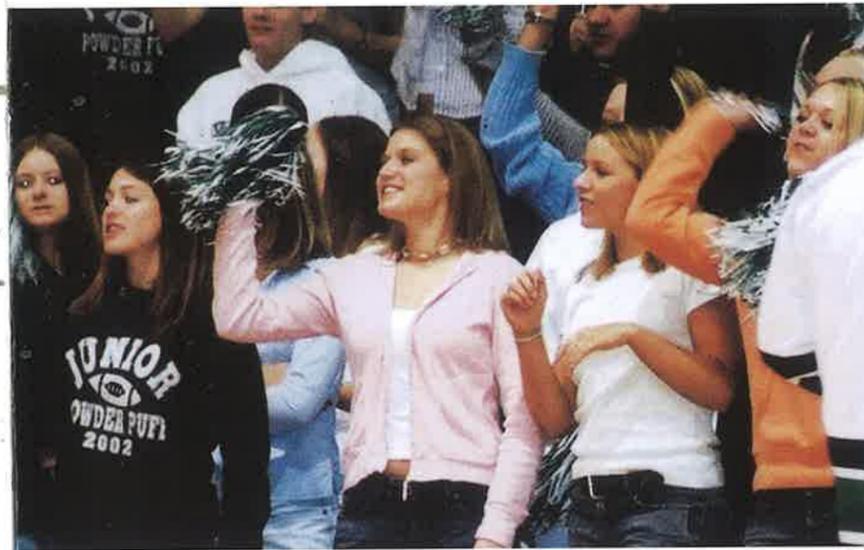


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Pack! The junior girls cheer on their classmates during the tug-of-war at the Spring Pep Rally.

...are the Champions!!! After capturing the State AAA Football Championship, members of the football team celebrate their victory.

...y I cut in?? Enjoying their prom, seniors Jena Weller, Katie Warren and Melinda Guajardo dance the night away.



Look at us go! Shooting down the hill on their homemade sled, Allsion Nicholson and Stacey Verdoorn enjoy the abundant snow.

Wild AND Crazy Kids

Welcome to the Wild and Crazy kids show. This year the silver seniors, green juniors, black sophomores and white freshmen are competing in an obstacle course to finish out the school year. The obstacle course will make it a very hard show for all who participate. Gaining help from the Refs, it is hopeful that everyone will be able to finish the game. The tasks include a game for the state football championship, a national competition for dance and an all-new state hockey tournament. The different clubs in the school will compete in some of the hardest competition. The DECA club will be sending five students to Florida

to represent WFHS in the International DECA Conference, and the Science Olympiad team will compete in the state competition. With the Packer fans cheering them on, the teams will work hard completing the tasks, and finish with a strong year.

by Anthony Krajeck



Wild thing! Showing off their moves, the Packatahmas finish the dance with style.



Picture perfect! Dancing on stage, senior Adam Montgomery and Junior Joanna Sherman give big smiles to the crowd.



Time together as a team. The football team jumps and cheers as they prepare for the big game against South.



The Obstacle Course

A crazy obstacle course is the perfect definition of the 2003 school year. There may have been barriers along the

way, but students had tons of fun hanging out and living it up when there were not any.

Freshman Alex Becklund has done some crazy stuff this year. He even got out of 7th hour study hall two minutes early for doing a crazy pigeon impression.

'I was going over desks in 7th hour when Mr. Plecty was out of the room. When I got to the fourth desk, I landed with all of my weight on my head. The only thing it hurt was my ego, though,' Becklund said.

Students also had plenty of fun outside of school with their friends at concerts. Bands such as Good Charlotte and Weezer, rocked our state as well as the students.

'I had a great time going to concerts this year. It was a ton of fun,' freshman Ashly Cofell said.

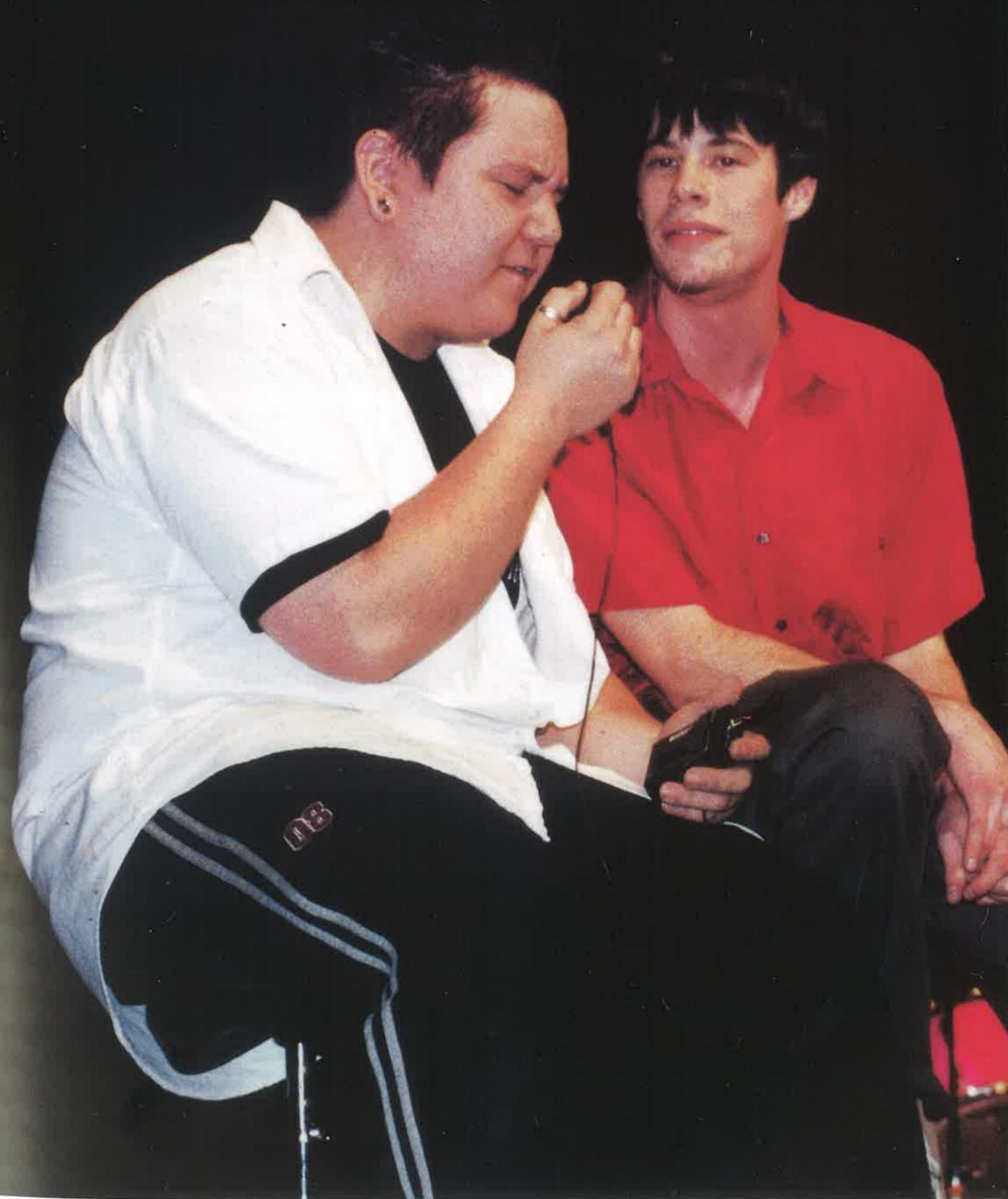
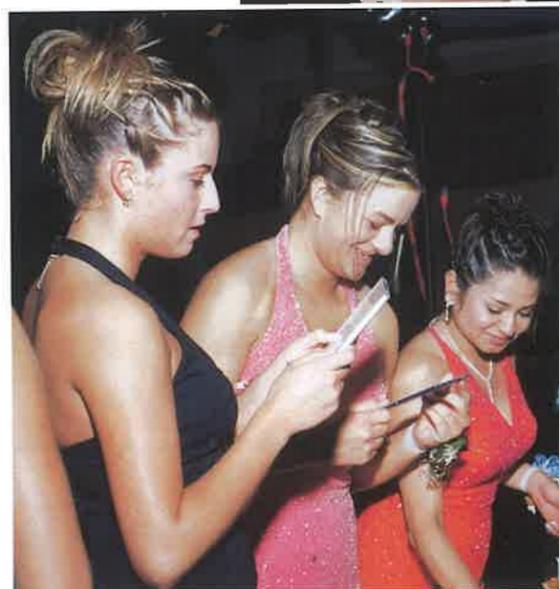
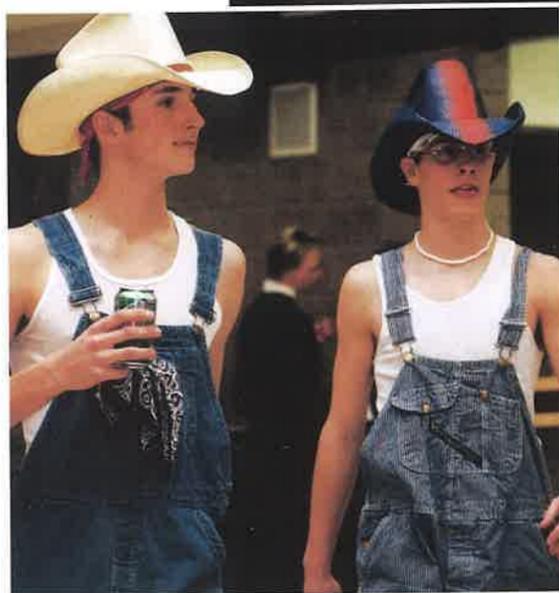
Whether they are at a concert or just hanging with friends, wild stuff happens to West Fargo students a lot. Even at school, believe it or not.

Rock on boys! At the spring talent show, seniors Nick Christlieb and Luke Boedigheimer of the band Donkey Punch sing Seasons by Good Charlotte.

Yeehaw! Showing some true school spirit, senior Jimmy Hoy and junior Bobby Brand show off their duds on Cowboy Day during one of the spirit weeks in February.

Do Re Mi. During the Homecoming Coronation, seniors Paul Koppleman, Kelsey Limenty, Blake Nizkowski, Brianna Montgomery, Shannon Hayes and Kyle McLean sing until their hearts content, impressing the audience as well.

This one looks good. Checking out some CDs during prom, seniors Kelsey Pergande, Katie Warner, and Melinda Gujardo all see some they like.





Aren't they pretty? Homecomings royalty for 2002. Bryan Huso, Nick Reinisch, Andrew Moch, James Hoy, Jon Hay, Kristan Olson, Christine Rankin, Kelsey Pergande, Brenda Bucholz, and Annie Lund pose after the crowning of this year's king and queen.

Look at me! Seniors Andrew Salquist and Marc Gunderson throw out candy at the West Fest parade on the WF football float.

Are they from West Fargo or Mars? Mr. Gary Clark, Cheryl Buzick, Amy Staska, Judy Bontiette, Janice Best, and Gail Tobkin, the office staff, show their school spirit with wild and colorful hair celebrating crazy hair day.

Where's the scouts? Senior Tracy Canton sprints for the touchdown during the PowderPuff game.



REMEMBERING MOMENTS LIKE THESE

From wild hair to crazy outfits, West Fargo High students know how to make Homecoming Week fun and exciting.

Dress up days served as the in-school activities. This year, each day of the week had a special theme to it. After school activities were also planned.

On Monday, the faculty and student body brought summer back and dressed up Hawaiian style. Jon Hay and Kristan Olson were announced as king and queen at coronation on Monday night.

On Tuesday, the theme was crazy hair day. Many people showed their crazy side with spiked, braided or dyed hair.

On Wednesday, the High School got a blast from the past and celebrated generation day or tie-dye day. The PowderPuff football game was also scheduled for

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Spirit Week is really fun. We get to do lots of things that normally we don't get to do. It's a nice change of pace.

~Junior Jill Springer

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Wednesday. The senior girls triumphed over the junior class.

A pep rally took place during the school day, prior to the girls' game. "Zach Click did an excellent job of making the pep rally fun for everyone," sophomore Emily Vetter said.

Hat Day took place on Thursday. Unlike normal days at school,

everyone got the chance to wear a hat in the building.

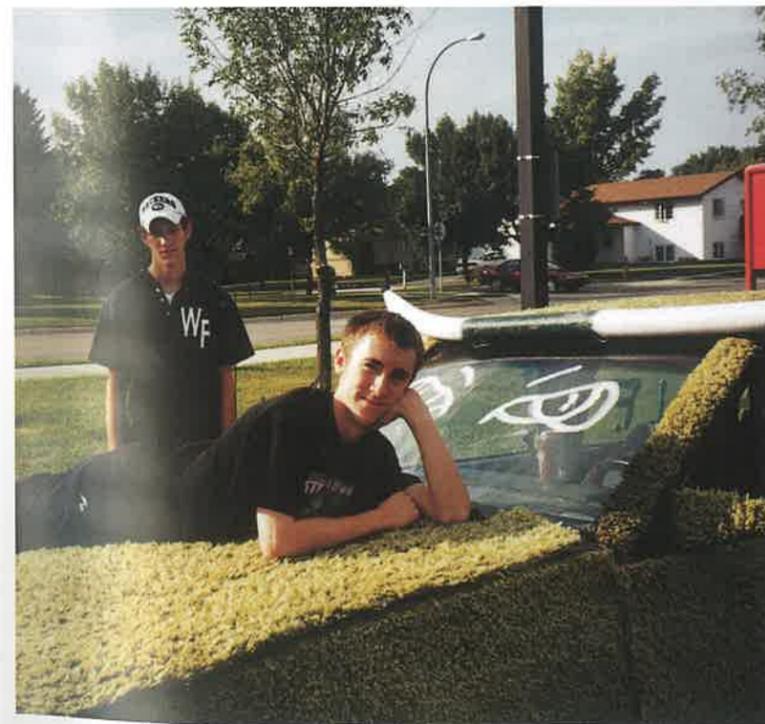
The most exciting day was Friday. Not only was it Packer Pride day, it was also the day of the football game and Homecoming dance.

"The football games are fun to watch. There is great excitement in the crowd because the Packers are doing so well," sophomore Katie Schmidt said.

This year's football game was against Devils Lake. The Packers shut them out with a score of 23-0.

"Spirit Week is really fun. We get to do lots of things that normally we don't get to do. It's a nice change of pace," junior Jill Springer said.

by Andrea Flaten



Let's hit the road! Juniors Chris Tande and Carter Woodley show off their car carpeted like the Packer bull on Friday before the parade.



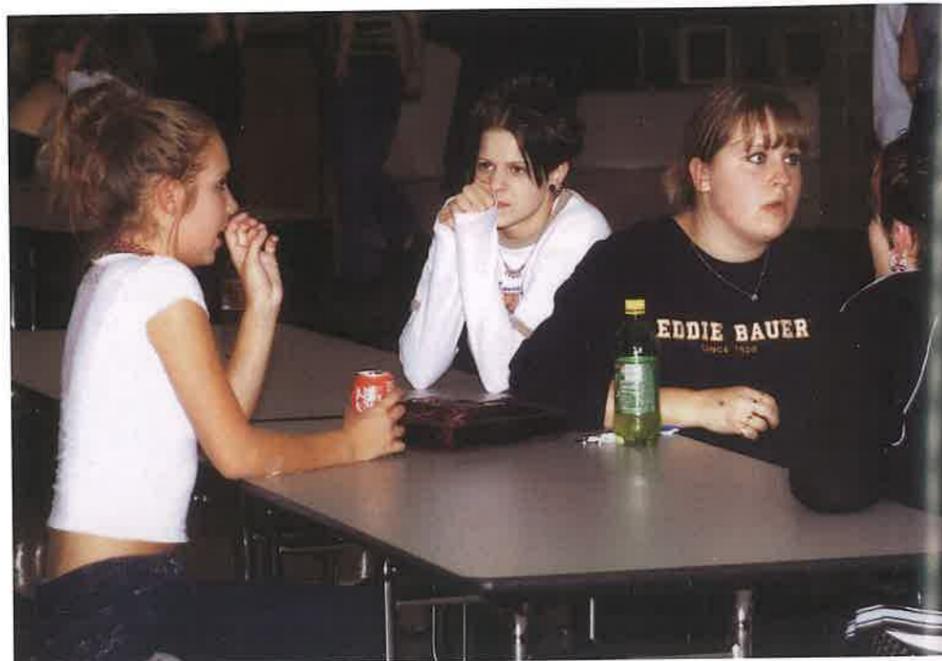
Look at that hair! English teacher and newspaper advisor Ms. Toni Nelson dyed her hair hot pink for crazy hair day.



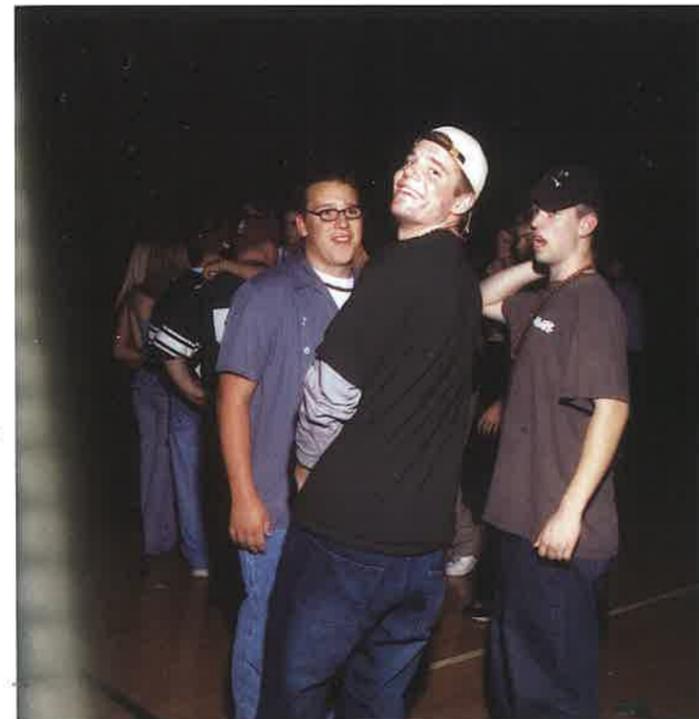
Get down! Sophomores Haley Knutson, Sasha Hand, Alisha Rohr, Kristen Daum and junior Cody Nirshl enjoying the night.

Dancing queen! Junior Kara Hadley grooves with friends at the Mardi Gras after the game.

Time out! Juniors Tracy Schweitzer and Carley Moszer take a much needed break to cool off and grab something to drink while visiting with their friend from Fargo South.



That's right, we won! Senior Isaac Peterson and juniors Jacob Murray and Jason Busche take a break from their dancing after their victory in football.



Disco diva! Sophomore Jasmin Jarocki dances the night away at the Homecoming dance.

It's getting hot in here! The gym getting really hot with all the dancing bodies at the Homecoming Mardi Gras.



STUDENTS GET DOWN AT MARDI GRAS

Winning the Homecoming game against Devils Lake was not the only excitement on September 27th. The huge victory was a great help towards getting students full of Packer pride for the Homecoming dance. The theme, Mardi Gras, was a hit. Most people were wearing beads, and some were even wearing masks. The masks did not last long because of how hot the gym was.

Dancing took place in one huge

group. "It was a lot of fun because everybody danced with everyone," freshman Ali Edwards said.

More people should come to the dance because you only go through high school once in your life.

—Junior Cassie Ellingson

As usual, the freshmen were the largest crowd. Not many seniors showed up for their last Homecoming dance as compared to their previous years at the high school.

"More people should come to the dance because you only go through high school once in your life," junior Cassie Ellingson said.

This year it turned out that the higher the grade the smaller the crowd.

"The dance was great, but I was expecting more of a crowd like last year," sophomore Karli Rodgers said.

The dance was a great way to end Homecoming week. Homecoming was a successful night for everybody.

by Marni Benson



Homecoming Dance



Senior Memories From...

"My favorite senior memory was after my first choir performance when some girls stole my clothes. I went to the lobby to look for them, and TJ Medrud 'pantsexed' me. I was streaking through the lobby, but I did get many compliments." **Brandon Heitkamp**

"My favorite senior memory was girls' state swimming 2002, when the toilet in our hotel room flooded the entire bathroom and no one would admit whose fault it was. Stacy Hestbeck, Andrea Flaten and I were laughing so hard, I thought someone was gonna have an accident." **Jenny Joyce**

"We were in the football huddle at practice and one of the guys farted and Mr. Jonas freaked out. I have never seen Jonas so mad, it was hilarious." **John Reichert**

"Pressure makes diamonds' Thank you Mr. Teft." **Mike Tengwall**

"My favorite senior memory was the day before Christmas break when I hung candy canes from the spacers in my ears. I got some of the weirdest looks." **Nick Christlieb**

"Going to Valley City for Science Olympiad, talking with friends and trying to compete for a regional title for the opportunity to compete at state for the title." **Joe Daum**

"My favorite memories were when Angel and I fell down the stairs in front of everyone in the commons sophomore year." **Melissa Lang**

"My senior memory is when Andrea VanDyke and I toilet papered our teacher, Mr. Heyen's house on Halloween." **Brianna Thompson**

"Going to Red Lodge with four pals and livin' it up in Montana." **Andrew Moch**

"I remember when Cory Ohnstad attacked the bull at the winter sports pep rally." **Heather Pokrzywinski**

"During strike after My Fair Lady', Brianne Montgomery and I slid down the banister of the commons stairs. It was so fun!" **Melissa Mallett**

"I will never forget when Katie Warren, Jenny Johnson, Brit-tany Kloos, Jena Weller and I ran through fields for four hours out at Ryan Wentz's place. We thought we were going to freeze to death, and all of our cell phones quit working." **Heather Zimmerman**

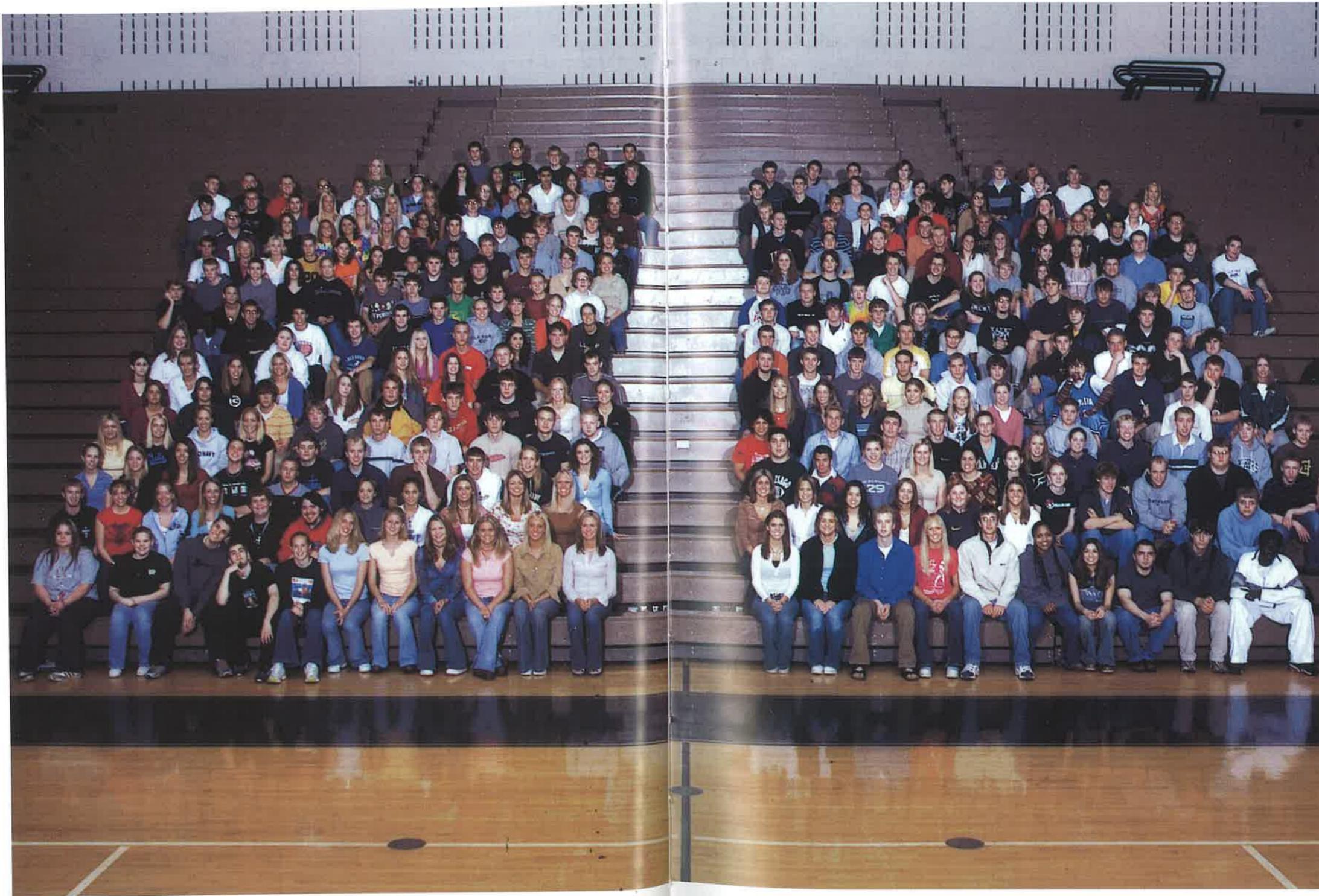
"Chilling with my boys." **Steven Klocke**

"My best senior memory is going out to lunch everyday first semester with Andy Salquist."

"When I was at my boyfriend's house with Michelle (Squiggles), I was really tired, and I spilled my drink down my shirt and didn't know it until I heard everybody laughing at me." **Gina Dahlgren**

"My favorite memory was the great amount of fun we had at state Deca in Minot." **Joey Guevara**

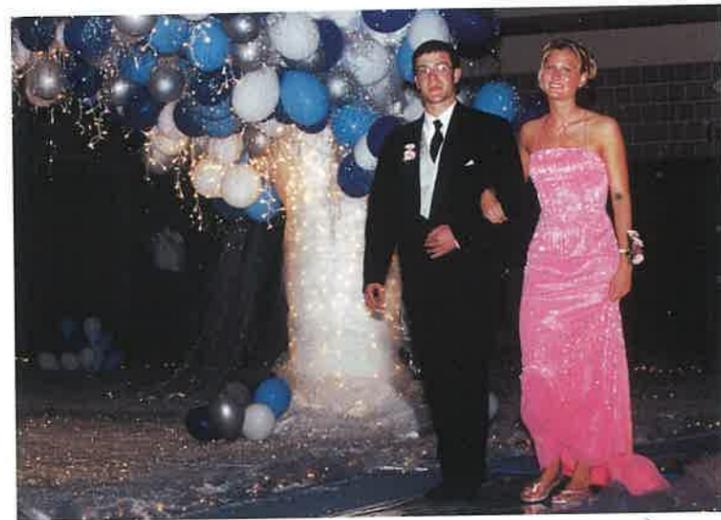
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Putting on the finishing touches. Junior Alyssa Lester helps decorate the gym for the grand march.

Follow the yellow brick road. Senior Blaine Roarke escorts senior Tracy Canton around grand march.

Taking a time out. Seniors Steve Klocke, Mike Blickensderfer, Tanner Anderson, James Rodgers, and Jordan Kelly pose for a quick picture.



BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

Shopping months in advance to find the perfect dress, nail and hair appointments, matching the tux perfectly with the dress and of course, finding a date are all required. Prom was a very memorable night during high school. "By the Light of the Moon" was the prom theme. The grand march was decorated with lots of stars and moons. More than 250

couples walked the lit-up pathway around the gym. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

"I had a lot of fun at prom this year. It was fun to walk around the gym and show off how good you look," senior Tanner Anderson said.

The dance in the commons followed the grand march. Everyone had a very good time. The official song of this year's prom was "When You Say Noth-

ing at All" by Allison Kraus. The only downside of the dance was the heat.

"It was so hot at the dance. Everyone was crowded and dancing. At least they had the courtyard open," sophomore Sarah Schmidt said.

Post Prom followed the dance. Once again, it was held at the Bowler where students had the chance to win prizes. Prom was definitely a night to remember.

by Sara Monson

PARTYING THE NIGHT AWAY

After the prom dance, many people hit the famous after-party. This year the post-prom celebration was held at the Bowler in South Fargo. Around three hundred people attended post-prom this year due to a dreary night of rain. The Bowler provided a place for students to get together after the dance, and partake in various activities.

Every year the school provides a place for post prom to be located at

"For being a school sponsored event, I thought it was really fun," junior Kaila Margheim said.

The late night attendees had many activities to choose from.

Some activities included: bowling, air hockey, pool, videogames, bingo, and karaoke.

"I really thought there was plenty to do, and it was fun hanging with

I liked the idea of getting so much free stuff after all the money we spent on prom.

Junior Adam Nystuen

everyone after the dance," sophomore Megan Emerson said. If someone did not find anything to do at the bowler, they definitely had plenty of food to choose from. Free pizza, tacos in a bag, deserts and pop were provided throughout the night when people were not

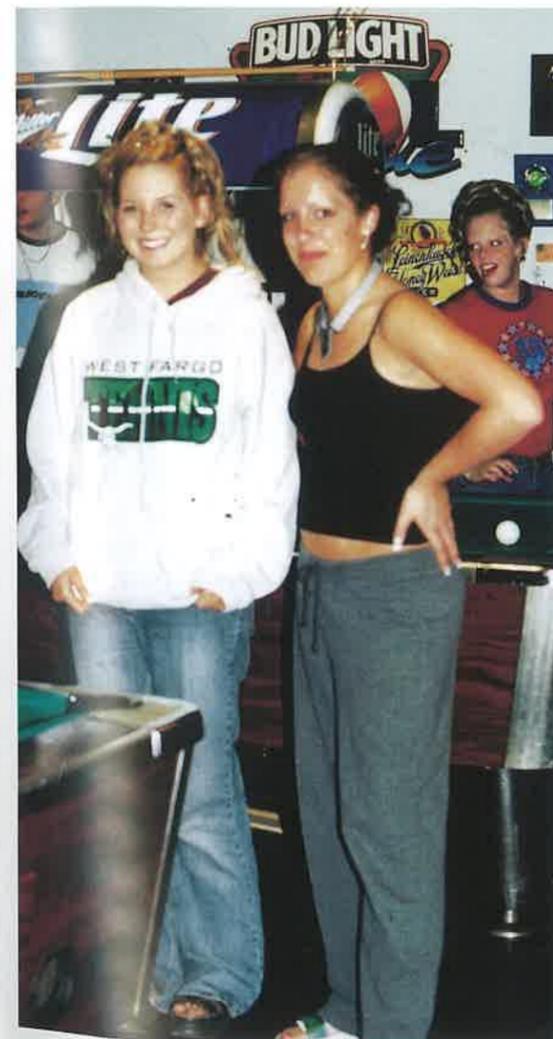
participating in the numerous activities provided.

"I liked the idea of getting so much free stuff after all the money we spent on prom," junior Adam Nystuen said.

Another event post-prom featured was random drawings throughout the night for fabulous prizes. This year around \$1,600 worth of prizes were given away to a variety of people in attendance. At the end of the night cash prizes were also awarded.

Post prom was a big success, and many people would like to live their prom night over and over again.

by Levi Kalsow



Don't hit the eight-ball in! After a great game of pool, juniors Kryshel Evans and Amy Messner watch another game of pool.

Bust a move! Getting ready to sing a song for karaoke, senior Luke Bodigheimer grabs the microphone for a great performance.

Two thumbs up dude! Happy that the day has finally come, seniors Jimmy Hoy and Greg Tehven pose with principal Mr. Gary Clark after commencement.



311 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM WEST FARGO HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation. For most, it is a time of celebration. Senior year flew by too fast, and the senior class of 2003 is ready to walk down the isles.

While all the seniors were prepping up, National Honor Society members escorted people to seats before the ceremony started. When it was time to begin, the symphonic band played while seniors walked down the isle to their seats. During the ceremony, the seniors in band played their final piece as high school students. The piece that the seniors picked was "Firebird". The seniors in choir sang their last song. At the end of the ceremony, when the seniors walked out, the band played one final time.

This year 311 seniors walked

down the isles and up those stairs at the Fargo Civic Auditorium to receive their diplomas. There was no valedictorian awarded at the ceremony, but seniors Zachary Click and Annie Lund both gave speeches. Click opened the ceremony with his intro speech. Lund gave the main address.

Throughout their high school careers, seniors have lived through many moments that to them become great memories.

"My most memorable moment was when someone let off a smoke bomb and half the school was filled with yellow smoke my freshman year," senior Jacob Bomstad said.

Most seniors are going to miss walking through the halls every day and seeing their friends be-

tween each class period, during lunch and if they were lucky, even in class.

"The one thing that I am going to miss most is seeing all the people that I grew up with everyday in school," senior Eric Lee said.

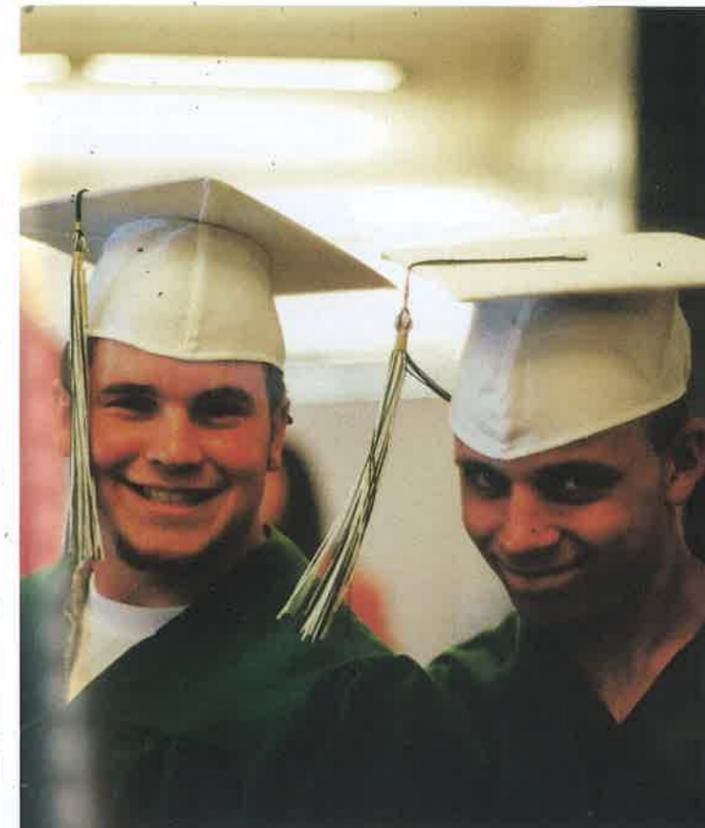
Although graduation is the end of high school and a time to celebrate, it is also a new beginning for most of the seniors. Many of the seniors plan on attending college.

"I plan on working for two years, then I am going to go to school at Alexandria Technical College for two years," senior Bret Hirschert said.

Graduation was a time to celebrate. It was the end of their high school careers and the beginning of the rest of their lives.

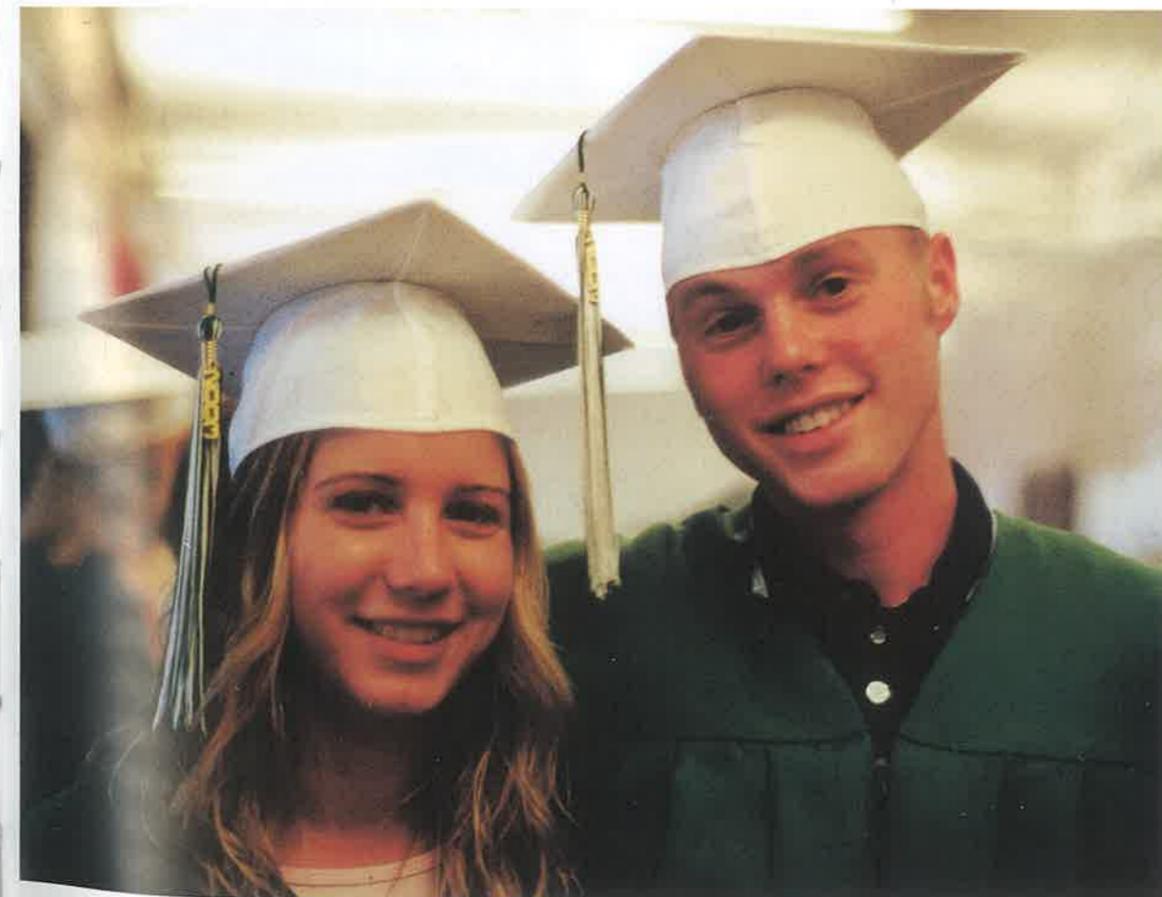
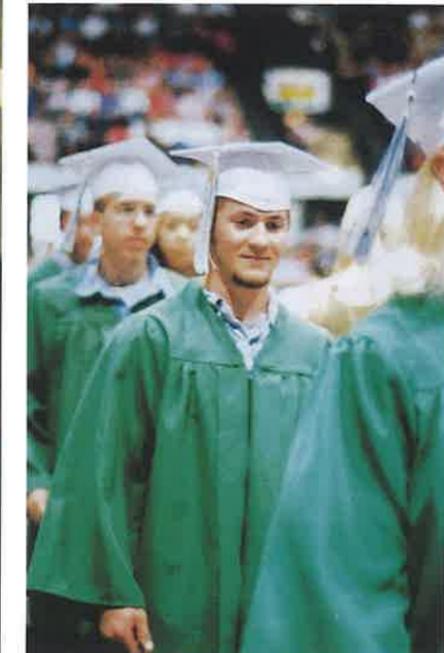
by Tami Lipp

Hey there good lookin!! Striking a pose for the camera seniors James Schiermeister and Kyle McLean act silly on their graduation day.



Man am I nervous!! Walking to receive his diploma senior Cory Ohnstad hopes he doesn't trip and fall.

Smile! Taking their last picture together, graduates Stephanie Wilson and Bret Hirschert take in the moment.



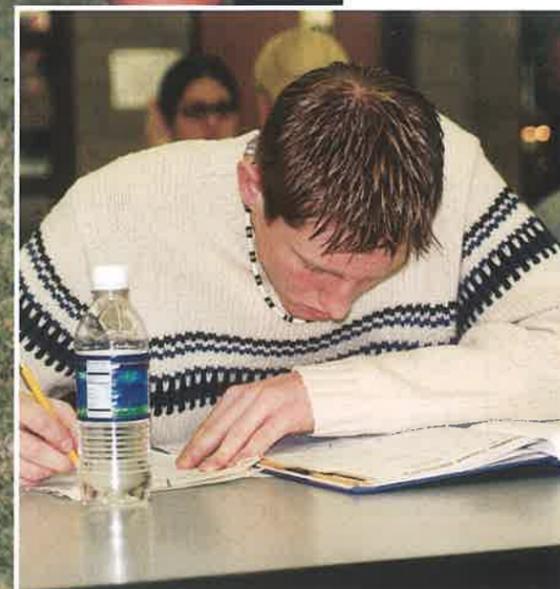
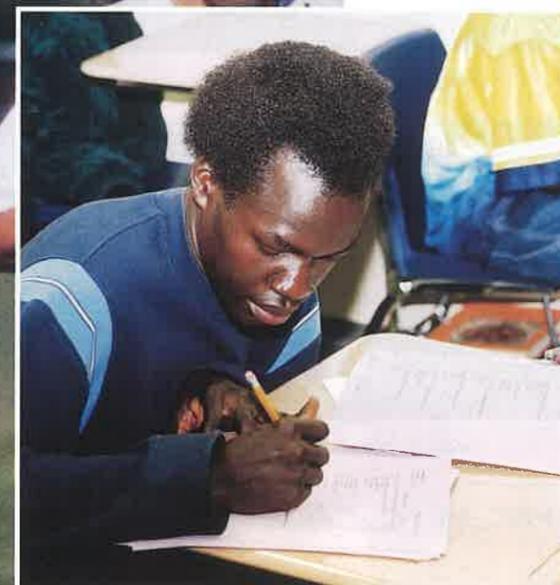
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SILVER SENIORS

After having finally reached their season finale, the wild and crazy seniors, robed in silver, looked back on their past accomplishments in amazement. They came in as freshmen, dressed in white. Through hard work, they overcame inferiority and came back to wear black their sophomore year. They won their obstacle courses and earned the privilege to become the green team. They pushed themselves to the limit their junior year, because they realized that they were over halfway done. Finally, they reached the finish line, their senior year, and received the honor of wearing silver. They said their final farewells to fellow team members at the ceremony, a day they thought would never arrive, and kissed the game goodbye forever, never to return again. The seniors, still wild and crazy, are no longer kids anymore.

by Heather Zimmerman



Aw, damn! Not realizing that her flag has been captured, senior Jennifer Johnson continues to run the play during the PowderPuff game.

'Tis the season! Volunteering for the Salvation Army, seniors Andrea Weishaar and Carla Fuller get into the Christmas spirit.

When do I get a break? Working hard, senior Simon Leek does some homework in study hall, hoping he won't have to take it home.

I hope I get this done before class. Using his study hall time wisely, senior Ryan Evenson completes his assignment for class.



Fatuma Abdinasir Amanda Ackerland Santino Ajith Nicole Akason Shawn Aker



Joshua Akers Jordan Allmaras Eric Amsbaugh Tanner Anderson Chelsie Arnold



Baily Badillo Nicole Baem Lana Bangs Erik Baumann Brett Beckius



Kyle Beckius Jonathan Belcourt Sara Bergeron Amir Bikic Katie Bishoff



Christopher Blair Michael Blickensderfer Brittani Blilie Luke Boedigheimer Jason Boerger



Kristen Bommersbach Jacob Bomstad Nicholas Bonnet Crystal Borseth Michael Boser

SENIORS VOTE ON WHICH COLLEGE IS RIGHT

What College is right? Sick of digging through the ten-foot pile of college applications? Getting college information in the mail gets old fast. College planning is a pain. Trying to decide what college to attend is a hard decision, and it will effect the future. Many seniors think this process of choosing is very stressful. "The only problem with deciding on a college is when you get all of the letters in the mail and have to choose between

them," senior Nicole Norem said. Deciding whether to go to college or not is the easy part. Choosing where to go is the tough choice. "I've decided to go to college in state, so I can stay close to my family and friends," senior Hope Freadrich said. The last choice is what college to attend. Breaking it down into options by how big the school is, the price, sports teams and other organizations makes it easier to decide

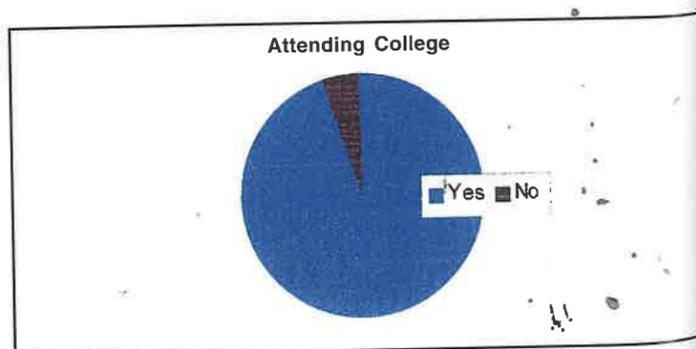
where to go.

"I want to go to the University of Minnesota because it is in a bigger city with more people, and yet it is still close to home,"

senior Kristan Olson said.

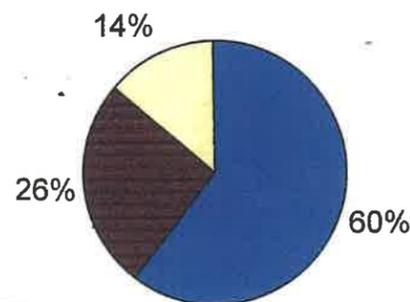
The faster school comes to an end, the smaller that stack of college applications will be.

by Kelsey Gatz



Four more years of education or go out into the real world and find a job. More education seems to be the choice for the senior class.

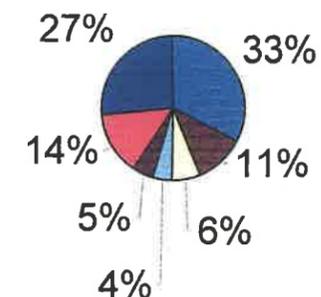
College Location



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■ Out of State

Leaving home for the first time... or staying close to home. Location is the key to college selection.

Which College

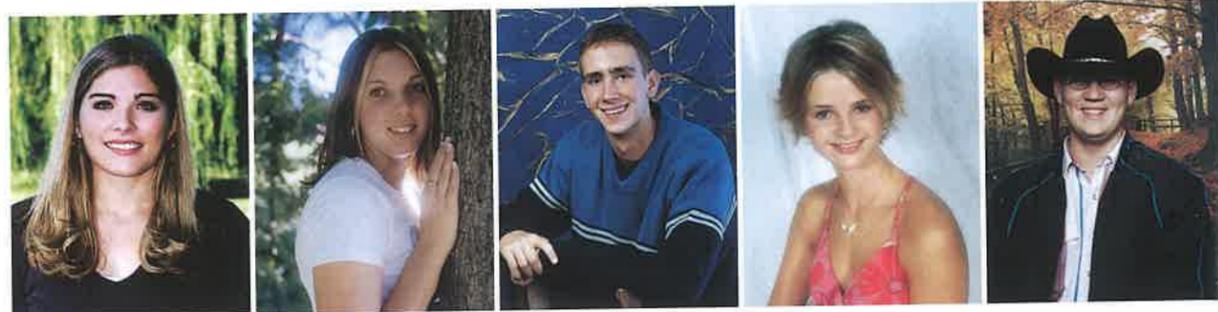


■ NDSU
■ UND
■ MSUM
■ Concordia
■ U of Minn
■ NW Tech
■ Other

Finally old enough to make a choice... deciding which college is right can be a long drawn-out process or quick and easy.



Kelsey Brand Lisa Brandt Kayla Brawders David Brown Kimberly Bruns



Kristina Bruns Leanne Bruun Kellen Bubach Brenda Bucholz Neil Buck Jr



Nicholas Buehre Angela Busche Nathaniel Butler Tracy Canton Nicole Carmichael



Cody Cavett Mathew Christenson Samuel Christianson Nicholas Christlieb Jonathon Claus



Zachary Click Lorence Cassette Brian Cronin James Cumber Russell Cumber



Dustin Czapiewski Joseph Daum Melissa Davis Mike Davis Skadi Davison



Jamming out. Senior Nick Christlieb listens to his music while doing his homework.



My New Creation. Senior Nathan Smith doodles in his notebook during study hall.

STRESS: FACTOR INVOLVED IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Every year students cope with stress in different ways. Sometimes it is hard for people to get things off their mind or talk about their problems. People use outlets to cope with stress. Music, driving and drawings are some ways to deal with stress.

Music is one of the big outlets for dealing with stress. Whether it is listening to music or picking up an instrument and playing, music seems

to serve as a coping device. Senior Nick Christlieb is in a band and when he is stressed out he listens to music. "When I'm stressed out, the only way I like to relax is music," Christlieb said.

Music, like Dave Matthews and Metallica, are different types of musical bands. Metallica sings about depression and suicide, while Dave Matthews sings about daily occurrences.

On the other hand,

senior Seth Hofland likes to go four wheeling in his Bronco when stressed out. "Doing stuff like this helps me take my mind off things, and on the plus side, it's also fun," Hofland said.

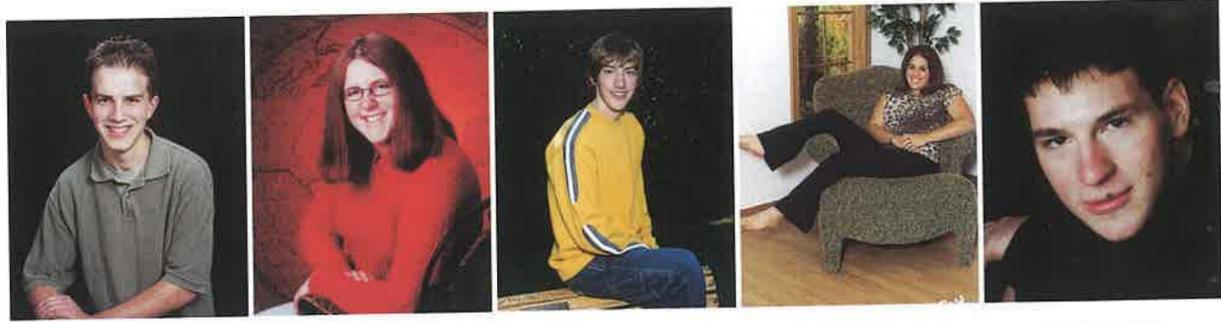
Senior Nathan Smith draws when he is stressed. Some, but not all of his drawing ideas come from being stressed out. "Drawing helps me get passed my problem and helps me clear my mind," Smith said

Some senior girls do athletic workouts when stressed. Kristan Olson runs when stressed. "Before I pull all of my hair out, I run hard and fast," said Olson.

By listening to a favorite band, driving around, listening to music or having fun, students are able to clear their minds. These coping tactics show students that they can still have fun while being stressed.

by Taylor Stack





Alex Dean Nicole Dobmeier Tyler Dockter Rachel DuBord David Dullea



Jenna Dyr Dahl Christopher Eggen David Eider Angela Eiter Matthew Ekren



Anthony Elshaug Michael Entzminger Ryan Entzminger Derek Epping Chelsey Erdmann



Ryan Evenson Grant Feick Bjorn Fjosne Brian Flesberg Jay Forthun



Hope Freadrich Jessalyn Friedsam Carla Fuller Nicholas Funk Daryl Gartner



Kelsey Gatz Krystal Gensburg Danielle Gjestvang Heather Glasser Chad Graffis

BAD CASE OF "SENIORITIS"

What do seniors do when the end of the year comes and their grades are up? Some students keep working hard to keep their grades up, while others catch a case of senioritis.

"I've been known to keep my grades up throughout the year, then let loose at the end of the semester," senior Steven Klocke said.

Senioritis is a common problem towards the end of the year, when grades start to slip. "Come May

my grades seem to run a steady course down-hill," said senior Kristen Bommersbach.

Students become overconfident when they find they have good grades. "I came down with senioritis last year and failed the quarter," senior Shawn Mattern said.

While some students study hard to maintain their grades, seniors tend to go out and enjoy themselves instead of slaving over schoolwork.

by Mike Blickensderfer



Hola Chicols! Striking a pose, senior Benjamin Kapel shows off his deadly looks while chilling in publications class.



One, two, three... Wheel! Getting crazy with the kids, senior Chasity Hewson claps away the day.

These seniors are too much! Sporting grey hairs, principal Mr. Gary Clark is growing a new do.



Leah Griffeth Michael Grossman Melinda Guajardo Joseph Guevara Marc Gunderson



Michelle Haarsager Swaila Habib Jesse Hackey David Haerter Angel Halbakken



Laura Halle Christopher Hanes Eric Hanlon Cody Harmon Kyle Hartley



Brenda Haug Brian Haugen Jonathan Hay Shannon Hayes Michael Hebert



Nicole Heiden Thomas Heilman Casey Heinisch Jonathan Heinz Nicole Heinz



Brandon Heitkamp Scott Hekman Jennifer Helm Tonya Herk Karan Herman

GET LURED IN, RISK IT OR FORGET ABOUT IT? STUDENTS ENTER WORLD OF GAMBLING

Every day men and women all over America are intrigued by bright lights, dollar signs and the metallic sound of coins rushing out of machines. Why do people enjoy gambling?

People must be eighteen years of age to gamble in most states. Most people turn eighteen their senior year of high school. To them, gambling is a new experience, so it seems even more exciting.

"When I turn eighteen, I want to go gambling just to see what the atmosphere is like and to try to win some money," senior Carla Fuller said.

Although it is considered entertainment, some students do not necessarily enjoy gambling.

"I don't like gambling, because I don't really know how to play many of the slot machines," senior Mike Boser said.

The odds are stacked

against people when they go to casinos. The chances of someone hitting it big are slim to none.

"I want to go gambling, but I am scared that I will lose a lot of money that I do not have," senior Katie Neubauer said.

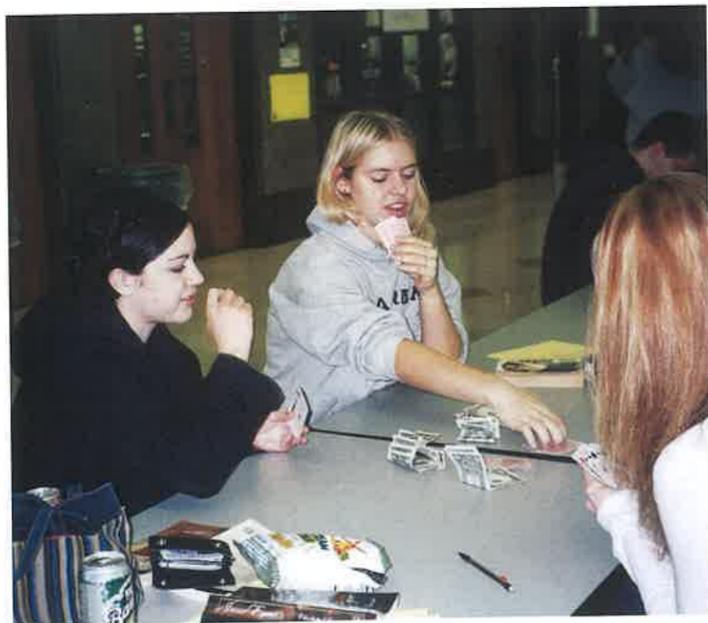
Though gambling is thought to be a waste of money, it is a popular form of entertainment. Around these parts, there is not too many options

for young adults when it comes to entertainment.

"West Fargo gets pretty boring and going gambling is something new and fun to do," senior Max Heinz said.

Students just turning eighteen are definitely lured into casinos by all the bright lights and the small chance at winning big bucks if luck shall have it that way.

by Heather Zimmerman



I call your bluff! Bored in study hall, seniors Brenda Haug and Carrera Horton play a quick game of cards.



I'm winning! Boasting her luck, senior Kayla Nelson laughs at her opponent senior Megan Sellard.

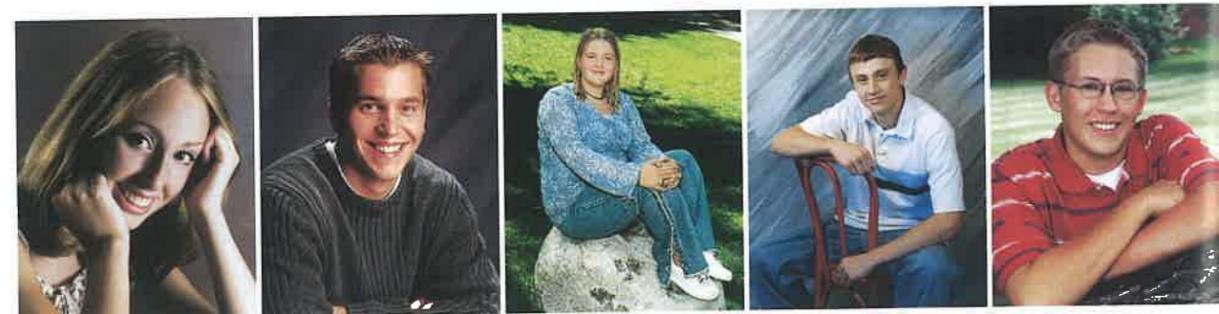




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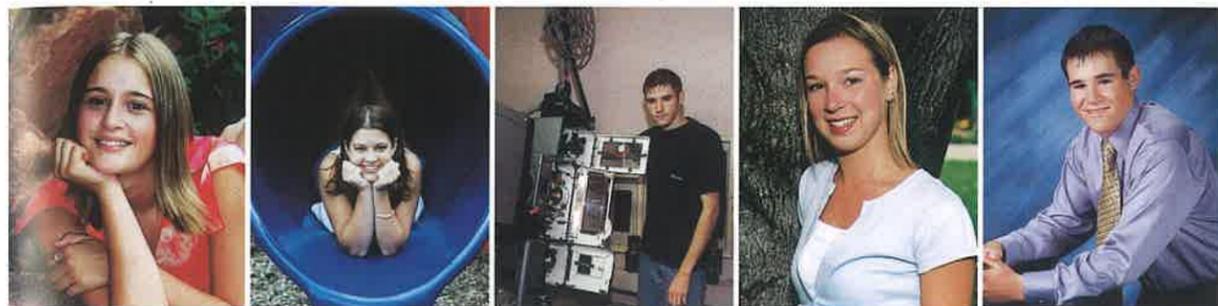
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STUDENTS HAVING FUN IN CLASS

Do students think they have it tough in school? They should try talking to some of the advanced placement (AP) students. Senior Eric Weigel said, "You do not necessarily have to be extremely smart to be in an AP class, you just have to be willing to put in the time and the effort, and actually there isn't even that much homework."

Many students think that AP classes mean extra homework and

harder tests, but they are not getting the entire picture.

Senior Zac Ista says, "I took AP classes simply because they are more fun and more interesting. They make the day go by faster."

Right now, the senior AP teachers are Mr. Darrin Boehm, who teaches U.S. Government and Mrs. Sybil Hopkins, who teaches English. According to Senior

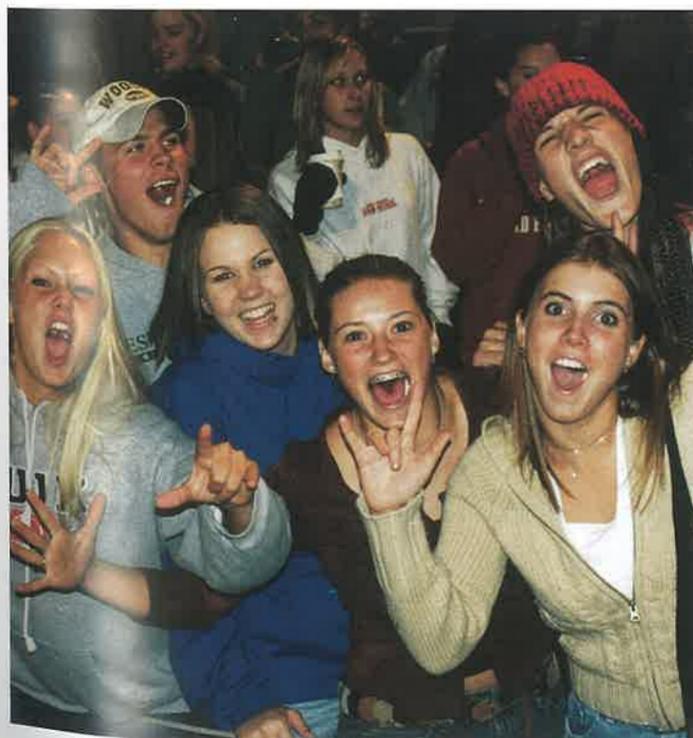
Kellen Bubach, the teachers try their hardest to make the class exciting and the school year a success.

Many of the students think that AP classes are only for the smartest students of West Fargo High.

"Most of the students will go on thinking that the AP classes are just for the super smart students, who have never got less than a B on a report card," senior Marc Gunderson

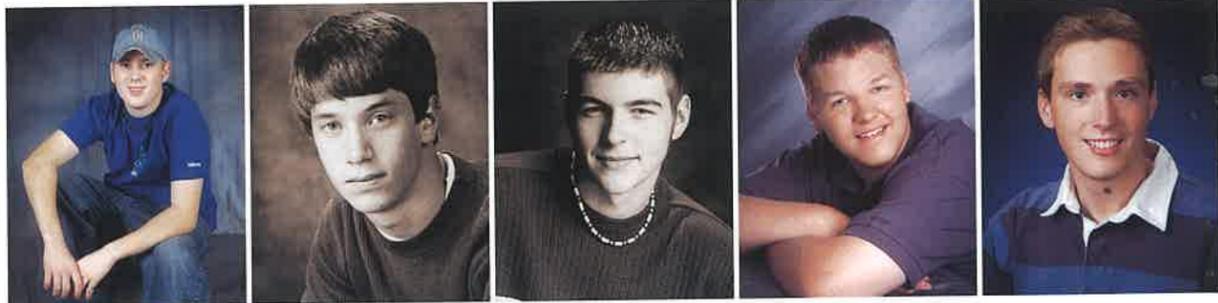
said. West Fargo's AP students take the class because they believe the classes are more fun, but in taking these classes it means more studying. Most students agree that the hard work is worth it. So, every student needs to think twice before they start complaining about homework or their next test because the AP students have it a lot tougher.

by Mitch Wolden



Lets go Packers! While at a football game seniors Kristan Olson, Chris Hanes, Cassie Rodgers, Bridget Horsager, Jenna Dyrdaahl and Cody Nechiporenko cheer on the Packers.

Its freezing out here! Bundled up to stay warm, seniors Erika Thompson and Marin Rosenvold cheer on the Packers at a football game.



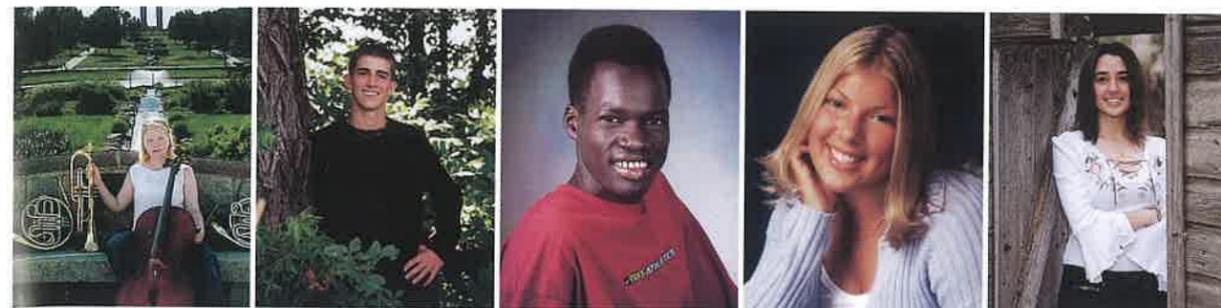
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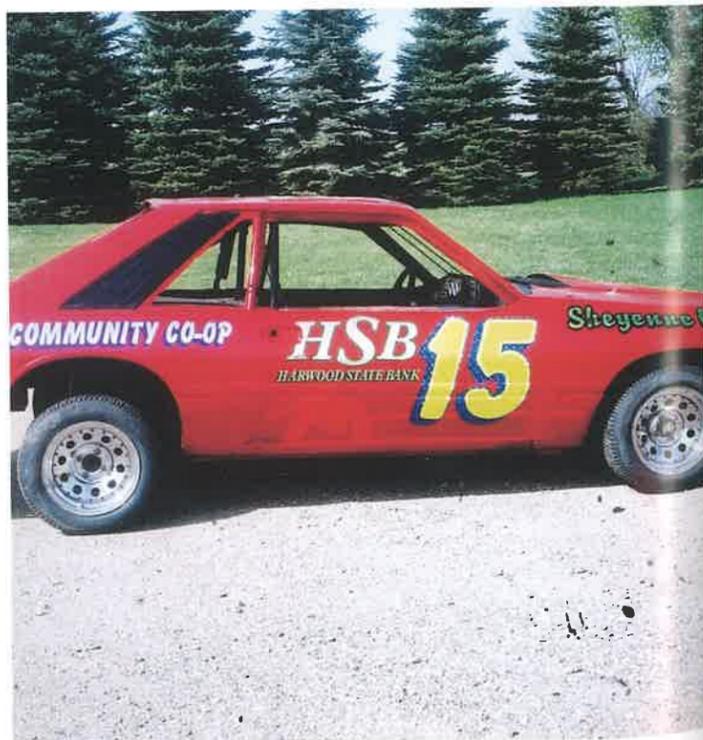
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Look at my rhyming skills! Performing in the talent portion of the male pageant senior Jason Boerger works the crowd!



