



WEST FARGO HIGH SCHOOL

"Packers of the Round Table"

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Packers of the Round Table

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Attention Packers of the Round Table. Let's enjoy our experience at the table as we travel back to the days of kings and queens. Kick back, relax, and benefit from the help. Value the laughter and the entertainment of the jokers. Construct your education for a career that is right for you in the future. Understand that the four years at our castle can be rough and tough, but have a good time. Do not let things get the better of you and force you to make enemies. Never forget your true friends and what they mean to you. Battle your way through hard times. Join the many organizations that take place in this medieval period of time. Don't get lost in the long corridors. The halls may be crowded with peasants, but make your way through for the Packers are strong and united. The castle may be big, so look at the directions that can lead you to an enjoyable life. Preserve moments, as everyone will remember his or her high school memories. Savor the moments of victory. Look up to the wins of the sports teams. Look at the pleasant sides of schooling. Have a high opinion of your homework, because it affects your performance throughout life. Be devoted to school, but take it easy and experience a practical time out of school as well. As knights continue the journey this yearbook provides. We invite you to sit down at the table, stay awhile, and have a good time.

by Levi Kalsow



What a good sale! Buying a pop from the concessions, senior Billy Hanson gives senior Tracy Olson the money.

Are you scared yet!? Trying to scare everyone, this monster came to West Fargo High School.

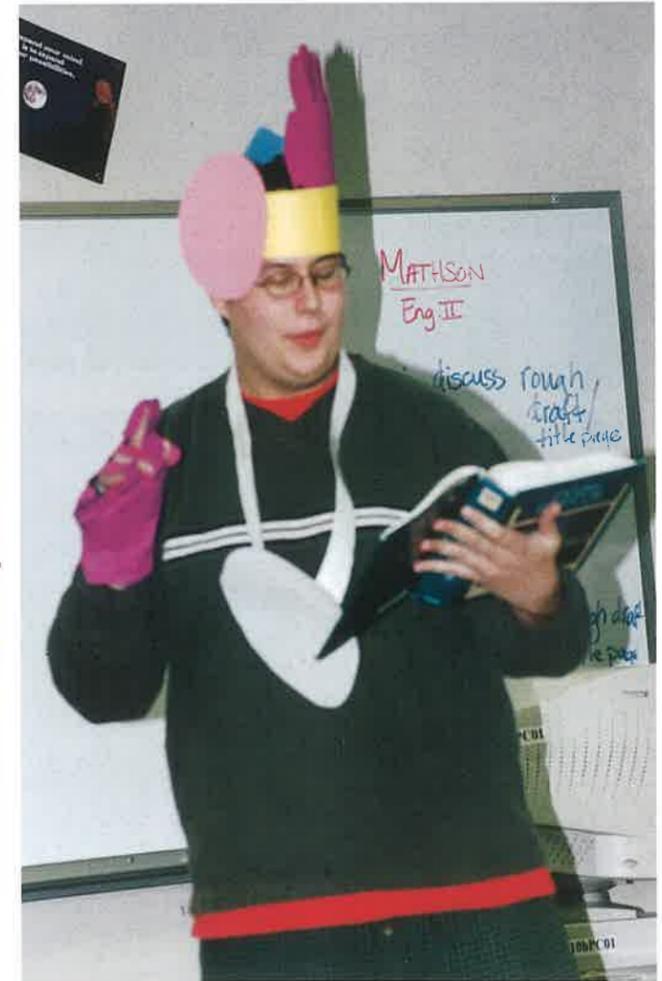
This book is just too old school for me! Having some fun in English class, senior Mike Tengwall acts out a story in front of the class.

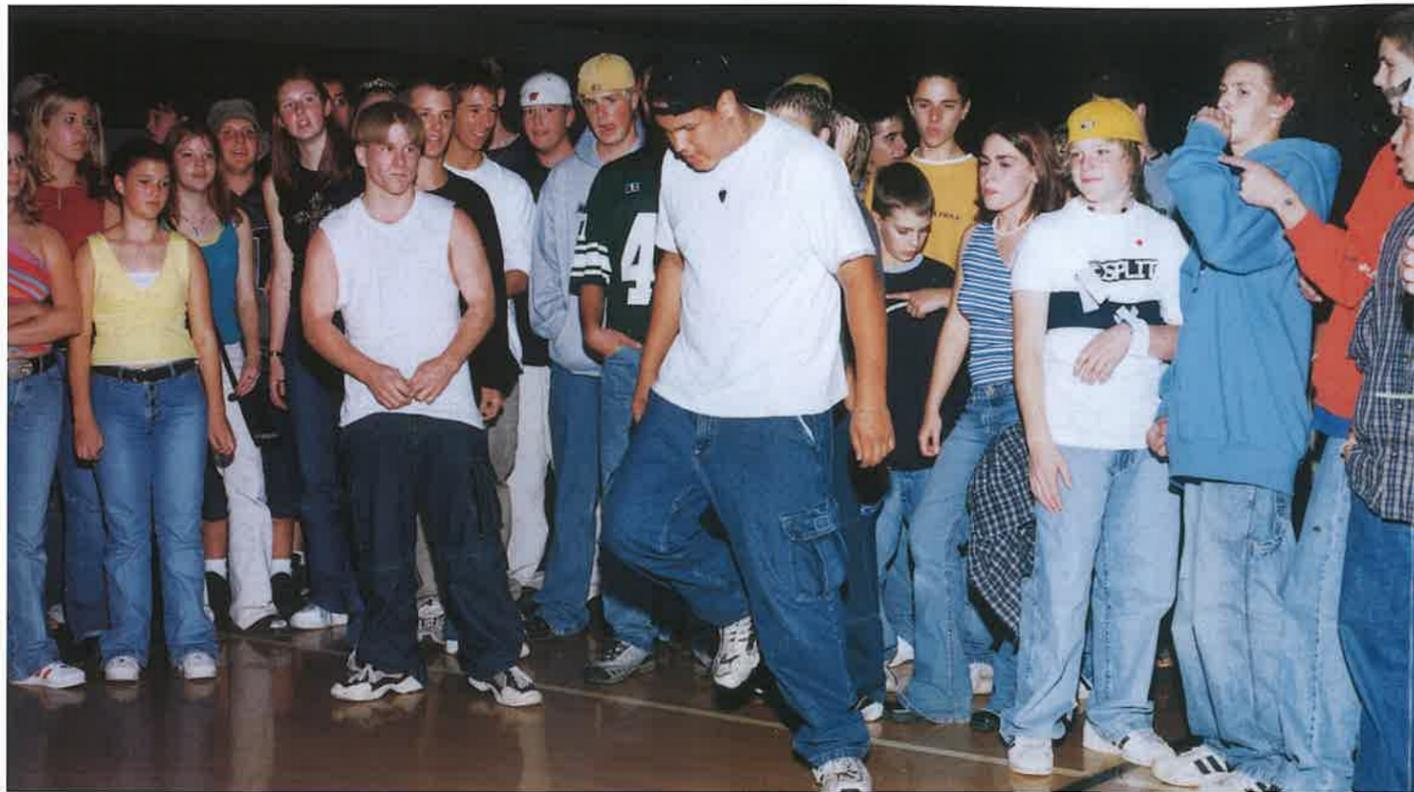


Everything seems upside down to me! Doing some freestyle dancing, this former Packer hopes he lands on his feet.



WOW! Am I full! Dressed up as Winnie the Pooh, senior Allison Sherman entertains the kids.





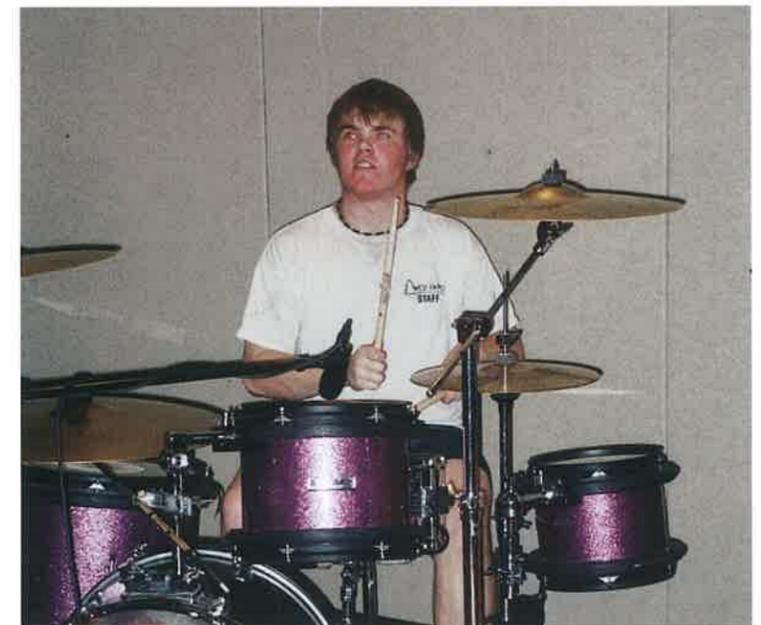
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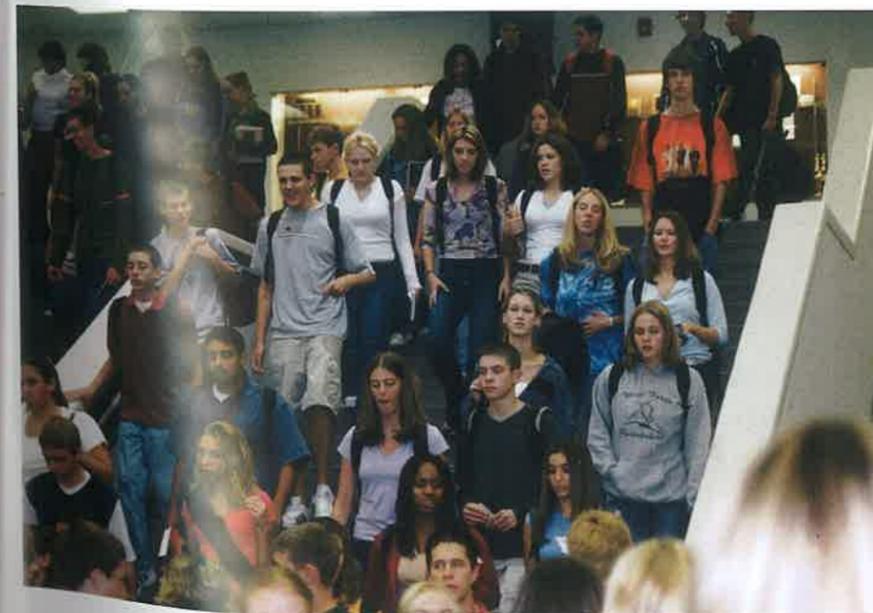
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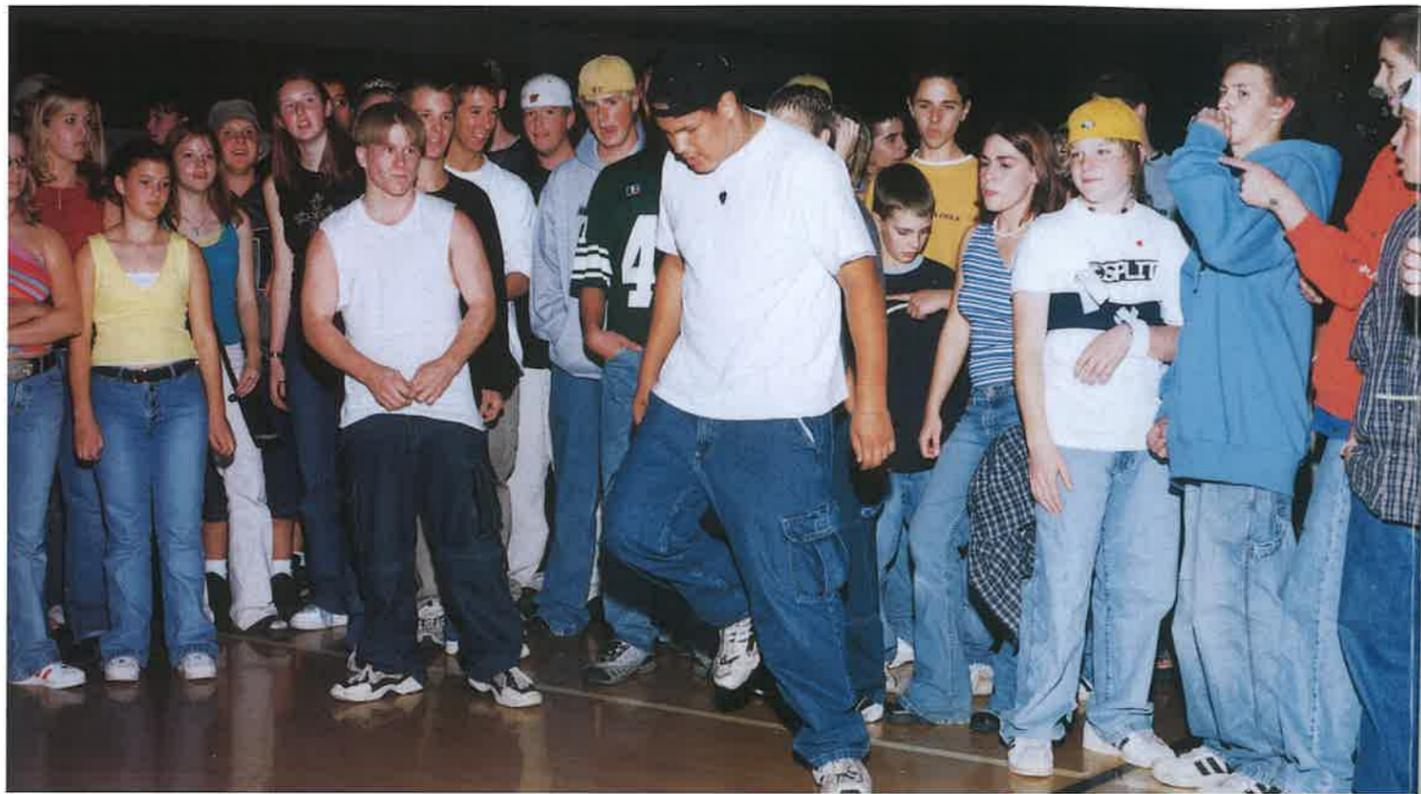


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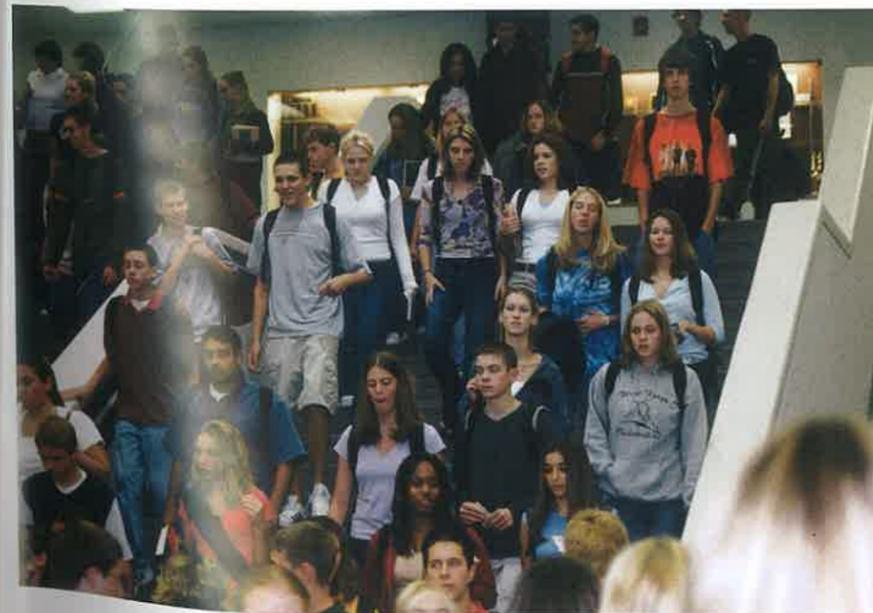
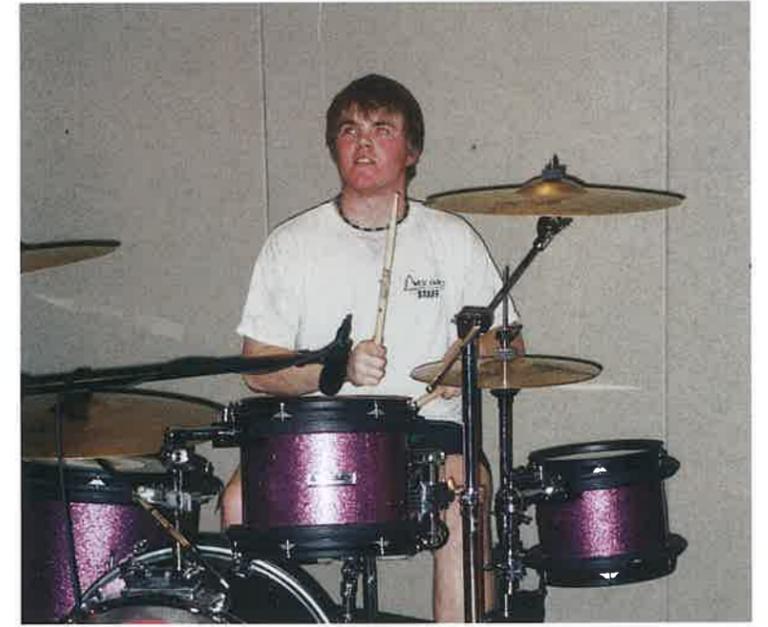
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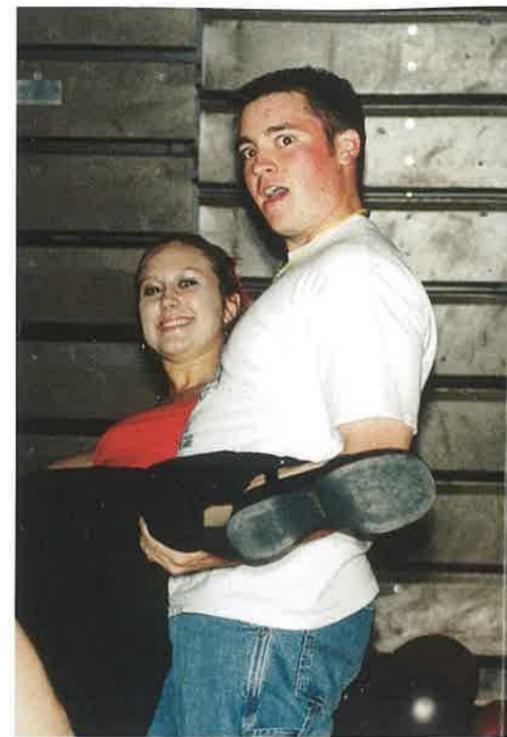
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Dip! Dancing away, senior Trevor Odden throws senior Shelley Kudelka back for the best dance move of the night.

I won! After being announced King and Queen for 2001 Homecoming, seniors Jessica Dyr Dahl and Aaron Flynn pose for a memorable snap shot.

Homecoming shows great Packer pride!

Helping the year off to a good start, the Homecoming event brought West Fargo High School's school spirit back to the top. On September 24, 2001, Homecoming coronation was held to announce West Fargo High School's King and Queen. After the homecoming royalty candidates Tammy Jorgenson, Aaron Flynn, Jessica Dyr Dahl, Jason Krachta, Tammy Canton, Brian Moore, Danielle Williams, Nick Hill, Lindsay Wallner, and Dan Grunewald, were announced, "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You" was sung by seniors Nicki Anderson, Connie Linnertz, Adam Driscoll and Tony Salquist. Chad Hager, former King, came back to announce the 2001 Homecoming King. Chad Hager placed the crown on Aaron Flynn.

"Anything that involves being selected by classmates is an honor," said senior Aaron Flynn.

Returning with Chad, former Queen Nicole Grund placed the crown on Jessica Dyr Dahl.

"It's a really big honor. I feel people know me more. People come up to me a lot and say 'good job'," senior Jessica Dyr Dahl said.

After the crowning of King and Queen, senior Austin Redington sang, "Here's To The Night" by Eve 6. With Jessica Dyr Dahl and Aaron Flynn leading the pack, West Fargo High school had another great King and Queen for the 2001-2002 school year.

by Liz McCracken and Jodi Nelson

Let's get the party started! The homecoming dance brings the school together to start a great year as junior Dana Lemke talks with friends.

I need a rest! Taking a break from dancing, senior Beverly Badillo talks with a friend about what the plans are after the dance.



Let's dance! Having fun at the dance, seniors Melissa Kuchenbecker and Paula Carisle dance.

Smile! Ready to go dance, seniors Kelly Foss and Nancy Cariveau pose for a picture.



Here's to the night! The candidates for 2001 Homecoming stood together after the King and Queen were announced.

Homecoming: Week of fun for students!

Homecoming is a tradition that has been going on for over one hundred years. It's always in the beginning of the school year in mid-September and it's always at the start of football season. This year, students got ready for the big game through dress up days, the Powderpuff game, pep rallies, and of course the big football game on Friday night. The student council sponsored a week full of dressing up. Monday was Sweatshirt and Sweatpants Day; Tuesday was Crazy Hat Day; Wednesday was Red, White, and Blue day; Thursday was Hawaiian Day and Friday was Packer Spirit Day.

"I think a lot of people in West Fargo have a lot of Packer Pride and enjoyed the activities" sophomore Sarah Christianson said.

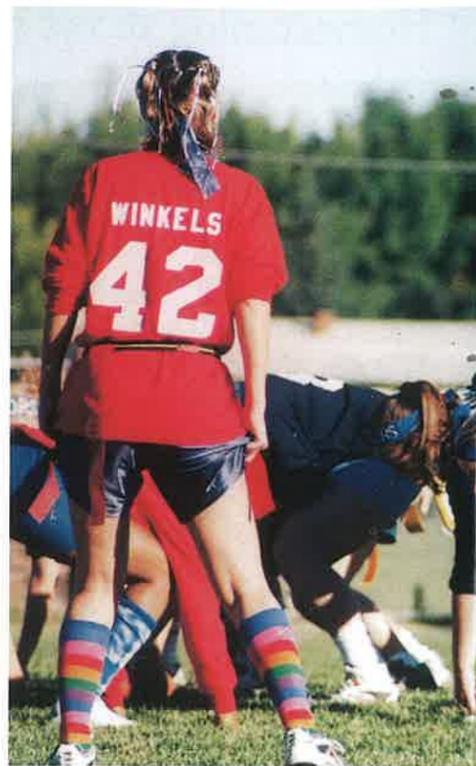
"I liked the dance; it was awesome. There was a good D.J. and everyone was really energetic!" sophomore Kara Hadley said.

The seniors won the Powderpuff game with a winning score of 14 - 8. At the pep rally, all the cheerleaders excited the students and the senior Packatahnas showed their Packer pride. At the end of the week the football team fell to the Rough Riders 29-20.

"Homecoming week was really fun, but I liked the celebration afterward the most," sophomore Zach Ockert said.

Whether students participated a lot or only a little bit, everyone thought homecoming was a fun week overall.

by Brittany Moen

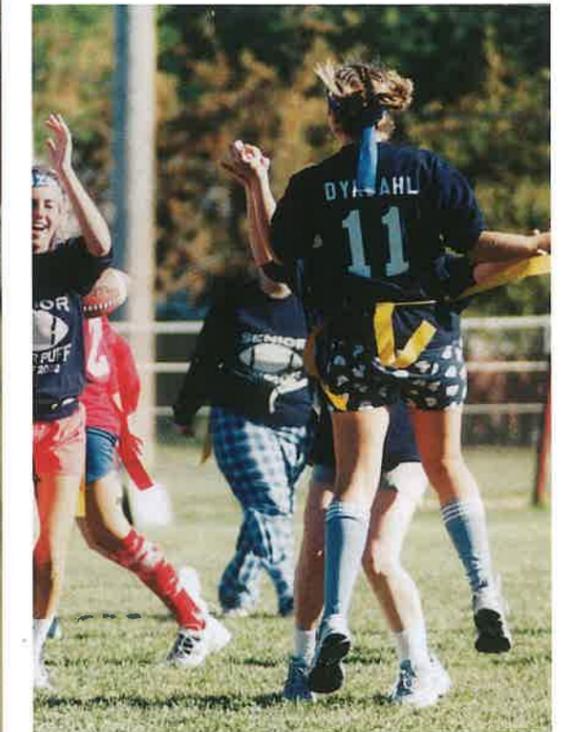


You're not going to score! Concentrating only on winning, junior Kyla Winkles thinks about her next play.



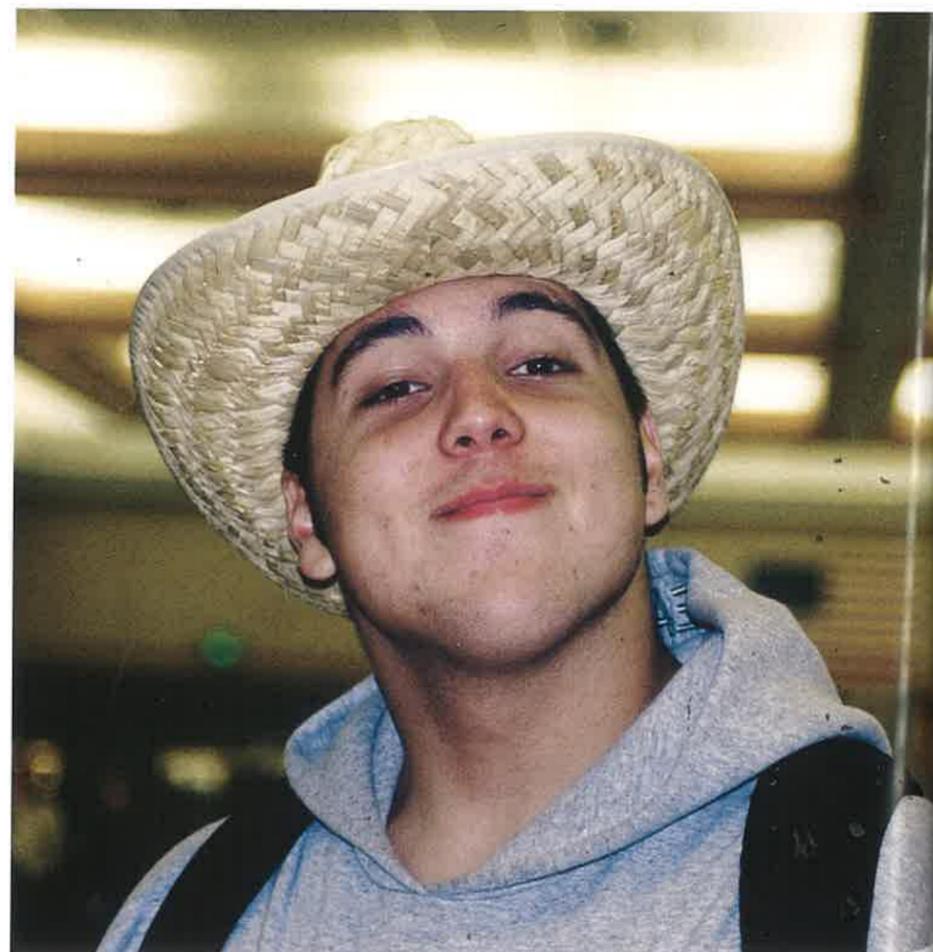
Do you like my dress?? Wearing a very fashionable hula skirt, senior Matt Ellis strikes a pose.

We beat the Juniors!! After a close game to the juniors, senior Jess Dydahl and her team celebrate.



Get down! Dancing her heart out senior Ashley Henry has a good time at the dance.

It's "Bear"! Wearing his cowboy hat junior Nick Bonnet looks pretty cool.

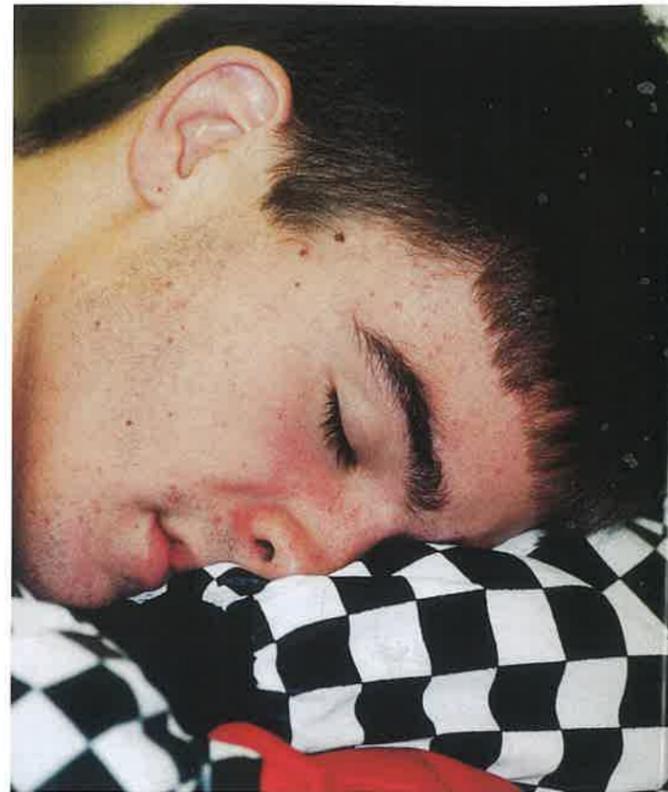


Smile pretty for the camera! Sporting her Senior PowderPuff gear, senior Nancy Carriveau is lookin' good.

Do you think we are going to win? Decorating a truck for homecoming, sophomore Jessica Mammenga is going for first place in the parade.

Like the Kings and Queens of the medieval times, the seniors of West Fargo High School sit on their thrones of life. All the seniors have been waiting for three years to have their turn in becoming royalty. Many things have influenced the class of 2002, such as seniors before them and society in general. Although the fate of many of the seniors is unknown, the time to be focused on is now. Through the good times and the bad, the senior class joined together and brought the school into a time of unity. Although the seniors move on and leave behind the high school life, they may tremble at the thought of leaving the throne and becoming a small part of the real world. There were not so cool things to be looked forward to, such as the possibility of not seeing one's high school friends for many years. High school life may be seen as one of the most important times in one's life. The senior class can successfully say "We did it!"

by Sarah Murray



Kings and Queens



I did not get enough sleep last night!

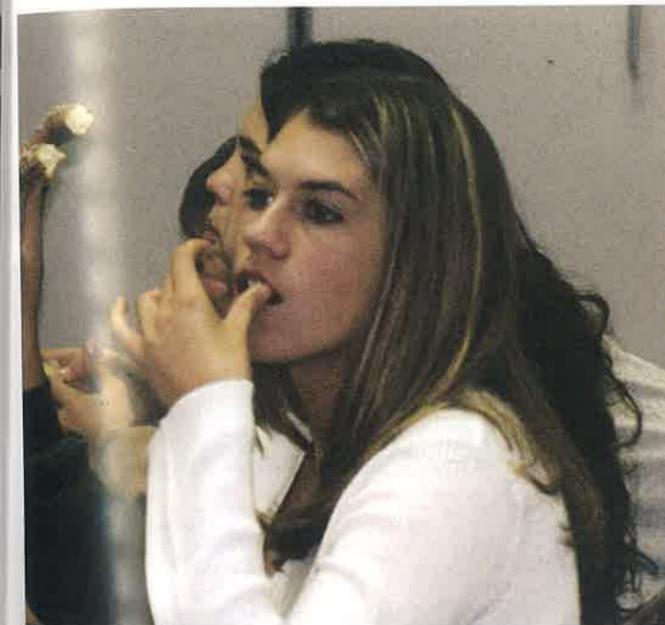
While resting his eyes in one of his classes, senior Mike Greseth takes a little nap.

Oh my Gosh! Ew!

While warning that she is going to get mad, senior Beth Dosland tells senior Dustin Gustafson to back off.

Really? That's not what I heard!

While listening carefully to senior Heidi Aaberg, senior Betsy Anderson tries to stay warm during a sports activity.



What? There's food on my face?

While chowing down on some donuts, senior Kelly Foss stares into space.

Now if I could just fit this here, maybe I could finish this before lunch.

While working on a project, senior Brady Bradsho focuses on one thing at a time.

I'll never get this government done before study hall is over!

While working on their homework, seniors Jackie Hagen, Ashley Romdalvik and Amber Grossman study hard.





Heidi Aaberg



Fartun Abdulkarim



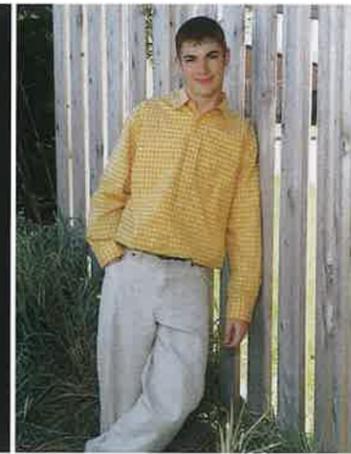
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Josh Ackerman



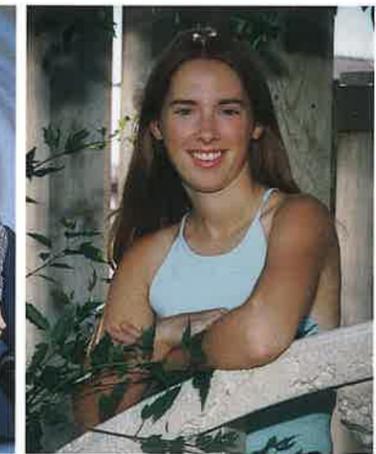
Beverly Badillo



Dustin Baird



Casey Baker



Elizabeth Bakken



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Jason Anderson



Betsy Anderson



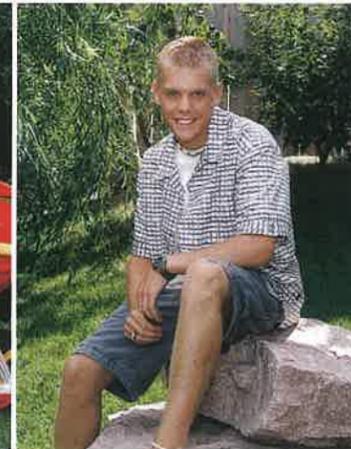
Omar Arellano



Stephanie Barentsen



Matt Beaton



Chad Beckerleg



Aaron Becklund



I have no idea what I'm doing! Doing her homework, senior Maggie Zich makes the most of her study hall.

Students lovey-dovey all the time

Picture this: A group of teens were with their friends, rounding the corner, and SMACK! They ran into two people doing something that some think should be saved for time alone.

Public Displays of Affection, a.k.a PDA's, were commonly found in our school, and students had different ideas about how gross PDA's were.

"Public displays of affection are gross. Those people need to get a room," said sophomore Preston Flaten.

Then there were the students who didn't really care.

"Public Displays of Affection are fine. Everyone overreacts to them," junior Stacy Hestbeck said.

Most students agreed that there was a limit. However, some thought that people should wait until they can do their private business privately.

West Fargo High School didn't have any rules stating whether or not any forms of affection could be shown, so students were expected to use their best judgment.

by Rachel Koehnen



Sarah Belgarde



Erin Bennett



Cathy Bernhagen



Kayla Beyer



Jessica Blixt



Chad Bofenkamp



Lauren Bommer



Kristen Borah



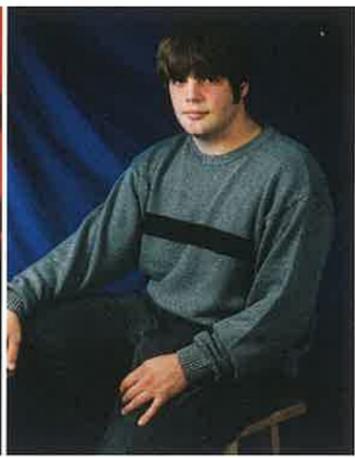
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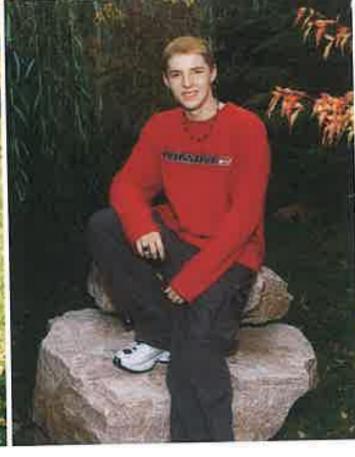
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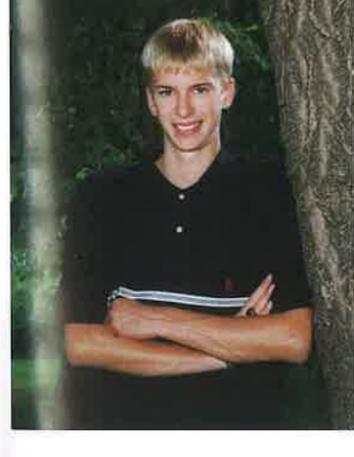
Jennifer Borkowski



Jason Boston



Amanda Bowman



Timothy Burner



Tracey Burroughs



Chelce Buzick



Laurie Byklum



Amber Brandt



Dorthea Braun



Steve Brennan



Kristopher Brewster



Want a ribbon? Handing out ribbons senior Deann Roers helps out on AIDS day.



Don't distract me! Concentrating hard, senior Michelle Cullen finishes her homework.

Power crisis affects entire kingdom

The United States of America uses 50% of the world's resources and only contains one-fifth of the population. Our wasting of precious fossil fuels will affect the lives of our children and grandchildren. Many people wonder why we don't use alternative forms of energy such as windmills, solar power, or electric cars.

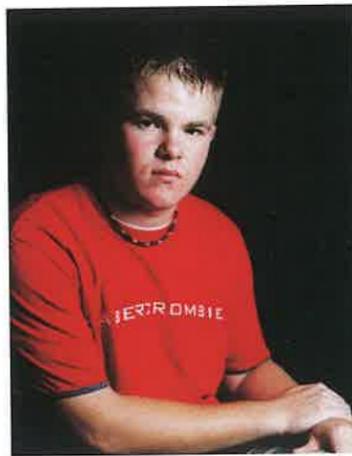
"Using windmills would be great. They would save a lot of fossil fuels and we would never run out of it," said senior James Marohl.

The windmills would initially be expensive, but they would pay for themselves quickly.

"I can't understand why we don't use more alternatives for gas and oil, because there are so many other resources that we could use efficiently," said senior Erin Bennett.

With gas prices so unsteady, and the abundant alternatives that we could use, it is strange that we don't use them.

by Austin Redington



Adam
Byrne



Tammy
Canton



Paula
Carlisle



Nancy
Carriveau



Pamela
Cossette



Marie
Crilly



Michelle
Cullen



Olivia
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Ashley
Cheney



Jenna
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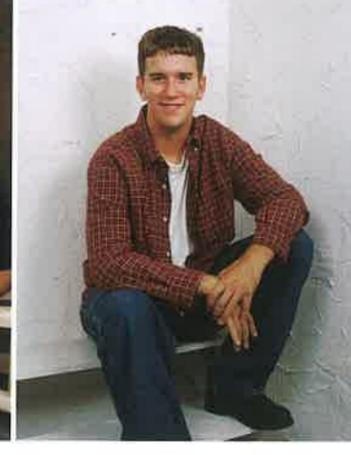
Mackenzie
Close



Cori
Cossette



Matt
Dimmer



Mike
Dimmer



Amy
Donlin



Elizabeth
Dosland



C'mon don't be a chicken! Convincing a fellow classmate into a quick game of paper, rock, scissors, senior Brock Martinson lays down the rock.

Road rage becoming major problem

What exactly is road rage? Road rage is basically violence behind the wheel. It is mostly caused by stress. School causes most of the stress that students have. The biggest stress in school is homework. Teachers usually assign so much homework that it is not humanly possible to do it in one night. That stress leads to students driving at high rates of speed in the overcrowded parking lot.

Road rage does not necessarily happen just in the parking lot. Many people take out their anger on the road.

"When I drive I try to hit other cars," junior Jon Hay said.

Lots of people drive carelessly on the city streets, rarely driving at the posted speed limit. Taking sharp turns and lighting up the tires is a great form of road rage.

"I don't cause road rage because I don't have my license yet," said sophomore Dan Bruns.

by Tim Burner



Catherine
Dosland Ramsett



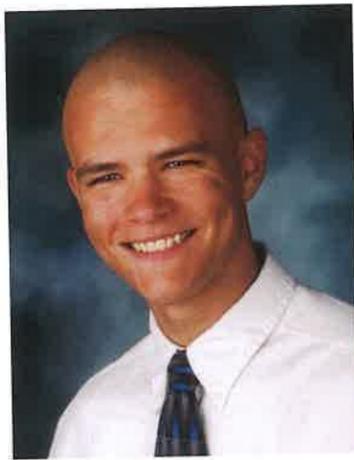
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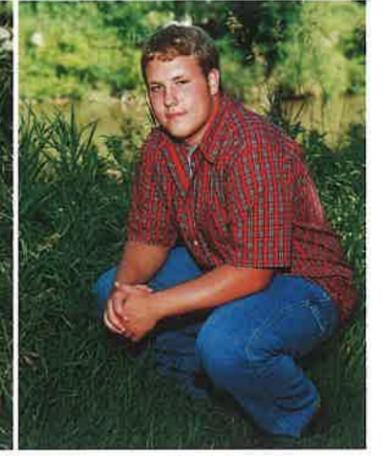
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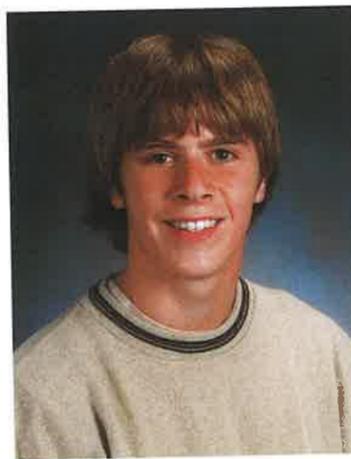
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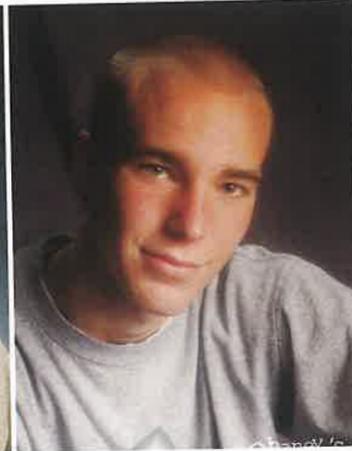
Charles Flowers



Aaron Flynn



Michael Elstad



Ronnie Engelking



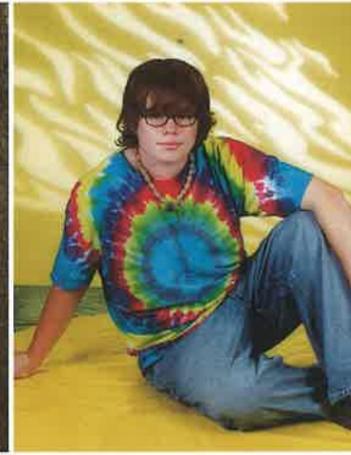
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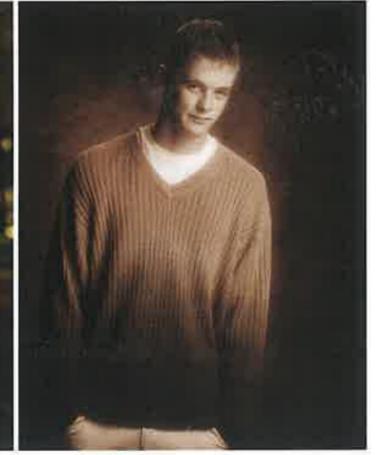
Timothy Flynn



Adam Foltz



Kelly Foss



Nick Foss



Jesse Faul



Matthew Faul



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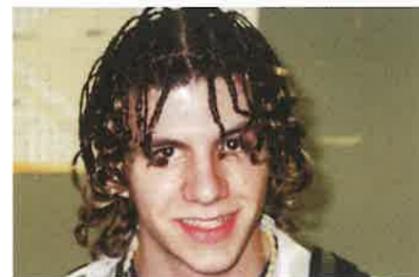


Krystal Fike



Looking good! Getting ready to go out senior Johanna Skoog styles her long locks.

Smile pretty! Showing off his braided do senior Austin Redington smiles for the camera.



Hair styles here today gone tomorrow

Years have passed and styles have changed. One of those styles would be hair styles!

"Hairstyles express people's personalities; they are a great way of expression," said senior Troy Hebert.

The styles through the years have been quite interesting, even outrageous, and sometimes embarrassing for people to admit to having fallen victim to!

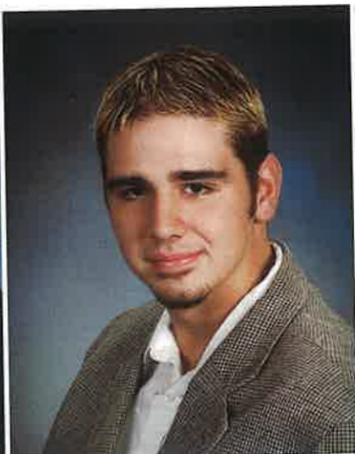
"Hairstyles are fun to look back on and will always be," senior Johanna Skoog expressed.

In the year 2002 hair has changed since the past. Boys wear either the shaggy look with the occasional "fro" or the clean-cut look with gel. Girls seem to like highlights and color, with semi-traditional cuts. All in all, it appears that we received the better of the hair-do horrors, but of course ten years from now we will look back and laugh!

by Kelly Foss



Brian Fradet



Jamie Fraedrich



Adam Fugleberg



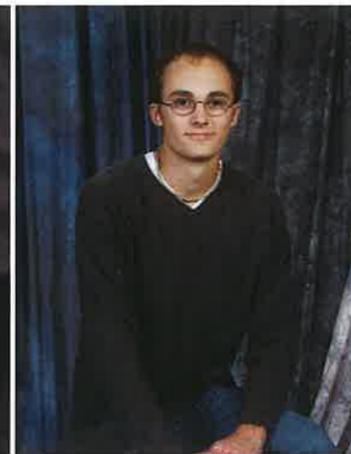
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Dan Grunewald



Julie Gunderson



Matt Gabel



Kathryn Gaskins



Emily Geyer



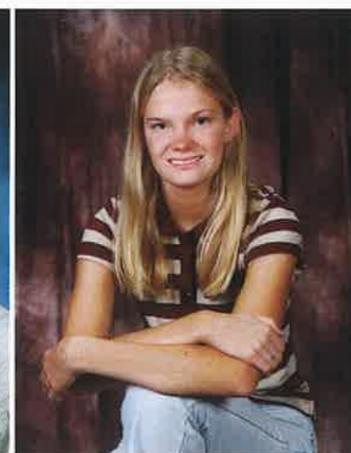
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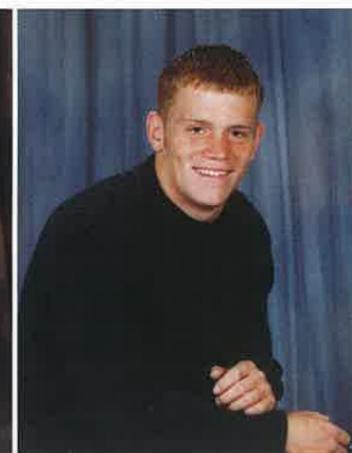
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Bryan Hage



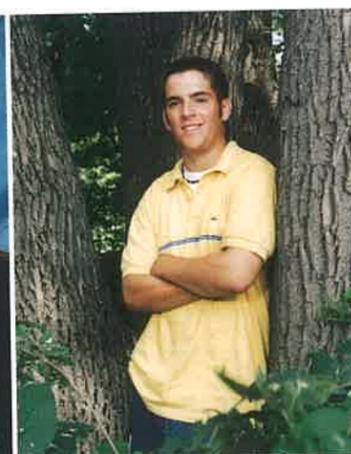
Jackie Hagen



Dan Hanson



Jennifer Goebel



Cory Grant



Michael Greseth



Nathan Gross



Mmmmm... those were good! Throwing her garbage away senior Ann Timmerman gets rid of her trash.

Understaffed janitors work long hours

West Fargo High School only had 10 janitors on staff all year. They had two daytime staff, four full-time staff, and four part-time janitors. Those few cleaned for 1,400 students. They also cleaned up 91 classrooms, the department offices, the main office, the theatre, the gym, locker rooms, the many bathrooms, and the mess left after lunch.

Some of the full-timers even stayed to set up for sporting events and cleaned up afterwards. They worked long hours, but even though they were at the school for a long time they seemed to make the best of it.

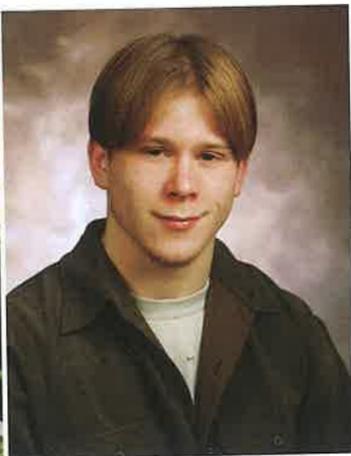
"They work hard and deserve some credit," said junior Tracy Canton.

The early shift started at 6 a.m. in the morning. All the janitors were willing to help. West Fargo High School was well taken care of whether it was understaffed or not.

by Kelsey Gatz



Billy Hanson



Austin Harles



Bill Hart



Troy Hebert



Daniel Hillerson



Kristi Hoffman



Jennifer Houser



April Hovland



Ray Heider



Lateesha Hektner



Jared Helgeson



Ashley Henley



Jennifer Hummel



Ashley Huether



Josh Jackson



Katie Jamieson



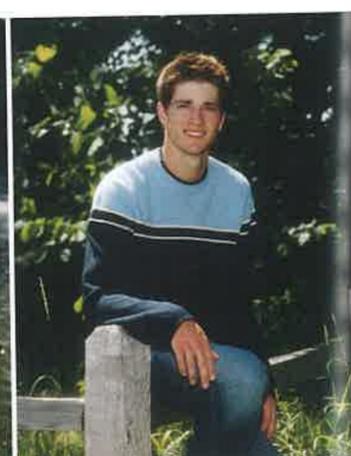
Ashley Henry



Susanna Hernandez



Kelsey Hertel



Nick Hill



Anyone up for a Sunday drive? Showing Packer pride, senior Jamie Fredrich's car wins first place in the car decoration contest for Homecoming.

Ouch, that really hurts! At a West Fargo Boxing meet senior Jordan Lugert takes a hard shot to the head from senior Dave Vacha.



New shoes roll onto scene

The new roller shoes were a big fad this year in our school. They were popular and fun for many people. Not only can one wearing these shoes get somewhere faster than normal, an owner of these shoes will have more fun and get more exercise.

"They are cool because they irritate the heck out of the teachers," said senior Omar Arellano.

Lots of people think they are cool even though they don't own a pair.

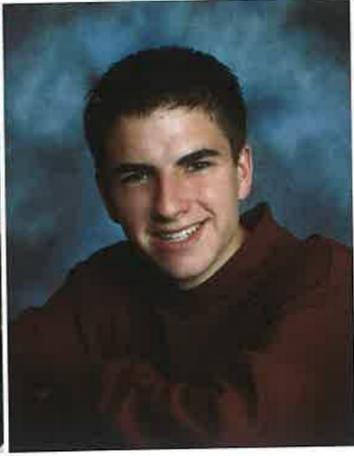
"Not only do they look cool, but they are fun leisure. They make it easier for people who can't afford roller blades," said senior Chad Bofenkamp.

These shoes will probably change the skating world for years to come.

by Dave Vacha



Brian Johnson



Craig Johnson



Kristi Johnson



Lacey Johnson



Charles Kaspari



Melissa Kassman



Narinder Kaur



Megan Kelly



Michael Johnson



Robert Johnson



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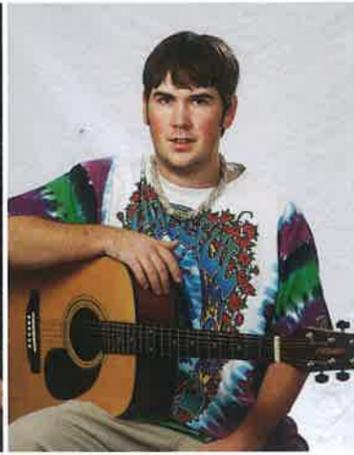
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Derek Kjaer



"It's mine!" Fighting for possession of a gift, senior Emily Geyer and junior Nathan Smith scream and shout.

Students are late for many reasons

School. It starts too early. Many students are just tired and want to sleep in, especially Monday mornings.

"I was late because I overslept," said sophomore Amy Messner.

"I forgot to set my alarm clock," said sophomore Erika Hochgraber.

Teachers need to realize that students work late on school nights and still need to do a load full of homework. But getting up is not the only reason why students are late. Winter slows students down even more because have to warm up their cars, if it starts. And yet they still have to worry about icy roads. The roads get slippery, so they have to be cautious and drive slower. Some people have to rely on others to get to school.

"My ride forgot to pick me up," said sophomore Teri Prashek.

Many students are late at least once in their life and it's usually for a good reason.

by Krystal Groen



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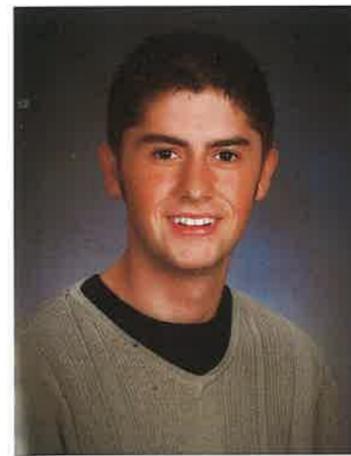
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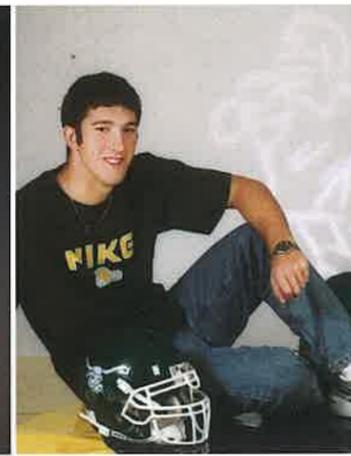
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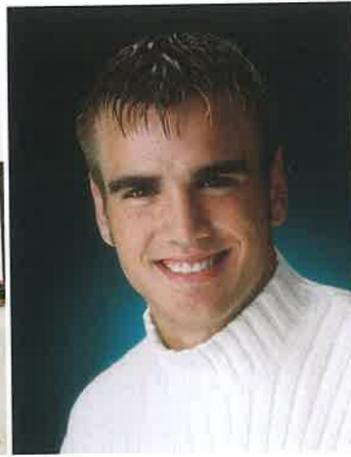
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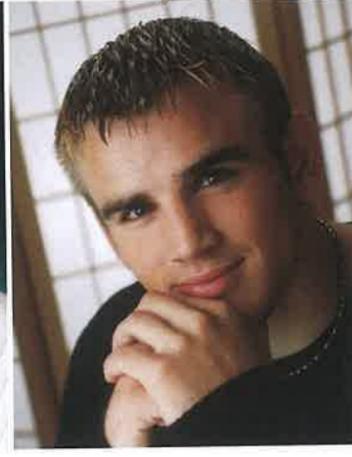
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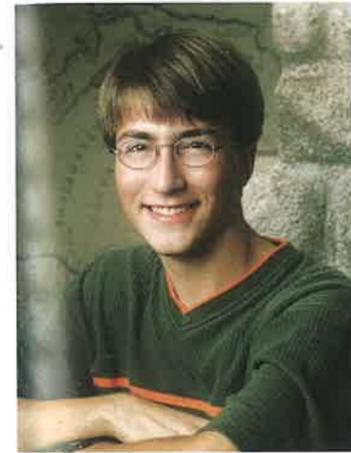
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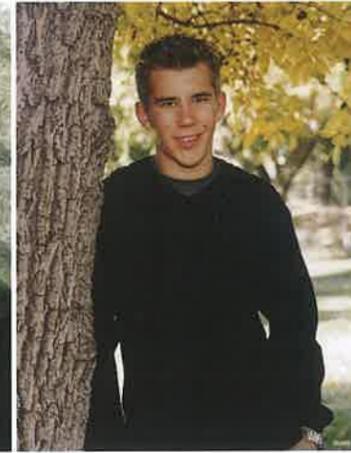
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Melissa
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Nicole
LaDouceur



Let's get it on! During a play, the cast freezes their actions.

