackerman (11) dances to the song YMCA at the Snowball Dance.



Ben Aarestad
Amy Ackerland
Sherri Ackerman
Heather Alberty
Travis Almer
Troy Ament
Tracy Amundson
Emily Anderson
Jon Anderson
Kimberly Anderson

Nate Anderson
Nick Anderson
Rachael Anderson
Rachel Anderson
Ryan Anderson
Brea Balkovatz
Karin Bandli
Jessie Barnum
Danielle Baumann
Megan Baumgartner

Scott Beaton
Casey Benjamin
Amy Bernstein
Amy Bertzyk
Michael Best
Daina Bofenkamp
Stephanie Bonzer
Heidi Borg
Tina Brandsted
Melissa Braseth

Andrea Brennan
Lisa Brinkman
Sophia Broderon
Michael Bruns
Kelly Buchholz
Natalie Buck
Robby Bullis
Chris Carlisle
Lindsey Carlson
Tanya Carlson

Brian Carriveau
Chris Cartledge
Amy Christian
Amy Christl
Maria Clauson
Amy Conyers
Dana Cossette
Eric Coughlin
Patty DeClercq
Lorina Dehnert

Ryan Denis
Erika Devones
Kristy Diede
Justin Dienert
Kim Dimmer
Tasha Dockter
Becky Donabauer
Doug Draeger
Nathan Duncan
Amy Durbin

Suzanne El-Hileh
Sarah Elliott
Megan Ellison
Gina Emery
Julie Engberg
Cory Erbstoesser
Janelle Erdmann
Billy Erenberg
Jami Erickson
Joel Erickson

Sheldon Fercho
 Mitch Finn
 Eric Fischer
 Trudy Fischer
 Lex Flagel
 Steve Fosse
 Bryan Francis
 Chablis Friesz
 Erica Froemke
 Staci Fugleberg

Chadwick Gatheridge
 Jesse Gladue
 Charlie Gooding
 Shannon Gorman
 Shaun Gothberg
 Tiffany Greger
 Pat Griffin
 Naomi Gross
 Josh Grover
 Brian Gruber

Steph Guscette
 Amy Gustafson
 Daniel Gustafson
 Suzanne Haaland
 Dustin Hackey
 Jeremy Hackley
 Ellen Hample
 Adam Hansen
 Leann Hardy
 Stacy Haring

Tony Haugen
 Scott Heiden
 Teri Heise
 Bonita Hellman
 Brandon Helm
 Lindsey Henderson
 Nikki Henley
 Angie Herr
 Caileen Heuertz
 Seth Hibl

Aaron Hill
 Jeremy Hill
 Shannon Hillen
 Bryce Hins
 Jessica Hochgraber
 Jill Hochgraber
 Amy Hoffart
 Elizabeth Hoglund
 Monica Holden
 Alisha Holm

Kelly Holmlund
 Jessica Hough
 Bethany Howitz
 Becki Hummel
 Matt Hunt
 Lon Ihry
 Brad Irving
 Corey Isaak
 Seth Jackson
 Rob Jamieson

Kara Jeanotte
 Amy Johnson
 David Johnson
 Heidi Johnson
 Jennifer Johnson
 Josh Johnson
 Mandie Johnson
 Nick Johnson
 Paul Johnson
 Travis Johnson



Markers and stars entertain Junior tests galore

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test is one of the rituals of the junior experience.

The ASVAB test is filled with childish surprises and scantron dots.

Luckily, the military must have done its research in psychology. With the appearing stars, finding the results was entertaining for one student.

"If it wasn't for the little stars that appeared, I don't think anyone would have paid attention," said Tiffany Greger (11).

Another highlight of the test was receiving free markers while

finding the results. The longer lunch hour was also popular.

Other elements interested female members during the test.

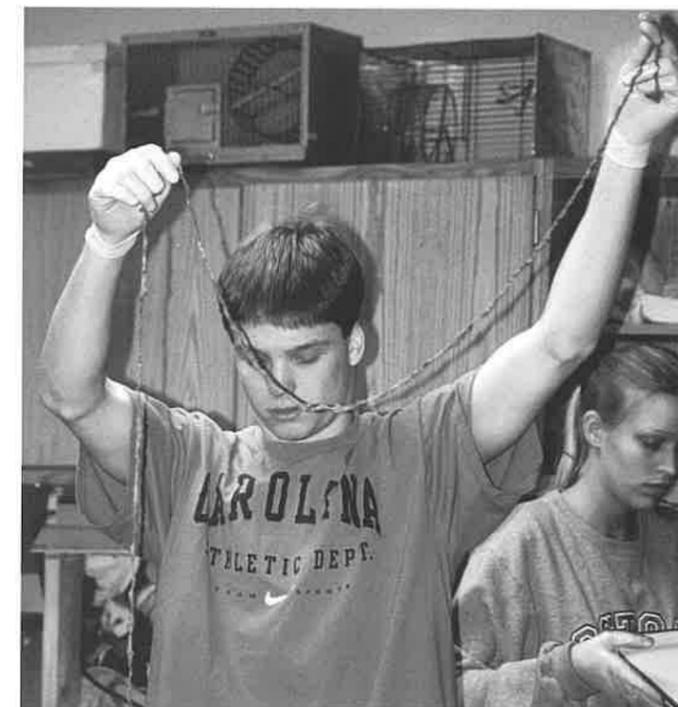
"The cute little guy down front in the uniform made it all worthwhile," said both Amy Conyers (11) and Kristin Marohl (11).

Another junior test, the PSAT had a much harsher reputation.

"I didn't think the literature or the reading part was hard but I thought the math was hard," said Amy Perna (11).

The PSAT qualifies students for the National Merit Scholarship and is practice for the SAT.

By Erika Devones



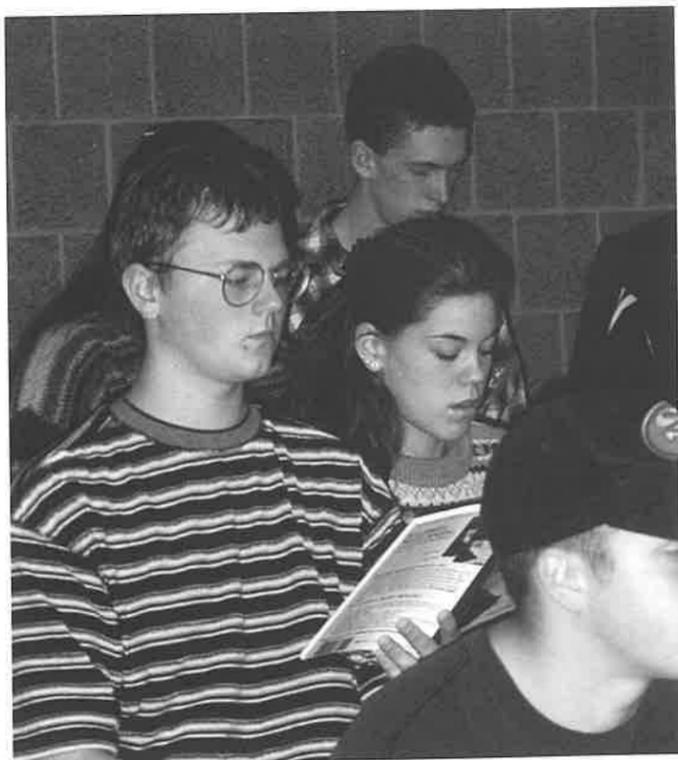
Stringing it up. After finishing the dissection of a fetal pig, Bill Erenberg (11) holds up its intestines. The unnecessary disembowelment of the pig was not supported by Mr. Wagar.

Question & Answer

Who is your favorite musical group and/or singer?

"It would either have to be Tool, Marilyn Manson, Danzig, Slayer, Korn, KMFDM, Rage Against the Machine, Pink Floyd, or Pantera. It's hard to pick a favorite." -- Levi Sivertson (11).

"I'd probably have to say Nine Inch Nails, Frente, and Violent Femmes." -- Amy Ackerland (11).



Ready to sing. Getting ready for the next Concert Choir concert, Adam Pankow (11) and Gretchen Jost (11) look over their sight singing books.



Walter Johnson
Rachel Johnston
Jenny Jones
Toni Jore
Dustin Josephsen
Gretchen Jost
Colby Juntunen
Brandon Kapaun
Kristina Keller
Matthew Keller

Traci Kelly
Lisa Kinshella
Vanessa Kircher
Duane Klatt
Cheri Klemisch
Darci Klemisch
Ben Koppelman
Luke Korbmacher
Lukas Kringen
Darren Kruse

Tony Kurtz
Lisa Kurtz
Ryan Kurtz
Kevin Kussatz
Amanda LaDouceur
Crystal Larch
Brady Larkin
Matt Larsen
Sarah Larson
Megan Lavelle

Ryan Legvold
Beth Leno
Jeremiah Leshner
Amy Lester
Danielle Lewis
Jayson Lider
Jesse Lien
Amanda Liljequist
Kristen Lilleboe
Denita Linnertz

Jeff Linnertz
Angie Lohse
Becky Loney
Robert Lopez
Darin Loven
Bryan Ludwig
Ryan Luken
Adam Lund
Jeremy Lundgren
Derrick Lundstrom

Julie Mahlum
Scott Majkrzak
Alison Maki
Jeff Mapes
Michael Markey
Kristin Marohl
Amy Marx
Amanda McCarty
Tim McDaniels
Corey McDonald

Jennifer McDougall
Jessica McDougall
Jackie McSparron
Deja Meisch
Mitch Migler
Fred Mills
Rich Mills
Steven Mootz
Emily Morgan
Megan Morrison

Emily Mrozla
 Kelly Muhl
 Nicole Mund
 Kelly Murek
 Kristen Nelson
 Tyler Nelson
 Allison Nettekstad
 Jenny Neumiller
 Ronelle Neuschwander
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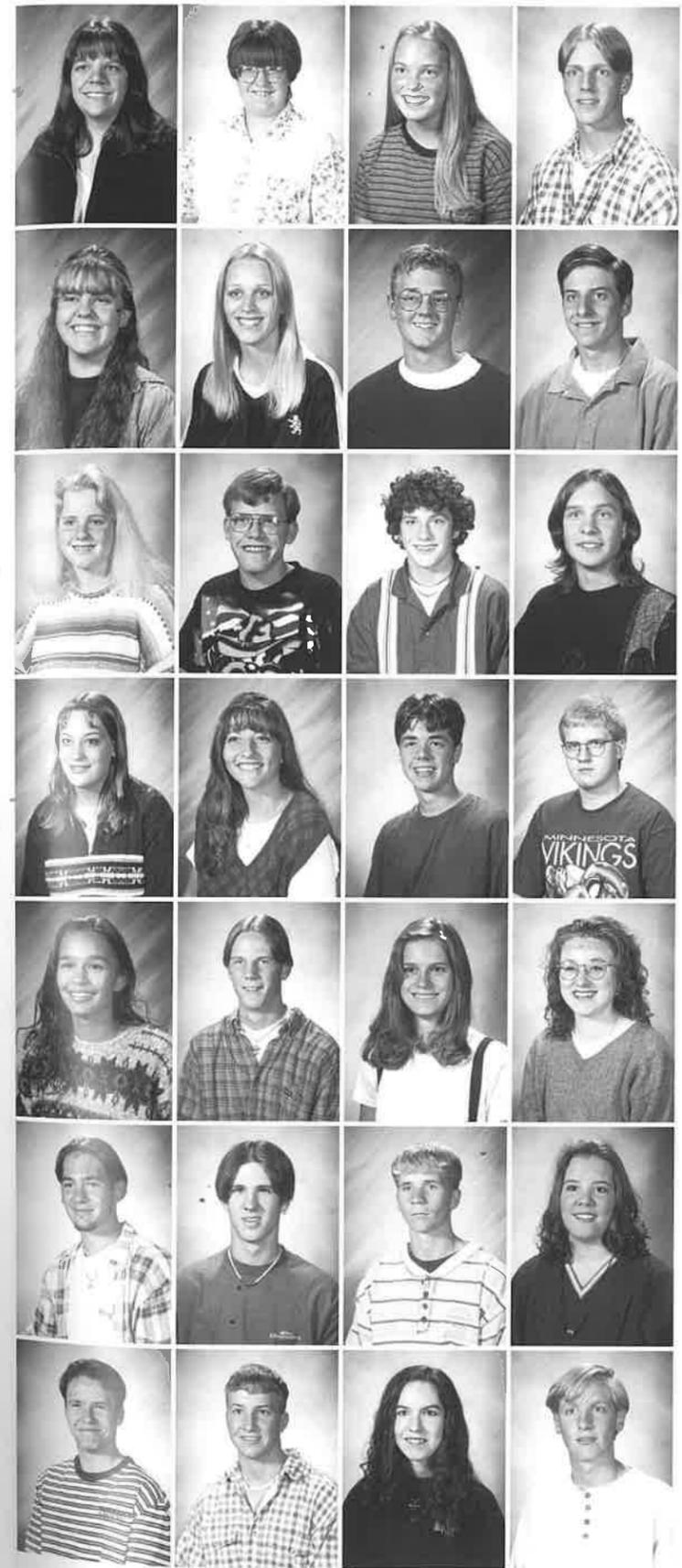
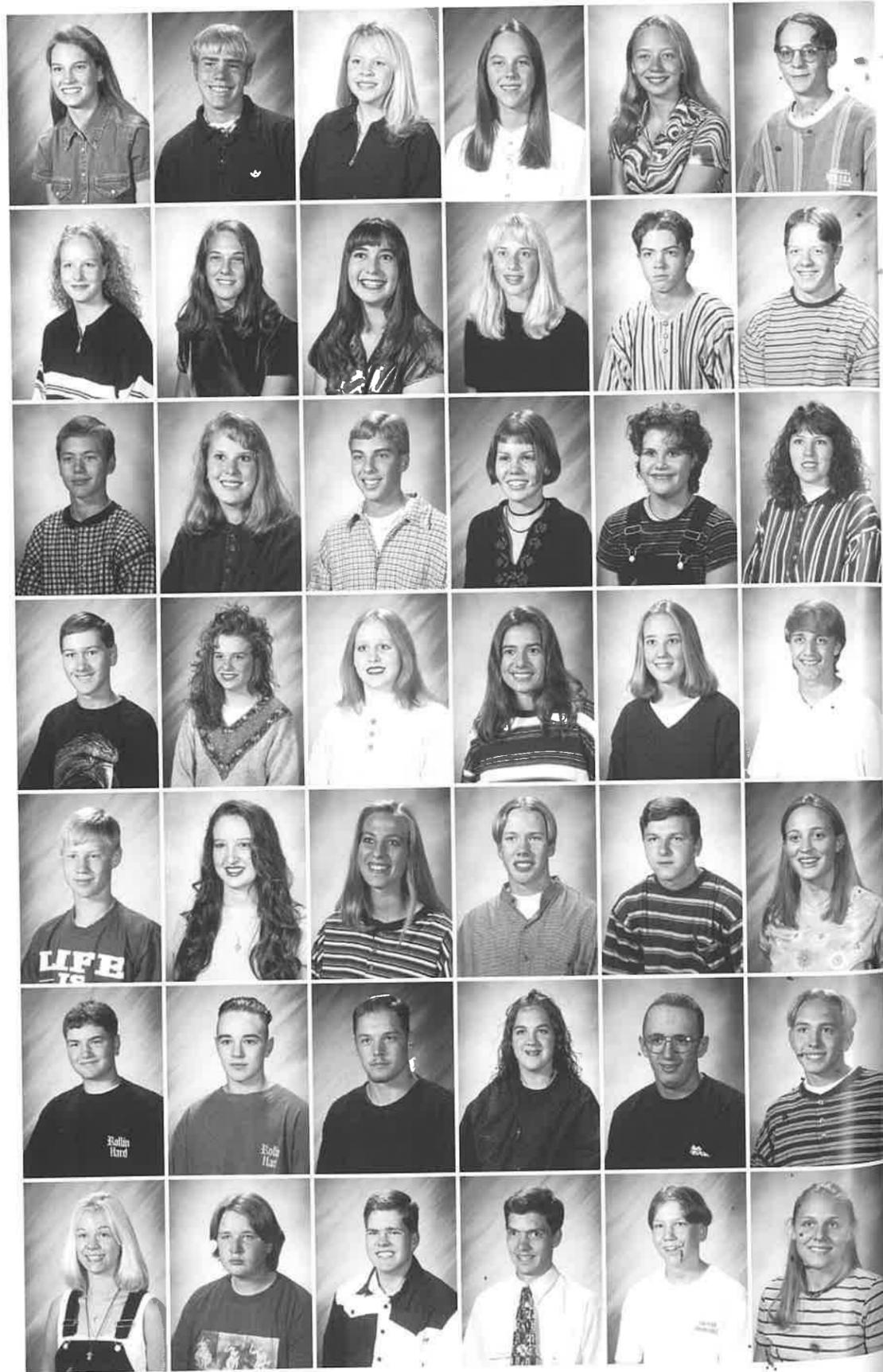
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 Angie Sorteberg
 Mike Soulis
 Matt Steinmetz
 Cora Stephenson
 Kyle Stumpf



Irked juniors retreat to room Stress reactions vary

The junior year is reputed to be the hardest. The occasional drooping eyelids, yawns, and the mutters of apathy all are symptoms of the early stages of 'senioritis'.

"I've lost a lot (of sleep) because of all the stress," said Rachael A. Anderson (11).

Late sporting events, going out late, jobs, and terms papers all add to the stress.

"If it's in a sporting event, and I get home late that's the only problem I've had (with stress and sleep loss)," said Jesse Regan (11).

Though sleep deprivation was uncommon, stress is a problem. "You've just stressed out," said Elizabeth Hoglund (11) to her seventh hour friends.

Even if yoga and meditation work for many housewives, and the President of Mozambique, other methods are just as effective. A student's room is often their

castle, and their haven. "I just go in my room and listen to music," said Amanda Pfaff (11).

Sports such as iceskating, soccer, and track were also popular for relief. Screaming at people is another option.

Christine Rector (11) said, "I don't relieve stress. I just blow up."

Testing yourself on a stress relief card was a more unusual method. Being in a bad mood can even relieve stress.

"I'm usually crabby and sometimes I take part in an illegal activity," said Allison Blair (12).

Apparently harmless things can cause stress. "Fun Dip makes you so hyper it causes stress," said Patty McGuire (12) as she was eating sugary Fun Dip.

By Erika Devones



Early morning exercise, open wide! With a yawn Scott Ralston (11) studies American literature and psychology during advisor time.

Responsible Juniors

I Can do it!

When Juniors finish school for the day, what do they do?

Responsibilities can come in many different shapes and sizes. They can be as small as taking out the garbage or getting to school on time.

Then there can be those really big responsibilities like reviewing for a semester exam or saving the world from evil psychotic friendly looking aliens.

The average responsibility for a typical Junior might be going to their jobs, handing their homework in on time, or getting to after school activities.

"I work my best to get my homework done and get to my job on time," said Eddie Sheeley (11).

We can all remember those funny sayings we said to get out

of our responsibilities, like my cat ate my homework, my homework got torn up by my baby sister, or here is another one...

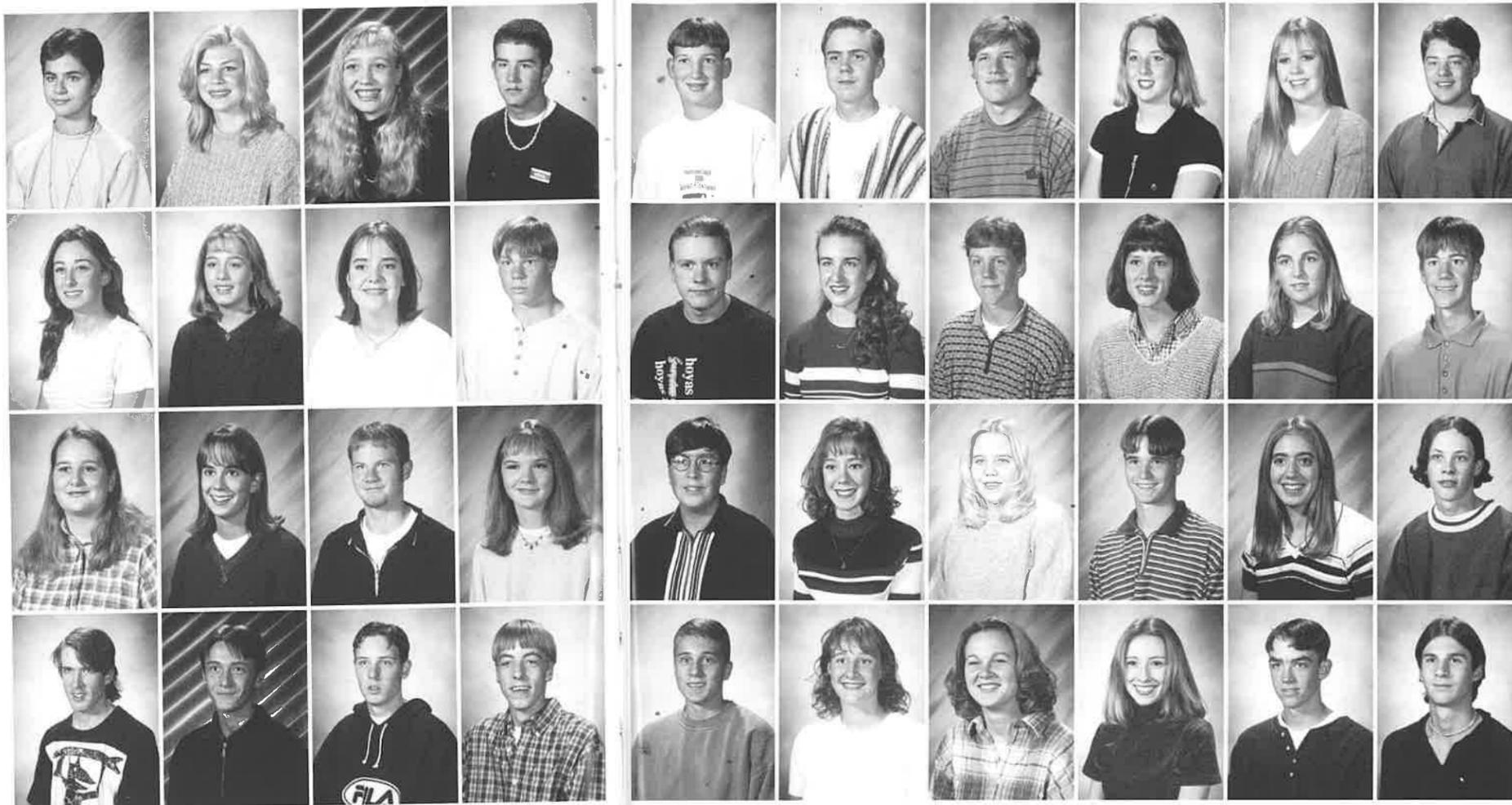
"I was going to miss that day, yeah, that's it," said Joel Erickson (11).

The major aspect of responsibility is time, work, and dedication.

This school year of 1996-97 was one of the worst years for blizzards! School activities were hurt by the delays, students were stuck in their homes, and the first semester finals were postponed.

"There were so many practices we missed for *Camelot*, it wasn't funny," said Adam Pankow (11). "Knox was pulling out her hair!"

By Jesse Lien



Amanda Sundvor
Jessie Swiontek
Janine Tennancour
Alex Thiel
Chris Thomas
Miles Thomas
Josh Thompson
Theresa Tilly
Tracie Tingum
Matt Tintes

Misty Tomchuk
Tara Trapp
Angie Trüchler
Wade Trzruc
Steve Tuff
Sonja Ulrickson
Ryan Utley
Tanessa Vetsch
Angie Vetter
Keif Wagner

Stacy Walen
Missy Walstad
Adam Walter
Amanda Walz
Blake Wanner
Bobbi Ann Ward
Erica Waters
Bryce Weaver
Kristina Webber
Nashan Weis

Mike Wichmann
Kevin Widerstrand
Brandon Wieland
Josh Wilken
Jerad Wilkinson
Melisha Winter
Jenny Winters
Alana Withey
Justin Yagow
Matt Zeis



And now class... Josh Johnson (11), VAPCOM President, attempts to teach the VAPCOM class about computers.

1, 2, 3 kick! 1, 2, 3 kick! During the Snowball Dance, Ben Koppleman (11), Andrea Brennan (11), and Jeff Moe (12) participate in a line dance.



Deathly white. For AIDS awareness day, Becky Loney (11) paints Tiffany Greger's face (11) to represent the large number of infected teenagers.

Not Pictured

Colleen Bruns
Joshua Delo
Crystal Eley
Levi Gulbrandson
Michael Handegard
Johnathan Holtquist
Daniel Johnson
Jessica Kapaun
Janae Lureen
Victoria Flugga
Shelia McPhenson
David Normandin
Marshall Phlman
Michael Rank
Justen Ridl
Adam Roberts
Keri Schmidt
Tylor Sundvor
Donald Teegarden
Tim Warren
Karen Zerr

SOPHOMORES

HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Freshmen no more, the class of '99 strived to prove themselves equal to the older and more privileged half of West Fargo High School. In their second year of high school, the sophomores found more and more of their time being devoted to their academic, athletic, and various other activities. With greater experience than they had last year, the sophomores have plenty to talk about.



Don't hate me because I'm beautiful! Posing for a quick picture, Brandon Cottrell (10) heads to the Halloween Dance.

Clowning Around! With his new hairdo, Kyle Volk (10) tries to get some work done in publications.

Purrrrr! Ready for Halloween at the band haunted house, Tammy Larck (10) is dressed for success.



Jessica Abrahamson
Sean Alderson
Daniel Alm
Derek Andersen
Colleen Anderson
Zach Anderson
Joe Anundson
Ryan Babb
Becca Bachmeier
Jackie Bahnsen

Jonathan Bakken
Theo Baspaly
April Batcheller
Mandie Bearfield
Jessica Beets
Karl Berg
Jill Bernhagen
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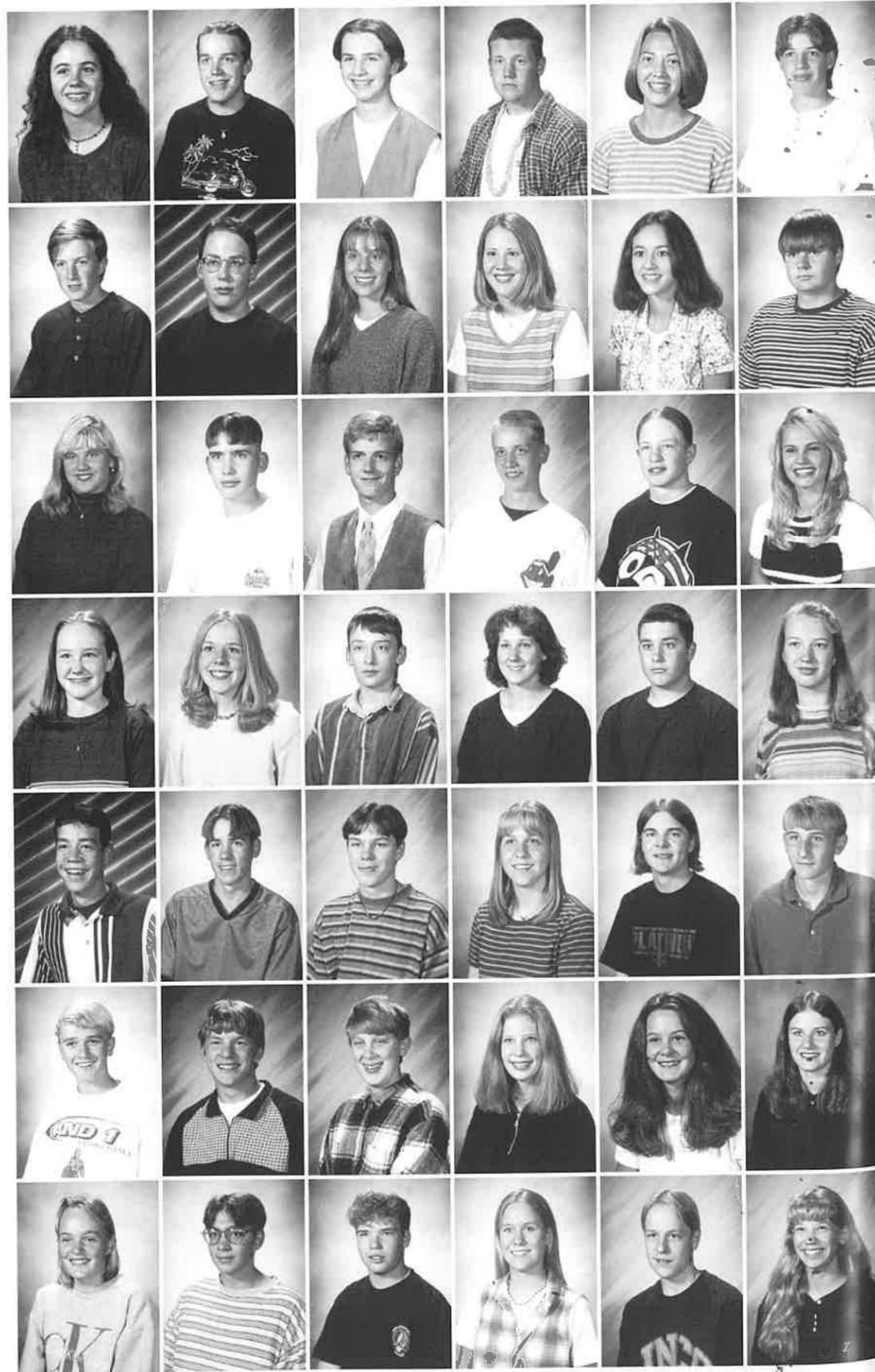
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Ashley Brend
Rodney Broderson
Kelsey Brodsho
Justin Bruggeman
April Burchfield
James Burckhard
Tom Burner
Kristin Burroughs
Jon Byklum

Joshua Calloway
Brandon Carmichael
Adam Carpenter
Brandi Christianson
Scott Christianson
Travis Christl
Amber Clark
Dorriann Clark
Nicholas Collins
Corey Cossette

Ryan Cossette
Brandon Cottrell
Courtney Cullen
Katie Cumber
Nichole Curfman
Stephanie Currens
Derek Czapiewski
Kari Dahlgren
Tera Decker
Naomi Dell

Michal Dickens
Bryan Dockter
Cory Dotseth
Sally Dronen
Chris Eberhardt
Kristen Eder
Sarah Elstad
Nathan Engebretson
Joshua Epping
Brian Erenberg



Sophomores learn to daydream

Ever had the creepy crawlies at night? To get rid of them, try daydreaming. What kind of daydreams are there? There are at least two types one of which would be the "person you like dream." This dream can occur on the bus, at school, at home, or when walking out of a building and suddenly there is the door. WHACK! There is a safer daydream to have, however, which would be the "There is absolutely nothing to do" daydream.

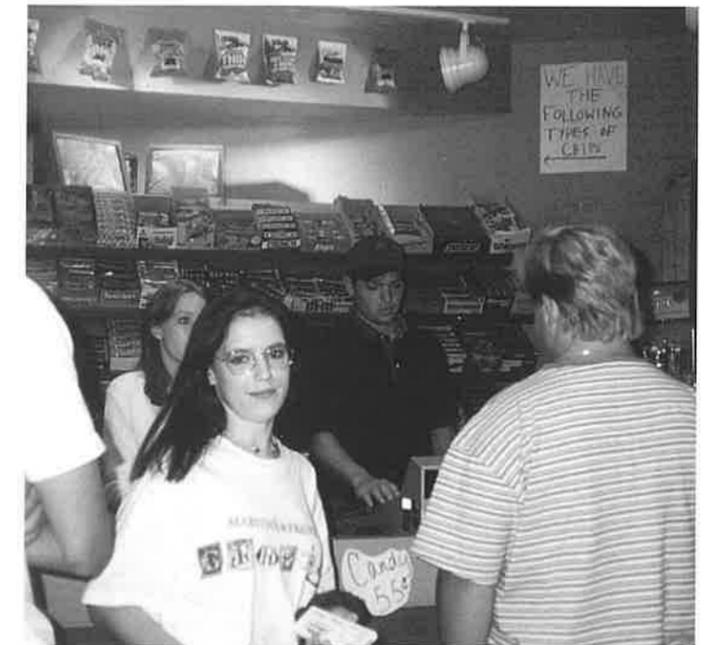
"I daydream about guys when there isn't anything to do," Kristen Burroughs (10) said. Many sophomores have been caught in this daydream. Being caught isn't always the best thing to happen

in the world.

For instance, a sophomore named Bob was sitting in class and was supposed to be listening to a lecture. The teacher then asked the class a question and referred it to Bob after which the teacher noticed he was not paying attention. The class started to laugh after the teacher called his name for the seventh time when all of a sudden a loud noise woke Bob from his wonderful dream. The best part came next which was the "Let's turn about ten shades of red and say, Huh!?"

After all this embarrassment, though, there are always more daydreams to rely on.

By Beth Flowers



Mine, all mine. Taking her candy and money, Robin Kraft (10) leaves the school store to go study and eat.

What's up? Takin' a break from the daily write and read, Casey Viou (10) and Andrew Rausch (10) chat a bit



If you were a fruit, what kind would you be and why?

"I would be an orange 'cause it is a multi-purposed fruit. Both a color and a fruit! Try dipping it in sugar once!"--Ryan Babb (10)

"I would be a pomegranate because I think it sounds cool."--Jamie Gilbertson (10)

"A mulberry, because they are very rare."--Stacey Fosse (10)

"I would be a plum because the big seed in the middle is supposed to be my brain!"--C. J. Jackson (10)

"A cherry because they are small and red and taste good!"--Erin "Pixie" Pryzbilla (10)



Laura Ertelt
Mike Evjen
David Faltersack
Justin Farkas
Chalcee Fingarson
Heather Finley
Eric Flesberg
Beth Flowers
Stacey Fosse
Heather Francis

Ericka Freed
Kristin Freed
Derek Gaffney
Samantha Gange
Kevin Ganje
Troy Gartner
Jamie Gilbertson
Jill Gilleland
Kristin Gillerstein
Richard Gladue

Mike Gorde
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Heather Gromatka
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Amy Grover

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Question & Answer

What is your favorite movie?

"My favorite movie I've seen is either Lord of Illusions or Natural Born Killers. The best of this year, though, would have to be Romeo and Juliet." -- Jeremiah "JP" Knodle (10).

"Happy Gilmore." -- Justin "Beef" Bruggeman (10).

"The Crow because it was very interesting how they had him in the movie even after he died. It was too bad he died so young." -- Desiree Martin (10).



Are you scared yet? Getting ready for the band sponsored Haunted House, Amber Sprunk (10) flaunts her Halloween costume.

Can we go yet? Waiting impatiently to leave the school, Megan Kelly (10) wishes she had open campus for study hall.



Sophomores fume over their lack of open campus

Sophomores have come a long way, having already ascended to the rank of sophomore and overcoming the hurdle of being a frosh. The only thing left to worry about is getting open campus for fourth and seventh period study halls. Many sophomores and freshmen feel it's unfair that upperclassmen have open study halls these periods while they are stuck in school. Although study halls can be, and are meant to be, used for studying (hence the name) and doing homework, the fact remains that underclassmen are stuck in school while upperclassmen are leaving and going wherever they want to.

"If I had fourth hour open, I'd probably be going out to lunch with some of my friends," said Rachel Morrison (10). "I'd be doing anything that's not at school."

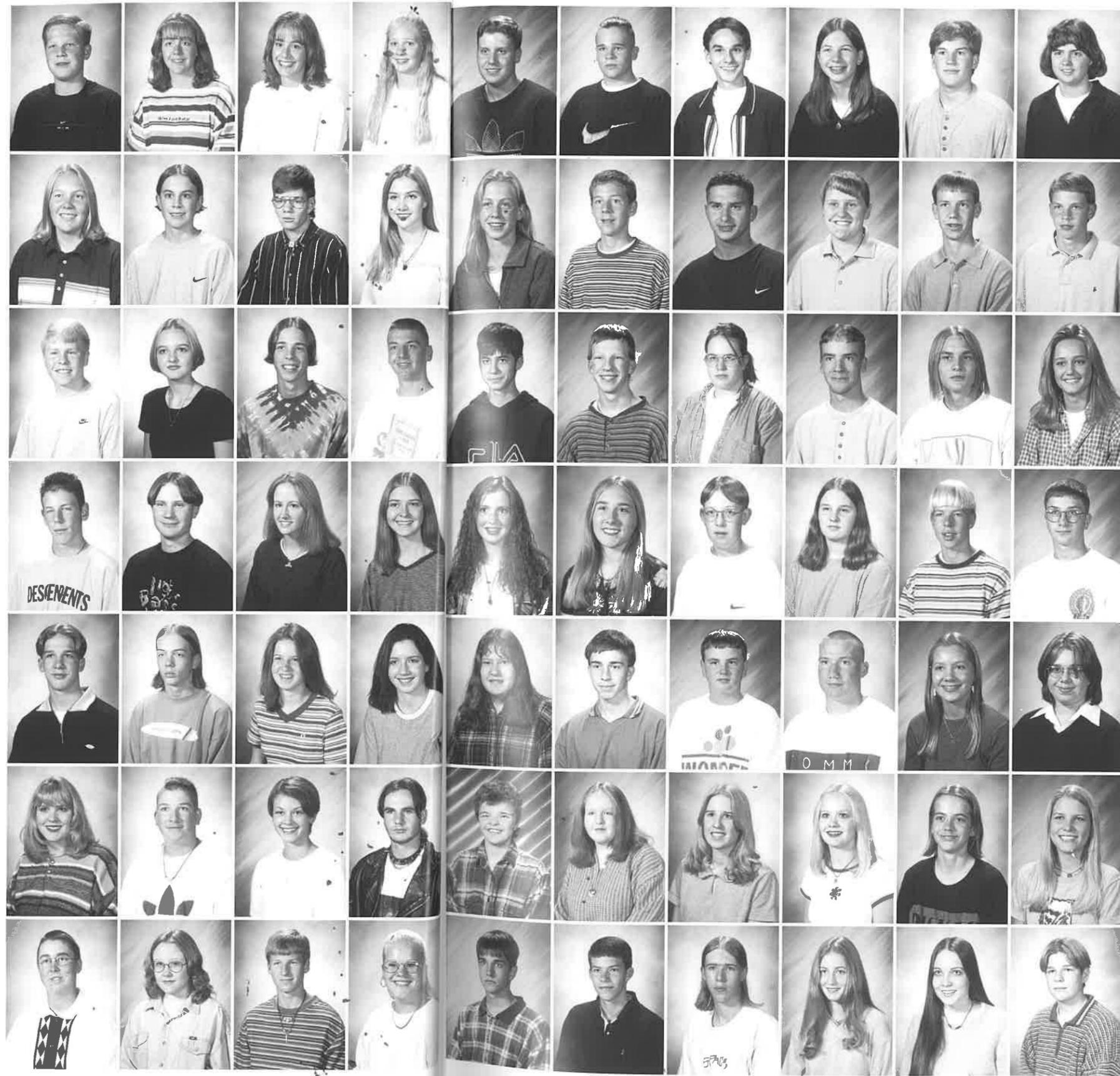
The administrators seem to

have their reasons for not allowing sophomores and freshmen to have open campus, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the students agree with them.