Let's go cruising! Parked outside senior Cory Ohnstad's racecar is ready for the race season.

RACING INTO FIRST PLACE

Jeff Gordon won a Winston Cup record \$10,879,757 in 2001 as he elevated himself to motor sports all-time money winner. Many pro sport athletes, such as racecar driver Jeff Gordon, did very well last year. Senior Cory Ohnstad has also been proving himself on the racetrack.

Although Ohnstad does not race for huge amounts of money, he does enjoy racing. Ohnstad started focusing on racing in the year 2000. He accomplished his first feature win this year.

"My greatest accomplishment this year was winning my first

feature on the same night my brother did," Ohnstad said.

With a lot of inspiration from friends as well as family, Ohnstad works hard at what he does. People who help Ohnstad race are Mike Mulvaney,

Dwight Smedshammer, the Greseth family, his brothers Chad and Matt and his mom and dad. Not only does a good crew of helpers make racing fun, but Ohnstad also enjoys racing with his friends the most.

"I've met people that have become very good friends to me," Ohnstad said.

Ohnstad does a majority of his racing at Buffalo River Speedway racetrack in Glyndon, Minnesota. On this track Ohnstad has learned the tricks of the trade to dominate many of the races he has been in.

"I'm used to the track now so I have a feel for it," Ohnstad said.

Since Ohnstad's favorite racer is Jeff Gordon, he hopes to accomplish what Gordon has done for the sport of racing today. Hopefully one day Ohnstad will be side-by-side with the many greats and ranked number one in pro motor sports.

by Levi Kalsow





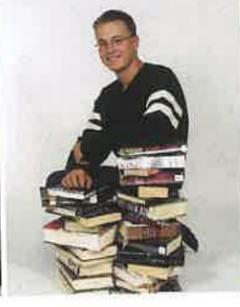
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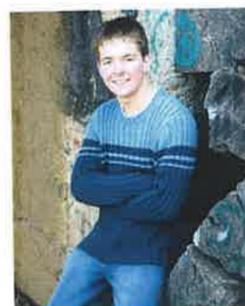
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Brianne Montgomery



Blair Moorhead



Jeffrey Morris

READY TO FIGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY

The few and the proud are some of the seniors that are making a difference in America. Some West Fargo seniors have made the decision to serve their country in a branch of the military.

Some students have enlisted in the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, where they go through boot camp and AIT, which is training for the job that they have selected. After that, they return home but attend drills at their

base one weekend a month and two weeks a year.

"One of the reasons I joined was because my mom has six kids to put through college and I figured I would help her out," senior Amanda Lahren said after joining the Army National Guard. She attended boot camp in the summer of 2002. She will be attending AIT in the summer of 2003, after graduation.

"I enjoyed the physical

and mental challenges and the different people I met there," Lahren said.

Some decided to join the Navy, Army, Marines or the Air Force. In these branches, recruits go to boot camp and AIT. After, they are stationed somewhere in the U.S. or overseas.

"I wanted to be infantry and be the first to fight," senior Nathan Holzworth said. Holzworth enlisted in the Marine Corps. He went to boot camp in

January of 2003, as he graduated early. Upon completing boot camp, Holzworth went straight to AIT.

People have mixed emotions about joining the military.

"I think that joining the military is a good idea, but it isn't for everyone," senior Mike Boser said.

Anyone interested in joining the military can speak to any of the seniors who are already enlisted or talk to a recruiter.

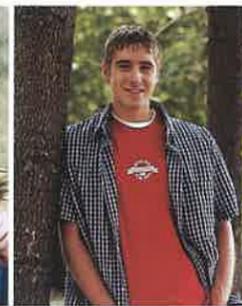
by Alissa Rosenberg



Michael Mulvaney



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Ryan Narlock



Cody Nechiporenko



Joseph Nelson



Kaila Nelson



Katherine Neubauer



Zane Nitzkowski



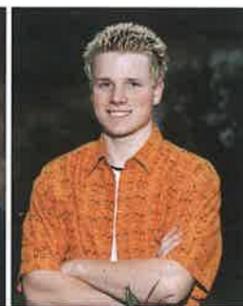
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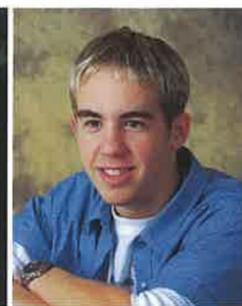
Preston Nygaard



Cory Ohnstad



Kyle Olmstead



Adam Olson



Kristan Olson



Nathan Paulson



It's good! Senior girls cheer after David Holland makes a record-breaking 28-yard fieldgoal at the State Championship game.

Who is this one for? Seniors Stephanie Wilson and Elizabeth Vranish help out at Santas Workshop for NHS.





Andrew Payne



Curtis Pearson



Kelsey Pergande



Christopher Perna



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Cassie Rodgers



Jacey Rodgers



Stephanie Roers



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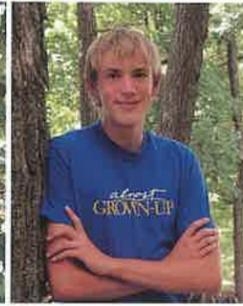
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Paul Rohrer



Justin Rohrich



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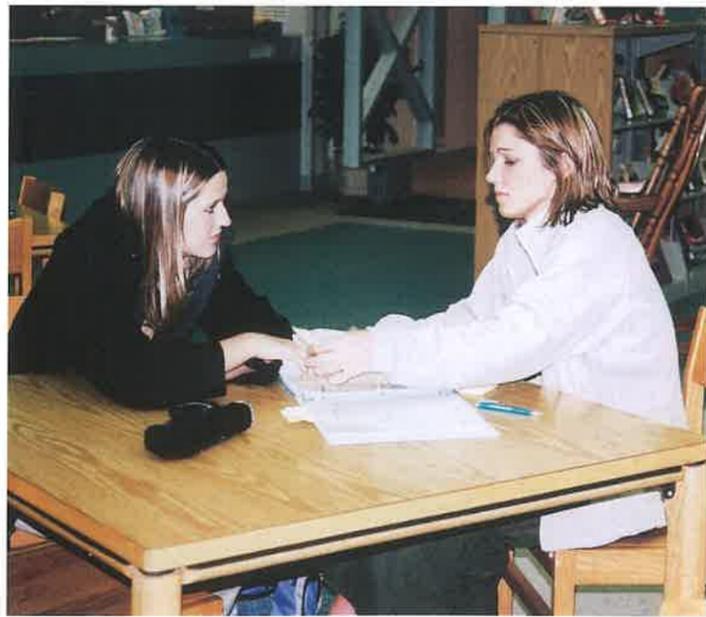
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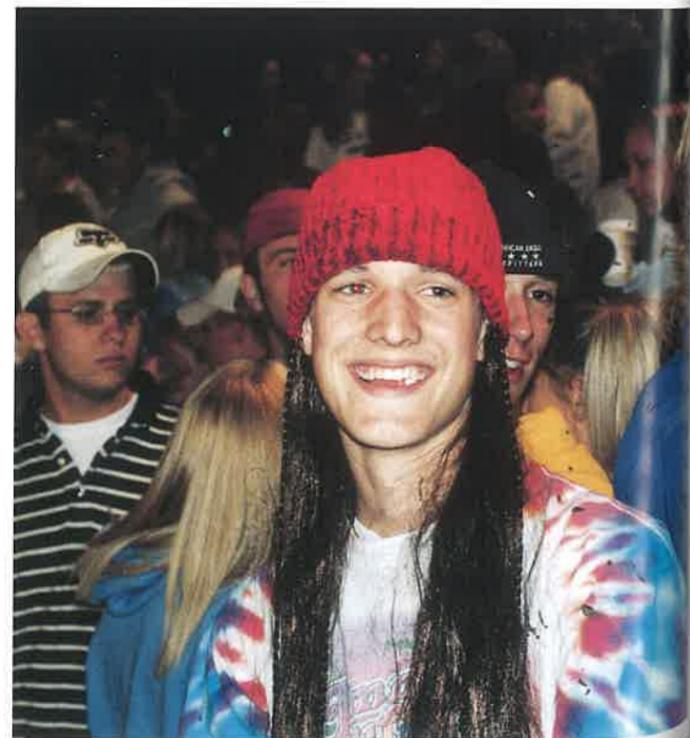


Andrew Salquist



No, this is how it is suppose to be. Senior Kyla Winkels explains an assignment to Senior Katie Bishoff during study hall.

Check this out! Cody Nechiporenko attends this years Homecoming pep rally.



SUMMER VACATION WITH A TWIST

Summer vacation is a time for all students to relax and have fun. Whether it means going to the lakes, spending time with the family on vacation or just partying in town, the main goal is to have a great time.

Going to the lakes is a lot of fun. Water sports, fishing and just laying around all make it a really fun

time. "I really enjoy going to the lakes with my friends. We all have a fun time swimming and having bonfires," senior Ryan Entzminger said. "When I'm at the lakes I enjoy sitting on the deck and watching my child play in the sand," art teacher Brenda Luthi said.

During the summer

some of the students do. "During the summer, I stay in town and party it up on the weekends," senior TJ Heilman said. Vacation is looked upon in many different ways. To the students of West Fargo, summer vacation is a time for relaxation, fun and no homework!

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by Tony Krajeck





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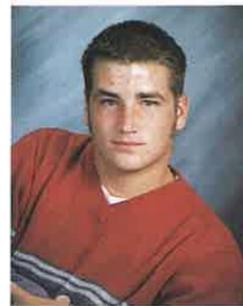
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Tina Stoppeworth



Erin Strahm



Ryan Scoville



Eric Sedevie



Megan Selland



Tara Sheeley



Ryan Silbernagel



Kari Strandquist



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Carly Tangen



Dustin Tarnasky



Brandon Siverson



Jessica Slaybaugh



Nathan Smith



Bryana Snyder



Christin Sprecher



Gregory Tehven



Michael Tengwall



Emily Thiel



Brianna Thompson



Erika Thompson

TAKE A YEAR OFF, GO TO COLLEGE

Imagine walking across the stage to receive a diploma without knowing what comes next.

"It is important to know what my plans are after graduation, and I do plan on going to college," senior Chelsey Jameson said.

"I am graduating early, so hopefully that will give me some time to decide what I want to do," senior Brenda Bucholz said.

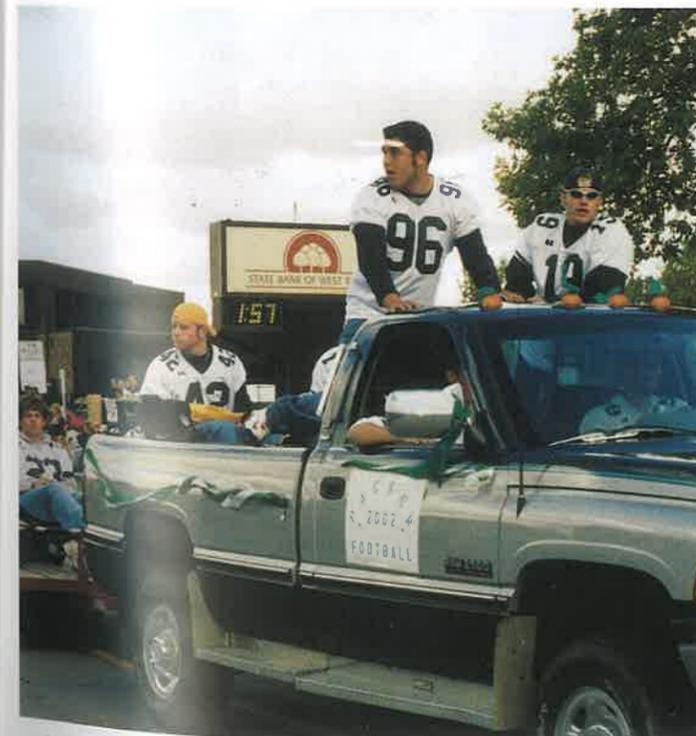
Throughout everyone's high school career, it gets drilled into their heads that the only good type of college is a four-year college. But, two-year business colleges are also a great opportunity to earn a degree and get started in the work force right away.

"After graduation I just want to lay back and melt, but I will eventually end up going to college," senior Joe Nelson said.

by Katie Warren



We will dominate! The senior Powder Puff team gets pumped up at the Homecoming pep rally. The seniors defeated the juniors 27-21.



We are *!! In the West Fest parade seniors Nick Bonnet and Mat Scully show their Packer spirit.

Thank you...Thank you very much!! Dressed as Elvis senior Bjorn Fjosne sings Happy Birthday to secretary Janet Best.





Nicholas Thompson



Lisa Torres



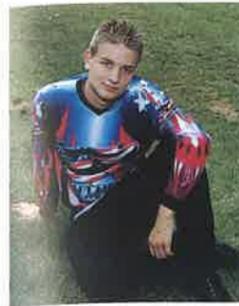
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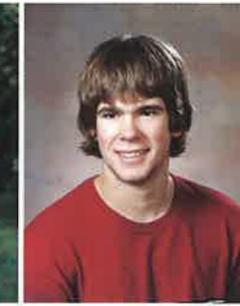
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Andrea VanDyke



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Amber Whelan



Steve Wherley



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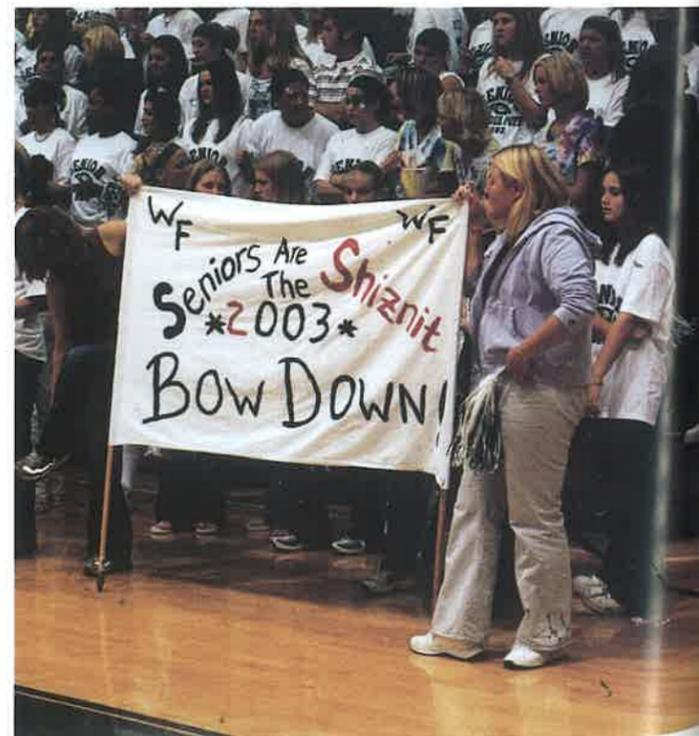
Jenna Wilson



Stephanie Wilson



Extra! Extra! Read all About it! In the library senior Ananda Lahren busies herself by catching up on the news.



Bow Down! Showing off her senior authority Angie Eiter holds up the senior powder puff flag during the homecoming pep rally.

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

"They have done the same paper every year. Why did they have to change it this year?" senior Brianna Thompson asked.

This was just one opinion about the new topic for senior papers. For years the senior paper was a compare and contrast essay, but for the seniors of 2003 the English department has something else in store.

The results of the 2002 Comprehensive Aptitude Tests (CAT)

showed that the seniors were lacking in a few areas. This year the staff decided to key in on those specific weaknesses. It was decided that the new senior paper would focus on literature and biography writing.

The seniors were required to read a book from a list provided by their English teacher. They then reported on the book, but they also found critiques from other sources on the book and wrote a biography on

the author.

Many students are opposed to the idea of a new senior report.

"I think it is a bad idea. The report is too spread out. It is too hard to keep track of it all and when things are due," senior Brianna Thompson said.

A total of three small reports were due throughout the semester before the final grade was given.

"I like how the report is broken up instead of having everything due

all at once," senior Stephanie Roers said. "It's less stressful."

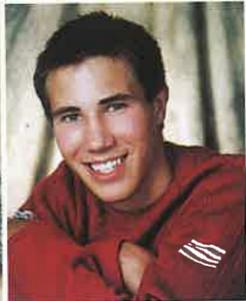
Some of the students liked the idea of the change in the senior paper, while others did not. Overall, not many of the seniors actually minded the change in the research paper topic. Whether they did a compare and contrast or a biography and book report, it was still just another senior paper to those who had to do it.

by Jamey Hughes





Kyla Winkels



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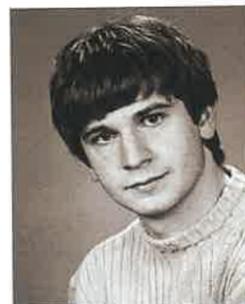
Susan Worthington



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We wish we were in high school. As part of Child Care Services class senior Brenda Haug works with two elementary students



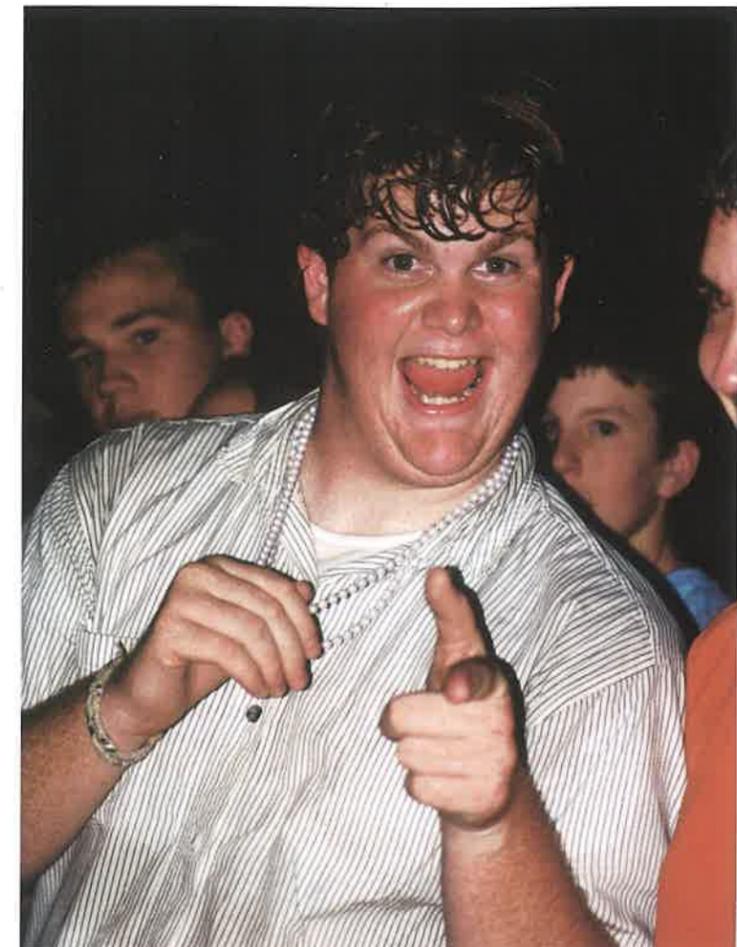
Rebecca Zurn

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Thomas Crilly	Jessica Jansen	Lucas Petz
Gina Dahlgren	Paramjit Khinda	Tamara Qualley
Adam Fischer	Trachelle Leach	Blaine Rourke
Brian Gustafson	Dustin Lerud	Ryan Wentz
Adam Hansen	Lindsey Mickelson	Sarah Wold
Alan Hoffart	Julia Miller	Julia Yerisov
Nathan Holzworth	Blake Nitzkowski	Justin Zawn



Do you think I'll win? Being escorted to the stage by junior Jenna Ludwig senior Andrew Moech prepares for the Mr. West Fargo Pageant.

Look at me go! Senior Zach Click shows off his moves at the Homecoming Dance held in the gym after the game.



ESL OFFERS ASSISTANCE IN ENGLISH STUDENTS LEARN MORE ABOUT OTHER CULTURES

How would it feel to come to a new environment without understanding the language? Students in ESL, or English as a second language, come to a new environment and do not understand everything that is said.

The students in ESL learn English usage because they did not grow up speaking English as their first language.

The ESL teachers are there to guide the students through the day.

I absolutely love working with them. I can't think of any other area I would rather teach.

-ESL Instructor Mrs. Betty Reyerson

"I absolutely love working with them. I can't think of any other area I would rather teach," ESL instructor Mrs.

Betty Reyerson said. In class, they spend a lot of time learning about

each other's cultures and America.

"I like it because you get to meet people from other places," sophomore

Farhiyo Abdulkarin said. The class is like a study hall for them. They have time to work on their assignments, but they get help if they need it.

"I like it because I like the help when we don't understand," junior Laljeta Vilhiu said.

In the ESL class, the students learn about each other's family and how they used to live.

by Jaci Koehlmoos

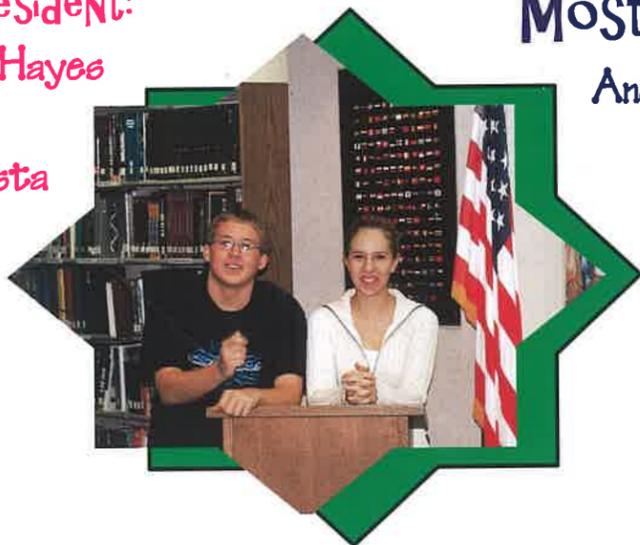


Will this hurt? Watching carefully senior Heather Zimmerman donates blood during the blood drive.

Smile for the camera! Senior Amanda Lahren and her little sister Katrina Gehrig hang out in the commons during homeroom.



Future President:
Shannon Hayes
&
Zac Ista



Most Likely to get Married:
Andrea Weishaar & Paul Rohrer



Best Friends:

Jenna Dyrdahl & Sara Monson
Jimmy Hoy & Greg Tehven



Best SMILE:
Heather Zimmerman
&
Chris Mieschke



Most Opinionated:
Lauren Jacobson & Eric Weigel

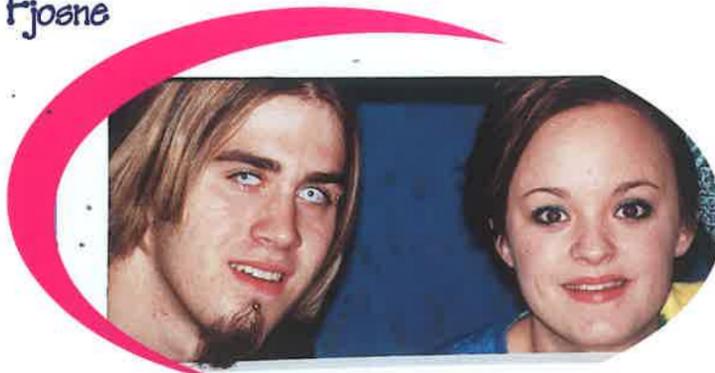
Teacher's Pet:
Kris Bruns
&
Greg Tehven



Best Body:
Kristan Olson
&
Jon Hay



Most Unique:
Sarah Volk
&
Bjorn Fjorne

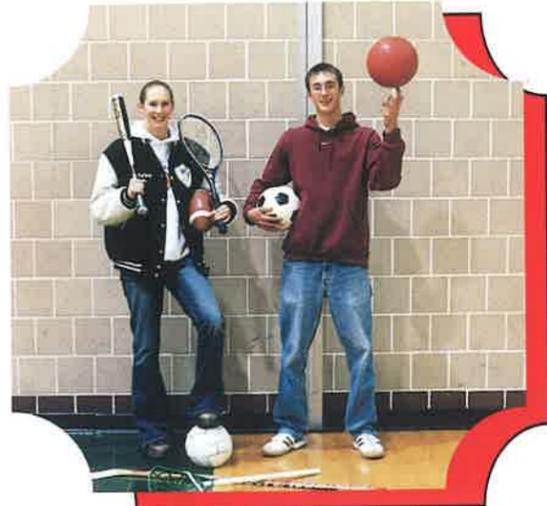


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Mike Hebert



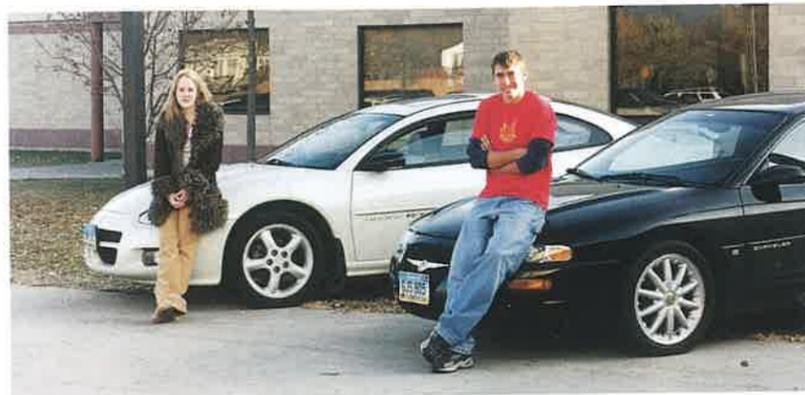
Best Dressed:
Brenda Bucholz
&
J.R. Cossette





Best Car:

Kaila Nelson & Brandon Siverson



Most Athletic:

Kelsey Gatz
&
Jimmy Hoy



Most Likely to Become Famous:

Kelsey Linnertz & Adam Montgomery



Most Shy:

Angel Halbakken & Steve Wherley



Most Flirtatious:

Jenny Helm & Cody Nechiporenko

Craziest Hair:

Carrie Horton & T.J. Heilman



Best ALL-AROUND:

Kelsey Pergande &
Ben Kirklewski

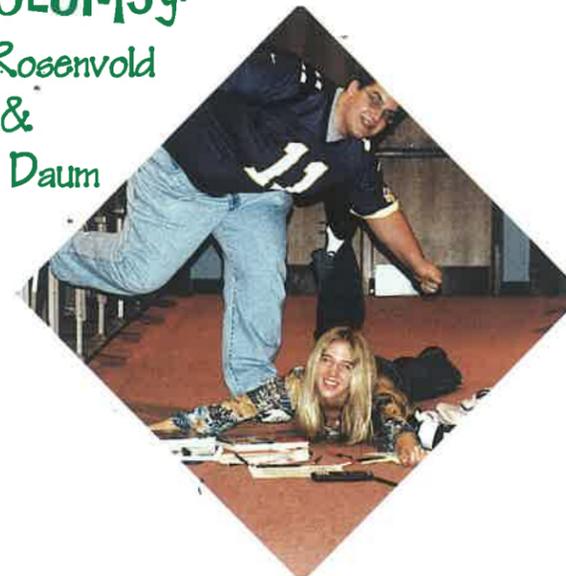


CLASS CLOWN:

Annie Lund
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Zach Click

Most CLUMSY:

Martin Rosenvold
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Next Bill Gates:

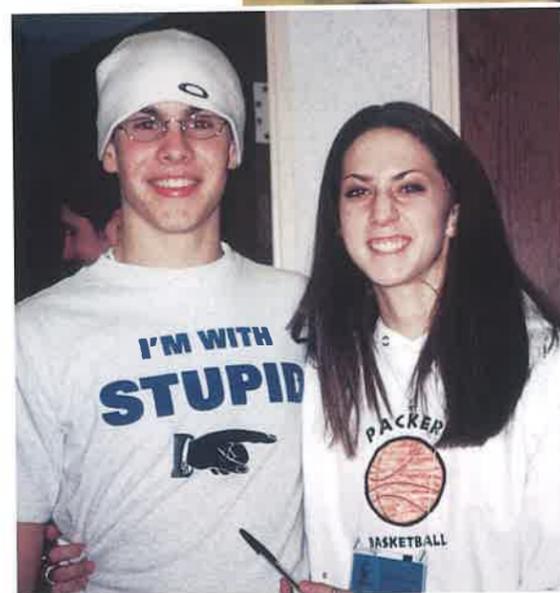
Blair Moorhead & Joey Guevara



Green JUNIORS

Finally the juniors were moved up from the black team to the green team. It took a lot of hard work and knowledge, but they are now considered part of the upper class. They earned more respect from the silver team throughout the game and by the end they earned the respect of everyone. As the game continues and the juniors keep moving up in colors, their responsibilities gain importance and help them move closer to the big day when the game is finally over. The year was definitely wild and crazy for the green team because as the end got closer, they scrambled to gain points. If they get enough points they will finally be the silver team and in the winners circle.

by Jess Jansen



Blue forty-two, blue forty-two, hit huff! Junior Alyssa Lester looks on as junior Brandi Grossman waits for a good passing option during the PowderPuff game between the junior and senior girls.

P-A-C-K-E-R-S, goooooo Packer! showing their Packer Pride, juniors Danielle Zahradka, Jamie Boutiette, Jodi Nelson, Alyssa Lester, Kelly Klaers and Stephanie Daul cheer for the green during the fall football season.

Screeeammm CHUCKIE! Juniors Jennifer Lundgren and Brittany Kloos battle it out in a mean game of Hungry Hippo during the publications party held at Chuck E. Cheese!

I am NOT with him! Juniors Bobby Brand and Heidi Tobkin have a good time between sessions at state student council held in Bismark.



STUDENTS CHOOSE THEIR TUNES

Dave Matthews Band, 311, and Korn all have something in common. Students blare their speakers with all these types of music.

Students also enjoy their favorite singers at live concerts.

"Kenny Chesney is my favorite country singer. I saw him at the fair, he was awesome," junior Jenni-

fer Grund said. While some students like listening to country music, some enjoy the rhymes of rap.

"Rap is the only kind of music I listen to," junior Jeremy Qualley said.

Some students listen to music to relax, and some students listen to music to get pumped up.

"For volleyball warm-ups,

we listen to a lot of loud and pump up music. It really does get us fired up to go out and play hard," junior Liz McCracken said.

"There is a larger variety of music to choose from nowadays, and students seem to be enjoying what they choose to listen to.

by Brittany Kloos

TOP 10 ALBUMS

as of 10/5/02 according to www.billboard.com

1. Shaman, Santana
2. Cry, Faith Hill
3. One By One, Foo Fighters
4. It Had To Be You ... The Great American Songbook, Rod Stewart
5. Eiv 1 & 30 #1 Hits, Elvis Presley
6. Home, Dixie Chicks
7. The Eminem Show, Eminem
8. Let Go, Avril Lavigne
9. Forty Licks, The Rolling Stones
10. Nellyville, Nelly



What are you lookin' at? Sitting in class. We scored! After making a good play, junior Lindsey Lauritsen watches the teacher. Nikki Hoovestad cheers for the Packers.



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Megan Aamot
Nathan Adams
Lul Adan
Jenny Albrecht
Andrew Alfstad
Derek Anderson
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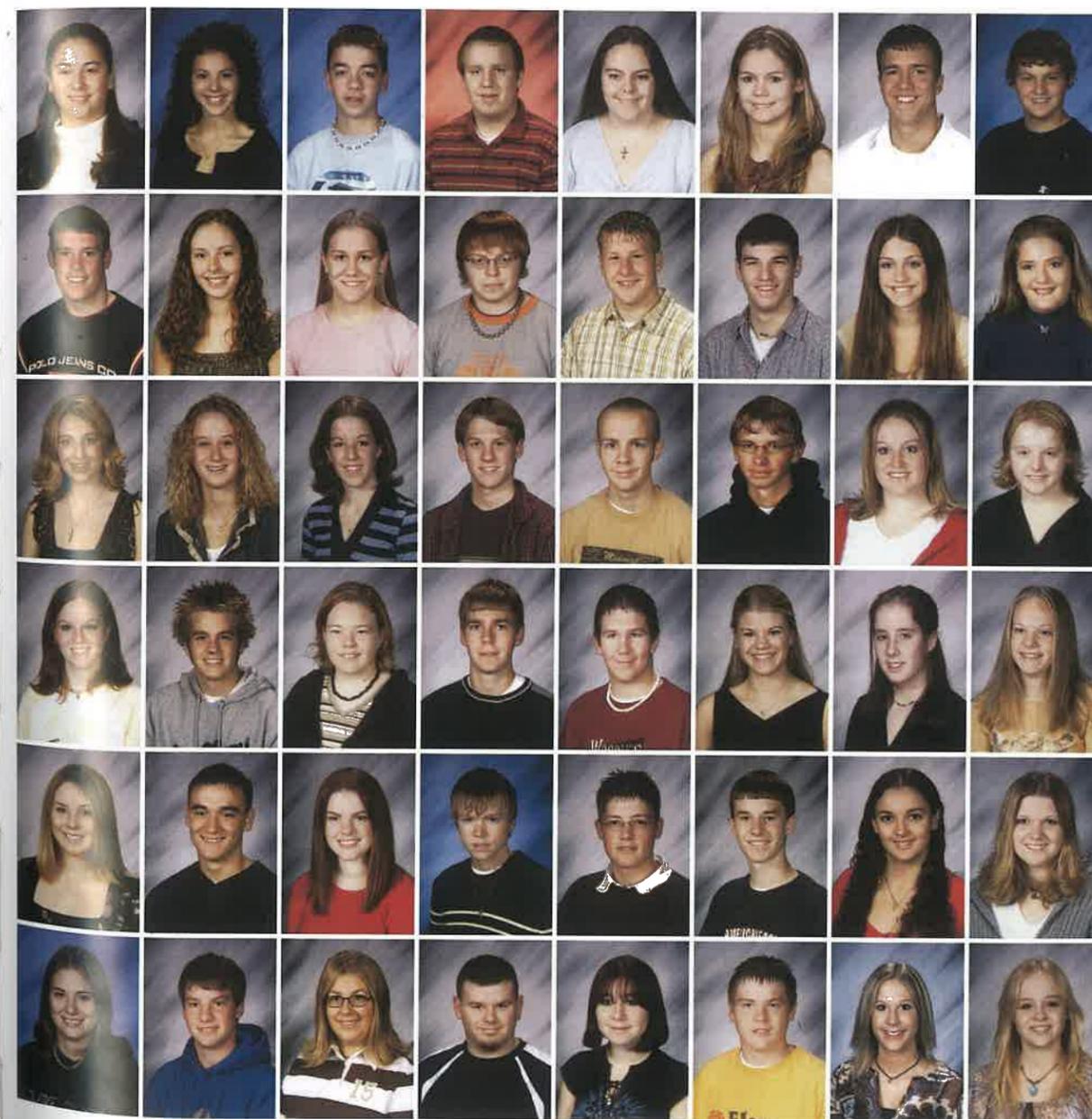
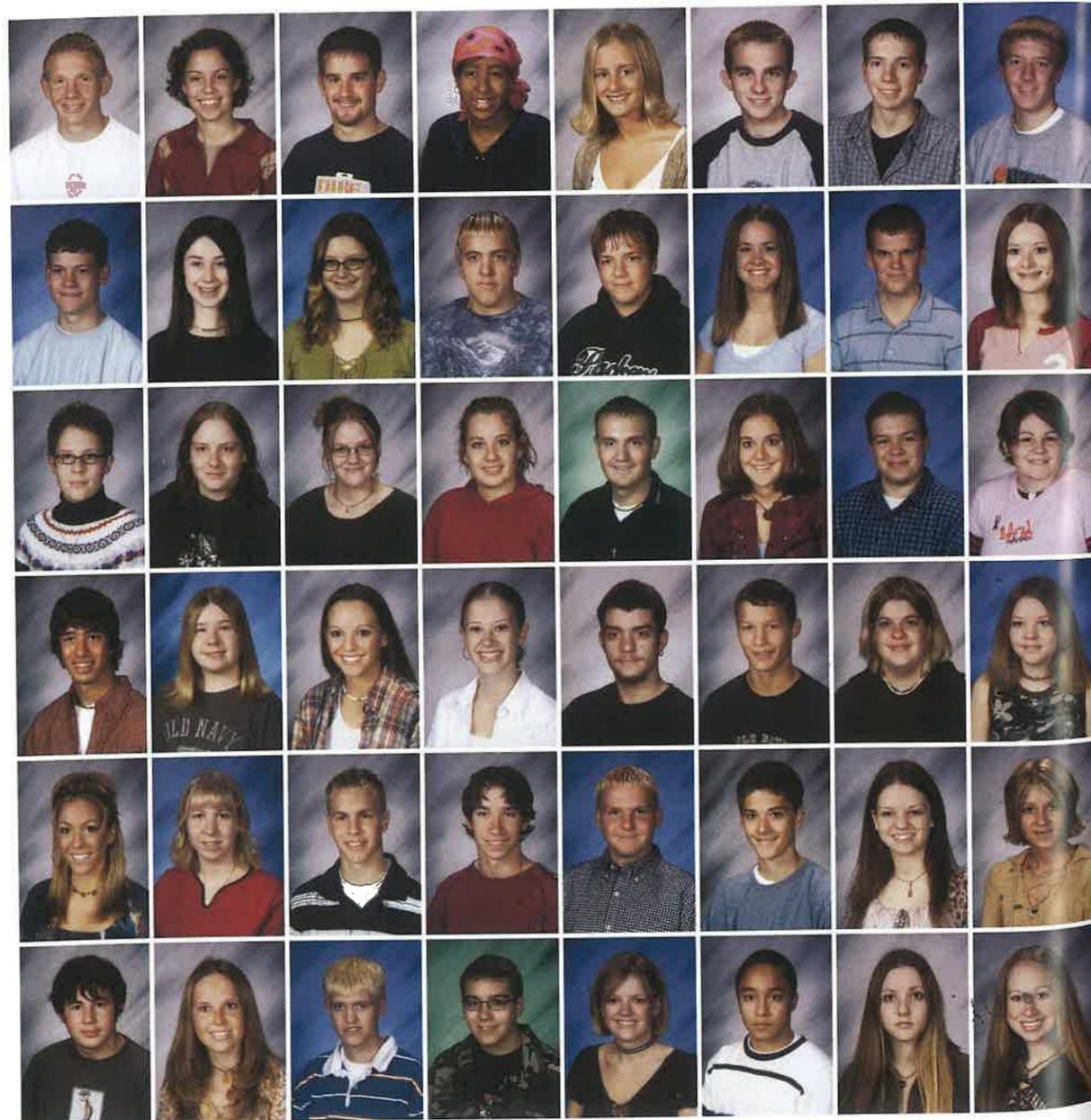
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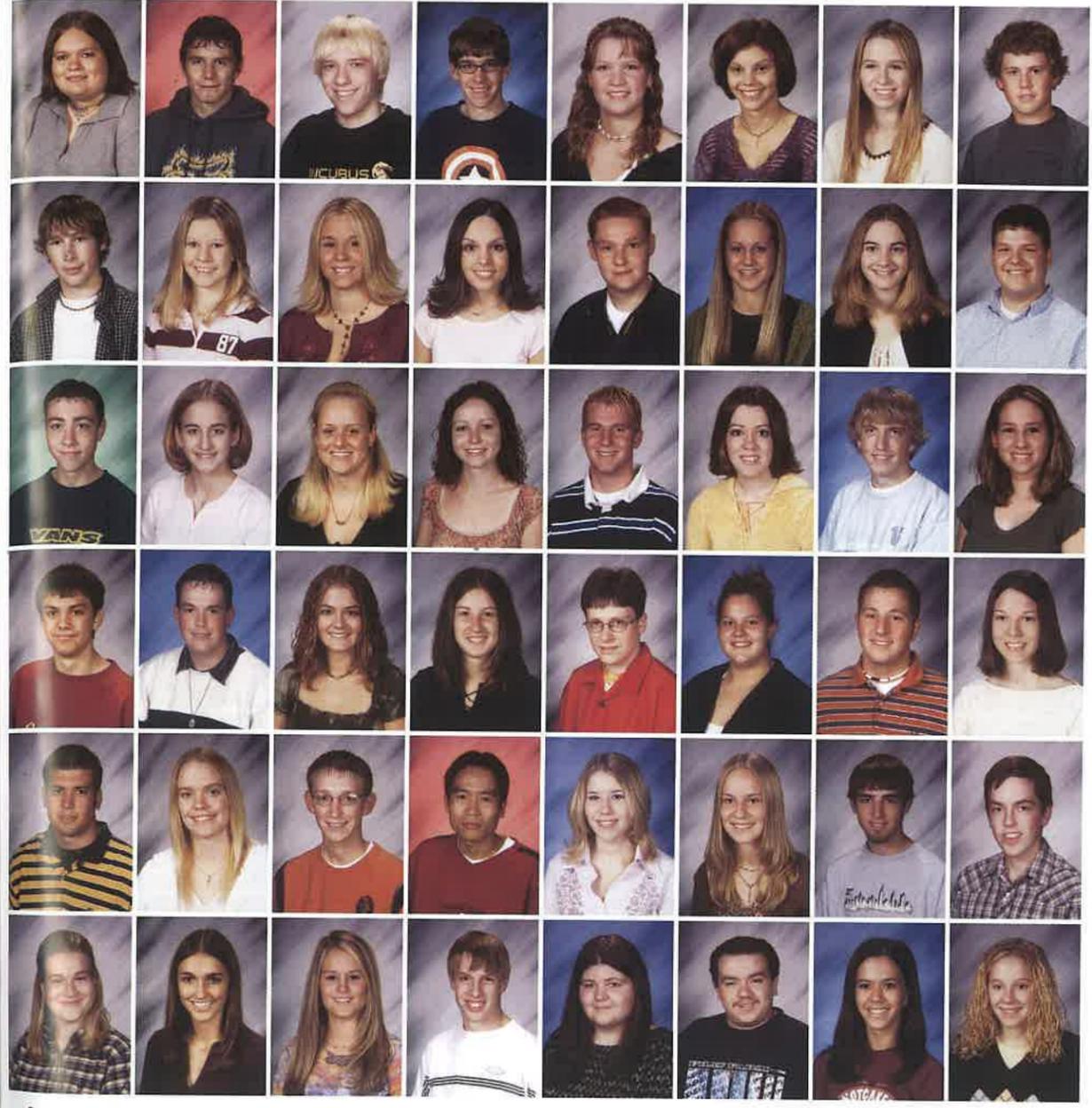
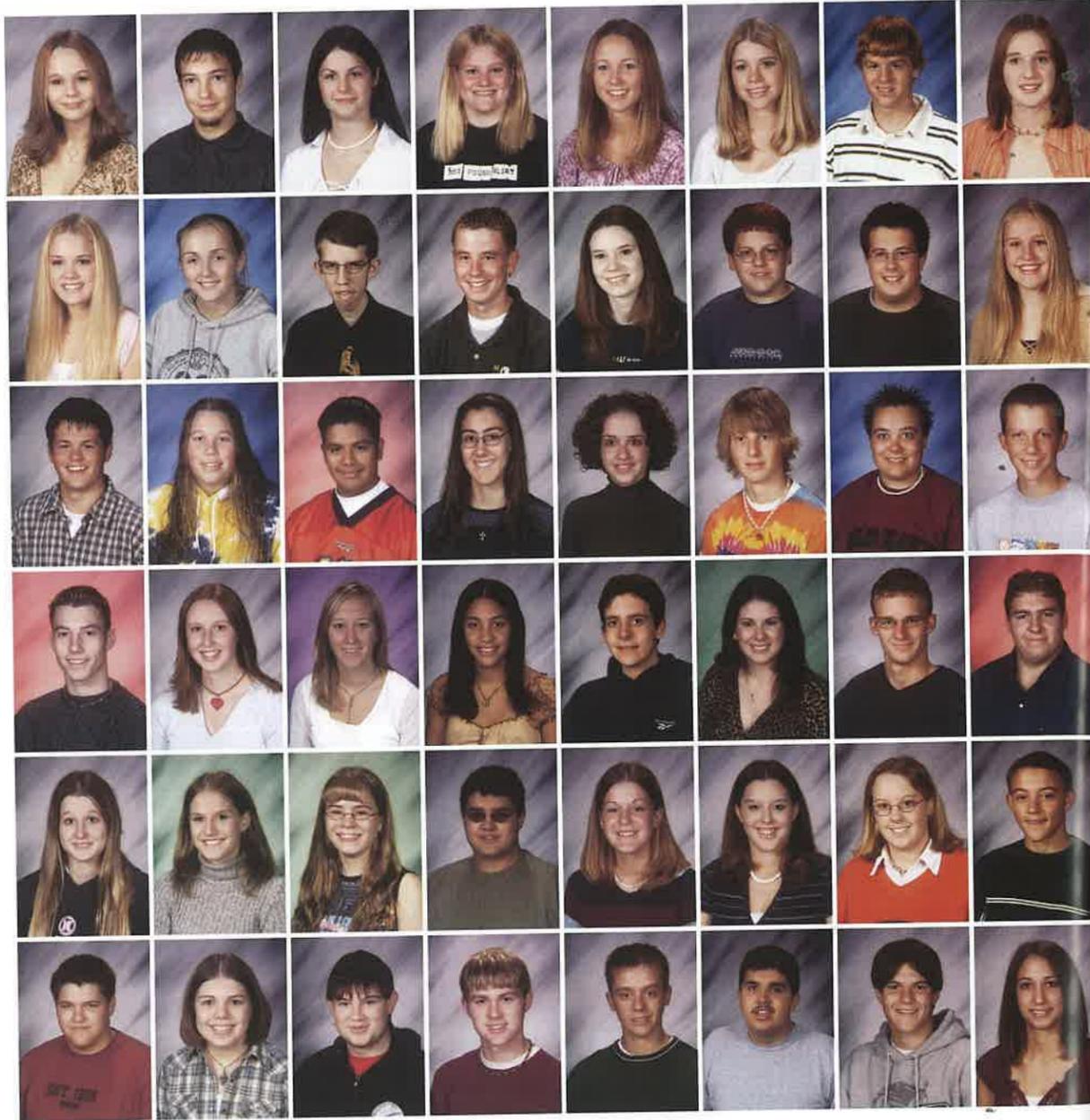
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Let's just make this line a little more curved. While in art class, junior Kara Dahley watches as Mr. Larry Anderson helps her.

Why won't this come apart? During service learning, junior Alex Parkhouse disassembles a lipid bilayer.



ARE JOBS NEEDED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Most of the juniors right now are thinking, or at some point in time, will be thinking, of going to college.

Many of the juniors are probably wondering how they are going to pay for the college they are planning on attending. That is what part-time jobs are for.

I have a job so that I can start to save for col

lege," junior Kathy Val Bragar said.

Yet, some juniors may be saving up to buy a new car or a stereo system for their car. Some may be going on a foreign language trip. Other students may have a job to earn extra spending money.

"I have a job so that I have some extra money and don't have to borrow from my parents," junior

Val Schultz said. Although many students think that part-time jobs are important during the school year, others may just have the job for extra money. It is really up to the person if an after-school job is important or not.

"I think jobs are important because they teach responsibility, and you earn your own money in

stead of having to ask your parents," junior Carly Bjerk said.

Having a little extra money, saving for a foreign language trip and saving to buy something wanted are some of the reasons juniors at West Fargo High have after-school jobs, but probably the most important reason is to save for college.

by Tami Lipp

JUNIORS TAKE FIELD IN BATTLE AGAINST SENIORS

Green grass, warm sun, cold air and the sound of the referees' whistles. That was the scene at this year's PowderPuff football game. The junior girls had their first opportunity to participate in the event. They took on the seniors in one of the highlights of Homecoming Week.

For most of the girls, it was the opportunity of a

lifetime because not many girls get the chance to play in a real football game. "PowderPuff is a new and interesting experience," junior defensive lineman Lindsey Lauritsen said.

It was new for the juniors; they had to learn po-

sitions and plays that most knew little about before the practices began. "I learned a lot about football through PowderPuff and the game was exciting," junior wide-receiver Jenna Ludwig said.

For the coaches, this was

also a new experience. "I enjoyed coaching and getting to be involved in PowderPuff," junior coach Matt Staska said.

The game was close, but the seniors prevailed by a score of 28 to 22. The juniors showed tremendous athletic ability, which will carry in to next year's game against this year's sophomore girls.

by Jennifer Lundgren



You Are Not Getting Away From Me! During the Powderpuff game junior Teresa Yanish tackles senior Kim Bruns.

FUMBLE!!! While trying to recover a fumble made by senior Sheena Larson, junior Shelby Vigen reaches for the ball.



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Daniel Mapes
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Meagan Margheim
Corey Markel
Sydney Martinson
Taryn Mattson



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Samantha Miller
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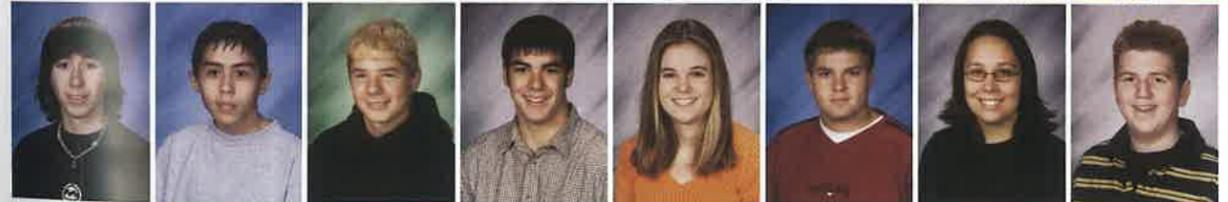
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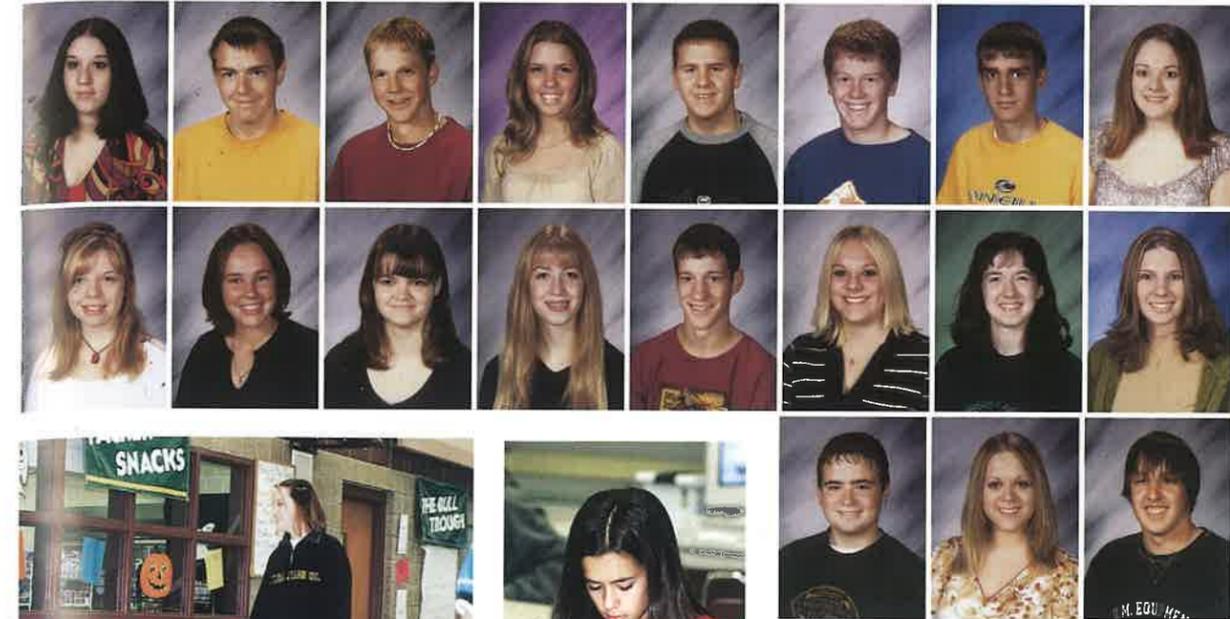
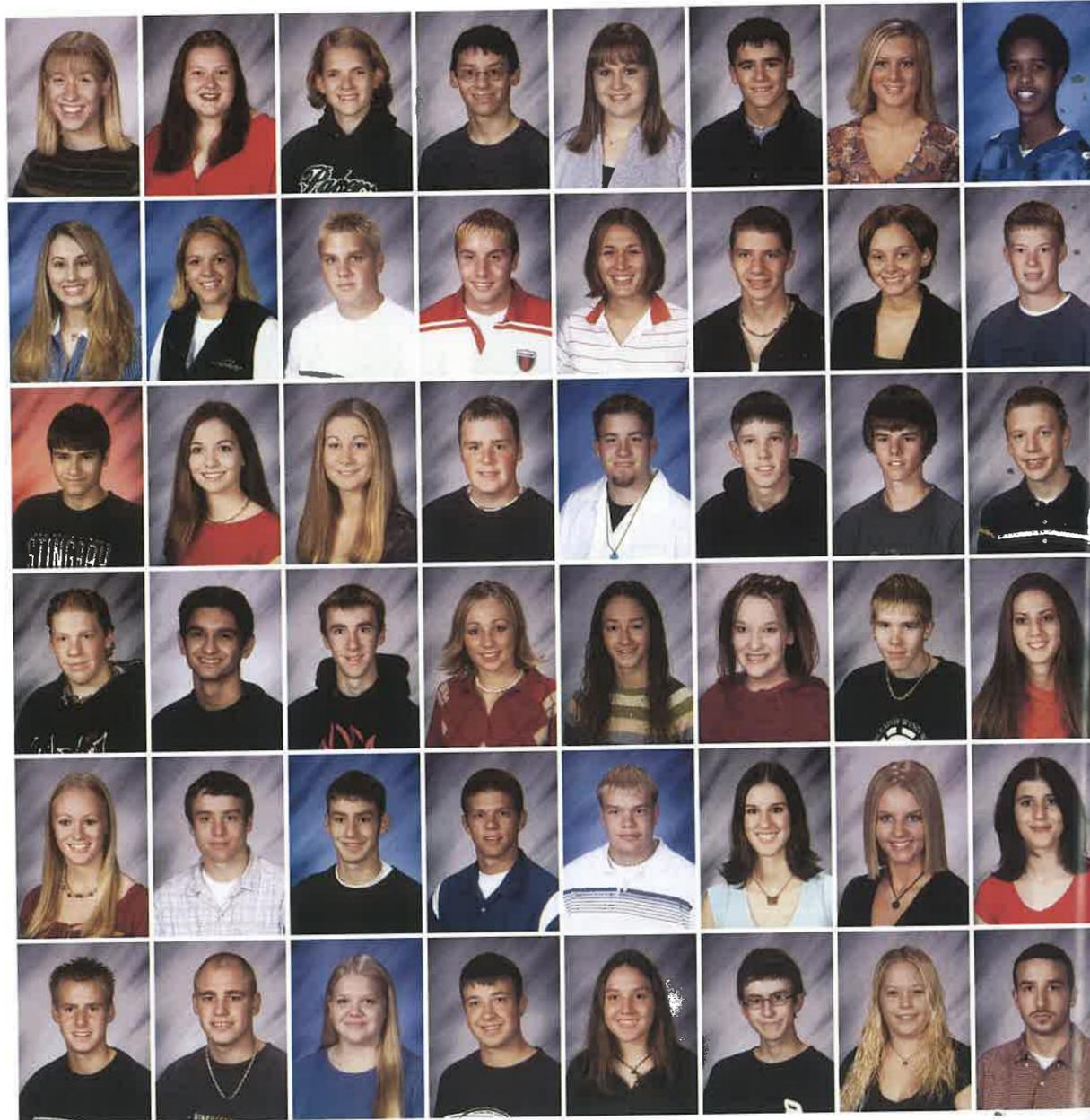
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Jessie Bayer	Warren Eastley	Jeremy Radebaugh
Whitney Bergeron	Richard Gruer	Krystal Schwartz
Kristopher Borchelt	Jesse Kemmer	Jason Thomas
Bret Boukoon	Ka-Ho Leung	John Tomaszewski
Damien Deisler	Ashley Marseth	Marium Zuri

Who has the scissors?
During class, juniors Carly Ejerik, Taryn Mattson and Alisha Thompson work on a project.

Ohm... Before taking a test junior Jenna Ludwig prepares for it.

Trick or treat. For child care services junior Alisha Thompson takes a little girl trick or treating around the school.



Don't spill it! During Child Care Services class Alisha Thompson watches a little girl to make sure she does not spill.



Don't let it get away! While competing in a rodeo junior Missy Bjorland tries her best.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN RODEO'S

When she was young, she begged her parents for a horse. On her tenth birthday, she got two horses. This girl is Missy Bjorland. She started competing in rodeos when she was eleven-years-old with one of her two new horses. Now a junior in high school, Bjorland continues to compete in rodeos. "I like competing in rodeos because it's challenging," Bjorland said.

She competes in high school ro-

deos, where she competes against other high school students. Her events are barrels, poles, team roping, and breakaway roping. Missy usually places in the top ten for breakaway roping. Last year Missy went to state in Bowman N.D., and competed in breakaway roping. Her rodeos take place all over North Dakota in small towns. There are two rodeos in the fall and six in the spring.

"I like going to rodeos and the

competition.' You meet a lot of people that are not from around here; they are the nicest people you'll ever meet. Everybody is different and everybody gets along," Bjorland said.

She started by begging her parents for a horse, and now she is very successful at what she does. It took her a lot of hard work over the last seven years, and it definitely paid off.

by Brittany Moen

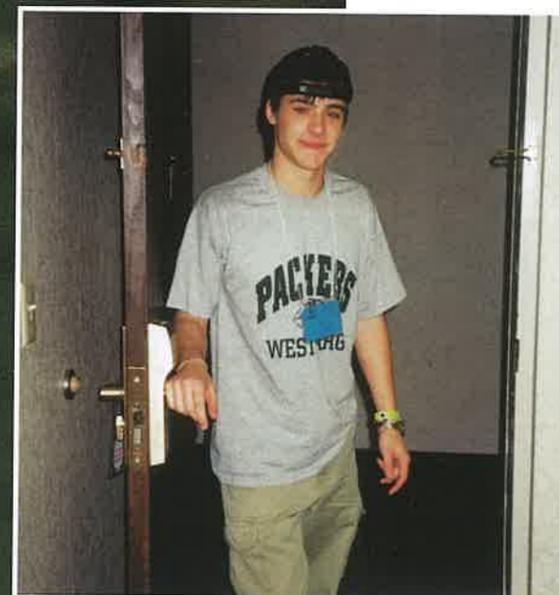




BLACK SOPHOMORES

After highly difficult competition last year, the sophomores were back and ready for action. They spent all summer preparing both mentally and physically, and they came back stronger than ever. The black sophomores suited up for some of the stiffest competition yet. Being close to the bottom of the lineup, they found the game to be one that they needed to put all they had into. Coming out on top of the white freshmen, but still behind the green juniors and silver seniors, was something they came to realize was a way of life. When it was all over, they earned some respect from all the other teams and proved to be better than expected. It was a season full of ups and downs, but the black sophomores were able to come together as a team and prove to be able to hold their own amidst all the craziness.

By Jennifer Lundgren



I can't believe I forgot about my test! Cramming for her World + history test next period, sophomore Alison Zinck takes advantage of quiet study time in the library.

How's it going, ladies? On a quick visit to the girls room at Student Council State, sophomore Kyle Hager flashes a smile for the camera.

Just another day in Spanish class Jammin during Spanish, Mrs Lori Anderson and sophomore Luke Baldwin show how much fun learning the Spanish language can be. OLE!

Was that note flat? Playing her heart out, sophomore Danika Vigesaa plays accompaniment for the choir class.