Let it snow! Getting into the Christmas season, senior Connie Linnertz sings Christmas carols.



Pep rally brings rivalry

Class rivalry at the pep rally was really the "in-thing" at West Fargo High School. Everybody picked on the "new kids on the block" and the seniors won, just like they do every year.

"The pep rallies are fun, but there is a lot of class rivalry at them," senior Elise Peterson said.

Besides the class rivalries and all the competitions between random students and sports players, students were informed of upcoming events

"God Bless the U.S.A." was sung at the end of the pep rally by Mr. Mueller with Mrs. Jordahl on the piano. Everyone was asked to join in singing, and most every one did.

"I think that the pep rallies are fun, but they should use students as the hosts instead of teachers," junior Stacy Hestbeck said

Attention freshman! Class rivalry is the main part of the pep rally, and everyone will continue to pick on the freshman.
by Tami Lipp



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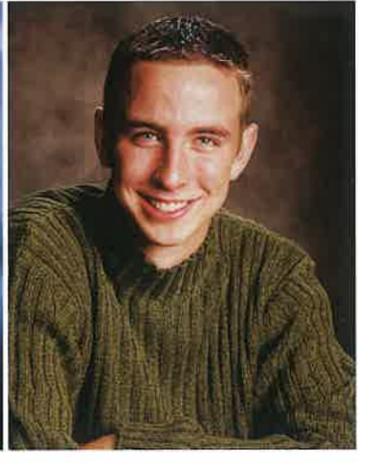
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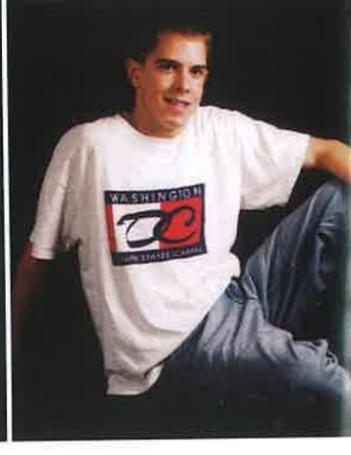
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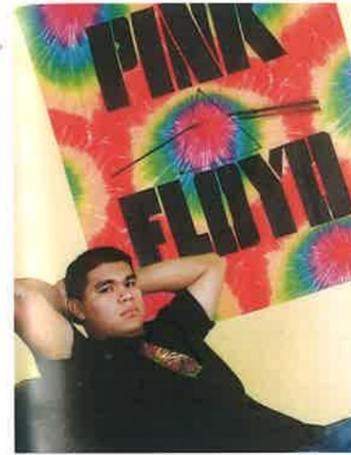
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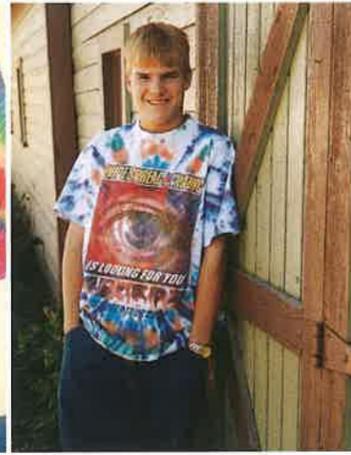
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Steve
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Rob
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We're closed! Preparing to sell candy to the student body, senior Kelsey Miller gives a warming look as the rush of people enter the Packer Connection.

Prices too high in Packer Connection

Hungry for some chocolate? Students could head on over to the Packer Connection where there was a wide variety of snacks and treats. It was open for about ten to fifteen minutes at the beginning of every period. The choices ran from chips to Chap Stick. The only possible problem with the Packer Connection was the high prices. A simple Crunch Bar cost the consumer 60 cents. A bag of chips cost \$1. The clothing in the store sold for between \$15 and \$45.

"Prices are too high on the clothes; the price of a sweatshirt is way too much," junior Angel Halbakkan said.

School sweatshirts were usually about \$50 to \$60. Some students found this to be a really big rip off. The store had sales that were up to 50% off!

"I like the store because it's such an easy, and on campus way to buy certain necessities I need," stated junior Elise Moen.

by Chad Beckerleg



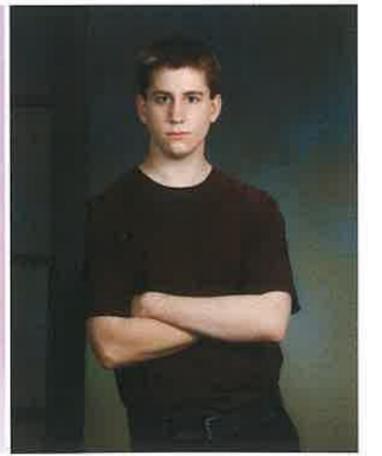
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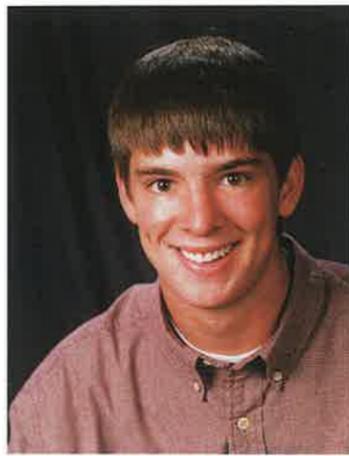
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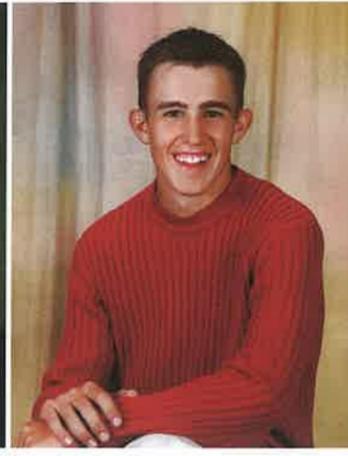
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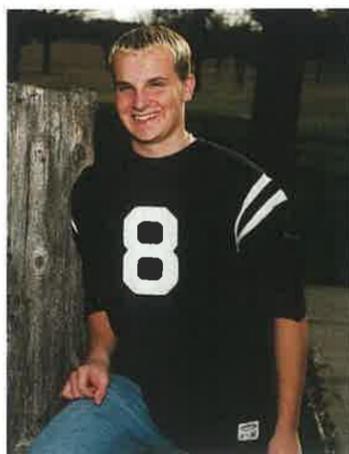
Angie Nelson



Jenny Nelson



Adam Ness



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Eric Monson



Brian Moore



Justin Morken



Happy birthday! A good cowboy friend visits senior Jenny Nelson on her birthday, compliments of Kristi Hoffman and Jodi Nelson.



Study break... Sitting in the library, Seniors Ann Timmerman and Austin Redington get some "studying" done.

Seniors select a college

Seniors had a lot of stress during their last year of high school. Many decisions had to be made their senior year including where they wanted to go to school and in what they wanted to major. These stresses weighed down most of the seniors in their last year of high school.

There were so many colleges and majors from which to choose. Seniors could have chosen to go to major colleges and universities, two-year programs, tech schools, or Bible schools. However, most people wanted to stay close to home where it was affordable and convenient.

Senior Cathy Bernhagen said, "I am going to Valley City because they have a really good elementary education program. Plus, it's close to home, yet far enough to get away for awhile."

Senior Jenna Clark said, "I am going to NDSU to major in nursing. They offer a really competitive program, and I love helping people. I want to help improve the quality of life both physically and emotionally."

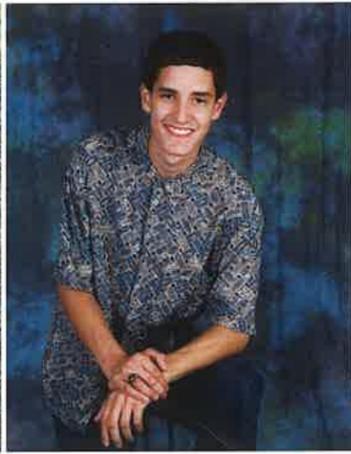
by Michele Newgren



Mitchel Netterlund



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Alfred Ngong



Dana Nicholas



Luke Niekamp



Luke Nitschke



Megan Olson



Tracy Olson



Shannon Orth



Travis Parrott



Working hard for no money. Reading her book senior Katie Rasmussen studies seriously.

Fresh is better

Imagine being surrounded in wonderful smells from the rainforest or of a spring breeze. Well, that is what students could smell when walking into the locker rooms if we added air fresheners.

Freshmen Andy Hagel said, "They are a good idea, especially for the guys' locker rooms."

Many people think that the girls do not need air fresheners because they use sprays and perfumes that take care of the odor.

Sophomore Megan Wigglesworth said, "The girls don't smell as bad so they are not needed; but the boys probably do because they are stinky."

Most kids would like air fresheners just to get a nice scent in the locker rooms. Air fresheners are a good idea for the West Fargo High School locker rooms.

by Jennifer Grund and Karrie Burdick



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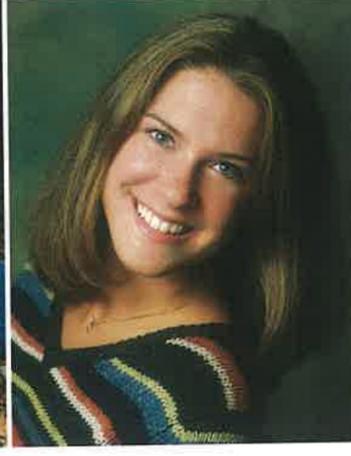
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Katie Rasmussen



Austin Redington



Dana Remboldt



Justin Saewert



Tony Salquist



Ryan Sandbek



Eric Savuagau



Amber Rerick



Jacob Rheault



Megan Robley



Ben Roehl



You don't say? Listening to a conversation, seniors Jordan Lugert, Brian Lee, and Andy Scott listen in.

And we are coloring! Coloring with the little kids, seniors Ashley Bruggeman and Megan Warner color on.



Seniors offer words of wisdom

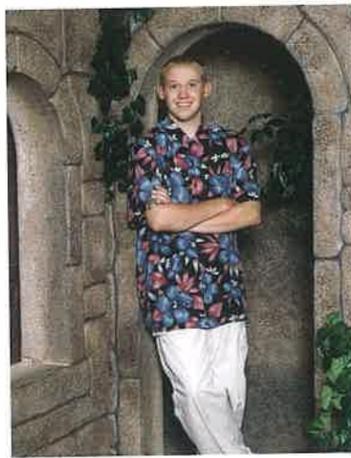
Every year there is a new batch of seniors graduating and heading out into the so-called "real world". The class of 2002 went to West Fargo High School for four years and learned so much during their stay.

Whether the highlight of their high school lives was hanging out with friends, or if they actually learned something, the class of 2002 leaves future classes a little bit of advice on how to survive high school.

"As you are sliding down the banister of life, let there be no splinters pointing in the wrong direction," senior Amanda Felts said.

Whether or not you can find the hidden messages in this quote is up to you and you alone. Just remember enjoy yourself and never let yourself fall too far behind, because the biggest stress in high school is trying catch up on that which you have slacked off earlier in the year.

by Jeffrey Steichen



Will Savage



Danielle Saylor



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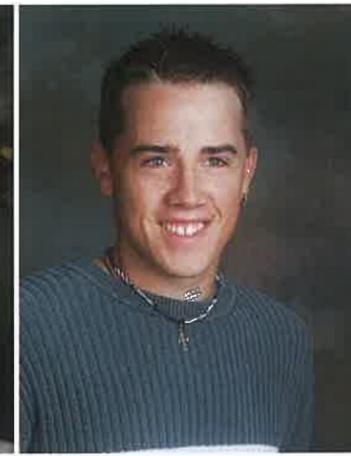
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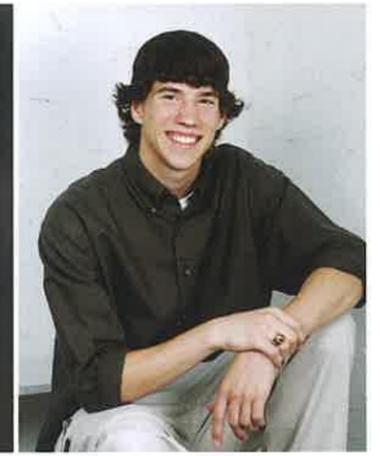
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Megan Shirley



Johanna Skoog



Freezing! Just another day in West Fargo after a fresh dusting of snow

Drug dog patrols school

The drug dog is a useful, but controversial tool. The purpose the drug dog serves is to search out drugs in school or in parked cars.

According to senior Troy Hebert, "The drug dog is something that the school needs to keep drugs out of school."

The purpose the drug dog serves is good. It is obvious what the drug dog does; he sniffs out drugs that may be on school property. The next thought someone might have had would be that the drug dog is a good thing because it keeps drugs out of school. Most people agree that the drug dog is good.

Senior Dennis Cullen said, "I like the drug dog because it is cool."

Another thought is the drug dog was an invasion of privacy. It could very well be, but is there really such thing as privacy in school?

by Marc Williams



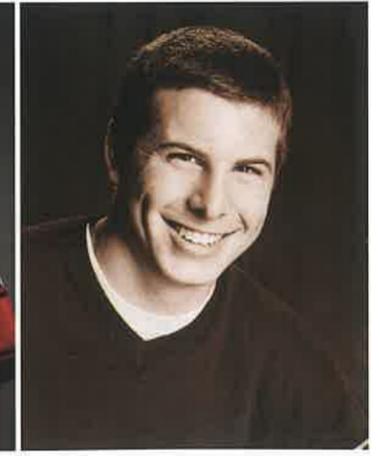
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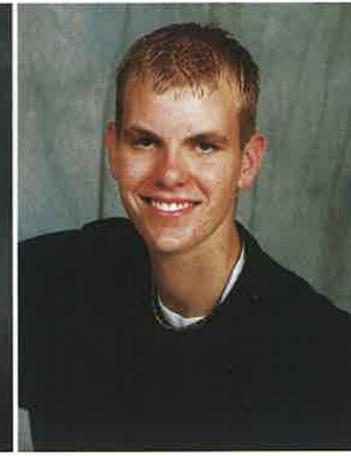
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Sara Vigen



James Volk



Elizabeth Tessin



Kellie Thayer



Adam Thomas



Hillary Thomas



Touchdown! The senior girls block senior Serena Nordstrom as she whips by the juniors during the Powder Puff Game.

Fun times... While working at the homecoming dance, seniors Tracy Olson, Lori Kitzan, and Brittany Schaeffer have a great time.



Senior class comes together

Coming together; that's what life was all about. Uniting as one nation, and in our case, one class. It was amazing to see how well the senior class came together over the years.

"I think that it's awesome that our class has come together, and that we have put away all our differences and learned to get along," said senior Tess Jens.

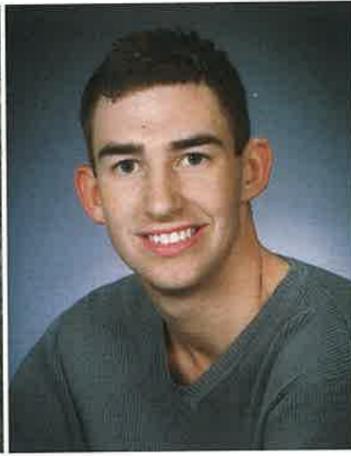
"It's cool that people are more accepting of others, and it has helped us come together as a class," said seniors Dana Nicholas and Tara Lettenmaier.

During our freshmen and sophomore years, we were still trying to find ourselves, and we kept ourselves in certain groups to try to identify who we were. We had so much fun hanging out together our junior year that the year just flew right by. Being in this class meant so much to everyone who was a part of it. Through coming together, we learned how to accept many different varieties of people, and this has prepared us for life.

by Michele Newgren



Jennifer Volken



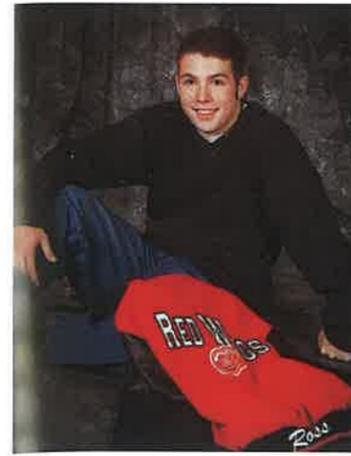
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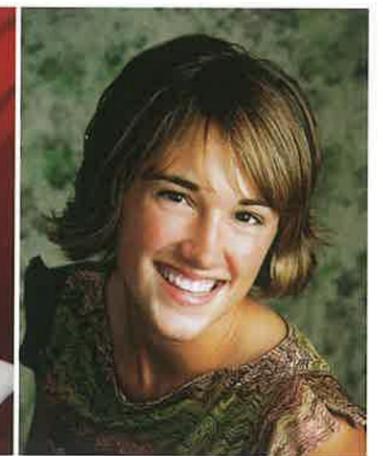
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Grades improve but attitudes don't

The new assignment policy states that all assignments must be completed and handed on time, or an incomplete grade will be assigned. Many students feel this policy is unfair.

"I feel it's unfair because when you don't complete one assignment, you fail the class," said junior Jenny Helm.

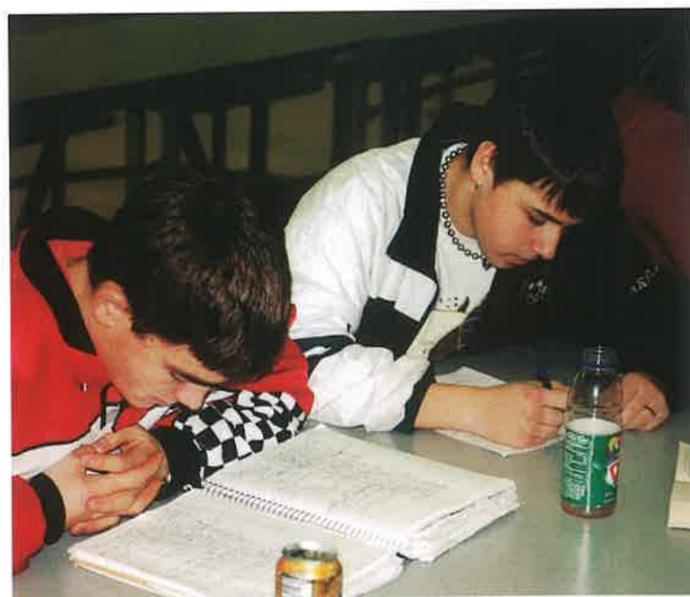
While some of the students hated the new policy, many teachers believed students now had a reason to get their homework done on time because they felt that in the past the students hadn't tried hard enough.

Some students thought that this new policy was a positive thing in the school system.

"I have finished more homework than any other year, and I think I have improved a lot," said junior Bjorn Fjosne.

Although the new assignment policy may have been a hassle for some of the teachers and students, it will change the ways of West Fargo High School for the better.

by Mike Blickensderfer



The Pilgrims came from Europe? I never knew that! Studying, seniors Michael Greseth and Omar Arellano swap info in the commons.



Nichole Wetzstein



Brett Wigglesworth



Nickie Wileman



Allyson Wiley



Heidi Wilke



Danielle Williams



Ashley Williams



Marc Williams



Brittany Zinniel



I thought I put this picture in here... While rummaging through photos, senior Kelly Foss gets frustrated when she can't find what she needs for her project.

Computer problems?! While trying to look like a busy student, senior Tim Burner looks confused by what his screen is telling him.

Tutor for hire! Relaxing with a Coke, senior Brent Mitchell helps out sophomore Dacia Sampers with some tough stuff.



Kayla Woodley



Jennifer Woodruff



Melinda Wyum



Leah Zon



Korey Zellers



Maggie Zich



Kimberly Zick



Mathew Zimrey



Now what's wrong? Examining his project, senior Brady Brodshod makes final touches.

You want me to do WHAT with this? Staring in awe at his teacher, senior Jaime Fraedrich isn't inspired by what he's hearing.



Students find ways to deal with stress

"Take a deep breath and count backwards from ten." This stress reliever was a common practice for many high school students. Classes, sports, after school jobs, and family made life quite stressful for high school students.

Seven classes a day, five days a week. That meant homework for seven classes, every night.

Everybody dealt with stress in their own way. For some people, exercise was the best way to relieve stress. For others, getting extra sleep did it.

"Hanging out with my friends and not thinking about school always helped me to relax," freshmen Emily Silbernagel said.

No matter how we chose to deal with stress, it was an unavoidable part of our everyday lives. So as a reminder for years to come...just breathe.

by Katie Joyce

Senior Memories

"When us girls broke into Jenny Nelson's house while she was on vacation and had a good time destroying their house."-Anonymous

"Having Business Management fifth period with Steve Anderson. We had a class of all girls that were friends and had only five guys in class. We were always out of control."-Rachel Weled



"Regaining the number one title at State for Packatahnas."- Jessica McEwen

"Having so much fun at Tanner Anderson and Bryan Huso's houses."-Carrie Sorteberg, Chrissy Vetter, and Crystal Schaeffer



"One day, Trevor Odden and I came to school wearing Scottish kilts. Mrs. Forness told us that it took a real man to wear a kilt."- Travis Stahlecker

"Flynn, after all these years, I finally forgive you for my couch."-Nick Hill

"Taking trips to Brewer Lake for a night of camping."- Charlie Leclair

The time my friend and I were pulled over for driving the wrong way down 13th Avenue. The officer let us off with a warning. Thank God for Fargo Police- Anonymous

One day at lunch my friends and I were behind an old man that drove from Sheyenne Street to 9th Street all the way down the middle on 13th Avenue-Anonymous

"Following the Packatahnas all over the state as official waterboys. Especially showing up in Jamestown at midnight to bug them when they were having secretive girl talk.."-West Fargo Boxing Club



"When we were at state for Packatahnas and we were announced for first place. We were overall champs, which meant we beat the Demonettes. The look on their faces was priceless."-Jess Dyrdaahl



"A group of 30 people were in Meadow Ridge park celebrating Rob Margheim's birthday. We made too much noise and a cop was called. The cop made us sit on the basketball court, and he told us we were under arrest for trespassing. After we all freaked out, he laughed and told us he was kidding."-Ann Timmerman



"All weekends at Kristen Anderson's lake."-Chris Bullis

"The road trip to Roy Wilkins Auditorium for Widespread Panic."-Chad Bofenkamp

"When we went on our Environmental field trip to the Red River with Mrs. Forness, Peah, and I caught two grasshoppers that were 'fornicating and proliferating' in the grass."-Nancy Carriveau



"I moved to West Fargo from Sudan in January 2001, so I am not too familiar with the activities, events, etc. of the school. However, I do like school here and will always remember how many people helped me my senior year."-Anonymous

"I am sure it will be to graduate and leave West Fargo."-Anonymous

"When a certain 'unknown' person mooned Mr. Spitzer's World Geography class freshman year."-Adam Byrne



"Watching the table break at Kristen Anderson's lake."-Anonymous

Senior Memories

"My favorite memory was when a bunch of my friends and I were dared to eat two gallons of baked beans. We finished all of the baked beans off at lunch."-Chad Walock

"My favorite memory is going to Mackenzie Close's house and lying in bed with her and Johanna Skoog, and having her mom come upstairs. Then a famous 'just sweatshirt' dance by Mackenzie. Also, sorry for the couch Hill."-Aaron Flynn



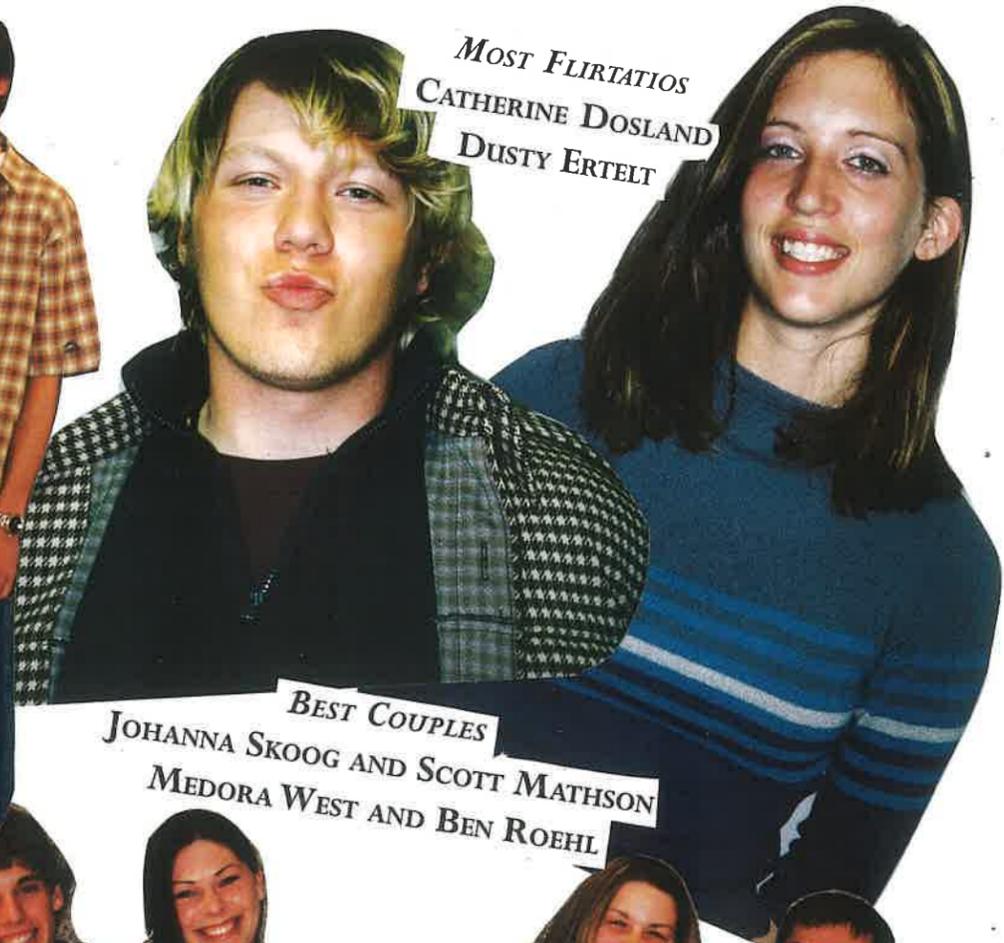
"When I was a junior, I went ice fishing with Andy Yanish, Nick Senf, Darrin Rolle, Mitch Wilkenson, and Teresa Yanish. We were running on the snow and we fell down in a chain. It was hilarious, but then we caught little fishes and threw them back. It was a great time."-Steph Kuehn



"My favorite memory is when Governor Hoevan came to my U.S. Government class and Mr. Boehm selected me to recite the Preamble, all of the Articles, and Amendments to him. I got it all, plus the next day I received a ten-dollar gift certificate to Space Aliens."-Brian Fradet

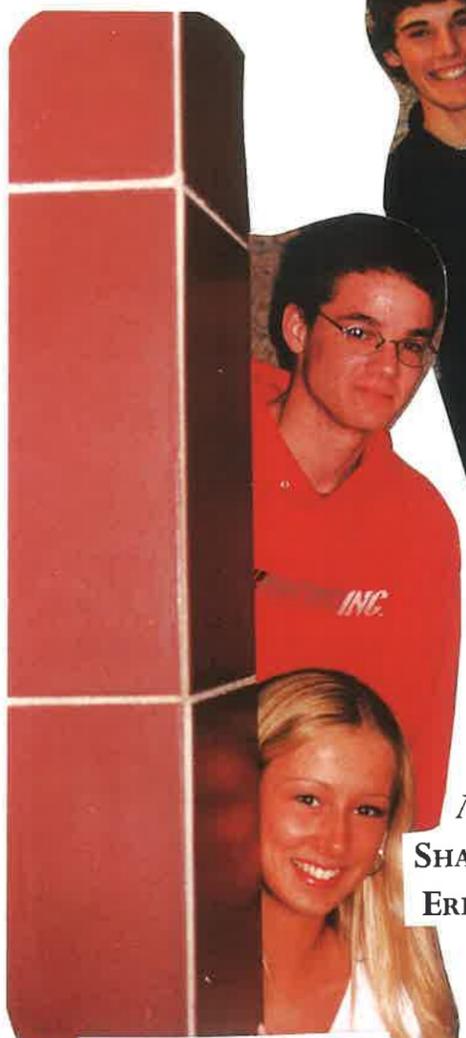


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ASHLEY FUGLEBERG
DAN GRUNEWALD

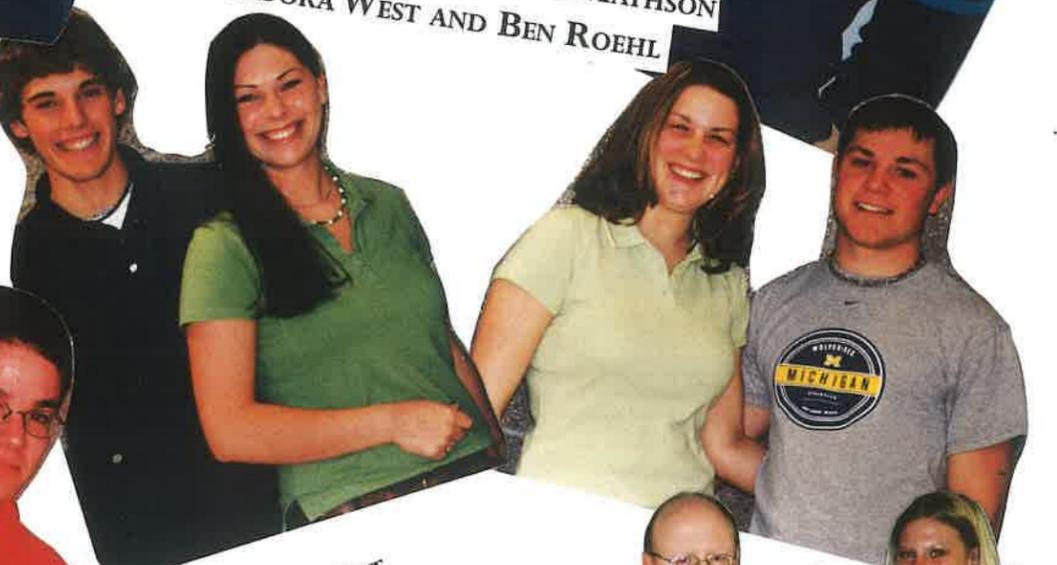


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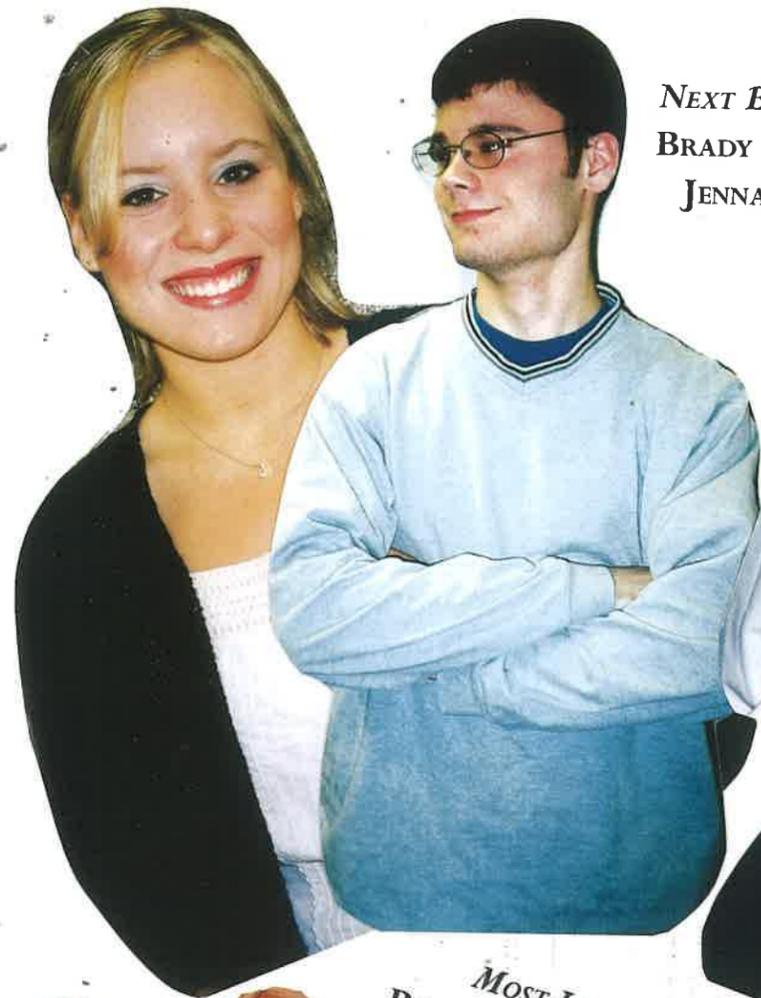
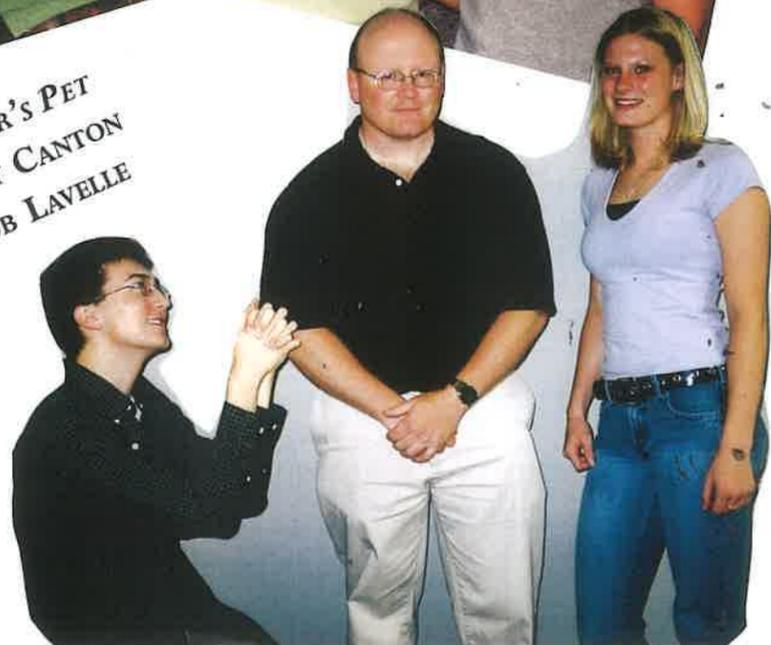
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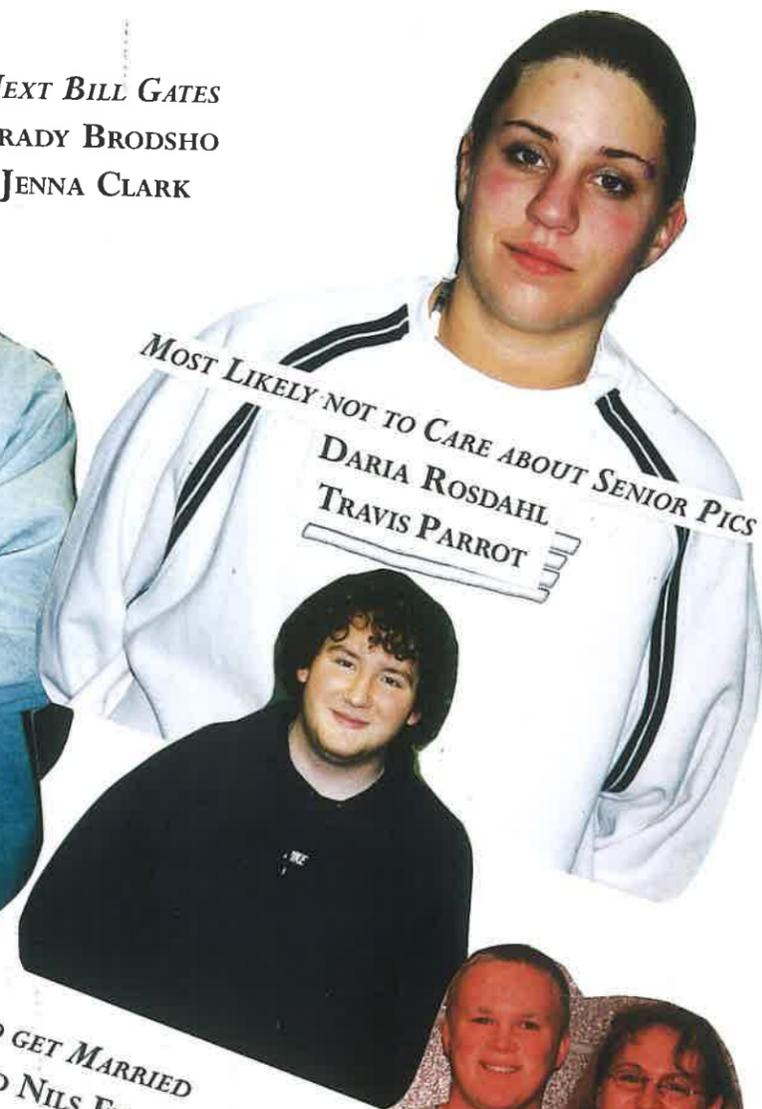
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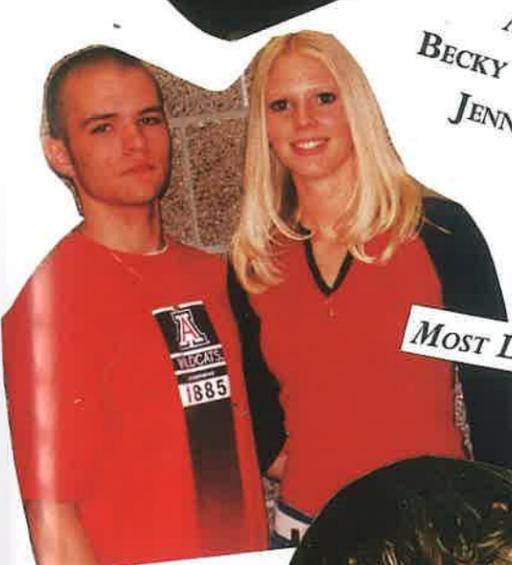
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TAMMY CANTON
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BRADY BRODSHO
JENNA CLARK

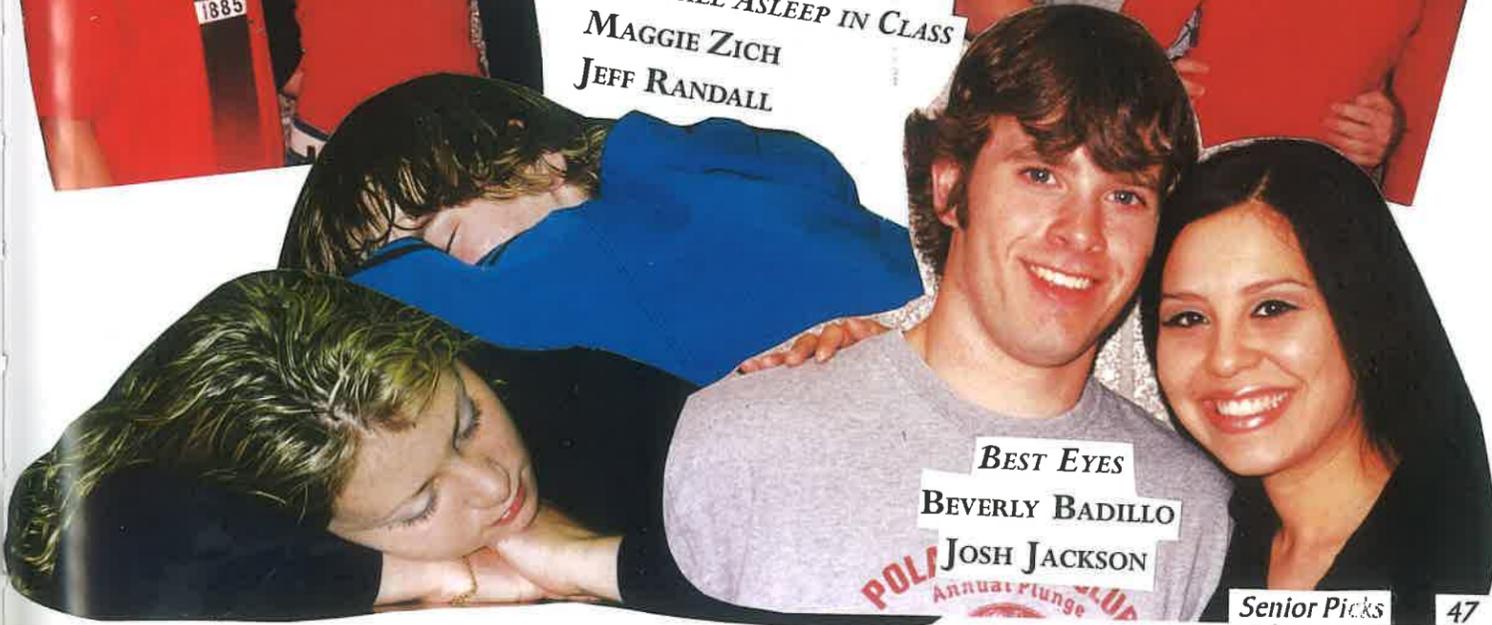


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DARIA ROSDAHL
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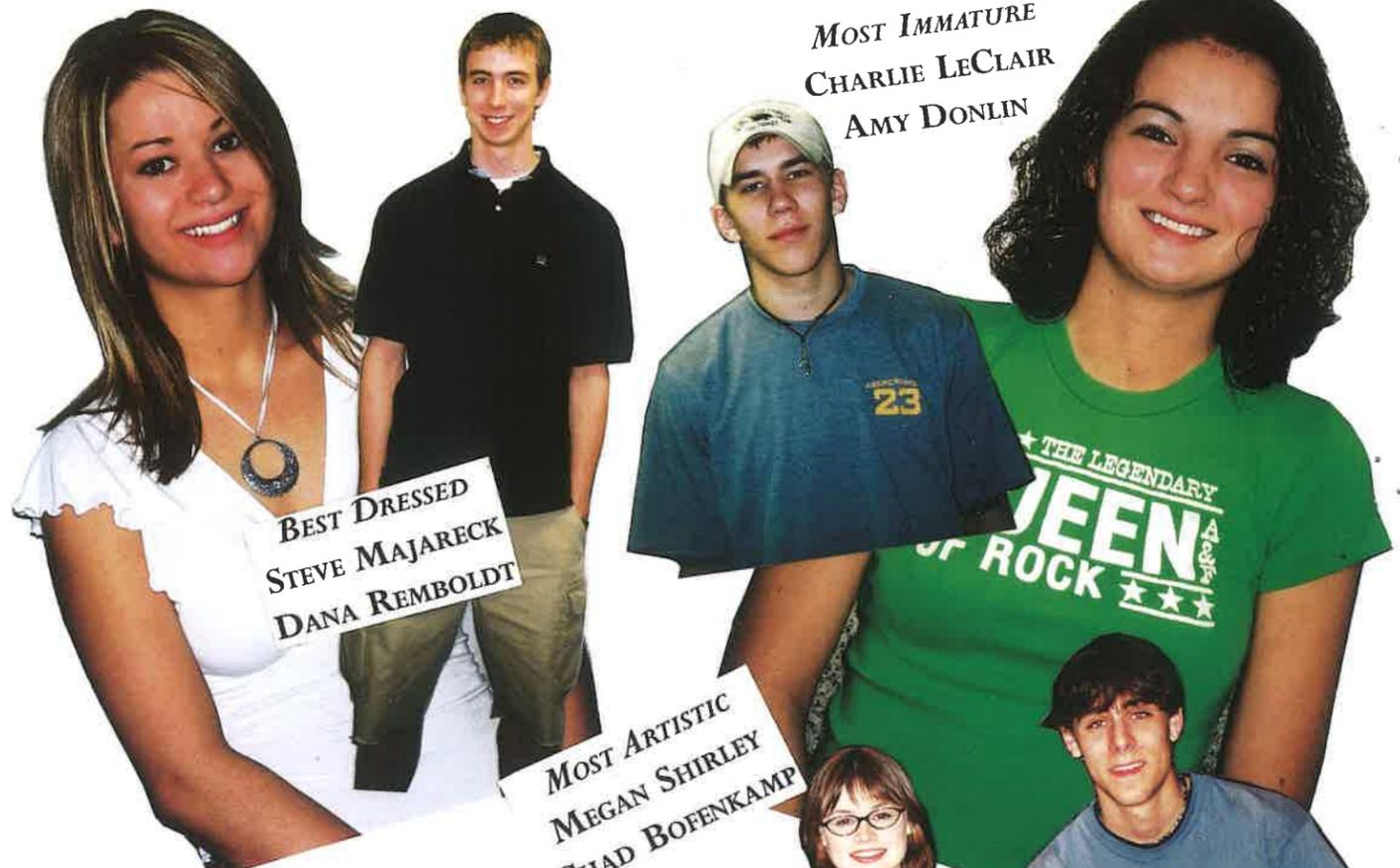
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JENNY LAUTT AND BRIAN FRADET

MOST LIKELY TO FALL ASLEEP IN CLASS
MAGGIE ZICH
JEFF RANDALL



BEST EYES
BEVERLY BADILLO
JOSH JACKSON

MOST IMMATURE
CHARLIE LeCLAIR
AMY DONLIN



BEST DRESSED
STEVE MAJARECK
DANA REMBOLDT

MOST ARTISTIC
MEGAN SHIRLEY
CHAD BOFENKAMP



NO PARKING
FIRE LANE

MOST UNIQUE
MELINDA WYIM
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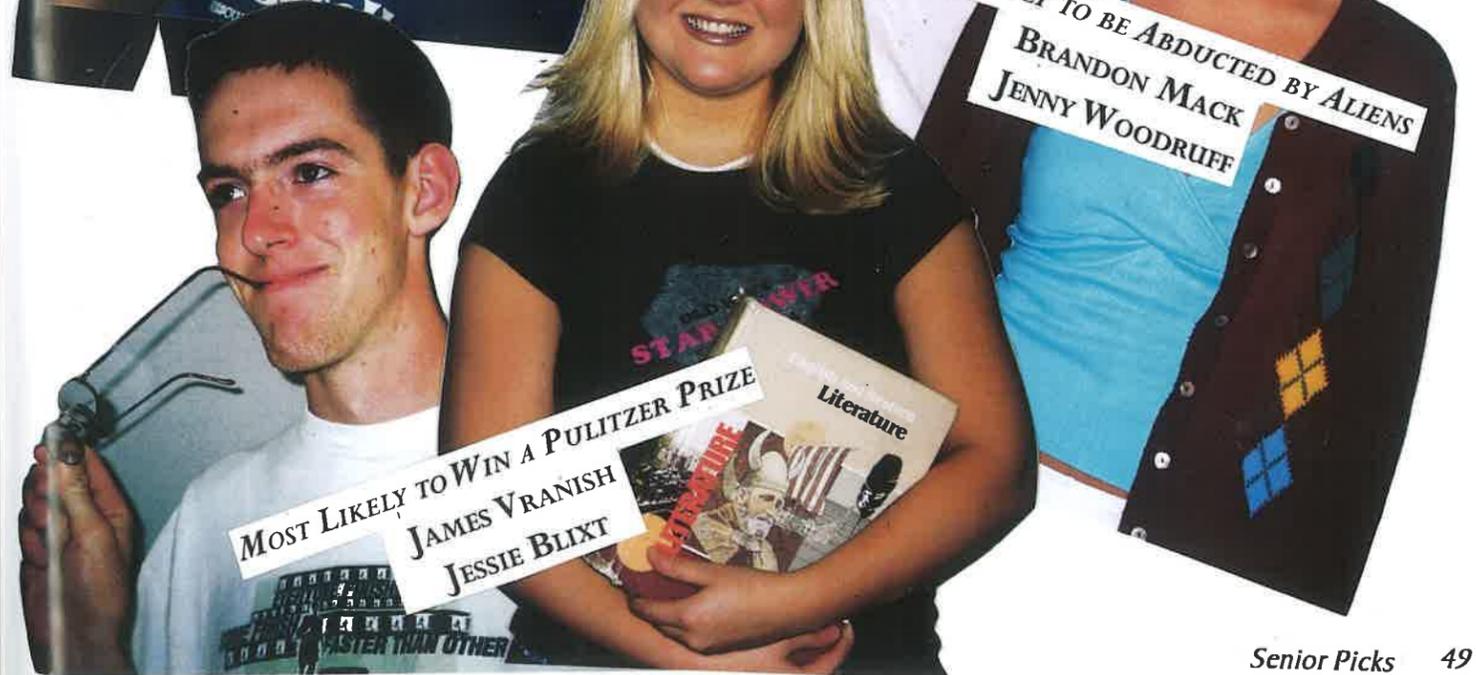


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SHELLEY KUDELKA



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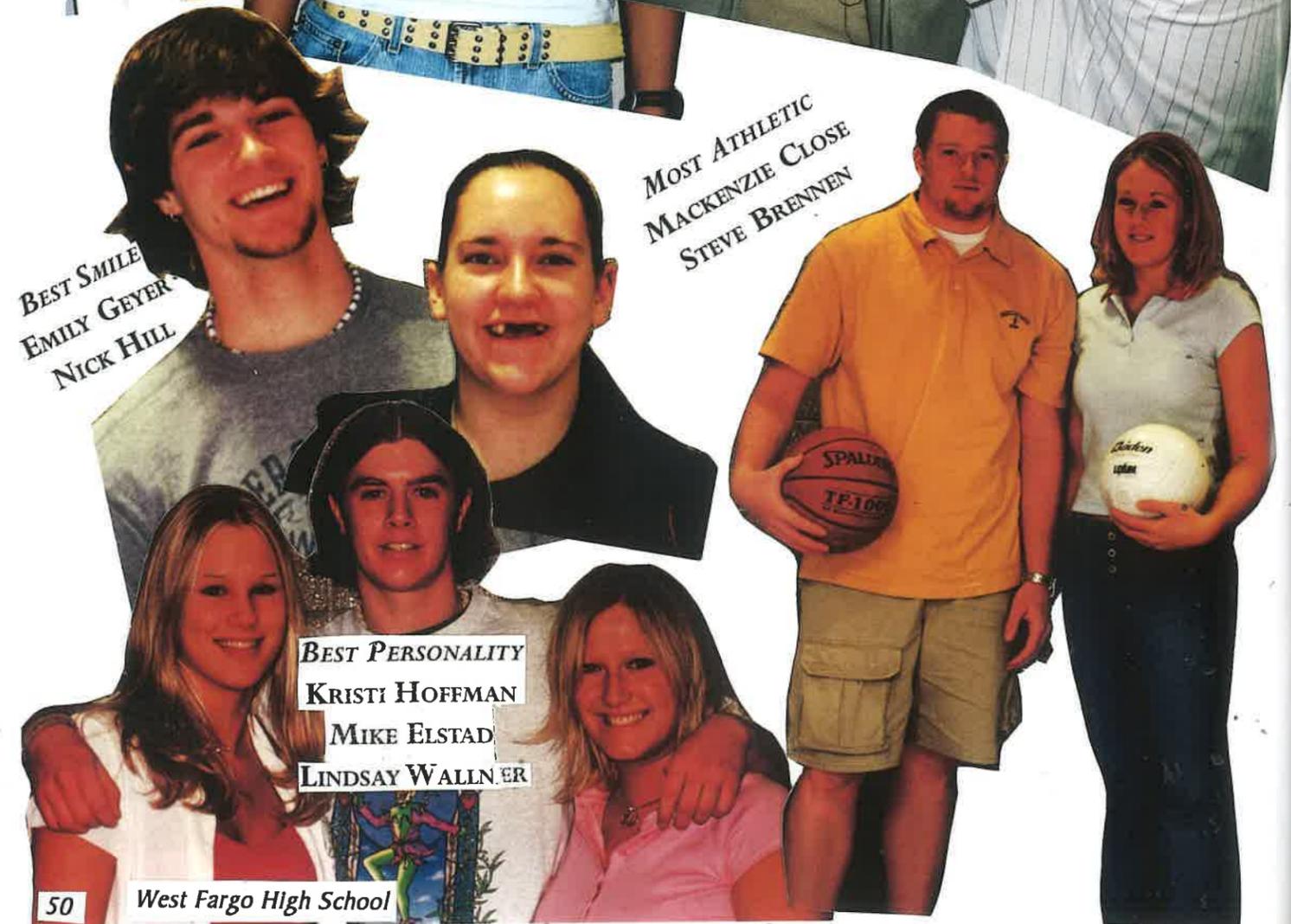


