



# Déjà Vu

*The Yearling*

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Go Pack! During a home football game, senior JR O'Hara and John Ellinger sport the bull costumes to keep the crowd entertained. I think it just pumps up the crowd to no ones fool out, they being stupid. O'Hara said.

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*Doin' a little dance...*

While dancing around at the Kindness Retreat, senior Loren Dickens takes time to smile for the camera. The Kindness Retreat was fun, just meeting the kids and talking to them, and also learning what they want to do with their futures. It was an all around good experience, Dickens said. (Photo by Staci Monson)



*Looks good to me...*

While decorating for prom, junior Missy Genger dreams about prom night. I really enjoyed being able to help decorate the gym and commons. Everyone on prom committee worked well together and we had a lot of fun, Genger said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)



*Here's what we need to do...*

During a volleyball game, senior Danielle Klatt listens to her coach for the game plan. Future volleyball players can learn a lot from the older girls who have been on the team for a few years. Always work hard at everything you do, never give up and most of all have fun, Klatt said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)



*Does this look right?*

During speech practices, freshmen Melissa Pytlík consults with eighth grader Beatrice Hill while freshman Sade Kraft looks on. Pytlík enjoyed many parts of her first year of high school. Rehearsals and performances for 42nd Street were the best times I had all year. The late rehearsals were so much fun, and strike was a blast, Pytlík said. (Photo by Jerry Olson)



*Please let it be me...*

During coronation, senior Kristin Hoy waits to find out which girl will be named homecoming queen. It was very exciting and suspenseful, Hoy said. (Photo by Scherling Photography)

*Move...*

During a girls basketball game against Frapp, senior Gabbe Gebke pushes her way to the basket. I'm really glad that I had the opportunity to play again. I felt very fortunate that I received a starting spot, Gebke said. (Photo by Mike Wings)

*This is interesting...*

While sitting in class, sophomore Kayla Burns thinks about her days at school. There are a lot of different things people enjoy about school. Seeing my friends is the best part of going to school, Burns said. (Photo by Ingrid Scantlebury)

*Do I look good or what?*

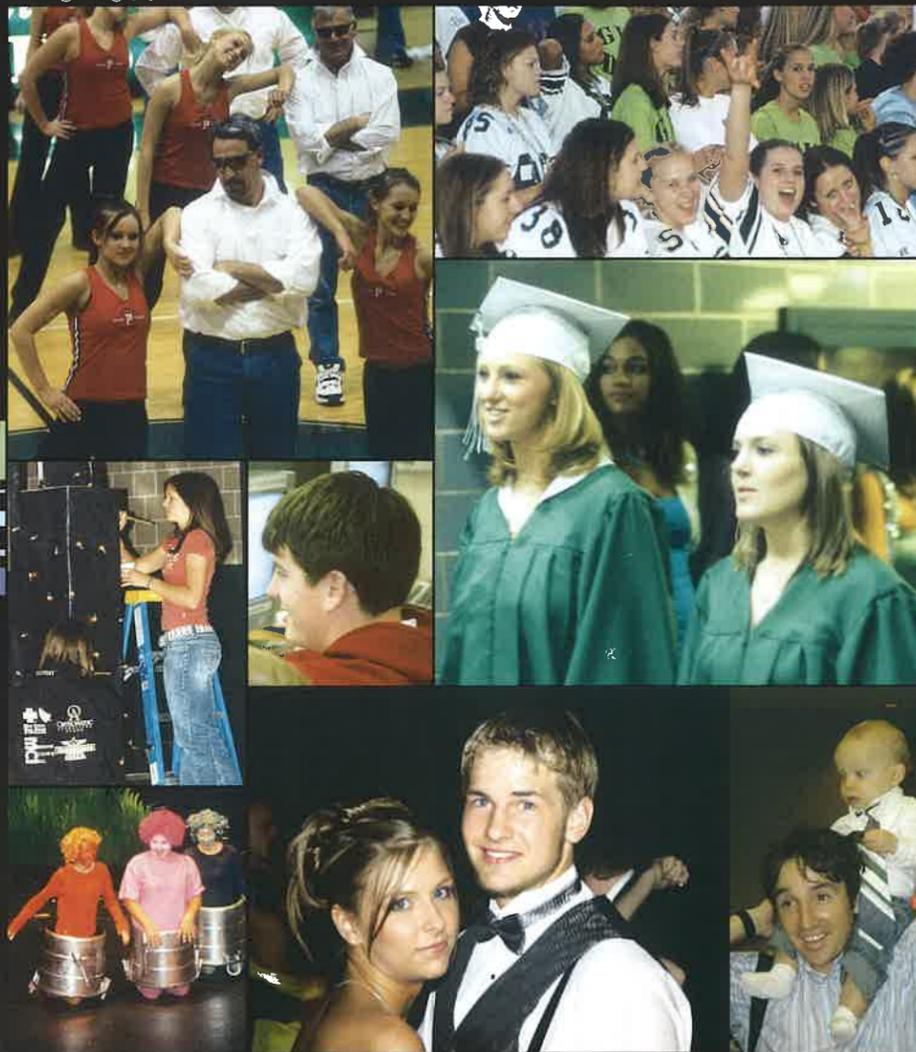
While sporting her dodgeball, red outfit, Mrs. Jene Holland keeps track of time. My favorite part was just seeing the kids have fun, Holland said. (Photo by Mark Brown)

*Cool Daddy!*

During a half-time show, junior Anna Kiefer and freshman Abby Kiefer lean on their dad for the Pack-a-papas dance. I thought it was fun because my sister and I get to be on the same team all season but this way it was also with my dad, Abby Kiefer said. (Photo by Mark Brown)

*This is it...* While making their way to their seats for the commencement ceremony, seniors Amber Benglund and Kelsey Bugstad reflect on the class of 2005 and what graduation means. As I walked in, I was realizing that it was all over and that this was the last time we would all be together as a class, Benglund said. (Photo by Alyssa Jones)

*A night to remember...* Seniors Makell Hehr and Andy Sahilberg perfectly reflect the wonderful mood of Prom 2005. Prom was just as good this year as it was last year because I was with someone special and surrounded by all of my friends, Hehr said. (Photo by Scherling Photography)



Here we go again on another successful school year. For some it may seem like Déjà Vu all over again with having the same friends, classes and teachers over the past four years. For others who are embarking on their first year of high school there will be plenty more to come. This school year was filled with many memorable moments that are beginning to be repeated year in and year out like the Packatahnes being crowned the state dance line champions and this year even being crowned the national high kick champions. The continued success of the football team and determination of the girls basketball team making it to state two years in a row are memories to be relived each time the pages of this book are turned. A new section of the yearbook, a month by month section which recaps school, community and national events will become déjà vu in years to come. Finally, now we are ready to recap and relive the school year from page to page throughout our school yearbook.

# September

Fargo Soldier Killed in Iraq

West Fargo Plans for Athletic Additions Hit Snags

NBC says Conan O'Brien Will Take Over for Leno

Ivan's Approach Ignites Energy Prices

Once upon a time... At the Starbuck Breakfast during West Fest, teacher Madeline Bakery reads a story to children. The breakfast is put on as a fundraiser for Deere. It raises money for costumes and props for our shows. Bakery said. (Photo by: crazy Chris)

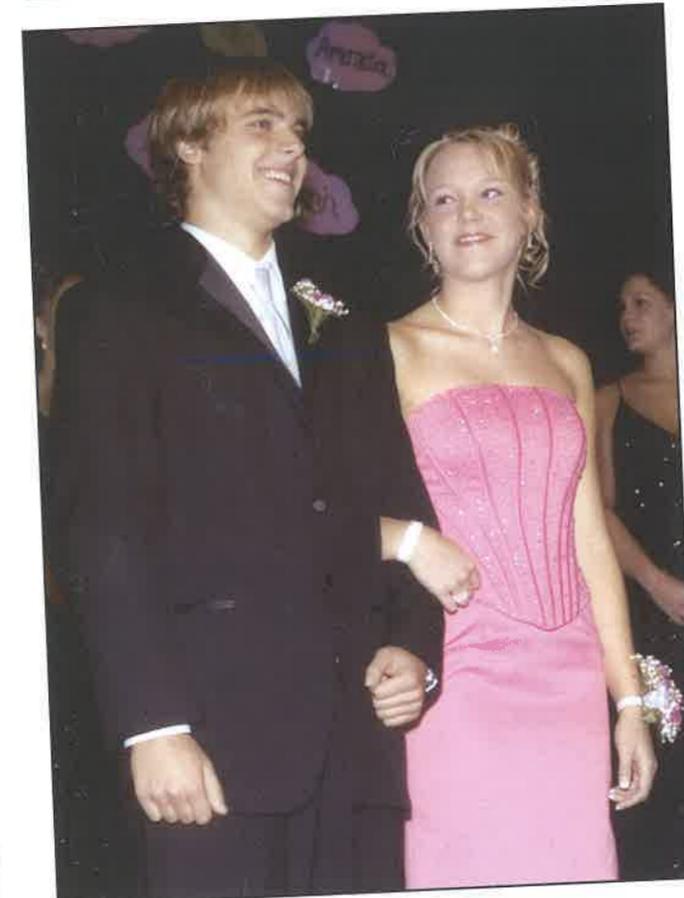


Britney Spears Weds in Surprise Ceremony

Iraq Toll Hits 1000

Aid Workers in Haiti Struggle with Aftermath of Jeanne

Militants Behead American Hostage



**Pretty in Pink**  
During the West Fargo Homecoming events in held in the theater arena Kyle Hager and Abby Musser made the announcement of long and quiet. I was surprised to be on the Homecoming Court however I didn't realize I was known well enough by my classmates to be nominated. Hager said. (Photo by: Schering Photography)

**We Got the Beat**  
While playing at the marching band during the West Fest parade in the Capital Brown arena. I really enjoyed the experience of West Fest. It was a lot of fun to see all the people. Brown said. (Photo by: Kimi Flom)



## September Student of the Month

Danika Vigesaa

School Involvement: President of National Honor Society, President of Symphonic Band, Vice President of Concert Choir, President of Drama Club, President of Cheer, and Madrigals.

Would you prefer living on a farm, small town or a big city? Why? I would prefer to live on a farm, for I grew up in the country. I believe that living in the country has helped me grow, and has taught me many lessons.

### What am I looking for??

While searching through earlier yearbooks, senior Madell Hele first to remember the last name of the student receiving the yearbook on Distribution Night. I felt that Yearbook Distribution Night was a good idea because it gave many students the option of picking up their yearbook that their own classmates. Hele said. (Photo by: Ashley Dorkan)

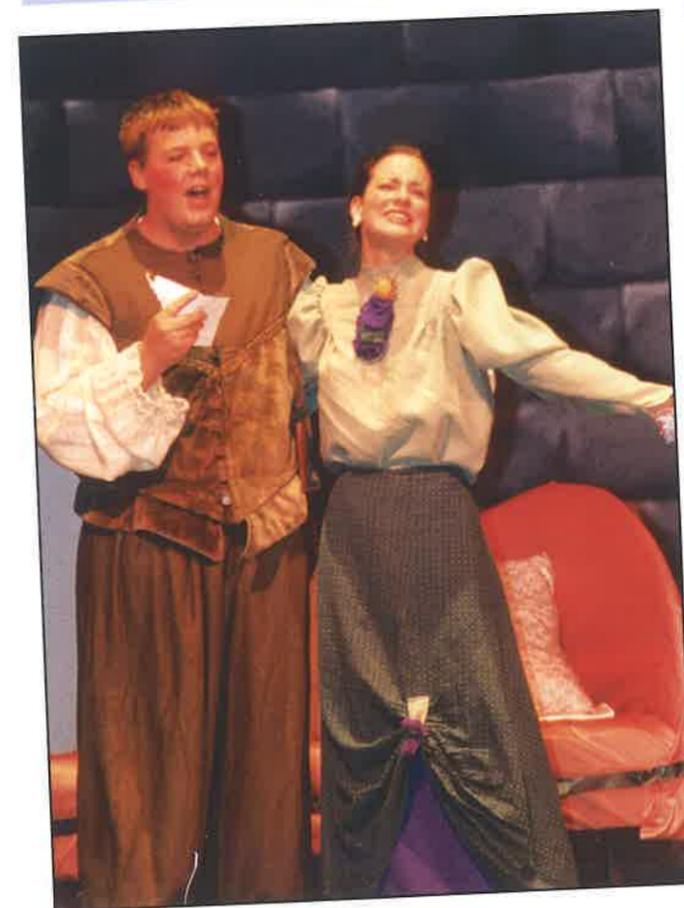
### Next Head

During the Homecoming Parade that Genie Johnson, Anne McEwen and John McWhirley, to stay warm during the cooling end of the game. Although the students were freezing, the intensity of the game made us forget how cold we were. McEwen said. (Photo by: Ashley Dorkan)



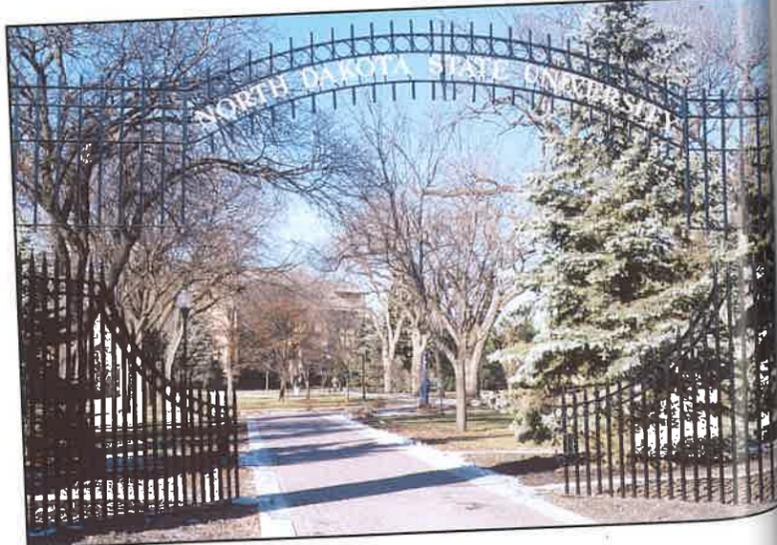


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 Bush Sets Second Term Goals  
 Rather to Step Down as CBS Anchor  
 Arafat Dead at 75

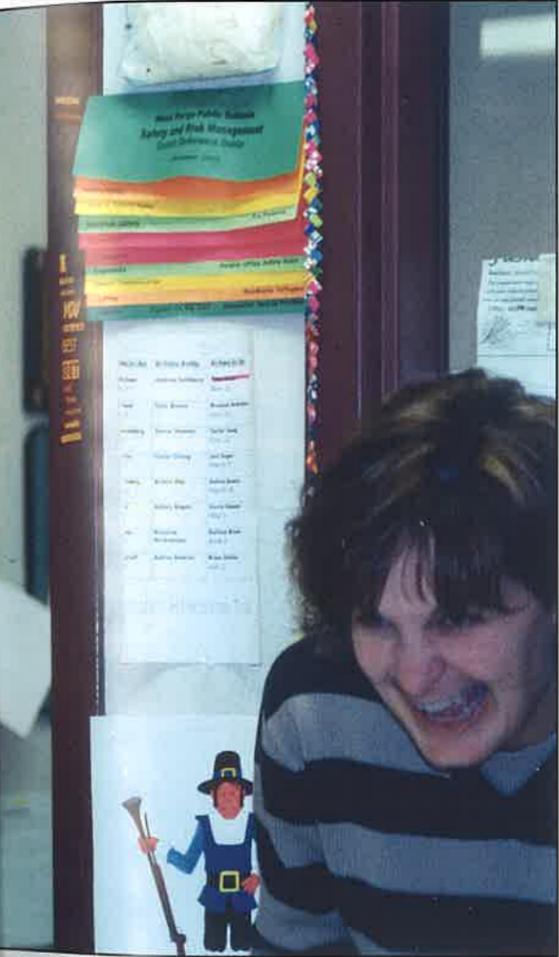


*Singing Her Heart Out*  
 During the Christy Carlson Home Show, senior Navartha Schmidt belts out the song to the audience. When her co-singer, Kristina, is completely lost, Navartha carries the song. (Photo by Nick Brown)

*So Many Choices*  
 The Seniors of 2005 have many different options of where to attend college. NDSU is one choice close to home. Many seniors have made a visit to NDSU, as well as other colleges and universities. Senior Amber Ainsford did. (Photo by Rachel Lager/Todd VARD)



During newspaper class, Stanley Gardner, 'Book author of Club They Bring the Streets Back', drops by for a visit. It was a real treat to actually see him in person. I hope he comes back sometime. Miss Jan Walker said. (Photo by Stacy Anderson)



Peterson Guilty of Murder  
 Fargo's Newest Elementary to be Named After Kennedy  
 November Troop Toll May be Deadliest Yet  
 Clinton Library Opens in Rain



**November Student of the Month**  
*Brady Edwards*  
 School Involvement: Basketball, Football, Golf, and National Honor Society

What would you most hate to lose?  
 Why? If I was paralyzed I would hate it, because my life revolves around me being able to move.



*Time to vote!*  
 Many Seniors didn't know they had the chance to vote for the first time. My first time voting was exciting. I felt important, because I had a say in who our President was going to be, since Kelsey Bouchamp said.

*Oh!*  
 While helping the daycare kids during their performance, junior McKenzie Moon watched the kids dance. I enjoyed going out to work experiences and being able to do all my homework at my own pace, Moon said. (Photo by Ashley Dandera)

# Student Life

*The physical, mental, and spiritual experiences that constitute existence; relationship and educational existence.*

*Life (Noun) -*



*Mmmmm, this food is good...* While eating the free treats given to the seniors during the senior lunch, Jerod Hetkamp and Staci Monson savor their treats and reminisce about the school year. 'I had fun hanging out with my friends, and prom was definitely fun,' Monson said. (Photo by Mike Winge)

*I'm not gonna cry, I'm not gonna cry...* Strutting their stuff at the Homecoming Coronation, Seniors Brian McNeill and Amanda Dress pose for pictures. 'It was so surprising! I had so much fun that night and I will definitely remember this well after high school is through,' Dress said. (Photo by Scherling Photography)

*'Ain't No Mountain High Enough...'* During the fall pep rally, seniors Angie Hunt, Danika Vigessa, Justin Schulz and Eric Meas sing Aint No Mountain High Enough to entertain the students. 'Singing at the pep rally was a blast because I got to sing with three talented people that I love, and it was in front of the entire students body which was a unique chance for me to sing with them,' Hunt said. (Photo by Amy Foss)

*This is so much fun!* Having a great time at prom wasn't difficult for seniors Alex Sheehan and Cassie McDonald. 'The best part about prom was the dancing because I like to dance,' McDonald said. (Photo by Scherling Photography)



# Game Results in Hostility

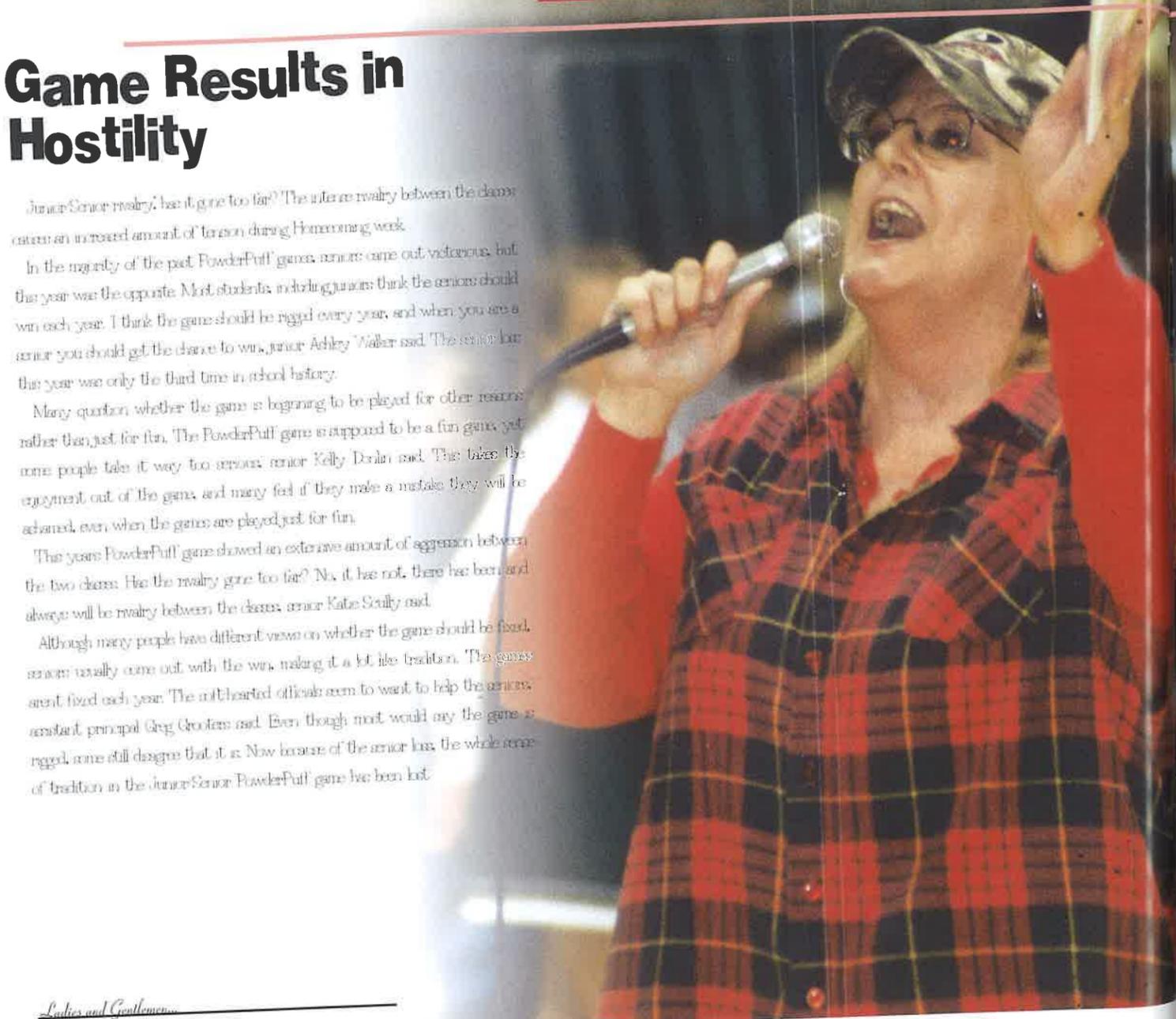
Junior-Senior rivalry, has it gone too far? The intense rivalry between the classes creates an increased amount of tension during Homecoming week.

In the majority of the past PowderPuff games seniors came out victorious, but this year was the opposite. Most students, including juniors, think the seniors should win each year. I think the game should be rigged every year, and when you are a senior you should get the chance to win, junior Ashley Walker said. The senior has this year won only the third time in school history.

Many question whether the game is beginning to be played for other reasons rather than just for fun. The PowderPuff game is supposed to be a fun game, yet some people take it way too serious, senior Kelly Druin said. This takes the enjoyment out of the game, and many feel if they make a mistake they will be ridiculed, even when the games are played just for fun.

This year's PowderPuff game showed an extensive amount of aggression between the two classes. Has the rivalry gone too far? No, it has not, there has been and always will be rivalry between the classes, senior Kate Scully said.

Although many people have different views on whether the game should be fixed, seniors usually come out with the win, making it a lot like tradition. The games aren't fixed each year. The unhearted officials seem to want to help the seniors, assistant principal Greg Grooten said. Even though most would say the game is rigged, some still disagree that it is. Now because of the senior loss, the whole sense of tradition in the Junior-Senior PowderPuff game has been lost.



### Ladies and Gentlemen

During the fall pep rally, math teacher Mrs. Mary Jo McKay entertained the student body with her funny jokes and energetic attitude. I think I was chosen to comment at the pep rally because I just enjoy the jokes, McKay said.

## Top Ten Things Not to Wear to the Homecoming Dance

10. Animal Print
9. Feather Heels
8. Ties
7. Your homework
6. Your pants 30 years old
5. Last year's prom dress
4. Bats/Spidee
3. Show up wearing the same outfit as Mr. Galt
2. Show up already wearing the crown
1. Why does it matter? No one goes anyways.



### Hope this is the right sound

While playing in pep band during the pep rally, seniors Daniel Vigora and Amy Ellidge play their hearts out for the school. Pep band is a good experience because it stays away from the traditional band music, Vigora said.



### How much longer do I have to wait??

While taking a break from cheer, junior Trisha McEwen and senior Kay Galt, Kelly Palmer and Kate Scully pose for a quick picture during Homecoming Week. Homecoming week was fun because there was a lot of attention that everyone could get involved in, Galt said.



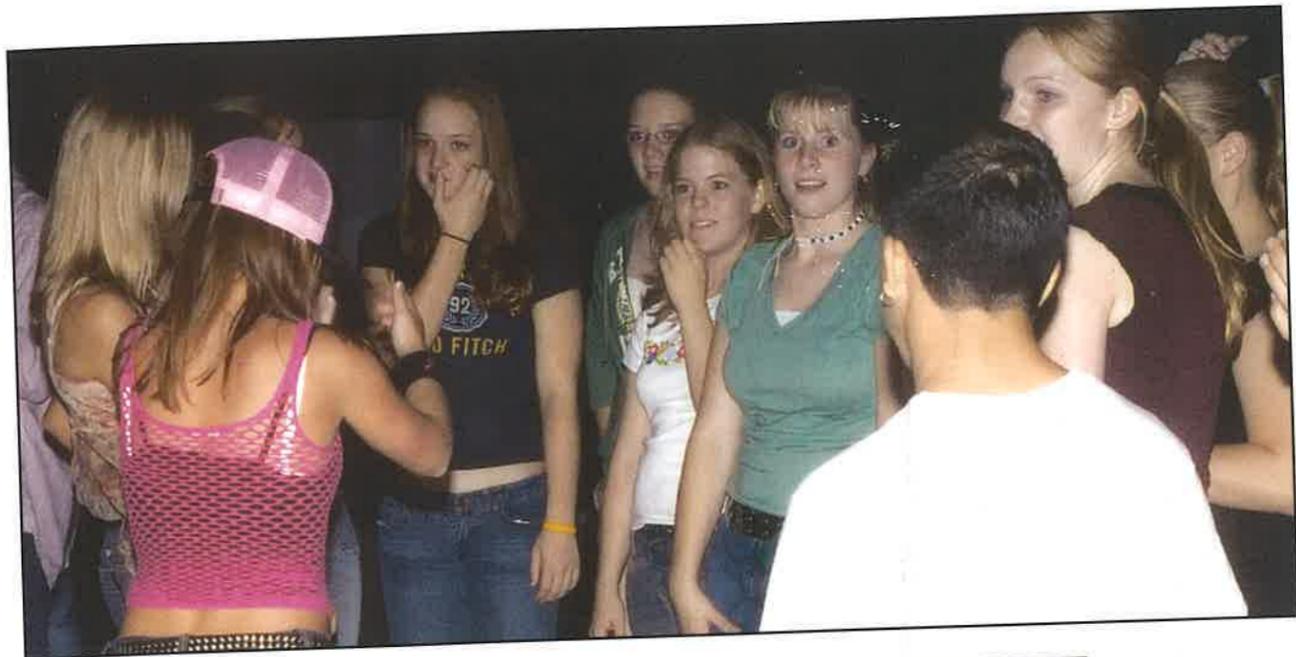
### "We've got spirit yes we do..."

During the highly energetic pep rally, the straws cheer their hearts out during their chant. My favorite memory of Homecoming Week was the football game and the pep rally because it was fun to get cheered up and these were part of it, senior Jon Galt said.



### The king and queen have arrived.

During half time of the Homecoming football game, senior king Brian McNeil and senior queen Amanda Davis make his for the homecoming crowd. It was an honor being named homecoming king especially since the vote was up to my peers, McNeil said.



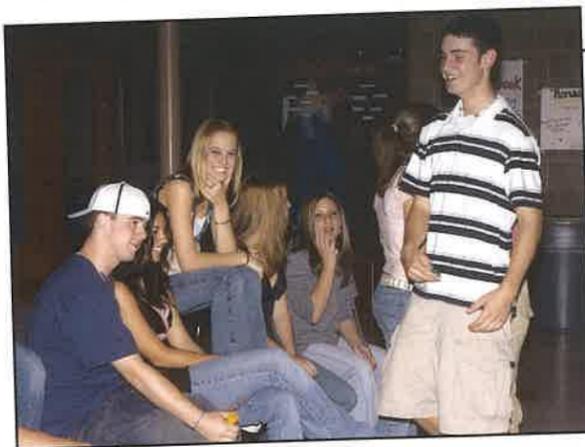
**Next Challenger Please!**

While working at the dance floor at the homecoming dance, a replacement Sen Figo checks her staff. There were a lot more people there this year and the music was awesome, Figo said.



**Break it Down!**

During the 2004 Homecoming Dance after the football game, junior Alexia Burr danced the night away. I learned how to dance from a friend who taught me everything from the Osuiki to break dancing Burr said.



**Hey, How's it Goin'?**

After the homecoming dance, Erianna Pahr and friends hang out in the commons to talk. It was great being with all my friends at the homecoming dance. That's for Pahr said.



**Just dance, dance, dance.**

While having a great time dancing with a group of friends, senior Haley Kristian realize that when her last homecoming dance at West Fuego High. Just being with my friends and hanging out with them during the dance was the best part, Kristian said.

**Dance Receives Poor Attendance**

The crowd cheered as the Packer football team earned a victory in the Homecoming game; then it was off to the dance... or was it? How many students actually attended the Homecoming dance? Recently the attendance at the dance has been declining. Many suggestions have been made to make the dance more interesting.

Changing the dance to formal and having it on a Saturday could result in a better turnout, senior Bill Behrmann said.

It was suggested to have homecoming court, along with the king and queen, announced at the dance to see if it would make it more beneficial.

Announcing king and queen before the dance is better because coronation is a fun event, and people will go to the dance if they want to or not, senior Jared Demert said.

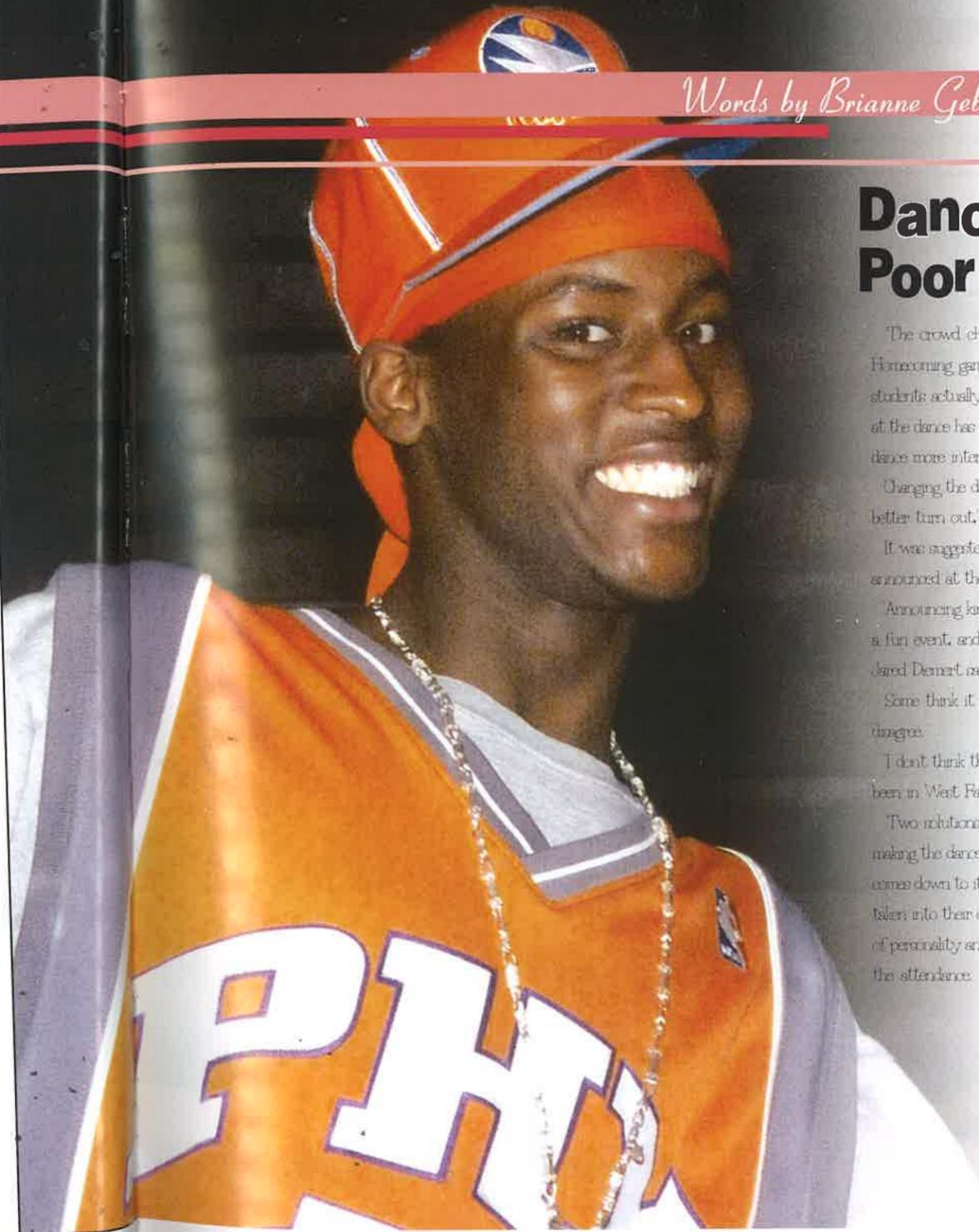
Some think it would be better to cancel the dance all together, but others disagree.

I don't think the dance should be cancelled because it is a tradition that has been in West Fargo, and it should be kept alive, senior Stacie Frowsep said.

Two solutions to increasing attendance at the Homecoming dance include making the dance formal and announcing the court during the dance. When it comes down to it, nothing will change the minds of students unless matters are taken into their own hands. The dance will always be there, it is just a matter of personality and school spirit in an individual that will change the outcome of the attendance.

**Hey Baby, How You Doin'?**

While hanging out at the homecoming dance, sophomore Jeremy Semer takes a break from dancing to take a quick walk for the camera. By far the best part of the dance was the girls, Semer said.



**Top Ten Reasons Not to Go to the Homecoming Dance**

10. To miss the option of a date
9. Lack of rhythm
8. Avoid being ex. dancing with someone new
7. Spare yourself the embarrassment of vomit packing you up!
6. The Museum died 5 years ago... and you'll wish you wouldn't too
5. Seeing teachers trying to dance
4. Avoid sympathy dance
3. Alleged violation to the crude machine
2. You make up 1/5 of the population including cheerleaders
1. No matter what the Village People say, it's not fun to stay at the YMCA!

# Fashion Philosophy Low Prices Best for Student Budgets

Fashions come and fashions go, but pockets are usually the same. There's little change in them. An anonymous person said the referring to what people wear and how much they pay for these items. Many students at West Fargo High School choose to spend a fortune on name brand clothing. Many students who do not empty their pockets buying name brand clothes wonder why others would spend so much. It may be that some shoppers do not know about all of the options out there to buy fashionable clothes at lower prices.

I shop at Abercrombie and Fitch, American Eagle and all of those places. There are times when I don't have enough money and decide to shop at Goodwills or Plato's Closet. It's the same stuff, except cheaper, sophomore Kekey Stroh said. Many students spend the big bucks on name brand clothing when they could get the same clothes for half the price. Usually they do this because they do not know about the other stores out there that have the cheaper prices.

I guess I usually shop at the same places. I like the clothes there and my parents pay for it. So the money thing is not a problem. I do not need to know what other stores are out there because I like the stores that I already shop at, freshman Seth Dye said. Although West Fargo High School has a few bargain shoppers, other students choose not to expand their fashion horizons and stick to the high priced and brand name stores. Although many students spend hours shopping for clothes, there are those students who do not spend as much time looking for that perfect outfit.

I do not spend a lot of time shopping for stuff when I do not need it. I like to go into a store knowing what I need to get, get it and then leave. I am not a big fan of leisurely shopping for my clothes, freshman Kekey Berggren said. Everyone has their own style and everyone pays a different price for the clothing of their choice. The halls of West Fargo High School will always have many different fashions but the prices and where shoppers buy their clothes will continue to be different throughout the years.



Most students at West Fargo High School have their own sense of what is fashionable. Many students choose to shop at stores like American Eagle, Abercrombie & Fitch, Aeropostale, Baskin-GAP, Express, Pac Sun. However, some students shop for bargains. Many students are able to find merchandise at the good will stores when they shop at stores like Goodwills, Plato's Closet or their favorite store. Students who shop at Plato's Closet can also benefit by selling their good used clothing to the store.

- ### Top Ten Places to Shop for Deals
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|---------------|-------------------|
| 10. Sears     | 5. Plato's Closet |
| 9. Ebay       | 4. Dollar Store   |
| 8. Kmart      | 3. Garage Sale    |
| 7. Wal-Mart   | 2. Goodwill       |
| 6. Sears Club | 1. Savers         |

# To Do or Not to Ta-ttoo Making Wise Decisions

Butterflies, stars, flames and Chinese symbols, so many choices for a first tattoo. Different images that are appropriate for all ages and genders. If tattoos are so simple, why do people contemplate or refrain from getting one?

Many teens immediately jump in their cars on the day of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to go get a long anticipated tattoo. While they are in the parking chair, they can always depend on that one friend that will be standing beside them for support and assurance that it is never too late to change their mind. Sophomore Megan Schwartz proves to possibly be one of those friends. I would never want to get a tattoo when you get older they would distort and look all nasty, Schwartz said.

Although it is true that some people disagree with permanently tattooing their body, this does not keep a majority of teens from considering forever branding their skin with their favorite symbol or saying Senior Brock Starnsten is very anxious to remove his very first tattoo once he finds a design that appeals to him. I think tattoos look cool and are a great way to symbolize your feelings about something or a person you care about, Starnsten said.

There are many different attitudes and opinions people have towards tattooing their bodies. It is hard to forget about those tattoo crazy people that use tattoos as a way to express their personalities and spice up their confidence as they add a thrilling new addition to their appearance. Senior tattoo owner Corey Kraft bears her tattoo and getting her record very soon. She feels that tattoos are a great way to express something that you won't regret getting and in a place that you will never regret having it, Kraft said.