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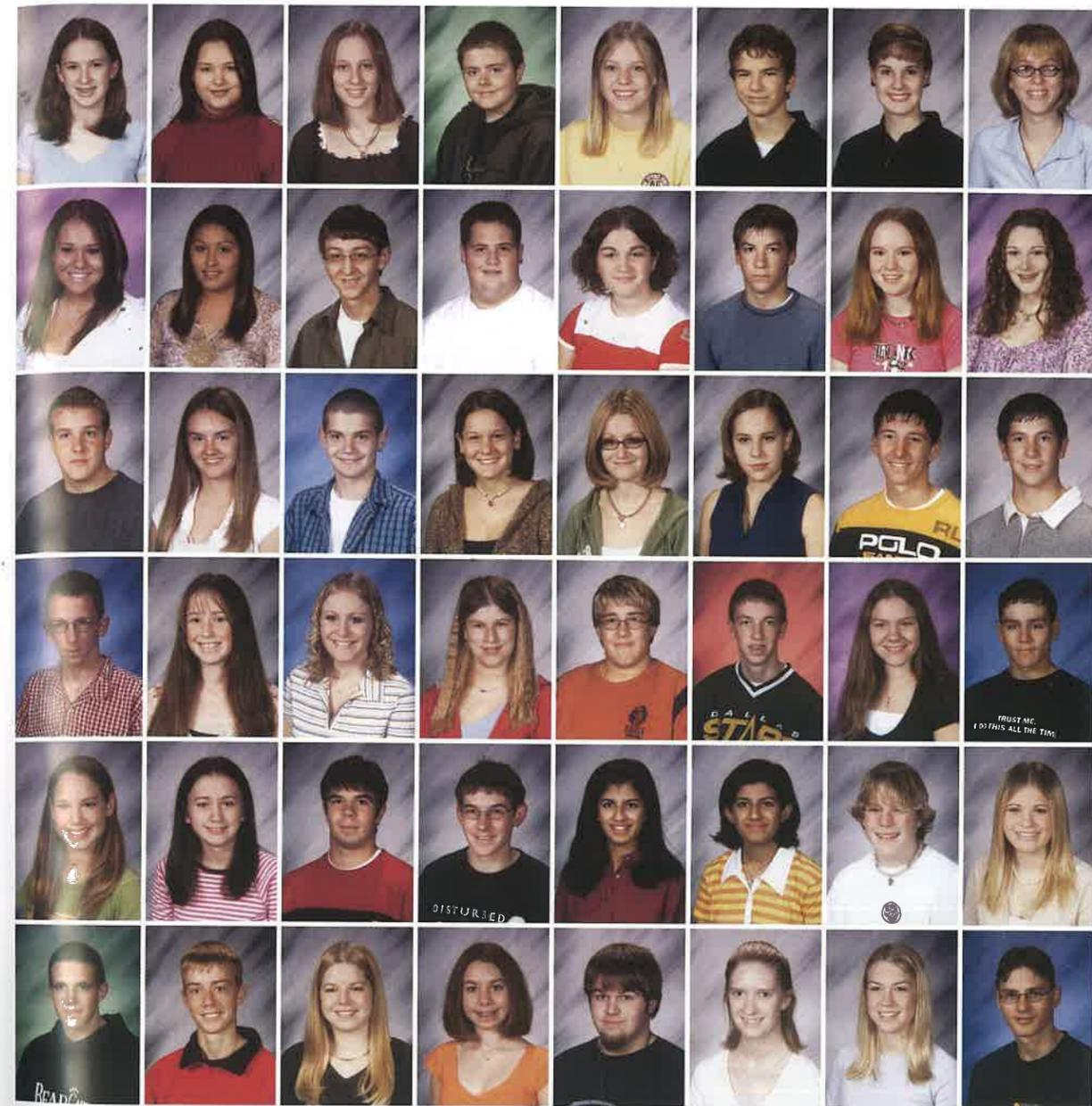
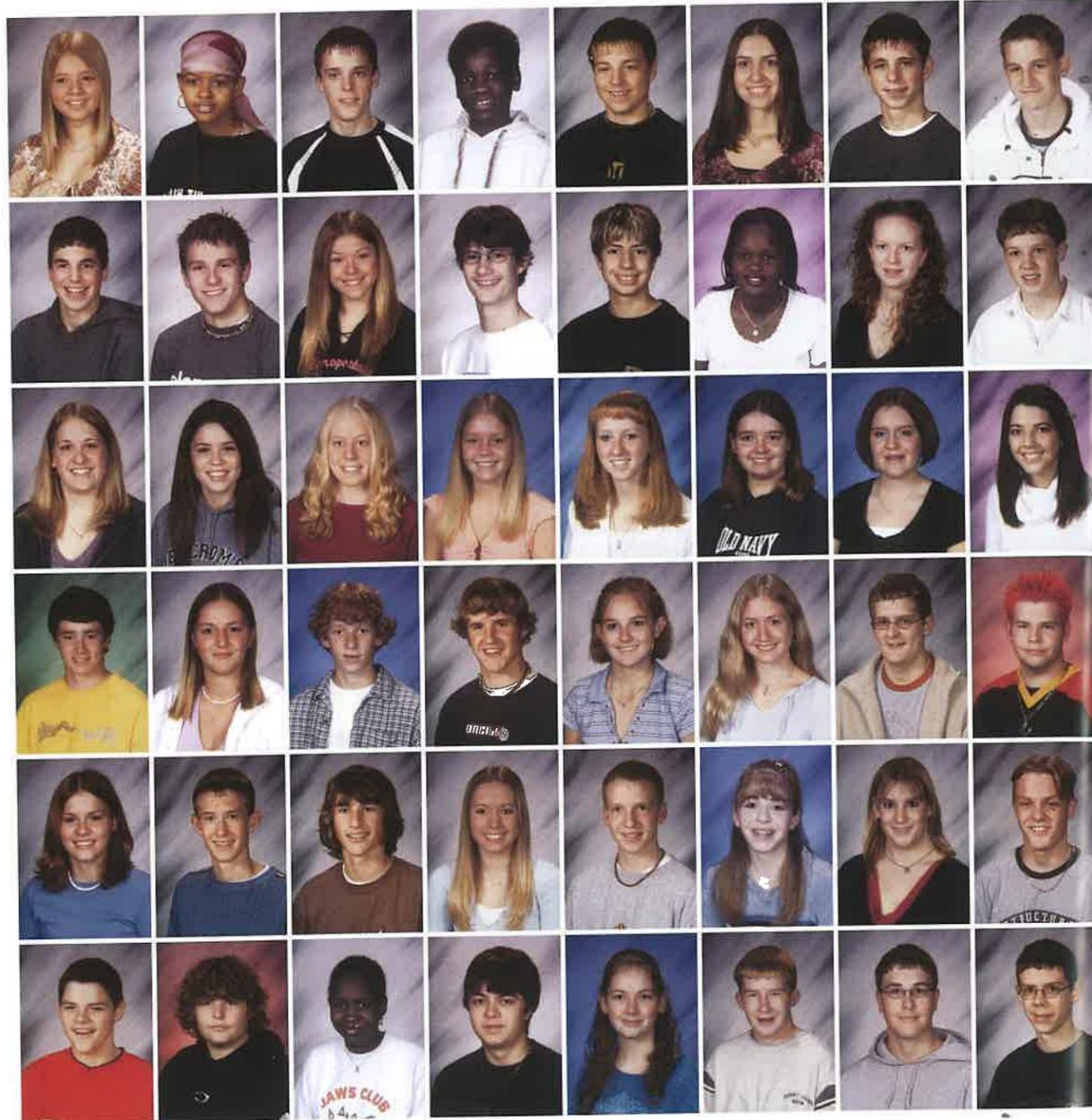
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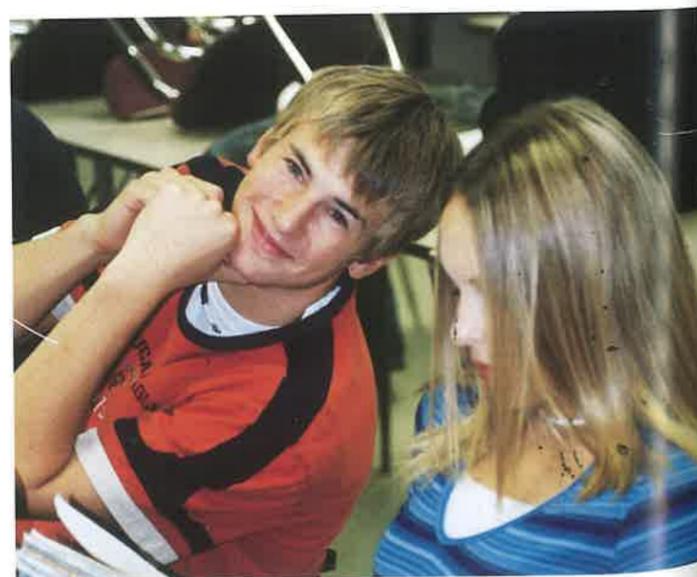
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Amy Foss
Nicholas Francis



Getting into her book... Sophomore Katie Joyce concentrates on a good book.



Flirting with the girls... Sophomore Andrew Salberg bugs sophomore Kristen Hoy.

STUDENTS SWIM IN EXCUSES, EXCUSES, EXCUSES

Would it be nice to get by with something and not have to use an excuse? As nice as this may seem, many students find themselves using excuses on a daily basis. According to Sophomore Nick Graves many common excuses circulate the classroom.

A very common excuse used by Graves is, "What?

We had homework?"

Teachers hear the same excuses from students who did not turn in their homework. "What? I thought it was due tomorrow," sophomore Michelle Miller said.

A common excuse among students is, "Can I go to the bathroom," sophomore Zach Horn said.

Almost everyday at least one student is late for school because they did not get up early enough, or they could not find a parking spot.

Students use the locker excuse if they are late for class. "I can't get my locker open," sophomore Amber Aarstad said.

Students are finding that using these excuses

do not work anymore.

Teachers are catching on. Students say that four minutes between class periods is not enough time to go to their locker, get a drink of water or go to the bathroom. The only way students can do these things is usually by making up excuses, excuses, excuses!

by Lacey Benson



EXERCISE OR CLASSROOM

WHICH CLASS DO STUDENTS PREFER

Sitting in class watching a boring movie about second hand smoke, while upperclassmen are having fun in gym getting their exercise. Sophomores are in gym now during their second high school year, while freshmen have to take health instead. Some sophomores shared their feelings about being able

to be in gym again, after taking a year off.

During elementary school every student had to take gym. This lasted until freshmen year and health class.

"I think we should still have gym freshmen year," sophomore Cody Muscha said.

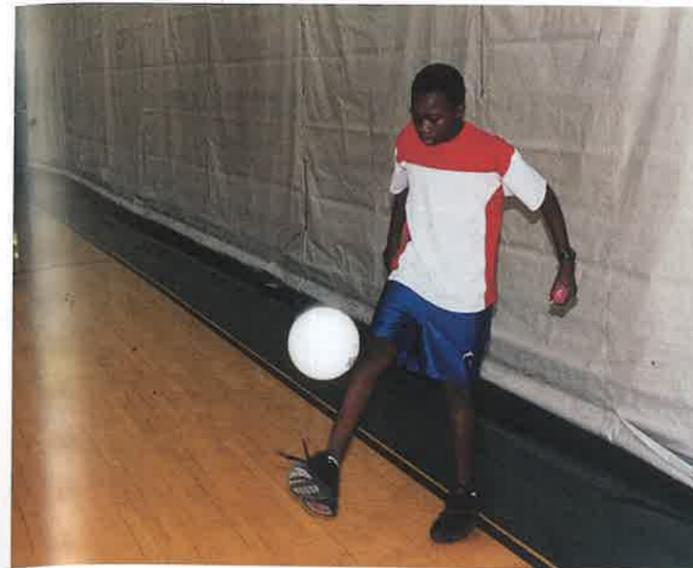
Other students share

Muscha's opinion. "I like gym. It's cool. It's more fun than health," sophomore Paula Sebelius said.

Some of the students would like to be active instead of sitting in class. "I thought health was boring because we just sat there. In gym you can be active," sophomore Becky Jensen said.

Gym class is a lot more interesting than health because a teacher is not just standing in front of the class lecturing. In gym class the students get exercise by running around and playing sports, but in health the students receive knowledge about the body.

by Jaci Koahlmoos



I can do this! Sophomore Samson Zozimo tries to stop the ball during gym class. He enjoys coming back after a year of health.

Ready, go! Student-teacher Mr. Chad Wick drops the puck for sophomores Loren Dickens and Ashley Lundgren during class.



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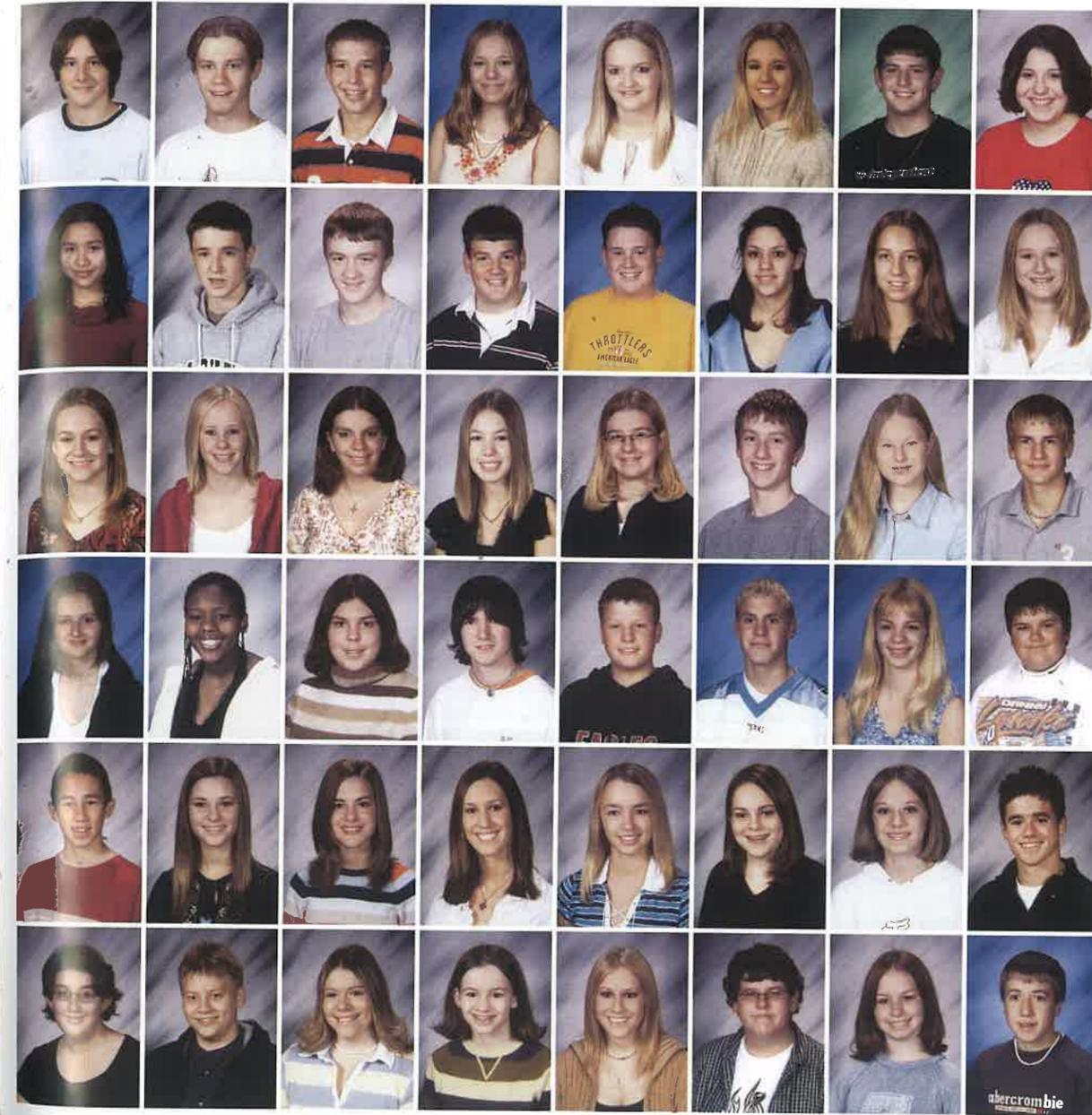
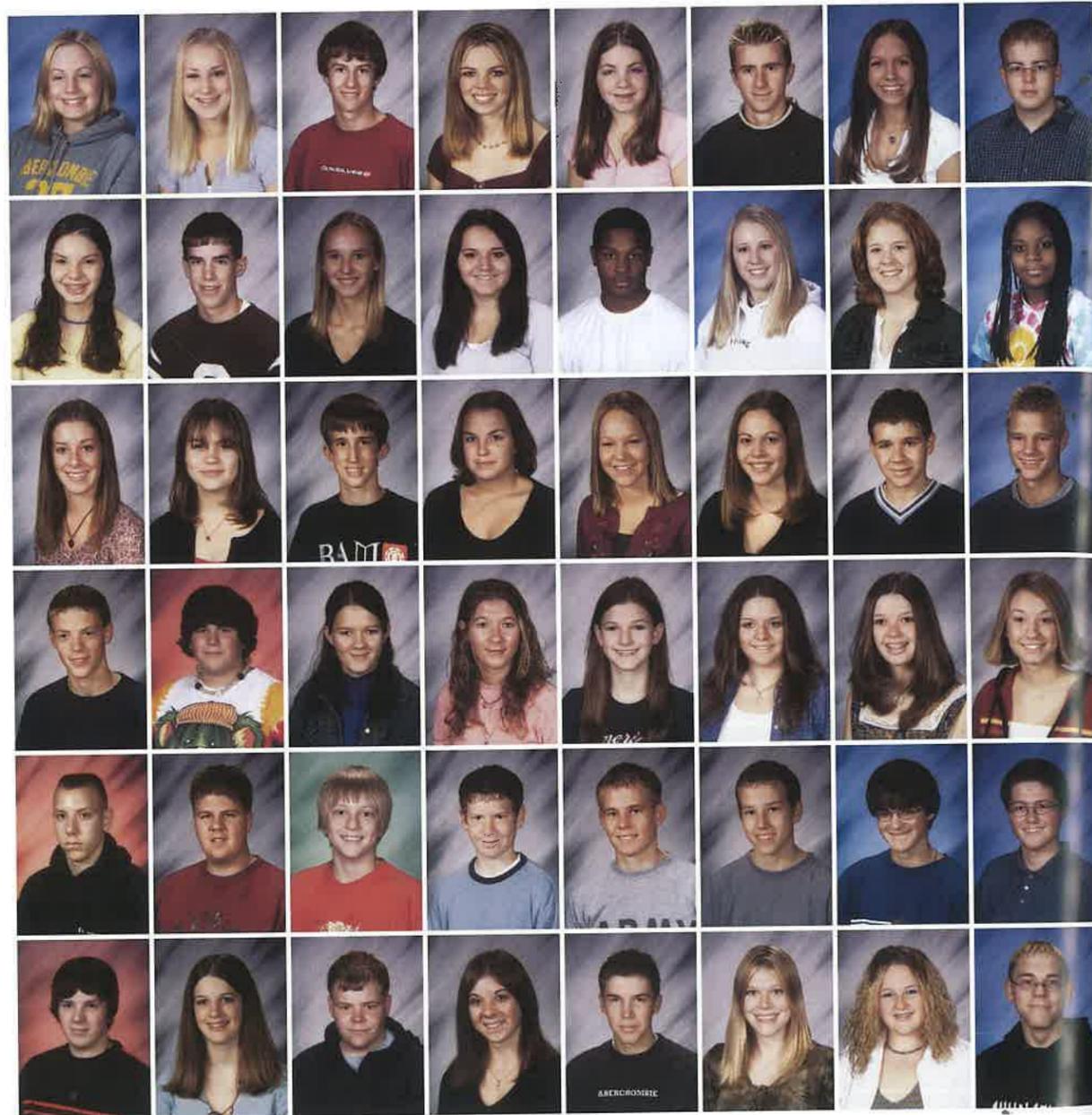
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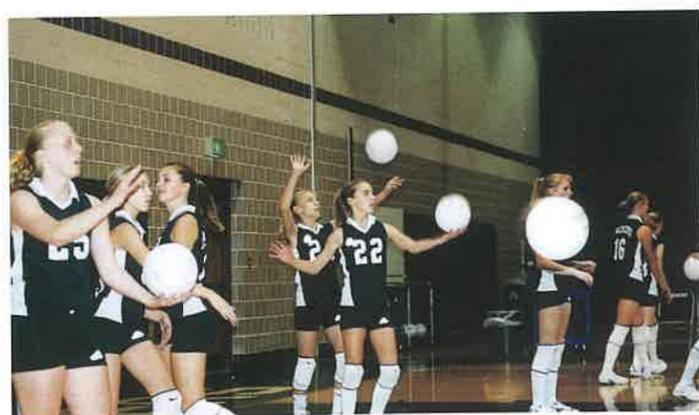
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 Cody Shoman



Hit that ball! Sophomores Cortney Benjamin and Karli Rodgers, freshmen Sadie Mathson and Jill Kussatz, and eighth grader Mary-Michael Vance practice their serves.

Bring it on! Defending the opposing player, Sophomore Nathan Johnson is determined to steal the ball.



SOPHOMORES GEAR UP FOR VARSITY

Fans on their feet, the ball arching through the air, "swoosh," the ball goes in at the buzzer. This is the atmosphere at a sophomore game. Many sports offer teams for sophomores.

One sport with a sophomore team is volleyball. "I think having a sophomore team is a good idea. It gives 12 girls a chance to

play and improve their game, so they are ready to play JV or Varsity the next year," sophomore Ericka Knoll said.

A majority of the students on sophomore teams are sophomores, but freshmen can be on the team if they qualify to be moved up.

For most students, having sophomore teams is a

good way for all sophomores to participate.

"Playing on the sophomore volleyball team gives me a chance to play the game I enjoy," sophomore Kelsey Beauchamp said.

Students who play on the sophomore teams feel that they get the fans cheering before the varsity teams play.

"By playing on the sophomore volleyball team, I feel that we set the tone for the rest of the games that night," sophomore Amber Berglund said.

Sophomore teams are a great way for a lot of sophomores to play the sports they love and show off their brilliant talent.

by Maham Flayyas

SOPHOMORES SHARE WILD, CRAZY MOMENTS

Oh, my god! Did anyone see that?

As sophomores struggle through their second year of high school, wild and crazy moments of humiliation burst their bubbles.

Sophomore Nick Brand's confidence shattered in English class. "During my English shield speech I farted,"

Brand said.

The second year of high school has its ups and downs and can be very tough for many sophomores. These students are dealing with peer pressure everyday and doing embarrassing things does not help.

For some sophomores it is a lot harder to deal with. Sophomore Kevin

Pomey's embarrassing moment ended in injury.

"I was at a BMX Tournament and my pants got stuck in my [bicycle] chain. My pants fell down to my knees and I sprained my ankle," Pomey said.

Unfortunately embarrassing moments can occur in and out of school.

"I was at the movie the

ater and my foot got stuck in between the chairs.

The lights were on and I spilt popcorn all over the people in front of me and behind me," sophomore Jon Adams said.

Life is full of surprises. Without those wild and crazy antics, the world would be dull and boring, so have fun!

by Jennifer Wangler

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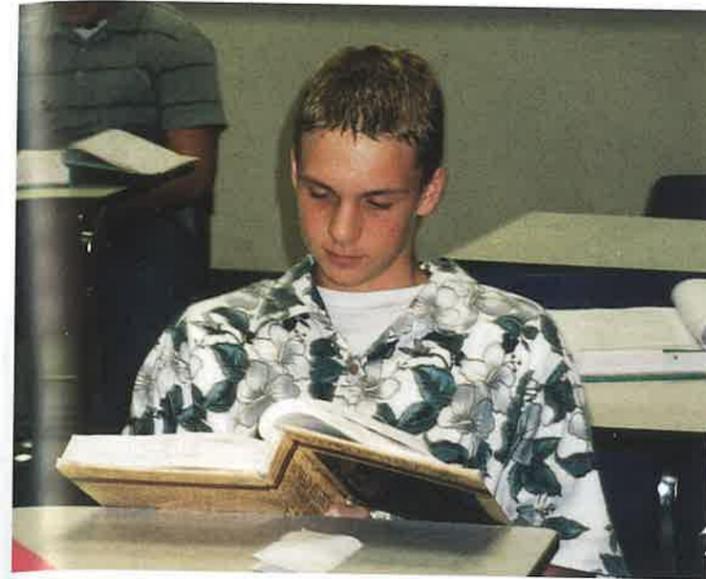
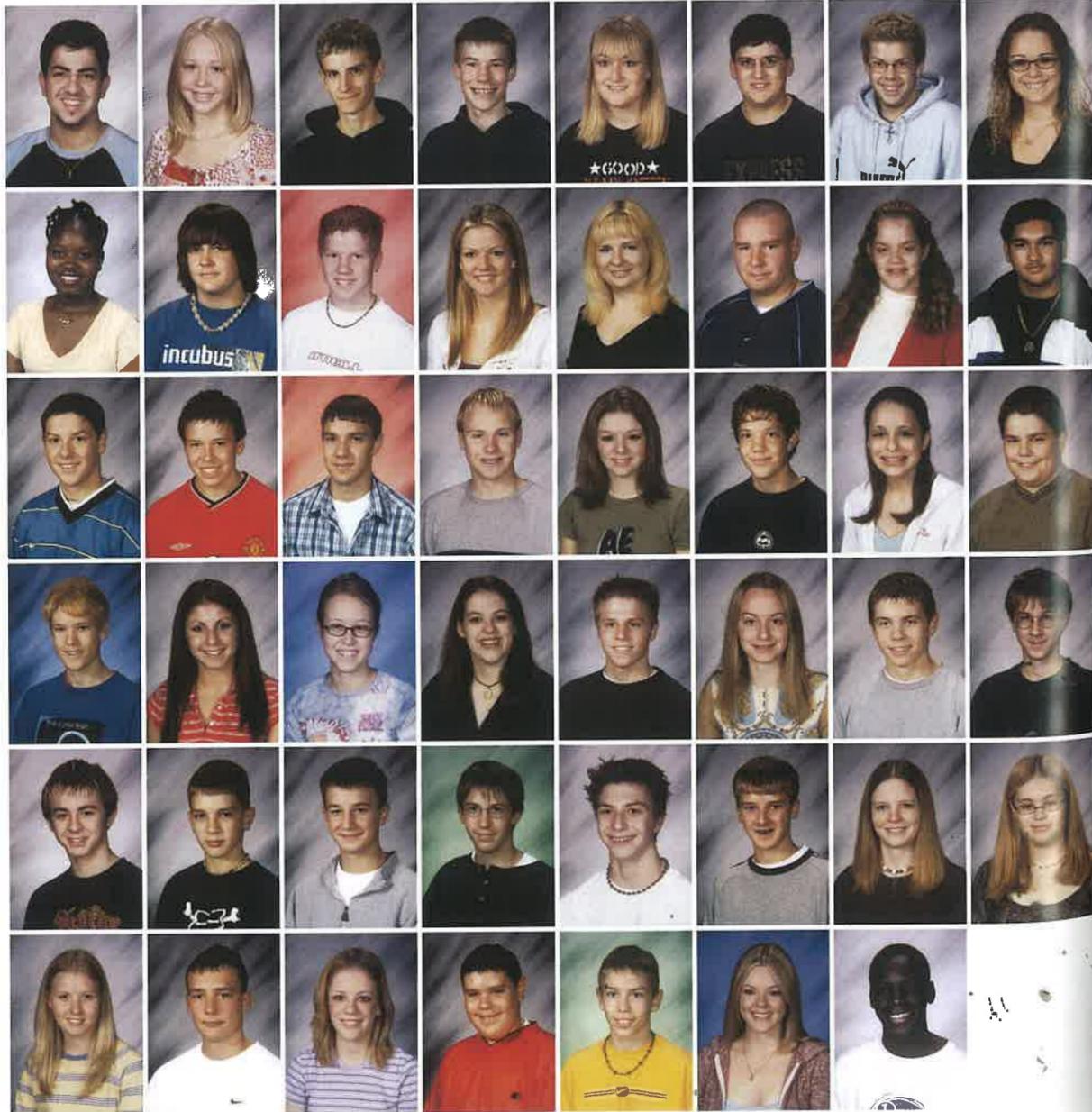
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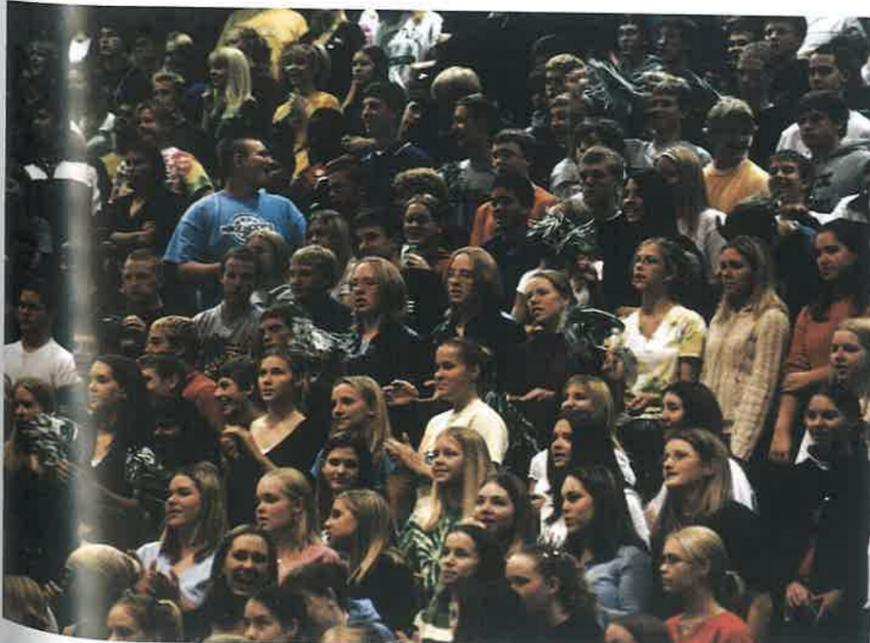


Shhh... Sophomore Andy Holland is engrossed in his World History book.

Rock on! Sophomore Ethan Hongess sports funky rags on generation day.



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Nicholas Liljeqvist	Alexander Woeller
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Jared Miller	



Piece of cake! Sophomores Pino Zayzay, Jerod Heitkamp and Jennifer Olson take their World History tests hoping not to fail.

Those Packatahns are so hot! Sophomore Luke Baldwin in the Packatahna trainer relaxes before an exercising day of practice.

2005. 2005. 2.2.2005!! The sophomore class enjoys their first Pep Rally of the year during Homecoming Week.

Ahhh...ace! Sophomore Andrew Perna places his serve during gym.

White Freshmen

How many people can race around a quarter mile track in record time and win a national championship? ONE! Steve Pranke won the National Go-Kart championship this summer in Kentucky. Pranke is a freshman this year and had the time of his life while racing. Pranke is just one of the many members of the white team doing wild and crazy things.

People like Pranke show why the freshmen class, this year, was looked upon highly by upperclassmen. Students like Pranke helped make the white team successful during the Wild and Crazy Kids 2003 season.

The freshmen are starting to learn the ropes of the High School this year. They are getting use to many more teachers, classes and even better school lunch. The freshmen are just getting into wild and crazy things and will have many fond memories by the time they graduate.

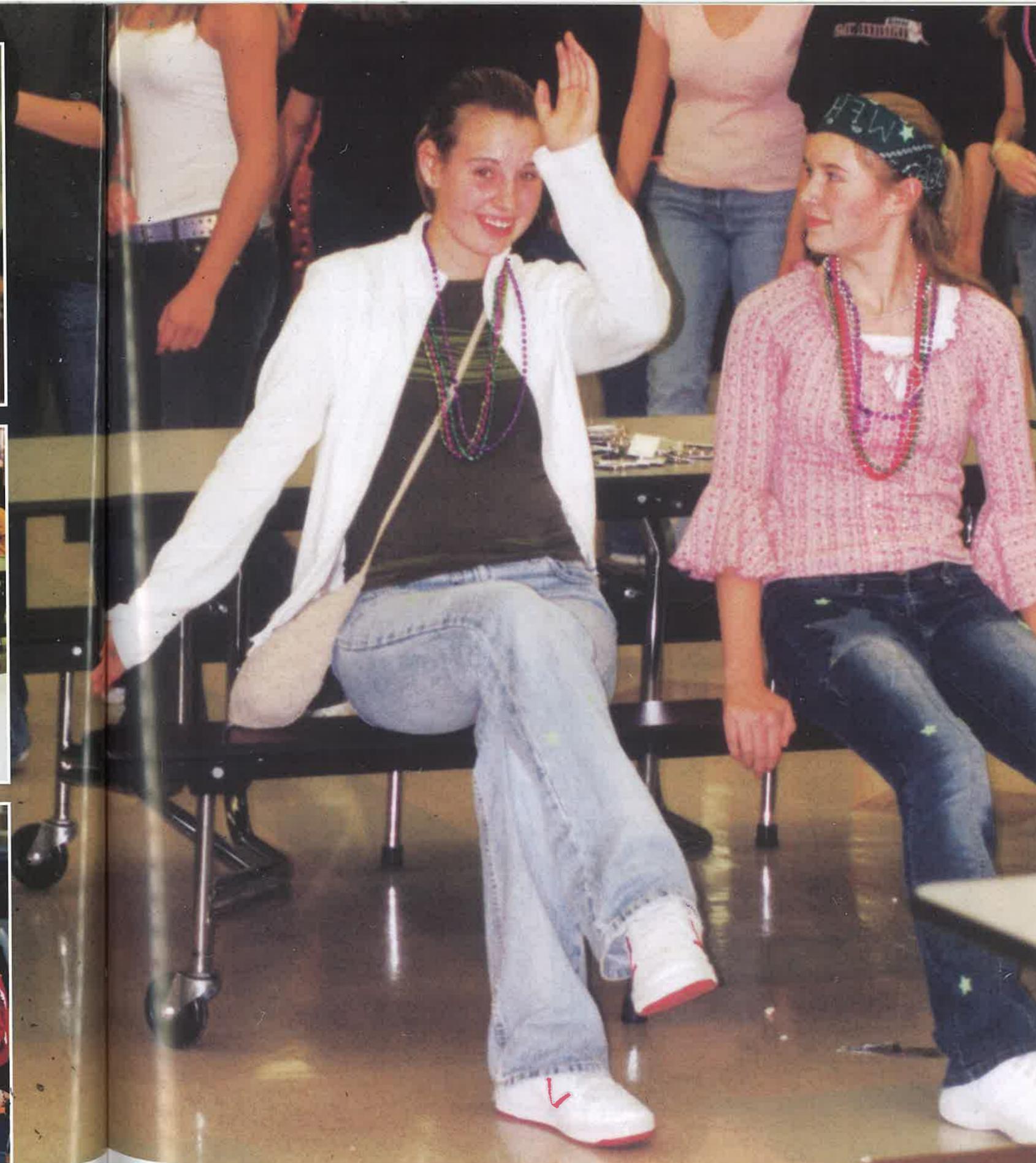
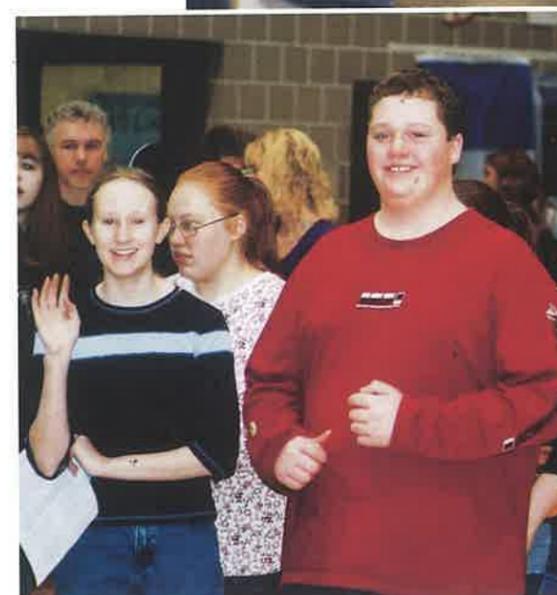
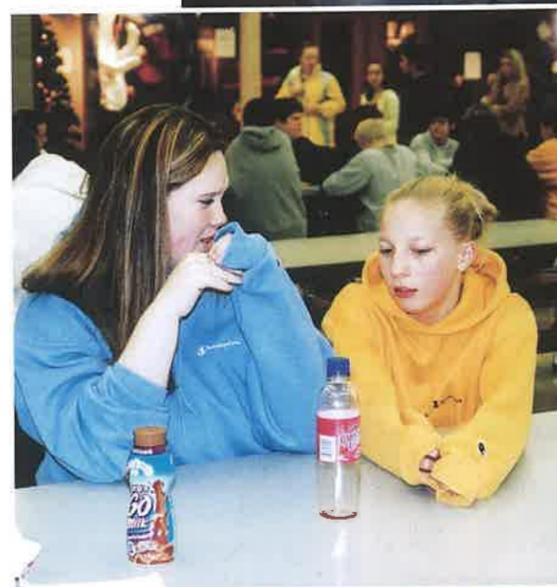
by Brian Kingsley

Im so hot! To escape the hot gym, freshmen Brynna Trounbridge and Alyssa Freed take a break from dancing during the Homecoming Mardi Gras.

Its a green thing. Sporting her green hair, freshman DesiRae Beauclair wanders into the commons during study hall time.

How was English today? Enjoying their lunch, freshmen Bobbi Van Dorpe and Samantha Borah enjoy a peaceful talk in the commons.

There are so many choices. Trying to decide what elective to take, freshmen Karin Flom and Brett Anderson visit the many displays at the Friday morning elective fair.



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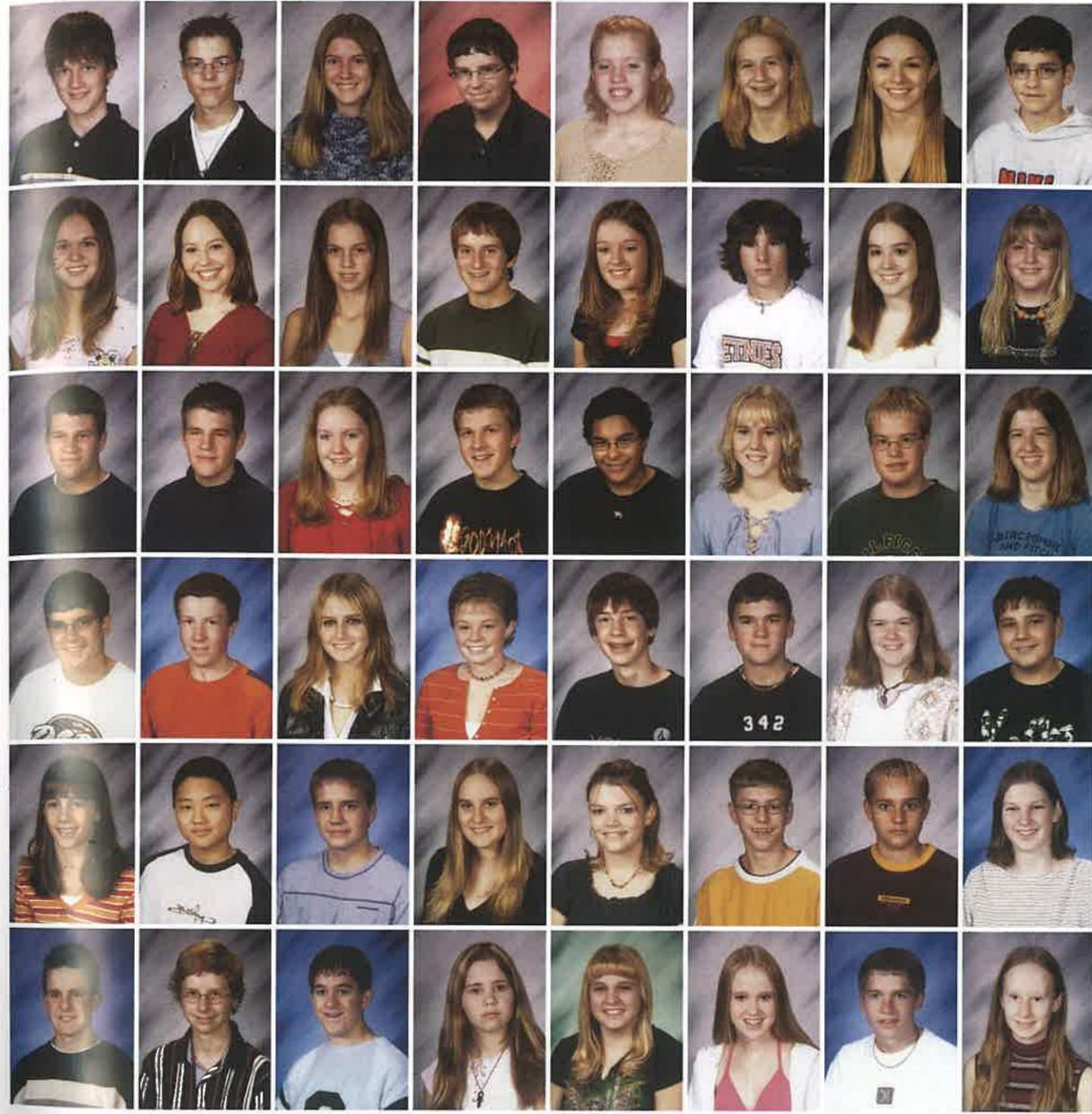
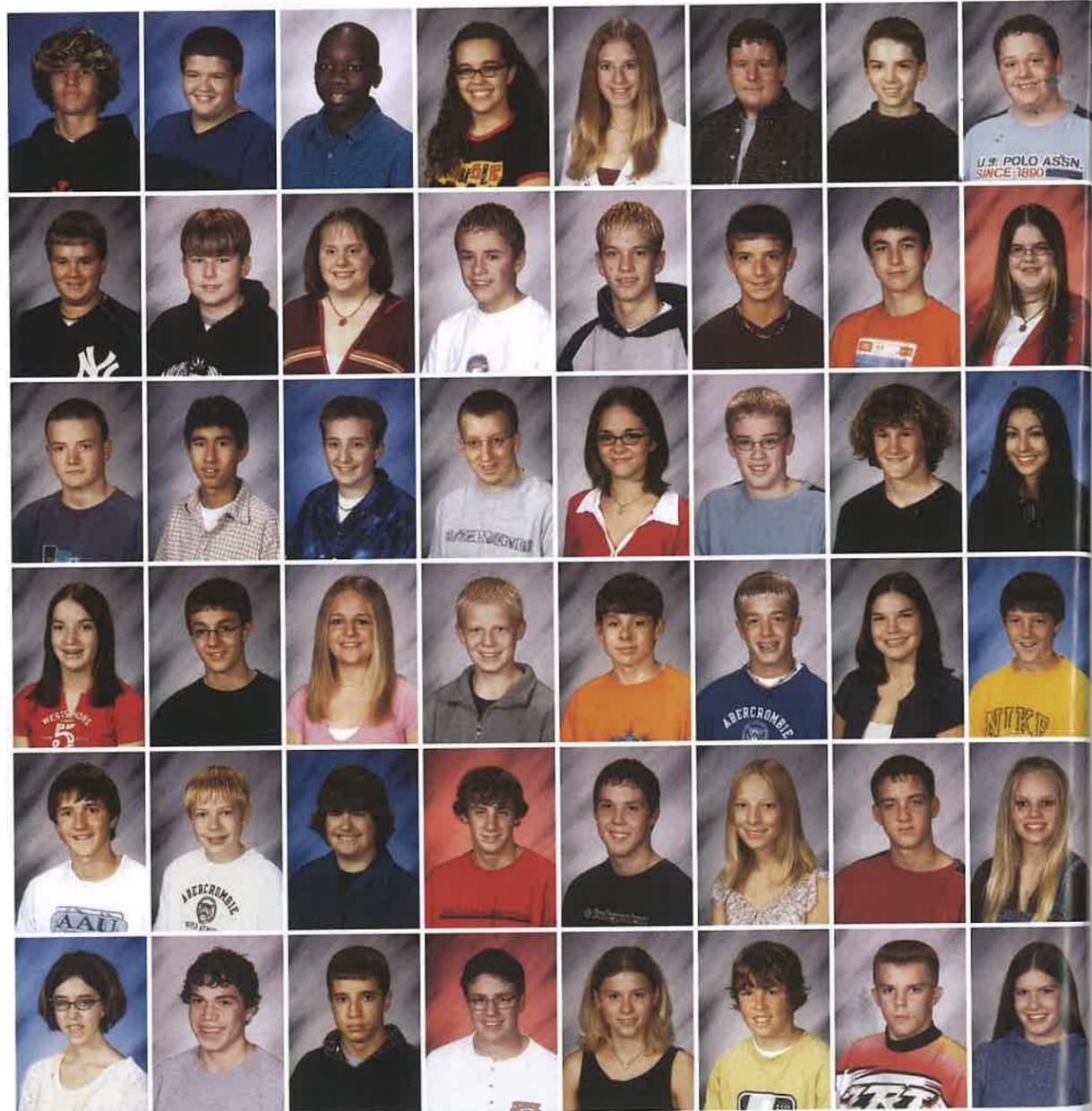
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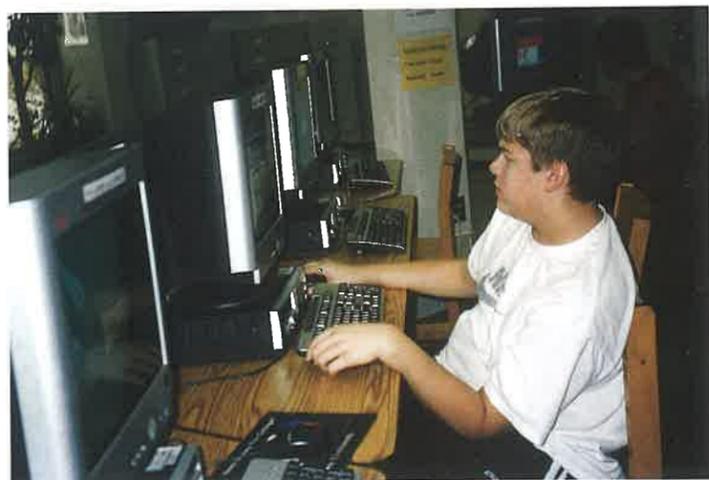
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Surfin the Web! Freshman Nicholas Stenerson uses a computer in the library during study hall.



Mmmm Chicken! Freshmen Colin Gatz and Nathan Wood talk in the commons during lunch.

HUGE CLASS ENROLLMENT

What is the ideal class size? The Class of 2006 is one of the largest freshman classes to be enrolled at the high school. With the 432 students initially enrolled, the freshman class enrolled a hundred students more than the senior class. "Even in elementary school our class was always large,"

freshman Katelyn Rec-

tor said. A large class produces both positives and negatives. "There are more people to get to know," freshman Brianna Sorlie said, who considers this a positive part of her class. Other pros for a large class include more extra curricular activities and more choices for courses that show personal interest.

A large class not only consists of positives but also negatives. A few of the cons include crowded hallways and a strong competition for drama, sports and selective activities. "It's (the school) too crowded to get anywhere fast," freshman Kristen Nitschke said.

Most people would agree the freshman class is huge,

which means dealing with the good and the bad. Being in a large class can mean meeting more people and having more choices for extra curricular activities, but it also means having a stronger competition getting into extra curricular activities and having crowded hallways.

by Kristina Cumber



PLAYING AT NEW LEVEL OF COMPETITION

The high school is big. People are everywhere trying to get from class to class, and the freshmen are right in the middle. Moving up to a bigger school is a big step for them. When it comes to sports, these students are on the ball.

It is a big difference from the middle school, and they have got to do

their best to make the team. They either have to go big or go home. There are many freshmen in sports, and to them, the competition is getting harder. "There's more competition with people getting better over the summer," freshman Ashley Davidson said.

Another thing freshmen are new to is the

pressure they feel playing at the high school level. "It's sometimes a little scary playing in front of more people," freshman Casey Paisley said.

With more room the atmosphere is new and different. "There's more room at the high school. More people come watch us play and there's more room because only one

game is being played, unlike the middle school," freshman Marie Johnson said.

With the pressure and intimidation settling in, the freshmen are getting used to playing at top competition. The athletes of the 2006 class are ready to play sports for the next three years.

by Madison Nicholls



I got it! As the serve comes over freshman Amber Jerger is ready to receive the ball while team mate Casey Paisley looks on.

Please go over! Concentrating on her form freshman Rachel Eglise throws the ball up for an overhand serve.



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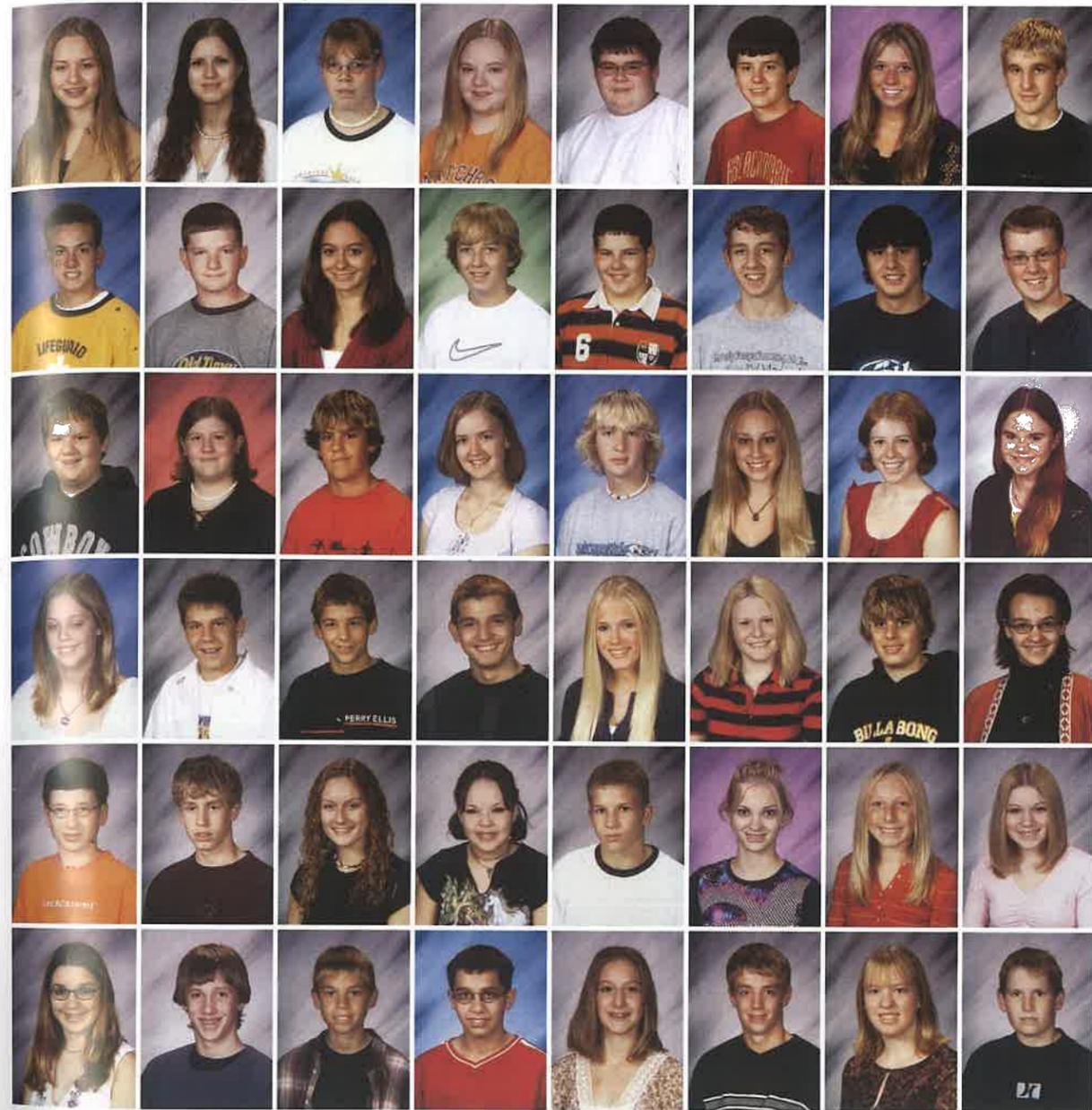
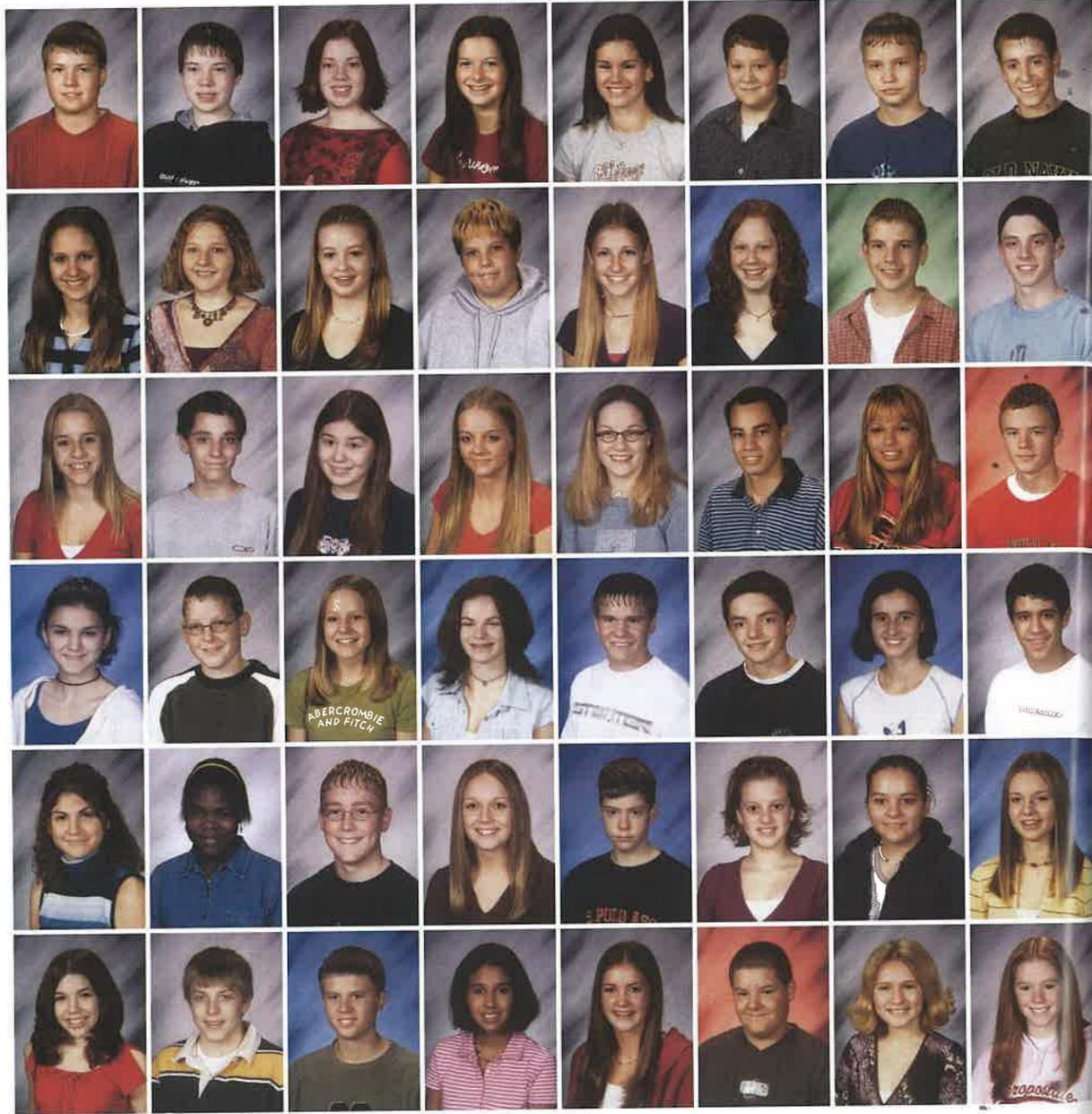
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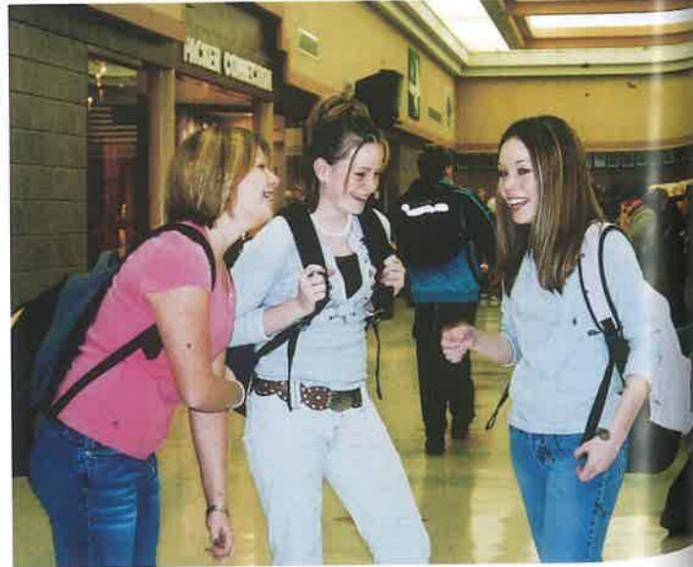
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That's hilarious! While eating lunch freshmen Nadine Dissette, Amber Jerger and Kalee Kroenke laugh at a joke.



OMG! While listening to the newest joke freshmen Anna Hanlon, Meghan Raedel and Amber Hastings laugh it off.

WHAT DO CRAZY KIDS ENJOY WEARING

How much money does the average student spend on clothes annually? The answer is surprising. Many students spend a lot of money on the different types of clothes they wear at the high school. Some of the more popular stores are Wet Seal, Abercrombie and Fitch, Pac Sun, Buckle, Scheels and American Eagle.

The girls wear mostly peasant tops or baby t-shirt with flare jeans, Doc Martins or Sketchers. A popular trend this year in fashion is to be unique. A large number of girls wear Silver jeans.

"I like to buy my clothes at Gadzooks because I am unique and so are their clothes," sophomore Alison Zinck said.

Some guys like clothes from Abercrombie and Fitch, American Eagle, Structure, and Scheels.

"I get my clothes at American Eagle because they are cool and I like the way they look," sophomore Jared Miller said.

Most guys get their hooded sweatshirts from Scheels. Most of the guys

wear Adidas shell top shoes also known as SS2G which have been popular for a few years.

All in all, it takes a lot of money to buy clothes that are popular, and some people just buy clothes that are popular to fit in and others buy clothes that are popular to be different.

by Trent Gehrig



SINGING THEIR HEARTS OUT

No one has to be a pop star to know how to sing well. The freshmen varsity choir proves this everyday. This group of 34 freshmen does one concert per quarter or a total of four concerts a year.

Some of the students have been singing before they were in high school. "I've always been into singing and in grade

school was one of the only guys to try out for anything," freshman Kyle Rolle said.

"The freshmen varsity choir sings many different types of song styles. We do jazz/blues which

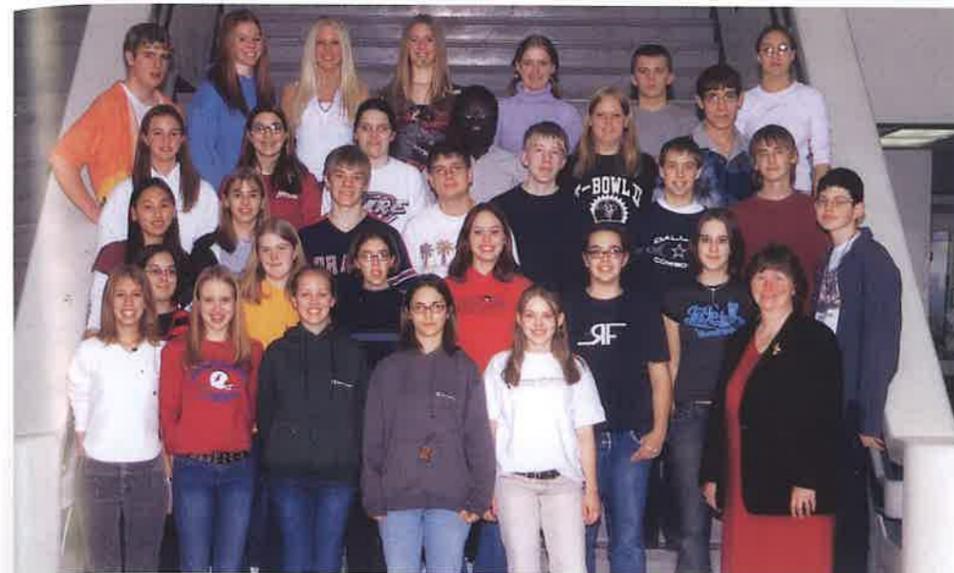
is a laid back style, pop or current music, spiritual or gospel songs, classical songs by masters [musicians] such as Bach, and foreign songs to introduce different languages," choir teacher

Mrs. Jordahl said.

Students like to think that choir is practice for the voice. "I like to sing and it works my voice for my band," freshman Coleman Buer said.

There are a lot of talented freshmen students. Some day one of them might just become a new singing sensation.

by Erin Cummings



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Matthew Renfrew
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Scott Ridgway
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Travis Sanderson
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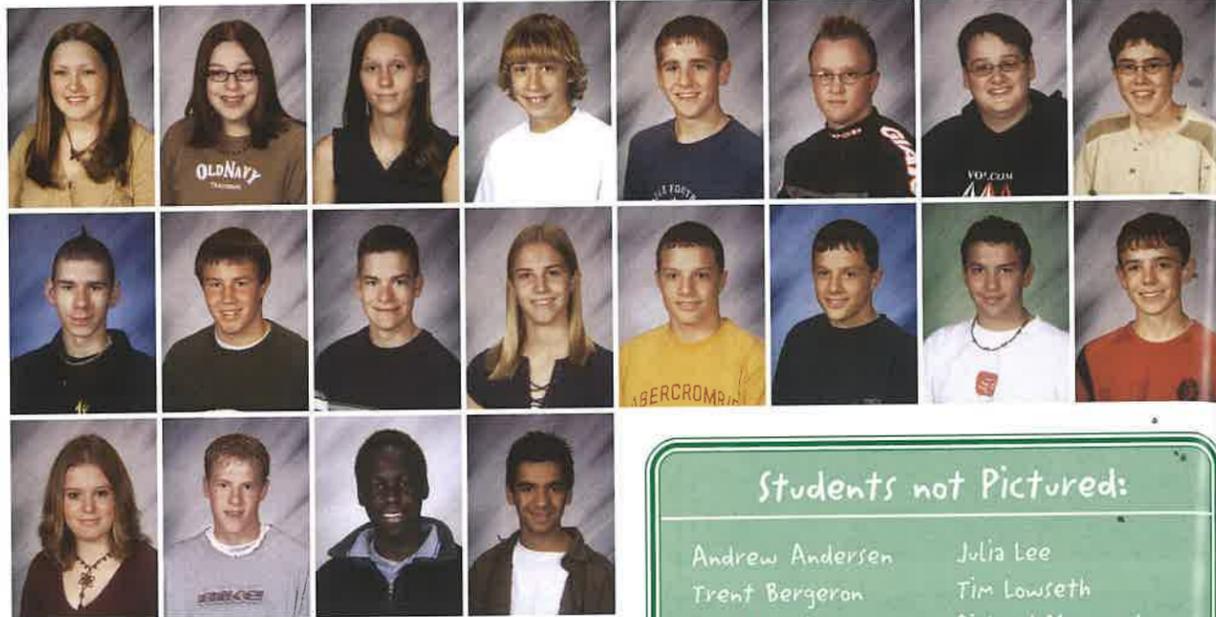


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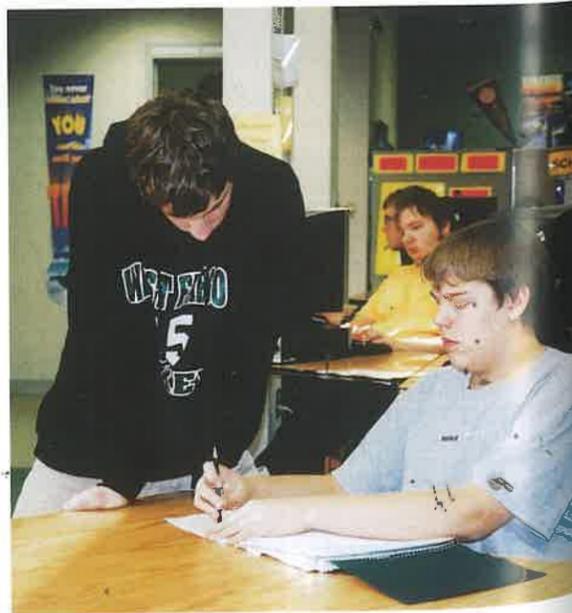
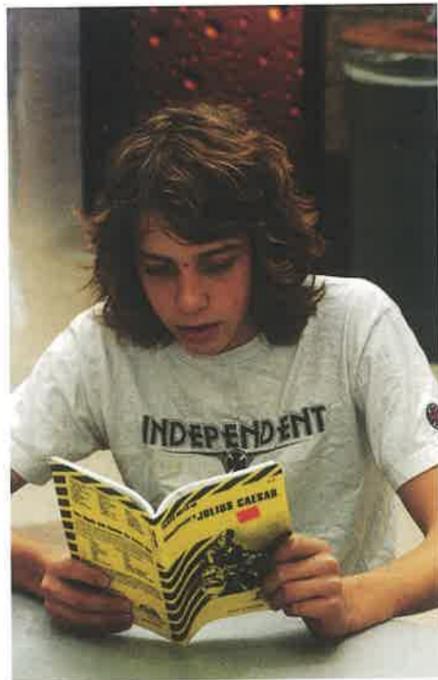


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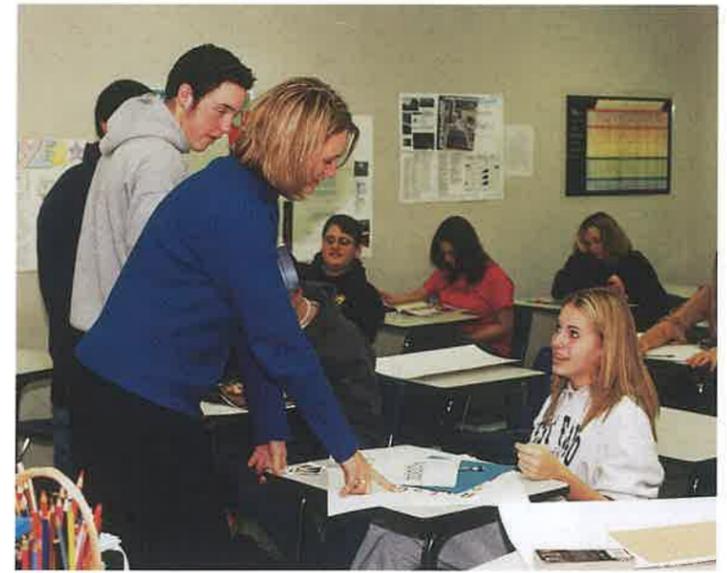
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BAND WILL BE PART OF THE NEW GENERATION

When people think about band they think of the drums, the trumpets, the clarinets or the flutes. What most people do not think of is the people playing them or how much they have practiced to play that very piece just for an audience to hear it.

The pieces get more complicated as the years go by because the players

become more mature and are able to play more difficult pieces of music. Varsity band teacher, Mrs. Susan Jordahl said, "Varsity Band is where you're really need to work on getting into the students' heads because freshman year is where all the work begins if you want to be a real musician."

Even though the teachers enforce discipline, they

really like teaching. "I will always love teaching the ninth graders because it gives me great pleasure to see all the new, young minds, and faces."