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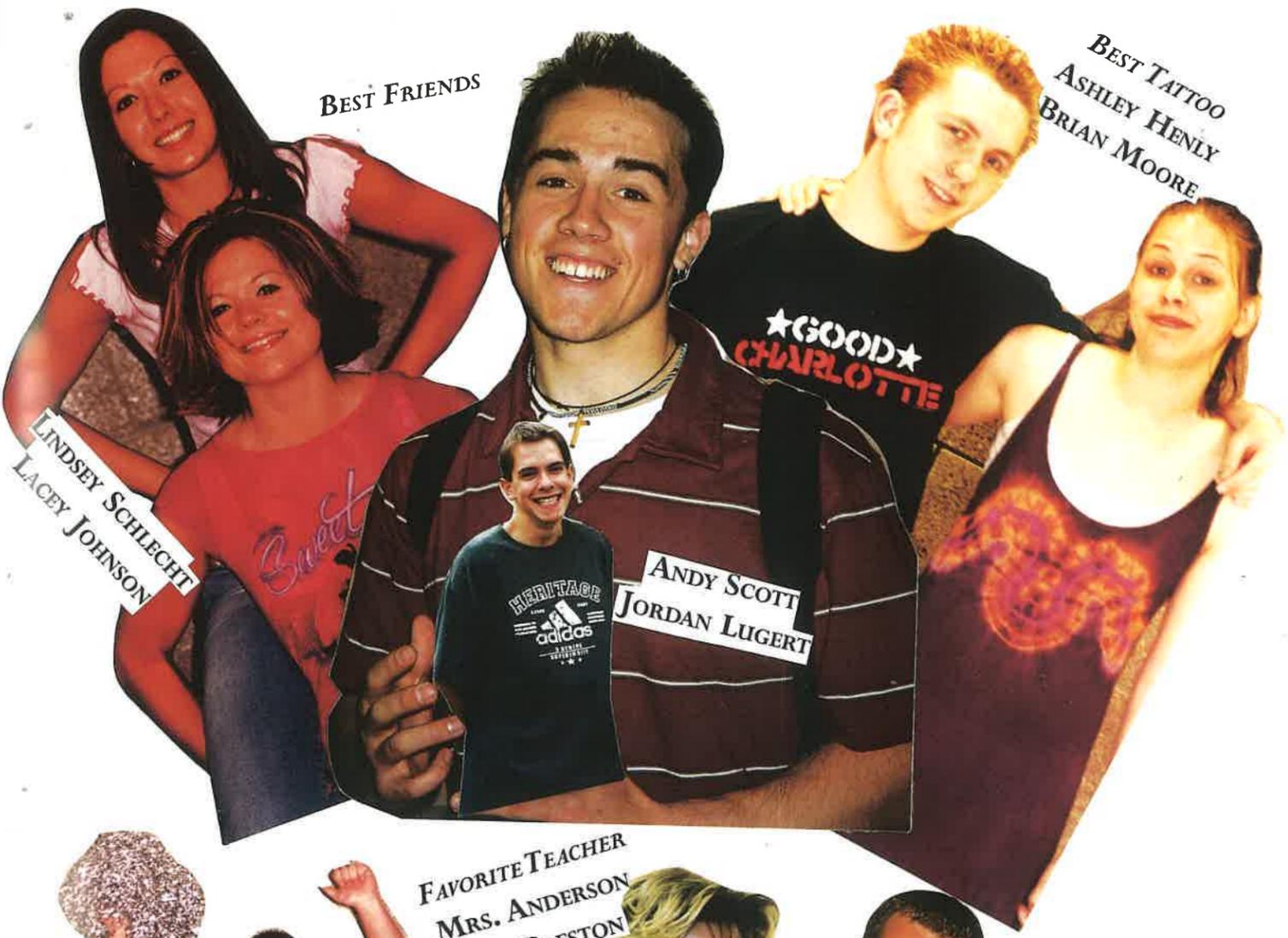
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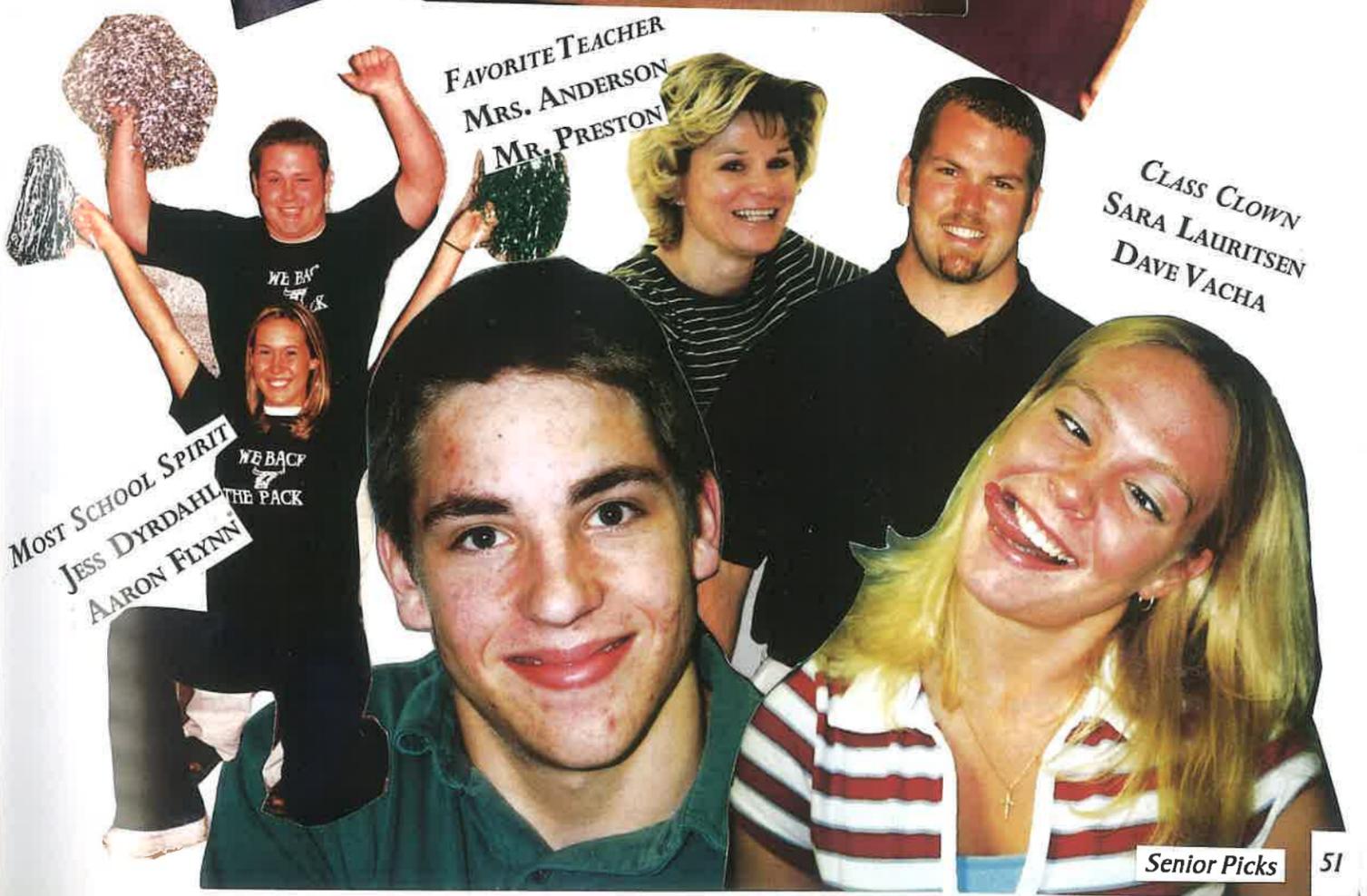


BEST FRIENDS

BEST TATTOO
ASHLEY HENLY
BRIAN MOORE

LINDSEY SCHLECHT
LACEY JOHNSON

ANDY SCOTT
JORDAN LUGERT



FAVORITE TEACHER
MRS. ANDERSON
MR. PRESTON

CLASS CLOWN
SARA LAURITSEN
DAVE VACHA

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
JESS DYRDAHL
AARON FLYNN



"I plan to work through the summer and in the fall, I plan to attend MSUM. I'm thinking of majoring in Computer Information systems right now, but still kind of undecided. I'll play intramural soccer in the fall and spring, also." ~ Travis Stahlecker



"I plan to attend Moorhead State University of Moorhead and take my general classes. Then decide what major I want to take, possibly Business Management or something like that. I also would like to attend cosmetology school later in life. After college I would like to open my own salon and spa." ~ Rachel Weled



"I plan to join the International Table Tennis Federation, and bring home the gold, after I graduate from NDSU." ~ Dave Vacha



"I just recently joined the United States Army National Guard, so right after I graduate I leave for basic training and AIT, then I come back in October, and shortly after I get back I'll be heading off to college...wherever that may be!" ~ Billy Hanson



"I'm starting college in August at St. Cloud Model College of Hair Design. That lasts ten months and then I'm moving out to New York to work." ~ Ashley Romdalvik



"After high school I am going to North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton. I will be going for my degree in Business Management. I hope to own my own business someday." ~ Brian Fradet



"I plan on becoming President of the United States in the year 2026, with the first man being Prince William. While serving my two terms, I plan to be the first President on the moon." ~ Jess Dyrdahl



"After graduation I plan to attend MSUM. Mrs. Reyerson has inspired me to become an ESL teacher. I plan to major in Secondary English Education and minor in Multi-cultural studies. I hope to teach in the area after I graduate." ~ Catherine Dosland Ramsett

Thankfully,
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...but
what
do our
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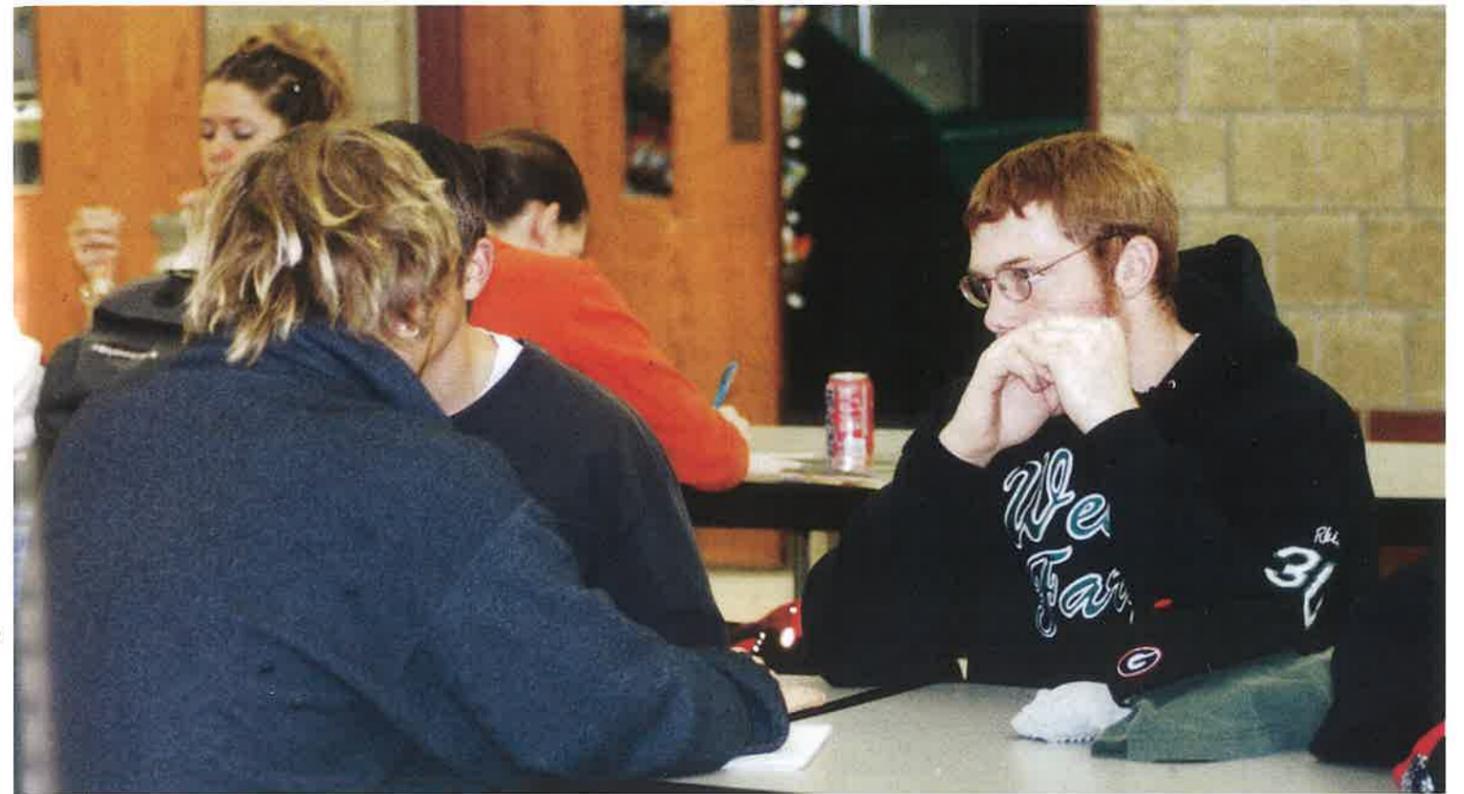
Lords The Soon-to-be Royalty



Aaaahh...
While relaxing and leaning up against their lockers, juniors Angie Eiter and Amanda Lahren finish up their homework for their next class.

Gross!!
While she is experimenting with science, junior Erika Thompson is repulsed by her project.

Ha Ha Ha...
As she tries to work on her homework, junior Angel Halbakken giggles about a joke that her friends just told.



In medieval times, there were lords and ladies. They were the soon-to-be royalty. This was just how the juniors were in the school. Their goal was to be in the spotlight by being a senior. There were not many cliques left by the time the merchants became lords and ladies. They were just discovering who they really were -- discovering their true identities. They were individuals doing what they liked. They were no longer underclassmen, or in medieval terms, "merchants." The juniors took on many new and difficult responsibilities. For example, they now had 4th and 7th open if they had study hall.

"I like being an upperclassman, because you have more of a variety in the way you decide about things," said junior Becky Zurn.

The upperclassmen always had a wider range of choices. They could choose if they wanted to graduate early, or they had more electives from which to choose.

by Jess Jansen



Boring...
While sitting in the commons, junior Nick Reinisch waits to go to his next class.

Hey guys!
Standing next to the mannequin, juniors Alyssa Rosenvole and Chris Ingemanson decorate the Packer Connection.

What can we do?

In North Dakota, Fargo is a fairly big city, so why does everyone say there is nothing to do?

"There is nothing to do here, it's boring," said sophomore Tara Schmidt.

Fargo does need more entertainment, but really, there are things for teens to do. There's Driverz, Thrill Grill, and Thunder Road. There's the new dance club, Sugars. You can also go to a movie or shopping.

"The only thing there is to do in Fargo is go cruising," said senior Robby Johnson.

So, there are things to do. It's just that teens in Fargo have done these things for so long, so many times that they get boring.

by Julia Miller



Good Move! While playing chess, juniors Amir Bikic and Thomas Heilmann exchange laughs.

This is fun! In spanish class, senior Leah Flaskerud and sophomore Drew Rheault work on their Pinatas.



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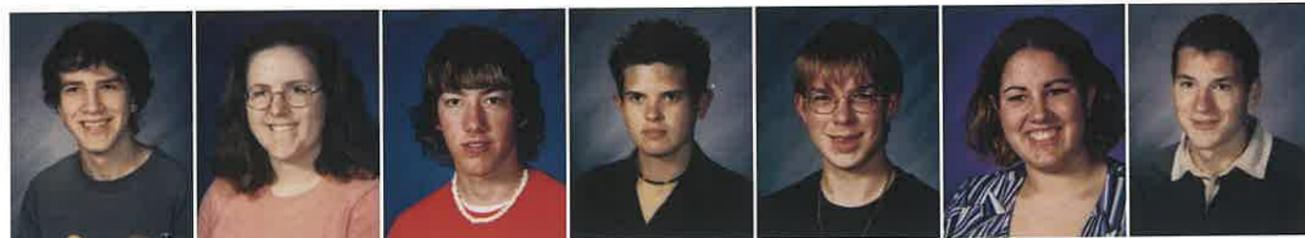
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Students struggle to stay awake

Lots of kids at West Fargo High School didn't get enough sleep at night and fell asleep in school. Some were tired because they were up too late studying, others just because they were out too late at night and didn't get to bed early enough.

"School should start at 10 o'clock because I need more sleep," quoted junior Eric Sedevie. Most teachers didn't let students sleep in their class. Some teachers were slightly violent when it came to awakening the sleeping students. A few kicked the bottom of student's desks, or slammed books down on top of the desk, some even threw things at repeat offenders. But a lot of people thought it was necessary to keep the kids awake in class.

"Students need to stay awake because it affects your ability to learn in class," said junior Angel Halbakken. Since teachers couldn't control what time they got to bed at home, at least they could control what happened in their class. A few teachers let the students sleep in class, and then these students did poorly on tests and daily work. Students learned that if they wanted good grades, they needed to stay awake in class. So if one wants to get good grades and stay on the good side of teachers, one better stay awake in class... or just get more sleep at night.

by Bret Hirschirt



Am I there yet? Exhausted from school, junior Eric Sedevie races down the stairs.



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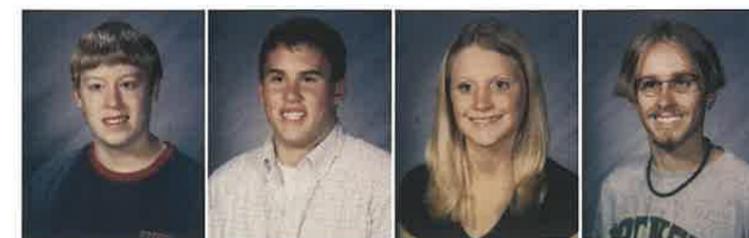
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Unforgettable friendships and memories

"Never shall I forget the days I spent with you; continue to be my friend, as you will always find me yours."
- Ludwig Van Beethoven

Friendships were probably the most important part of high school for most high school students. With all the stress from school, having friends to talk to was definitely necessary.

"You need true friends to survive high school," junior Jenna Wilson said.

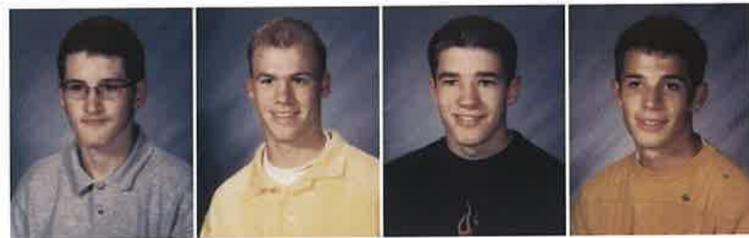
"I'll always remember when Jacey, Christine, Melinda, Tarynn, Kyla, Brenda, and I went to Kyla's lake," junior Katie Bishoff said.

The friendships made during high school don't always last, because people move away, go to college, or just drift apart. That's why the memories are so important. Everyone, at some point, has had great times that will never be forgotten.

"I will never forget the Friday night boxing matches," said junior Ben Kirklewski.

"Through my high school years, I met a lot of new people that I never thought I would meet, and we have become great friends and have had a lot of great times together that we'll always remember," said junior Brianna Thompson.

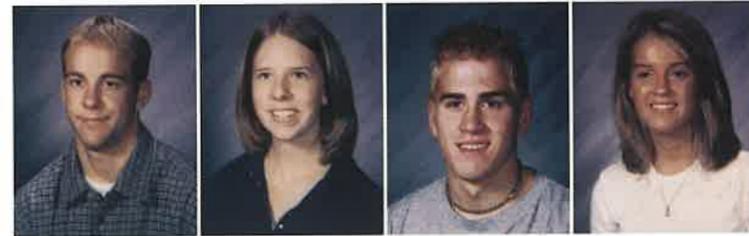
by Heather Zimmerman



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Take it like a man! Dissecting their pigs in Anatomy, juniors Joshua Schiefert and Travis Mahlum do their job successfully, without complaining.



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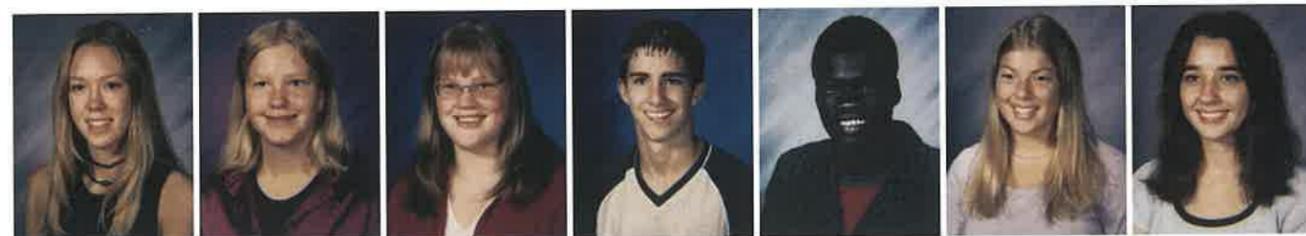
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Embarrassing moments plague Packers

Everyone has embarrassing moments. West Fargo juniors aren't any different than everyone else.

"When I was little, my brother and his friend were sitting on me. One was holding my arms up, and the other was tickling me. I told them that I had to go to the bathroom, but they wouldn't believe me, so I ended up peeing my pants," says junior Michelle Haarsager.

Another reason people get embarrassed is because they see someone else doing something so they think they should try it, but sometimes it doesn't work out the way they thought it would.

"When I was in kindergarten, my older sister started wearing a bra, so I thought I had to, also. The next day I snuck into my mom's room and wore one of her bras to school," says junior Chasity Hewson.

Some people get embarrassed easily, some don't. Most of the time it's because of something they did. A lot of people did something when they were little that they will never forget.

by Julia Miller



"How do you spell Blickensderfer?!" While working in the office, junior Alissa Rosenberg looks up names.



Jeffery McNamera Lacey Medinger Adam Meert Kim Metcalf



Jason Miller Julia Miller Christopher Mischke Andrew Moch



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West Fargo Rocks

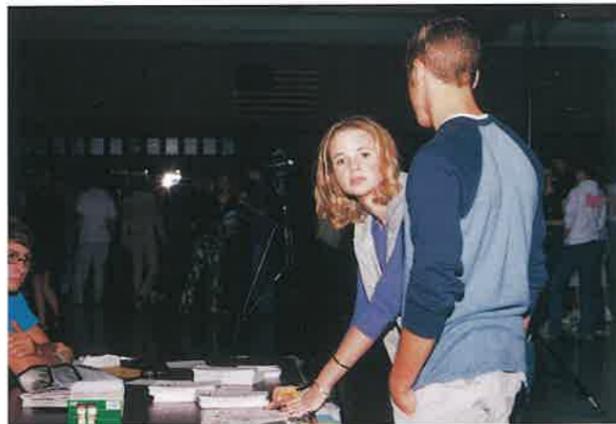
From rock to rap, concerts were a main attraction with the West Fargo students. Any group from The Big Wu, to Disturbed, to Pantera, every student had their own taste.

"People need to realize how cool The Big Wu, Widespread Panic, and Phish are because they're the coolest bands out now, and you will all have fun at their shows," said junior Becky Zurn.

Several students have taken many road trips to other cities or states just to see their favorite groups perform.

"I like to go on road trips to concerts because it's fun and you get to spend a lot of free time with friends, and it's awesome," said junior Bret Hirschert.

by Jessica Wood



OH MY GOD! With a smile on her face, junior Brenda Bucholz gets her picture taken while signing up for a prize.

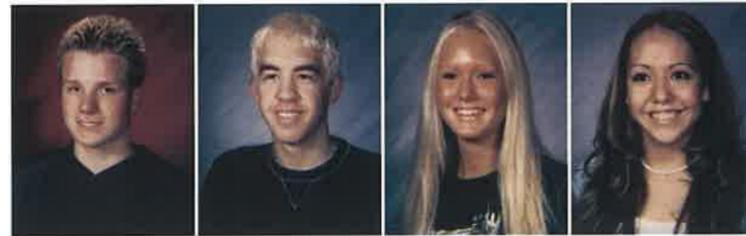
Stud Muffin! Giving the camera his greatest, junior Ben Kapel shows off his brilliant eyelashes.



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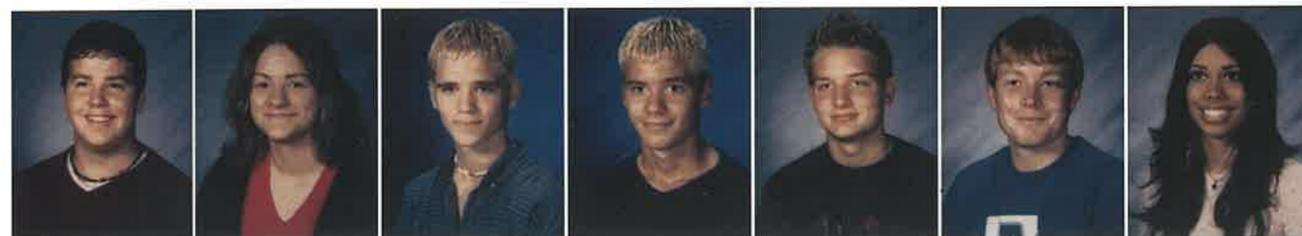
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AP Courses Challenged Gifted Students

Some students wanted to be more challenged in school. These students had the option of signing up for Advanced Placement courses. AP Courses go more in depth about the subject and require critical thinking for all assignments and tests.

"AP classes are harder than regular classes and they make me think more," junior Kayla Brawders said.

Students in AP classes had the option of earning college credits by taking the college board exams for their class had the option and debate various subjects.

"I love AP English because I get a chance to express my feelings on everything," junior Lauren Jacobson said.

Although the work was very difficult at times, AP classes made students think more and provided a challenge for the gifted students.

by Sadaf Jahed



Here's the game plan! Helping the junior powderpuff team, junior Adam Johnson teaches the girls new plays.

Some Pig! Dissecting a pig for anatomy junior Travis Mahlum and Josh Schiefert work very carefully.



Jena Weller Curtis Werlinger Curtis Wetzstein Amber Whelan



Leah Whitcomb Catherine Wilken Mitchel Wilkenson Shawn Wilm



Jenna Wilson Stephanie Wilson Kyla Winkels Mitchell Wolden



Susan Worthington Andrew Yanish Julia Yerisov Kelcie Yochim



Preston Ziegler Heather Zimmerman Rebecca Zurn

IN LOVING MEMORY

This page is dedicated to the memories we have of those who have passed on...



Tanya Swenson

"Life's truest happiness is found in friendships we make along the way."

~Unknown

RETIRING TEACHERS

"TO TEACH IS TO TOUCH THE FUTURE"

Retiring is a very important step for many adults' lives. After a long work career, many people look forward to retiring. This year at West Fargo High School, four teachers retired. These teachers are Mr. Vernon Spitzer, Mr. Reuben Mutzenberger, Mrs. Helga Bennet, and Mrs. Margie Peters.

Over the years these teachers have put in teaching for the West Fargo school district, many people have realized how dedicated they were to improving the lives of everyone around them.

Mr. Vernon Spitzer taught social studies for twenty-seven years.

"Mr. Vernon Spitzer was a respectable teacher who was good at what he did, and he made class time fun," junior Leah Griffeth said.

Mr. Reuben Mutzenberger taught mathematics for thirty-two years. He enjoyed what he did and thinks highly of many of his students. Mrs. Helga Bennet was in food services for thirty-two years. Mrs. Margie Peters helped out in the special services for twenty-six years.

"I really enjoyed helping out all the students and watching them grow into mature adults," Mrs. Margie Peters said.

No one will forget these teachers and what they did for our school.

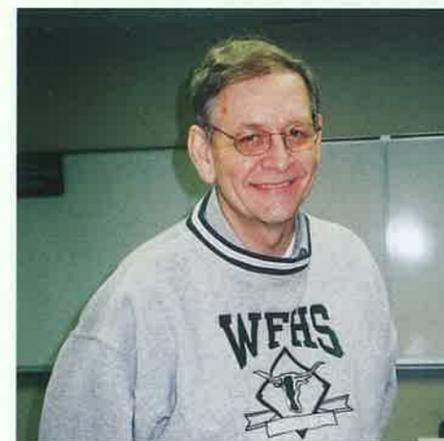


YUMMY! This looks good! While preparing lunch, Mrs. Helga Bennet gets the sandwiches ready.

by Levi Kalsow and Tony Krajeck



Mr. Vernon Spitzer



Mr. Reuben Mutzenberger



Mrs. Margie Peters

Merchants in Time Square



Go team, Go! A group of sophomores support their friends who are playing by watching the game and cheering them on.

Is that your Biology book? After taking a break from their work, sophomores Tara Schmidt and Heather Hovland talk and chow down on some food.

Anything you can do, I can do better... Making masks for "el dia de el muerto," which is also known as "day of the dead," sophomores Cassandra Erickson and Adam Burtek compare masks.



The lesser lords, also known as "merchants," had a really big part during medieval times. This past year there were 418 sophomores that attended the WFHS. Like the merchants, these 418 sophomores were also a really big part of our school and contributed a lot to it. They not only provided for themselves, but they also provided for themselves and their kingdom. These merchants also traded items with other schools in the district so that we would be able to get new items that we've never had before. The class of 2004 may not have been at the top of the "caste system," but they were at least the biggest class in our school and did the best that they could to help out. These sophomores will soon move up their status as merchants and become lords and ladies in the kingdom, a place that is well deserved. With all of their perseverance and hard work, these sophomores will eventually be ruling the school as queens and kings. Until then sophomores will remain merchants and work together with one another and the school to help it become one of the best in the district.

by Sarah Sanchez



Go get 'em cowboy! Sporting a nice cowboy hat, sophomore Justin Bemis prepares himself for his next class.

Brush the hair...grab the books...go! After gathering more work for her next class, sophomore Charissa Peterson saves some time to brush her hair.

Students keep strange things in lockers

Look at that doll in that locker; isn't that a weird object for a locker? Many people may keep very strange stuff in their lockers that no one would ever find out about. Most people use their lockers for school related materials and some do not. Many people probably use their locker for materials that they would need for after school, like shorts or socks for basketball or football, but some people keep personal items that no one else knows about.

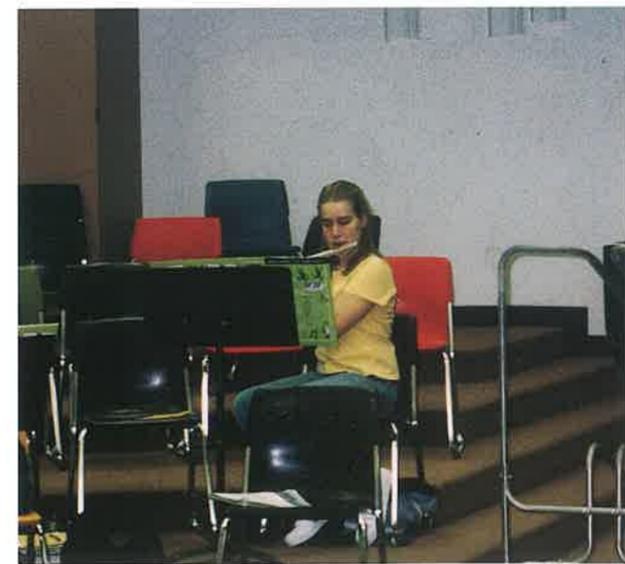
"I have a little wooden sculpture of a guy named Woody in my locker," freshman Nick Mitchell said.

Some things students keep in their lockers aren't so strange like a mirror or a brush. Many people have those in their lockers. Some people may even have art supplies in their locker or any other things they would need for after school activities such as art club.

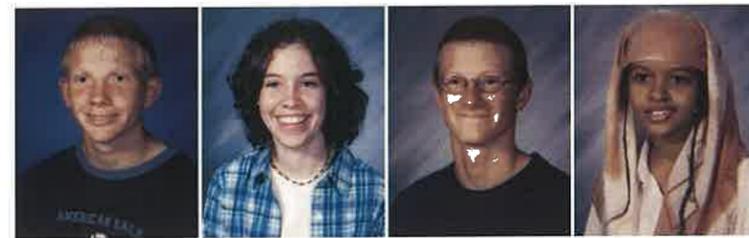
"In my locker there is a bucket of markers and a little lazy secretary from *Monsters Inc.*," sophomore Candi Worden said.

Not many people have strange things in their locker, but even if they did only their closest friends would probably know about it. Or not...

by Krystal Groen and Tami Lipp



Will this note ever end? Studying her music carefully, sophomore Julie Lehman plays her flute during band.



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Students do whatever it takes to make the grade

Many people would do whatever was necessary to get a decent grade. People would cheat or copy worksheets because they assumed someone else would have it done, and they'd just copy theirs.

"I think cheating most often occurred before school in the commons," said sophomore Missy Kraft.

Also, students cheated on tests. They often felt that if they didn't, they wouldn't pass their tests.

An anonymous sophomore stated, "I often cheated on tests so I didn't fail them."

Other students had their own motives for cheating. Most teachers punished cheaters in the same way. When it came to copying, a teacher would give the person that was copying and the person who provided them with the worksheet a zero on the assignment. If caught cheating on a test, the student would not be able to take the test, and not be given the opportunity to retake it.

by Jennifer Lundgren and Brittany Kloos



What did you say? In shock, sophomore Ellyssa Reyerson laughs with her classmates.



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Kryshel Evans Evan Fahrman Trevor Flanagin Preston Flaten



Carson Foltz Whitney Fontes Kellynn Fosse Erica Fraedrich



Nicholas Francis Allison Fransen Dustin Freitag Laura Fugleberg



Carla Fuller Carrie Fuss Jamie Gange Juan Garcia Jr.

Students look up to idols

Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Justin Timberlake, and Tiger Woods are just some of the teen idols at West Fargo. Teen idols have to be good role models because they are looked up to and kids want to be just like them.

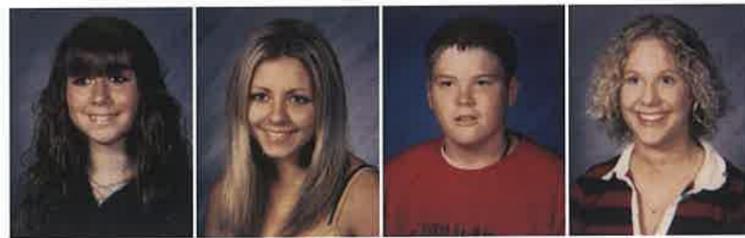
Sophomore Erika Hochgraber said, "Tiger Woods is my idol because he is a great golfer and he has an awesome attitude."

Athletes are commonly looked up to, as well as singers, actors, and many other famous people.

"My teen idol is Steve Heide from "That 70's Show" because he has an awesome fro and he is hilarious," said junior Nick "The Bear" Bonnet.

Many kids pick the idols that are most like them even though they do not know it. Teen idols play a big role in kids' lives and should be good influences.

by Jennifer Grund and Lindsey Lauritsen



Brittany Gaskill Hannah Ghorbani Nicholas Gjestvang Tiffany Goldstone



Stephanie Gores Megan Greene Krystal Groen Thomas Gross



Brandi Grossman Courtney Grove Richard Gruer Jennifer Grund



Andrew Gwost Kara Hadley Alicia Hage Toni Haider



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Regina Harris Brittany Harrison Rodgers Anthony Hartog Ashley Haug Brian Havelange Katelyn Hawley Adam Henry



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I love Biology... Taking notes, sophomore Candy Warden journals on mitosis.



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Kyle Kassman Alex Kelly Alisha Kelly Rebecca Kelsch Talea Kelsch Jenna Kemmer Nicholas Kerbaugh



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Gossip hits hallways

The definition of gossip is one who chatters or repeats idle talk and rumors, especially about the private affairs of others. The student body knew that gossiping was wrong, yet they did it anyway. The student body gossiped about who was going out, what someone did, and with whom someone was hanging out with. What is the reason for this gossiping?

"People gossip even though they know it's wrong because they are jealous of the person and want to make others feel the same way about that person," sophomore Brittany Stargardt said.

Sophomore Shelby Vigen has another reason.

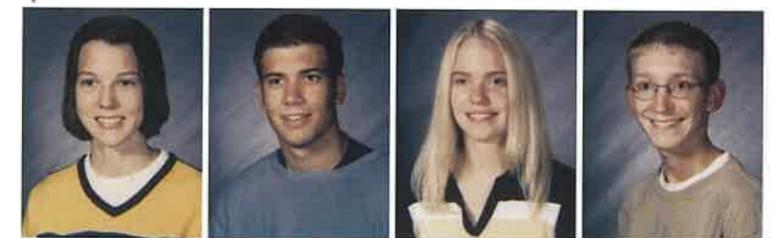
"People gossip because they are trying to raise their self esteem by putting other people down by making rumors."

Gossiping makes other people feel bad about themselves, which leads to lower self-esteem. Is making oneself feel better more important than making someone else feel worse? Take that into consideration next time someone starts to gossip.

by Mandy Readell



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Travis Lee Julie Lehmann Amber Lenzmeier Alyssa Lester



Shana Levin Joshua Lewis Tamara Lipp Chane'l Lockhart



Bye Bye Ballie! During gym softball sophomore Joe Zacher smacks the ball to center field.

Students balance school and work

Students make money during the school year. Having a job and going to school might sound hard, but is it really? Some groups of people thought that managing a job and school was hard.

"Sure it was hard, but it mostly depends on how many hours one worked," said sophomore Joe Zacher who worked at The Royal Fork.

Other groups of people thought that managing a job and school was easy.

"I think work was very easy, and it was easy to manage a job and school at the same time" said sophomore Jeremy Sheldon who worked at Subway.

Two very different groups, two very different opinions on having a job and managing school at the same time. Maybe it is the type of job or the type of people, but for some people, having a job was hard and for others it was a piece of cake.

by Mandy Readel



Hey Man! As sophomores Zachary Ockert and Daniel Hirschberger walk down the halls they have a friendly chat.



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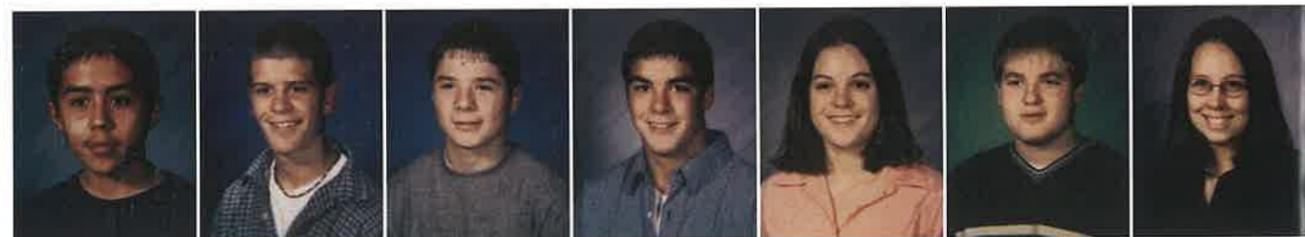
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Growth brings new stores and restaurants to West Fargo

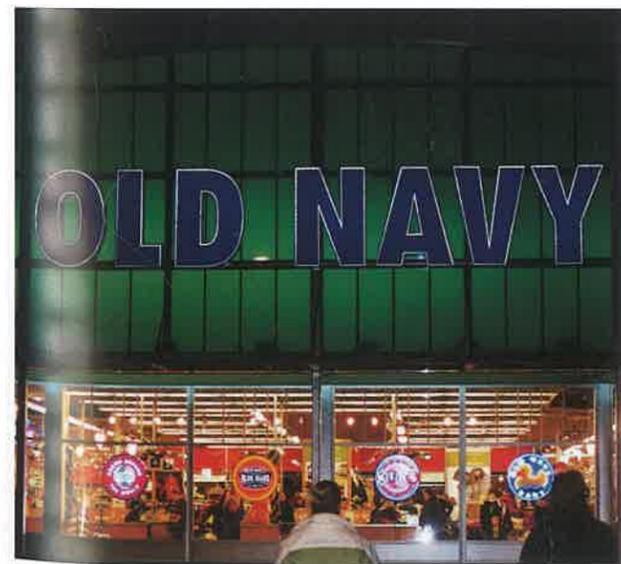
When driving down 13th Avenue, new buildings were appearing everywhere. West Fargo residents had to think about the latest new store that just seemed to appear. The one store most preferred was Old Navy. Old Navy was a store for men, women, and children, but was designed around teenagers. Some people really loved this new store, while others seemed to think differently.

"I didn't want Old Navy to come here because now there is no point in going to the cities, and the selection is not very good," sophomore Jodi Nelson said.

More new stores around here were Linens and Things and Famous Footwear, which were in the same strip mall as Old Navy. There was also a huge building with three different brands of furniture in it called Fargo Furniture Outlet.

New restaurants in West Fargo were the Dairy Queen, which was in a new building, and Taco Time, Hogi Yogi, and Teriyaki Stix all in the same building. West Fargo was definitely on the grow as shown by these stores and restaurants.

by Nikki Hoovestol



Old Navy is an awesome place to shop! This new store draws the attention of sophomores Danielle Zahradka and Megan Wigglesworth.



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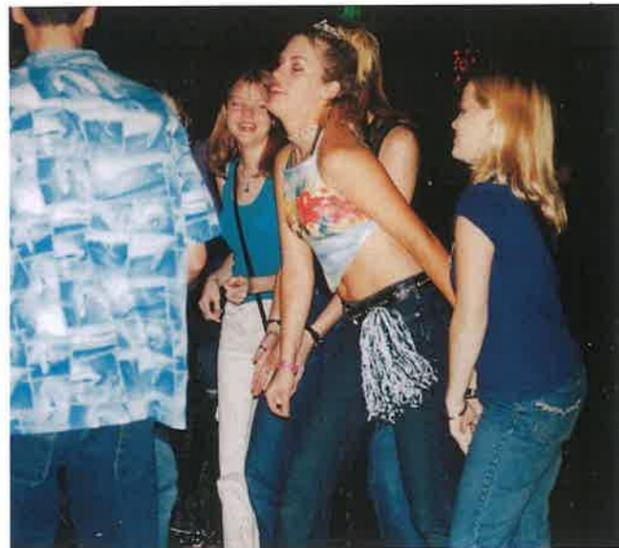
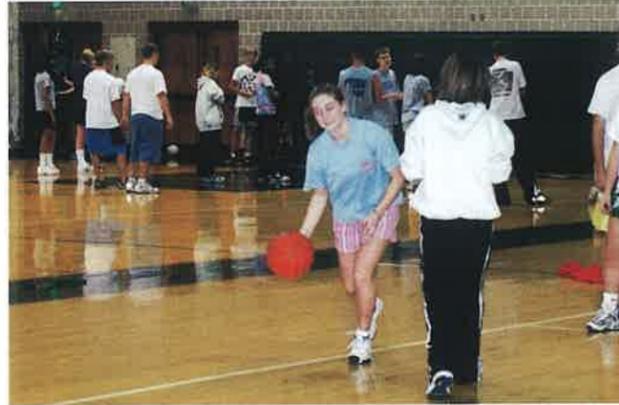
Crowded hallways irritate students

Crowded hallways proved to be a big problem for the students of West Fargo High School. The main reason why the hallways were so crowded was the increase in student enrollment.

"It seems like every year the student body gets twice as large. It's cool to have a school with a lot of students, but I really hate the crowded hallways that comes with having a large student body," said junior Lauren Jacobson.

The crowded hallway problem was at its worst at the beginning of the school year, but it slowly got better because people started walking faster. Crowded hallways are an issue that students face every year. Although it can get annoying, it is all a part of high school life.

by Sadaf Jahed



She shoots, she scores!...Concentrating very hard, sophomore Britany Stargardt tries to make a basket in gym class.

Get down!...Dancing to the music at the homecoming dance, sophomore Heather Hovland and friends have a good time.



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Nick Urlaub Jonathan Vance Ryan Vangerud Magen Vernon



Travis Schmidt Benjamin Schmit Scott Schuchard Andrew Schoonhoven Jenna Schultz Valerie Schultz Wesley Schulz



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West Fargo becomes a city on the grow

About seven years ago most people could remember that the high school was a field with nothing surrounding it. Now there are stores, houses, and banks bordering it. West Fargo's own motto is, "The city on the grow."

Teacher Vern Spitzer said, "More people are moving to West Fargo, because it is a smaller community than Fargo or Moorhead. That is why West Fargo is growing so quickly."

A number of people do not like that their once-small town is getting bigger and bigger every year. Other people think it is cool that the town is getting more stores like Old Navy and more gas stations for people's convenience.

Sophomore Missy Kraft said, "It's annoying that West Fargo is getting bigger; there are too many banks!"

Overall, some people like a bigger town and some people prefer a smaller community.

by Trisha Howitz and Karrie Burdick



Okay, this is gross! Working on a spanish project sophomores Robert Lopez Jr. and Chane'l Lockhart make a mask.



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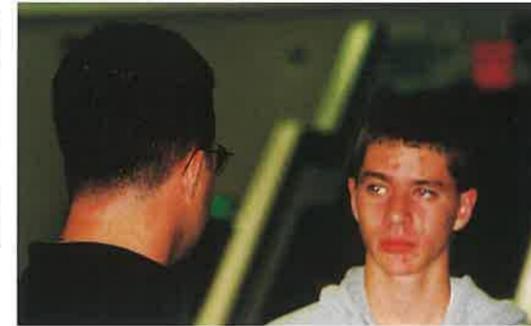
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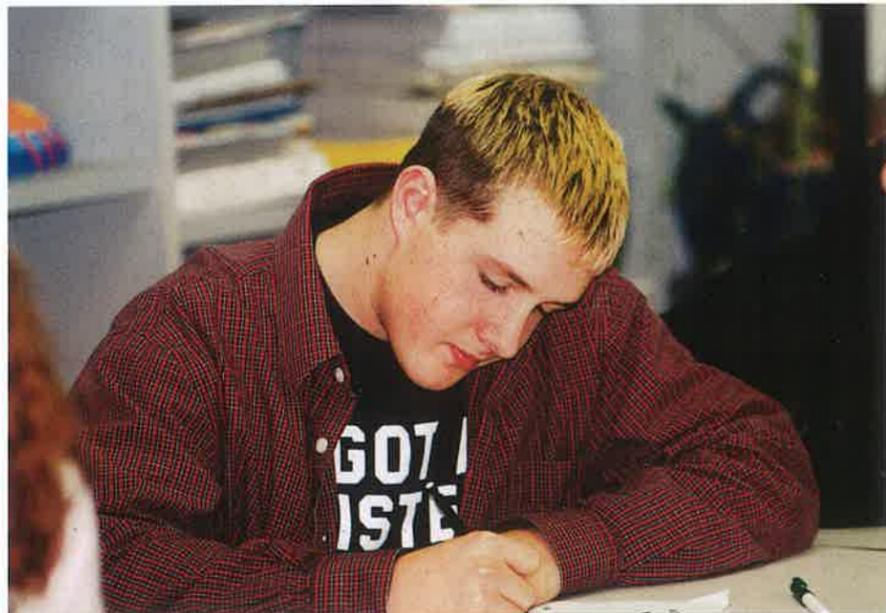
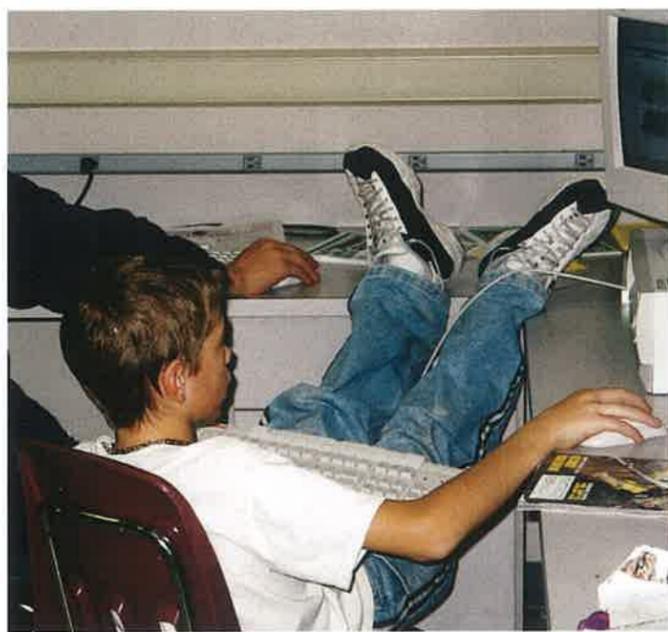
Uh Huh...Paying close attention, Sophomore Brandon Sola talks to an Army National Guard recruit.

What does that one say?? Looking at some information, Alisha Boston and Lisa Moser decide what to do.

Are any of these pictures of me? While looking through photos that were left behind, sophomores Austin Montgomery, Liz McCracken, Tony Sinkler and Travis Schmidt see if their mug appears in pictures taken by the yearbook.



The Domain of the Peasants



My dog really did eat my homework! While debating whether she did her homework or not freshman Katie Joyce and Mr. Johnson talk things out.

Ohhh this class is so easy! While seaching the web freshman Aaron Zacher sits back and takes it easy!

I will finish this test! Trying to remember the answer freshmen Jon Dondonue focuses on all that studying he did last night.

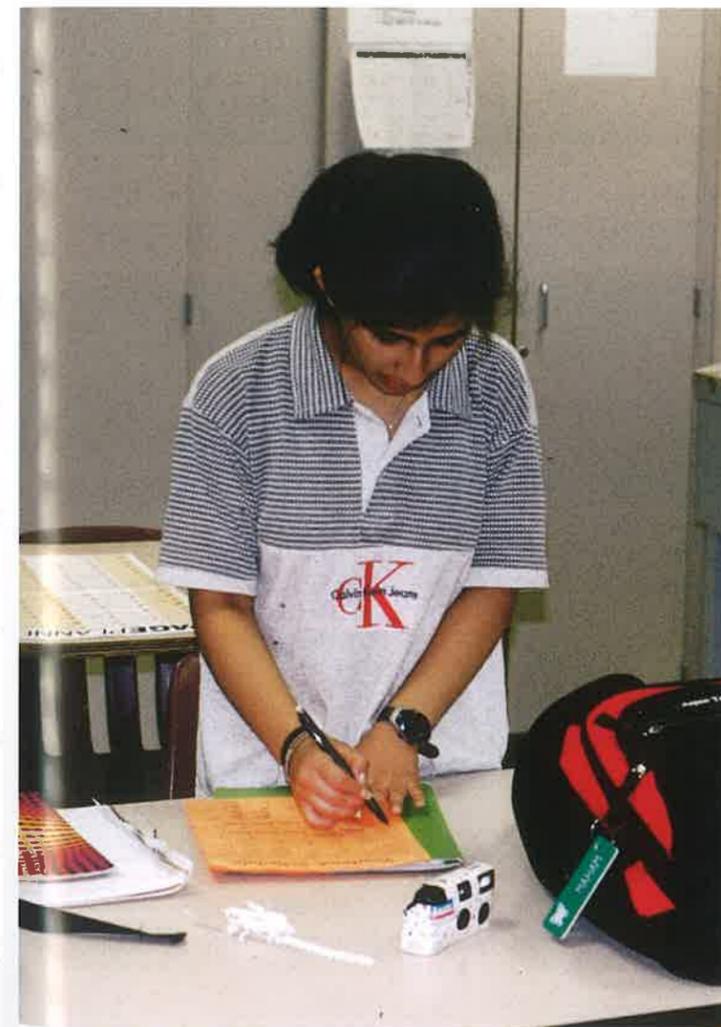
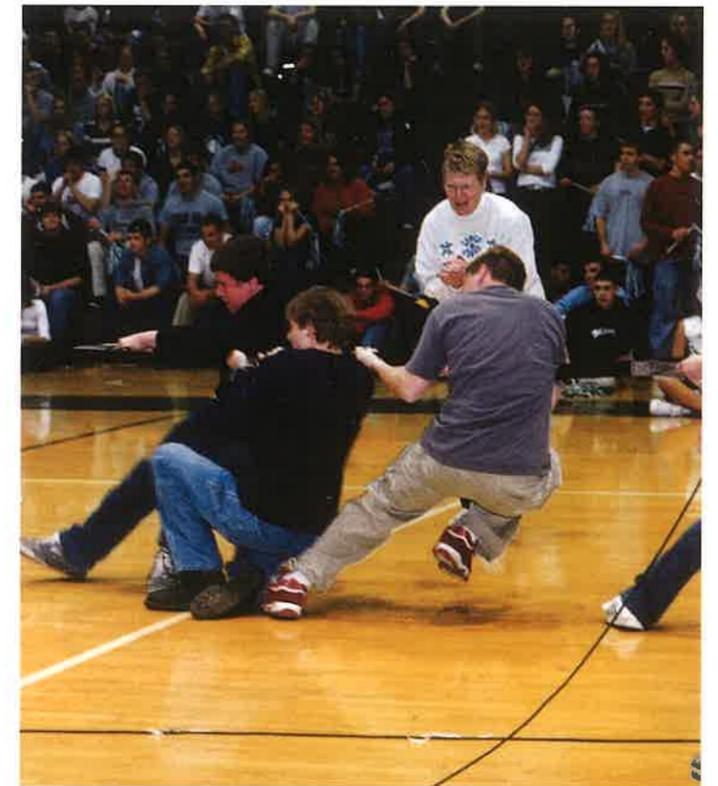
Freshmen usually take a lot of flak for being the youngest, the peasants, or the lowest class rank. Being in the high school is a lot better than the middle school, just like the palace is better than the courtyard. Freshmen had a lot more responsibilities, but with that came a lot more privileges, such as having candy, chewing gum, and pop in some classes, which is awesome thing to be able to do during school. Students can leave for lunch and go to McDonald's or go home for lunch.

"It is a lot better than the middle school," said freshman Missy Schiller

During study hall every other day students could go to the commons and do homework, talk, or eat. The assignment policy was really tough, but it made freshmen do their work and that was an important lesson to learn in order to survive as a peasant.

"Being a freshman rules," said freshmen Ericka Boser. Just wait it only gets better from here. Maybe it is cool to be a peasant after all.

by Trent Gehrig



Bring it on! Using their weight to save their reputation freshman Lance Johnson, Kyle Hager, Andy Hager put in all their effort.

Pizza or lunch line food? Digging in freshmen Nathan Potter and Blair Johnson enjoy their lunch.

Don't have time to sit down! Quickly working to get done freshman Shazim Fayyaz finishes a worksheet.

Students want freedom of expression

To wear or not to wear, that is the question. Costumes were not to be worn in any West Fargo School district wide. The reason behind that rule is because some of the students have gotten out of hand in the years past.

"I think we should be able to wear costumes," said freshman Matt Winter.

They are not going to let us wear costumes, and that is one more privilege that we have lost.

"I don't really care if we dress up or not," said freshman Bobby John.

It is too bad that a few students had to ruin it for the rest of us.

by Trent Gehrig



Look what I can do! While falling asleep in the hall, freshmen Joseph Allmaras takes a nap in school!

This class is awesome! While paying attention freshmen Aaron Zacher takes it easy!



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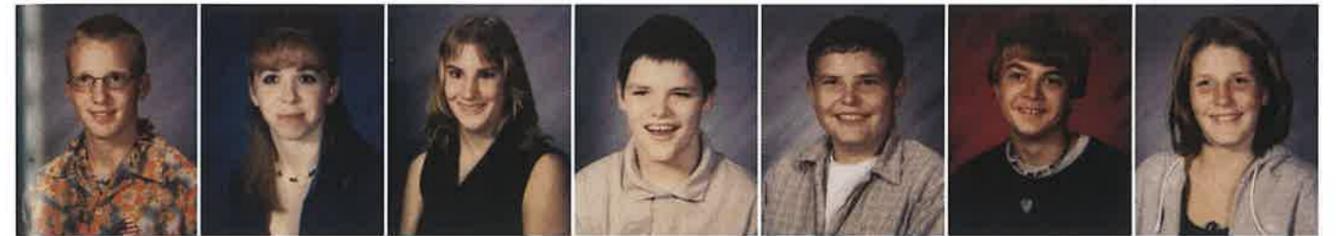
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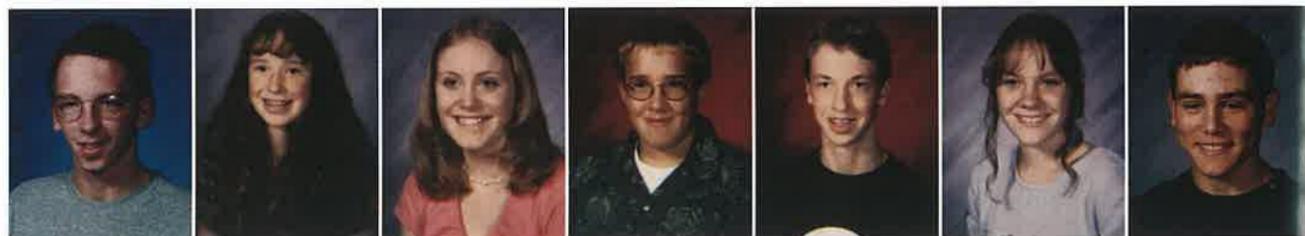
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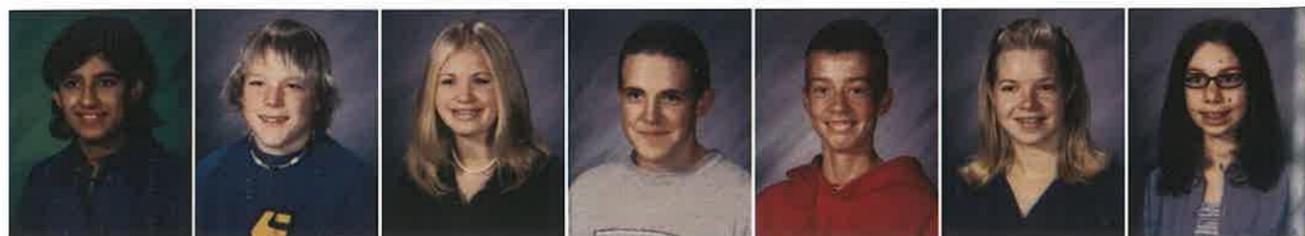
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Students learn a lot from foreign languages

There were three different foreign languages that were offered to the students at our school. They included the languages French, Spanish and German. For each language, different levels were provided all through level four. The majority of the students at our school preferred to take a certain foreign language. It would mostly help them in finding a good and suitable career for themselves.