Tattoos are often viewed as an exciting and thrilling new addition to the body. There are many motivations or influences to persuade people into permanently branding their body. Growing up, finishing high school and determining personal identity along with what someone loves or cares about may be a few of those factors. Some view tattoos as an unwise decision that will only lead to future regrets, while there are those others who are excited about getting a tattoo, receive it and cherish it forever.

Knowledge students are able to get tattoos all over the body. Tattoos are available to put on anywhere from head to toe. It seems that the most popular place for a girl to get a tattoo is on the lower middle back. The arm or the upper middle back seem to be the most popular places for boys to get tattoos.

Today there are many different types of tattoos to choose from. There is butterfly, flames, flowers, symbols, and anything else the person getting the tattoo can think of. Many people today also make their own unique tattoo which has sentimental value to that person. Among celebrities, Chinese symbols and flowers seem to be the most popular.

- ### Top Ten Reasons to Get a Tattoo
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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10. Team Unity               | 5. Symbol of friendship             |
| 9. Experience something new  | 4. Way to show off your body        |
| 8. To get attention          | 3. Because you can (Turn 18)        |
| 7. Rebellion against parents | 2. Prove love for significant other |
| 6. Remembrance               | 1. Because everyone's getting one   |



Words by Trent Gehrig Photos by Kayla Whitaker

# One Guys Perspective on Mr. West Fargo

I am Mr. West Fargo. Students may have seen several of these shirts this year, but there is only one Mr. West Fargo.

There were a total of 21 guys in the pageant. The pageant consisted of eveningwear, swimwear, talent, and a question round. In eveningwear, contestants could draw how they would go out at night, or what they would wear to bed. I chose to wear blazer, a button up shirt, and a sweater. I must have made a good impression on the judges because I moved on to the next round. The judges were English teacher Miss Lynette Mural, Government teacher Mr. Paul Telft, Math teacher Miss Laura Baruch, former graduate and founder of Mr. West Fargo, Greg Tolvers, and former graduate Zach Ista.

The next category was swimwear. The contestants came up with some funny costumes, which included everything from streaking to waders. For my outfit, I wore blue and white trunks, a white t-shirt with my cheeks on my head and a towel cooly slung across my shoulder. The judges then again made eliminations. I, thankfully, was still in the running to becoming the next Mr. West Fargo.

The second to last category was talent. Many of the guys did standup comedy, played musical instruments or performed magic tricks. My talent was giving my best impression of the VH1 hit Motor Mouth. I sang and danced to the popular song My Goodies by Ciara. The judge cut down the group once again, only five remained. My Goodies apparently got me to the next round.

The final round was questions. Each contestant was asked a different question. I was asked what would I do if I became Mr. West Fargo. I answered, I would solve world hunger. This brought laughter to the crowd for it is a common answer in real beauty pageants. For the judge's last elimination they added up the score of the final contestants and came out with the winner, which was unfortunately not me. However, the winner was senior Justin Scholz, and he was the title.

*Shake your groove thing*  
During his talent performance, senior Trent Gehrig sang and danced to My Goodies. My talent was based on VH1's show Motor Mouth but not in a funny way and I thought it would make the audience laugh. Gehrig said.



- ### Top Ten Talents Not To Do in the Mr. WF Pageant
10. Any imitations
  9. Recite poetry
  8. Blow bubbles
  7. Sing a song you don't know the words to
  6. Make balloon animals for the audience
  5. Try to rap
  4. Role as a small boy(s) around the stage
  3. Verbalize about with a hurried delivery
  2. Stand up comedy stolen from Comedy Central
  1. Shaming of any kind



*I'm so glad I won!*  
Justin Scholz, winner, did not hide any excitement after getting his crown. When asked why he joined he replied, I found the girls thought it was cool.



*Patently Waiting...*  
Waiting for the judge's results, junior Emerson Robert hangs out on stage. The most fun part of Mr. West Fargo was going up on stage and making fools of ourselves, Robert said.



*It's a deal*  
Pleased with the performance, Mr. Paul Telft gave a perfect ten to Loren Dolera. "Watching look be out of the three box, and risk the future in front of hundreds of people was the best part of being Mr. West Fargo," Telft said.



*He's too sexy*  
Showing off his great body, senior Luke Bakken waits to see the rest of the competition. Mr. West Fargo was a great experience full of memories, Bakken said.

# Air Soft Newest Trend in Alternative Sports

Cold metal guns, the sound of ricocheting bb's, an area with very little light and loud painful moans describe the airsoft arena.

An airsoft gun is basically a bb gun. It shoots rubber bb's. There is a range of guns from pistol to an AK-47 and a sniper rifle to a grenade launcher. There are places that support playing with airsoft guns.

There are numerous reasons for playing this sport. I like to play video games with my team like *adren*, and I like guns," senior Anthony Larson said.

"This is a sport for both men and women. Men partake in this sport more often because it does not appeal to women. It is for both men and women, but mostly guys attend. Most girls do not like the paint, junior Joe Larson said.

Usually, serious injury does not occur. The only injury is being shot in the eye. Two things can prevent this, safety glasses and masks.

More people use safety glasses because they do not fog up as easy as masks. You can get a serious injury if you don't wear eye protection," Joe Larson said.

Airsoft is a both mental and physical sport. Knowing where people are and how to get to them is key. It is both mental and physical because you have to know where the enemy is and how to get to them," senior Ryan Lisk said.

Airsoft is a growing alternative like bb guns. "Warrior Kate" said and it is for men and women. The only real serious injury is getting eyes shot and that can be prevented and it is both a mental and physical game.

*Fun is better than and*

While many students like the structure provided by playing at a building, others like to play Airsoft at outside locations. "The best place to play Airsoft would have to be in the woods by Kody Christof," junior Matt Nichol said.



*Fire and Shoot.*

While shooting an Airsoft gun, senior Kody Christof focuses on his target. My good buddy, Anthony Larson, told me about it. It sounded to me like it had no chance about of getting in a serious check it out," Christof said.



*I've got him...*

Many students participate in Air Soft, because they have friends that also participate. A couple of friends purchased the purchased the guns as I did. We go to Warrior Kate Castle to play," senior Matt Nichol said.



and act serious  
airsoft.  
Castle is the place to partake in a n d

## Top Ten Alternative Sports

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10. Apple bobbing      | 5. Dung Toss               |
| 9. Food eating contest | 4. Cow Tipping             |
| 8. Lumberjacking       | 3. Streaking               |
| 7. Extreme dodge ball  | 2. Floorcrawling           |
| 6. Chinese fire drill  | 1. Under water BB stacking |

# Students Look Like Celebrities

The girls scream and run towards the blonde girl walking through the halls of their mall, and all they want is an autograph. In actuality, this blonde girl is not a celebrity, she just happens to look like one. Some students of West Fargo High have the looks of famous celebrities.

Some people look like actresses, actors, singers, performers and athletes. A person may look like a celebrity but act nothing like them.

It's cool to have people think I look like Christina Aguilera, but even though I look like her, I don't think I'm anything like her. We're total opposites," senior Jamie Lund said.

A person might not even know they look like a celebrity, but other people believe they do.

I would have never guessed that I look like Selma Hayek. She's so beautiful. When I look at a picture I can't see it, and that bothers me because other people can," sophomore Salena Sui said.

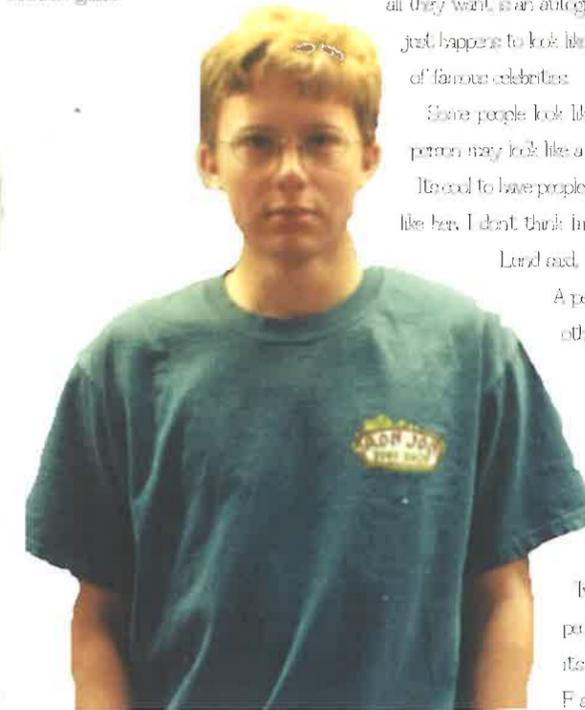
While many look like celebrities, and do not know it, others know exactly who they look like.

I've been told many times that I look like Bill Gates. Many people make fun of me for it, but I don't think it's a bad thing," junior Steffen Faller said.

People who are celebrities just happen to look for celebrities make other who is a look-alike of a celebrity.



*Jamie Lund*  
Christina Aguilera



*Steffen Faller*  
Bill Gates

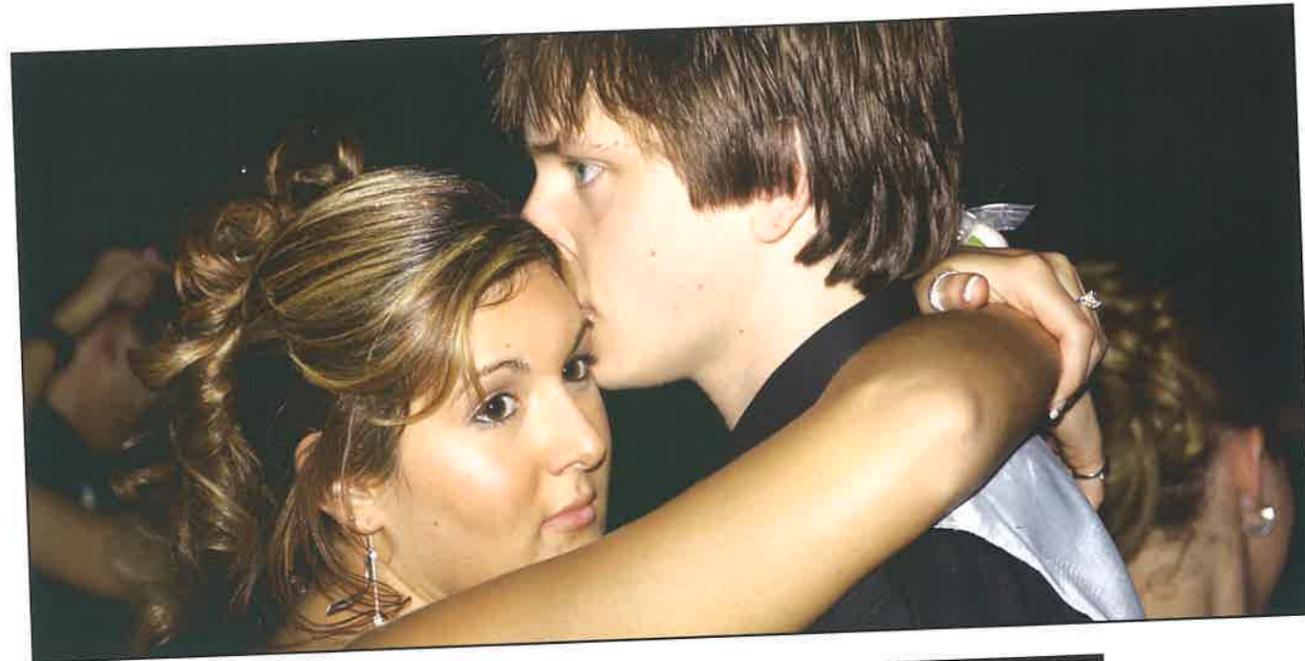
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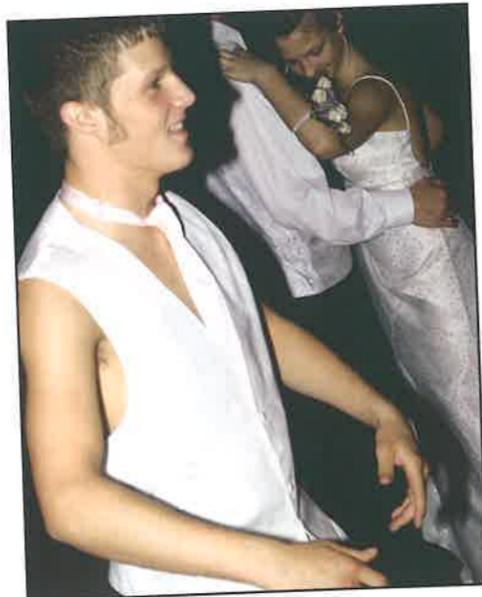
*Salena Sui*  
Selma Hayek

## Top Ten Celebrities Not to Look Like

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 10. Courtney Love          | 5. Rose O'Donnelle |
| 9. Dustin Diamond (Scrubs) | 4. Michael Jackson |
| 8. Anna Nicole Smith       | 3. Roxanne         |
| 7. Joe Dirt                | 2. Carrot Top      |
| 6. Sally Jessy Raphael     | 1. Marilyn Manson  |



*Answer...*  
While enjoying her prom night, senior Casey Knott slow dances with her date, senior Jason Parrow. "The best part of the night was being with my friends all night at the disco Knott and."



*Showin' a little skin...*  
While dancing at prom, the best girl, too intense for junior Miles Jackson who wanted to just have fun to keep him cool. They played good music everyone was relaxed and out there to have a good time Jackson and."



*The way you look tonight...*  
While dancing together at prom, junior Niclas Reich and Mile Mirabe take some time to enjoy each other and the wonderful night. Mile was a good dancer, most guys step on the girls feet but Mile knows what he's doing Reich and."



*U.M.C.A.*  
While jamming out at prom, junior Seth Matheson joins the crowd for the infamous YMCA dance. The dance was a blast when people stepped out of their comfort zones. It's fun to see everyone dressed up and going crazy on the dance floor Matheson and."

## Prom Goers Anticipate Dance



It is the week before prom, and all throughout the halls excited voices can be heard full of plans for the big night. Judging by the stories being told, people would guess that students have been planning this night their whole lives. In actuality, the claim has some truth, especially for girls.

Most girls started to get ready for prom even before January. In January I began looking for a date and decided to buy my dress, junior Kirby Kivi said. By February, most girls have their dresses bought and a date in mind, but this is just the beginning. Shoes and jewelry are still to be bought and hair, nail and makeup appointments are still to be made.

By March, most people have started tanning so that they look absolutely perfect by prom night. My favorite thing to do to prepare for prom is to go tanning, senior Amanda Dress said. Most girls would agree with this statement.

March is usually the month that guys have to begin preparing for prom. They seem to have a less expensive and extensive routine. Most guys simply have to rent a tux to get ready for the night.

April passes with most preparing already done for prom and then May comes and the excitement begins. A couple days before prom, the organizing and decorating comes in full swing, this work is mostly done by the prom committee.

Finally the day arrives and girls are running around town trying to get their hair, makeup and nails done before the pictures. Most peoples plans before prom consist of going out to eat with just their date or a group of friends. Then it is time to get to prom before the grand march starts. Here begins a night of extreme fun for most people.

Everyone has a different favorite part about the night. Dress said her favorite thing about prom is simply, being with all of my friends all night. While senior Jesse Parrow said, I am most excited to dance with my date.

Whether being with tons of friends all night or simply being with someone special, one thing is for sure, prom is anticipated months before the night arrives and is not soon forgotten by those who attend.

### Top Ten Things Not to Do During Grand March

10. Eat
9. Step on date's dress and trip her
8. Sing along with the music
7. Take any pictures as a date
6. Have hair piece stick to your shoe
5. Walk backwards
4. Walk down with the wrong date
3. Run through
2. Wear moon boots
1. Answer your cell phone

### Dancing the night away...

While at prom, junior Paul Neary dances with his date, junior Lish Schmidt. My favorite part of prom was seeing everyone all dressed up and completely chock of heat during the dance, Neary said.

# Movie Night Ruined By Obnoxious Movie Goers

Do you mind? Im trying to enjoy the movie! This is a statement many would like to scream while on a night out to the theater. Any movie theater in the Fargo-Moorhead area may have the typical customer that ends up disturbing everyone.

Going to the movies used to be an enjoyable experience. In many cases it still is but for those unfortunate moviegoers, incessant talking, junior high kids and random flying objects have killed the excitement.

I cant stand it when younger kids think theyre funny and talk as loud as possible during the entire movie, senior Jared Denert said.

Along with loud kids, there is always the threat of having something thrown. The projectiles could range ABC gum to a hard butterfinger. It is hilarious to those who witness the tragedy, but not so funny for the target of the prank. It is not hard to feel bad for the target, or the random person that was stuck with a seat by those people. The projectile could actually hurt someone or get stuck in someones hair.

The guy next to us threw his sucker down to the front rows and it got stuck in some girls hair. Im pretty sure I laughed for hours after that one, junior Alex Salquist said.

While watching others commit these annoying acts, many onlookers join in on the fun. If you can not beat them, join em! The most popular ways to annoy other movie enthusiasts are public displays of affection, talking or fiddling with cell phones and loud, aggravating laughter. Most annoyers have specific groups they like to target.

The best people to get are the junior high kids because they make it so easy, senior Jim Grant said.

Going to movies has been a tradition for many years in our area. It does not seem promising the annoyance will ever come to a stop. Considering all the possible ways the entire movie experience can be ruined, it might just be easier and safer to stay at home and rent a movie.



## Top Ten Ways to Annoy People at the Movies

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 10. Make out with date      | 5. Take calls on cell phone           |
| 9. Girly wrappers           | 4. Instantly get up and leave         |
| 8. Throw food               | 3. Wear a big 80s hairdo              |
| 7. Chomp, shake popcorn     | 2. Kick the chair in front of you     |
| 6. Cough, sneeze, blow nose | 1. Talk/gag through the serious parts |

# Opinions Reflect Students' Preferences

What do Green Day, Dave Matthews Band and Jay-Z all have in common? These are all popular artists in the musical industry. Some students opinions show they like these artists or bands, and some show they do not.

West Fargo High students have a wide variation of opinions of musical artists. I like Maroon 5 because all of their songs are good on their cd, not just one. I also like their lyrics, sophomore Danielle Mehus said. Other students enjoy listening to other genres of music. Dashboard Confessional is one of my favorite bands because they have three guitars, and the lyrics are mad real, senior Luke Baldwin said.

Talent is one word a person must have in order to be a musical artist, or some think so. Other students opinions say that they think it is something only some musical artists have. I think the artists that write their own songs are the ones that have the most talent, Mehus said. Some students have their own thoughts of specific artists who are talented. I think Dave Matthews is talented because he can sing about anything at all and make it good, Baldwin said. Others have their opinions of what an artist must consist of to be talented. Talented musical artists must have sophistication and writing/compositional skills, sophomore Jim Broton said.

Students have their own opinions of who are great artists and terrible artists. To single one out, Toby Keith doesnt deserve to be an artist because he has no talent and is ignorant, Broton said. Other students think differently. Personally, I think anybody can be an artist because it is expressing yourself, Baldwin said.

Opinions from students vary from person to person in the West Fargo High School. All students have their opinions on their favorite artists, talents artists must have and which musical artists deserve to be where they are today. Opinions are opinions, and will always be different each year. As for now, it is safe to say students know what they like and dislike when dealing with their music.

## Top Ten Songs to Dance to

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 10. Mazzyra              | 5. In Da Club      |
| 9. Electric Blue         | 4. Get Low         |
| 8. Dam Me On             | 3. My Goodies      |
| 7. Pour Some Sugar on Me | 2. Let Me Love You |
| 6. From the Moment       | 1. Amazed          |

Words by Emily Hartley Photos by Ashley Davidson

# Students Decorate Cars, Ride in Miles of Style

A student is surrounded by lush red velvet and bright fur in multiple colors. There are Sponge Bob stickers and shiny silver beads attached to nearly everything. Pictures are tacked to the ceiling and confetti covers the floor. Where could the student possibly be? She is in her best friend's car.

Many students give their cars a personal touch by decorating them. It can make a vehicle seem one of a kind.

Some teens use themes, while anything goes for others. "In my car I have a dolphin steering wheel cover, a scented dolphin hanging from my mirror and dolphin seat belt things," freshman Whitney Hovestel said.

Decorations often remind people of fun times they have had. "My friends put pictures of me in their cars," junior Jerrell Lammers said.

Reasons for decorating a car range from having something to look at to entertaining passengers.

Junior Chelsea Peters decorates her car to express herself. "It shows who I really am," Peters said.

Most students have a tight budget to work with, but that does not stop them from dreaming about the ultimate personalized car.

"TVs in the head rests and a fountain in the back seat may entice some students, but others have smaller dreams. "I'd put fur in my car like Josh Green," Lammers said. "Just kidding."

The student's best friend's car, complete with fur on the seats and a photo gallery on the ceiling, expresses her personality while giving the student something to look at. "Sponge Bob stickers are entertaining enough, until dreams of TVs and fountains may somehow come true."

### Cars show personality

Some students choose to decorate their car with pompoms and pictures. Other students prefer fuzzy seat and steering wheel covers. While some students decorate the inside of their car, others prefer to decorate the outside by adding decals, bumper stickers, window cling, and expensive paint jobs. No matter the look, it most often reflects the personality of the driver.

## Top Ten Reasons to Clean Your Room

10. It's a pigsty
9. I have a company over
8. To prevent bugs/germs from growing and living
7. Decorate a wardrobe
6. Have a hot date
5. Find long lost items
4. Prevent injuries
3. So it doesn't smell
2. So parents don't yell and ground you
1. To avoid getting busted for weekend festivities



### Be Bold...

Some students go bold by painting their room in red as in the picture above.

### Pretty in Pastels...

Light, soft colors help some students to relax in their personal room space.



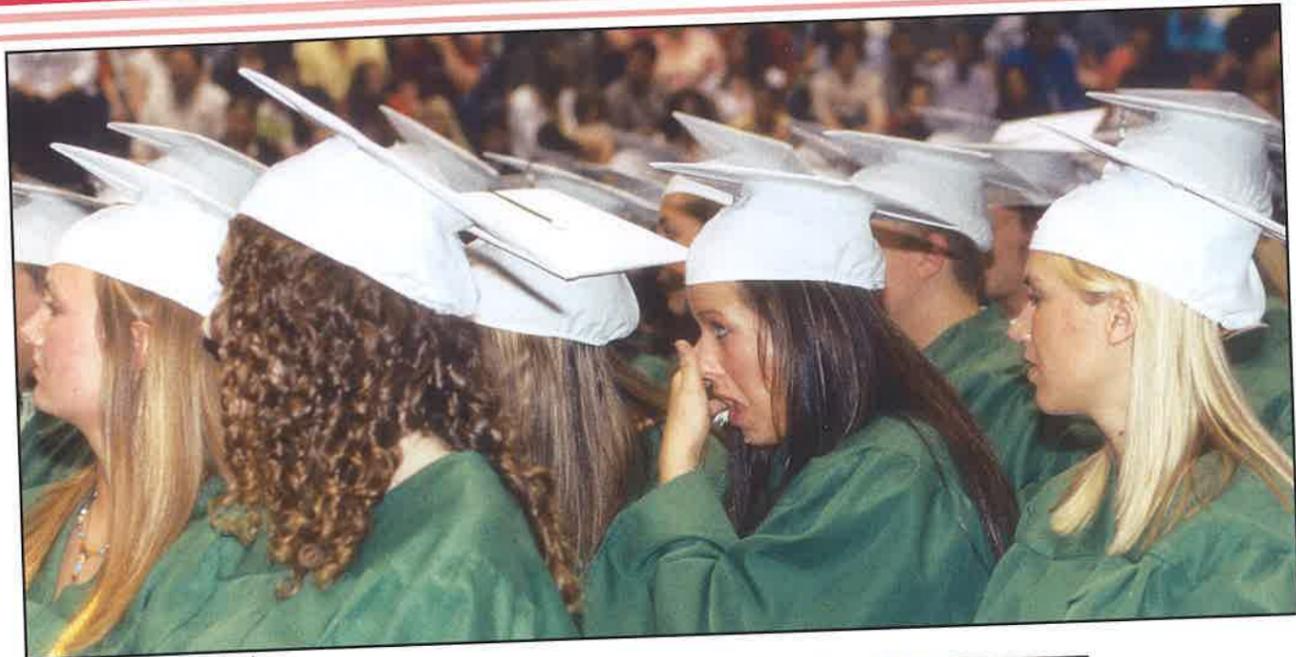
### Stuffed Animal for Security

Small stuffed animals seem to pop up in a number of students' cars, insisting that the student finds it adds to their decorating statement or that it may add a feeling of security when on the North Dakota roads.

### Patterned Paint Jobs...

While some students like their space painted with solid colors, others choose to decorate at least one wall with a painted pattern.





*I hope my mascara doesn't run!*

While listening to the closing speech, senior Shara Peterson and Amy Fin remained about their senior year. During the ceremony, I was thinking about the end of high school and knowing all of my friends. Peterson said.



*It's finally here...*

Before giving her closing speech to the senior class, senior Amanda Dennis shaken Superintendent Dr. Chuck Chazy's hand. At first, I was excited to give the speech but then the nervous set in. But, all in all, it was an honor, and I wouldn't change it. Dennis said.



*Dude, we're done!!*

Following the graduation ceremony, they just graduated or soon they'll give up their high school celebration. The best part about graduating is the feeling of long days over. said Mike said.



*This is it...*

While walking to their seats or home Rachel Lagerl and Janna Lovel said spoke the best memories as a part of the Class of 2005. Many of the seniors share the same best thoughts of being a senior. I will miss my classmates. I'll be sure not to miss out, especially the fun parties and the bus trips. Lagerl said.

Words by Kayla Mattson Photos by Aimee McEwen and Alyssa Jones

# Small Size Plays No Factor In Class Unity



Unity without unity (truth) is no better than conspiracy. These words of wisdom spoken by Puritan John Trapp truly relate to the class of 2005.

Over the past four years the senior class has progressively decreased in size. Taking this into consideration, it is obvious that the smaller class size has brought the seniors together as a whole.

Obstacles such as PowderPuff and watching the boys basketball season come to a close at the EDC tournament have all contributed to the class unity.

"We stick together through different events and classes like PowderPuff," senior Mary Johnson said.

Graduation brings mixed emotions to each and every person. Some may be happy and excited, while others fear what the future may hold. The world is a scary place and for many seniors, graduation means the end of the only life they have known thus far.

"I am a sad but happy. I'm leaving the familiar, but am moving on to new things," senior Ashly Setzer said.

Sticking together after graduation will become the ultimate goal of many seniors. Though new roads will be traveled and it may become rough at times, it is also important to not forget all the memories that were made in high school.

"I'll try my best, but a lot of people will be moving on to bigger and better things," said senior Sarah Schmidt said.

Taking the stage to accept a diploma was the final step in the seniors' journey through high school. Due to a smaller class, the seniors were able to unite in a way unlike previous graduating classes. The class of 2005 looks back on graduation day and remembers how their fellow classmates truly cared about one another.

### *I'll be there for you...*

During the graduation ceremony at the Civic Center, the senior class performed "I'll Be There For You" for the very last time. I really enjoyed the choir tour the year because it gave me a chance to be with some of my best friends while having a bit, since Dana Nigma said.

## Top Ten Things To Not Do While Receiving Your Diploma

10. Trip
9. Mock the audience
8. Stare across the stage
7. Draw lips
6. Yell HEE and run off stage
5. Use a hand wipe while holding Class book
4. Wear Progs South apparel
3. Tug at your diploma as you
2. Run at the results
1. Grab your diploma, steal the microphone and announce that you cheated through school

# Seniors

*Of or relating to the fourth and final year of high school; upperclassmen. The Class of 2005*

*Seniors (Noun)*



*Who me?* During Homecoming Coronation, through her facial expression, senior Amanda Drees shows her sheer surprise at being crowned queen. 'I had no idea it was going to be me. I was really shocked,' Drees said.

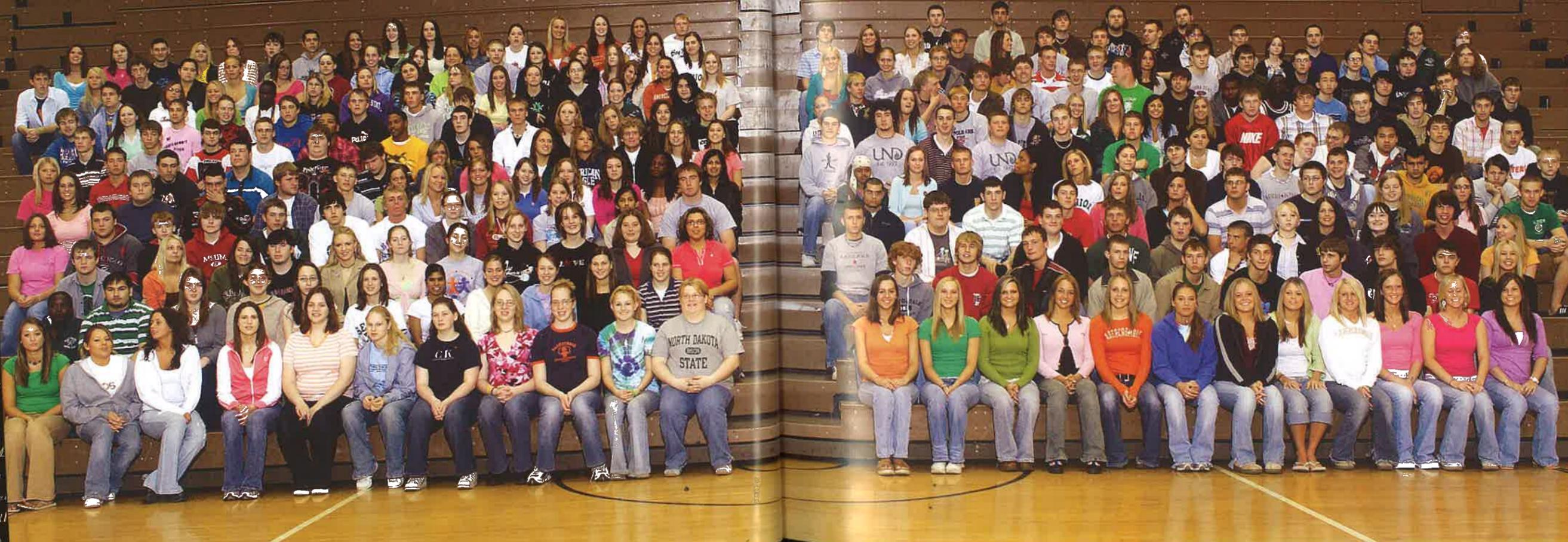
*Go Packers!* While cheering at a home football game, seniors Sarah Schmidt and Kekey Peterson show their packer pride. 'I'm going to miss hanging out with all my friends and all of the hundreds of cheers we used to do,' Schmidt said.

*Who's the dummy?* While doing his talent act in the Mr. West Fargo Pageant, senior John Loberg uses fellow senior Andy Holland as a human ventriloquist dummy providing some last laughs for their senior year. 'It feels great to finally be able to move on into the real world and to succeed on my own,' Holland said.

*Business in the front, party in the back...* Bringing back a hairstyle from the 80s, senior Jerod Hatkamp sports his new do around school. Hatkamp's basketball coach Jim Jones had his own opinion on Hatkamp's new look. 'He looked like a complete idiot. He reminded me of Joe Dirt,' Jones said.



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## Baldwin, Rodgers Display School Spirit

ROWDIE that's the way we spell rowdie, rowdie! School spirit has come a long way over the years. Seniors Karli Rodgers and Luke Baldwin have been voted by the senior class as having the most school spirit. Students with school spirit often show their support for different activities and sports. My favorite sport is football because we have many different teams and everyone gets really pumped! Rodgers said.

The jenny girls which refer to the senior girls and a few juniors that wear the boys football jerseys to the football games cheer on the Packers. The jenny girls led by Rodgers have their favorite cheer and it is called 'O, Baby'. There are different reasons to be pumped up about a game, including a big school rivalry, knowing the players of the team or the intensity of the game. Any way a person looks at it, seniors Rodgers and Baldwin are just ecstatic about cheering on the Packers. There are other ways to have school spirit besides going to sporting events.

Baldwin is in many extracurricular activities such as being vice president of DECA and vice president of Student Council. I enjoy being in extracurricular activities and show my school spirit at games, Baldwin said.

Some seniors are a little worried about the Packers not having enough school spirit after they leave. Well, I do not think they will have much of a crowd because only about 15 to 20 juniors attend the game, Rodgers said.

They've got spirit, yes they do they've got spirit how about you?



Most School Spirit: Luke Baldwin and Karli Rodgers



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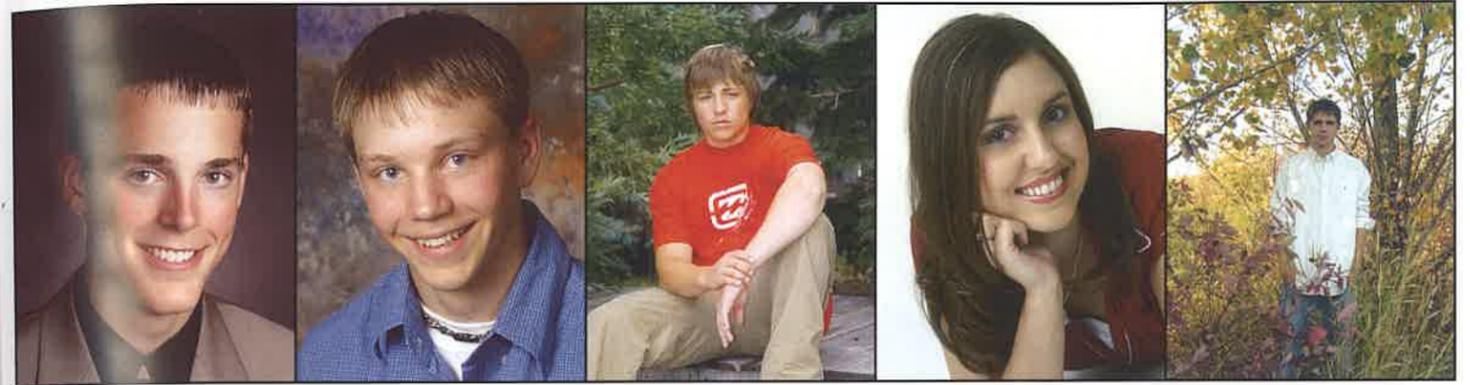
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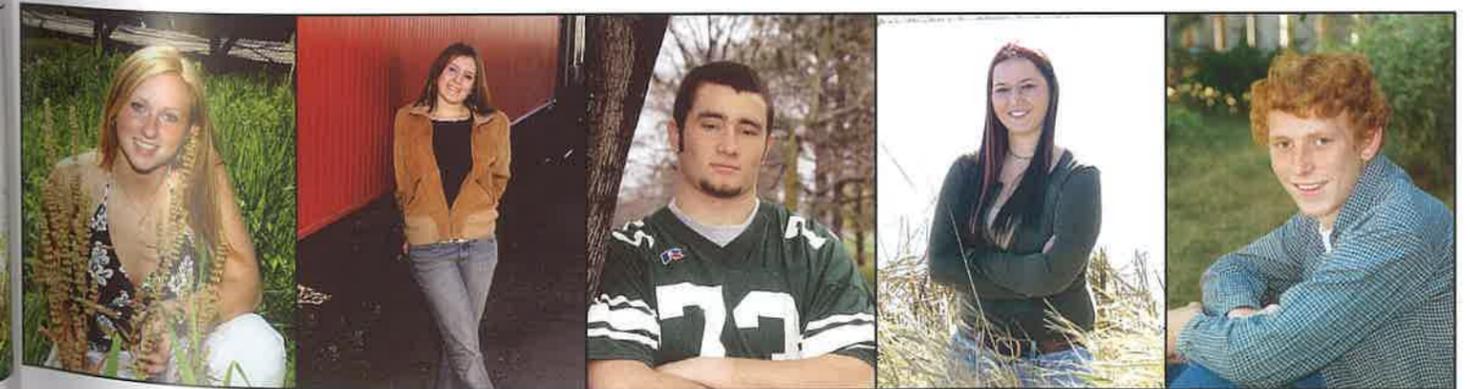
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Quinn Baker

Luke Babin

Erika Bostkamp

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Nathan Bill

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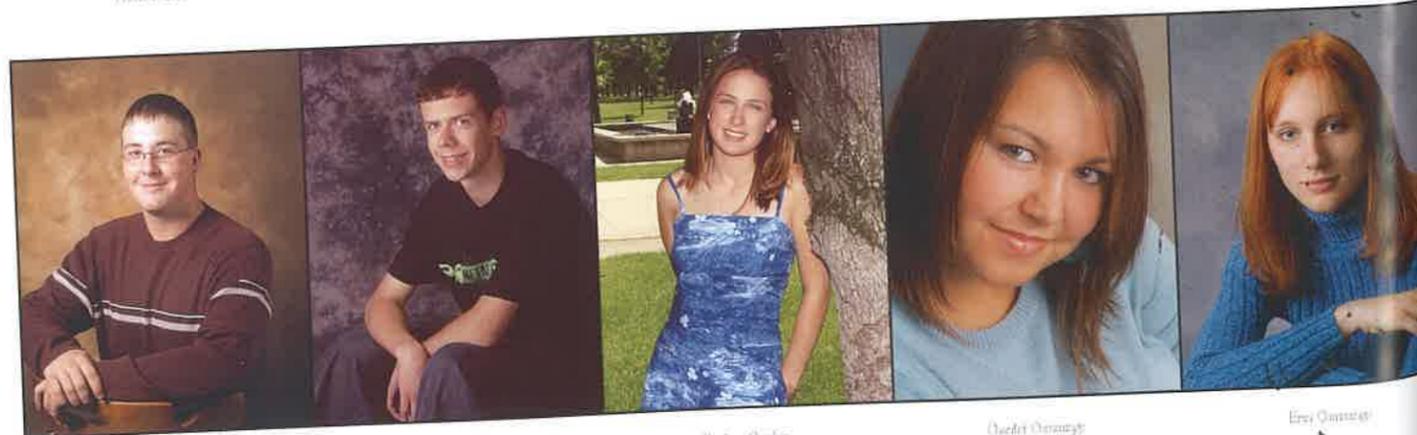
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David Byrd

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Nick Goff

Julian Gonsky

Andrea Ombre

Rachel Ombry

Eric Ombry

## Does Upbring Breed Cocky Attitude

In the dictionary it says that to be cocky is to be overly self-assured or self-confident. In the poll for senior picks seniors Jerad Steichen and Kandice Torres was both named as the cockiest in the class of 2006. This title was given to them for many reasons some of which they know and some of which they do not.