"I think they don't let us have open campus because they don't think we're mature enough," said John Hubener (10).

Whatever their reasons, the administrators probably won't change the school's policies unless there is a major change in the school hierarchy or the students prove that they're mature enough to handle an open period. Until then, the sophomores and freshmen of the school can only wait until they are juniors to have any chance of leaving the school during their study halls and the juniors and seniors may never get that chance to leave if their study hall isn't fourth or seventh hour.

By Michael Vacha



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Rachel Morrison
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Katie Muhonen
Dusty Murray
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Jon Narlock
Amber Neal
Chris Nelson
Jessica Nelson

Sadie Netterlund
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Shawn Pedraza
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Sharla Pickard

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Stephanie Schweitzer
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Jason Scully
John Scully
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Mattew Sommerfeld
Kristine Sonewald

Miranda Sorlie
Andrew Sovenok
Tim Springer
Amber Sprunk
David Stahlecker
Melissa Stai
James Stastny
Andrew Steidl
Tascha Strand
Sarah Strandquist

Amanda Sudeith
Jaime Swanson
Jessica Swanson
Annette Sweeten
Josh Swisher
Trudy Tengwall
Ryan Thayer
Benjamin Thomas
Brian Thompson
Jamie Thompson

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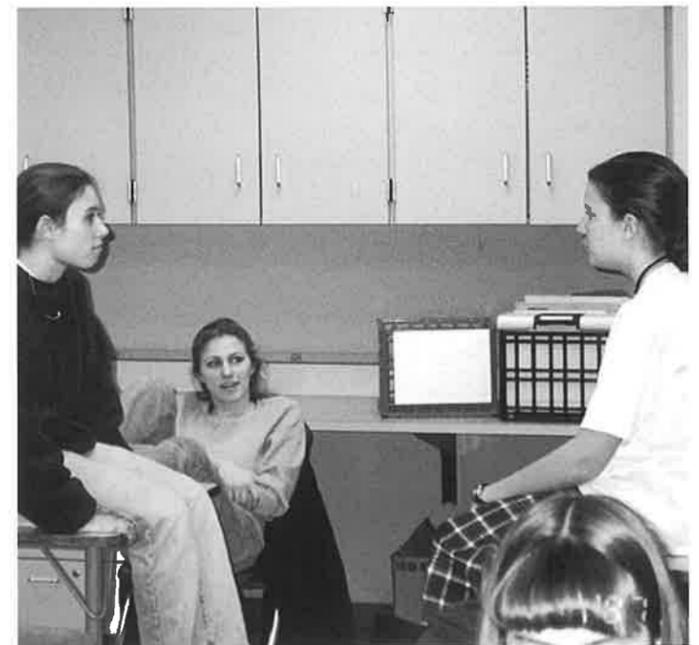
Gremlins & illiterate droolers?

Class of '99 disagrees with that.

"The only Gremlins I know are the ones in the movies, and they're cute!" --Mandie Bearfield (10).

"The story about us didn't bother me because I only drool in my sleep!" --Kim Wehri (10).

"It was really immature to say something like that. She had no right to say something about people that she doesn't even know. --Abby Weingarten (10).

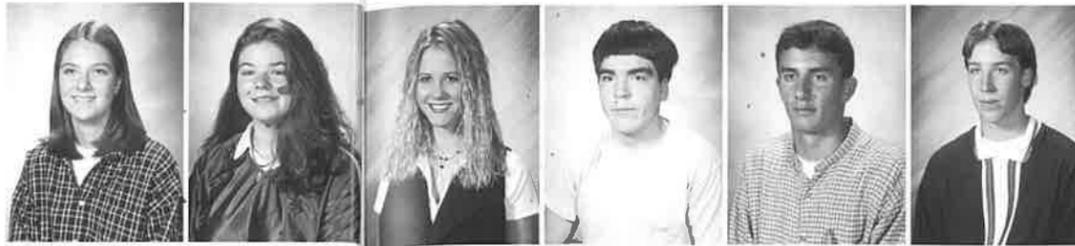


Ah, let's relax! After a strenuous day of finals, Annette Sweeten (10), Kristin Volk (10), and Kim Wehri (10) relax in class.

Say cheese. During class Mark Valovage (10) thinks happy thoughts that make the time fly by.



Theresa Yahnke
Melanie Zacher
Miranda Zetocha
Jon Zeuschel
Eric Ziegler
Ben Zurn



Cold, very cold. While washing her hands, Jennifer Kingsley (10) gets a blast of cold water.



Artistic talent? Displaying her creative talent, Megan Kelley (10) makes a sign for cheerleading.



Just chillin'. Relaxing on their day off, Liza Sorteberg (9) and Katie Heiden (10) try to catch a few winks.

Conga line. At the the snowball dance Brandy Ussery (10) leads a dance line through a crowd of other dancers.



Dazed and Confused. While wandering the computer lab, Jannie Woodley (10) wonders what she will watch on TV that night.

It's turning yellow - no that's the corn! During biology Josh Epping (10) does an experiment with corn.

Question and Answer

What is your favorite TV show?

"The Drew Carey Show is funny because of the way that Drew and Mimi are always doing stuff to each other."--Amber Sprunk (10)

"The Dennis Roadman World Tour on MTV. It's a funny and cool show to watch and Dennis is a stud!"--Justin Kruse (10)

"Seinfeld is the best because of the twisted plots and how they incorporate every tiny seemingly insignificant detail."--Meg Holle (10)

"Seinfeld because it's a show about nothing."--Paul Metcalf (10)

FRESHMEN

HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

No longer Middle Schoolers, the Freshmen have taken the role of being verbally trampled on very well. Although they have not been harassed as badly as last year's freshmen, they have had to put up with much criticism from the upper classmen. Since all this takes place every year, the freshmen will have Something to Talk About when they look back at their years spent at WFHS.

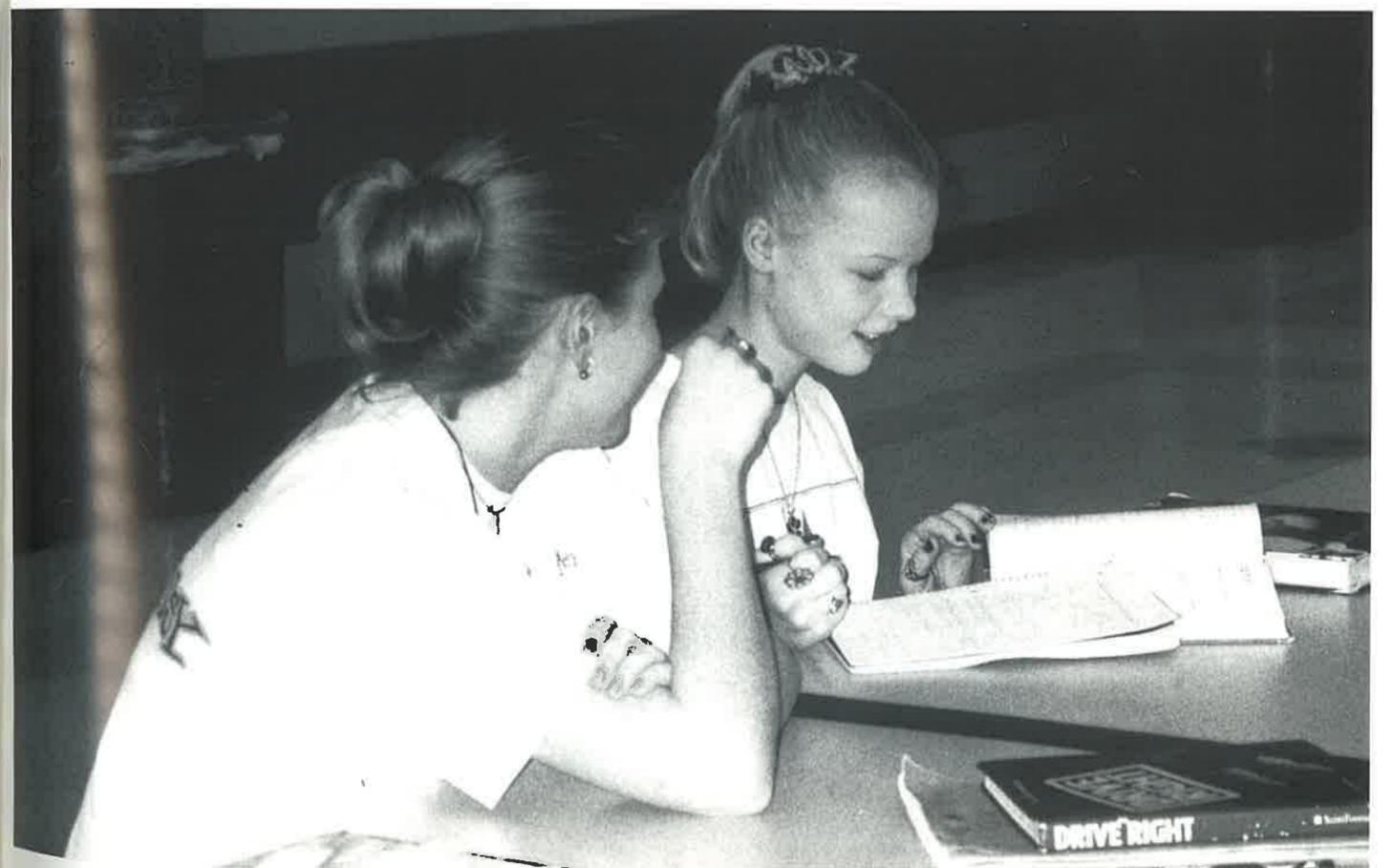


Thinking hard... Thinking of the correct word, Nick Westberg (9) writes an answer on the board.

Can you help me? During study hall Ceara Mischel (9) asks for help while working on her world geography.



Learn those lines... Studying their scripts, Tanya Hornbacher (9) and Amanda Joachim (9) wait for play practice to begin after school.



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Katie Anderson

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Michael Anderson
Steven Anderson
Trevor Anderson
Maggie Asmund
Brandie Baasch

Tina Bachmeier
Natasha Baker
Aaron Balster
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Bryant Beaton
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Jolene Berg
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Mike Biewer
Mirela Bikic
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Kristin Bjerke
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Amanda Borseth
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Trent Brandsted

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Jeremy Buehre
Llonna Burbidge

Ben Burchill
Nathan Busche
Alissa Carlson
Tina Carpenter
Christina Clancy
Bridget Clauson



Class of 2000 makes the grade

Despite the constant stereotypes against freshmen, the class of 2000, like the classes before them, have been able to overcome these fallacies.

The freshman seemed to be taking the year in stride. Nobody seemed to make fun of them much, and most have never heard of the term "Drooling illiterate." Even less have been referred to as one.

When asked if she felt that she has been treated fairly as a freshman, Tanya Hornbacher said that she had, because everyone thought that she was older than a fresh-

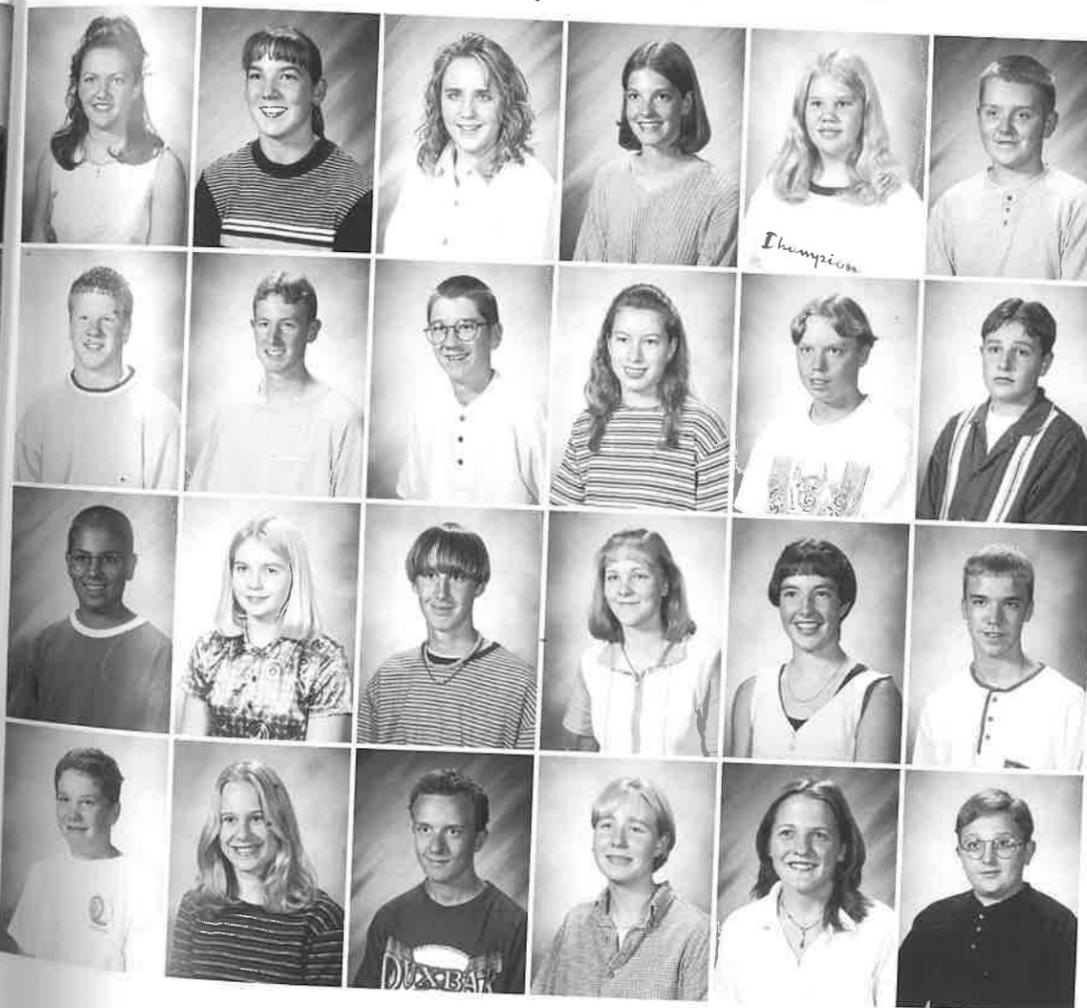
man. Whether or not the class of 2000 freshmen really did look older than they were was a matter of opinion.

For those who did not feel that they were treated fairly, as they made the transition from freshman to sophomore, most found that they did not have much sympathy for the freshman who are below them.

Most freshmen said, in similar words, that their freshman year has been far better than their time spent at the middle school.

By Tera Decker

How do you spell that word? Marcus Soulis (9) concentrates contentedly on his World Geography assignment.



Laura Clauson
Erin Cleary
Christine Conrad
Kristen Crummy
April Cumber
Kory Cwikla

Pat Dardis
Lee Davidson
Grant Davidson
Teresa Dikoff
Dale Disher
Matt Dondoneau

Ryan Dubord
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Chelsey Effinger
Colin Eide

Travis Ekren
Lisa Elless
Joel Ellingson
Kristin Engelking
Lashelle Enger
Derrick Enloe

One, two, and go. Looking excited, Dan Rolle (9), Chris Hunt (9), and Jason Lorz (9) prepare to sing during varsity choir.



Freshmen, pull up those low-riding pants

"Their pants get a little lower every year," said Jessica Richard (10).

The major complaint directed toward this year's freshmen was not whether they could read, write, or control drool; but if they could find pants that actually fit.

Apparently that was too complicated of a process for them. A person would think that they could at least buy a belt. On the other hand, it's probably better to be insulted simply on an appearance rather than actual fact. It is a fact that the class of 2000 is quite intelligent, just as it is a fact that freshmen always get picked on.

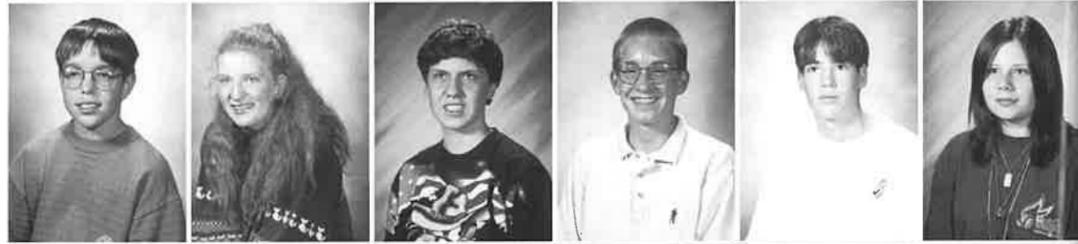
"I don't like it when they stop in the hallway and talk," said Eliza-

beth Hoglund (11). They could be doing something as simple as walking too slowly, and there would probably be something wrong with it.

"It's tradition," said Jon Manske (9). All the freshmen survived the mental anguish of being the youngest and they seemed to take everything in stride. In the years to come, we shall see the products of the class of 2000. All of us, will remember their baggy, beltless pants, uncombed hair, and sense of individuality, as well as their endless free spirits.

By Brooke Johnson

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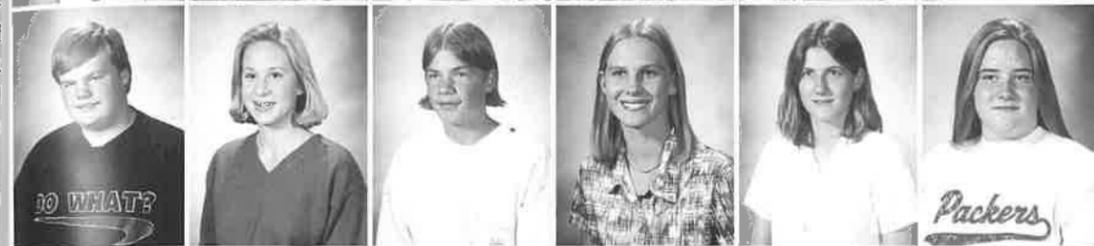
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Josephine Hoffarth
Gregg Hoffman
Ashley Holm
Evan Holmen
Perry Hopper

Tanya Hornbacher
Chris Hunt
Scott Huson
Jacoby Hutchinson
Leisha Ihry
Kjirsty Jendro



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Jordan Jost
Diane Kasowski



Jennifer Kasowski
Eric Keck
David Kees
Keziah Keller
Lucas Kelly
Melody Kelly



Jake Kemmer
Kristin Kerr
Meghan Kirchen
Leigh Kitzan
Katherine Klaers
Joel Kleven



Rochelle Koehnen
Rebekah Koppelman
Anne Korsmo
Brian Kraemer
Katie Krajeck
Aftin Krieger



I'm awake, I'm awake.... Working so hard that he exhausts his brain, Mark Fradet (9) fights sleep in his English I class.



Can I go back in yet? Avoiding watching eyes, Shanna Hardy (9) has thoughts of leaving her post in the hall to get a drink or a snack.



Patricia Krogh
Jordan Kubista
Leihla Kurlle
Jody Lamb
Summer Lamb
Amanda Lang



Lindsey Larsen
Nick Larson
Sally Larson
Shanna Laude
Courtney LeClair
Jami Lee



Adam Lemke
Jerica Lenzmeier
Andrea Lessard
Tonia Lidenberg
Matthew Lilleboe
Amanda Lipp



Jason Lorz
Nicholas Lund
Jill Lundgren
Jovanae Lureen
Sara Majkrzak
Jon Manske

Freshmen run the gauntlet

With the 1370 students roaming the hallways, it was hard for students to get from one place to another.

Many carried the materials they needed for class in their backpacks.

With a four minute break between each class, which students used for visiting, the locker has lost popularity.

"I don't like to go to my locker very often because you arrive late for class," said Gregg Hoffman (9).

Students preferred to use that time to talk to their friends. Some freshmen just carried their books and walked to their classes with frequent stops at their lockers.

A way to clear the crowded hallways would be to "speed it up or make it more organized with an

escalator," said Bryce Niessan (9).

Some students thought an easier solution would be to add an extra minute. "We need more time between classes," said Kevin Muhl (9).

Even those with a leisurely schedule and close together room numbers would probably find use for an extra minute.

"My classes are pretty close together. It would be nice with another minute. I'm always one of the last ones to get to my class," said Brittani Halverson (9).

Upperclassmen in the hallways have various reputations. A few freshmen thought there were too many seniors yelling their way around.

Upperclassmen had a better reputation with freshmen they

befriended.

"The upperclassman don't really bother me, but they are funny," said Nathan Grant (9). Sometimes height can be a factor in the labyrinth of the high school hallway.

"Upperclassman are nice as long as you're taller than them," said Sara Majkrzak (9).

A student's perspective often changed their feelings about the hallway. Vertically challenged individuals were more likely to be squished.

"I am so little, so I think they are really crowded," said Nathan Grant (9).

One freshman interviewed believed the hallways were roomy, contrary to popular belief.

"The hallways aren't crowded,"

said Majkrzak.

All students probably were stuck behind someone who was intent on walking one mile per hour, or the group of students who found it convenient to stay in the thoroughfare. Hazards abounded in the world of the darting, and dodging.

The time between classes never changed, so everyone had to be aware of the hazards of the hallways.

The backpack wearers were often unaware of their ominous turtle-like presence. For some victims, it was like running the gauntlet.

"Like when people wear backpacks, they turn around and keep on hitting you with their backpacks," said Niessan.

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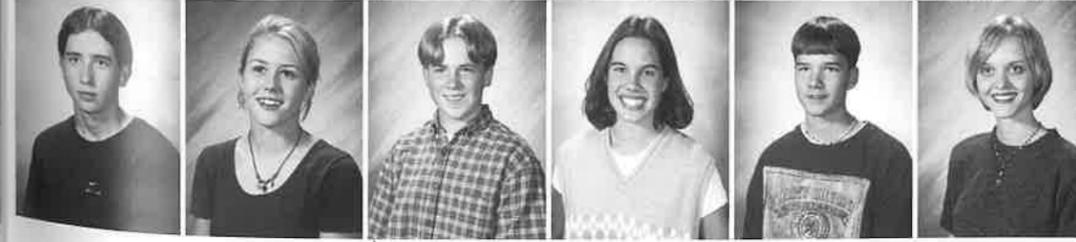
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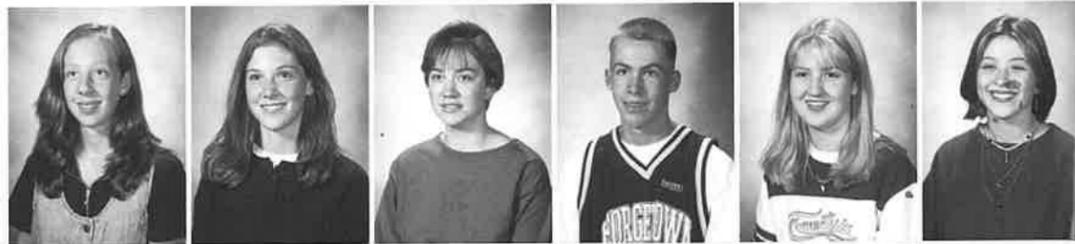


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Jennifer Schwarting



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Justin Senger
Aana Shaw
Jamie Short
Adam Silbernagel
Heather Sistad



Sarah Skallet
Kerry Smith
Jaclyn Solberg
Liza Sorteberg
Marcus Soulis
Jared Steinbrecher



Believe me! Nathan Engebretson (10), Katie Krajeck (9), Jill Gilleland (10), Amy Bertzyk (11), and Dan Rolle (9) discuss the problems of the world and their plans for the weekend.



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Jason Streed
Jamie Swenson
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Renee Swiontek
Tammy Syverson



Kelsey Tande
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Marcus Urlaub
Adam Voorhees
Hieu Vu
Darcy Walth



Melissa Weil
Aron Wells
Nick Westberg
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Melissa Williams
Nicole Williams



Tom Wilm
Kacie Wollitz
Inna Yerisov

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| Timothy Hayenga | Amanda Schott |
| Amanda Higdem | Jennifer Searcy |
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| | Alicia Weishaar |
| | Justin Woodworth |

ACADEMICS

HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

The faculty supports the students of West Fargo by keeping our school running smoothly. Many of the teachers, cooks, and custodians have a "life" outside this school, but they still manage to spend long hours before and after school to help it run smoothly. They help to teach us and give us the best high school education they can possibly give.



Set me up again! Taking a break during conferences, Assistant Principal Gary Clark readies himself for another beverage.

Shopping early. Looking for a bargain, Mrs. Karen Olson and Mrs. Linda Dahl eye the arts and crafts that were sold at November conferences.

Enjoying every minute! Working in the concession stand is a pleasurable experience for Mrs. Mary Anderson and Mr. Bob Bjornson.



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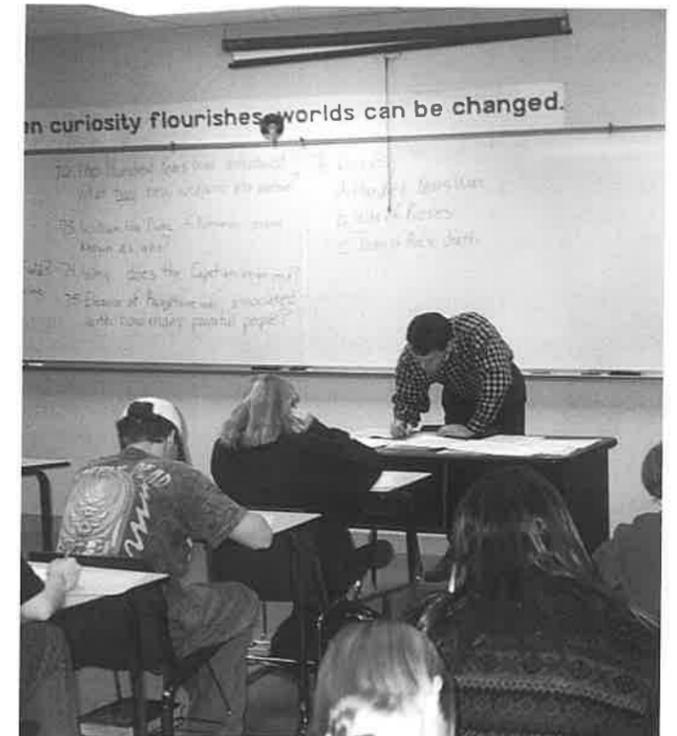
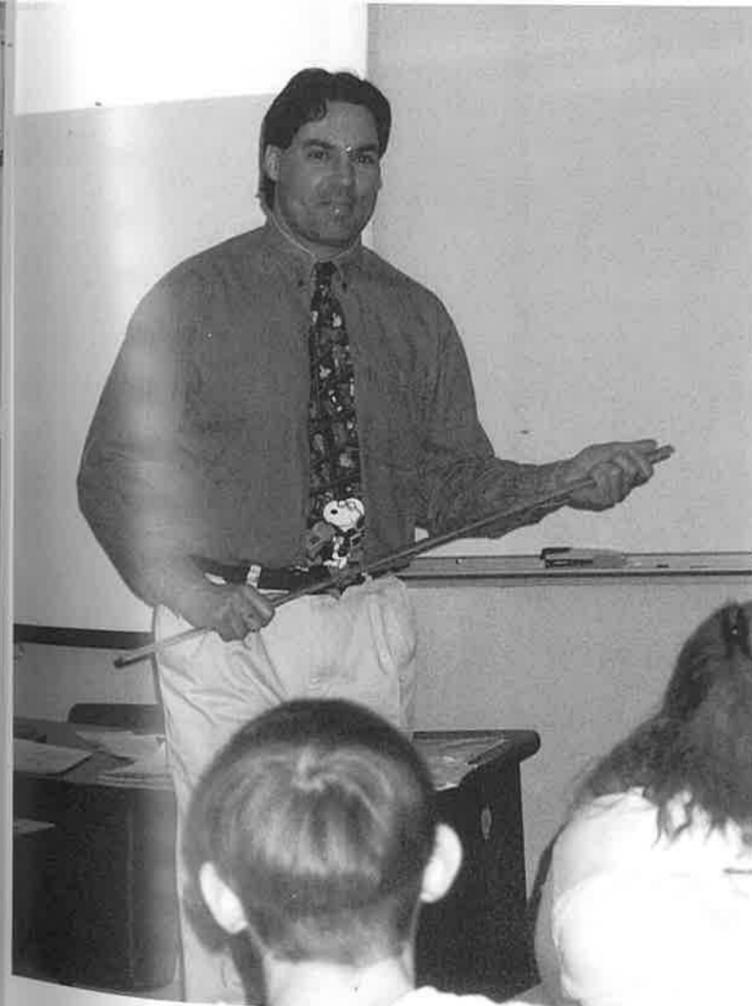
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I'm busy here! Answering the phone is hard work. Just ask secretary Trish Eide who needs a vacation after this busy year.

What will we do now? At the end of a long day, Assistant Principals Gary Clark and Karen Olson discuss some important issues.

Go on with your big bad self! At the Packatahna's father daughter dance, Christina Siewert (11) dances with Principal Mr. Mike Drew.



Check me out! Could Mr. Jim Jonas be the next spokesmodel for the next teachers' issue of Vogue? Lookin' good - just maybe lose the pointing stick.

And an F for you. While his seventh period class works on a test, Mr. Paul Sczepanski, Mr. Jim Jonas' student teacher, writes down a grade.

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Joanne Rheault, Library

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Lisa Thompson, Lighthouse
Richard Veit, School Psychologist

The Queen of Computers. When it comes to computers, Mrs. Susan Woodley tries to help all the students with working and understanding the computers better.



Doing that library thang. Working at her computer, Mrs. Mary Soehren completes her daily library tasks.



Always there to lend a helping hand. While speaking to a parent, Counselor Mona Riddle looks up a student's file.



ENGLISH

Erika Ableiter, English
Mary Conant, English
Ruth Ganskop, English
Jane Holland, English
Sybil Hopkins, English

Mary Knox-Johnson, English
Lori Liebl, English
James MacFarlane, English
Mary Sherman, English
Marti Simmons, English

Deb Voss, English
Joe Welder, English



Larry Anderson, Art
Lori Anderson, Spanish
Mark Berntson, Band
Brenda Luthi, Art
Cynthia McCleary, Spanish

Jeffrey Mueller, Choir
Kathy Neugebauer, German
Kathy Scott, Spanish
Kristen Tangen, French

Not Pictured:
Barbara Redlin, Choir

Foreign languages increase employment opportunities

Toward the end of the school year, students registered for classes for 1997-98. Making decisions on what to take proved to be very difficult.

Why should students take a foreign language? One reason is that some colleges require it for admission.

There are more reasons than just college admission as Spanish teacher Mrs. Kathy Scott stated.

"Some students should take a foreign language for the pure reason of knowledge." But for those students who want more than just the knowledge, a foreign language helps enhance English skills.

Some may use it for travel, in-

creased employment opportunities and to learn respect for cultural diversity.

One of the most important reasons Mrs. Scott said, was that one out of seven people in the United States speaks a language other than English. With this in mind, maybe next year at registration that little circle that's filled in will be Espanol, Duetsch, or Francais.

By Beth Flowers



Don't even try it! While watching the every move of the students in the commons, Mrs. Mary Sherman sips her coffee and waits for the next unruly student to come her way.

You gotta be kidding me! Talking and laughing, Mrs. Lori Anderson jokes with Mrs. Kathy Scott.

MATH

SCIENCE

Donald Burnham, Mathematics
Jim Dew, Mathematics
Claudia Engelstad, Mathematics
Randy Holzkamm, Mathematics
Duane Lura, Mathematics

Reuben Mutzenberger, Mathematics
Pam Offerdahl, Mathematics
Maria Pegg, Mathematics
Shelly Wraalstad, Mathematics



Not Pictured:
Kevin Munns, Science
Ronald Mathsen, Mathematics

Joan Baltezare, Science
Jerome Christiansen, Science
Sara Forness, Science
Ron Halverson, Science
Terryl Holm, Science

Scott Johnson, Science
Pamela Thompson, Science
Mark Wagar, Science

Math not as boring as some would think

To some, math is just a boring, dull, pointless class which administrators and teachers decide you need to do. If students had the choice, they would drop the class in a second and never do another math problem in their lives. But to others math is their livelihood and their means of making money. One of these people is Mr. Randy Holzkamm. Mr. Holzkamm teaches Algebra II, trigonometry, and calculus.

"Trigonometry is a combination of algebra and geometry. Calculus is an advanced math course which allows you to go beyond the limit of high school math. It's an advanced technique to solve real world problems," he said.

With the more advanced math classes, students might wonder why they need to know why they have to learn such hard things. "More majors are requiring ad-

vanced math," said Holzkamm. "As technology advances, math is needed to understand how things work."

Being a math teacher, Holzkamm has certain likes and dislikes about his profession.

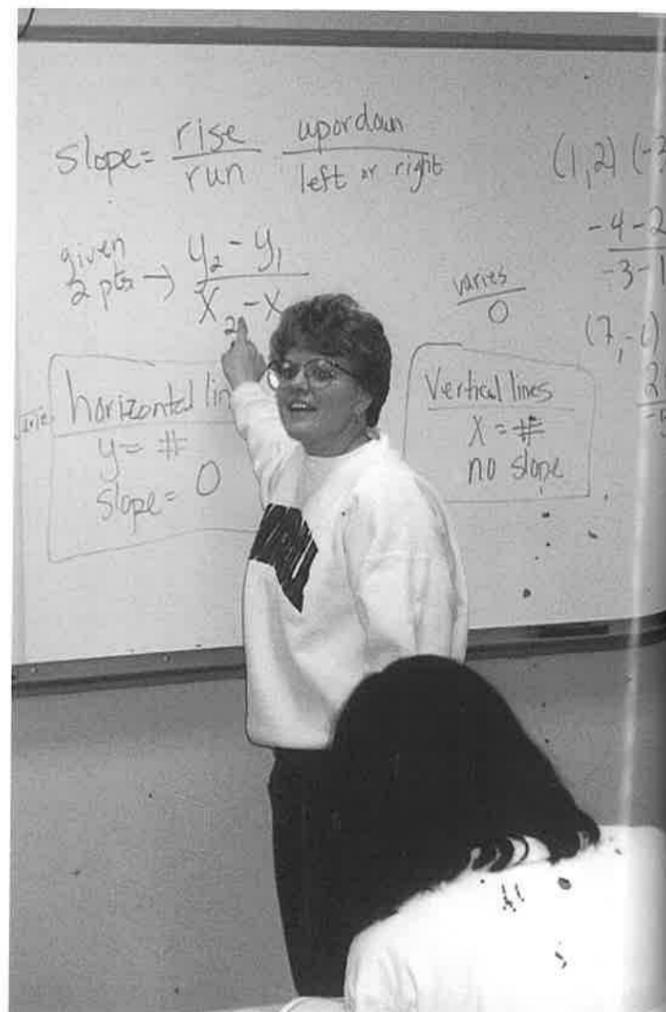
"I like being a math teacher because math is more of a skill to apply to real life situations," said Holzkamm. "The bad thing is that people don't like math, and they have the idea that they can't do it."

What do people have the most trouble with? "Word problems," said Holzkamm without a moment's hesitation.

As to why he became a math teacher in the first place, Holzkamm knows the real reason was that he wanted to teach.

"I enjoy doing math," he said. "It's a subject where you can help a lot of people."

By Michael Vacha



Element A mixed with element B will... Add this, multiply this... During class, Recording his scientific observations, Mr. Randy Holzkamm helps out Christina Siewert (11), Nathan Olson(10) learns the do's and don'ts of experiments.

This is the slope of a line. As she points to one of her mathematical miracles on the board, Mrs. Shelly Wraalstad answers a student's question.

VOCATIONAL/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mary Anderson, Vocational
Richard Anderson, Business
Steven Anderson, Vocational
Cheryl Baumgarten, Business
Robert Bjornson, Vocational
Richard Cwikla, Vocational

Fred Dahnke, Drivers Ed
Linda Dahl, Vocational
Charles Gad, Business
Jay Gibson, Business
DeAnn Grommesh, Vocational
Jerome Heinz, Vocational

Ken Janz, Computer
Timothy Kramer, Vocational
Janice Miller, Physical Education
Robert Monte, Physical Education
Jerry Nordstrom, Vocational
Doyle Plecity, Physical Education

Mike Stratton, Physical Education
Debra Uetz, Physical Education
Susan Woodley, Paraprofessional



CUSTODIAL & KITCHEN

Helga Bennett, Cook
Darlene Gilberts, Cook
Cheryl Hartle, Custodian
Cliff Hartl, Custodian
Tracy LeClair, Cook

LaVonne Pulczynski, Cook
Joan Saye, Cook
Jesusa Torres, Cook
Barb Werlinger, Cook



Custodians at WFHS, not appreciated enough for all the tasks they do

The many custodians of WFHS never receive as much appreciation as they often should. Because they pick up after the students and teachers, they deserve much appreciation. Granted, they don't come in verbal contact with many students, but they still deserve certain recognition for all the things they do for the school.

Just one of the many custodians is Cliff Hartl. Cliff is a day-time custodian at West Fargo High School. He is in charge of checking the air handling system, the boilers, kitchen equipment (freezers, coolers), winter snow removal, setting up lunch tables, and unlocking the building in the mornings.

Cliff started in 1983 working nights at the old high school for three years, but when the new high school opened, he moved to the new building working days.

When asked if he considered his

job boring, Cliff replied, "I don't think so. I worked nights for awhile, and to me that was boring." The night shifts have a set routine, but day shifts vary day to day. "By the time I fix one locker on one end, someone breaks another on the other side."

Despite how busy Cliff is, Cliff likes his job. "I enjoy it. I like the hours. I start at 6:30 a.m. and get done at 3:30 p.m." Cliff said he prefers the maintenance part compared to the cleaning.

All the custodians of our school try very hard to keep WFHS one of the area's nicest schools. This could not be accomplished without them. So, don't throw your garbage on the floor because the time of all the hard-working custodians of WFHS could be better spent.