"I think that the foreign languages that they teach us here are very beneficial, because it is helpful for finding a good career," said senior Leah Flaskerud.

There were certain perks for taking a foreign language, such as visiting the country of France, Costa Rica, and Germany. Students could go visit the country over the summer with their fellow classmates after taking two years of a foreign language class, but the students had to pay their way in order to have gone to the country.

"I think that it helps improve the student's thinking abilities and enhances their ability to learn in other subjects," said junior David Valovage.

There were many advantages to taking a foreign language in high school. It was very beneficial for all the students and it helped them a lot, too. They were very fun and interesting to learn and visiting the country was a great adventure for the majority of the students.

by Maham Fayyaz



Hey, we were right! As they write their conclusion for the experiment, freshmen Rachel Lugert and Angie Hunt look back at their hypothesis and saw that they were correct.



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Brianne Gebeke Trent Gehrig Matthew Gilbertson Joni Grant



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Movies give students a break

This year, the theaters were packed with people coming to watch the new releases. The movies varied from romance to comedy to horror. *Save the Last Dance* was one of the biggest romantic movies of the year, along with *Crazy Beautiful*.

"*Crazy Beautiful* was an awesome movie, because Kirsten Dunst starred in it," said freshmen Amy Foss.

A lot of people agreed that *Shrek* was probably the most funny and cute movie all year.

Pearl Harbor was another great movie. There was a lot of action in it along with a little romance which made it a perfect movie overall. A lot of people also liked *Fast and the Furious* because it was an action type of movie.

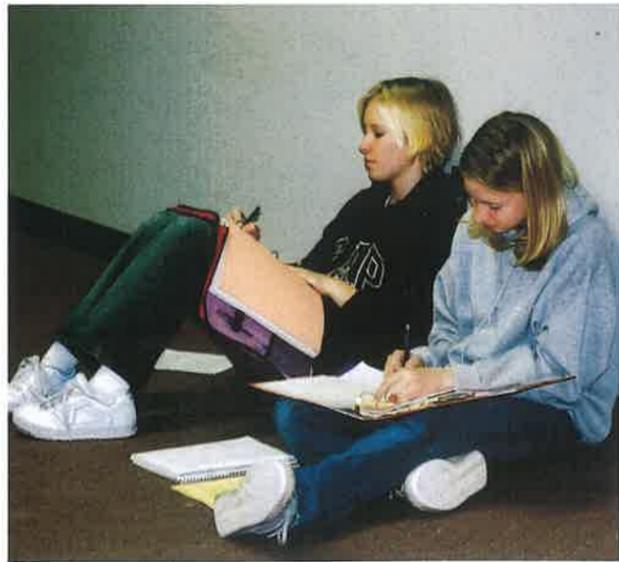
"*Fast and the Furious* was the best movie of the year because of all the fast cars and intense action," said sophomore Tyler Walker.

The biggest rush came when the movie *Harry Potter* came out to theaters. Tons and tons of people went to go watch it, especially those who read all the books.

Harry Potter may have sold out the most tickets, but movies like *Shrek*, *The Others*, and *Fast and the Furious* were not far behind.

This past year was a great year for all the movie lovers in high school. They got to see some of the best movies and it gave them a break from all the work that they had to do in school.

by Shazim Fayyaz



Hmmm... Chilln' out in the hallway, freshmen Nichole Rheault and Michelle Wilke finish up their work.



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Students say lunch is okay

Even though some students chose to leave school grounds and go to nearby fast food restaurants, there were many more students who chose to stay and eat at the school's cafeteria.

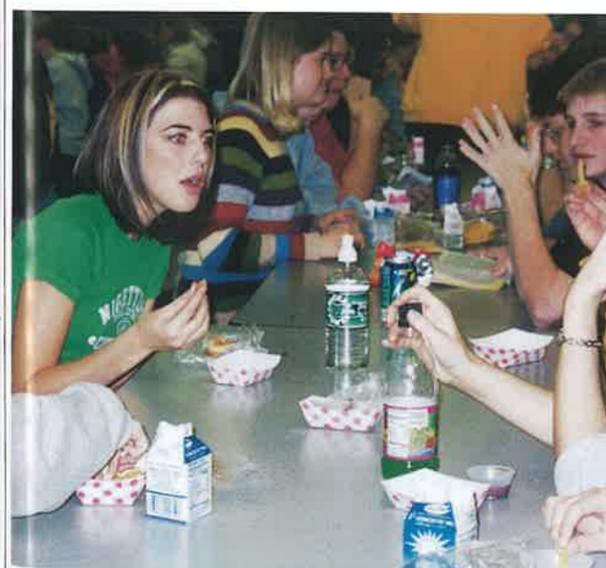
"The popcorn chicken is kind of small, but they are still really good, and the fries that they sell here are alright," freshman Brant Weller said.

The foods that the students were offered here were things like nachos, pizza sticks, cheese sticks, cheesecake, bagels, cookies and other things as well. They were given the opportunity to purchase Domino's Pizza within the school's cafeteria on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. On the other days they sold the students soft shell tacos and hamburgers or cheese burgers. The students also had the option of buying different flavors of potato chips and an assortment of beverages.

"I think that the lunch this year is really awesome because I have fourth period study hall," junior Ryan Klocke said.

The foods that students were offered here at West Fargo were decent and can be considered nutritious. The foods were offered to the students at a very reasonable price, but there were always those few students who chose to travel off of the school grounds and order their lunches from the vast fast food restaurants.

by Makell Hehr



Oh My Gosh! Sitting at the lunch table freshman Elise Blickensderfer and her fellow classmates catch up on the latest gossip.



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Freshman get ready for new beginning

All the new freshman that came over here thought that it couldn't get any better. Most students thought that just because they were in new surroundings and a bigger school, they didn't have to concentrate on their homework.

"But they were WRONG!" said Ms. Liebl. Most of the students thought that high school would be all about parties and friends.

"They were right, except it also includes studying," Mr. Plecity added.

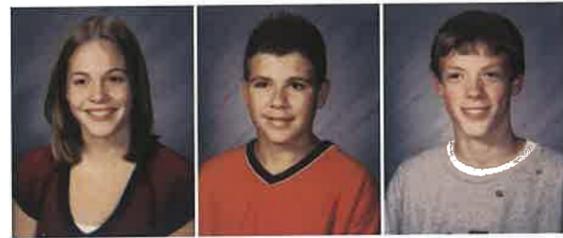
It just proves to show that high school isn't all about "fun and games."

by Amy Hartford



Who wants me? Walking through the lunch line freshman Sasha Hand looks around for the person calling her name.

Say what?! Laughing at a joke made by a friend freshman Alicia Albrecht tries to finish her food.



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Justin Schulz David Schumacher Jessica Schwartz Jacob Score Katie Scully Paula Sebelius Ashley Setter



Alex Sheehan Mallory Shirley Cody Shoman Sabah Shukr Emily Silbernagel Taylor Skoog Jana Smedshammer



Brandon Smith Natalie Smith Richard Smith Tiffany Snyder Benjamin Sorenson Jr. Brady Spletstaszer Jerald Steichen

Students debate to do...or not to do?

Some kids play games on the Internet, but should they? One out of every ten students who were caught playing Internet games got their computer privileges taken away. This is not a good thing because if they needed to get on the computer for a class to write a book report for that class, they couldn't because they had misused their privileges. Kids who have a class like yearbook or newspaper can still use the computers for those classes but only during the period they have that class.

"I think we should be able to play games on the Inter-net if we have all our work done," freshman Sarah Tintes said.

by Alicia Mater



Whoa! Amazed by what he's reading freshman Ben Hitter continues to follow along.

Study! Studying for a test freshman Michelle Wilke and freshman Amber Arstead look up information.



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Freshman have a new look on life

The freshman were introduced to a new life at the high school.

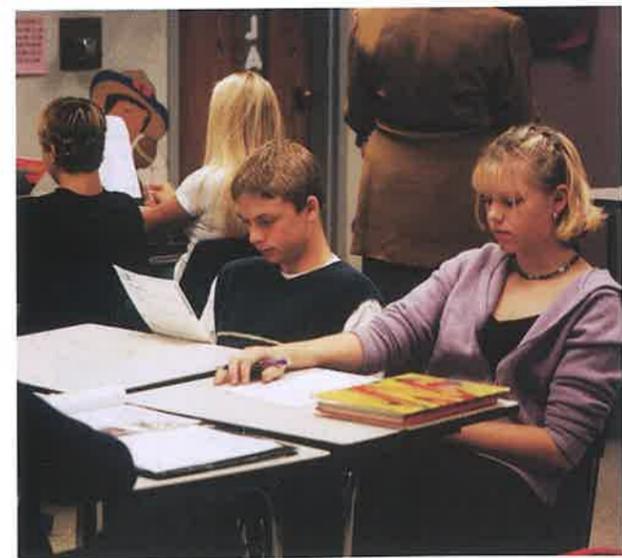
"It has more freedom," said freshman John Adams.

They also had a better choice of food in the cafeteria, or they could go out for lunch, but they needed to get back in time for class.

Their classes were a little tougher, but most of it was easy. The high school had similar rules to the middle school.

"It was a lot better than the middle school, there were also bigger kids, so we aren't at the top anymore," said freshman Greg Mattern. The freshman class of 2005 will be one of the dominate classes of the future.

by Aaron Zacher



What did you get for number three? While working on their on their homework freshman Brant Weller and freshman Poshe Lockhart compare answers.

I think I got it! While working on his homework freshman Andy Holland thinks hard.



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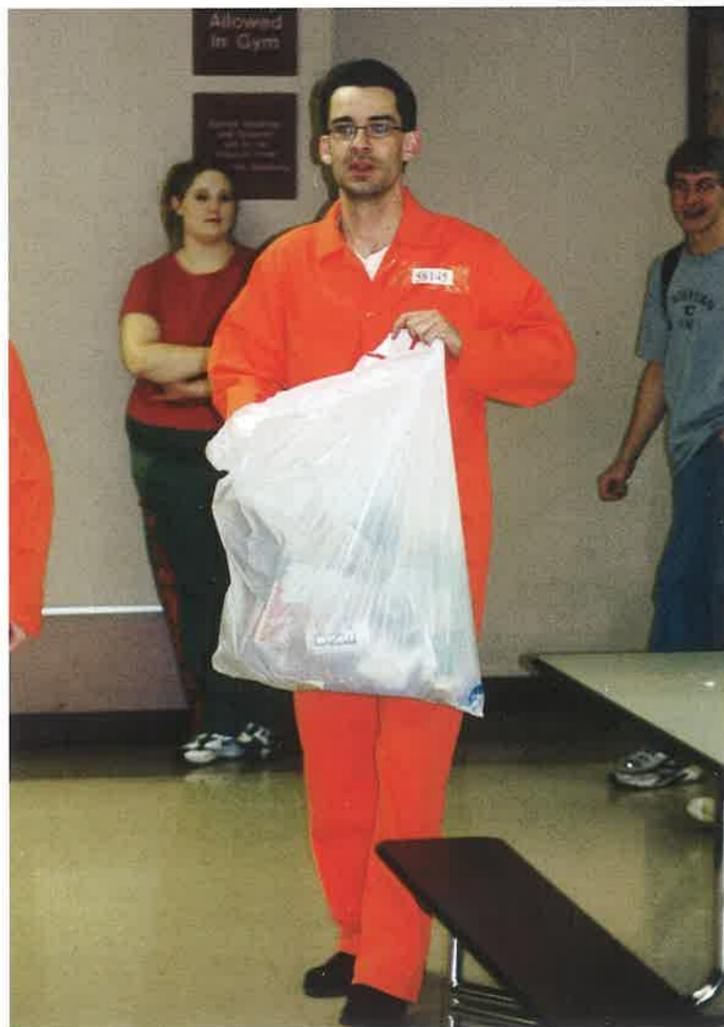
I don't think so! I am not smiling for your camera freshman Sarah Flores looks aimlessly at the camera!

Hey look everybody! I am so small I can fit in a box says freshman Aaron Zacher!



What's that word again! While trying to work on spanish freshmen Luke Baldwin studies hard!

What are you guys talking about! While drifting off freshman Brock Storston forgets what he was going to say!

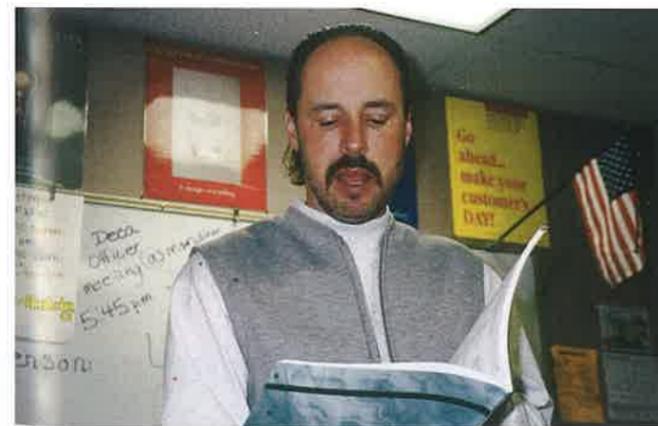


Do you think I'd make good tips? While contemplating his life goals, Mr. Clark considers changing occupations and going into the pizza delivery industry.

Doin' time for the crime! While picking up trash, Mr. Berntson avoids a lunch table.

What's that movie called again? Men at work? On Theme Day, Mrs. Pegg and Mrs. Offerdahl show school spirit.

The Sorcerers and Teachers of our Domain



Yes! It's time to correct these fun papers! While giving F's to students' papers, foreign language teacher Lori Anderson makes herself busy.

Let's see what the book says about it.... While trying to look smart in front of the class, marketing teacher Steve Anderson gives his class a lesson about money.

In ancient times, people around the world believed in magic and always believed in things that sometimes didn't seem possible. Here at WFHS, it's the same way. Sometimes students don't exactly believe in themselves or in their abilities. However, teachers and faculty members were here to help students realize their potential and made them believers in things that students thought were impossible. Teachers here have always had a magical way with balancing teaching and their materials, as well as helping students with their every need. This year was a magical year full of surprises in the news along with new advances in technology. Even with all of this, teachers used up their energy to help the students with their work, and some even spent extra hours just to be with students to help them. Teachers, janitors, faculty, and all of the staff have shown their expertise and magic throughout this year. They will always be in our thoughts, even when we are gone. They are what make this school special among all others.

by Dan Brunns

Students disagree with dress codes

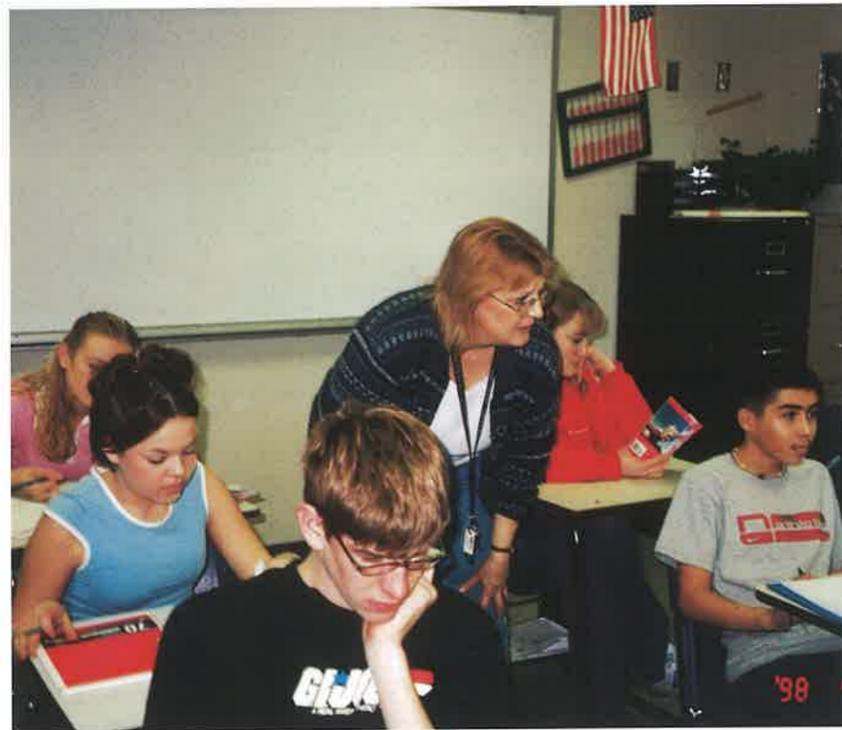
The West Fargo High School follows a relatively strict dress code. Females are no longer able to wear what they feel most comfortable in, because the school has banished some of the clothing that is deemed inappropriate by the school board. The school said that it interrupted the student's learning process, because others are distracted by girls dressed in certain clothing.

"If this is the case, the faculty should ask the student body how we feel," most of the kids say.

It is automatically assumed that the students feel uncomfortable around such clothing.

We have been taught that we have a choice in life; to choose what we feel is comfortable. We have spent so much time learning that America is all about choices, so with support from students and teachers, WFHS should stay without a dress code.

by Jeff Steichen



How much is that? Paying for her lunch, English teacher Ms. Mathson buys some chips.

Who needs my help? Helping students with their assignments, Math teacher Mrs. Mary Jo McKay makes sure everyone knows what is going on.



Ellen Aamot Chad Anderson Larry Anderson Lori Anderson Mary Anderson Michael S. Anderson



Richard Anderson Steven Anderson Jerome Bailey Joan Baltezare Cheryl Baumgarten Rachel Bearfield



Helga Bennett Mark Berntson Janice Best Robert Bjornson Arlin Blumeyer Darla Bonderson



Sean Bourke Judy Boutiette Sue Boyle Ernest Breznay Donald Burnham Cheryl Buzick



Andrew Byzewski Jerome Christiansen Gary Clark Mary Conant Debbie Cummings Richard Cwickla



Linda Dahl Ronald Dahley Fred Dahnke Lori DeRemer James Dew Connie Eggers



Trish Eide Robert Elliott Claudia Engelstad Kris Ertelt Joy Fisch Sarah Forness



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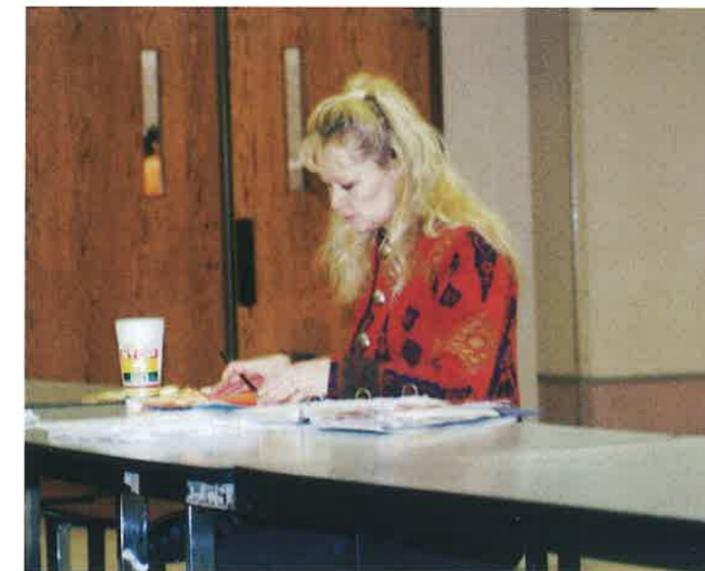
Student support recycling

In today's society recycling is a big deal. Questions come up dealing with whether or not we will have enough natural resources for our children and our children's children. According to the Recycling Center, in the year 2000 only 22.6% of our garbage was recycled. Here are some startling statistics: Every week more than 500,000 trees are used to produce the two-thirds of newspaper that is never recycled. Every hour Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles, only a small percentage of which are recycled. So, if recycling is so beneficial why don't more people partake?

"Recycling is the greatest idea, and we should mine landfills because there is so much garbage in there that if we recycled it, it would save a lot of space," senior Melinda Wyum said.

"Recycling is a good way to eliminate landfills and streets full of rubbish," senior Matt Zimmeney said.

Coming face to face with the facts makes us realize that some of the depletion of natural resources can be prevented. It takes more than one person. **by Michelle Cullen**



What a hassle! Rushing so she won't have to do anything at home, science teacher Mrs. Forness corrects her students' papers during her prep period.



"I think recycling should be mandatory and everyone should partake."

~Assistant principal Mr. Greg Grooters



Michelle Higman Suellyn Hoffart Jane Holland Randy Holzkamm Sybil Hopkins Sarah How

Teachers notice changes in the new high school environment

Throughout the years the public school system went through dramatic changes.

One major change was technology. Today we have easily accessible computers. Our teachers didn't have these luxuries.. Another change noticed by the teachers is the security in the schools. The feeling of safety in the school isn't the same as it used to be. With all the violence that has taken place, schools are no longer a safe harbor.

"I think that the feeling of security has been lost since I have been at school," teacher Mrs. Jordahl said.

Many more options are present in today's curriculum. Foreign language classes are now common and even necessary. They used to be rare. Some of these changes in curriculum has given students advantages. Students can choose classes that fit their interests. This helps them to determine what they would like to study later on in life.

Student-teacher relationships have been altered as well. Today these relationships are very formal. Teachers have so many students that they find it hard to get to know each student on an individual level.

Many changes occurred, and not all of them were for the better. However, the overall opinion is that school presents more oppurtunities for students. These oppurtunities and advantages contribute to the knowledge of the students. Children are the future, and the future will be well educated.

by Katie Joyce



You think that's funny? Having a good time like usual administrative assistant Cheryl Buzick stops for a laugh.

See this? Helping junior Steve Klocke with his homework, Mrs. Reich explains the material.



Jeffrey Huffman Connie Jenson Betty Johnson Denise Johnson Patrick Johnson Curtis Jones



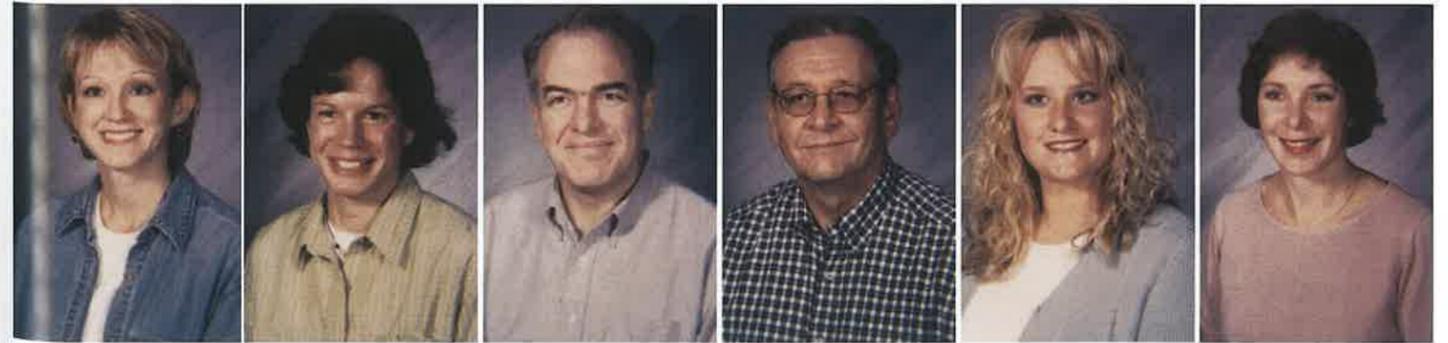
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Nancy Peterson Doyle Plecity Michele Redington Lisa Reich Betty Reyerson Doris Rheault



Tami Rhodenbaugh Keith Ringdahl Lynne Sahr Jackie Schell Donna Schneider Kathy Scott



Mary Sherman Marti Simmons Mary Soehren Peggy Spitzer Vernon Spitzer Kathryn Stangeland

Kingdom puts things on hold

Students were often bombarded with homework throughout the year. In addition to their after school jobs, extracurricular activities, and sometimes lack of motivation, the students found it was easier to procrastinate. "I don't feel like it," "I'll do it tomorrow," or "I'll have plenty of time later" were very common phrases that students said to convince themselves that their work could wait until later.

"I procrastinate on the weekends because I have a lot of other fun things to do other than homework," said senior Nick Senf.

Contrary to most students' beliefs, they were not the only people who procrastinated. Some teachers also procrastinated with correcting papers or tests.

"As much fun as correcting papers can be, sometimes I wait to do it until Sunday night so I can enjoy some time with my family," said Home Economics teacher Mrs. Redington.

Although putting things off for a while could have been fun or useful, it was not usually the best method of getting things done. It created a lot of extra work that students had to do at the last minute along with other assignments that they had received while putting off other work. It also made it difficult to remember things for tests or quizzes that students needed to study for. If there's not time to waste, don't bother to procrastinate because things need get be finished!

by Austin Redington



Where does this go? Working in the counseling office Special Ed teacher Mr. Veit tries to find a file.



Suzanne Stenerson Aaron Tank Suzanne Thibert Pamela Thompson Gail Tobkin Debra Uetz



Irene Van Eeckhout Christina Walker Susan Woodley Terri Young Erin Ziegler Susan Zurn



OH! You'll feel that in the morning! While stretching, senior Hilary Thomas gets ready for a track meet.

Oh yeah, we cool! While warming up, senior Johanna Skoog prepares for a softball game.

I'm Andre Agassi! Throwing the tennis ball in the air, junior Matt Stark gets ready to lay the smack down on his opponent.

Knights and the Battles They Fight



See ya later suckers! While sidestepping a tackle, sophomore Tyler Roehl finds a hole in the Bruin defense.

"Take me out to the ball game..." While stepping up to bat, senior Jen Nelson keeps her eye on the ball.

In medieval times knights fought battles in fields and arenas using swords and shields. At WFHS, athletes fought battles on the field and in arenas using brains and brawn. Just like knights, athletes practiced long and hard to be the best at what they do. They generously gave their time for long and strenuous hours of work to make themselves and their team better. Throughout the year, students built character and developed dedication in their sport. The students also learned teamwork and discipline while showing the best of themselves. It's hard work being a Packer athlete, but for many their hard work paid off. Not everyone made it to the top, but they gave it a shot and that's what counts. Athletes go out and give the best of themselves so that they can win the battles against rival schools. At West Fargo High School, sports were one of the driving forces that enhanced our school spirit. It helped us realize that we are a strong and diverse school. Everyone in some way or manner should appreciate what sports and determination gave to West Fargo High School. Our athletes went out with an attitude to win and a will to persevere. This year the athletes did all they could to give our school Packer Pride and because of that, they won battles against other teams and themselves as well.

by Dan Bruns

Football has building year

The 2001 football season started out rough. The Packers lost some key players during the year, so they had to regroup and cover those positions.

"The underclassmen stepped up when they needed to," sophomore Tyler Roehl said.

The team put all of their struggles behind them and put their efforts into winning, which made for a fun season. The Packers gelled together and found out that there is no "I" in team. During each game a new player stepped up and got it done. The Packers lost some close games, which was emotionally tough for the seniors on the team.

"It's not fun losing games. I wish we could have won a few more. I wish our record would have been a little better," senior Aaron Flynn said.

Though the Packers had a hard season, they are not going to lose confidence. This season has only made them work harder and concentrate more on the things that need to be done to have a successful season.

Next year, the football team will be harder to beat than ever before. Keep the Packer spirit up! The football record for the 2001 season was 2-7. Overall it was a learning year.

by Liz McCracken and Jodi Nelson



Let's Go! As the players gather around him, Coach Gibson explains the next play.

Scores		
Opponent	Us	Them
Dickinson	6	16
Bismarck	0	35
South	0	7
North	0	23
Devils Lake	22	6
Red River	20	29
Shanley	14	15
Wahpeton	24	36
Central	31	12



Watch Out! The team makes a path as sophomore Tyler Roehl runs for a touchdown.



What's the play? Waiting to see what play they are running, senior Aaron Flynn looks to the sideline.



Front row: Katie Scully, Matt Dimmer, Josh Gervais, James Volk, Jason Kratcha, Matt Giless, Aaron Flynn, Ben Roehl, Nick Hill, Steve Brennan, Justin Kindem, Adam Driscoll, Travis Parrot and Brianna Olstad. **Row 2:** John Hay, Matt Blair, Marc Mosser, Rob Margheim, Mike Dimmer, Dustin Ertelt, Brandon Laufenberg, Peter Malaterre, Josh Kratcha, Brett Wigglesworth, Adam Johnson and Dan Hanson. **Row 3:** Heather Pokrzywinski, Corey Ohnstad, Dustin Czapiewski, Ryan Narlock, Marc Gunderson, Brandon Siverson, Mitch Wilkenson, Luke Schulz, Nick Reinisch, Nick Bonnet, Eric Amsbaugh, Andy Salquist, John Reichert and Tressa Ireland. **Back Row:** Hope Fraedrich, Cody Lohse, Matt Christianson, Chris Mischke, Paul Kalal, Ryan Scoville, Isaac Peterson, Nick Potter, Blaine Rourke, Preston Nygaard, Mike Hebert, David Haerter and Samantha Miller.



Break! The Packers get ready for a play to win the game.



Gotcha! The Bruins get taken down by senior Jason Kratcha and teammates.



Front row: Valerie Schultz, Nikki LaDoucer, Kristen Wolf, Zac Ista and Kim Lammers. **Row 2:** Christine Rankin, Katie Rasmussen, Lindsey Lauritsen, Trisha Howitz, Heidi Tobkin, Alyssa Lester, Kris Bruns, Tracy Canton and Chrissy Vetter. **Back row:** Rachael Otto-Bomstad, Kevin Frober, Tarynn Sylvester, Kelsey Gatz, Jessica Ridgway, Mackenzie Close, Johanna Skoog, Brittany Zinnel and Collette Folstad.



I got it! Spartan defenders fall down as junior Kelsey Gatz dribbles ahead for the fast break!



Smile! Before competition seniors Mackenzie Close, Chrissy Vetter, Johanna Skoog, Brittany Zinnel, and Katie Rasmussen get ready for the big game.

Girls basketball holds their own

The 2001 girls basketball team worked hard. The team lost five key seniors, so they were very inexperienced. Seniors Chrissy Vetter, Mackenzie Close, Johanna Skoog, and Brittany Zinnel led the Packers this year. The diversity of the team helped underclassman gain experience. The Packers had some injury problems which changed the starting lineup throughout the year.

"We played well even through controversy," stated senior Johanna Skoog.

The Pack beat Wahpeton to go to the EDC tournament. The first game in EDC was against the first ranked team in the state, Fargo North, and the team ended up with a loss. In the second game the Packers played in a hard fought battle against Grafton, but they lost.

At the season ending banquet awards were given. Kelsey Gatz and Johanna Skoog received the Most Valuable Players award. Kris Bruns was the Most Improved Player, and the hardest worker was Tracy Canton. Off the Bench went to Brittany Zinnel.

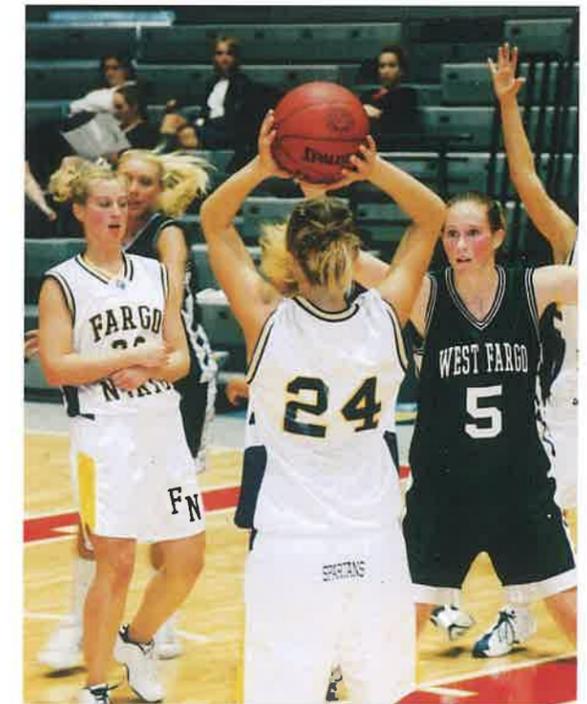
Coach Collette Folstad decided this would be her last year of coaching after 15 years at West Fargo, and Kevin Frober, Rachael Otto-Bomstad and Ryan Bomstad also decided to not return next season.

"We are all going to miss coach's leadership and love for the game," said junior Kelsey Gatz. The Packers ended the year with a record of 6-16.

by Liz McCracken and Jodi Nelson



See You Later! Trying to drive, sophomore Heidi Tobkin blows by the Spartan defender.



You aren't going to score! Defending a Spartan, junior Kelsey Gatz shuts the opponent down!

Scores

Opponent	Score
Century	42-57
St. Mary's	52-57
Bismarck	56-50
Shanley	50-52
Red River	35-55
South	32-64
North	30-54
Wahpeton	41-52
Grafton	38-45
Jamestown	40-46
Devils Lake	51-48
Central	56-45
Red River	37-53
Wahpeton	57-59
South	41-54
Mandan	36-55
Shanley	61-60
Valley City	51-31
North	35-71
Wahpeton	52-49
North	36-66
Grafton	38-43



Get open! Trying to look for an open teammate, senior Chrissy Vetter waits for help.

Cross Country has great season

Everyone knows that running is hard, but no one really knows how hard it is until they have run cross country. The cross country team did excellent this year. There were 23 people on the team. The team was led by captains Ryan Sandbek, Stephanie Kuehn, James Vranish, and Elizabeth Dosland, and coach Mr. Jerome Baily. Seniors Ryan Sandbek and Stephanie Kuehn were the only members of the team who competed in cross country all six years.

The team had a total of 12 meets. They started out their season very well and ended up going to the state meet in Minot. Both the boys' and girls' teams performed very well at state. The guys took 14th place at the state meet and the girls took 10th place at state.

"Overall we had a good season. It was also kind of hard because we didn't have a lot of depth," said senior captain James Vranish.

The team worked very hard to get as good as they were. They practiced everyday after school, running anywhere from four to seven miles. Not only did they have a good season record, but they also had a good season coming together as a team. Because of the fact that they spend so much time together, the team became a type of family. Most of the seniors that graduated will still stay in touch with the friends that they've made throughout the years.

by Tara Lettenmaier



I'm going to beat you! Running her hardest, junior Susan Worthington tries to pass her opponent.

Places

Opponent	Boys	Girls
Jamestown	7th	4th
Moorhead	9th	3rd
Jmstwn-Mhd	1st	1st
Valley City	5th	6th
West Fargo	3rd	4th
Detroit Lakes	4th	8th
Bismarck	7th	6th
Grandforks	6th	3rd
Alexandria	9th	1st
Fargo South	8th	2nd
EDC	5th	3rd
State	9th	7th



Here we come! Running around the corner, seniors James Vranish and Ryan Sandbek continue their long run.



This is tough work! Running hard, senior Hilary Thomas tries not to think about how tired she is.



Front Row: James Vranish, Ryan Sandbek, Elizabeth Dosland and Stephanie Kuehn. **Row 2:** Hilary Thomas, Kristi Pederson, Stephanie Thomas, Amanda Hewson, Erin Vranish, Sarah Rebenitsch, Susan Worthington, Nicole Heinz and Kelly Foss. **Back Row:** Elizabeth Pederson, Blair Moorhead, Brandon Heitkamp, Kody Jacobsen, Andrew Yanish, Josh Jones, Brian Kingsley, Darek Knaus, Kevin Brager, Assistant Coach Tasha Dockter and Coach Mr. Joe Bailey.



And they're off! Hearing the starter, the West Fargo girls begin their race.



It's so cold out! Trying to stay warm, junior Erin Vranish passes the competition.



Front Row: Lindsey Gianakos, Aly Holland, Ashley Lettenmaier, Jenny Mittag, Tara Lettenmaier, Katie Joyce and Lindsey Moe. **Row 2:** Vanessa Johansen, Jenny Joyce, Stacy Hestbeck, Christina Hawley, Andrea Flaten, Lindsay Wangler, Katie Geron and Megan Selland. **Back Row:** Coach Marsha Dahl, Rachel Koehnen, Tracy Olson, Nicole Dobmeier, Amy Hartford, Kelsey Schoonhoven, Chantel Cummings, Jill Springer and Assistant coach Amy Loberg.

Girls swim team places at EDC

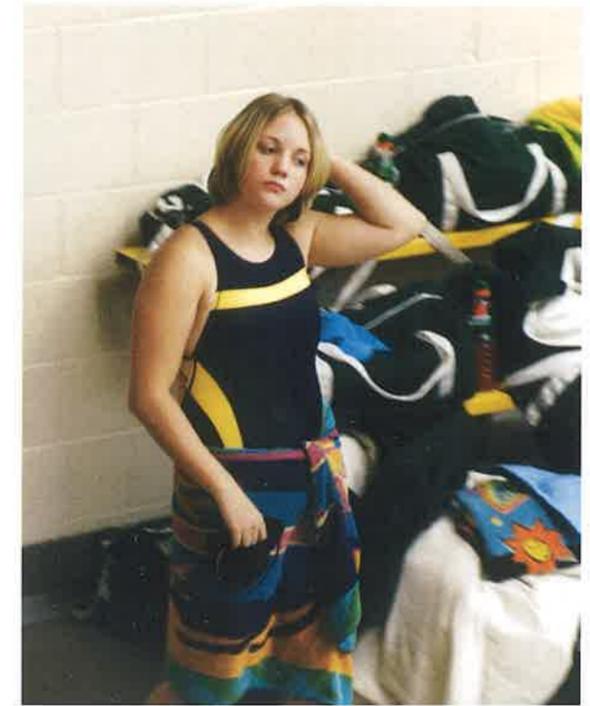
The girls swim team started out the year not knowing what to expect. They began the season with 22 girls, almost half of the amount they had last year. Out of the 22 girls, they had no divers.

"It's much quieter in here without the divers jumping on the board, but we really miss the points that they bring us," says Coach Marsha Dahl. Some of the swimmers had mixed feelings about not having any divers.

"It's kind of tough not having divers, because we have to work extra hard to try and make up for the points we lose during diving," said junior Katie Geron.

The team practiced everyday after school for two hours. The girls worked very hard at their practices. They knew that without divers, they needed to do as best as they could at the meets. There were many shoulder and knee injuries and two of the girls came down with mono at different times during the season. Despite not having any divers and with all the injuries and illnesses, the team did very well. They went to the EDC meet at UND with the hopes of placing fourth. They surprised themselves by beating Fargo North by one point and taking third at EDC. At the state meet, the girls took home tenth place. The swimmers had a good season this year considering the size of the team and the absence of the divers.

by Tara Lettenmaier



Now where did it go? Before the meet starts, junior Megan Selland searches for her goggles.

Scores

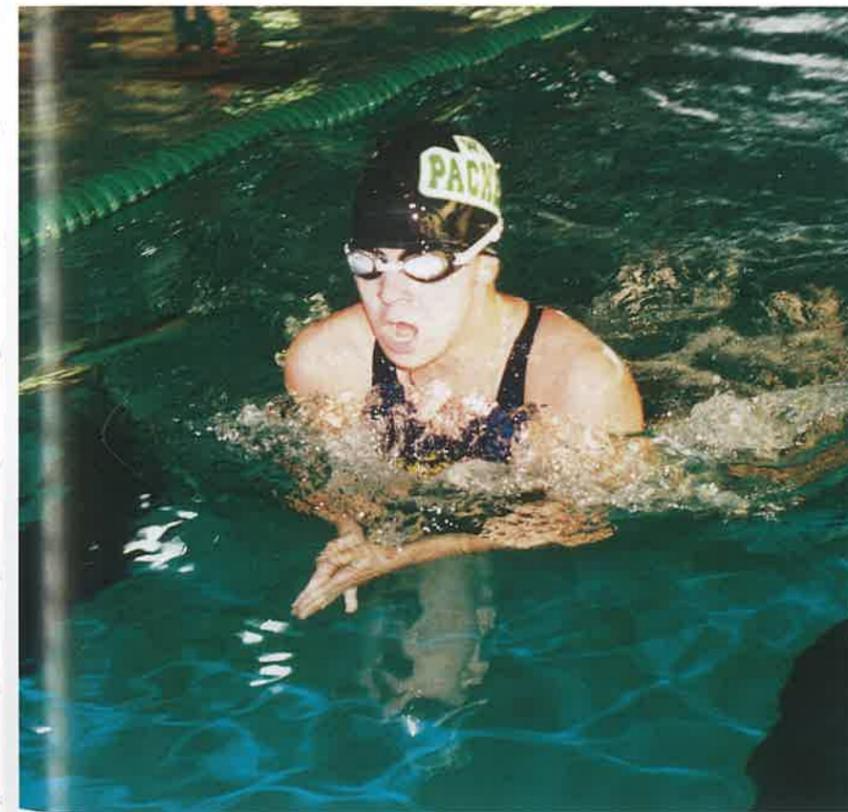
Opponent	Score
Red River	48 - 54
Central	56 - 42
Fargo North	59 - 127
Moorhead	114 - 68
Mandan	62 - 124
Shanley	130 - 52
Detroit Lakes	110 - 76
Mandan	70 - 116
Jamestown	73 - 113
Fargo South	91 - 95



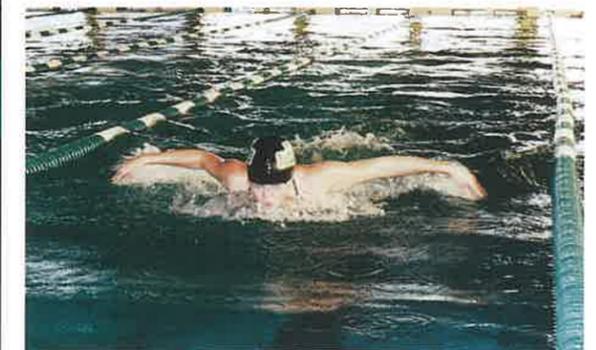
Here I go! Taking off her parka, freshman Katie Joyce gets ready to swim her next race.



Hurry up and start! Patiently waiting to start the race, sophomore Lindsey Moe hangs on until they tell her to go.



Ok, time to breathe! Swimming her 100 breaststroke, junior Jenny Joyce comes in to finish the race.



I can't wait until I'm done! Swimming the 100 butterfly, freshman Rachel Koehnen tries her hardest to finish.

Tennis team makes appearance at EDC

The boys' tennis team had a very productive season. The team showed that they could compete with the other powerhouses in the EDC such as Fargo South and Fargo North. Under second year coach Chad Anderson, they played at a very high energy level. The team showed, late in the season, that they had the ability to win matches.

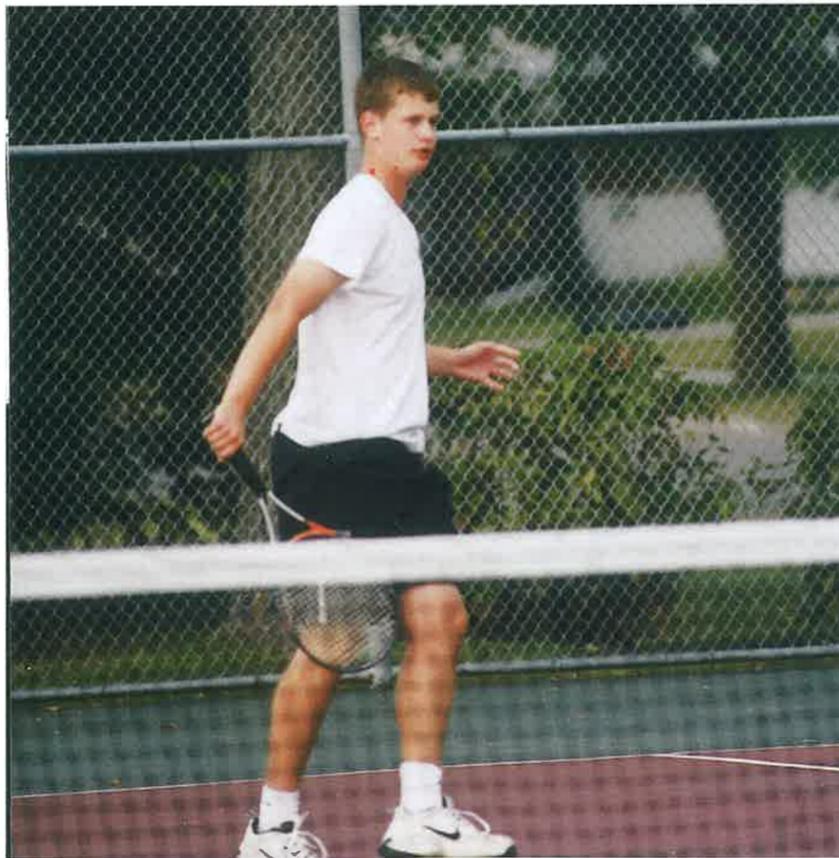
"I think we showed the other teams in the conference that we can play competitively," junior Mike Blickensderfer said.

For the first time in recent memory the boys tennis team qualified for the Eastern Dakota Conference tournament. They had only one win in EDC play, but that was enough to put them into the tournament. That one win was an astounding 7-2 defeat over Fargo Shanley.

For the first time ever, the tennis team had a junior varsity team. According to coach Anderson that showed that tennis in West Fargo is on the rise. With juniors Mike Blickensderfer and Matt Stark, tennis in West Fargo has a very bright future.

"We easily exceeded the expectations we set at the beginning of the season," coach Chad Anderson said. With the skilled underclassmen and the successful upper classmen the tennis team is looking forward to a some very successful years to come.

by Tim Burner



Return this! Sending a streaking shot junior Matt Stark puts all of his muscle into it.



C'mon hit it back! Waiting for a return junior Matt Skallet gets into position.

Scores

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
Jamestown	0-9
Fargo North	0-9
Shanley	7-2
Valley City	0-9
Wahpeton	0-9
GFC	0-9
GFRR	0-9
FS	1-8



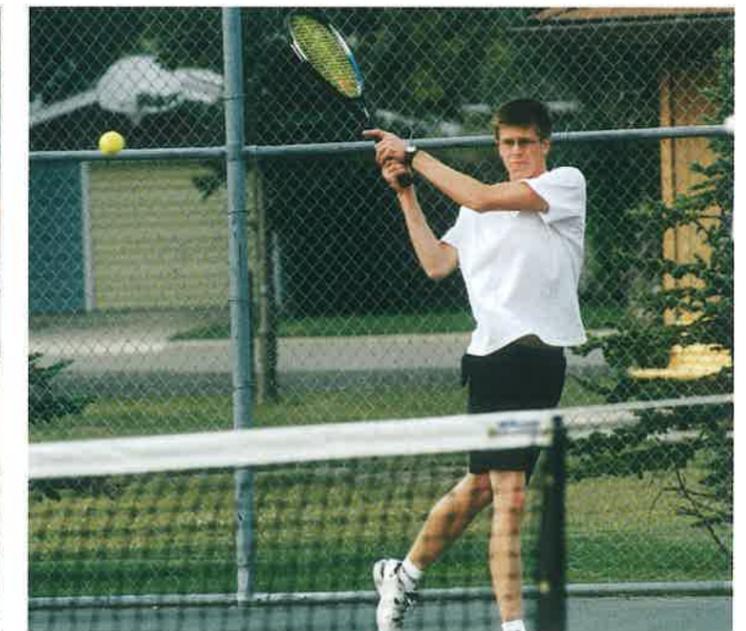
Should we beat them now or should we wait a while? Discussing tennis, junior Jason Boerger and senior Josh Koehnien come up with a game plan.



Front Row: Brandon Beyer, Matt Klocke, Chris Cook, Brian Schiller, Jared Ludwig and Matt Stark. **Back Row:** Head Coach Chad Anderson, Cody Kelly, Steve Klocke, Josh Koehnien, Mike Blickensderfer, Shawn Mattern, Bryan Huso and Dylan Nitzkorski. **Not pictured:** Matt Skallet, Jason Boerger and Chris Bullis.



Tap! Showing style with the shades on junior Mike Blickensderfer lightly hits the ball over the net for a point.



Eat this one! Using tremendous force senior Josh Koehnien fires the ball to his opponent's side.



Front Row: Viet Li, James Moe, Mike Nicholas, Charles Flowers, Ronnie Engelking and Travis Stahlaker. **Row 2:** Jimmy Hoy, Tim Engelking, Eric Weigel, Andrew Moch, Josh Akers, Tim Burner and Joe Klatt. **Row 3:** Kyle Millar, Andrew Gwost, Brett Beckius, Cory Grant, Marc Williams and Adam Henry. **Row 4:** Dave Stahlaker, Derek Epping, Nick Beuhre, Adam Nystuen and Doug Millar. **Back Row:** Amir Bilic, Erica Freud, Ann Timmerman, Megan Winter and John Zetocha.



Wide Open! While showing his stuff, sophomore Viet Li skillfully handles the ball down a wide open field.



Go! As Cory Grant dribbles the ball, Viet Li guides his way through traffic.

Soccer finishes in middle

The West Fargo soccer team shared many ups and downs during the course of the 2001 fall season. The 2001 season was led by captains Ron Engelking, James Moe, and Travis Stahlecker.

"At the beginning of the season I didn't know what to think," said captain Ron Engelking.

The Packers started the season a little shaky. They seemed to be a little nervous at the beginning of the season. The Packers were also plagued by injuries the first half of the season. Coach Doug Millar kept the team in check. He calmed some of the anxiety of the players. The team pulled together toward the end of the season. During the last half of the season the Packers' injured players started to come back, and most of the anxiety was gone. There was one thing left. The Packers needed a spot in the state tournament. With most of their anxiety gone and most of the players back on the field, the Packers played hard and in the end they managed to get the fourth seed in the east. That earned them a spot in the state tournament.

"I knew we had to get a good start at the state tournament for us to do well," said captain James Moe.

Things did not get easier after that. Because the Packers took the fourth seed in the east, they had to play the first seed in the west. The first seed in the west was Minot. The game was very well played by both teams, and the outcome was a tie. Then the Packers played Bismarck, and they suffered a close loss. In the Packer's third and final game they played Fargo North. It was North's lead by two goals at halftime. When it was all said and done, the Packers won the game by one goal, which gave them a fifth place finish at state.

by Marc Williams



Ahhh... While the ball is out of play, junior Andrew Moch takes a breather.

Scores

Bismarck Century	3-0
Jamestown	1-1
Grand Forks Central	0-2
Moorhead	9-0
North	4-2
Grand Forks Red River	3-1
Crookston	2-3
South	11-0
Grand Forks Cental	2-0
East Grand Forks	2-3
North	4-2
East Grand Forks	0-3
Detroit Lakes	1-2
Crookston	1-0
Grand Forks Red River	2-3
Shanley	0-4
South	10-1
Shanley	1-1
Detroit Lakes	5-1
Minot	0-0
Bismarck Century	1-0
North	3-4



Heh! Strutting his stuff, senior Ronnie Engelking walks over an opponent.



Yee-haw! Doing some sewing, senior Ronnie Engelking threads a pass through.

Packers wrestle their way to state

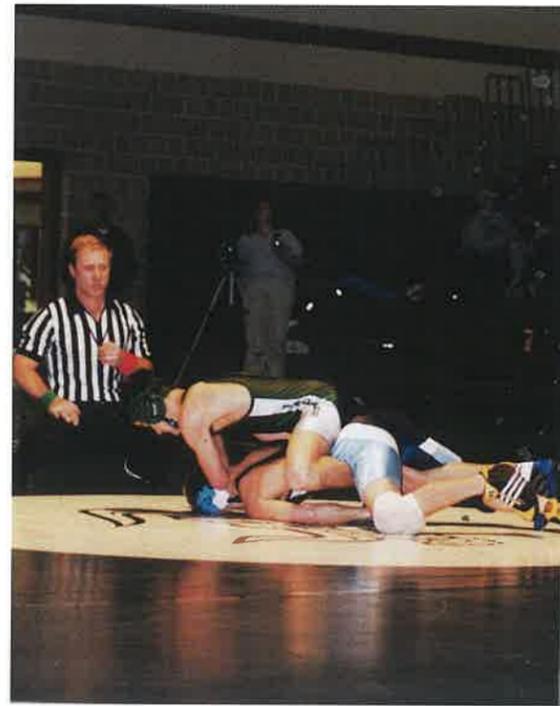
Jump on top of someone and hold them down on the ground until the ref says to stop. That's all wrestling is right? WRONG. Wrestling is a very hard sport that takes a lot of endurance and support. The wrestlers have to be in good shape and able to keep up with other teams. The Packers this year had a very hard and long 4:00-6:00 practice every night which included a lot of running and weight lifting. These long and hard practices did pay off in the long run; the team was very fit and ready to get a place at state.

"I've been to almost every wrestling match this year and they have wrestled awesome and it really shows," sophomore Tiffany Goldstone said.

"Our team was really good this year," sophomore Josh Johnson said.

This was in fact true. The whole team took second place at state, senior Joe Staska took first for the 145 weight class, and sophomore Keith Sebelius took second for the 125 weight class. "The season was really fun and we worked really hard at it," senior and first place champion Joe Staska said. All of the hard work definitely paid off with the team winning second place at state.

by Brittany Moen

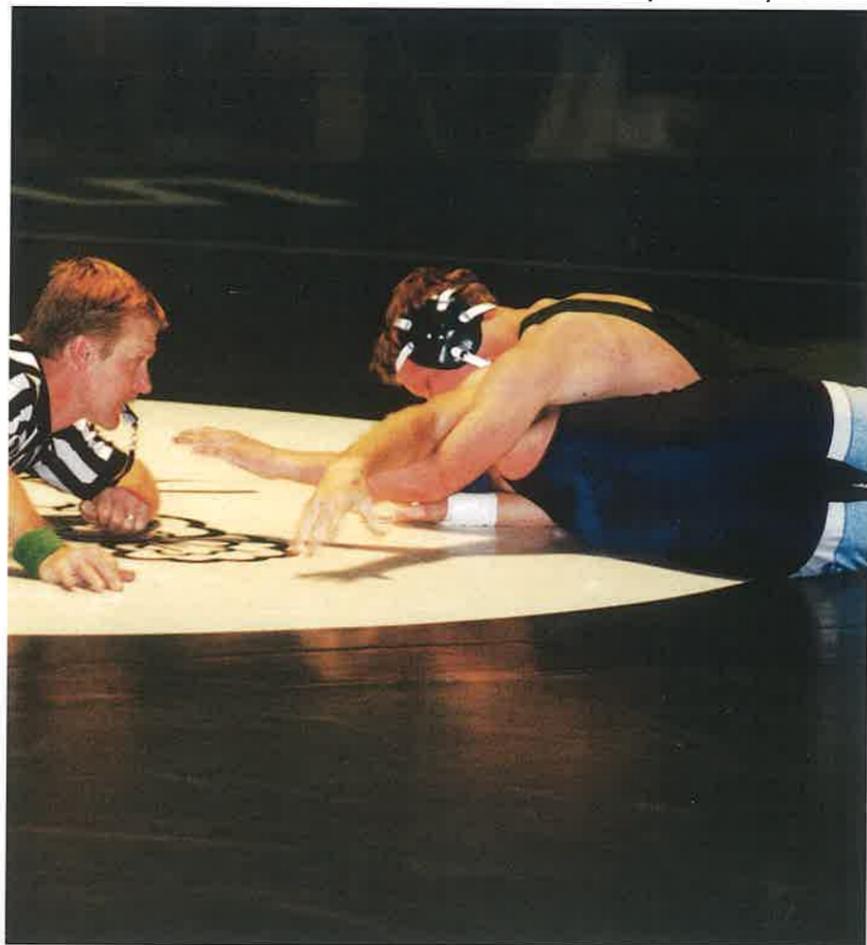


You're never going to beat me! Wrestling with all of his might sophomore Keith Sebelius, will for sure win this match.