I think that I was named this because I am kind of loud and my voice rises above others. So I get myself heard. I don't care what people think of me. I just always speak my mind. Steichen said.

This trait plays a large part in a person's character. Whether it is thought of as a good or bad trait, it is definitely an outstanding one. Steichen seems to like this title and is not ashamed of being heard. Torres however, has a slightly different opinion. I think that it's a little embarrassing, but I don't really mind. Torres said.

Many people seem to think that the way a person was raised influences their character when they get older. I think that this attitude came with me from when I was born. It just got stronger as the days progressed. I am the kind of person that will talk someone something bad that no one else will. I speak what I think and I consider it more of a positive self-attitude, not a cocky one. Steichen said.

A person's self-satisfaction is completely based on a matter of opinion. In this case, it is the senior class decision. Whether they like it or not, Steichen and Torres will be named most cocky of the class of 2006.



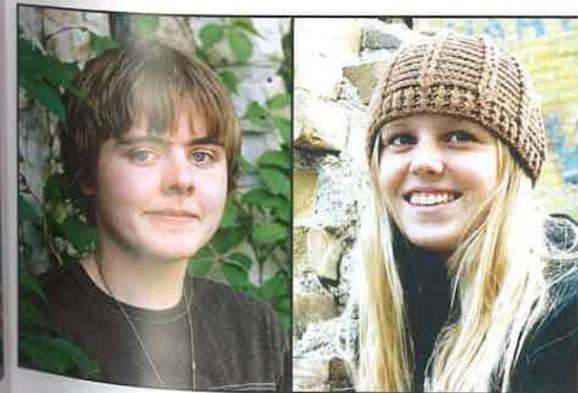
Patrick Black

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Nick Owe



Nathan Smith

Abi Dill



Most Cocky: Jerad Steichen and Kandice Torres

# Wedding Bells in Air for Edwards and Gebeke

Are wedding bells ringing? Well it is possible for seniors Brady Edwards and Brianne Gebeke. The couple was voted most likely to get married by their senior class.

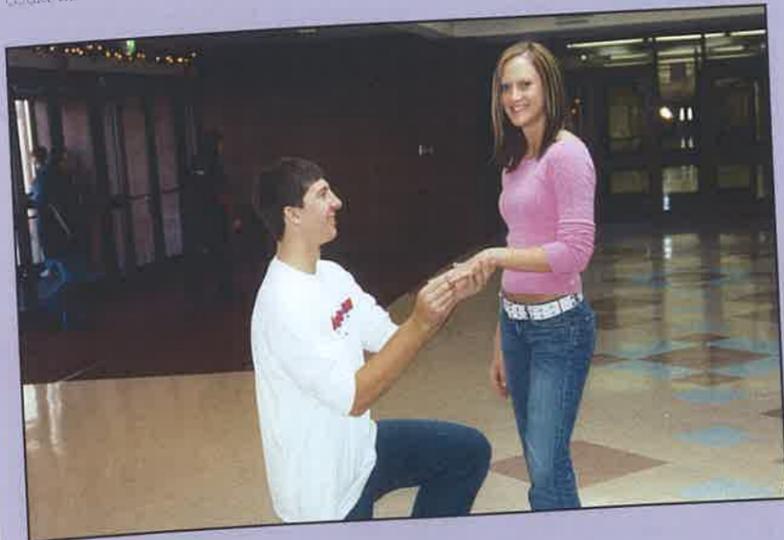
The couple has dated for a long time. We have been dating since October 24, 2002," Gebeke said.

Edwards and Gebeke met with the help of a good friend. Karli Rodgers introduced me to Brady because she was a good friend of his and knew him for a long time," Gebeke said. This introduction helped make the two a couple.

Their first date started off with a scare. Our first date was on Halloween where we attended the movie *The Ring*," Edwards said.

Edwards and Gebeke do a number of activities together during weekends. "Usually, we go to one of our houses and watch TV or a movie. Sometimes we hang out with our friends too," Edwards said. Even after two years together, they do not get bored with each others company and still have many fun times with their own friends.

Most would say, if a couple could last for two years in a high school relationship, they could last forever. This may be true for this high school couple, yet only time will tell.



Most Likely to Get Hitched: Brady Edwards and Brianne Gebeke



Michael DeWitt

Amanda DeWitt



Zach DeWitt

Jared DeWitt



Aaron DeWitt

Kayzaba Biv



Taylor DeWitt

Gery DeWitt

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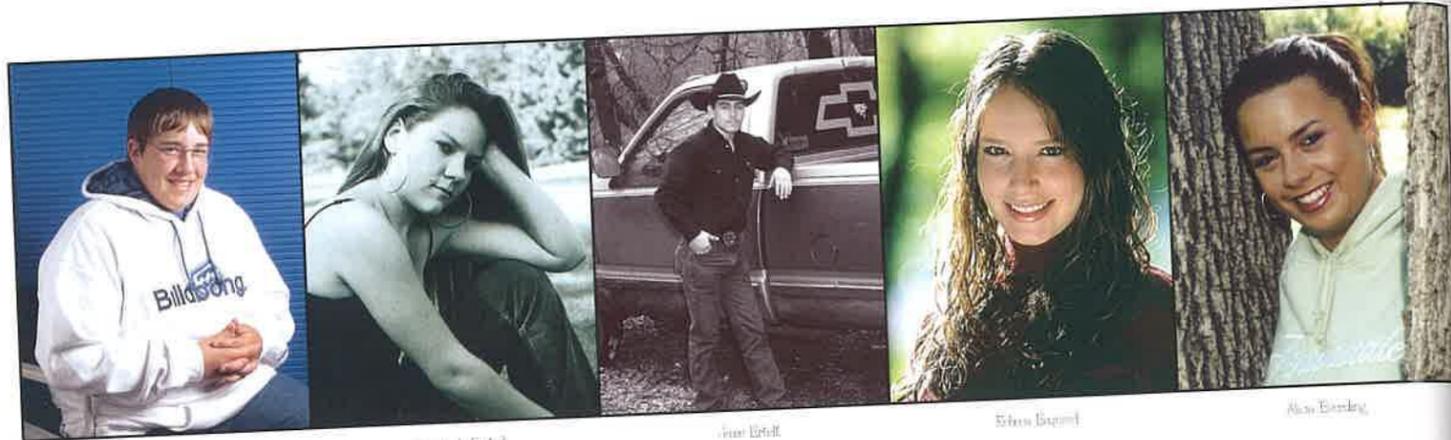
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Jordan Erickson

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Jason Entell

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Madam Poyner

Darian Poyner

Samantha Pitts

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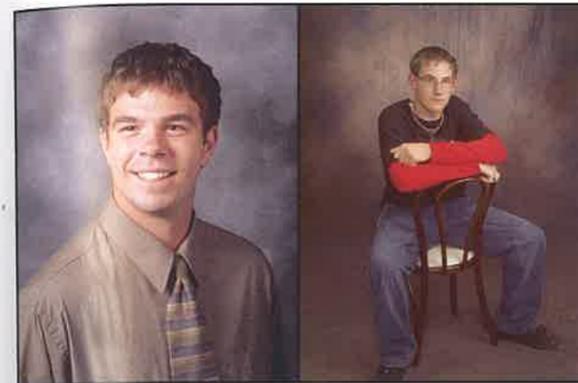
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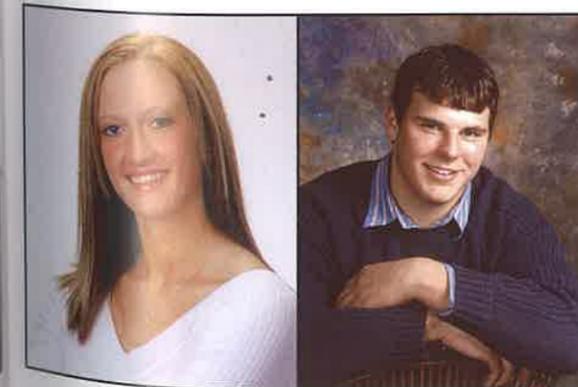
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### Hager, Johnson Always Show Kind Side

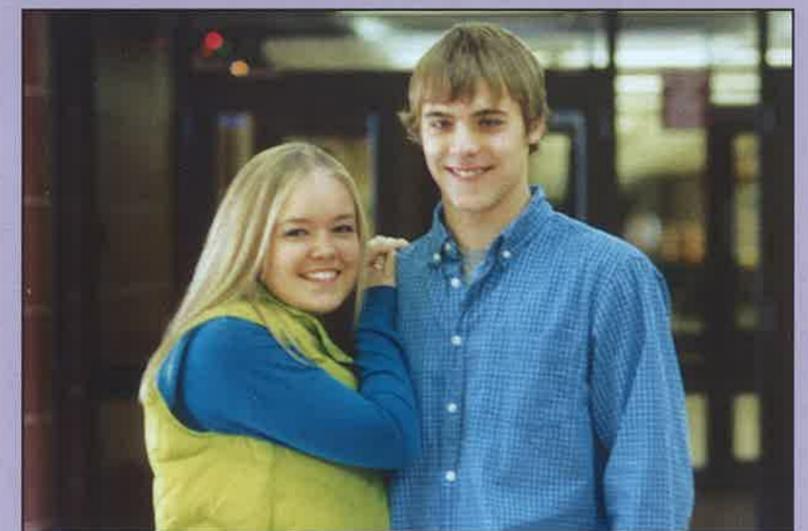
Friendship is shown in many ways. Whether it be talking to someone in school, hanging out together on the weekends or even saying hello in the halls, friendliness is everywhere. Some individuals, however, show their kind side more than others. Seniors Kyle Hager and Missy Johnson were chosen by their classmates as being most friendly.

"I think that being nice and talking to everyone, no matter who they are, is a great way to show your friendliness," Hager said. Johnson completely agreed with Hager. "Talking to everyone is a good way to show you're friendly and a great way to get to know people," Johnson said.

Both Hager and Johnson were surprised and very honored that the senior class would vote them for the category. "I was surprised. I had no idea I was even one of the top people for this category," Hager said. Johnson agreed. "I was surprised but thankful because I feel like I am nice to everyone and I'm glad it shows."

Both Johnson and Hager consider themselves friendly for great reasons. "I think I am a friendly person because I talk to anyone, no matter who they are or who they hang out with," Hager said. Johnson agreed by stating, "I have a lot of friends that are not just from one group."

Being friendly comes naturally to Hager and Johnson. Friendship goes a long way. By simply saying hello, it can turn someone's day around. Johnson and Hager are great, natural, and selfless examples for younger students.



Most Friendly: Kyle Hager and Missy Johnson

# Miller, Cummings Just Keep on Talking

Blah, blah, blah. This is what students start to hear after listening to seniors Jared Miller and Chantel Cummings for a long period of time. This year Miller and Cummings were voted most likely to never stop talking by the senior class.

"I have a tendency to talk a lot, but when I believe in something I will talk until I feel my point has been proven," Miller said. The two have different reasons why they talk a lot. "I think people choose me for this because I like to talk a lot. I always tell stories in class, and I always like to make people laugh," Cummings said.

The two were also chosen because of what they like to talk about. "I tell stories about the past weekend, funny things or what random things happened to me and my friends," Cummings said.

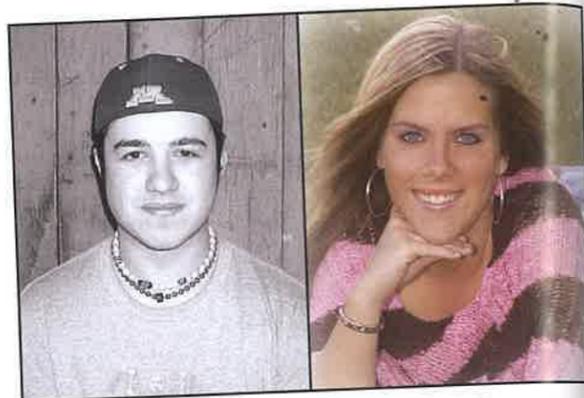
Being voted most likely to never stop talking can be considered positive or negative depending on the people considering the issue. "I am proud of getting the award, because it means the senior class likes me enough to get an award," Cummings said.

The two seniors have very different opinions on receiving this award. "I am not proud of getting the award, because it's more like a slap in the face than anything else," Miller said.

Although talking can be annoying, the senior class has to pick out the two most talkative people so when walking down the halls and hearing a loud obnoxious person, it can be assured that it is either Miller or Cummings being themselves.



Most Likely to Never Stop Talking: Jared Miller and Chantel Cummings



Matthew Gilbert

Lisa Grant



Jenna Hark

Gabe Hest



Alana Hynes

Britta Hite



Nickie Green

Ewan Grafton

Andy Hight

Kyle Hight

Amieki Hucker



Andrew Harty

Olan Henson

Drew Hersh

Neaki Hiet

Stephanie Hume



Malli Hite

Tress Hudson

Heather Hume

Jared Hittkamp

Amieki Hinson



Tracy Hill Andrew Hillert Nicole Hiltz Thane Hiltz Ethan Hogen



Argha Hart Mity Irving Janna Jacobs Argha Alden Zach Jovan



Rafael Abbi Ben Johnson Amber Adams Kevin Adams Megan Adams

## Shining Future for Senior Class's Class Clowns



Zachary Hill Kaitlin Hay



Elissa Jovan Thomas Jovan



Nolan Adams Matt Adams

What do Adam Sandler, Jim Carrey and Billy Crystal have in common? Besides all being popular movie stars in present and past shows, all three were named class clown in high school. "I think of what West Fargo's two class clowns, J.R. O'Hara and Domenique Midell-Schiller could accomplish in the near future. They could take this nomination to next level or just laugh it off as many students laugh with them.

Some may think that class clowns try to be funny just to get a reaction out of people. Others do not realize the reaction their comments have on their peers.

"I don't try to be funny, I just speak my mind and say whatever I feel like saying," Midell-Schiller said of being named senior class clown.

The male class clown was surprised to be named class clown by his peers. "When looking at past yearbooks and seeing who the class clown from past years was, it had never dawned on me that I would be my class clown," O'Hara said. "Well O'Hara's nomination may have been unexpected to him, but his class seemed to think otherwise. However, O'Hara did not deny causing moments of humor in the classroom.

West Fargo High School's class clown seem to have it all, an obvious sense of humor, intelligence and witty comebacks. Maybe one day Midell-Schiller or O'Hara will be seen at the Academy Awards accepting his or her Oscar.



Class Clown: J.R. O'Hara and Domenique Midell-Schiller

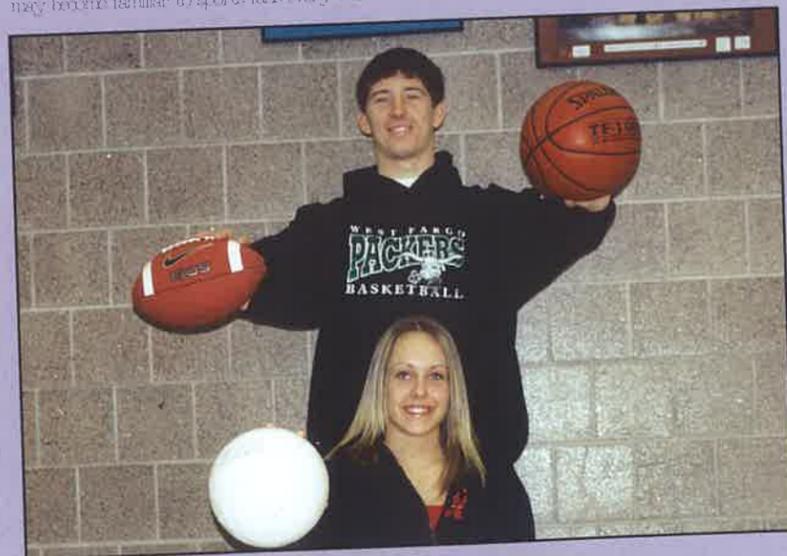
# Edwards, Hoy Excel in Athletics

Hearts are pounding, the crowd is screaming, there is less than a minute left in the game and the team is looking to someone for the answer. Seniors Brady Edwards and Kristin Hoy have experienced this feeling more than once. They were voted most athletic. Both student-athletes have been in sports since they were very young. They have been playing sports for as long as I can remember, Edwards said.

Edwards participates in football, basketball and golf. He has won two state championship football titles with the Packers. On the basketball court, he had been to the state tournament twice by the end of his junior year with hopes of returning his senior year. He was an all-conference selection as a junior. During the spring, Edwards is tearing it up on the golf course. He has been on the golf team since he was a freshman. "I play sports because I love competition," Edwards said.

Hoy draws her skills in volleyball, track and on the FM Aero Team. As a part of the volleyball team she was voted Most Valuable Player, an All-conference selection and an Allstate selection. She was also voted Most Valuable on the track team two years in a row. She has been on the Fargo-Moorhead Aero Team for 15 years and has performed at a number of college and NBA basketball games. "I love what I do and I look forward to it everyday," Hoy said.

Both seniors work hard at their respective sports and have been acknowledged for their talent, so keep an eye on the NBA or the Olympic volleyball team, the names Brady Edwards and Kristin Hoy may become familiar to sports fans everywhere.

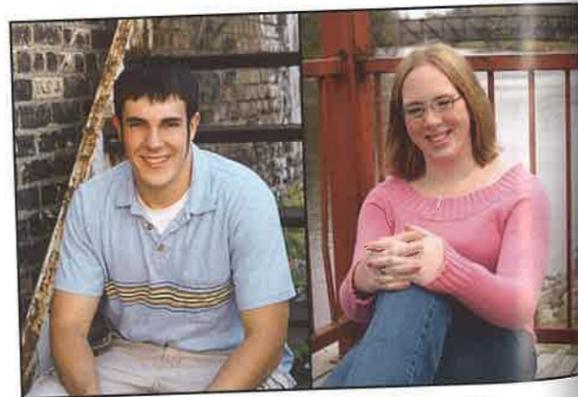


Most Athletic: Brady Edwards and Kristin Hoy



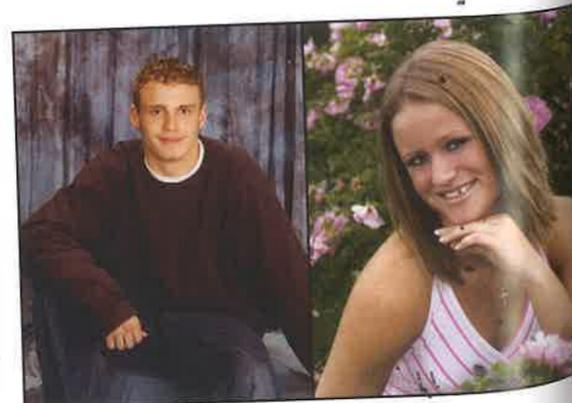
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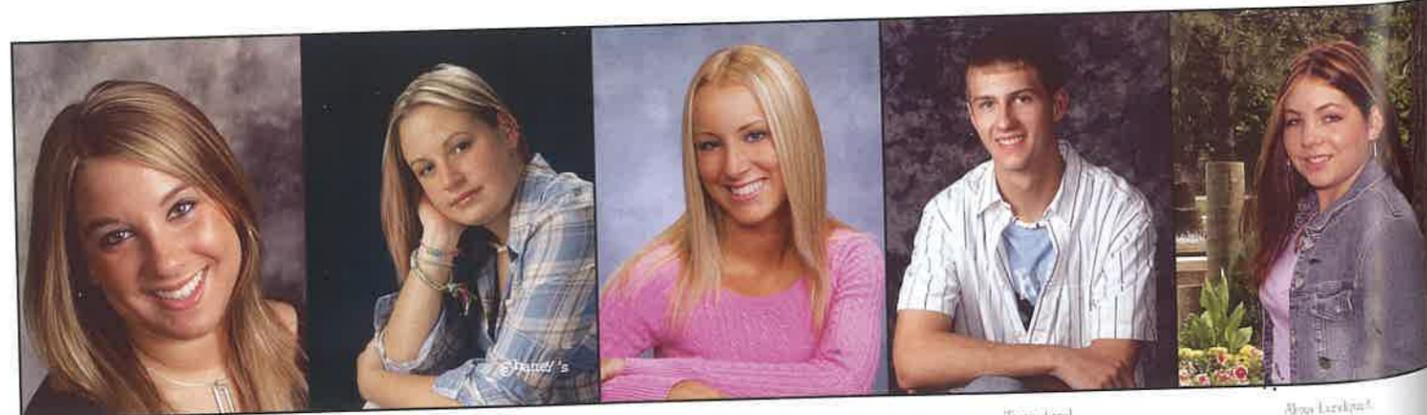
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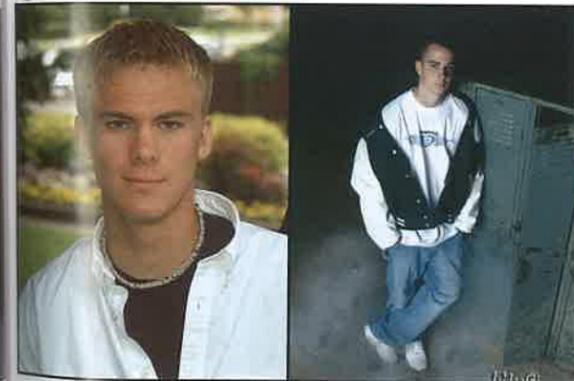
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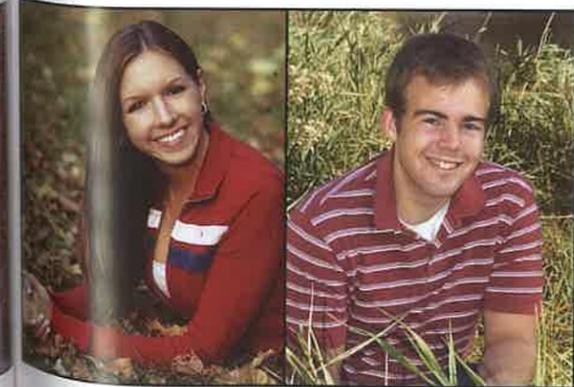
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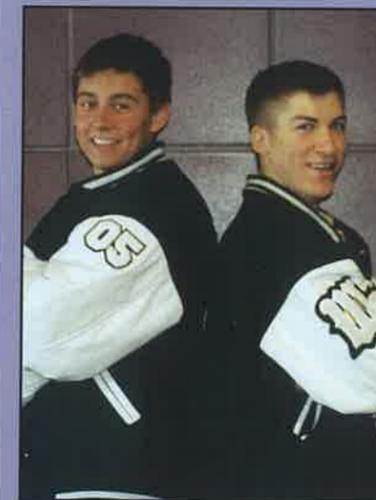
## Seniors Sustain Friendships in School, Years to Come

Senior year is a confusing time. It is the end of the beginning. A new chapter of life starts and it is hard to know exactly what parts of the previous chapter to carry on. Many of the memories are made with special people who are reliable and fun to be around.

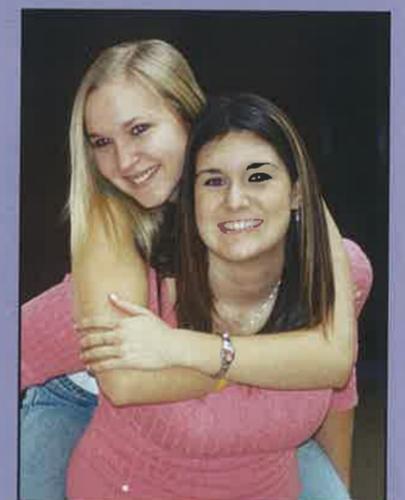
This year the senior class voted who they thought were the Best Friends of their class. Kayla Mattson and Casey Kraft and Nathan Johnson and Jared Demert were chosen. Mattson and Kraft have known each other since the seventh grade. They were on the same basketball team and have been close ever since. 'Most people would say that we almost do everything together, and it's true. Wherever there's a Casey, there's a Kayla,' Kraft said. Both agree that having a good friend throughout middle school and high school is great. 'No matter what, we always know that we can talk to each other,' Mattson said.

Sports seem like a common way of meeting friends. Like the first meeting between Kraft and Mattson, Johnson and Demert first met through basketball. They played against each other eight years ago and have become great friends over the years. 'Everything goes back to basketball. It is how we've become friends and how our families have become close,' Johnson said.

As these seniors prepare to graduate, they are thankful for the friends they have made along the way. Even after the diplomas are given and college plans are finalized, these Best Friends plan on maintaining that friendship that is responsible for all the great memories. Demert said it best when asked why these friendships will last for years to come. 'Just because that's how we roll.'



Best Friends: Nathan Johnson and Jared Demert



Kayla Mattson and Casey Kraft

## Seniors Vote on Tumbling Twosome

The bell rings, and people fill the packed hallways to chat with friends before hurrying to class. As students are making their way down the stairs, a kid across the stairwell is not paying attention to where he is going and misses the next step only to end up flat on his face five steps down.

Seniors Alex Sheehan and Danielle Klatt are considered by their classmates as one of those clumsy students. Both were voted most likely to fall down the stairs by the senior class.

Sheehan openly admits to being a little clumsy.

I've never actually fallen down the stairs, but I do have a history of having an unbalanced equilibrium. Sheehan said after being recognized as one of the clumsy members of the class of 2005.

Being voted as most likely to fall down the stairs was not a surprise for Klatt. Klatt admits to having some clumsy moments.

I think it's kind of funny that I was voted most likely to fall down the stairs because it's true. I'm an airhead and always trip when I'm walking, Klatt said.

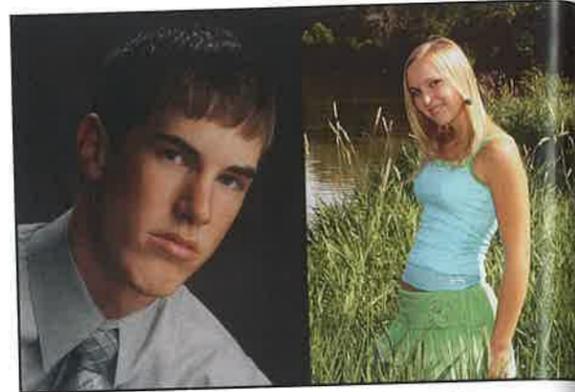
Most would be embarrassed from being named the senior klutz, but not for these two admirable individuals.

It's not embarrassing because I fall all the time, Klatt said.

After an embarrassing fall, he gets up and laughs off the fact that everyone in the commons saw him fall flat on his face. He is not going to hear the end of this for a long time.



Most Likely to Fall Down the Stairs: Alex Sheehan and Danielle Klatt



Greg Mathison



Kayla Mathison



Brian McNeil



Darrenque Michel Sjaak



Michelle Miller



Nickie Mitchell



Abby Moran



Shea Moran



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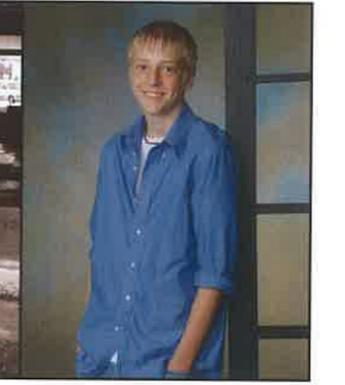
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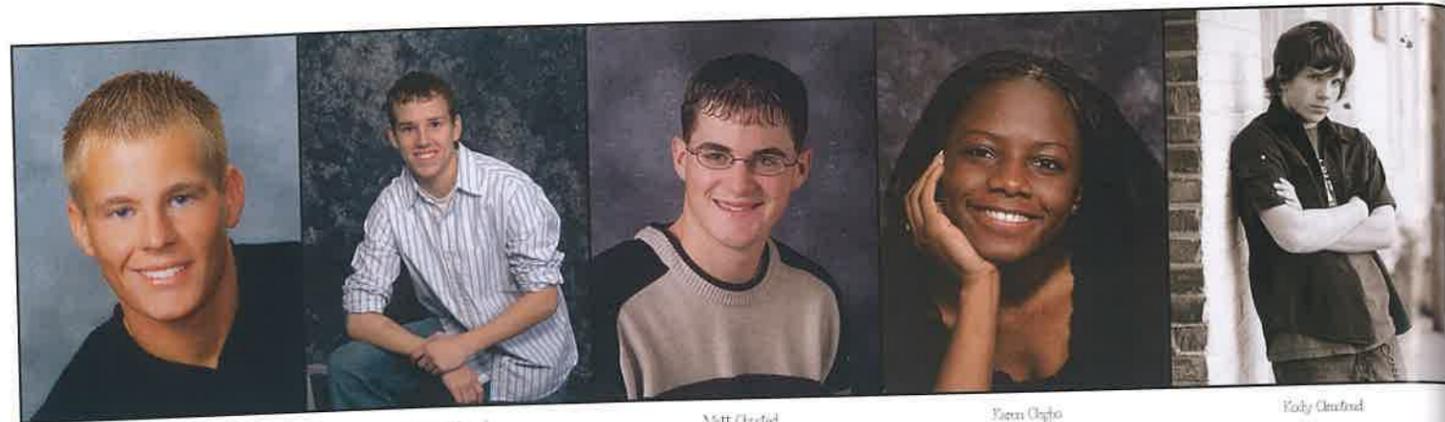
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Ewan Dunay      Nathan Fuller      David Przek      Jason Riddough      Dash Riberlich

## Graves, Holm Sport Their "Hunk-o-junk" at School

The threat of driving to school in a minivan has scared students for ages, but two seniors bring their hunk-o-junk to school daily. Seniors Nick Graves and Nicole Holm were selected as the owners of the worst ride by the senior class at West Fargo High School.

'I definitely think my car deserves this award,' Holm said. Holm is the owner of a maroon 1993 Oldsmobile Cutlass. Although Holm does not like her car, it gets her from place to place and that is all that matters to her. The other winner of this award is more optimistic about his car. 'My car is small and compact and can fit into small parking spaces,' Graves said. The problems, however, outweigh the good aspects about Graves' rusty red 1988 Dodge Omni. Along with the rust spots on the car, it also leaks oil. Getting into the car is hard because the driver's door does not open from the outside.

'I'm not embarrassed to drive my car at all. I bought it for twenty dollars. I wouldn't expect it to be any better than it is,' Graves said.

The two car owners also share the dream of someday getting a car makeover for their rides, but until Xzbit shows up at their door ready to 'officially pimp' the two cars, Graves and Holm will just have to learn to love the hunk-o-junk they have.



Jennifer Olson      Rusty Olson



Erika Polman      Lindsay Polman



James Soyars      Heather Bode



Worst Ride: Nick Graves and Nicole Holm

## Homecoming Candidates Voted Best All Around

Seniors Amanda Drees and Loren Dickens...what do the two have in common other than being on the homecoming court? They were both voted best all around by their senior class for the senior picks. As the title suggests, Dickens and Drees were recognized by their peers for their academic achievements as well as their participation in curricular and extracurricular activities. "It's cool," Dickens, a man of few words, said. "Dickens and Drees were both members of the 2005 homecoming court and they are both obviously very well liked by the school and their own senior class."

Drees was also honored by the nomination of best all around. "It was an honor to be voted best all around. It's even cooler to know that your friends and peers voted for you. I was pretty surprised and excited. Loren definitely deserves it," Drees said.

Although Drees may be modest about the honor, many seniors feel that she, as well as Dickens, definitely deserved it.

"I voted for Amanda and Loren. They are both really nice people who are always willing to listen or always have a funny story to tell you about. They both definitely deserved to be best all around, and I think a lot of people agree with me," senior Katie Schmidt said.

Easy going, funny, and friendly are all qualities that Drees and Dickens share. "Those qualities play a big part in why the pair was voted best all around by their senior class."



Best All Around: Loren Dickens and Amanda Drees



Ashley Rhoadt

Nadene Rhoadt



Jacob Stout

Sam Gotsdiner



Sarah Gammell

Rachelle Schmitt



Faith Rodgers

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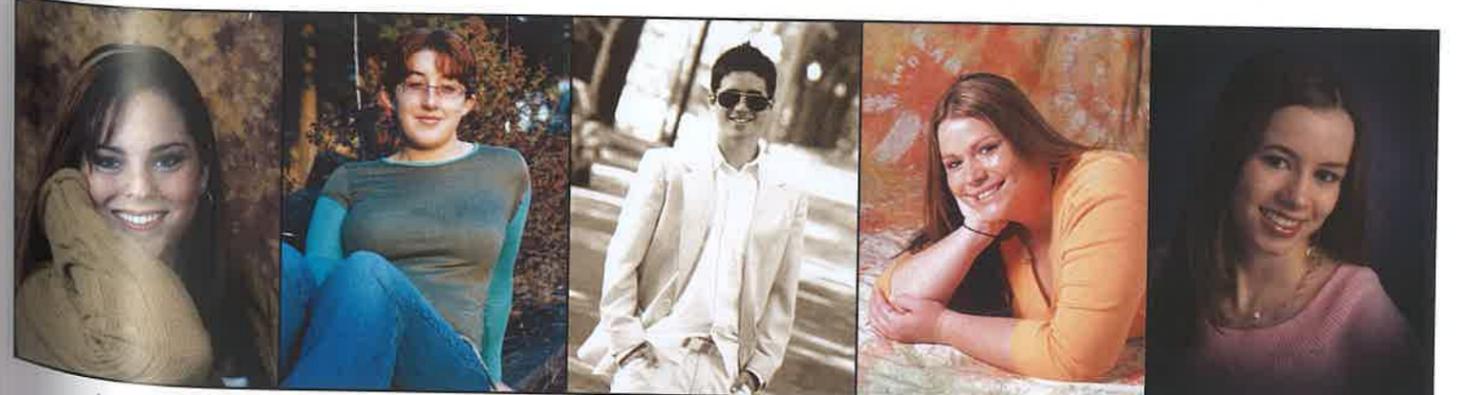
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Paula Schmitt



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Ava Smektkemper      Tiffany Snyker      Nighl Garcia      Brady Spittaforn      Lindsey Stiles



Ryan Tarkala      Brandon Teale      Bradley Thomas      Sarah Tustin      Kaitlyn Torres

## Fashions Change, Monson, Volk Keep Up

Oa-Ching! To many, the sound of the cash register during at various stores around the Fargo-Moorhead area, is a common sound. This is especially true for West Fargo seniors Abby Monson and Todd Volk, who were nominated best dressed in the years seniors picks voted on by the senior class of 2005.

In order to earn this much-envied title, only certain retail stores will do for Volk and Monson. "My favorite store to shop at is Abercrombie & Fitch," Monson said.

Volk agrees with her saying "Abercrombie is my favorite store because I can always find the clothes I like." Though both senior shopaholics shop and spend much time at other businesses, Abercrombie & Fitch seems to be a store that sets their highly fashionable wardrobe apart from the fashions of their peers.

Dressing nicely is not a recent occurrence for either of these two seniors. They have always tried to stay up-to-date with the latest fashion styles and trends. "My fashion style has pretty much stayed the same throughout the years," Volk said.

Monson is the exact opposite when it comes to the latest fashion scene. "My style like everyone else, changes with the time and the new fashions," Monson said.

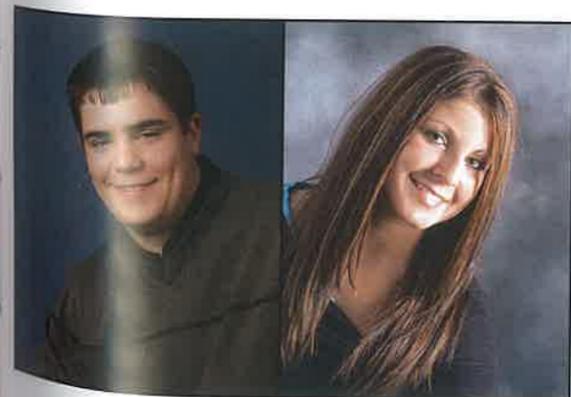
From Zulus to bell-bottoms, to the latest trends of today, styles are coming and going through the years, but best dressed seniors, Abby Monson and Todd Volk have definitely kept up and will keep up with the latest styles.



Emily Silbertagel      Taylor Grogg



Brock Christensen      Malory Snyker



Nickole Limer      Emily Miller



Best Dressed: Todd Volk and Abby Monson

## Student Embrace Life in West Fargo

Were from West Fargo couldn't be proud. If you can't hear us well yell a little louder. This cheer, done by fans and cheerleaders at many sporting events, holds very true for senior students Nathan Johnson and Stacie Frovarp. They were voted most likely to live in West Fargo forever. Frovarp and Johnson both agreed that growing up in a growing city like West Fargo has been a very good experience that will live with them for years and years to come.

I have enjoyed living in West Fargo because I felt safe here and it has allowed me to have more fun," Frovarp said.

Johnson agreed. I like West Fargo because it is close to a big city, Minneapolis, yet far enough away to avoid the hassle."

Although Frovarp and Johnson agreed that growing up in West Fargo was a good experience, both are hesitant as if they will actually live up to their title and live in the cold and infamous city for the rest of their lives.

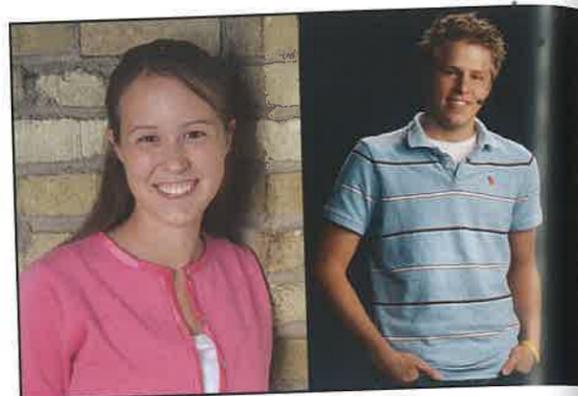
It is questionable whether I'll live here forever. It depends on job availability," Frovarp said.

Johnson also is hesitant about living in his hometown of West Fargo forever. I don't see myself living here forever because I want to experience big city life."

Whether Frovarp and Johnson leave their hometown of West Fargo or stay here forever, West Fargo, North Dakota will always be the place that both of them call home.