By Lisa Kurtz

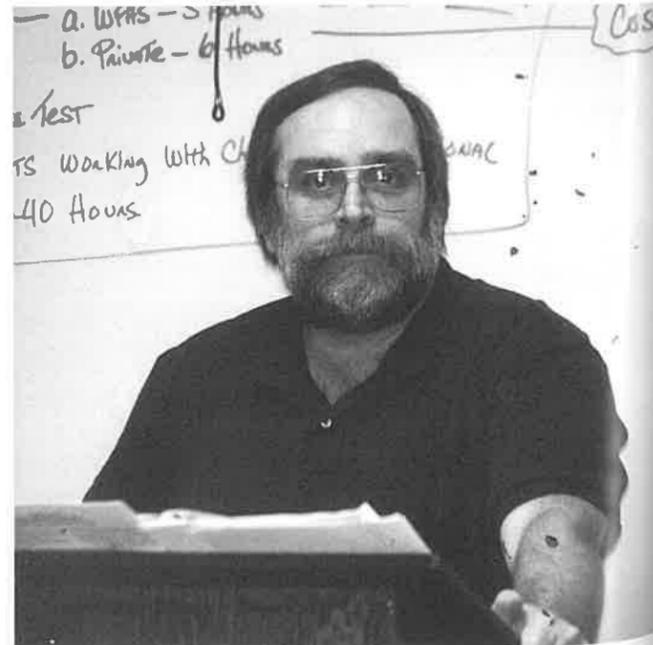


Taking a break. Enjoying a moment of relaxation are Dwight Nettleton, Shawn McFarland, Cliff Hartle, and Steve Miller. Important work! Collecting the garbage is only one of Cliff Hartl's many jobs during the school day.

Working hard. While making a poster, Mrs. Mary Anderson looks over her completed work.



Look into my eyes. In his driver's education class, Mr. Fred Dahnke teaches his students about the rules of the road.



S T R O P S

HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

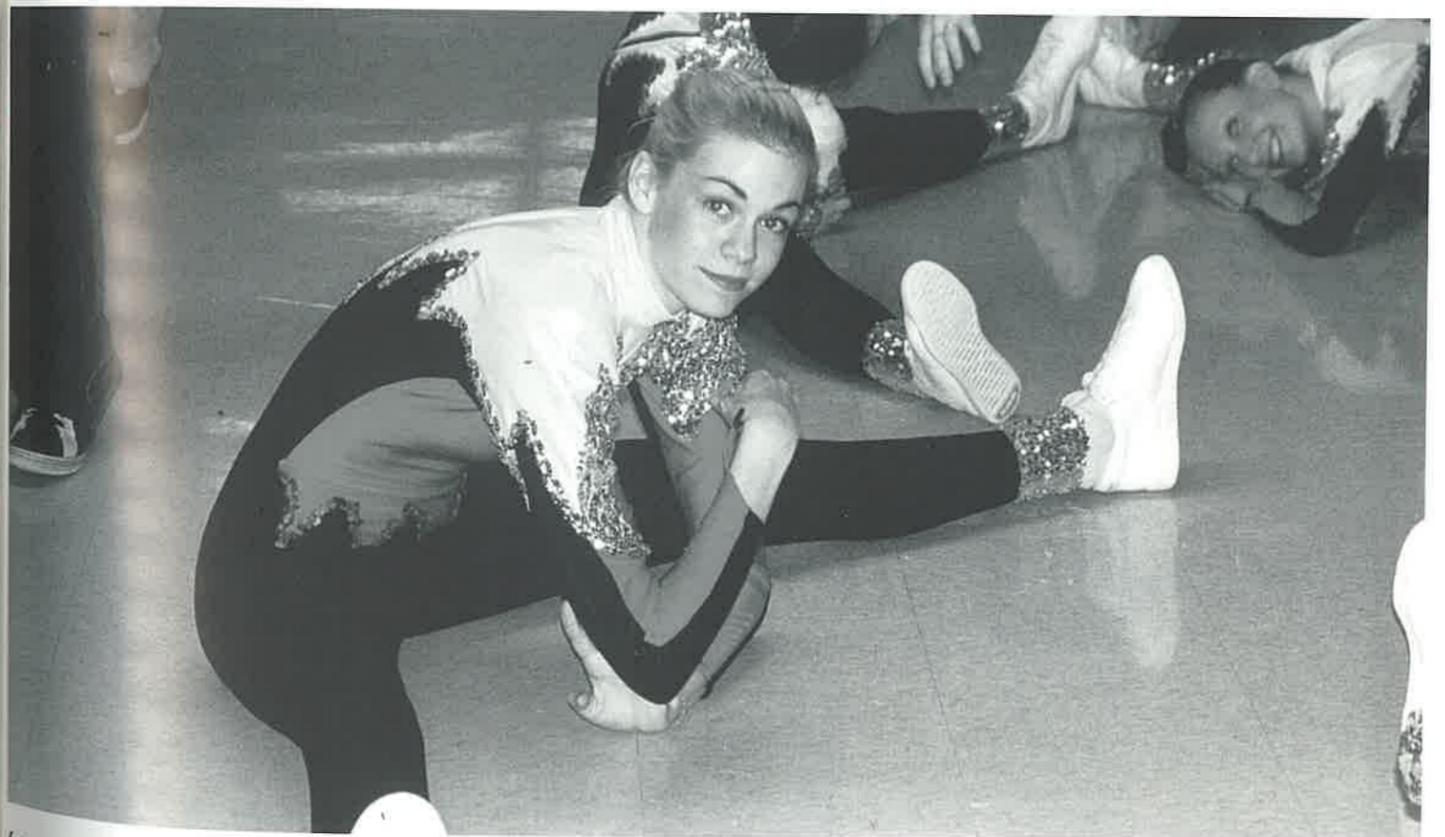
Through thick and thin, the Packers always seem to prevail. 96-97 was another banner year for Packer sports. Although they may not have won all games, matches or meets, our athletes still managed to show their pride and support their school proving that Packer athletics is something to talk about.



It's mine! During a boys' soccer game, Josh Wilken (11) fights with an opponent for the ball. The Packers posted a best-ever record of 7-6-3. The Pack also managed to snag a sixth place finish at the state tournament in Jamestown.



Fix him up! During a pre-season football practice, trainer Monica Holden (11) attends to Jesse Regan (11) while Tina Holden (12) and manager Amiee Roux (11) look on.



Lean to the left. Stretching her left leg, Christina Siewert (11) warms up before a performance

P

ackers win once again

Win after impressive win was what the Packers' fans saw at the end of the regular season. The Packers struggled early in the year, starting 2-3, but closed out the season with three wins to finish 5-3.

This surge could be explained by the offensive output. For the first five games, the Packers mustered only 30 points, six points per game. However, the last three games brought the Pack 68 points,

nearly 23 points per game. Loren Hansen (12) noticed this offensive leap as well.

"We got better as the season went on," he said. "Our offense really stepped it up near the end of the season. I think one can attribute that to a better balance between run and pass plays as well as a more effective running game and healthier personnel."

The offense is not the only part of the team that decides between a win or a loss. The defense must also contribute. The Packers had a defense that did just that. The Pack's defense was able to alleviate the offensive struggles by holding Moorhead to 7 in

the 12-7 victory. They shut North out at Homecoming, giving the offense time to score the overtime touchdown to win 6-0. They also held Shanley scoreless through four quarters, faltering only in overtime in a 6-0 loss. The defense continued its dominance in a 31-0 rout of Devil's Lake, and a 14-6 victory at Jamestown. They struggled in only two games, the 36-6 loss to Central, and the 31-6 loss to South. They struggled a bit late at Wahpeton, but held off a rally to preserve a 23-20 win.

"The defense has done a great job all year," said Ryan Majkrzak (12). "They have kept us in the

games where the offense was struggling."

Jeff Moe (12) agreed and gave a reason for this accomplishment.

"Our defense was basically dominant," he said. "The reason it was that way is we have the best people we can get for those positions."

Going 5-3 was a success in itself. However, the Packers' success doesn't end there. They played at Bismarck St. Mary's in the first round of the playoffs. This was a shock considering the Pack should have been granted a home playoff game with their victory at Wahpeton. Coach Jay Gibson spent some time on the phone trying to sort

out this presumed mistake, but to no avail; the Packers were still forced to travel to Bismarck.

Several players were enraged with this travesty, but they got over it with the anticipation of a playoff game.

"My first reaction was 'We got screwed,'" said Hansen, "but after that, we accepted the fact that we were going to Bismarck and got ready for the Saints."

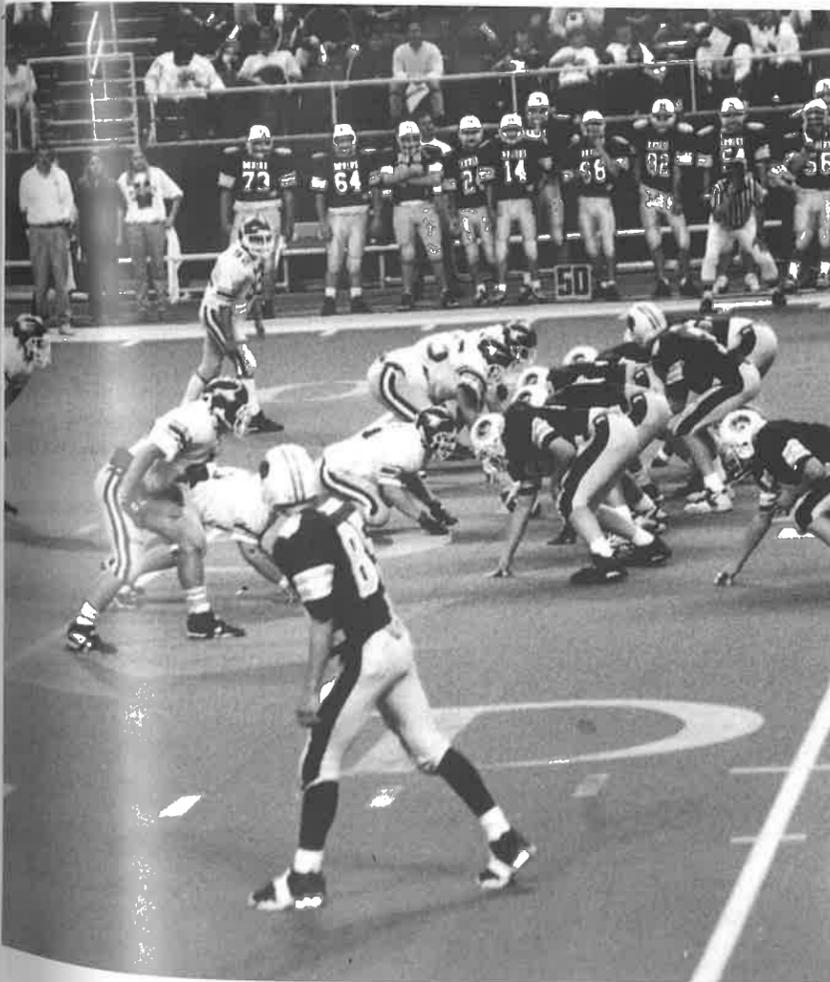
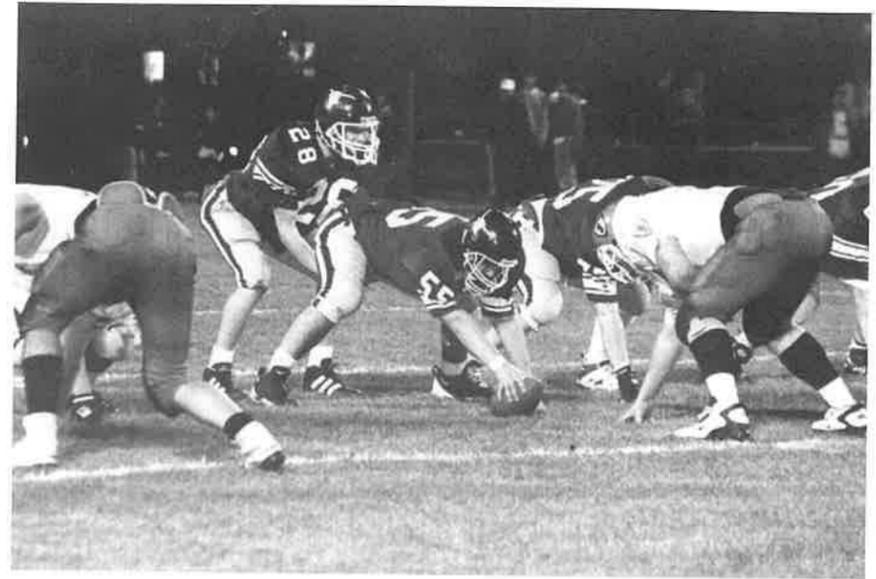
The regular season may have ended in success, but the Packers lost to the Saints 28-7. Turnovers killed the Pack in the loss and laid their season to rest.

By Ethan Edger



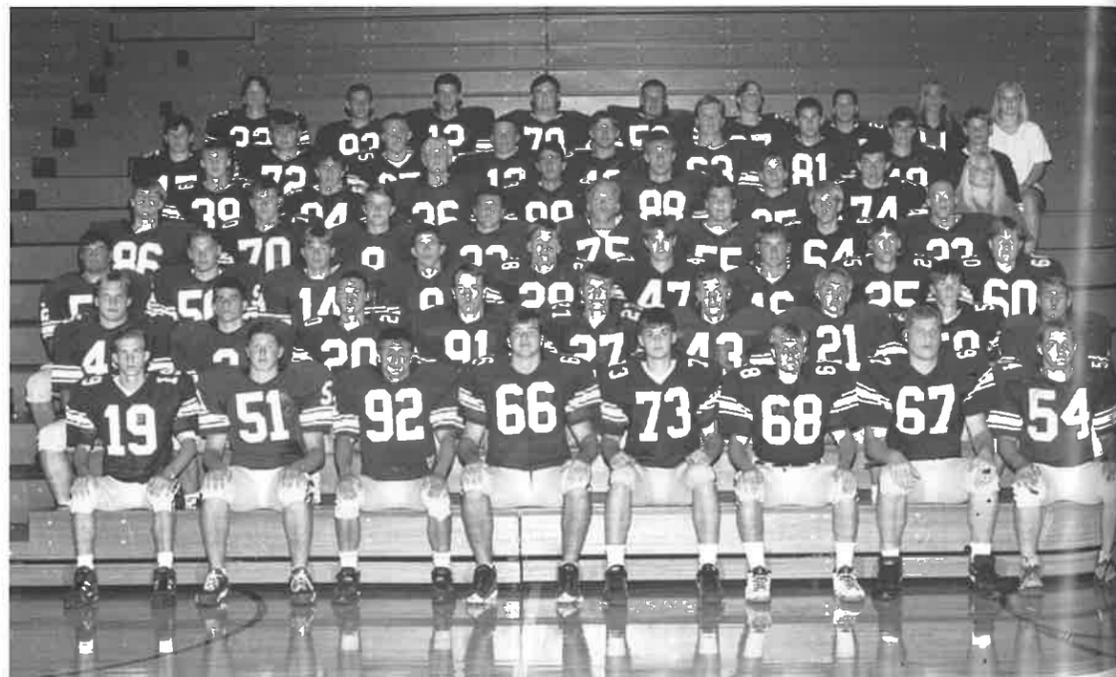
Go! In the South game Troy Ament (11) and Eric Ziegler (10) return a punt. It was the first of two games that were played in the dome.

218!, 218! During the game against Shanley, Billy Erenberg (11) calls cadence as Nate Anderson (11) is ready to snap the ball.



Results

We		
12	Moorhead	7
6	Central	36
6	South	31
6	North	0
0	Shanley	6
31	Devils Lake	0
14	Jamestown	6
23	Wahpeton	20
6	St. Mary's	28



Varsity Football: Front Row: Shane Wirth, Shane Spieker, Don Weiker, Brad Besette, Brian Erdmann, Jesse Gehrig, Jeff Moe and Aaron Berg. Row 2: Pat Brostrom, Ben Scoville, Nate Flynn, Loren Hansen, Ryan Majkrzak, Jeff Sliper, Dusty Scott, Kef Wagner and Kyle Hettenbaugh. Row 3: Robby Bullis, Josh Schrader, Shaun Gothberg, Justin Diemert, Billy Erenberg, Bryce Weaver, Troy Ament, Aaron Berg and Josh Thompson. Row 4: Jesse Regan, Pat Griffin, Mike Best, Ben Aarstead, Jon Anderson, Nate Anderson, Bryan Francis and Jessie Glasco. Row 5: Ross Johnson, Blake Ristvedt, Tyler Willis, Eric Ziegler, Mark Timmerman, Matt Kern, Mark Valovage and Monica Holden. Row 6: Chris Grinde, Karl Berg, Kyle Knutson, Andrew Rodriguez, Brandon Cottrell, Ryan Grant, Justin Kruse, Justin Farkas and Jason Olson. Back Row: Brian Erenberg, Brad Mattson, Jason Scully, Jim Martens, Derek Andersen, Nick Collins, Mike Gorde, Aimée Roux and Tina Holden. Not Pictured: Jeff Cossette, Steve Mootz and Cory Erbstoesser.

Jock Talk

"The guys are pursuing with great killer instinct, and all eleven want to hit somebody." -- Don Weiker (12)

"It was a lot of fun playing in the rain." -- Pat Brostrom (12)

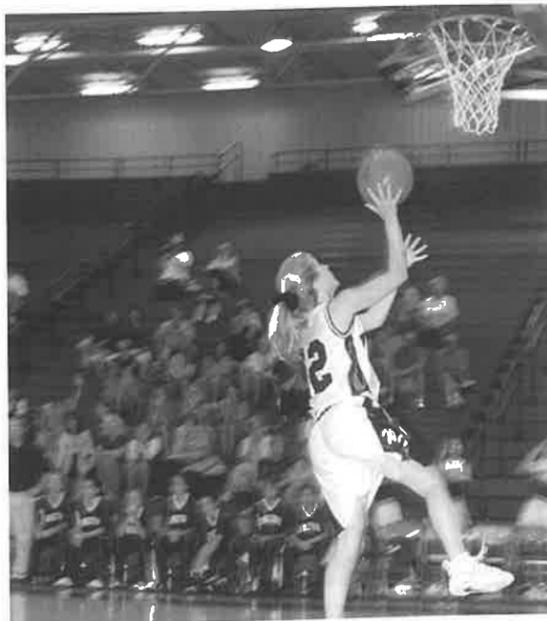
Bring it on! The defense waits for the counter vs. Fargo South in the Dome. It was one of only four losses for the Packers all season.

Woosh!! That was the sound that the gym heard as Angie Sorteberg (11) shot a freethrow in one of the Valley City games.

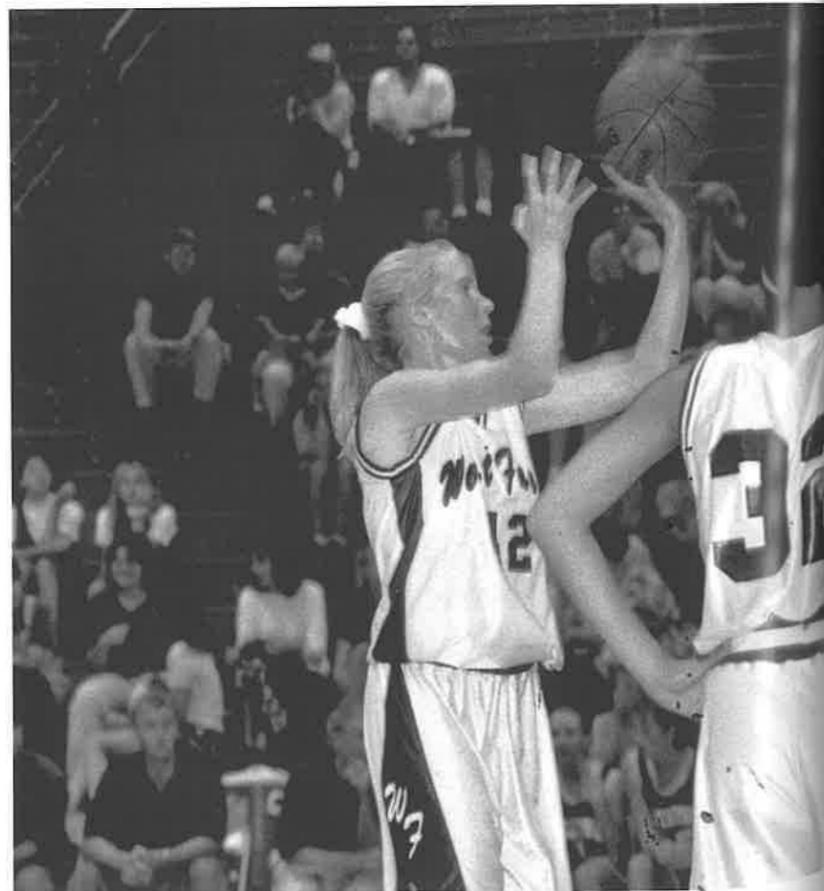


Box out! Darci Klemisch (11) boxes out a Grafton player as she waits for a rebound.

Up and in! The Jamestown players watch as Kristina Gromatka (12) goes up for a layup. West Fargo went on to defeat the Blue Jays.



Left-handed!! Showing her great ability Erica Davidson (12) shoots a freethrow.



Coach Collette Folstad predicted at the beginning of the girls' basketball season that the team would do very well. That is exactly what happened. Even though the team began the season slowly at the East/West Classic, the Packers re-

Basketball has great season

bounded during the season with many wins. Many people thought the girls would be the underdogs in the EDC because of the loss of seven seniors to graduation. Proving these people wrong, the Packers were able to make it to the EDC Tournament and also the State Tournament.

Melissa Redlinger (11) said, "It is great to prove the people wrong about being the underdogs. We proved to them that we can play very well together no matter who we lose."

The girls ended up second in the EDC after a

tough game against undefeated in-town rival Shanley.

Remembering the Shanley game, Kristina Gromatka (12) said, "That was a great game even though we lost. I think that we were just really happy that we were going to State."

The girls were no strangers to this tournament this being the sixth year in a row they have been to State.

They ended up fifth in the State Tournament after defeating the home team of Minot.

The Packer team ended the 1996 basketball season with the final record of 14-11.

Even though the Packers are losing five key seniors to graduation, some players still have high hopes for next year.

Bethany Howitz (11) said, "We will do good next year, even with the senior loss. Maybe we will even get to State."

Even though Coach Folstad is sad about losing these seniors, she still has high expectations for next year.

"We were a young team

this year, including two eighth graders, but with this young of a team we will have experience for next year," said Coach Folstad.

There were many ups and downs throughout the season. Remembering the season, Jessica Hanson (12) said, "This was a fun season. I am just sad that it will be my last with the Packers."

Coach Folstad believes hard work and dedication to basketball will bring the team back to the State Tournament next year.

By Tammy Larck

Results

We	They
41	Mandan 57
57	Century 65
47	Bismarck 49
56	Jamestown 36
38	Valley City 44
35	Shanley 51
48	North 38
37	Devils Lake 27
42	Central 38
41	South 40
49	Valley City 45
55	Wahpeton 39
45	Red River 53
38	North 31
62	South 53
33	Jamestown 41
56	Central 42
46	Shanley 65
40	Devils Lake 31
50	Valley City 42
44	Shanley 52
48	St. Mary's 56
50	Valley City 44
42	Minot 36

Final record 14-11



Varsity Girls Basketball: Front Row: Amanda Weingarten, statistician, Melissa Redlinger, Amanda Krenz, Angie Vetter, Kristen Davidson, Cheri Klemisch, and Tammy Larck, manager-statistician Middle Row: Kristen O'Halloran, statistician, Kristina Gromatka, Brianna Lee, Meg Holle, Darci Klemisch, and Jessica Nelson, manager Back Row: Collette Folstad, Head Coach, Beth Asmund, Erica Davidson, Jessica Hanson, Stacey Odden, Angie Sorteberg, Bethany Howitz, Lynette Mund, Assistant Coach, and Kevin Froeber, Assistant Coach.

B

oys serve at State

The Packer boys' tennis team finished up another year full of ups and downs, with a whole lot of dedication.

"This season was a lot of fun, especially taking a trip to State," said Mitch Migler (11).

Joel Finn (12), teamed with Migler and Todd

Costain (12) paired with Travis Johnson (11). Both qualified in doubles at EDC on September 27-28, in Grand Forks; however, none of them placed.

Dave Drenth in his third year as the Packers coach was happy with the season.

"The win against Jamestown to qualify for team EDC was a big team confidence booster," said Drenth.

The record for the Pack doesn't really justify the season they had, with Jamestown being the only team win for the tennis team.

"This year's strength was our doubles teams. They came up with many clutch wins," said Casey Benjamin (11).

Although four seniors will be graduating this year, including both captains, Joel Finn and Todd Costain, six juniors will step up for the next season.

With state experience under their belt, Johnson and Migler know what lies ahead for the Packers.

"The only thing we can do is keep practicing, and come out to play next year," said Johnson.

By Joel Finn

Umph! Smiling slightly during practice, Joel Erickson (11) hits the ball hard back to his opponent.



Wow!! Reacting quickly, Todd Costain (12) slams the ball over the net during a grueling practice.

Here it comes! Patiently waiting, Joel Finn (12) gets ready to make a great hit.

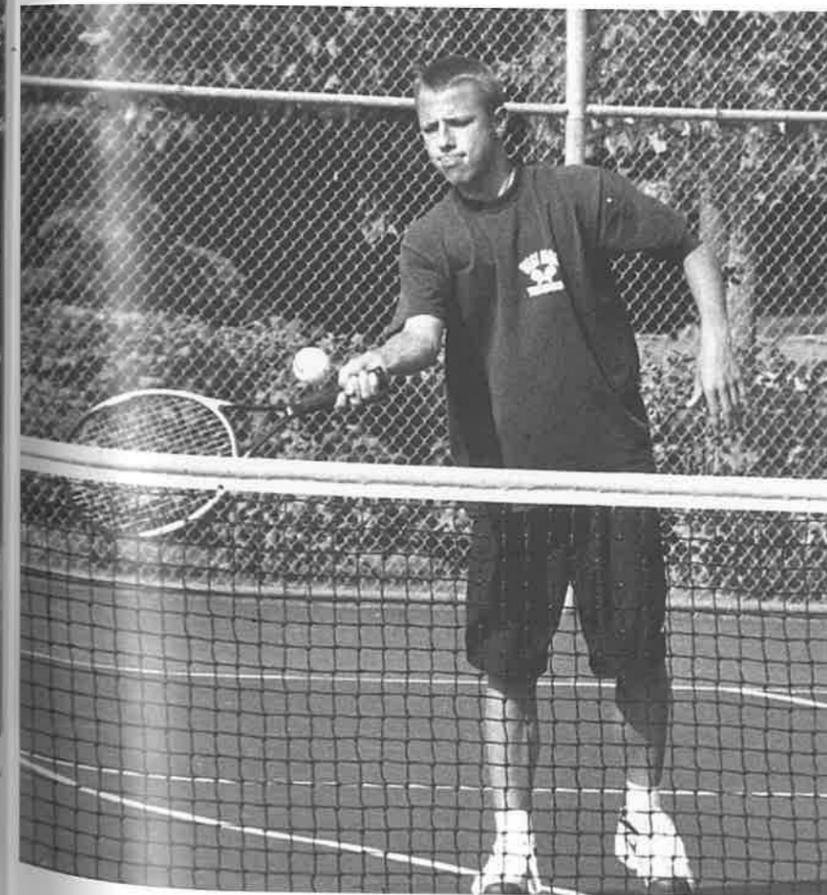


Results

We	They
1 South	8
1 Central	8
0 Red River	9
4 Jamestown	5
1 Shanley	8
1 Valley City	8
2 Wahpeton	7
3 Jamestown	2
0 Red River	5
1 North	4
Final Record: 1-9	



Varsity Boys' Tennis: Front Row: Jordan Lugert, Joel Finn, Casey Benjamin, Jonathan Bakken, Travis Johnson, Mitch Migler, and Erickson. Back Row: Craig Nilles, Mitch Finn, Todd Costain, Mike Migler, Matt Thorstad, Robbie Lopez and Coach Dave Drenth.



Jock Talk

"Ups and downs were scattered all through our season, and next year will be an even tougher challenge." -- Mitch Finn (11)

"Competition was great at State and also plenty of fun." -- Todd Costain (12)

Smack that ball! Making a face, Mitch Migler (11) waits to return the ball.



Winding up for the swing. An imaginary golf ball waits as Dana Peles (7) prepares for the strike.

Driving with iron. During practice for an upcoming meet, Leah Anderson (9) smacks a bunch of golf balls.



G

irls' golf tees off

season.

"I was really suprised getting most improved my first year in golf."

Leah Anderson (9), on the team for the third year, received Most Valuable Player and Lowest Stroke Average.

Girls' golf gained a new coach, Mr. Jim MacFarlane, halfway into the season.

"We had a lot of girls who hadn't played much golf and who over the course of the season

showed great improvement," said Coach MacFarlane.

Though the golf team finished tenth in every meet, there was reason for celebration.

"We all improved by 20 strokes or more," said Baumann.

Hard work and summer practices helped improve the scores.

The golf season was not without trials. At Village Green during one of the last games of the season,

they lost to Devil's Lake by only four points.

The hot weather and long meets affected some players. Two players were not able to finish a meet after fainting.

The girls' golf season was full of change. The team gained both a new coach and players, plus a record of improvement.

The return of several upperclassmen adds promise for the future.

By Erika Devones

Results

Site	Placing
Wahpeton	10th
Jamestown	10th
Grand Forks	10th
Edgewood	10th
Devils Lake	N/A
Oxbow	10th
Village Green	10th
EDC Regional	10th



Girls' Golf: Front Row: Jessica Hochgraber, Jennifer Oemichen, Amy Bernstein, Amanda Olson, Dana Peles, and Tia Mueller. Back Row: Amber Brand, Shatara Leabo, Danielle Baumann, Leah Anderson, Cassie Gorman and Meghan Kirchen.



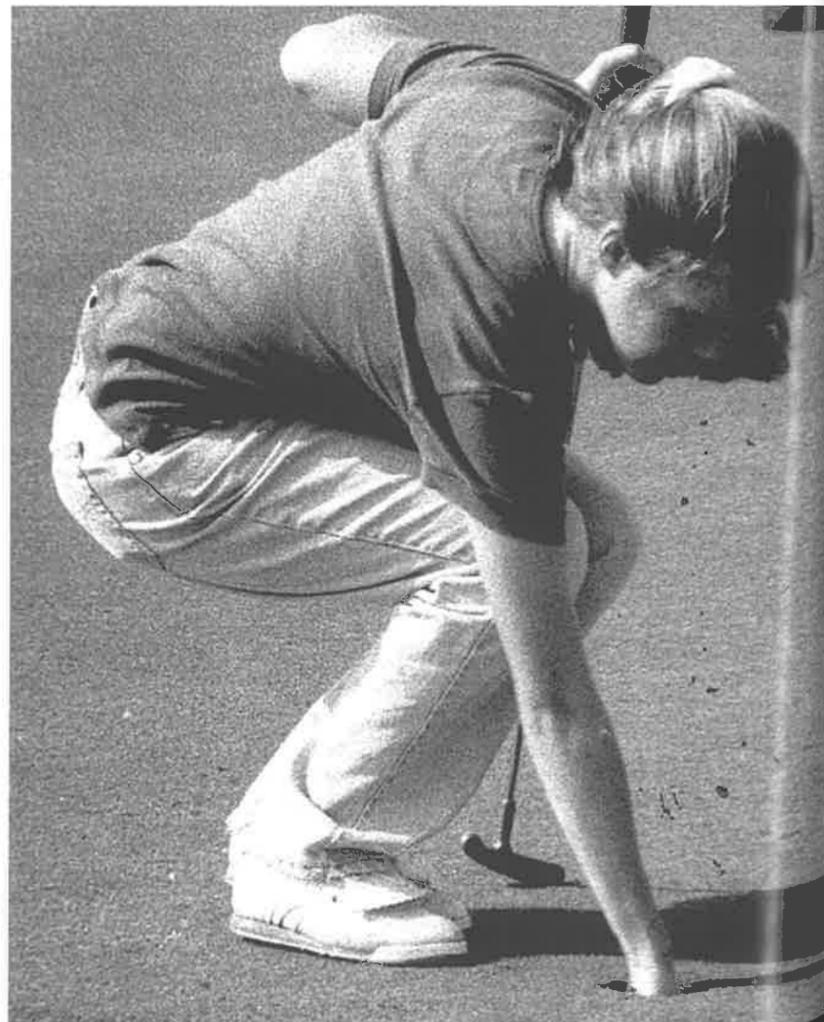
Zoning out. While practicing her form, Jennifer Oemichen (11) transcends to a higher plane.

Jock Talk

"We had a lot of players this year, and we did well, but there is a lot of room for improvement." -- Jennifer Oemichen (11)

"It helps to get out and practice during the summer." -- Jessica Hochgraber (11)

Ouch, my aching back! After a successfull putt, Amber Brand (10) bends down to retrieve a golf ball.



G

irls work hard for success

"Hafta Run!" "Hafta Run!" This is what the Girls' Cross Country team must say over and over again in their sleep. Getting up before 6:00 a.m. to practice before school, rain or shine, along with more conditioning is what gets these girls in tip-top shape for the season. What drives a person to excel at the sport of Cross Country?

"As long as you enjoy what you're doing, you don't realize the hard work it takes until you look back on what you've done," Aarin Zimney (12) said.

At EDC, their practice and dedication seemed to

have paid off. The Packer girls ran well by scoring 5th place.

This turned out to be the highest score all year. The team was very happy about their success.

"I thought we had our best performance of the season," said Coach Darrin Boehm.

The runners agreed. "Everyone ran well, and it showed how much talent we had," said the leading scorer for the Pack, Karin Bandli (11).

At the state meet in Bismarck, running didn't go as well for the Packers. The girls ran in 30 degree weather with high winds and sleet. Does the word HYPOTHERMIA ring a bell? The weather hadn't been that bad in several years and was a rude awakening to many runners. Despite the weather, running

in first for the Pack was Kristin Murch, an eighth grader from the Middle School. Following right behind her was Bandli. Other finishers were Tasha Dockter (11), who finished 70th and Sabrina Hall (12), who came in 114th out of more than 160 girls running.

Although the girls may not have been completely satisfied with the way they finished at State, they seemed to end the season on a good note.

"Even though some of our goals were not met, I think we ran exceptionally well throughout the year," said Hall.

Other runners felt the same way.

"Despite the conditions, we did well at the State meet," said Dockter.

By Lyndsey Harles



Vrrrrrum... Coach Darrin Boehm rides his dirt bike in Johnson Park in Moorhead, trying to catch up to the runners.



I can do it! Naomi Gross (11) runs her last lap, just inches away from the finish line at Johnson Park. Karin Bandli (11) is in the background after finishing her laps and cheering on the rest of the runners that run across the finish line.

Here they come! Leif Rosenvold (12), Nathan Herman (10), Dean Sahr (12) and Erick Brager (10) run down 7th Ave. on their way to the high school after their shirtless afternoon jog.



Results

Boys		Girls
10th	Jamestown	6th
13th	Valley City	11th
8th	Devils Lake	3rd
8th	Fargo	7th
8th	West Fargo	6th
2nd	Green & Black Dual	1st
8th	Grand Forks	3rd
25th	Alexandria	22nd
8th	EDC Tournament	5th
15th	State CC Meet	14th



Varsity Cross Country: Front row: Kristin Murch, Andrea Noonan, Sara Hall, Angela Schultz, Naomi Gross, Kristi Williams, Ken Grosz. Second row: Tasha Dockter, Tara Falcon, Aarin Zimney, Sarah Herman, Sarah Vanyo, Karin Bandli, Emily Halvorson. Third row: Jennifer Weil, Sabrina Hall, Chad J. Volk, Dean Sahr, Brad Amundson, Nathan Herman, Melissa Weil. Back row: Coach Shelby Murphy, Jill Bernhardt, Kjetil Storaker, Leif Rosenvold, Manager Lyndsey Harles, Manager Tara Dockter, and Coach Darrin Boehm.

Jock Talk

"Running back from Paradiso, we tossed a pumpkin back and forth." -- Karin Bandli (11)

"Being a Senior, everything was memorable." -- Sabrina Hall (12)

"It was really fun, but I dread intervals!" -- Naomi Gross (11)

"The land is too flat compared to Norway." -- Kjetil Storaker (12)

Boys beat hardships

ance. It also takes hard work and dedication to survive one race, let alone a whole season.

This season the boys' cross country team started out a little small. In the first race of the year there was only one person able to run due to others being injured, sick or just having to work. Leif Rosenvold (12) was the only runner at that meet.

"It takes a different kind of person to have the guts to run 3.1 miles especially in 30 degree temperatures with wind and sleet as it was at the State meet," said Dean Sahr (12).

Cross Country is a sport that requires a lot of endurance.

As the season progressed, so did the guys' team starting the season with one competing runner and ending at EDC with nine.

This past season was no different than other years. It also had its ups and downs. The team had been preparing all season for the EDC and State meets in Jamestown and Bismarck. "The team performed better at the EDC meet than throughout those ups and downs of the rest of the season," said Head Coach Darrin Boehm.

"It's never too late to cross," was the team's motto.

After that meet, more of the team was able to run.

By Ben Richard

Anytime now! While waiting for the kick, Danilo Bilotta (12) talks to Charles Gooding (11) and Jerad Wilkinson (11).



Look out, here I come! Breaking away from the defender, Jake Reese (12) takes the ball and sprints down the field for the goal.



The '96 year was the third year in a row that the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team made it to State. In the first round game, they played Bismarck St. Marys, then they played Bismarck Century, and in their last game they played Fargo North. They took sixth place overall. Their record for the State Tournament was 1-3,

Packers go to State

which was no indication of their overall record.

Their record for the year was 7-6-3. That was the best record that the club ever had.

"We had the finest year that we have ever had," said Head Coach Andy Steele. "We were able to come from behind in three games and win. That is the sign of real champions."

Senior Danilo Bilotta, foreign exchange student from Italy, agreed with Steele on the soccer season.

"We went to State again. That was one of our goals this year," said Danilo Bilotta. "We did better in State than last year because we won one game."

Every year people are se-

lected to the All Conference and All State Teams. Four West Fargo players were selected for All Conference. They were Chad Volk, Jake Reese, Aaron Hovland, and Jerad Wilkinson. Volk and Reese were also selected for All State.

Reese and Wilkinson were the teams' leading scorers. Reese was also the teams' leader in assists. The keeper, Martin Floystad, only let in an average of 1.37 goals per game.

"It was a good year. We had the best record ever, and it was a fun time. I hope we do as good next year," said Tony Kunz.

By Kyle Volk

Here you go. With the ball flying through the air, Colin Schroeder (10) receives a pass from Dane Boedigheimer (12).



Jock Talk

"There were a lot of ups and downs, but overall it was a good year." -- Martin Floystad (12)

"The year was a pretty good year. We went to state and took sixth place, and the overall year was good." -- Jeremy Moe (10)

Ready or not. Getting a running start, Rob Boser (12) blasts the ball in front of the goal.