Band is the prime time for anyone that plays an instrument. So, the next time people go to a concert, they can think about all the young musicians playing their instruments, or maybe

think about how hard the students and the teachers worked to get that piece of music to perfection. "All the instruments in band make a beautiful harmony, and it is always fun to listen to the beautiful songs that the students get to play," Jordahl said. Most will agree with her when the band concert comes.

by Krista Jones

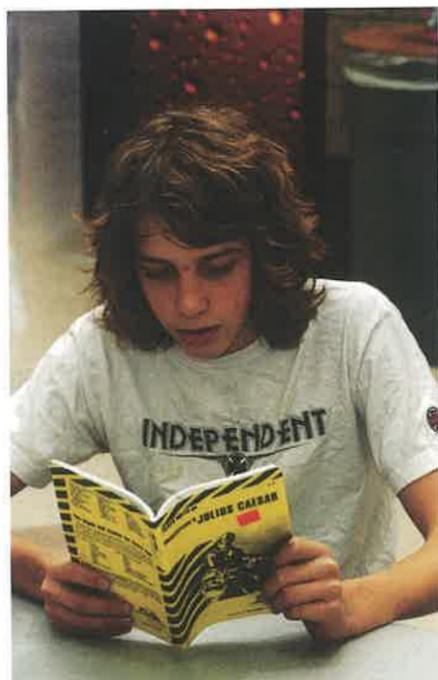
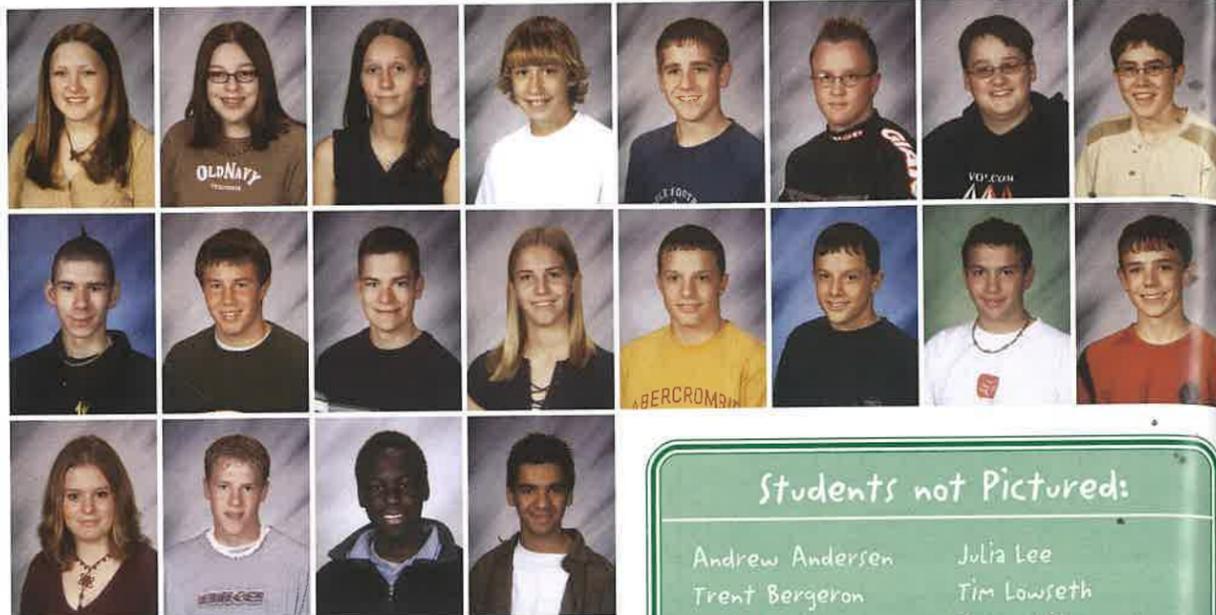


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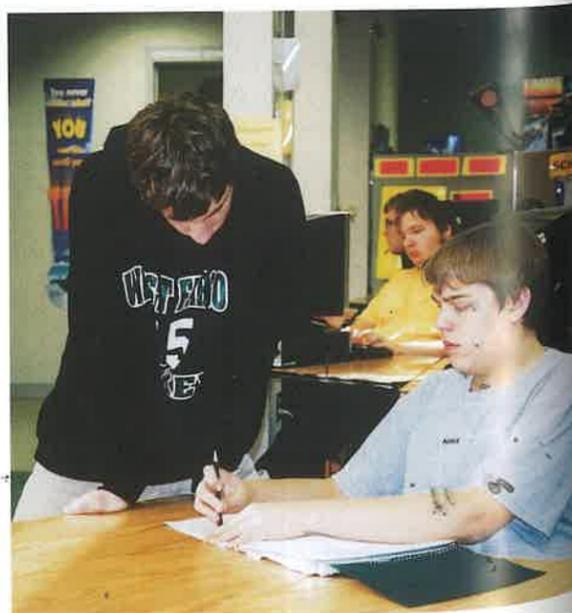
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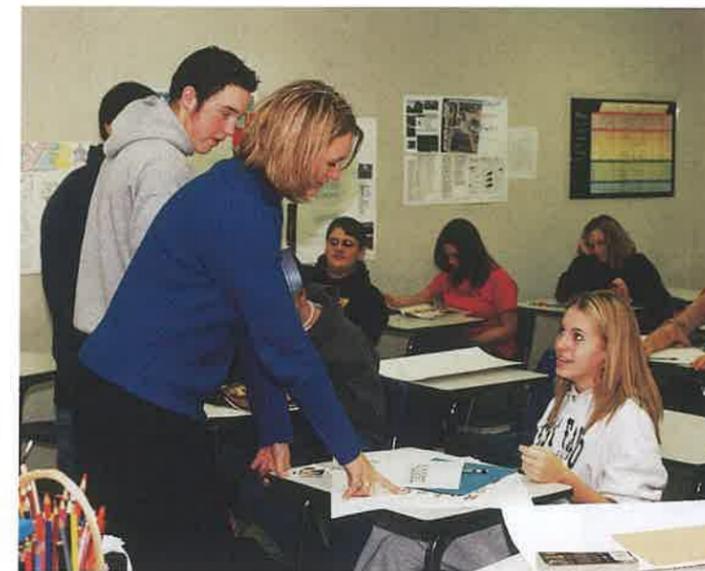
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Varsity Band: Back Row: Instructor Mrs. Sue Jordahl. Row 8: Brett Anderson Tracy Olson Ryan Kostelecky and Travis Sanderson. Row 7: Andrew Horland David Monson Brandon Reber and Tyler Bruun. Row 6: Daniel Koste Marco Wail Josh Wolff Colin Guidinger Tyler Lawin and Benratt Nelson. Row 5: Nathan Funk Miranda Dougherty Stacy Verdoorn Ellis Eid Ashley Lettenmaier and Laura Cronin. Row 4: Reed Montgomery Chad Osmanski Robella Fearson Danielle Koesterman Miranda Ulter Whitney Reyerson and Ashley Davidson. Row 3: Kayla Gresham Karri Heule Jaanel Barnes Molly Siegert Samantha Beets and Kayla Anderson. Row 2: Krissy Lehfeldt Jessica Erickson Rakay Reyes Ariel McGinnity Ashley Denne Jaunesa Olson and Sadie Mathson. Front Row: Alison Kelly Melissa Gienger Sarahanna Lauff Breanna Rubertus Leslie Pladson Jessie Schaffertowski Syria Rabideaux and Kelsey Lund.

BAND WILL BE PART OF THE NEW GENERATION

When people think about band they think of the drums, the trumpets, the clarinets or the flutes. What most people do not think of is the people playing them or how much they have practiced to play that very piece just for an audience to hear it. The pieces get more complicated as the years go by because the players

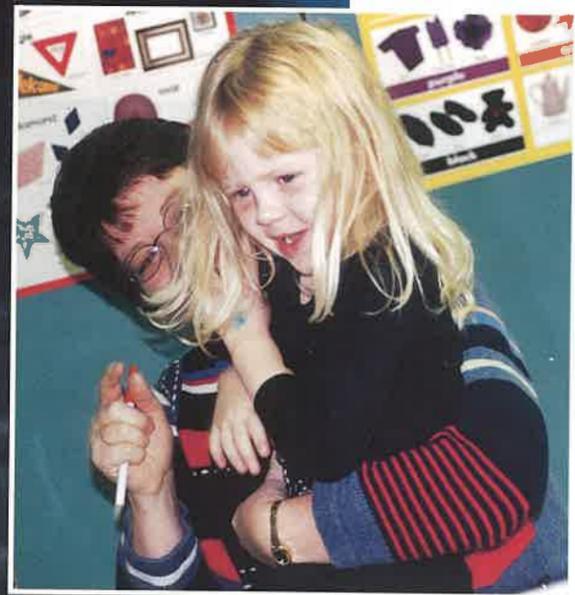
become more mature and are able to play more difficult pieces of music. Varsity band teacher, Mrs. Susan Jordahl said, "Varsity Band is where you really need to work on getting into the students' heads because freshman year is where all the work begins if you want to be a real musician." Even though the teachers enforce discipline, they

really like teaching. "I will always love teaching the ninth graders because it gives me great pleasure to see all the new, young minds, and faces." Band is the prime time for anyone that plays an instrument. So, the next time people go to a concert, they can think about all the young musicians playing their instruments, or maybe

think about how hard the students and the teachers worked to get that piece of music to perfection. "All the instruments in band make a beautiful harmony, and it is always fun to listen to the beautiful songs that the students get to play," Jordahl said. Most will agree with her when the band concert comes.

by Krista Jones





The Refs

As the competition starts the refs call out the rules. Here at West Fargo High the teachers call the shots. Sometimes students do not put forth one hundred percent of their abilities. Thankfully, these excellent teachers are here to help and keep the students up to performing level. The teachers always call it as they see it, and they try their hardest to be fair. With the teachers help, many students have reached their full potential. Teachers have also put forth much effort with late night homework of their own. It is not easy always being the enforcers, but they handled it with great dignity. As the game came down to its last minutes both the students and teachers worked towards the win. When the buzzer went off everyone came out a winner.

by Karrie Burdick

I am going to go ride my horses after school! Mrs. Sara Forness dresses for western day during snowball week and shows off her flashy cowgirl outfit.

Don't be shy! Mrs. Mary Anderson teaches her Child Care Services class by inviting elementary students to the high school.

Use the right form this time! Mr. Nathan Knudsen teaches his physical education class the right form during the ultimate frisbee unit.

1 and 2 and 3 and 4. Mrs. Susan Jordahl teaches her Freshmen Varsity Band to stay in rhythm during their 6th period rehearsal.



I wish I were an Oscar Meyer weiner! New teacher Dan Holder participates in the annual hot dog eating contest.

One, and two and three! Sae Jordahl conducts her band class.



NEW TEACHERS ADAPT

Imagine walking down the hall, not knowing anybody. Sounds like a student in a new school, right? Wrong! The new teachers have to go through the same thing as students do when they arrive in a new school. This year at West Fargo there were 12 new teachers.

Mr. Greg Jaros started a new position. He teaches the "Reconnecting Youth Program" at the High School. He helps students with problems and decision-making.

Senior Ashley Masseth attends Mr. Jaros' class and enjoys the experience.

"We sit and talk about substance abuse and other problems. It helps us get motivated for school and other activities," Masseth said.

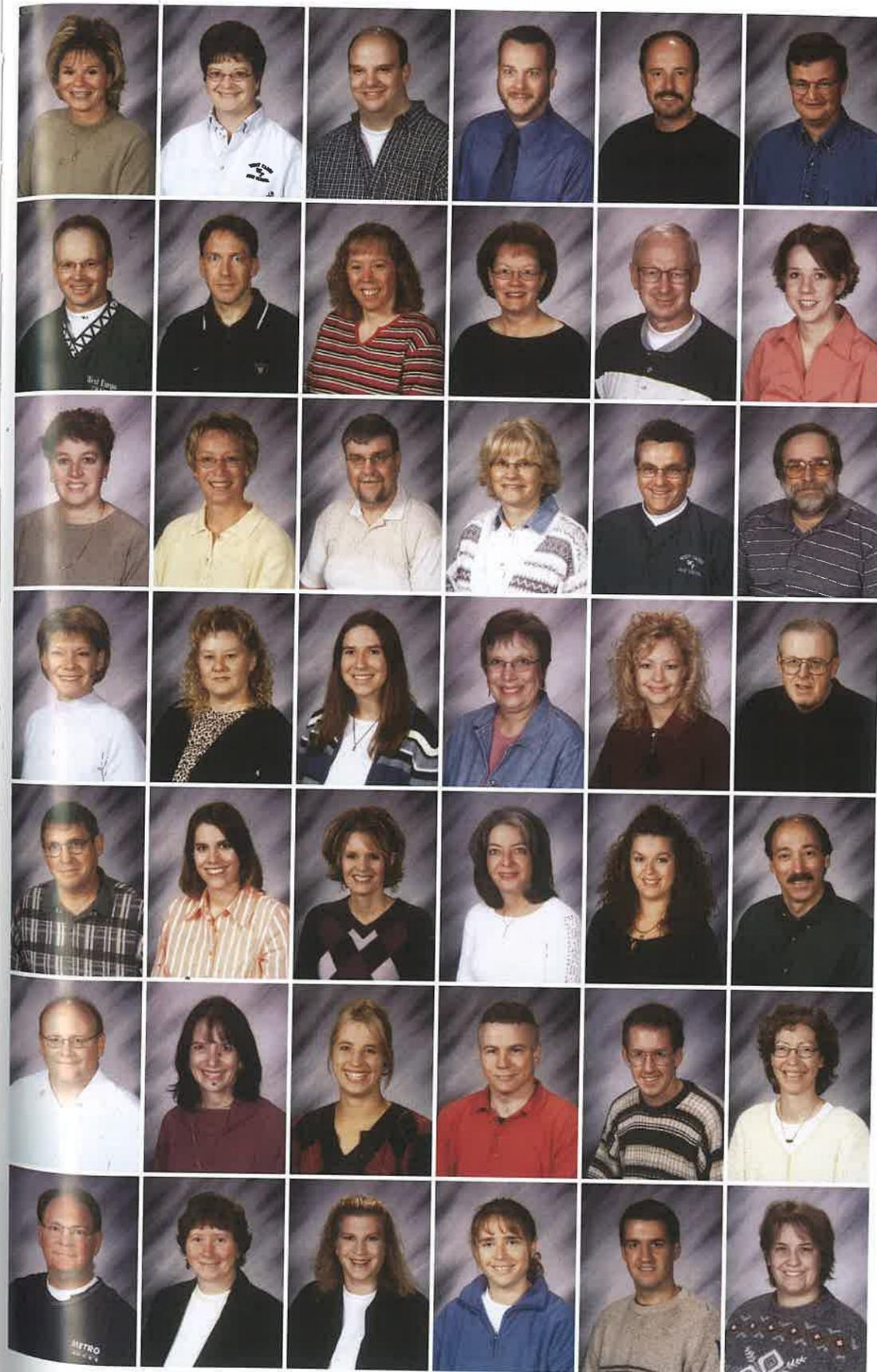
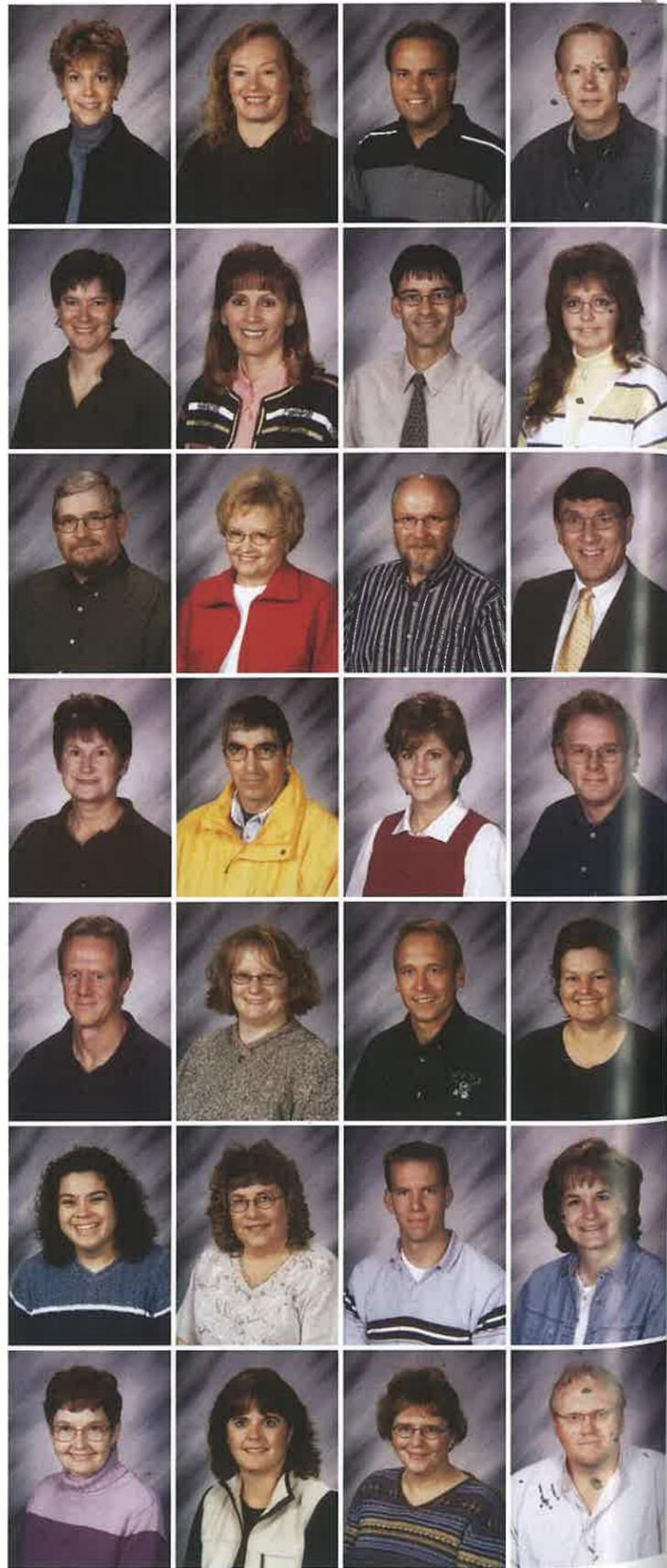
One of the other new teachers is Ms. Lynette Mund, who teaches English. She works with both freshmen and senior English and she is also the new girls' basketball coach.

"I must say that Ms. Mund is one of the coolest teachers I have ever had at West Fargo. She Rocks!" senior Jon Hay said.

"I love West Fargo High School and all the kids are great," Mund said.

All of the new teachers seem to be enjoying West Fargo, and everyone was happy to have them here. Hopefully they were not wandering around lost for too long!

by Alissa Rosenberg



Ellen Aamot
Lise Alves
Chad Anderson
Larry Anderson
Lori Anderson
Mary Anderson
Michael Anderson
Rick Anderson
Steve Anderson
Jerome Bailey

Joan Baltezare
Cheryl Baumgarten
Mark Bertson
Janice Best
Robert Bjornson
Darrin Boehm
Judy Boutiette
Susan Boyle
Ernest Brezany
Meghan Brown

Donald Burnham
Cheryl Buzick
Jerome Christiansen
Gary Clark
Mary Conant
Deb Cummings
Rich Cwikla
Linda Dahl
Ronald Dahley
Fred Dahnke

Lori DeRemer
James Dew
Connie Eggers
Bob Elliott
Claudia Engelstad
Kris Ertelt
Angie Fessler
Joy Fisch
Sara Forness
Charles Gad

Jay Gibson
Jennifer Gifford
Greg Grooters
Pam Grove
Ron Halverson
Melissa Halvorson
Brenda Hansen
Rhonda Harmon
Sandra Harris
Jerome Heinz

Michelle Highman
Suellyn Hoffart
Daniel Holder
Jane Holland
Randy Holzkamm
Sybil Hopkins
Sarah How
Jeffrey Huffman
Greg Jaros
Connie Jensen

Betty Johnson
Denise Johnson
Joan Johnson
Patrick Johnson
Curtis Jones
Sue Jordahl
Ruth Joyce
Raquel Kilen-Ibach
Matthew Klamant
Heather Klundt



WF TEACHERS EXCEL

Having a teacher who's teaching connects with a student's way of learning always helps a student do better in class. Some teachers have their students play games about the material, which helps them do better on their tests.

Teachers have different ways to help students. "Mrs. Lori Liebl has a web page with quizzes and notes that we can study off", plus on quizzes we can use our notes," senior Heather Glasser said.

Having a teacher that does extra things, whether it is having everyone do worksheets together in class or making the topic more fun for the student to learn, often ensures a student a passing grade and an experience to remember.

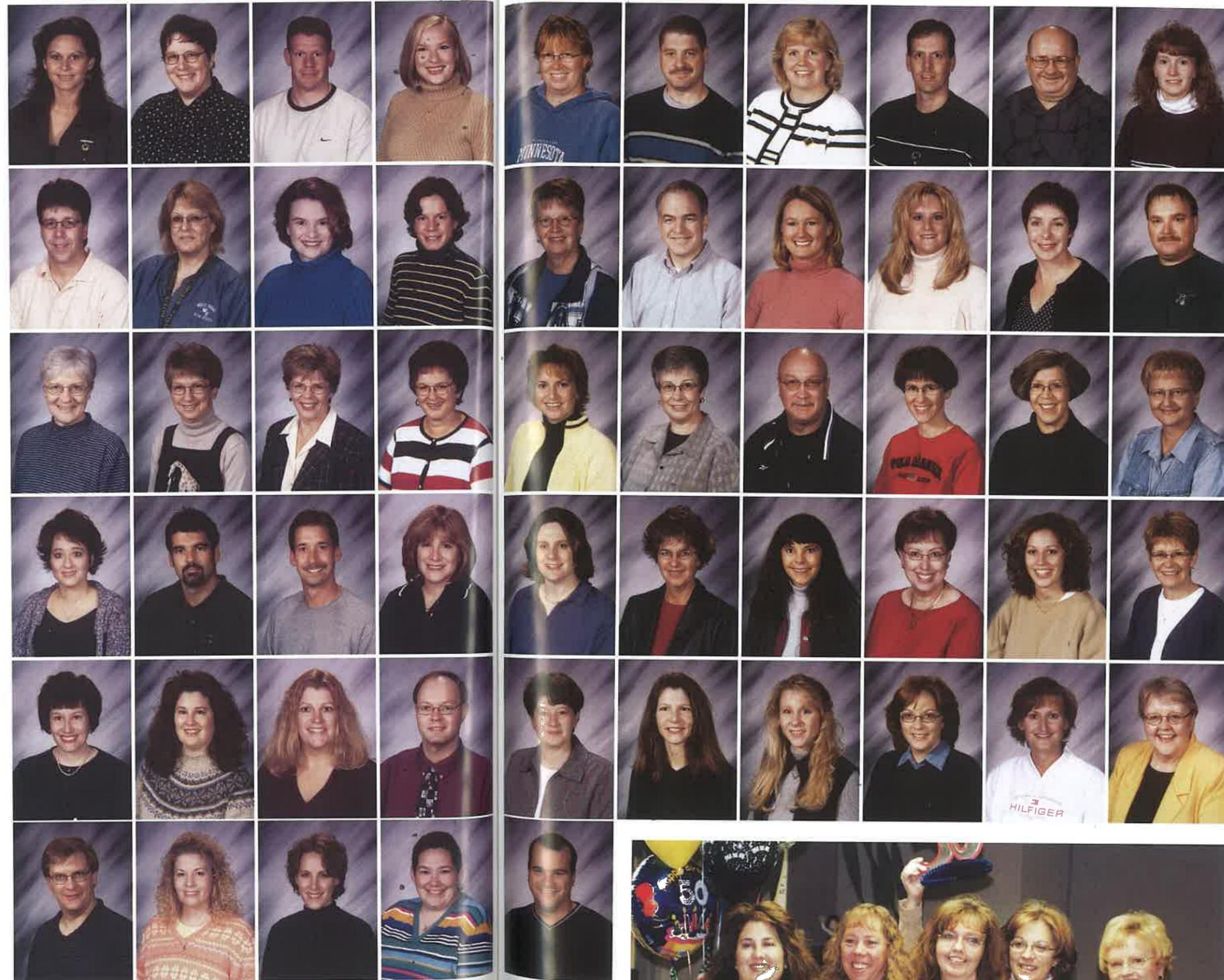
Different homework techniques also help. "In Mrs. Jill Holstrom's class we can e-mail her the homework up until midnight," senior Chesly Arnold said.

Homework room is another thing to help students with their homework. Students can go there after school where a teacher will help them.

Having a teacher that gets involved with each student helps. "It helps when a teacher talks to you as an individual, and not as a group," junior Ciara Dickens said.

The teachers here try their best to teach their material, and help students pass their class.

by Ashley Masseth



Brenda Knoll
Mary Knox-Johnson
Nathan Knudsen
Courtney LaLonde
Sarah Larson
Don Lennon
Lori Liebl
Greg Limke
Duane Lura
Brenda Luthi

Steve Marquart
Mary Jo McKay
Jessica McKinnon
Barbara Metcalf
Janice Miller
Jeffery Mueller
Lynette Mund
Toni Nelson
Kathy Neugebauer
Jerry Nordstrom

Delores Normandin
Pamela Offerdahl
Karen Olson
Candice Paczkowski
Dawn Pederson
Nancy Peterson
Doyle Plecity
Michele Redington
Betty Reyerson
Doris Rheault

Tami Rhondenbaugh
Ross Richards
Keith Ringdahl
Heidi Rios
Katina Rued
Lynne Sahr
Donna Schneider
Kathlyn Scott
Jaye Shafer
Mary Sherman

Kathryn Stangeland
Amy Stangeland
Suzanne Staska
Aaron Tank
Suzanne Thibert
Pamela Thompson
Gail Tobkin
Debra Uetz
Irene Van Eeckhout
Anthony Wendel

Tom Whaley
Cyrisse Wietstock
Jill Wold
Susan Woodley
Susan Zurn

Time out for fun. At Chuck E. Cheese Mrs. Meghan Brown takes on senior Sara Monson.

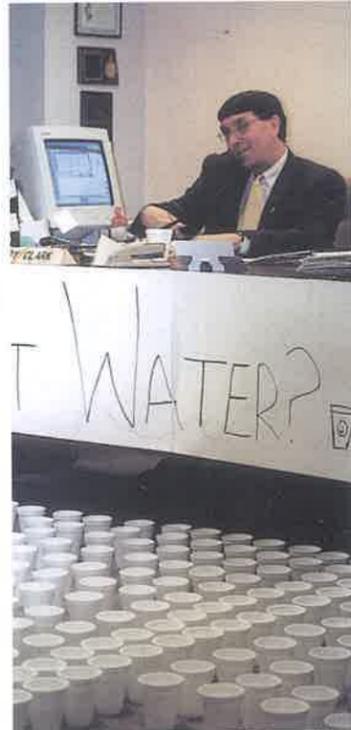
Happy Birthday, Janice. Celebrating the big 5-0 Amy Staska Judy Boutiette Janice Best Gail Tobkin and Cheryl Buzick take time away from their desks for a little celebration.



What is the capital of Germany? Mrs. Betty Reyerson helps her students study for an upcoming test.

Anyone thirsty? Mr. Gary Clark is surrounded by cups placed by senior Greg Tehven.

Are you having fun? During Child Care Services class Mrs. Mary Anderson asks an elementary student a question.



The Tasks

The Packer athletics were outstanding and accomplished many goals for Packer sports. It was an exciting year for the football team who had a lot of pressure from the rankings. They dealt with the pressure and were named the state champions. The gymnastics team joined with North for the first year and all the West Fargo girls made it to state. The boys hockey team had never made it to state before. The boys knew their goal and came together to make it and they placed fourth. It was a crazy first year for girls hockey, which also joined with North, to place third in the state for a great first year. The girls basketball team began the season with a new coaching staff and worked hard during the season. The softball girls defended their championship record this year and kept the tradition going. The baseball team had a great season and improved a lot. This year was a wild and very eventful year for Packer sports, and the players are proud to be a part of it all.

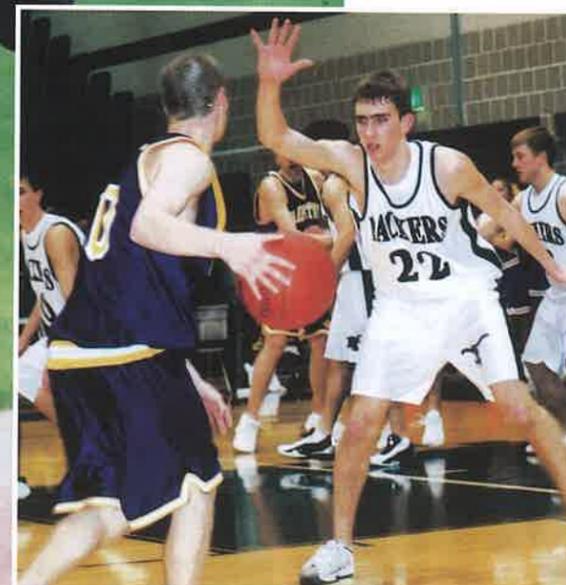
by Jen Grund

It's cold out? Junior sprinter Jennifer Treibold ignores the cold to do her best for her teammates in the 4x4 race.

I am gonna win! Senior Stacy Hestbeck comes up for air in the butterfly race.

I got him! Senior basketball player Kellen Bubach is not going to let his man score.

Don't miss! Sophomore kicker Seth Fankas is determined to punt the ball as far as he can.



PACKERS TAKE STATE

The Packers did it again with another great season. Not only was the team Eastern Dakota Conference (EDC) champions, but the team brought home the state championship trophy for the fifth time in ten years.

A lot of positive things happened this year. The team came together and seven players received All EDC honors. Nick Reinisch was also named Senior Athlete of the Year.

Even with the tough two-win season last year, the Packers did not let that stand in their way. The disappointing memory was soon forgot-

ten. "The hard work in the off season made it all come together. After the first game we started to play more like a team," junior Cole Reiniets said.

"The team proved that they could perform under pressure, with the whole community watching to see what this year had coming. They accomplished their team goals plus gained respect.

With a great season behind them, the players walked away with their heads held high. The boys played hard, and all the work paid off in the end.

"This year was great, and I hope next year our talented junior class will work towards

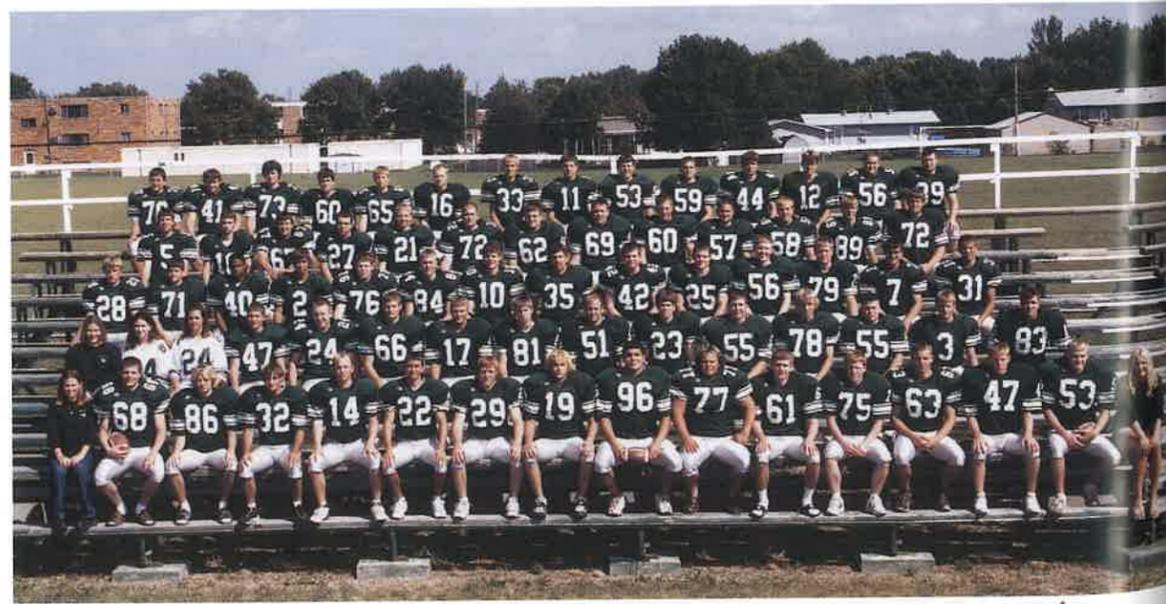
the same goal," junior Dan Dardis said.

"There were a lot of sophomores and juniors that had played last year, and the experience that they had really helped out. Everyone knew what they were supposed to do.

"It was an awesome year. Everyone played their hardest and everything just seem to work out right," Reinisch said.

The team played extremely well this year. The seniors were sad to see it come to an end but, the juniors are already looking forward to next year. They are hoping that it will be great, but everyone knows that this year will be a tough one to follow.

by Megan Wigglesworth



Varsity Football: Back row: Matt Winter, Lance Johnson, Nathan Boll, Dan Prashke, Mackinsey Nygaard, Sean Thompson, John Loberg, Grady Edwards, Trent Gehrig, Brandon Klevgaard, Andy Hagel, Nick Graves, Loren Dickens, Jeremy Qualley. Second row: Seth Farkas, Nick Urlaub, Tyler Walker, Travis Ullmer, Nathan Aamdt, Kirk Reiniets, Shane Miller, Jake Murray, Chris Larson, Nathan Adams, Jon Dordoneau, Kirk Reiniets. Third row: Nick Brand, Karl Saxowsky, Brian McNeil, Adam Bertek, Shawn Cummings, Bobby Brand, Kyle Balster, Cole Reiniets, Tyler Roehl, Drew Rheault, Austin Montgomery, Dan Dardis, Evan Fahrman, Travis Schmidt. Fourth row: Katie Scully, Tressa Ireland, Brianna Olstad, Brandon Solo, Tyler Clark, Cody Lofren, Cory Ohnsted, Preston Nygaard, Jon Hay, Andy Salquist, Tom Enlow, David Krogh, Matt Benson, Toren Mohs, Schuyler Connors. Front row: Heather Pokrzywinski, Isaac Peterson, Dustin McLeod, Marc Gunderson, Mitch Wilkinson, Brandon Siverson, Nick Reinisch, Matt Scully, Nick Bonnet, Chris Mischka, Dustin Czapiewski, Chris Blair, John Reichert, Ryan Evenson, Eric Amsbaugh, Hope Freadrich.



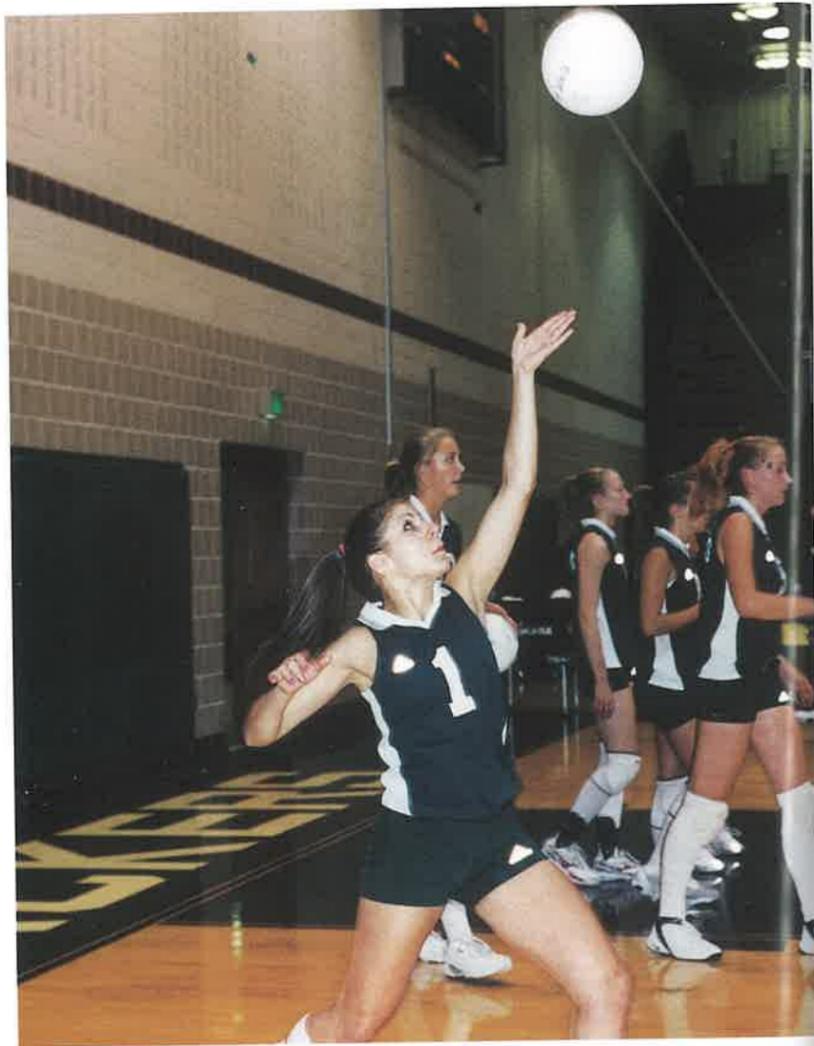
Did I hear a two-ner in there... Senior Nick Reinisch runs hard on Saturdays game against the Bismark Demons.
Hold on tight... Junior Tyler Roehl knocks his way through the Fargo South Bruins line.
Future Packstahr... Sophomore Seth Farkas punts for yards on the fourth down.

SCORES

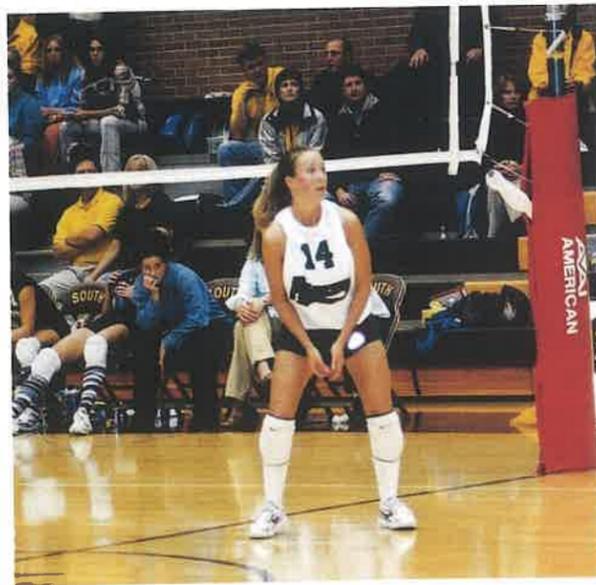
Regular Season	Us	Them
Bismarck High	12	21
Dickinson	13	8
Fargo South	23	0
Fargo North	40	14
Devils Lake	23	0
GF Red River	27	0
Shanley	39	0
Wahpeton	41	20
GF Central	42	21
Play-Offs		
Bismarck High	55	33
Fargo South	34	6
State		
Minot	51	14

SCORES

Opponent	Score	Result
Dickneon	3-0	L
Bismarck High	3-0	L
Mandan	3-0	L
Boulah	3-0	W
Minot	3-0	L
Bismarck Century	3-0	L
Grand Forks Red River	3-0	L
Fargo South	3-1	L
Shanley	3-1	L
Valley City	3-2	L
Fargo North	3-1	L
Grand Forks Central	3-1	W
Jamestown	3-0	W
Grand Forks Red River	3-0	L
Wahpeton	3-0	W
Fargo South	2-0	L
Dickneon	3-0	L
Shanley	2-0	W
Bismarck High	2-0	L
Grand Forks Central	2-1	W
Valley City	2-0	L
Jamestown	2-0	W
Sauk Rapids, MN	2-0	L
Moorhead, MN	2-0	L
Cook, MN	2-0	W
Grand Rapids, MN	3-0	L
Shanley	3-0	W
Grand Forks Central	3-0	W
Devils Lake	3-0	W
Fargo North	3-2	W
Shanley - EDC	3-2	L
Fargo South - EDC	3-1	L
Wahpeton - EDC	3-2	L



Varsity Girls Volleyball. Back row: Kelsey Peterson, Daniello Klatt, Kristin Hoy, Brianna Gebke, Amber Berglund. Middle row: Alison Edwards, Trisha Hawitz, Captain Brittany Stargardt, Marin Rosenvold, Toni Haider, Andrea Hummel, Sadie Mathison. Front: Marni Benson, Emily Vetter, Kelsie Selisker, Captain Jennifer Grund, Elizabeth McCracken.



I can hit hard! Sophomore Emily Vetter practices serving before a match.
I don't have all day here! Junior Jennifer Grund waits to set the ball against the Fargo South Bruins.

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

This year's volleyball team was full of surprises. The team returned this season after a second-place finish at state last year. The Packers lost the leadership of Chrissy Vetter and Mackenzie Close this year. Both graduated

last school year. Instead, senior Marin Rosenvold led the team this year in their absence. Their coach, Mr. Randy Holzkamm, was hard on them because he knew that they could do very well. They tried to meet the goals that Holzkamm set by working hard and playing as a team. The idea behind working

hard was to reach a common goal set by the team.

"We worked really hard to form a great team," sophomore Emily Vetter said. Vetter was a setter for

It was really hard not going to state my senior year, it would have meant a lot.

-Senior Marin Rosenvold

the Packers, and a team leader when it came to the end of the season.

While it looked like the season was almost done for the Packers, the volleyball team beat Fargo North in five sets to advance to the EDC tournament.

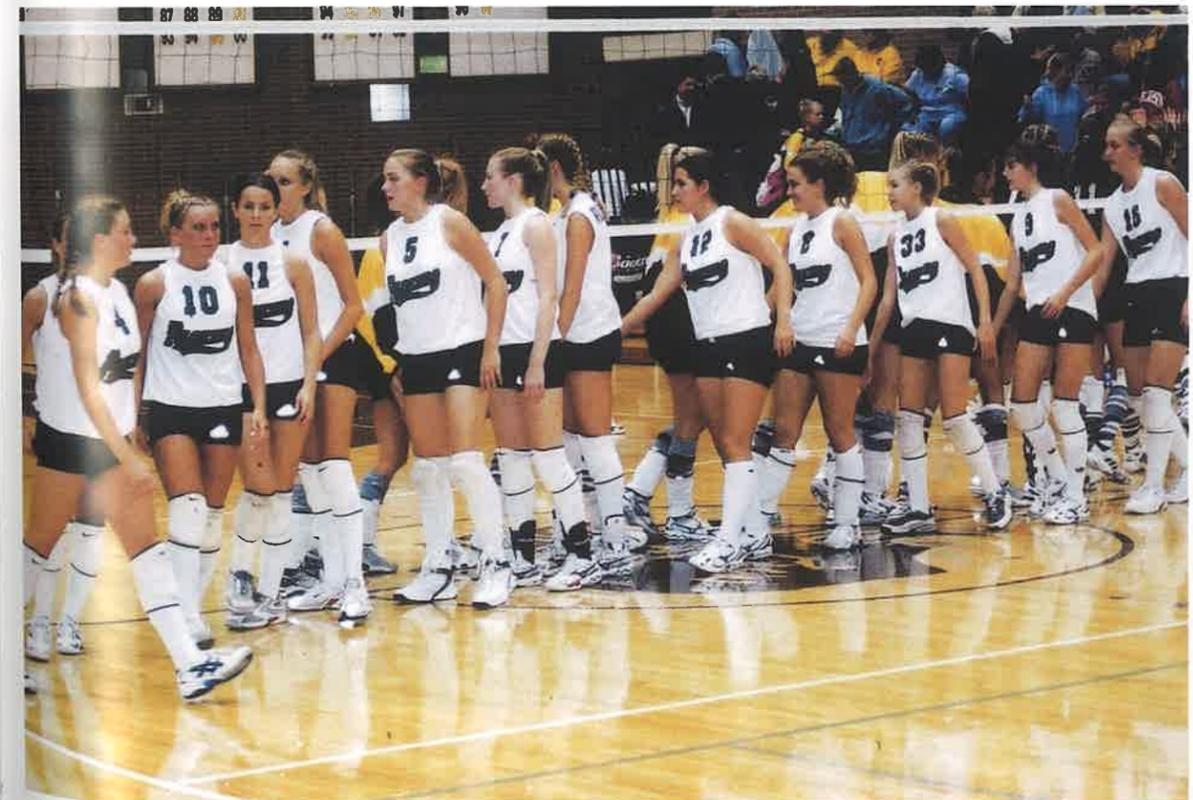
"We were so excited to win that game, it was a huge win," junior Brittany Stargardt

said. While in the tournament they won their first game. The next opponent was the first seeded Fargo South Bruins. The last game was against the Wahpeton Huskies. The Packers fell behind early and came back

strong with a rally, but it just was not strong enough. They lost the match and any hopes of a state berth.

"It was really hard not going to state my senior year. It would have meant a lot," Rosenvold said. "It would have been the dream of a lifetime to win the state title as the only senior."

by Brian Kingsley



Well done girls! The volleyball team gives high fives to the Bruins after a grueling match. This was the first of many matches against the Bruins this year.



VOLUME 1

CROSS COUNTRY CRAZINESS

KEEPING THE TRADITIONS RUNNING STRONG

What do toilet paper, spaghetti and a frog all have in common? A group that might be able to answer that is the wild and crazy Cross Country team.

The Cross Country team has many traditions that have been passed down from year to year. These traditions help the team get excited and prepared for a meet or competition. A big tradition is one involving toilet paper. "Every year before state, the girls T/P the guy's houses and the guys T/P the girl's houses," senior, Cross Country runner Blair Moorhead said.

If littering someone's yard with common household toiletries is not enough fun, they also have an interesting

They are a chance for the team to get together and enjoy each other's company while preparing for a meet.

- Senior Blair Moorhead

tradition involving a stuffed frog pillow.

"The guys have always frog-napped it and held it hostage until state," senior, Cross Country captain Nicole Heinz said.

"They commonly tape it to a vehicle and drive around with it," she added.

The team also gets together and has pasta feeds according

to junior Cross Country runner Mike Jore.

"They are a chance for the team to get together and enjoy each other's company while preparing for a meet," Moorhead said.

Everyone in Cross Country is allowed to participate in these festivities, and they have been going on for as long as most of them can remember.

So what do toilet paper, spaghetti and a frog all have in common? They are all a bunch of fun ways the Cross Country team gets revved up to run.

by Jamey Hughes



Back row: Assistant Coach Tasha Dockter, Michael Jore, Kody Jacobsen, Blair Moorhead, Cody Harmon, Alison Kelly, Erin Vranish, Stephanie Thomas, Jen Sliper, Darek Knaus, Head Coach Joe Bailey. Middle row: Amanda Hewson, Elizabeth Pederson, Danny Lundgren, Andrew Albrecht, David Baltizore, Christine Esser, Allen Schmaltz, Michael Johnson, Alex Olson, Sarah Rebenitsch. Front: Amanda Brager, Captain Susan Worthington, Captain Nicole Heinz, Captain Andy Yanish, Captain Josh Jones, and Ross Keller.

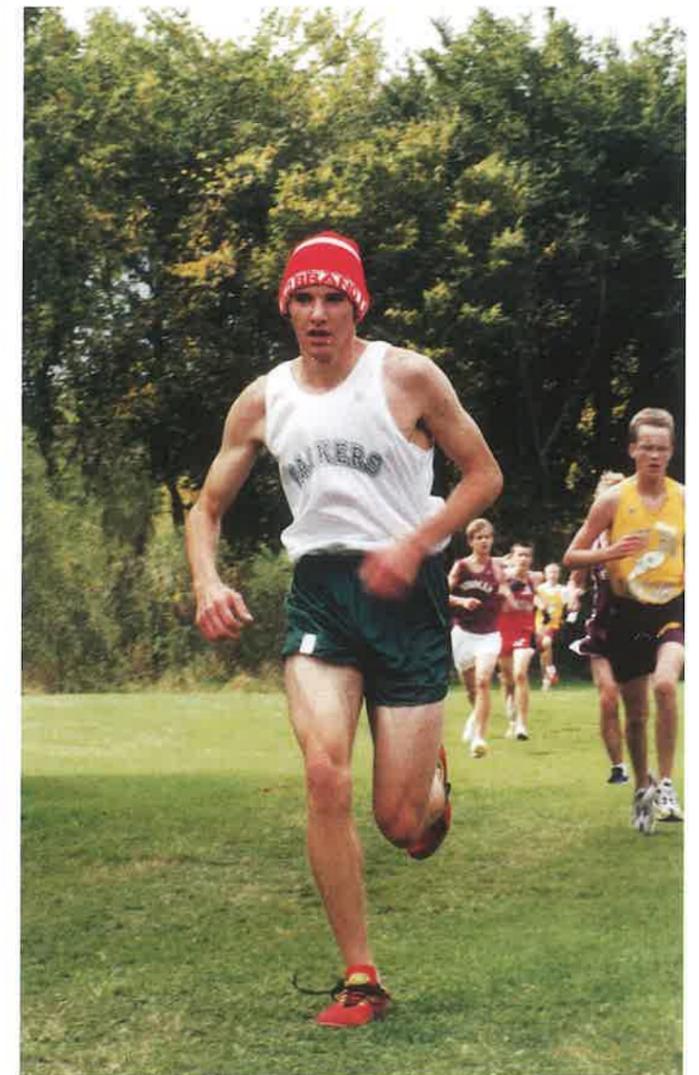


I need a rest. Running hard until the end, senior Blair Moorhead tries to beat the competition at a Cross Country meet.

I'm not tired. Trying to keep his pace, eighth grader Alex Olson is having no problem keeping up with the competition. Olson is one of many middle school students who were dedicated enough to compete at the high school level this year.

SCORES

	Boys	Girls
Jamestown	15	18
Moorhead CC	6	8
Johnson Park	2	2
Valley City	11	13
Johnson Park	6	5
Detroit Lakes	12	12
Minot	15	10
Fergus Falls	7	7
Alexandria	17	19
Jamestown	8	7
Edgewood GC	6	6
State-Jamestown	13	14



Can't catch me! Running his hardest, senior Cross Country captain Josh Jones pulls out in front of the competition in an attempt to win the race.

SCORES

Opponent	Us	Them
Fargo North	80	103
GF Central	43	58
GF Red River	51	47
Detroit Lakes	109	74
Fargo South	84	99
Williston	49	127
Shanley	129	32
Moorhead	107	74
Jamestown	78	105
Minot	56	122
EDC	4th Place	
State	9th Place	



Ready set go! Senior Jenny Joyce takes her mark.

Say cheese! Ashley Lettenmaier and Sara Ann Laufft pose after their relay together.



Just a little bit further! With a lot of confidence senior Stacy Hestbeck races to the finish line to beat her opponents.

Go For the Gold! Senior Captain Nicole Dobmeier does the back stroke towards the finish line at a high school swim meet.

SWIMMING TOWARDS SUCCESS

WILD RELAYS! WACKY RACERS! WINNING RECORDS!

Swimming is not just a sport, it is a life long activity. The long hours and dedication the girls' swim team put forth proved that a small team can produce outstanding results.

The team recognized

that their hard work paid off. "Swimming is hard work but a lot of fun. We've had a great season this year and I am sorry it is over," senior captain Nicole Dobmeier said.

Under the strong leadership of coach Marsha Dahl and senior captains Dobmeier, Stacy Hestbeck,

Jenny Joyce and Megan Selland, the West Fargo Packers' swim team took fourth at EDC and ninth at state in Grand Forks. Dahl

Swimming is hard work but a lot of fun. We've had a great season this year and I am sorry it is over.

~ Senior Nicole Dobmeier

received Coach of the Year.

A major goal of this year's state competition was to defeat Fargo North, and they succeeded. This was a trying task, as North outnumbered the West Fargo team. It has been difficult for the girls to keep up with the larger teams because they had no divers to contribute to the overall

points. With hard work and dedication the girls have been able to be a challenging competitor with other teams in our state.

Junior Lindsey Moe's favorite moment this year was, "At the South invite

we placed fourth out of everyone in the state and that hasn't happened in a long time."

The swim team is looking forward to a great season next year and in years to come. "It was a good year and I had fun working with everyone," Hestbeck said.

by Jennifer Wangler



Girls' Swimming & Diving: Back row: Matt Gibertson, Andrea Flaten, Tracy Olson, Nicole Dobmeier, Chantel Cummings, Kelsey Schoonhoven, Jill Springer, Lindsey Wangler, Kristen Lahfeldt, Andy Schoonhoven. Middle: Marsha Dahl, Jenny Joyce, Stacy Hestbeck, Megan Selland, Christina Hawley, Gina Doll, Sara Lauff, Vanessa Johansen, Amy Loberg, Front: Katie Joyce, Lindsey Moe, Ashley Lundgren, Aly Holland, Ashley Lettenmaier, Carolina Maldonado, Shelby Holland.



Boys' Tennis

SWINGING TOWARDS FUTURE

The West Fargo Boys' Tennis team managed to advance to the EDC tournament this year, despite not winning a meet in the regular season.

They won their play-in game against Fargo Shanley 4-1 to advance to the EDC tournament.

They won due to great leadership and heart.

"They never gave up, no matter what.

Our team showed a tremendous amount of heart this year. We always played hard. We never took anything for granted," coach Chad Anderson said.

The team was lead by senior Matt Stark. Stark was an All-Conference Player for

the Packers, and he was also one of the team's captains.

"It was a fun season, I'm just happy that we were able to pull it together as a

H We may be losing Matt (Stark), but we are definitely getting better. **H** -Sophomore Cody Kelly

team and make the EDC tournament," Stark said.

Despite the Packers disappointing record, they are excited about the future.

"We may be losing Matt (Stark), but we are definitely getting better," sophomore Cody Kelly said.

Kelly was also named the "Most Improved" player on

the boys' tennis team by Anderson.

With players like Kelly, junior Dan Bruns, and freshmen Brandan Beyer and Cody Arth coming back,

the boys' tennis team is sure to be tough in the future.

Despite a disappointing start to the season, the team finished strong with

a qualification to the EDC tournament and a tough match against Fargo South that would have qualified them for the state tournament.

This young boys' tennis team can, hopefully, bring it all together and possibly make state next year.

by Mitch Wolden



Boys Tennis: Back row: Assistant Coach Sean Bourka, Dan Bruns, Matt Stark, Cody Kelly, Cody Arth, Coach Chad Anderson. Middle row: Paul Ramsey, Jason Boerger, Andrew Rosenbaum, Brian Heinz, Brandon Beyer, Jim Broton. Front: Kyle Kastel, Brandon Spitzer, Brian Schiller, Steve McDonald, Ryan Anderson. Not pictured: Shawn Mattern.



Heads up! Senior Jason Boerger waits to return the serve in practice. Boerger was one of the team's two captains and helped lead the team to the EDC tournament.

Whats up Coach! Sophomore Cody Kelly gets some tips from the coach at practice. All the time and tips from the coach paid off and Kelly won the Most Improved award.

SCORES

West Fargo vs. Fargo North	0-9	L
West Fargo @ Shanley	4-5	L
West Fargo vs. Valley City	0-9	L
West Fargo @ Whapeton	2-7	L
West Fargo @ Fargo South	1-8	L
West Fargo vs. GF Central	1-8	L
West Fargo @ GF Red River	0-9	L
West Fargo vs. Jamestown	0-9	L
EDC Play In for Team EDC		
West Fargo @ Shanley	4-1	W



Time to Relax! Freshman Brian Schiller relaxes and takes a break in between his matches. He definitely needed a break after all the hard work he put in.



SCORES

Minot	0-1	L
Bismarck	0-5	L
Grand Forks Central	1-3	L
Fargo North	0-6	L
Crookston	2-1	W
Grand Forks Red River	0-4	L
Moorhead	0-4	L
Shanley	4-0	W
Fargo South	1-5	L
Jamestown	4-0	W
Mandan	6-1	W
Bismarck St. Mary's	0-1	L
Grand Forks Central	3-0	W
Detroit Lakes	1-0	W
Grand Forks Red River	1-4	L
Fargo South	0-4	L
Fargo North	0-2	L
Shanley	5-0	W
East Grand Forks	2-4	L
Bismarck Century	0-3	L
Bismarck	1-1	T
Grand Forks Red River	0-1	L



I got it! Junior Tim Engelking throws a two-handed pass to one of his teammates.



Bring it! Sophomore Jonathan Kuik takes on a Bismarck High defender. The Packers tied Bismarck 1-1.

Nice hands! Senior goalie Ryan Silbernagel makes a save during a varsity boys' soccer game.

BOYS' SOCCER JUST KICKIN' IT

The West Fargo Boys' Soccer team got off on the wrong foot at the beginning of the season, but as they kept playing they got their act together. They started winning when it became clutch and some think it was a little superstitious.

Superstitions arose when they started winning.

"When Dana Lemke stopped giving me good luck pictures we started to win," senior, captain Joe Klatt said.

As the season progressed, the team figured it all out. Their teamwork was finally being tested. "We

continued to improve throughout the year and just started getting used to each other. We were getting some great defense and goalkeeping which helped us advance to

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—Senior Jimmy Hoy

the state tournament," senior Jimmy Hoy said.

Their hard work paid off and they continued to strengthen their teamwork

at the state tournament. The hardworking Packers progressed, but because they place by points, they tied for last

place. In order to place at soccer state, goals need to be scored. Scoring only one goal put them in last place. The team admitted that even though they did not win, they had fun and played well together.

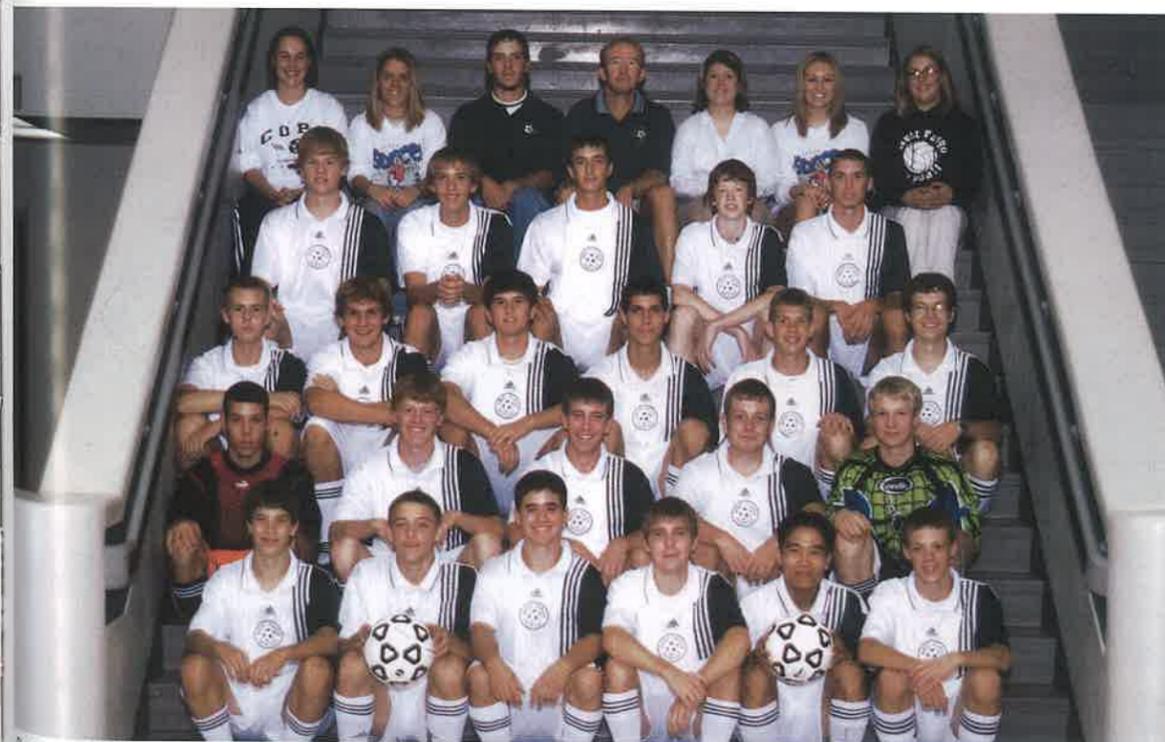
they had fun and played well together.

"Yes, I thought we would make it to state. Our first game was bad, but the

rest of the games went pretty good," junior Kyle Millar said.

The Packers gained their pride back when they played well during the state tournament. They ended the state tournament with a 0-1-2 record.

by Heidi Tobkin



Back row: Trainer Megan Winter, Manager Joni Grant, Coach Dave Stahlecker, Coach Doug Millar, Coach Ericka Freed, Trainer Chelsey Jameson, Trainer Laura Fugleberg. Second row: Andrew Gwost, Erik Porter, Jimmy Hoy, Kyle Millar, Adam Nystuen. Third row: Jordan Volk, Josh Akers, Andrew Mach, Derek Epping, Jonathan Kuik, Brett Beckus. Fourth row: Mike Nicholas, Allen Wilkens, David Sapp, Eric Weigel, Ryan Silbernagel. Front row: Joe Klatt, Erich Johnson, Justin Schulz, Tim Engelking, Viet Le, and Jason Muller.



YOUNG GOLFERS LEAD TEAM

What do long clubs, balls and gloves have in common? The answer, girls golf.

Girls' golf got under way this year with two girls from the high school and four girls from the middle school. The girls' golf team had a struggling year. The returning star player from last year was junior Erika Hochgraber. She was the only girl to make it to state. The Eastern Dakota Conference (EDC) meet for the girls was held at their home course, Maple River Golf Course in Mapleton. Hochgraber shot a 91 to

advance to the state meet. "The state meet was a really good experience for me," Hochgraber said.

The other junior that stepped up this year was Ashley Ottesen.

"Golf was very interesting this year because of our younger golfers," Ottesen said. The girls really struggled this year. This was due in part to their inexperience. Most of the girls that played this year had a year or two of experience.

"It was hard being the youngest golfer out there this year," seventh-grader Samantha Dougherty said.

Mr. Dan Wolf, who is a Social Studies teacher at the middle school, is the head coach of the girls' golf team. This was the first year that Wolf coached the girls. He was really pleased with how the first season went. Wolf could not have asked for a better first year.

"The team gained a lot of experience this year out of our young golfer's and will step it up next year," Wolf said. The team will be together for many years to come, and the girls hope to make it as a team to the state meet next year.

by Brian Kingsley



I hope it goes in! Ashley Ottesen is getting ready to putt on the 18th Green during the EDC meet in Mapleton.

Varsity Girls Golf. Front Row: Jena McIntyre Ashley Ottesen Samantha Dougherty. Back Row: Coach Dan Wolf Haley Nudell Erika Hochgraber Alexa Kleingartner.

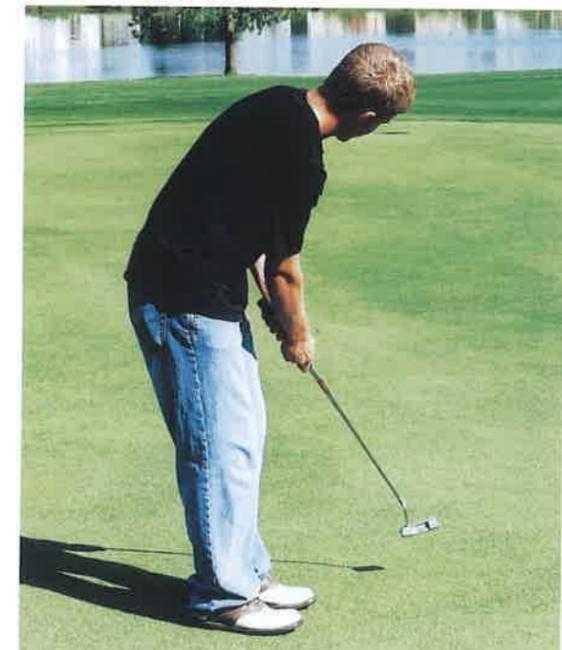
I think it's going to break to the left. Erika Hochgraber eyes a putt on the 9th hole during the EDC meet in Mapleton.



Varsity Boys' Golf. Front Row: Casey Stavenger Adam Rerick Peter Pranke Steve Pranke Adam Nelson Matt Flanagan Adam Lester Allen Wilkens. Second Row: Mark Burkle Ethan Hongess Lee Ryan Taylor Bertek Tyler Pulkrabek Kody Jacobsen Michael Jore Eric Hongess. Back Row: Coach Dan Wolf Brett Kingsley Mathew Western Taylor Moch Brady Edwards Brad Vigen Jordy Idso Nathan Johnson Coach Steve Anderson.