Most Likely to Live in West Fargo Forever: Nathan Johnson and Stacie Frovarp



Debra Vigora



Todd Volk



Lindsay Wilke



Greta Wignatof



Aaron Wigter



Dustin Wigter



Troy Wornick



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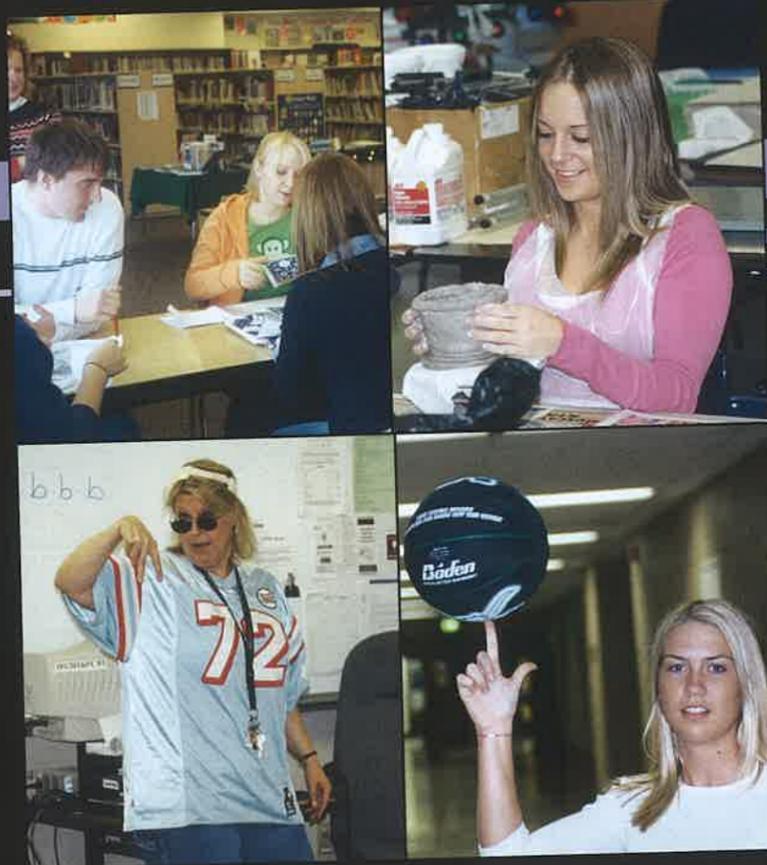


Jared Zimney

### 2005 Seniors Not Pictured

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| Tyler Emmer        | Giuseppe McDaniel | David Steiner |
| Nicholas Froyan    | Bryan Meyer       | Eric Tolman   |
| Brian Finn         | Jevel Miller      | Ann Wenzel    |
| Dip Lopez          | David Ogden       | Eric Wenzel   |
| Art Lu             | Richard Olson     | William Zeman |
| Ryan Lutz          | Jerry Shubsky     | Merced Zim    |

People (Noun) -



# People

*A body of persons sharing a common religion, culture, class, language, or inherited condition of life.*

*The holidays are a time of giving.* Students help out the community by volunteering their time. Helping the kids at Santa's workshop was a rewarding experience because I got to see how excited the kids got about buying their family presents,' senior Emily Silbermangel said. (Photo by Nichole Rheault)

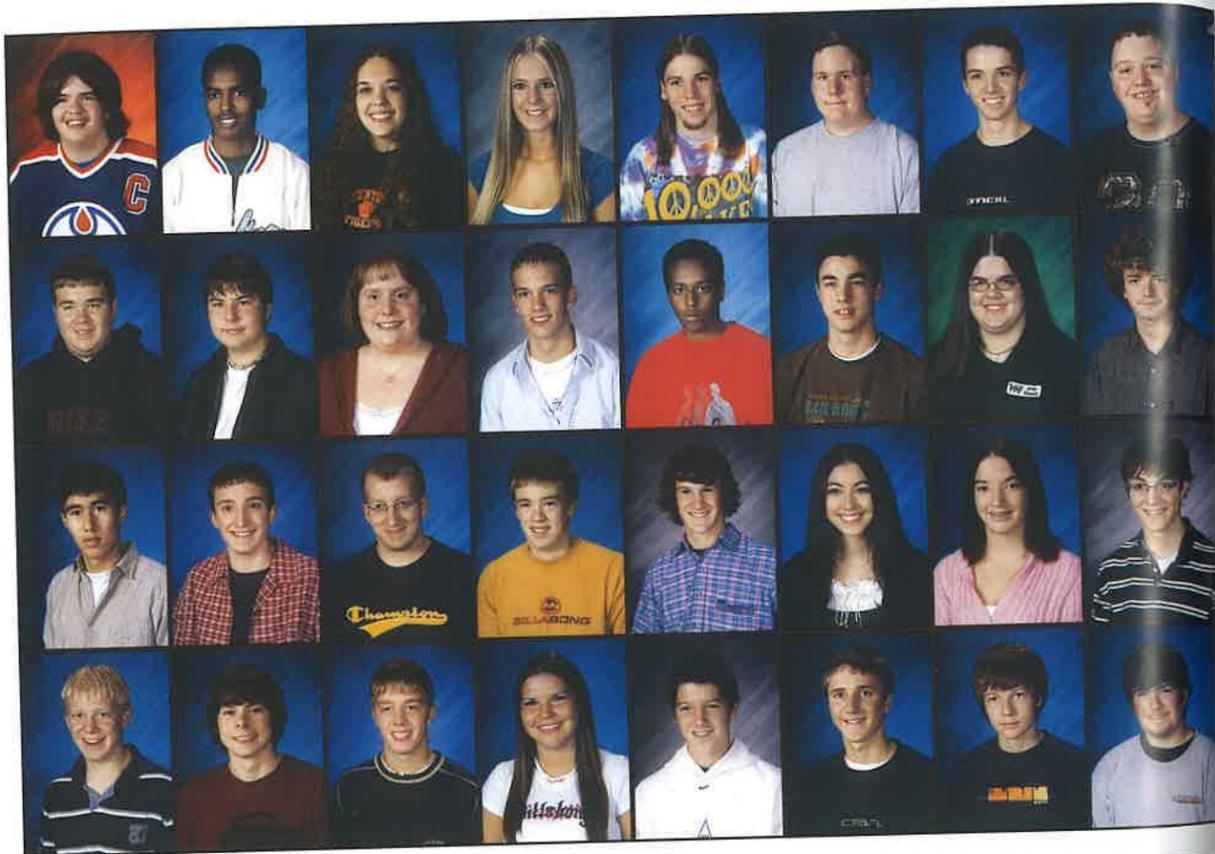
*Students get a hands-on experience in art department.* Ceramics help students enjoy their time at the high school. I love high school especially art. I cannot wait for another whole year,' sophomore Monique Bergh said.

*Practicing using the equipment is an important part of publications.* Publications is a blast! Not only do you learn, but you have a lot of fun, especially in Mrs. Brown's class!' senior Amy Foss said. (Photo by Andrea Hummel)

*Times are changing!* Teachers are now getting more involved with the students. I have fun teaching and trying to fit in with the class, I just got such a great response when I dressed like that,' math teacher Mrs. Mary Jo McKay said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)



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 Shamus Affoghli  
 Whitney Albert  
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 Benjamin Arkins  
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### Preparing for College

Finally recognized as upperclassmen, juniors start to find the respect and acceptance they feel they deserve. With these benefits, however, come the responsibilities of making decisions for the future. Many questions start to arise as the junior year begins. Questions like when to take the ACTs, the choice of college and which college to choose all come together and can sometimes be quite overwhelming.

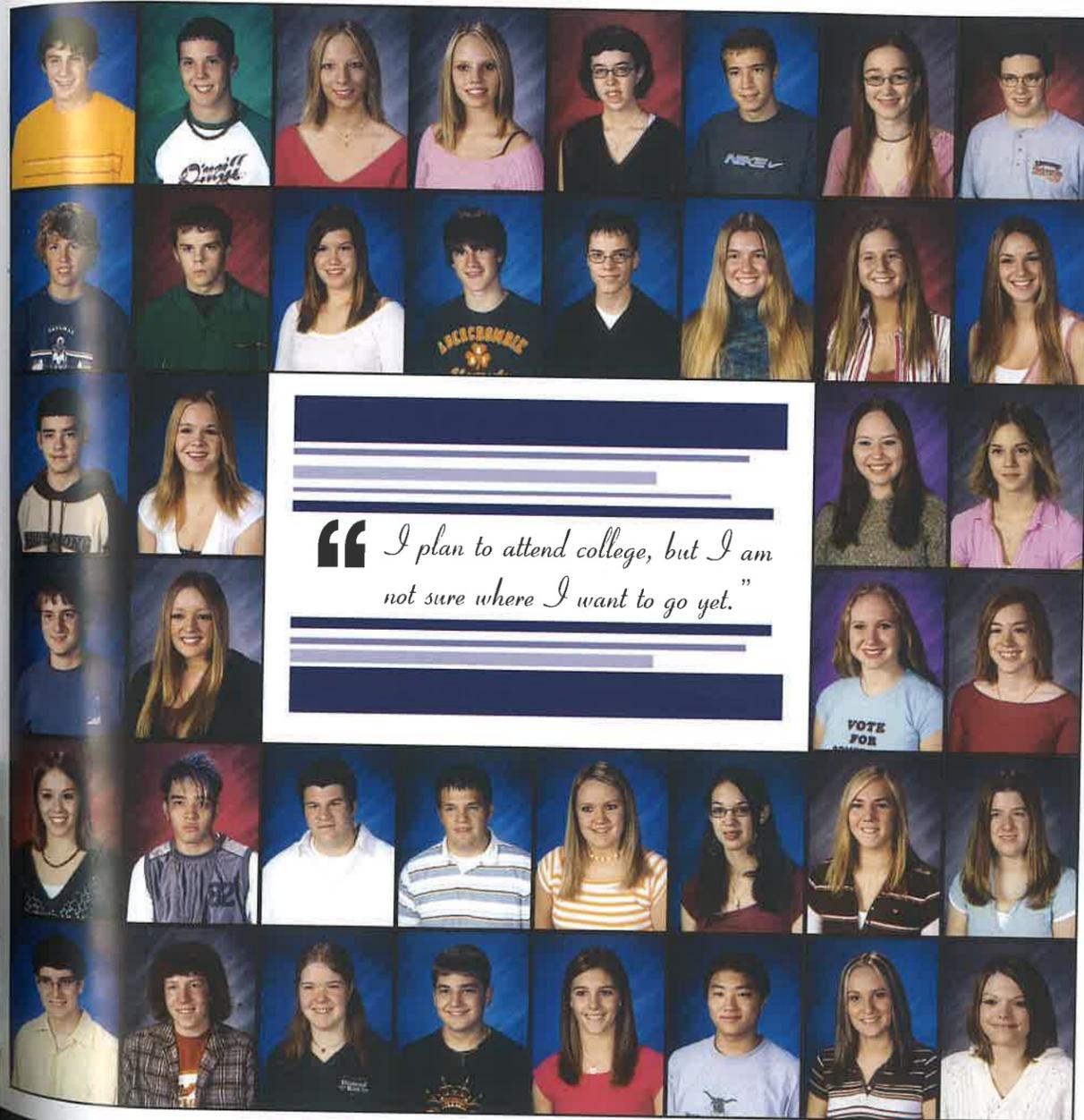
Some students know the answers to these questions, while others do not. Most high school students take the ACTs the spring of their junior year or the fall of their senior year.

I haven't taken my ACTs yet, but I plan to this spring, junior Sam Grant said.

When asked about college, there is a common answer among most juniors.

I plan to attend college after high school, but I am not sure where I want to go yet, junior Anna Kofler said. Choosing a college is a big decision and will affect the future of a high school student's entire life. Some students know exactly where they want to go and work hard to get there.

After graduation next year, I hope to attend Arizona State University. I am undecided on a major, junior Alex Salquist said. Not all students know exactly what they want or where they are going after high school. As upperclassmen, juniors begin to think about and narrow down their plans for the future.



*"I plan to attend college, but I am not sure where I want to go yet."*

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 Brett Golden  
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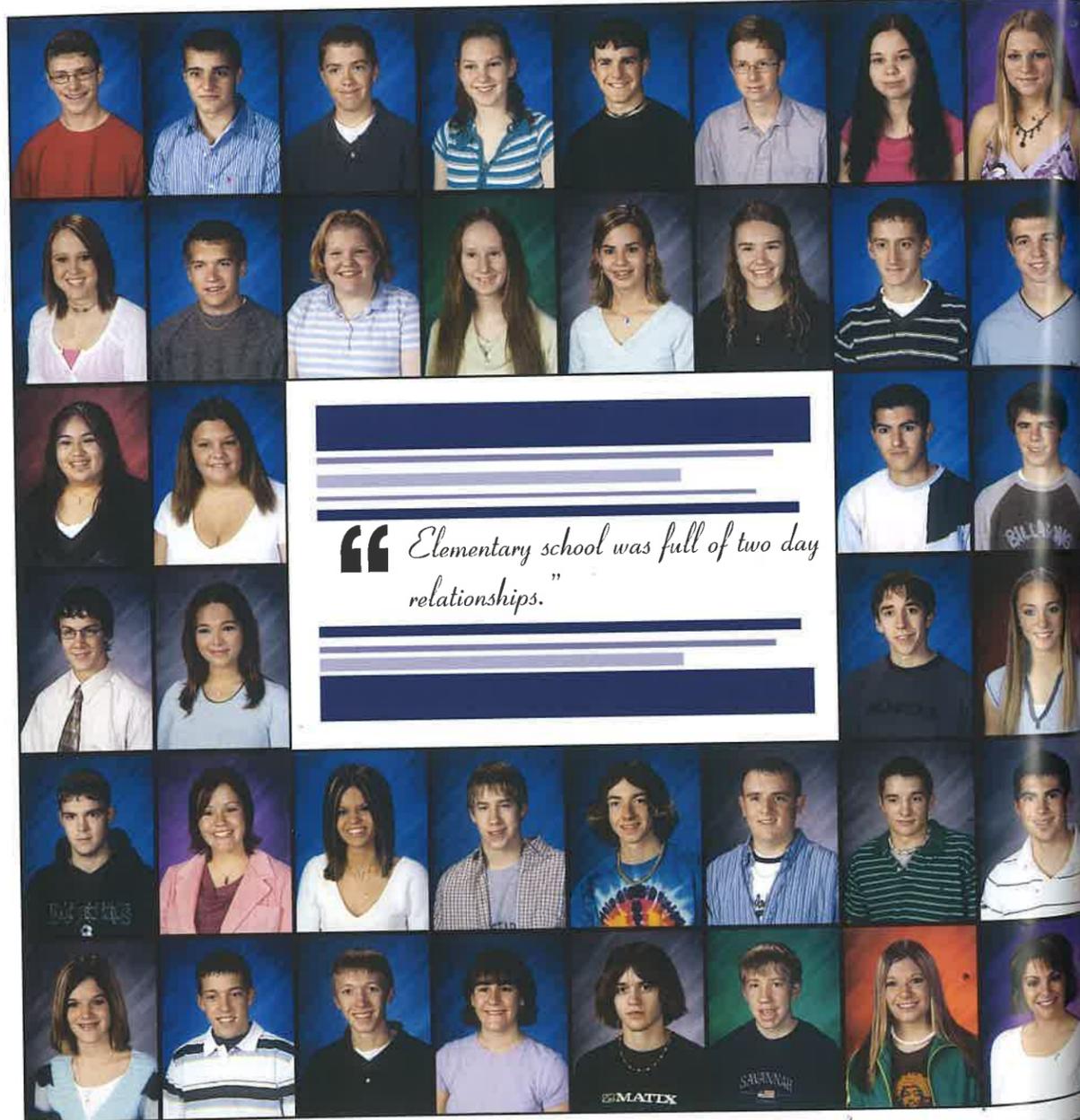
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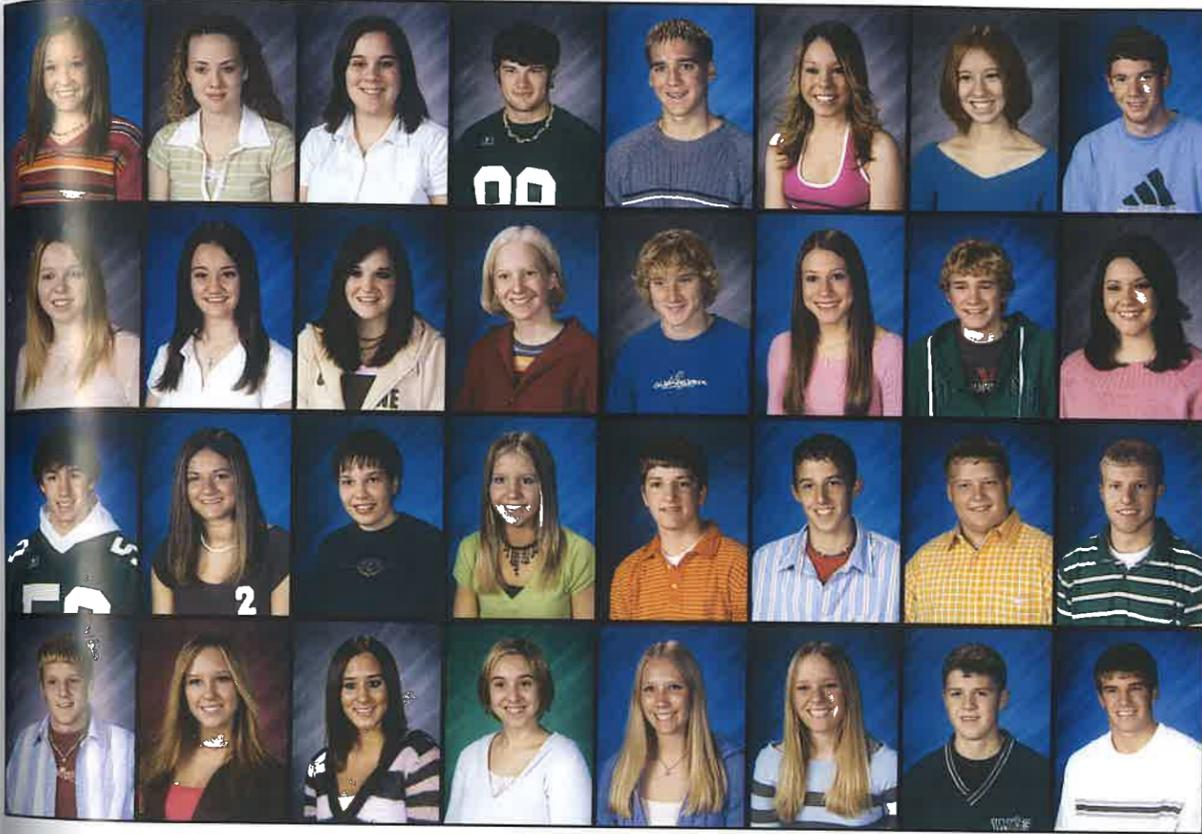
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Mered Green  
Dustin Granger

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Megan Granger  
David Granger  
Jordan Granger  
Aria Haden  
Eva Haden



“Elementary school was full of two day relationships.”

Rebecca Hanson  
Kathy Heibel  
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Andrew Hens  
Christopher Hens  
Ashley Heintz  
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Gardell Healy  
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Stacy Heikel  
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Amanda Heikel  
Emily Heikel  
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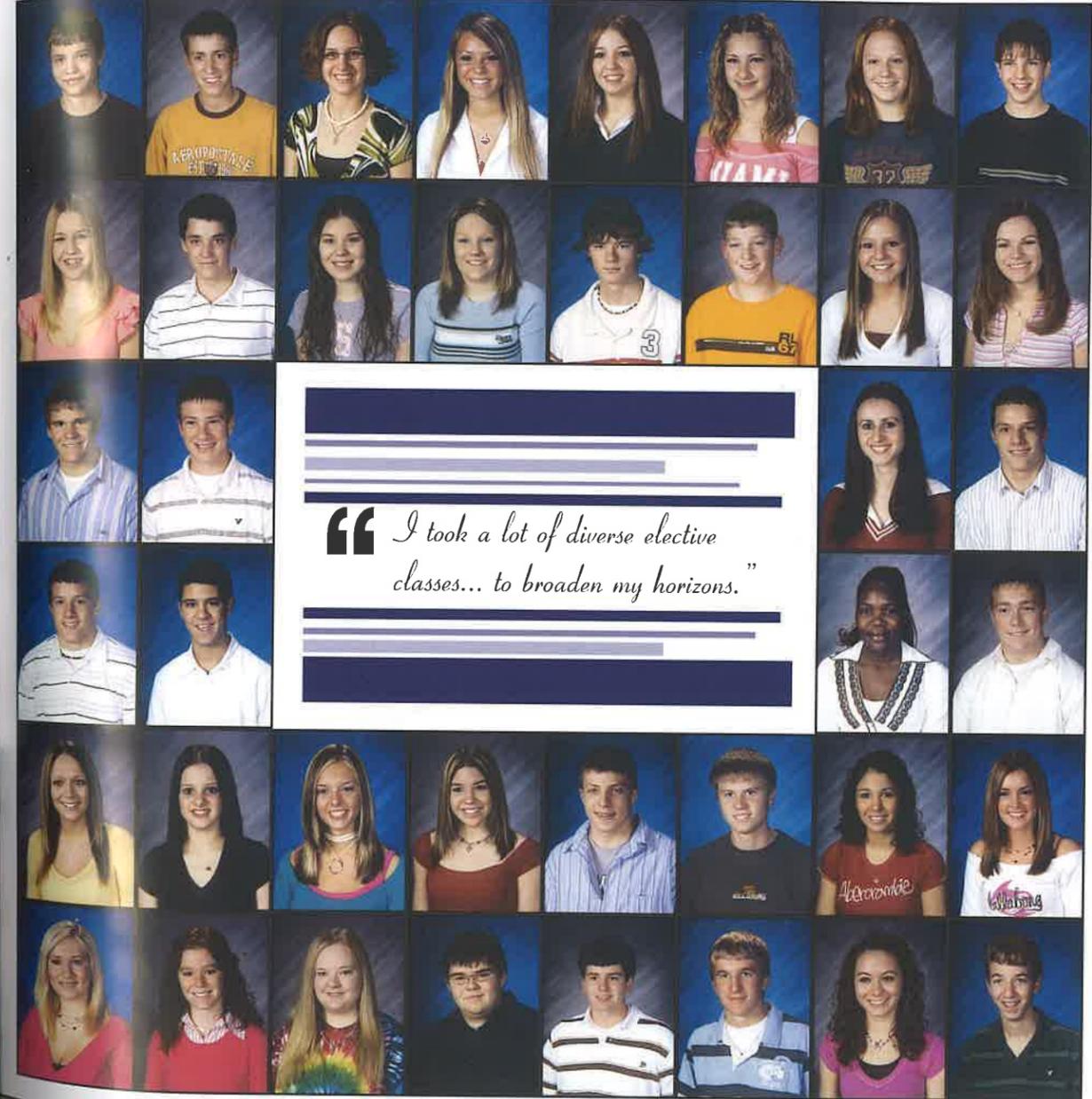
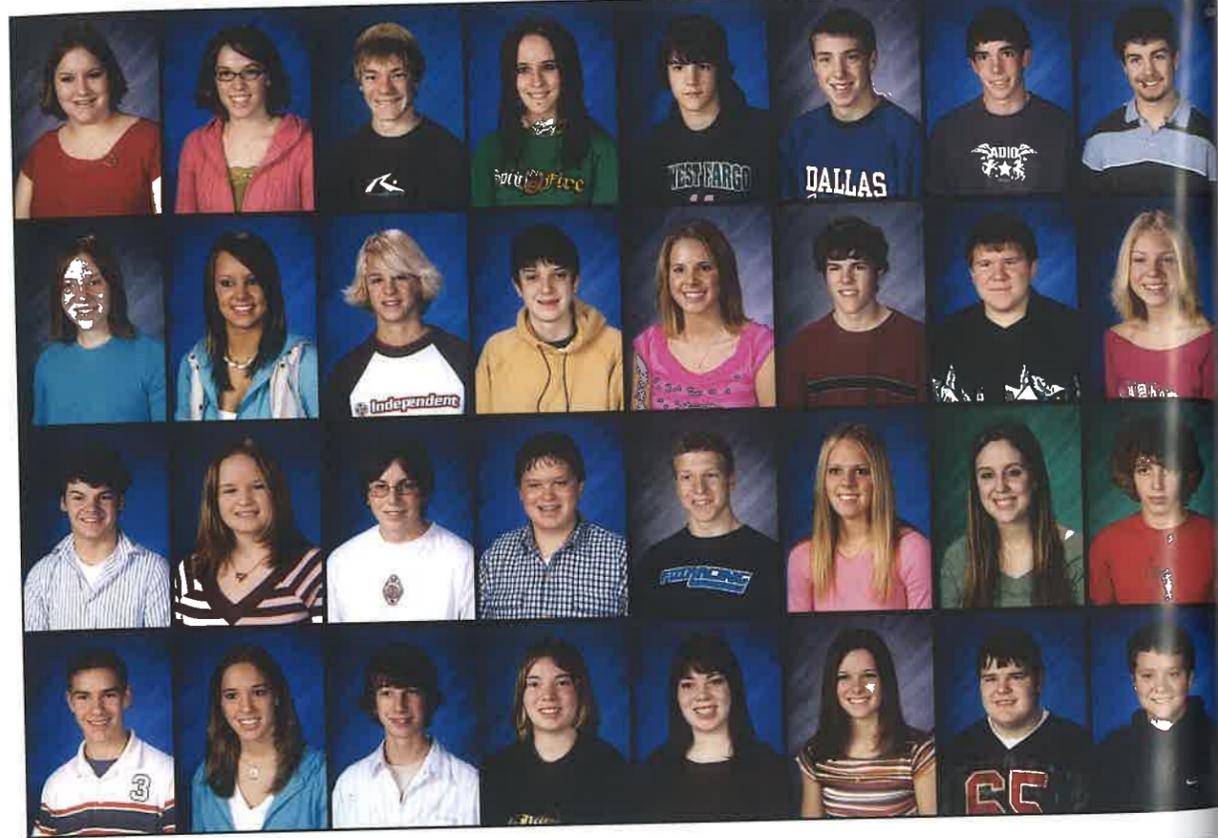


### Cooties to Cuddling

Webster's Dictionary defines relationship as 'A particular type of connection existing between people related to or having dealings with each other.' This connection between people is different with each relationship and is always changing as people become older and more mature. Elementary school was full of two day relationships and asking someone out by writing them a note, junior Whitney Althoff said. At the time, it might have been the end of the world when one of these relationships ended. However, most students can now look back and laugh. Sitting by each other at lunch and playing together at recess used to be enough to make a relationship. Now it takes much more than that to keep a more serious relationship going. 'We usually watch movies, play poker with friends or hang out with just us two,' junior Marissa Reichl said regarding her relationship with junior Miles Mariska. 'There are some people, however, that would prefer not to be in a relationship at all. Although it's nice having someone there for you, the single life is fun, too,' junior Sarah Flanagan said. Some people are happy being with friends and not having to worry about a committed relationship. Many things are changing for the junior class. The seriousness of a relationship between people is definitely one of them. From cooties to a serious relationship, things have definitely changed.



- Maria Johnson
- Alicia Johnson
- Joshua Jones
- Erin Jones
- Michael Jones
- Eric Johnson
- Arthur Johnson
- Patrick Johnson
- Alexis Kelly
- Aaron Keller
- Brendan Kemler
- Brandon Kelley
- Kyleen Kim
- Christi King
- Ryan Knicker
- Haley Knicker
- Brian Knorr
- Darrell Koesterman
- Daniel Kosta
- Joshua Koth
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- Dean Kozak
- Jeremy Kozak
- Matthew Kuban
- Bill Kuntz
- Osby Laska
- Dorinda Lambert
- Jason Lambert
- Jared Lamm
- Michael Lamm
- Craig Larson



*"I took a lot of diverse elective classes... to broaden my horizons."*

- Joseph Larson
- Brian Lauff
- Shelburne Lauff
- Ashley Leach
- Yegor Leach
- Amelia Leach
- Ashley Lettman
- Tyler Lewis
- Myah Lewis
- Trent Libbyberg
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- Josh Libbyberg
- Jeremy Libbyberg
- Jared Linn
- Ten Lovell
- Yolanda Lutz
- Christopher Lundberg
- Lance Lunde
- Nathan Lunde
- Adam Lyman
- Nathan Lyons
- Sara Mable
- Ryan Mable
- Michael Macale
- Carrie Macal
- Laura Marshall
- Sarah Mathis
- James Mathis
- Derek Mathis
- Osby Mathis
- Jordyn McLeod
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### Gearing Toward Future

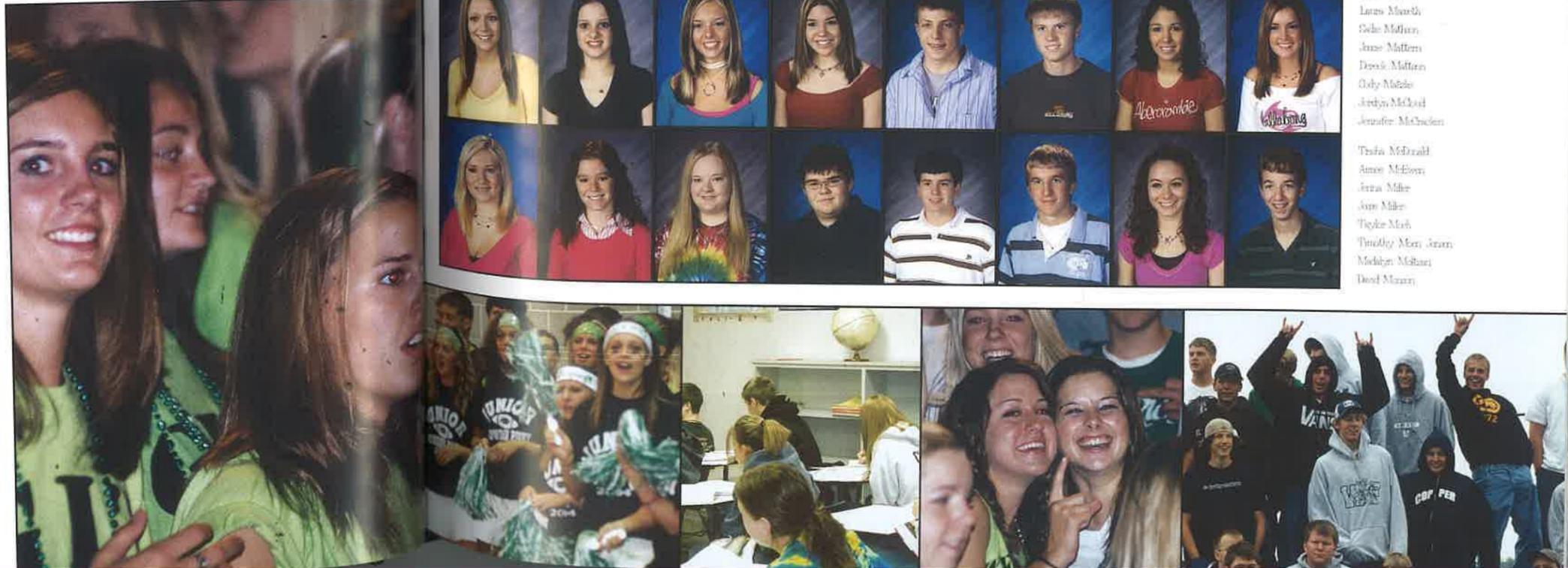
Should students be taking classes to gear toward their future careers? Many West Fargo High School students think that it is a good idea. To prepare for a career in teaching, males and females alike have both been known to take Child Development.

I took Child Development classes to prepare me for my career in elementary education, junior Elaine Burchill said. There are other electives that students can take such as marketing, newspaper, building trades and medical terminology. The electives listed help to organize students in their career choices. Students take a variety of classes because they are unsure what they are going to be when they grow up.

I took a lot of diverse elective classes, some in the sciences and a few in mathematics in order to broaden my horizons, junior Boos Hanson said.

Other students just take classes to make going to high school all that much easier.

The electives I take are basically slack classes so I can concentrate on the harder core classes to keep my GPA up, junior Stacy Ellington said. Students take electives for all different reasons, whether it be to influence their future or ease their high school life or a little of both. All students also agree that electives are a great option to have when in high school.



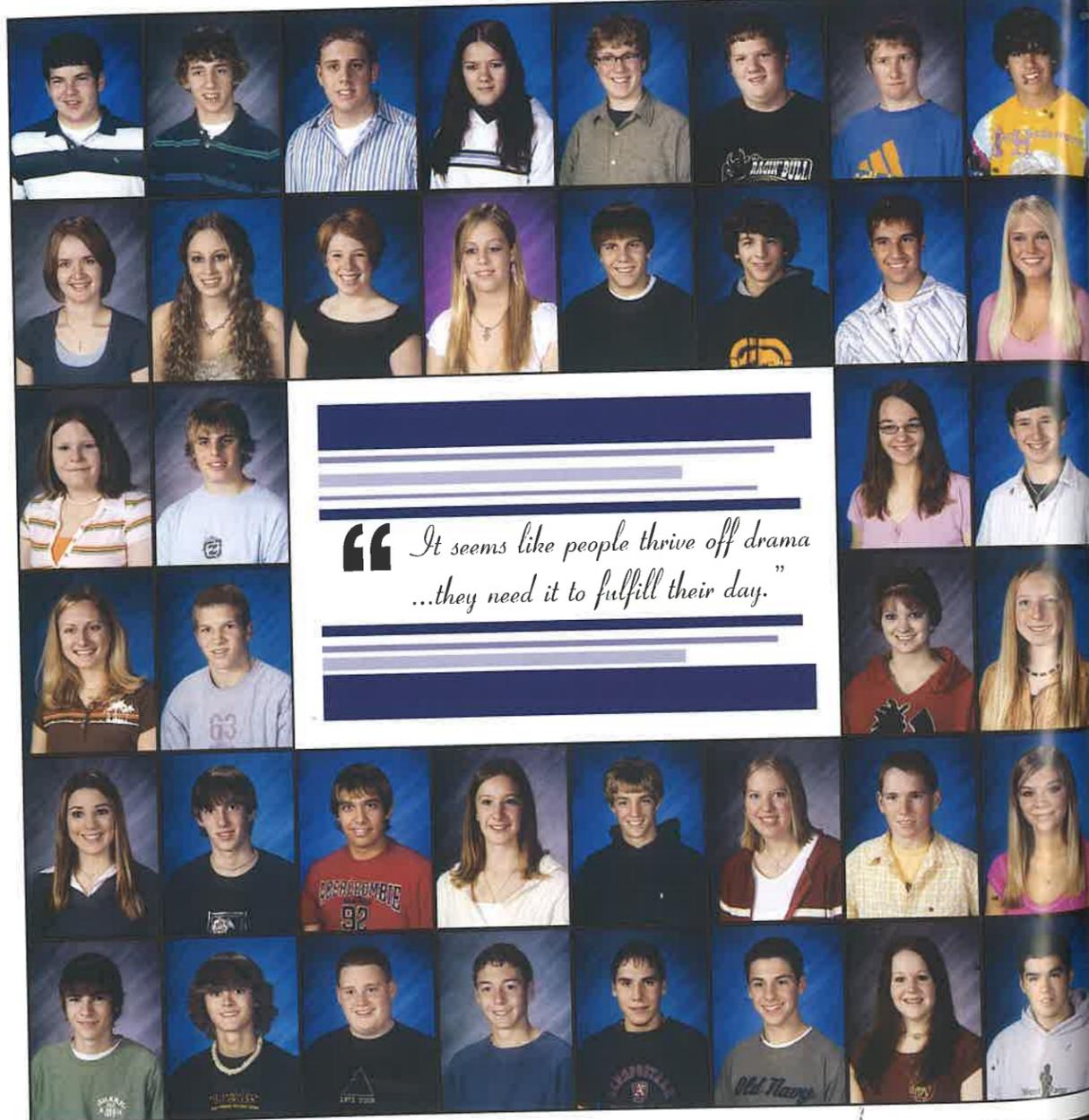
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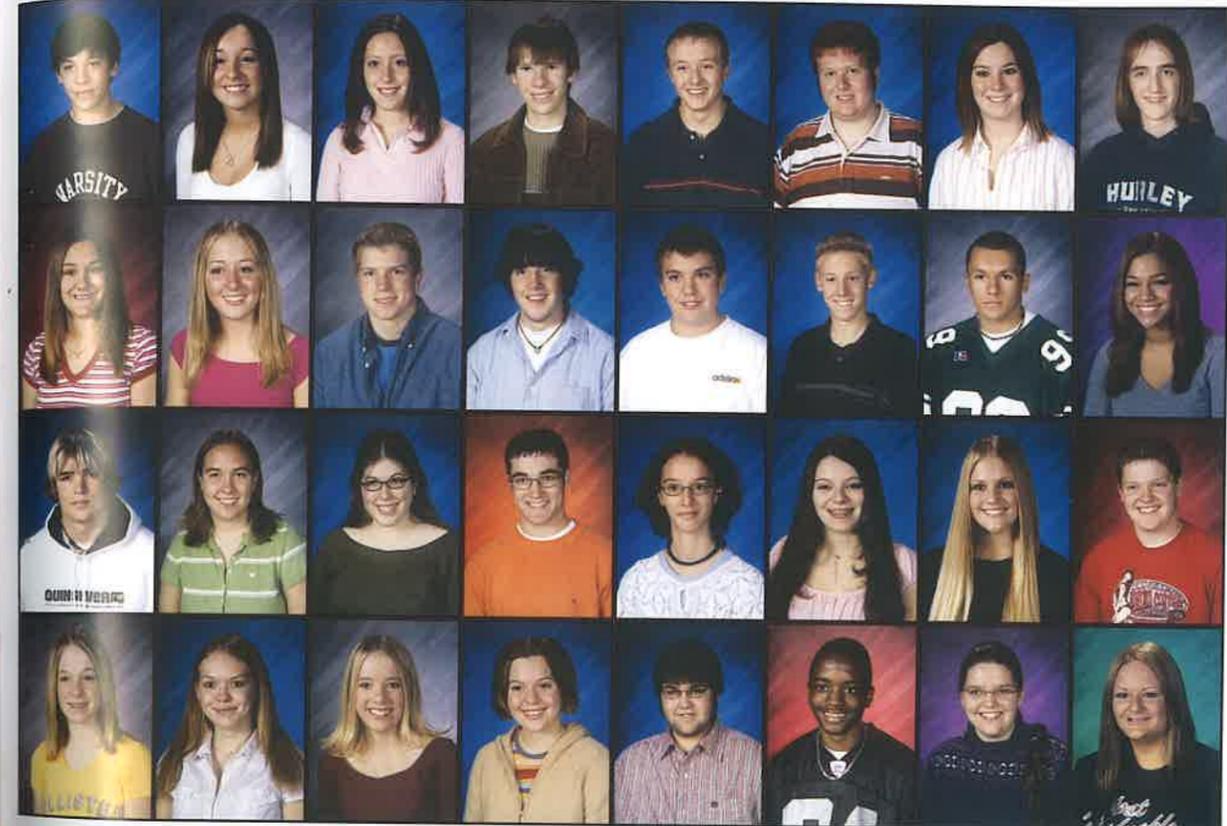
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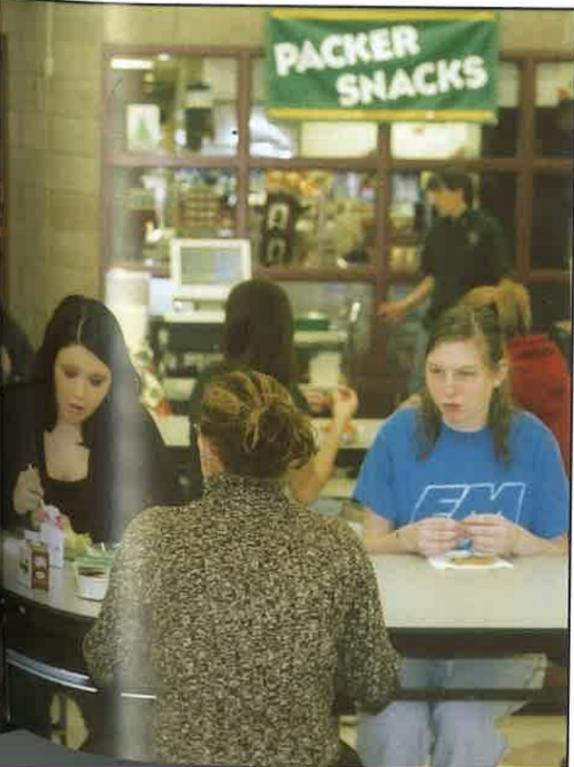
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“ It seems like people thrive off drama  
 ...they need it to fulfill their day.”