Varsity Soccer: **Front Row:** Mike Halverson, Dwayne Vinesett, Justin Satrom, Jerad Wilkinson, Danilo Bilotta, Zach Anderson, Nick Akers. **Second Row:** Brian Frederick, Jade Pergande, Jeremy Moe, Dean Sahr, Rob Boser, captain; Aaron Hovland, Chad J. Volk, captain, Jesse Reese. **Third Row:** David Stahlecker, Keif Wagner, Chris Akers, Nick Pederson, Charlie Gooding, Dane Boedigheimer, Colin Schroeder, Mason Heim. **Back Row:** Jon Huebner, Amanda Sahr, trainer; Kim Dimmer, trainer; Jeremy Westrick, Martin Floystad, Jake Reese, Andy Steele, Head Coach; Erik Hansen, manager; Brent Bartsch. **Not pictured:** Josh Wilken, Dustin Holden, Assistant Coach.

Results

We	They
1	Century 2
3	Minot 0
0	South 2
2	Bemidji 1
4	Fergus Falls 1
2	Shanley 1
1	North 3
0	Central 0
2	Red River 2
1	Fergus Falls 0
0	South 4
0	Moorhead 1
1	North 1
3	Shanley 2
0	Red River 2
3	Central 0
State Tournament	
0	St. Mary 1
3	Century 1
0	South 2

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wimmers feel Olympic

People have grown accustomed to seeing members of the girls' swim team walking around in the hallways wearing strangely unique clothing during the week of state, as well as the sweatshirts that boldly state that they "are feeling Olym-

pic today." These, along with other traditions make the team who they are.

The girls' swim team brought the season to a finish with a total of six wins and four losses.

"We were good in mid-distance events, but we were weak in backstroke. We were pretty consistent in other events," said Head Coach Marsha Dahl.

Going into the season, Dahl hoped to qualify as many athletes as possible for state, and to have a good competition at EDC and State. Those goals

were fulfilled with the team getting fourth place at EDC and eighth at state.

As with any sport, goals that were not fulfilled this year are to be pursued next year.

"I'd like to break the 100 backstroke record, and be more consistent on my times, Amy Sandbek (10) said, reflecting on her goals for next year.

"I'd like to break the 500 freestyle record set this year by my good friend Rochelle," Adrie Halvorson (10) said.

Reflecting on the past

season, Halvorson said that her expectations were higher than what she achieved.

At the Shanley Invite, Rochelle Koehnen (9) broke the record that Tracy Springer set in 1993. Koehnen set the new record with the time of 5:36.0.

"I wished that I would have done better, but I met my goal, breaking the 500 freestyle record," said Koehnen.

At the end-of-the season banquet, several awards, including athletic letters,

were given. Other awards are as follows: MVP-Amy Loberg, Rookie Of The Year-Tara Lettenmaier, Most Improved-Keziah Keller, Hardest Worker-Bre Kleven, and Pack "Spirit" award-Rochelle Koehnen.

The captains for the 1999 season were also announced at the banquet. Those will include Bre Balkovatz (11), Becki Hummel (11), Jessie LaCoe (10), and Melisha Winter (11).

By Tera Decker



Concentrating. Preparing for her dive at one of the team's meets, Diver Jessie LaCoe (10) focuses on what she is doing.

Ready to go. Adjusting her goggles at the state swim meet, swimmer, Brea Balkovatz (11) grins for the camera.

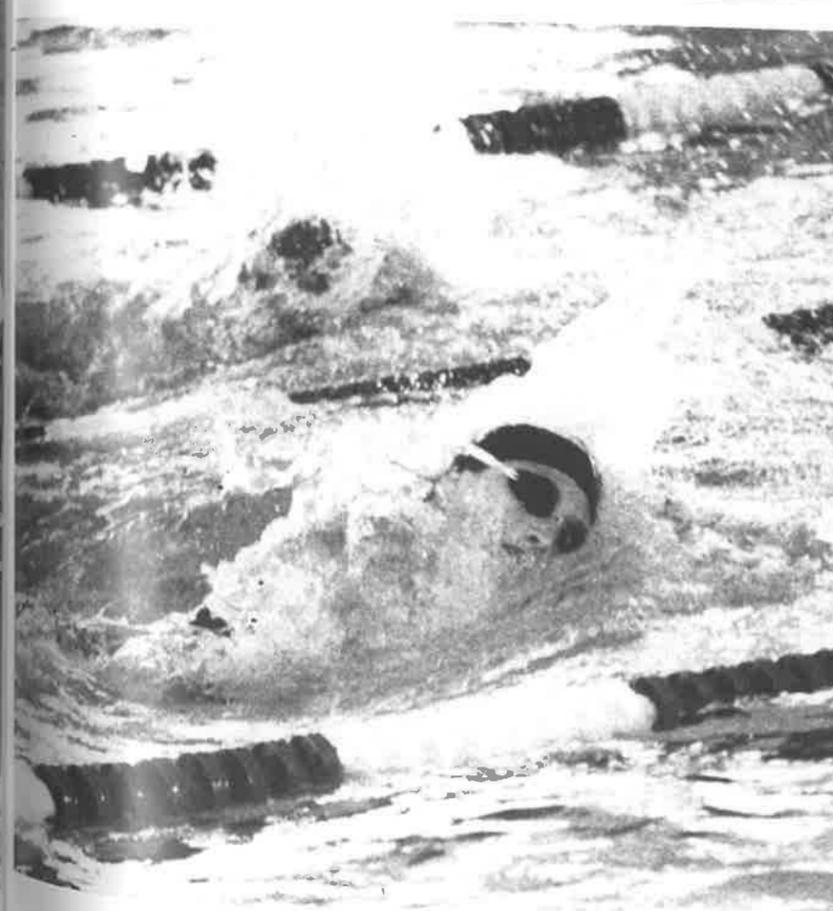


Results

We	They
84 Fargo North	102
81 GF Central	19
73 Red River	30
138 Shanley	46
77 Mandan	109
86 Fargo South	100
118 Bismarck	68
104 Detroit Lakes	82
103 Moorhead	83



Girls Swimming and Diving: Front Row, Anne Olsen, Leah Halvorson, Paige Abraham, Tara Lettenmaier, Chandra Heim, Amy Sahr, Natalie Duncan, Robin Moe, Nicole Tschetter, Grace Moorhead. Row 2, Amy Loberg, Jessie LaCoe, Misty Tomchuk, Trish Hansen, Jami Lee, Amy Sandbek, Alani Selland, Tascha Strand, Becki Hummel, Keziah Keller. Back Row, Andrea Seibel, Manager Colin Eide, Rochelle Koehnen, Kristen Lilleboe, Brea Balkovatz, Melisha Winter, Breanna Kleven, Tera Decker, Adrie Halvorson, Kim Wilkinson, and Head Coach Marsha Dahl.



Jock Talk

"I wished that I would have done better, but I met my goal, breaking the 500 freestyle record."-- Rochelle Koehnen (9)

"My expectations were higher than what I achieved."--Adrie Halvorson (10)

I think I can. Swimming with all her might, swimmer Alani Selland (10) races towards the finish at a home competition.

Put me in coach. Preparing to enter the game, Leif Rosenvold (12) waits patiently.



You can't get by me.. During a basketball against the Grand Forks Central Knights, Billy Erenberg (11), guards his opponent.



Basketball scores successful season

"It was a very satisfying season. The team worked very hard, but at the end of the year it was kind of disappointing with the two losses," said head coach Doyle Plecity.

Scott Majkrzak (11) agreed with Plecity. "It was a pretty good year. We came together towards the end of the year and that is when it counts."

The varsity season began with four straight wins at home against Grand Forks,

Moorhead, Shanley, and Fergus Falls. It was their longest winning streak for the year with an overall record of 15-11.

Majkrzak had an outstanding season with 586 points. He scored the most points in a game with 36 against the Bismarck Patriots where he also broke the school record with 10 three-pointers in one game. He totaled 1,143 points in three years.

Other team leaders were Brian Erdmann (12) and Lon Ihry (12). Erdmann had 10 defensive rebounds against Fergus Falls, seven offensive rebounds against Wahpeton, and 12 rebounds overall against the Bismarck Patriots. He lead

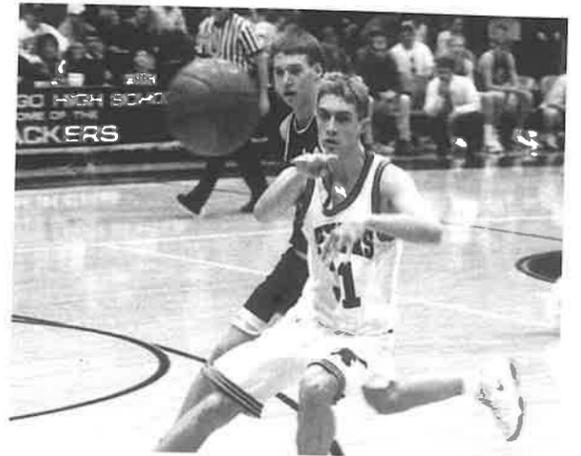
the team with overall offensive, defensive, and total rebounds. Ihry had the most steals in a game with six against various opponents.

There were many close games during the season including an early victory against the Shanley Deacons by one point and a loss against the Grand Forks Knights by the same margin.

"The win over Valley City was a big one. It was one of the biggest physical, mental, and emotional wins," said Plecity. "The win over South at EDC was one of the highlights of the season when Majkrzak hit his last six shots in O.T."

By Kyle Volk

Here, catch. Just past the three point line, Ryan Nelson (12) passes the ball to a teammate.



Jock Talk

"One of the best moments this year was when Brian Erdmann was stuck in the elevator right before the Bismarck Century game." --Coach Doyle Plecity

"It was one of my best games. I made 10 threes; it was a clutch performance."

--Scott Majkrzak (11)

I'm going to get the ball. While waiting patiently for the opponent to shoot a free throw, Lon Ihry (11), Scott Majkrzak (11), Ben Mitlyng (12) and try to catch their breath.



Varsity Basketball: Front Row: Tina Holden (student trainer), Kelly Buchholz (student manager), Sara Majkrzak (statistician), Tasha Dockter (statistician), Amanda Weingarten (statistician), Becky Loney (student trainer). Row 2: Coach Jason Henry, Billy Erenberg, Justin Diemert, Michael Best, Keif Wagner, Casey Benjamin, Scott Majkrzak. Back Row: Coach Doyle Plecity, Lon Ihry, Mark Timmerman, Jeremy Hill, Darren Kruse, Brian Erenberg, Leif Rosenvold, Ben Mitlyng, Rayn Nelson, Coach Bob Monte, Coach Tim Kramer.

Results

We	They
63	Red River 47
68	Moorhead 56
63	Shanley 62
60	Fergus Falls 55
46	Patriots 53
55	Demons 58
74	Fargo South 57
58	Valley City 79
52	Fargo South 56
67	Moorhead 61
63	Devils Lake 71
77	Jamestown 41
68	Shanley 67
46	G.F.Knights 47
69	Fargo North 61
57	Grafton 42
79	Valley City 64
63	Fargo North 73
68	Wahpeton 63
54	G.F. Knights 58
59	Valley City 55
41	G.F.Knights 58
67	Fargo South 1
66	Patriots 59
38	Shanley 56
49	Demons 79

Packers place five at state

"We had a pretty successful season, but it had its ups and down," said Head Coach Steve Marquart.

Even though the team had its ups and downs, they were able to place fifth out of nine teams at EDC and place five wrestlers in the top six at state in their individual weight class.

They finished state in 11th place out of 17 teams despite only having six wrestlers competing.

"They did a nice job. A lot of people never place at state," said Marquart.

The five Packer wrestlers that placed at state in their weight classes were as follows: Mike Gorde (10), 4th; Jon Hanson (10), 5th; Kevin Kussatz (11), 6th; Josh Schrader (11), 6th; and Dustin Miller (12), 2nd.

Aaron Berg (12) and Dustin Miller (12) were the only two seniors on the team. The underclassmen had to step up and help with leadership responsibilities.

"The seniors did a great job with leadership this year. Everyone really stepped up when it was needed," said Marquart.

According to Dave Stahlecker (10), "The season went pretty well even though we lacked experience."

Even though the team was made up of mostly underclassmen, everybody gave

100% at all times. Marquart hopes that everyone will come back next year and give 110% to make a successful year again.

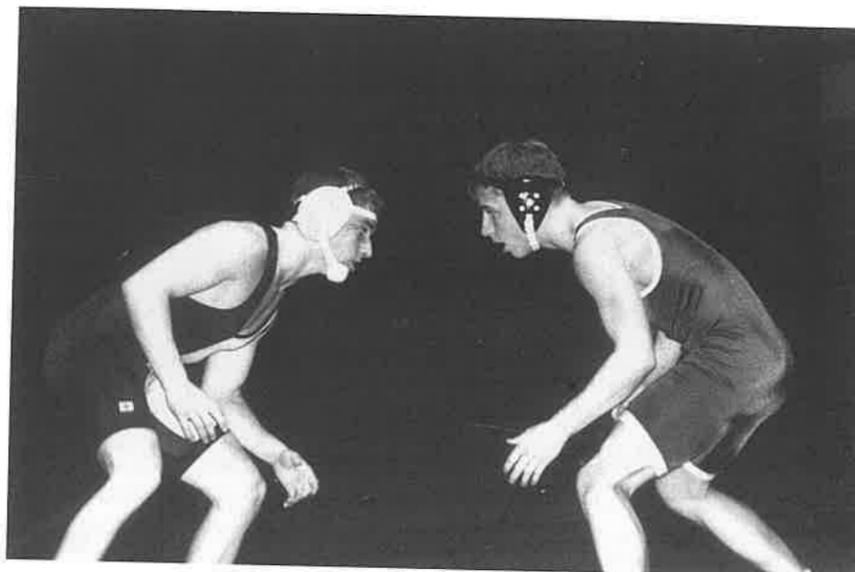
•By Tammy La...



You're squeezing too tightly! Getting ready for a reversal, Schrader (11) puts his effort into breaking the opponent's hold.



Holding on strong. With only a few seconds left of his match, Derek Olson (11) holds his position from being pinned.



Come on! Waiting to make a perfect move, Mitch Migler (11) anticipates his opponent.

Results

We	They
24 Valley City	24
12 Bemidji	61
39 Moorhead	28
42 Wahpeton	27
15 Bismarck	43
29 Mandan	43
27 Dickinson	39
30 Minot	42
24 Williston	48
33 Red River	31
15 Jameston	49
30 Hillsboro	36
42 North	24
28 Devils Lake	34
22 South	41

Jamestown 4 of 9
Valley City 5 of 6
Bismarck 12 of 22
Fargo 3 of 7

EDC 5 of 9

State 11 of 17

Final Record 7-10-1



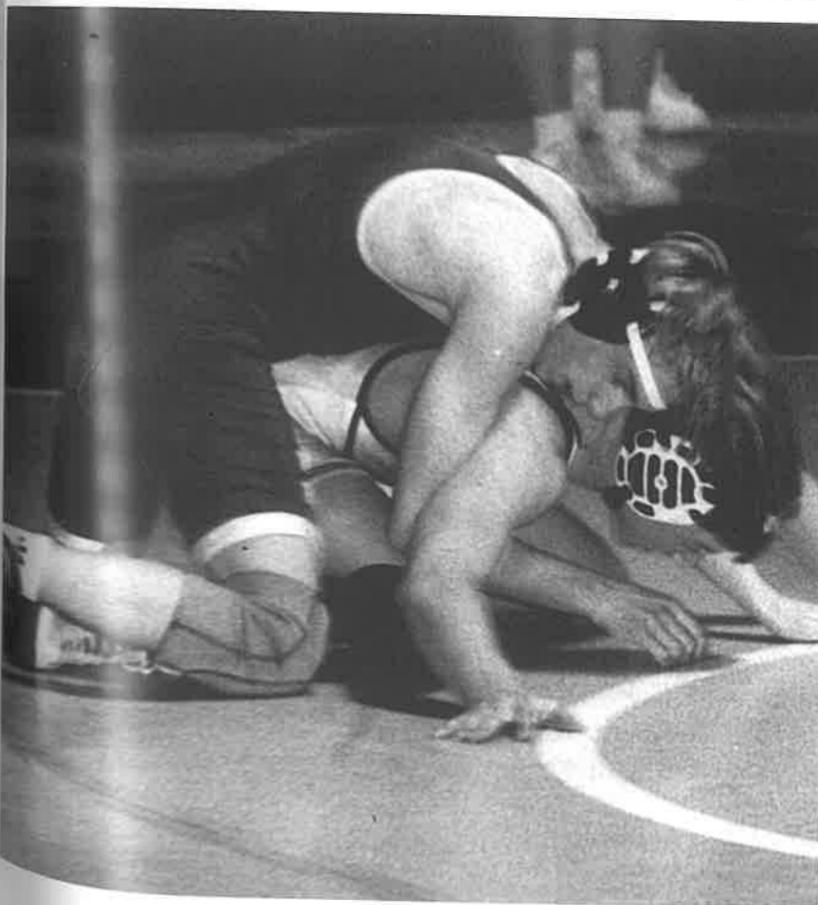
Wrestling: Front Row: Brandi Christianson, manager-statistician, Mark Gorde, Kyle Kussatz, James Burckhard, Mike Gorde, Jon Hanson, Jason Mattern, and Marcia Metzger, manager-statistician Row 2: Jami Lee, manager-statistician, Kevin Kussatz, Mitch Migler, Dave Stahlecker, Andrew Rodriguez, Nick Anderson, Wade Manske, and Aaron Berg. Back Row: Josh Schrader, Derek Olson, Dustin Miller, Jon Anderson, Jon Anderson, Coach Jim Thomas, Coach Bruce Karlstad, and Head Coach Steve Marquart.

Jock Talk

"I remember Dustin Miller's final match and my semifinals that went into double overtime."
-- Mike Gorde (10)

"Wrestling is a big challenge and that is what makes it fun and interesting."
-- Dave Stahlecker (10)

Wannahug? Hanging on tightly, Kevin Kussatz (11) tries to pin his opponent to the mat.



Where's the puck? Scrambling to defend the goal, Jake Reese (12), Kit Englehardt (11), and Matt Steinmetz (11) fight to win the game during the EDC tournament.



Nice catch! During one of the Packer's hockey games, Dwayne Vinesett (12) stops the puck and gets ready to pass to a West Fargo teammate who will hopefully put the team in the lead.



Hockey shows improvement

"The hockey team has been very good this year, but we haven't always been able to show that in games," said Shane Roers (12).

That seemed to be the main problem because many of the games were very close.

"Many games have been

losses by only one goal, and that's very frustrating," said Dwayne Vinesett (12). All of the players agreed that it was hard to keep up the intensity of the game when they were a goal under and there was only a couple of minutes left.

"We had a few tough losses, especially Fargo North and South because we let down too much in the third period," Jason Manney (12) said.

The team also went into overtime in three of their games. Against Red Lake

Falls and Wahpeton/Breckenridge, the team lost by one point. But the overtime game against Devils Lake ended in a tie.

The team lost many seniors from last year's season, but coach Ross Richards said he still believed that this year's team was one of the best teams they had ever had. Many new players had also joined the team making a total of 34 players.

Shanley High School joined West Fargo again during the season. "Playing with Shanley

works very well, and I've got many new friends," said Manney.

Coach Ross Richards agreed and thought it also improved the quality of West Fargo's own players because it created more competition.

The hockey team's season was highlighted with two wins each over Mandan and Jamestown.

Even though the team did not make it to state, they have high hopes that they will be able to attend next year.

By KJ Storaker



It's nice to relax for awhile! Taking a breather, Travis Almer (11) sits down for a much needed rest.

Jock Talk

"This year's team is very good, but we haven't always been able to show how good we are at the games." -- Shane Roers (12)

"Playing with Shanley works very good, and I've made many new friends." -- Jason Manney (12)

The players have left the ice. After another action packed game, West Fargo hockey players exit the ice.



Varsity Hockey: Front Row: Aimee Roux (statistician), Monica Holden (trainer), and Kim Dimmer (trainer). Row 2: Coach Andy Williams, Shane Roers, Aaron Hovland, Jake Reese, Chris Hinnenkamp, Jerad Wilkinson, and Coach Ross Richards. Row 3: Jason Manney, Brandon Cottrell, Erik Huffman, Corey McDonald, Kit Engelhardt, Nick Noonan, and Matt Kern. Back Row: Caleb Johnson, Erick Brager, Matt Gwost, Jesse Reese, Ryan McGarry, Matt Steinmetz, Dwayne Vinesett, Scott Rudolph.

Results

We	They	We	They
0	Fargo South	5	
3	Jamestown	2	
2	Red Lake Falls	3	
1	Grafton	8	
1	Bismarck High	3	
5	Mandan	1	
3	Devils Lake	3	
1	Bottineau	4	
1	GF Central	2	
3	Fargo North	5	
8	Wahpeton/Breck	6	
0	Grafton	10	
1	Fargo South	2	
2	Fargo North	3	
4	Wadena	2	
9	Mandan	1	
2	Red Lake Falls	3	
3	Wahpeton/Breck	4	
1	Bismarck Century	0	
3	Jamestown	2	
0	GF Red River	5	
EDC			
2	Grafton	5	
3	Jamestown	6	

Hard work pays off

Even though many girls on the gymnastics team had a busy schedule, many took time out to go to practice four days a week for two and a half hours after school, and every once in a while on Saturdays. They practiced at Dakota Flyers in Fargo.

During practice they did

many things such as stretches and warm up activities which they did for half an hour. Then they practiced a few of the events, such as the vault, floor, bars, and beam, spending about half an hour on each one, working on perfecting their skills and routines.

Many girls were on the team for many reasons. Some liked the work out and others said it is fun. One said that she enjoyed watching the sport and decided to join.

"It's a great sport and it

takes a lot of hard work and self control," said April Hagel (9).

The girls met a lot of new people and began new friendships.

"There were a lot of new people on the team with previous experience. They contributed to the team everything that they could," said Leisha Ihry (9).

Along with the friendships, the girls had the opportunity to do their best at competitions.

"I do well in gymnastics and I've been in it so long," said Tanessa Vetsch (11).

"It's a great challenge."

The team was very close and they stuck together. They had a lot of support for each other; they were there for each other when they fell.

"The people in gymnastics make the sport even greater than it already is," said April Hagel (9).

The team worked hard to accomplish their goals.

When asked what her most memorable moment in gymnastics was, Shanna Qualley (9) replied "It was at regionals when we had our highest team score for

the first time in two years

The coach, in her second year of coaching, was Stacy Hermans. The girls really liked her because of the encouragement that she gave.

Many people on the team thought that the year went by smoothly. Together they set goals, and achieved many. Kristin Westman (8) went to the state competition in Minn and represented West Fargo.

Overall, the year went well.

By Jamie Wood



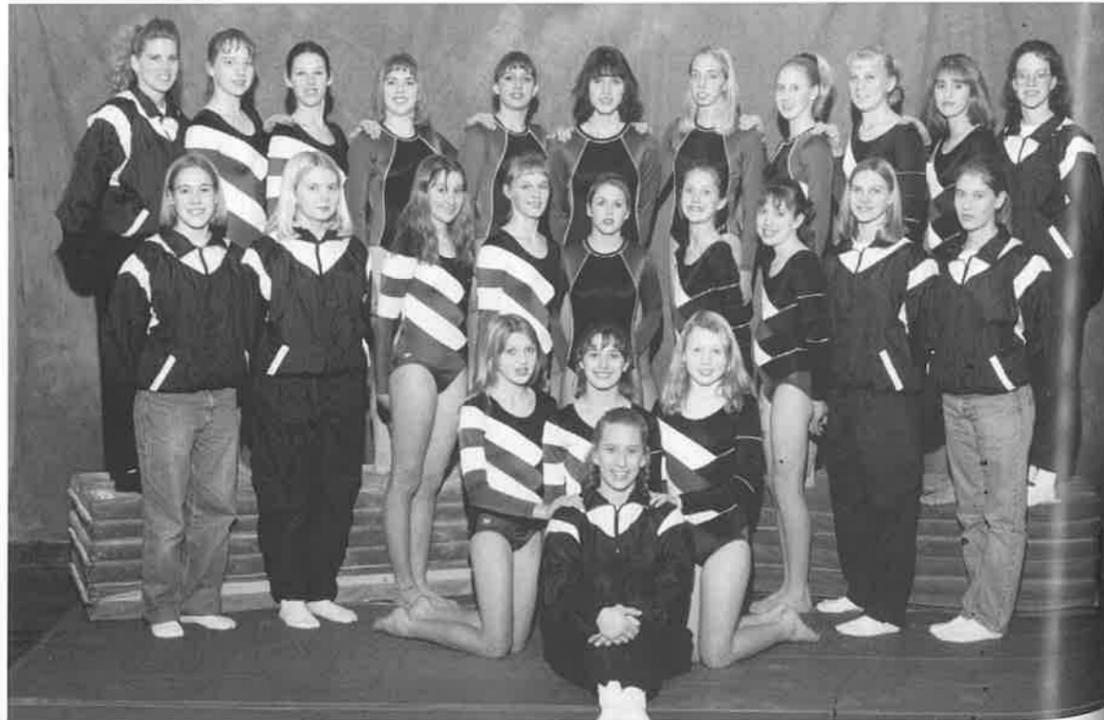
That's gotta hurt. Stretching in a very unusual way, Tanessa Vetsch (11) practices on the beam.



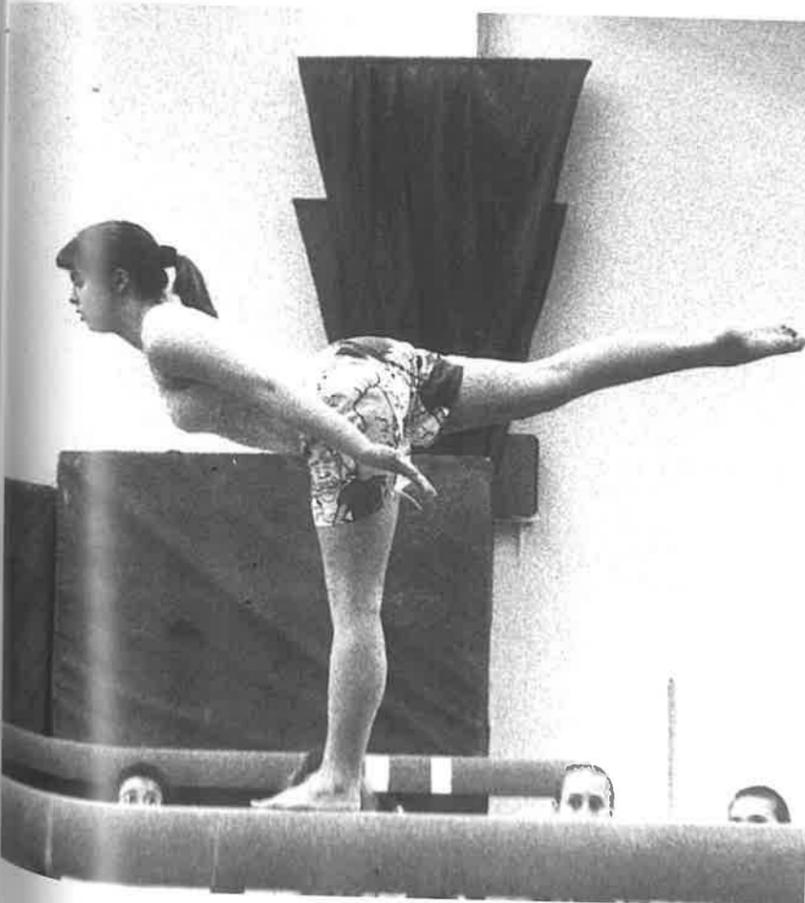
Sitting and watching. At practice, April Hagel (9) waits to rehearse her routine.

Results

Site	Place
Fargo North Inv.	6th
West Fargo Quad	3rd
Grand Forks	3rd
Valley City	5th
Packer/Bruin Inv.	8th
West Fargo	4th
Fargo South Quad	4th
Regionals	7th



Gymnastics: Front Row: Jessie LaCoe (student trainer). Row 2: Meghan Kelly, Stephanie Kuehn, and Heidi Sinkler. Row 3: Robin (student manager), Desrae Dunham, Melissa Hase, Randi Wieland, Shanna Qualley, Tess Jens, Kelli Webber, April Hagel, and Stacey (student manager). Back Row: Coach Stacy Hermans, Jill Weaver, Tiffany Vetsch, Amy Marx, Stacey McConnell, Tanessa Vetsch, Shanna Vanyo, Leisha Ihry, Kristin Westman, Jacinta Kuehn and Coach Dawn Beil.



Jock Talk

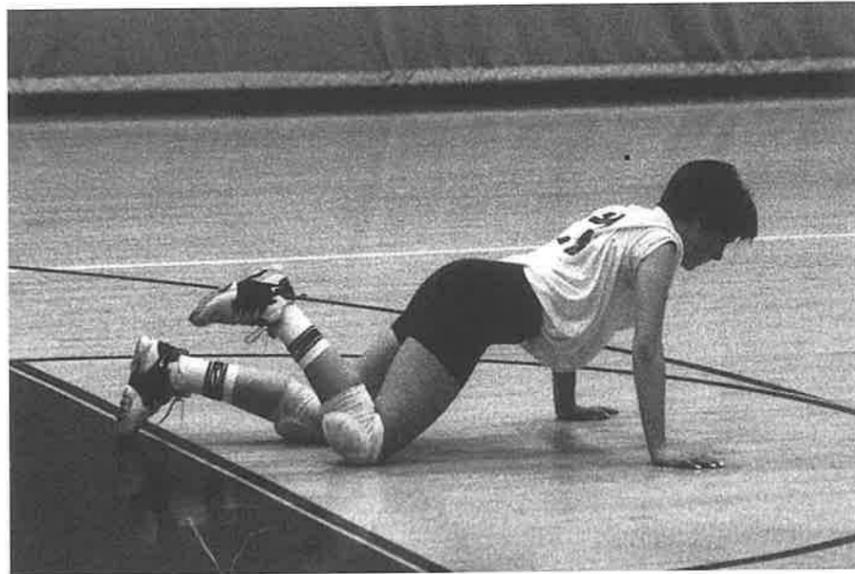
"Gymnastics is something to look forward to."-- Desrae Dunham (9)

"From a gymnast's point of view, it is the best sport."-- Leisha Ihry (9)

"The bus rides were really fun."-- April Hagel (9)

Don't fall! Keeping her poise on the balance beam, Amy Marx (11) dazzles crowds.

Ker plunk and up. After diving for a ball, Nikki Houser (12) rises wearily.



Soaring to smash. With a death stare on the ball, Bethany Howitz (11) goes in for the kill high above the ground during a home game.



The volleyball team enjoyed great leaps in skill from a variety packed year. "The season started out with a lot of question marks and new people, but the players stepped up and by the end of the season we were playing as well as any team," said Coach Randy Holzkamm. Finishing sixth in the Eastern District Confer-

Volleyball steps up

ence and winning several challenging matches illustrated the team's vast improvement.

"The best game of the year would be when we played the Shanely Deacons because they were undefeated, and a lot of other teams couldn't beat them. But we came up from behind and won," said Alisha Schaeffer (11).

The hard work and long hours created many memories.

"We had a lot of friendship," said Angie Vetter (11), who was named Rookie of the Year.

Superstition created some inside jokes among the players.

"Before every game, Nikki

Houser, Angie Vetter, and some of the other people had to put Lion King Bandages on," said Bethany Howitz (11).

Acrobatic moves were not an unknown occurrence. When Angie Sorteberg (11) was diving for a ball, Schaeffer was in the way so Sorteberg tripped and then finished it off with a cartwheel, according to Vetter.

On the sophomore team, a fellow player joked about another mishap.

"I hope Heidi Hanson can keep her footing and that Amber Neil can stay out of the way," said Ericka Freed (10).

Neil(10) had tripped Hanson(9) accidentally, and Hanson slid all the way

under the net.

A home game against North was unforgettable in the minds of many players. The varsity team won the first two games and took North into five games. Once they were one point from winning the match.

"The North game was my favorite game because we almost won, and we all worked together and had a fun year," said Sorteberg, who was named Most Valuable Player at the banquet.

Returning are several juniors. The captains chosen were Vetter, Sorteberg, and Howitz.

"...we'll be back next year," said Freed.

Gimme me five. At the end of the game, the varsity team forms a happy handshake line.



By Erika Devones

Jock Talk

"It was mostly laid back and everyone was friends with everyone." -- Angie Vetter (11)

"Our best game of the season was against North in the tournament. We played our best, and we'll be back next year." -- Ericka Freed (10)

Air diving. Jumping in synchronized rhythm to block the ball, Maggie Asmund (9) and Beth Asmund (12) show off their vertical.



Varsity Volleyball: Front Row: Nikki Houser, Liza Sorteberg, Erin Westlund, and Head Coach Randy Holzkamm. Row 2: Alisha Schaeffer, Stendi Rienets, Alison Ottesen, and Beth Asmund. Row 3: Bethany Howitz, Angie Sorteberg, and Maggie Asmund. Back Row: Tocarra Friesz (statistician), Michelle Roers (student trainer), Bre Kleven (student trainer), Tracy Amundson (student trainer), and Tiffany Rienets (student trainer).

Results

We	They
1 Devils Lake	3
0 Fargo North	3
0 Fargo South	3
2 GF Red River	3
2 Dickinson	1
2 Bis. Century	1
1 Minot	2
3 Belcourt	0
2 Williston	1
3 Shanley	1
1 Valley City	3
0 Fargo South	3
3 Jamestown	0
2 Jamestown	0
2 Mandan	0
0 Minot	2
2 Mandan	0
0 Devils Lake	2
0 Shanley	3
3 Grafton	0
3 Wahpeton	1
3 GF Central	2
3 Grafton	1
0 GF Red River	3
2 Fargo North	3
3 Valley City	1
3 Grafton	0
3 Shanley	0
2 Wahpeton	3
2 GF Red River	3
Placed 6th at EDC	

Packers swim to state

Success! That is what the boys swimming and diving team had this year. Taking second in the EDC and fourth at State many of the team members thought it to be a successful season.

According to sophomore Darren Smith, "The season went good, but we had a little trouble with a shortage of teammates."

Even though this was the largest team that they have had with 25, some swimmers believed a few more people would have helped.

The Packers took 15 people to Grand Forks for

the State Meet. They placed a relay or one person in the top eight in every event.

"This team has had definite improvement since the beginning of the year. It's a well-rounded team that has excellent leadership," said Head Coach Marsha Dahl.

The great leadership comes from all of the upperclassmen, but mostly the teams two seniors, Mike Benson and Dean Sahr.

"This was a fun year," said senior captain Dean Sahr.

During the season some

records were even broken. Tim Springer (10) holds the record in both the 200 and 500 free. Also breaking a record was Darren Smith (10) in the 100 back. Ryan Grant (10) in the 200 individual medley, and the 200 medley relay are also now in the record books.

"This season was really good. I have dropped a lot of time, and so have my teammates," said Springer.

The team even adopted a mascot during the year. It was a statue named Buddha made by Dean Sahr (12) in ceramics. They had

it with them during warm ups and even when they went out to eat.

"We were pretty superstitious about it and brought it every where with us," said Sahr.

Even though the team would have liked to have taken third at State, they knew that there would always be hope for next year. With only losing to two people, junior Cory Pavsek has high hopes. "We have a young, big all-around team."

By Tammy Lat

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24.84	SLABE HELVIG	24.50
2:57.1	MEDI HALBERT	2:57.1
4:55.50	CRYSTAL CLIMBING	4:55.50
58.46	HOLLY SKARSGARD	58.46
53.74	SLABE HELVIG	53.74
6:15.25	SLABE HELVIG	6:15.25
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Taking the plunge. Hoping for a perfect 10, Mike Benson (12) does a sweet little dive.

Breath in, breath out! Coming up for a quick breath, Cory Pavsek (11) is determined to have a strong finish.



Results

Dual Meets

We	They
109	Grand Forks 59
55	Detroit Lakes 39
104	Jamestown 72
92	Moorhead 93
67	Mandan 118
96	Fargo South 44
41	Fargo North 61

Invitationals

Bismarck	2nd
FM Quad	3rd
Fargo South	4th
So./Jamestown/WF	1st
Grand Forks	4th

EDC

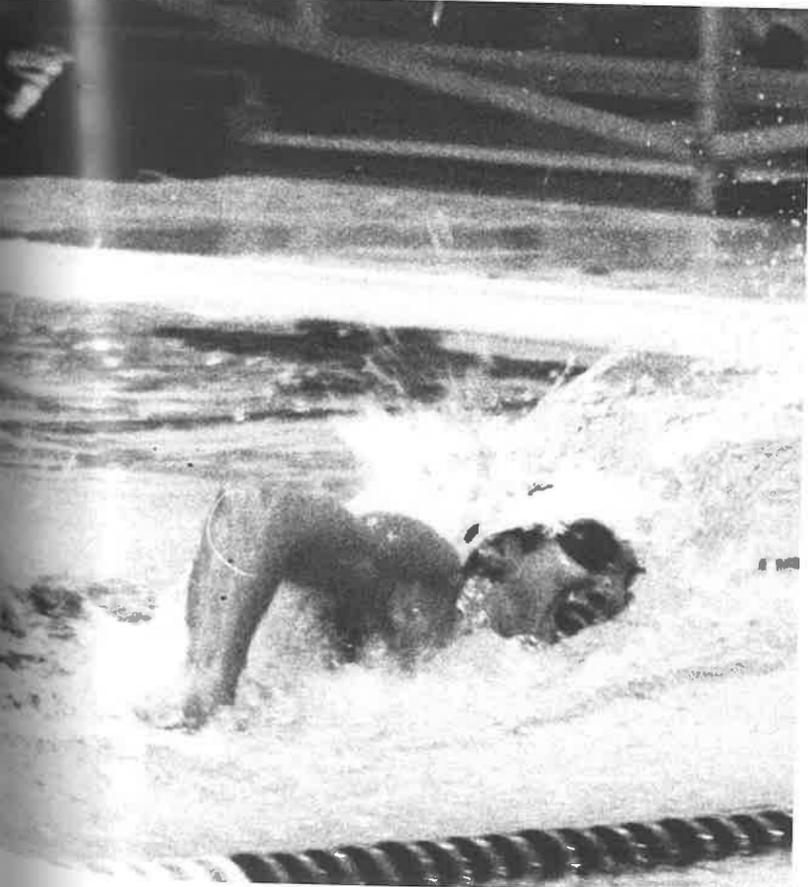
2nd place/5

State

4th place/11



Boys' Swimming & Diving: Front Row: Ryan Rust, Matt Dehnert, Bryce Johnson, Nick Prashek, Ryan Sandbek, John Nelson, Koehmen, and Steve Gilbertson. Row 2: Mason Heim, Kyle Stumpf, Tim Springer, Matt Christianson, Darren Smith, Cory Pavsek, Joel Klevan, and Diving Coach Angie McGuire. Back Row: Adrie Halvorson, manager, Becki Hummel, manager, Alex Thiel, Dean Sahr, Mike Benson, Ryan Uitley, Ryan Grant, and Coach Marsha Dahl.