Have to keep trying. Junior Matt Western warms up by practicing his putts on the mini green before practice.

It's in the hole! Freshman Kody Jacobsen tries to sink a long putt at the Village Green Golf Course.



KEY PLAYERS SHOW SKILLS

Fore! The West Fargo High School Boys' Golf team has teed off. The team had a good first half of the season, keeping their team average at 86 strokes. They were coached by Mr. Steve Anderson and Mr. Chuck Gad. The team had a pretty good season last year, but hoped to improve this year. One of the top players on the team was junior Matt Western. He did very well this year, keep-

ing his scores under 80 strokes. He was averaging 77 strokes a meet. When asked about his season this year Western said, "I am playing pretty well so far, but there is always room for improvement."

Young and talented players of the West Fargo Golf Team are freshmen Tyler Pulkrabek and Taylor Moch. They have kept their scores right around 80 strokes and are satisfied with

their play this season. "I like where I'm at right now, but I'm just happy to be out here playing," Moch said.

The State Tournament was played at the Jamestown Country Club in Jamestown on June 9-10. Top players from each school teed off to battle for the state title. West Fargo High was well represented in the biggest tournament of the year. Sophomore Mark Burkle said, "We

played pretty well at State, the tournament is so unpredictable."

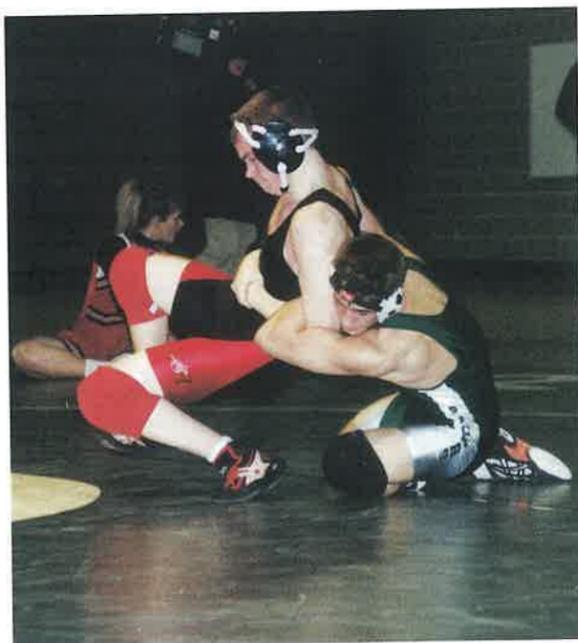
The team was very excited to see how the season turned out. They have tough competition each year, including Fargo South High School who is notorious for turning out great players. The competition does not scare them because they are only thinking one thing, and that is putting the ball in the hole.

by Jerod Heitkamp



SCORES

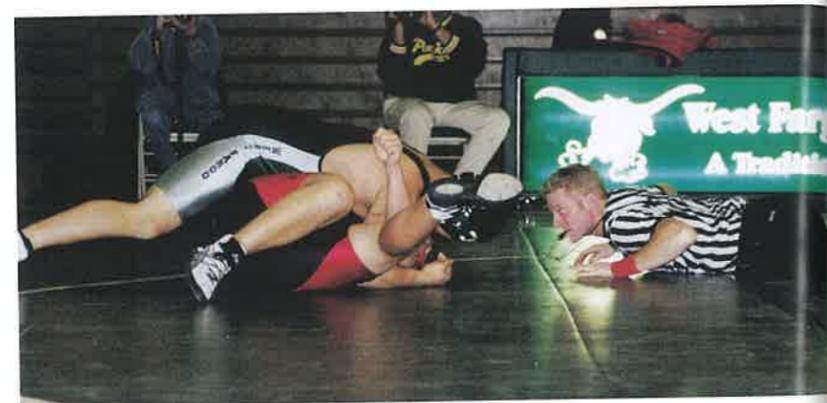
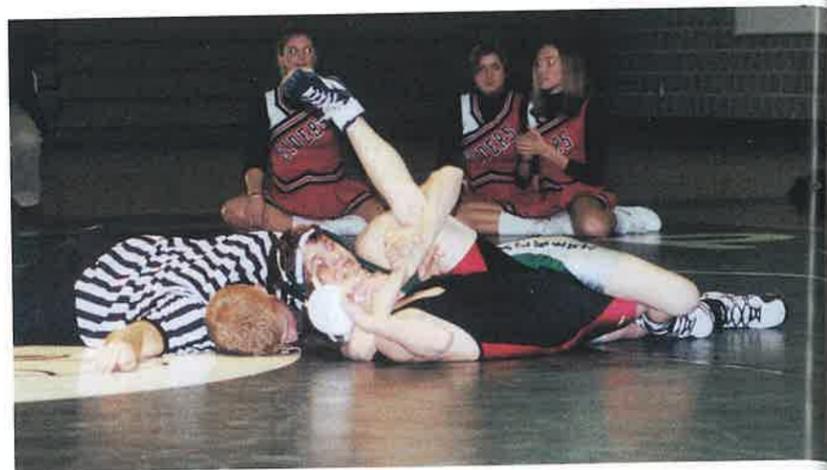
Dual	Us	Them
Valley City	61	14
Jamestown	33	33
Fargo South	52	12
Grand Forks Central	45	24
Wahpeton	50	18
Grand Forks Red River	40	25
Fargo North	55	24
Devile Lake	59	12
Grand Forks Seratoma Duals:		
Bismarck St. Mary's	59	15
Wahpeton	55	18
Thief River Falls	51	12
St. Michael/Alberville	33	36
Grand Forks Duals:		
Bismarck	25	46
Dickinson	31	32
Wilton	51	18
Minot	47	23
Boula	52	28
Tourney:		
Wahpeton	188	2/8
West Fargo	241	1/5
Bismarck Rotary	165	3/24
Brookings	135	4/17
EDC	218.5	1/9
State	136.5	3/18



You're going down! Senior Eric Hanlon puts a move on his Rough Rider opponent to send him to the mat.

Come on you can stretch farther than that! Freshman Jared Noel secures his position on his opponent to go for the pin.

...So they all rolled over... Senior Nick Bonnet rolls over his Red River victim as the referee looks on and starts his count for the pin.



Wrestling: Back Row: Assistant Coach Ryan Weigel, Assistant Coach Wade Kittelson, Josh Owens, Brad Dauer, Dusty Czapiewski, Nick Bonnet, Shane Miller, Jeff Dauer, T.J. Medrud, Mike Jacobson, Jordan Bonnet, Assistant Coach Kayle Dagerud, Head Coach Steve Marquart. Second Row: Statistician Megan Christensen, Mike Manske, Matt Christianson, Chris Lundberg, Keith Sebelius, Eric Hanlon, Chris Sorah, Conrad DeMare, Dane Sayers, Brandon Sola, Mat Scully. First Row: Trainer Paula Sebelius, Statistician Andrea Flaten, Adam Wood, Jared Noel, Baily Badillo, Taylor Bertek, Rocky Reverson, Josh Schiefert, Nathan Wood, Psaiah Charbonneau.

WRESTLERS CONTINUE WINNING STREAK

The 2002-2003 wrestling team had a hard year to follow after being EDC champions, getting second place at state and having one state champion the previous year. They definitely proved themselves able to do so through much hard work and dedication.

"To get prepared for this year, we all worked very hard," junior Shane Miller said. "We all pushed each other at the beginning of the year to get better."

They did just that by starting off another successful year, winning all of their duals except for one tied dual against Jamestown.

Thinking back on the year, Packers' head coach Steve Marquart said, "Overall we had a very good season, we had some setbacks, but those who stuck with it to the end did an excellent job. I can't say enough about those guys."

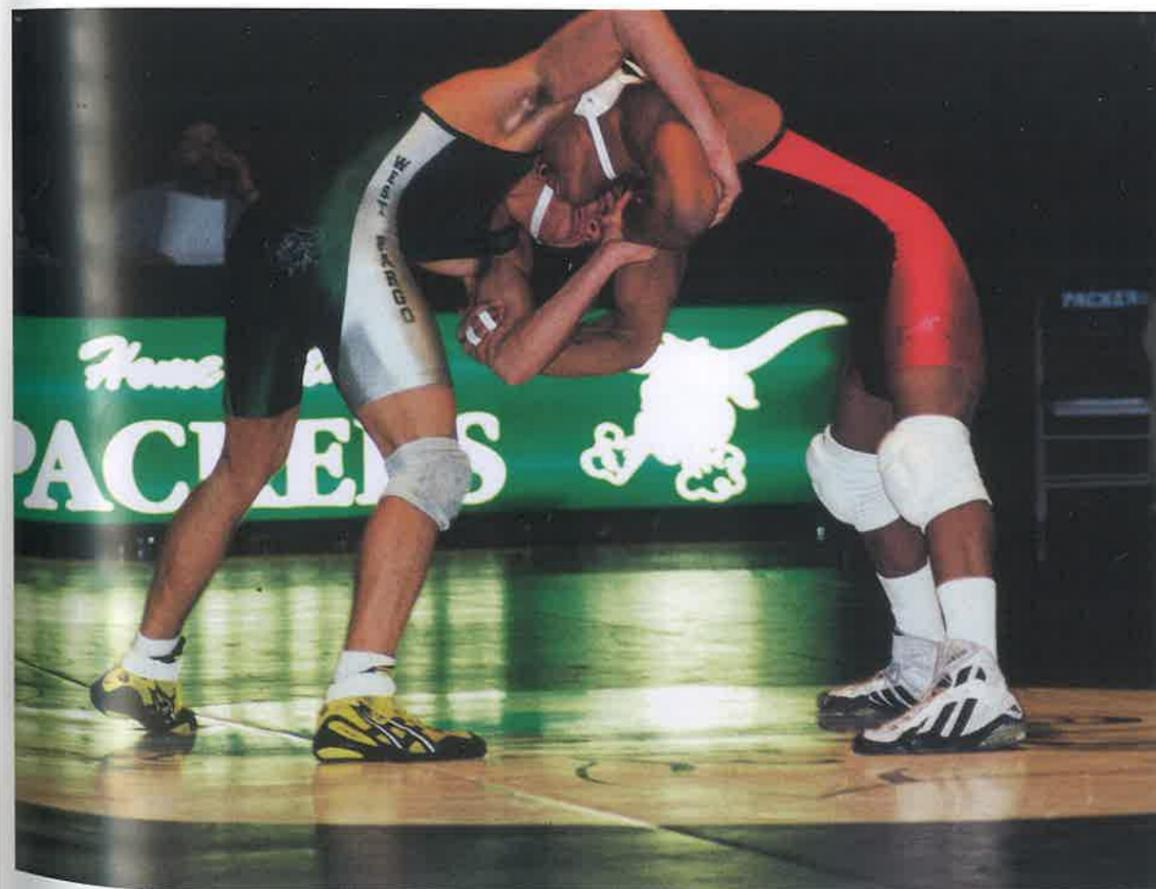
The wrestlers made another trip to the EDC tournament as the number one ranked team in the east. They proved true to this title by bringing home their third consecutive EDC championship. The Packers then moved on to the State Wrestling Tournament where they finished third place in in-

dividuals and fourth place in the team competition.

The Packers also had three individual state champions, junior Keith Sebelius at 125 pounds, senior Dusty Czapiewski at 160 pounds and senior Nick Bonnet at 275 pounds. "It was a great way to end my West Fargo wrestling career by being a state champion," Bonnet said. "All I can say to next year's guys is to keep working hard and good things will happen."

Overall, the Packer wrestling team had another outstanding year and is looking forward to continued success next year.

by Katie Hawley



This is what they mean by head to head combat! Junior Keith Sebelius struggles in an arm locked position against his Red River opponent at the West Fargo High School gym.



GYMNASTS FLIP TO SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Flip-flops, double backs and cartwheels all came together to make the West Fargo and Fargo North Gymnastics team. The girls from West Fargo on the team were juniors Karrie Burdick, Lindsey Lauritsen and Erika Johansen. All the three girls had a great season.

One change to the gymnastic team was that they had to join Fargo North's team due to the lack of participants at West Fargo. "I had a fun season, and it was also fun to co-

op with Fargo North's Gymnastic team," Lauritsen said.

The West Fargo gymnasts had fun because being on a bigger team relieved stress; it was less pressure put on so few people. "I had fun meeting new people on the Fargo North team," Johansen said.

The West Fargo gymnasts also thought it was very exciting having a larger team. "This season was really exciting," Burdick said.

The West Fargo and Fargo North gymnastics team did

well overall. Even though the team did not make it to state, Burdick, Lauritsen and Johansen made it individually. Burdick made it to state for beam, while Lauritsen and Johansen made it to state for the beam and the vault. Burdick was named to the Eastern Dakota All Conference Team, honorable mention. So, in the end it was a great season for the West Fargo gymnasts.

by Trishaowitz

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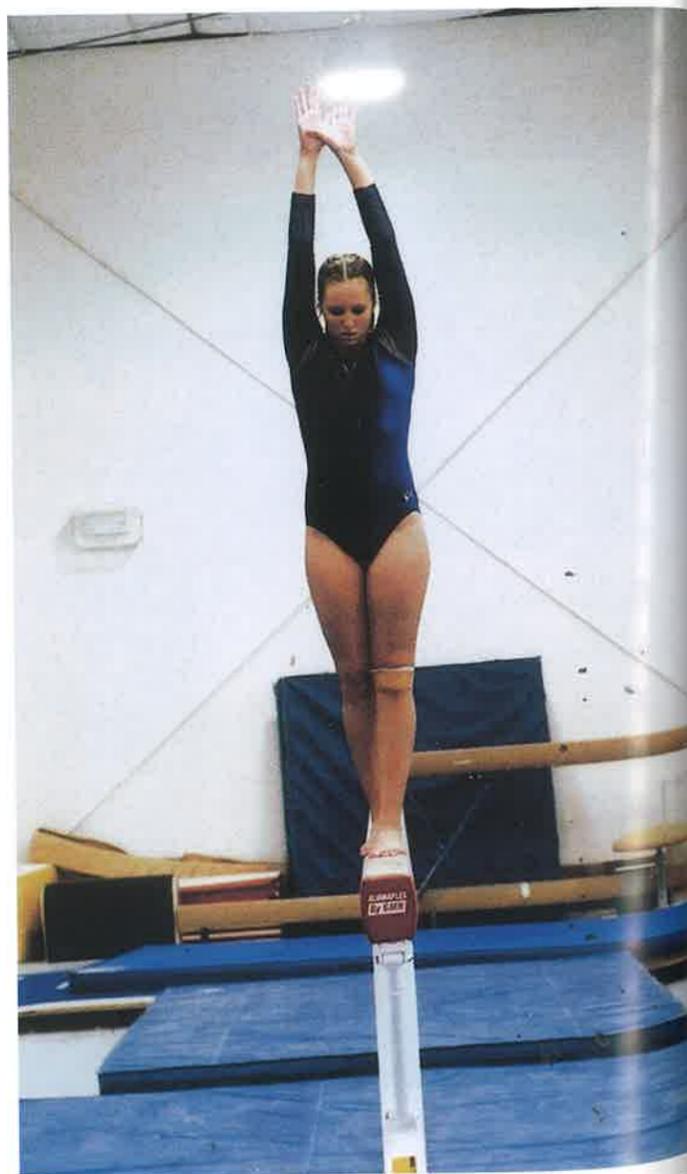
Opponent	Place
South Inv.	3rd
Bruin Inv.	5th
BHS-GHS Inv.	7th
Christmas Inv.	3rd
Spartan Inv.	3rd
Dickinson Inv.	3rd
Spartan Inv.	3rd
Triangular Meet	3rd

EDC Championship	5th
State Championship	10th



Girls Gymnastics: Karrie Burdick, Emily Schreier, Erika Johansen.

A Balancing Act: Junior Karrie Burdick tries to keep her balance while performing on the balance beam.



Tally this one as a goal because I'm going all the way... On a breakaway senior Stephanie Roers is all alone on her way to the goal.



FIRST-YEAR TEAM HAS GREAT SEASON

The West Fargo-North High School hockey team started off their high school careers strong in the first season of sanctioned girls' high school hockey in North Dakota. Senior Stephanie Roers, junior Mandy Readel, sophomore Ashley Lundgren, freshman Erin Johnson and assistant coach Pat Johnson made up the West Fargo portion of the team. While waiting for sanctioned hockey the girls played in city leagues and on their own time. Newcomer Readel, was the only exception. This was her first season of ever playing any kind of hockey.

"I figured I could try it. I thought being a hockey goalie would help me improve my softball skills," Readel said.

The team was solid this year on the ice. They ended the regular season in 2nd place, right behind cross-town rival

Fargo South. The team was confident going into the state tournament.

"We know we can play well. We just have to show everyone else we can play with the best of them," Roers said prior to the game.

The team did well. They got the first round win 4-3 in overtime against Jamestown, but they lost to Bismarck 4-1 in the second round. They played Grand Forks in the 3rd place game, and they came out with the win to take 3rd in the first-ever girls' hockey state tournament.

"We had a good tournament. We played well and it was fun," Readel said. The team will be ready next year. They only lost one senior from the West Fargo side of things. They are a young team, and they are looking forward to winning seasons in the future.

by Kelsey Gatz

SCORES

	Us	Them
Bismarck	2	3 L
East Grand Forks	5	0 W
Fergus Falls	2	5 L
Fargo South	2	3 L
Bismarck	4	1 W
Hazen-Beulah	3	0 W
Dickinson	4	1 W
Devils Lake	9	1 W
Minot	6	1 W
Grand Forks	3	1 W
Williston	7	4 W
Hazen	8	1 W
Jamestown	8	0 W
Grand Forks	2	0 W
Devils Lake	9	0 W
Jamestown	6	3 W
Wahpeton	6	4 W
Minot	1	0 W
Fargo South	2	4 L
Wahpeton	3	4 L
State		
Jamestown	4	3 W
Bismarck	1	4 L
Grand Forks	2	1st W



Packer Girls Hockey: Coach Pat Johnson, Stephanie Roers, Mandy Readel, Erin Johnson, Ashley Lundgren.



SCORES

Opponent	We	Them
Jamestown	75	60
Valley City	55	34
Fargo South	48	62
Dickinson	56	57
Bismarck Century	48	43
Bismarck High	67	59
Wahpeton	74	49
Fargo North	58	60
Bismarck High	50	59
Devile Lake	81	65
Grand Forks Red River	49	43
Moorhead	60	66
Valley City	57	61
Wahpeton	53	49
Jamestown	61	41
Fargo South	43	40
Fargo North	69	86
Bismarck High	62	76
Grand Forks Central	64	63
EDC		
Valley City	52	51
Grand Forks Central	68	70
Grand Forks Red River	59	54
State		
Bismarck High	44	46
Grand Forks Central	52	46
Shanley	42	53



PACKERS REACH NEW GOALS

The 2002-2003 boys' basketball season proved to be one of many accomplishments and great victories. The team was led this year by head coach Greg Limke and by assistant coaches Jim Jonas and Rick Anderson. All the players stepped up and contributed to the team, making the season very competitive and exciting. The great teamwork showed all season when the team stayed at the same level as almost all the opponents they faced.

The Packers entered the EDC tournament with confidence and excitement. The games were plagued by many overtimes that made every second of every game intense. Their first tournament game was played against Valley City. They defeated Valley City to go on to play Grand Forks Central, where the Packers had their only loss of the

tournament. They then beat Grand Forks Red River for 3rd place and a place at state. The team ended up taking 6th place at the state tournament.

The boys did not end up where they wanted to at state, but nonetheless, there were no disappointments about how the season was played.

"We had a good season, we just couldn't pull things together at state, and we fell short of where we wanted to be," senior Mitch Wolden said.

Even though the boys did not do as well as they had hoped, there were many goals and accomplishments that came from the season.

"I felt we accomplished what we were trying to accomplish as well as provided the team with many memories we will never forget. We came up short at the state tournament, however, the team

unity was felt throughout the year," senior Jimmy Hoy said.

One such goal accomplished this year was Hoy reaching his 1,000-point career mark during the state tournament. Hoy and senior Kellen Bubach were both named as part of the 2003 EDC Boys' Basketball All-Conference Team.

"This year of boys' basketball will be remembered as one full of many accomplishments for all the players. We had a successful year. We accomplished many of our goals as well as set a standard for the future West Fargo basketball players to strive for," Hoy said.

One thing is for sure, if this year was any indication of what the future has in store for West Fargo boys' basketball, there are many more exciting seasons to come.

by Casey Kraft

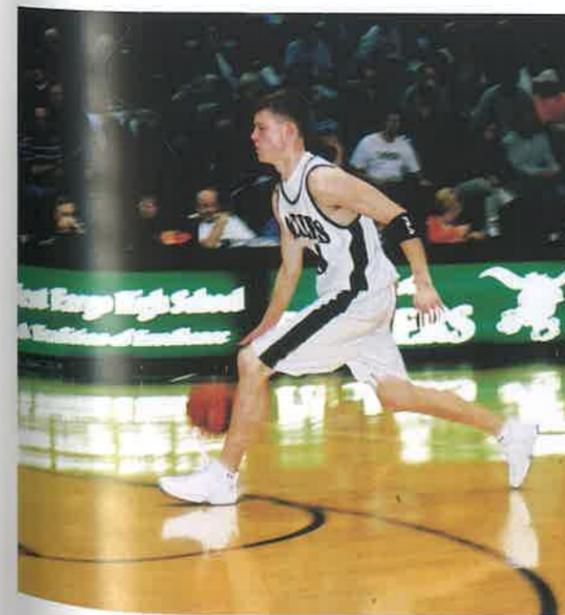


Leading the Pack—During a game against Shanley senior Kellen Bubach brings the ball up the court against his defender.

And One—Sophomore Brady Edwards concentrates on shooting his free throws after being fouled by Valley City.



Varsity Boys Basketball: Back Row: Coach Rick Anderson, Evan Fahrman, Kyle Balster, Dan Dardis, Austin Montgomery, Brady Edwards, Coach Jim Jonas, Coach Greg Limke. Middle Row: Bobby Brand, Kellen Bubach, Adam Bortek, Nathan Swensen, Kyle Hartley, Chris Lauinger, Chris Hanes, Jimmy Hoy, Mitch Wolden. Front Row: Marni Benson, Erik Porter, Zach Ista, Teresa Yansch, Jodi Nelson, and Jenny Olson.



Watch it go in—Senior Jimmy Hoy prepares to put up a shot to add two more points to the scoreboard.

Taking it to the hole—Junior Kyle Balster drives the ball into the lane during a game against Valley City.

NEW COACH, NEW IDEAS FOR PACKERS TEAM IMPROVES AS SEASON PROGRESSES

The 2002-2003 girls' basketball team had two challenges to face this year. First of all, this year brought about a completely new coaching staff including head coach, Miss Lynette Mund, assistant coach, Mrs. Jaye Shafer and sophomore coach, Miss Nikki Vetter. Secondly, this was the first year that girls' basketball played in the winter season.

"I enjoyed having the season change because then I didn't go home and sit on the couch when it was cold outside," junior Heidi Tobkin said.

The start of the year came about with some tough opponents, such as Mandan,

Fargo North and Fargo South. The Packers started the new year off with a win against Wahpeton. The girls were led by senior captains Kelsey Gatz, Tarynn Sylvester and Jessica Ridgway. "The team really started to unite and win some games because we started to work together as a team," Gatz said.

The girls continued to work hard and increased their numbers in the win column.

On March 3rd, the Packers played Valley City for a spot in the EDC Tournament. They prevailed over the Hi-liners in a close game and moved on to EDC. At the Fargodome,

where EDC was held, the Packers lost to Fargo North and Grafton, which meant it was the end of their season. The team ended with a record of 6-16.

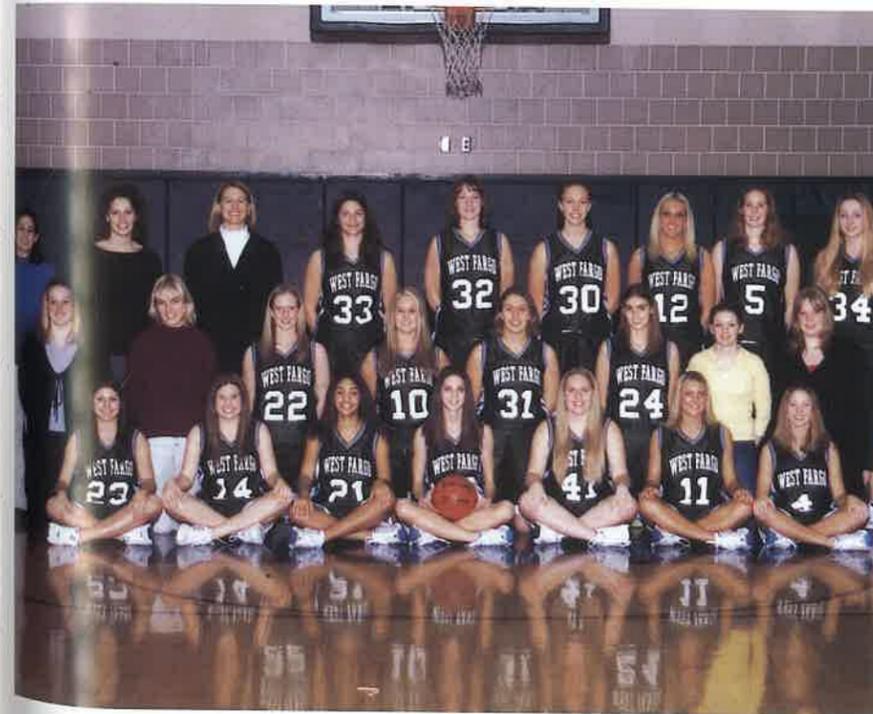
Mund was positive about the progress the team made during the season. "We started out kind of rough, but we came together and worked hard and achieved the goals we had set out to achieve at the beginning of the year," Mund said.

Overall the Packers had a good year and are looking forward to working hard again next year and improving their record. The hard work will definitely pay off when it comes to next year's games.

by Katie Hawley



Teamwork!! Hoping to score on the play senior Kelsey Gatz passes the basketball to a teammate in a game held in the West Fargo High School gymnasium.

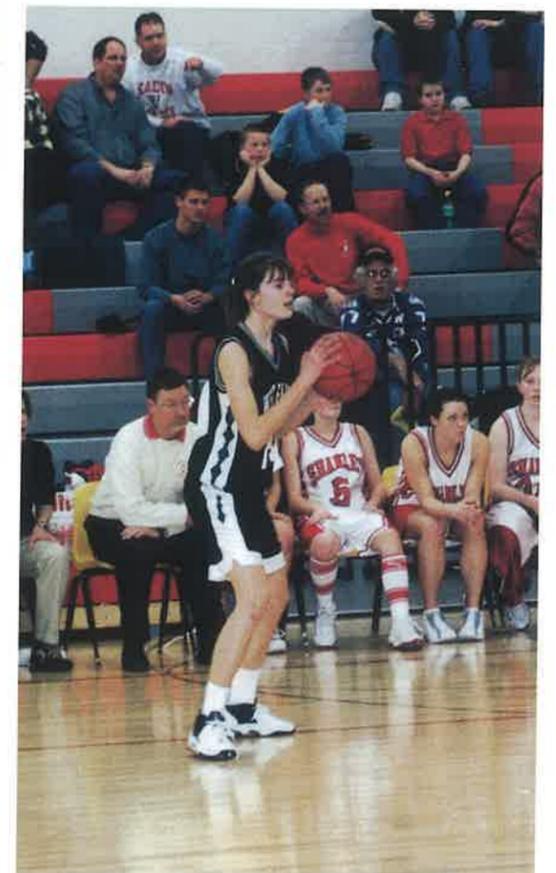


Huddle. The varsity basketball team huddles for some advice from coach Lynette Mund during their game against Shanley High School.

Girls' Basketball. Front Row: Emily Vetter, Staci Provat, Trisha Hawitz, Heidi Tobkin, Katie Hawley, Kelsie Salisker, and Jennifer Grund. Middle Row: Cassia Elligson, Chelsea Erdman, Brianne Gebke, Alyssa Lester, Jennifer Sliper, Amber Lanzetta, Sarah Tintus, and Trichelle Leache. Back Row: Coach Nikki Vetter, Coach Jaye Schaffer, Coach Lynette Mund, Andrea Hummel, Jessica Ridgway, Tiffany Gjestavag, Tarynn Sylvester, Kelsey Gatz, and Toni Hader.

SCORES

OPPONENT	OURS	OPP.
Mandan	38	74
Valley City	41	51
Fargo North	33	89
Fargo South	43	69
Dickinson	45	53
Bismark Century	48	66
Bismark High	38	52
Wahpeton	60	34
Fargo North	51	69
Devile Lake	24	61
GF Red River	41	78
Grafton	47	46
Shanley	60	63
Wahpeton	58	36
Jamestown	41	61
Fargo South	33	51
Shanley	67	68



Whose Open?? Freshman Ally Edwards looks for an open pass during a game against Shanley High School.



SCORES

Opponents	Home	Away	W/L
Bismark Century	2	4	L
Jamestown	2	1	L
Eveleth	4	3	W
GF Red River	4	7	L
Wahp/Breck	6	4	W
GF Central	0	8	L
Grafton	2	3	L
Fargo North	4	2	W
Fargo South	3	5	L
Wahp/Breck	7	0	W
GF Red River	1	8	L
Grafton	2	6	L
GF Central	1	3	L
Fargo North	1	2	L
Fargo South	3	5	L
Mandan	4	1	W
Jamestown	1	2	L
EDC			
Grafton	3	2	W
GF Red River	2	6	L
Jamestown	3	0	W
State Tournament			
Minot	2	1	W
GF Red River	1	5	L
Grafton	0	4	L

Smack crash boom take that! Senior Tanner Anderson has a little chat after a bone crushing check.



Boys Hockey: Back Row: Assistant Coach Aaron Dodd, Michael Jore, Chad Byklum, Seth Kelly, Troy Wambach, Andrew Gwost, Tom Enlow, Shawn Mattarn, David Rankin, Tyler Spiekermeier, John Vance, Toren Mohs, and Assistant Coach David Hannaman. Middle Row: Mike Blickensderfer, Steve Klocke, Bryan Huso, Ryan Evenson, Coach Ross Richards, Tanner Anderson, Coach Troy Miller, Jordan Kelly, Tyler Dockter, James Rogers, and Nick Reinisch. Front: Heather Pokrzywinski and Ali Schweitzer.



I'm open, I'm open! Senior Bryan Huso waits anxiously for a scoring opportunity.

PACKERS SKATE TO STATE

The hockey team had an exciting year, ending it by accomplishing their goal, which was making it to the state tournament. They qualified for state for the first time in West Fargo High School hockey history. There has been good talent on this team in past years, but they were not able to put the puzzle together until this year.

Another highlight of the year happened in Eveleth, Minnesota. The team took a trip to "Hockey Town USA" to play the highly esteemed Eveleth team. The head coach, Ross Richards, who is an Eveleth native, arranged this game. The Packers stole a 5-7 win from Eveleth.

"It was definitely a great feeling to play and beat a team like that. I think that was probably our high of the year, other than state of course," senior Bryan Huso said.

The hockey team went into EDC with a record of 12-13-0. They beat Grafton 3-2 to advance to the winning brackets. Soon followed a defeat from Grand Forks Red River 2-6. The Packers did not give up and ended up taking third in EDC by beating Jamestown 3-0. This advanced the Packers to the State Tournament.

"State tournament was great for us. We've been waiting for most of our lives in the West Fargo hockey

program for this, and we finally got it," senior Tyler Dockter said.

The state tournament for the Packers was a tough game. They started out playing the first placed team in the west, Minot. They beat Minot 2-1 in overtime. They then had another hard battle. They played Grand Forks Red River. This rough match-up ended in a 5-1 loss. The last game was to determine the third place team. They played Grafton, who they had beaten in EDC. This ended in a 4-0 loss for the Packers. The Packers ended the tournament and the 2003 season with fourth place in the state.

by Mike Blickensderfer



The ripper and the save by Nick Reinisch! Senior Nick Reinisch makes a beautiful save against the Jamestown Bluejays in a tremendous conference game.



BOYS' HOCKEY

BOYS STICK TOGETHER AT STATE

The West Fargo Boys' Swim Team is one big family. Ask any of them. They had practices, meets and team dinners together. This family of brothers along with coach Marsha Dahl and her helpers worked hard to prepare for EDC and State. They were serious about practice and meets, but they also had fun at the same time.

"As a team we really have fun and work hard together," freshman Dylan Nitzkowski said.

The team had a record of 7-1 overall and 4-0 in EDC. With their great season and close-knit relationship, they took on Minot for the State title. Though there were other teams from around the state, Minot was the competition that the boys swim team was looking for.

"We had a really good season. I was a little surprised because of the small team we had," senior Ryan Entzminger said. The team took second, but that did not stop them from

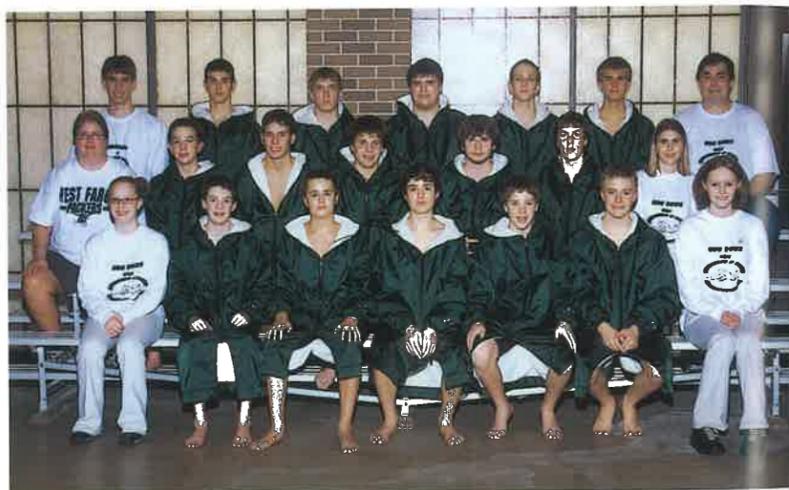
being happy and proud of their fellow swim mates. With swimmers of different and level of ability, they all gained the same amount of respect.

"State was great. It was really exciting for all of us," freshman Greg Gentschow said. All in all, the boys were proud of each other and their season. What they have learned is that a family that swims together wins together.

by Madison Nicholls

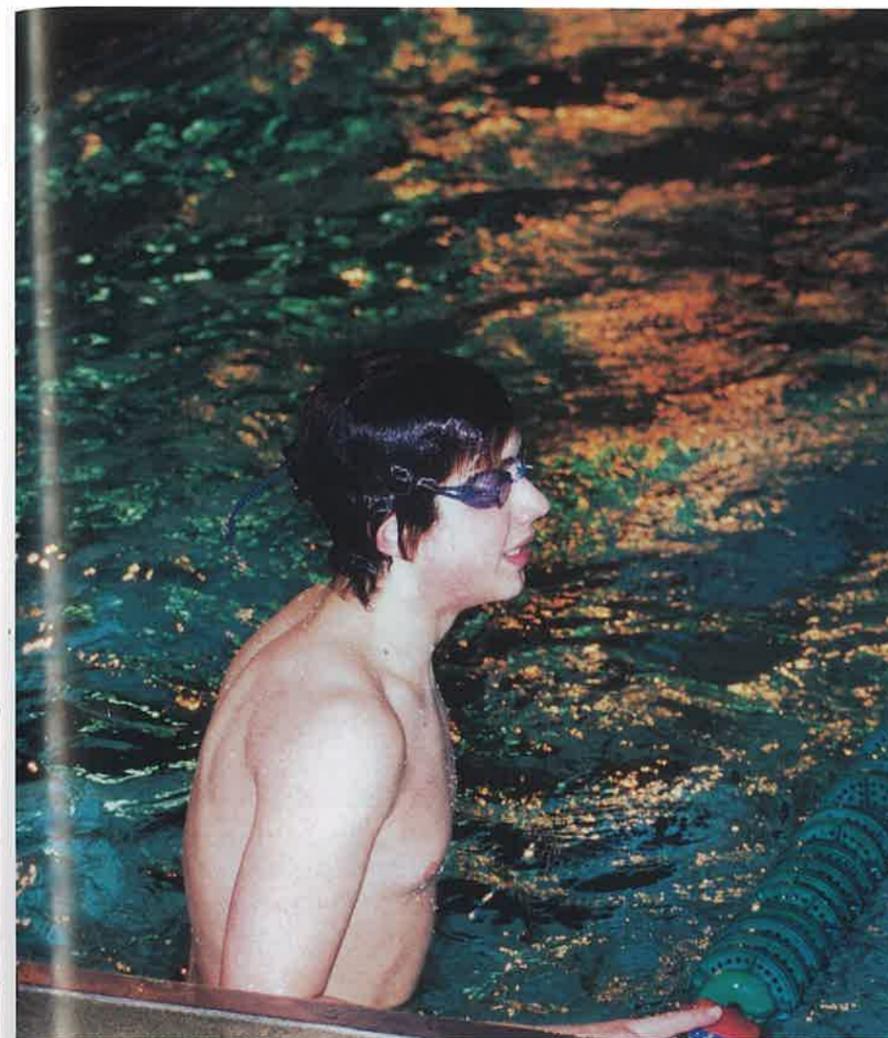


Macho Men. Freshman Dylan Nitzkowski and senior Sam Christianson show off some muscle.



Back row: Assistant Coach Ryan Rust, Sam Christianson, David Krogh, Ryan Entzminger, Andy Schoonhoven, John Loberg. **Assistant Coach Terry Rust.** **Middle Row:** Head Coach Marsha Dahl, Sam Jacobs, Joe Nelson, Dylan Nitzkowski, Zach Ziegler, Greg Gentschow. **Diving Coach Amy Loberg.** **Front Row:** Manager Ashley Lettenmaier, Ross Keller, Garrett Abraham, Matt Gilbertson, James Johansen, Marshall Erickson, Manager Rachel Koehnen.

Breathe in, breathe out. While in practice junior Andy Schoonhoven works on perfecting his strokes.



What was my time? After taking a few laps, sophomore Matt Gilbertson takes a breather to check out this time.

Hey this is my lane! Battling over lanes junior Andy Schoonhoven and sophomore John Loberg have some fun during practice.

1, 2, 3 Jump! Concentrating on his approach, senior Zach Ziegler gets ready for the perfect dive.

SCORES

Meets	Us	Them
Grand Forks	112	69
Mandan	98	87
Jamestown	120	60
Bismark	130	50
Century	142	35
Moorhead	77	104
South	119	66
North	105	80
Invitationals	Us	Place
Und Invite	196	6th
Mandan	406.5	2nd
Fargo	368	2nd
Spartan	196	1st
South	179	2nd
Grand Forks	266.5	4th
Conference	Us	Place
UND	289	1st
State	Us	Place
UND	326	2nd

Run Hard, turn left and jump! Making the 300 meter hurdles look easy Freshman Jenna Thompson knows she has done her best.



Back Row: Trainer Kristina Cumber Coach Nathan Knudsen Coach Jim Jonas Coach Darrin McKinnon Coach Kevin Froeber Coach Darrin Boehm Trainer Sara Sauvageau Row 5: Adam Meert Tom Bishoff Daniel Williams Evan Fahrman Landon Johnson Dan Dardis Eric Lee Adam Bertek Josh Jones Brett Colliton Josh Jones Ryan Kostecky Row 4: Allen Schmaltz Santino Ajith Chris Tande Creighton Brown Kyle Hager Chris Larson Jeremy Nelson Seth Farkas Brian McNeill Todd Volk Justin Schulz Kevin Brager Row 3: Hayley Knutson Blair Moorhead Nicole Heinz Kristin Hoy Cassandra Ellingson Manager Elizabeth Vranish Alison Kelly Jennifer Triebold Susan Worthington Stephanie Thomas Kelsey Beauchamp Row 2: Brandi Bergh Marie Beth Jakke Jenessa Olson Alyson Archibald Casey Paisley Christine Esser Jennifer Sliper Megan Wigglesworth Kristan Olson Kalee Kroenke Front Row: Stacy Verdoorn Ananda Hewson Amy Foss Laura Bennett Kerri Haule DeAnn Knutson Sierra Laufenberg Sarah Rebenitsch Alicia Rohr Jenna Thompson Lindsey Moe

SCORES

Event	Boys	Girls
Early Bird Invite	5	4
Thundering Herd	No Results	
E.D.C. Indoor	7	5
State Indoor	17	14
Flackoy Relays	6	2
G. Forks Sertoma	3	3
M.A.A. Outdoor	8	5
Shanley Invite	6	3
Packer Relays	3	2
Fargo Rotary	5	7
Last Chance	No Results	
E.D.C. Outdoor	7	6
State Outdoor	14	17



The race is almost over. Finishing up the 200 meter dash Junior Captain Sierra Laufenberg looks great at E.D.C. in Grand Forks.

YOUNG TEAM WORKS TO ACHIEVE GOALS

Runners to your mark, set, bang! Just like that the West Fargo Packers track and field team was off to a great start. With 63 team members and only 11 seniors this year's team was young but quickly became experienced. Assistant Mid-distance coach, Kevin Froeber, enjoys watching the athletes throughout their high school careers. "I like observing the improvements in athletes from beginning to end. It's satisfying seeing athletes working hard, having high expectations, setting realistic goals and achieving them," Froeber said.

With the weather finally

cooperating this year, the team built off the great performances they had early in the season and finished strong in the conference. The girls took 6th place and the guys 7th. Also, at the state meet in Bismarck the guys took 14th place, and the girls finished in 17th place. Head coach Darrin McKinnon was satisfied with the season's great start. "The 2003 track and field season had a good start. We were happy with the great performances so early in the season," McKinnon said. "The great performances the team had so early in the season helped them get through the hardest, most

difficult part of the schedule.

With this year's seniors moving on to bigger challenges, senior Santino Ajith looks back on the keys to great track running, "The keys for track are to train hard and be ready to compete in any meet no matter what the weather conditions are," Ajith said.

With the season at a close, the track and field team is looking to next season where the throwers look to break their old records, and the runners look to knock valuable seconds off their time.

by Todd Volk



That is a huge puddle coming up! Running in the rain Senior Captain Josh Jones is getting ready for the home stretch of the 3200 meter run.



TRACK AND FIELD

SENIORS CARRY TEAM TO 4TH PLACE AT STATE

If there has been one constant in West Fargo Soccer for the past few years, it was embodied by the girls Varsity seniors this year. "We've all been playing together since third grade FTM," said senior goalkeeper Kelsey Gatz.

Gatz's defense was an all-senior lineup. She was backed by stopper Erika Thompson, and defensemen Kim Bruns, Skadi Davison, and Dana Lemke. Turning the plays upfield were senior midfielders Kelsey Brand, Tracy Canton, and Chelsey Jamison.

Two of the most profi-

cient strikers in the West Fargo lineup were seniors as well. Striker Kris Bruns, career goals record setter, and outside midfielder Marin Rosenvold contributed most of the team's net-action this year.

Midfielder Chelsey Jamison attributes the team's success to good chemistry. "We have all been playing together for so long, we just play well together. We are good friends on and off the field," said Jamison.

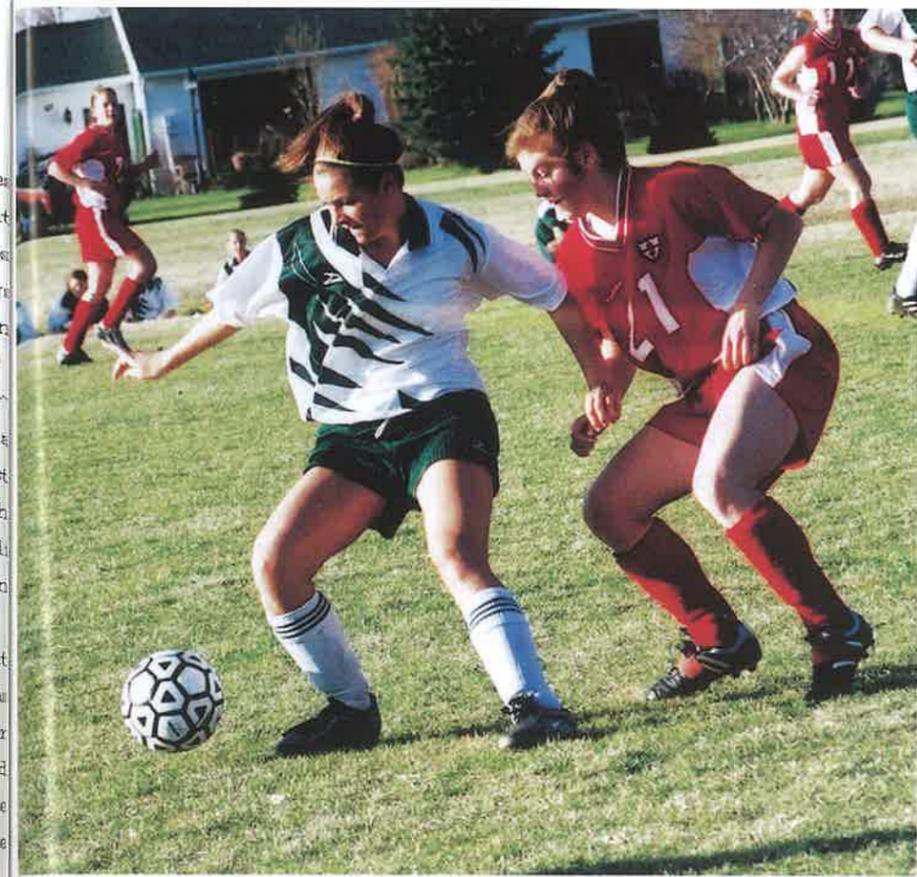
The team had a unique stretching technique before each game. Gatz also had a systematic approach to clearing out her box by

smoothing out rough patches and getting rid of pebbles that could cause potential bad hops. According to Gatz, "Things before games have always been pretty much the same."

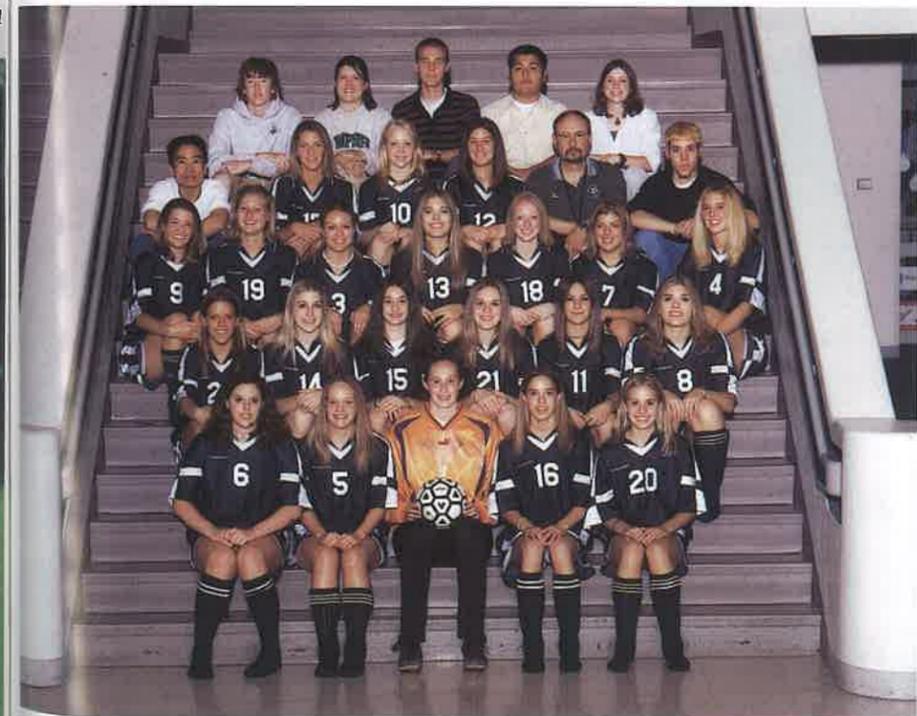
Gatz was named all Conference for the third year in a row, and also was named 1st team All State. Along with Gatz were seniors Skadi Davison and Kim Bruns on the conference team.

This combination of talent and good team chemistry was a great winning formula for the Packers. The team stepped up when needed and in the end placed 4th at the state tournament in Fargo.

by David Holland



Oh know you didn't! Running for the ball, senior Kristina Bruns goes for a goal in hopes of helping her team.



Front Row: Erika Johansen, Kristen Estrem, Kelsey Gatz, Jill Kussatz, Elizabeth Volk. Row 2: Joni Grant, Miranda Utter, Nicole Hertel, Sarah Clark, Danielle Klatt, Kris Bruns. Row 3: Kelsey Brand, Tracy Canton, Chelsey Jamison, Kim Bruns, Erika Thompson, Dana Lemke, Marin Rosenvold. Row 4: Viet Le, Skadi Davison, Emily Silbernagel, Kim Lammers. Head Coach Jim Flores, Mike Nicholas. Back Row: Manager Kyle Millar, Coach Erica Freed, Coach Ronnie Engelking, Coach John Melendez, Coach Tracy Tanner.

SCORES

Scores	Us	Them
Mandan	2	0
Bismarck High	0	0
North	0	1
Shanley	2	1
Devils Lake	8	0
South	2	2
GF Central	1	2
GF Central	2	0
Shanley	0	0
Devils Lake	6	0
GF Red River	0	0
South	4	0
St. Mary's	1	3
Jamestown	3	1
North	0	2
<u>State</u>		
Bismarck	2	1
Jamestown	2	1
North	0	1
St. Mary's	0	2



The ball is mine! Keeping her eye on the ball, Sophomore Danielle Klatt gains control of it. Someone get me an Advil after this one! Using her head in the game, senior Kimberly Bruns keeps the ball in bounds.

SCORES

Opponent	Us	Them
Shanley	16	0
Red River	13	3
D-G-F	5	4
Fargo South	16	2
Bemidji	3	2
Moorhead	5	0
Brainerd	4	6
Devils Lake	21	2
Fergus Falls	4	8
Fargo North	6	1
Red River	6	1
GF Central	11	0
Roseau	6	1
Winkler	7	5
Moorhead	7	5
Shanley	16	0
Fargo South	16	1
Fargo North	11	0
GF Central	7	0
State		
Shanley	9	1
Fargo North	10	0
Fargo North	10	0



PACKERS TAKE HOME SIX CHAMPIONSHIPS

After winning five state championships, the West Fargo Packers' Fastpitch Softball had high expectations to live up to. With nine returning varsity players, the Pack did a good job playing like a team. "I think our team connected really well which helped us play well on the field," junior Jennifer Grund said. Teamwork was a big factor for teams to play well. Everyone had to do their share in the game.

The person behind the mound helping the Pack to their victories was junior pitcher Liz McCracken. She started pitching at the varsity level as a freshman. Back-

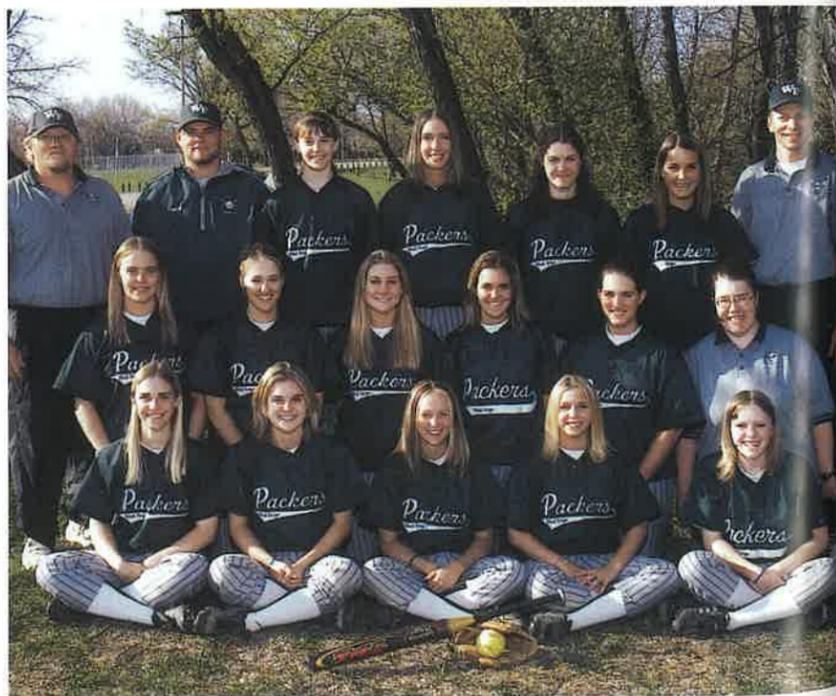
ing her up was freshman Erin Johnson. The Packers started out their season strong and ended on a good note. Coach Pat Johnson was pleased. "The girls worked really hard during the season and all their hard work paid off," Pat Johnson said. The girls practiced for hours after school at Elmwood Park in West Fargo. Coach Johnson made each player work to their limit. Practices consisted of basic drills and fundamentals that seemed to pay off to the Packers advantage during the season. The girls had many tournaments on the weekends, which was good practice for the Packers'

weekday games. The girls usually had two to three games a week, with home games being played at Elmwood and away games going as far as Devils Lake and Roseau. The Packers felt at home with the state tournament being held at Elmwood Park. The girls played three games to complete a six year state championship dynasty. "Winning state is such an accomplishment because it's what we practice for all season," junior Kelly Klaers said. All the girls' hard work and dedication paid off, which resulted in a great season, and another great state championship game.

by Brittany Kloos



Get back to your base! Ready to make a play, Junior Mandy Readel checks the runner back to third base.



Here it comes! Keeping her eye on the ball, Junior Kelly Klaers hopes not to strike out.

Girls Varsity Fastpitch Softball. Back Row: Coach Pat Johnson, Coach Jake Lauritsen, Wh Edwards, Jessica Slaybaugh, Brandi Grossman, Elizabeth McCracken, and Coach Terry Stargardt. Row 2: Lindsey Lauritsen, Erin Strahm, Brittany Stargardt, Marni Benson, Terri Prashak. Manager Jennifer Hummel. Front Row: Kelsi Walliker, Mandy Readel, Jennifer Grund, Kelly Klaers, and Erin Johnson.



Let's kick their butts girls!!! Before the innings the West Fargo Packers do a positive group cheer on the mound not only for good luck but also to get fired up!



SEASON STARTS OUT STRONG

As the sun finally shone over the West Fargo Veterans' memorial field, it also shone on the West Fargo Packers' baseball team. With the warm weather came hot bats and stellar pitching performances from many of the Packers' squad.

The Pack got started just two weeks prior to the start of the regular season. "We had very little time to prepare for the season, but I think we geared up quickly and got our pre-season work in with the nice weather," head coach Chad Ransom said. With the hard work put forth in the truncated timetable, the Packers started with six straight wins. Winning continued as the Pack beat their next few opponents, but finally lost their first conference game in a split with Wahpeton.

The veterans on the team showed their experience early. Having nine seniors

on the team provided the necessary familiarity with the game. "The veterans are really leading the team well this year," senior third baseman Joe Nelson said. With All-EDC shortstop Jimmy Hoy, second basemen Cody Cavett and Matt Ekren, and catcher Marc Gunderson, along with Nelson at third, the Packers had a veritable wall on defense. Seniors that also contributed great leather include outfielders Andy Salquist, Mike Grossman, Andy Payne and Chris Hanes.

The senior vets were backed by a strong group of juniors and underclassmen that provided depth in the Packers' squad. Junior center fielder Tyler Roehl, was a leading contributor in slugging prowess. Sophomore first baseman Brock Storreston shot off to an amazing start, leading

many EDC batting categories. Junior hurler Matt Kratcha provided solid efforts at the top end of the starting rotation. Towards the middle of the season, key role players Jarrod Heitkamp, Scott Olson, Travis Ulmer, Matt Johnson, David Holland and Eric King were moved up from the JV squad. Coach Ransom was very impressed with the non-senior starters and bench this year. "The juniors and sophomores have really stepped up in some key roles, and I'm impressed with their performance," Ransom said.

Delivering a strong lineup with the lumber, solid defense with the leather and outstanding efforts from the hill, the Packers baseball squad combined for a great season. Exciting to watch and destined to be remembered, this season of Packer baseball was truly a gem.

by David Holland



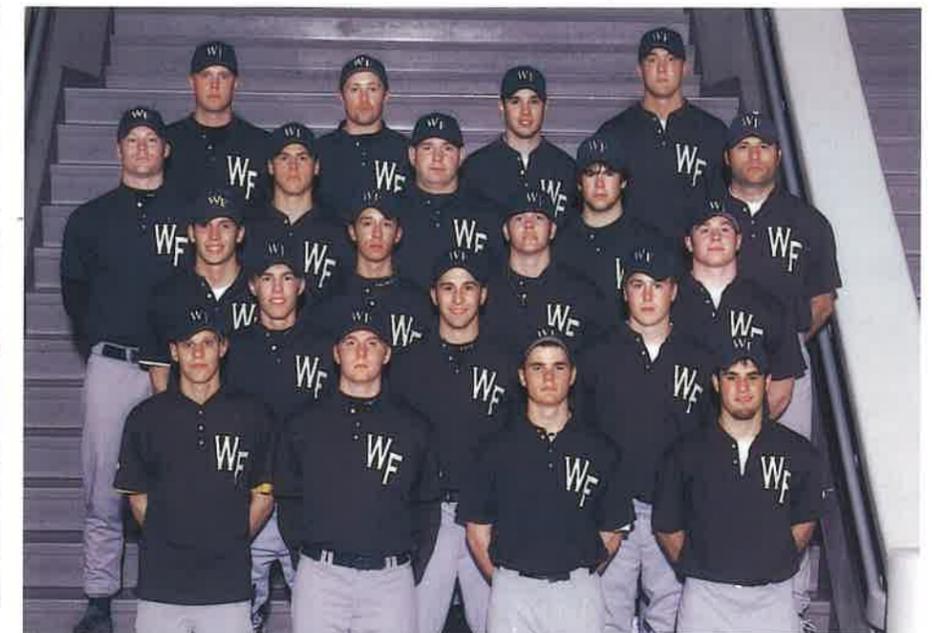
Keep your eye on the ball! Sophomore Brock Storreston watches the ball carefully as it passes the plate.

Bringing it on home. Junior Tyler Roehl hits the ball to bring in another run against town rival Fargo North Spartans.



Hit it at me! Senior Joe Nelson awaits the ball hit to him to make a great fielding and throwing play.

Give me a minute. Senior Matt Ekren takes his time as he gets ready for a pitch from the Spartans.

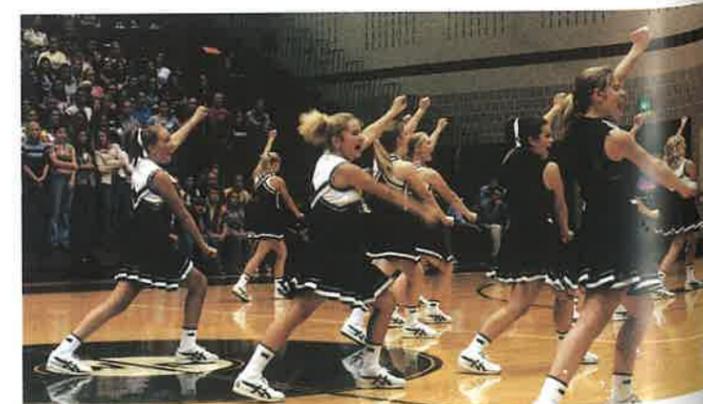
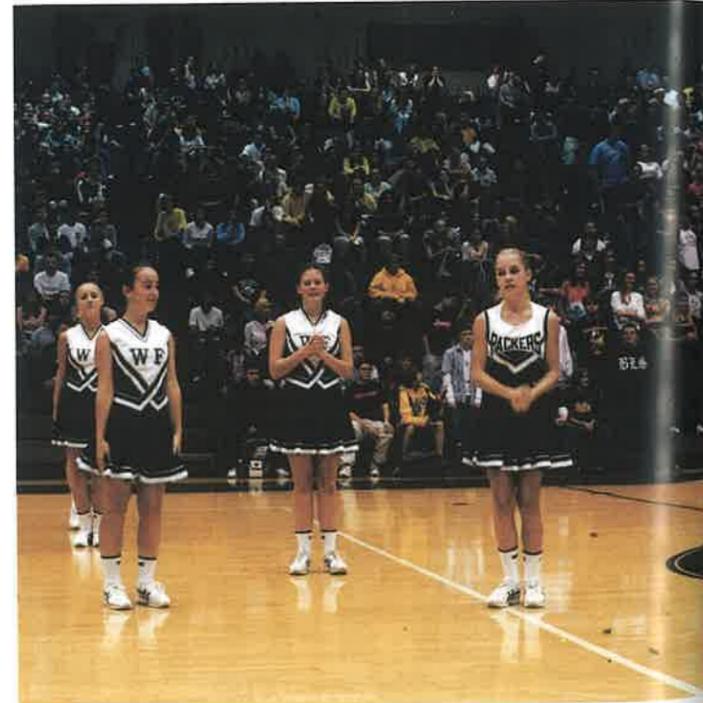


Front Row: Jeremy Sheldon Matt Kratcha Mike Grossman Mark Gunderson Row 2: Cody Cavette Andy Payne Matt Ekren Row 3: Joe Nelson Corey Markel Andy Salquist Tyler Roehl Row 4: Coach Trevor Kittleson Chris Hanes Brock Storreston Curt Werlinger Head Coach Chad Ransom Back Row: Coaches Brett Peterson Joe Johnson Jeremy Beirmier Josh Miller.

SCORES

Scores	Us	Them
Deville Lake	12	6
G.F. Red River	11	0
Fargo North	2	0
Fargo South	4	2
Willmar	1	5
Lac Qui Parle	12	13
Grafton	15	0
Fargo South	3	1
Fergus Falls	2	0
Wahpeton	6	4
Fargo North	3	4
Brookings	3	2
Fargo Shanley	3	5
Jamestown	1	6
G.F. Central	4	7
E.D.C.		
Fargo Shanley	3	0
Jamestown	1	5
G.F. Central	2	3





White Team: Back: Nicole Leno. Middle: Angie Reule, Sally Lemke. Front: Jamie Lund, Jodi Meisch, Nichole Meyers.

Silver Team: Back: Kelsey Lund. Middle: Erin Trapp, Megan Emerson. Front: Trisha McDonald, Robyn Stromberg, Meghan Lewis.

Green Team: Back: Jessica Johnson, Sarah Flores, Amanda Ruid. Middle: Samantha Borah, Jennifer Helm. Front: Allison Nicholson.

Who are we?! The cheerleaders, full of energy, are just one of the things there at the pep rally to help get everybody pumped up and excited before the football team goes to play the homecoming game.

We are going to win!!! The cheerleaders cheer and hype up the crowd with confidence and energy to get them ready for the night's football game against the Devils Lake team at the rally.

MEANING OF A CHEERLEADER

DO CHEERLEADERS GET THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE

If there is a sport that requires teamwork, effort and a lot of yelling, cheerleading is it.

These were just a few things the coaches were looking for when tryouts came along at the end of last year. While tryouts may have been a challenge, the stereotypes cheerleaders face may be their biggest challenge.

People who are cheerleaders are required to be in Pep Club, because they need to organize fundraisers. Someone who disagrees with the cheerleader stereotypes is Pep Club Adviser Mrs. Dawn Pederson.

"I don't think it's [the stereotype] fair. I think the cheerleaders work hard everyday and that they should be considered athletes," she said.

Although there are so many people who respect cheerleaders, there are others who often criticize their work. When freshman cheerleader Trisha McDonald hears rude comments she just ignores them.

"We just go out and have fun cheering for our team. I don't care if people have a problem with us because we are all rooting for the Pack," McDonald said.

All cheerleaders need to work together, no matter what grade they are in. This is where teamwork comes in.

Freshman cheerleader Samantha Borah said, "They [upper-class cheerleaders] help us, and if any one were to make fun of us they would stick up for us."

So, when people look at cheerleaders at the next basketball or football game, maybe they will see them as more than just cheerleaders. Hopefully, they will see them as athletes.

by Krista Jones



Here we go Packers!!! The cheerleading team may look cold, but that won't stop them. The cheerleaders keep the crowd full of life with their energy and persistence.