Scores for Duals

Opponent's Scores

G.F. Seratoma	4-1
Grand Forks	4-1
Detroit Lakes	3-0
State Duals	2-1
EDC Duals	8-0



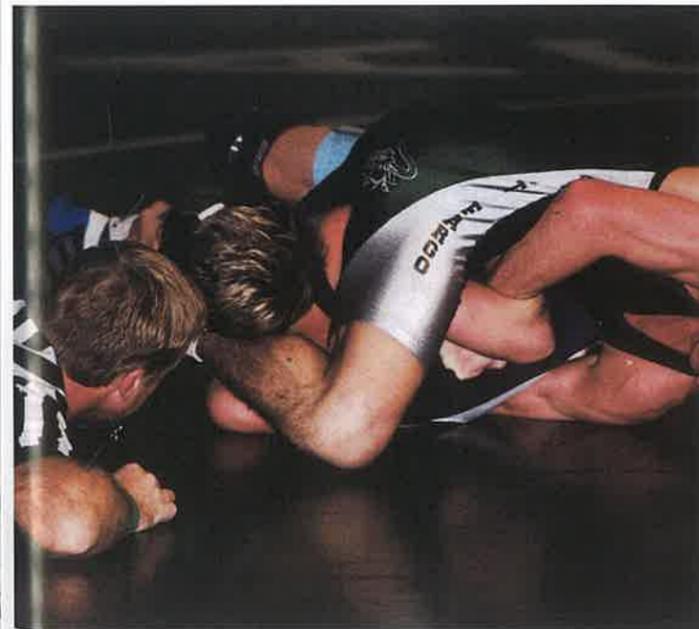
I'm gonna get yah! While wrestling with all of his skill Keith Sebelius, is winning his match.



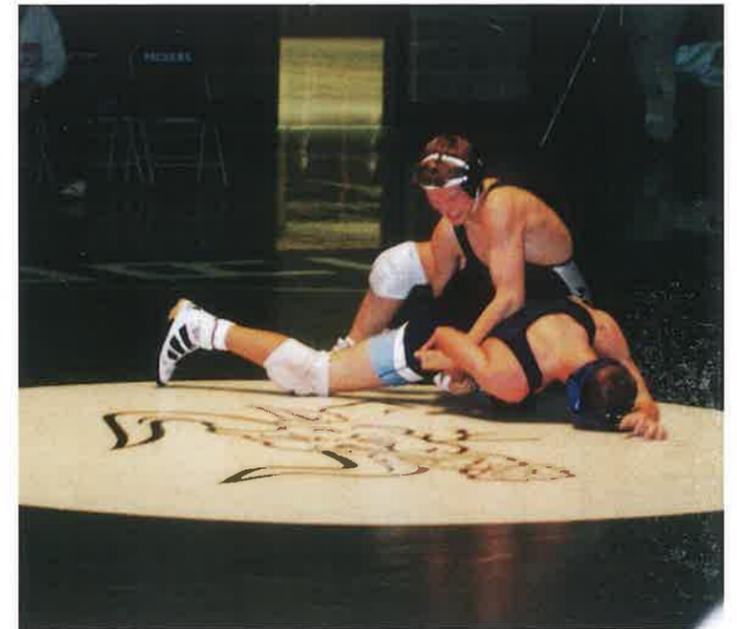
Whoaa what are you doing?? Trying hard to hold his opponent down Keith Sebelius, tries to figure out what to do.



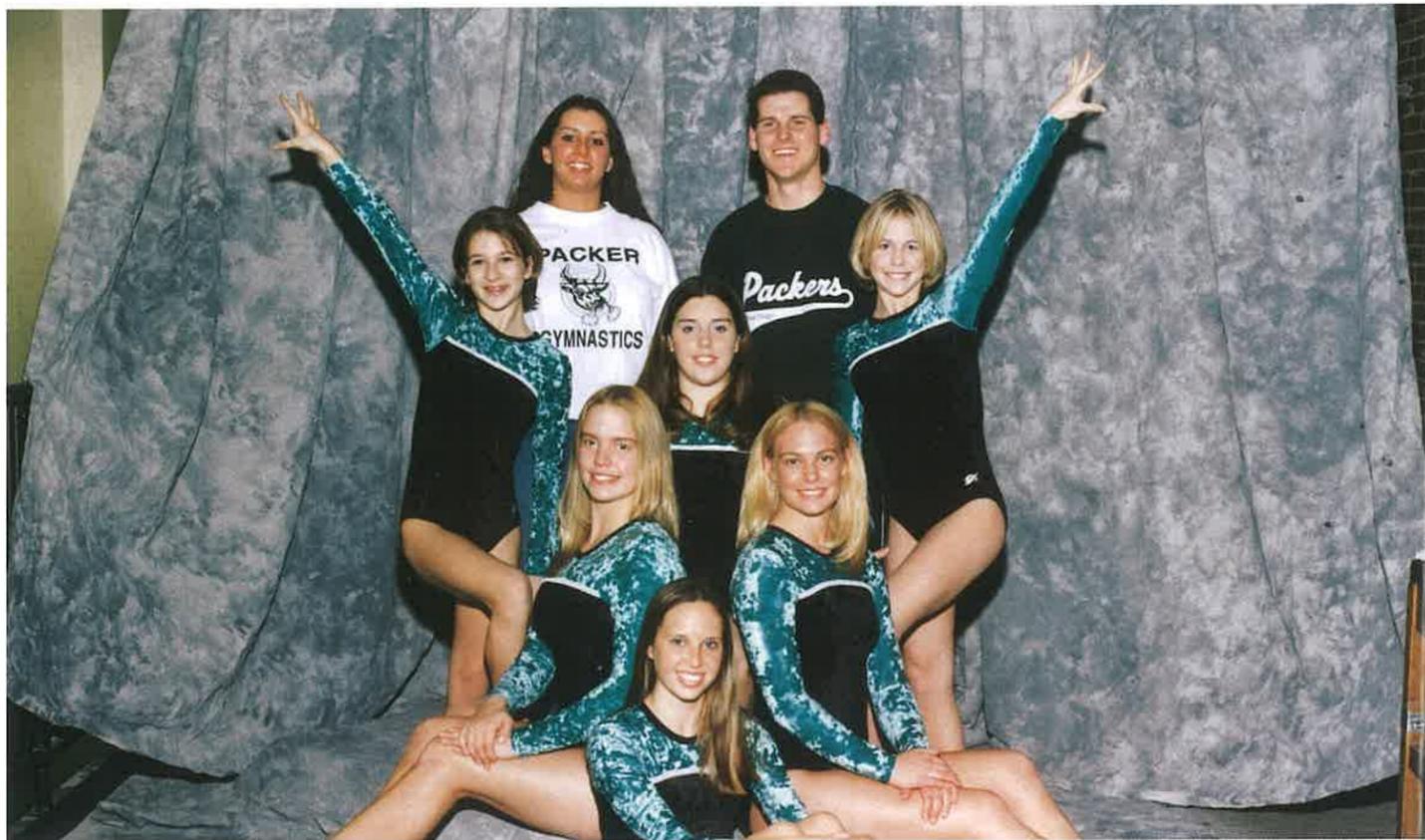
Front Row: Paula Sebelius, Dan Staska, Josh Schierfert, Keith Sebelius, Kyle Mclean, Josh Nicolas, Curtis Werlinger, Robert Ramberg, Isaiah Charbonneau, Jared Noel and trainer Steph Kehn. **Row 2:** trainer Besty Anderson, Matthew Christenson, Justin Schultz, Charlie LeClaire, Corey Zellers, Matt Staska, TJ Medrud, Brandon Sola, Jeff Dauer, Baily Badillo and trainer Katie Hawley. **Back Row:** Coach Weigel, Coach Scaan, Josh Johnson, Rob Margheim, Brian Johnson, Nick Bonnet, Matt Scully, Dustin Chapeski, Shane Miller, Lance Johnson and Coach Steve Marquart.



You'll never get out of this... Working very hard Keith Sebelius shows his opponent what's up!



Yes I won! Just about to win his match Chris Borah, is glad to be finally done.



Front Row: Karrie Burdick. **Row 2:** Lindsey Lauritsen and Sarah Lauritsen. **Row 3:** Sarah English, Erika Johansen and Amy Rogers. **Back Row:** Coach Stacey McConnel and Coach David Valeski



Party of five... "Everone else's line is bigger than ours, but you know what they say about how big things come in small packages!" thinks these five Packer gymnasts.



TaDaa... As Karrie Burdick masters the balance beam, she flashes a winning smile over her shoulder at the judges.

Packers flip through season

In the beginning of the season, the gymnastics team started out by learning a number of new skills. Back flips, tumbling, back tucks, flip flops, and arials were some of the areas that they worked on.

"Gymnasts Ashley Lettenmaier and Amy Rogers were, in my thoughts, the most improved gymnasts throughout the whole season," sophomore Karrie Burdick said.

Every gymnast achieved something this season. For example, Karrie Burdick was the Most Dedicated gymnast, Erika Johansen was the Most Valuable gymnast, Lindsey Lauritsen was the Hardest Working gymnast, Ashley Lettenmaier won the Spirit Award, and Amy Rogers was the Most Improved gymnast.

The coaches put in an extreme amount of time to help their gymnasts improve their skills. The team did very well during the Regional and State competitions. The whole team improved their moves by the end of the year by a lot and they all hope to improve even more next year.

by Jess Jansen



"I hope to learn a lot of new skills, work out this summer and come back where we left of next year," sophomore Karrie Burdick said.



Pre-show jitters... As they wait for their fifth teammate, the gymnastics team mentally prepares themselves before their performance.

Scores	
Opponent	Place
Spartan Invite	6th
Holiday Invite	8th
X-mas Invite	4th
Minot Igloo	3rd
Valley City	
Moorhead Invite	6th
Wahpeton Invite	6th
Packer Invite	5th
Cupid Invite	4th
EDC	7th
STATE	12th



Snap!!! As she practices on the uneven bars, sophomore Lindsay Lauritsen hopes that they don't break.

Packers surprise many this year

The 2001-2002 boys basketball team was 20-20. They had an up and down season that proved to be enough. The team made it to the State tournament, which was the first time in six years, led by the new head coach Greg Limke and by assistant coaches Jim Jonas, Jason Mathias, and Rick Anderson.

The team captains were senior Steve Brennan, and juniors Kellen Bubach and Jimmy Hoy. Brennan was the force inside all year for the Packers with the help of senior Ryan Tranby and sophomore Dan Dardis.

"Going up against guys that are bigger just gives you a quickness advantage, and I was willing to play whatever position I had to," said junior Chris Hanes.

Injuries plagued them off and on all season. Junior Kellen Bubach went down in the Holiday Tournament with a badly sprained ankle, junior Kyle Hartley fought a painful stress fracture in his foot, and a few other players had minor injuries throughout the year.

"This year we had a few injuries; luckily none were season ending. We were happy when the injured returned," said junior captain Jimmy Hoy.

During the EDC tournament the Pack lost their first game to Shanley in a close game. However, they bounced back to pick up back-to-back wins against the taller Jamestown and Wahpeton teams to be 3rd going into the State tournament. At State the Packers played Minot, and they lost in a close game. In the consolation bracket the Pack played Bismarck High and lost in a tight game. Making it to State was a huge accomplishment for West Fargo.

The awards given at the banquet were, MVP- Steve Brennan, Hardest Worker- Greg Tehven, Most Improved- Kyle Hartley, Hustle Award- Steve Brennan, and the Packer Pride Award- Kellen Bubach and Jimmy Hoy. Hoy and Brennan also received All-EDC awards for their hard work.

by Kelsey Gatz



You can't guard me...Turning the corner junior Jimmy Hoy takes it to the hole against a Jamestown defender.



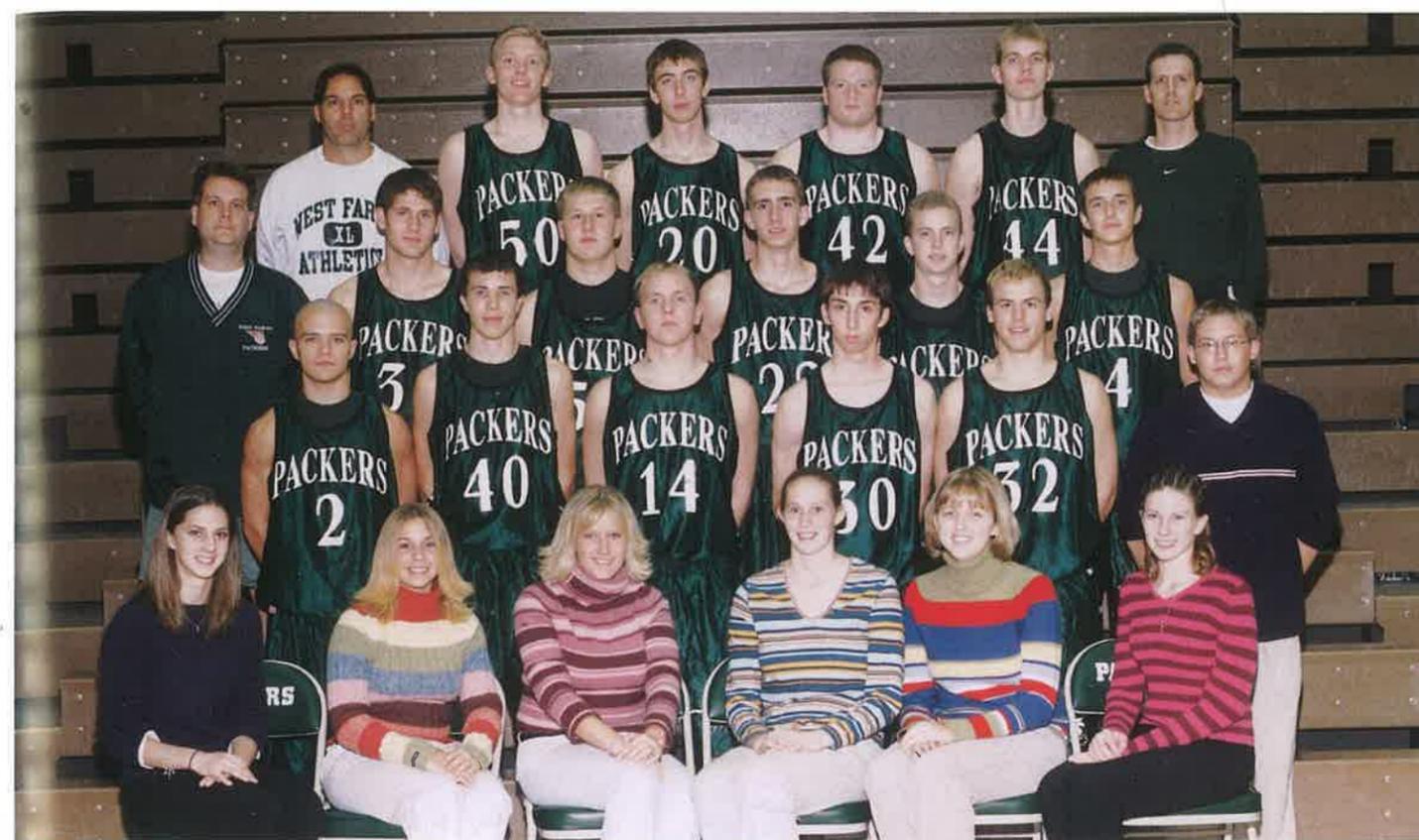
You aren't going to block that...Getting a shot off in traffic junior Kyle Hartley makes things happen.

Scores

Jamestown	78-54 W	Jamestown	59-69 L
Moorhead	57-58 L	Fargo South	42-54L
Fargo South	62-76 L	Fargo North	55-56 L
Bismarck Century	73-75 L	Shanley	65-43 W
Bismarck High	60-53 W		
Mandan	78-81 L	EDC	
Wahpeton	62-60 W	Shanley	45-51 L
Valley City	42-45 L	Jamestown	60-55 W
Grand Forks Central	58-45 W	Wahpeton	68-63 W
Fargo North	39-71 L		
Shanley	58-64 L	State	
Devils Lake	60-58 W	Minot	50-63 L
Grand Forks Red River	55-53 W	Bismarck High	39-46 L
Valley City	63-52 W		
Wahpeton	55-56 L		



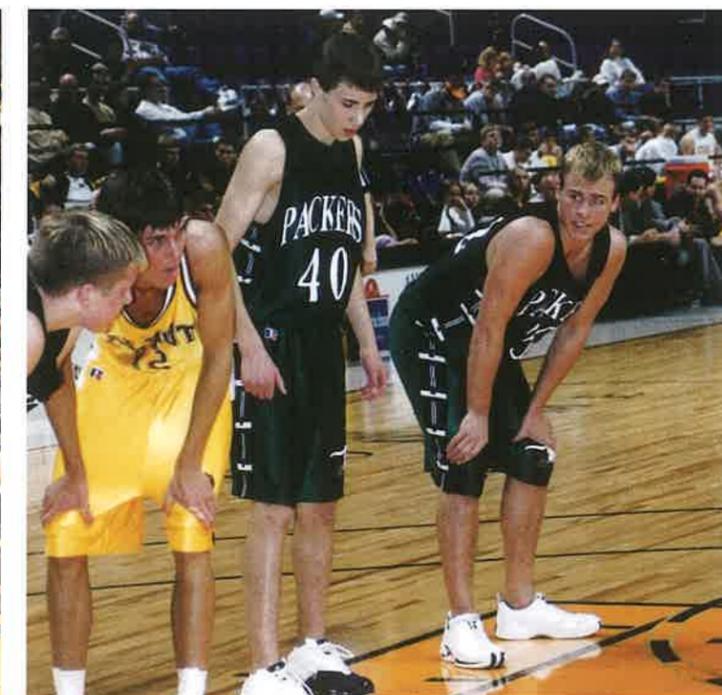
Concentration not strength...Shooting the second shot of a one-and-one junior Kellen Bubach knocks it down.



Front Row: Heidi Tobkin, Kelly Klaers, Kristi Hoffman, Kelsey Gatz, Jodi Nelson and Teresa Yanish. **Row 2:** Nils Eberhardt, Mitch Wolden, Mitch Wilkinson, Brent Risvedt, Chris Hanes and Zac Ista. **Row 3:** Coach Rick Anderson, Kyle Hartley, Dan Dardis, Kellen Bubach, Greg Tehven and Jimmy Hoy. **Back Row:** Coach Jim Jonas, Austin Montgomery, Steve Majkrak, Steve Brennan, Ryan Tranby, Coach Greg Limke.



Just lay it in...Shooting a layup senior Steve Brennan puts two points on the board.



I'll box out the shooter...Waiting for the free throw junior Chris Hanes tells his teammates, junior Mitch Wolden and sophomore Dan Dardis, to box out.



Front row: Emily Vetter, Amy Donlin, Chrissy Vetter, Trisha Howitz and Crystal Schaeffer. **Row 2:** Meredith Wholecraft, Carrie Sorterberg, Alyssa Lester, Brianne Gebeke, Jenny Volker, Marni Benson, Mackenzie Close, Katie Rasmussen and Terri Prosike. **Back row:** Paula Wolf, Katie Scully, Kelsie Selisker, Jessalyn Friedsam, Britni Stargardt, Jennifer Grund, Lauren Jacobson, Siera Dickson and Mr. Randy Holzkamm.

Packers bump, set, spike their way to a great season

The Packer Volleyball team started out their season with high expectations. They tried to meet those goals by working hard and playing as a team. Senior Mackenzie Close was named the Gatorade Volleyball Player of the year for North Dakota.

Senior Chrissy Vetter was named MVP. The Coach's Award was given to senior Mackenzie Close. The player who was most improved was sophomore Trisha Howitz. The spirit Award went to sophomore Marin Rosenvold, and the Rookie Award went to sophomore Brittany Stargardt. The All EDC players were senior Mackenzie Close, senior Crystal Schaeffer, and senior Chrissy Vetter. Senior Mackenzie Close and senior Chrissy Vetter were named to the All-State team.

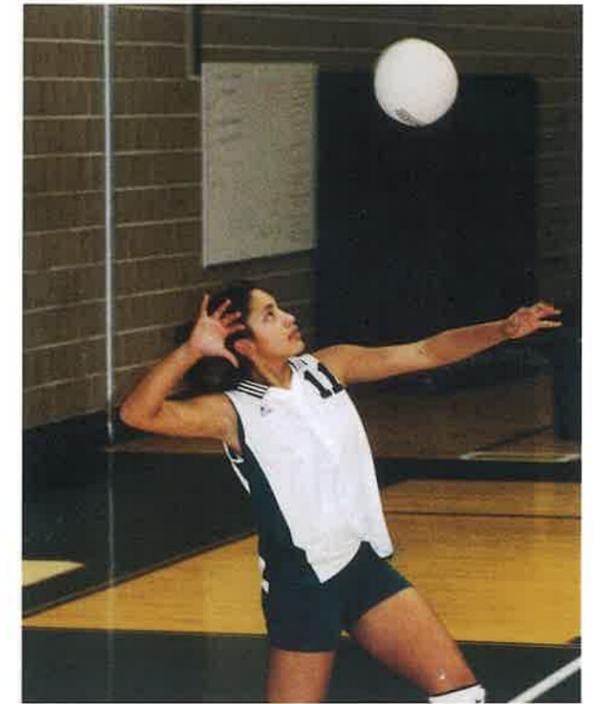
"Hard work really paid off to make a great team," said sophomore Alyssa Lester.

Their coach Mr. Holzkamm was hard on them because he knew that they could do very well as a team. The idea behind working hard is to reach a common goal set for the team to reach.

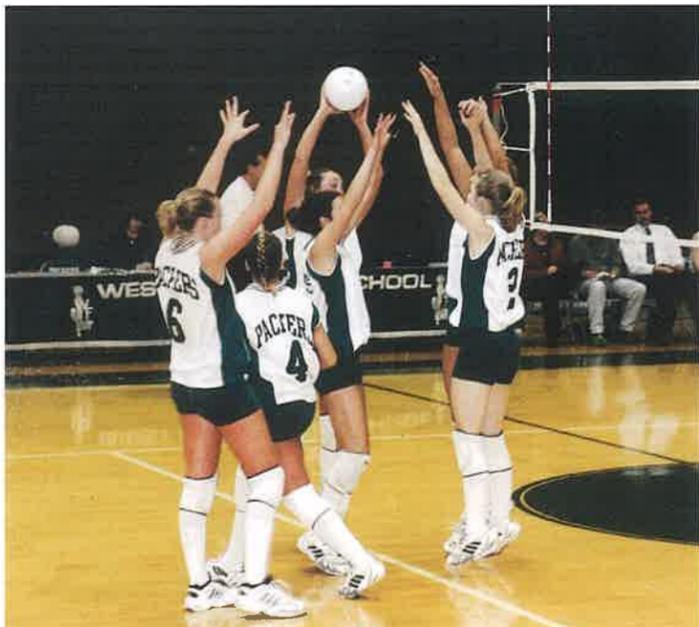
"We worked really hard to form a great team," said freshman Emily Vetter.

The volleyball team did very well this season coming in second at EDC and State. The Pack dominated Dickinson and Mandan in the first round of semifinals of the state tournament. In EDC and State they lost to Grand Forks Red River. The team bumped, set and spiked their way to second at EDC. They also finished second in the state tournament.

by Trent Gehrig



We are going win! While getting ready to nail the ball sophomore Trisha Howitz winds up.



Go team Go! While getting ready to play another game the team celebrates another win.



I got this one! While getting ready to hit the ball, senior Amy Donlin gets in her stance.



I got it! While jumping as high as she can senior Mackenzie Close jumps up to hit the ball.

Scores			
Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result
Shanley	W	Devils Lake	W
Thompson	W	Grand Forks R.R.	W
Park River	W	Wahpeton	L
Northwood	W	Valley City	W
Lisbon	W	Fargo South	L
Central Cass	W	Minot	W
May-Port	L	Shanley	W
Fargo South	W	St. Mary's	W
Mandan	L	Grand Forks R.R.	L
Bismarck High	W	Mandan	L
Dryden, Ontario	W	Shanley	W
Bismarck Century	W	Fargo North	W
Williston	L	Jamestown	W
Fargo North	W	Grand Forks R.R.	L
Fargo North	W	Grand Forks Central	W
Grafton	W	Fargo South	W
Grand Forks Central	W	Grand Forks R.R.	L
Devils Lake	W	State	W L L



Great Season! The seniors of the volleyball team try walking off a hard loss at state.

Packer hockey reaches new heights

The Packers came into the year with a substantial amount of talent. Even with the talent, the Packers had a rough season. They finished with a record of 8-16 including EDC. Although the team had a lot of talented players, they just couldn't put it to use. The MVP of the season, to nobody's surprise, was senior captain Josh Swangler. People believed that this year would be a winning season with all the talented players the team had, which consisted of three strong lines and great defensive players, including senior Josh Jackson as the top defensive player this year, for opponents to try and beat.

"We had a lot of talent but we just didn't have the drive we needed to succeed," said coach Ross Richards.

Although the season was rough, the Packers scored more goals than any other season. On the other end of the spectrum, they also gave up more goals than any other season.

The season began with a game against Red River. The Packers suffered a loss of 2-6. They then picked up their pace and raised their esteem by winning games against Whapeton and Bismarck.

The Packers went into EDC in 5th place. They lost their first game 0-5 against Grafton. In the second game the Pack played Jamestown. This was an emotional game, considering Jamestown knocked the Packers out of EDC in 2001. The Packers took revenge, stomping them 5-1 and scoring an open net goal to seal the game. This was the first EDC victory for the Packer hockey team in West Fargo history. In the last Packer game of EDC the Pack played Red River, losing 5-0.

by Mike Blickensderfer



Where did it go?! At the blue line, senior Josh Jackson and sophomore David Rankin watch the play come at them.

Scores	
Opponent	Score
Red River	2-7
Jamestown	4-3
Grafton	3-6
Wahpeton/Breckenridge	11-3
Fargo South	3-6
G.F. Central	1-3
Red Lake Falls	6-0
Bismarck High	5-1
Fargo North	0-8
Grafton	3-7
Wahpeton/Breckenridge	8-0
Fargo South	2-6
Red River	0-4
Fargo North	1-5
G.F. Central	2-5
Mandan	6-1
Red Lake Falls	0-3
Jamestown	2-5
EDC	
Grafton	0-5
Jamestown	4-1
G.F. Red River	0-5



I got it! Making the save, junior goalie Nick Reinisch goes down.



Front row: Heather Pokrzywinski, Lauren Jacobson and Jessica Ridgway. **Row 2:** Nick Reinisch, Joe Klatt, Jordan Kelly, Nick Foss, Ross Richards, Josh Swangler, Derek Miller, Troy Miller, Chris Bullis, Josh Jackson, James Rogers and Dustin Gustafson. **Back row:** John Vance, Bryan Huso, Tyler Dockter, David Rankin, Kyle Graalum, Tanner Anderson, Dustin Blahowsky, Shawn Mattern, Ryan Evenson, Andrew Gwost, Dave Hannaman and Aaron Dodd.



One, two, three, let's go Green! Getting fired up for the first period, the Packers huddle around their net for a quick chant.



I wanna jam it wit' you! On the bus ride to EDC, junior Bryan Huso gets ready by jammin' to some warm up tunes.



Bam!!! Making a quick save, senior Dustin "Goose" Gustafson kicks out his pads.



Varsity Boys Swimming and Diving: Front Row: Mike Entzminger, Matt Gilbertson, Mike Arnold, Garett Abraham, Ross Keller, Marshall Erickson and Greg Gentzkow. Row 2: Tara Lettinmyer, Zack Ziegler, Joe Nelson, Billy Hanson, Ryan Sandbek, Sam Christianson, Rachael Koehnen and Paige Abraham. Back Row: Coach Mike Benson, Andy Schoonhoven, John Loberg, Ryan Entzminger, James Vranish, David Krogh, Josh Koehnen and Coach Marsha Dahl.



Bang! And they're off... Diving off the plank senior Ryan Sandbek leans in.



Here comes the water... While getting his body aligned senior Billy Hanson prepares to hit the water.

Packer swimmers do it again

The boys swim team pulled off another successful season. Josh Koehnen and Ryan Sandbek who were seniors led the team. Other big contributors were juniors Sam Christianson and Joe Nelson. All of those people placed high in their individual and team events during the EDC regular season.

The team was also made up of divers. Led by senior Billy Hanson, the diving team had a productive season. Even though the diving group is small, captain Billy Hanson finished 3rd in diving at State. The swim team even had some athletes go to nationals. Sam Christianson and Josh Koehnen got to go to Nationals in Florida.

"We work hard for what we need to accomplish," said senior Billy Hanson.

The team decided to repeat as EDC champs. They ended up 5-2 for the season, and they also came out with a 2nd place finish in the State tournament. Senior Josh Koehnen took the title in the 500 free for the third year in a row. He was also part of the first place finishing 200 medley along with sophomore Andy Schoonhoven, senior captain Ryan Sandbek, and junior Sam Christianson. Koehnen also placed 3rd in the 200 free. Sam Christianson won the 50 free and took 2nd in the 100 free. Sandbek took 7th in the 100 breaststroke, but he bounced back to take 3rd in the 100 butterfly. Schoonhoven placed 2nd in the 100 backstroke and 5th in the 200 IM. Vranish was a State qualifier for the 100 butterfly and backstroke.

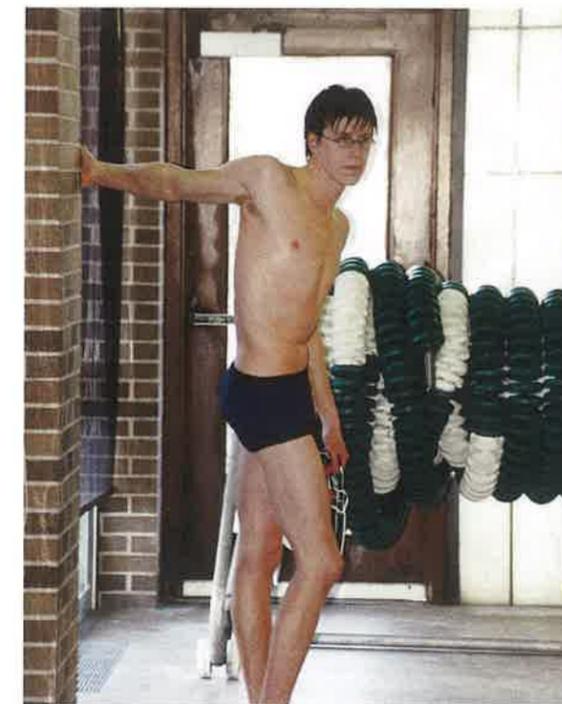
"Everyone put in their best effort and most of us finished well," said junior Sam Christianson.

Other accomplishments were Christianson, Sandbek, Nelson, and Koehnen took 2nd in the 200-relay. Nelson took 8th in the 50 and 100 free. Other State finalists were junior Preston Ziegler and sophomore David Krogh, senior James Vranish, and freshman Matt Gilbertson. Koehnen, Sandbek, Christianson, and Schoonhoven made 1st team All State. Marsha Dahl was also named EDC coach of the year.

by Kelsey Gatz



Am I going to hit the rope?... Trying to stay on track junior Sam Christianson swims the backstroke.



I'm almost ready... Stretching out before a race senior Josh Koehnen gets ready to swim.

Invite Placings

Meet	Place
Bismarck Invite	2 nd
Bismarck Invite	2 nd
UND Invite	5 th
North Pentathlon	3 rd
Mandan Invite	4 th
Fargo South Tri	2 nd
GF Invite	3 rd
Conference	1 st
State	2 nd



I'm all wet... While warming up freshman John Loberg swims around the pool.

Boys and girls track both take 11th at state meet

"Run fast, turn left!" For the most part, track participants live by this philosophy during the season, unless you're a thrower or jumper, that is! With the wide variety of activities involved in a track team, the coaches for the Packers distributed the events in order to coach individual athletes in their specific elements. This fine tuned coaching paid off, as both the boys and girls track teams finished the year 6th in the conference and 11th at the state meet.

With inclimate weather dominating much of the start of the season, the track teams had meets postponed early in the season. Though some of these meets were made up later in the season, track participants sometimes had to run, jump or throw in freezing temperatures and rain.

In the conference meet, the boys track team finished with 62 team points for a 6th place finish in the conference, moving them on to the state tournament where they finished behind Bismarck Century with 22 points to take 11th place. In conference competition, the girls earned 55.33 points to take 6th place which moved them on to the state tournament. There the girls earned 28 points, finished just one point behind Shanley to take 11th place.

At the end of the year, awards were given to both male and female athletes who deserved recognition at the conclusion of a successful season. The following boys received awards: Most Valuable Track -- Luke Schulz; Most Valuable Field -- Nick Senf; Most Dedicated -- Josh Jones; Most Improved -- Dan Williams; Relay Award -- Brian Lee; All-EDC -- Nick Senf; and Captains -- Josh Jones and Nick Reinisch. The following girls received awards: Most Valuable Track -- Tammy Canton and Kristin Hoy; Most Valuable Field -- Kristen Olson; Most Dedicated -- Sarah Rebenitsch; Most Improved -- Jennifer Triebold; Relay Award -- Sierra Laufenberg; Coaches Award -- Elizabeth Dosland and Kelly Foss; and Captains -- Sierra Laufenberg and Sarah Rebenitsch.



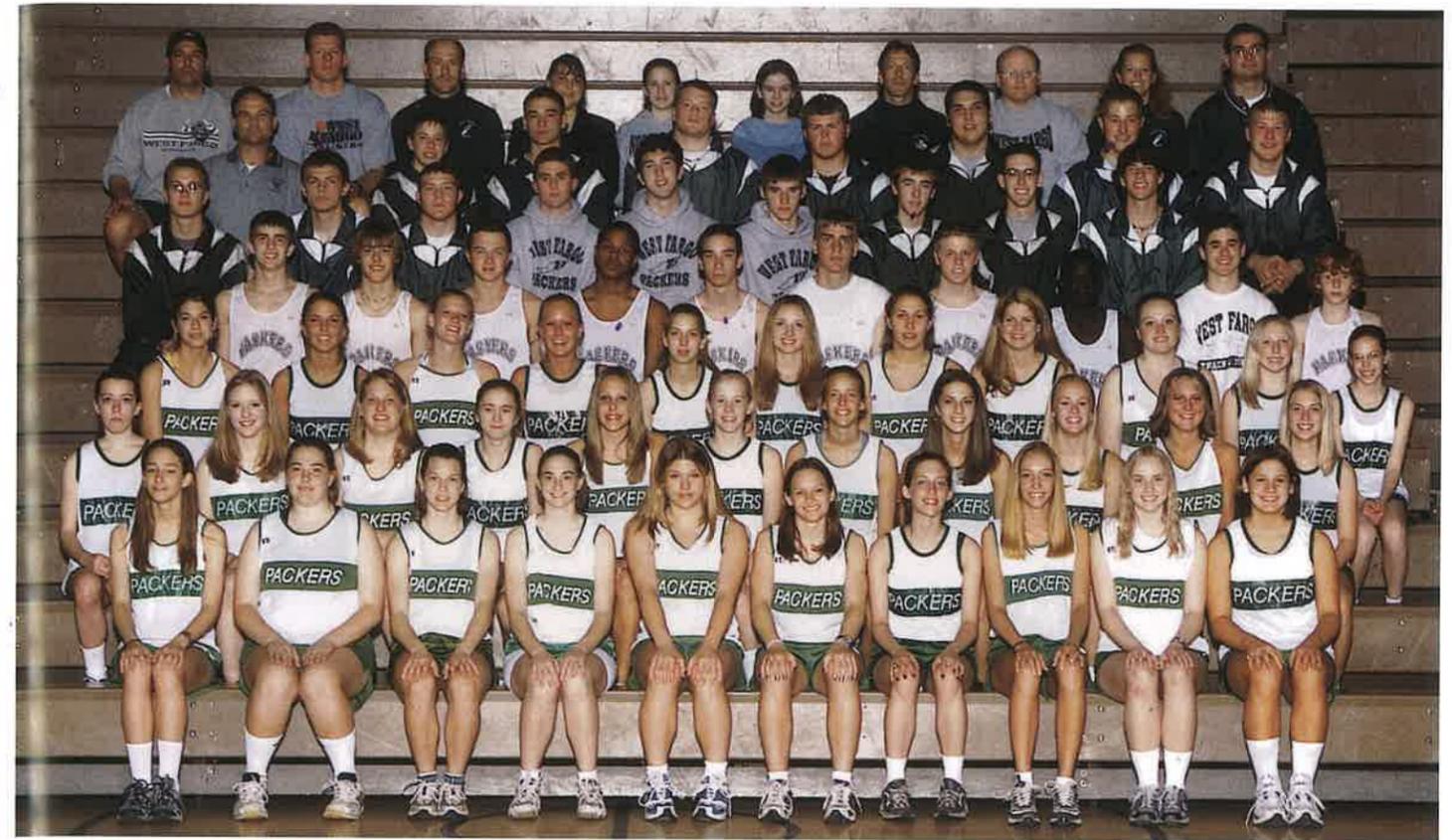
Run, Forrest, Run! While trying to oust his competition, senior Brian Lee sprints to the finish line looking like he's giving it his all.

Boys' Placings

Meet	Place
Early Bird Invite	7th
State Indoor	4th
EDC Indoor	7th
GF Pentangular	4th
Sertoma	3rd
Flackoy Relays	7th
MAA Outdoor	4th
Shanley Invite	2nd
Fargo Rotary	6th
AI Cassell Relays	5th
GF Last Chance	3rd
EDC Outdoor	6th
State Meet	11th

Girls' Placings

Meet	Place
Early Bird Invite	3rd
State Indoor	16th
EDC Indoor	8th
Jamestown Eagles	6th
Sertoma	3rd
Valley City Invite	7th
MAA Outdoor	4th
Shanley Invite	6th
Fargo Rotary	9th
AI Cassell Relays	3rd
GF Last Chance	3rd
EDC Outdoor	6th
State Meet	11th



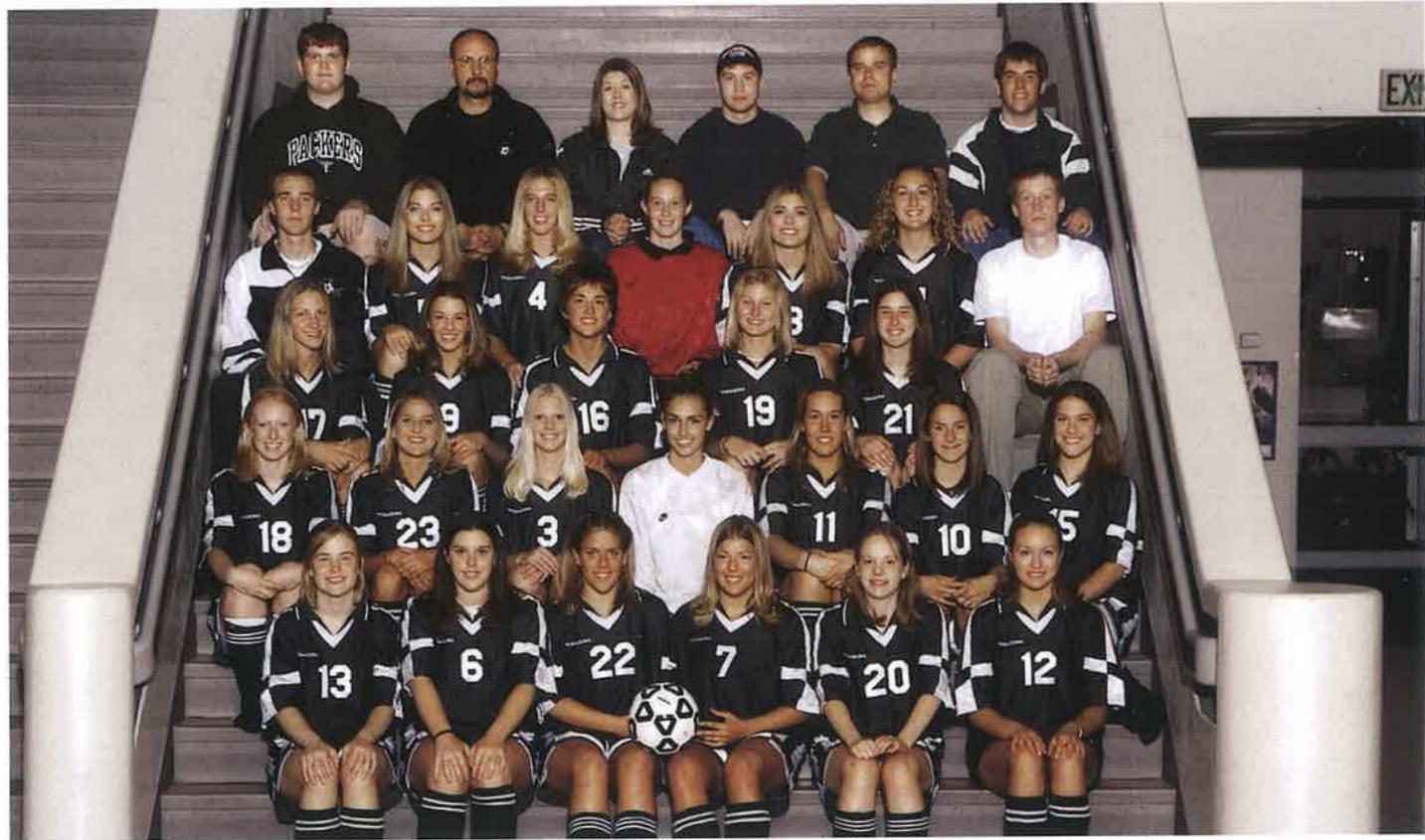
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I gotta jump over THAT? Making the hurdles look easy, junior Megan Wigglesworth warms up before her race.



I think I can, I think I can... Rounding the last corner for the last 100 meters of her race, junior Sierra Laufenberg pushes herself to the limit.



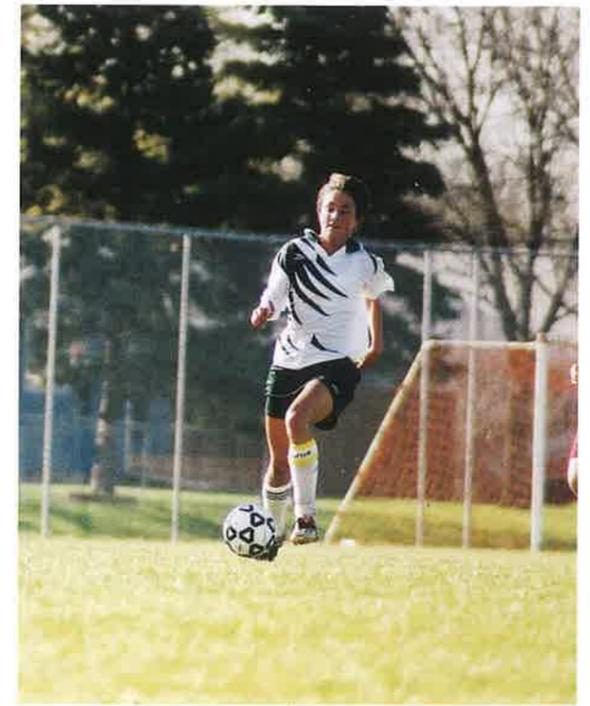
Front Row: Anne Timmerman, Erica Johansen, Joni Grant, Dana Lemke, Kristen Estrem and Chelsey Jameson. **Row 2:** Erika Thompson, Katie Bishoff, Becky Muhonen, Amber Lenzmeier, Jessica Dyrdaahl, Danielle Klatt and Jennifer Prudlick. **Row 3:** Skadi Davison, Kelsey Brand, Kristin Weatherly, Tracy Canton, Kim Lammers. **Row 4:** Manager Ronnie Engelking, Kim Bruns, Marin Rosenvold, Kelsey Gatz, Kris Bruns, Brittany Zinniel and Manager James Moe. **Back Row:** Manager Zach Click, Coaches: Jim Flores, Erika Freed, John Zetocha, Jason Gooding and Manager Cory Grant.

Girls' soccer finishes 3rd in conference

Under head coach Jim Flores, the Packer soccer team ended the season with a record of eight and five, as well as having three ties throughout the season. This record earned them third place in the conference.

Throughout state tournament play, the Packers faced three opponents; Bismarck Century, Bismarck, and Fargo North. In Minot, where the state tournament took place, the Pack lost to Century and Bismarck, both with the score of 0-2. In the final game of the season, the Packers tied with Fargo North with a scoreless match-up. However, at season's end, the girls' soccer team came away with the team sportsmanship award, which was something the team was very proud of.

At the end of the season, awards were given to players who went above and beyond the call of duty. Year-end awards were presented as follows: MVP -- Kristen Weatherly; Most Improved -- Jessica Dyrdaahl; Coaches Award -- Brittany Zinniel and Skadi Davison; Spirit Award -- Jennifer Prudlick and Ann Timmerman; Best Defensive Player -- Kelsey Gatz; Best Offensive Player -- Kris Bruns; Rookie Award -- Danielle Klatt; All EDC -- Kristen Weatherly, Brittany Zinniel and Kelsey Gatz; Second Team All-State -- Kelsey Gatz; First Team All-State -- Kristin Weatherly.



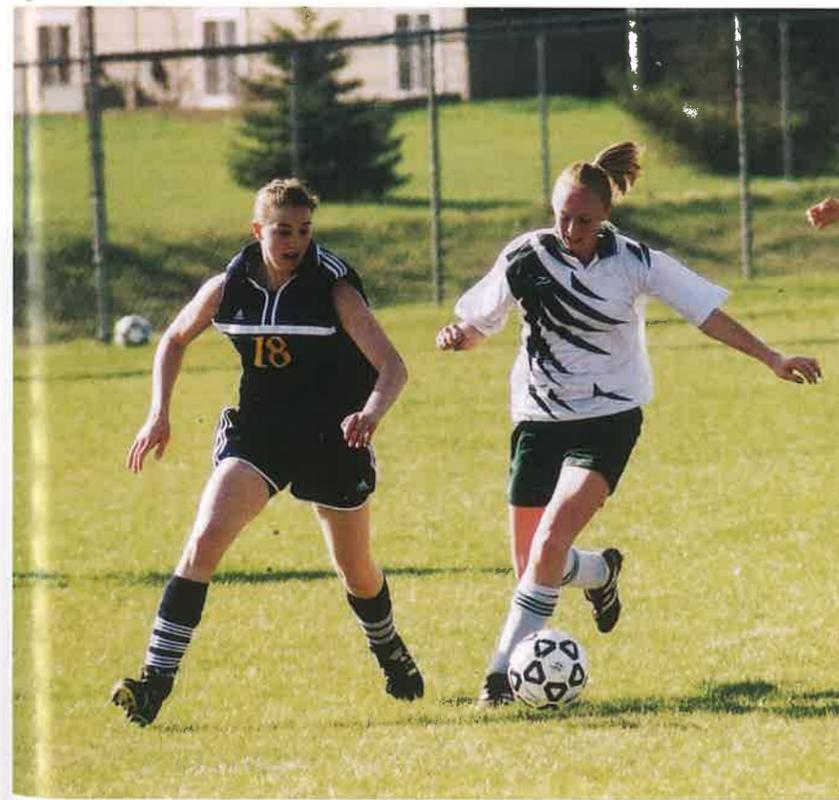
It's MINE!! Beating the North player to the ball, junior Erika Thompson saves the poor North girl from embarrassment, because she wouldn't have scored the goal anyway.



Get out of the way! I'm ready for it. Waiting for a penalty to be decided, junior Kelsey Gatz prepares herself just in case the referee decides the call was against the Packers.



Ooh, everyone is watching. Don't screw this up! With only seconds to spare before the Red River's defense stops standing around and go after her, junior Kim Bruns winds up to unleash the fury on their goalie.



Nobody can stop me! I'm going to score! In a flash of blazing speed that completely blows the Red River Defense, senior Kristin Weatherly takes it up the middle. She hopes that this will be her lucky break so she can finally score a goal.

Scores	
Opponent	Score
Mandan	1-0
Bismarck	1-3
Fargo North	0-3
GF Red River	1-0
Fargo South	0-0
Devils Lake	4-0
GF Central	2-0
Shanley	0-1
Devils Lake	6-0
Fargo North	0-0
Fargo South	0-3
GF Red River	1-1
Bismarck Century	0-2
Minot	7-0
GF Central	1-0
Shanley	1-0



I need a break; it's hot out here! Making her way to the sidelines for a break, junior Kris Bruns exits the field with all the grace of a lady.

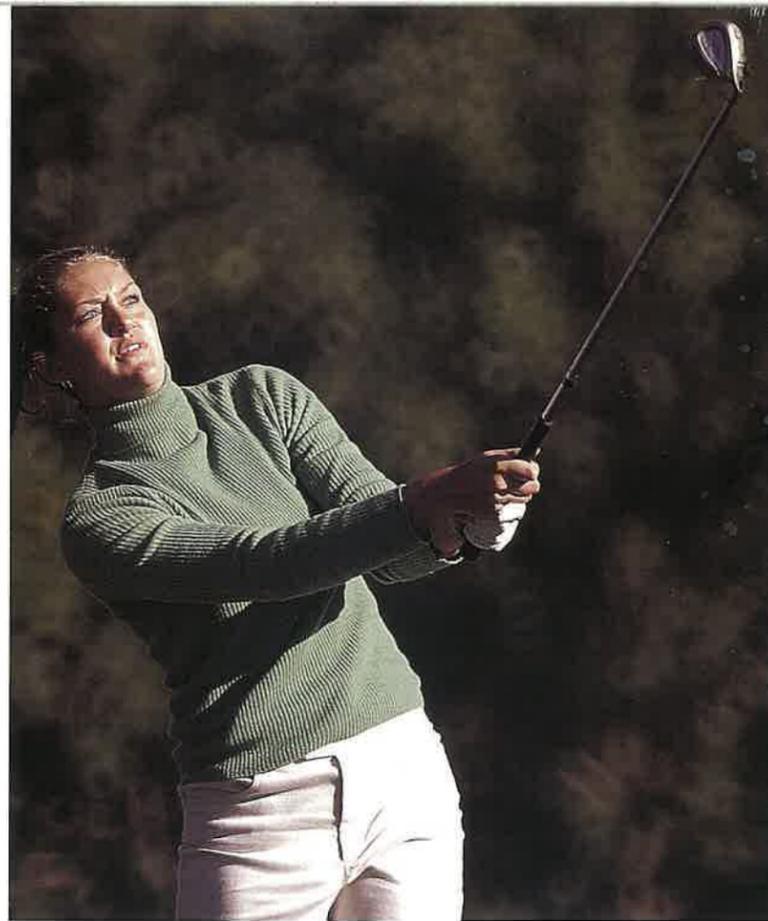
Girls golf improves throughout season

The girl's golf team was very low in numbers for varsity. To qualify for all the meets, four golfers are needed. The team was only able to qualify for two of their meets.

"Tess Jens did very well during the state meet. She was an all conference player. We need more participants, since our numbers are very low," coach Paula Wolf said. The only golfer that qualified for the state meet was senior Tess Jens. She did very well and ended up in 19th place.

At the end of the season, all four girls improved their distances and stances. Only one golfer got to compete in state competitions, but everyone had a good time and did well in all other competitions.

by Jess Jansen



Fore! While keeping her nice form, senior Tess Jens watches her long drive head toward the hole.



Can we go play golf, now? Combined with the middle school golfers, high school golfers Kelsey Kinsella, Carrie Sorteberg and Tess Jens were coached by Mrs. Wolf and Erika Hochgrabed.



Front Row: Adam Nelson, Matt Klocke, Tyler Pulkerbeck, Ethan Hongess, Lee Ryan, Brian Hage, Taylor Bertek, Preston Buckles, and Steven Pranke. **Row 2:** Allen Wilkens, Jordy Idso, Nathan Johnson, Taylor Moch, Jesse Kemmer, Brett Kingsley, Adam Byrne, Mark Burckle, Eric Hongess, and Mike Jore. **Back Row:** Coach Dan Wolf, Andrew Moch, Derek Miller, Brady Edwards, Trevoer Flanigan, Tanner Anderson, Matt Western, Brian Kingsley and Coach Steve Anderson.

Swinging for the championship

The boy's golf team accomplished a lot this year. The beginning of the year started off kind of rocky. The spring weather was a big problem for the golf team. With the cold weather and rain, they barely could get started before the season was over. Their first two meets were cancelled due to the cold.

The team's four leading players, senior Adam Byrne, senior Derek Miller, junior Jesse Kemmer, and sophomore Matt Western, pulled in good scores at all of their meets. At their first EDC meet, the team got ninth place, at their second they got sixth place, and their third EDC meet they got fourth place.

"They improved a lot throughout their short season and the future looks very good," coach Steve Anderson said.

by Jess Jansen



HUSH...As he shoots for the hole, junior Eric Hongess hopes the ball goes in.



Heads up! Looking at action, junior Curt Werlinger isn't paying attention.

Let's Rock! After warming up, junior Joe Nelson and senior Dustin Ertelt go back to the dugout.

Swing, batter, swing. Taking a cut, senior Josh Jackson is looking for a line drive.



Out to have a ball

Spring brings on the sports that no one is quite sure when events are to be played because of the wacky weather. And the weather this spring was rather terrible. Games were postponed and ended up having to be played all at once, it seemed. This is what the baseball team of West Fargo experienced this season.

"We had our ups and downs during the season, but overall we all had a great time," said senior first-baseman Dusty Ertelt.

This season the Packers tried going deep into the play-offs like last season. The Pack started off hot beating the Fargo South Bruins. But after that, the weather began to get bad, and games were delayed. Finally towards the end of the season, all of the games were to be made up. This left the team with not a whole lot of arms left to throw when it came time for the EDC tournament, which was hosted in West Fargo. The Pack lost in the opening round to the Fargo South Bruins 9-0. In the second round the Fargo North Spartans beat the Pack 13-0.

"Baseball is one of my favorite sports, since I have been playing the game for a really long time," said senior captain Josh Jackson.

by Peter Malaterre



Front row: Ben Roehl, Josh Jackson, Blaine Rourke, Ryan Sandbek and Andy Scott. Row 2: Justin Jarocki, Joe Nelson, Dusty Ertelt, Adam Driscoll and Curt Werlinger. Back row: Coach Ransom, Chris Haynes, Nick Hill, Jimmy Hoy, Scott Mathson and Coach Kittelson

Scores

Opponent	Score
Fargo South	7-3, 1-5
Grafton	2-1, 7-3
Shaley	13-16
Fargo North	2-3, 5-1
Shanley	9-5
Jamestown	4-1
Fargo North	3-18, 5-7
Whapeton	2-3, 7-5
Fargo South	3-8
GF Red River	3-5, 18-1
GF Central	3-4, 12-11
Jamestown	6-4, 17-19

EDC	Score
Fargo South	0-9
Fargo North	0-13

Is this a record or what?

It feels great to win a championship, and feels even better repeating as champions; for the West Fargo Packers Softball team have won five straight state championships. To sum it up in one word: "dynasty."

"This season was rough, but we prevailed," said senior Mackenzie Close.

The pack struggled early in the season, dropping games to D-G-F and Fargo South. Then the youth began to pick up, and the team rode this high into the play-offs. The Pack beat the Bruins 9-2 in the championship game. With many returning next season, the hope of keeping up the "dynasty" is still alive.

"This whole season was fun and exciting," said senior Johanna Skoog.

The softball team finished with a record of 16 and 7, with a first place standing in the conference with a record of 9 and 1.

by Peter Malaterre



What a throw! Throwing the ball, sophomore Marni Benson wears her uniform with Packer pride.

What a catch! Making the catch, senior Johanna Skoog throws the ball around the horn.