Jock Talk

"Meets are fun, but they make you nervous and tense."
-- Mason Heim(10)

"Practices are hard, but it works out in the end."-- Joel Kleven(9)

"Swimming places a lot of pressure on the individual."
-- Darren Smith(10)

I see you! Spying on his opponent, Dean Sahr (12) leads the race for the Pack.

Lining up for competition. The Packatahnas get ready to perform at state competition.



This is work! During warm up routines, Holly Rost (11) shows everyone her spirit by giving it her "all" during practice.



Practice...Practice...Practice...It seemed that every time a student walked through the commons, there were the Packatahnas, practicing. They worked very hard in order to obtain and make new goals.

"Packatahnas is a lot of

Packatahnas dazzle crowds

work and the warm up routines are tough, but for dance it's all worth it," stated Jessica Richard (10).

The Packatahnas spent many hours working to accomplish their goals before and after school each day. One of their goals was to do well at State, which was held in Bismarck on February 1. They placed first in high kick and second in pom. Another main goal was to do well at UPC Americup Dance and Cheer National

Championships held in Minneapolis on February 27 to March 2.

To bond and form friendships among team members was another goal made by the team.

"Throughout the years being in Packatahnas I have made many new friends that I will cherish through my life," said Stacy Koglin (12).

During practices, Head Captain Emily Halvorson (12) led the team in warm-ups. Halvorson enjoyed being in front of the team.

"Being on the team has provided me with good leadership skills that I will carry throughout my life," Halvorson said.

Behind the scenes the choreographers worked endless hours in making up the routines, but head choreographer Nicole Veitenheimer (12) said it was all worth it.

"I think that the routines we perform are really energetic and catch the attention of the audience," stated Jessica Kratcha (10).

Though Packatahnas took many hours of preparation there were also benefits to putting in so much time. Most Packatahnas enjoyed performing and meeting new people from North Dakota and the surrounding states.

"Packatahnas has given me many opportunities. The friendships I made I will remember forever. I feel very lucky that I was able to be a part of the team, and I wouldn't give it up for the world," said Veitenheimer.

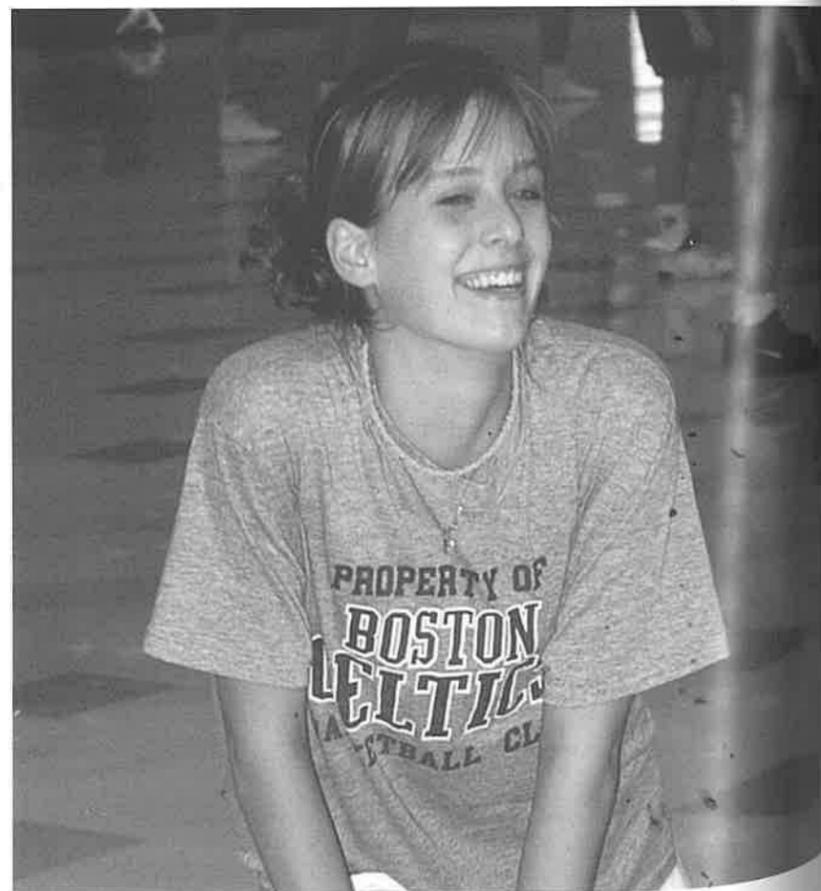
By Jeni Buchholz

Jock Talk

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"Packatahnas has given me many opportunities and friendships I will remember forever." -- Nicole Veitenheimer (12)

Warming up. At practice after school, Stacy Koglin (12) stretches out for Packatahnas.



Packatahnas: Front row: Andi Noonan, Sonja Ulrickson, Elisa Torres, Annette Sweeten, Aarin Zimney, Gretchen Jost, Jessica Abrahamson, Jessica Walsh. Row 2: Lori Keizer, Victoria Hogen, Christina Inwards, Christina Siewert, Melissa Schaffer, Natalie Buck, Stacy Koglin, Nicole Wilken, Angie Lohse, Nicole Veitenheimer. Back row: Coach Angie Lund, Jessica Richard, Stephanie Bonzer, Carly Meyer, Jeni Buchholz, Tangy Spiekermeier, Jessica Kratcha, Emily Holverson, Holly Rost, Coach Amy Hogen.



How much longer? During the West Fest parade, Aarin Zimney (12), Lori Keizer (10), and Stacy Koglin (12) march down Sheyenne Street.

Let love be the enemy

Varsity Tennis enjoyed a fun and competitive, if short season.

"This year has been more active and I think more fun than the past years," said Jill Hochgraber (11).

The dedicated players worked hard even though the weather, slowly melting snow and rain, was often frustrating.

"Everyone worked hard. It was a great season, even though we had some snow on the courts and bad weather to start with. We had fun," said Jessica Hochgraber (11).

This kept practice inside for quite a time.

"It was too short of a season," said Becky Loney (11).

Chasing fuzzy green tennis balls, practicing forehands and backhands were common rituals during tennis practice.

Tennis is loved by its players because of the challenge, the chance to worship the sun, and the competitive spirit against rival teams like Wahpeton.

"I enjoy it and plus you play out in the sun (when there is any)," said Jill Hochgraber.

A few matches every year remain in the team's memory. One memorable match was beating Jamestown to make it to the Eastern District Conference tournament.

Still, Wahpeton's defeat, who was ranked number

four, topped the list after the Wahpeton team joked about wanting to play the tennis team after their first match. Revenge can be sweet.

"I am really glad we got to face and beat Wahpeton again in EDC regionals," said Angie Vetter (11).

The Junior Varsity players enjoyed the year under the helpful eye of their coach.

"The junior varsity coach, Cindy Johnson, adds a great experience to the game because she lets us have fun. She also joins in with what we are doing," said Jill Hochgraber.

Varsity welcomed a new coach, Dave Drenth, to its ranks.

Varsity beat Jamestown and Wahpeton but lost to Shanley and Red River. They finished eighth in the Conference overall. They kept them out of the state tournament.

After a season of hard work, wins and near victories, the tennis team looked enthusiastically toward their future.

A promising seventh grader, Chrissy Vetter played on Varsity during the season. This shows the young talent on the team.

"We are going to be number one!" exclaimed Jill Hochgraber.

With hard work, many of their opponents could be defeated by "love".

By Erika Devora

Results

We	They
1	GF Central 8
0	North 9
4	Shanley 5
4	South 5
0	Valley City 9
0	Wahpeton 9
5	Jamestown 4
3	Jamestown 2
EDC results:	
0	Red River 5
4	Wahpeton 1
0	Shanley 5



Varsity Tennis: Front Row: Elizabeth Bakken, Chrissy Vetter, Allison Nettetstad, Amy Donley, and Krista Thorson. Row 2: Becky Loney, Jessica Hochgraber, Angie Vetter, Alison Otteson, Tricia York, and Chelsey Effinger. Back Row: Coach Cindy Johnson, Jill Hochgraber, Amanda S. Olson, Brenda Grinde, Amy Sandvik, Beth Asmund, Emily Morgan, Charity Speich, and Coach Dave Drenth.



Reaching for the stars. During a tennis match, Angie Vetter (11) imitates Monica Seles with a graceful overhand and waits hoping for a point in her favor.



Did I make it? After hitting the ball, Amy Sandvik (11) waits for the return.



A long stretch. Hurling her body across the court, Alison Otteson (12) desperately hopes to reach the tennis ball in time to make the save during an intense moment of play.

Jock Talk

"I think we improved a lot over the last year. We've been working on basics and I think this has paid off. The JV girls worked well together and helped each other out." -- Junior Varsity Coach Cindy Johnson

Extend your arm! As the ball takes off, Brandon Gustafson (9) watches the distance of his drive.



Put your back into it. Hitting the ball looks tough, but Shawn Blair (10) makes it look like a piece of cake during one of the golf practices.



Bubble provides perfect lie ad weather hampers golf

Although the golf courses were under water for the beginning of practice, the team did manage to get some practice time in at the golf bubble before the season began. To some players practicing at the golf bubble proved rewarding. "It was good because every lie was perfect, there

wasn't any wind, and the weather was perfect. We also couldn't make up any excuses. At the golf course every lie is different," said Jaime Kegley (10).

Aaron Balster (9) however had a different point of view. "The bubble got boring after a couple practices."

After the water began to recede, the first course to open was Village Green in Moorhead, so many of the golf meets were held there. As the season progressed more courses opened.

The Eastern Dakota Conference golf meet was

held at Village Green in Moorhead, on May 19. The team placed ninth overall with a score of 342.

Following the EDC tournament, the team participated in three more golf tournaments. One of these was held at Wildflower Golf Course at Fair Hills near Pelican Rapids. The team score for that tournament was 380.

With very few upperclassmen, the Packers could consider 1997 as a rebuilding year.

Because of adverse weather conditions, the team didn't do exception-

ally well. They had to contend with snow, flood, and cold temperatures.

The team had its difficulties throughout the season not placing very highly in team scores.

When asked what was most challenging about the sport, Brad Henderson's (9) answer was, "Trying not to get frustrated when you have a bad day."

According to Coach James MacFarlane, most of the players on the golf team are young and will be returning next year, so the future looks hopeful.

By Carla Peterson

Did I hit the ball? Following through on his drive, Randy Meyer (8) looks a little twisted.



Jock Talk

"Golf is great because you play for yourself."-- Jaime Kegley (10)

"The most challenging part of golf is to keep the ball flying straight." --Aaron Balster (9)

"I got interested in golf when my dad took me when I was a kid and I loved it."--Brad Henderson (9)

Nice form!!! Both Nathan Duncan (11) and Rob Boser (12) look very professional as they hit a few practice balls.



Varsity Golf: Front Row: Eddie Sheeley, Erick Hansen, Brandon Gustafson, Kyle Stroh, Randy Meyer. Row 2: Corey Johnson, Brad Henderson, Max Washneiski, Adam Byrne. Row 3: Jaime Kegley, Rob Boser, Jason Mutzenberger, Nathan Duncan, Don Westman. Back Row: Aaron Balster, Matt Faller, Shawn Blair, Joe Gorman.

Results

Site	Place
Jamestown Hillcrest	9th
Grafton Wild Flower	9th
West Fargo Village Green	10th
Shanley Meadows	11th
Devils Lake Country Club	9th
Valley City VCCC	7th
Regional Village Green	9th
North Wild Flower	7th
Conference	7th

T Too few participants plague Packers rack proves their worth

"We could do all right on the girls' side," said Mr. Randy Holzkamm coach of girls' sprinters and relay teams.

This single statement represents the dismal state of the 1997 track team and shows how the team is unwilling to give up for the season.

The 1997 season saw a drastic decline in the number of participants in track,

so no one expected them to do well. When the season started, though, a few members of the team fired the team up and carried them to astounding success for such a small team. A number of these participants were Karin Bandli (11), Jana Hanson (10), Trisha Hansen (12), Holly Rost (12), Bill Erenberg (11) and Blake Ristvedt (10).

A number of the members qualified for the state track meet at EDC. Among those were Hanson, the 400 meter relay team, the 800 meter relay team and the 1,600 meter relay team.

"I think we did very well considering the fact that

we were such a small team," said Hanson.

"The thing is," said Eric Ziegler (10), "we could have done really well if there had been more people that had gone out."

Mr. Darrin Boehm has been head coach of the boys' team for seven years and girls' team for three years. Not only is he the head coach of track and field, but he is also the coach of middle and long distance runners. He thinks the team has gotten much better as the season went on.

"The track team started the season slowly and steadily improved - meet by meet," he said.

There were many other coaches on the team, such as Mr. Randy Holzkamm, Mr. Jim Jonas, and Mr. Don Lennon.

"The coaches were very supportive," said Hanson. As for next year, the members of the team remain optimistic.

"I think we'll do very well considering we're such a young team," said Hanson.

The team's coaches agreed with Hanson's positive attitude.

"The boys' team should be much improved," said Boehm. "The girl's team loses two very important seniors, but will be strong in the sprints."

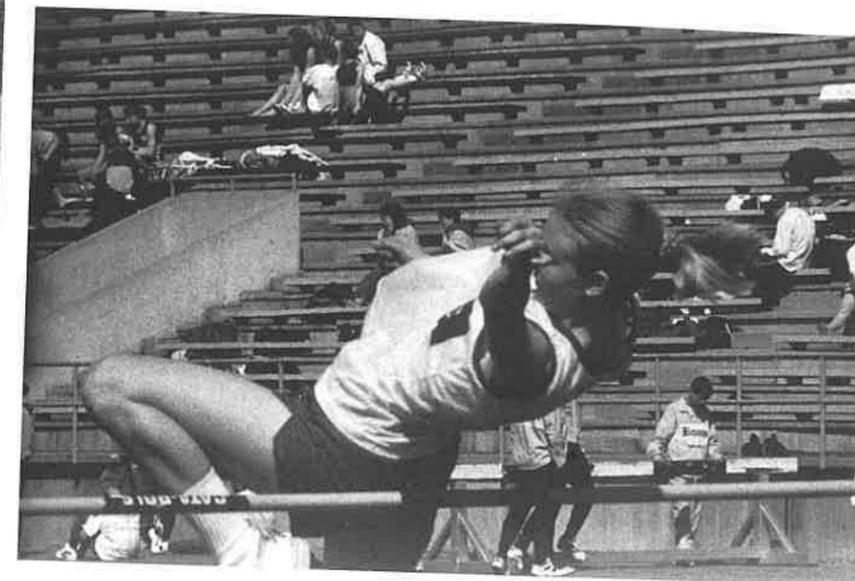
By Michael Vacha



Only a few more to go... Clearing a pesky hurdle, Angie Schmitt (11) exhales as she brings trail leg over.



I can fly! Leaping as far as he can, Eric Ziegler (10) raises his arms and soars through the air as he nears the infamous 30 foot mark in the long jump at a track meet.



Houston, we have liftoff... Clearing the bar by about 10 inches (she thinks), Natasha Baker (9) attempts to bring glory back to West Fargo.



Track & Field: Front Row: Ashley Holm, Sarah Vanyo, Andrea Noonan, Trisha Hansen, Holly Rost, Stacey McConnell, Elise Huff, Kristi Williams, Sherri Lee. Row 2: Alani Selman, Shanna Laude, Karin Bandli, Tasha Dockter, Leisha Ihry, Sara Hall, Adrie Halvorson, Bethany Howitz, Tammy Syverson, Tiffany Rienets, Kristine Brager. Row 3: Angie Schmitt, Tammy Larck, Tracy Rosales, Rochelle Koehnen, Maggie Asmund, Stacey Odden, Kim Wehri, Jill Bernhagen, Kristina Webber, Kelly Murek, Megan Lavelle, Tony Kuntz, Ryan Grant, Brian Frederick, Pat Griffen, Charlie Gooding, Jessica Hanson, Colin Schroeder, Jennifer Frueh, Mark Timmerman, Jana Hanson, Sarah Miller, Natasha Baker, Ryan Grant. Row 4: Blake Ristvedt, Joel Kleven, Bob Rasmussen, Ross Brennan, Ben Aarestad, Brent Tehven, Chad R. Volk, Loren Hansen, Bryce Weaver, Billy Erenberg, Ben Richard. Back Row: Don Lennon (assistant coach), Randy Holzkamm (assistant coach), Darrin Boehm (head coach), Tracy Amundson, Mary Iliff.



Jock Talk

"Track is a challenge for everyone to do their best." -- Jana Hanson (10).

"I like the meets because you get to meet a lot of interesting people from different schools." -- Tammy Larck (10).

"I like being a part of a great team and all the great people on this team." -- Mark Timmermann (10).

Shall we dance? Stepping through the complicated moves that are throwing, Tracy Rosales (9) twirls and whirls just to throw a little ball.

Clear it out! Defending the goal, Jennifer McDougall (11) quickly kicks the ball up line.



That ball is mine, or else.. While the crowd looks on, Heather Gromatka (10) rushes the soccer ball using her body to block her pushy opponent.



The year started on squishy footing because of water-logged fields plus multiple inches of snow and mud. The varsity team had to practice in the Metro Recreation Center to prepare for the first game. "I think it will be a really great season, if the snow ever melts," said Traci Buehre (12). After enduring a few

Soccer kicks off

hard headers and sharing blankets on blustery days, the soccer team developed internal friendships.

"Soccer is a great sport to be involved with. Everyone gets along together which makes it the best!" exclaimed Kodi Srur (12).

A tradition involving saliva takes place on the varsity team.

"Inducting the captains by spitting on your hand, then wiping it on their heads!" said Jessica McDougall (11) as she explained this custom.

Varsity Soccer gained Coach Jim Flores, who

was a graduate of West Fargo High School in 1970. Coach Flores felt acceptance by the community.

"Curt Jones, the West Fargo soccer club, and the whole West Fargo community has accepted me," said Flores.

The junior varsity coach brought multiple years of playing varsity at Concordia and a love of the game.

"I coach soccer because it is the most exciting sport I have watched and played. Coaching allows me to teach others what I have learned over the years,"

said Coach Kari Eissenger.

A highlight of the year was varsity going to state after tying Shanley.

The future of girls' soccer bodes well. Eleven returning seniors will stock the team plus five players will be playing varsity for their third year. "We have a lot of returning players and some underclassmen that show a lot of potential. Everyone gets along well and with our teamwork this season will be great," said Beth Leno (11), a soccer captain.

By Erika Devones

The decisive moment. Rushing forward, Miranda Zetocha (10) hopes to get to the ball first.

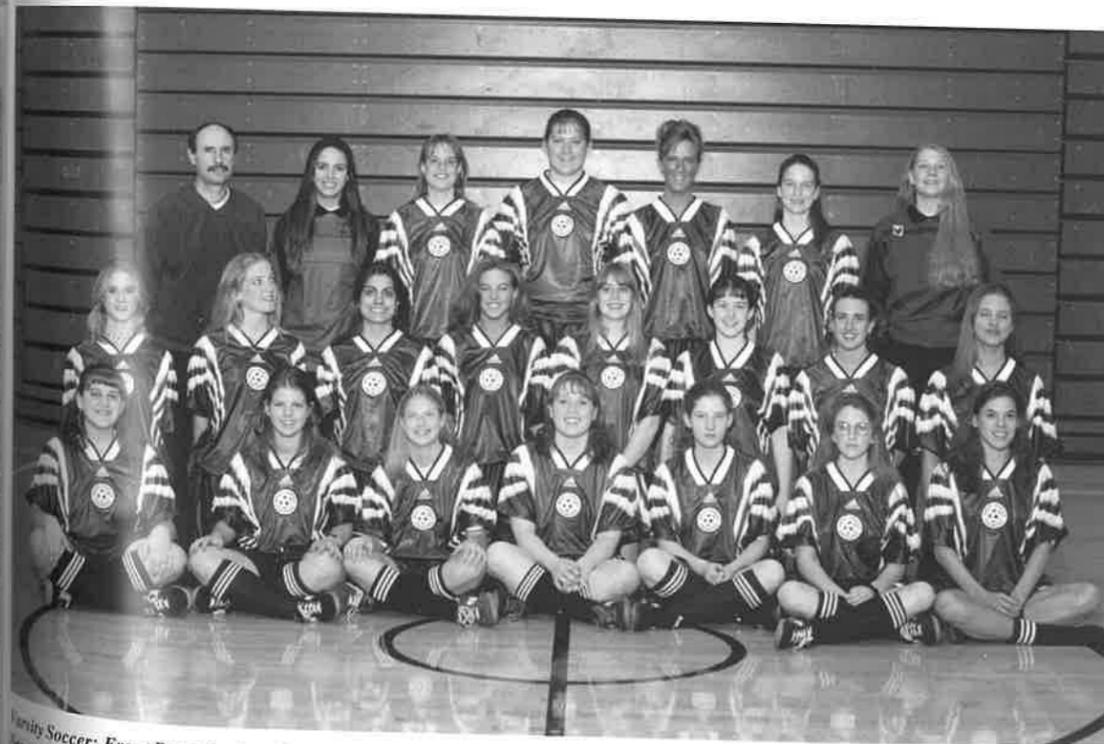
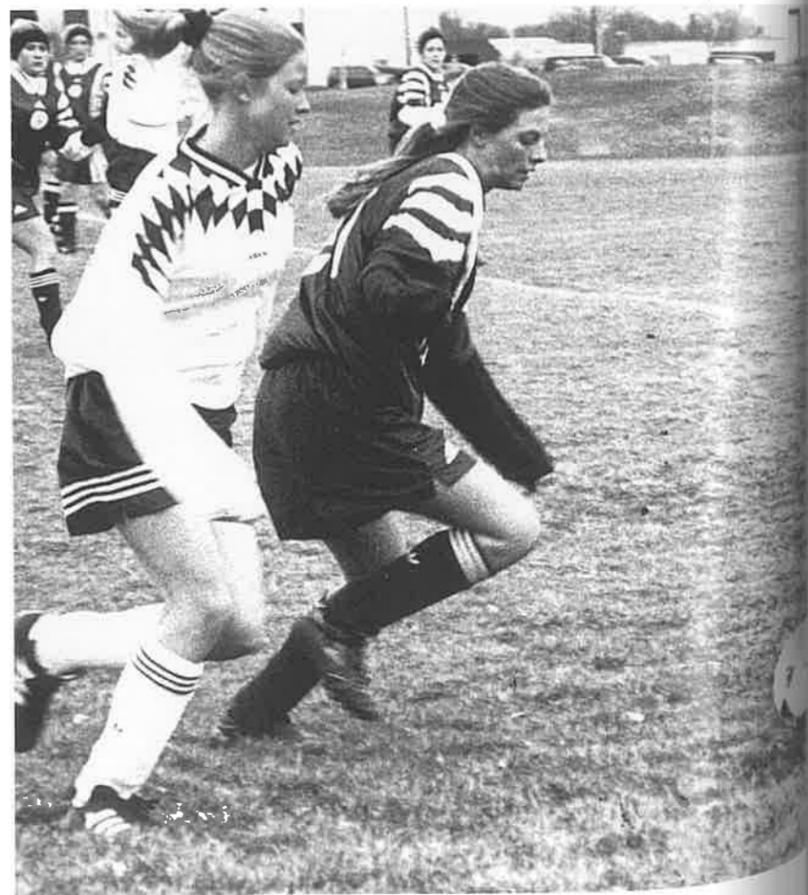


Jock Talk

"The best part about soccer is soccer. That's the best feeling in the world." -- Jessica McDougall (11)

"The people are great, the games are aggressively great." -- Miranda Zetocha (10)

Eyes locked on. Ahead of her mark and in a bolting run, Jessica McDougall (11) focuses on the soccer ball while her team mates push up in the background.



Varsity Soccer: Front Row: Heather Alberty, Beth Leno, Heather Hansen, Andrea Brennan, Erika Devones, Heidi Johnson, and Gretchen Jost. Second Row: Miranda Zetocha, Kristina Gromatka, Kodi Srur, Jessica McDougall, Traci Buehre, Kelly Buchholz, Sonja Ulrickson, and Jessie Johnson. Back Row: Coach Jim Flores, Bri Lee, Alissa Frederick, Amy Gustafson, Jennifer McDougall, Heather Gromatka, and Mindy Johnson.

Results

We	They
1	Jamestown 0
0	Mandan 2
6	Fargo North 1
2	Shanley 1
2	GF Central 0
5	Fargo South 0
3	St. Marys 0
4	Bismarck 0
3	Fargo North 0
0	Shanley 0

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aseball and softball finish strong

The West Fargo baseball team did well this year and they went to state in Minot May 16-18.

The team earned a third seat from the Eastern Dakota Conference which gave them a ticket to the state tournament.

The team's coach Kent Packer said that the team had potential in the state tournament if everybody held the same level as they had previously.

In the state tournament, West Fargo reached the final after beating Mandan in the semi-final by a score of 15-12. However, in the final they were defeated by the Bismarck St. Mary's Saints by the score of 12-7.

"This was a very good season," said Josh Thompson (12). "We finished second in state, but the state tournament was the best game of the season. This year was much better than last year when we went to state, but only reached the semifinals."

"I think the ball looks good," said Ryan Nelson (12). Nelson agreed that this had been a good season, but that the team was pretty lucky getting to state taking into consideration that the team's overall score was 8-11. I think we did better than people expected."

By KJ Storaker

The West Fargo softball team had a banner season this year. Coach Pat Johnson said that the most important thing for the team was to stay focused so everyone played as well as possible.

The state tournament was held in Fargo May 23-25. The teams that competed were the Fargo North Spartans, the Fargo South Bruins, and the Shanley Deacons, and the West Fargo Packers.

"The season went really well," said Gine Villi (12). "This team consists of so many young players and it has potential to be a really good team in future seasons," said Coach Pat

By KJ Storaker

Results

We	They
11	Shanley 14
8	Shanley 6
8	North 6
14	North 7
20	Grafton 10
8	Grafton 10
5	Jamestown 11
7	Bismarck 1
4	Bismarck 7
4	Mandan 14
8	Mandan 9
5	South 11
7	South 6
20	Valley City 6
4	South 7
4	South 8

EDC

11	Shanley 14
8	Shanley 6
8	North 6
4	North 7
20	Grafton 10
8	Grafton 10
8	Grafton 10
5	South 11
7	South 6

State Tournament

11	Minot 3
15	Mandan 12
7	St. Mary's 12
11	Minot 3
15	Mandan 12
7	St. Mary's 1

Finished 2nd



Varsity Baseball: Front Row: Mich Migler, Benjamin Aarestad, Joel Finn, Shaun Gothberg, Troy Ament, Kyle Hettenbaugh, Row 2: Richard Whitcomb, Eric Ziegler, Jason Olson, Justin Farkas, Sam Smerud, Kevin Zellers Row 3: Travis Johnson, Chris Bachmann, Jeffrey Mapes, Travis Schwab, Robert Lopez Back Row: Assistant Coach Dean Berry, Michael Best, Josh Thompson, Ryan Nelson, Benjamin, Head Coach Kent Packer.

Strike! Following through, Travis Schwab (11) pitches the ball for a strike.



Nice catch! Blocking the sun from her eyes, Mandie Bearfield (10) catches the ball during practice.



Results

We	They
6	South 11
3	South 10
4	Shanley 7
10	Shanley 2
26	North 0
8	Dilworth 0
10	Dilworth 2
12	North 4
14	South 12
11	Shanley 1

East Region

7	Shanley 2
4	South 7
7	South 5



Softball: Front Row: Sally Dronen, and Aarin Zimney. Row 2: Elizabeth Tessen, Brea Rheult, Erin Moch, Nicole Grund, Alison Ottsen, Kristin Larck, and Tammy Larck. Row 3: Veronica Greene, Leah Brekke, Jamie Hendrickson, KJ Jendro, Naomi Dell, Sarah Vanyo, Katie Randall, Melene Hoffert, Dana Peles, and Andi Noonan. Row 4: April Hagel, Jodi Hendrickson, Amy Hill, Melanie Mehus, Krysia Kludt, Gine Villi, Mandie Bearfield, Amber Clark, Jenna Clark, Diaqe Prazak, and Kristin Zellers. Row 5: Varsity Coach Pat Johnson, Aftin Krieger, Lindsey Johnson, Sarah Skallet, Angie Sorteberg, CJ Clauson, Jamie Swenson, Colleen Anderson, Sophomore Coach Brad Clark, and JV Coach Larry Dronen.



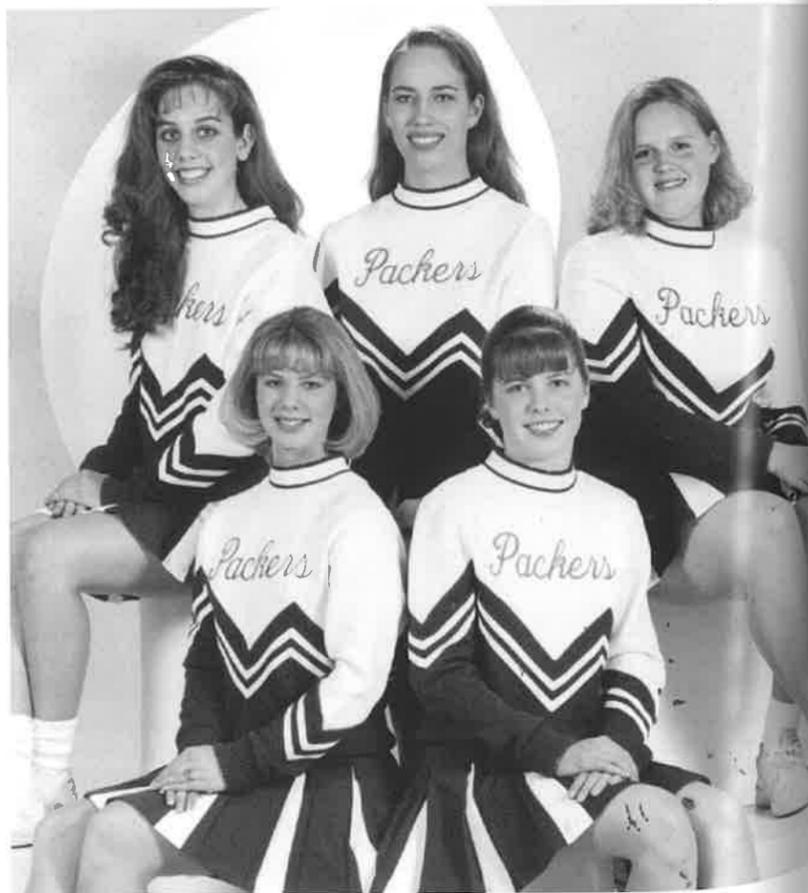
Varsity Hockey Cheerleader: Front Row: Tara Trapp, Back Row: Chalcee Fingarson, Patty McGuire, Debby Hogen, Charlotte Zich, Traci Tingum

Jock Talk

"My favorite thing about cheerleading was spending time with all of the other cheerleaders." --Stacey Saxowsky(11)

"The best part of cheerleading is being on the floor." --Sara Wilm(10)

Varsity Wrestling: Front Row: Rita Haugen, Julie Engberg. Back Row: Megan Morrison, Kelly Elijah, Becky Donabauer.



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Cheerleading is a lot of hard work but a great experience.

--Amy Durbin(11)

"Each year cheerleading is becoming more physically demanding because of the new rules and regulations that North Dakota has made," said girls' basketball cheerleading tri-captain Vicky Berg (12).

The cheerleaders were more advanced in their

from the southern states, where the girls there start earlier and do more difficult stunts.

"Cheerleading is lots of hard work but a great experience," said boys' basketball cheerleader Amy Durbin (11).

Be-
cause
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leaders
practiced
every
day, the
girls

were determined to be the best squad they could. Each squad practiced until each cheer and stunt was perfected. For some squads this meant that in the pre-season they had to lift weights or do aerobics. Also during the season

there were late practices that lasted several hours, along with having to be at a game early to set up the posters.

"Most people don't consider cheerleading a sport, but it is," said football cheerleading captain Amy Petersen (12).

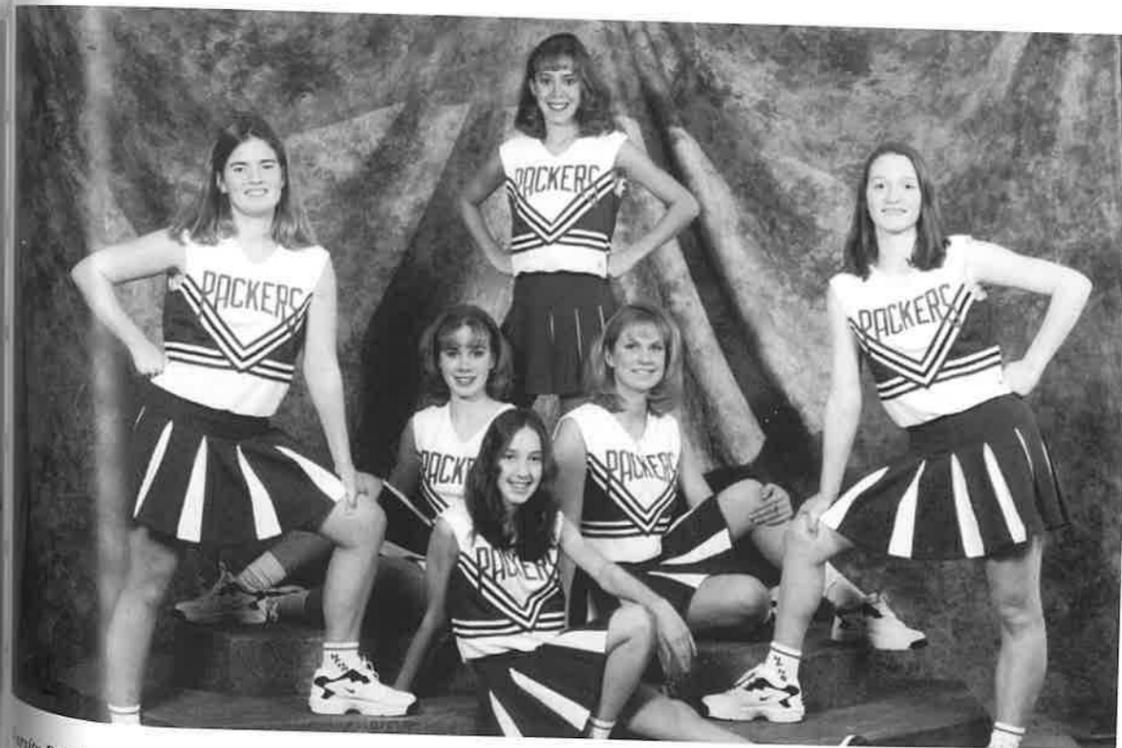
The cheerleaders still did their usual job of getting the crowd excited, bringing fire-up items and creating those beautiful posters for the commons.

Showing school spirit was not only for the

cheerleaders this year. The cheerleaders made various posters and by word of mouth said when games were. This attracted many fans to basketball, football, soccer, wrestling, and hockey games. Without this few people would know about the games. The students and parents came to games, and the cheerleaders got them involved.

"This year we had the best support from both our parents and fans," said Petersen.

By Karina Busch



Varsity Boys' Basketball Cheerleading: Front Row: Naomi Gross. Second Row: Angie Schultz, Abby Weingarten. Third Row: Amy Durbin, Alison Maki. Back Row: Bobbi Ann Ward



Varsity Girls' Basketball Cheerleading: Front Row: Vicky Berg. Row 2: Anna Larson, Amy Durbin. Row 3: Karina Busch, Angie Hammer. Back Row: Jessica McDougall.



Go P-A-C-K-E-R-S... Showing her spirit Charlotte Zich (12) practices her hardest at football cheerleading practice.



We don't take any bull! Waiting for the crowd to respond, Amy Petersen (12) and the Packer mascot fire them up.

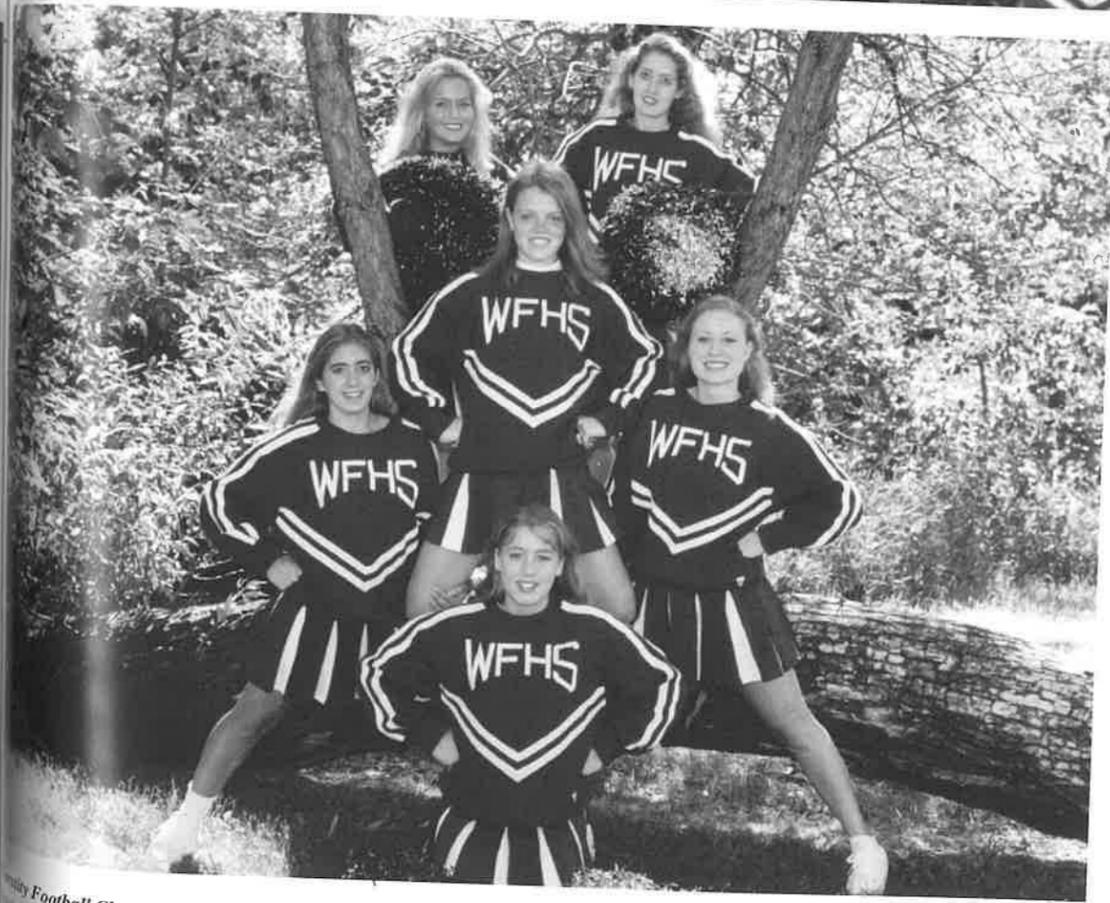
Jock Talk

"My favorite part of cheerleading is the bus ride." -- Alicia Prudlick (10)

"The best part of cheerleading is getting the crowd excited and cheering with all the other people. It's so much fun to do. It's a great experience." --Beth Flowers (10)



Varsity Soccer Cheerleading: Front Row: Ashley Brend, Melissa Braseth. Back Row: Patty DeCher, Megan Morrison, Tara Ramlo.