STUDENT TRAINER WORKSHOP

How do teenagers learn to be student trainers? Student trainers learn by demonstrations and practice.

Many of the student trainers also attended a two-day workshop held on August 5-6, 2002 at the Orthopedic Institute in South Fargo.

Student trainers used the workshop to help prepare for the coming sports seasons. "It (the workshop) got me prepared for volleyball season," said sophomore Sara Sauvageau, the student trainer for volleyball.

During the two-day workshop, the students

learned how to tape ankles, knees, hands, wrists and fingers. Student trainers also learned how to wrap shoulders and hips. The workshop covered a lot of information about sprains, an athlete going into shock and other injuries. The workshop was not only lectures there were also a lot of activities.

"It was fun, and I learned a lot," said junior Lindsey Nowaeki, one of the Packatahna's trainers.

All of the student trainers became CPR certified and were able to tour an ambulance. They also practiced

moving people on to a stretcher and practiced different types of stretches. "The thing I remember is to pump the python (which means to flex the bicep) and the pizza was good, too," sophomore Luke Baldwin said, Baldwin is the other Packatahna student trainer.

Although there are many ways that student trainers learn to assist Mary Manock, the trainer for the school, and the athletes, the workshop showed to be helpful and informational, since it involved demonstrations, explanations and practice.

by Kristina Cumber

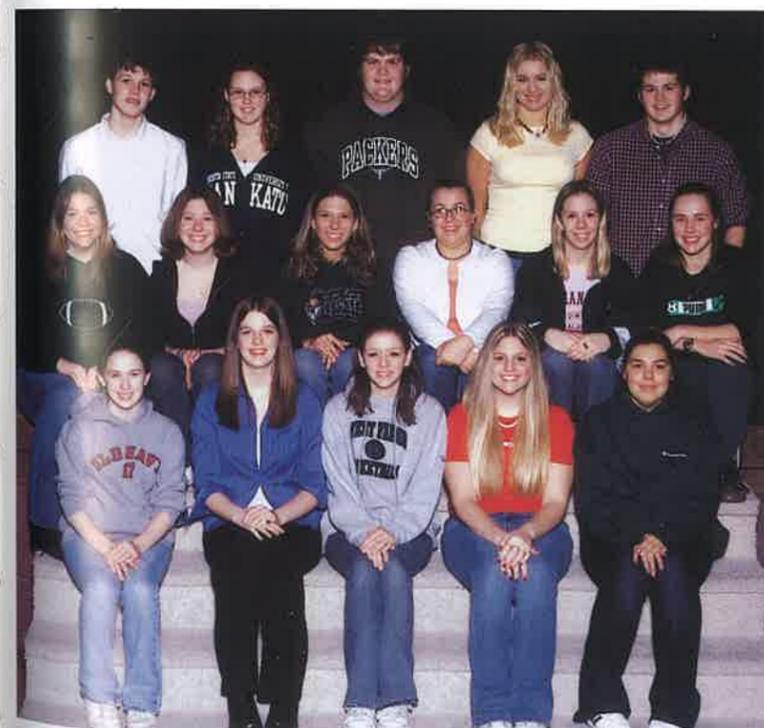


Did I do this right? Sophomore trainer Sara Sauvageau checks an injured ankle for a student after school during the spring sports season.

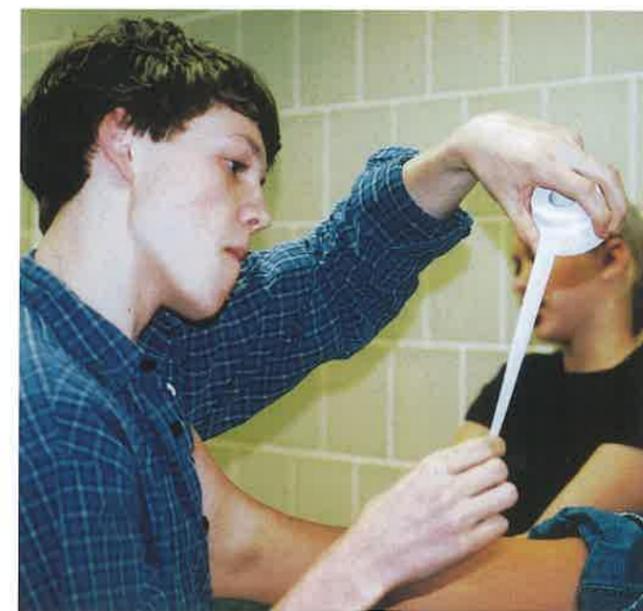


Anyone thirsty? Sophomores Kristin Hoy and Kristina Cumber fill up ice-cold water bottles for the sports teams.

This wont hurt a bit... Senior trainer Zack Click wraps another students ankle injury.



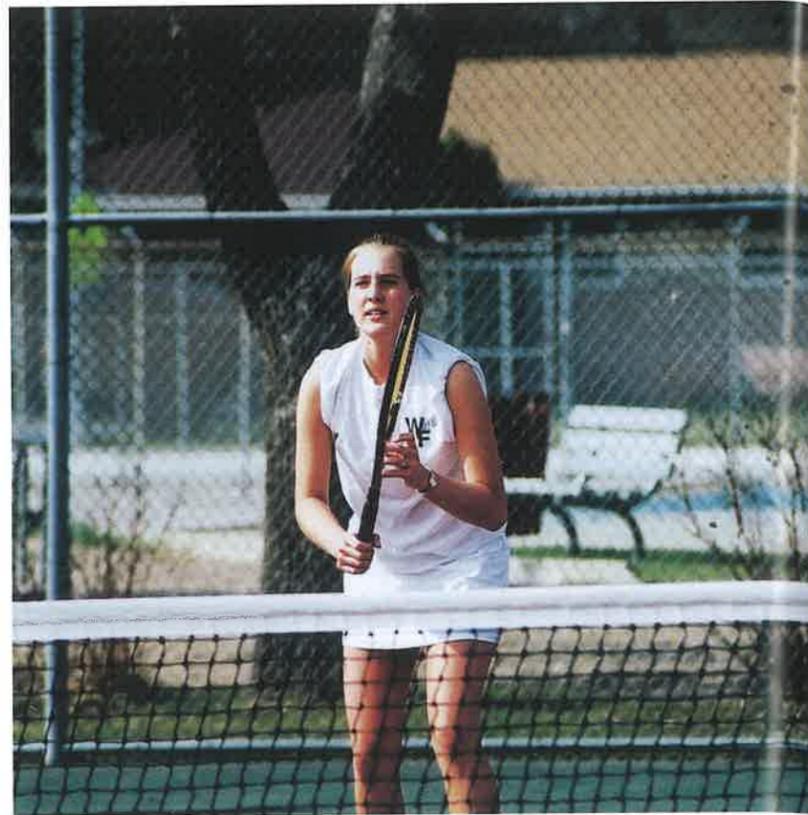
Back Row: Luke Baldwin Heather Pokrzywinski Zach Click Hope Frenrich Adam Henry. Middle Row: Katie Scully Marissa Roehl Teresea Yanish Laura Fugleberg Lindsey Nowaeki Megan Winter. Front Row: Kristina Cumber Jenny Olson Sarah Trites Ali Schweitzer Sara Sauvageau



I can fix that... Sophomore trainer Luke Baldwin prepares to wrap an injury.

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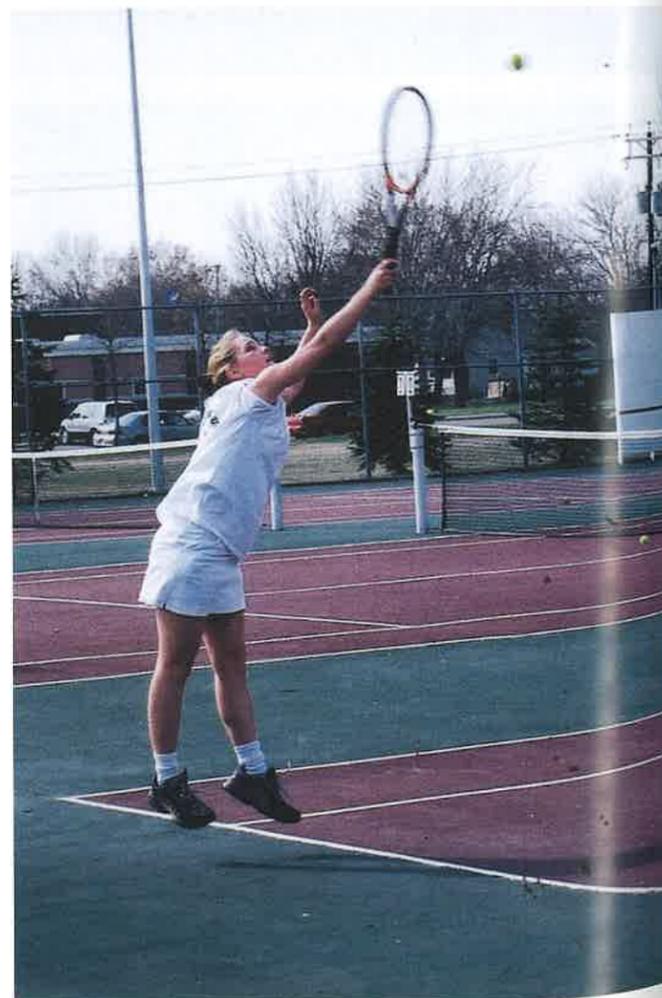
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Fargo North	0	9
Shanley	0	9
Valley City	0	9
Fargo South	0	9
Wahpeton	3	6
GF Central	0	9
GF Red River	0	9
Jamestown	1	8
<u>Qualify for EDC</u>		
Jamestown	2	3



I'm ready for anything. Contemplating on what shot to return with junior Kara Hadley waits for the serve from an opponent from Shanley at the Tintes Park Courts.

Girls Tennis: Back Row: Coach Chad Anderson, Kara Hadley, Toni Haider, Elyse Blickensderfer, Kelly Donlin, coach Sean Bourke. Row 2: Jessica Ballou, Laura Cronin, Jessie John, Kaila Margheim, Sam Miller, Ashley Denne, Kelly Koenen. Front Row: Katie Kapel, Sadie Doggett, Stephanie Schafer, Night Soroba, Kassie Mastre, Emily Arth.

Flyin' High. Junior Sam Miller starts out the point with a serve against a Shanley opponent at the West Fargo Tintes Park Courts.



ALL FUN UNTIL SOMEONE GETS HURT

PACKER TENNIS WORKS TO GAIN A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The girls' tennis team was a very young team this year, considering there were not any seniors and over half the team was seventh and eighth graders. "All of the young players are a big plus for the future because they get an idea of what's expected of them," coach Chad Anderson said. The younger girls know how to act at practices, and they can make the team stronger in years to come.

Everyone is expected to give their best. "Hard work and determination is expected at every practice and match because they play how they practice," Anderson said.

"Tennis isn't all just physical. It is very much a mental game. You need to have good hand-eye coordination," freshman Laura Cronin said. The captain has extra responsibilities. "I have to show leadership and set examples for the younger players," captain, junior Kara Hadley said.

Hard work is not the only thing involved in tennis. It is also a very fun and exciting sport. "The funniest thing that ever happened was when I was at state last year and I got hit with a ball in the side from a girl from Fargo South. It was even funnier when I hit her in

the head," Hadley said. People getting hit with balls is a common occurrence during tennis. Most games guarantee that someone will get hit. Most members of the girls' tennis team recall a time when they were hit by a ball. However, most members have learned that getting hit is just part of the game. Though tennis is another sport where hard work and tough practices are involved, there is another side of tennis, sharing memories of bruises from being pelted with balls.

by Ashley Denne



I got this one! Playing doubles against Shanley sophomores Elise Blickensderfer and Kelly Donlin return some shots at the Tintes Courts in West Fargo.



DANCING TO A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

What does it take to win? Was it talent? Was it hard work? For the Packatahnas, this year it was both. Head coach Angie Lund said, "Our winning season this year comes from our high talent level, and the girls' dedication to being champions."

This year was a year full of new accomplishments for the dance team. "One of our greatest accomplishments was getting the junior varsity team up and running," Lund said. This was the first year that the Packatahnas had a competitive junior varsity team, and everyone was pleased to see them remain undefeated during the competition season. "We were very proud of our undefeated season especially because we were the first competitive

JV team on Packatahnas," freshman, JV member RaKay Reyes said.

Another big accomplishment was the varsity pom routine. While doing jazz and high kick routines, the team did not plan on a third routine. The pom routine was choreographed by multiple team members. The routine had a seventies theme, complete with afros. The routine came together in about three weeks and went on to win the state title. It just goes to show that even when the Packatahnas go out to have fun, they can still be state champions.

What do the Packatahnas say when people tell them that they are not athletes? "We usually just ignore them, because we are true ath-

letes and our success proves that," junior Liz Meyer said.

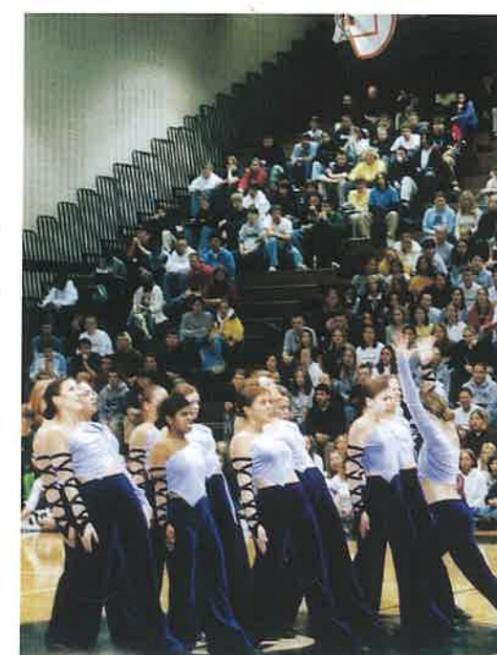
The Packatahnas won first place in jazz and pom at state, and took second in kick by a narrow one-point loss to the Bismarck Demonettes. The team then headed to the UPA national competition in Minneapolis. There they took first in kick, third in jazz and were the overall national grand champions for their kick routine.

"With only one senior leaving, I'm excited to see what will happen next year," freshman Whitney Althoff said. The big question for next year: where are they going to fit all of their trophies?

by Jessie Mattern



Packatahnas: Back row: Coach Michelle Ristvick, Coach Angie Lund, Aimee McEwen, Shanna Vetter, Whitney Althoff, Coach Lori Rieker, Coach Amy Carlson. Third row: Staci Monson, Meagan Margheim, Abby Monson, Megan Wigglesworth, Sarah Schmidt, Erikka Nolan, Jamie Boutiette, Cassandra Erickson. Second row: Anna Kiefer, Richelle Schnepf, Shai Boe, Kara Dahley, Katie Schmidt, Karissa Beckius. Front Row: Nanda Hart, Bridgette Myers, Jessie Mattern, Katie Becker, Jenna Ludwig, Elizabeth Meyer.



Smile big! Sophomore Katie Schmidt, junior Liz Meyer and junior Karissa Beckius show off their huge smiles during a half time performance.

Taking it back to the 70s. The Varsity Packatahnas smile big during a half time performance of their disco themed pom routine.

Ending with a bang! The varsity Packatahnas jazz team finishes out their state-title winning routine with confidence.

Preparing for a performance. Senior Jenna Dyrdaahl, junior Liz Meyer and junior Shai Boe set their positions for an amazing performance.



The Tasks

White, green, black and silver, these colors are WFHS's team names. The tasks at West Fargo High School are related to this. National Honor Society, DECA, choir, band, newspaper, yearbook, Science Olympiad, pep club, Technology Students Association and more, are all organizations that students join because of what they are interested in. Some meet before school, some meet after school and some even have their own class period, but students still enjoy being in them whether they have to get up earlier in the morning or stay after school later than usual.

Taking part in these tasks could also be an advantage of some sort. Being in NHS is a good thing to put on a college application. If majoring in something relating to science, Science Olympiad would be a great task to be in.

by Tami Lipp

Betting it out. Freshmen Jenessa Olson and Jenna Thompson stand in the front row of the Varsity Choir.

Wouldn't It Be Lovely? During this year's play, *My Fair Lady*, junior Joanna Sherman sings to junior Jacob Murray.

Okay, so here's how you write a caption. During yearbook class, Mrs. Meghan Brown instructs junior Tami Lipp, seniors Katie Warren, Kim Metcalf and Tony Krajcek about caption writing.

Watch your fingers. During Rec Engines, junior Travis Lee and senior Jonathan Belcount repair a carburetor. Students from Rec Engines and Building Trades help make up VICA.

NHS EXPERIENCES FUN, PRODUCTIVE YEAR

There are four main target areas that members must have to be in NHS or National Honor Society. They are character, responsibility, academic excellence and leadership. There is one officer to represent each one of the four target areas. These four officers are president Jimmy Hoy, vice president Tracy Canton, secretary Marin Rosenvold and treasurer Greg Tehven.

Requirements for NHS include four service credits and attending six meetings throughout the year. At the meetings, the NHS members sign up for volunteer work. Members must also have at least a 3.25 grade point average. There were ap-

proximately 150 members this year, and they met about once a week.

"There are enough students in NHS to have students attend every activity that we need them for," adviser Mrs. Susan Jordahl said.

One of the service projects NHS participated in this year was Daffodil Days, a fundraiser to support cancer patients. They sold the flowers for a week and were very successful. NHS also sold presents to little kids for their family and friends at Santa's workshop. Big Brother/Big Sister was also a service project to mentor less fortunate kids at South Elementary.

"The best part of NHS was being able to help out the little kids at

South Elementary," Hoy said. NHS put on Kindness Week at West Fargo Public Schools. They gave out pencils and buttons and shirts could also be worn. During Halloween, NHS went house-to-house and collected canned food items for the food pantry.

"My Favorite part of NHS is that we get to meet a lot of people, and help out in the community," junior Jen Sliper said.

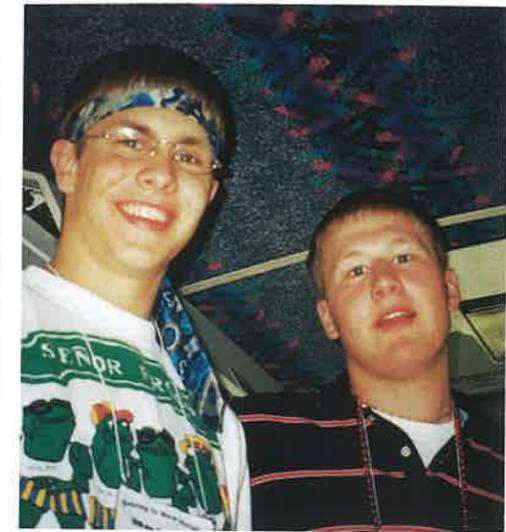
Being in NHS is good for students because it looks good on college résumés and will help the student's employer understand that they are willing to work hard.

by Trent Gehrig



Vote for Jordan! Campaigning for Jordan Volk, seniors Tracy Canton, Kelsey Gatz, Marin Rosenvold and junior Shelby Vigen take time for a picture.

Stretch! On the bus ride home junior Bobby Brand and Dan Dardis stand up to stretch their legs.



10-4 Big Buddy! While taking a break from working hard senior Jimmy Hoy works on changing his voice.

Please Vote for me! While giving his speech, Junior Jordan Volk tells the other NHS members why they should vote for him as the new state president.



Front Row: Zac Ista, Kellen Bubach, Gregory Tehven, Allison Nicholson, Brenda Haug, Tami Lipp, Vanessa Johansen, Jenny Albrecht, Jenna Ludwig, Karissa Backhaus, Cassandra Erickson, Sarah Christianson. Row 2: Levi Kalso, Landon Johnson, Bobby Brand, Stephanie Roers, Jenny Joyce, Stephanie Daul, Andrea Sand Dyke, Nicole Kelly, Brianna Thompson. Row 3: Adam Bertek, Kyle Hartley, Brett Kingsley, Megan Sellard, Jessica Ridgway, Jenna Dyrdaahl, Sara Monson, Megan Wigglesworth, Mandi Readell, Jen Grundt, Jennifer Lundgren. Row 4: Tyler Spiekemeier, Andrew Gwost, Dan Dardis, Nick Thompson, Eric Weigel, Sara Bergeron, Kayla Brawders, Sadaf Jahed, Brittany Stargardt, Lindsey Lauritsen, Valerie Shultz. Row 5: Nick Kerbaugh, Drew Rheault, Jordan Volk, Karl Karvickowski, Marc Gunderson, Kim Lammers, Amber Lenzmeier, Katie Hawley, Amanda Lee, Sierra Laufenberg. Row 6: Katie Paczkowski, Scott Raguse, Carter Woodley, Nathan Adams, Kristen Estrum, Kris Bruns, Teri Prashek, Dane Schoeder. Row 7: Adam Meert, Russell Cumber, Chrissy Petersen, Nicole Wittic, Erin Vranish, Marin Rosenvold, Tracy Canton, Erika Thompson, Kathy Peterson, Kryshel Evans. Row 8: Jesse Hackey, Erica Rebenitsch, Andrew Krich, Niel Funk, Skadi Davison, Kim Bruns, Kelsey Brand, Angela Woodbury, Jenna Barenthsen, Laura Meert. Row 9: Amy Messner, Heather Pokrzywinski, Katie Neubauer, Lauren Jacobson, Heather Zimmerman, Sara Barnard, Stephanie Thomas. Row 10: Stephanie Wilson, Blair Moorhead, Shannon Hayes, Megan Winter, Elizabeth Hideman. Back Row: David Valovage, Eric Lee, Zane Nitzkorski, Cody Symanietz, Sheena Larson, Emily Hill, Sierra Kraft, Maria Walen.

"There are enough students in NHS to have students attend every activity that we need them for."
adviser Mrs. Susan Jordahl

"The best thing about choir is the people. They are some of the most unique and talented people you could ever meet."
 —senior Adam Montgomery



Chamber Choir: Front Row: Katie Joyce, Abigail Cooper, Krystal Schwartz, Jessica Hajek, Jill Emery, Amanda Roud, Hilary Brasel, Hayley Knutson. Row 2: Tessie Jones, Angie Hunt, Kristen Forthun, Katie Schmidt, Marey Poitra, Amber Kerkvliet, Jennifer Schram, Lisa Mosler, Amber Kerkvliet. Row 3: Kathryn Peterson, Roehelle Kirchoffner, Samantha Schmidt, Anna Rumsey, Melissa Johnson, Alyssa Hegvick, Danika Vigesa, Mr. Jeff Mueller.

Concert Choir: Front row: Jessica Johnson, Alisha Kelly, Danielle Gjestvang, Brianna Montgomery, Cailin Baily, Ashley Wilson, Stephanie Wilson, Anna Driscoll, Ashley Novacek, Kryshel Evans, Tara Sheeley, Megan Sellend, Sarah Bryan. Row 2: Joanna Sherman, Kelsey Pergande, AnnaLaya Beekley, Emily Hill, Roberta Pytlík, Brian Havelange, Shane Bauer, Brandon Heitkamp, Shai Boekellen Fosse, Jenna Barenthson, Julia Miller, Anna Rumsey. Row 3: Derrick Harsch, Adam Montgomery, Christopher Kuhn, Creighton Brown, Matt Anderson. Row 4: Bjorn Fjosne, Loren Dickens, Kyle McLean, Nick Michelle, Eric Maas, Terence Madrud, Jason Boerger, Paul Koppelman, Justin Shultz, Shane Ilyana, Jake Murry, Mike Tengwall, Blake Nitkowski.

Keep up the beat! Softmore Anna Driscoll and junior Kellen Fosse concentrate on keeping with the music while staying on key all at the same time.



CHOIR SOUNDS LIKE ANGELS STUDENTS FROM CHOIRS SING OUT

It was another year full of singing angels. The students who are involved in choir deserve a thumbs up. They did a spectacular job this year. The choir members sang their hearts out to all the people who enjoyed listening to their wonderful music. The singers have sung at all sorts of different events, including going to the Twin Cities. The man behind all this music is choir director, Mr. Jeff Mueller.

The Chamber Choir is filled with all sorts of beautiful voices, which come from high school

women. Mueller has these ladies singing like they have never sang before.

The choir students sing many different styles of music. The question always seems to pop up as to how they pick the songs.

"We pick our songs out from a variety of different periods," Mueller said.

The singers usually enjoy the songs that are picked by the choir director.

"I like the songs," sophomore Jennifer Schram said.

The Concert Choir, which is also

directed by Mueller, is made up of mainly men and women from the upper classes.

Through all the rehearsals, students do not just develop awesome voices, but they form friendships.

"What I like about choir is the friends I've made," sophomore Matt Anderson said.

Choir is not just a class people can take in high school. People can bring it along with them after their school days are gone and make something of themselves

by Lacey Benson



Hit that high note! Choir students senior Ben Kapel, senior Shannon Hayes, sophomore Justin Shultz, and sophomore Cailin Baily sing loudly during a regular choir practice.

Feel the music! During choir class, senior Daryl Gartner, senior Danielle Gjestvang, junior Joanna Sherman, and junior Shane Ilyana pour their hearts into the music they are singing.

Am I in the right key? Hitting a note, senior Tara Sheeley, junior Brian Havelange, senior Megan Sellend, sophomore Eric Maas, senior Kelsey Linnert, and senior Jason Boerger sing in preparation for their next concert.

STUDENTS PREPARE FOR CONCERTS

MUSKIAN BRINGS MUSK TO EVERYONES EARS

Practice, practice, practice is what makes the West Fargo High School Bands sound great. The two upper-grade-level bands, conducted by Mr. Mark Berntson, are the Concert Band and Symphonic Band. Concert Band consists of mainly sophomores and juniors. The Symphonic Band is more advanced than Concert Band. Symphonic Band consists mainly of juniors and seniors. Students have the opportunity to also be in Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Percus-

sion Ensemble, Honor Bands, Music Festivals, All State Band, Pep Band and Marching Band.

"Band has many different musical opportunities because we have the privilege to play a variety of styles, types and forms of music," junior Cody Symanietz said.

The bands have been very successful this year. The students perform four concerts throughout the year. They put in a lot of hard work, and in the end, it was very rewarding. "Band is not as easy as most people think," junior Derek Ander-

son said.

"This year the band has again succeeded in being a year of laughs and good times. Band is fun because we get to learn new music and perform many times," junior Katie Paczkowski said.

Band, for many people, is a time to just relax and have fun.

"It's a time when you can vent out and just play," junior Sarah Christianson said.

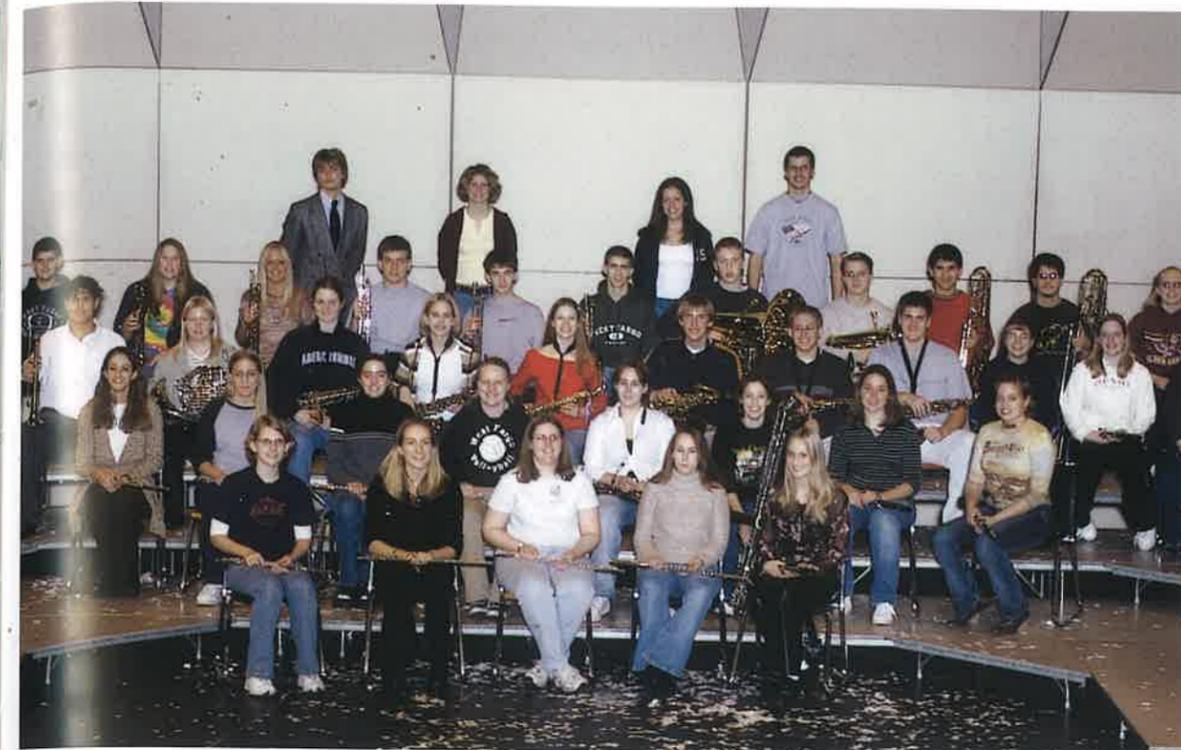
All the bands have done an awesome job at their concerts.

by Jennifer Wangler



Umpa Umpa! Cody Symanietz plays his tuba trying to keep the beat!

Who can name that tune? Saxophone players, senior Leah Griffith and junior Kayla Kraft perform the last song, 'Cansona', around the audience at the Fall Concert in the WFHS auditorium.



Symphonic Front Row: Valeria Schultz, Jessica Mammanga, Nicole Dobmeier, Leah Whitcomb, Amanda Lee. Row 2: Stephanie Thomas, Kelli Dahlgren, Nicole Carmichael, Katie Paczkowski, Krista Whitcomb, Megan Aamodt, Jennifer Wangler, Brianna Montgomery. Row 3: Sierra Laufenberg, T.J. Medrud, Allison Laybourn, Leah Griffith, Kayla Kraft, Shai Boe, Eric Porter, Zach Ista, Eric Baumann, Brandi Jamison, Allison Nicholson, Tami Lipp. Row 4: Karl Saxowsky, Emily Herman, Kristan Olson, Dave Valovaga, Jacob Bonstad, Eric Lee, Cody Symanietz, Adam Meert, Alex Parkhouse, Zach Steele, Courtney Benjamin.

Concert Band Front Row: Amy Elledge, Kathy Brager, Erin Trapp, Alicia Albrecht, Julie Lehmann. Row 2: Trisha Burner, Ashley Rheault, Elizabeth Hiedeman, Narda Hart, Elizabeth Feeley, Heather Hovland, Melissa Schiller, Sarah Flores, Megan Emerson, Carlie Brekke. Row 3: Amanda Rudd, Sasha Hand, Mallory Sushy, Rochelle Kirchoffner, J.R. OHara, David Verdorn, Alex Dean, Johnathan Kuik. Row 4: Michael Doyle, Jamie Lund, Ashley Holland, Scott Olson, Erik Mazz, Mckinsey Nygaard, Derek Nelson. Row 5: Missy Johnson, Craighton Brown, Peter Wiederholt, Joseph Tobin.

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Junior Cody Symanietz

The holiday season is my favorite time. The songs are so beautiful and fun, and there is a lot of fun stuff we get to do.

Junior Sarah Bryan

STUDENTS SING FOR JOY

Students may not know this, but besides just choir class, there are a few special, selected kids that put in extra time in choir. These students participated in what is called Choir Madrigals. Basically, the group consists of students coming in before and/or after school and learning extra songs. The students performed these extra songs at elementary schools and other places in the community.

"I enjoy performing the most, it's the time when we

get to show off what we practice for," junior Shane Bauer said.

The students loved to perform. It was a time where they got to show off all their hard work. The community really looked forward to their performances and shows throughout the year. "It's really a fun time, we all get along and enjoy what we are doing," junior Jacob Murray said.

During the holiday season, the students went out and caroled around the city.

They dressed up in festive holiday outfits, showing off their holiday spirit.

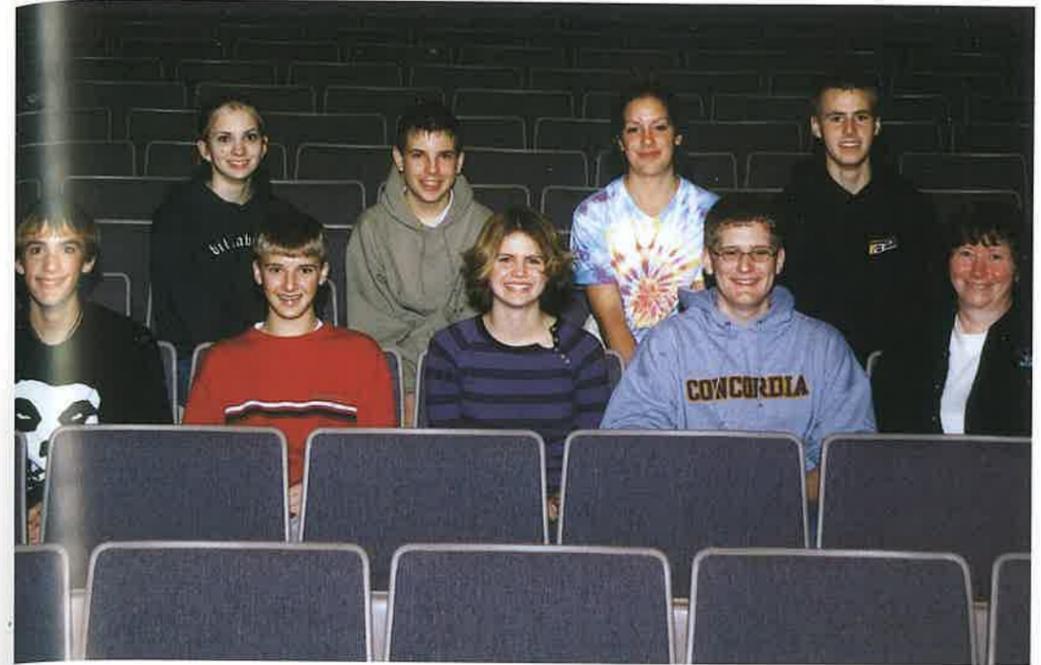
"The holiday season is my favorite time. The songs are so beautiful and fun, and there is a lot of fun stuff we get to do," junior Sarah Bryan said.

The Choir Madrigals are taught by Mr. Jeff Mueller. These students worked very hard and sang their hearts out all year long.

by Brittany Kloos



Front Row: Kryshel Evans, Jessica Johnson, Brianna Montgomery, Shannon Hayes and Sarah Bryan. Row 2: Heather Suchy, Roberta Pytlík, Shane Bauer, Kyle McLean, Jason Berger and Kelsey Linnertz. Back Row: Creighton Brown, Jacob Murray, Paul Koppelman, Bradley Kvamme and Mr. Jeff Mueller.



Percussion Ensemble: Back Row: Bobbi Pearson, Tyler Lewin, Amy Messner and Jordan Volk. Front Row: Erik Porter, Peter Wiederholt, Blair Moohead, Creighton Brown and Mrs. Sue Jordahl.

Jazz Band: Front Row: Amanda Ruud, Bobbi Pearson, Whitney Reyerson, Laura Cronin, Kayla Gresheth and Nicole Dobmeier. Row 2: Read Montgomery, Sasha Hand, Courtney Benjamin, Tyler Lewin and Peter Wiederholt. Row 3: Eric Mass, Alex Parkhouse, Zach Steele, Josh Wolff and Ryan Kostecky. Row 4: Brett Anderson, Tracy Olson, Kayla Anderson, Jannel Barnes and Brandon Reber. Back Row: Karl Saxowshy, David Monson, Mrs. Sue Jordahl, T. J. Madrid and Colin Gudinger.

Jazz Ensemble: Front row: Cody Symannetz, Mr. Mark Bertson, Bobbi Pearson and Blair Moorhead. Row 2: Leah Griffith, Brianna Montgomery, Kayla Anderson, Jannel Barnes, and Erick Baumann. Row 3: Alex Parkhouse, Courtney Benjamin, Tracey Olsen and Zach Steele.



MORNING MUSK

STUDENTS PLAY RATHER THAN SLEEP

When students enter the main doors of the school, they walk by the office and hear some music from the band room. They might hear some big band, something classical, or something unfamiliar. These musicians are either in Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, or Percussion Ensemble.

Jazz Band practices every Wednesday and Friday mornings with Mrs. Sue Jordahl to work on their songs. "We mostly play jazz with songs like 'Area 51,'" said sophomore Jazz Band player Sasha Hand.

The school also has another jazz group, Jazz Ensemble. Jazz Ensemble practices every Tuesday and Thursday mornings with conductor Mr. Mark Bertson. Just because they play similar music, does not mean they are the same. "Jazz Ensemble plays more music and more concerts than Jazz Band," said freshman Jazz Ensemble member Bobbi Pearson.

Last, but not least is Percussion Ensemble. They practice every Monday morning with Jordahl as their conductor. Practice can be fun, but it can also be hard. "It's fun, but it can be challenging as well," said freshman member Tyler Lewin.

All in all, these students sacrifice sleeping in to get up, go to school and perform the music they love to play.

by Madison Nicholls

"Most of my family is musical. I did not figure that out until I was in it but it was very fun for me."

freshman Alissa Johnson

CONNECTING MUSIC WITH STRINGS

There are sounds of music coming from the band room everyday. Students join music groups for all different types of reasons. Some of them are very lucky because their family background may revolve around music and musicians.

"Most of my family is musical. I did not figure that out until I was in it, but it was very fun for me," freshman Alissa Johnson said.

Orchestra is not just a class where the students go and play instruments

Under the instruction on Mrs. Heather Klundt, students also researched famous musicians from history, just as they might research Shakespeare in English class.

"We do not only play our instruments, but we also research famous musicians of history. That is what makes the class so interesting," senior Alison Laybourn said.

The orchestra not only played in their concerts, but they also played in the high school drama plays. They worked very hard to do a great job for the drama students that put on the plays.

If it were not for the orchestra, it would be very difficult to put on the plays every year.

"I have enjoyed playing in the orchestra throughout my senior year, and I would very much recommend anyone interested in orchestra to go for it," senior Kelsey Linnertz said.

Orchestra is a great experience for students interested in learning more about the topic of music. In the future, it is a given that our high school orchestra will be a success.

by Katie Warren



Orchestra: Front Row: Kelsey Linnertz, Evelyn Fuentes, Paul Neary, Casey Paisley, Alicia Rohr, Jessica Lambertz, Elyse Porter, Cailin Bailey. Row 2: Kelsey Johnson, Cassandra McDonald, Becca Hanson, Anna Driscoll, Danni Lambertz, Savannah Erstad, Steffan Falde, Sarah Tintes, Alissa Johnson, Elizabeth Pederson, Dacia Sampers, Allison Laybourn. Back Row: Angela Jasken, Kelli Dahlgren, Brian Koenig, Erika Boser, Leah Schmidt, Chantel Cummings, Lacey Fimmel, Cody Symanietz.

I could play this with my eyes closed. Sophomore Brandon Tietz plays like a pro while practicing in orchestra.

We gotta get this down. Sophomore Chantel Cummings gives it her all while practicing on her violin.

It is almost perfect. Freshman Danny Lambertz puts the finishing touches on his part of the music.



What is that note? Junior Dacia Sampers concentrates hard to play her best.

This is easy! Freshman Paul Neary practices his violin skills during class.

This sounds great! Sophomores Anna Driscoll, Angela Jasken and Evelyn Fuentes all put their talent together to make music.



"I am glad that I took building trades because I was taught how to build a house, and I can chill with my friends" - junior Missy Bjorland



I think I know what I'm doing! Juniors Annada Jacobs and Kellynn Fasse with senior Brandon Swanson work together on an engine in class.



Hold on! Juniors Preston Flaten and Matt Staska, along with seniors Matt Kraft and Josh Akers, put the finish on the roof of the Building Trades house.

This is what class in all about! Senior Casey Heinisch eats a bag of chips while working on his engine.

VICA HELPS STUDENTS WORK TOWARDS FUTURE

When walking into a lab full of hard workers, students would be surprised by what they see and hear, hammers pounding and the dismantling of engines. These classes are the Recreational Engines taught by Mr. Jerry Nordstrom and Building Trades by Mr. Robert Bjornson. Some students sign up for VICA from these classes. VICA is short for Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. The class takes up two periods out of the school day, and students take the class to learn how to build all sorts of things. I like having Rec. Engines two

periods a day because we would never be able accomplish a project," senior Casey Heinisch said.

Other students use the class to their advantage, and use their time to work on their own projects. "I am glad that I took building trades because I was taught how to build a house, and I can chill with my friends," junior Missy Bjorland said.

Students are able to learn new skills that they never knew they had. The Recreational Engines class will teach teenagers how to rebuild small engines, and Building Trades will teach students how to work with others and how to build

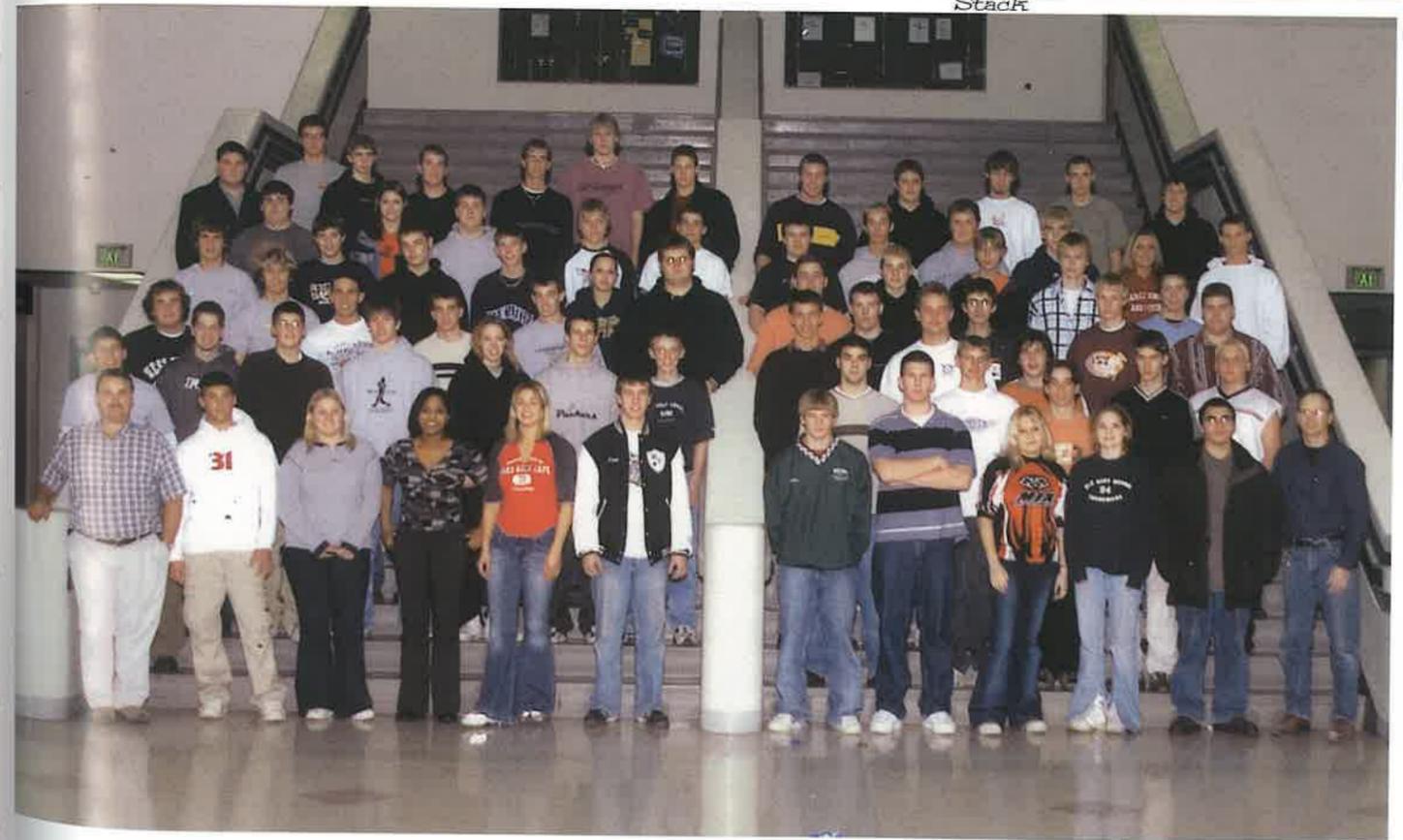
something from scratch.

"I took Rec. Engines because I like to take apart stuff and try to put them back together," junior Robert Ramberg said.

The club is for the students to go out and have fun with their classmates in both classes. Bowling and volleyball are some of the things that VICA does outside of school. They compete every year at nationals and usually place in the top ten. The class is still all about learning something new that will help later in life, while still having fun.

by Taylor

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VICA: Front Row: Mr. Nordstrom Travis Schmidt, Arnie Eiler, Lauren Jacobson, Jenna Waller, David Sapp, Toran Mohs, Tom Endow, Crystal Waxler, Sam Miller, Steve Wherley, Mr. Bjornson. Second Row: Joe Nelson, Brian Florberg, Preston Flaten, Andy Salquist, Sheena Larson, David Brown, Joey Lutt, David Rankin, Kyle Ekstrom, Troy Rucholz, David Brower, Jay Forthun, Ben Brown. Third Row: Chris Mischka, Max Heine, Andy Yanich, Nicholas Thompson, Brian Cronin, Missy Bjorland, Chad Craffis, Tanner Anderson, Shawn Cumminge, Bradley Watne, Cody Wateland, Ryan Silbernagel, Chris Jacob. Fourth Row: Josh Akers, Eric McLane, Michael Bosar, Zach Strand, Lucas Petz, Eric Hanlon, Anthony Stoltzman, Robert Ramberg, Kyle Olson, Trevor Flanagan, Wesley Mischel. Fifth Row: Casey Heinisch, Erica Fraedrich, Tony Wulz, Matthew Benson, Corey Markel, Matt Staska, Kelsie Selisker, Timothy Engolking, Christopher Borah. Sixth Row: Brian Vidach, Jeremy Nelson, Jordan Allmaras, Jarred LaDeaux, Shawn Mattarn, Eric Anshbaugh, James Rogers, Jeffrey Sinner, Ryan Olson, Schuyler Lee, Michael Westfall, Nathan Zakopyko.

STUDENTS LEAD SCHOOL

Student Council members were busy this year. They always had something going on, whether it was organizing something for the community or something for the students.

"We had many big events we organized this year. We started right after school last year with a car wash for the Roehl family. We also organized events for Homecoming Week: coronation, theme days and field goal kicks at football games. Student Council does a lot of big events during the year and they have a

lot of fun doing them," junior Katie Hawley said.

Even with all of these events, Student Council members would like to see some changes. During fundraisers and projects they would like to conduct events that would allow them to meet other people in the process.

"There aren't many things in Student Council that I would like to change, except to have more opportunities to get to know other Student Council members better. There aren't many times you get a group of people together and they

blend so well," sophomore Amanda Drees said.

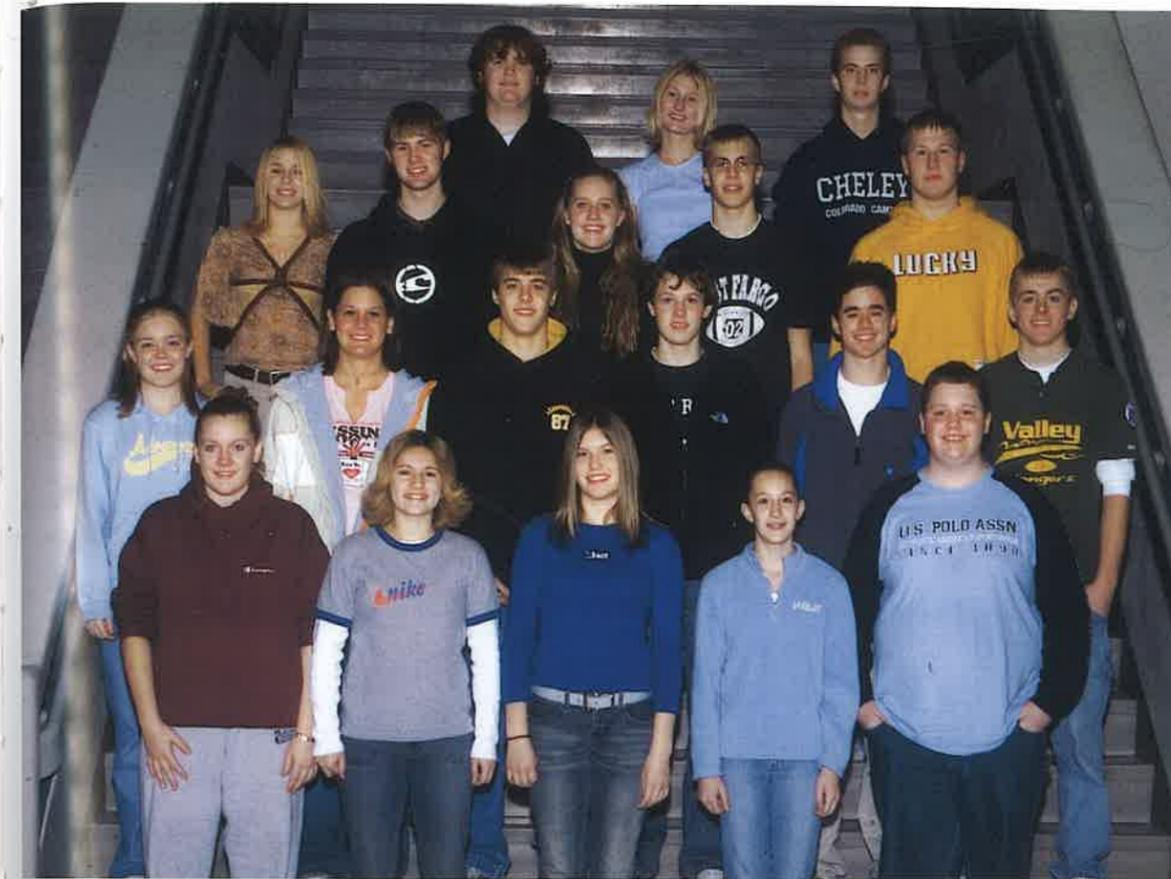
With all of these great ideas, future Student Council members will need leadership to carry them out.

"I think the young students have a lot of potential to do wonders in the school," senior Greg Tehven said.

The Student Council members accomplished so many things this year under the leadership of advisers Mrs. Karen Olson and Mr. Greg Grooters.

by Heidi Tobkin

Front Row: Ashley Davidson, Trisha McDonald, Elaine Burchill, Leslie Pladson, Brett Anderson. Row 2: Melissa Johnson, Amanda Drees, Kyle Hager, Justin Schulz, Jerod Heitkamp. Row 3: Kelly Klaers, Landon Johnson, Katie Hawley, Bobby Brand, Dan Dardis. Row 4: Zach Click, Tracy Canton, Greg Tehven.



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Minum... I'm hungry! Junior Dan Dardis and sophomore Justin Schulz put on the McBeautiful skit in Bismarek for Schulz to win Student Council Class A Rep.

Play that Funky Music, White Boy! Earning a few extra bucks on his spare time, sophomore Jerod Heitkamp entertains the crowd at state.



Safety First! Modeling safety apparel for Student Council sponsored Safety Day, sophomores Luke Baldwin and Justin Schulz recover after their spill down the stairs.



Were from West Fargo couldn't be prouder! During campaigning at Student Council State, senior Tracy Canton, juniors Landon Johnson, Kelly Klaers, Katie Hawley, sophomores Melissa Johnson, Amanda Drees, and freshman Trisha McDonald pose for a picture during campaigning at State.

"It was my first year in Art Club, and it turned out to be a lot of fun. I wish I would have found out how much fun it could be when I was a freshman."
 -senior Kelsey Linnertz

Top row: Cory Syverson, Heather Suchy, Nathan Smith, Carrie Horton, Tom Crilly
Middle row: Adam Nystuen, Josh Jones, Megan Winters, Christine Esser, Jennifer Slipper, Amanda Hewson
Bottom row: Stephanie Thomas, Nicole Carmicheal, Bjorn Fjosne, Sarah Volk, Mr. Larry Anderson, and Sam Christianson.



Flower power... Senior Mike Hebert tries to make his vase look beautiful.

Does this blue match my shirt? Junior Chrissy Peterson applies glaze to her project achieving the perfect color of blue.



Watch out Picasso! Senior Adam Hanson adds the finishing touches to his painting.

ART CLUB RAISES FUNDS FOR SUPPLIES

Art Club can be a laidback good time, and just hang around and be creative after school. "It's fun just to get together with friends and do art," sophomore Amanda Hewson said. Generally, the Art Club members are there just to have fun, but there are artistic activities involved.

The members help paint the sets for the plays put on by the Drama Department, put on art shows, both inside and outside the school, and organize several fundraisers including the sale of candy and baked goods. The profit from these events help

fund Art Club's various supplies. The money earned by the teacher goes toward activities. These activities also kept Art Club very busy during the year.

Adviser Mr. Larry Anderson said, "It's a good social thing for the kids." He is really happy with the way this year's club came together.

Although the year's challenge was to keep the group motivated through the various art shows and fundraisers planned and executed, it turned out to be a very fulfilling year.

"It was my first year in Art Club, and it turned out to be a lot of fun."

I wish I would have found out how much fun it could be when I was a freshman," senior Kelsey Linnertz said.

In order to participate in Art Club activities, members had to earn a certain amount of hours by putting in work for the Art Club and by helping with activities.

Students interested in art, and would enjoy helping with other artistic activities throughout the school, should talk to any of the members or Mr. Anderson.

by Kimberly Metcalf



Are moose dark brown or light brown? Senior Chris Mitchke adds glaze to his project before it goes into the kiln, but the question is, is this what his mother is really hoping for on Mother's Day?

DECA HAS AN EXCITING YEAR

FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS, MARKETING

The West Fargo chapter of DECA had a very busy year. DECA is an association made up of juniors and seniors involved in marketing. The DECA officers started out this fall with a fall planning conference held at the Holiday Inn in Fargo. There they learned how to be positive leaders and to work as a team.

"It was really fun, we learned a lot and met a lot of new people," senior Andrew Moch said.

DECA also participated in some fun and games during the school at South High. The West Fargo

Chapter had 18 students that competed, and were pleased when all qualified for state, which was held in Minot. They did many fundraising activities through the year, such as selling tickets to "It's a Wonderful Night" at West Acres. "It's a Wonderful Night" took place on the last Sunday in November, and only people with a ticket could shop. West Acres had huge discounts in every store for the customers. They also sold pizzas and other goodies. For competition they may do individual events or team events. The areas of competition

range from retail to financial services. Alyssa Lester competed in sports and entertainment with Jenna Dyrdaahl.

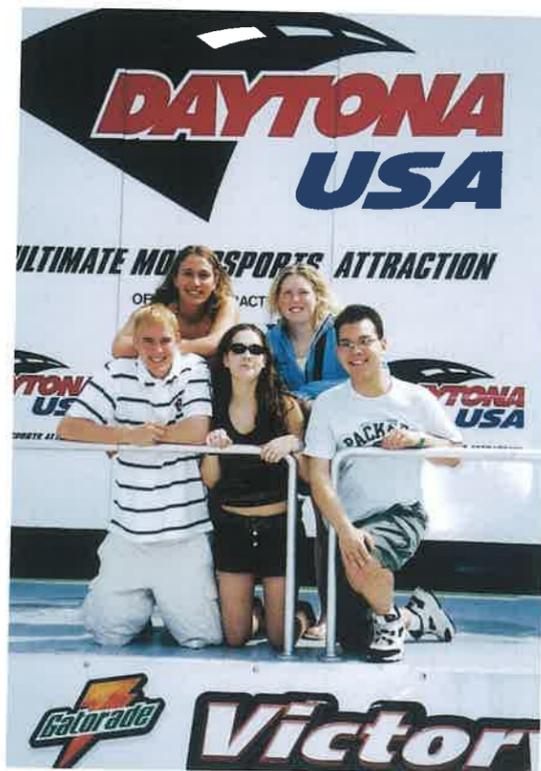
"We worked hard during our competition but we also got to do other fun activities while we were there, it was a great experience," junior Alyssa Lester said.

There were five members of DECA attending the 2002-2003 national competition, which is being held in Orlando, Florida this year. DECA members worked hard this year.

by Kyla Winkels

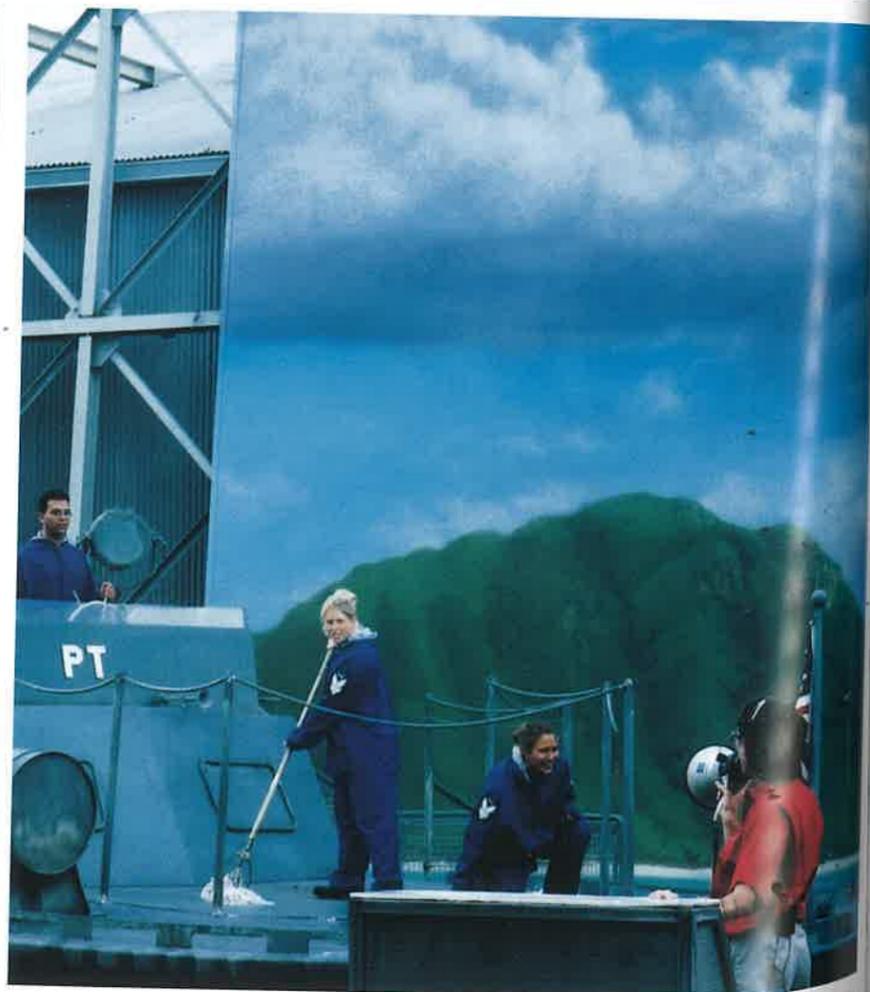


DECA Front Row: Jennifer Grund, Jennifer Peterson, Marni Benson, Jill Springer, Casey Heinisch, Becky Kelsch and Chelsey Klava. Row 2: Kyla Winkels, Jenna Dyrdaahl, Jena Weller, Alissa Rosenberg, Elyse Moen and Amanda Lahren. Row 3: Brittany Kloos, Alyssa Lester, Sydney Martinson, Jenna Peterson and Jennifer Sliper. Row 4: Kristen Bommersbach, Katie Bishoff, Jarred LaDouceur, David Rankin, Chris Hanes and Dave Wasness. Row 5: Joseph Guevara and Brian Kingsley. Row 6: Jon Hay, Andy Salquist, Josh Akers, Kirk Rienets and Richard Gruer. Row 7: Cody Nechiporenko, Matt Western, Andrew Moch, Sam Christainson, Mike Blickensderfer and Nathan Butler. Front Row: Mr. Anderson and Austin Montgomery.



Look mommy I won the race! Brian Kingsley, Jill Springer, Joey Guevera, Jen Sliper and Jen Pederson pose in a winners circle at Daytona International Speedway in Florida.

Swap the deck, Wash the rails...Joey Guevera, Jen Pederson and Jen Sliper re-enact parts from Pearl Harbor at Disney World in Orlando, Florida during the internatation at DECA Conference.



We are all so tired! Sitting around the table at the state DECA award ceremony, West Fargo DECA participants wait for the anticipated free breakfast meal.

"We worked hard during our competition but we also got to do other fun activities while we were there, it was a great experience."

—Junior Alyssa Lester



"I am glad this year was such a success and hope to get more people involved for the upcoming years."
 ~senior Greg Tehven

We did it! The FCA leaders are happy to have a successful year.



I can do it! Sophomore Karli Rodgers does everything she can to help her team win the spoon game at an FCA meeting.

Hold on tight! Senior Joe Klatt and Junior Tyler Roehl are on a team together for an FCA game and plan to win it all.

Back Row: Zane Nitzkowski Jesse Hackey Eric Weigel Greg Tehven Marc Gunderson Kyle Millar. Row 6: Trisha Howitz Lindsey Lauritsen David Valovich Andrew Gwost Kelsey Peterson Jill Kusatz. Row 5: Kristin Hoy Matt Western Joe Klatt Karli Rodgers. Row 4: Kelsey Gatz Kelsie Kinsella Erica Thompson Jennifer Lundgren Tom Bishoff. Row 3: Kim Lammers Heidi Tobkin Jennifer Grund. Nicole Heinz Brian Kingsley. Row 2: Laura Halle Blair Moorhead Marin Rosenvold Kelsey Brand Nick Pavsek. Front Row: Erin Vranish Megan Selland Shannon Hayes Kris Bruns Jennifer Sliper Kim Bruns Tracy Canton.



FCA BACK TO STAY

FCA is short for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA was brought back to the West Fargo High School students with a bang. It was once lost but now found. It is an organization that got together and talked about life, sports and how to become a better Christian. The leaders this year were seniors Greg Tehven and Zac Ista and juniors Jennifer Sliper and Jennifer Grund.

The leaders were happy to bring FCA back and excited to keep it going. "I am glad this year was such a success and hope to get more people involved for the upcoming years," Tehven said.

Most of the members were athletes or involved in sports. "It was a great way to find out how all the Packer sports were doing as well as learning about God," junior Lindsey Lauritsen said.

FCA also, like most organizations, brought together people from different groups of the school and got to know them better. "FCA was a blast and a good way to meet kids that I don't normally hang out with," sophomore Nik Pavsek said.

FCA was very successful this year and it is not planning to go away like it did in years past.

by Jennifer Grund

SADD HELPS STUDENTS WITH DECISIONS

Violence, suicide, abstinence, drugs and alcohol: these are just some of the issues that SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) members help other students deal with. SADD adviser, Brenda Onchuck said, "Students deal with a lot more than drinking, and we help them deal with all types of problems."

The West Fargo Chapter of SADD is community based, and the members were very busy throughout the school year. Their primary mission was to lower the number of young people dying in alcohol-related accidents in North Dakota. Throughout the year, they were involved in many different types of activities including National

Night Out Against Crime at Elmwood Park, and they also promoted SADD with a membership drive. They also sponsored Red Ribbon month, which promoted a drug free North Dakota.

January was suicide awareness month. Yellow ribbons were distributed to the community and tied around trees. They also put on a suicide awareness skit. In April, they promoted having a safe prom and graduation. Erikka Nolan, Valerie Schultz, Devin Campbell, Mark Schultz and their adviser, attended the National Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

Senior Ben Kirklewski said, "I think that SADD is a great program for students and I hope it had a great impact on the members."

North Dakota SADD also has a state advisory board. Valerie Schultz and Erikka Nolan were elected to the board in 2003. SADD also had their first annual end of the year banquet in May. At the banquet, members of SADD discussed what they had done the past year in the program, and what they want to achieve next year.

Senior Allison Laybourn felt that participating in SADD was a worthwhile time commitment. "SADD is a completely wonderful activity to join, it helps you with your morals a lot!"