Defensive stance. In great position, senior Jenny Nelson makes the play.



Front row: Jenny Johnson, Mandy Readell, Ashley Lilomoen, Jenny Hummel, Jenny Nelson, Jenny Grund and Marni Benson. Row 2: Kelcie Yochium, Erin Straum, Lindsey Lauritsen, Liz McCracken, Brittanie Stargardt and Kelly Claires. Back row: Pat Johnson, Erika Haug, Mackenzie Close, Johanna Skoog, Jessica Slaybaugh, Terry Stargardt and Paul Grund.

Scores

Opponent	Score
DGF	4-5
Shanley	19-4
GF Central	15-0
DGF	4-5
Fargo South	3-4
Fargo North	6-1
GF Red River	12-2
Fargo North	16-1
Moorhead	4-1
Moorhead	8-4
Shanley	18-2
Fargo South	5-2
GF Central	17-1
GF Red River	21-6



Varsity Girl's Basketball Squad: Back row: Ashley Huether, Allison Nickleson, Jessica Johnson, Nicole Myers and Catherine Dosland. Middle front: Emily Theil



Varsity Football Squad: Back row: Kelli Webber, Kayla Tande and Jessica Prudic. Middle row: Brandy Spltstaiser and Lacy Johnson. Middle front: Lindsey Schlect



Varsity Boy's Soccer: Back row: Chelsey Neubauer, Chelsey Arhold, Maggie Zick and Sarah Lauritsen. Front row: Paige Noonan, Robyn Kubista, Jenny Helm.



Look how high I can jump! Cheering in the air varsity boys' basketball cheerleaders cheer during a timeout.

Can you hear me? Getting the crowd involved with the game varsity boys basketball cheerleaders pump up the crowd.

Cheerleading is a sport

What would the games be like if there were no cheerleaders? Maybe a bit quieter and a bit more boring. Polls constantly ask, "Is cheerleading a sport?"

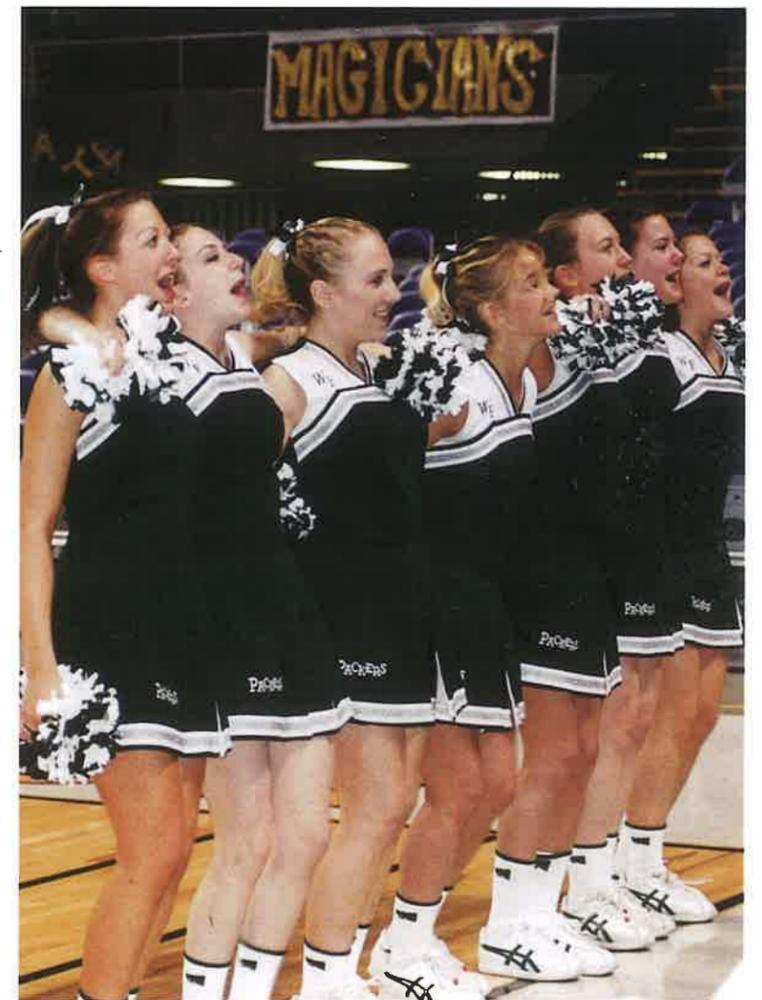
I think it is a sport for many reasons. First of all there is hard practice involved, and it does take time and skill. Students had to try out for it and learn a lot of new routines. Once you are put on a squad, you had to learn around 70 chants and 25 cheers. Once a cheerleader was on a squad she had to learn jumps and routines for all of them. For some that takes a lot of time after school and on weekends, which didn't allow for a lot of free time with their family and friends.

"It takes a lot of time out of your life, but the fun makes it worth it," said senior Nicole Swanson.

Junior Nicole Myers said, "Cheerleading takes practice, time and dedication; people who cheer deserve the title cheerleader."

I think if one doubts a cheerleader's athletic ability, try what they do each day and then make a decision. Before you judge the sport take a look at what it involves.

by Kristi Johnson





Trainers: Head Trainer Mary Manock, Student Trainers junior Teresa Yanish, junior Hope Freadrich, junior Heather Pokrzywinski, freshman Katie Scully, senior Anne Timmerman, and sophomore Meagan Winter.

Wrestling cheerleaders
Front Row: junior Jessica Johnson, senior Tracy Olson, freshman Porshe Lockhart. **Back Row:** senior Kelly Weber and sophomore Jodi Meisch.



Let me hear your Packer spirit! Cheering loudly varsity boys' basketball cheerleaders attack the crowd at the State Tournament.



Trainers aid athletes

Athletics is a huge part of this high school, and a big help to our athletes' accomplishments have been the athletic trainers. Head trainer Mary Mannock was assisted by many of our very own high school students. The students served as student trainers for specific sports. These students were taught the basics of training and helping the injured.

"Mary and the other trainers have helped me through many injuries in all of my sports," said senior Katie Rasmussen.

Some of these students used this experience to choose a career path. They did a lot for the athletes. They took a lot of time out of their busy schedules to help out.

"They put in as much time as the actual athlete, and it helps that they are always around," said sophomore Cassie Ellingson.

Trainers worked hard and deserved plenty of credit. There isn't much they couldn't handle here at West Fargo. Winning teams were easier to develop with the help of dedicated trainers.

by Kelsey Gatz



Varsity basketball cheerleaders **Front Row:** senior Paige Noonan, junior Jenny Helm, junior Nichole Meyers. **Row 2:** senior Lacey Johnson, senior Robin Kubista. **Back Row:** senior Brandy Spletstaszer and senior Lindsey Schlect.

Girls tennis smashes their way to victory

The tennis team had an exceptional year considering they had a young team. They had fun learning how to play together and support each other in their matches. The talent of this young team rivaled some of the previous years and hopefully will bring better seasons in the future. The backbone of the team was senior Amy Donlin; she contributed some victories for the team in most of the matches.

"I had a lot of fun times and met a lot of new people, I can't wait until next year!" said sophomore Melissa Rippy.

The team's practicing and hard work paid off at the end of the year. The girls qualified for team EDC in which they competed as a whole with other teams. Although none of those participating in EDC from West Fargo made it to the state competition, they were all happy with their achievements as a team.

"I had fun and accomplished most of my goals. I'm gonna miss it but I had fun and that is what counts," said senior Amy Donlin.

The team went through attitude enhancing sessions with each other to create positive attitudes and get to know each other more.

"We reached most of our goals this year, in that respect, I think our year was really successful," said Coach Mr. Anderson.

Most of the team looks forward to next year and believed it to be promising with the players they have coming back.

by Mike Blickensderfer



ZZZZZZZZ...While between matches at EDC, coach Bourke takes a nap in the bus.



Front Row: Coach Chad Anderson, Allyson Wiley, Sarah Christensen, Kelly Donlin, Elise Blickensderfer, Sami Miller, Kaila Margheim and Amy Donlin. Row 2: Melissa Rippy, Kara Hadley, Angie Woodbury, Stephanie Barenthsen, Ashley Denne, Laura Cronin, Toni Haider and Coach Sean Bourke.

Scores

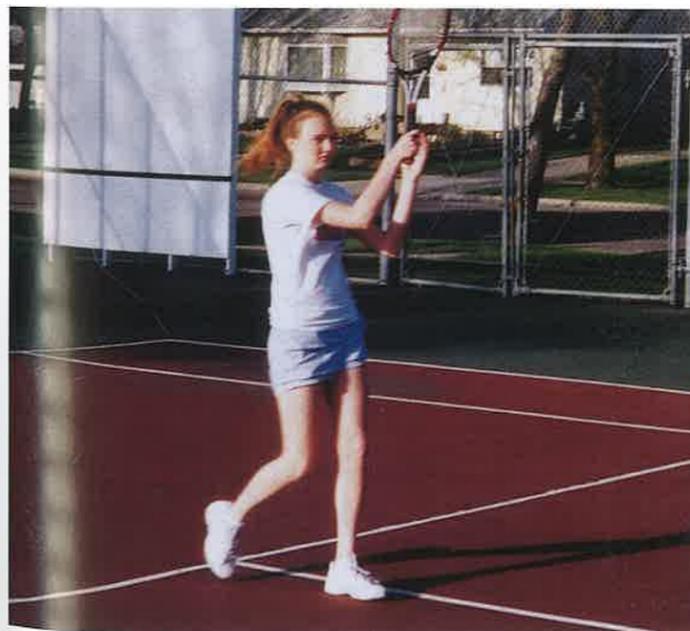
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Fargo North	1-8
Whapeton	1-8
Fargo South	3-6
Jamestown	1-8
GF Red River	0-9
GF Central	0-9



I got it! Smashing the ball, senior Amy Donlin and freshman Elise Blickensderfer play a game of doubles.



Crack 'em open! The most important thing in tennis...brand new tennis balls!



Whoosh!!! Playing singles, freshman Kelly Donlin gives her opponent her ground shaking forehand.



Can't sneak by me!! After hitting the ball, senior Amy Donlin sets up for the next hit.



Front Row: Jenna Ludwig, Karissa Beckius, Katie Becker, Shai Boe, Jamie Boutiette, Katie Schmidt, Brooke Pulkerbeck, Beverly Badillo and Elizabeth Meyer. **Row 2:** Sarah Walerius, Cassandra Erickson, Jenna Dyrdaahl, Abby Monson, Megan Margheim, Stacy Monson, Angie Nelson and Kara Dahley. **Row 3:** Anna Driscoll, Danielle Williams, Shanna Vetter, Jessica Dyhrdahl, Jessica McEwen, Megan Wigglesworth, Jennifer Triebold and Sarah Schmidt. **Back Row:** Angie Lund, Michelle Risvadt, Carly Meyer, Richelle Schnepf, Lindsey Nowacki, Erica Nolan, Bridget Meyers and Nanda Hart.



And this is how you're suppose to do it... With the assistance from the coach, sophomore Lindsey Nowacki properly stretches out her legs during practice.



I'm having so much fun! During a performance senior Jess Dyrdaahl and her fellow Packahtahnas remember to smile pretty for the crowd.

Packahtahnas kick 1st place at state

If you can dream it, you can do it. That was a bit of advice given to the Packahtahnas and it seemed to work for them pretty well. Almost every day after school you could see the girls practicing for hours. They would do this in order to have their routines perfect for their next performance.

"Practices were often pretty long and brutal for us, but it felt great afterwards to come home from a tournament with a trophy and to know that all of our hard work has paid off," sophomore Shanna Vetter said.

This past year's team consisted of 31 dancers and three coaches. The coaches were Angie Lund, Carly Meyer, and Michelle Risvadt. These three coaches helped keep the girls motivated during practice and cheered them on at every competition. The Packahtahnas also had seniors Jessica Dyhrdahl and Beverly Badillo as their team captains. For Jazz dance, the choreographers were senior Shelley Kudelka and sophomores Liz Meyer and Jenna Ludwig. The head choreographers for high kick along with Kudelka were sophomore Karissa Beckius and senior Brooke Pulkerabeck. The team won 1st place for high kick at state and then got 4th place at the UDA Nationals in Orlando, Florida.

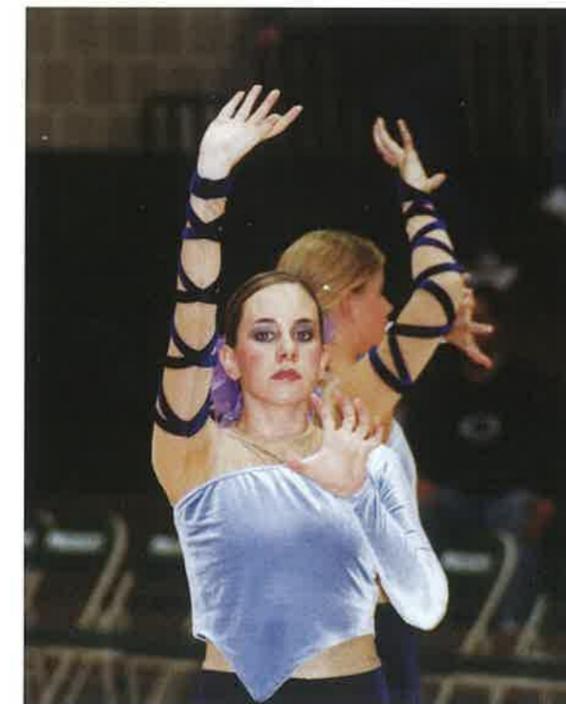
"I wish the Packahtahnas a lot of luck next year and I hope that they enjoy it as much as I did," senior Angie Nelson said about her departure from the team when she graduates.

For the Packahtahnas, all of their hard work finally paid off, and they were rewarded with trophies for their effort and great memories of the fun times that the team has shared together.

by Sarah Sanchez



Move to the left, then to the right... While dancing with pom poms is harder than it looks, senior Jess Dyhrdahl makes it look so easy.



Reach for the sky! Preparing herself before the music starts, senior Sarah Walerius gets in position.

Awards

Most Valuable - Shelly Kudelka, Brooke Pulkerabeck

Hardest Worker - Jamie Boutiette

Most Improved - Jennifer Triebold

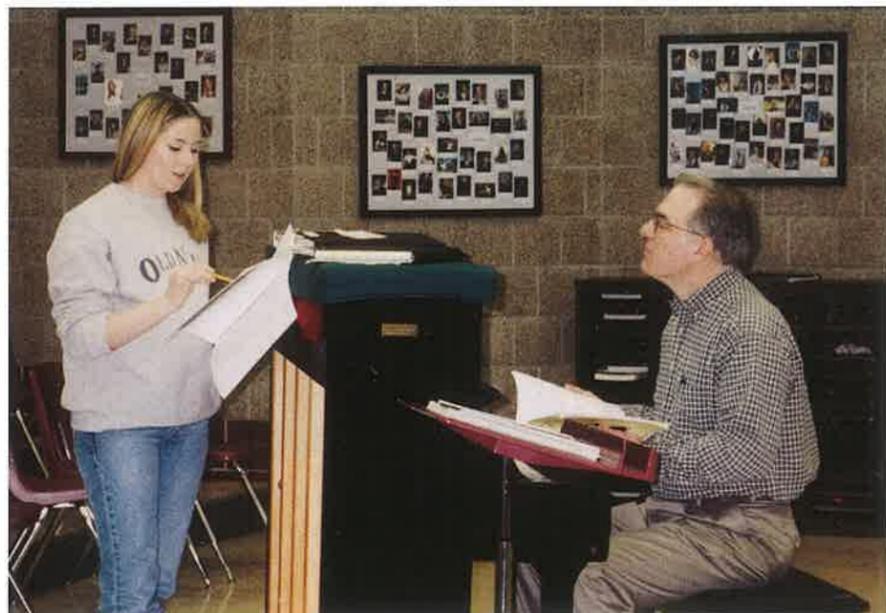
Spirit Award - Jessica Drydahl

Rookie of the Year - Shai Boe



Don't my nails look pretty? Performing at the Pep Rally, seniors Shelley Kudelka and Brooke Pulkerbeck along with sophomore Karissa Beckius show off their nails during a routine.

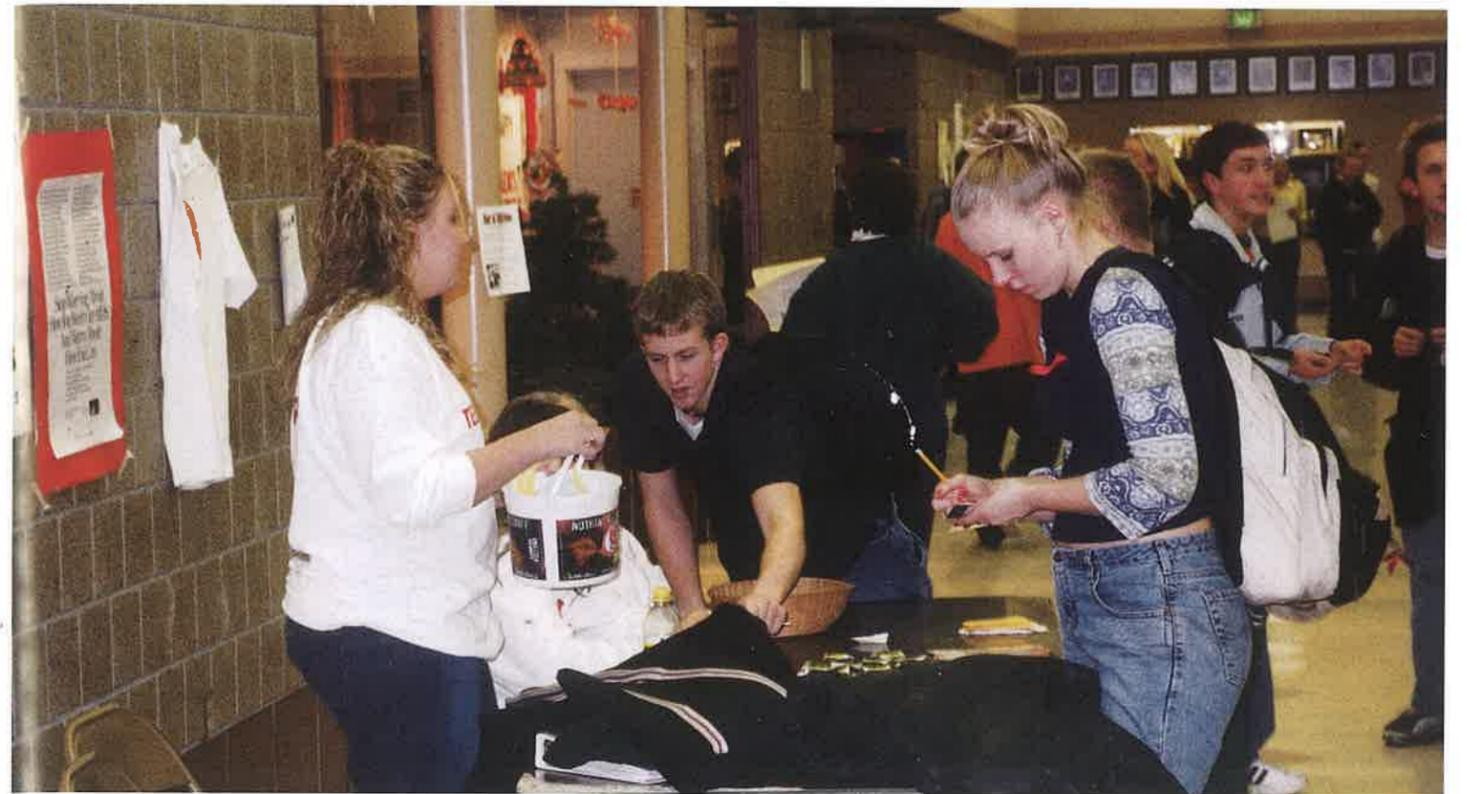
The Guilds and the Things They Enjoy



I'm starving! Dying of hunger, junior Annie Lund buys a donut from FBIA member junior Brenda Bucholtz in the commons before school.

This is the life! Working hard on the Building Trades houses, senior Mitch Pikel hammers away in the sun.

I'm so nervous! Thankful that there's no audience, sophomore Kryshel Evans sings while choir teacher Mr. Mueller accompanies her on the piano.



In medieval times, unions of men formed different types of associations that promoted their common interests. They called those groups guilds.

At West Fargo High School, there were many different guilds from which students could have chosen if they were interested in being involved in an organization. Some of the groups specialized in students' interests, while others focused on leadership and community involvement.

Clubs gave students a chance to get more involved. Many students chose to be in an association, because they knew it would look good on their college transcripts and would therefore benefit their futures.

Those who participated in one or more of the guilds were able to get to know many people whom they never would have met otherwise.

by Heather Zimmerman

What a good idea! Trying to make seniors Jenna Clark and Rob Margheim aware of the severity of AIDS, senior Deann Roers gives away ribbons for AIDS Awareness week.

Bow down to royalty! Marching in the West Fest parade for Drama, freshmen Misty Christianson and Christopher Kuhn enjoy their temporary social status.

National Honor Society

NHS welcomes honorable students

All students who had a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher were invited by the NHS advisers Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Jordahl, to a National Honor Society ceremony as sophomores. If they chose to join, they became official members after being sworn in. The students who went through the candle-lighting ceremony, which was their initiation, were then welcome to be a part of NHS for their junior and senior years of high school. However, they still had to maintain the required GPA, attend the meetings, and earn the specified number of credits, which were obtained through volunteer work.

"What I liked most about NHS was that we had the opportunity to help the community and had a lot of fun together," senior Jenna Clark said.

Meetings were held about once a week. They were conducted by the NHS officers seniors Jenna Clark, Nancy Carriveau, Tara Lettenmair, Jessica Dyrdaahl, and junior Greg Tehvin. At the meetings, members signed up for volunteer work that was available. It was required that each member attend at least six meetings throughout the year and earn a minimum of four credits.

Credits for NHS were earned by community involvement. Members volunteered for activities at the meetings. They sold concessions during games and plays, decorated Christmas trees for the holidays, acted as a "Big Brother" or a "Big Sister" to an elementary school student, and much more.

"My favorite part of NHS was when we worked at Santa's Workshop, helping the little kids pick out Christmas gifts for their parents," said junior Brianna Thompson.

Students who played an active role in NHS their junior and senior years were given recognition at their graduation ceremony and were able to apply it to their college transcripts.

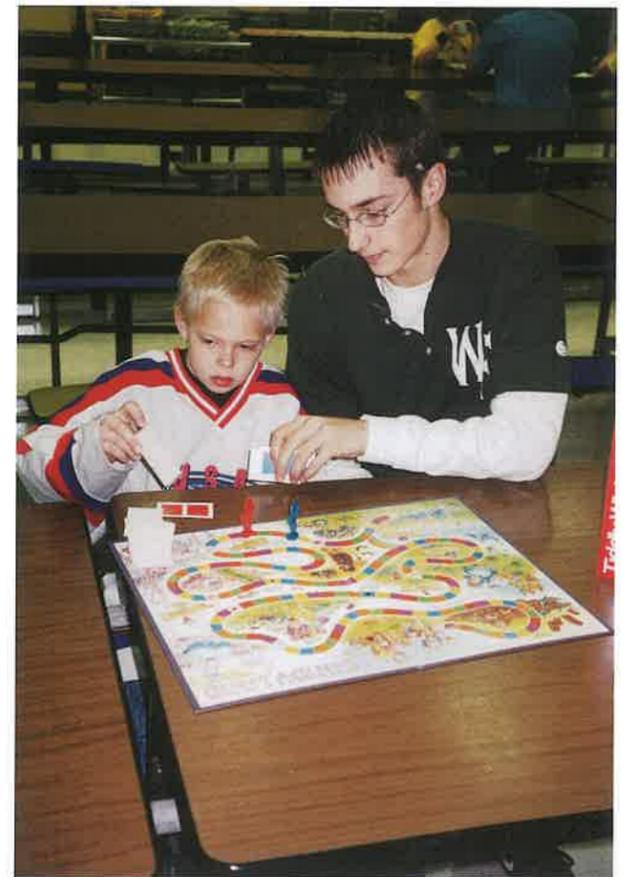
"I would recommend being in National Honor Society, because it is beneficial on your resume, it is a service project for the good of our community, and it gives kids recognition for all their hard work," Mrs. Simmons said.

Being a member of National Honor Society shows future employers that you are dedicated and willing to work hard to be successful in life.

by Heather Zimmerman



Fiesta, Fiesta! On her way home from NHS State in Bismarck, junior Lauren Jacobson gets her freak on while listening to R. Kelly.



Aw...how sweet! Being a "Big Brother" to a second-grader from South Elementary, junior Jimmy Hoy gets his butt kicked while playing Candy Land.

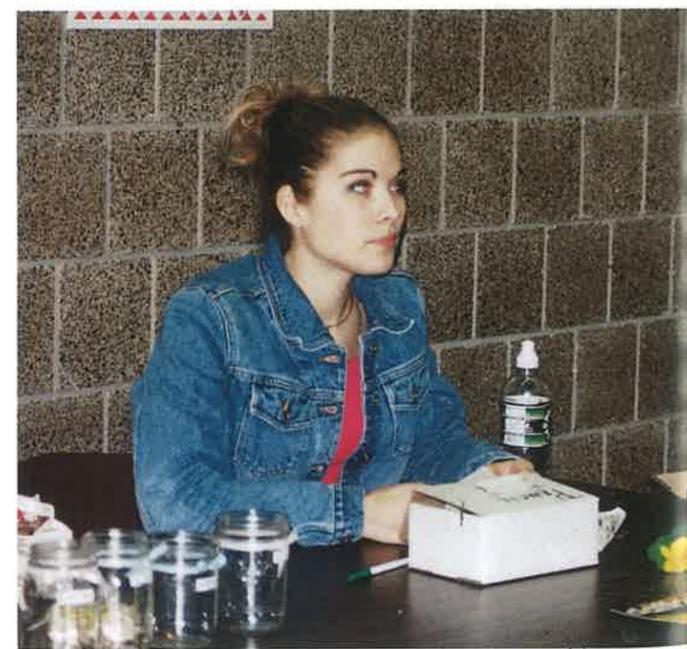


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Front row: Brooke Pulkrabek, Megan Robley, Connie Linnertz, Stephanie Barentsen, Megan Shirley, and Brian Johnson. **Row 2:** Dan Hanson, Tammy Jorgenson, Cody Mueller, Elizabeth Dosland, and Katie Rasmussen. **Row 3:** Aaron Flynn, Jennifer Prudlick, Mackenzie Close, and Stacey Leske. **Row 4:** Dan Grunewald, Travis Stahlecker, Kris Vorwerk, and Kris Bruns. **Row 5:** Adam Driscoll, Scadi Davison, Marin Rosenvolt, Erika Thompson, Kim Bruns, and Kim Zick. **Row 6:** Eric Lee, Levi Kalsow, Kelsey Brand, Tracy Canton, Allyson Wiley, Olivia Dahl, and Kristina Pederson. **Row 7:** Sheena Larson, Crystal Lund, Nicole Heinz, Heather Zimmerman, Serena Nordstrom, Brandy Spletstaszer, and Kristin Weatherly. **Row 8:** Ryan Sandbek, Kayla Woodley, Sara Vigen, Johanna Skoog, Betsy Anderson, Allison Sherman, and Ann Timmerman. **Row 9:** Britani Blilie, Josh Shicfert, Matt Olson, Chad Walock, James Vranish, Elizabeth Bakken, and Melissa Kassman.



Come donate! Organizing a Penny War in order to help the September 11th Relief Fund, NHS members junior Stephanie Roers, senior Lateesha Hektner, and senior Stephanie Baranstein beg people to cough up some money.



Celebrate Spring! Selling daffodils for National Honor Society, junior Kim Bruns sits all by her lonesome during her lunch hour to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

WFHS musicians make beautiful music with voices *and* strings

West Fargo has always had a tradition of making beautiful music, and this year was no different. Throughout the year, various choirs as well as the orchestra rehearsed and rehearsed, only to put on wonderful concerts that were free to the public.

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One, Two, Three... Drumming together, Paul Koppleman and Jordan Volk, stay in tune while Dave Verdorn and Derek Nelson play their sax.

Oh Sweet Blues..... Playing his saxophone, sophomore Jared Kleven keeps up with the other band members.



Band

A Standing Ovation

The West Fargo music department had a busy year during the 2001-2002 school year. Whether it was preparing for Solo or Ensemble Festivals, band tours or concerts, or just plain practicing, the West Fargo bands were busy throughout the entire year.

The members of the WFHS band were that of a pretty elite group. Among the members, there were many members selected to all-state festival, which was held at Bismarck High School. Some of the students selected to participate in the festival in choir were Nicki Anderson, Jenna Barentsen, Adam Driscoll, Emily Hill, Connie Linnertz, and Roberta Pytlik. Playing French horn, Alison Laybourn was selected for the band festival. All-State is a wonderful opportunity for students all around North Dakota to come together and perform for an audience.

Another exciting moment for the WFHS band was when they got to tour Winnipeg and play at Silver Hills Collegiate School and St. James Collegiate School.

Not only is the band made up of wonderful performers, but they have to be lead by an exceptional leader who will show them exactly how great they can be. Mrs. Heather Klundt, WFHS orchestra teacher, was given a great opportunity when she was elected North Dakota American String Teachers Association President-Elect.

All in all the WFHS band had another tremendous season and has continued the excellence that has come to be expected by everyone involved with West Fargo High.

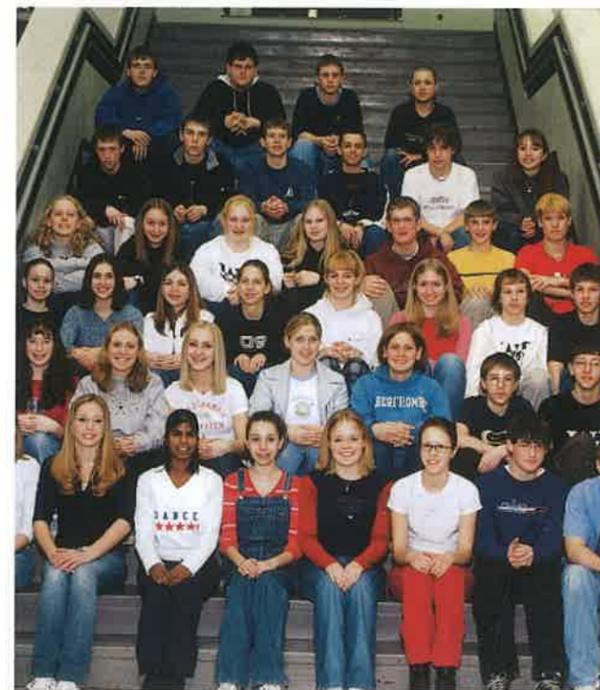
by Jeff Steichen



I can toot my horn!! Adding a soft sound to the song, sophomore Elizabeth Heidman plays her clarinet.



Front Row: Tina Stopplesworth, Creighton Brown, Peter Weterholl, Jordan Volk. **Back Row:** Eric Porter, Bjorne Fosne, Justin Morken, Blaire Moorhead.



Front Row: Ashley Rheault, Trisha Burner, Nanda Hart, Sarah Flores, Missy Johnson, Danik Vigesa, Matt Ohnstad, and Mac Nygard. **Row 2:** Amy Elledge, Megan Emmerson, Jaime Lunde, Rochelle Kirshoffner, Amanda Drease, Dustin Wagner, and Mike Dylie. **Row 3:** Mallory Shirley, Alicia Albright, Alexa Lundquist, Sarah Rebunische, Missy Schiller, Carly Brekke, J.R. O'hara, and Derek Harsch. **Row 4:** Courtney Benjamin, Lyndsay Volk, Ashley Oddeson, Amanda Rund, Creighton Brown, Peter Weiderholt, and Chris Verdorn. **Row 5:** Chris Larson, Scott Olsen, Jon Quik, Rogert John, Isaac Stine, and Sasha Hand. **Back Row:** Eric Moss, Alex Sheehan, Andrew Holland, and Matthew Gilbertson.

Speech and Debate teams win it all

This past year was an excellent year for the speech and debate teams. They competed at a lot of tournaments and the majority of the people that competed went home with an award.

"Ms. Sherman was really proud of us whenever we came back because she thought we always did a good job," said sophomore Jenna Barenthson.

You could always see these students preparing themselves for their next tournaments, which were usually every other Saturday. There were also five students who made it to nationals, and Mrs. Sherman even won the "Speech Coach of the Year" award. There were a lot of new members on the team, but they helped out their teammates and worked hard at everything they did.

The debate team was also seen working hard to prove their points on certain subjects. Some of these subjects ranged from the acts of September 11th to school policies. They often competed against other rival schools in the district and did an outstanding job. Of course, the team also had to put in many hours of hard work and research.

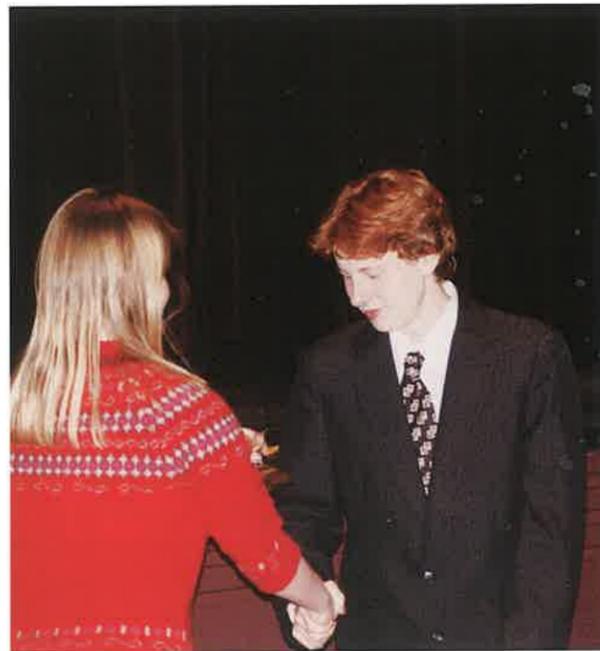
"Debate was a lot of fun; I worked hard and I did my research and I was able to win a few rounds against other students from different schools," said sophomore Melissa Rippy.

All in all, the speech and debate teams had a very successful year. They worked their hardest in order to maintain their status as being one of the best. The two teams both had a lot of great memories and the students often made a lot of new friends. They certainly did earn all those awards that they received.

by Sarah Sanchez



Look what I got! Proudly showing off her pin, sophomore Melissa Rippy and senior Jacob Lavelle are all smiles after a debate meet.



Thank you, thank you very much...After winning for humorous duo with senior Allison Sherman as his partner, junior Zane Nitzkowski gladly accepts the award.



I shall guard this trophy with my life...Receiving yet another award, the State Speech Coach of the year Mrs. Sherman proudly accepts an award on behalf of the speech team.



Debate Front Row: Jessey Hackey, Zane Nitzkowski and Jacob Lavelle. **Back Row:** Lisa Moser, Mr. Huffinan and Melissa Rippy.



Where's that bright light coming from? During a break, sophomore Jenna Barenthson prepares for her next speech.

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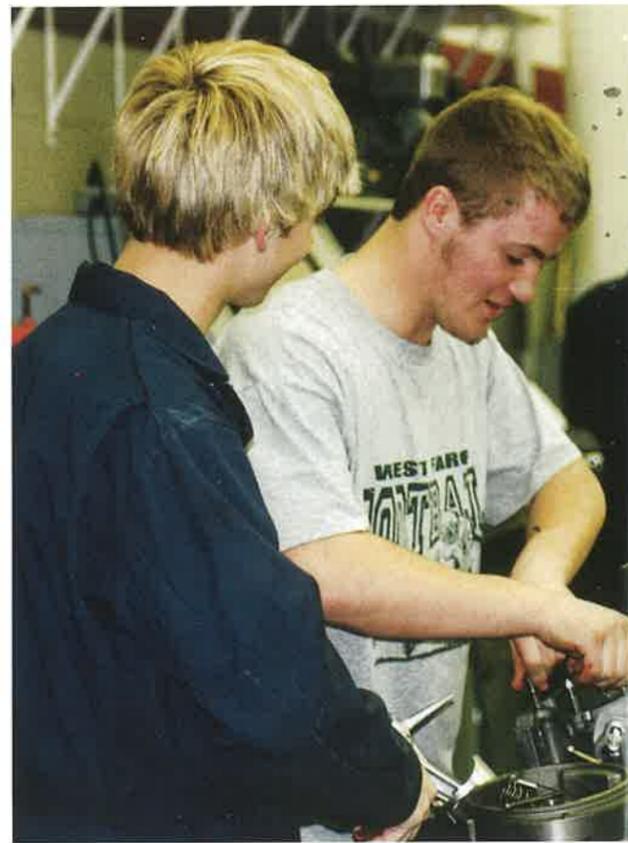
~sophomore Jenna Barenthson



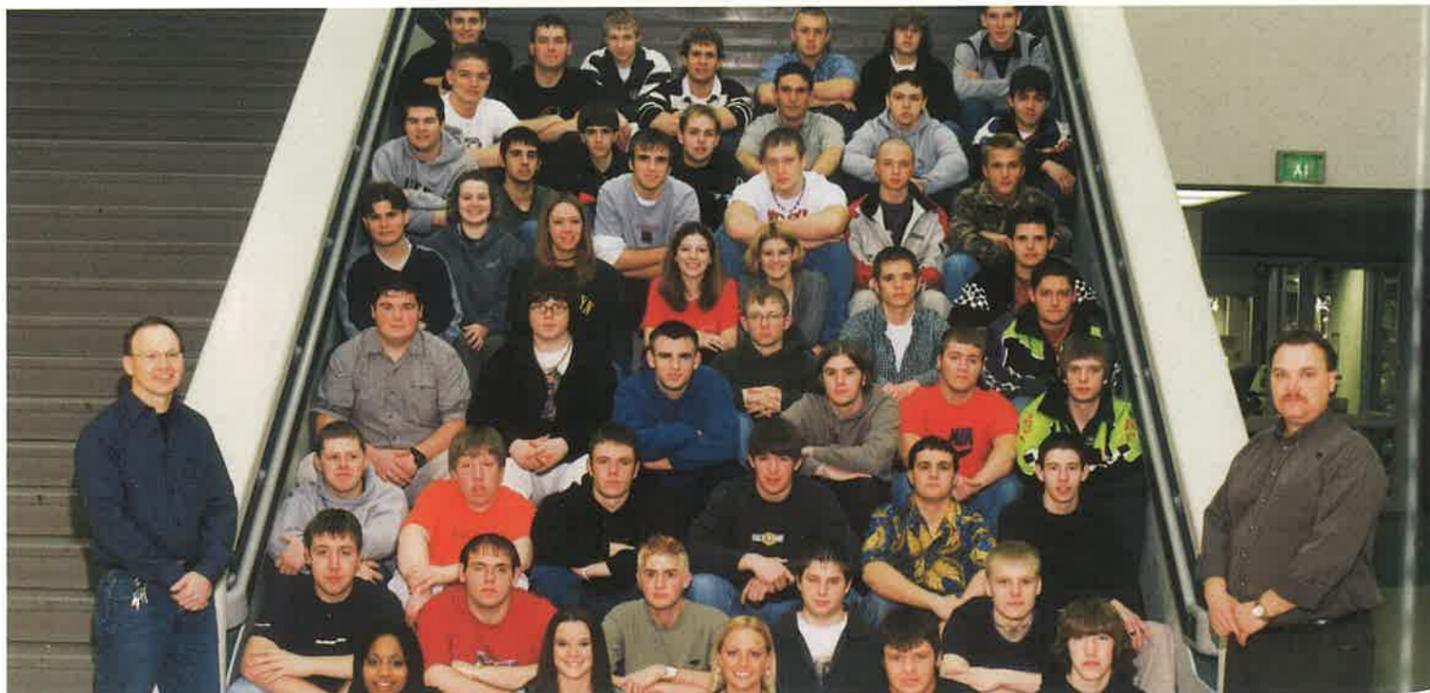
Speech Front Row: Brian Gustafson, Jenna Barenthson, Dacia Sampers, Jacob Lavelle and Katie Joyce. **Row 2:** Mattew Olson, Roberta Pytlík, Erin Bennet, Kara Hadley and Emily Hill. **Row 3:** Matthew Anderson, Nick Mitchell, Ben Kapel, Allison Sherman, Mrs. Paczkowski and Sierra Kraft. **Row 4:** Anna Rumsey, Tony Krajeck, Sherry Witt, Tess Jones, Alex Kelly and Melissa Rippy. **Back Row:** TJ Heilman, Amir Bicik and Zane Nitzkowski.



Don't cut off your hand! Senior Jason Kratcha concentrates while working on the power miterbox.



Shooting the breeze! While working on his engine junior Cory Ohnstad talks to a classmate.



Front Row: Mr. Bob Bjornson, Lauren Jacobson, Christine Rankin, Shana Levin, Erik Hongess, Tyler Dockter. **Row 2:** Luke Schulz, Tyler Frueh, Ben Larson, Jon Claus, Eric Amsbaugh. **Row 3:** Nicholas Potter, Micheal Mulvaney, Brian Matzke, Derek Miller, Joshua Dahl, Eric Sedevie. **Row 4:** Brian Vetsch, Adam Koltz, Joshua Kratcha, Corey Zellers, Micheal Elstad, Cory Ohnstad, Scott Hekman. **Row 5:** Trevor Powell, Krystal Fike, Sheena Larson, Jenna Wilson, Dale Wasness, Skadi Davison, Nathan Paulson. **Row 6:** Robert Johnson, Jaime Fraedrich, Jason Kratcha, Justin Kindem, Billy Hanson, Paul Rohrer. **Row 7:** Bradley Watne, Matthew Beaton, Kenny Sweere, Andrew Yanish, Omar Arellano, Matthew Gabel. **Back Row:** Cody Lohse, Jason Anderson, Ryan Silbernagel, Darrin Rolle, Jon Rossow, Brandon Mack, Alan Peterson.

VICA

Hands on experience pays off

Have you ever wanted to build a dream house? VICA includes a few classes for learning and growing as a designing architect. Students can learn many things from VICA. VICA is a class for anyone who enjoys building and working with their hands. VICA includes Recreational Engines and Building Trades and is a great organization Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. VICA's goals are to produce great quality workmanship and promote self-confidence.

"Building trades is a very fun class because it's a hands-on class," junior Christine Rankin said.

"Mr. Bjornson is one of the coolest teachers in the school," junior Eric Hongess said.

The building of the houses begins in the early fall. It all begins with the laying of the foundation. Next, comes the raising of the walls, and then the rafters to the roof go up. Then the siding goes on the walls. The class also makes all the cabinets that go into the house. This is a long process, since the class spends most of the springtime working on the inside of the houses. When the houses are finally put together, the school sells them and then builds new ones the next year.

"Mr. Bjornson knows how to build a house from scratch; he knows his stuff!" junior Shawn Mattern said.

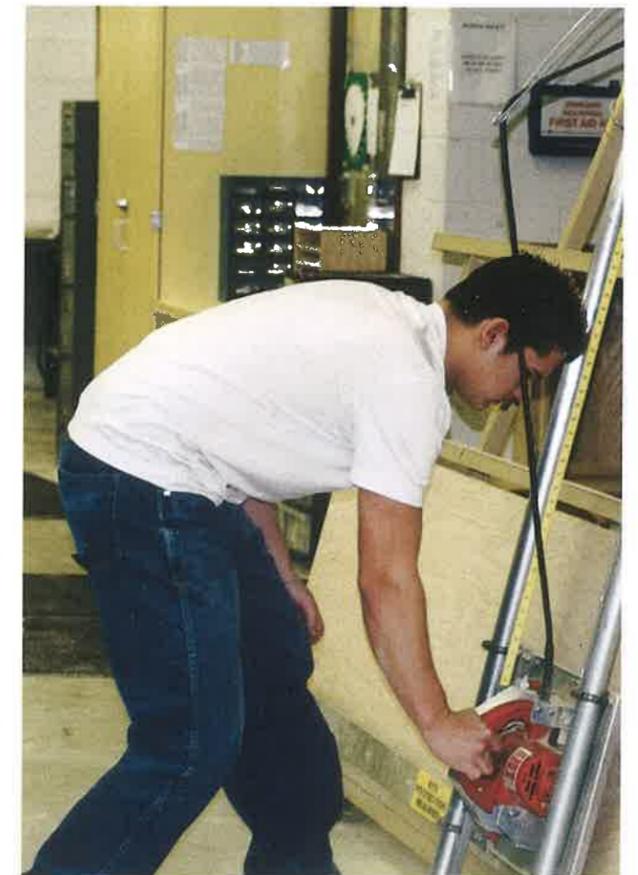
by Kim Diedrich



All greased up! Junior Eric Sedevie looks for some advice from Mr. Nordstrum.



Ah, where does this go? Placing his engine down junior Christopher Mischke gets the job done.



Hard at work? Using the panel saw, senior Travis Rohrich cuts his piece of wood.

Pep Club

Pep club excites students through activities and pep fests

Making signs to show support for upcoming sports and activities, wishing teams good luck on upcoming games, putting on pep rallies, and just plain and simple cheering on the team -- these are just a few examples of what the group known as Pep Club did throughout the year to create a sense of strong Packer spirit during the school year.

Pep Club was made up of mostly cheerleaders, but the mysterious person inside the Packer mascot was probably the most memorable member of the Pep Club. Other students who just want to help cheer on the Packers were also welcome to join the organization.

Another thing that pep club organized was the homecoming dance. They advertised and decorated, as well as came up with the theme helped with the spirit-oriented activities throughout homecoming week.

What would our school be like without the cheerleaders, mascots, pep rallies, and the homecoming dance? One thing is for sure, it wouldn't be nearly as fun.

Even though West Fargo High School does have good school spirit, it doesn't hurt to have a little extra support to give us a little more spirit and pep.

by Julia Miller



Go Go Go! Racing across the gym floor during a pep rally, the Packer mascot tries to win the race.



Don't Fall! Walking on his hands across the gym floor, Brian Moore tries not to fall in front of the entire school.



Back Row: Brandi Spletstaszer, Tracy Olson, Zach Click, Robyn Kubista, Nichole Meyer **Row 3:** Chelsey Arnold, Jenna Clark, Jenny Helm, Lindsay Lauritsen, Maggie Zich, Jennifer Prudlick and Chelsea Neubauer **Row 2:** Allison Nickelson, Magen Emmerson, Jessica Johnson, Erin Trapp, Catherine Dosland, Sara Flores, Jodi Meish **Front Row:** Lacey Johnson and Lindsey Schlect.

Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band

Jazz provides new ways for students to express musical abilities

Students wishing to have more opportunities to include music in their lives had the chance to participate in either jazz band or ensemble. In both of these groups, classic jazz as well as "big band" type of music was played, which students didn't ordinarily get to play in regular bands or ensembles. Students learned to improvise on their instrument as well as read different kinds of musical notation and experiment with a different style of conducting.

Jazz Band was lead by Mrs. Sue Jordahl, and the Jazz Ensemble was directed by Mr. Mark Berntson. These groups took a little bit of extra dedication on the part of the students, as shown by the before-school rehearsals scheduled for the musicians. Apparently jazz is worth it, because these Packers played at various events throughout the year, proving that music magic!



Jazz Ensemble Front Row: Steve Newburgh, Matt Olson, Kelsey Hertel, Emily Hill and Cody Symanietz. **Row 2:** James Vranish, Zachary Steele, Alex Parkhouse, Stephanie Barenthsen and Blair Moorhead. **Back Row:** Karl Saxowsky, David Valovage, Robert John and Justin Morken.



Jazz Band Front Row: Elise Peterson and Brienne Montgomery. **Row 2:** Brian Johnson, Matt Olson, Zachary Steele, Megan Aamodt, Cody Symanietz and JR O'Hara. **Row 3:** Sasha Hand, Leah Griffith, Jessica Ridgway, Alex Parkhouse, Robert John and Michael Deyle. **Row 4:** Steve Newburgh, Stephanie Thomas, Jordan Volk, Erick Porter and Zach Ista. **Row 5:** Nick Funk, James Vranish, Amy Messner, Brett Wigglesworth and David Verdoorn. **Back Row:** Creighton Brown, Cortney Benjamin, Ashley Ottesen, David Valovage, Derek Hersch and Dustin Wagner.



Pah-rum-pum-puum! While marching to the beat of her own drummer, sophomore Amy Messner tries to keep the beat in her head while following her music.

Packer Pride recognizes outstanding teachers

Packer Pride was run by Mr. Preston and Mrs. Forness. It was not necessarily a student organization. Mr. Preston and Mrs. Forness were in charge of giving out Above and Beyond Awards and Teacher of the Year Awards.

"The Above and Beyond Award recognizes individual teacher accomplishments and helps make others aware of their achievements," Mr. Preston said.

Students were allowed to nominate teachers who they believed did a great job teaching. Phy Ed teacher Mr. Ringdahl, Social Studies teacher Mr. Lennon, and Math teacher Mrs. Halverson were all recipients of the Above and Beyond Award.

"I am very glad that I have been given the opportunity to work with the students at West Fargo High School, and I feel very honored to have been nominated and awarded the Above and Beyond Award," said Mr. Ringdahl.

Social Studies teacher Mr. Tefft received the 2001 Teacher of the Year Award.

"It was a great honor to win an award like this. There aren't enough ways in which teachers get recognized or appreciated for the great work they do," Mr. Tefft said.

The awards that are given out by Packer Pride let teachers know that they were doing a great job. In the future, hopefully students will continue to nominate outstanding teachers who deserve to be honored.

by Heather Zimmerman



"Getting an Above and Beyond Award is good motivation to perform at the best of your ability," Mr. Lennon said.

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Front Row: Jessica McEwen and Ann Timmerman. **Row 2:** Jennifer Joyce, Mandy Ridell, Quinn Stine, Zach Click, and Kristina Pederson. **Row 3:** Marni Benson, Sara Bergeron, Erika Thompson, Rebecca Muhonen, and Dusty Schepeski. **Row 4:** Andrew Gwost, Joey Quenzer, Nick Bonnet, James Marohl, and Kara Herman. **Row 5:** Matt Staska, Jamie Boutiette, Brian Lee, Dennis Cullen, and Mitch Netterlund.

Student Council fights for improvements

Student Council members were elected by each grade in the student body. Students voted for the candidates who would most likely be great class leaders and representatives. Meetings were held often by Student Council officers and advisers, Mrs. Olson and Mr. Grooters, in order to discuss ways to improve WFHS.

"Being a Student Council member is a good opportunity to help others," junior Greg Tehvin said.

The Student Council did several fundraisers during the course of the year. They then donated any money they earned to charities throughout the community. One of the fundraisers that they set up was a "Money Scramble." The members set up a table at basketball games in order to earn money.

"I like being on Student Council, because I like helping people, and it's really fun," junior Tracey Canton said.

Student Council also organized a talent show. A rehearsal date was scheduled, and then the actual show was open to the public in the theater. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the talent show. Some school dances were sponsored by the Student Council, as well.

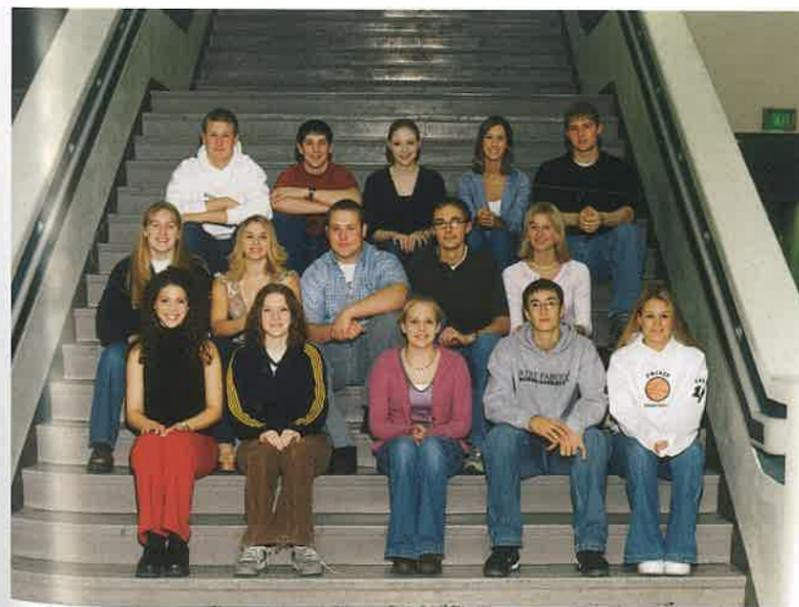
"In helping others, you find you grow, and I will never forget or be able to fully explain how much that growth has effected who I am today," said senior Allison Sherman.

Students who were involved in Student Council worked hard to make positive changes at WFHS. They tried to make improvements that would benefit the student body. Student Council did a great job and had fun doing it.

by Heather Zimmerman



I'm so smart! As Student Council members seniors Dan Grunewald, Matt Elless, and Allison Sherman recognize students who have achieved academic excellence at the Academic Breakfast, senior James Vranish proudly accepts his award.



Front row: Sarah Christianson, Allison Sherman, Annie Lund, Jimmy Hoy, and Alyssa Lester. **Row 2:** Katie Hawley, Kelly Klaers, Aaron Flynn, Dan Grunewald, and Tracey Canton. **Row 3:** Dan Dardis, John Effinger, Sara Schmidt, and Landon Johnson.



I hope I sound all right! Singing and playing a song on her guitar, senior Allison Sherman has fun at the Student Council-sponsored talent show.

Art Club Creates Fun Experience

Are you interested in Art? If you are there are a few other students in our school who also enjoy art. Some of these students have joined Art Club. Art Club members usually meet after school.

Some of the projects that were included in the first semester art class last year were the acrylic paintings, the pencil crayon, pencil shading, abstract paintings, and the "pick a theme" homework assignment.

"I think it's a lot of fun! I love to do the actual painting part, and I really enjoy our teacher. I think this is something I'll do in the coming year," said freshman Sarah Tintes.

"Its really fun, you get to experience new different ways of making your own kind of art plus you get to know more people," said sophomore Jennifer Sliper.

"Art Club is a great club to be in if you are interested in any area of Art, it is a lot of fun," said senior Kelly Foss.

They went on a few field trips. At the beginning of the school year the Art Club had a bake sell to raise money. They also went to the Plains Art Museum they viewed the art displays. Also they had a demonstration of aluminum printing. They also had a field trip to all the four colleges NDSU, MSU, North West Tech and, Concordia. They toured all the art departments, and the students had Art shows and demonstrations. At Concordia the Art Club took a drawing class that was taught by a professor at the college. The Art Club at the end of the year they set up and took down at West Acres art show for High School students. The Art Club is a great organization for showing your artistic abilities.

by Kim Diedrch & Amy Hartford



Look at all those art projects! Art Club students show their work off at the West Acres Art Show.



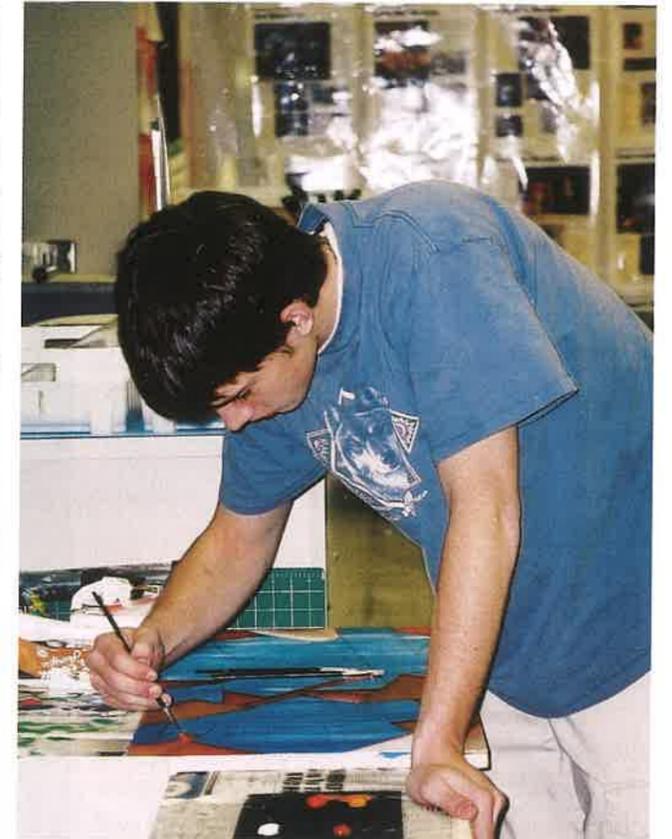
I hope this stays up! While putting together her project, Jennifer Sliper supports her clay pieces.