Varsity Football Cheerleading: Front Row: Tara Trap, Row 2: Kristina Webber, Patty McGuire, Charlotte Zich Back Row: Amy Petersen, Megan Morrison, Tara Ramlo.

ORGANIZATIONS

HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

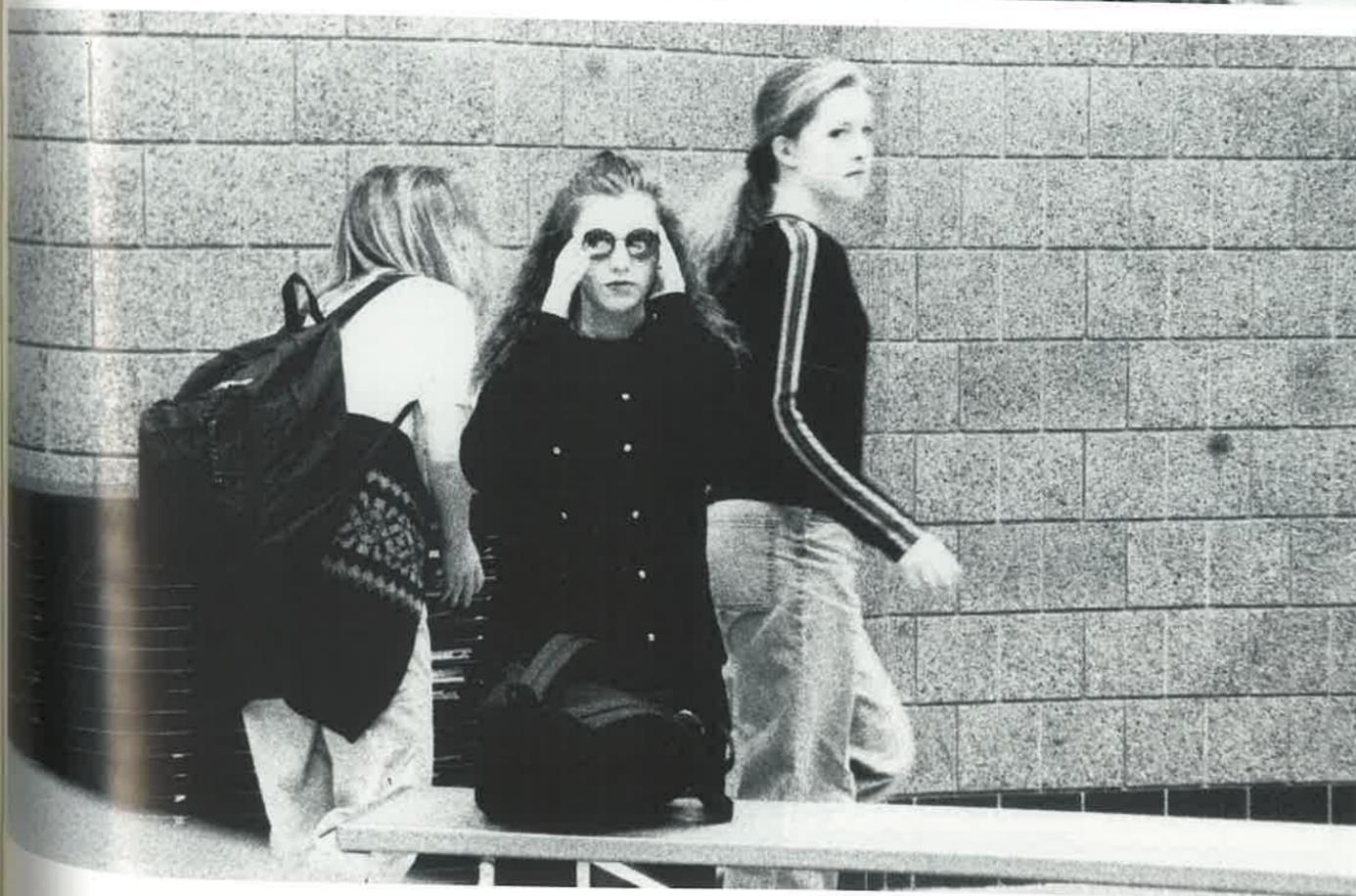
Organizations give the student body not only Something To Talk About, but also something to do. These clubs and organizations keep the students busy long after the regular school day ends. Achievements for the organizations provide students with a goal for the upcoming year. With the great achievements and success of the 1996-1997 school year, the students have something to be proud of.



If only it were real. In the fall performance of *Wind in the Willows*, Stacy Mittag (9) tries to strangle Dan Rolle (9).

Woo Hoo, I broke finals! At the Valley City speech meet, Jackie McSparron (11) eagerly checks finals.

Attitude adjustment. While waiting for the bell during choir, Erin Przybilla (10) and Leah Johnson (10) head toward the door.



Speech takes first at regionals, 2nd at state

SPEECH & DEBATE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Despite a raging blizzard and no electricity, the WFHS speech team captured 2nd place at the state tournament in Grand Forks.

At the East Regional Tournament in Devils Lake, the speech team took first for the second year in a row, while at the state tournament in Grand Forks, they took second.

At state many people placed. Denita Linnertz (11) took first in Poetry, Jackie McSparron (11) and Linnertz took third in Humorous Duo; Dan Rolle (9) and Mark Harbeke (12) took first in Serious Duo;

Rolle took first in Entertain and Adam Pankow (11) seventh; Christina Johnson (12) took third in Extemp Program Reading and Nancy Tate (12) seventh; Harbeke took first in Serious and Tate, fourth and Johnson, fifth; Beth Flowers (10) took first in Novice Extemp and Katie Krajeck (9) fifth.

Head coach Mary Sherman summed up the

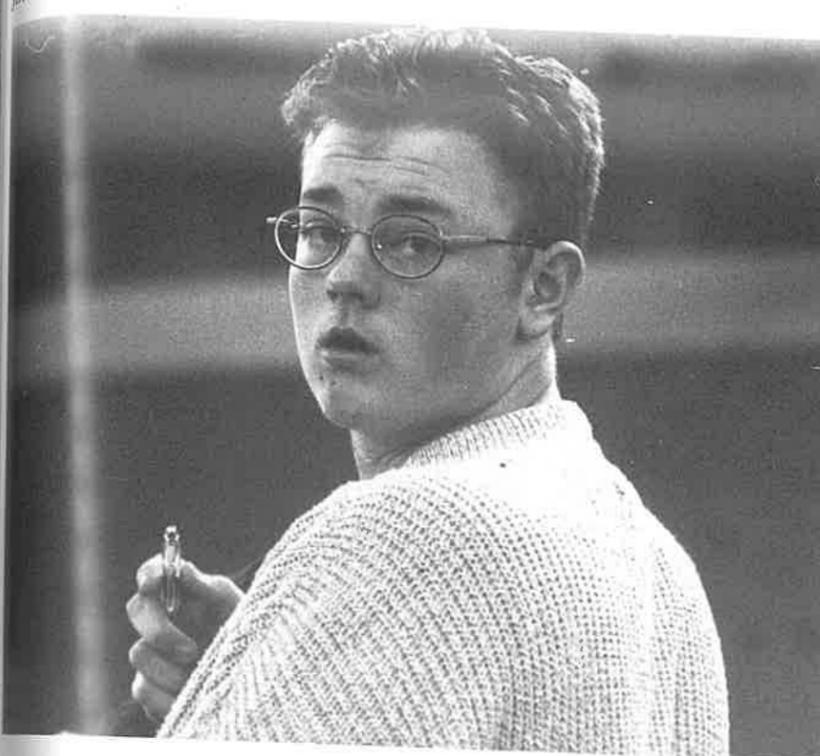
season. "As I turned in my ballot after a final round at Valley City College, I discovered my entire team lined up engaging in a step by step study on how to tie a tie. Everyone was having such a great time and there was an incredible sense of comraderie. This feeling of family is what I like best about speech."

By Kyle Volk



Debate Team: Front Row: Nick Westberg, Kyle Volk, Beth Flowers. Row 2: Jackie McSparron, Suzanne El-Hileh, Stacy Mittag. Row 3: Dan Rolle, Chris Nelson. Back Row: Steve Lien.

Huh, what did you say? A little confused, Adam Pankow (11) looks over his shoulder at the word that rivals were posted.

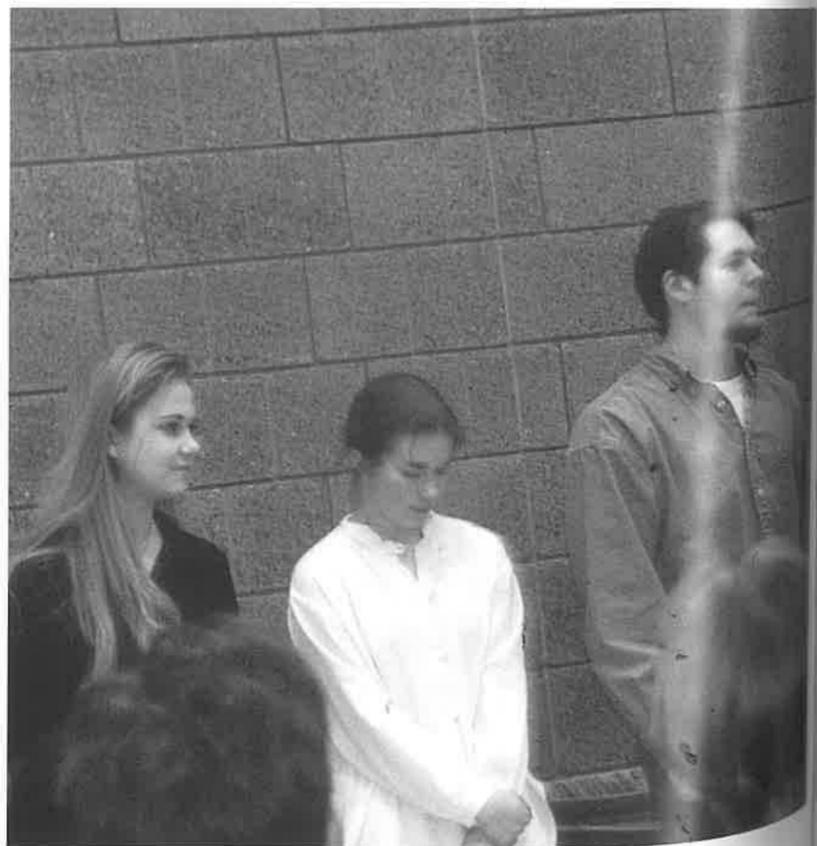


Smile your on Candid Camera! While waiting between rounds, Dan Rolle (9) takes a nice walk with the speech ostrich.



Now, where is that pesky file? During the West Fargo Speech tournament, Katie Krajeck (9) looks in the extemp box for a file.

And the winner is.... Who will receive first place in prose? Nancy Tate (12), Christina Johnson (12), and Mark Harbeke (12) wait anxiously.



Speech team: Front Row: Kyle Volk, Nick Westberg, Beth Flowers, Rita Ostern, Stacy Mittag, Christina Johnson. Row 2: Jackie McSparron, Denita Linnertz, Kari Tranby, Suzanne El-Hileh, Becky Koppelman, Daria Eberhardt. Row 3: Mark Harbeke, Josh Johnson, Cassie Rossow. Row 4: Dan Harbeke, Katie Krajeck, James Erickson, Adam Pankow. Back Row: Mike Smith, Chris Nelson, Dan Rolle, Steve Lien.

TALKING about Speech & Debate

"I've been abducted by aliens, kidnapped by international terrorists, and hunted down by the F.B.I., but nothing can compare to the wacky times the speech team has had." --Dan Rolle (9)

"All hail the power of the cow!! He holds all the wisdom and power. Oh wait, maybe not. Well, at least he's cute." --Jackie McSparron (11)

Don't poke me there. Preparing to give blood, Mark Harbeke (12) scowls at the nurse.



Let's Party. At the student council convention, it wasn't all work and no play for Mike Herbst (12) and Loren Hansen (12).



Student council helps rid school of drugs

The student council has always been a very active part of the high school. This year, like in the past, they have been involved in events from getting rid of drugs in the school to sponsoring coronation.

The student council has played a major role in stopping drugs from entering the school. Kody, the Fargo Police drug dog, came to the school randomly to check lockers.

In addition to stopping the drug problem, they also helped the community by sponsoring two annual blood drives. This was a huge success and many students participated.

"It was a success because many people donated blood and it was a good cause," said Matt Korsmo (12).

"A lot of people were sick and they had to be turned away, so we didn't have a great turn out," said Mike Herbst (12).

The student body President Mike Herbst (12) had many goals.

"I want to do the best job I can to lead the high school and satisfy the needs and wants of the students," said Herbst.

Many students in student council share the same attitude as Herbst. They wanted to make the high school the best they could.

"Student council has made me think about my actions more carefully before I actually do them. I

Student Council

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

am supposed to be a positive leader at my school," said Kristen Volk (10).

The student council was motivated by their advisors, Mr. Gary Clark and Mrs. Karen Olson.

"Our student council has been a real positive highlight of my career. It's been a pleasure working with our student leaders to make our school one of the best," said Clark.

By Amy Petersen

TALKING Student about Council

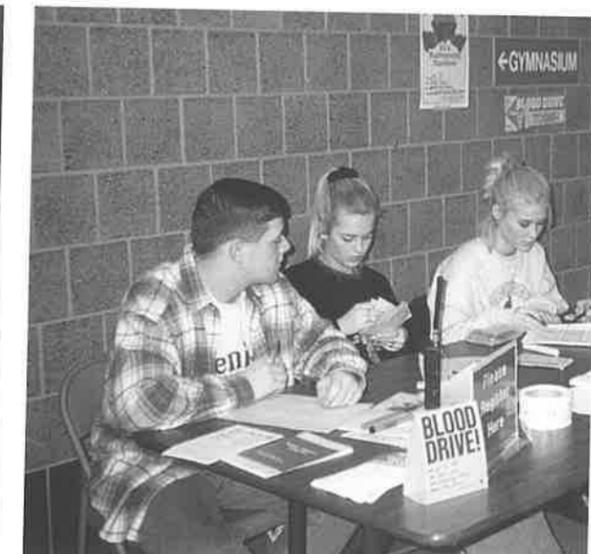
"I've been in student council for seven years, and I've never regretted it once." -- Aarin Zimney (12)

"It's a good organization because it promotes and organizes many programs." -- Matt Korsmo (12)

"It's a good thing to be part of because it increases school spirit." -- Kelsey Brodsho (10)



Student Council: Front Row: Lisa Elless, Darla Grunewald, Jølene Berg. Row 2: Eric Ziegler, Llonna Burbidge, Tyler Willis, Kelsey Brodsho, Jessica Abrahamson, Miranda Zetocha, Kristin Volk. Row 3: Keif Wagner, Melissa Redlinger, Jessica McDougall, Gretchen Jost, Missy Walstad, Megan Morrison. Row 4: Aarin Zimney, Mike Herbst, Matt Korsmo, Matt Biewer, Mrs. Olson. Back Row: Mr. Gary Clark, Amy Petersen. Not Pictured: Brianne Regan, Sally Larson, Loren Hansen.



I'm so beautiful. While getting ready for the student council convention, Jessica McDougall (11) makes herself more beautiful.

Gimme Gimme. Working at the blood drive, Mike Herbst (12), Amy Petersen (12), and Mandy Zetocha (10) sort out registration forms.

That tickles! Of the many people who gave blood, Tracy LeClair (cook) lets out a laugh after realizing that it isn't that bad donating blood after all.

Sharing voices in song

Choir

Mr. Jeffrey Mueller, Chamber and Concert Choir director, thinks highly of the three choirs this past year.

"I think that all three choirs have done very well," he said. "I'm very pleased with all of them."

Varsity Choir, which consisted of freshmen, was directed by Ms. Barbara Redlin and sang with just as much heart as the older students, according to Ms. Redlin.

"Varsity Choir has great students who come together every day at two-thirty to share their voices in song," said Ms. Redlin.

Chamber Choir, made up of 10th through 12th grade girls, and Concert Choir, 10th through 12th grade boys and 11th and 12th grade girls who made it after tryouts, had the op-

portunity to work with Mr. Mueller and to try out for Madrigals/Carolers, a co-curricular singing group.

"I like Madrigals because I enjoy performing and getting free food," said Madrigal singer Chris Nelson (10).

Mr. Mueller, in his 6th year of directing at the high school still likes to direct choir.

"I like directing choir because it's a great way to express things in an artistic way," he said.

Students, on the other hand, have different reasons for liking choir.

"I like to be with all of my friends and I like to sing,"

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

said Bonnie Hellman (11).

"I think it's fun," said Kelsey Tande (9).

Various offerings to the students in choir are singing the national anthem, music festival, and Madrigals/Carolers.

With all of the students in choir, there must be some reason they all seem to like it so much.

"Choir is somewhere you can use skills, talents, and your brains in an artistic way," said Mueller. "Or they must just like to sing."

By Michael Vacha



Do I sound stuffed up? Singing at a concert, the members of Concert Choir plug their noses while Denita Linnertz (11) stands out in front to sing.

TALKING about Choir

"I plead the fifth." -- Stacey Saxowsky (11)

"I like being with my friends." -- Kristen Burroughs (11)

"I like singing our lovely German songs." -- Janet Rasmussen (11)

TALKING about Choir

"I like being with all of my friends." -- Bonnie Hellman (11)

"I'm looking forward to the choir tour." -- Ross Schmidt (10)

"I like the interaction with other people." -- Adam Pankow (11)



Chamber Choir: Front row: Becki Hummel, Alani Selland, Tanya Huus, Heather Alberty, Shannon Gorman, Amy Sandbek, Megan Kelley, Veronica Rosales, Gina Emery, Sarah Elstad, Dorriann Clark, Kelsey Brodsho, Stacey Fosse. Row 2: Stacy Plett, Alana Withey, Rita Ostern, Jennifer McDougall, Monica Holden, Sarah Strandquist, Adrie Halvorson, Christine Rector, Courtney Kirklewski, Shannon Hillen, Amy Johnson, Kristin Burroughs, Erin Przybilla. Row 3: Misty Tomchuk, Jill Francis, Theresa Yahnke, Sarah Thornberg. Back row: Becky Miller, Jackie Krei, Stacey Saxowsky, Tera Decker, Mandie Bearfield, Sadie Netterlund, Colleen Anderson, Dakota Kvaale, Rachel Morrison, Jennifer Niekamp, Katie Cumber, Janae Luween, Kristin Marohl, Brooke Johnson, Angie Brager.



Concert Choir: Front row: Nissa Crandall, Becky McCann, Mindy Hagen, Jamie Witt, Lisa Brinkman, Sonja Ulrickson, Stacy Haring, Gretchen Jost, Suzie Haaland, Michelle Roers, Anne Thomas, Danyell Bearfield, Tina Holden, Jada Neuschwander. Row 2: Jonita Steinbrecher, Amy Christl, Denita Linnertz, Kelly Buchholz, Jodi Braaten, Jeni Buchholz, Jackie McSparron, Jessica McDougall, Bonnie Hellman, Cassie Jo Rossow, Emily Anderson, Shawna Meberg, Shelly Langer. Row 3: Darrick Mische, Darin Loven, Dave Johnson, Joel Erickson, Dan Alm, Adam Pankow, Adam Carpenter, Darick Dorn, Jesse Vrem, Keif Wagner, Mike Melo, Leif Rosenfold, Jesse Lien, Michael Speicher. Back row: Mr. Jeffrey Mueller (director), Jesse Smith, Brad Mattson, Jade Pergande, James Erickson, Cory Gilbertson, Zack Anderson, Stephen Lien, Nick Peihl, Chris Mattson, Nathan Engebretson, Matt Tintes, Nick Pederson, Ryan Grant, Chris Nelson

Painting up a storm. During set work for CAMELOT, Shari Wurtzberger (12) puts the finishing touches on King Arthur's castle.



Peek-a-boo! With a look of surprise, Adam Pankow (11) pokes his head above the reeds in WIND IN THE WILLOWS.



Drama productions wow crowds

Drama

Work, work, work. When do we rest? This thought may have crossed many of the drama students' minds as they undertook and performed three productions during the school year.

Performing in all three of these productions was a huge task for some.

"I was in all three productions. I just had to prioritize what I had to do to get to all the rehearsals," said Shari Wurtzberger (12).

But Adam Pankow (11) didn't seem to have any problem with performing in the three productions. "Finding time to be in the shows was not a huge problem for me. I didn't

work, and I had two study halls throughout the year."

Although heavy snowfall jeopardized the fall children's production, *Wind in the Willows*, twenty students adorned in elaborate costumes and expressive makeup managed to brave the harsh conditions to continue the annual tradition.

The next undertaking by

Director May Knox-Johnson was *Camelot*. This musical dazzled full houses nearly every night with its magnificent sets and colorful costumes.

In the spring scenes from *Little Shop of Horrors* was presented as a one act play, which was also performed in Grand Forks for competition.

By Gine Villi

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

TALKING about Drama

"Drama has helped me in communicating with other people."

-- Shari Wurtzberger (12)

By being in drama, I have become a more outgoing and creative person.

--Adam Pankow (11)

Drama has helped me become an open-minded person because you have to learn to listen to each other's ideas. --Bonny Hellman (11)



Drama: Front Row: J.R. Ohara, Tanya Hornbacher, Cassie Jo Rossow, Jackie McSparron, Nick Pedersen, Jessie Swiontek, Bonny Hellman, Nathan Engbretson, Denita Linnertz, Blake Wanner. Row 2: Kim Ronning, Rita Ostern, Stacy Haring, Brooke Bruns, Ross Schmidt, Brian Gruber, Mark Harbeke, Erin Przybilla, Corey Laude. Back Row: Amy Bertzyk, Jerica Lenzmeier, Ashley Parrow, Stacy Mittag, Amanda Joachim, Katie Anderson, Heather Francis, Rachel Samuelson, Katie Krajeck, Jill Bernhagen, Heidi Borg, Dan Rolle, Doug Draeger.



Playans: Front Row: Stacy Haring, Denita Linnertz, Bonita Hellman, Mark Harbeke. Row 2: Cassie Jo Rossow, Kimberly Ronning, Andrea Brennan, Adam Pankow, Rita Ostern. Row 3: Nathan Engbretson, Amy Bertzyk, James Erickson, Kristin Marohl, Heidi Borg. Fourth Row: Nick Pederson, Ross Schmidt.



A pocket full of posies. While picnicking, Jessie Swiontek (11), Denita Linnertz (11), and Stacy Haring (11) frolic by the lake.

"I'll never make fun of Bugs again!" Preparing to die by the paws of Heidi Borg (11), Jill Gilleland (10) suffers the choke hold.

NHS dance a success

NHS

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

On Halloween night, a group of NHS members dressed in costumes and went trick-or-treating. Instead of asking for the usual tooth-rotting candy, the students asked for canned food goods to be donated to the food pantry. They were able to collect over 500 pounds of food.

According to President Michelle Roers (12), "It was a good community service project for teenagers, and we had fun doing it."

The adviser for National Honor Society is Mr. Jim Bjorklund, one of the counselors at West Fargo High School.

The first of the three committees for NHS is the service committee. In 1996-1997, the service committee was headed by Loren Hansen (12).

There is also a fund-raising committee which was headed by Becky Loney (11) and the communications committee which was headed by Carly Meyer (12). All three committees joined together to host a Halloween dance on November 1st.

The admission for the dance was \$3 and a canned food item. NHS offered door prizes and a grand prize which was a leather jacket donated by Pred's Coats for the best cos-

tume.

The chaperones were allowed to choose the winner. Kim Anderson (11), dressed as Jerith from the Labyrinth, was chosen as the winner.

"It (the Halloween dance) was probably the most successful dance that the National Honor Society has had," said Loney. "It was a lot of fun, and we hope to do it again."

Students need a 3.0 GPA and to be a junior or senior to become a member. To remain a member, students must maintain their 3.0 GPA and fulfill certain requirements.

"NHS was established to recognize academic excellence. Coming with it is the creed of NHS: character, leadership, scholarship, and service," said Bjorklund.

The activities of the group allowed the members of NHS to put a little into the community that does so much for them and others.

By Christine Carriveau



Busy at work. Maintaining her 3.0 GPA, Sonja Ulrickson (11) works on her homework assignment during French III. A 3.0 GPA or better is required to remain in National Honor Society.

Don't hate me because I'm an angel. NHS President, Michelle Roers (12), waits while someone pulls out the name of a door prize winner at the NHS sponsored Halloween Dance.



National Honor Society: Front Row: Tara Falcon, Krysia Kludt, Holly Rost, Anna Larson, Amy Petersen, Margie Miller, Christina Johnson. **Row 2:** Jessica Marthaller, Patty McGuire, Angie Schultz, Sarah Huwe, Charity Speich, Jennifer Johnson. **Row 3:** Christy Rivenes, Amanda Weingarten, Sabrina Hall, Brandi Reiniets, Stephanie Weigel, Sallie Parrott. **Row 4:** Melissa Schaffer, Shannon Burckhard, Bre Kleven, Alissa Frederick, Julie Schmidt, Mandy Clemenson. **Row 5:** Nikki Johnson, Alesha Olson, Holly Morgan, Cassie Oberembt, Aarin Zimney, Chris Akers, Debbie Hogen, Nick Pedersen, Chrissy Carriveau. **Row 6:** Ben Richard, Scott Reule, Rob Boser, Dean Sahr, Nicki Veitenheimer, Nicole Wilken, Tara Dockter. **Row 7:** Jessica Hanson, Karina Busch, Erica Davidson, Kelly Elijah, Alison Ottesen, Kristina Gromatka. **Row 8:** Ethan Edgerly, Ryan Koffler. **Row 9:** Jason Mutzenberger, Mark Harbeke, Dwayne Vinesett, Chad J. Volk, Nikki Houser, Amy Huson, Sara Kern. **Row 10:** Jeff Anderson, Ryan Majkrzak, Brian Diede. **Back Row:** Paul Gartner, Ben Mittyng, Jeff Sliper, Leif Rosenvold, Matt Biewer.



National Honor Society: Front Row: Tiffany Greger, Julie Engberg, Naomi Gross, Becki Hummel, Alisha Holm, Stacy Plettl. **Row 2:** Megan Lavelle, Natalie Buck, Jessica McDougall, Gretchen Jost, Missy Walstad, Jenny Winters. **Row 3:** Suzanne El-Hileh, Erika Devones, Kelly Buchholz, Sonja Ulrickson, Tasha Dockter, Mandie Johnson. **Row 4:** Jessie Barnum, Megan Morrison, Beth Leno, Karin Bandli. **Row 5:** Laney Pederson, Kim Anderson, Stephanie Shelstad, Rachel Johnston, Amanda S. Olson, Emily Morgan, Andrea Brennan. **Row 6:** Kristina Keller, Danielle Baumann, Jennifer McDougall, Janelle Erdmann, Cassie Rossow, Lorina Dehnert. **Row 7:** Erica Froemke, Jennifer Oemichen, Lisa Brinkman, Jackie McSparron, Stacey Haring, Bonny Hellman, Kristin Marohl. **Row 8:** Lisa Kurtz, Brian Gruber, Heather Alberty, Jill Hochgraber, Amy Christl, Joel Erickson, Corey Isaak. **Row 9:** Josh Johnson, Emily Anderson, Cheri Klemisch, Darci Klemisch, Adam Pankow, Jesse Lien. **Back Row:** Brian Carriveau, Josh Thompson, Pat Griffin, Matt Tintes.



National Honor Society Officers: Carly Meyer, Becky Loney, Michelle Roers, and Loren Hansen

TALKING about NHS

"I was Santa Claus for little kids. I had to change clothes in a strange man's house, and I wore his long underwear."
--Josh Johnson (11)

"It was a good community service project for teenagers, and we had fun doing it."
--Michelle Roers (12)

New director joins WFHS

Band

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

With the retirement of Mr. Glenn Whaley, West Fargo needed a new band conductor. The interviews were done, and West Fargo High School hired Mr. Mark Berntson, who was in his sixth year of conducting band, for the position.

The change from where he previously taught to West Fargo was hard for him.

"It's difficult to start over when students don't know what you're like," he said.

Difficult or not, Berntson overcame the obstacles and put on many concerts during the year. The first concert band performance on November 26 went well, he thinks, as did the varsity band with their first concert on November 19.

"I've been really happy with the concerts," he said. "The bands have both

played up to their potential. They never underperformed."

The concert band did two marching performances as well, at West Fest on September 14 and at Homecoming on September 27. Berntson wasn't quite as enthusiastic about the marches.

"They were all right under the conditions," said Berntson. "I'm looking forward to better performances next year."

Of course, the band wouldn't be a band without the musicians. Concert band and pep band consisted of students that were sophomores through seniors, and varsity band was made up of freshman.

"He's a positive director,"

said Rachel Morrison (10). "He's determined to help all that want help.

As to the performances, the students had a slightly different outlook.

"I didn't really like being all wet during the halftime show," said Morrison. "The thing I liked most about the marching performances was that we got to be late for sixth hour all of the time after we practiced."

As to why Mr. Berntson became a director, he said, "I was doing a lot of things in college, and music was what I liked best."

By Michael Vacha



I've got spirit! Playing her saxophone at a basketball game, Tera Decker (10) encourages the crowd to stand on their feet to show their Packer Pride.

Blow that horn! Reading the music in front of him, Josh Thompson (11) plays the tuba at a boys' basketball game during one of the year's many pep band performances.

1,2,3 2,2,3... Playing during a concert, Kari Dahlgren (10) reads her music while Emily Morgan (11) and Elisa Torres (12) watch for a cue from the conductor.



Varsity Band: Front row: Kerry Smith, Tonia Lidenberg, Patty Krogh, Krista Johnson, Teressa Dikoff, Andrea Thompson, Becky Koppelman, Jerica Lenzeier. Row 2: Amanda Perna, Melissa Weil, Jessica Roers, Jennifer Schwarting, Erin Tranby, Katie Klaers, Brooke Gabel, Rani Pope, Ashley Parrow, Kelsey Tande, Amanda Lipp, Sarah Skallet. Row 3: Hilarie Osier, Chelsea Odden, Brandie Baasch, Jessica Hinz, Steven Gilbertson, Stacy Mittag, Katie Nolan, Perry Hopper, Ryan Hanson, Erik Schmidt, Mike Scott, Leah Herman, Jennifer Rothhouse, Christine Conrad, Jamie Lee, Jessica Mootz, Emily Tintes. Back row: Rachel Samuelson, Tiffani Nirschl, Jodi Sailer, Jessica Marohl, Dan Rolle, Katie Krajeck, Kory Cwikla, Brooke Bruns, Tammy Syverson, Nick Westberg, Grant Davidson, Brad Henderson, Karen Olson, Amanda Joachim, Randy Ackerman, Joel Kleven.



Concert Band: Front row: Kari Dahlgren, Julie Engberg, Teri Heise, Laney Pederson, Traci Buehre, Mandy Clemenson, Amy Christl, Jennifer Johnson. Row 2: Emily Morgan, Elisa Torres, Sarah Larson, Jessica Beets, Missy Ruten, Denita Linnertz, Lorina Delmert, April Batcheller, Alisha Holm, Jesse Lien, Heather Wilke, Melissa Fosse, Kristen Eder. Row 3: Angelene Hoffert, Tammy Larck, Sarah Miller, Naomi Gross, Trudy Tengwall, Tanya Wendlick, Becki Hummel, Tom Burner, Derek Gaffney, Heather Francis, Kyle Volk, Ryan Legvold, Josh Johnson, Jennifer Melander, Jamie Woodley, Kindra McCarty, Amber Sprunk. Row 4: Bryan Dockter, James Stastny, Jim Martens, Eric Flesberg, Jon Narlock, Eric Cullen, Nick Pedersen, Joel Erickson, Matt Tintes, Janet Rasmussen, Sherri Ackerman, Kristen Nelson, Amy Manske, Nathan Olson, Michael Vacha, Jesse Smith, Sadie Netterlund, Jana Hanson, Jackie McSparron, Emily Anderson, Rachel Morrison, Joseph Spitzer, Tracy Solseng, Beth Flowers, Stephen Lien, Mark Harbeke. Row 5: Steven Mootz, Josh Thompson, Travis Schwab, Darin Loven, Mark Valovage, Heather Alberty, Becky Loney, Ben Koppelman, Dixie Sapp, Karl Berg, Darrick Mischke, Andrea Brennan, Justin Farkas, Dustin Smith. Back row: Courtney Cullen, Matthew Keller, Mindy Hugen, Shari Wurtzberger, Mr. Mark Berntson (director).

Peer Facilitators help youngsters

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Peer Facilitators - many asked what exactly was that group? Peer Facilitators is a group of students who got together to help others.

"Peers is for young people who would like to help other adolescents work through teen issues and work through their own issues," stated Barb Howard, Peer advisor.

Meeting once or twice a month on Mondays they put their heads together to discuss what they could do to influence the lives of young children. They did this by helping the community and teaching young children to make the right decisions on important issues.

"Peers is a good experience because it teaches young people how to make good, wise choices for the future," Angela Brager (10) stated.

One such project that

taught all of the school something important was the Peers sponsored Diversity Day. During a week in April, the club set up activities. Every day of the week ethnic foods were sold during the noon hour. At the end of the week, all of the homerooms watched a video. The video depicted students who met people from all different backgrounds and ethnic groups.

Later the video showed that no matter what race, creed, or ethnic background someone comes from, we all have something in common - life.

By Beth Flowers

Boom, boom, boom. Swaying with her dress, Adrienne Jackson (10) dances in the gym, during the Peer Facilitator sponsored Diversity Day.



Pep Club promotes school activity

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Not many people actually know what Pep Club is. From pep rallies to school dances, the Pep Club is responsible for helping the student body come together. It is an all female organization, yet guys are always welcome.

"It's good for the whole student body to get involved in school spirit, not just the cheerleaders," said Carly Meyer (12), a third year member of Pep Club. Mrs. Lisa Thompson and

"Putting together homecoming week and setting up the dance is probably one of the highlights of the year."
--Angie Schultz (12)

coadvisors of the group. This had been the first year Ms. Ganskop had advised Pep Club.

Homecoming week is maybe the most important week of the entire year for

Ms. Ganskop are Pep Club. They organize the theme days, the pep rally and the dance.

"It is our responsibility to prepare homecoming. I think that this year it was a great success," said Thompson.

"Putting together homecoming week and setting up the dance is

probably one of the highlights of the year," said Angela Schultz (12), also a third year member of Pep Club.

The Pep Club puts many hours into helping the stu-

dent body come together.

At pep rallies they try to get every class involved through cheers and other activities. It also recognizes sports and clubs during the pep rallies.

"It's (Pep Club) a good opportunity to promote school spirit and involvement," said Meyer.

Pep Club has also been known to do gestures just to be nice. The club has given cookies to the whole school for Valentine's Day,

and they will more than likely do more nice gestures in the years to come.

Whatever the Pep Club does, it is almost a guarantee that it will make the student body happy. The members feel promoting school spirit is something positive and fun they can give their time to.

By Tangy Speikermeier

TALKING Peer about Facilitators

"The best thing about Peers is teaching younger kids helpful things so they can make wise decisions in the future." --Angela Brager (10)

"Peer Facilitators is a good way to work with other schools and our own school too." --Julie Engberg (11)

"Peers is for people who are concerned about others." -- Mrs. Barb Howard



Peer Facilitators: Front Row: Jennifer Oemichen, Amy Christl, Jackie McSparron, Zenith Linnertz, Cassie Jo Rossow, Angela Brager. Back Row: Emily Morgan, Ben Koppelman, Tummy Larck, Julie Engberg, Naomi Gross.

TALKING about Pep Club

"My most memorable moment in Pep Club was selling tickets and decorating the gym." --Stacey Saxowosky (11)

"Pep Club is really fun. I get to hang out with my friends and help keep up the spirits of the school, working on pep rallies and setting up dances like Homecoming. It's a great activity for cheerleaders and non-cheerleaders to be involved in." --Sara Wilm (10)



Pep Club: Front Row: Tara Falcon, Kara Hendrickson, BobbiAnn Ward, Courtney Kirklewski, Amy Petersen, Angie Ostrom, Melissa Braseth, Lisa Thompson. Row 2: Andrea Brennan, Abby Weingarten, Angie Schultz, Becca Bachmeier, Beth Flowers. Row 3: Elisa Torres, Tiffany Rieniets, Megan Kelly, Toni Jore, Charlotte Zich, Ashley Brend, Stacey Saxowosky. Row 4: Kodi Srur, Julie Engberg, Patty McGuire, Debby Hogen, Emily Morgan, Vicky Berg, Sara Wilm. Back Row: Megan Morrison, Alison Maki, Amy Durbin, Alicia Prudlick, Angie Hammer, Michelle Roers, Jessica McDougall, Karina Busch, Jennifer Frueh.

DECA

DECA teaches marketing

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Planning a job in business? DECA may be the extra-curricular activity to join. DECA, an association of marketing students, is a very active organization at WFHS and around the nation, as well. DECA is made up of juniors and seniors who must be in marketing or business management.

However, nationwide, any student involved in a business class can join. Each year, there are a number of elected officers. Matt Korsmo (12) was President. Pat Tweeter (12) was in charge of conducting meetings for Social Intelligence. Civic Consciousness was headed by Alissa Frederick (12). These two different sub-

groups were split up to delegate responsibility.

"Being the head of Social Intelligence is a pretty easy job, and it's a lot of fun," said Tweeter (12).

Within Social Intelligence and Civic Consciousness people broke up into committees and were in charge of planning special events that could raise money for DECA. Some

activities they tried to plan were volleyball games with other schools around the area and ski trips, just to name a few.

DECA wasn't all fun and games. Members also raised money for various charitable organizations who needed it.