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 Whitney Fokson  
 Derek Fox  
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 Michael Roe  
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 Brentan Fokson  
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 Taylor Schmidt  
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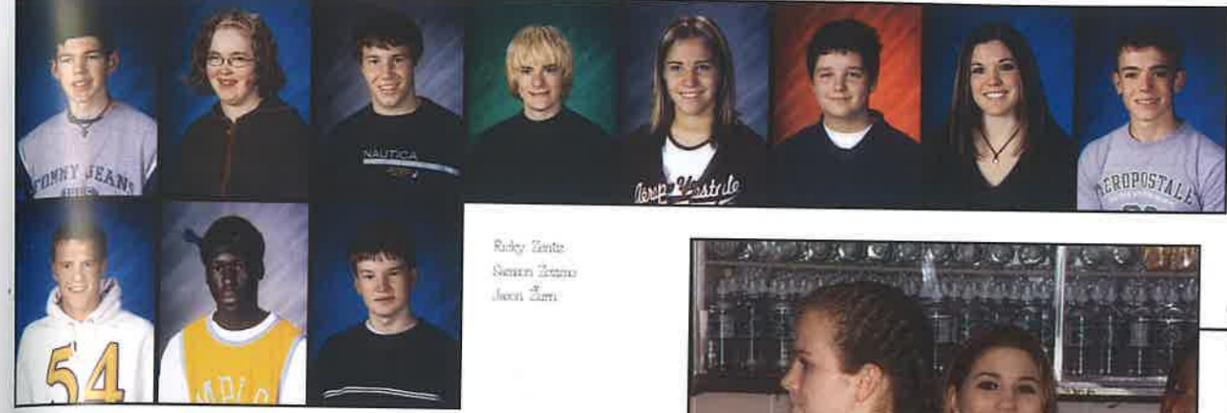
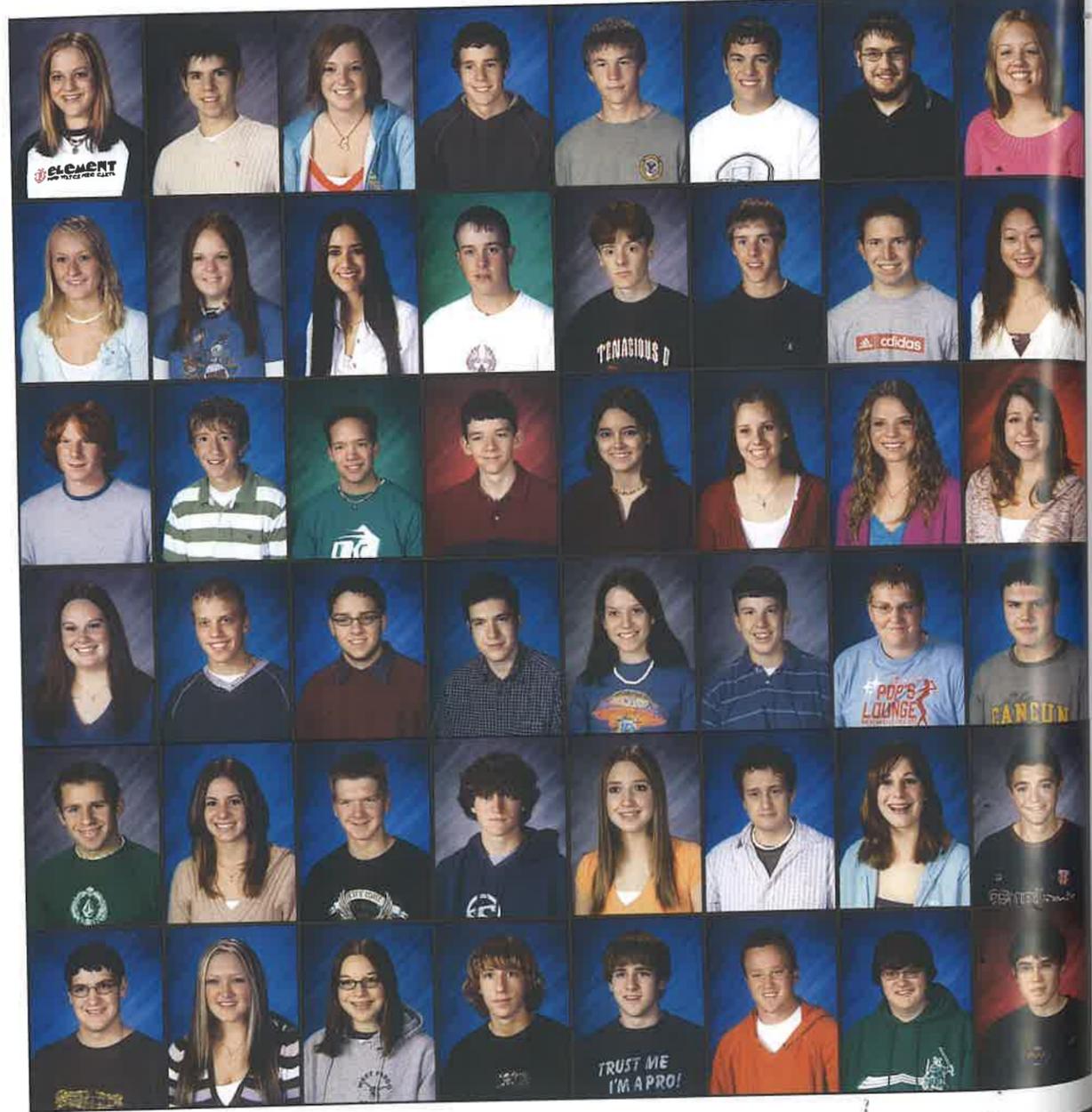


### Drama Takes Over

Gossip. Rumors. Lies. Has it all gone too far? It seems that nowadays, high school is all about the drama. Students cannot seem to get away from the excitement of being involved with the latest issues of the day. It's such a waste. I can't believe people spend so much time thinking about it, junior Jen McCracken said. Everyday there is something new. One girl is mad at another girl for talking to another girl's ex-boyfriend who is dating someone else. Hard to follow? That is just the beginning. While this argument is escalating, the friends of these girls are rallying others to join sides. It seems like people thrive off of drama. It's like they need it to fulfill their day, senior Seth Kelly said.

Even though girls are the main source of drama at West Fargo High School, students would be surprised to learn that the guys have their little tiffs, too. Guys get into little arguments but usually its over by the end of the day. Naturally, we don't care as much about stupid things, junior Jared Noel said. It is official, the drama caused by both sexes has gotten to be a little too much to handle. Coming to school should not be about picking which side of the latest fight to join for the day. Junior Becca Hanson said it best when asked what she thinks of the drama fanatics. High School only happens once and people need to get over it. Can't we all just get along?

Beverly Deibel  
Joseph Sorenson  
Cassie Spindler  
Jordan Stabel  
Scott Stansfield  
Melanie Stenstrom  
Heather Stenkey  
Robyn Stromberg  
Ellen Stronnie  
Amber Stuart  
Sandra Sue  
Cody Suplee  
Wendy Suttis  
Robin Swanson  
Bryanna Tiede  
Jenna Thompson  
Justin Thompson  
Tyler Thompson  
Tyrod Thomas  
Michael Tuten  
Alexis Tuzigat  
Bryanna Thorsbryk  
Brianna Litten  
Misty Oller  
Bobbie Van Dyke  
Anthony Vance  
Kathleen Vancroff  
Michelle Vachon  
Shawna Vachon  
Michelle Vetter  
Brooke Vetter  
Michelle Vignea  
Megan Walsh  
Elizabeth Volk  
Aiden Walker  
Elyse Walker  
Ashley Walker  
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Alyssa Wang  
Tyrone Washburn  
Mason Weir  
Eugene Wickstrom  
Elyse Wilder  
Hailey Winkler  
David Wilson  
Allen Williams  
Andrew Williams  
Chad Wilson



Tyler Wilson  
Ethan Winkler  
Bryanna Wilden  
Joshua Wilder  
Elyse Willette  
Elliott Wright  
Angela Young  
Lillian Zabacka

Ruby Zantz  
Samantha Zantz  
Jason Zantz

### 2005 Juniors Not Pictured

Dale Baker	Jonathan Dallas	Theresa Robinson	Tyran Nelson	Bryanna Storrer
Michael Brennan	Aaron Pittard	Kristen Robinson	Jessica Olsen	Erin Storrer
Matthew Bubbly	Ronald Peterson	Ching Lee	Justin Osler	Steven Stork
Megan Crawford	Sharon Peterson	Yan Moon Leung	Andrew Parris	Leif Ozer
Travis Dunning	Brian Peto	Amelia Mallett	Amelia Parris	Frank Waffel
Nathan Oney	Chad Taylor	Justin McKinnon	Alfonso Orestes Jr.	Alicia Saylor
Matthew Ostrom	Megan Taylor	Madeline Mori	Lynette Schinsky	Marcus Sore
Greg Tross	Dave Kratz	Jean Maltre	Bradley Soren	



**Working it:**  
While at the homecoming games Chelsea Peters (left) is a quick smile between calls and talking with her friends. Although there were not many upperclassmen there it was still fun seeing classmates and seeing the others have fun.

**We Are The Champions**  
Standing victoriously at the end of the powder puff game, the Junior girls get a congratulatory speech from coach Brad Vignea at the football field. Junior Ingrid Sandberg said, 'Winning that game was probably my favorite moment of junior year. Our class really came together, we played hard and broke the Senior streak.'



**Lots Go Puff**  
Tiffany Gustavson, Kayla Huns and Lindsey Elmer stand for a friendly picture at the homecoming football game at the middle school. My favorite part about homecoming was the powder puff game and the pep rally, Huns said.

**We Dominated Him!**  
At the Fingdoms Nathan Lynnson and Gavin Schmidt walk with attitude after making an excellent special teams play. It was a great time because we hit him hurting Lynnson said.

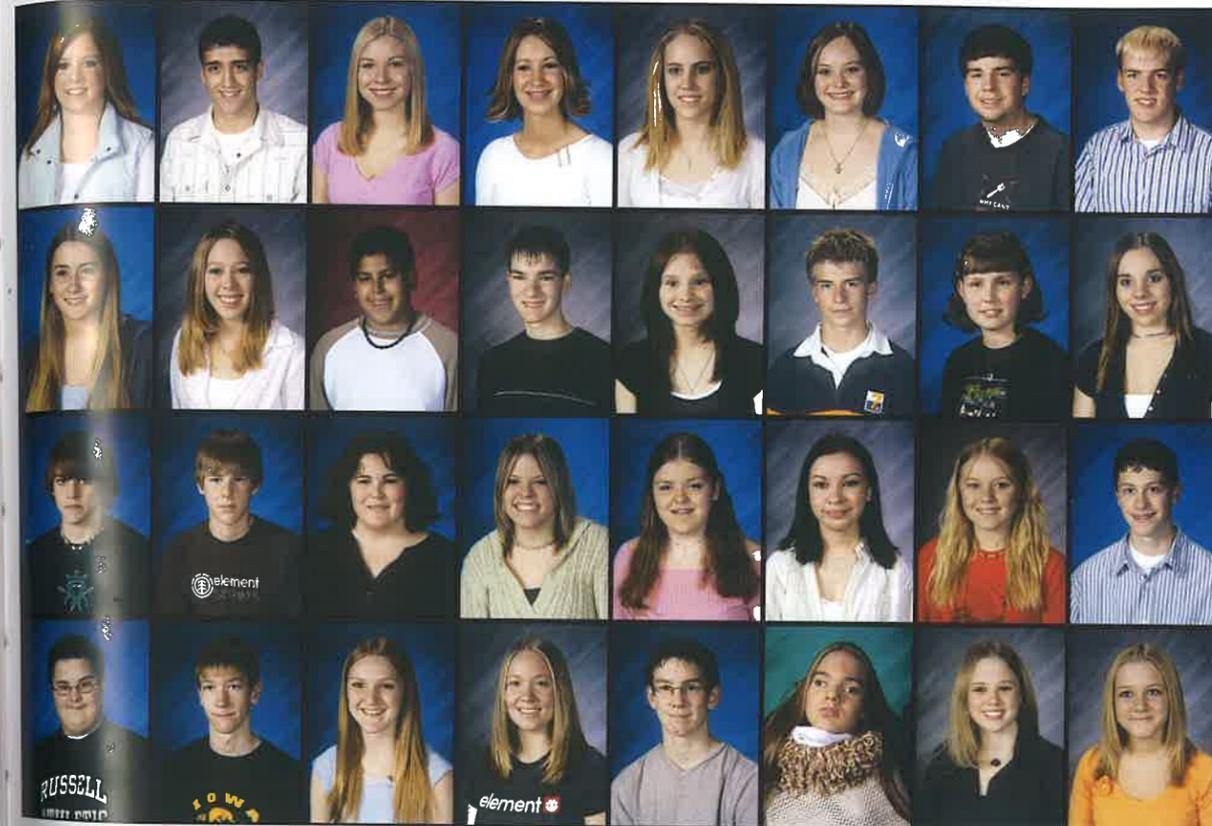
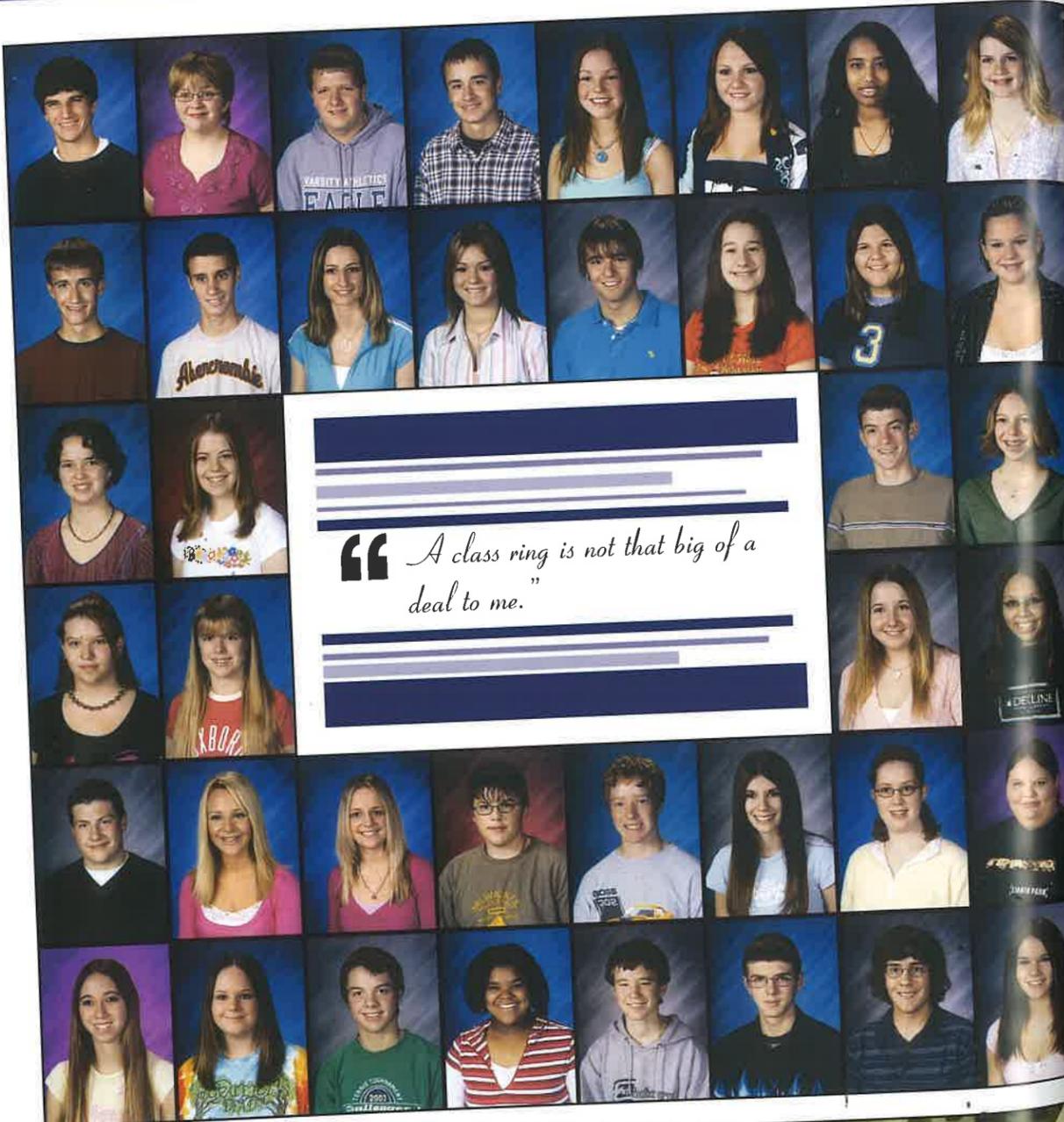


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 Adam Asmild  
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 Ryan Adams  
 Samantha Adkade-Papp  
 Susan Alford  
 Dylan Alton

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 James Balfour  
 David Balfour  
 Amanda Barclay

Quincy Beach  
 Brian Bean  
 Amelie Beuchamp  
 Heather Beuker

Brian Bellows  
 Emily Bugh  
 Marissa Bugh  
 Lisa Buggins  
 Cody Blue  
 Heather Bohn  
 Josh Borker  
 Kaito Broughton  
 Kayla Buehler  
 Brittan Burr  
 Jesse Burton  
 Jenah Brown  
 Nathan Brown  
 Tyler Brown  
 Evanka Buchala  
 Amanda Buhle



Kayla Burns  
 Zachary Burns  
 Clarke Busch  
 Megan Byars  
 Jennifer Caproni  
 Ashley Carlson  
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 Justin Cassano  
 Tim Christensen  
 Yvli Clark  
 Adam Daly  
 Joseph Deane  
 Sam Grand  
 Christopher Cook  
 Ann Corbett  
 Stephanie Gault  
 Evanka Christof  
 Adam Cook  
 Jake Oatis  
 Kayla Cummings  
 Stephen Covich  
 Megan Dill  
 Stefan Dill  
 Brad Dill  
 Derek Dean  
 Karl Deaton  
 Sam Dill  
 Amanda Dine  
 Jason Doherty  
 Doreen Dwyer  
 James Eble  
 Ruth Elbe



### Memories Captured

Class Rings! Get your class rings! High school is said to be the most memorable times of a student's life. Different events and activities from high school can capture a student's memories. A class ring is one way to capture some student's favorite high school moments.

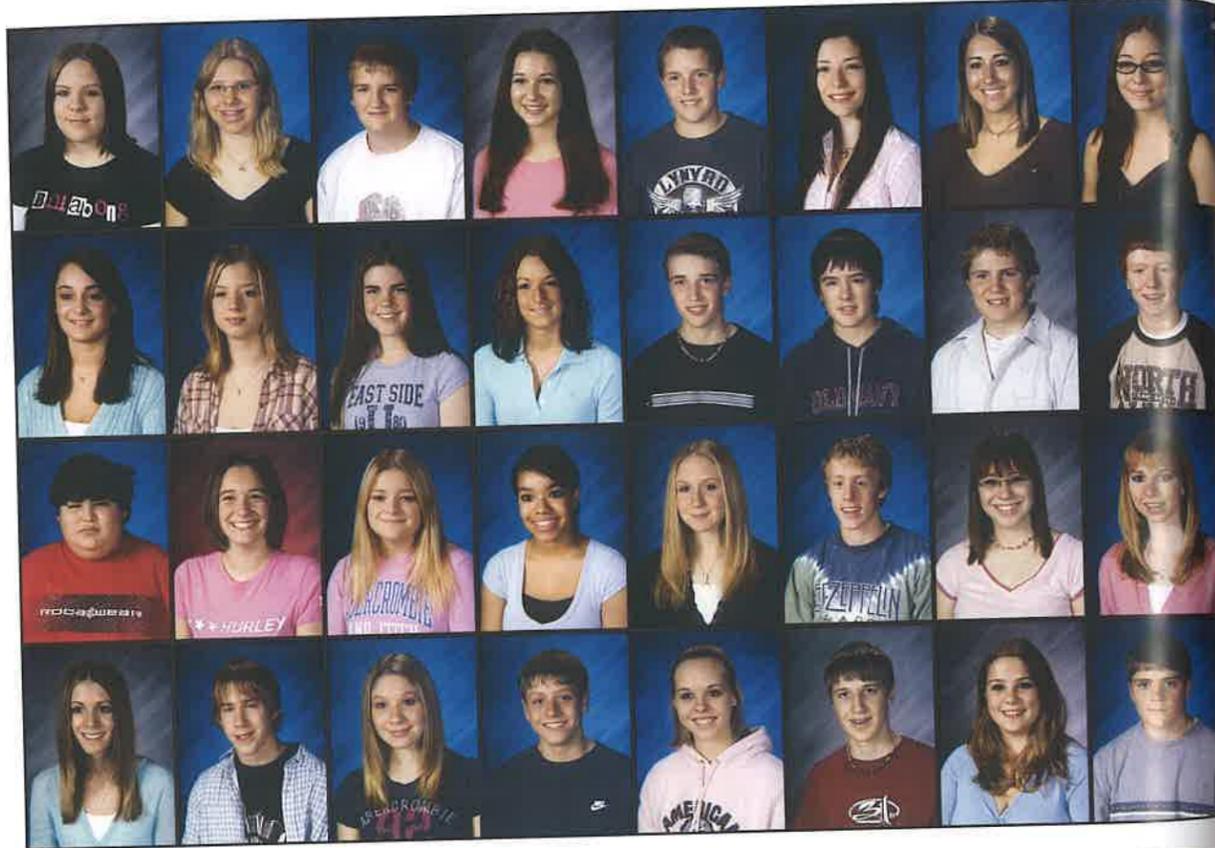
There are mixed feelings among students as to whether or not class rings are necessary. I think the class rings are a way to remember high school in a positive way, sophomore Nick Sigrandy said.

Even though class rings are a way to capture a student's high school memories, some sophomores do not feel the same as Sigrandy about the rings. I dislike the class rings because I feel they are pointless, too expensive and ugly, sophomore Megan Schwartz said.

Other sophomores believe that the money spent on class rings is unnecessary. A class ring is not that big of a deal to me. I would rather spend my money on other things, sophomore Marissa Bugh said.

Even though there are different opinions on West Fargo High School's class rings, the rings are still an excellent way to capture the memories made at West Fargo High School. Even though some believe that class rings are a way to capture high school memories, some believe the rings are a waste of money and are pointless.

Breana Blomberg  
Ashley Easton  
John Engstrom  
Sami English  
Brian Erickson  
Elizabeth Erickson  
Tucker Erickson  
Arianna Estell  
  
Emilia Faldman  
Ashley Faldstad  
Alexis Felsky  
Yohan Fiedler  
Aylan Fick  
Ken Fiehl  
Alyssa Finth  
Matthew Flanagan  
  
Dylan Fortuna  
Ashley Fournier  
Chelsea Furr  
Almazan Gutierrez  
Lindsay Gutierrez  
Eli Glick  
Simone Glick  
Tim Gilman  
  
Haley Girty  
Tyler Goff  
Hazel Goff  
Dylan Goff  
Haley Goff  
Tyler Goff  
Emily Goff  
Justin Goff



Sierra Hahn  
Gerrit Harter  
Alyssa Harter  
Tiffany Hart  
Jason Haveron  
Aaren Haveron  
Natalie Haveron  
Ella Haveron  
  
Megan Hertz  
Michelle Herold  
Orlando Hinn  
Christina Hixby  
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Celia Hixby

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Mia Hixby  
Richard Hixby  
Sara Hixby

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Melissa Hixby  
Ashley Hixby  
Oli Hixby  
Sally Hixby  
Robert Hixby  
Jennifer Hixby  
  
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Gary Hixby

“ Drivers’ Ed. explains how to drive, but it doesn’t help with experience.”

## Rollin’ to School

Are sophomores too young to drive? Many students at West Fargo High School think that 10<sup>th</sup> grade is a normal age to start driving. I think that sophomore year is a great time for a young adult to get their license. It makes you feel more responsible, but I think that freshmen are just too young, sophomore Savannah Hahn said.

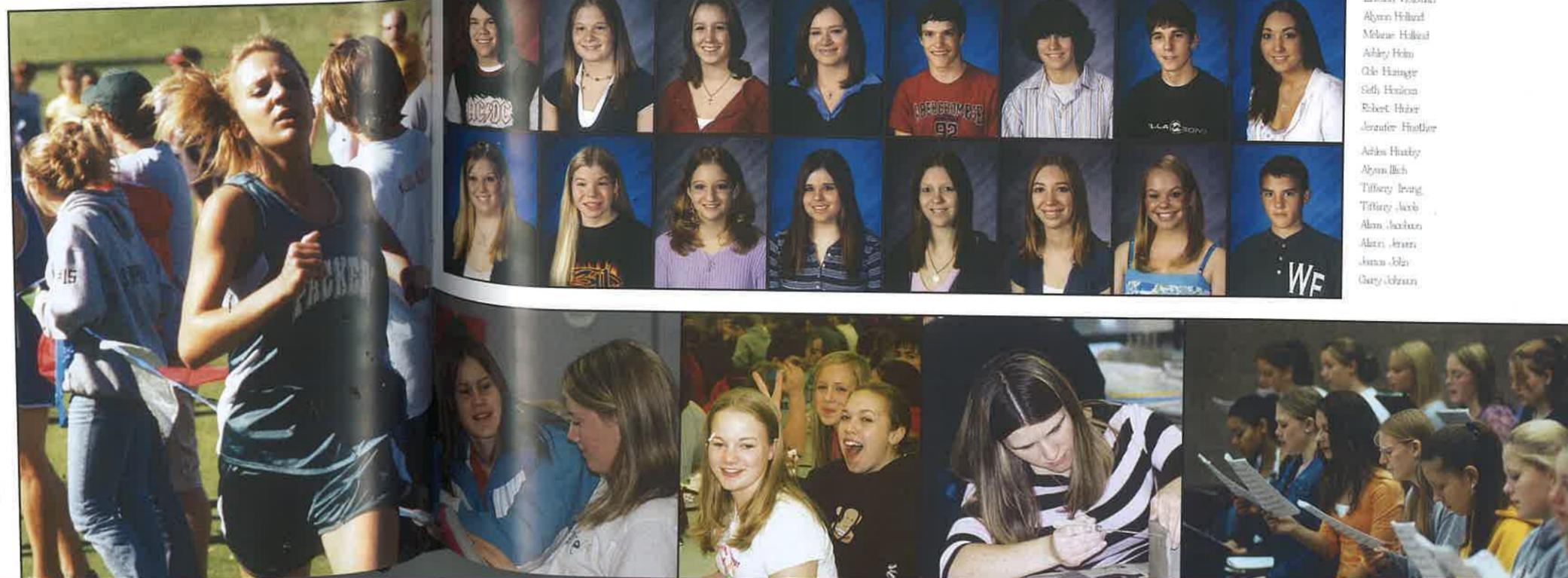
Some sophomores gain experience through Drivers Education. Drivers Ed. is offered as a way to help students become drivers that are more aware. Whether it is driving the simulator or driving with the instructor, some students feel that they are better drivers after they take the class.

It was very interesting and was fun practicing on the simulators, sophomore Melissa Parsons said.

The simulators are a great way to learn how to drive.

Drivers Education explains how to drive, but it just doesn't help with experience, sophomore Stephanie Myers said. Some students choose to drive with an out-of-school instructor. This option cost more money than in school, but it is more of a one-on-one experience.

Sophomore year maybe the best time for a student to learn to drive, whether it be driving behind a simulator or behind a car, both ways seem to help students become better drivers overall.



Dawn Johnson  
Jordan Johnson  
John Johnson  
Michael Johnson  
Rachel Johnson  
Alison Johnson  
Yasmin Johnson  
Patrick Johnson



Kyle Johnson  
India Johnson  
Dana Johnson  
Joseph Johnson  
Alex Johnson  
Tina Johnson  
Cassandra Johnson  
Ryan Johnson



Madison Johnson  
Ethan Johnson  
Amanda Johnson  
Richard Johnson



“ We have sleepovers. We go to movies and go to different events.”

Deanna Johnson  
Heather Johnson  
Matthew Johnson  
Zachary Johnson



Alison Johnson  
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Sarah Johnson  
Brandon Johnson  
Samantha Johnson  
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Christina Johnson  
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Brody Lewis  
Ashley Lewis  
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Emile Lewis  
Tyler Lewis  
Nicole Lewis



David Lewis  
Oliver Lewis  
Emily Lewis  
Jennifer Lewis  
Nash Lewis  
Sam Lewis  
Nigel Lewis  
Katie Lewis



John Lewis  
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James Lewis  
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Amanda Lewis  
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### Practice, Practice, Practice

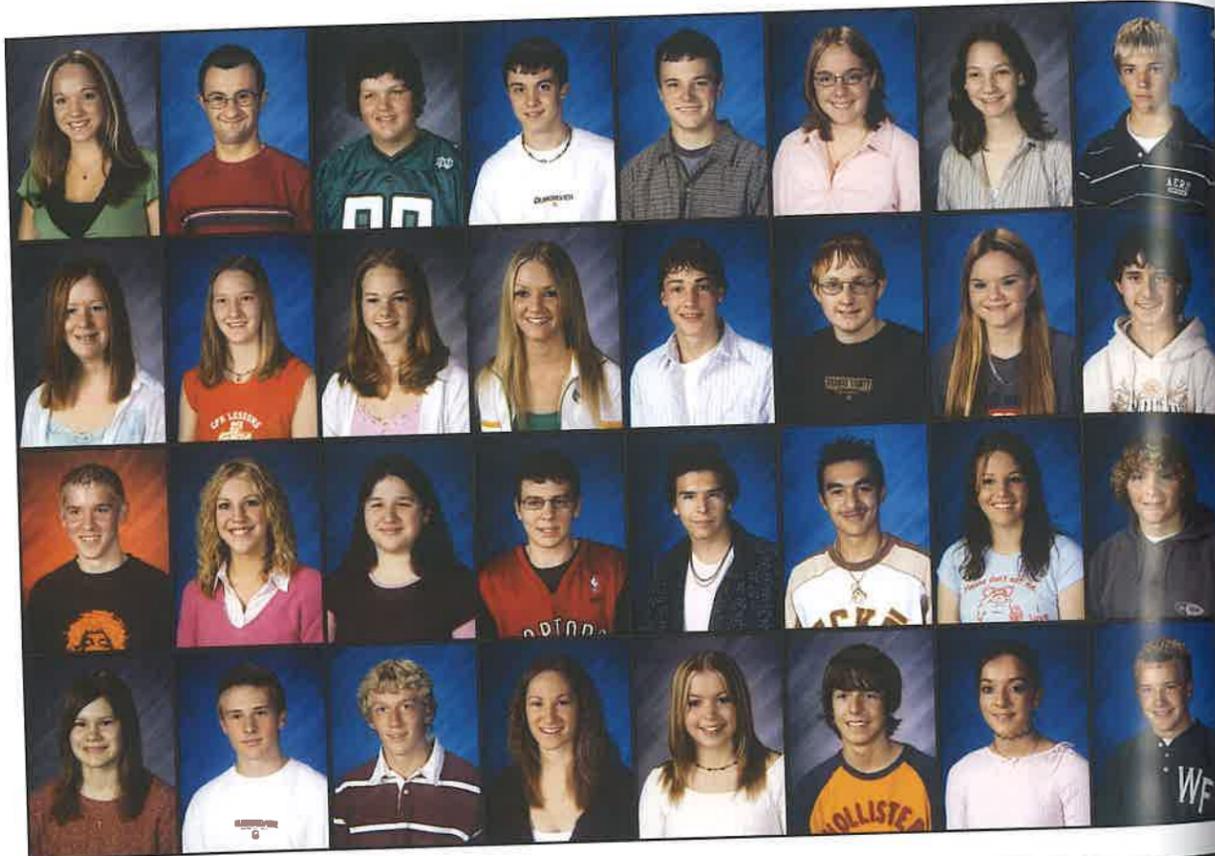
What do skills, cooperation and team players have in common? They are all important components for making a unified team. Varsity sports consist of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Acceptance of everybody on the team is an important aspect of unity in a sport.

Some athletes, especially underclassmen, do not experience the acceptance. This occurs because either they are not comfortable or because of the veterans on the team. I was a little intimidated because I was the youngest guy on the team's sophomore Aaron Roldanus said.

Hard work is something underclassmen have to accomplish. I think as long as the underclassmen work hard enough and have just as much if not more skill than the upperclassmen, then they have every right to be there. To make a team good, you want the best [players], junior Alyssa Freed said.

Unity on a team is accomplished in different ways in different sports. Some teams play games, others get together and eat. We have team dinners before every home game, Roldanus said. Other sports do different types of activities to unify the team. We do group activities that are fun. We have sleepovers. We go to movies and go to different events, sophomore Lindsay Wenger said. Upperclassmen's opinions on acceptance differ, but all agree that if rookies work hard they deserve to be on the team.

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Talen Mehmood  
Mitchell Mehtal  
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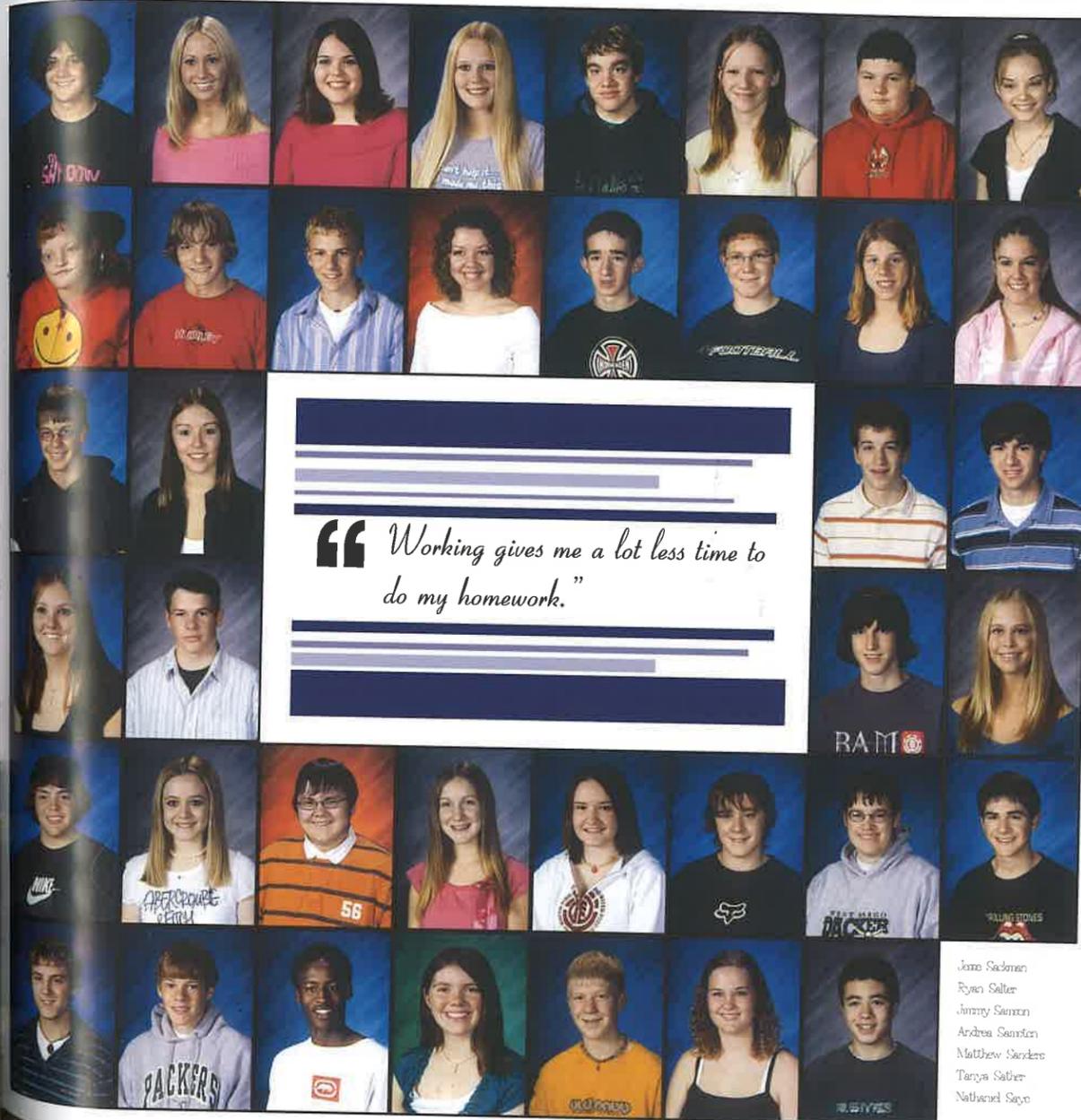


## Pros/Cons of Jobs

According to a research conducted by the National Teenager Working Association, over 80 percent of high school students ages 15 to 17 are employed. About 70 percent of these students are not passing in at least one of their classes.