What a creation! While using a ruler senior Megan Shirley perfects her project.



Always use protection! While wearing gloves an apron, junior Sara Volk uses the stains to paint her project.



Blue is my favorite color! Finishing his painting, junior Adam Hansen gets the details done.



Front Row: Michael Tengwall, Kelly Foss, Sara Volk, Megan Shirley, Erin Bennett and Kara Hadley. **Row 2:** Megan Winter, Adam Hansen, Amber Parsons, Carrera Horton, Heather Suchy and Jordan Volk.

DECA members have a strong year

DECA was an association of marketing students who competed in various events throughout the year. The West Fargo DECA chapter was quite successful in these competitions this year.

"I really enjoyed this year; it was great getting to go to Nationals," stated senior Trevor Odden.

Competition was a big deal this year. A local competition was held where students from the West Fargo chapter attended. The areas of competition ranged from financial services to retail and transportation.

"DECA was a new and fun experience for me. I would recommend it to anyone. Nationals was a GREAT experience!" said senior Mackenzie Close.

Everyone qualified for the state competition, and those who qualified for nationals attended in Salt Lake City, Utah. Throughout the year, these students perfected marketing skills they will use in life.

by Kelly Foss



Looking good! DECA National qualifiers Allison Eide, Ann Timmerman, Deann Roers, Mackenzie Close, Trevor Odden and Adam Burn pose for a picture in their DECA suit coats while in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Front Row: Lacey Johnson, Sarah Lauritsen and Lindsey Schlecht. **Row 2:** Adam Burn, Brian Moore, Crystal Schaffer, Jessie Blixt, Ann Timmerman, Maggie Zich and Matt Dimmer. **Row 3:** Ashley Engleberg, Brian Kingsley, Beann Roers, Allison Eide, Kristi Pederson and Amanda Lahren. **Row 4:** Andrew Moch, Josh Aakers, Steve Brennan, Mackenzie Close, Josh Kratcha and Mike Dimmer. **Back Row:** Mr. Steve Anderson

FBLA has successful year

What was FBLA? These letters stood for the Future Business Leaders of America, and to some people, it may have been just another organization that they had no idea what it involved. But to the members of FBLA, it was an organization that helped prepare students for the future business world while having a whole lot of fun!

FBLA may have sounded like a boring organization where students researched business and economics, but it was not that at all. FBLA members had chances to compete both regionally and nationally. It also gave students a chance to build character and confidence.

FBLA this year was a small organization, but that did not make it any less competitive. The presidents of FBLA were Greg Tehven and Jimmy Hoy. Other members included Scott Mattson, Andrew Moch, Johanna Skoog, Kelly Foss, Kristen Olson, and Brenda Bucholz.

"FBLA was a fun and exciting experience to be a part of," said senior Johanna Skoog.

"I would highly recommend anyone to join; it is a great time. We had a really successful year!" commented senior Scott Mattson.

by Kelly Foss



Standing proud! At one of FBLA's many competitive events, senior Johanna Skoog proudly accepts her award.



Front Row: Kristen Olsen, Jimmie Hoy, Scott Mattson and Johanna Skoog. **Back Row:** Andrew Moch, Brenda Bucholz and Mr. Rick Anderson. **Not pictured:** Kelly Foss and Greg Tehven.

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~ senior Trevor Odden

"FBLA was a fun and exciting experience to be a part of."

~ senior FBLA President Johanna Skoog

TSA brings home the bacon

Technology Student Association, also known as TSA, was an organization of students who worked with animation, desktop publishing, and/or digital and video photography. This group met Wednesdays after school. To be in this group a student must have taken a computer class with Mr. Cwikla, such as multimedia. They must also have six hours outside of class in a multimedia setting.

Just like all other organizations, TSA has a state competition, which was held in Bismarck. Students competed in events from computer animation to dragster design to photography.

"I chose to do animation because I enjoy working with 3-D software," said Russell Cumber. For state Cumber made a 3 minute computer animation, and he placed second in Promotional Graphics and SciVis and first in Tech Bowl Oral at the competition.

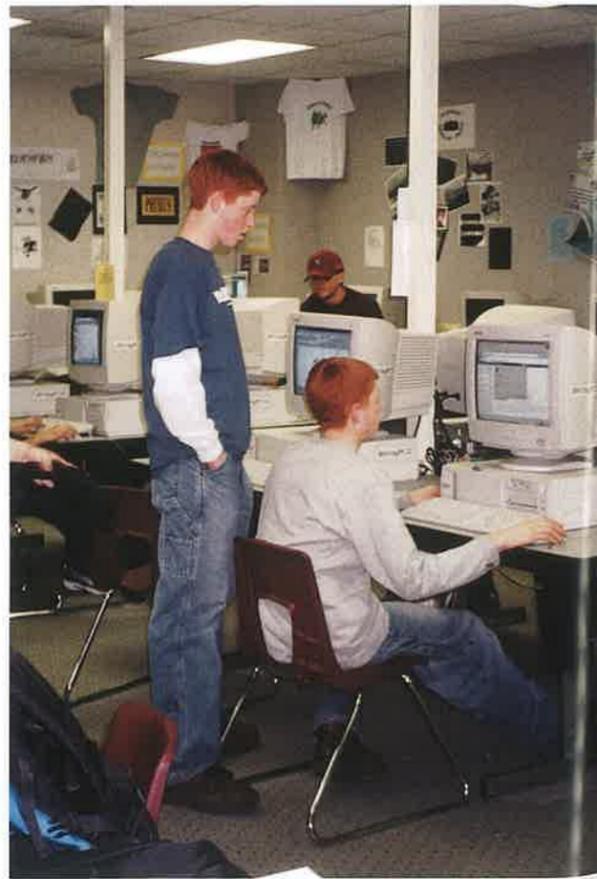
Senior Emily Geyer said, "I like to work with photography and hope to be a photographer in the future". Emily came in third place in Imaging Technology at the state competition.

Other top place finishers at the state competition were Nathan Cwikla in SciVis and Tech Bowl Oral, Scott Raguse Flight Endurance, Tech Bowl Oral and Written, Nick Funk Tech Bowl Oral, Cody Harmon Tech Bowl, and Brady Brodsho Imaging Technology, Prepared Presentation, and Tech Bowl Oral. Cody and Brian were elected state officers. Nathan, Scott, Russell, Brady, Cody, and Nick were eligible to go to nationals in Denver, Colorado.

by Catherine Dosland Ramsett



What is this? Mr. Cwikla looks over a dragracer for the state TSA competition.



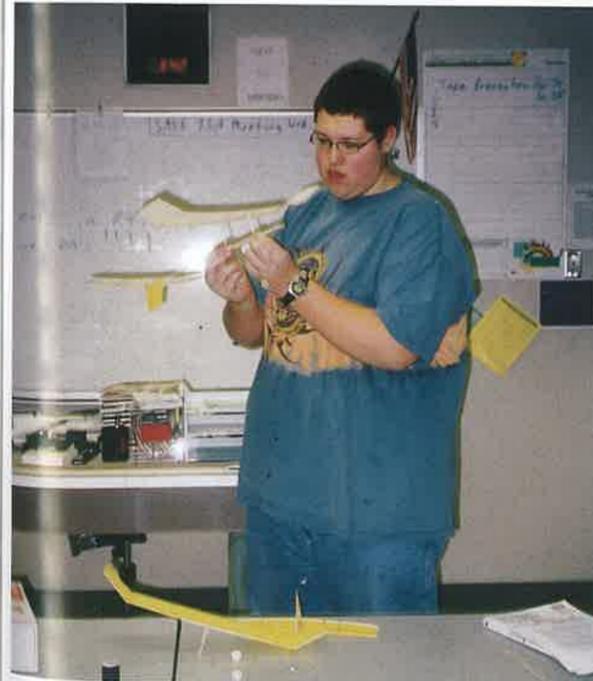
You just open this window here... Seniors Matt and Jesse Faul work on a project for TSA competition.



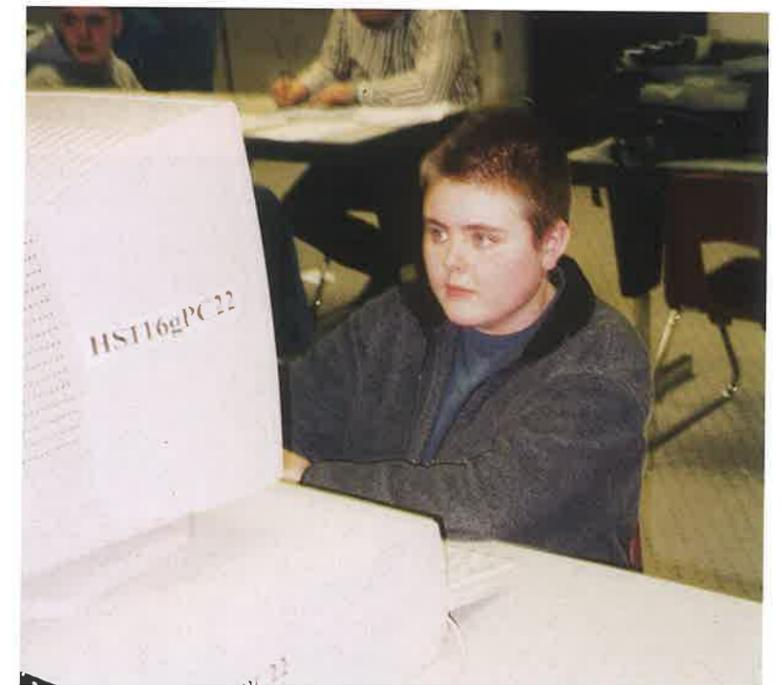
TSA Front Row: Kevin Pomey, Nathan Cwikla, Joey Guevasa, Brian Gustafson and Brady Bradsho. **Row 2:** Caroline Wyum, Russell Cumber, Tom Gross, Jesse Faul, and Nick Lilequist. **Back Row:** Matt Faul, Nick Funk, Scott Roguse and Mr. Cwikla.



Hey I have an idea! While working on her imaging project for state TSA, senior Emily Geyer has a bright idea.



If you turn this thing... Scott Raguse puts the finishing touches on his plane.



I know what I am doing! Nathan Cwikla lays out the last part of his project for state TSA.

Science Olympiad competes in the lab

The dictionary defines "science" as "the observation, identification, description, experimental investigation, and theoretical explanation of natural phenomena." It is the knowledge experienced through investigation. This is true for all the Science Olympiad members. They used various activities to gain knowledge about science in competitions around the area.

Science Olympiad members competed in many competitions to qualify for state and regional competitions. Such competitions involved using the basic knowledge of all science proportions to complete activities. Some activities included building things such as K-nex cars and bridges. Some fun activities were polymer and chemical testing, which related physics and chemistry together. Having fun is a key to doing well in the competitions.

"My favorite competition is "reaching for the stars" because I place very well in it," said junior Joe Daum.

With the return of seniors and the experience they gained last year, qualifying for state came easy.

With a few flaws in their competitions at state, the Science Olympiad team finished in sixth place.

"Things just didn't go well for us at state, with a few set backs some olympiad's finished lower than expected," Mrs. Thompson said.

Overall the team had a fun and exciting season. They gained more knowledge and inside information on the applications of science. From this year the team plans on building into a strong Science Olympiad team for the following years to come.

by Levi Kalsow



Looks about right! Checking some measurements, freshmen Kristen Daum has to be correct.



Front Row: Mrs. Thompson, Erin Bennet, Cailin Bailey, Kristen Daum and Mrs. Baltezare. **Row 2:** Calvin Erickson, Jacob LaVelle, James Vranish and Brady Bradsho. **Back Row:** Lisa Misialek, Brian Johnson, Chad Walock and Joe Daum.

Key Club volunteers for the community

Taking the opportunity not only to meet new people, but to volunteer throughout the Fargo-Moorhead community can be the chance of a life time. This is what Key Club does for students.

With a small club this year, every clubber did their share, including the advisors.

"My favorite memory of the year was the making of the lasagna for the YWCA. The best times were making the store runs for all the materials," Mrs. Walker said.

After the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, the West Fargo High School Key Club raised over six-hundred dollars. This money was donated to New York City. The club's simple task of collecting money from homerooms was a job well done.

For many of the Key Clubbers, their favorite memory was going to the fall and spring rallies. At the rallies, there were workshops to improve the local Key Clubs, and also the inducting of new board members for the following year.

"I learned a lot about what Key Club is about during the rallies. The activities that were planned throughout our stay were a lot of fun, and it made our days busy with hardly any freetime," junior Chelsey Erdmann said.

The club did many interesting activities including going to Yunker's Farm in Fargo, visiting the senior citizens at Bethany Nursing Homes, and inter-club activities as well. The most the clubbers will take from their experiences will be the memories that they can cherish for a lifetime.

by Levi Kalsow



Just the two of us! Getting ready for the dance at fall rally, senior Lisa Misialek gives junior Levi Kalsow a hug.



Front Row: Jenna Clark, Levi Kalsow, Bryana Snyder and Melissa Kassman. **Back Row:** Mrs. Walker, Chelsey Erdmann, Susan Worthington and Mr. Byzewski.

Theatrics pull off *Grease* in record time

Grease is the word! And only after a grueling thirty days of practice, which is less than the normal amount of time given to make a show, the cast pulled off six spectacular shows. The beginning was long and tiresome with three weeks of choir room practices. But when they got into their theater they started working with a charge of energy.

Mrs. Knox-Johnson, also known as Knox, had a vision complete with a golf cart converted into an old 50's roadster and a double-decker set. Many hours were logged in trying to get them to form the old "50's" look. It all paid off, because the house was packed every night of the performance.

"The play was great and had some very talented singers and actors in it," said junior Danielle Gjestvang.

With a cast size of 52, it was a lot for Knox to handle, but she pulled it off with lots of help from others such as assistant director Mike Anderson. Her husband Dwayne Johnson, the guy with the beard, put in the most help with the set work. Mrs. Jordahl and Mrs. Morrison were in charge of the music and songs. Mrs. Pedersen was in charge of the clothing along with some help from the cast.

Senior Aaron Flynn, 2002 class president, said, "For me the play was a new experience that was a lot of fun. I wish that I would have done more shows through high school."

All of the people in drama have a true, God-given-talent and put more than just time and effort into a show. They put a little piece of themselves in it as well. So when a show is looked back upon it is remembered because of the extraordinary talents of a young group of student actors who cared about what they had done.

by Chad Beckerleg



What's that playing on the radio? Singing his song of lost love, senior Chad Beckerleg woos the audience with his boyish charms.



Baby don't do it. The mysterious guardian angel, played by junior Bjorn Fjosne makes his grand entrance.



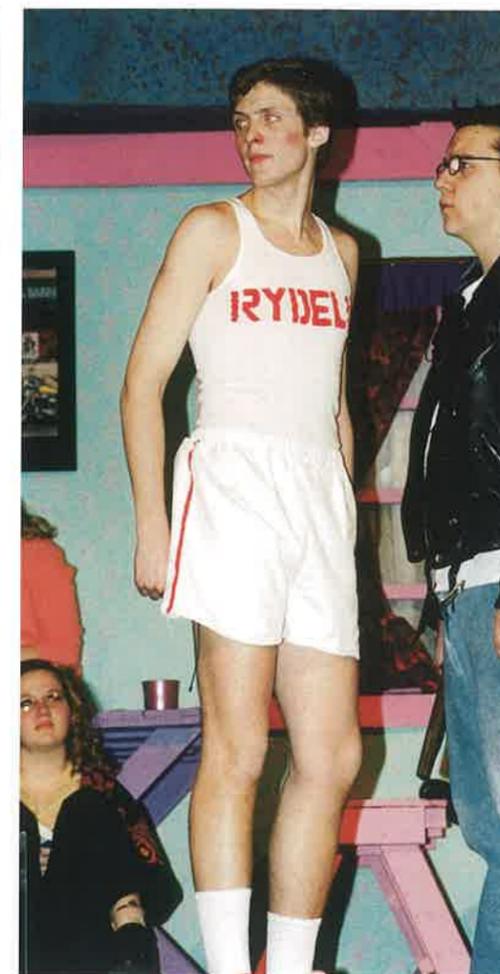
Oh, Jan! Will you go to the dance with me? Pronouncing his love in a subtle way, freshman Matt Anderson gives senior Jenny Mittag a sneak peek at his modified boxers.



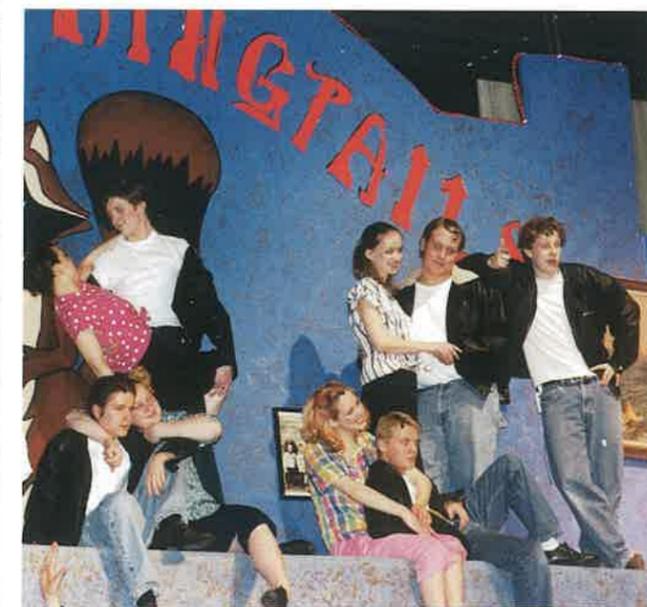
Why can't we get any service in this place? The T-birds pull together to sing a little tune while waiting for their meal to come.



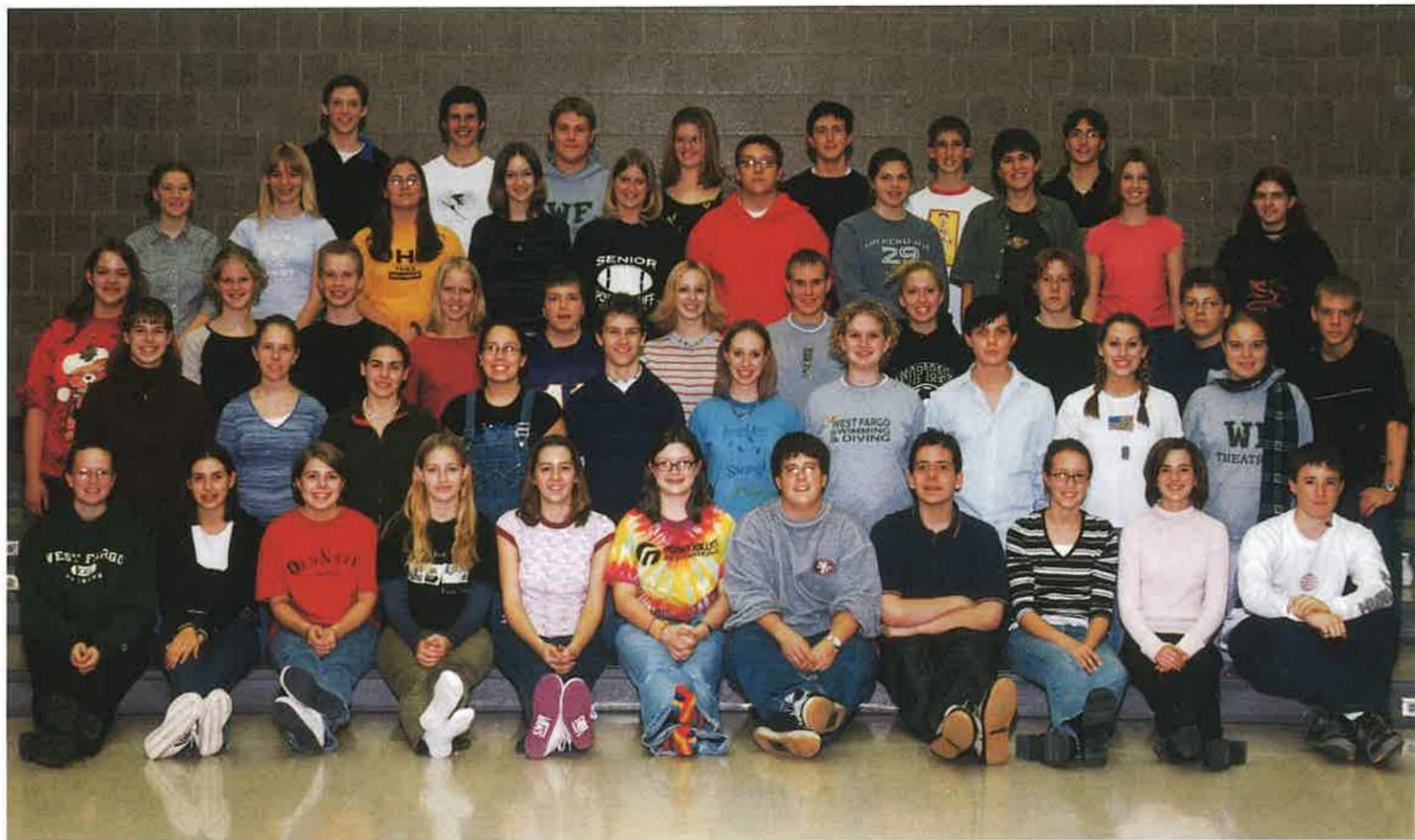
Go ahead. Take a puff. You ain't afraid, are ya? Passing a cigarette over to Sandy (sophomore Joie Sherman), Rizzo, played by senior Alli Sherman, gives off her "bad girl" act.



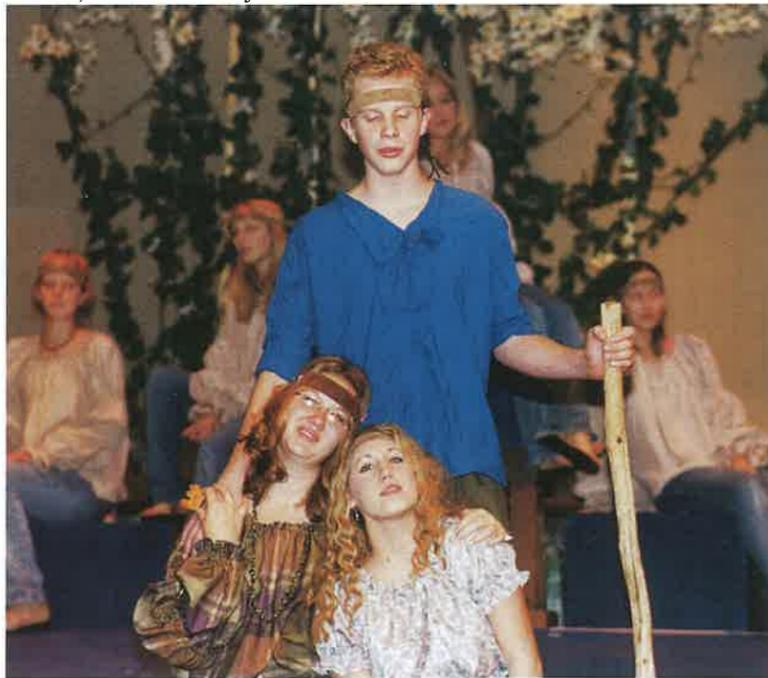
Now where did I put my jacket? Sonny, played by sophomore Jake Murray, confronts Danny, junior Adam Montgomery, about a big fight later.



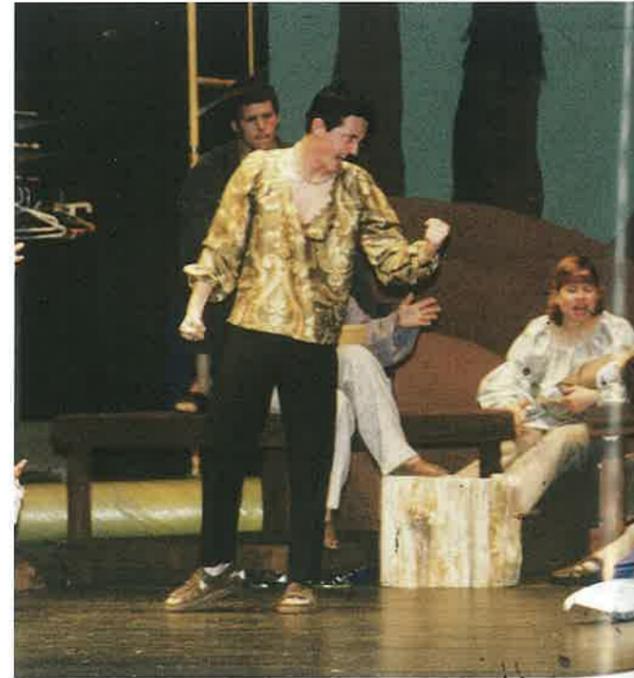
We go together! Giving a big group pose, some of the T-birds and Pink Ladies relax after a hard day's work.



Drama Front Row: Cailin Baily, Alicia Albercht, Kelsey Johnson, Ktie Nygren, Angie Hunt, Sara Barnard, Brian Havelange, Shane Iljiana, Danika Vigessa, Sam Schmidt and Kevin Pomme. **Row 2:** Nicole Kostelecky, Shannon Hayes, Lindsey Moe, Erica Rebenitsch, Matt Anderson, Heidi Aaberg, Jen Mittag, Bjorn Fjosne, Joie Sherman and Elise Peterson. **Row 3:** Mallory Suchi, Kelsey Linnertz, Chris Coon, Olivia Dahl, Shane Bauer, Kelsey Hertel, Brian Kingsley, Roberta Pytlak, Zane Nitzkowski, Lee Hartog and Chad Beckerleg. **Row 4:** Ali Sherman, Missy Schiller, Ashley Christiansen, Tracy Burroughs, Cathy Bernhagen, Jake Murray, Melissa Mallet, Brad Kvamme, Lisanne Sanders and Ashley Novachek. **Back Row:** Adam Montgomery, Paul Koppelman, Aaron Flynn, Nicole Anderson, Brent Mitchell, Nick Mitchell and Jacob Lavelle.



And so it goes... Chris Coon, Nick Anderson, and Joie Sherman sing out during the children's show *Once On This Island*.



What are you doing?! Brent Mitchell acts out a dramatic scene during *Once On This Island*.

Taking Center Stage

This year the drama department produced an amazing children's show and state show. The children's show was called *Once on This Island*. It is sort of a remake of the story of *The Little Mermaid* and is told by story tellers. The story is about an orphan girl, named TiMoune. TiMoune sets out to find a husband while the gods Erzulie and Papa Ge try to intervene by placing a bet on if TiMoune will find love. Ague and Asaka also join in on the bet.

Ague creates a storm to trap TiMoune and a man named Daniel. Daniel almost dies in the storm, but TiMoune, by giving her life to the gods, saves him. The two start to fall in love with each other, but because of Daniel's father the two are not allowed to be together.

Daniel moves on and becomes engaged to a woman named Andrea. TiMoune is outraged to hear of this. When Papa Ge hears of TiMoune's problems he makes a deal with her that if she would kill Daniel she could have her life back. She is faced with the chance to take Daniel's life but cannot do the deed. Her love for Daniel lives forever while the gods turn her into a tree to guard the palace.

This years children's show was a hit and moving but not much comparison to the show that was done for the state competition. The show was *Take It Easy*. The play takes place in 1942 -1944 during WWII. Young college men become soldiers and are drafted into war. The men in the story fall in love with college girls but soon find out that their unit will have to leave to fight the war in Europe. The girls continue to write the men while they are at war until one day when Mary's letters are all returned to her. She finds out that Jon is dead.

The men who are alive eventually come home. To the astonishment of Mary and her mother the found out Jon was not dead yet alive.

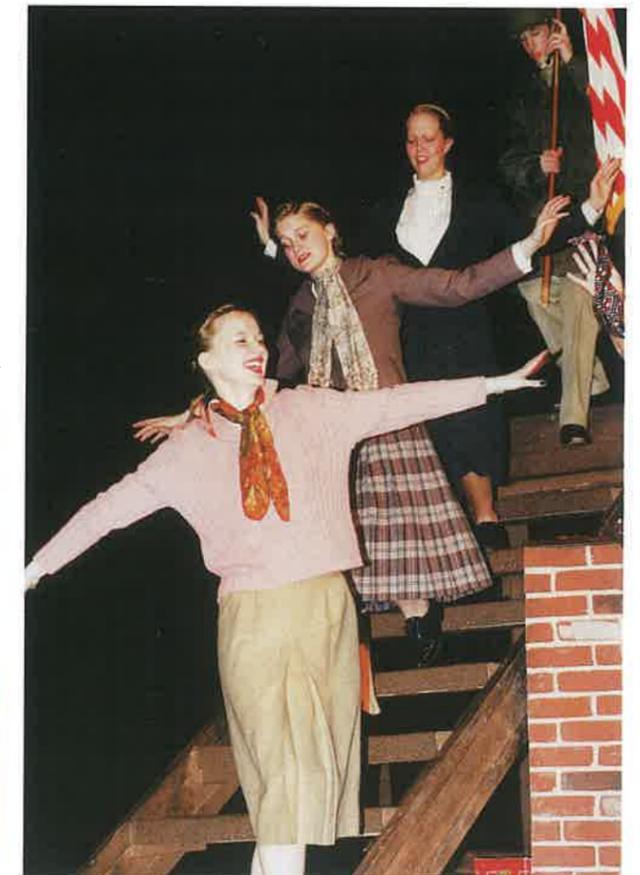
By Catherine Dosland Ramsett



Everyone smile! Smiling for the camera Jen Mittag and Nicki Anderson take a break during the spring show *Take It Easy*.



Get a little closer! Ali Sherman and Bjorn Fjosne get close during a scene from the spring show *Take It Easy*.



Hey we're flying! Tracy Burroughs, Cathy Bernhagen, and Olivia Dahl take flight during *Take It Easy*.

Dedication leads to a great newspaper

Hard work and dedication were two words that newspaper students knew a lot about. With the help of the newspaper adviser, Ms. Toni Nelson, newspaper students issued about 10 newspapers and supplements for the 2001-2002 school year.

Each issue of *The Packer* consisted of feature articles, sports articles, opinion articles and many more. Students suffered through many layout nights that sometimes lasted into the late hours of the night.

"Newspaper was a good experience for me because I got to meet lots of great people, learn new writing styles, and had a lot of fun," said sophomore Megan Aamot.

Accomplishments during the year were that two newspaper students along with the newspaper adviser, went to a national conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Senior Zach Stenerson competed in the advertising competition in which she took third place in the whole entire nation.

To finish off the year, the publications students attended a conference called NIPA. All the hard work paid off at this spring conference. The combined publications classes won 39 awards overall. *The Packer* received a First Class rating at the conference. This was a great accomplishment for the students as a whole and individually.

"I love watching the students win awards. We always rock at the spring conference," said Ms. Toni Nelson, the newspaper adviser.

by Michele Newgren



Nice hair buddy! Junior TJ Heilman pretends to be working on the layout for *The Packer* before the newspaper goes to press. He's making sure his hair doesn't get in the way of the screen. Way to go TJ!



Smile pretty Meg! Sophomore Megan Aamot shockingly receives second place in novice advertising at the spring NIPA conference in Grand Forks.



Hello? Is anyone there? Senior Alli Sherman waits for someone to answer the door at the Holiday Inn while participating at the NIPA conference.



Front Row: Lindsey Bellmore, Brittany Gaskill, Cori Cossette, Michele Newgren, Liz Dosland, Megan Aamot and Melissa Rippy. **Row 2:** Ms. Toni Nelson, Zach Stenerson, Mackenzie Close, Kelly Klaers, Jen Nelson and Tara Sheeley. **Row 3:** Adam Meert, Emily Geyer, Alli Sherman, Leah Flaskerud, Andrea Weishaar, Cassie Glasser and Dorothea Braun. **Row 4:** Ben Kapel, TJ Heilman, Dan Bruns, Blake Nitzkorski and Dane Shroeder. **Back Row:** Nathan Smith, Chris Perna, Alex Kelly, Jordan Volk, and Dustin Gustafson.



'ZZZZZZ! 'ZZZZZZ! Junior editor Andrea Weishaar is so overworked that she took a nap while at the NIPA conference in Grand Forks.



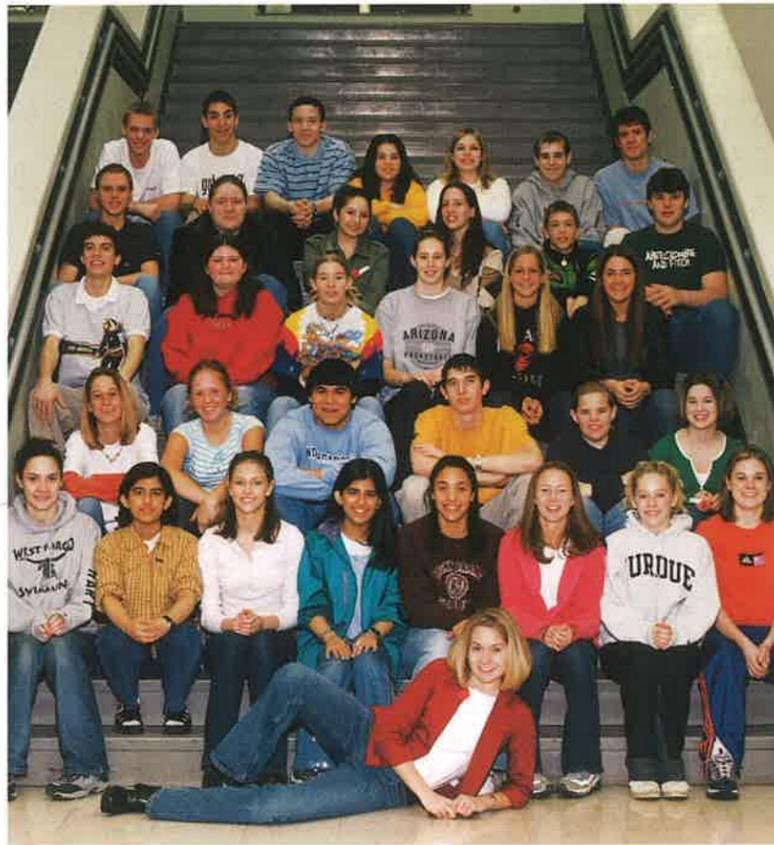
Showin' it off! Sarah Sanchez, Megan Aamot, Jen Nelson, Liz Dosland, Kelly Foss, Michele Newgren, Andrea Weishaar, and Heather Zimmerman show off their awards at the NIPA conference.



Word to your mother! Sophomore Melissa Rippy takes home another first place award at the spring NIPA conference. West Fargo dominated the NIPA conference! Rippy is the advertising editor and the future junior editor for 2002-2003.



These kids are drivin' me crazy, but you gotta love 'em! Newspaper advisor Toni Nelson takes a breather while her students leave her alone for two seconds.



Front Row: Ms. Mathson **Row 2:** Amy Hartford, Shazim Fayyaz, Makell Hehr, Maham Fayyaz, Trisha Howitz, Jennifer Grund, Jennifer Lundgren and Mandy Readel. **Row 3:** Kim Diedrich, Brittany Moen, Pete Malaterre, Mike Blickensderfer, Julia Miller and Katie Joyce. **Row 4:** Marc Williams, Tami Lipp, Jess Jansen, Kelsey Gatz, Brittany Kloos, and Liz McCracken. **Row 5:** Bret Hichert, Sarah Murray, Sarah Sanchez, Katie Dosland, Aaron Zacher and Trent Gehrig. **Back Row:** Chad Beckerleg, Dave Vacha, Jeffrey Steichen, Heather Zimmerman, Michele Newgren, Levi Kalsow and Tony Krajeck.



Wow! Your a Pool Star... Shooting pool while on his break at the NIPA convention junior Mike Blickensderfer tries to win.



Look at Gibbler! Showing off her trendy sunglasses sophomore Kim Diedrich is about to get on the bus.



This goes here, put that there... Showing her friend freshmen Shazim Fayyaz what to do freshmen Makell Hehr knows what's going on.

Yearbook staff looks behind the scenes

Competing in competitions, winning awards, and making the school yearbook are a few things that the yearbook publications class did. Yearbook is an elective class that students could take. A lot of students took it because they thought it was easy, but they were wrong.

"Yearbook is really fun and not as easy as it seems," freshmen Amy Hartford said.

In yearbook the class had to do a lot of things. They had to get candid pictures for the double page spreads of the yearbook, think of captions for the pictures, write stories and many other things.

"Yearbook is a good class to take if you like to write a lot," freshman Sarah Tintes said.

The yearbook class makes the whole yearbook from the cover to the pictures inside of it. They then sold the yearbooks to the entire student body. They also competed for prizes at the yearly NIPA competition. For whole yearbook West Fargo won the All Northern Award. Individual winners were first place Kim Dietrich in Yearbook Design and Brittany Moen in Yearbook Theme; in second place Tony Krajeck won Yearbook design, Catie Dosland in Yearbook Design, and Jess Jansen won Photography. In third place Kelly Foss won Yearbook Theme, Levi Kalsow in Yearbook Design, and Katie Dosland in Copy Editing.

The yearbook staff sometimes needed to come in before and after school because they needed to meet certain deadlines for turning in material to editors. But all in all the yearbook staff had a great time learning and working on the yearbook!

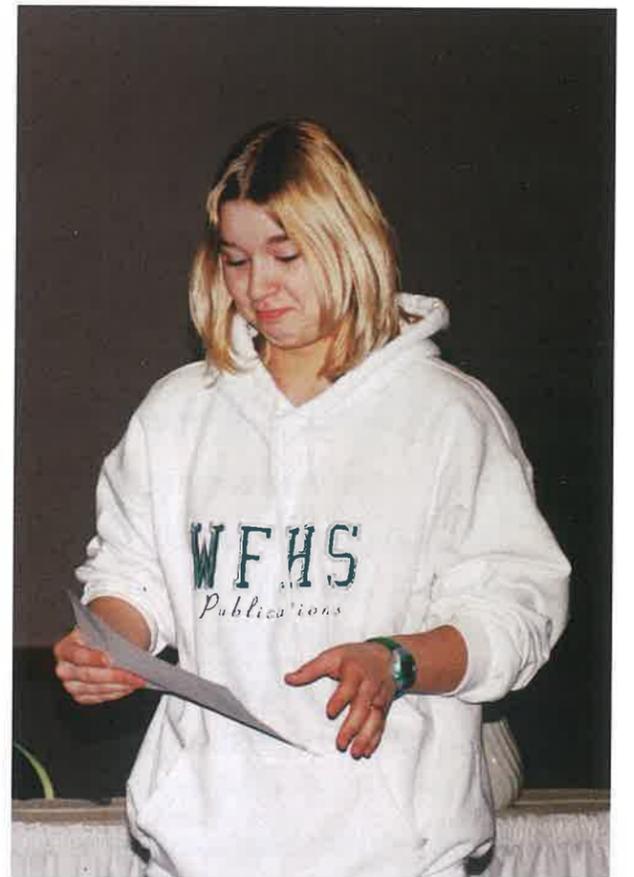
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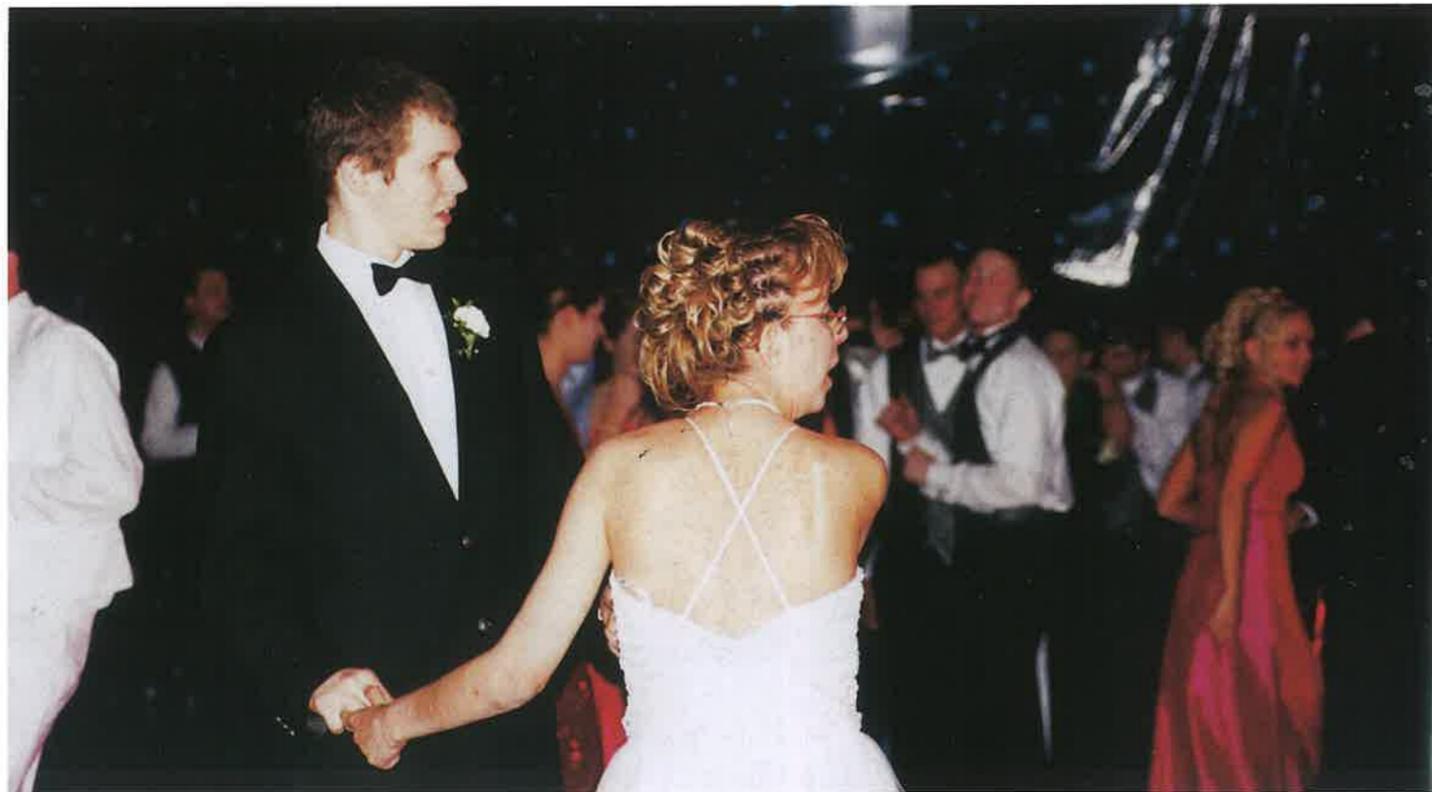
Everyone say Nuggets! The entire publications staff poses for a picture while holding all of their awards they won at the yearly NIPA convention.



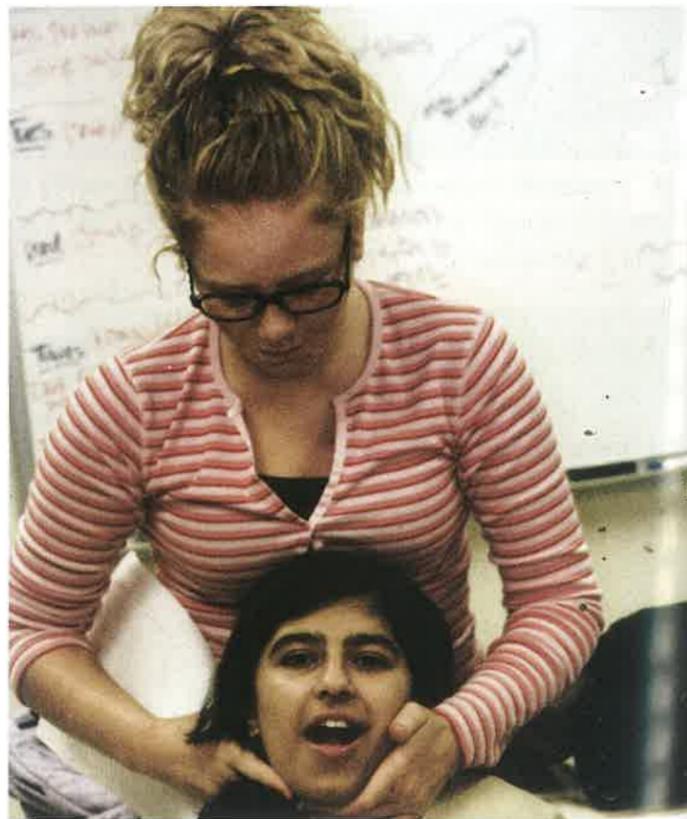
And in first place.. Receiving her award for first place in Yearbook Design sophomore Kim Diedrich receives her trophy.



I can't believe it! Looking extremely surprised about winning junior Jess Jansen just won second place for Yearbook Photography.



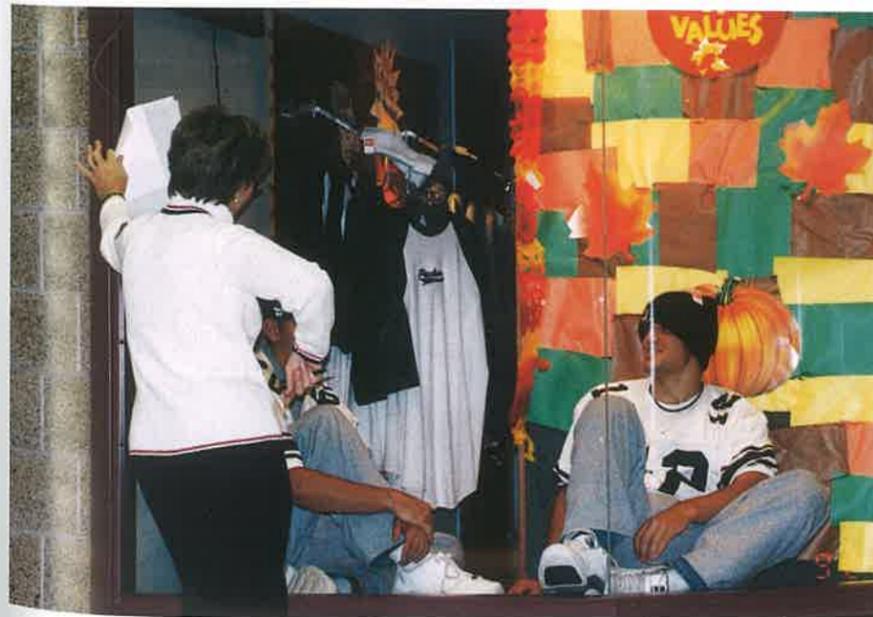
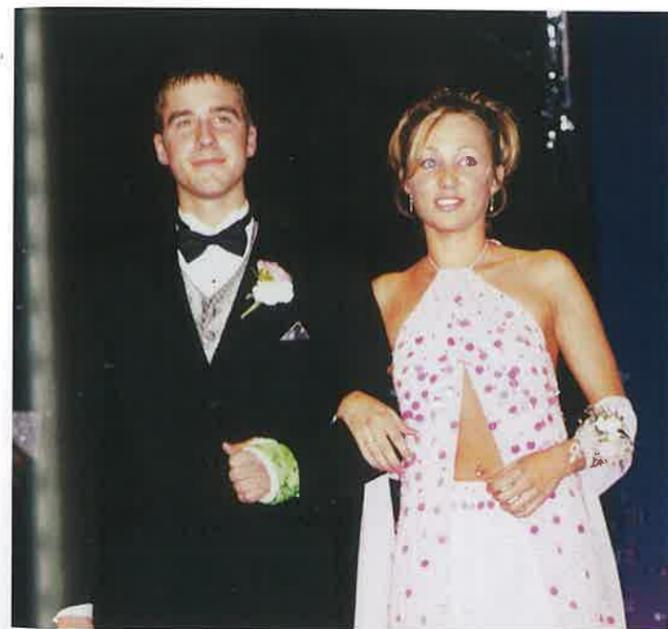
As in kindoms of old, seasons came and went, new years arrived and past, and leaderships ebbed and flowed. At the end of this season, two festivals were held in order to celebrate these changes, endings and beginnings. Prom, which the lords and ladies of West Fargo High School put on for the kings and queens, was a celebration of which the entire kingdom felt a part. Our kings and queens donned their best attire for this party given in their honor to celebrate yet another successful year. Finally, to bid our leaders adieu, a grand festival and celebration of academics marked the end of our kings' and queens' reign here. While this monarchy will be missed, the underlings of this year see only opportunity to rise in their future with a new round of kings and queens yet to come.



Party like it's 1999! While dancing the night away, senior Jason Melby takes his date Tanya Wiltse for a spin on the dance floor.

Don't hurt me! Helping a freshman to relax, sophomore Brittany Moen practices her massage techniques on freshman Shazim Fayyaz

The Festivals



I think my bellybutton ring fell out... Looking like royalty, sophomore Mandy Tennancour checks her jewelry while on the arm of junior Ryan Narlock at prom.

Who's the man?! Looking like a sticker book, sophomore JR Cossette shows off the name stickers he's won thusfar during Homecoming week's name game.

Are you boys supposed to be in there? While being a human model for the Packer Connection, senior Jason Kratcha strikes a pose while Mrs. Olson checks out the merchandise.

"Dreaming of You"

Prom was a night that everyone will remember for the rest of their lives. The night started off with the Grand March. The Theme of Prom was Dreaming of You. There were more than 250 couples that stood in line for a long time.

"Everyone said to be careful because the floor was slippery. It wasn't...you just needed to watch out for cords under the floor. Grand March was awesome because you got to walk around and show off how good you look," said senior Catherine Dosland Ramsett.

Then everyone went to the prom. The people that went all had a very good time and would be very happy to go again.

"I'll never forget how much of a blast prom was; even though I think it's overrated," said senior Michele Newgren.

Post Prom was later held at the Bowler, where students could win some fabulous prizes. It was an eventful evening for all!

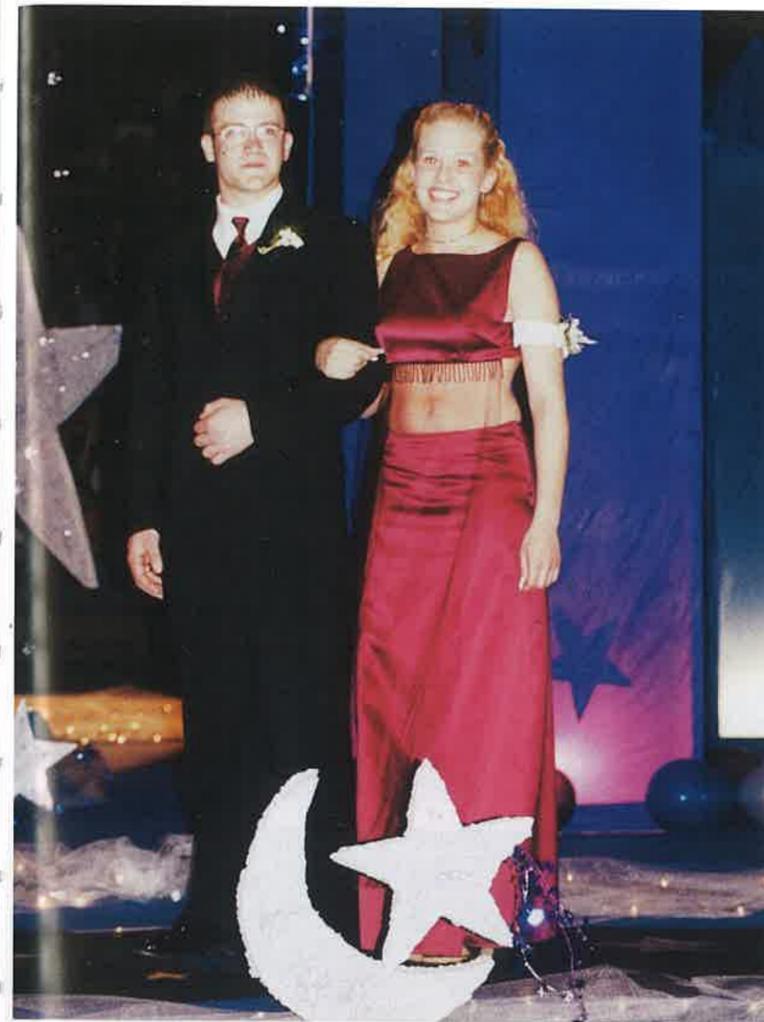
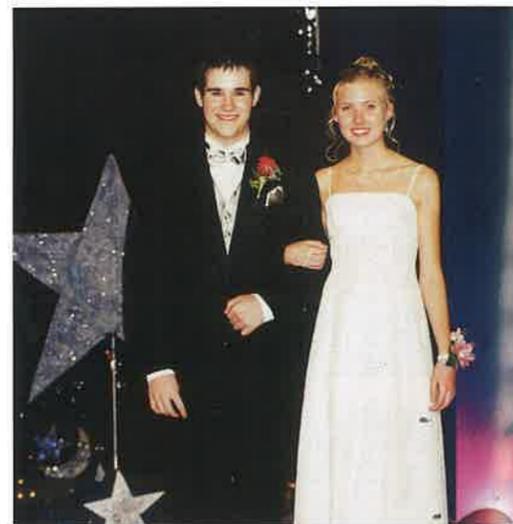
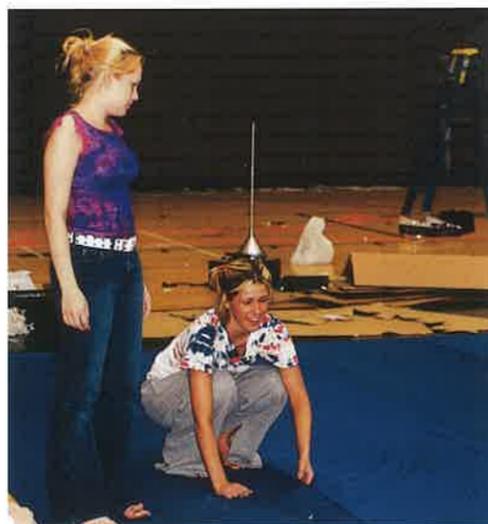
By Trent Gehrig

We're out of breath... Taking a quick breather before dancing all night junior Brian Flesberg and Desirea Hersh glance around.

Only two hours to go... While putting in extra hours juniors Kyla Winkels and Annie Lund finish decorating for the big night.

Take a picture... this is the only dress occasion I'll attend! Waiting for the flash junior Levi Kalsow escorts freshman Michelle Wilke.

I am six inches taller... Trying out a new look junior T.J. Heilman enjoys the prom.



One stop down, two to go.... Stopping to smile juniors Blaine Rourke and Annie Lund pose for a minute.

Smile! Everyone is looking at you... Looking great junior Chris Hanes and senior Jessica Dyrdaahl enjoy the minute of fame.