One of the major parts of DECA was its competition which takes place every



DECA Officers: Front Row: Jessica Hanson, Lindsey Harlys, Matt Korsmo. Row 2: Kodi Srur, Angie Johnson, Patty McGuire. Back Row: Tara Trapp, Bobby Ann Ward, Jessie Swiontek.

year. The first round was at Fargo North H.S. in March. There, one took a written test and did some role playing with a judge concerning a retail situation. After competing those rounds successfully, students could qualify for State competitions in Grand Forks. A lucky few went to Anaheim, CA, in April. The students who attended the

convention were Matt Korsmo (12), Tara Trapp (11), and Jeff Sliper (12).

"DECA is one of the best organizations for students in the entire country. It promotes fair business activities and community awareness," Korsmo (12) said.

By Beth Hagemester

FBLA develops leadership skills

FBLA

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

FBLA, the Future Business Leaders of America, is a club that develops leadership and prepares students for their future in the business life. This organization has as many as 2000 members throughout North Dakota alone.



It takes teamwork. FBLA members try to get Ryan Majkrzak (12) through the ropes without touching them.

"FBLA is a wonderful experience; we all have a good time together," said Ryan Nelson (12).

The Future Business Leaders of America at West Fargo High School had about 10 members who met periodically throughout the year. The purpose of FBLA was to prepare students for life in the real world; therefore, they practiced accounting, business, mathematics, word

processing, and entrepreneurship.

"It's awesome, hard work, but we stuck with it," said Chad J. Volk (12). Ryan Majkrzak (12) felt that FBLA was a good organization that taught a lot about the business world.

Leif Rosenvold (12) thought it was a lot of fun, and he also thought there were many funny trips.

"Deca got lucky in the volleyball match. You can

put a cat in the oven, but that doesn't make it a biscuit," said Nelson talking about Deca.

FBLA has clubs at West Fargo, Fargo North and South and at Shanley as well. All over North Dakota there are about 2,000 members which makes FBLA one of the biggest high school organizations in the state.

By KJ Storaker

TALKING about DECA

"Marketing is one of the more useful high school clubs, and DECA is one of the best organizations in the country." --Matt Korsmo (12)

"I think DECA is a lot of fun and, it trains (us) for future life skills." --Jeff Sliper (12)

"As newly elected District III Vice President, DECA provides a lot of opportunity." --Tara Trapp (11)



DECA: Front Row: Angie Johnson, Aarin Zimney, Emily Halvorson, Bobbi Ann Ward, Chablis Friesz, Angie Ostrom. Row 2: Patty McGuire, Tara Trapp, Lyndsey Harles, Tara Dockter, Sue Kaufman, Amy Peterson, Tasha Dockter, Toni Jore. Row 3: Kodi Srur, Jessie Swiontek, Matt Korsmo, Katie Fossum, Joel Finn, Todd Costain, Pat Tweeter, Alissa Frederick. Row 4: Dwayne Vinesett, Chris Bachmeier, Mike Herbst, Ben Scoville. Back Row: Jessica Hanson, Matt Steinmetz, Brian Diede, Jeremy Thomson, Matt Thorstad, Jeff Sliper.

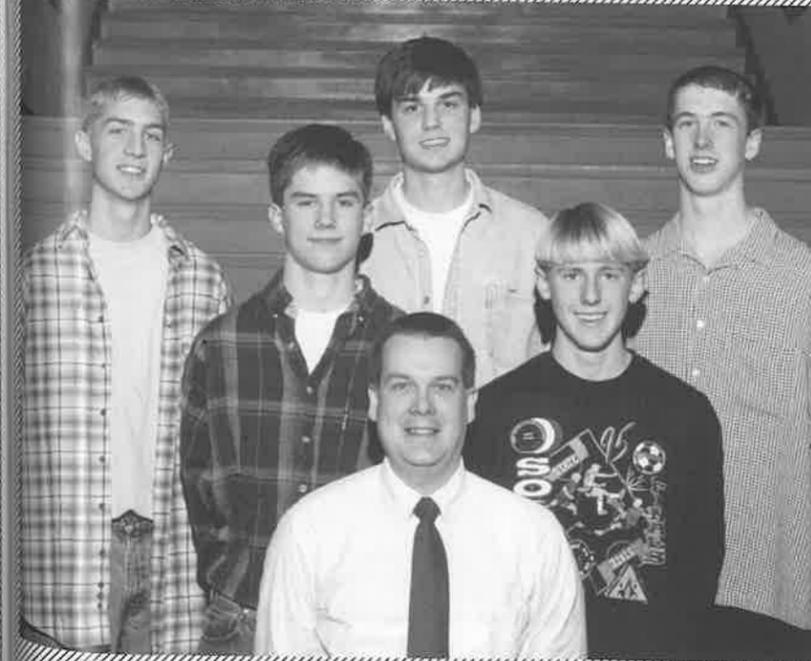
TALKING about FBLA

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"It is a good organization that teaches a lot about the business world." -- Ryan Majkrzak (12)



FBLA: Front Row: Mr. Rick Anderson. Row 2: Ryan Majkrzak, Chad J. Volk. Back Row: Ryan Nelson, Brian Erdmann, Leif Rosenvold.

VICA

Constructive minds hone skills

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, better known as VICA, is a world wide club that gives its students training in the building trades and recreational mechanics fields. The training they receive from VICA is a help that enhances their student's abilities.

Our school's trade classes are shoved in the corner of the technology department. Their classrooms are hidden, but they are very important!

VICA has competed for ten years in state and national competitions.

"Every year someone from West Fargo has made it to the Nationals," said Mr. Bob Bjornson.

The state competitions were held in Bismarck. At

the North Dakota State Olympics, there were 12 events (six building trade and six recreational engine events). The National competitions were held in Kansas City, and some of the events included cabinet making, plumbing, working on air cooling engines, and motorcycle mechanics.

Hopefully the VICA tradition of going to National competition will continue

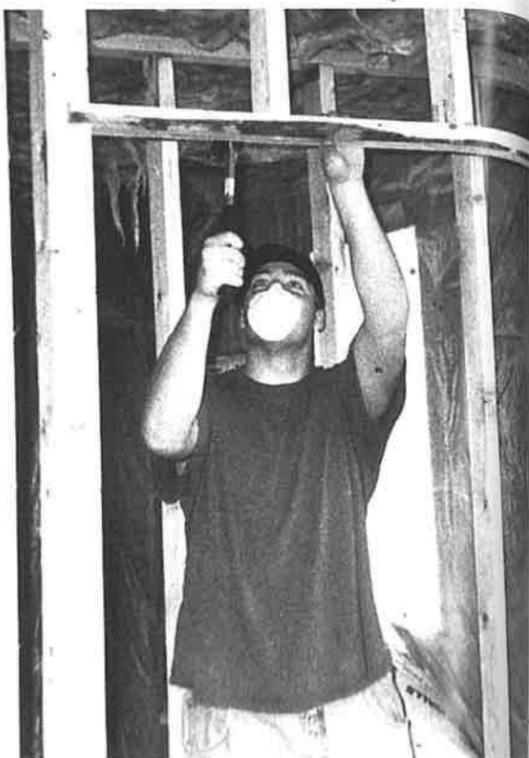
in the future.

"All the major dealers in the area have one VICA member from West Fargo at their job site," said Mr. Jerry Nordstrom.

So the next time anyone walks by the corner of the technology department, remember that VICA is giving our school a sense of honor and pride.

By Jesse Lien

Knocking on wood. In the process of sealing the insulation, Jason Remmick (12) wears a mask to protect himself from insulation fibers.



"Get me out of here!" During VAPCOM meeting, Nathan Olson (10), and Corey Laude (12) discuss some upcoming VAPCOM topics and events.



Computer Club

plugs-in

VAPCOM

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

VAPCOM can be defined as a group of students that keep improving our local school's network of computers. Whatever it may be, the club is always helping out its other members, so they can, in return, help out the other students in our school.

VAPCOM is a group of computer orientated students that are constantly working or playing games.

The VAPCOM club has done everything from playing Quake to setting up new computers in West Fargo High School classrooms. This year, the club has been wiring various wings to the school's net-

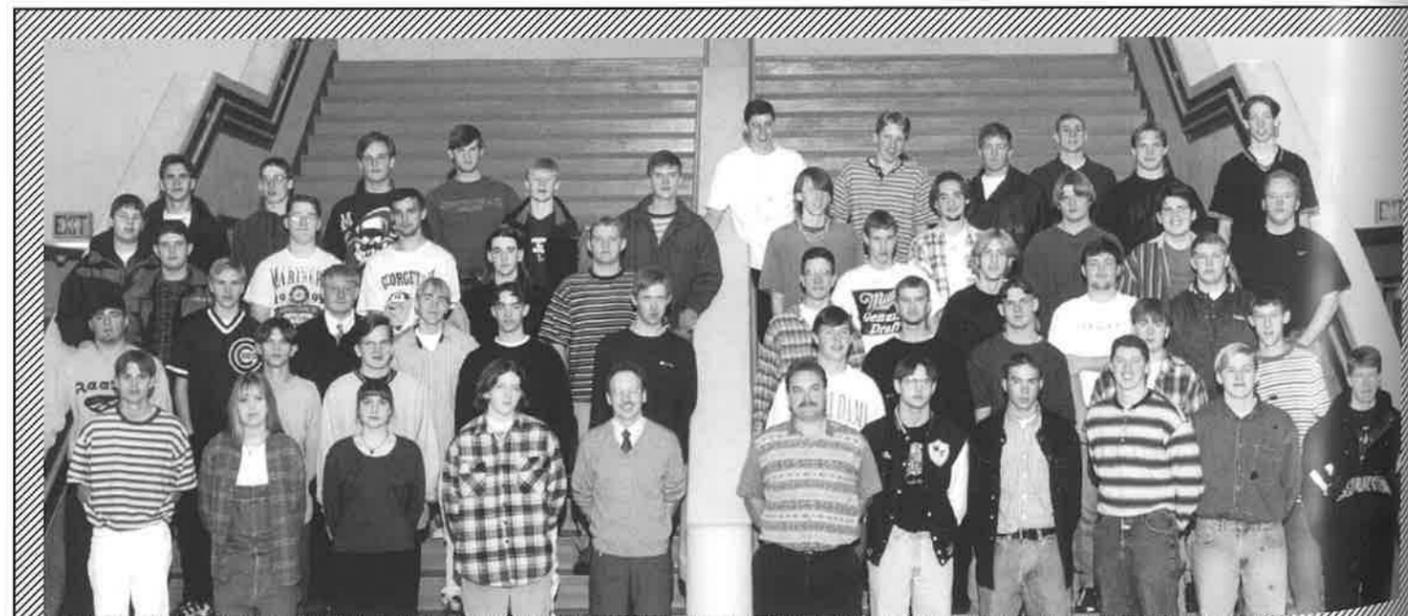
work. One would be surprised at how many network cables are located above the drop tiles in our high school's halls.

"The club has been gifted with a wonderful president. In the past four years, there has never been a better slacker than Josh Johnson," said Mr. Ken Janz, the club adviser and computer

teacher. "Even though Josh has not shown up for a lot of the projects, he has brought people in that normally would not have joined."

VAPCOM has done a lot for our school and is constantly making it a better place for everyone.

By Jesse Lien



VICA: Front row: Cory Draeger, Tracie Tingum, Amanda Olson, Chris Cartledge, Mr. Bob Bjornson, Mr. Jerry Nordstrom, Mike Benson, Lukas Kringem, Shane Spieker, Dan Ferber, Scott Beaton. Row 2: Robby Bullis, Fred Mills, Doug Draeger, Mike Rud, Kelly Muhl, Justin Yagow, Ryan Legvold, Ben Koppelman, Jayson Huitt, Derick Anthony, Chris Olmstead, Jeremy Westrick. Row 3: Dusty Josephsen, Jeff Linnertz, Chris Carlisle, Clayton Craft, Jason Cross, Aaron Berg, Nick Larson, Josh Schaffer, Andrew Nudell, Jason Remmick, Nick Johnson. Back Row: Tyler Williams, Travis Almer, Eric Schmidt, Brad Hinz, Terry Rosene, Marshall Pohlman, Shane Roers, Kris Davis, Brian Johnson, Garrett Seeba, Tim Warren, Kyle Hettenbaugh, Dustin Miller, Pat Brostrom, Jeremy Hackley, Corey McDonald, Jon Anderson.



VAPCOM: Front Row: Christina Johnson, Scott Reule, Nathan Olson, John Utter, Andrew Raush, Mark Harbeke. Row 2: Matt Gurley, Chris Carlisle, Josh Johnson, Brian Gruber, Jesse Lien, Blake Wanner. Back Row: Stephen Lien, Josh Olson, Josh Stompro, Joe Valovage, Corey Laude, Mr. Ken Janz.

TALKING about VAPCOM

"If your looking for chicks come to VAPCOM! VAPCOM helped my love life!" -- Brian Gruber (11)

"Computer geeks and slackers, we are all here, and golly gee I love it." -- Josh Johnson (11)

"It is a good opportunity for females to learn more about computers." -- Darci Klemmish (11)

Key Club Volunteers help feed the need

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

The Special Olympics spaghetti feed, and the Iodine Deficiency Disorder fundraiser are ways Key Club helped the area. Members were joined together by feeling of responsibility and heartfelt compassion.

"Key club is great. It makes you feel good when you help other people," said Lorina Dehnert (11), who was elected president for 1997.

Other highlights of the year included the fall rally and the spring convention. The fall rally held a talent show, dinner, and a dance.

"I thought it was fun; it

was a time to be hyper!" exclaimed Jenny Beauchamp (12).

The club also brought ballons to the children's ward at Merit Care hospital, helped clean out the parking lot and with flood preparations.

This service organization always warmly welcomes new members.

"Key Club is a lot of fun. I

encourage all underclassmen to consider joining. Good luck to all the new officers," said Jonita Steinbrecher (12), president of Key Club.

Near Valentine's Day computer dating was offered to soothe the melancholy solitary souls. It was also a fundraiser for the club.

By Erika Devones

Let's eat! During the fall rally, Key Club seniors Jonita Steinbrecher, Shelly Langer, Jenny Beauchamp and Becky McCann eat at the banquet.



Having fun yet? During a Packer Pride meeting, Kelsey Brodsho (10) separates the Above and Beyond awards to put in the mailboxes of the staff.



School Pride blasts off

Packer Pride

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

A club was launched by students who believed that those who valued school needed to be rewarded. For students with perfect attendance, a random chance for a 27 inch television prize heralded an era of appreciation.

The Packer Pride committee also designed the Above and Beyond award to individually thank helpful teachers and staff.

"...It helps if you can get something for working hard," said Lorina Dehnert (11).

Members personally asked and thanked area businesses for the prizes

donated to the committee. The Packer Pride program has received many compliments.

"This beneficial program motivates students to stay in school and recognizes staff at the same time," said Julie Engberg (11).

The active student committee made its own announcements.

The nerves of speaking over the intercom created a memorable experience. "Giving the announcement over the intercom and giving out the Above and Beyond Award are the two things that I have done that have stood out the most in Packer Pride," said Dehnert.

By Erika Devones

TALKING about Key Club

"Key Club is tons of fun. We have the opportunity to help people and have fun." -- Publicist Lorina Dehnert (11)

"This is my first year in Key Club. It's a lot of fun and it's good community service. Too bad there are no guys!" --Tara Falcon (12)



Key Club: **Front Row:** Elisa Torres, Tara Falcon, Andrea Brennan, Mandy Clemenson, Alesha Olson, and Mindy Hagen. **Row 2:** Shelly Langer, Jenny Nickamp, Alisha Holm, Cassie Oberembi, and Suzanne El-Hileh. **Row 3:** Lorina Dehnert, Jennifer Peterson, Jamie Witt, Erika Devones, Sarah Thornberg, and Jackie Krei. **Back Row:** Becky McCann, Alissa Frederick, and Dixie Sapp.

TALKING about PackerPride Committee

"This beneficial program motivates students to stay in school and recognizes staff at the same time." -- Julie Engberg (11)

"The awards go to students who really care about school. There aren't many awards for that." - Tiffany Greger (11)



Packer Pride Committee: **Front Row:** Mr. Halverson (advisor), Julie Engberg, Megan Kelley, Tiffany Greger, and Mrs. Olson (advisor) **Row 2:** Matt Korsmo, Emily Morgan, Lorina Dehnert, Adam Pankow, and Kristin Volk. **Back Row:** Kelsey Brodsho, and Erika Devones.

WFHS Clubs SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

The many clubs and organizations of West Fargo High School provide students with many opportunities to participate in various activities, compete at state, local and national competitions, or just belong. They definitely give the students participating Something to Talk About.



Multicultural Club: Front Row: Brice Powell, Jeff Simley. Row 2: Natasha Hutchinson, Rosa Melchor, Erin Pryzbilla. Back Row: Mrs. Heidi McCarty, Adrienne Jackson, Tacinca Birrenkott, Mrs. Sandy Johnson.



Foreign Exchange Students: Front Row: Danilo Bilotta, Gine Villi, Amelia Mora. Back Row: KJ Storaker, Martin Floystad, Celine Collin.

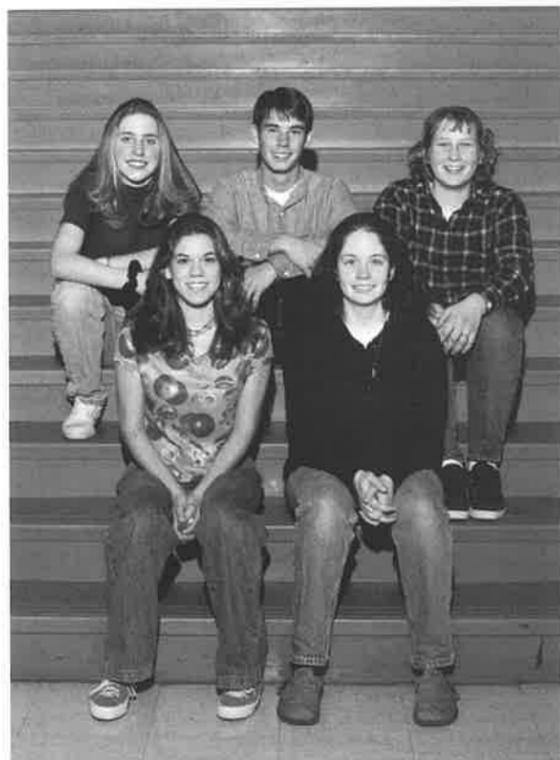
TALKING about Clubs

"Even though we came in seventh place out of nine schools, we still were able to keep up our spirits."

-- Steve Lien-Science Olympiad (10)

"I signed up for Close-Up because I wanted to go to Washington."

--Darci Klemisch (11)



Close-Up: Front Row: Gretchen Jost, Jackie McSparron. Back Row: Darci Klemisch, Joel Erickson, Emily Morgan.



Art Club: Front Row: Leah Herman, Mr. Larry Anderson, Brooke Johnson. Row 2: Mark Harbeck, Heather Francis, Heidi Borg, Beau Nyhoff. Row 3: Kim Anderson, Jessica Hough, Jamie Braun. Back Row: Mike Smith, Corey Laude, Chris Cartledge, Dustin Aackey.



Science Olympiad: Front Row: Kelsey Brodsho, Josh Johnson, Nathan Olson, Corey Isaak, Mrs. Pam Thompson. Row 2: Lorina Dehnert, Julie Engberg, Joel Erickson, Nick Pedersen, Jesse Lien, Mrs. Joan Baltezare. Back Row: Bryce Hins, Brian Gruber, Clarence Cole, Jeff Anderson, Steve Lien, Blake Wanner.



Teens Teaching AIDS: Front Row: Michelle Roers, Julie Engberg. Back Row: Suzanne El-Hileh, Emily Morgan.

Picture pages. Holding negatives up to the lights, Rita Ostern (11) selects appropriate pictures for a story.



Layout fever. Preparing the paper to be sent to press, KJ Storaker (12) and Mike Vacha (10) layout newspaper pages.



A victim of her own obsession. Checking for errors, Erika Devones (11) looks over the last completed paper of the year.



Put the pencil to the paper

Newspaper

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

To some people, the Packer holds an interest. Behind the scenes there are people working constantly, without pay, trying to make a newspaper of interest to WFHS students.

Newspaper requires time, creativity, expression

With the arrival of a new teacher and more students, the class was different from the past year. Two foreign exchange students were in the class, and more students in general were involved.

A new editor was chosen, Mark Harbeke, who dedicated many hours of his spare time into making

the newspaper.

The Northern Interscholastic Press Association (NIPA) spring competition was cancelled due to the flood in Grand Forks. This caused the results to be questionable.

All the students of the paper worked hard on reporting national and local news, entertainment,

and sports. The newspaper is a tool that allows the student body to voice opinions and learn about the school and its activities. It is an often difficult and time-consuming process. It is a chance to speak the mind and have a voice.

By Lisa Kurtz

TALKING about Newspaper

"If you like the aroma and heat of computers, then Publications is the place to be." -- Mark Harbeke (12)

"Expanding the collective mind is invigorating. The layout requires a lot of patience." --Erika Devones (11)

"Newspaper is exciting because you get to work with people like Lisa Kurtz." --Jennifer Kingsley (10)

"Working on the paper is cool 'cause we're like a family, and I think Kyle is one kosher dude." --Mike Smith (12)



Publications: Front row: Kyle Volk, Lisa Kurtz, Amanda Sundvor, Beth Flowers, Erika Devones, Stacy Roers, Jesse Lien. 2nd Row: Mandi Thorson, Jamie Woodley, Rita Ostern, Brooke Johnson, Miss Voss. 3rd Row: Jenny Groen, Kindra McCarty, Suzanne ElHilch. Back Row: Mark Harbeke, Mike Smith, Mike Vacha, Jim Martens, Tera Decker, Sara Wilm.



Crop. Crop. Preparing the pictures for the newspaper, Jennifer Kingsley (10) crops the pictures.

Brainstorming. While working on the newspaper, Mark Harbeke (12) discusses story ideas with the class.

Yearbook accomplishes more

Yearbook

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

With a new year, a new advisor, and a new editor, the publications class began work on the fiftieth edition of the yearbook in which they strove to make it a better yearbook than last year's. Their goal was met with many difficulties, but at the same time with many fun adventures and learning experiences.

Ms. Deb Voss had publication experience before, but not in the yearbook area. "I think that getting things organized and keeping them that way was a very big challenge," said Ms. Voss.

Many things were very unorganized when she

started here.

Yearbook causes a lot of tension, but many students minimized the stress by watching that little sheep that runs around on the computer screen.

"The scompoos keep your eyes from glazing over after staring at a stagnant screen," said Erika Devones (11).

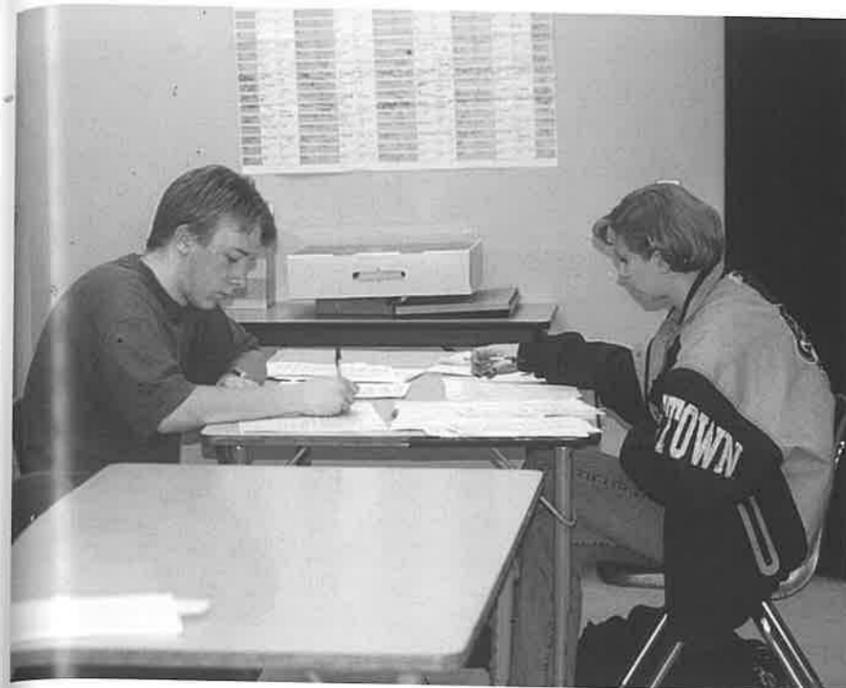
The year went along smoothly, and the staff got ahead of schedule. Most students thought that it wasn't as much work as

they thought it would be.

Publications was a good chance for people to get to know each other since we spent uncountable hours together in delirious states of mind.

"The pub. family reminds me of being a Bundy family member because we all give each other a hard time," said Mandi Thorson (10).

By Jamie Woodley



And the winners are... Tallying up the senior pick results, Kjetil Storaker (12) and Carla Peterson (11) work deep in thought.



Ready, set, type. Typing names on a sports page, Erika Devones (11) and Jamie Woodley (10) work hard.

The sun is sooo bright. Putting on a happy face, Beth Flowers (10) takes pictures of football practice at L. E. Berger field.

Smile! Chatting on the phone, Beth Flowers (10) haggles an advertiser to put an ad in the Packer while Kyle Volk (10) pauses to get his picture taken.



Publications Editors: Front Row: Mike Vacha and Lisa Kurtz. Second Row: Suzanne El-Hileh, Mark Harbeke, Kyle Volk, Beth Flowers, and Jamie Woodley. Back Row: Amanda Sundvor.

TALKING about Yearbook

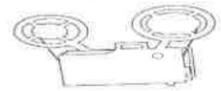
"The best part about being in publications is telling everyone else they're wrong, and I'm right and because I was the Copy Editor this year. It's true." -- Suzanne El-Hileh (11)

"Publications has changed my life in ways that I am not sure of. I had the chance to work with many 'interesting' people." -- Jennifer Kingsley (10)

"I love being editor because I get to plan things out and make really big decisions." -- Jamie Woodley (10)

"Publications is a class that you can be really cheesey in." -- Lisa Kurtz (11)

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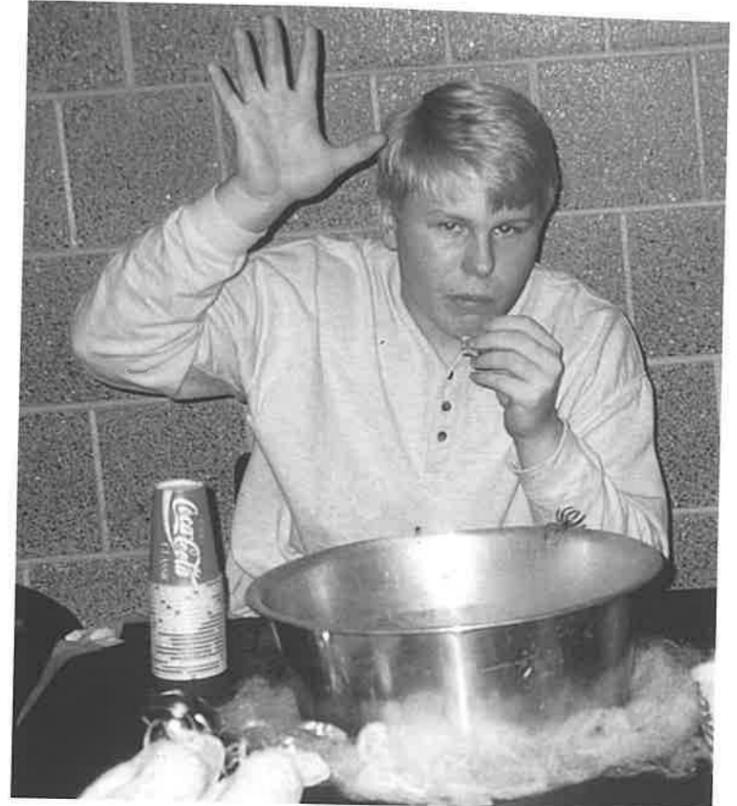


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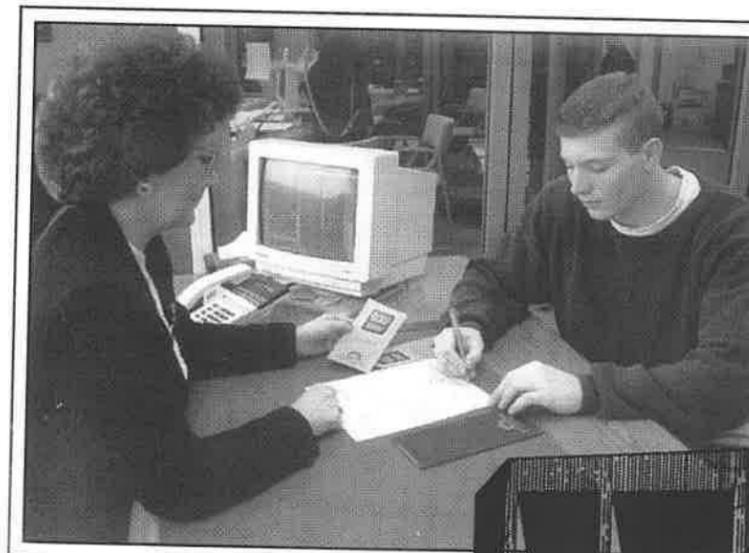
It's a bullet, no its a plane, no its the super Packer!! Putting on his cape, the Packer mascot parades around the stands at the State Tournament looking to help the fans in the stands.

Hey, how's it going? Manning the punch bowl at the band's haunted house, Nathan Olson (10) snacks away on some candy corn.



Listen up boys. During one of the boys' basketball games, the varsity team listens to Coach Plecity during his halftime pep talk.

I told you silk, not wool. While inspecting the material, Dan Rolle (9) is pleased but still disappointed in Adam Punkow (11) because it's the wrong material.



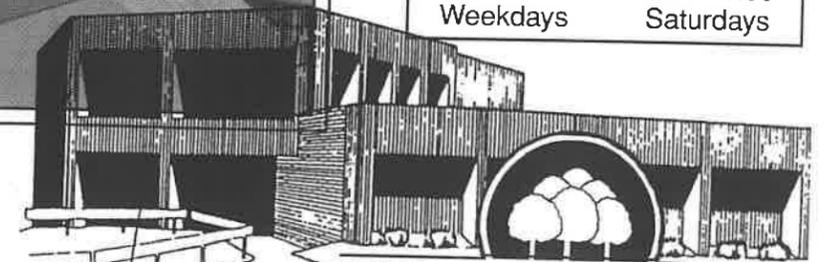
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You can't see me. Hiding from the camera, Josh Satrom (10) pulls his hood over his head.



Donde esta el Bano? Working diligently at the elective fair, Sara Kern (12) Kristina Gromatka (12) and Amy Lussier (12) man the Spanish table.



Clear as black and white. Showing his many sides Jon Narlock (10) takes command at the ticket booth.



If you mix these two elements, it makes a AAAAAHHH! Working at the elective fair, Joel Erickson (11) does an example experiment while Amy Durbin (11) stands by.

Group Noogie! Finding it very funny, Melissa Redlinger (11) and Gretchen Jost (11) rub some unsuspecting person's head.



Now you may exit the room. Opening the classroom door, Mr. Divine, lets his class

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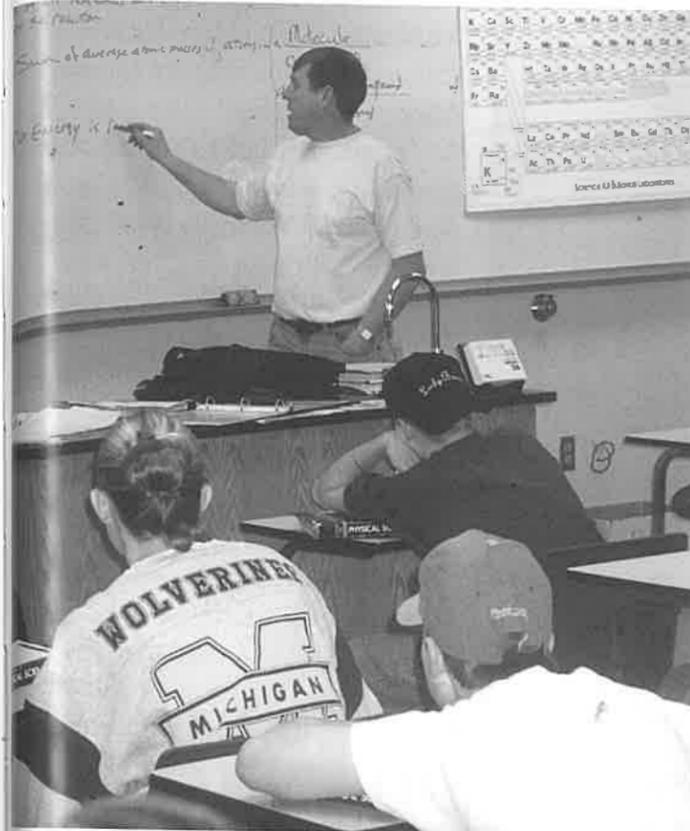
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Come on team!! While sitting and waiting for some action, members of the Ref. Crew diligently support the team at the boys' state basketball tournament.

Ohhh your going to get it now. Giving their Humorous Duo, Jackie McSparron (11), tries to explain to Denita Linnertz (11) that she's going to get in trouble from their parents.



La La La... While picking flowers during the school's production of Camelot, Bonita Hellman (11) sings and walks around.

What is the answer?!? While sitting and pondering the possible answers to the questions on his worksheets, James Erickson (12) raps his pencil.

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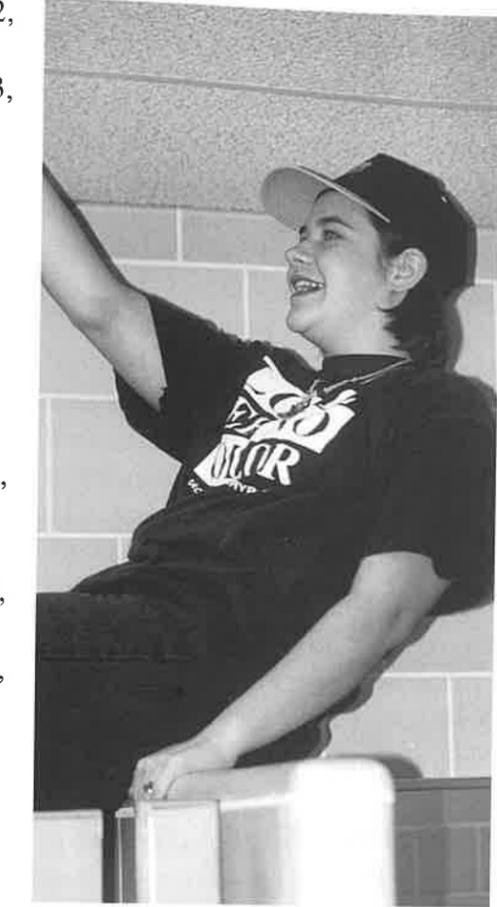
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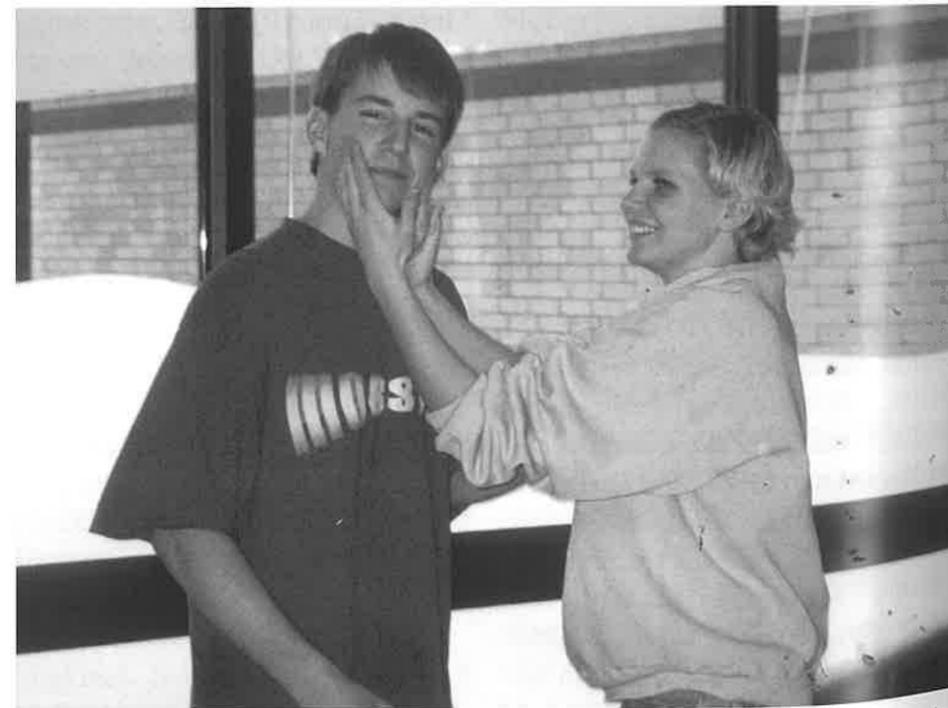
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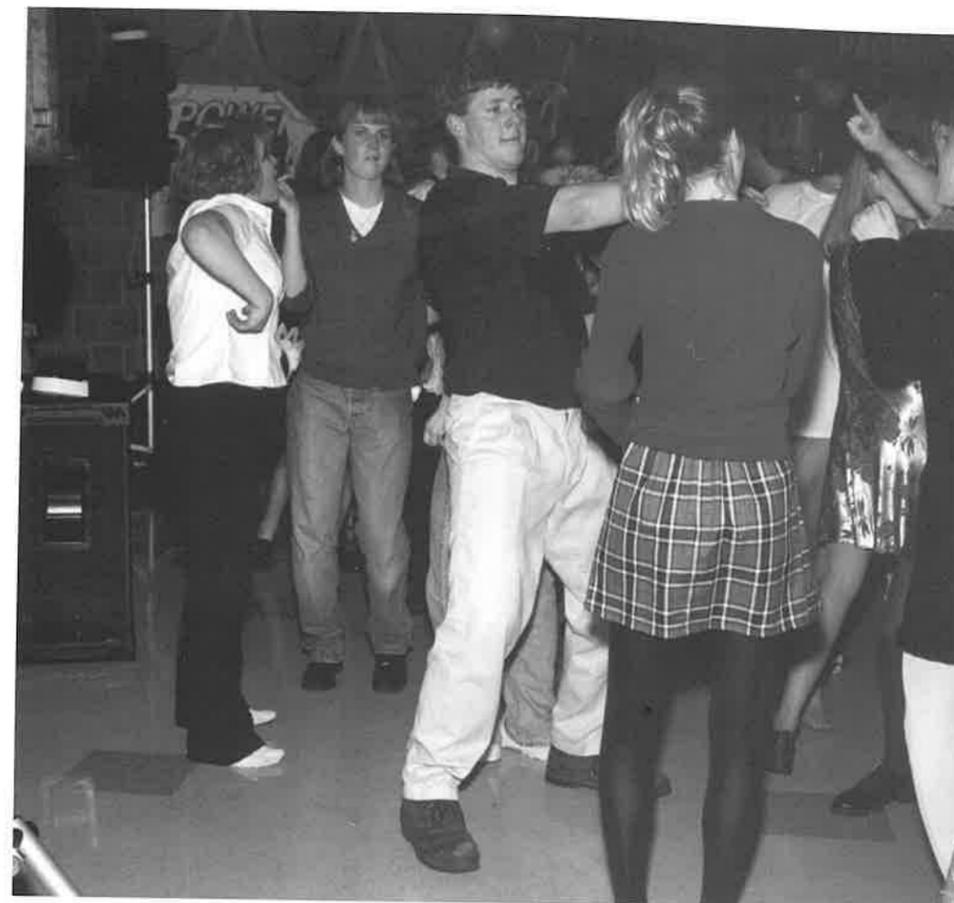


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History is being made in the eyes of the students Packer Pride

"I take great pride in our football team. We have a lot of good students that go to our high school."
 --Jeff Sliper (12)



The pride that the students put into this school is difficult to describe. Students put their all into the activities that the school provides, whether it be to work on essays in the school's computer labs, to practice basketball jump-shots in the gym, or to memorize and participate in all those play practices that last all night long.