The members of SADD had a very simple philosophy on the use of drugs and alcohol. Don't use.

by Alissa Rosenberg



SADD Front Row: Amanda Christianson, Abigail Clark, Trisha McDonald, Erikka Nolan. Row 2: Ray Langseth, Devin Campbell, Matthew Langford, Laura Meert, Jodi Meisch. Back Row: Warren Eastley, Jason Barnes, Valerie Schultz, Alison Laybourn.

TSA GOING ON STRONG AFTER FIVE YEARS

TSA MEMBERSHIP AT ITS HIGHEST NUMBERS

For its fifth year, the high school was involved with Technology Student Association (TSA), and it gets better with every year. TSA involves a group of kids that all have at least one common interest, and that is technology. The participants compete at the state competition. If they get a gold medal there, they get to go to the national competition. The location of the 2002-2003 national competition was in Orlando, Florida, and according to the TSA adviser, Rich Cwikla, the group planned to be there an extra day to visit Disney World and other

area attractions.

Freshman Karin Flom was in her second year of TSA, having started in eighth grade. Flom made it to her first national conference in June 2002, and hoped to make it to Orlando this year.

Punctuality is one of the most important things one needs to even make it to the state competition. Flom knows from experience how important it is to be punctual.

"When you do your homework for school, you don't really worry too much if you don't get it done exactly on time," said Flom. She also says, "In TSA, time and deadlines are very crucial. If you don't finish

just one of your projects, you don't really have much of a chance [at placing in an event] because of that. Your project has to be done when you get there."

This year went pretty well for TSA.

"Every week we get more members. We're at forty-one now," Cwikla said. He credits the rise in numbers to signs and announcements.

To find out more information about how to join TSA, talk to Cwikla, or check it out on the web at <http://www.TSAwww.org>.

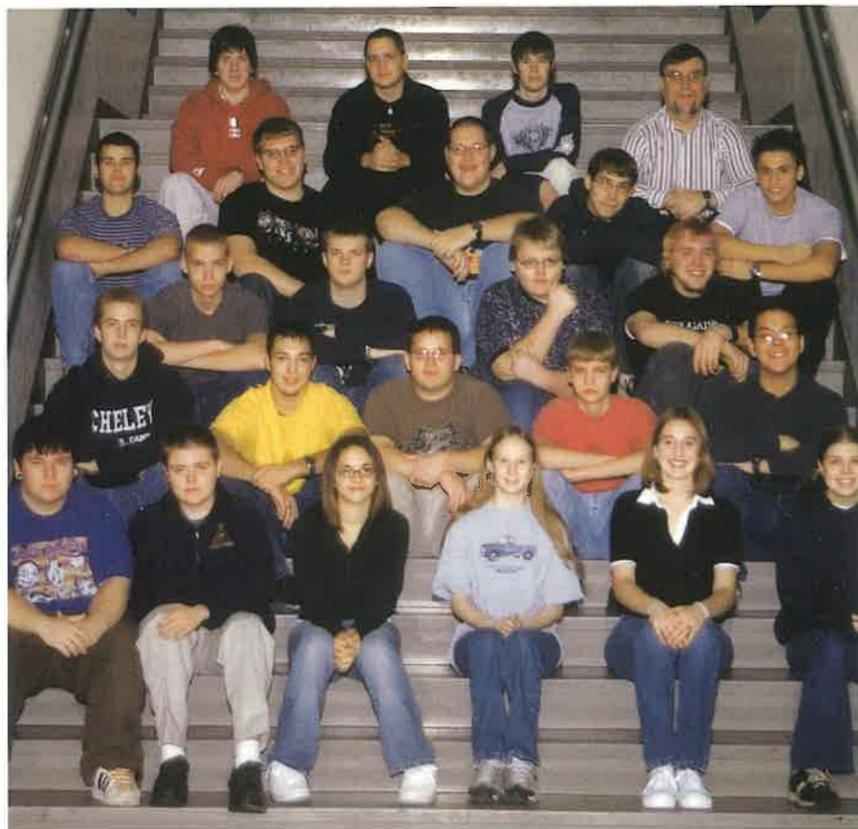
by DesiRae Beauclair

FBLA Front Row: Jared Diener, Matt Western, Jerod Heitkamp, Nathan Johnson, Kyle Hartley. Second Row: Sam Christianson, Andrew Neesh, Luke Baldwin, Kristin Hoy, Kristan Olson, Dan Dardis. Third Row: Scott Olson, Jimmy Hoy, Jenna Ludwig, Greg Tehven. Adviser: Rick Anderson.

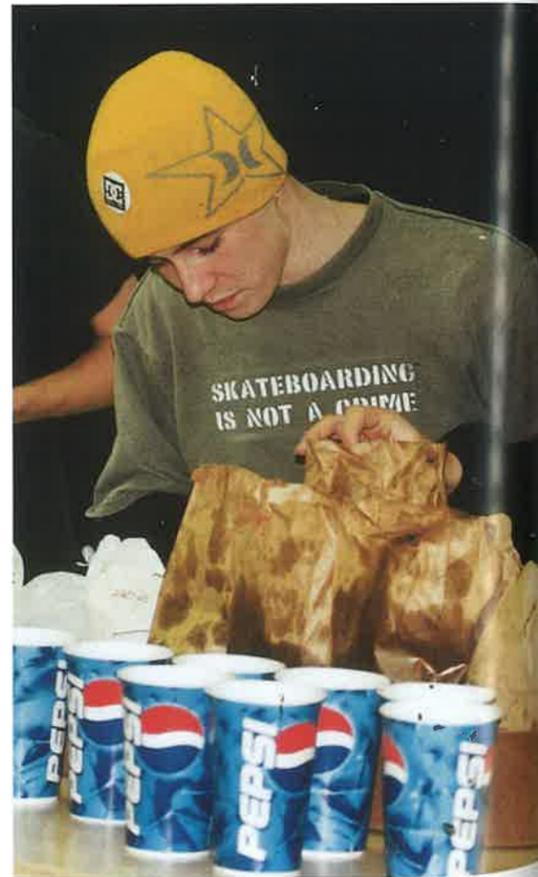


"FBLA is a fun and exciting experience and I'm proud to be a part of it."

~sophomore Jerod Heitkamp



TSA Row 1: Nick Christob, Nathan Cwikla, DesiRae Beauclair, Karin Flom, Kara Hadley, Kelsey Johnson. Row 2: Greg Tehven, Tom Gross, Nathan Holzworth, Joey Larson, Joey Guerrero. Row 3: Anthony Larson, Nick Lilijquist, Warren Eastly, T.J. Heilman. Row 4: Russel Cumber, Nick Funk, Scott Roguse, Sean Waquan, Amir Bikie. Row 5: Rudy Olmstead, Brian Gustafson, Luke Beedighamer. Adviser: Rich Cwikla.



Mmm! Chinese. Sophomore Kevin Pomey checks out all the food at TSA's Chinese-theme party during a fall meeting.

FBLA HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

FBLA, the Future Business Leaders of America, provided opportunities for students to develop vocational and career skills and prepared students for the business world. Members of FBLA gained experience in business leadership, money management, community service opportunities and interaction with others. Students who joined FBLA not only earned the opportunity to travel around the area, but they also traveled to state and national competitions.

This year the club had high hopes as they went to state. They were hoping that at least some of the students would compete and move on to a higher level. FBLA adviser Rick Anderson said, "We are looking forward to the state conference in Minot and hopefully some students will qualify for national competition."

Members said there was a lot of work that went into going to state, but they had fun

doing it.

"It's fun and we get to get out of school," sophomore Luke Baldwin said.

When asked why he joined Baldwin said, "I want to be a future business leader and I like Rockin' Rick Anderson!"

Sophomore Jerod Heitkamp also thought it was fun participating in FBLA. "FBLA is a fun and exciting experience and I'm proud to be a part of it," Heitkamp said.

This year FBLA members helped sponsor the 2nd annual middle school vs. high school teacher's basketball game. The event brought in money that was given to local charities.

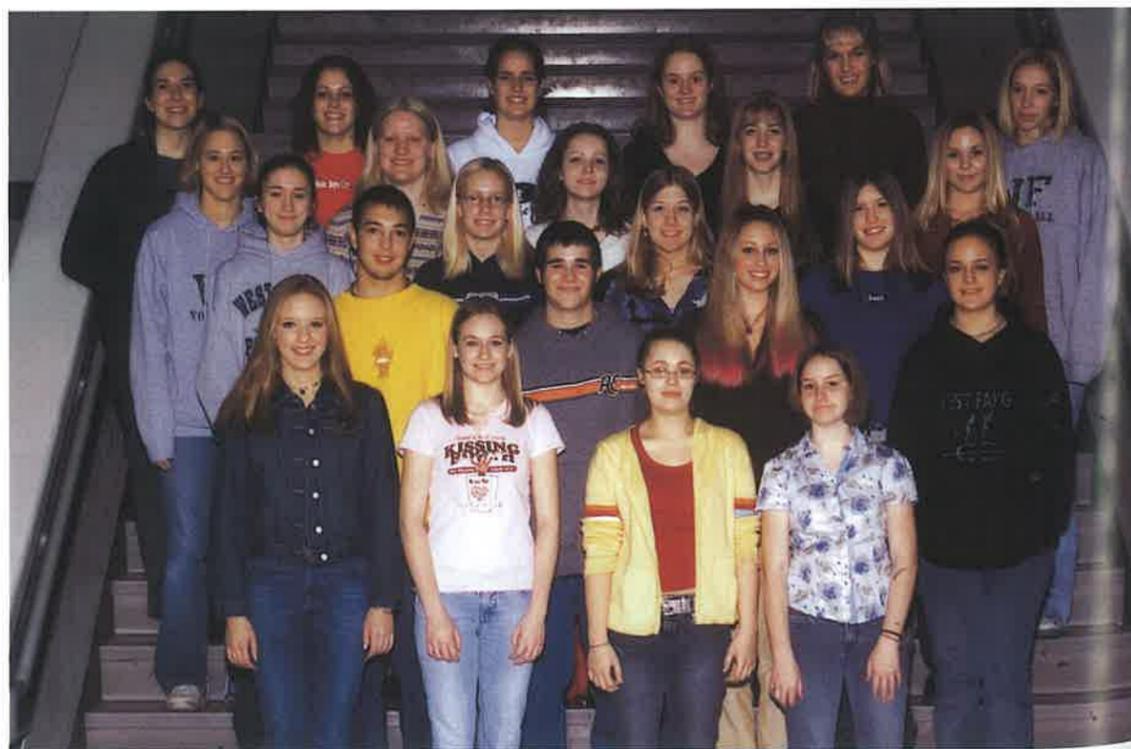
Members were also responsible for working concessions at the football games. New members look forward to next year and the new opportunities that might arise.

by Kayla Leier

"Key Club is a great experience and also great fun for all students."
-Adviser Christina Walker

Smile for the camera! Senior Levi Kalsow makes friends at the state Key Club convention.

What was that? Juniors Jessica Mammenga and Ciara Dickens share a laugh during their Key Club meeting.



Front Row: Tessie Jones, Ashley Rheault, Kelley Wilhelmi, Mallory Shirley. Row 2: Tom Gross, Levi Kalsow, Aubrey Neu, Monique Bergh. Row 3: Christine Esser, Briann Thompson, Rochelle Kirchhoffner, Elaine Burchill. Row 4: Erin Strahm, Katie Paczkowski, Sierra Kraft, Angie Woodbury, Kryshel Evans. Back Row: Mrs. Fessler, Stephanie Roers, Katie Wilkin, Leah Griffith, Chelsey Erdmann, Susan Worthington.

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

KEY CLUB OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO AREA BUSINESSES

What is Key Club? This is one question that many people ask. Many students that attend WFHS do not even know what Key Club does. Key Club is an organization where students from the school go out and help within the community. Students in Key Club help out the community in many different ways. "I have had fun and learned a lot in all of the years that I have participated in Key Club and would encourage everyone to join because it is a lot of fun," senior

Chelsey Erdmann said. Mrs. Christina Walker and Miss Angela Fessler advise the Key Club. They help the rest of the club come up with ideas of how they can provide help to the community. This includes many different types of activities. "Key Club is a great experience and also great fun for all students," Key Club advisor Christina Walker said. "These students go to various businesses in the Fargo-Moorhead area to offer assistance. They do not only work for these places, but they also know how to tie some fun into

it as well. In recent years, the Key Club has put on many activities for the students. "We try to put on various activities every year that the entire school can enjoy, so we can show that Key Club is a very fun and interesting organization," Fessler said. "This organization always welcomes new members to their club. If anyone wants to make a difference and help out within the community, Key Club is a great way to do so."
by Katie Warren



We are good! Members of the Key Club show off their recovery bags that they made for people in third world countries. Front Row: Tessie Jones, Sierra Kraft, Tom Gross, Elaine Burchill, Becca Hanson. Row 2: Sarah Christianson, Brenda Haug, Laura Halle, MacKenzie Moon. Back Row: Mrs. Fessler, Tressa Ireland, Angie Woodbury, Katie Wilkin, Jill Kroenke, Ashley Rheault, Leah Griffith.

WE THEATRKS TAKES ON A LONDON THEME

After months of hard work, days of eating potluck dinners and hours of memorizing lines, the cast of "My Fair Lady" performed six spectacular shows that left the crowd in awe. The hard work must have paid off because the theater was packed every night.

This play was not like any other play done in the past. Mostly because it took place in London, so the cast had to learn how to speak with a British accent. Another difference was in the cast size. "This play had the smallest cast for a main stage show that I know, only 35 people," sophomore Brad Kvamme said.

This was Mrs. Mary Knox Johnson's last year as a director, so the entire cast tried to do their best to put on a great show that she could retire with. Not only are they losing a great drama director, they are also losing many seniors. There were eight seniors that left this year, including a main character in this year's play, Adam Montgomery.

"The lifestyle is the thing I will miss the most about drama," Montgomery said.

Drama may be stressful at times, but over all, it is a fun and

exciting thing to be in. The cast members made tons of friends and memories to last a lifetime, but most of all, the people in the show are what really made drama fun.

"I like drama because you can express yourself, and I have a lot of fun singing and dancing. The people are very friendly and creative," sophomore Sam Schmidt said.

The time and effort put into "My Fair Lady" really paid off and left each cast member with a feeling of accomplishment.

by Chelsea Neubauer

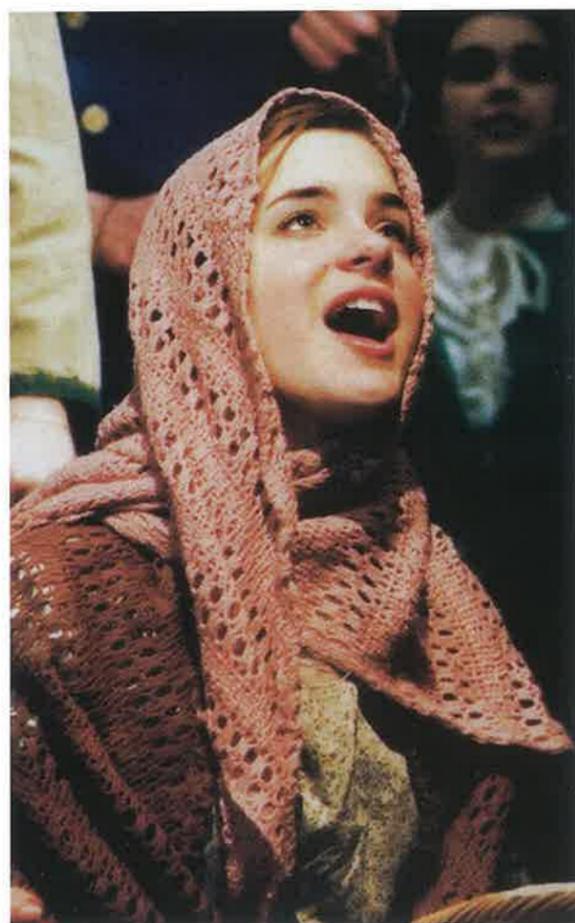


Fanning herself... Freshman Molly Siegert plays her role as Mrs. Hopkins in the play.

Oh my gosh! Eliza Doolittle played by junior Joie Sherman looks with shock at Prof. Henry Higgins played by senior Adam Montgomery.



Goofing around... Alfred P. Doolittle played by Senior Brandon Heitkamp talks to Mrs. Hopkins played by Freshman Molly Siegert.



Begging on the street... a flower girl played by sophomore Sam Schmidt sings out loud.

Singing Together... The butler played by junior Shane Ilijana and the policeman played by junior Alex Kelly sing together.



Confused... Mrs. Eynsford-Hill played by Senior Tara Sheeley looks in awe at what is going on.

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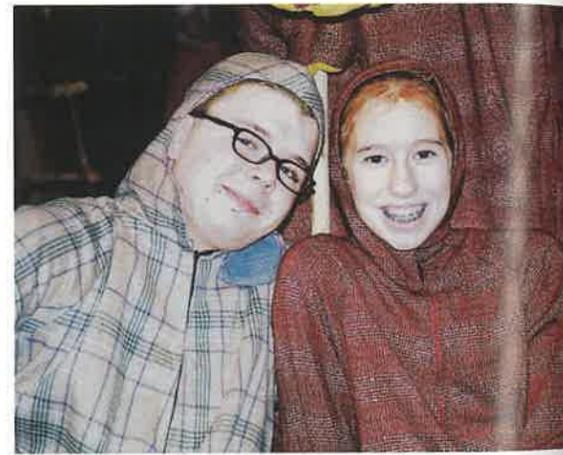
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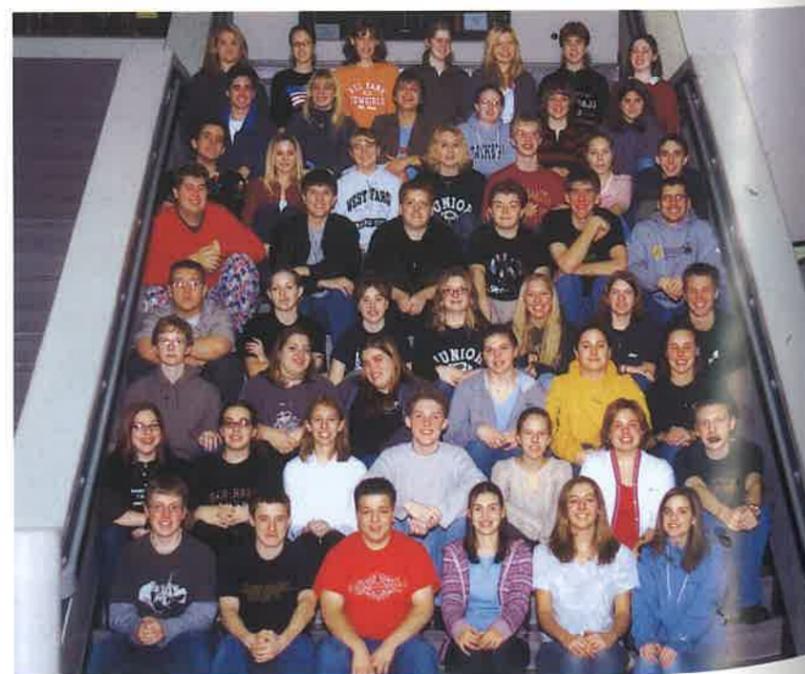
Say Cheese! Freshman Mallory Hayes and junior Brian Havelange watch intently with smiling faces.

Sneaky sneaky! As senior Tara Sheeley puts, senior Kelsey Linnertz tries to steal her goodies in the 'Peter Cottontail' play they put on earlier in the year.

Ohhh cute! Senior Ben Kapel and freshman Mallory Hayes huddle close to take a quick picture during practice for 'Peter Cottontail'.



Drama Back row: Tara Sheeley Danika Vigesaa Alicia Johnston Tali Dumdai Ashley Wilson Tj Gaskill Jessica Lambertz
7th row: Justin Schulz Missy Schiller Bjorn Fjosne Cailin Bailey Molly Siegert Amanda Mallett
6th row: Shane Ijjana Kryshel Evans Lacey Finnell Estee Dickson Chris Kuhn Katie Pedersen Casey Gilbertson
5th row: Mike Tengvall Brad Kvamme Lee Hartog Ben Kapel Alex Kelly Paul Koppelman
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2nd row: Kayla Whitaker Suzanne Al-Kayali Mallory Hayes Adam Montgomery Shannon Hayes Brianna Montgomery Cody Symaniet
First row: Paul Neary Kevin Pomey Shane Bauer Alicia Albrecht Angie Hunt Sam Schmidt



WORKING HARD CREATES GREAT TIMES

In fair West Fargo the crew scrambled around looking for their places. The big play of the year, 'My Fair Lady,' was about to start, and the theater was packed. The nervousness was a little too much for some of the cast. Members were in the back on the night of the show feeling as though they were going to get sick. The long nights, stress and demands were insane.

"Everyone worked really hard even to the point where they got sick, but I felt that it was worth it," sophomore Jon Dandurand said.

The reviews for the play were great, so it was well worth it. The members of the cast said the best part of drama was the adrenaline rush they got from being on stage in front of so many people.

"Drama is all about the rush. It's just like a natural high," sophomore Missy Schiller said.

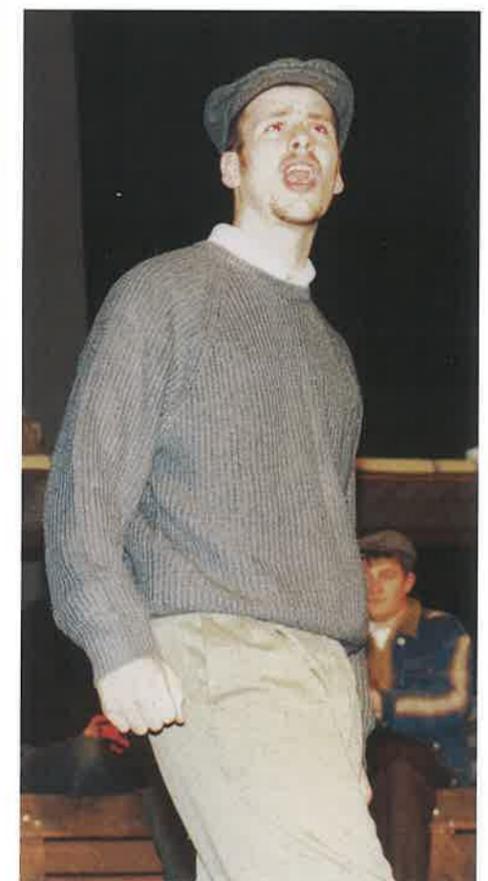
Not only did the cast come together and make a great performance, but they also became close friends. The cast had a lot of pressure, but they had each other to lean on.

"I also love the adrenaline rush, but the people are really fun to be

around," sophomore Angie Hunt said.

The people in drama put in a lot of hard work. They stayed after school almost every day from about 4:00pm to 6:30pm. It is crazy how much time and energy the cast put into this. That is dedication. When shows were approaching they stayed as late as 8:00pm. Drama members put on many productions throughout the year. 'Peter Cottontail,' and 'Angels in the Snow,' as well as their major production, 'My Fair Lady,' were all performed.

by Rachel Lugert



LaLaLaLa! Senior Paul Koppelman sings his heart out while practicing for 'Angels in the Snow'.

Can anyone help me?! Senior Brandon Heitkamp plays his part well in 'Angels in the Snow'.

SCHOOL IN NEED OF SOME MORE PEP?

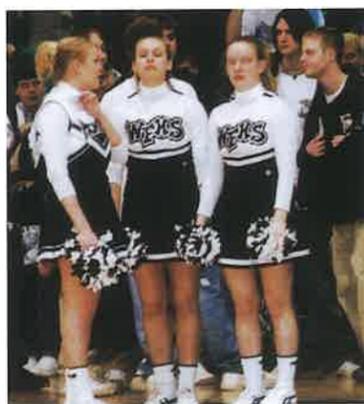
PEP CLUB OFF TO A ROUGH START IN MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR

"For as long as I can remember, I've always wanted to be a teacher," Mrs. Dawn Pederson said, and now she is living her dream. Pederson grew up in Harwood, ND, and graduated from West Fargo High School. She graduated from Moorhead State University with a degree in elementary education, specializing in learning disabilities for grades one through 12. Currently, she is in her sixth year of teaching. This year, she is also the Pep Club adviser.

The Pep Club is an organization that meets monthly. All the cheerleaders and other students participate in organizing and supporting school functions. "We do stuff like pep rallies, sporting events and school dances," freshman Samantha Borah said. They also supply treats for sporting events. At the start of the year there was only one other student who was not a cheerleader that joined the Pep Club. "I guess people don't realize that cheerleaders aren't the only people who can be in Pep Club," said

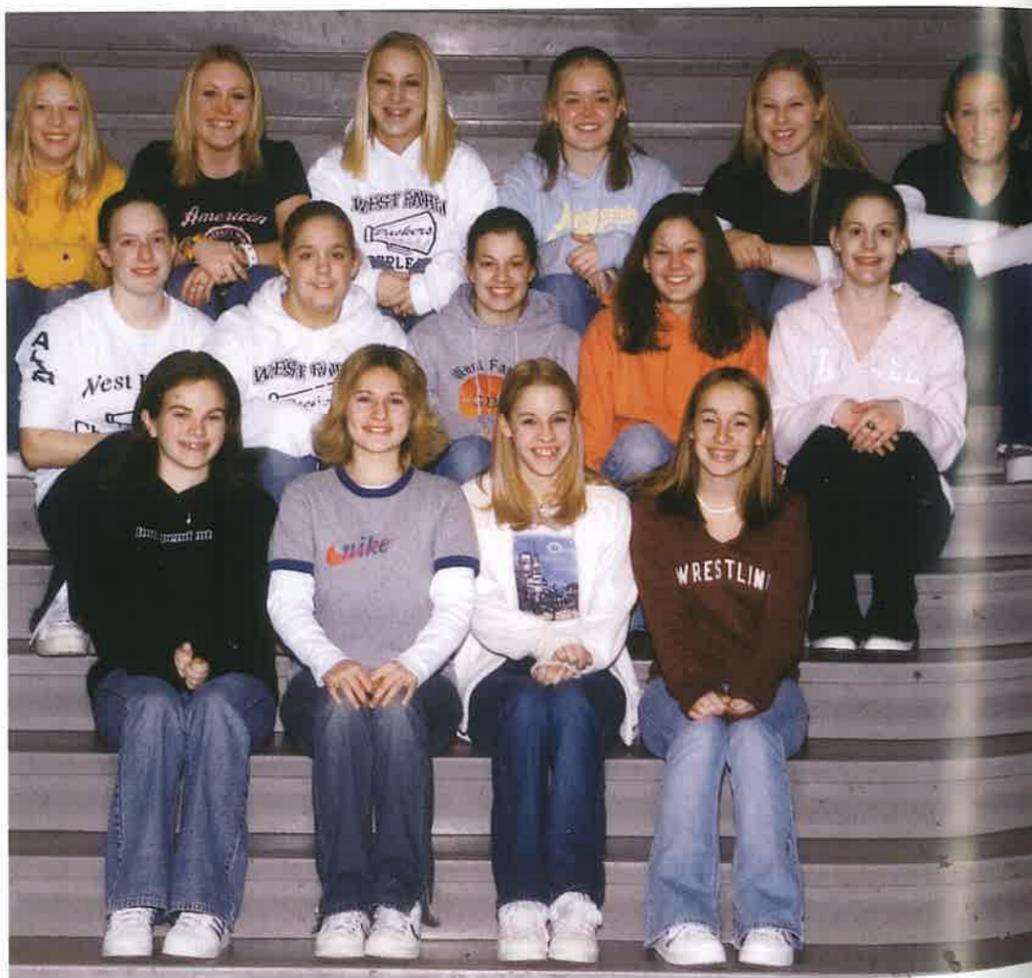
Pederson, on their lack of non-cheerleader members. "I've heard that in past years there have only been a few people other than cheerleaders involved in Pep Club, but I hope I can change that," Pederson said. "I'm thinking that we're just in need of some more pep." If one thinks that they might want to join the Pep Club, they should talk to Pederson. "I hope the number will grow in the years to come," Pederson said.

by DesiRae Beauclair



Oh, let's get this one! Junior Allison Nicholson flips the pages of a magazine looking for some pep club goodies at a meeting in November.

We need The Perfect Cheer! Sophomores Megan Emerson, Nicole Leno and junior Allison Nicholson contemplate which cheer they should do.



Row 1: Kelsey Lund, Trisha McDonald, Meghan Lewis, Angela Reule. Row 2: Allison Nicholson, Erin Trapp, Sarah Flores, Nichole Meyers, Jedi Meisch. Row 3: Samantha Borah, Megan Emerson, Jamie Lund, Missy Johnson, Amanda Ruid, Sally Lemke.



How about this? Sophomore Sarah Flores and freshman Robyn Stromberg listen while Mrs. Dawn Pederson shares an idea at a November Pep Club meeting.

Hmm, I'm thinking... Sophomore Missy Johnson and Freshman Sam Borah are thinking of fundraiser ideas at a Pep Club meeting this fall.



Go Green, Go! Ms. Toni Nelson, Mrs. Meghan Brown, Mrs. Brenda Hansen and Mrs. Claudia Engelstad cheer on the high school at the first fall pep rally.

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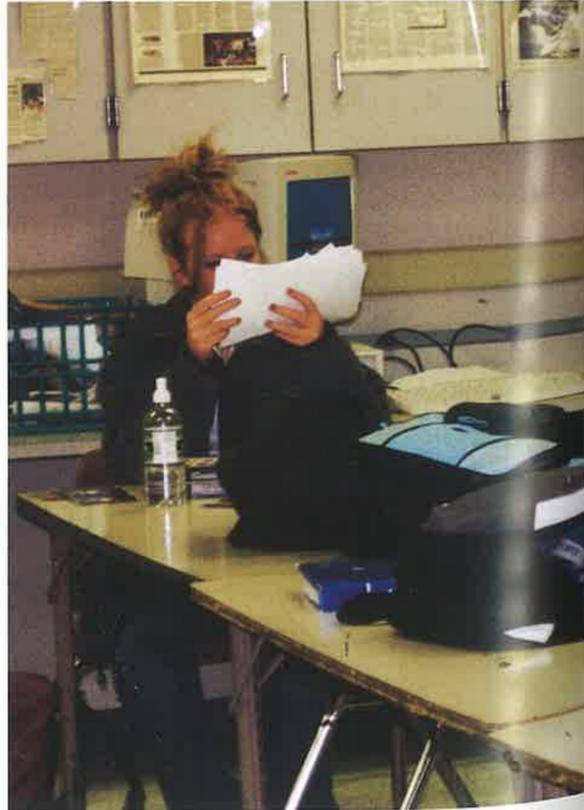
-adviser Dawn Pederson

"The trips are fun. We get to compete against other schools and kind of compete against ourselves to see if we can do better."
 ~senior Jessica Jansen

Yearbook: Front Row: Mrs. Meghan Brown, Jennifer Lundgren, Jennifer Grund, Megan Wigglesworth and Sara Monson. Row Two: Lacey Benson, Shazim Fayyaz, Maham Fayyaz, Kristina Cumber, Alissa Rosenberg, Ra'ay Reyes and Ashley Denne. Row Three: Trisha Howitz, Andrea Flaten, Madison Nicholls, Karrie Burdick, Heidi Tobkin and Brittany Kloos. Row Four: Chelsea Neubauer, Jamey Hughes, Jacilyn Koehlmoos, Brittany Moen, Kelsey Gatz and Heather Zimmerman. Row Five: Kimberly Metcalf, Katie Warren, Gregory Tehven and Tamara Lipp. Back Row: Levi Kalsow, Trent Gehrig, Taylor Stack, Mike Blickensderfer, Brian Kingsley and Tony Krajeck.



I'm tired. Just after waking up from a nap, senior Mike Blickensderfer looks like he is ready to go.



What pie should I use? Deciding on a picture to use in the yearbook, junior Brittany Moen chooses the best one.

STUDENTS DESIGN SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Taking pictures at sporting events, investigative reporting and participating in yearbook competition against other schools are some of the things involved with being in yearbook. The yearbook class works hard to make the yearbook each year. Most students agree that they learn a lot while having fun.

"It's a fun class where you can learn a lot about your school," junior Brittany Kloos said.

Every student in yearbook learned interesting facts about the school because they wrote stories on every school organization. Each student that was assigned a

story had to get information about the organization to write the story. Students had to get this information from investigating.

"You learn how to write stories, use computers and different computer programs," junior Karrie Burdick said.

The yearbook staff took a trip to Grand Forks. During the trip, the class competed with the yearbook against area schools.

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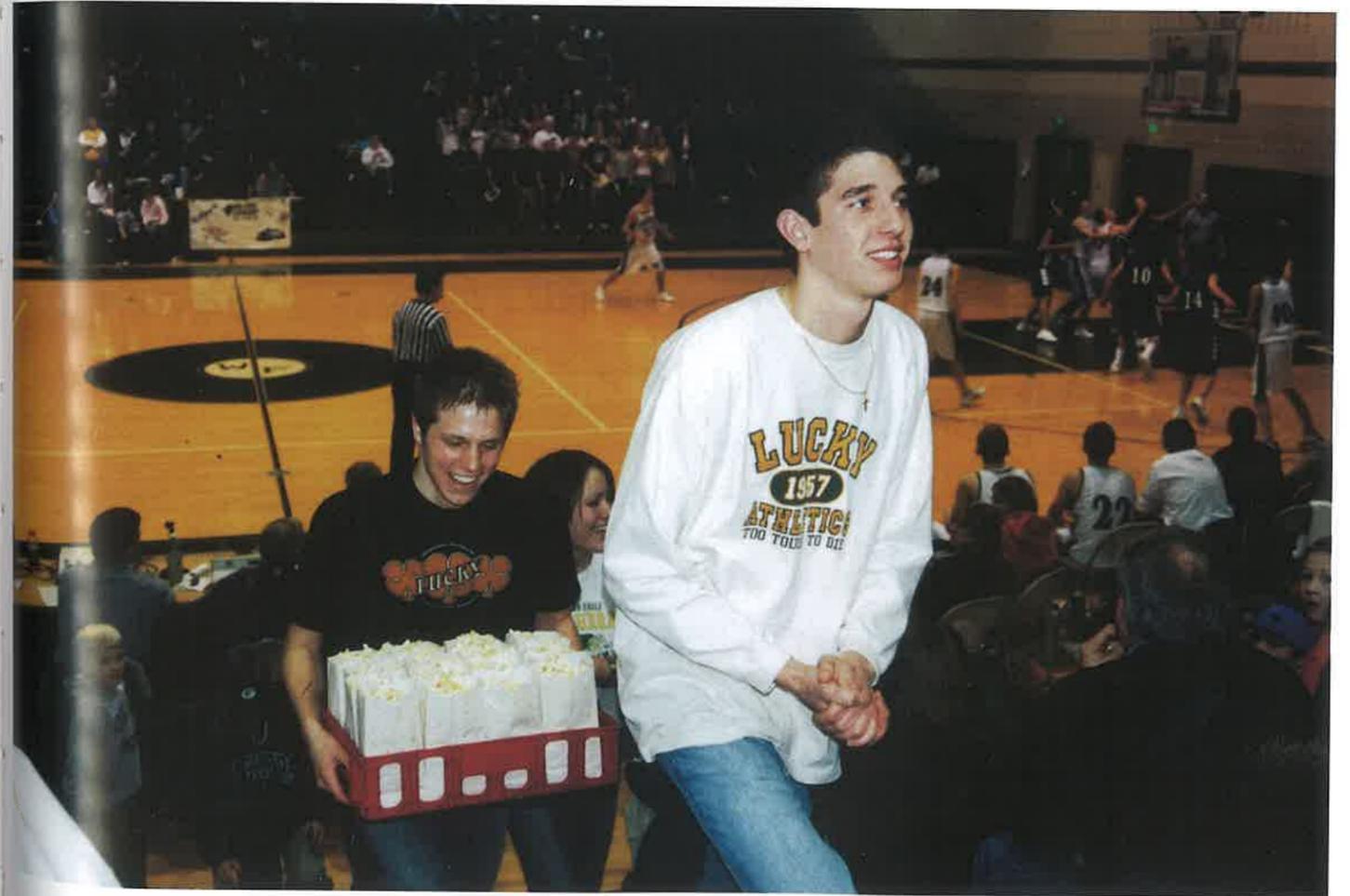
This past year, the administra-

tion let the yearbook staff go on an additional trip to Altona, Manitoba. On this trip, the class learned about how yearbooks, newspapers, brochures and magazines are made. The class actually got to tour the whole Friesens factory.

"The yearbook trips are fun, and you learn a lot of facts about making a yearbook," senior Tony Krajeck said.

From working their hardest on pages to competing on their pages, the yearbook staff this year did a great job and hope to do well in next year's competition!

by Brittany Moen



Popcorn, popcorn! Fundraising at a basketball game, sophomore Todd Volk and senior Mike Blickensderfer raise money for yearbook class by selling popcorn to basketball fans in the stand.



TEAMWORK, RESPONSIBILITY MAKES 'WRITE' THINGS HAPPEN

"Is it TGIF, today?"

"Yeah, the paper went to press this morning."

"Thank Goodness It's Finished!"

Another day, another month and another edition of *The Packer* finished.

Students in newspaper spent the year producing monthly issues of *The Packer* newspaper for the school community. Staff members wrote stories, took pictures and laid out pages of the paper, and all of their hard work paid off once they saw the printed product.

"I think it's a real-life application class because we work to produce

a product that we actually see, and it's published to the community," newspaper advisor Ms. Toni Nelson said. "It is more like a job in a lot of ways, than it is an actual academic class."

Students were required to meet deadlines for stories and pictures and to be available on layout nights to finish the paper, much like an actual job would demand. As a result, the main elements of the class centered on teamwork and responsibility.

"It's a class that puts responsibility into the people that take it," senior, Assistant Editor Ben Kapel said. "If you don't do your fair share,

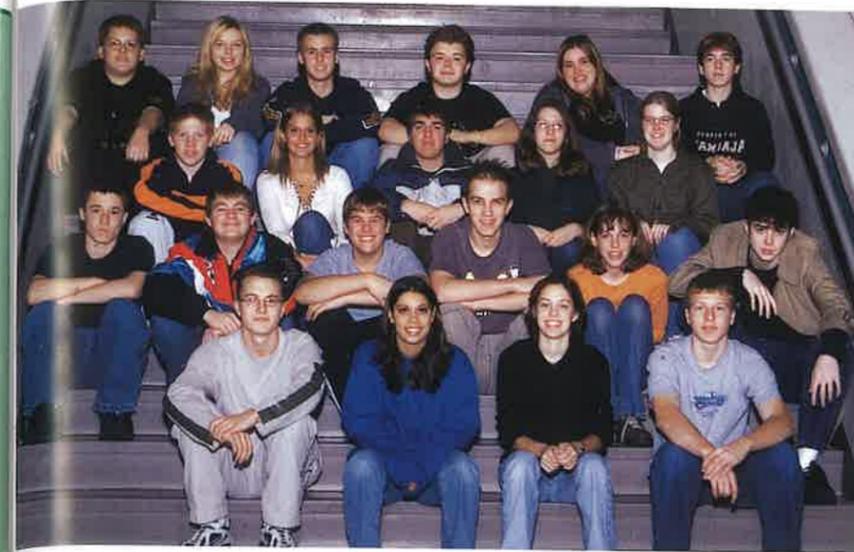
everyone else suffers and the final product suffers as well."

Senior and Editor-in-Chief Andrea Weishaar agreed. "Only the most responsible people who are up to the challenge should be in it," Weishaar said. "We're a team here. If one person is lagging behind then it brings the rest of us down with them."

Being a part of *The Packer* taught the staff lessons they can use in the future and allowed the students' opinions to be heard.

Most staff members loved the class and are proud of what they accomplished during the year.

by Kristen Daum



The Packer. Front Row: Adam Meert, Andrea Weishaar, Megan Aamot, Ryan Kostelecky. Row 2: Kevin Pomey, Jason Boerger, Nick Stenerson, Alex Dean, Alicia Johnston, Nathan Smith. Row 3: Jerad Steichen, Kellie Jacobson, Jeff Morris, Stacy Verdoorn, Tali Dumdai. Back Row: Lee Hartog, Ashley Wilson, Jordan Volk, Ben Kapel, Anna Rumsey, TJ Gaskill.

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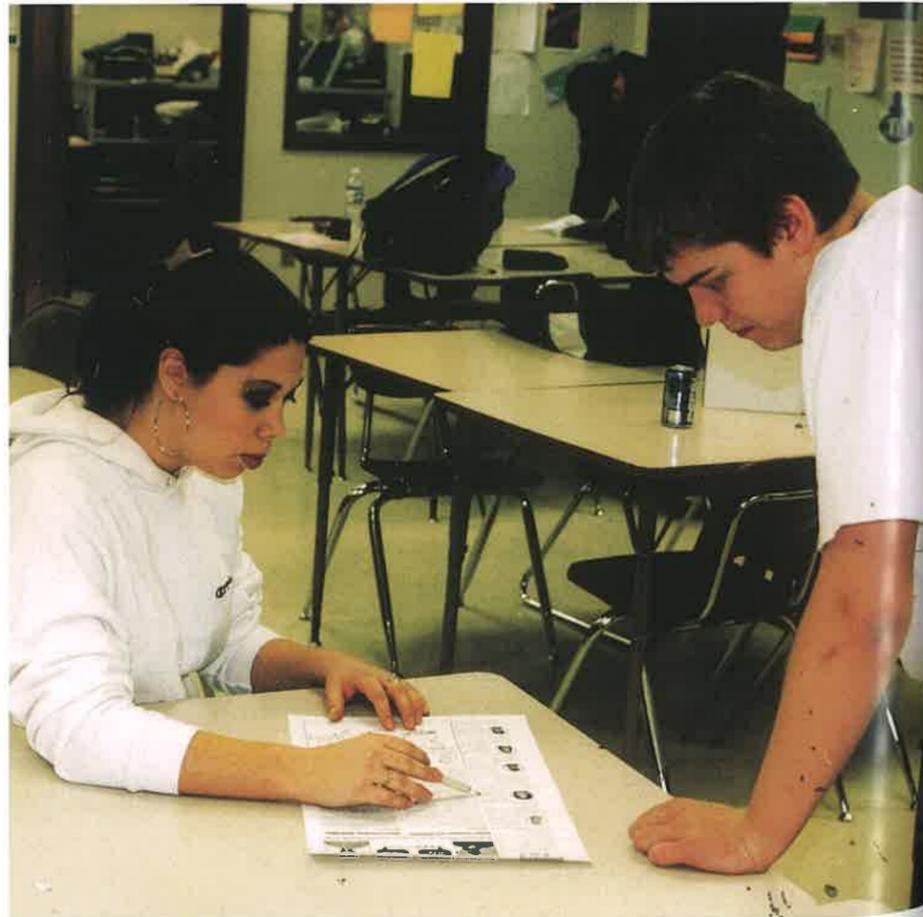
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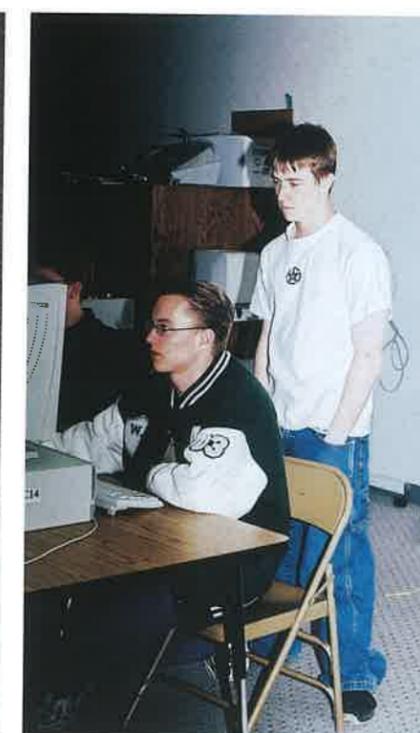
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That's why it didn't fit! Senior Editor-in-Chief Andrea Weishaar shows freshman reporter Nick Stenerson what needs to be fixed on his page during a March lay-out night.



What an honor! Newspaper Adviser Ms. Toni Nelson accepts her award for 'Adviser of the Year' from Peter Johnson at the NIPA spring competition.

Always remember one pic a space! Senior copy editor Adam Meert helps sophomore Kevin Pomey position stories and pictures on his lay-out page.

Dedicated enough? Sophomore Kevin Pomey and Freshman Dana Kudelka read *The Packer* as they sell treats for the newspaper's Valentine's Day bake sale.



"I think it's a real-life application class because we work to produce a product that we actually see, and it's published to the community." ~ Newspaper Adviser Ms. Toni Nelson



"Going to state was a very interesting and moving experience for me. Being a senior, this is the last time I will be able to go to these tournaments and participate in them."

~senior, team captain Zane Nitzkowski

ALWAYS WORKING HARD.

He walked up to the podium and announced the second point for the debate. The other team was shocked. That point never even crossed their minds. "Debate has never really been a popular organization to be in," according to adviser Mr. Jeffery Huffman, but the West Fargo Debate Team loves what they do. "I love being able to walk up to the podium and argue with someone I don't know for an hour or so," freshman Karin Flom said.

These were some wild and crazy kids. Even

though there were less than five members this year, the team brought a few first and second places home from various tournaments throughout the state. "Going to state was a very interesting and moving experience for me. Being a senior, this is the last time I will be able to go to these tournaments and participate in them," senior team captain Zane Nitzkowski said.

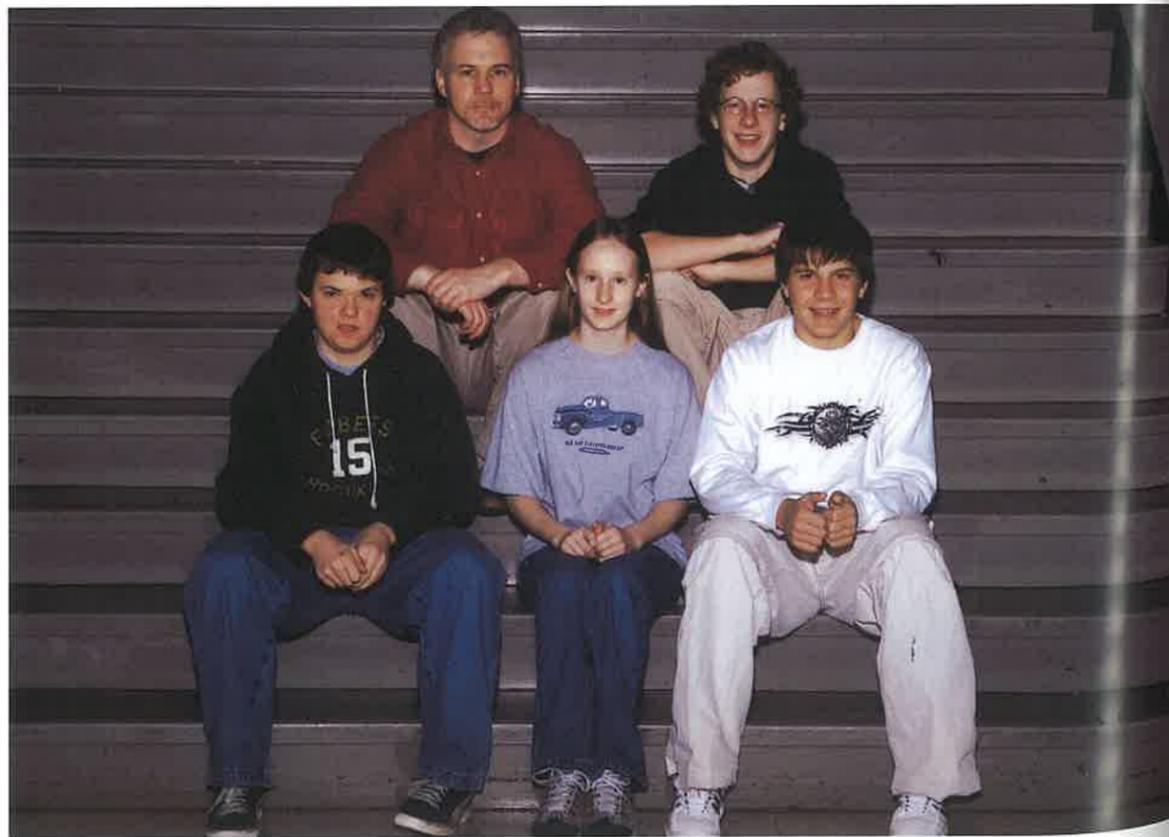
The team did not place at state, which was held at Shanley High School on February 7th-9th. They worked hard at winning a few tournaments. "My fa-

vorite part of debate was hearing the judge say and the winners are the West Fargo team," freshman Brandon Nitzkowski said.

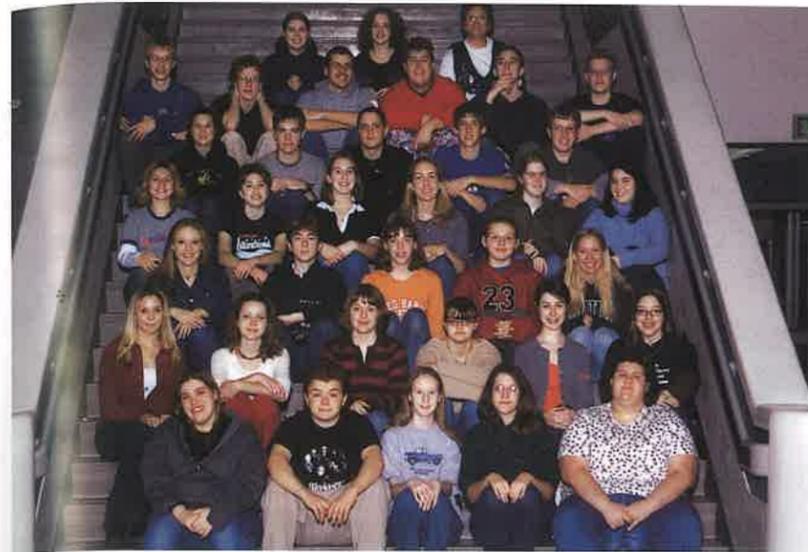
Since there is only one graduating senior, the team hopes to recruit a few more members before next year begins.

He finished with his second constructive, in which he brought up his second point of the debate, and waited for the other team to question him. The only words he heard were, "We have no questions, thank you."

by Sally Lemke



Debate: Back Row: Adviser Jeffery Huffman, Zane Nitzkowski. Front Row: Jared Miller, Karin Flom, Brandon Nitzkowski



Science Olympiad: Back Row: Kelsey Johnson, Emily Hill, Advisor Mrs. Paczkowski. Row 6: Chris Kuhn, Zane Nitzkowski, Paul Koppelman, Mike Tengwall, Casey Gilbertson, Jesse Hackey. Row 5: Katie Joyce, Josh Wolff, Brian Gustafson, Nick Mitchell, Paul Neary. Row 4: Trisha McDonald, Dacia Campers, Kara Hadly, Jessica Mammenga, Tali Dundal, Kerri Houle. Row 3: Tessie Jones, T.J. Gaskill, Aleia Johnston, Krissy Lehfeldt, Roberta Pylak. Row 2: Kryshel Evans, Sarra Kraft, Molly Siegert, Sherry Witt, Jenna Barentsen, Kayla Whitaker. First Row: Anna Rumsey, Benjamin Kapel, Karin Flom, Stacy Verdoorn, Allison Namiller.

Got to get it down. Before he performs for the audience in one of the speech teams, many competitors held at the West Fargo High School Junior Alex Kelly practices his lines.

Say cheese! While smiling for the camera, sophomore Chris Kuhn and freshman Suzanne Al-Kayal take a quick break at a competition.

STUDENTS SHARE IDEAS THROUGH SPEAKING

Speech is a challenging course that was made to help students organize and share their ideas through speaking. Students learned to speak in a variety of ways: persuasion, extemporaneous speaking, oral interpretation and storytelling.

Mrs. Candice Paczkowski headed the speech team this year. "I believe we did very well in our EDC competition. I was very proud of my students," Paczkowski said.

Speech had two major competitions this year. The first major competition was the EDC Speech Tournament that was held on March 22. In this competition, junior Kara Hadley took first place in Persuade. Freshman Krissy Lehfeldt took first place in Entertain. Sophomore Katie Joyce took first place in Prose. Joyce also took first place in Drama. Many other students placed and were state qualifiers for the state competition.

Overall the speech team took

second place. "I had a lot of fun and I hope we do this well again in the near future," Heitkamp said.

The second major competition was the state speech competition. In that competition, Hill and Kraft took seventh in Serious Duo. Joyce took sixth place in Drama. Hadley took sixth place in Persuade. Nitzkowski took seventh place in Impromptu. Heitkamp and Siegert took second place in Humorous Duo. Others also participated.

Students from the speech team showed their hard work in competition this year, and they watched it pay off. "I'm glad we worked hard to get where we are today, but I believe that we will work harder to better at the tournaments that we will attend next year," Joyce said.

Speech has become a major opportunity for kids to show off their talent in speaking, as well as organize and share their ideas.

by Samantha Felts



"The environment has always fascinated me, and Envirothon was right up my alley. Envirothon is not just fun, but also a great experience."

~senior Daryl Gartner said.

Envirothon Back Row: Kelsey Beauchamp, Lindsey Bellmore, Trisha Huus, Daryl Gartner, Adam Spiker. Front Row: Trisha Howitz, Jennifer Sliper, Farhyyo Abdulkarim, Cailin Bailey, Advisor Sara Fornes.



UNO! Taking a break from competition, junior Jennifer Sliper and sophomore Kelsey Beauchamp play a game of Uno.

The weather is terrible! Coming inside from a cold rainy envirothon trail, senior Trisha Huus talks about the chilly wet weather.



COMPETITION IN THE WOODS

What do 10 West Fargo high school students plus the environment equal? The equation equals the West Fargo High School Envirothon team, led by science teacher Mrs. Sara Fornes. Envirothon consisted of teams that learn about soil, aquatics, forestry, animals and farming. After they learned about those five areas, they attended the state competition in Medina, North Dakota. There, the Envirothon teams competed by doing trails and giving an oral presentation. The winners

of the competition got to go to Maryland for the National Envirothon competition. Many of the students in Envirothon joined to be in an extra-curricular activity. "I wanted to be in an extra-curricular that involved the nature," junior Jennifer Sliper said. Other students joined the Envirothon team because they like working with the environment. "The environment has always fascinated me, and Envirothon was right up

my alley. Envirothon is not just fun, but also a great experience," senior Daryl Gartner said. The Team also enjoyed getting to know new people. "I like Envirothon because it's interesting and the people are fun to work with," senior Trisha Huus said. Many of the Envirothon team members joined for many different reasons. For the first time in two years the West Fargo Envirothon team did not bring home a first place prize. None the less they tried their hardest.

By Trisha Howitz

WHAT DOES SCIENCE MEAN

Science is the observation, identification, description, experimental investigation and theoretical explanation of phenomena, but to the Science Olympiad members, science means much more. Every student in this club put time and effort into experiments and hypotheses in order to learn more about science.

Mrs. Joan Baltazore and Mrs. Pam Thompson headed the team this year.

Science Olympiad was fun and took a lot of effort. "Science Olympiad is fun, and it keeps me in touch with science," senior Joe Daum said.

The Science Olympiad team placed fourth at the Regional

Science Olympiad competition in Valley City on Thursday, March 27. The individual placers were senior Kelsey Brand who placed fourth in Science of Fitness, freshman Jason Zurn and Brand who placed fourth in Cell Biology, junior Alex Parkhouse and junior Ben Roth who placed fourth in Bottle Rocket, senior Kristina Bruns who placed third in Disease Detectives, Brand and Bruns who placed third in Write It Do It, sophomore Cailen Bailey and Parkhouse who placed third in Sounds of Music, sophomore Kristen Daum and Bailey who placed second in Feathered Frenzy and freshman Dan Clark and Zurn who placed first in Robot Ramble.

The team members were great. "We did great this year, but somehow I believe we'll do better," Bruns said.

Having fun is also one of the most important factors on the Science Olympiad team. "We had fun and that's all that matters to these kids," Baltazore said.

The team placed seventh in Class A and ninth place overall at the State Science Olympiad competition, which the team was invited to attend.

Students learned how smart they really could be in this club for science. Many students are looking forward to coming back next year.

by Samantha Felts



Hope it doesn't break! Senior Joseph Daum looks at his bridge with smiles. The bridge was used for Boomleber.

Science Olympiad: Back Row: Advisor Pam Thompson, Joseph Daum, Advisor Joan Baltazore. Row 2: Lana Bauge, Kristen Daum, Zane Niskorski, Jesse Hackley. Front Row: Cailin Bailey, Dan Clark, Alex Parkhouse.

The sound of music. Sophomore Cailin Bailey and Senior Daryl Gartner smile for the camera while playing their home made instruments made for the Sound Of Music.

PACKER PRIDE RECOGNIZES STUDENTS AND STAFF

Congratulations to this month's Student of the Month! Students who worked hard on their schoolwork and also juggled a job, extra curricular activities or community volunteerism sometimes felt discouraged, but Packer Pride did their best to recognize those outstanding students, as well as excellent teachers. The organization's advisers were Miss Lynette Mund and Mrs. Ruth Joyce, who both enjoyed the position.

"We've been very happy with Packer Pride this year, and hopefully it will be bigger and better next year with more student involvement," Mund said.

Since the organization did not

have funds of its own, they appreciated all the contributions from the community. Some of the things businesses donated were gift certificates and free tanning coupons. Packer Pride chose students of the month in grade nine through 11. It gave students a sense of accomplishment.

"I think Packer Pride is important because it acknowledges the hard work of staff members and those students who may be involved in organizations other than just athletics. It gives students who aren't in sports, or who may not get perfect grades, recognition," Joyce said.

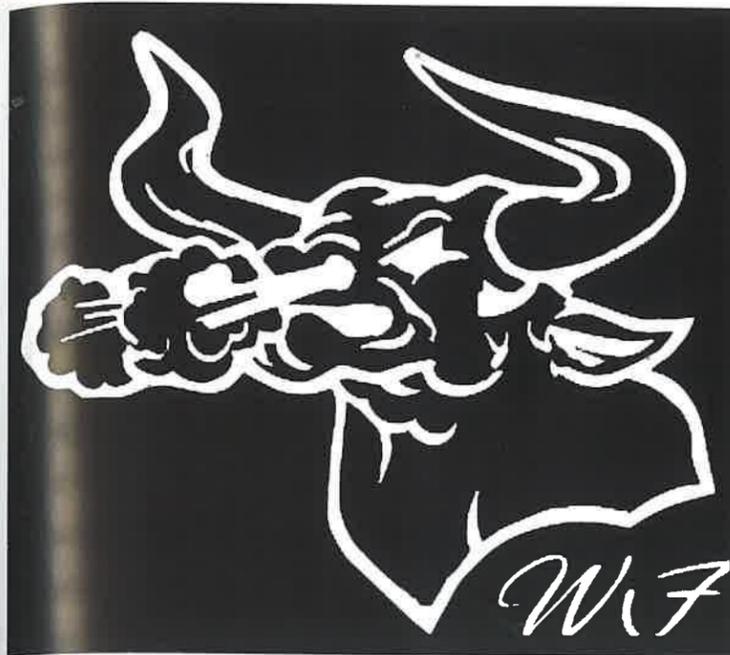
The organization gave out three awards each month. Those three

awards were the Teacher of the Month Award, the Staff to Staff Award and Student of the Month Award. The January Teacher of the Month was Mrs. Susan Jordahl.

"I think Packer Pride is an awesome program to support our staff and students. It's especially great for students because it gives them a lot of incentive to continue working hard," Jordahl said.

The incentives Packer Pride provided for students and teachers made a difference. The organization will continue to work hard to recognize outstanding students and staff members.

by Heather Zimmerman



We've got spirit, yes we do...Packer softball moms show their support for their girls during the state championship softball tournament held at Elmwood Park in West Fargo.

Good play. Softball dad Jeff McCracken watches the game intently, showing his approval of the play.

PACKER BACKER

PARENTS SHOW SUPPORT

The Packer Backers have always supported and helped out the school with activities. The Packer Backers donated their time and energy to fund and support the activities at West Fargo High School.

The Packer Backers raise money and donate it to associations and activities. "Our purpose as a group is to support encourage, and generally assist athletics, speech, drama and other programs and events in the high school," Packer Backer Kevin Staska said. The Packer Backers raised money by selling concessions, selling memberships, and selling "photo buttons".

The money that the Packer Backers raised

supported activities and organizations throughout the year. "We support not just sporting activities but other groups like speech and debate as well," Packer Backer Brent Lundgren said. One of their big projects this year was donating a flat bed cart to Mary Mannock. The flatbed truck transports gallon water jugs and has other various uses.

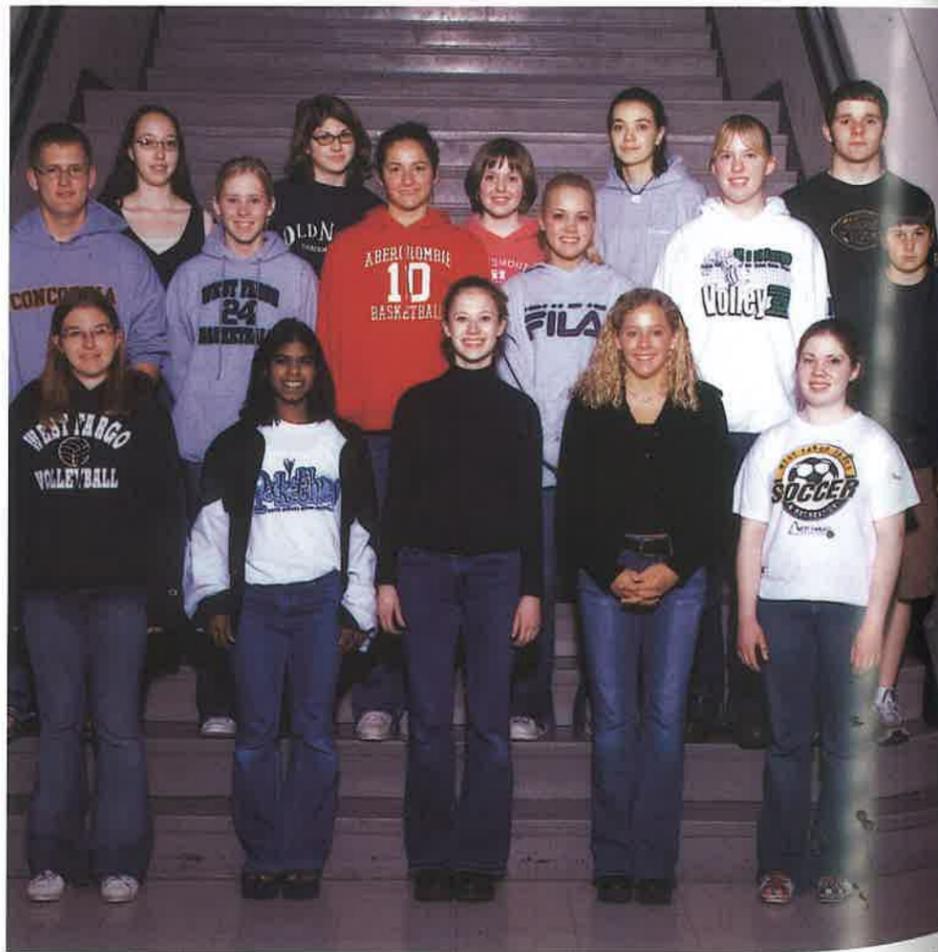
The Packer Backers are an organization that put a lot of effort towards supporting West Fargo High School. After a big year of fundraising the Packer Backers are ready for the challenges of next year.

by Karrie Burdick



We make one heck of a team! Proud of all their hard work seniors Sara Monson and Greg Tahven, along with advisers Ms. Lynette Mund and Mrs. Ruth Joyce hold their heads up high. Packer Pride accomplishments this year included organizing students of the month for underclassmen teachers of the month the staff to staff award as well as food for teachers during the final weeks of classes.

Packer Pride Students of the Month Back Row: Evelyn Fuentes, Amanda Mallet, Molly Siegert, Nizama Omanovic, Drew Rheault. Row 2: Creighton Brown, Nichole Rheault, Andrea Hummel, Alicia Hag, Elise Potter, Dan Staska. Front Row: Alicia Rohr, Naida Hart, Shai Bee, Jennifer Lundgren, Jessica Lambertz.