If a student is struggling at school, it may be because a job is interfering with their time to do schoolwork. Students who work aren't necessarily more responsible than those who don't because if you have a job, you don't have time to come and make up work or get help with teacher. Mia Melara Halverson said. Students with jobs think the same way. Working gives me a bit less time to do my homework, sophomore Jennifer Lundberg said. Some students, however, tend to like working. It could teach students valuable trades. I love working at Krippy Kreams. I get to meet new people and it teaches me how to prioritize my time, sophomore Tiffany Irving said.

Students work for many reasons: to meet new people, learn valuable trades or even just give them something to do with their time. Others simply work for the money. I get paid, and that's cool, Lundberg said. Working can be fun, but it is also time consuming. Before applying for a job, students should consider how much time they can commit to it.

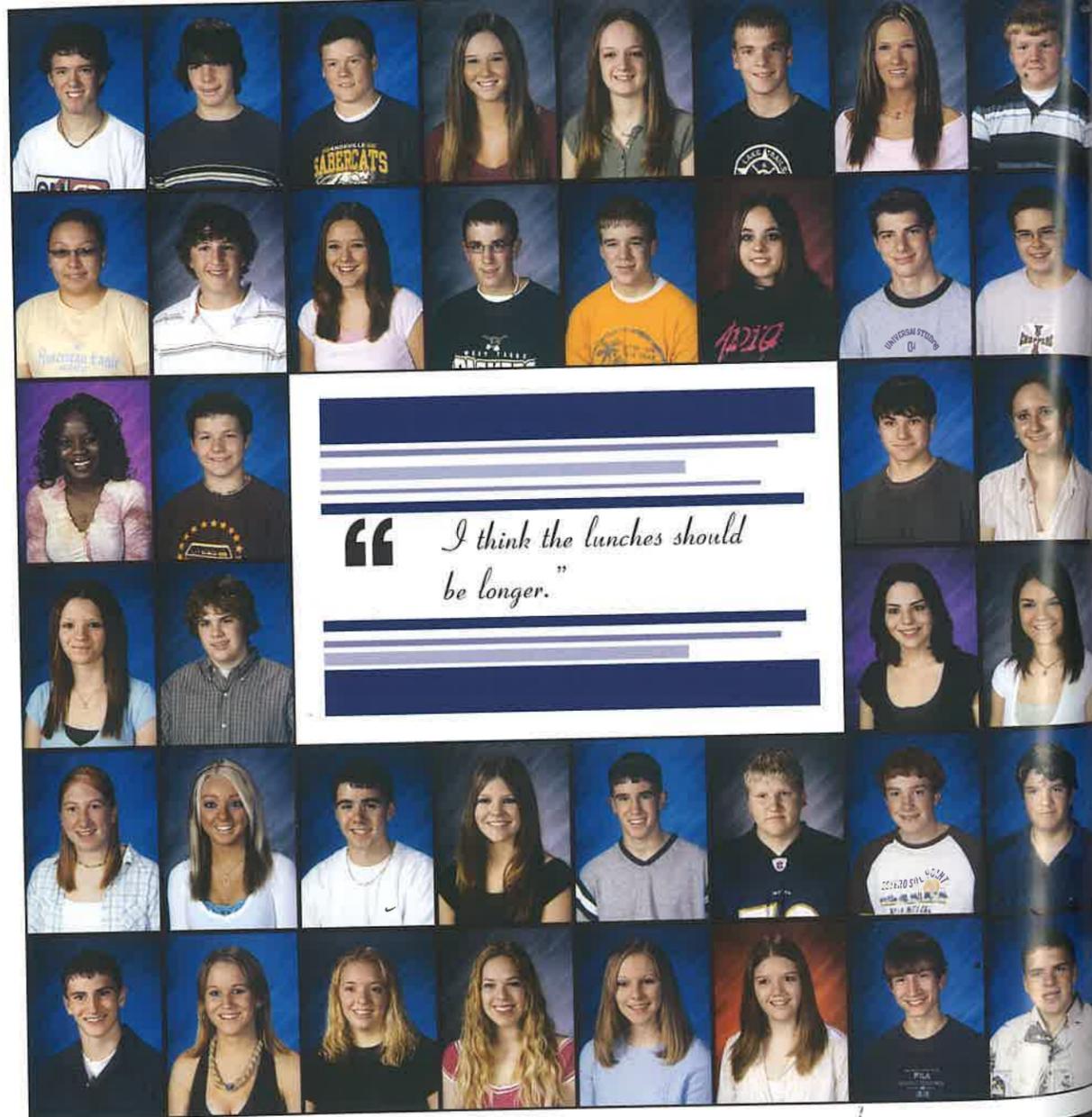


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Kendra Quast  
Syrno Rababow  
  
Garry Raetz  
Brittany Ragan  
Arhna Randall  
Aaron Raskin  
  
Kari Remmen  
Justin Rhessult  
Scott Ridgway  
Amy Ryege  
  
Evan Robstad  
Lara Ronning  
Matthew Ronning  
Jasica Roth  
Melinda Rothbaum  
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Paul Runney  
Adam Rutten  
  
Jeno Sacaman  
Ryan Sailer  
Jimmy Samson  
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Matthew Sanders  
Taryn Sather  
Nathaniel Sayo



Clifton Schatz  
Evan Schiller  
Grant Schmidt  
Emboth Schmidt  
Yahay Schuchman  
Mark Schulte  
Myra Schwartz  
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Lari Seib  
Matthew Seifer  
Sara Simon  
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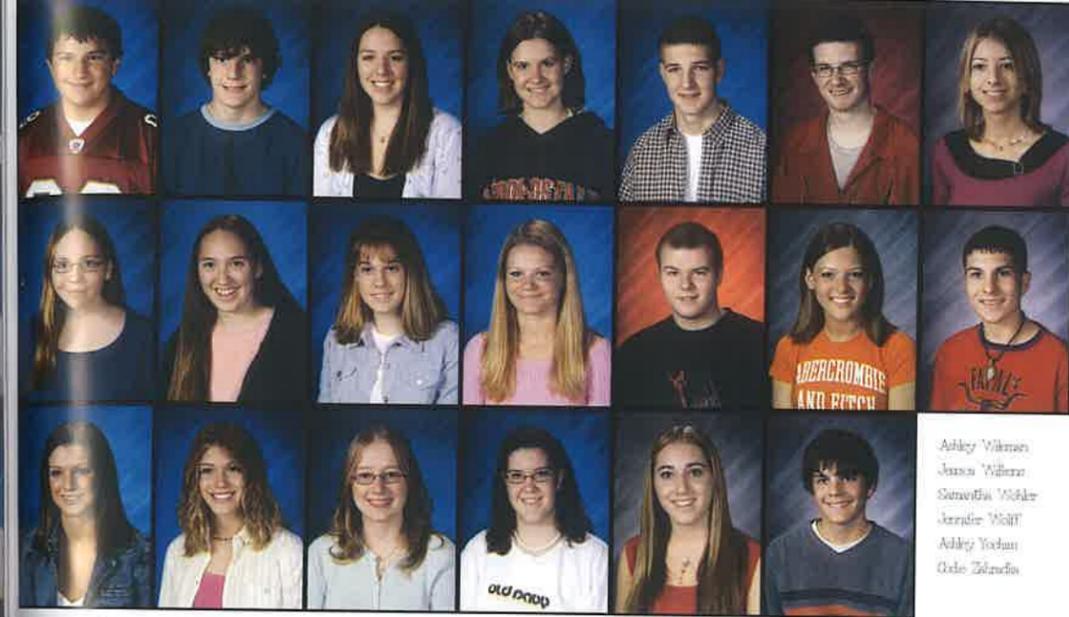
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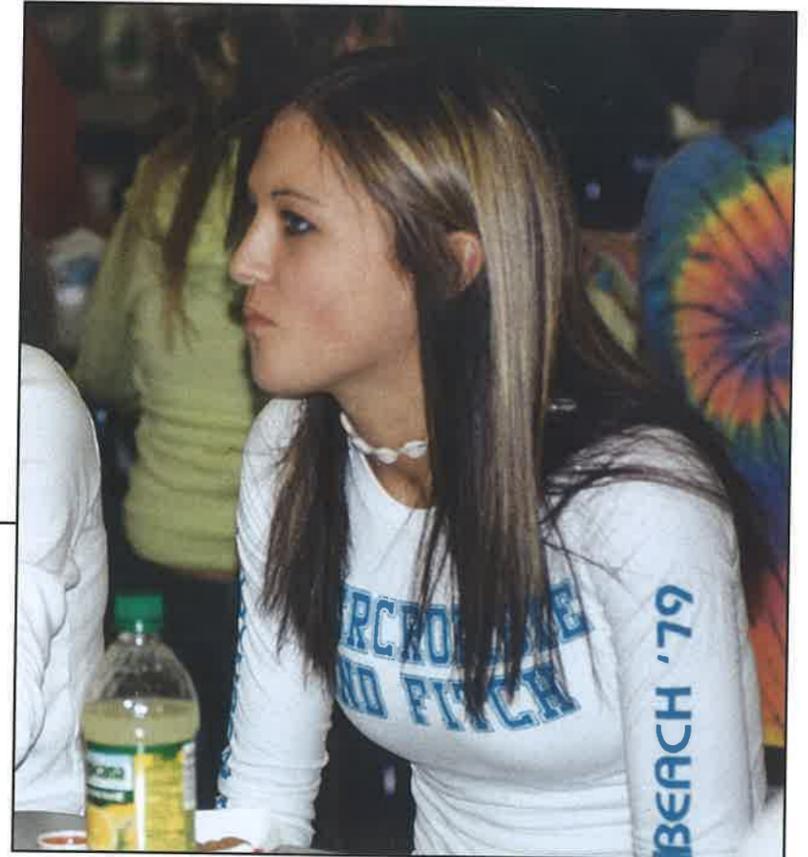
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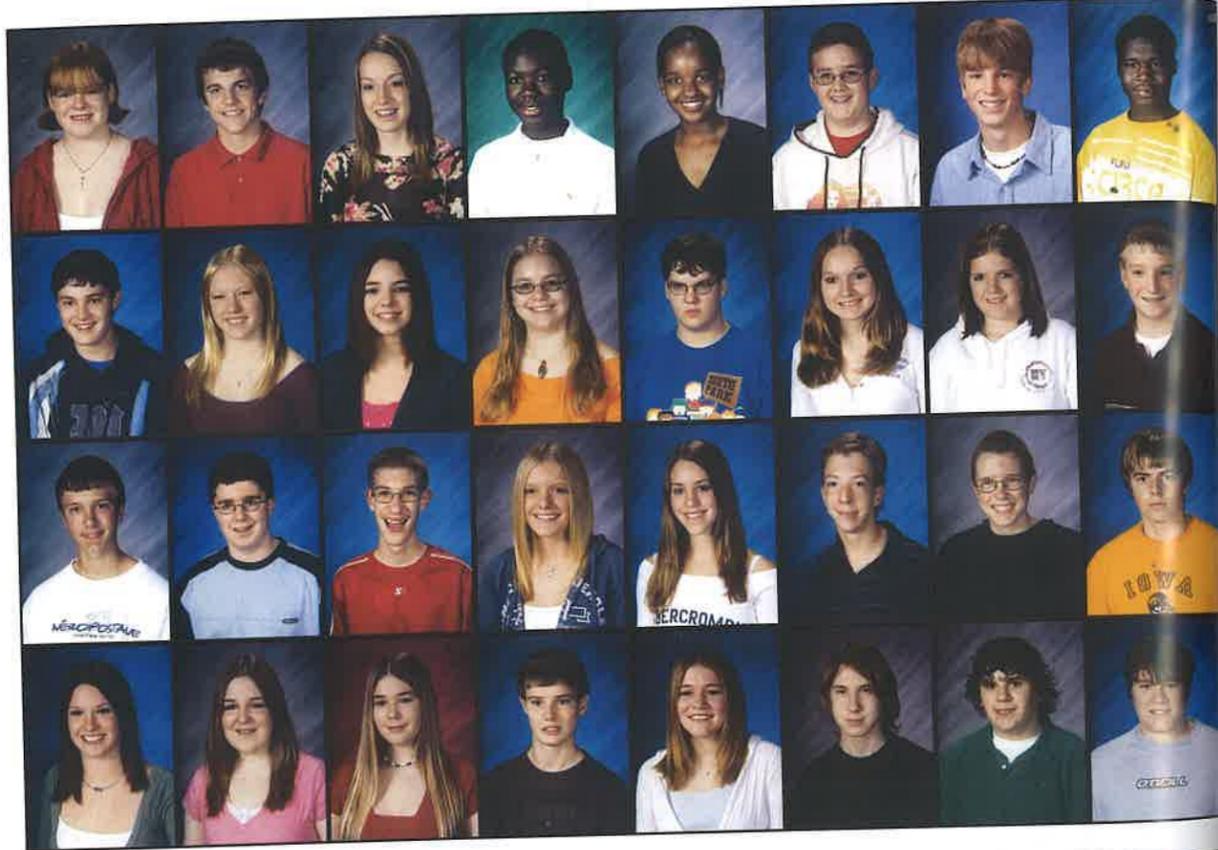
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*Time Crunch Lunch*

Many West Fargo students believe that the lunch should be longer than 30 minutes. "I think the lunches should be longer," explains one Rachel Kirchhoff and said, "Time during lunch is very important to students, but with the crunch of time in the school day it would be impossible to lengthen the lunches."

- Lisa Adams
- Kevin Adley
- Walter Adams
- John Aile
- Mason Alford
- Dillon Alford
- Mari Allen
- Clark Ammer
- Matthew Anzola
- Emily Barth
- Marcus Belski
- Jason Biles
- Shane Biron
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- Megan Bower
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- Nicholas Boker
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- Felix Bost
- Conor Bolerly
- Eric Blumson
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- Alan Bironet
- Felix Brasen
- Yakob Bragora
- Hannah Bradford
- Alan Bremer
- Eric Bryer
- Emi Burke
- Jeffrey Busquet
- Laurie Buten
- Nicholas Bull



## You Can't Park There

As students enter the busy parking lot before school, they notice most of the rows are full but the back row only has a few cars in it while the street is packed.

This year a new rule was made and freshmen are not allowed to park in the parking lot. This rule was put in to effect to open up the parking lot to the upperclassmen. The majority of upperclassmen and sophomores think this is a good rule. The freshmen however, believe it is not.

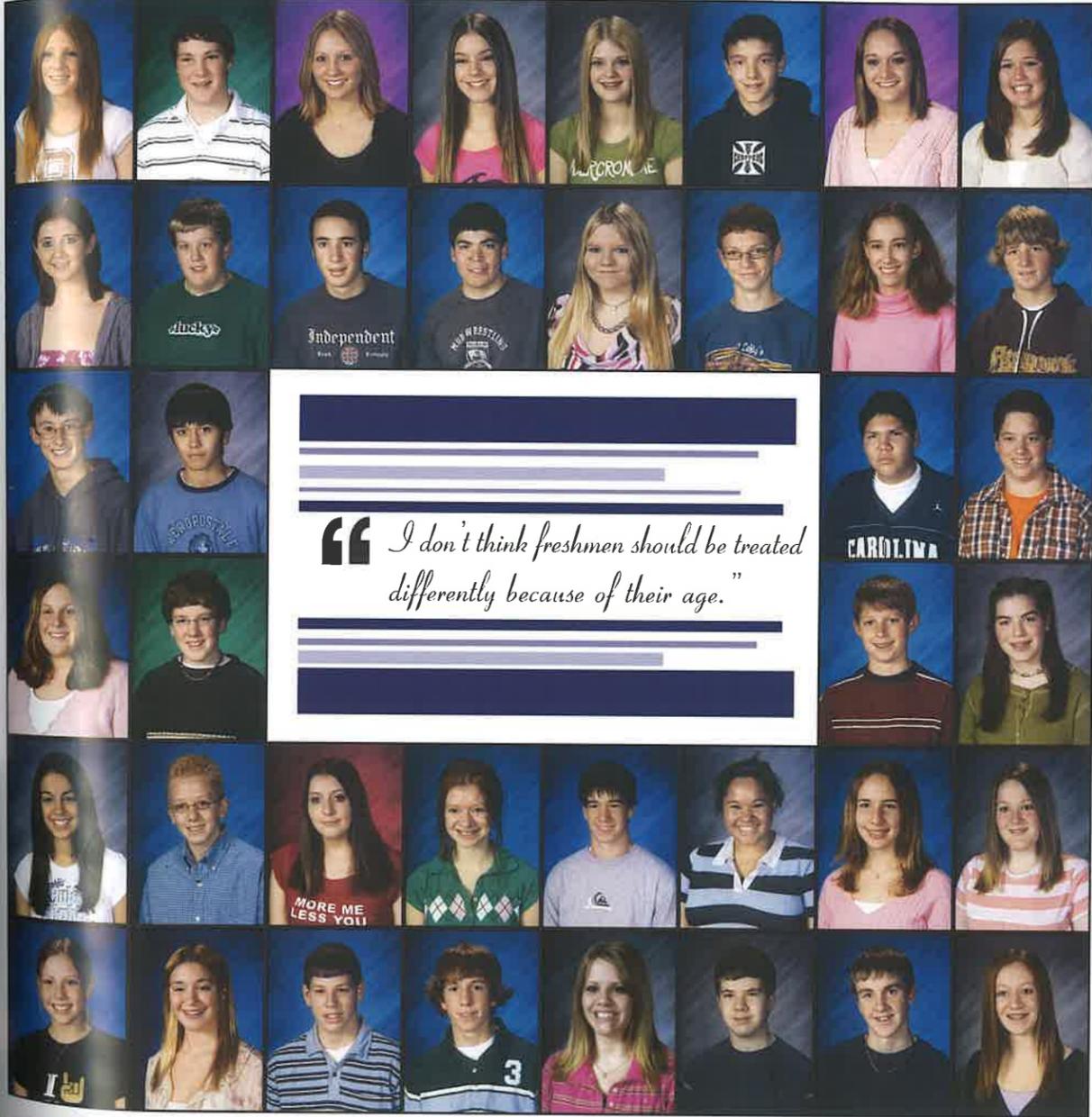
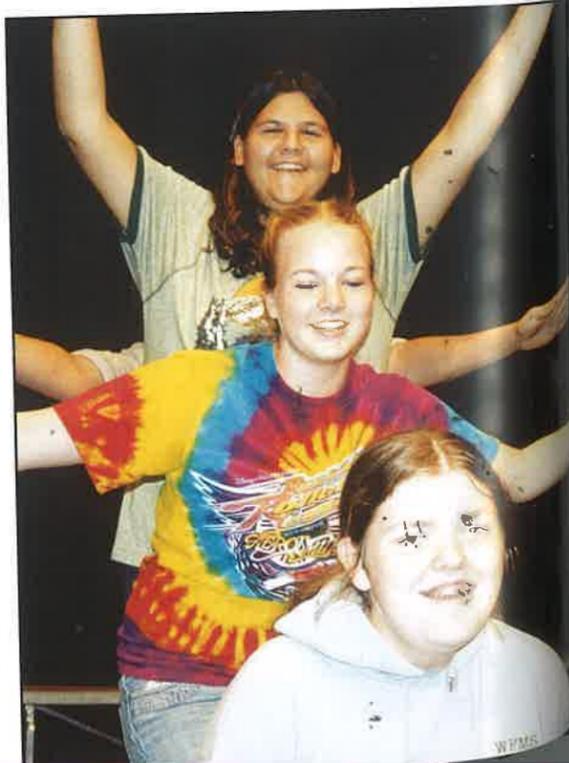
Some freshmen think the rule is unfair and the only reason for this rule is their age. I think they made the rule to pick on freshmen, freshman Katie Kapri said.

Most principals and teachers agree with the rule and how it came to be. We chose freshmen because of the results of the senior survey and student council (input). Assistant Principal Mr. Greg Groeters said.

Even though not all freshmen drive, they still feel that the rule is discriminatory. Once the 9th grade academy starts they will not be able to lock freshmen cars out of the high school parking lot, yet the class numbers grow more every year. Although this rule is thought to be fair, some freshmen still do not like it.

Many freshmen think age should not be a factor in deciding who gets to park in the parking lot. I don't think freshmen should be treated differently because of their age, freshman Lex Lunde said.

Overall, it ends up being a well working rule that is for the most part abided by.



“ I don't think freshmen should be treated differently because of their age.”



- Kyle Bort
- Dustin Burrell
- Gabe Bush
- Alexis Boutelle
- Tasha Butler
- Eric Butler
- Stacy Butler
- Nicole Bulmer
- Carlan Brown
- Quay Brown
- Michael Brown
- Tyler Brown
- Conradia Bruggman
- Wade Bryan
- Karen Buech
- Brian Buehler
- Alex Gannon
- Anthony Casanova
- Shawn George Bar
- Samuel Casey
- Megan Cavies
- Kristy Christopher
- Breanna Clark
- Marcus Clay
- Breanna Gattano
- Alex Gayer
- Kayla Gile
- Andrew Gray
- Justin Greas
- Bryson Green
- Cydney Green
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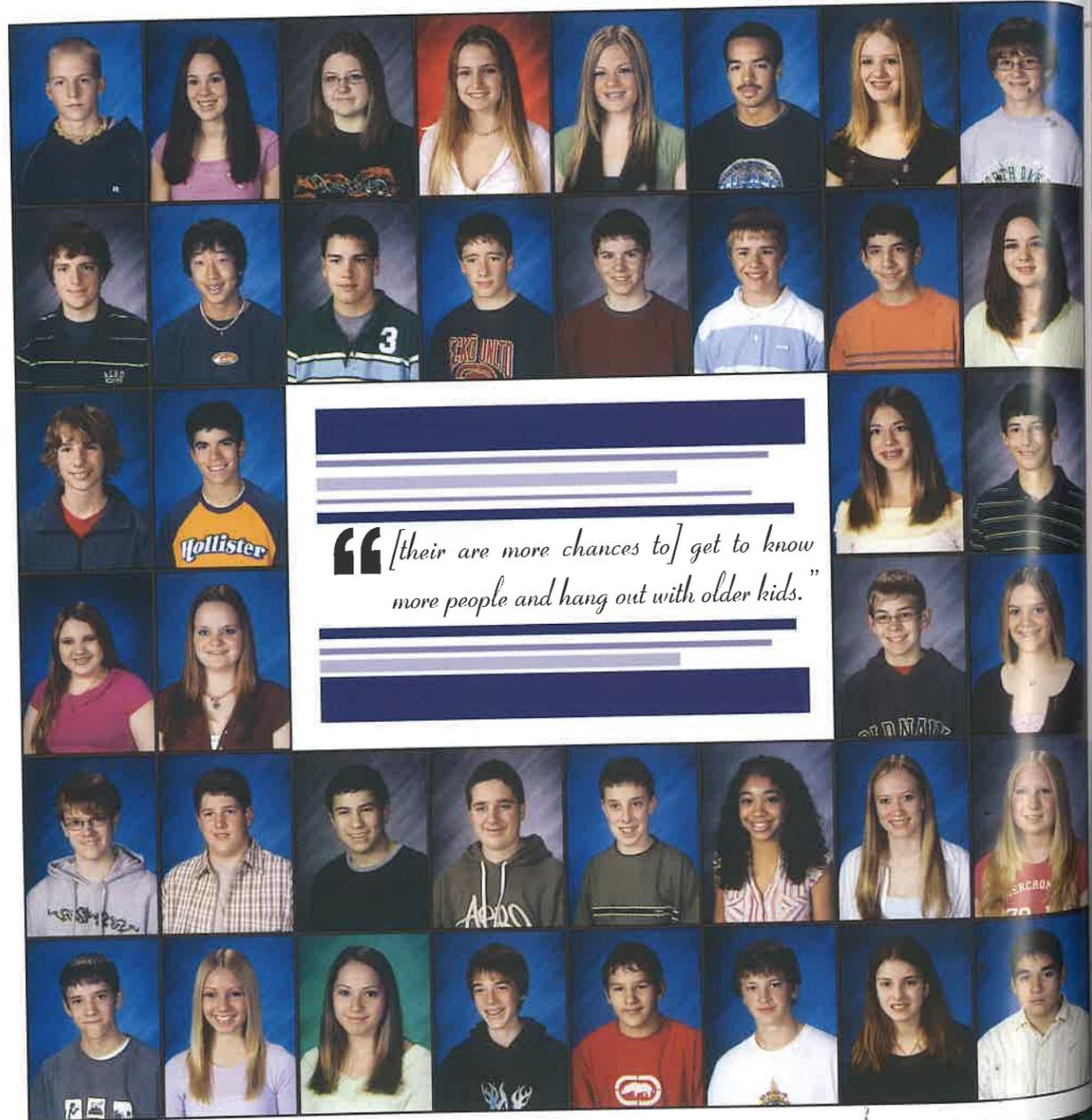
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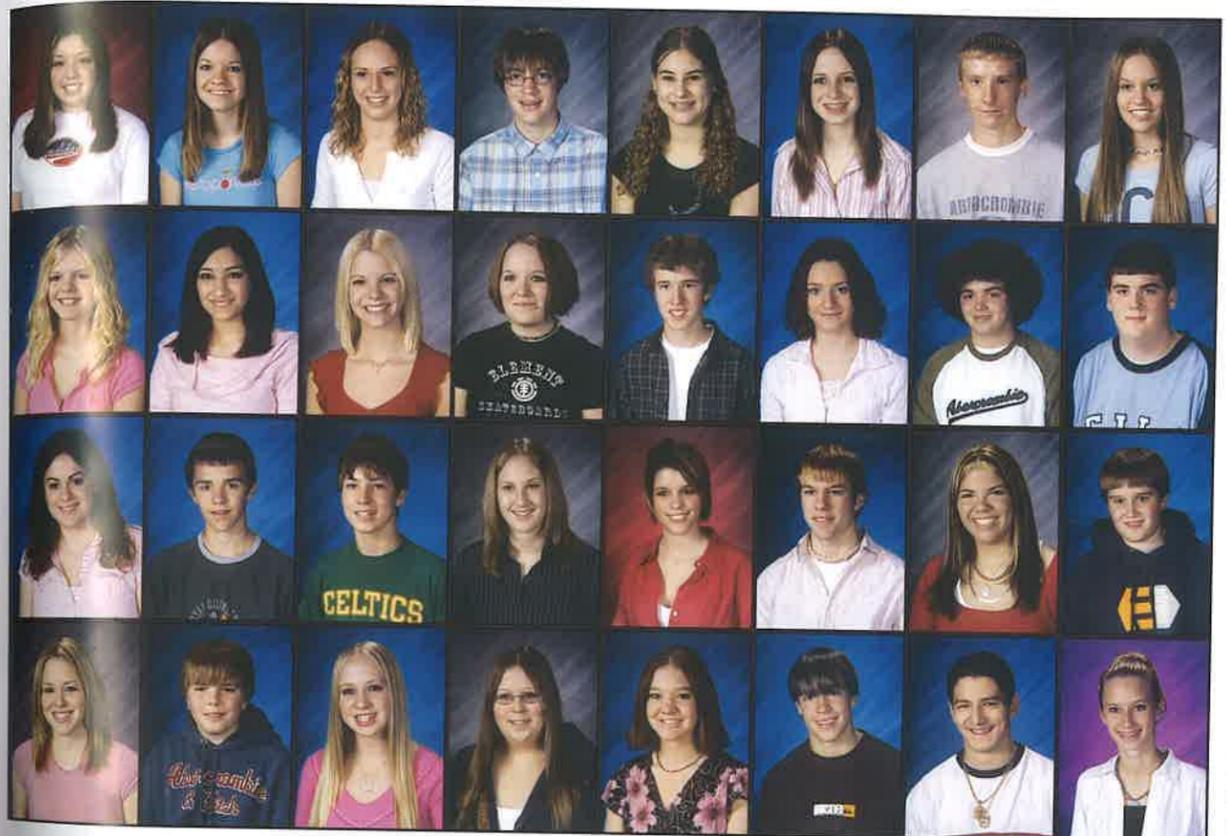
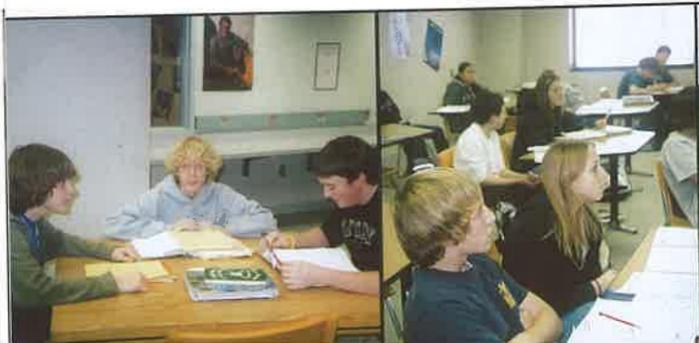
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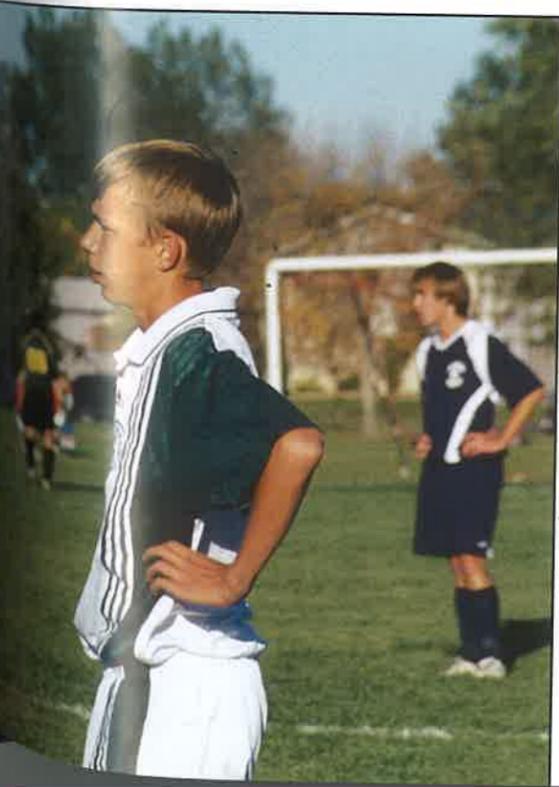
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“ [their are more chances to] get to know more people and hang out with older kids.”



Ariky Gault  
Tory Gibson  
Janae Givon  
Jeddie Goss  
Emily Gotschall  
Amelia Ottenshoff  
Brook Glass  
Gotta Hagstrom  
Brittany Habel  
Ezekiel Hobb  
Brittany Hagstrom  
Ariky Haber  
John Hake  
Alexa Haling  
Kathryn Hering  
Emekia Hinkel  
Yvonne Hinkel  
Sean Hines  
Madison Hirsch  
Emily Hickey  
Justin Hilde  
Shawn Hoy  
Darin Hise  
Eric Hohen  
Ernest Huhner  
Alexander Hunkeler  
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## Students Mixed on Academy

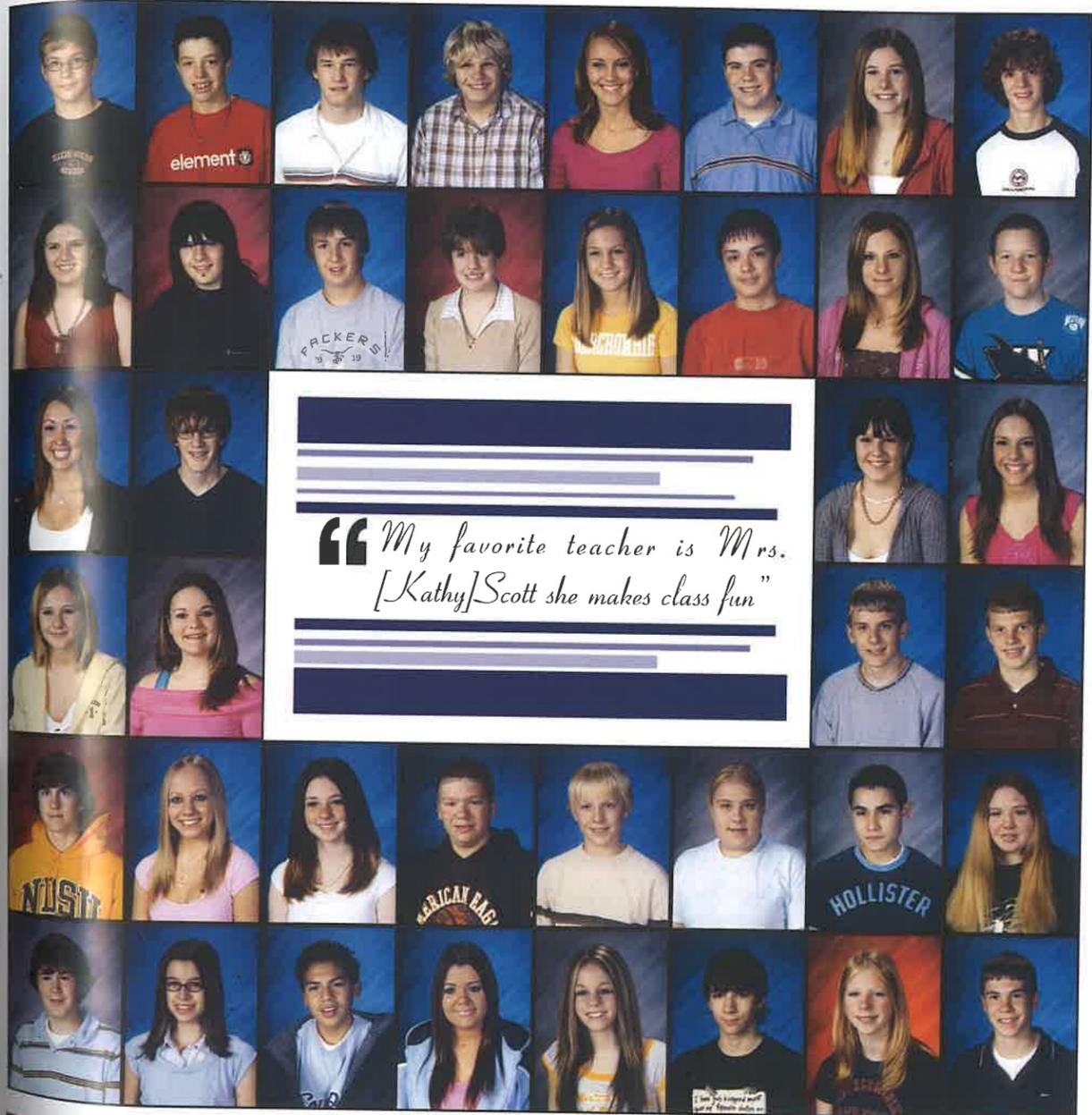
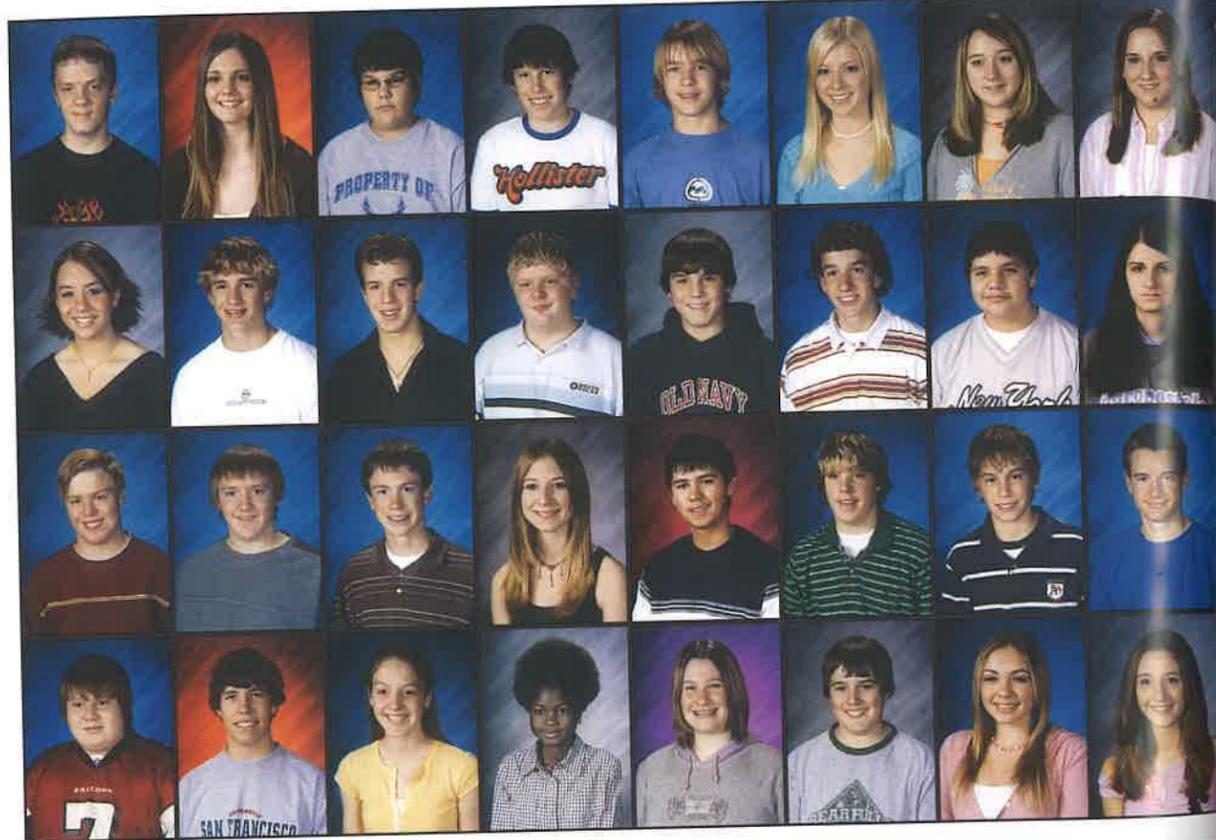
As freshmen, the class of 2008 walked cautiously into West Fargo High School. They had many fears, some were real but many were imagined. "Will I be able to find my classroom?" "Will I get my locker open?" "Will an upperclassman pull my underwear over my head?" These fears were soon replaced by a sense of belonging. They were now officially students at West Fargo High School. Although mostly ignored by the upper classmen, being in the same building gave them unity. They are the Packmen.