Devil with a blue dress on!... Walking through grand march senior Dusty Ertelt escorts junior Shana Levin, junior Cody Cavett escorts junior Heather Pokrzywinski, and sophomore Zack Strand escorts junior Melinga Guajardo in the most popular color of the night -- blue!

WFHS graduates 319 seniors

As the Symphonic Band played the graduation processional, 319 Packers walked into a new realm of life. Graduation took place at the Fargo Civic Memorial Auditorium, and with the seniors donning their traditional green gowns and white caps, they received their diplomas and heard commencement addresses. Senior Dan Grunewald was chosen to present a welcome address, while senior Allison Sherman gave the headlined commencement address. After the senior class of 2002 was presented their diplomas by Mrs. Karen Olson, Mr. Greg Grooters and Mr. Gary Clark, the president of the Board of Education Mr. Mike Lavelle spoke a few encouraging last words to these now-former Packers.

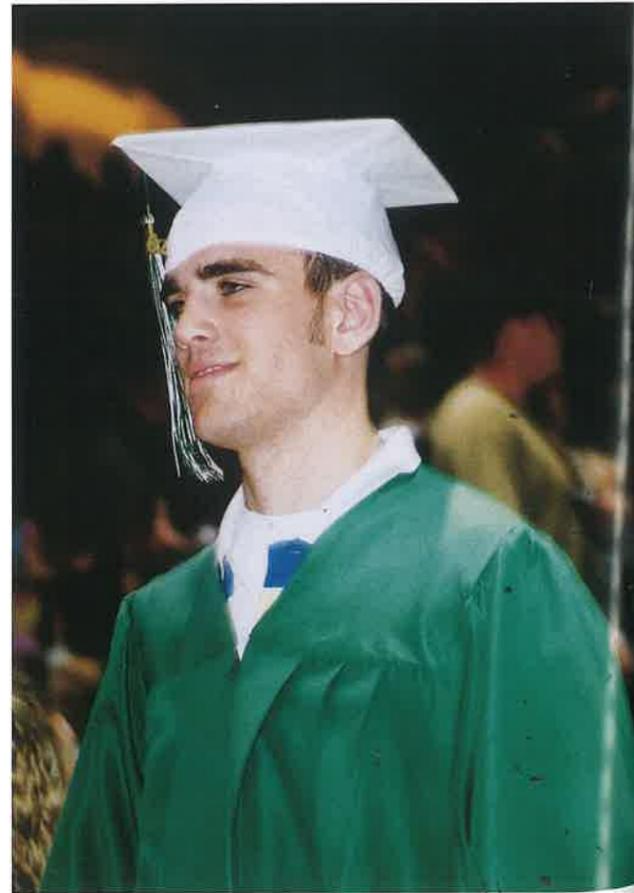
The senior class of 2002 left behind an impressive stack of statistics; of the 319 students to graduate, 52 seniors graduated with honors and 62 graduates were National Honor Society members. The city of West Fargo will be looking for great things to come from this impressive class of 2002.



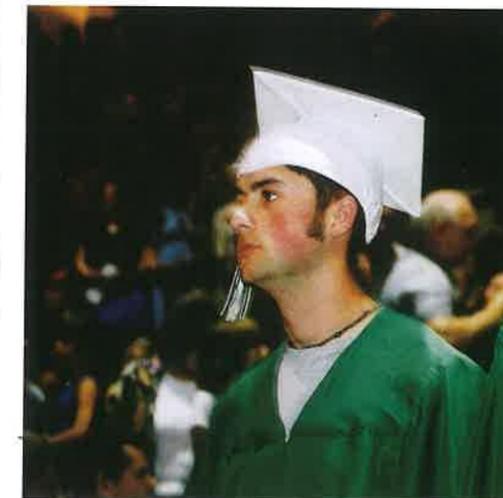
Can you believe it? Excited about what's ahead, seniors Johanna Skoog and Carrie Sorteberg get ready to graduate.



Oh my gosh... Looking a little apprehensive, senior Andrea Watson bites her lip and marches on to graduate.



It's finally over! Glad to be finished with high school, senior Jason Kratcha looks relieved as he walks toward his designated spot.



Welcome, Class of 2002! While listening attentively to senior Dan Grunewald's welcome address, the class of 2002 gets...

Yummy
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focuses on not tripping over his pretty green gown.

When do WE get to graduate? While providing the graduation processional, the band's flute section dreams of their own graduation.



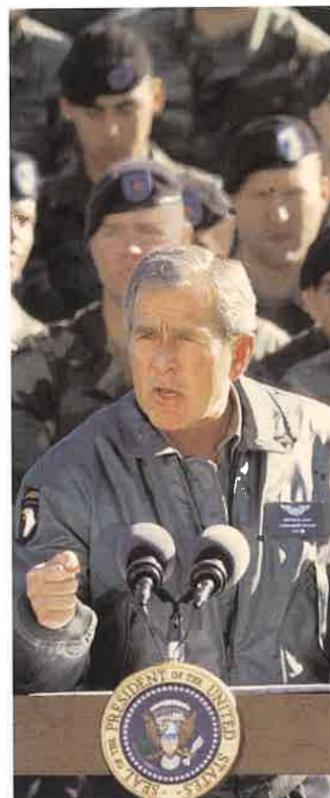
Congratulations, Class of 2002!



American Events



Unspeakable acts. It seemed impossible to turn away from the television replays after the unthinkable nightmare happened—terrorists hijacked two commercial airliners and deliberately crashed them into the World Trade Center towers in New York City. The North Tower was hit at 8:45 a.m., and then the South Tower 18 minutes later. By 10:28 both towers had collapsed. The death toll was nearly 3,000. The terrorists hijacked two other planes that morning, crashing one into the Pentagon, killing 190, while the other went down in a field near Johnstown, Pa., killing all 44 onboard. (AP/Chao Sei Cheong)



A clear message. "We will not falter and we will not fail," George Bush told the world as he sent the U.S. military off to war. The fighting in Afghanistan and global manhunt for the elusive terrorist ring leader Osama bin Laden brought huge approval ratings for Bush, who up until the attack was under constant scrutiny over his qualifications for the presidency. (AP/Mark Humphrey)



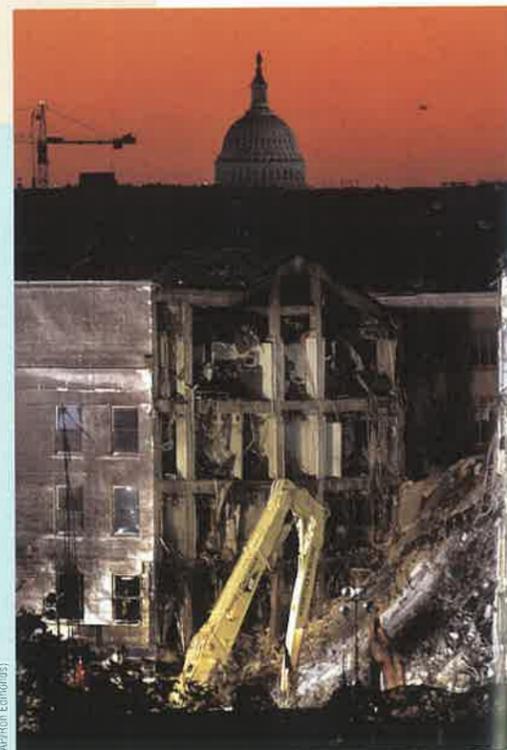
They came to help. Rescue workers, among the heroes in the tragedy, worked day and night in search of survivors amid the WTC rubble. Sadly, few were found. Of those who perished in the attacks, 343 were firefighters, accounting for more than 10 per cent of the total dead. Dust at Ground Zero made it difficult for workers, and the smell from the burning loomed over the city for months. (AP/Beth A. Kilsor)



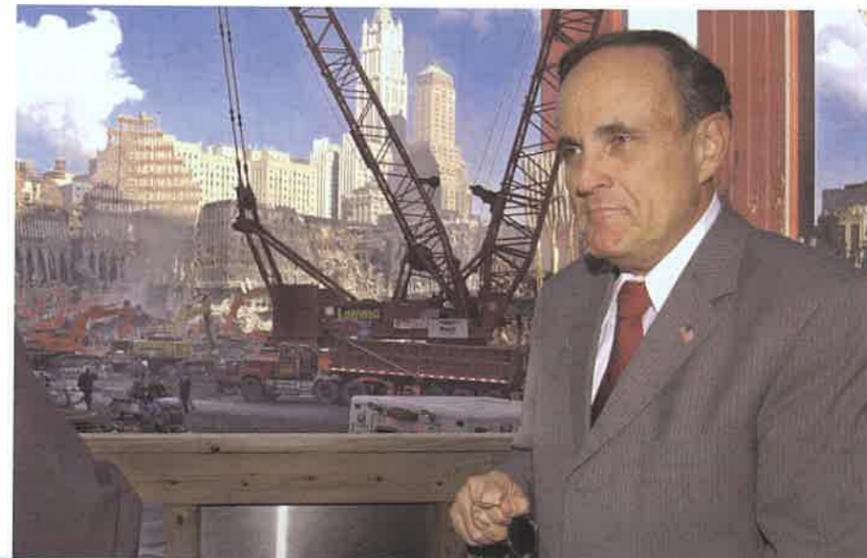
In Memoriam. At Ground Zero, rescue workers drape the flag to honor the victims—and to defy their killers. Hundreds of memorials were held across the nation after the horrors of 9/11, allowing Americans an opportunity to openly grieve and show their support for those who died. The Stars and Stripes later hung at the opening ceremonies of the Salt Lake City Olympics, a symbol of hope and a sign to the rest of the world that the U.S. is not willing to back down to fear. (CP/Ryan Remiorz)



Pentagon penetrated. One of the key symbols of U.S. military strength proved vulnerable on Sept. 11, when American Airlines Flight 77, en route to Los Angeles from Washington D.C. before terrorists hijacked it, tore a 67-foot hole into its western perimeter. The crash took the lives of all 64 people on board and 126 mainly military personnel inside. (AP/Hilary Smith Garrison)



Death by mail. Anthrax emerged as a new threat as the fear of terrorism reached new heights. In the form of a white powdery substance, the deadly chemical was found in a handful of mailed letters to politicians and prominent broadcasters. Investigators were baffled by the letter attack that left five people dead. Most of the lethal mail was post-marked from Trenton, N.J., and some had a fictitious elementary school as the return address. (CP/Patry Mab)



Rudy the Great. New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani's calm leadership during the post-Sept. 11 period made him a beacon in the gloom. Although a lame duck mayor with his term ending at year's end, not once did the 57-year-old skirt his duties. Whether at Ground Zero with visiting world leaders, offering eulogies at funeral masses or at any of the 200 memorial services he attended, Giuliani brought a sense of calm to a city in chaos. The only question remaining was whether the man sleeps? (AP/Kathy Wilens)



Slipping through the cracks. Americans were shocked to discover the ease with which terrorists got through airport security checks. Box-cutters, switch-blades, pen-knives and even explosives are some of the items that have been snuck through seemingly porous airport checkpoints. Security at all airports across the nation are on high-alert but, even still, random tests prove that none are fail-safe. (AP/Diane Bondareff)

American Events



A horrible coincidence. Sixty-two days after the World Trade Center attack, another plane crashed in New York City, leaving a residential area of Queens in ruins. American Airlines Flight 587, bound for the Dominican Republic, crashed into the beachfront area, killing all 260 passengers and crew as well as five people on the ground. Ironically, families of many of the police and firefighters who lost their lives when the twin towers collapsed lived in the area. Officials determined that the crash was an accident and not another act of terror, as was first feared.

(AP/John-Marshall Mantel)



Spy games. The U.S. and China became entangled in a nasty war of words when an American EP-3E Aries II spy plane, loaded with sophisticated equipment, collided with a Chinese fighter jet over the South China Sea, killing the Chinese pilot. After the spy plane made an emergency landing on Hainan Island, China held the 24 crew members for 11 days until President Bush publicly apologized to the family of the deceased pilot. (AP/Xinhua)



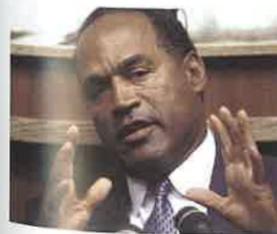
Cooking the books. A number of top executives at energy giant Enron Corp. squirmed as authorities implicated them in covering up huge financial losses. At the center of the Enron scandal are questionable investment partnerships that inflated Enron's revenues while hiding massive debt. Some of the bosses, who made millions in stock options, pleaded the Fifth Amendment before Congress to protect themselves from potential self-incrimination. (AP/Pat Sullivan)



Swim at own risk. While shark attacks remain quite rare, two people on the Eastern seaboard fell victim on successive days during the Labor Day weekend. Ten-year old David Peltier was playing in the water in Virginia Beach, Va., when a shark severed an artery in his leg. The next day, Sergi Zaloukaev, 28, died of blood loss after being attacked in the water off North Carolina's Outer Banks. The attacks led officials in Florida, where the majority of recent attacks have taken place, to ban the popular shark-feeding dives where caged divers would feed marine life. Officials are concerned that the dives are changing shark behavior, causing them to lose their natural fear of humans and drawing them near popular beaches. (AP/Brian Cleary)



Dog days of summer. Average global temperatures were so high that 2001 was the second hottest year on record. The worldwide heat wave raises serious concerns over global warming, since eight of the hottest years on record have occurred in the last decade. High temperatures in all 50 states made 2001 the eighth hottest U.S. year on record. (AP/Paul Warner)



The juice is loose, again. This time O.J. Simpson didn't need a fancy team of lawyers to go free. Simpson was found not guilty on charges of burglary—for allegedly reaching into Jeffrey Pattinson's car without permission—and battery, for allegedly pulling Pattinson's eyeglasses off and scratching his face. Simpson, 54, admitted to having a road-side verbal altercation with Pattinson, after being honked at while driving through an intersection, but says he did not reach into the accuser's car. (AP/Colin Braley, Pool)



When is an 'A', really an 'A'? Remarkably, 91 percent of Harvard University's 2001 graduating class received honors distinction, or an 'A' average. This astonishing number prompted a Harvard graduate school professor to blow the whistle on grade inflation, saying students at the Ivy league school are getting marks well above what they deserve. Defenders of the higher grades claim that Harvard is filled with exceptional students and that today's students are far brighter. (AP/Eise Amendola)



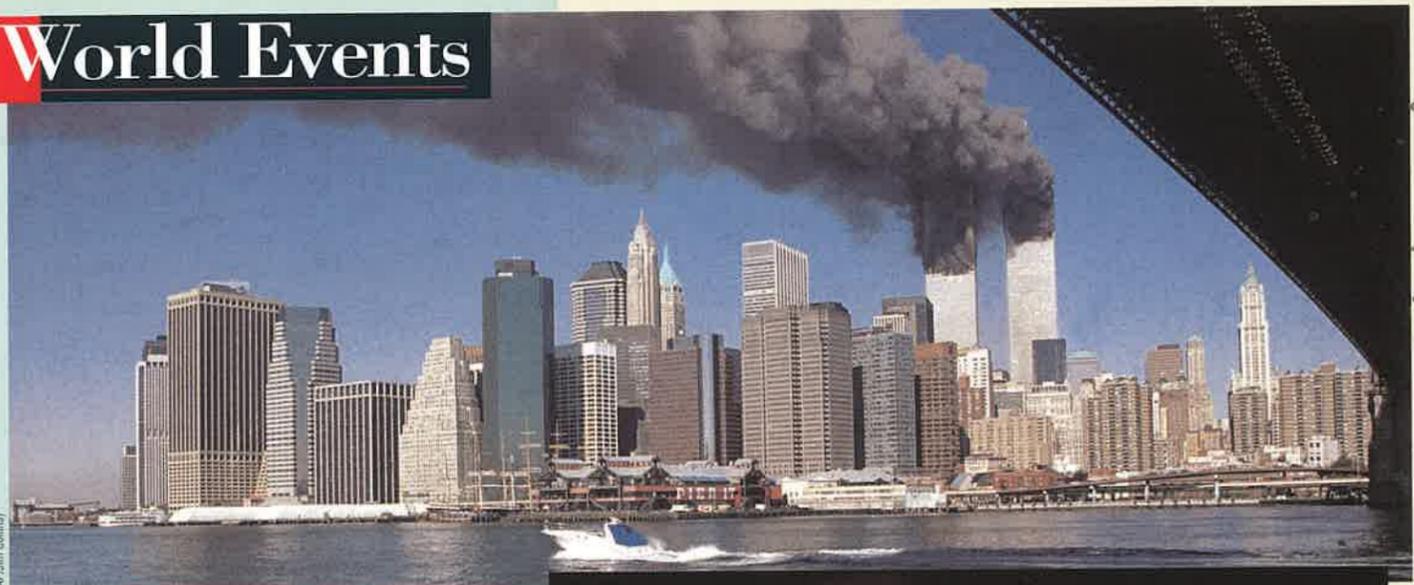
Still a mystery. Lost amid the tragedy of 9/11 was California Democratic Congressman Gary Condit and missing Washington intern Chandra Levy. Although Condit, 53, acknowledged having an affair with the 24-year-old, who has been missing for a year, he claimed to have no knowledge of her disappearance. Meanwhile, Condit lost his bid for re-election, being trounced in the Democratic primary. (AP/E. J. Flynn)



Money to burn...on rocket fuel. Tired of going to the usual March Break travel destinations with the folks? How about a trip to the International Space Station? Why not? It's only about \$20 million. That's how much wealthy California financier Dennis Tito spent for about a week on the outpost last spring. 'NSync member Lance Bass, is currently negotiating a similar trip, which would be recorded for a television special called *Celebrity Mission: Lance Bass*. (AP)

World Events

(AP/Jim Collins)



Target: Afghanistan. The launch of American Tomahawk cruise missiles from warships and submarines in the Arabian Sea on Oct. 7, marked the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom. At the same time, the U.S. and Britain launched air strikes aimed at air defenses, military communications sites and terrorist training camps inside Afghanistan. The attacks came after Taliban leaders ignored U.S. demands to turn over Osama bin Laden. The U.S. and British forces took care of the skies, while Northern Alliance soldiers searched the maze of caves on the ground. But the U.S.-led coalition became a serious ground force in November, and in one incident of fierce fighting in March seven American soldiers died.



Goodbye fashion police. With the downfall of the Taliban, women in Afghanistan are throwing away their Burkas—full head coverings forced on them by the government since 1996—and are looking to make new fashion statements. Tailors are finding business is booming.

(AP/Laura Rauch)

An olive branch. In the midst of the Afghan bombing campaign, large cargo aircraft dropped humanitarian-aid packages of food and medicine on regions far removed from the attack. The packages are part of George Bush's promise of \$320 million to provide badly needed supplies to millions of Afghans weakened by drought and displaced by war.

(AP/Monica Japarkit)

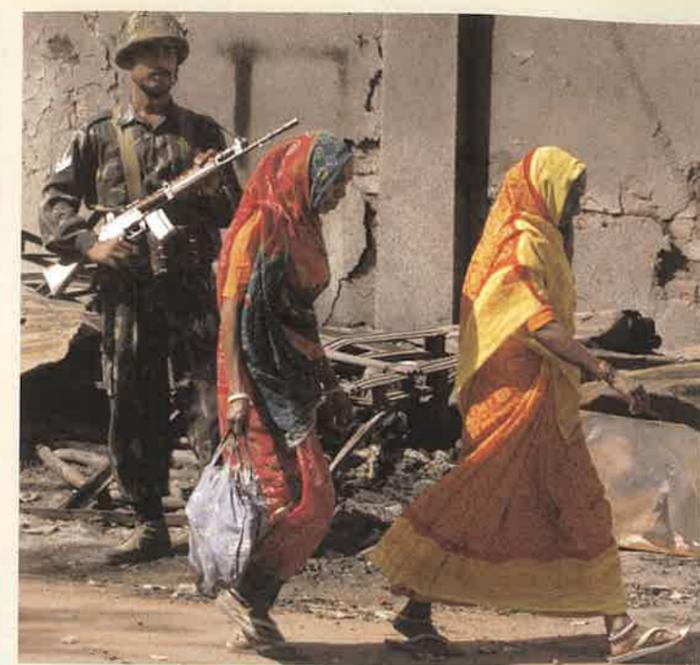


(U.S. Navy/Tony Cochrane)



Will it ever end? Peace in the Middle East seemed more unlikely than ever, as the second *intifada* continued to escalate. Rarely does a day go by without killings. Suicide bombings by Palestinians followed by retaliatory strikes by the Israeli military have become commonplace in this latest round in the struggle which has seen the death of more than 1,500 people since it began in September, 2000.

(AP/Santiago Lopez)



Deeply divided. Death tolls mounted in India, as Muslim-Hindu hatred exploded into violence. Some 500 people, mostly Muslims, died in a week of rioting set off by the burning of a train of Hindus who were returning from working on a temple located on a site also held holy by Islam.

(AP/Momish Sawarup)



Defiant to the end. Things aren't going too well for former Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic, who earned the dubious honor of being the first head of state to stand before the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal. Milosevic, 60, is charged with the massacre of over 7,000 Muslims and the expulsion of more than 250,000 Croats. Milosevic chose to defend himself at the trial, which is expected to take several years and which he has described as an illegal instrument controlled by Western powers.

(AP/ICTY via AP/IT)



Ablaze down under. Thousands of Australians fled their homes as bushfires swept across the nation, destroying wide swaths of forest and farmland. Although no fatalities were reported, smoke clouds caused air pollution levels to skyrocket. Nearly half the fires were deliberately set, mostly by teens and children, leading to the arrest of 25 suspects.

(AP/Rob Grifflin)



Ballot box debacle. Intimidation and violence paved the way for Robert Mugabe's continued reign in Zimbabwe. President since leading the nation to independence from Great Britain in 1980, Mugabe faced strong resistance after the March vote, deemed fraudulent by most Western nations. Mugabe has encouraged supporters to occupy white-owned farms—leading to the death of nine farmers in the last two years.

(AP)



Sorry, no francs please. People in 12 European countries began cashing in their old currencies for new shiny Euro coins and crisp multi-colored bills. The Euro creates a common currency in all but three European Union countries—Britain, Denmark and Sweden opted to keep their own currencies for now.

(AP/Jon Dime)



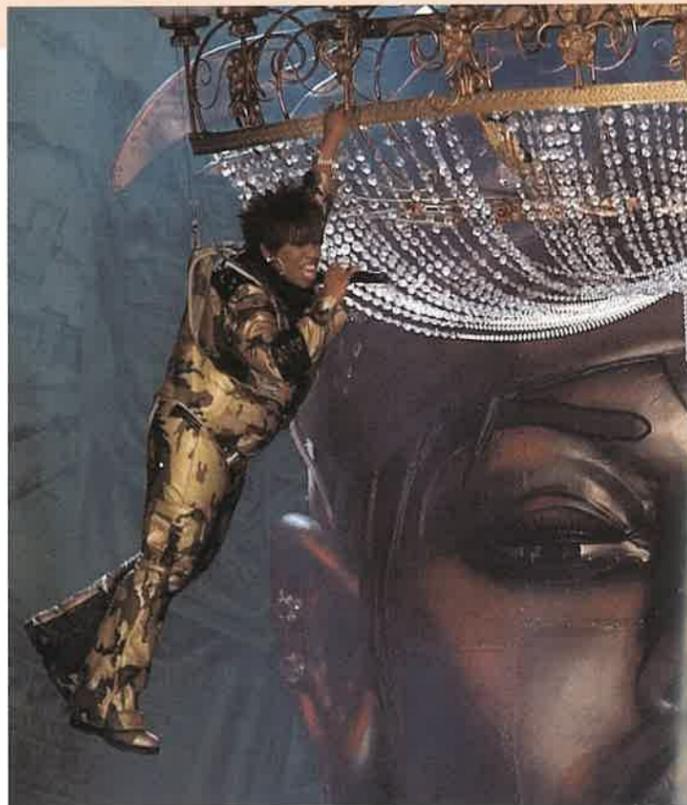
You ain't fallin' girl! Alicia Keys exploded onto the music scene with her debut album, *Songs in A Minor*, which earned her five Grammy awards including Best New Artist and Best R and B album. With a soulful sound and deft songwriting, especially on the album's first single, "Fallin'," the 21-year-old singer-pianist soared to the top of the charts. (AP/Reed Saxon)



Still flying. And the success of Nelly Furtado's debut album, *Whoa Nelly!*, continues. The 23-year-old Canadian took home a Grammy for best female pop performance for her song "I'm Like a Bird." Her first effort has created a global buzz that few musicians have achieved in an entire career. (AP/Keveok Djansezian)



Can't get much higher. Creed has taken Christian rock to a whole new level. After two highly successful albums the trio, who all live in Orlando, Fla., released their third full-length album, *Weathered*. The CD debuted at Number 1, selling more copies in its first week than any other rock release in 2001. (AP/Laura Rauch)



No time. Gwen Stefani of No Doubt sure had a busy year. Stefani, 32, and her band released a new album, *Rock Steady*, worked on numerous side projects with other artists and even got engaged. By year's end she was showing off the diamond on her ring finger from fellow rocker and long-time boyfriend, Gavin Rossdale, 34, of Bush. (AP/Chris Weeks)



Sexy and soulful. These are just a couple of words women have used to describe 20-year-old R and B superstar Craig David. When the native of Southampton, England, crossed the Atlantic with his album *Born To Do It*, he was met by an audience that couldn't get enough. Now, David's achieved gold, platinum, and multi-platinum certifications in 20 countries around the world. (AP/Bernd Kammerer)



No resting in the Park. The six guys of Linkin Park played an incredible 324 shows last year on their way to becoming America's best-selling band. After being rejected for three years by every major record label and most indie labels as well, Los Angeles-based Zomba Records finally bit. Linkin Park's first album, *Hybrid Theory*, flew off music store shelves, as did their DVD, *Frat party at the Pankake Festival*. The band won the Grammy for best hard rock performance for "Crawling." (AP/Suzanne Plunkett)



U2 certainly not stuck in a moment. With a mega-selling, Grammy-winning album in *All That You Can't Leave Behind*, there is no doubt the Irish foursome still have what it takes. Even at middle age, U2 still puts on one of the best live acts in the business, and didn't disappoint audiences in any of their 113 stops on their recent worldwide Elevation Tour. While lead singer Bono, (far right), continues his struggle for economic equality on behalf of countries in the developing world, his band grossed \$143 million in concert revenue last year. (AP/Tony Gutierrez)



A popular Usher. Too bad he's taken. The 23-year-old, who's dating fellow R and B star Chili, had a huge year. Usher wrote nine songs and produced his latest album, *8701*, which has already vaulted him to the top of the charts twice with "U Remind Me" and "U Got It Bad." He also kept his movie career alive, co-starring in *Texas Rangers* with James Van Der Beek of *Dawson's Creek*. (AP/Suzanne Plunkett)



The world gently weeps. George Harrison never wanted all the attention that came with being a member of the world's most famous rock band. Known as the quiet Beatle, the band's lead guitarist wrote some of the most-loved Beatles' classics, including "Here Comes the Sun," "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" and "Something." He died at age 58, after a bout with lung and brain cancer. (AP/PA)



Gone too soon. 22-year-old singer and actress Aaliyah Haughton—known to her fans by her first name, only—died when the twin-engine plane she was travelling in crashed only seconds after taking off from the Bahamas. In July, Aaliyah had released her self-titled third album, which offered a slower, more introspective compilation of songs. (AP/Jim Cooper)

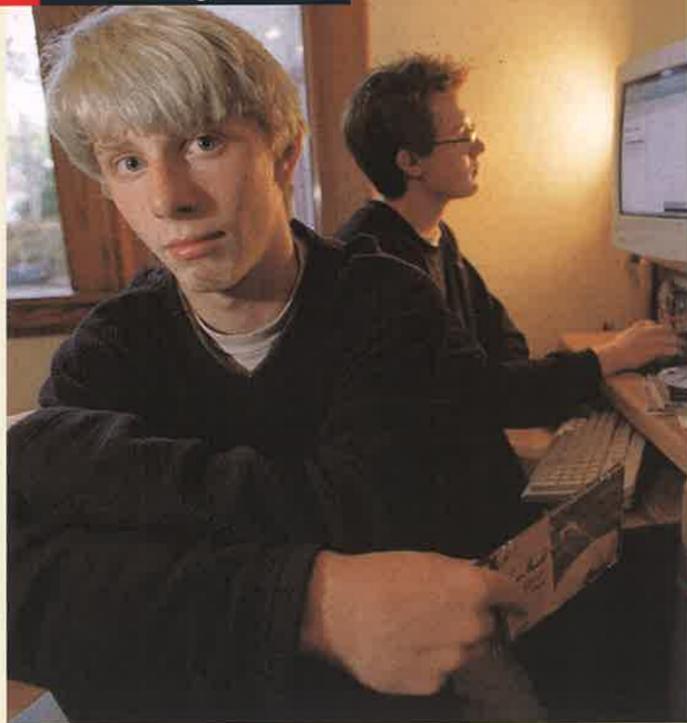
Just call me Missy. Missy Elliott might have the longest business card in the entertainment world, considering all her titles. The artist/producer/writer/arranger/rapper/singer/executive has a new album out titled *Miss E... So Addictive*, and has created a serious buzz at clubs with the smash hit "Get your freak on." Some of the biggest names in the world of Hip Hop and R and B lined up to work with Elliott on her album, including Redman and Method Man, Ginuwine, Eve, Ludacris and Jay-Z. (AP/Beth A. Keiser)



Minnie Mouse no more. Britney Spears cemented herself as the world's Number 1 pop princess with a wildly popular new self-titled album and North American tour. The 20-year-old also made her on-screen debut starring in *Crossroads*, a film about a wannabe pop star who goes on the road with three friends in search of her dream of making it big. In real life, that dream has certainly come true for the one-time member of the Mickey Mouse Club. (AP/Mark J. Terrill)



All that Glitters . . . turns to dust. And so it goes for Mariah Carey. After a series of Number 1 albums during the 1990s, the 32-year-old Carey's life spun out of control. After her album and film (both entitled *Glitter*) garnered more criticism than interest, the one-time diva had a nervous breakdown and spent two weeks in hospital. Her label, Virgin Records, later added insult to injury when it bought out her recent four-album \$100 million contract for \$28 million. (AP/Keveok Djansezian)

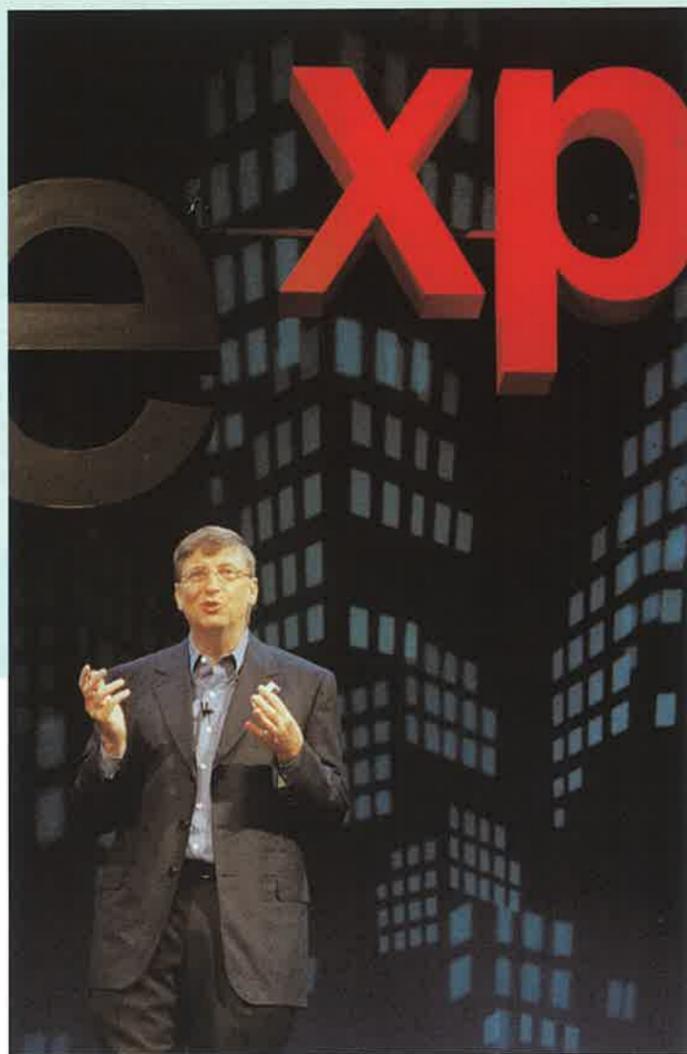


Message Mania. Surfing the net has taken a back seat to instant messaging, which combines the immediacy of the phone with the brevity of e-mail text. Just ask the world's 140 million users. The messaging program is not just for chatty teens. Many companies use it instead of conventional e-mail programs.

(CP/Ruth Bonneville)

Call me on my cell. That's a common command among youths who can't go anywhere without their portable phones. No longer just a status symbol, cells have become a way of life. Sleek and small designs offer a range of options. Now that you have the phone, you need a place to store the digits. Some are turning to personal organizers like the Palm which is one option—albeit pricey—for teens to keep phone numbers and track of their ever busy social calendar.

(MACLEAN'S/Sarah Freleigh)



Brand new eXperience. Bill Gates released his newest version of Windows, called Windows XP, which includes souped-up instant messaging and Microsoft's latest digital media player. For those who desire greater security, there's an Internet firewall and passport. Just like older versions of Windows, a few kinks need to be worked out. Regardless, the dollars keep pouring into the Gates multimedia empire.

(AP/Marty Lederhandlor)



Internet thieves. As Napster struggled in the courts over piracy charges, new online music programs popped up elsewhere on the Web. Even better, they are playable on tiny MP3 players.

(AP/Joe Covaretti)

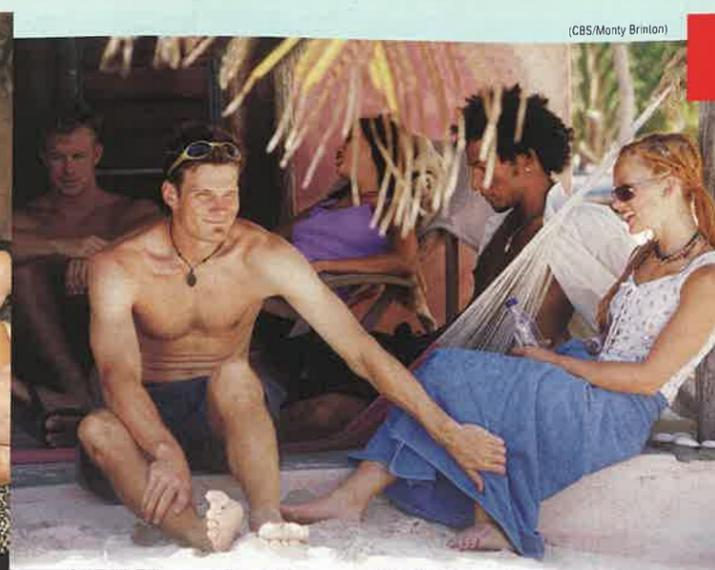
Video fantasies. As Nintendo pushes GameCube, Sony peddles PlayStation 2 and Microsoft promotes the Xbox, video game lovers rejoice. In the United States, estimates are that 70 per cent of homes will have a gaming console by 2005. Worldwide, the market is valued at \$25 billion.



Voyeurs victorious. Our passion for reality TV, although declining, continues. Whether it be watching people try to outsmart each other at some exotic location on *Survivor*, peaking into living rooms, albeit fake, in *Big Brother*, testing couples' commitments on *Temptation Island*, figuring out who among the group of non-actors is the plant in *The Mole*, or watching people do some of the silliest acts of bravery imaginable on *Fear Factor*. All of the above have people, often desperately, trying to get their 15 minutes of fame.



(AP/Kevork Djansizian)



(CBS/Monty Brimlan)



Jack can't stop the time. In *24*, Keifer Sutherland has found himself in one of television's most intriguing projects to date. The complex show consists of 24, one-hour episodes, based in real time. Sutherland plays CIA agent Jack Bauer, who is trying to stop an assassination plot of a presidential hopeful, but becomes embroiled in a dangerous web of action and intrigue.

(Copyright: 2001 FOX)



Still friends after all these years. Rachel's pregnant with Ross's kid. Joey loves Rachel. Monica and Chandler are still married. Phoebe still sings "Smelly Cat." And well, we're still watching *Friends*. In its ninth season, the insanely popular sitcom with 25 million North American viewers, looked to be coming to an end, but the cast inked an historic \$1 million an episode per actor contract. The pay raises make *Friends* the most expensive half-hour of TV to produce ever.

(AP/Michael Caulfield)

Nice bell-bottoms! *That '70s Show*, one of TV's most popular programs, delves into the trials and tribulations of growing up as a teen during the Seventies. The show has spawned a spin-off, *That '80s Show*, but audiences seem more interested in the earlier Disco version, mutton-chops and all. For the uninitiated, that's Seventies talk for sideburns.

Movies

Pure fantasy. The first book of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic trilogy, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, has hit the big screen with a big bang. It's the first of three fantasy features, shot simultaneously. The other two will be released at Christmas time in 2002 and 2003. The Tolkien saga, —published in the 1950s, has a readership of more than 100 million. Clearly, a marketer's dream.



Knocking down the door. With tears streaming down her face, Halle Berry made history when she became the first black woman to capture an Oscar for best actress since the Academy Awards began 75 years ago. Berry, 35, won the Oscar for her portrayal in *Monster's Ball* of a tragedy-stricken mother whose estranged husband dies in the electric chair and whose son is killed in a hit-and-run accident. (AP/Keorik Djansezian)



Under Harry's spell. Young Harry Potter made his big-screen debut in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* to an adoring audience. Kids of all ages headed out to see the flick based on the hugely popular series of books, written by J.K. Rowling. With more than \$600 million in box-office receipts, the movie ranks second all-time behind *Titanic*. Parts two and three are due out in 2002 and 2004.



Love and war. *Pearl Harbor* had the perfect blockbuster formula. A young, pretty cast—Ben Affleck, Kate Beckinsale and Josh Hartnett, along with Cuba Gooding, Jr., (above)—an epic tale (the Japanese surprise attack in 1941) and a tragic love story of two friends, both pilots, who fall for the same woman. The critics hated it, but for the audience the flick's got a lot of action and a whole lot of love.



Animation sensation. A star-studded cast performed perfectly behind state-of-the-art computer animation in *Shrek* to create one of the year's biggest hits and winner of the first Oscar for full-length animated feature. Mike Myers played Shrek, the green giant who goes from mean to keen; Eddie Murphy plays a talking jackass—a role he's perfected; Cameron Diaz is a martial arts princess and John Lithgow is the villain. Shrek's quest to rescue the princess brings him into hilarious contact with a host of fairy tale characters.



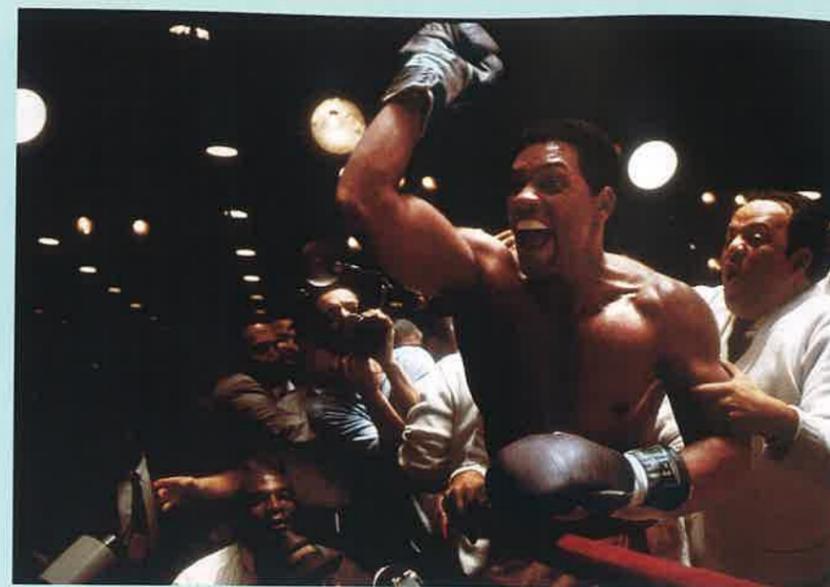
Nearly, mission impossible. Josh Hartnett, (above), and Ewan McGregor portray two American soldiers in *Black Hawk Down* who take part in the ill-fated 1993 Somalia mission. The film is based on actual events.



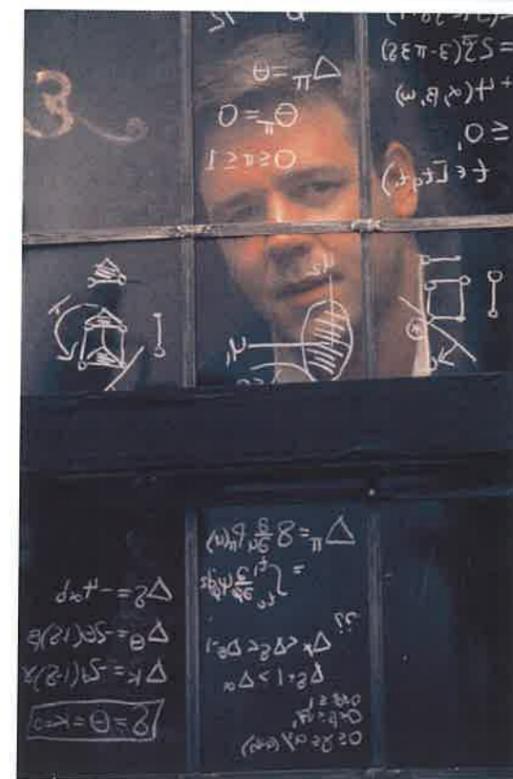
The cars are pretty hot, too. *The Fast and the Furious* is an action-adventure that stars Vin Diesel, (left), as Dominic Toretto, the leader of a street gang under suspicion for stealing expensive electronic equipment. Paul Walker, (right), of *Varsity Blues* fame plays an undercover police officer who infiltrates the fast-paced Los Angeles race world, attempting to uncover the illegal activities.



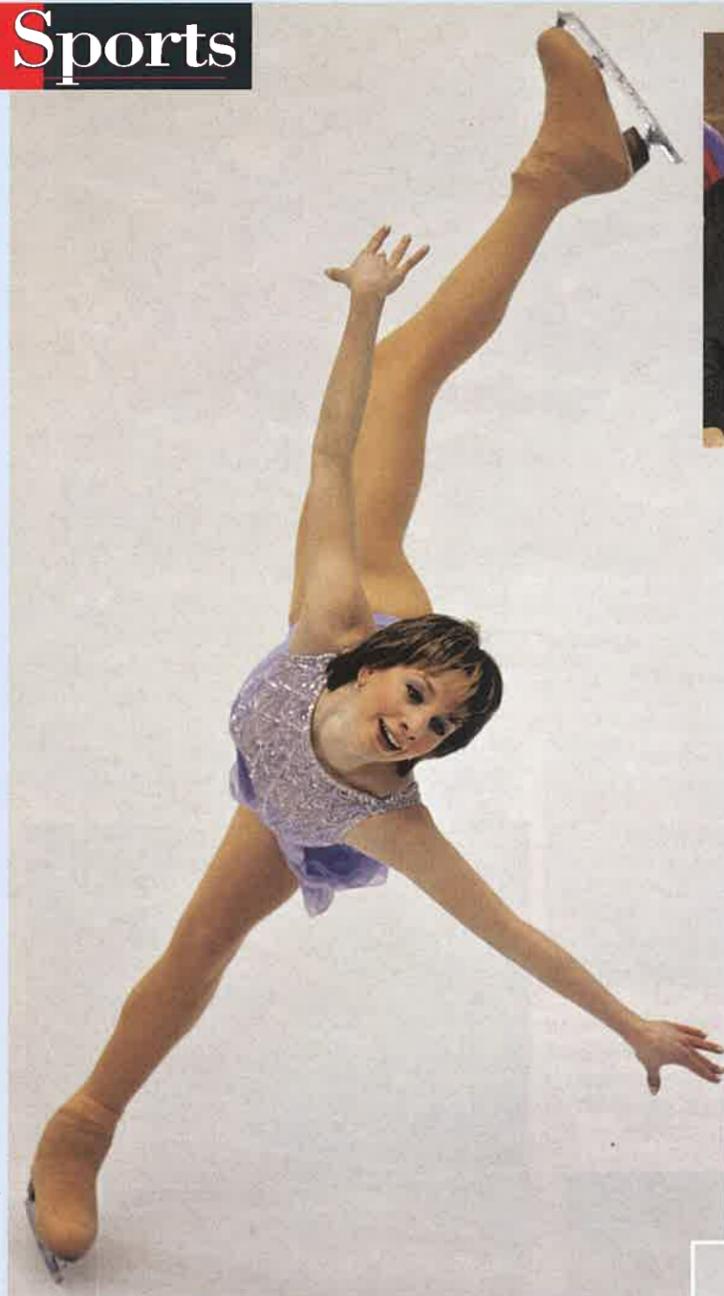
Slick flick. Danny Ocean is fresh from a stint in the big house when he rounds up a gang of associates to stage simultaneous heists of three major Las Vegas casinos in the re-make of *Ocean's Eleven*, a 1960s classic. The eccentric group of characters, which includes an aging thief, a Chinese acrobat, a perfect pickpocket and a card magician, all have key roles to play if the \$150 million heist is going to work. The clothes are cool and some of the one-liners, especially from George Clooney, (left), who plays Ocean, and Brad Pitt, (right), are classic. Matt Damon, Julia Roberts and Andy Garcia round out an all-star cast.



Smith dances like a butterfly. In *Ali*, Will Smith had the critics talking Oscar before the movie was even released. Smith put on 30 pounds of muscle and seriously toned up to play the part of the world's greatest boxer. Ten years of Ali's life are depicted in the film, including many of his personal struggles—divorces and draft-dodging Vietnam—before concluding with his title fight against George Foreman. Smith also did a great job staying true to Ali's famous motormouth. In the end, Smith lost the Oscar fight to Denzel Washington who starred as the bad cop in *Training Day*.



Crowe's flying high. Once again the seemingly unstoppable Russell Crowe is creating a huge buzz. This time all the fuss is over his performance in Ron Howard's *A Beautiful Mind*, which won four Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Crowe plays John Nash Jr., an American math genius in the 1950s who struggles with schizophrenia before making a comeback, capped by winning a Nobel Prize in 1994 for his work in game theory. Co-star Jennifer Connolly, who plays his wife, won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress.



(AP/Lionel Chromeeau)



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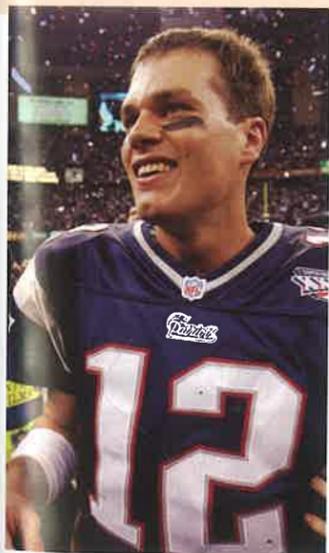


(AP/Robert E. Buu, Jr.)

We're Golden! Not only were we great hosts, but man did we clean up. With 34 medals in Salt Lake City, second only to Germany, Team U.S.A. had its greatest Winter Olympics ever. Here are just some of the highlights. With a picture tucked in his helmet of his 91-year-old grandfather, Jack Shea—a two-time speed skating gold medallist, killed when a drunk driver hit his car just two weeks before the Games—Jim Shea sledged down the skeleton course for gold. Vonetta Flowers and Jill Bakken, no doubt surprised even themselves with their golden performance in the two-woman bobsled. Snowboarder Chris Klug proved that not even an energy-draining liver transplant two years ago could keep him off the medal podium. Klug won bronze in parallel giant slalom. In fourth after the short program, 16-year-old Sarah Hughes's dream of gold seemed lost. Not so, as her flawless free skate allowed her to leapfrog some of the sport's big names, including teammates Michelle Kwan and Sasha Cohen, to become the women's figure-skating champ. New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, (top right), came to Salt Lake City to help light the Olympic flame.



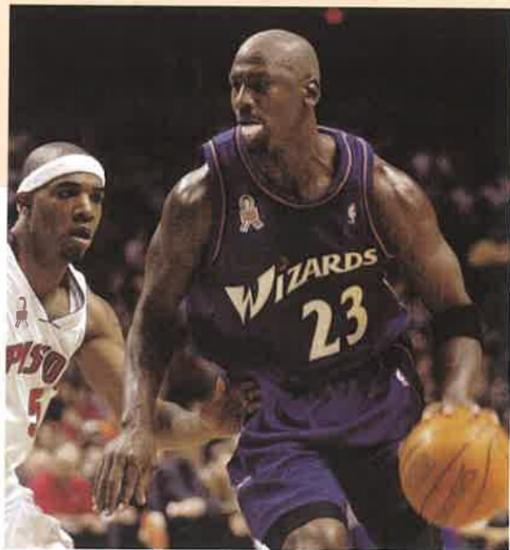
And the new Tiger is . . . William Augustus Tryon IV? Nicknamed Ty by his dad, after the Ty Webb character in *Caddyshack*, Tryon became the youngest player—17 years, six months and one day—to earn his PGA tour card. His best rookie performance since joining the tour was a 37th place showing at the 2001 B.C. Open, where he was remarkably the tournament's co-leader after 18 holes. No doubt Nike have the endorsement contracts simply awaiting Ty's signature. (AP/Matt York)



Nerves of steel. New England Patriot pivot Tom Brady ignored the controversy over who was going to start at quarterback: him or Drew Bledsoe. He also ignored the fact that the St. Louis Rams were two-touchdown favorites in the biggest game of the season. And he ignored the pain from the ankle he had sprained in the AFC final a week earlier. Instead, Brady went out on the field in Super Bowl XXXVI and led the Pats to a stunning 20-17 victory over the Rams. (AP/Doug Miller)

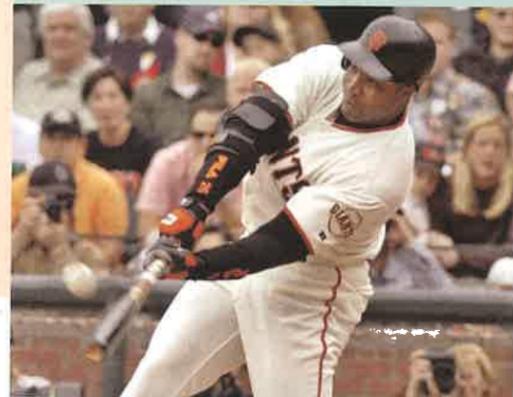


Dynamic duo. With serves that rival the power of the top men, Venus and Serena Williams dominated the women's game last year. After winning her second consecutive Wimbledon title in July, Venus, 21, the year's top money winner, went on to capture her second straight U.S. Open title by beating her 19-year-old sister Serena in the first Grand Slam final between siblings in 117 years. (AP/Mark Lennihan)



Can't stay away. You've got to wonder if Michael Jordan is ever going to retire. The 39-year-old former Chicago Bull decided to lace up his Air-Jordan high-tops once again, this time for the Washington Wizards—a team that he part-owned during his last retirement from the game. Although not as quick as he once was, the six-foot-six-inch guard showed he can still play with the young guys, averaging 24.3 points a game until knee surgery sidelined him near the end of the season. (AP/Carlos Osorio)

Oh, what a year. Last season could not have been any sweeter for Lisa Leslie. The 29-year-old Los Angeles Sparks superstar center won every MVP award given out by the Women's National Basketball Association—WNBA MVP, All-Star MVP and 2001 WNBA Championship MVP—but most importantly, Leslie and the Sparks won their first title. The Sparks capped their season-long dominance of the WNBA with an 82-54 win over the Charlotte Sting, led by Leslie's 24 points, 13 rebounds, six assists and seven blocks. (AP/Kevoik Djansezian)



Moon-shot master. Barry Bonds isn't always Major League Baseball's most gracious player, but man can he hit the long-ball. Last year, the San Francisco Giants slugger hit 73 home runs—three in the pressure-packed last weekend of the season—to break Mark McGwire's single season mark of 71, set in 1998. The 37-year-old outfielder took over seventh place in the all-time homer list with 567, ahead of New York Yankee great Reggie Jackson. (AP/Julie Jacobson)

THE 2001 CHAMPIONS

SUPER BOWL	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS OVER ST. LOUIS RAMS	20-17
WORLD SERIES	ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS BEAT NEW YORK YANKEES 4-3 SERIES	
NBA	L.A. LAKERS OVER PHILADELPHIA 76ers	4-1 SERIES
STANLEY CUP	COLORADO AVALANCHE OVER NEW JERSEY DEVILS	4-3 SERIES
PGA (TOP MONEY)	TIGER WOODS	\$5.7 MILLION
LPGA (TOP MONEY)	ANNIKA SORENSTAM	\$2.1 MILLION
MEN'S TENNIS	LLEYTON HEWITT, AUSTRALIA	\$3.7 MILLION
WOMEN'S TENNIS	VENUS WILLIAMS, U.S.A.	\$2.7 MILLION
(2002) NCAA (MEN)	MARYLAND OVER INDIANA	64-52
(2002) NCAA (WOMEN)	UCONN BEAT OKLAHOMA	82-70



Sunken treasure. Colossal statues, sunken ships, gold coins and jewelry are some of the treasures uncovered by a team of marine archaeologists in the submerged ancient city of Heracleion, four miles off Egypt's shoreline. The ancient city, thought to have been destroyed by an earthquake and flooding in the middle of the 8th century AD, was built in the 7th or 6th century BC and acted as Egypt's main port of trade. (AP/Amr Nabil)



Where's mom's car? Searching for the car in a shopping mall parking lot isn't a lot of fun. So use Parking Caddy—a \$20 key chain device that allows you to input the lot, level and row number of where you parked. There's also an alarm clock to warn drivers when a parking meter is about to run out.

(MACLEAN'S/Teresa Barbieri)



Big Foot was here. Scientists in Alberta, Canada, say that the discovery of tracks made by woolly mammoths, ancient camels, horses, bison and caribou are providing some of the best visual clues on how these animals were hunted by man on the Western plains more than 10,000 years ago. But it appears that shortly after humans arrived, the animals became extinct. As well, the evidence seems to indicate that man may have first come to the New World travelling by foot or boat along the west coast of the Americas before moving inland. This goes against the conventional theory that people came over a land bridge from Siberia. (MACLEAN'S/Brian Bergman)



Top down . . . wind in your hair. The Segway Human Transporter (HT) is a radical concept in personal transportation. Reaching speeds of 12 miles per hour, the HT triples the speed of normal walking and can travel as many as 15 miles on a single electrical charge. (AP/Suzanne Plunkett)



That bird . . . has propellers! In the future, whenever you're late for class, you can just jump aboard your Solotrek XFV and be there in no time at all. As you hover, three feet from the ground, you'll be able to weave in and out of traffic in this single-person flying device. During initial tests, the first flight lasted just 19 seconds, so it's clear there is still some work to be done. Even when it's ready, there will be one major obstacle—the price. It's expected to retail for about the same as a high-end sports car. It isn't too great for dating, either. (AP/Julie Jacobson)



Look ma! No...keyboard. Even two-finger typists can use this new product created by a Swedish high-tech company. Here's how it works: there are two sensors that fit snugly over each hand at the knuckles. They monitor each finger movement, allowing users to type on any flat surface as if it was a keyboard, relaying each keystroke to a hand-held computer or smart phone via radio waves.



How do you say. . . ? If you're having trouble conjugating verbs, the UT-103 Language Translator is just the thing for you. Able to translate English words into any of three languages (French, German, Spanish), the \$250 device has about 3,000 phrases divided into 14 subject categories, including everyday conversation, health and sports. Homework has never been so easy.