"We've been very happy with Packer Pride this year, and hopefully it will be bigger and better next year with more student involvement."
-Miss Lynette Mund

Wild and Crazy Year Comes to a Close

The season is finally over, and the year has come to an end. The memories from this year will be cherished forever. The wild and crazy class of 2003 moved on with their lives, leaving West Fargo High School with a first place finish.

Sports fans will never forget the football season, along with the taking of the state title. Throughout the rest of the wide-stretched sport season, many other teams dominated other schools with Packer pride. The Packatahns finished strong nationally, along with hockey making the state tournament for the first time in West Fargo history, and taking fourth place overall.

All the clubs finished strong with a year of fierce competition. The show could not have gone on without the refs, and this year Ms. Mary Knox-Johnson and Mrs. Pam Offerdahl are leaving on top of their game. West Fargo High School will not be the same without them.

Prom was a big success this year with the theme of 'By the Light of the Moon.' Completing the various tasks, and getting through the ups and downs of the obstacle course, the student body once again had a wild and crazy year.

by Levi Kalsow



Do we look like a king and queen? Showing off their crowns, seniors Jon Hay and Kristan Olson were named this year's homecoming king and queen.



Can I help you? With some hard work, Mrs. MaryJo McKay and Mrs. Pam Offerdahl look on to give advice to people.



Pay attention class! Showing some ideas to her class on the board, Mrs. Mary Knox-Johnson wonders if her class will understand her.



Do you like this song? Singing a nice melody, senior Adam Montgomery serenades senior Melissa Mallet with a love song during their drama performance.



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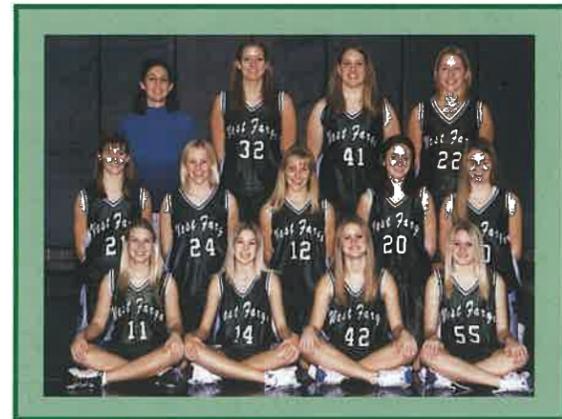
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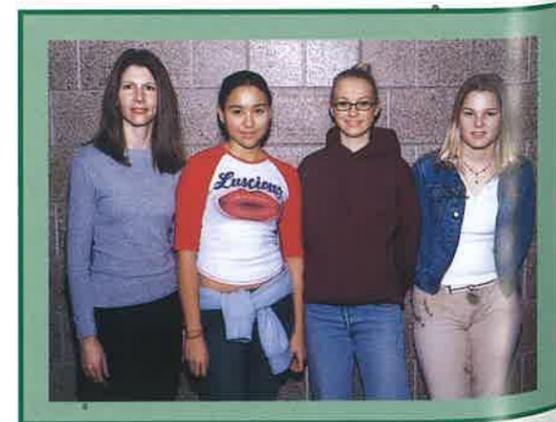
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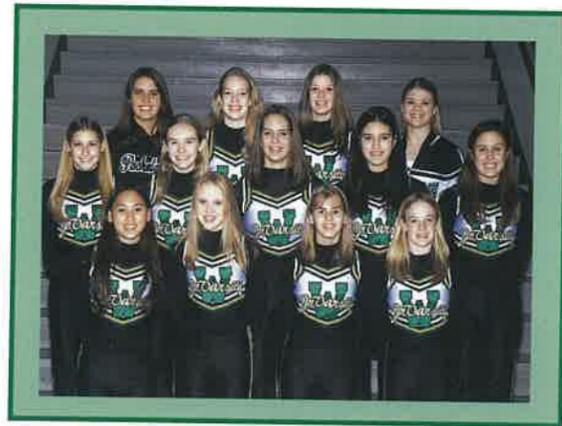
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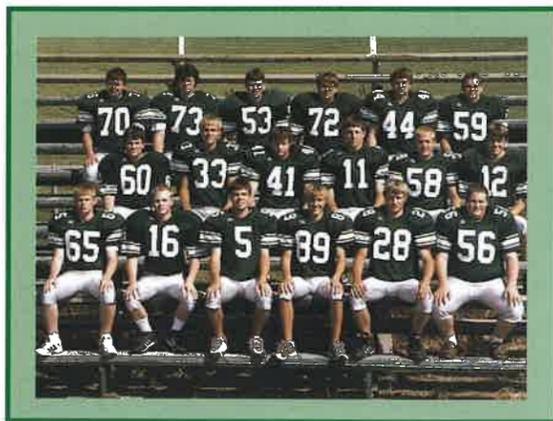
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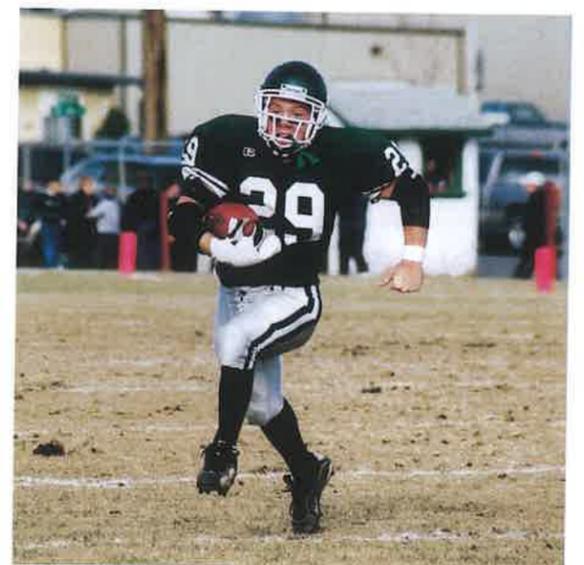
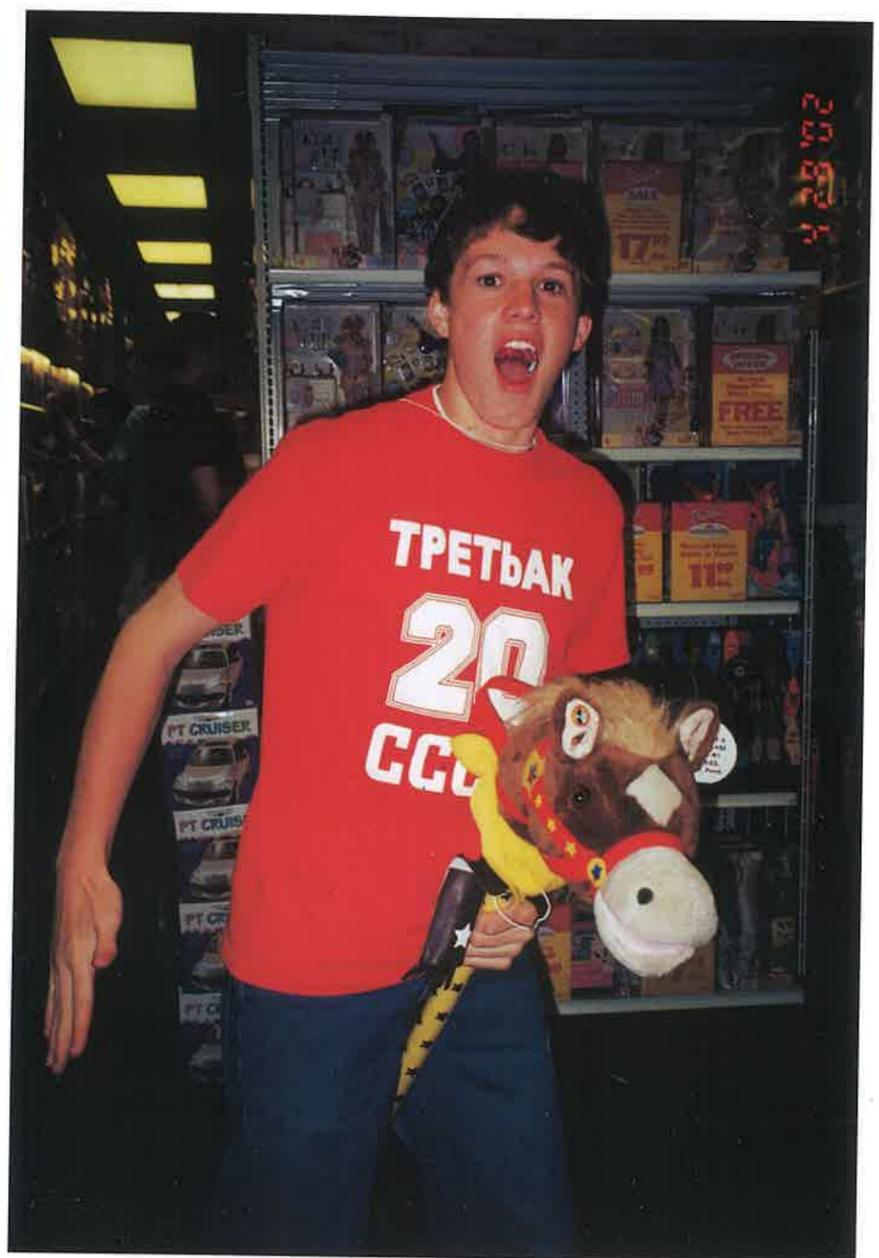
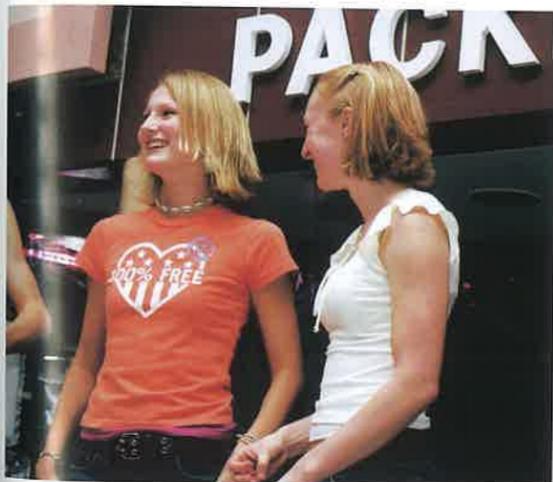
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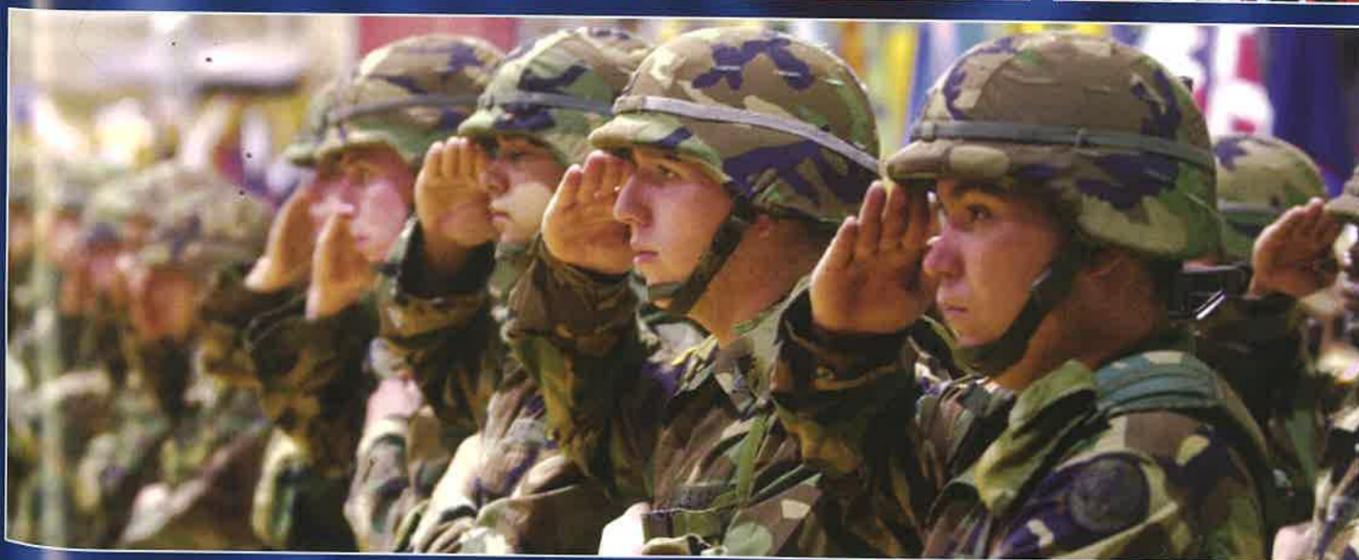
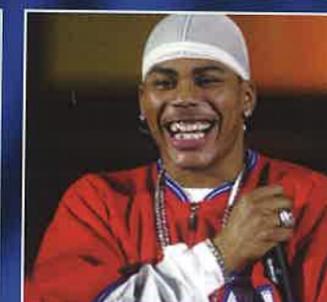
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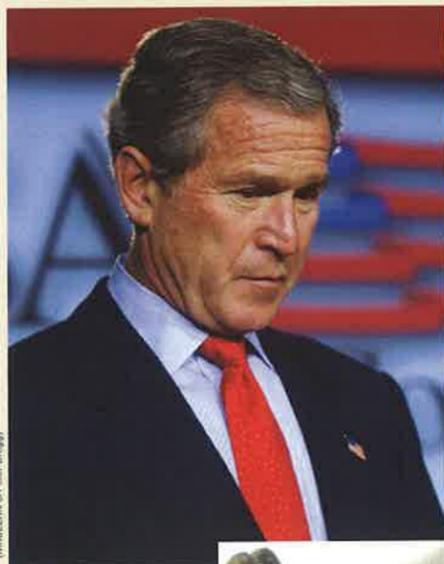
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TIME FOR A CHANGE.

George W. Bush decided Saddam Hussein's time had run out. After months of failing to bring the UN on side, the President, with Britain's support, embarked on a military campaign in Iraq. While the invasion led to divisions in the western alliance, prompting millions of people to protest the action worldwide, it achieved its purpose. Coalition ground troops rolled through the Iraqi desert, protected overhead by fighter jets who paved the way to Baghdad with an intense bombing campaign. The capital fell in three weeks, and the Iraqis widely welcomed the breath of fresh air after more than three decades of brutal dictatorship.

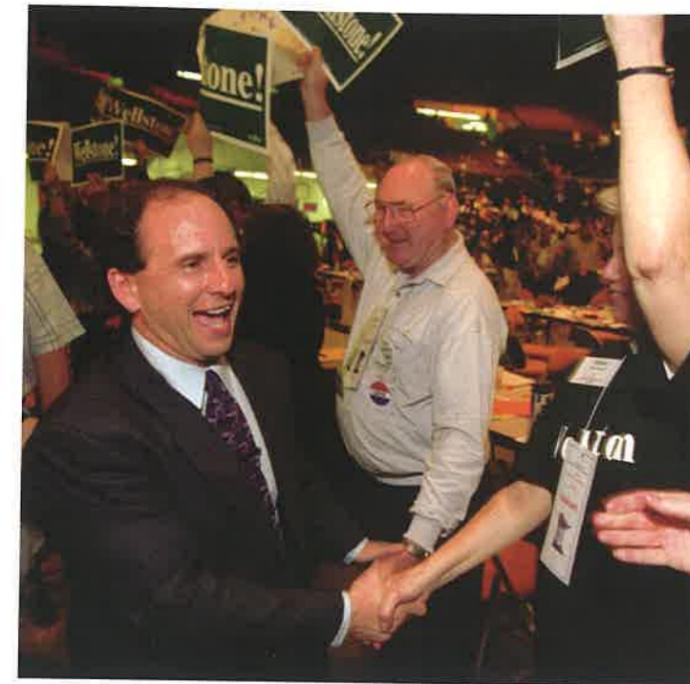


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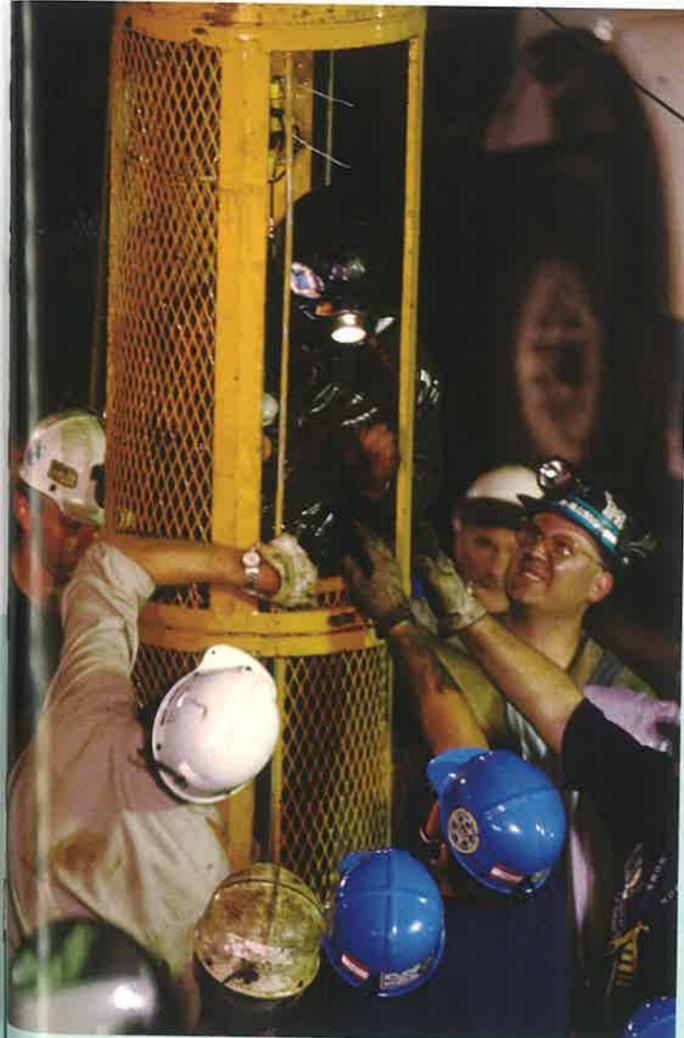


HEROES REMEMBERED. Nobody needed to be reminded of the date. More than 3,000 people lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, and one year later their memories were still fresh in everyone's minds. Vigils were held throughout the country in memory of those who died in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and aboard the four hijacked planes. (AP/Mike Segar)

(AP/Ed Andrade)



TRAGEDY STRIKES THE SENATE. While campaigning for re-election to the Senate, Paul Wellstone's plane crashed near Eveleth, Minn., taking the life of the 58-year-old well-liked liberal Democrat, his wife Sheila, also 58, and their 33-year-old daughter Marcia. Three staff members and two pilots also died in the fiery crash. (AP/Jim Mone)

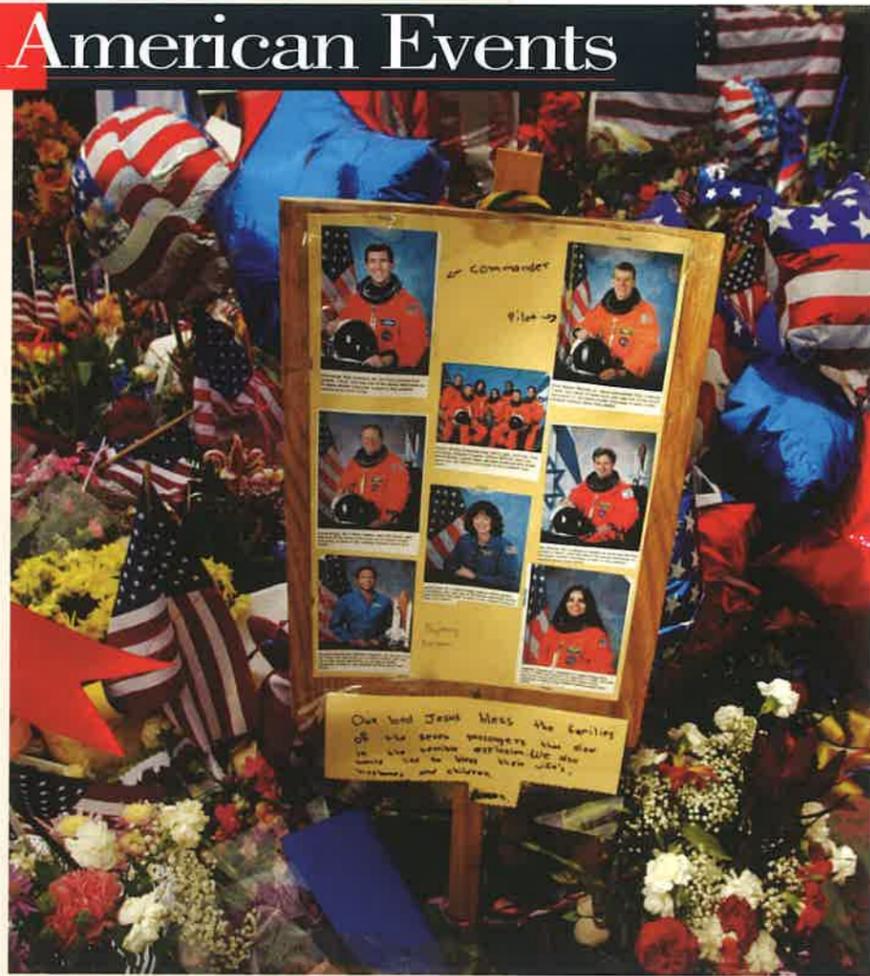


"WHAT TOOK YOU GUYS SO LONG?" Half joking, that's what one of nine Pennsylvania miners quipped when approached by rescue workers. The men had been trapped for three days 80 yards below the surface. The near tragedy occurred when a close by mine collapsed, sending 42 million gallons of freezing cold water into the shaft where the men were digging for coal. Rescue workers dug around the clock to free them from their icy tomb. (AP/Debbie Laurent)



TARGET: UNKNOWN. A rogue sniper pair in the Washington, D.C. area went on a random killing rampage in October, causing nationwide fear. Not knowing when or where the lunatics might strike next, many people stayed close to home for fear that pumping gas or going to the mall put them at risk. The accused, John Allen Muhammad, 45, a decorated Gulf War vet (left), and his companion, 17-year-old John Lee Malvo, allegedly killed 10 people before being captured. (AP/Jahi Chikwendu)

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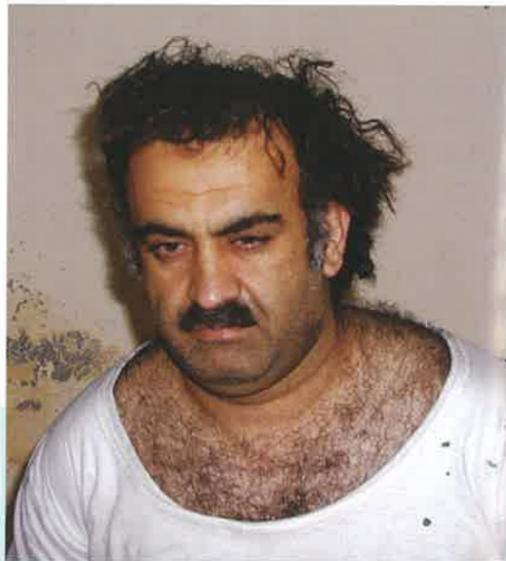
SHUTTLE SHOCK. Striking across the sky at 18 times the speed of sound and 207,000 feet above Texas, the space shuttle Columbia broke apart after re-entering the atmosphere in January. The oldest shuttle in NASA's fleet was returning home from a successful 16-day research mission, carrying a crew of six Americans and one Israeli—all of whom died. The disaster sparked a debate over the importance of space exploration. (AP/Barbara Davidson)



FIRE PIT. In less than three minutes an entire Rhode Island nightclub was ablaze, leaving little time for the nearly 300 patrons to escape. Ninety-five died and 160 others were injured after the pyrotechnic display of the heavy metal band Great White started the fire. A sprinkler system was not required by law at the club because it was too small. (AP/Elise Amendola)



HOME, AT LAST. Stolen away from her Salt Lake City bedroom at gunpoint, Elizabeth Smart was feared dead. But amazingly, nine months after the abduction, the 15-year-old was reunited with her parents (mother, above) when police found her in the company of a raggedy evangelical couple who apparently planned to make her a child bride. In a strange twist, Smart, who is said to have been brainwashed by the pair, turned up only 15 miles from the family home wearing a wig and, at first, refusing to acknowledge her name. (AP/Francisco Kjolseth)



CAPTURING THE TERRORISTS.

The war against terrorism made some progress with dramatic arrests around the world, including the No. 2 man to Osama bin Laden and a young American who fought for the Taliban. Twenty-year-old John Walker Lindh, who grew up in a wealthy Northern California home, was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to fighting on the Taliban's front lines. In February, shoe-bomber Richard Reid, 29, from London, was given life behind bars after being convicted of planning to blow up a flight from Paris to Miami with explosives hidden in the sole of his shoe. And in March, 37-year-old Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (above), the man said to be the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 and other terrorist attacks was captured in Pakistan. (AP)



SOMEONE'S BEEN A GOOD BOY THIS YEAR. Santa came big time last Christmas for Andrew Whittaker Jr. The 55-year-old building contractor from Charleston, W.Va., won the \$314.9 million Dec. 25 jackpot—the biggest undivided lottery prize in U.S. history. He plans to expand his business, buy a helicopter, and give 10 per cent to the Church of God. (AP/Bob Bird)



SHATTERING THE GLASS CEILING. California Democrat Nancy Pelosi made history when she was elected House Democratic minority leader—becoming the first woman to lead a major political party in Congress. The liberal Pelosi, 63, has represented a San Francisco district since 1987. (AP/Joe Marquette)

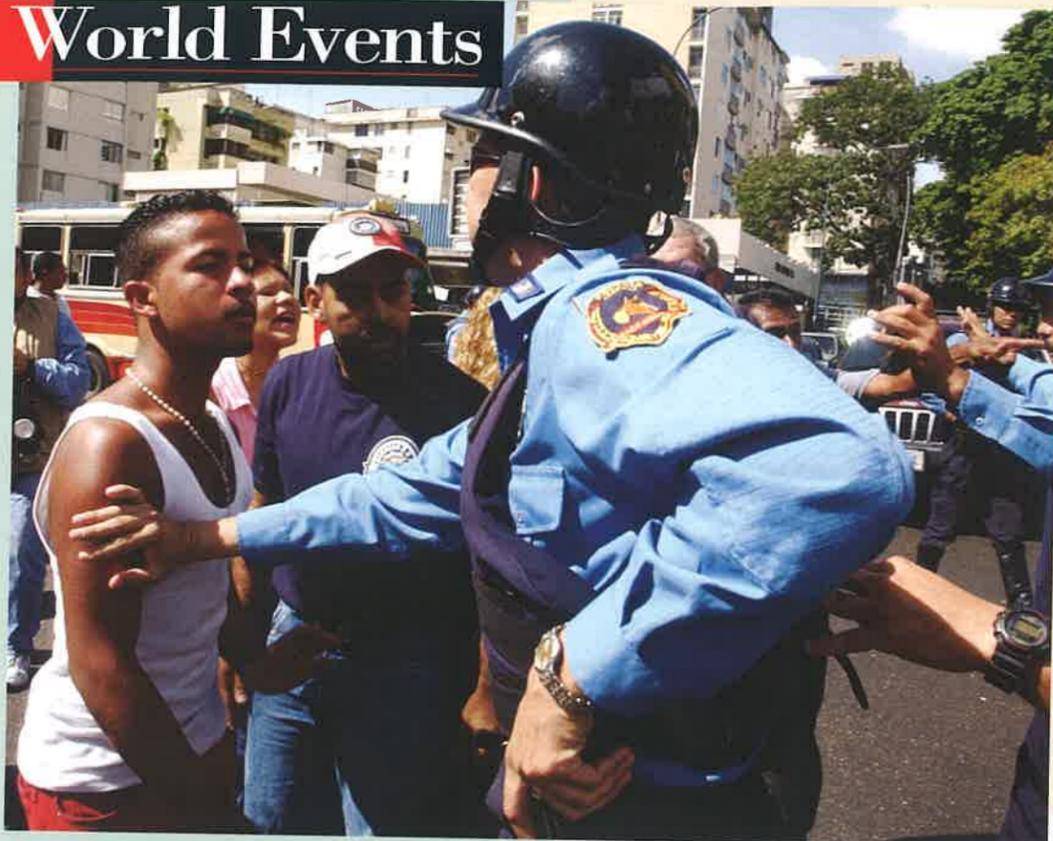
A TRAGIC MISTAKE. The odds were long stacked against Jessica Santillan. The 17-year-old from Mexico, who weighed only 80 pounds, desperately needed a heart-lung transplant. After leaving Mexico for Kentucky in 2000, she finally reached the top of the 80,000-person waiting list in February, only to experience a horrific tragedy: doctors at Duke University Hospital in North Carolina gave her organs that were incompatible with her blood type. The damage was done. Not even a second transplant, 13 days later could save her. (AP/Bob Jordan)



AN INCREASING NEED. A growing number of Americans are turning to food stamps and other government-supported initiatives in an effort to get by. Those Americans living in poverty, defined as a family of four with an income below \$18,104 or an individual below \$9,039, rose for the first time in five years—up 1.3 million to 32.9 million—and income of middle-class families of four fell for the first time since the last recession ended in 1991—down 2.2 per cent to \$42,228. (AP/Danny Johnston)



World Events



FAILED COUP. Nationwide strikes in Venezuela's critical oil industry and other key sectors sent the country's already weak economy plummeting. Some experts predict that the two-month-long general strike, which failed to force the ouster of President Hugo Chavez, will cause a 25 per cent drop in the economy this year. (AP/Howard Yanes)



PARADISE LOST. The al-Qaeda network apparently extended its deadly reach to the tourist haven of Bali, where a car bomb exploded outside a crowded nightclub in the popular Indonesian tourist area. Nearly 200 people, mostly Australians, but including six Americans, were killed and hundreds injured. It was the largest act of terrorism since the attacks of Sept. 11. (AP/Achmad Ibrahim)



A BAD SHOT. Not even the thousands of American and allied troops in the region could stop a lone gunman from making an assassination attempt on Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai. The attack took place in Kandahar, where the president was to attend a brother's wedding, and demonstrated the tough road ahead in bringing democracy to the region. Dozens of shots were fired, but none struck Karzai. However, the gunman and one of the president's bodyguards were killed. (AP/Frank Rumpenhorst)



BLAIR WON'T BACK DOWN. The gentleman is not for moving. Ignoring many of his own party members and massive public demonstrations, including the largest ever in London when two million peace protesters turned out, British Prime Minister Tony Blair remained firmly behind George W. Bush's call for action against Iraq. Forty thousand British troops were sent to the region to back the U.S. initiative. (CP)



BEAUTY QUEENS AND BLOODSHED. Concerns over holding the Miss World pageant in Nigeria became a reality when riots broke out after a local newspaper article suggested the prophet Muhammad would have been pleased to choose a wife from among the contestants. More than 200 people died, forcing officials to move the pageant to London—where it was won by Miss Turkey. (AP/Richard Lewis)



FROM RAGS TO RICHES. He dropped out of elementary school to become a shoe shine boy, but now he's president of South America's largest nation. Promising to fight corruption and inflation, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, 57, won a landslide victory in October. Brazil's first leftist president won on promises to help the poor and hungry in the country of 170 million people. (AP/Eraldo Peres)



A NEW THREAT. North Korea has nuclear bombs and it is willing to use them. At least that's what leader Kim Jong Il has threatened, promising "total war" if America makes any attempt to disarm him. The U.S. responded by taking the nuclear proliferation dispute to the UN Security Council in an effort to apply diplomatic pressure on the rogue regime. (AP/Yun Jai-hyoung)



TRAGIC ENDING. A Chechen hostage-taking in a Moscow theater came to a deadly close when Russian commandos pumped gas into the building to incapacitate the attackers. Sadly, 119 of the 750 hostages died from the effects of what officials later admitted was Fentanyl, a powerful opium-based painkiller. Forty-one Chechen rebels were also killed in the rescue. (AP/NTV Russian Channel)



BLACK SEA. Carrying 85,000 tons of fuel oil, the Prestige oil tanker sank 130 miles off northwestern Spain—spilling one-quarter of its cargo and blackening coastline in Spain and France. Experts are still adding up the damage, but it has already reached into the millions of dollars lost to the fishery and tourism. (AP/Dennis Doyle)



QUITE A BIT OF ICING. There was no way Kamato Hongo's family could have fit all 115 candles on her birthday cake. The Kagoshima, Japan, native has 57 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren—and a very unique sleeping pattern. She sleeps for two days and stays awake for two days. In fact, she slept through the morning of her birthday in September. Although bedridden, requiring continual care and slightly hard of hearing, she is still fairly healthy. (AP/Kyodo)



NO END IN SIGHT. Ariel Sharon and his center-right Likud party were the big winners in Israel's January election, winning 37 of the Knesset's 120 seats. But with Palestinian suicide bombings and Israeli reprisals continuing, peace prospects appear as unlikely as ever. (AP/Letteris Pittarakis)



NORAH, WHO? After leaving the Grammy Awards with five prizes, including best album of the year, Norah Jones left many wondering where she came from. The 23-year-old daughter of famous sitar player Ravi Shankar and former dancer Sue Jones won over the judges and fans with her smooth sound on *Come Away With Me*, her debut album. (AP/Kathy Willens)



NOT JUST A SK8R GIRL. Avril Lavigne is a teen rarity. Just months after she left her small Canadian hometown, Lavigne landed firmly in super stardom. The 18-year-old pop-punk singer blew the industry away with her multi-platinum debut, *Let Go*. Lavigne, who received a remarkable five Grammy nominations for her rookie season, has brought teen angst to a new level. Don't smile Avril, you might ruin your rep. (CP/Dana Edelson)



BONO'S IN GOOD COMPANY. Always willing to use his rock-celebrity status to forward philanthropic and political causes, U2 lead singer Bono has earned a spot on the short list for the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize. In February, Bono discussed international aid for developing nations at the World Economic Forum in New York and has always been outspoken about world issues, including AIDS in Africa and the struggle for peace in his Irish homeland. The 42-year-old joins Pope John Paul II and Czech President Vaclav Havel on the list. (AP/Francois Mori)



JUST A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY. Sure they're from Dallas with a Nashville-type sound, but the Dixie Chicks are just as much a pop trio as they are country. Since the release of their debut album *Wide Open Spaces* in 1998, they have sold 25 million albums worldwide. The group, which features sisters Martie Maguire and Emily Robinson as well as Natalie Maines, have become a main part of the new country movement. Their latest album, *Home*, won three Grammys. (AP/Charlie Neibergall)



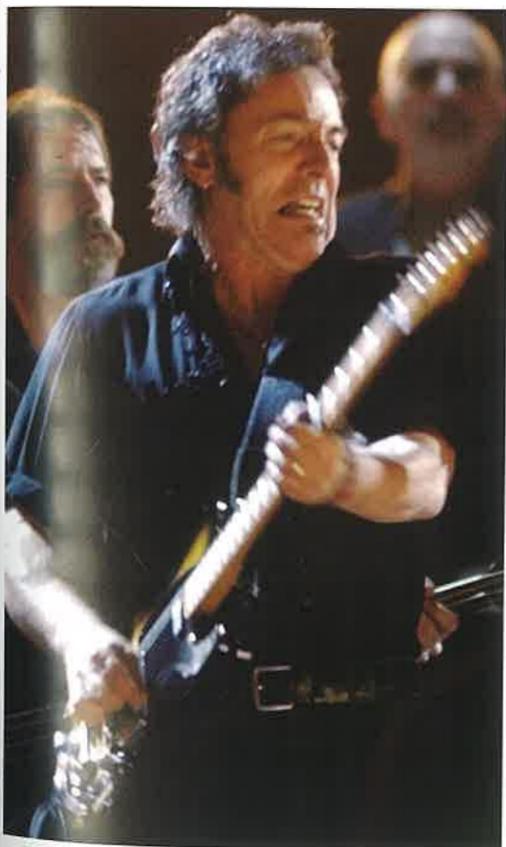
NELLY GOT HOT LAST YEAR. Growing up in St. Louis, Nelly had to decide between trying to make it in pro baseball or as a rapper. His fans, who made his 2002 release *Nellyville* a global success, are happy he decided to stick with making music. At the Grammys, Nelly—who goes by that name alone—won best male rap solo for *Hot in Herre*. (AP/Kathy Willens)



A LONG WAY FROM HOME. You would think Shania Twain has it all with 50 million records sold worldwide, a 19th century chateau in Switzerland, a happy marriage and a new son, Eja. But the pop star proved she wasn't done yet when she released *Up!*, her first album of new material since 1997's *Come On Over*. She even headlined the Super Bowl half-time show. (AP/M. Spencer Green)



J. LO NO MORE? Hoping a third time down the aisle will be the charm, Jennifer Lopez has decided to shed her last name when she weds fiancée Ben Affleck, 30, some time in 2004. In addition to getting engaged, the 32-year-old Brooklyn, N.Y., native had a great year with her new album *This Is Me... Then* and a box office hit with the romantic comedy *Maid In Manhattan*. (AP/Chris Pizzello)



THE BOSS IS BACK. Bruce Springsteen was clearly the crowd favorite inside Madison Square Garden as the Grammys returned to New York for the first time in five years. His Sept. 11-inspired release, *The Rising*, was honored for male rock vocal, rock album and rock song. The year was quite a comeback for the native of Hillside, N.J., who spent most of the '90s releasing lackluster albums. (AP/Mark Lennihan)



SHE PLAYS WELL WITH OTHERS. Although making a splash by joining forces with rappers Fat Joe and Ja Rule on a couple of singles last year, Ashanti proved she could do it alone as well. With her first single, *Foolish*, at the top of *Billboard's* R and B charts, the New York City-based singer sold four million copies of her self-titled debut album—including 500,000 in its first week of release. (AP/Richard Drew)



CAPTAIN CONTROVERSY. By showbiz terms, Eminem did it all last year. His second album, *The Eminem Show*, was met with critical acclaim and became the biggest selling disc of the year. He was strong in his big-screen debut starring opposite Kim Basinger in *8 Mile*—a box office success and Oscar winner for his song *Lose Yourself*. All the while, he seemed to put his bad boy reputation in the closet. (AP/Mark J. Terrill)



BUSY BRITS. Coldplay has more on their mind than just making music. Sure, the two Grammy wins and great reviews for their second album, *A Rush of Blood to the Head*, are fantastic, but the British foursome is also pleased that its success allows them to bring attention to things that concern them—whether it's AIDS in Africa or the global environment. In fact, 10 per cent of the band's earnings go to charity. (CP)



NOT JUST A GUITAR GEEK. While the comparisons to Eric Clapton may be a bit of an exaggeration, *Room for Squares* turned John Mayer into one of the biggest surprise hits of 2002. The 25-year-old native of Fairfield, Conn., took home a Grammy for best male pop vocal performance and he even dated actress Jennifer Love-Hewitt for part of the year. (AP/Mark Lennihan)



PINK KNOWS HOW TO PARTY. Pink had one of last year's biggest musical anthems with *Get the Party Started*. And with *Missundaztood*, her follow-up album to her 2000 release of *Can't Take Me Home*. The wild-haired 23-year-old Philadelphia native delves into family troubles, loneliness and how annoying she can be to herself on her latest disc. (CP/Anthony Harvey)



LET ME CHECK MY PALM. More and more people are throwing away their address and phone books and replacing them with Personal Digital Assistants. PDAs are also great for downloading articles, pictures and other information from the Web. Thanks to competition, the price on these once expensive organizers has dropped substantially, to less than \$100 for a basic model. Sure beats writing on your hand. (AP/Mark Duncan)

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN. Although they've long been a popular choice for DJs, it seems that LPs are increasing in popularity for listeners interested in getting a more raw sound. More and more people are searching through bins at used record shops for old school tunes or picking up their favorite contemporary stars' music on freshly cut albums. What's next? Return of the eight track?

(MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)



MAKING A STATEMENT. Tattooing and body piercing have become all the rage for teens—and much to the chagrin of parents, no body part is off limits. Laser removal can be very expensive, resulting in many teens opting for a less permanent tattoo that wears off over time. Luckily, body piercing holes heal themselves.



DON'T GO ON A DATE WITHOUT THEM. And do give them to that guy beside you in class with that not-so-fresh breath. The Cool Mint Listerine PocketPaks come in tiny packs of 24 tissue-thin strips that melt in your mouth and deliver a breath-freshening punch.

(MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)

TWO MINUTES FOR DAD. Abusive behavior at children's sporting events has been on the rise in recent years, but in most cases it's not the kids throwing punches or verbal assaults. Instead, it's the parents who have trouble keeping control of their tempers. Sportsmanship classes for moms and dads are now common. Soon, there'll be homework and staying after school for such bad behavior.

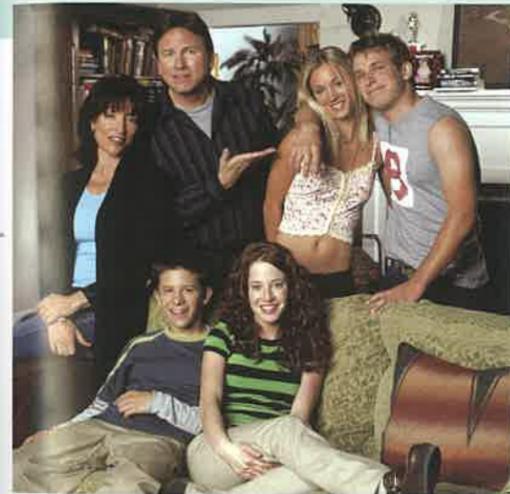
(CP/Jeff McIntosh)



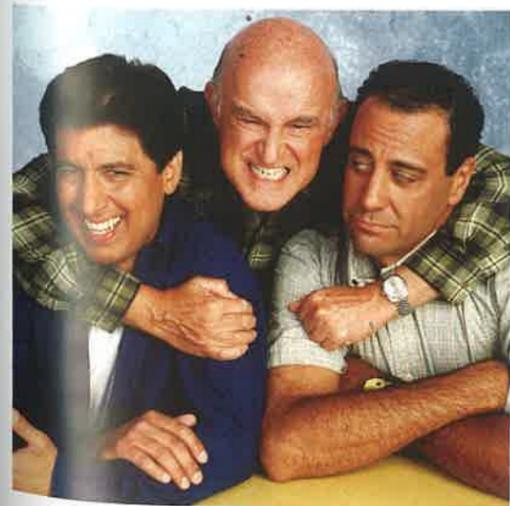
BATTLING WITH MUSIC PIRATES. In an effort to stop Internet users from downloading music for free, major record labels have set up Internet sites offering songs on-line—at a premium, of course. Not surprisingly, most people are staying away from these pricey options since free sites, like the popular file-sharing program Kazaa, continue to offer quick access to all your music needs. (CP/Ruth Bonneville)



REMEMBER KIDS...NOT EVERYTHING ON TV IS REAL. The cops and forensic experts such as Warrick Brown (Garry Dourdon, above) on *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* have continued to mesmerize viewers, landing some of the top ratings in TV land. Using a wad of chewed gum, a small trace of lipstick or a fiber in a carpet, the *CSI* team is able to solve complicated criminal cases. (CP/CTV)



EIGHT SIMPLE RULES FOR REJUVENATING A CAREER. John Ritter must have followed every one of them because the one-time star of *Three's Company* has come back in a big way with *8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter*. Ritter, who plays dad Paul Hennessy, has a tough time dealing with his girls growing up. The result: real-life situations that both parents and teens can laugh at. (CP/CTV)



DOING IT FOR THE MONEY? WE DON'T CARE. Yes, their \$1.5 million per episode salary may be one reason the cast of *Friends* keep coming back, but fans aren't complaining. High ratings encouraged a 10th hilarious season with promises that this will be the last. Regardless, the six-member cast, who are now household names, will keep the stream of jokes coming and probably stay on the small screen indefinitely, thanks to re-runs. (AP/Reed Saxon)

EVERY WIFE'S NIGHTMARE—THE INLAWS!! The numbers are in, and while not everyone loves Raymond, he's doing all right. In its fifth season, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, starring comedian Ray Romano (left) as the lovable sports writer Ray Barone, still charts in near the top of the ratings. Laughs come easily thanks to Ray's dysfunctional relationships with his wife, parents (father played by Peter Boyle, center) and brother (Brad Garrett, right). (AP/Monly Brinton)

NOT MY REALITY. Even though we laugh at how far reality television is from, well, reality, we can't keep from watching. And TV producers are quick to provide us with more. Some of the season's favorites included *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* (bottom left), in which a person picked a fiancé(e) from a host of hunks and honeys. In *Joe Millionaire* (right), a construction worker pretended to be a millionaire to woo unsuspecting gold diggers. And then there was *American Idol* (top left), in which the viewing public chose the next big musical talent. Yeah, sure. Meanwhile, the *Survivor* series continued in the Amazon.



THE COOLEST MAN IN A CARDIGAN AND SLIPPERS. Fred Rogers, whose songs, stories and heart-to-heart talks on his television program *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* helped to teach generations of children how to get along in the world, died at the age of 74. The Presbyterian minister from Latrobe, Pa., started his T.V. career in 1968 and performed his final episode of the popular kids' show in August 2001. (AP)



ALL THAT JAZZ. The Hollywood adaptation of the classic Broadway musical *Chicago* exploded on screen with energized performances from Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renée Zellweger and Richard Gere. The film won six Oscars, including best picture and best supporting actress for Zeta-Jones (above), who plays an aging stage star. (AP/Pierre Vinet)



NOW YOU SEE ME. In *Catch Me If You Can*, Leonardo DiCaprio (above) stars as Frank W. Abagnale Jr., a real-life debonair imposter who, in the late 1960s, successfully impersonated an airline pilot, lawyer and a Harvard-educated pediatrician. Tom Hanks plays the FBI agent determined to catch the young crook who has been able to cash millions of dollars in fraudulent checks before his 21st birthday. Steven Spielberg, as always, does a fine job playing the director. (CP/Jan West)



LORD OF THE ADAPTATION. Picking up where the first *Lord of the Rings* left off, Peter Jackson's *The Two Towers* throws the remaining members of the Fellowship into the increasing chaos of Middle-Earth, which is now fully under siege by the forces of Sauron and Saruman. Jackson proves a master in recreating the world introduced by author J.R.R. Tolkien. The film's special effects, which took home an Oscar, are candy to the eyes. (AP/Pierre Vinet)



A BIG FAT SURPRISE. Nia Vardalos shocked the movie world with her incredible breakout hit *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. But the most talked about movie of the year, which tells how Toula (Vardalos), a 30-year-old single daughter in a very Greek family, falls in love with and marries a non-Greek (John Corbett), garnered a Best Screenplay Oscar nomination and a Golden Globe nomination for Vardalos. It also spawned a prime time TV series (*My Big Fat Greek Life*) and \$241 million at the box office. (CP)



THE POTTER PHENOMENON. Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe, left) and his pals Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson, right) are the only ones who can save Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from the evil forces that conspire against it in *The Chamber of Secrets*. The second movie installment of the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling (above) proved much darker than the first and, at 161 minutes, left some wondering if they could have read the book faster. (CP/Jan West)



JACK'S BACK. After saying goodbye to his job and wife of 42 years—who dies in the early scenes of *About Schmidt*—Warren Schmidt (Jack Nicholson) embarks on a journey of self-discovery aboard a motorhome. Destination: Denver, where his estranged daughter is about to marry a mullet-haired waterbed salesman. (AP/Doug Hyun)



THE SUIT'S PRETTY TIGHT. Tobey Maguire did a nice job fitting into Spider-Man's suit and also brought a lot of heart to the comic book role. Willem Dafoe plays the Green Goblin, Spider-Man's nemesis to a tee, putting the young Spider-Man's vow to fight crime and help innocent people to the test. Kirsten Dunst helps to round out the cast as Mary Jane Watson, Parker's long-time crush. (AP/Doug Hyun)



DIESEL IS EXPLOSIVE. Imagine a pierced, tattooed, skateboarding and video-game playing spy working for the U.S. government to gather information on an organization that may be planning the destruction of the world. That's Xander Cage (Vin Diesel) in *XXX*, a high octane flick that didn't exactly shoot the lights out at the box office. Nevertheless, a sequel is on the way. (AP/Murray Close)



BATTLING. Ben Affleck is a night-roving blind superhero and his girlfriend, Elektra (Jennifer Garner), is a martial arts master in the action-adventure flick *Daredevil*. Together the pair battle the forces of evil, until forced to join opposite sides. Colin Farrell co-stars and steals a number of scenes from the dynamic duo. (AP/Zade Rosenthal)



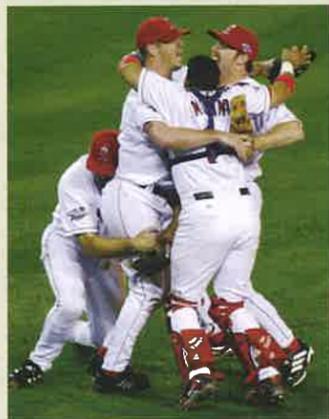
YEAH, BABY! Mike Myers brings back a host of favorite characters—including Dr. Evil, Mini Me and Austin Powers—for *Goldmember*, the sequel to the hilarious first installment of *Austin Powers*. Looking for plot? Don't bother. But if you like slapstick, Mike Myers is your man. The film also boasts a host of cameos, including Tom Cruise, Gwyneth Paltrow and Britney Spears. (AP/Steve Grayson)



SHOPLIFTER, INTERRUPTED. Actress Winona Ryder was found guilty of stealing more than \$5,500 worth of merchandise from a Beverly Hills Saks Fifth Avenue store. The judge ordered the star of *Girl, Interrupted* and *Reality Bites* to pay \$10,000 in fines and restitution and perform 480 hours of community service. (AP/Steve Grayson)

TOP \$ MOVIES OF 2002

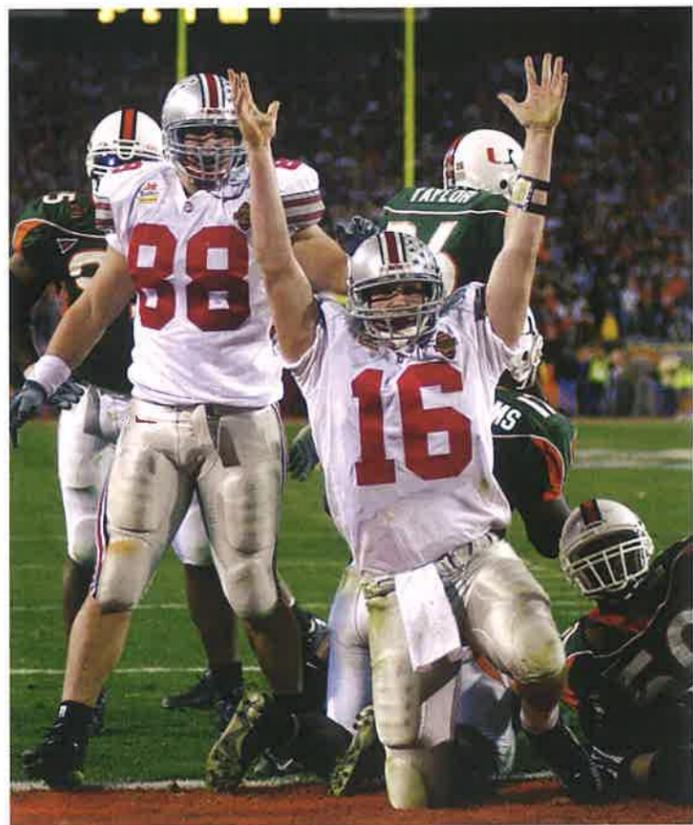
SPIDER-MAN	\$406 million
THE TWO TOWERS	\$332 million
ATTACK OF THE CLONES	\$311 million
HARRY POTTER 2	\$261 million
MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING	\$241 million
SIGNS	\$228 million
AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER	\$213 million
MEN IN BLACK II	\$193 million
ICE AGE	\$176 million
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN	\$162 million



FINALLY THE BRIDE. After years of near misses, the Anaheim Angels finally pulled it together. They led the major leagues in hitting, overwhelmed the New York Yankees and Minnesota Twins in the AL playoffs and then knocked out Barry Bonds and Co. in the World Series by dropping the San Francisco Giants in seven high-scoring games. (AP/Eric Risberg)



SORRY SIS. Serena Williams won her fourth consecutive Grand Slam tournament by defeating older sister Venus at the Australian Open in January. Serena, 21, adds the Aussie Grand Slam title to the French Open, U.S. Open and Wimbledon crowns she won last year—all against her 22-year-old sister. (AP/Michel Euler)



CLASH OF THE TITANS. Ohio State and Miami slugged it out like heavyweights, but after double overtime the Buckeyes came away with a 31-24 upset win in the Fiesta Bowl—college football's national championship—and took home their first title since 1968. The second-ranked Buckeyes, 11 1/2-point underdogs, ended the Hurricanes try for a second straight title and their winning streak at 34. (AP/Mark J. Terrill)



A BITTER SWEET YEAR. There was good news and bad news for Emmitt Smith. First, he became the NFL's all-time leading rusher. His bad news reward: getting the boot from Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones. Smith turns 34 this year and was due to earn \$7 million next season, which was too rich for Jones, who decided that after 13 years with the organization it was time to let him go. (AP/Tony Gutierrez)



SWOOPING UP HARDWARE. After missing the entire 2001 season with a torn knee ligament, Houston Comet forward Sheryl Swoopes (right) took charge on the hard court and won her second career Women's National Basketball Association MVP award. Swoopes finished the season third in overall scoring and pushed the Comets into their sixth straight playoff berth, four of which led to titles. (AP/David J. Phillip)



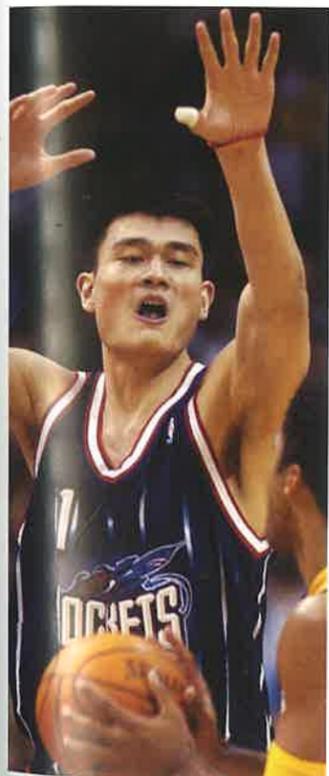
UNSTOPPABLE. At least that's what fellow bikers think of Lance Armstrong, the four-time consecutive champ of the grueling, three-week long Tour de France. The 31-year-old native of Austin, Tex., overcame cancer in 1998 and followed that up with his four Tour wins. (AP/Peter Dejong)



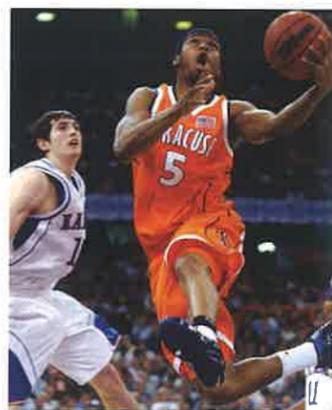
HULL A STEP CLOSER TO THE HALL. One-timing a pass near the face-off, Brett Hull became the sixth player in NHL history to total 700 goals. The prolific 38-year-old right winger, who's a Hall-of-Fame shoo-in, reached the milestone in 1,157 games. Wayne Gretzky is the NHL's all-time leading scorer with 894 goals in 1,487 games. (AP/Kirritman F. Dozier)



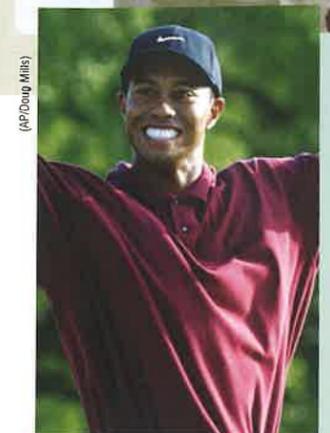
THE BEST DEFENSE IS OFFENSE. Jon Gruden, 39, became the youngest coach to win a Super Bowl ring when his Tampa Bay Buccaneers destroyed the Oakland Raiders—the team Gruden coached in 2001—48 to 21. The Bucs and their top-ranked defense proved too much for the Raiders' No. 1 ranked offense, returning three of a record five interceptions for touchdowns. (AP/Chris O'Meara)



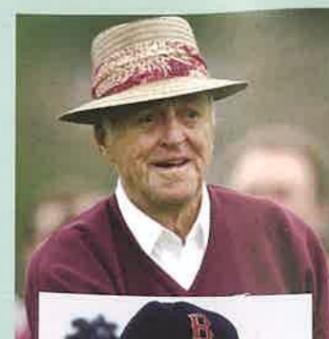
ASIAN SENSATION. Seven-foot-six-inch center Yao Ming was the talk of the National Basketball Association in his rookie season with the Houston Rockets. So much so that the 22-year-old Ming's success has made China a new hotbed of NBA talent. Houston games are picked up on satellite TV throughout the country and there is talk of some 100 other NBA caliber seven-footers toiling in Chinese pro leagues. (AP/Mark J. Terrill)



PURE MADNESS. The Syracuse Orangemen took advantage of a Kansas Jayhawk team that couldn't drain a free throw and became NCAA basketball champs for the first time with an 81-78 victory. Syracuse freshman Carmelo Anthony was voted outstanding player in the tournament. The win was especially sweet for head coach Jim Boeheim, who was also on the bench 16 years ago when Syracuse lost the championship game to Indiana in the final seconds. (AP/A. Behrman)



WHO KNEW? Annika Sorenstam had a better year on her tour than Tiger Woods had on his. In fact, Sorenstam won 13 times last year in 25 worldwide tournaments while Woods won six of his 22. Yet Tiger made more than \$60 million in endorsements to Sorenstam's \$2.5 million. So it seemed only fitting that Sorenstam has decided to try her hand in the guys' tour.



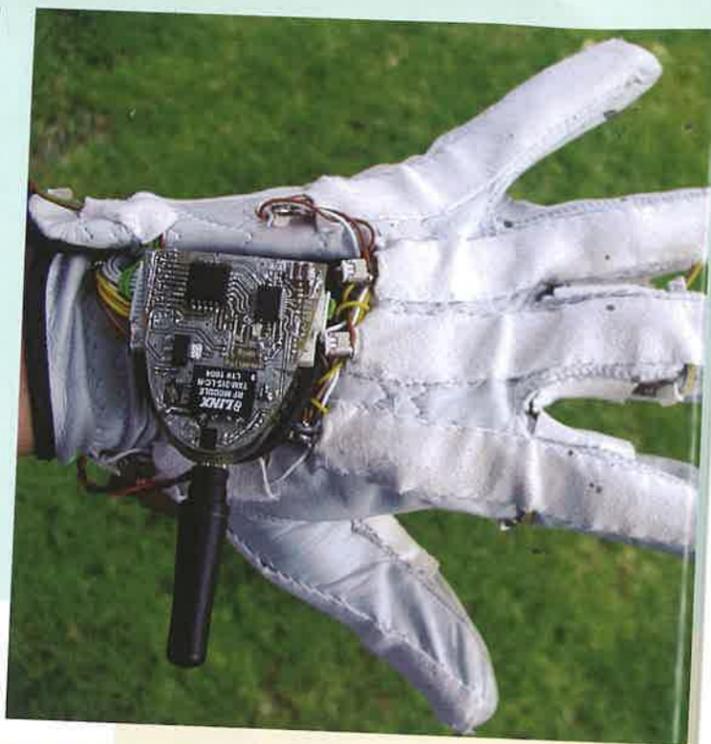
THEY WILL BE MISSED. Golfer Sam Snead, 89, won 81 PGA titles—the most of any competitor in the history of the game. Ted Williams, the Boston Red Sox splendid splinter, was the last man to hit .400, which he did in 1941. The Hall-of-Fame left-fielder was 83. And three-time Super Bowl champ Johnny Unitas of the Baltimore Colts was the first NFL quarterback to throw for 40,000 yards. He died at 69.

THE 2002 CHAMPIONS

SUPER BOWL XXXVII	TAMPA BAY BUCS OVER OAKLAND RAIDERS	48-21
2003 NCAA FOOTBALL	OHIO STATE BUCKEYES OVER MIAMI HURRICANES	31-24
NBA	L.A. LAKERS OVER NEW JERSEY NETS	4-0 SERIES
STANLEY CUP	DETROIT RED WINGS OVER CAROLINA HURRICANES	4-1 SERIES
PGA (TOP MONEY)	TIGER WOODS	\$6.9 million
LPGA (TOP MONEY)	ANNIKA SORENSTAM	\$2.9 million
WORLD SERIES	ANAHEIM ANGELS OVER SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS	4-3 SERIES
WOMEN'S TENNIS	SERENA WILLIAMS	\$3.9 million
MEN'S TENNIS	LLEYTON HEWITT	\$4.6 million
2003 NCAA MEN'S B-BALL	SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN OVER KANSAS JAYHAWKS	81-78
2003 NCAA WOMEN'S B-BALL	CONNECTICUT HUSKIES OVER TENNESSEE LADY VOLS	73-68



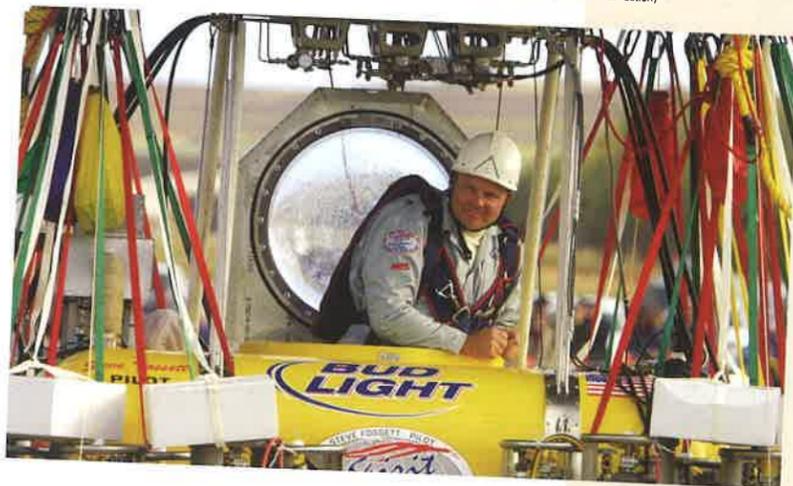
FOR THE SPY WHO HAS EVERYTHING. Why not a phone tooth? Yes, thanks to two British researchers there's a prototype for a tiny phone which can be embedded in a molar and receive cellphone calls. The signals are translated into vibrations that travel from the tooth to your inner ear. Wannabe James Bonds, take note. (CP/Peter J. Jordan)



PRETTY HANDY IDEA. After watching a deaf woman struggle to order food at a Burger King, high school student Ryan Patterson decided to create a device that translates sign language into text. By wiring a leather golf glove, the 18-year-old developed the Braille Glove, which senses its wearer's hand movements and transmits them to a tiny monitor, where they appear as words. (Siemens Foundation)

SIXTH TIME LUCKY.

It took 13 lonely days in a closet-sized capsule, but American tycoon Steve Fossett finally became the first person to fly solo around the world in a balloon when he landed in Australia. It was the adventurer's sixth attempt at one of aviation's few remaining barriers. The trip, aboard Spirit of Freedom, covered almost 20,000 miles. (AP/Rob Griffin)



WHAT WAS THAT, FIDO? Like to know what your dog's been trying to tell you all these years? Japanese toy maker Takara claims it can help with Bowlingual. A radio microphone attaches to your dog's collar, and a handheld receiver "translates" his growls and whines into such phrases as "how boring" and "I'm lonely." When your dog barks, the sound is beamed to the handheld and matched to the database of thousands of dog sounds. Hopefully, you'll like what your best friend has to say. (AP/Julie Jacobson)

DUST BUNNIES BEWARE. Put your feet up folks, Roomba—the first automatic vacuum—is about to take the labor out of cleaning. The \$200 device, which runs on rechargeable batteries, roams your house on its own, in search of dirt and dust. Sensors prevent the dirt eater, which is about three times the size of a discman, from bumping into walls and furniture or falling down stairs. It even turns itself off. If only it knew how to cook dinner. (Jens Mortensen)