The freshmen, in a couple of years, may have their own building, a freshmen academy. The proposed merits of this building include an alleviating crowding at the high school and reducing the anxiety students may have about entering high school by giving them an extra year to mature.

Many freshmen, in the class of 2008, denied being intimidated by upperclassmen. When asked if he felt intimidated, freshman Alamed Shamir Aiken said, "No way!" Another freshman, Brittan Goldaker, did admit to feeling a little bit nervous but still would rather enter high school as a freshman because she felt there would be more people to show you what to do.

Another disadvantage to the academy is that most students would miss interacting with the upperclassmen. Freshman Kevin Ackley stated the high school gave him the opportunity to get to know more people and hang out with older kids. Shamir also said he "wouldn't be able to see my upperclassmen friends."

- Cl Hatlet
- Jana Holley
- Darin Hibman
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- Dustin Hibma
- Chelsea Hibernat
- Melody Hovestul
- Leah Hinton
- Alex Hinton
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- Christopher Huhn
- Brayden Hunt
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- Garrett Isom
- Alyssa Isom
- Jenna Jaha
- Philip Jahn
- Chris Jahn
- Arden Jaram
- Trish Jaram
- Yelby Jara
- Jenna Johnson
- Karen Johnson
- Joseph Johnson
- Elyse Johnson
- Fred Johnson
- Haley Johnson
- Yael Joff
- Allyson Joss
- Jane Jurgens
- Kate Keph
- Indira Kestegren



“My favorite teacher is Mrs. [Kathy] Scott she makes class fun”

- Kyle Kofel
- Chen Koller
- Katy Koller
- Tyler Koly
- Abby Kofie
- Michael Kibbi
- Shay Kordis
- Austin Koster
- Brian Koberg
- Drew Koberg
- Justin Kling
- Amelia Klinger
- Lindsay Kline
- Tyler Knapp
- Sean Knorr
- Richard Knorr
- Kelly Korum
- Orly Kopp
- Hayden Kofe
- Doug Kofel
- Haley Jo Knott-Busch
- Sadie Knott
- William Knutson
- Nathan Knut
- Brianne Kuznetz
- Brianne Kuznetz
- Brittany LaMont
- Austin Latta
- Eric Latta
- Sarahella Latta
- Alexandra Leal
- Zachary Leard
- Adam Lester
- John Letlow
- Hanni Leyton
- Debbie Lien
- Brodie Lohm
- Drew Longeneck
- Lee Lovas
- Tyler Lund

# Teachers Influence Students

A good teacher EXPLAINS. A superior teacher DEMONSTRATES. A great teacher INSPIRES. — Unknown

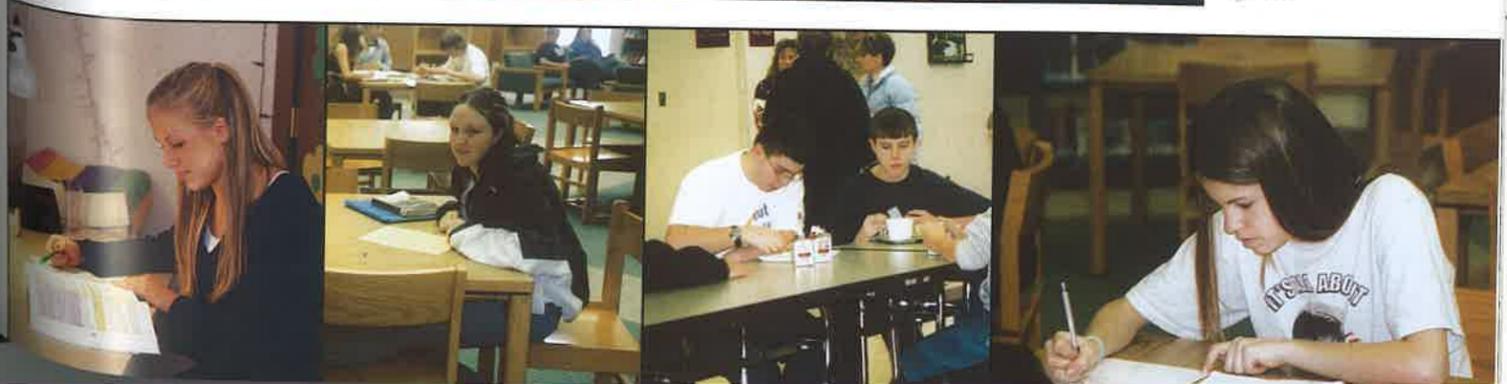
Many teachers in the high school have made huge impacts on students. Whether it is their teaching abilities or certain qualities that influence them, most teachers make a mark on their students forever.

When class is fun for students, it makes them want to learn. My favorite teacher is Mrs. [Kathryn] Scott because she makes class fun and exciting, she makes me want to be there, freshman Whitney Adams said.

Although the freshmen have only been here for a short time, many teachers have stood out in their mind as being one of the top. Ms. Jill [Wald] the science teacher, is my favorite teacher because she makes information which may seem boring actually exciting to learn and makes me want to be in class, freshman Jenna Holley said.

Other teachers' enthusiasm and energy that they bring to the classroom affect the learning ability that is placed on the students. My favorite teacher is Mrs. [Mary Jo] McKay because she brings so much enthusiasm and energy to the class that it makes us excited to learn, freshman James Green said.

A teacher makes a big impact on a student's life. They influence them to make decisions, and they teach them about the future. Most of all, a great teacher inspires.

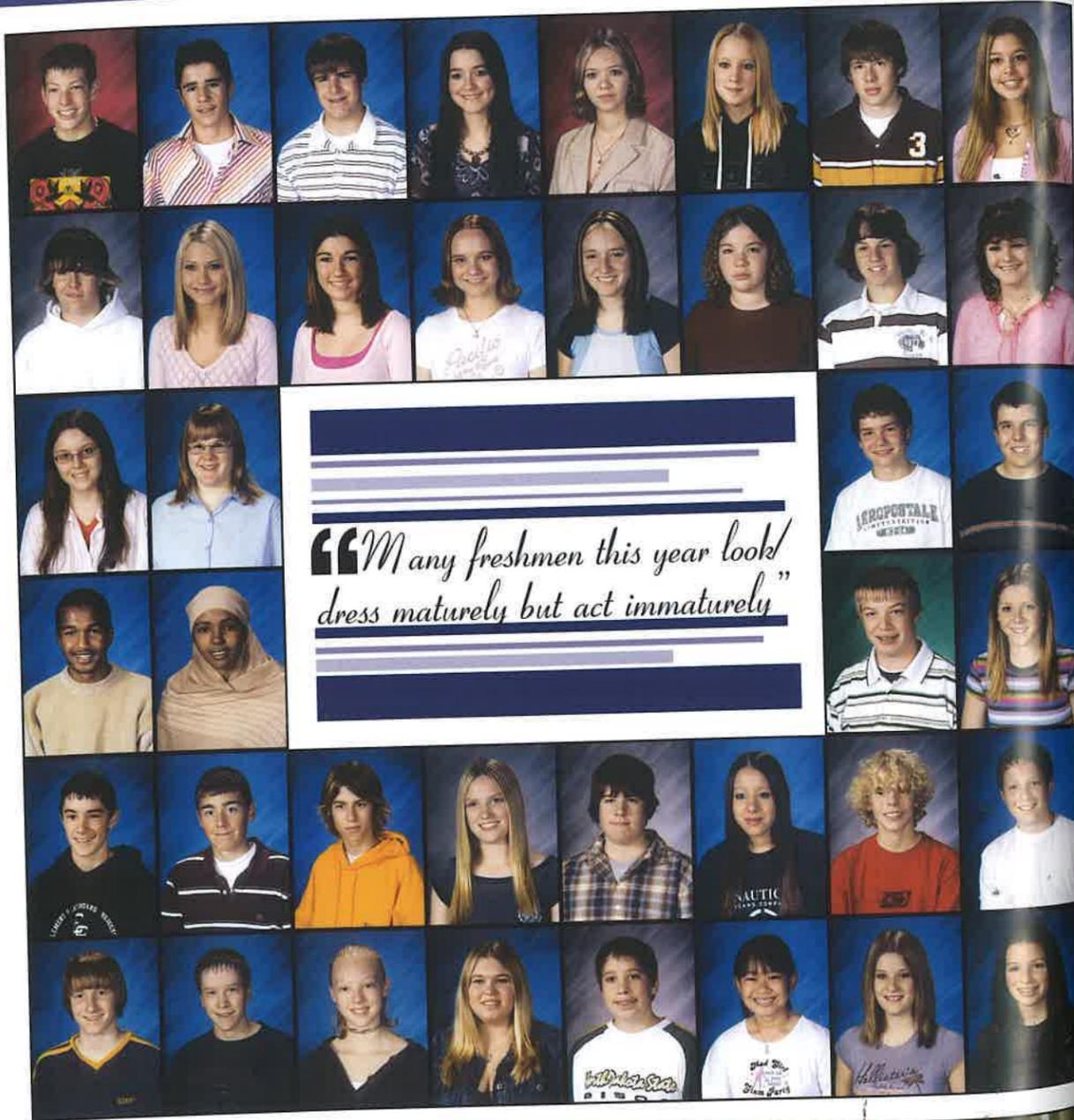


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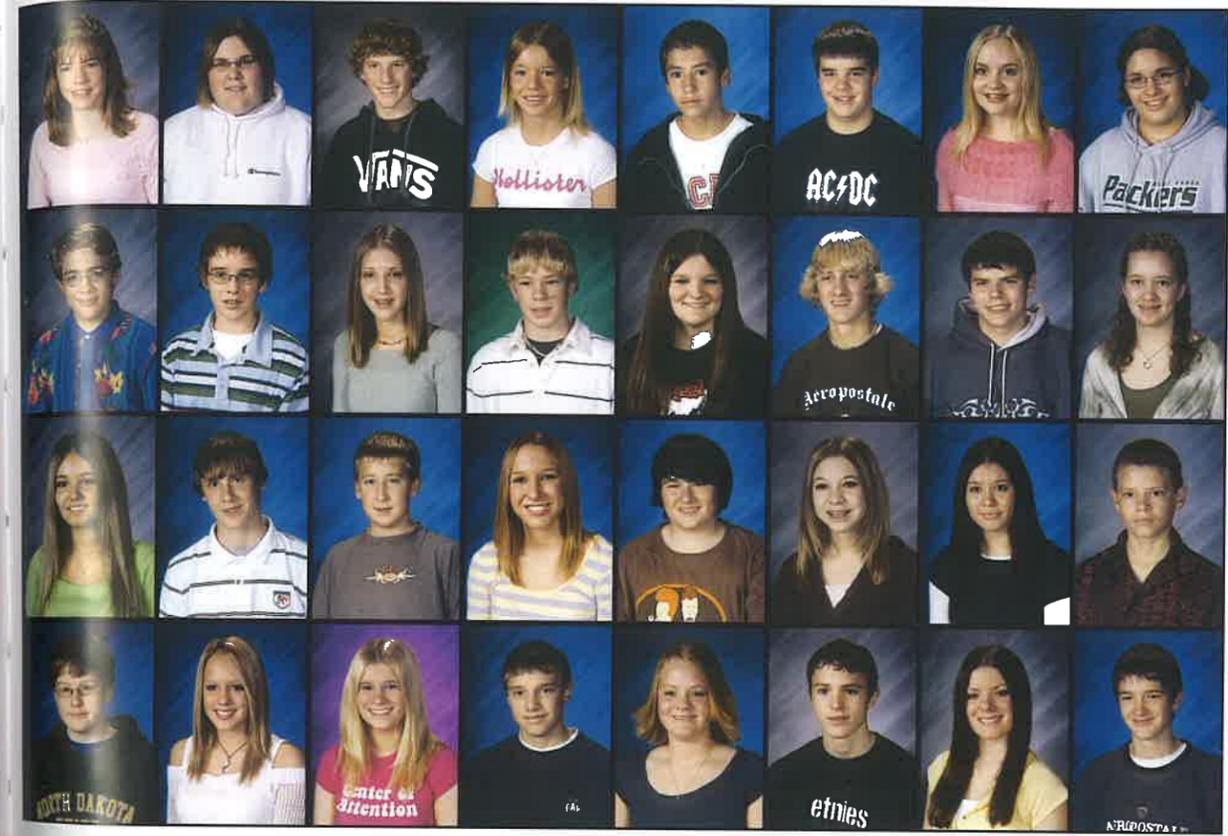
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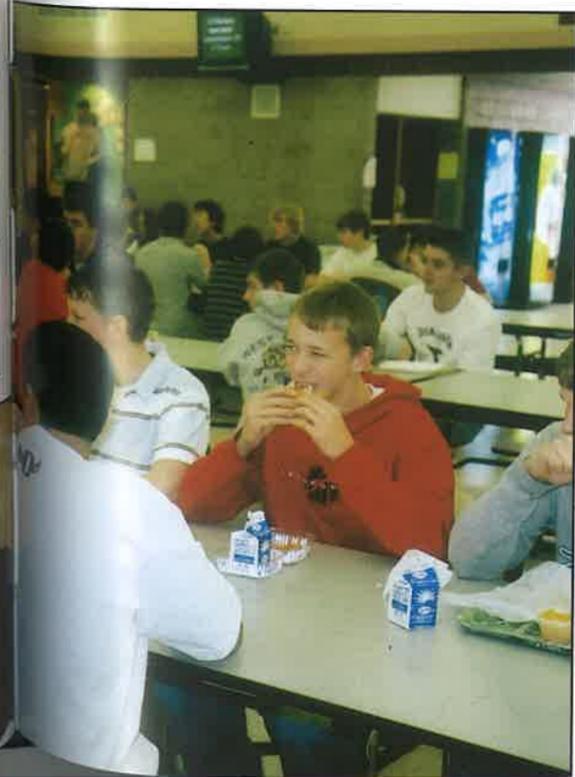
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 Brittany Nishina  
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*"Many freshmen this year look/ dress maturely but act immaturely"*



Brittany Nolan  
 Kristen Nordhagen  
 Jonathan Novack  
 Amanda Olsen  
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 Taylor Ostad  
 Lynne Oshidi  
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 Ashley Polopowski  
 Matthew Poney  
 Hannah Potter  
 Michael Potter



### Freshmen Immature/ Mature?

It is the first week of school and the upperclassmen do not recognize the freshmen faces walking through the halls, yet what they do notice is that many of the freshmen look a lot older than years past.

Many upperclassmen agreed upon this thought. 'Many freshmen this year look and dress more maturely but act immaturely,' senior Amanda Hewson said. All older students usually think that younger students act immaturely, yet most would also admit to these actions when they were younger.

While many people think the 2005 freshmen looked older, others disagree. 'The years freshmen look a lot younger. Every year new freshmen come to the high school, they keep looking a lot younger,' senior Nick Graves said.

Freshmen themselves also believe they have some growing up to do before their high school graduation. 'I need to mature more before my graduation because I do not know what to do when I am older, and I hope that I do when I am a senior,' freshmen Whitney Adams said. Many freshmen know that there is a long road ahead of them until graduation and hope to know more about themselves as they grow older.

Many of the upperclassmen's opinions regarding the appearance and actions of the freshmen differ. As the upperclassmen walk through the halls toward the end of the year, many students faces are now familiar.

- Felix Friele
- Hayes Probst
- Matthew Fries
- Nancy Pufendorf
- Samuel Pufendorf
- Melissa Pylka
- Melissa Quarles
- Ashley Riggs
  
- Cameron Rostberg
- Johanna Rostberg
- Breanna Rostberg
- Alan Rostberg
- Dennis Rostberg
- Alison Rostberg
- Angel Rostberg
- Ann Rostberg
  
- Andrew Rowell
- Matt Row
- Rebecca Row
- Rebecca Row
- Nicholas Row
- Andrew Row
- Andrew Row
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- Gregory Row
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- Angela Row
- Brandon Row
- John Row
- Emily Row
- Cassidy Row



## Freshmen Stress on 1st Day

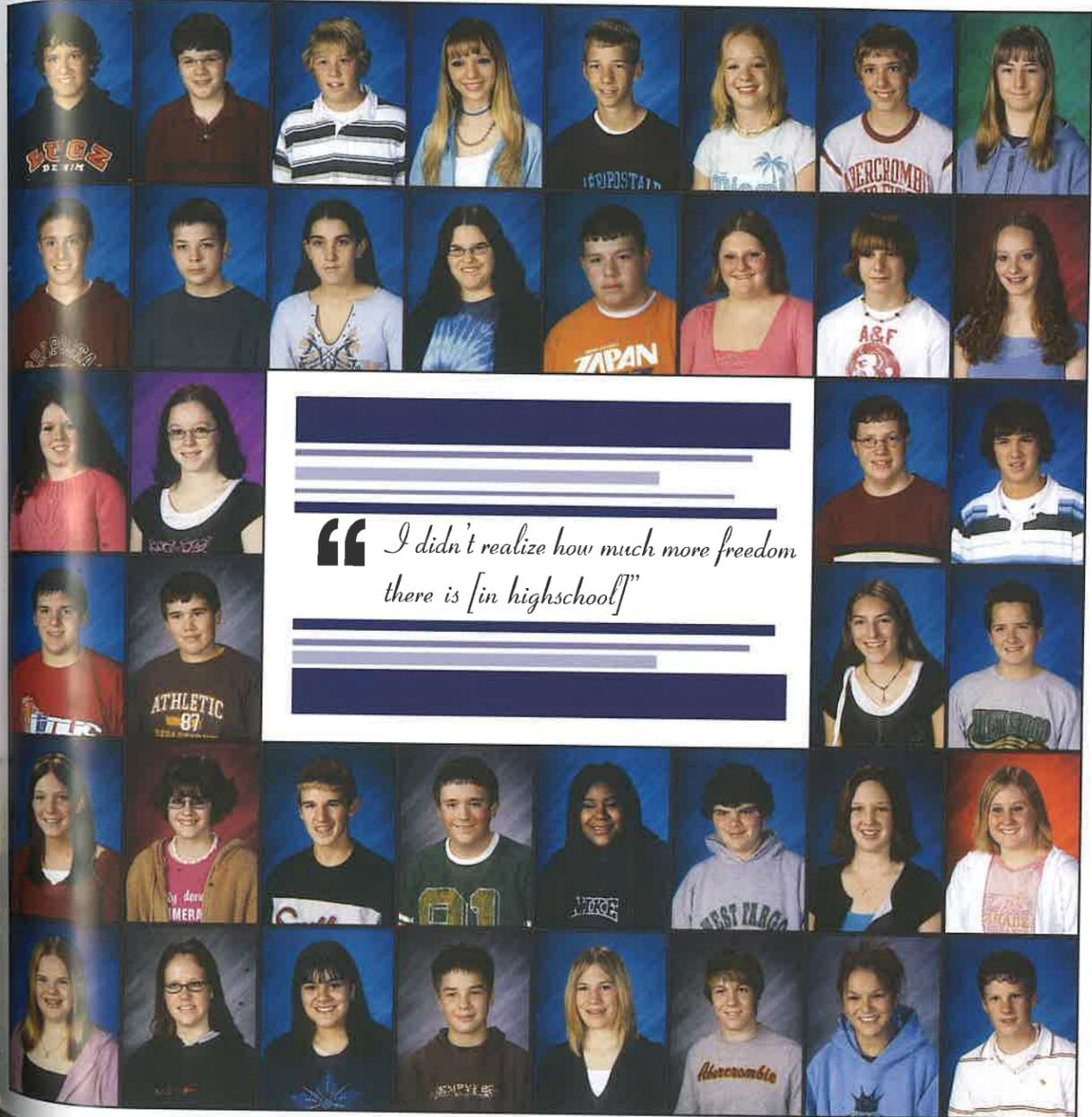
Finding classes, getting along with teachers and wondering how to make it through the next nine months are not the only anxieties bothering freshmen. For newcomers to West Fargo, the first day can be chaotic. I was really excited to start high school, but it wasn't anything like I expected. I didn't realize how much more freedom there is as a freshman. Amanda Montgomery said.

Numerous freshmen are not necessarily prepared for the transformation from seventh and eighth grade to high school. There are more people and there is a lot more homework. It's a lot harder, but you also have a lot more freedom compared to an eighth grader, freshman Elise Barthold said.

Going from being positioned as the leaders of the school to being the youngest in the school is a big anxiety for the freshmen class. As an underclassman, it feels like you don't have a say in anything and you don't really matter. It stinks, freshman Spencer Davis said.

Worrying about upperclassmen is a concern for the new class. I was so worried a junior or senior would put me in a locker. After awhile though, I didn't know why I was worried, freshman Steven Hays said.

Although the first day of high school is nerve-racking for some, freshmen found that it was not half as bad as everyone thinks. Instead of being overwhelmed with first day jitters, it is better to focus on having fun and making the grades.



*“I didn't realize how much more freedom there is [in highschool]”*

- Michael Schaffer
- Alexander Schaefer
- Justin Schaefer
- Timothy Schaefer
- Michael Schaefer
- Emily Schaefer
- Jonathan Schaefer
- Colton Schaefer
  
- Justin Schaefer
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- Thomas Schaefer
- Gregory Schaefer
- LeBron Schaefer
- Red Schaefer
- Britta Schaefer
- Alexis Schaefer
  
- Timothy Schaefer
- Kyle Schaefer
- Shawn Schaefer
- David Schaefer
- Alan Schaefer
- Tyler Schaefer
- Nicole Schaefer
- David Schaefer



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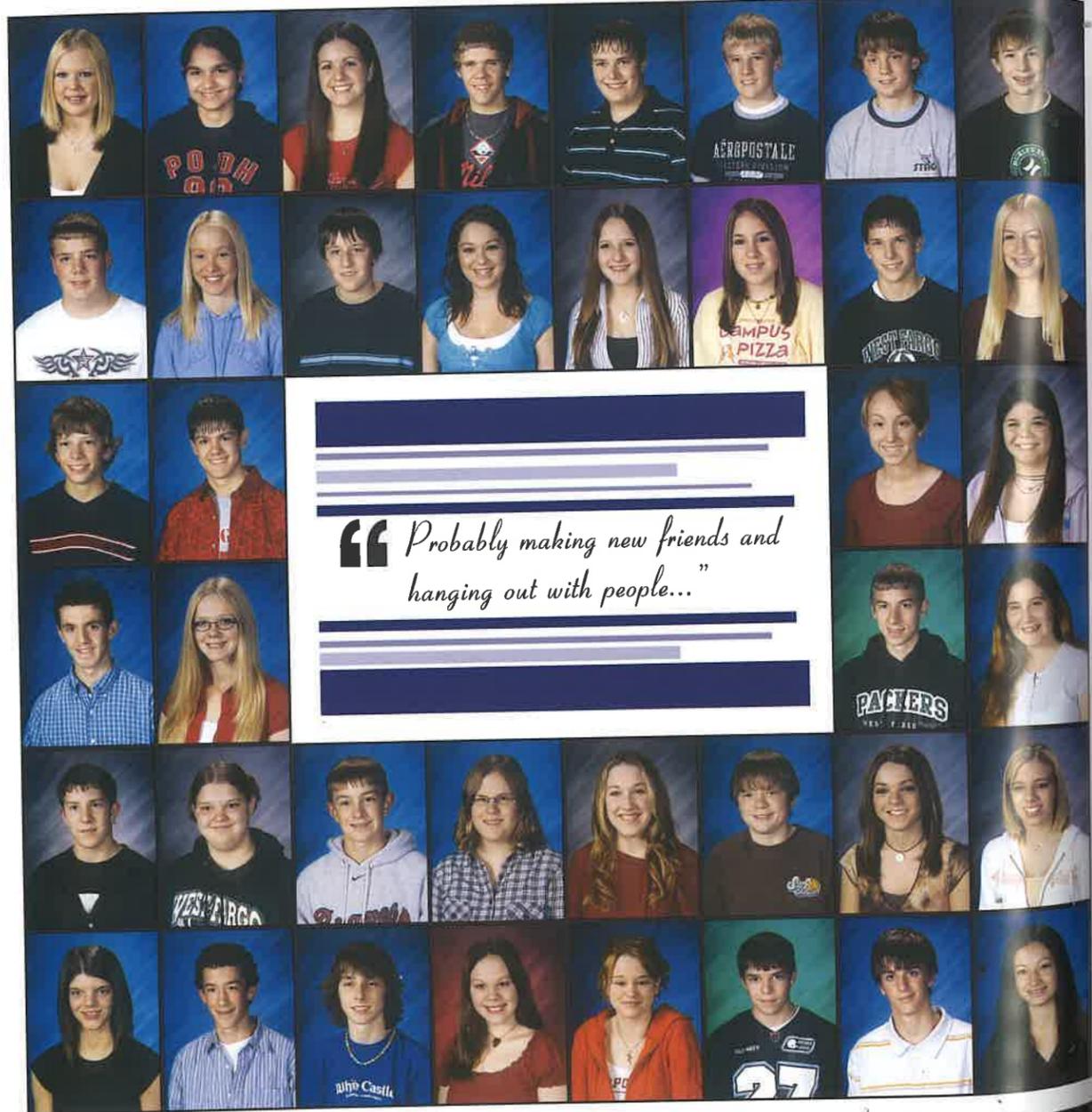
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Tanya Wild  
Dana White

Kari Wilman  
Alex Windke  
Michael Wingo  
Adele Young  
Carrie Young  
Charsteller Zucker  
Ethan Zurn  
Mistyla Zimmerman



“Probably making new friends and hanging out with people...”



Mark Zazaro  
Matthew Zurn

### 2005 Freshmen Not Pictured

Eden Adams	Steph Darian	Derek Hicks	Adrian Mearns	Theresa Schell
Estelita Adams	Kayla Fulk	Justin Highford	Alexandre Meyer	Bridy Schneider
Hunter Anderson	Arabella Fisher	Stephan Howell	Julian Millheim	Almond Shert
Keenan Armstrong	Sherron Fleming	Ryan Jacobs	Garri Miller	Alex
Larry Barstfield	Juan Ochoa	Kaylin Johnson	Dylan Neuberger	Laura Stokke
Emylynn Bastien	Stephanie Green	Jessamine Boyman	Natalia Freiler	Tiffany Stuber
Erin Baker	Rebecca Hixon	Dariusz Kopynia	Bruce Strick	Marbella
Wren Deane	Polina Hunsicker	Bobby Marshall	Ashley Paul	Thompson
Erin Deane	Daniel Hedstrom	Tyler Mehta	Oliver Schatz	



*What's my line?*  
Many students use high school as an opportunity to get involved with co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Freshman Landry Boehm enjoys his moment while performing in the Clamsy Custard. Probably making new friends and hanging out with people is the best part of being in drama! Boehm said. (Photo by Mark Brown)

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At the first pep rally of the school year, freshmen students stand to show their school pride and participate in the school song. I've really noticed that the teachers at the high school give students much more responsibility than the ones at the middle school did. It makes you feel like you're finally growing up, freshman Emily Herley said of her time as a student at WPHS. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)



Ellen Aasnes  
 Len Aho  
 Chad Anderson  
 Larry Anderson  
 Len Anderson



Mary Anderson  
 Mike Anderson  
 Richard Anderson  
 Steven Anderson  
 Kathy Antorelli



Jerome Baker  
 Joan Baltazar  
 Kim Banz  
 Cheryl Baumgarten  
 Mark Baurlein



Janice Bat  
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 Susan Boyle  
 Ernest Brezney



Meghan Brown  
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 Gary Clark  
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 Stacy Eskelinen  
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 Greg Groffner  
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 Courtney Lalonde



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Michael Proffers  
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 Thomas Rakoczy  
 Dawn Russell  
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Ron Richards  
 Amber Ruckliff  
 Katrina Reed  
 Lyrae Salt  
 Ryan Salisbury



Jackie Schell  
 Darra Schreiner  
 Kathryn Scott  
 Mark Simonsen  
 Matthew Skoczko



Shelly Sperts  
 Kathryn Stangland  
 Suzanne Strommen  
 Aaron Tank  
 Purdie Thompson



Gal Tolkan  
 Diana Uetz  
 Irene Van Eickhoff  
 Toriya Vetter  
 Tom Whaley



Cyrene Wiselock  
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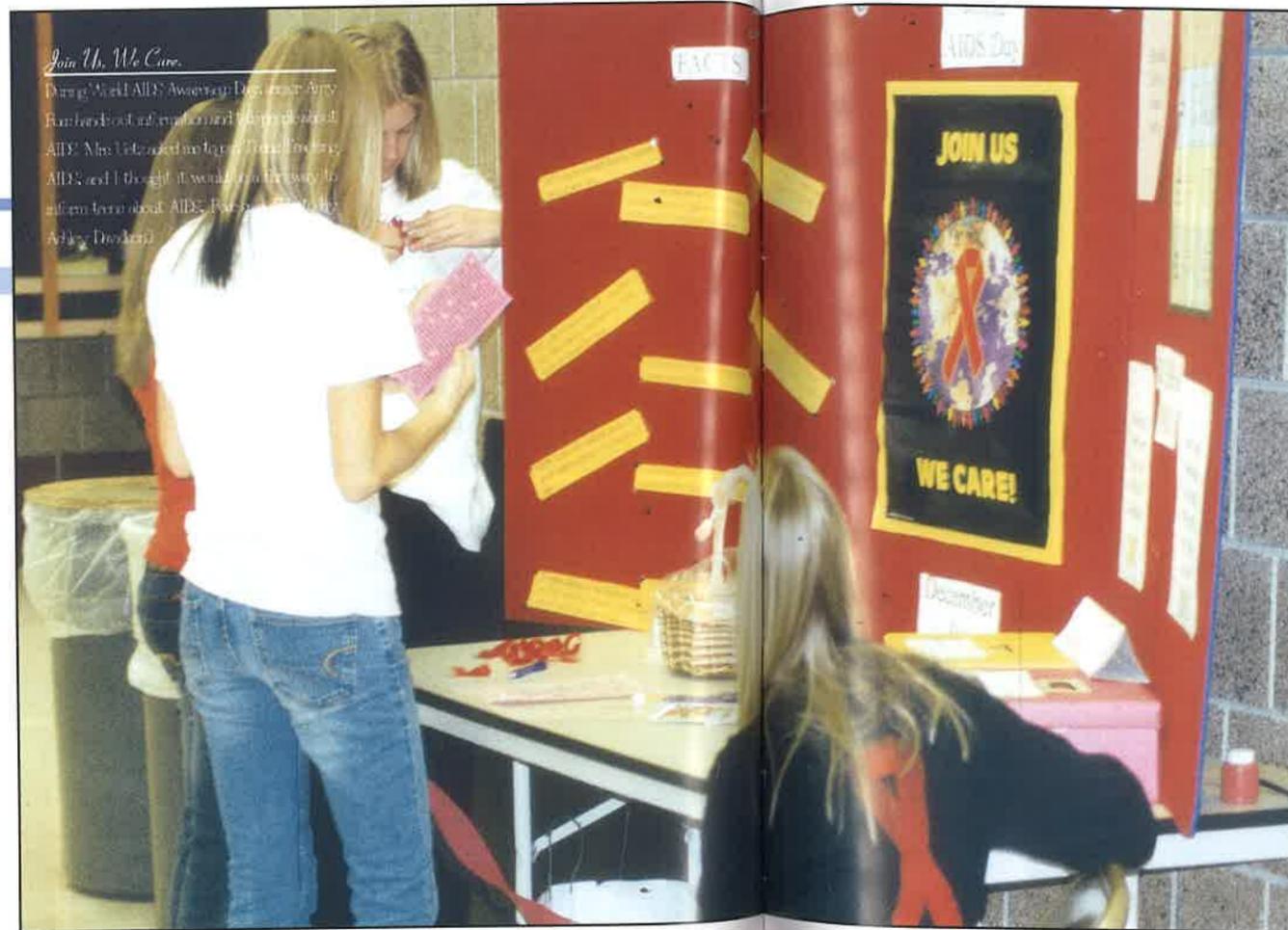


*Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...*

Before school in the frozen faculty lounge Christy and I searched for the students I had chosen to sing. I was singing Christmas carols and look forward to singing with the staff each year. It is a fun tradition! Mrs. Jean Ballew read. (Photo by Steve Merritt)

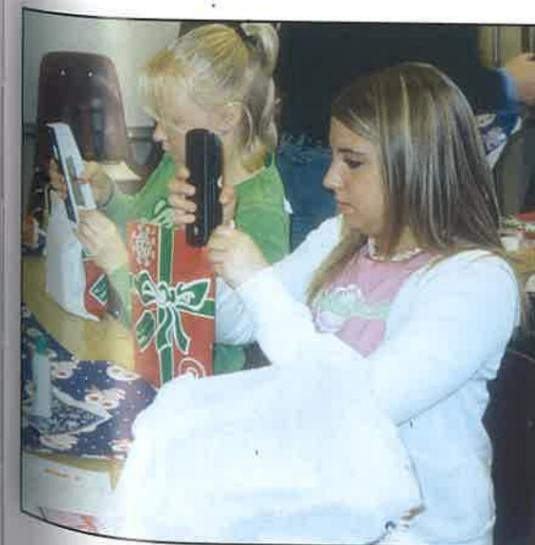
*Are We Done Yet?*

What if South Elementary for Publishers, just as Mike Morris helps junior Nick Lajust to interview a student. I think the South yearbook turned out pretty good considering the amount of time we had to spend on it. Michelle read. (Photo by Mike Wingo)



*Join Us, We Care.*

During World AIDS Awareness Day, our Amy Burdick and I set up a table in front of AIDS. Mrs. Volzak had a sign that said 'Join Us, We Care!' and I thought it would be a good way to inform everyone about AIDS. (Photo by Mike Wingo)



Tsunami Death Toll Continues  
 Brokaw Exits Nightly News Stage  
 Peterson Gets Death For Killing Pregnant Wife  
 UND Fargo Center Expelled



**December Student of the Month**

*Creighton Brown*

**School Involvement:**

National Honor Society, Key Club, Track, Cross Country, Jazz Band, Choir, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Orchestra, and Core Up.

Have you ever broken any bones? Had stitches? What happened? In kindergarten I decided to play Tarzan on the monkey bars and fell and broke my wrist. During sophomore year I slipped on ice, fell into my car which resulted in me breaking the window with my wrist. I received ten stitches on my wrist.