"Our school has a good reputation across the state with our participation in sports, academics and the fine arts," said Adam Pankow (11).

The students of this school practice the art of pride whether it be Packatahnas, cheerleaders, band, choir or any of the activities at WFHS. Not only do they provide our school a voice, they also give us a beat - a beat to dance for and to celebrate with.

The teachers are always there for the students, no matter if they are at the high school or not. They will still haunt students' minds with all the wisdom

they give.

Some students don't have any clue what the next day will bring for them. All they know is that they are going to learn something.

"The teachers know what their doing," said Joe Valovage (12).

Tax money, collected from our community, allows the staff and students to employ the newest in computer technology. All students have used the labs for one reason or another, whether it's to work on increasing typing skills, to send an e-mail to friends, or to complete an essay.

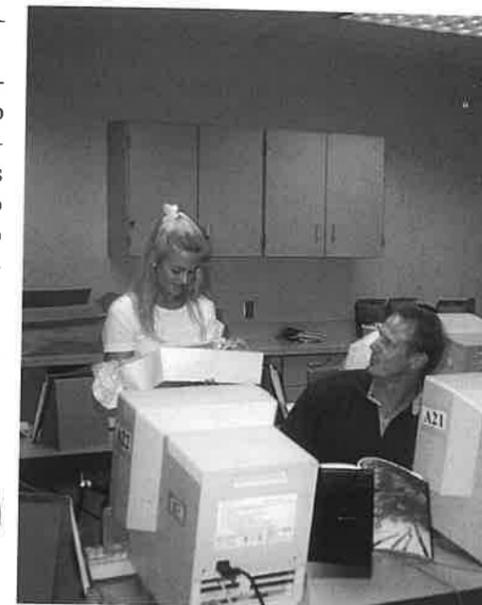
"I think our computer labs are awesome," said Josh Stompro (12). "They have so many toys I can play with."

The students' school pride is not something to joke about, it's "something to talk about."



By Jesse Lien

And this one is for you. Building school spirit and firing up the football team, Amy Peterson (12) hands Coach Gibson a treat.



Wick-um up! Battling against Denita Linnertz (11) a rat, Nick Pedersen (12) tries to protect himself in the "Wind in the Willows."



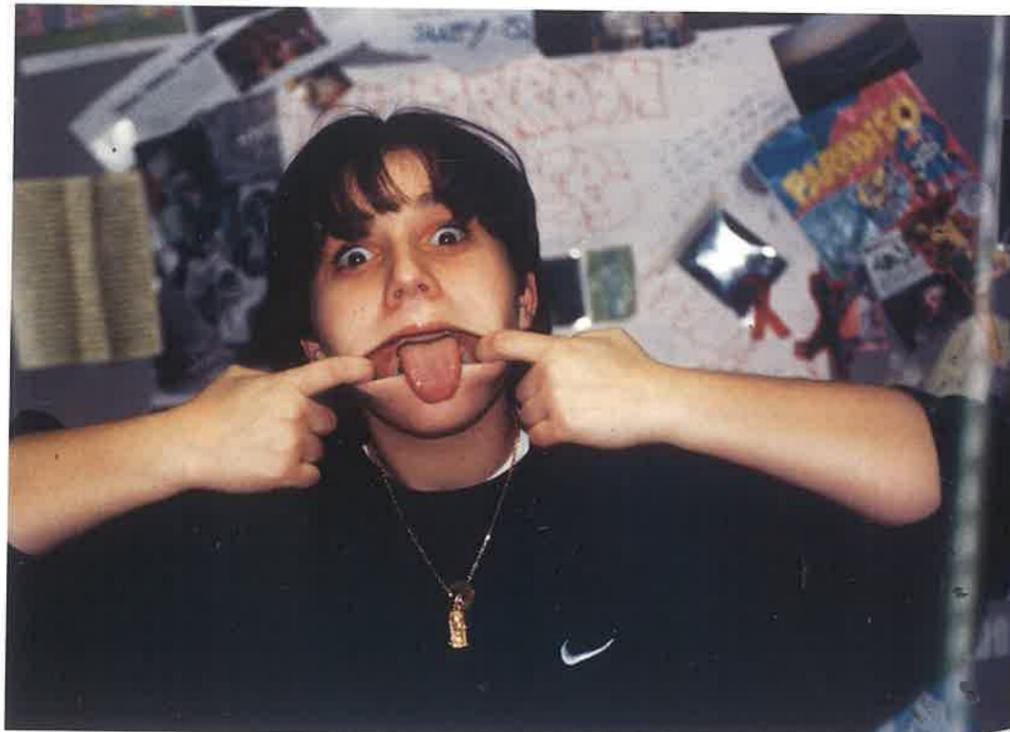
Bring 'em on! Sponges come flying at Shari Wurtzberger's (12) face at the band's Halloween fundraiser.

Funny faces feature far-out facets

Funny faces capture the very essence of the comical aspects of the student body. They often depict the humor that runs rampant throughout the school.

A funny face is something everyone owns. The intellectual, the morbid, the lackadaisical, the sophomoric, the weenies - they all have funny faces to share with the world. Funny faces are ways to show one's goofy side. They are all-purpose features that can explain your ideas like no other facial expressions can. These expressions of individuality may be flaunted at any given time. They can appear while lollygagging in the hallway, flashed during a perplexing presentation, or escape while attempting to undermine a higher force. Whenever they pop up, funny faces have a tendency to bring laughter and joy to the people who see them.

By Jennifer Kingsley

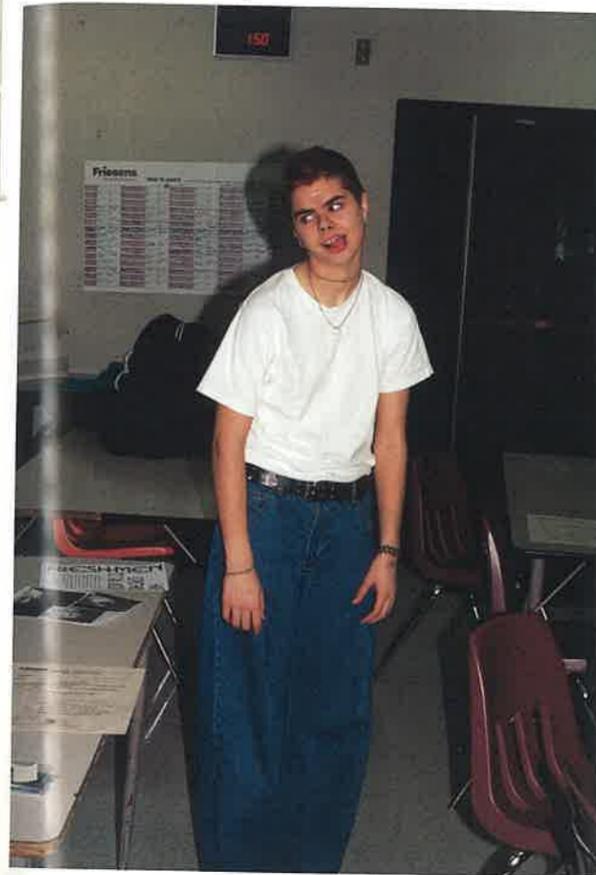


Hardy har - har. Laughing at a friend's joke, Matt Tintes (11) clutches his stomach at the bad humor involved.

Don't make me hurt you! Looking annoyed, Melissa Warren (10) throws a threatening look.

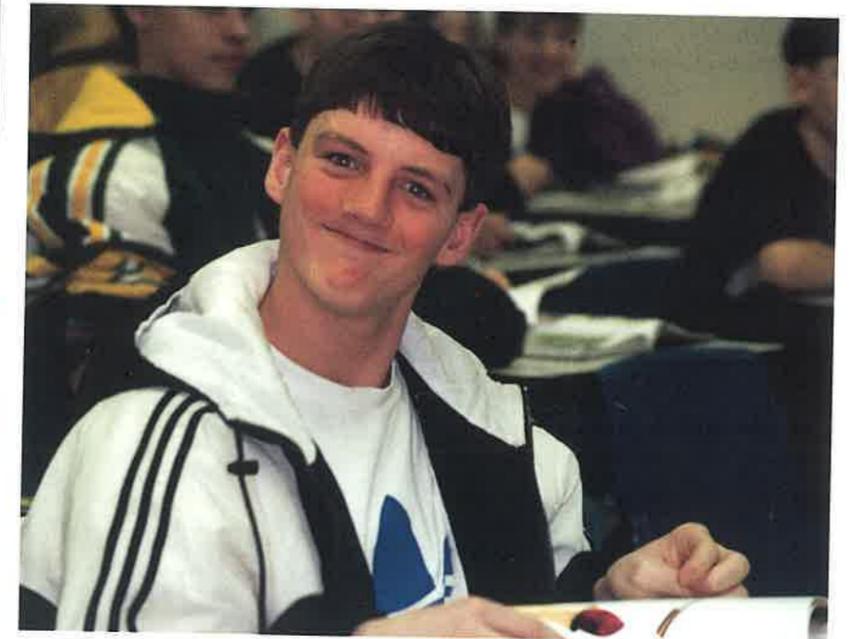
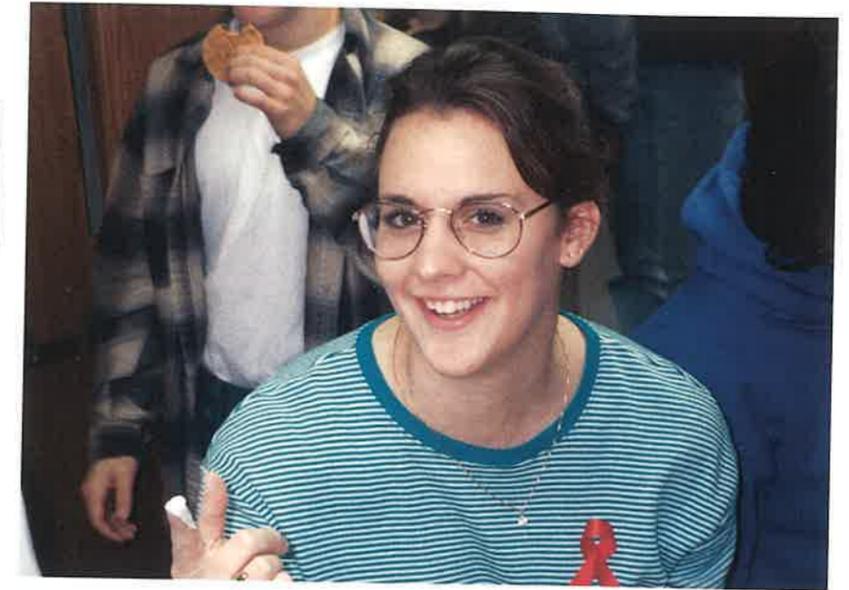


And then I'll... With a smug smile, Jade Hilscher (10) plots a way to disrupt class.



No - this is my good side. Displaying her tongue, Gine Villi (12) creates a very funny face.

And then he said... Talking to her invisible friend, Amanda Sundvor (11) discusses their recent abduction by aliens.



I'm going to wipe my finger all over you! With white makeup on hand, Michelle Roers (12) prepares to paint faces for AIDS Awareness Day.

I get to be in the yearbook! Putting on his most devious grin, Nate Brooks (9) plots his upcoming fame.

Put on a happy face! With a permanent smile, Kindra McCarty (10) brings joy to students as a clown.



Blizzards, flood ravage North Dakota

Did you know...
50th Anniversary that Mr. L. E. Berger was the advisor to *The Packer* in 1947?

Rough road ahead! An earthen dike topped with sandbags protects homes from the rising Red River and overland flooding.



"My little brother is a sixth grader and had to come and go to our school for awhile which was a drastic change for him. -- Justin Scoville(10)

Blizzards crippled the area during the winter and spring of 1997 causing a record number of school and business closings. With a record snowfall of over 110 inches the residents in the Red River Valley braced themselves for a flood they knew would come.

As many built dikes to protect their homes and businesses, another blizzard hit the area on April 7th dumping as much as 20 inches of snow in some parts of North Dakota again bringing the state to a near standstill.

Power was cut off to many communities in the state and several people were hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning due to blocked vents, faulty furnaces, and propane heaters which were being used to warm houses that were without electricity.

"We stayed at our house for three days with a propane heater to heat our house.

We kept our fridge cold with buckets of snow until we got our generator back," said Becky Miller (10).

People in the Fargo, West Fargo, Moorhead, and Harwood areas built dikes during the blizzard which was preceded by two inches of rain. The city of Harwood built a dike encircling their town to protect it from the rivers and overland flooding.

Justin Scoville (10), a resident of Harwood, had this to say about the flood. "It was very hard setting up rides while Harwood was surrounded by water. My parents think school is a very serious thing, so they had me stay in town with friends. A couple of times after school I had to drive to Mapleton, over to Casselton, and go north from there just to get to Harwood."

Many of the students of WFHS were released from school to help residents in the area save their homes. It was grueling and backbreaking work, but without their help many more homes would have been lost.

"Sometimes sandbagging was mass confusion because of the large number of people. It was hard work, but the many different people made it fun to do. The dirty part was not so bad, but all the cuts and scars that were left on my body after it was all done is a different story," said Brandon Cottrell (10).

But even though a flood had been predicted, no one could predict the devastation that hit the city of Grand Forks. The rise of the Red River set an all-time record cresting at 54.11 feet! The entire city was evacuated as the river raged through the city. Cars were seen floating down streets along with houses that had come off their foundations! Grand Forks resembled a huge lake of reddish-brown mud and polluted water.

To make matters worse, a fire broke out in the downtown business section destroying seven businesses in a four block area. Firefighters could not get to the fire because of the floodwaters being too high in the streets, so the city attacked the fire by air. Chemicals and muddy water from the flood eventually squelched the fire. But the devastation left by the flood and the fire made Grand Forks look like a deserted city in a war zone.

The down-trodden residents of Grand Forks were not able to return to their homes for several weeks because the city's water supply was dangerously contaminated, and its sanitary system sewer system had collapsed as the Red River of the North spilled over dikes and saturated others until they collapsed. Many cities in North Dakota and Minnesota offered help to the refugees, despite the flooding in their own cities.

The winter and spring of 1997 gave people everywhere something to talk about.



Hello! Hello! Is anyone there? Lines in Fargo north of the sewage plant dip dangerously toward the swollen river.

Wanna play? Playground equipment at Trollwood Park stands in the murky waters of the river.



Find a different route! Water creeps up the bridge between Fargo and Moorhead causing motorists to find different routes to the other side. The Hjemkomst-Heritage Interpretive center looms in the background.

Party to the max

Great music, hot fashions grace Prom '97

"The Grand March was great, but the music made the Prom."-- Karen Zurn (12)



The theme was "Because You Loved Me," which was reinforced by Kingdom Sound, who provided music for the evening.

Many couples lined up to take a Scherlings' snapshot, while others posed for their friends and relatives in the high school entry foyer. Starting at 7:30 p.m., couples emerged on stage in the theater as well as at

Music, motion, light, and laughter (and even a little luuuuvv!). These were all a part of Prom '97, sponsored by the junior class.

the foot of the stairs in the commons. After about an hour and a half of prancing around in high heels and shiny shoes, the festivities really began. While juniors and seniors and their dates danced to country, pop, rap and hard rock, refreshments were served in the commons. Door prizes were also handed out during occasional breaks in the



tunes. "The Prom Committee and junior class worked really hard, and the effort paid off," said Melissa Braseth (11). "The decorations looked great."

The "in" prom styles were highly noticeable throughout the evening as several students sported such apparel as multicolored hats and striped canes as well as extravagant tuxes and dresses.

Because of the great music, food, fun and friends, Prom '97 was filled with fond, unforgettable memories.

By Mark Harbeke



Did you know... that the 1953 prom was held at the Top of the Mart in the Frederick Martin Hotel (Tree Top)?

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I want a keepsake! Reaching for the stars, Gretchen Jost (11) attempts to grab part of the blue tapestry from above, which she'll keep as a reminder of her wonderful prom experience.



Awww, because you love me! Dancing with the music, Elisa Torres (12) becomes suddenly moved in the magical moment.

Not Heaven, but close. Heading through the white marbled gates, Greg Clark (12) and Deb Hogen (12) sport smiles.



You got to move it! At prom Paul Gartner (12) and his date jam to the beat.

Is it hot in here or is it just me? Telling Ross Schmidt (10) that he feels like a sardine packed in a can, Nick Pedersen (12) adjusts his bow tie.



Pin the boutonniere on the prom date. With precision, Tara Falcon (12) completes her prom date's wardrobe before heading off for a fun-filled evening.

Did you that the Betty know... Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of tomorrow test was given on Dec. 6, 1960 to any senior girl who wished to take it?

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Mmmm, Mmmm good. During post prom, Krysia Kludt (12), Tim Breidenbach, a junior from Casselton, and Elisa Torres (12) enjoy free pizza while chilling on a couch.



Post-Prom provides students with free entertainment

Post-prom rocks

"Dancing, playing pool and leaving early were the best parts of post-prom."-- Rita Ostern (11)

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Free pizza and pop, that was the highlight of the school-sponsored Post-prom party.

Post-prom was held at the Moorhead State University Comstock Memorial Union. Tickets were sold ahead of time for \$5.00 per person. The party began midnight on Saturday, April 26 and continued until 4:00 a.m. immediately following Prom.

"Post-prom was a fun experience," stated Shauna Meberg (12). "It beat having to worry about having booze around."

Party-goers were supplied with non-alcoholic drinks by the Underground. The Underground also provided the music for the party and gave new arriv-

als a coupon for a free 'exotic' drink. Students who attended the event were also treated to free pizza.

"I found Post-prom to be a worthwhile event," said Brad Irving (11). "Sober or not, the experience was better than I expected. I especially liked getting all of the free food, drinks, and being able to play games for free."

Other activities that students were able to participate in included video games, pool, ping-pong, and darts. All of those activities were free to anyone who attended.

Most of the party-goers would grab a seat on a couch or relax with their friends.

"Post-prom was a blast that I will never forget," commented Paula Lee (12), "even though some people were funnier than usual."

During the night's festivities, door prizes were given away. The prizes were not as lavish as the door prizes given away at prom, but regardless, they were free.

For most of the participants, post prom was enjoyable.

"I'm really glad I went to Post-prom. It gave me the chance to have some good, clean, wholesome fun," stated Brian Gruber (11). "I feel sorry for all those other people who decided to skip post prom and go to a hotel and get drunk."

Even though Post-prom isn't as publicized as Prom, for those who went it will always be remembered.

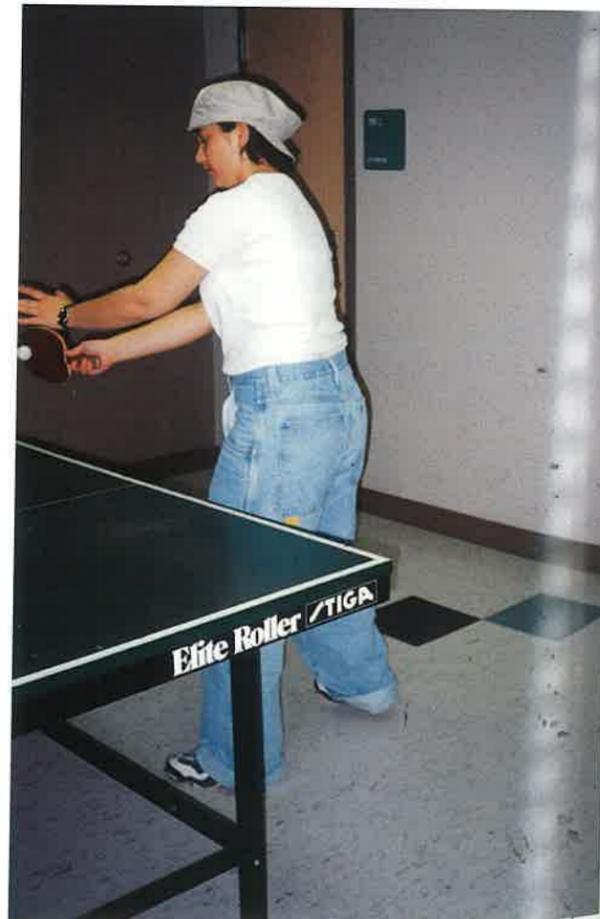
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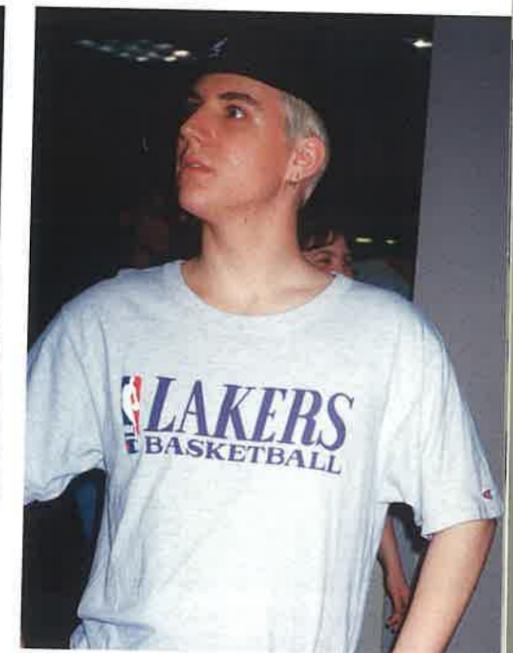


Ya' wanna play some pool. Playing for free, Cory Gilbertson (12) enjoys a game of pool at Post Prom.

I like ping-pong. Smacking the ball, Gine Villi (12) tries to win a game of ping-pong.



Relaxing with friends. While attending Post-Prom, Celine Collin (12) and Matt Biewer (12) take a break from all of the action.



I'm going to be famous. Gazing into space, Darick Dorn (12) ponders his future as a professional basketball player.

Seniors' futures look bright

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All the seniors had smiles on their faces as they threw up their hats at the con-

clusion of the graduating ceremony. They are now free from high school, and have to make decisions on their futures.

While the seniors got ready to leave WFHS, they remembered all the fun times they had with friends and at school: football, basketball and soccer games, then off to Taco Bell for a bite to eat; wonderful pep rallies to get out of class; Mr. Clark's wonderful North Dakota jokes; and all the teachers' lectures.

"I'll remember most helping Mr. Richards spell his quote of the day right," said Nissa Crandall (12). In ten years these memories that students have will not be the most remembered.

"I plan to go to MSU for special education to make the world better for those children with special needs," said Gretta Benson (12).

Many plan to go to college while others will get a job. Either way, whatever the seniors choose, it is their decision.

"I'm thinking of going to college to become an attorney," said Nancy Tate (12).

Doctors, lawyers, garbage men: These are all jobs that someone someday will have. Not all seniors have decided

what they plan to do after high school, but many of them have.

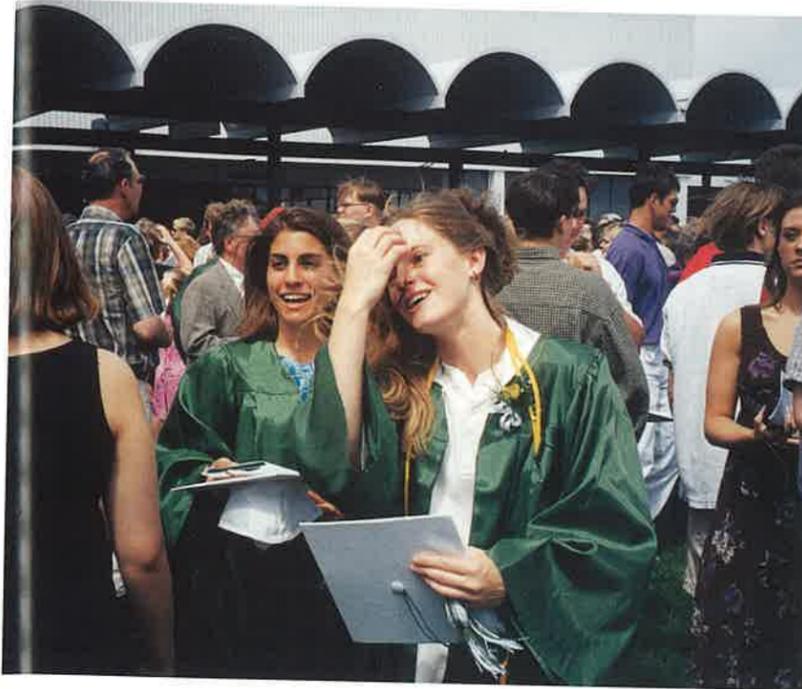
"In ten years I see most of the seniors starting the jobs they gained by finishing a 4-6 year college," said Sallie Parrott (12).

The 1997 graduates' futures look bright now, but who is to say down the road if they'll still be shining. Many of the seniors in 5,10,15, 20 years from now will get married, have children, live in an house with a white picket fence with a cat and a dog; others will stay single and move away from North Dakota.

By Amy Grossman

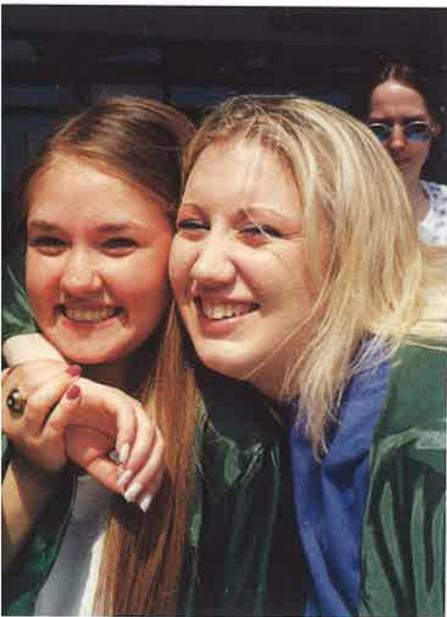
"I'll remember my junior year in AP History when the class took Mr. Haarsager's Kennedy head and had it travel all over the world."-- Julie Schmidt (12)

We made it! Taking a break, Kodi Srur (12) and Stephanie Weigal (12) pause for a moment to be congratulated.



Did you know... that in Nov. of 1947 the entire student body (159) saw the movie *Junior Prom* which was instructive in matters of etiquette?

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Say cheese again? Smiling for the hundredth time that day, Melissa Fosse (12) and Dixie Sapp (12) pose once more for the camera.



Weingarten Fest '97! To celebrate the joyous occasion, Amanda Weingarten (12) and her family gather together.



Hold still! While Becky Loney (11) pins on her flower, Angie Schultz (12) waits patiently to avoid getting stabbed.

"Ahhh Yeah" After completing commencement exercises, Rob Boser (12), Lisa Borslien (12), Tessa Brandsted (12), Jodi Braaten (12), and Pat Brostrom (12) exit out of the auditorium.

Did you know... that the movie *Hop-a-long Cassidy* was shown to the student body of WFHS on Feb. 12, 1947? It was described to be "a rip-snortin cowboy thriller."

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"Congratulations, and I really liked your speech." Having a little conversation, Darcy Gaugler (12) and Officer Styf discuss the wonderful night.



Final farewell - Seniors spend last night together

"I will miss some of my classmates, but others I'm glad I won't see them again."-- Corey Laude (12)

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What marked with absolute finality their high school years, the graduates of 1997 gathered in the commons and gym of WFHS for a night of merriment and last good-byes.

Some will remain friends forever, others will never see their classmates again.

"You're saying good-bye to your friends, and it may be one of the last times you may get to see your classmates," said Becky McCann (12).

The post graduation party was held from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Prizes were awarded to lucky graduates as the

night wore into the morning hours. The class of 1997 also enjoyed blackjack, bingo, darts, fooseball, pool, volleyball, and of course free pizza and pop.

"It's a good way to get us all together for one last big bash," said Jamie Witt (12).

But others felt differently about the occasion.

"And I'm missing *Star Trek* for this?" said Sallie Parrott (12) jokingly.

"I'm so glad to get the @*% outta here!" exclaimed Nancy Tate (12).

Because it was the seniors' last moments together as a class it was a night to be remembered and cherished forever.

"The senior party is a time when ev-

erybody puts away their differences and has fun together at WFHS for one last time," said Jeni Peterson (12).

What ends the final chapter in their high school life also signified the beginning of a challenging, exciting and new chapter.

"This may be the end at WFHS, but it is a new beginning of our lives," said Kelly Elijah (12).

Now with their high school days behind them, graduates have their futures to look forward to.

"The future will be scary, just plain scary," declared Heather Smith (12).

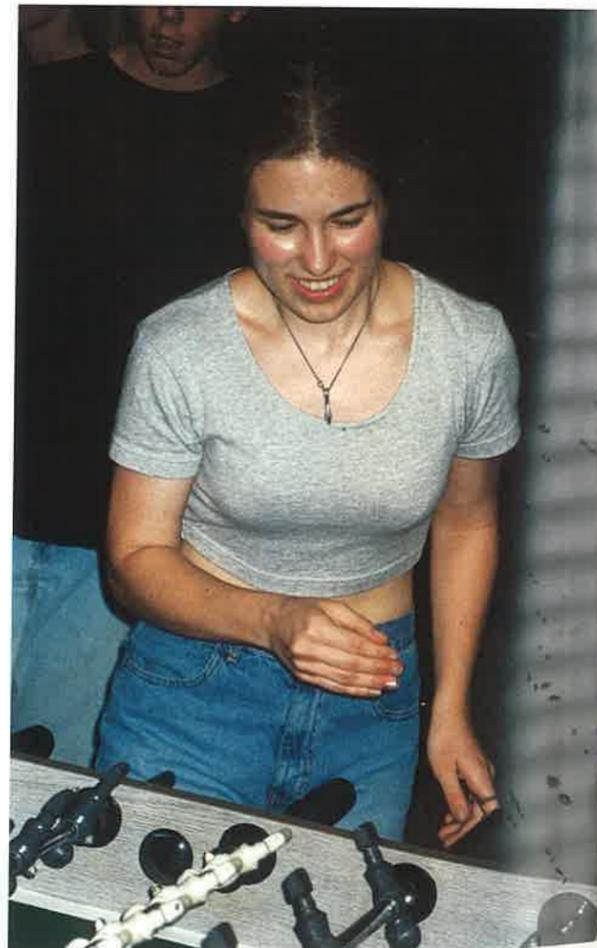
By Jamie Woodley

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What a great night this is. Having a good time, Gine Villi (12) and Kryisia Kludt (12) enjoy the pizza and pop and give each other last smiles before the night is over.

This ones for the money. Christina Johnson (12) competes against an opponent while playing fooseball.



The one ball in the corner pocket. Lining up her shot, Kelly Elijah (12) enjoys herself at the post graduation party.



Like two peas in a pod. At the post graduation party, Patty McGuire (12) and Lyndsey Harles (12) reminisce one last time before saying good-bye.

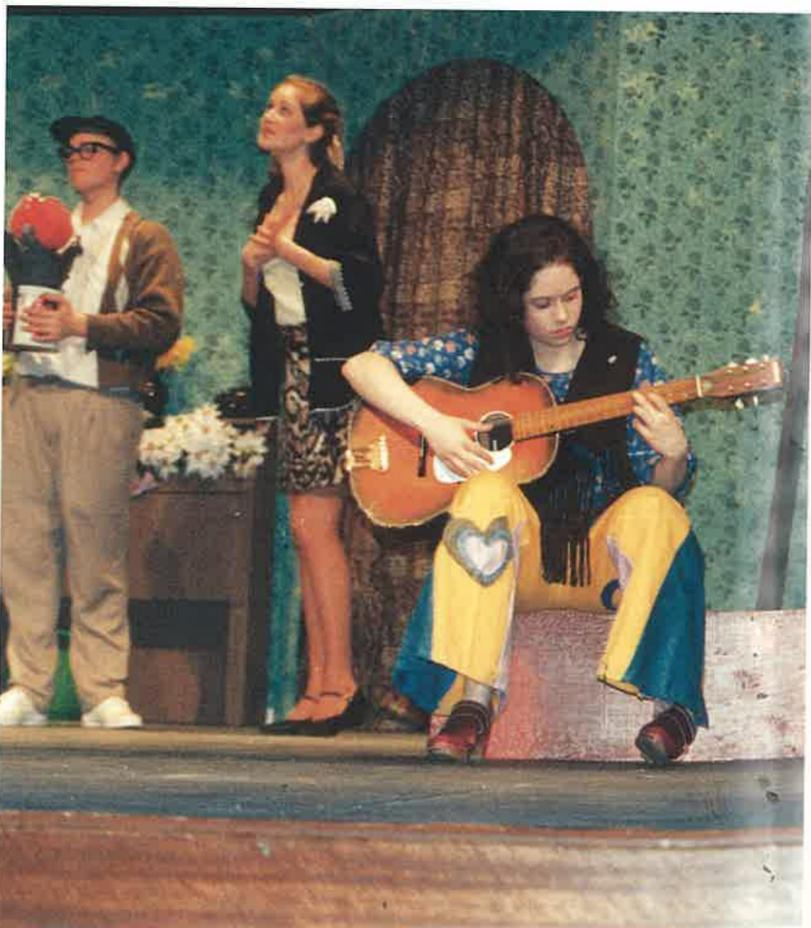
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I can't wait until I graduate. Unfolding her gown for graduation, Missy Rutten (12) looks at it approvingly.

The flood of '97 engulfs another. Water from the Red River laps at the door of a barn near Trollwood Park in Fargo.

Just strummin' away. During "The Little Shop of Horrors" Jackie McSparron (11) the street urchin strums her guitar, while Denita Linnertz (11) and Adam Pankow (11) decide where to put the plant.



Here we go Packers! Cheering at a girls' basketball game, Angie Hammer (12) excites the crowd with one of the many cheers shouted out by the cheerleaders.

Ahh, what a sight. In the annual WFHS musical, James Erickson (12) and Bonnie Hellman (11) take a view of their kingdom of Camelot.



Isn't he cute?! In Child Development class, Tacina Birrenkott (9) looks down at her nephew Joshua, while Mrs. Linda Dahl watches amiably.

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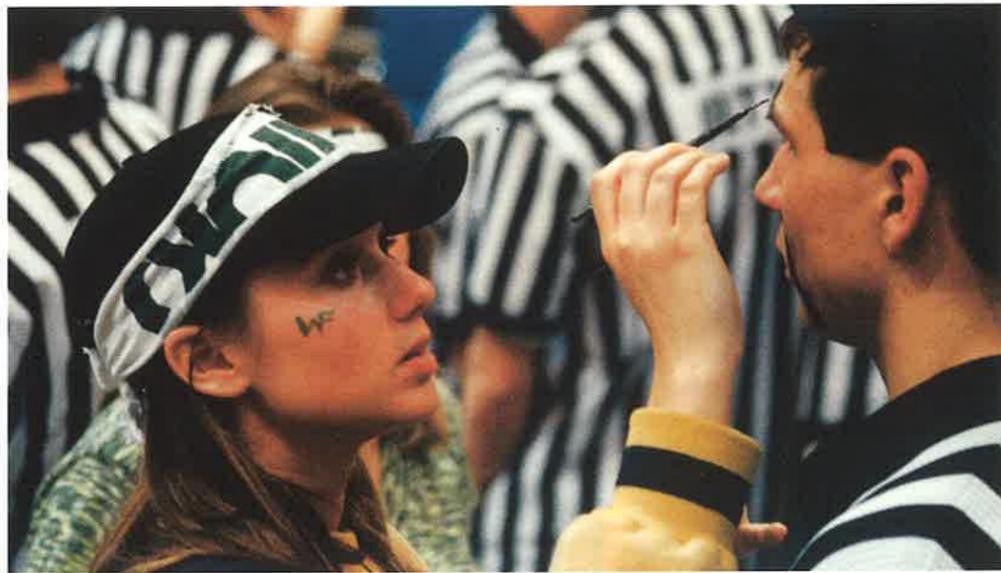
Another momentous year has come and gone with always "Something to Talk About." The students and faculty at WFHS remember all of the vivid, cheerful times spent together. They also remember all the opportunities they were given to better themselves. Now, at the end of the year, they prepare for their futures and wonder about the possibilities.

There was never a dull moment in sports; there was always "Something to Talk About." The boys' basketball team went to the state tournament and was awarded fourth place. Packatahnas also excelled in two categories on the national level. They took first in the high kick and pom pon categories.

Academically, WFHS did extremely well. Three seniors received National Merit Scholarships.

The weather always gave everyone "Something to Talk About." After record amounts of snow buried the valley, the record flooding came. Many students and faculty left to help the numerous individuals that needed their assistance.

Through all the effort and teamwork, the people of WFHS accomplished many goals that helped the school stand above the rest.



Showing our spirit. As a member of the Ref Crew, Donny Weiker (12) receives a face painting from Holly Rost (12).

Where did y'all go? During one of our basketball games, Michael Best (12) looks for a teammate to pass to.

Yes, plants can smile. Little Shop of Horrors was a big hit! Castmembers Denita Linnertz (11), Nicole Engebretson (10), and Adam Pankow (11) give a performance.



A new occupation?!? To receive votes for the best theme during teacher spirit week, the office faculty including Mr. Gary Clark, met WFHS students at the front door handing out pencils.

Sure I'm having fun. Looking a little tired, Shari Wurtzberger (12) spends her time decorating for a drama production of Camelot.