**And This Is How You Staple...**

While helping South Elementary students wrap their gifts for the Oaken Lidgett group last year at Sleds Workshop, I put all the presents I wrapped in a bag because I don't know how to wrap. Lidgett read. (Photo by Nichole Bland)

**1,2,3 Jump!**

During the National Guards week long presentation in the gym, we invited various participants in group jumping. When the National Guard was here, it helped me decide that the National Guard is not something I would enjoy doing during junior Amber Jennings read. (Photo by John Davidson)



Bala Claims Innocence: Largest Gambling Case in ND. History

Vikings Go Down with the Ship: Eagles: 27 Vikings: 14

Nighttime TV: King Dies at 79

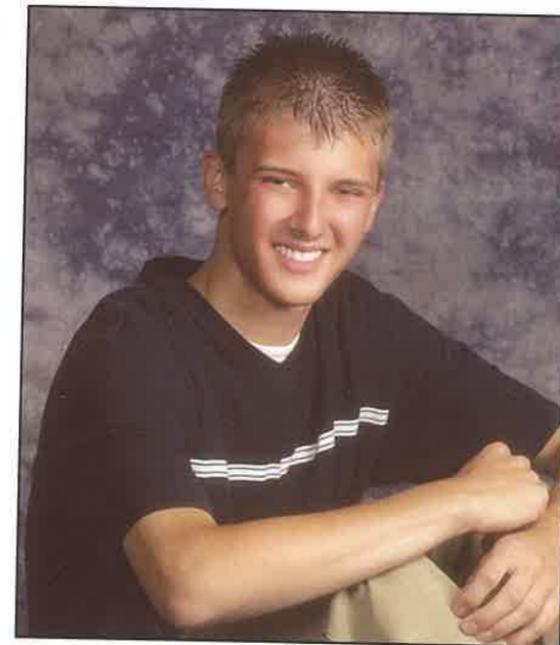
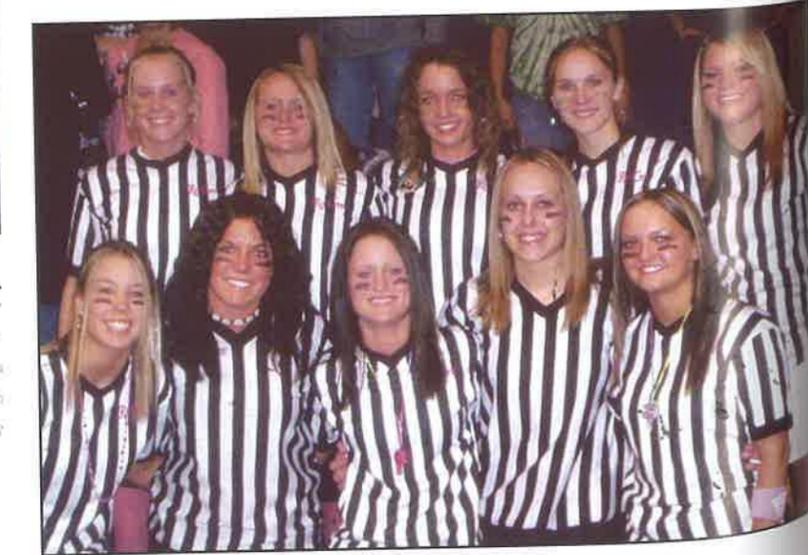
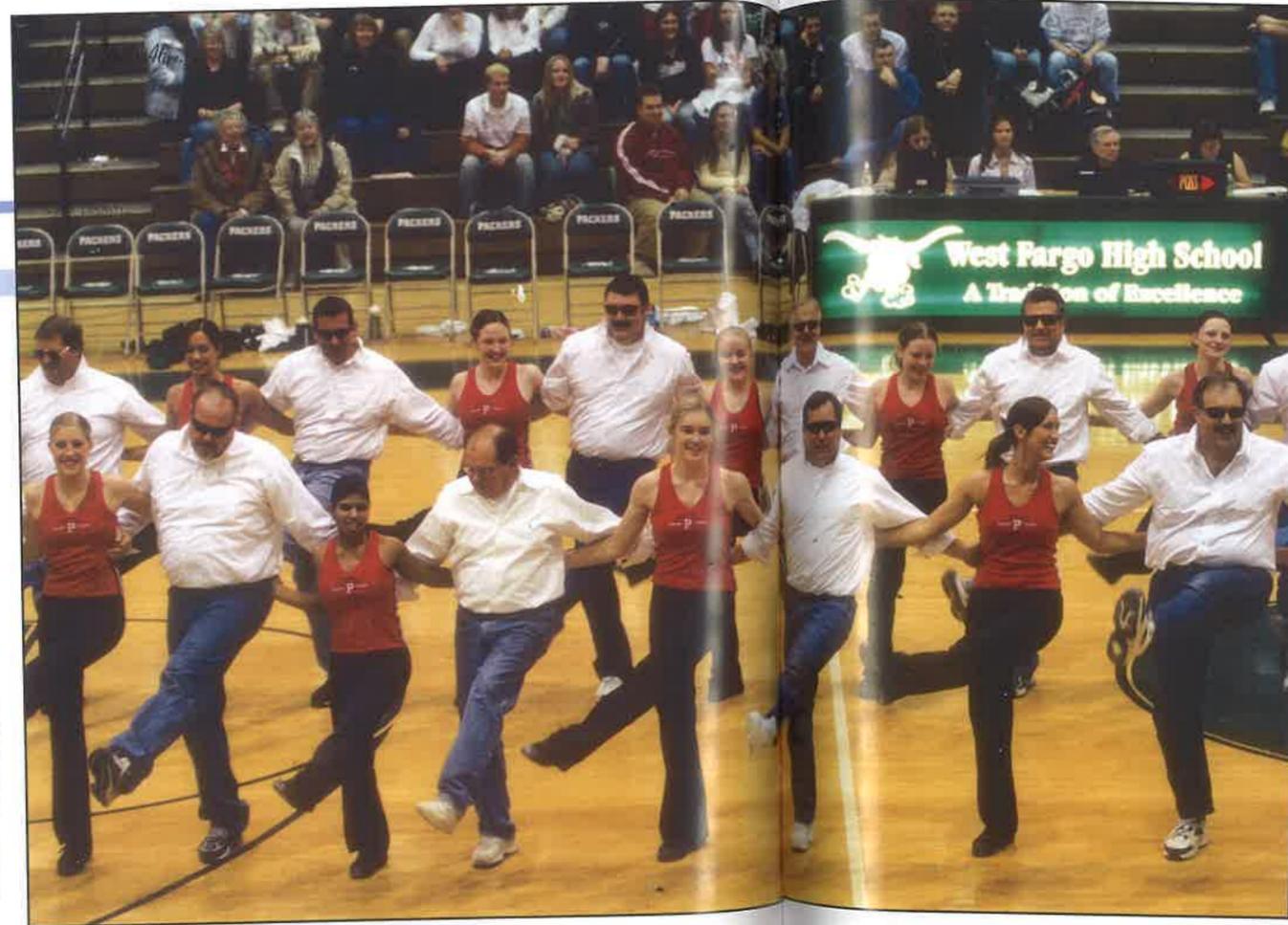
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### January Student of the Month

*Peter Wiederholt*

School Involvement: Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, Newspaper, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Core Up, Choice Financial Junior Bank Board

What does being student of the month mean to you? To me, student of the month is a recognition of all my hard work and determination. I believe student of the month is awarded to those who go above and beyond what is expected of them for those who refuse to settle for pretty good!

### You're Under Arrest...

During today's roll call, Officer Mike Jensen Andersen talks to students: Working at the school is a different kind of job than the usual police department work. I get to spend more time with the kids and I like it because all of the kids are easy to get along with. Andersen said. (Photo by legend Sandblom)



### Giving a 'Wave of Hope' to victims

Student and faculty has been purchasing the 'Wave of Hope' bracelets to give support and money to the victims in the recent tsunami disaster. The bracelets are a reminder of just how many people lost their lives in the tragic event. (Photo by Ashley Diederich)



### "But My Lips Had Real Feel"

The recent news about the movie Napoleon Dynamite has stirred a local faculty quoting from the movie: There's no pain in the movie but its hilarious. Even if you try not to like it, you'll laugh. So watch it, possibly join Lindsey Elms and. (Photo by Kristen Dorn)

### Return of the Ref Crew.....

During a home basketball game, the Ref Crew cheer on the players and keep the crowd entertained in the game. Its fun to be able to cheer on the team with people who love the game as much as I do. (Photo by Ashley Diederich)

# February

Groundhog Sees His Shadow

Dynasty Delivered: Brady, Patriots Ground Eagles in Super Bowl

China Mine Blast Kills 203

Controversial: Moss is Traded



*Hummm...*  
While attending the Election Fair, freshman Alex Walker investigated the many booths advertising all the choices. What Prep High School has to offer. I wasn't sure about what choice I would take on. I wanted to see what might interest me. Walker said. (Photo by Ingrid Sandberg)

*Decorating Trency*  
While preparing for the National Honor Society at Sibley Hawkins Dining, junior Trency Clark decorated by large groups of friends. I enjoyed decorating for the dinner because my friends were there to help me and have fun as well. Clark said. (Photo by Ashley Dendron)



*Bonjour!* During the French class trip to St. Brice, a nice Emily Silverage poses with some new friends. The trip was really fun because I learned a lot about the French culture. Silverage said. (Photo submitted by Emily Silverage)



47 Troops Arrive in Fargo to Warm Reception

Ailing Pope to Miss 1st. Ash Wednesday

Concordia to Start Turning Former School into Daycare

Writer Hunter S. Thompson Commits Suicide



## February Student of the Month

*Kristen Daum*

School Involvement: Newspaper Editor in Chief, Speech Cabaret Troupe, Peer Tutor, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, Student Council

Do you like love and respect yourself? If so, how did you achieve it? I definitely respect myself a lot more as I am getting older. I really feel that I have come into my own throughout my high school years, and I have been able to become the person I want to be.

### *Wristband Power*

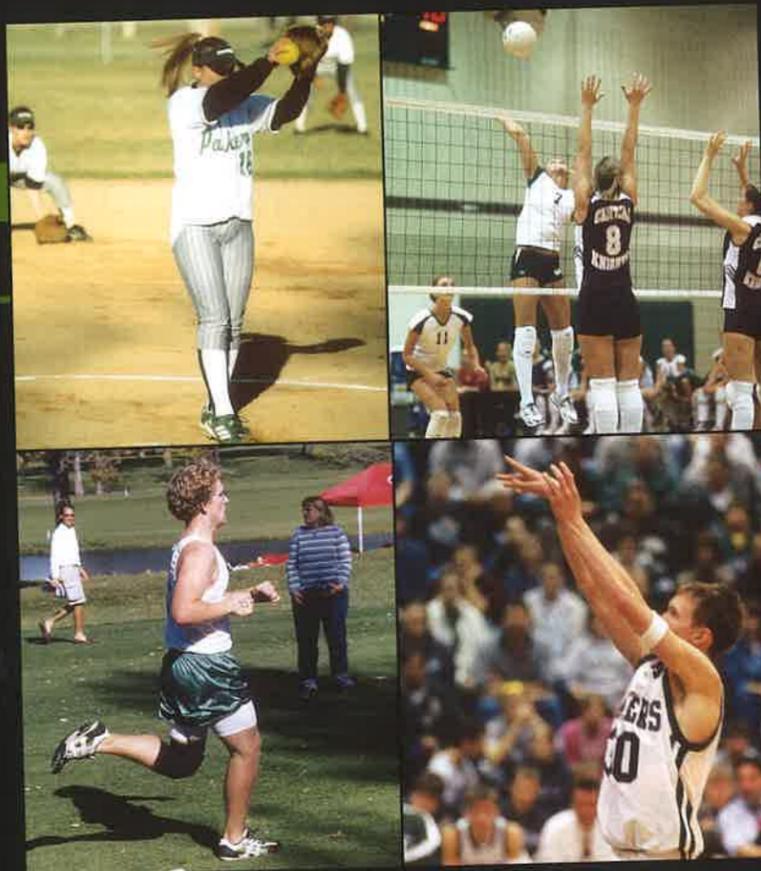
Students put their hands together to display the latest fashion trend. The wristbands symbolize many different organizations and causes. They come in many different colors and are a fashion statement. I love the Latin bracelets I have the money going to watch god bless our children. Trevor Anderson said. (Photo by Amy Finn)

### *Talking Politics*

Senator Byron Dorgan talks to students about many national issues recently held in February. I thought it was really interesting how he has a lot of different views than Bush has' since Nathan Foster said. (Photo by Kristen Daum)



Sports: (Noun) -



# Sports

*An activity involving physical exertion that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often undertaken competitively.*

*Watch out here it comes...* At a girls softball game, junior Erin Johnson winds up for the pitch. Many teams have rituals they do before the game. We usually take hitting and get prepared, then before infield all the infielders huddle around, and we have a saying we do. Then as a team we have a cheer that we say,' Johnson said. (Photo by Alyssa Jones)

*Reach!* During a volleyball game against Grand Forks Central, senior Brienne Gebeke goes up for a spike. There are many different ways teams get ready for a game. Before games the whole team gets together and does a cheer or dance to get everyone fired up and ready to play,' Gebeke said. (Photo by Mark Brown)

*Almost finished...* During a cross country meet, senior Creighton Brown looks to the finish line while continuing to focus until the very end. 'All I can think about is keeping my legs moving and my lungs pumping at the end of the race. I am just happy to have run that far and finished,' Brown said. (Photo by Mark Brown)

*Good thing I have my lucky socks on...* During a home game against Shanley, senior Brendan Bubach follows through after making a free throw in his lucky long socks. 'I wear long socks because everyone wore them my sophomore year and we went undefeated,' Bubach said. (Photo by Mark Brown)



# Team Meals Bring Football Team Together

*"Our parents work hard to make us dinner every week, and I think most of the guys enjoy them." ~ Senior Nathan Boll*

Every Friday night in the fall, the West Fargo football team straps up and takes the field in search of a win. Fans pack the stands to watch and hopefully celebrate a Packer victory. What most people do not see is the hard work they put into their practices and the routine they follow every week in preparation for each game. Part of the routine includes a team meal every Thursday night.

I enjoy going to the team meals on Thursdays. The food is always good, junior, strong safety Alex Salquist said. However, it takes quite a bit of food to feed all those hungry stomachs, and it does not just magically appear in front of the athletes. The boys can thank their parents for the weekly feast. The parents of the varsity team get together at the beginning of every year to plan the meals.

Our parents work hard to make us dinner every week and I think most of the guys enjoy them, senior, tackle Nathan Boll said.

It has almost become a Packer tradition in the past few years for the players to get together and share a meal before going into battle the following night. Some parents even suggest that these meals are a key reason for the Packer football success in recent years. Players disagree but are still grateful for the enormous buffet.

I don't know if it helps us win, but it brings us together in a way other than playing football, senior, quarterback Brady Edwards said.

The Thursday routine has become quite popular, and seems to be becoming a tradition in West Fargo football. Every weekend, when the Friday night lights brighten the field, and the players pull on their jerseys, parents and fans know they should be ready to play, or at least should not be hungry.



*It's gonna take more than just 3 of you...*

During the game against Fargo North, as we running back Brian McNeil charges ahead for extra yards, McNeil's gear starts help him to relax before he drops onto the field. I go home and later, to make and play football on my PC, McNeil said.



*Yeah baby!*

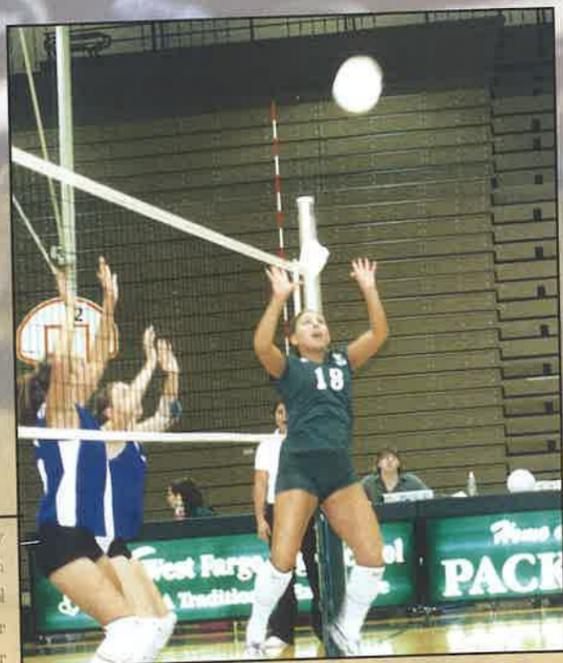
Realizing that no one is behind him, senior, Rob Gibson makes his way into the end zone to score a touchdown for the Packers at their home field. The thing I like most about football is that it is competitive, Gibson said.



Words by Emily Hartley Photos by Mark Brown, Ashley Davidson, and Ingrid Scantlebury

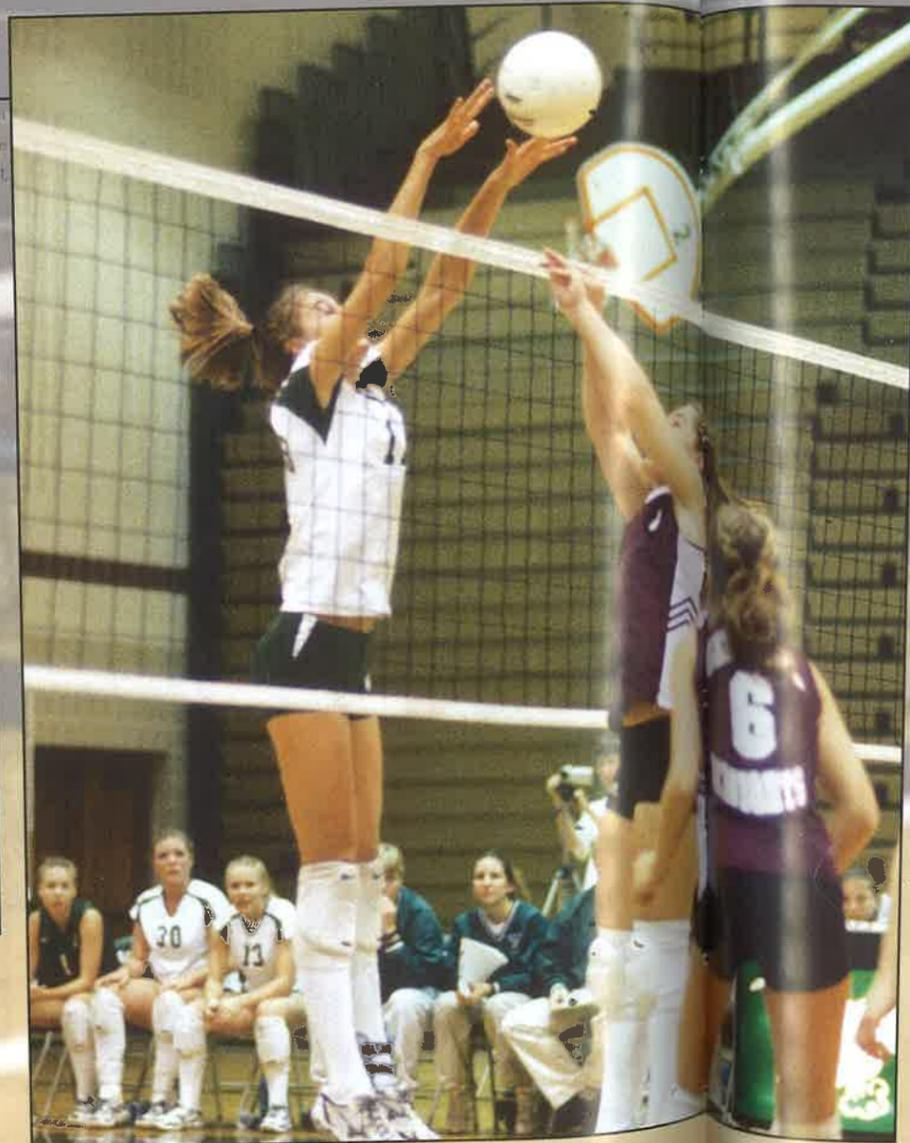
*You got smatted!*

During an EDC Volleyball match, a nice outside hitter Ah Eddyah blocks a ball attempt by Central Park Central. The best thing about volleyball is the feeling when someone gets an awesome dig, smashing ball, or smatter block. It really pumps the team up. Edwards (6)



*Boogal!*

Setting up during a volley, EDC Volleyball match against Central Park Central since setter Emily Vetter is congratulated by her teammates. Team unity is important in a sport like volleyball because everyone relies on each other to achieve our common goal. Vetter (6)



## Packer Volleyball Team Sings, Unites on Bus Rides

*"We bond when we sing." ~ Junior Tiffany Gestvang*

Lean on me when you're not strong... Walking in Memphis, walking with my feet ten feet off of Beale." These and other songs ring out through the bus as the Packer Girls Volleyball team rides home from away matches. Singing on the bus is a tradition for the volleyball girls and a form of initiation for younger members of the team. New players are called to the back of the bus to sing a song for their older teammates.

It was really embarrassing because I'm such a bad singer, and everyone was listening to me, freshman Whitney Adams said. "I'm not embarrassed anymore, though, because I'm used to it, and it brings the team together."

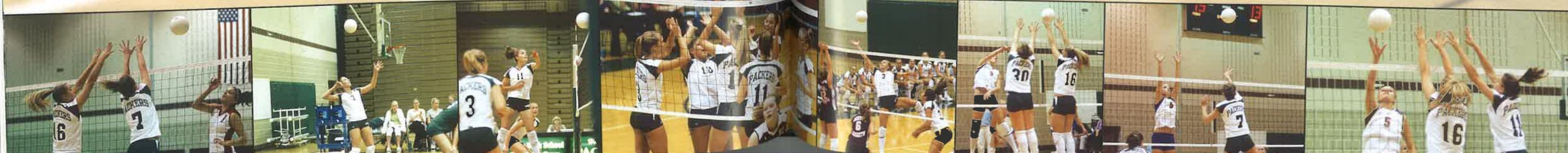
Some songs, like Lean on Me, are sung on nearly every bus ride. The team sings songs for Coach Ms. Paula Peterson, too.

"Walking in Memphis, one of Peterson's favorites, is often sung on road trips. They do take requests, Peterson said. "They sing songs I like."

Bus rides provide time for the players to develop a sense of team unity.

Singing, playing games and just talking brings the girls together so they work more as a team. "We bond when we sing," junior Tiffany Gestvang said, jokingly.

Singing has become a huge part of the West Fargo Volleyball team's road trips. From welcoming new players to singing for the coach, bus rides have brought the team together. They will continue to unite players as younger team members carry on the tradition in the coming years.



# Runners Use Lucky Charms

*"I don't cut my hair before EDC and State, I did once and I just ran slower." ~ Senior Kevin Brager*

Runners take your mark. Get set... Go no I forgot my lucky penny!...OH Boys and Girls Cross Country has been a team based on many superstitions, traditions and team based activities.

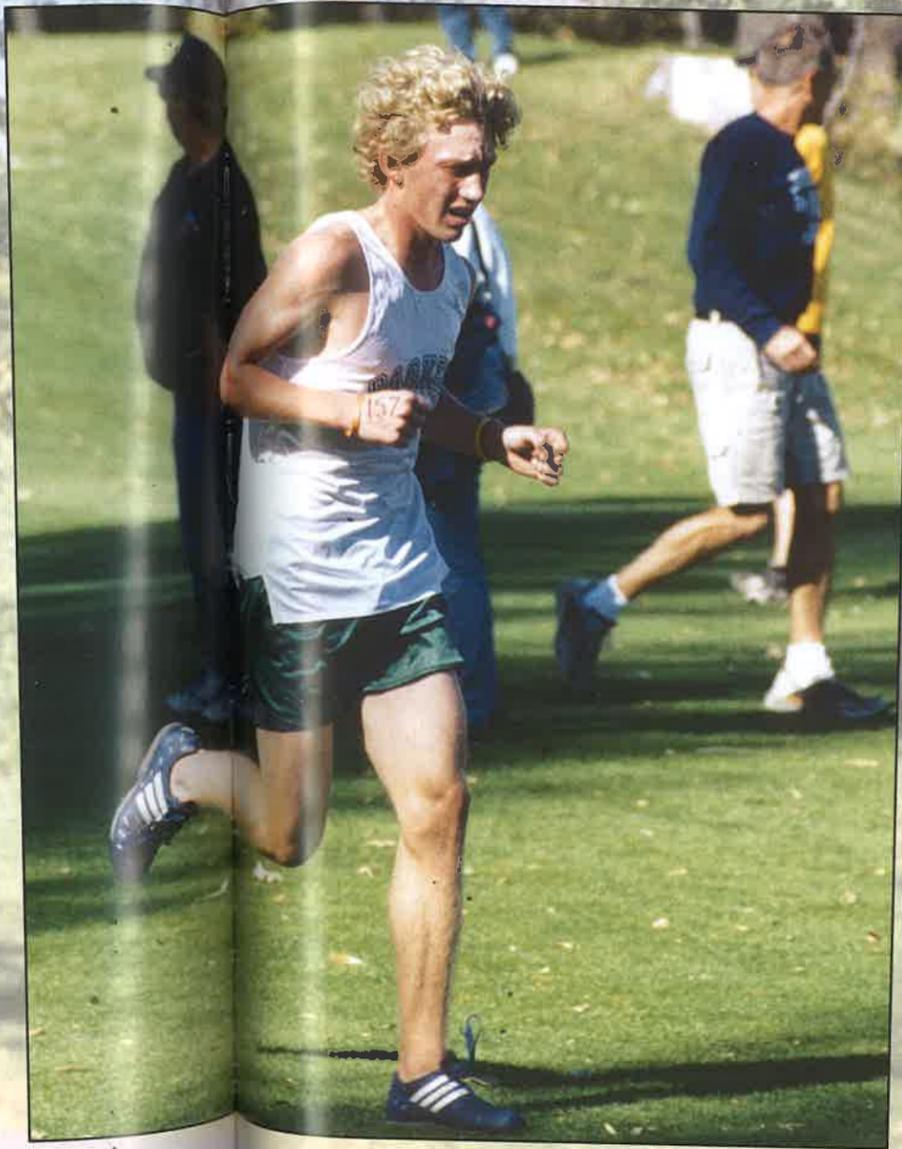
Different people on the Cross Country team have different superstitions and customs. During Cross Country season I don't cut my hair before EDC and State, I did once, and I just ran slow, senior Kevin Brager said.

Some of the girls also have their own traditions. Our teammates all agree on doing the same things every meet, such as we all line up at the starting line in the same order. Sarah Rebenitich is always on my left and Kacie Kroenke is on my right, senior Amy Foss said.

Cross Country also has some team traditions. Before state, we go toilet paper everyones houses each year, junior Kacie Kroenke said.

As a team, Cross Country feels that they are very strong. Our traditions make us grow stronger because we get to know people outside of Cross Country by toilet papering, going out to eat or even getting together at someones house, Foss said.

Cross Country's individual and team superstitions and traditions help them to grow stronger as a team while still trying to maintain their goals in the sport.



### Keep on touchin'.

During the EDC Cross Country at arena a top meet, sophomore Alex Olson concentrated on finishing the race. For me there was extra in not finishing when you get your own extra run. Winning and being lucky things to do with how much you get through but winning and being one of the best in your school and being there and.



### Go for the gold!

Approaching the finish line, senior Amy Foss felt all the hard work she had put in to pay her competitors at the EDC meet. I like how we learn a really strong and do things outside of Cross Country. I think it helps us form a good team bond. I also like it because it is a good work out, Foss said.



*Breathe...*

Senior Andrea Flaten takes a breath from the 100-meter butterfly at the Girl's Swim meet against Stanley and Walpole. As a team our biggest challenge is doing good at EDC and carrying that over to state. Flaten said. The swim team took 2<sup>nd</sup> at EDC in West Fargo and 5<sup>th</sup> at the state meet in Minnoka.



## New Face Not Forgotten

*"I like her personality. She helps to lighten the mood during practice." ~ Senior Andrea Flaten*

The Girl's Swim Team welcomed many new faces this year, but one in particular will not soon be forgotten. Junior Elise Stromvik, exchange student from Norway, has had the privilege of practicing, competing and growing with the West Fargo team.

Although different than what she is used to, Stromvik would not change a thing about her experience.

The meets in Norway are bigger because we have club swimming all year. More people are in that than in high school swimming, Stromvik said. Another thing that is different is how the National Anthem is sung before each meet.

Senior Andrea Flaten really enjoys having Stromvik as part of the team.

I like her personality. She helps to lighten the mood during practice, Flaten said.

Sophomore Lindsay Wenger has recognized that her team has grown since Stromvik's arrival.

I think we are more together as a team trying to welcome her, Wenger said.

Stromvik has no regrets about her experience and thanks to everyone on this year's swim team, she feels at home. Her teammates have enjoyed having her around just as much as she has enjoyed being here. They have even admitted that this has probably been the closest they have worked together and excelled as a team in many years.

*Send it like Christina!*

At the North Swim meet, sophomore Christina Hawley does a dive. There are many thoughts going through a person's mind just before they perform a dive. Right before I dive, I want to throw and then start my approach where I want to then again. Then I do my dive and I'm just really thinking about things I need to remember to do to make my dive really nice, Hawley said. Doing these a lot of concentration to execute and the girls on the swim team did a great job this year.



# Listening to Music, Playing in the Summer Prepares Team

*"It is a fun sport that you can play for the rest of your life."  
~ Junior Brandon Beyer*

Tennis? What tennis team? West Fargo has a tennis team? These are questions some might ask. Unfortunately, Boys' Tennis may not get the coverage or credit it deserves.

A big reason why Boys' Tennis has such small numbers may be that it is in the same season as football. More students go out for football than tennis.

Football definitely overshadows tennis. It's something that people tend to take more of an interest in. Tennis just hasn't grown in West Fargo as a sport yet, junior Dylan Nitzsche said.

Walking through the halls at school, it is unlikely the phrase, "Hey, did you see that awesome match last night?" referring to the West Fargo Boys' Tennis team, will be heard. This is because the fans that come to support the team are very minimal.

Parents usually come to most matches and sometimes people from school, but for the most part not a lot of people come to watch us play, junior Sean Misk said.

Although tennis is not a very common sport, there are plenty of reasons to join. It is a fun sport that you can play for the rest of your life, junior Brandon Beyer said.

Head Coach, Mr. Chad Anderson, is the person to see if interested in tennis. To support the team, check out the Fall Sports Schedule posted around the school and available in the office.



*Get Low!*

The Boys' Tennis team has a record of 8-1 this season. Sophomore Brian Schaller goes low for the ball in a match against Fargo North. I felt that I did really well and won most of my matches. It was the whole team that had a great season and a lot of fun.



*This one's mine...*

At the Boys' Tennis meet against Fargo North sophomore Brian Heine returns a curve. This team this year improved in every way. Taking lessons in the summer at Olin's has something that helps the team out a lot during the season, said Heine.



*Aim and Shoot...*

While we're watching our booting the ball across the field, since Kyle Walker plays has kicked during the final minutes of the game. The date is November 1st, but we had a hard time getting the ball in the net. Walker said.



*Go Pack!*

While getting prepared up and the game is over, let's see. Making a bench line from behind of the team before the game all the captain give us a good to pump us up. Junior, Phil Thompson said.

# Goalies Contribute to Soccer Success

*"Having a goalie with quick reflexes is very important,"  
~ Freshman Nathan Kuik*

Eleven players cover the field. The opponent's best offensive player has the ball. He dribbles the ball down the field, kicks it as hard as he can, straight for the goal. The crowd watches with anticipation to see if the goalie will stop it...Yes, the goal is saved by another amazing stop!

Many people feel that the players out on the soccer field who are scoring the goals win the game. Often times they overlook one of the most important players, the goalie. I give a lot of credit to all of the offensive and defensive players out on the field, but I think, along with a lot of other people, that having a goalie with quick reflexes is very important, freshman Nathan Kuik said.

Many students who do not play soccer themselves also have an opinion on how the goalies impact the game. I watched both of my brothers play, and I think that goalies have a lot of pressure. I am sure that it takes a lot of hand-eye coordination to be a goalie, senior Kristin Hoy said.

Goalies also have different ways of preparing at practice for the games. "During practice, goalies practice their jumping skills and saving the ball, along with other conditioning," former senior player, senior Troy Wambach said.

After the West Fargo High School goalie makes another great save, he kicks the ball back onto the field and waits for his next big save.





# Experience Helps West Fargo Wrestlers

*"Working hard as a young wrestler has helped me in my varsity experience." ~ Freshman Cameron Ramberg*

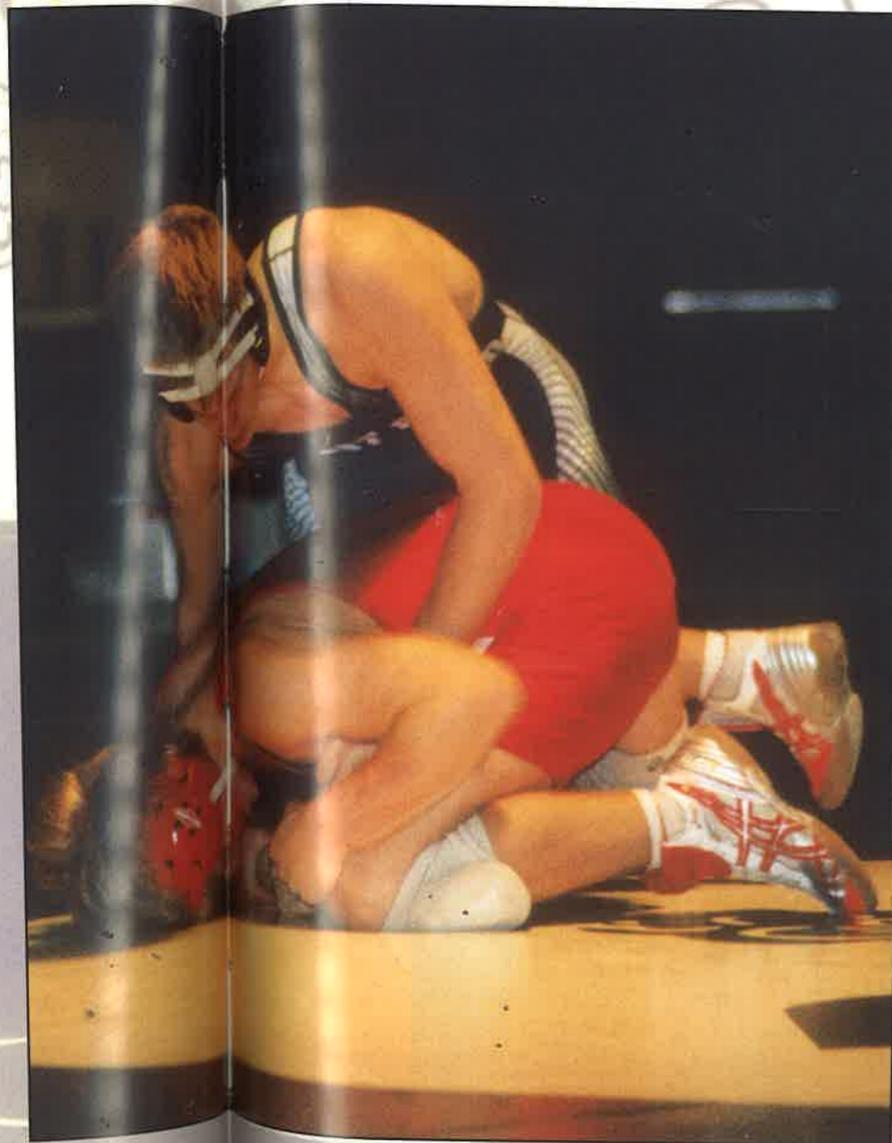
There is more to wrestling than winning and losing. Wrestling involves hard work, confidence and past experiences. There are different levels of experience on the wrestling team. Many West Fargo wrestlers have been to state and some have no high school experience at all.

Some wrestlers benefit from having past experience at the state tournament. "I think that the experience I have gained from last year in competing in the state tournament will help my team and I succeed this year at State," junior Jared Noel said.

Underclassmen are also playing a role in varsity positions. "Working hard as a young wrestler has helped me greatly in my varsity experience," freshman Cameron Ramberg said.

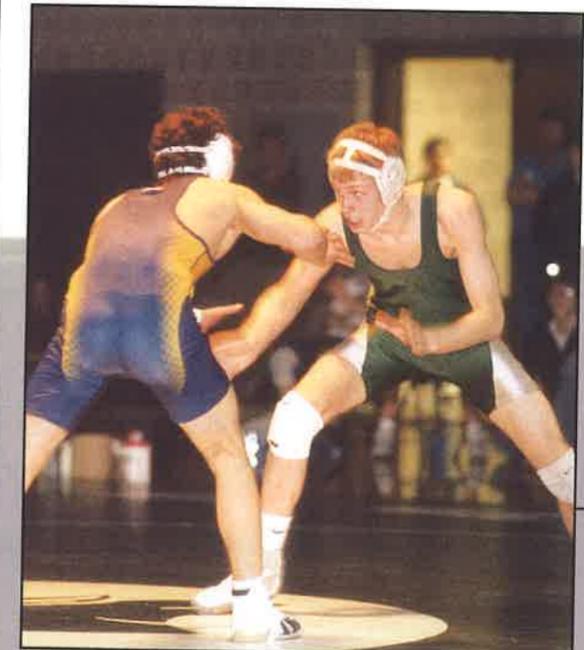
It is hard to do anything without having self-assurance. "The tournaments that I wrestled when I was younger have given me a lot of confidence for varsity level wrestling," junior Taylor Bertek said.

West Fargo wrestlers come in all shapes and sizes, but all share an excellent work ethic, confidence and past experiences that have helped aid them throughout their wrestling careers. With this experience, victory is on its way.



### Out!

During the state match against Bemidji, senior Taylor Bertek pins his opponent to the mat. Before every match, I like to listen to S11. It helps me keep my mind off being nervous before a big match, Bertek said.



### I'm gonna get you!

During the hot EDC match of the year against North, junior Josh Owens gets ready to take his North opponent down. During the match, I'm always thinking about ways that I can be doing better, Owens said.



## Offseason Training Beneficial

*"Lifting weights is an important part of our work out so we are in the weight room a lot."* ~ Senior Chad Byklum

Hard work, determination and hours of training are all things that the West Fargo hockey players must have to make it against tough competition. Not only do they hold two hour practices each day after school, they also take advantage of the weight room and spend time at Frappier Acceleration Sports Training Center.

Frappier is kind of a cool place and we work on a lot of different skills there, senior Troy Warnbach said. Frappier Acceleration is a sports training facility that uses specialized workouts and drills that will help athletes in the particular sport they compete in.

Not all teams in the state have a facility like this that they can use. We are lucky we can take advantage of this situation and use it to give us an edge against our competition, senior Seth Kelly said.

On top of their practice and their time at Frappier Acceleration, the hockey team is also in the weight room a few times a week. Many players are in there on a daily basis in the offseason. Lifting weights is an important part of our work out, so we are in the weight room a lot, senior Chad Byklum said.

After the practices, specialized training and time in the weight room, hockey players are ready to tear it up on the ice. Their hard work and hours of training pay off when they lace up and take the ice against any opponent who is ready to take on the West Fargo Packers.



### Ready, set, go!

During the game against the Fargo North Spartans, senior Chad Byklum competes for the face-off. I love being a part of the team and also enjoy the physical contact involved in hockey, Byklum said.

## Girls "Check" Into Hockey

*"It isn't really checking, but you can push someone hard."*  
~ Freshman Amanda Rudlang

Sticks slamming against each other, players rushing around the rink, the puck zooming every way possible, this is the fascinating sport of girls hockey.

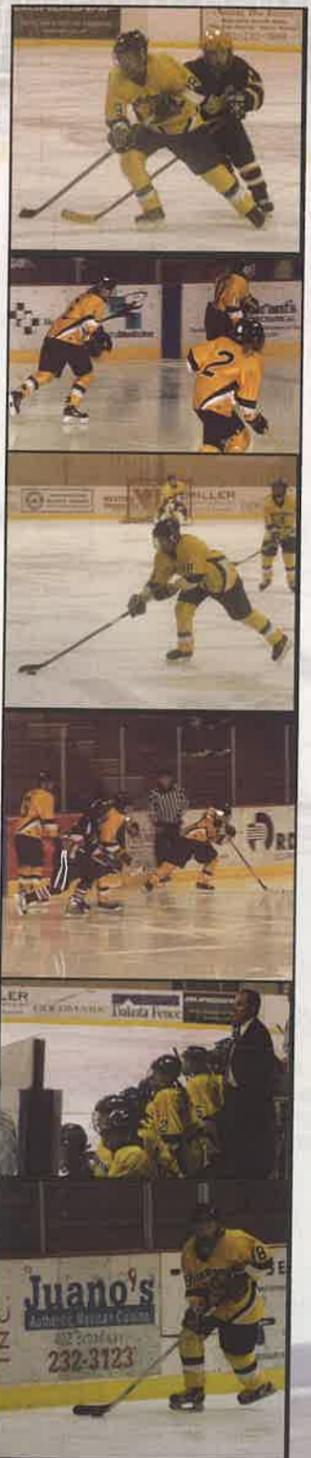
Although checking is not allowed, girls hockey is still a hazardous sport. Players can get concussions, broken bones, or the wind knocked out of you, freshman Amanda Olson said.

In order to protect themselves from any injuries, the girls have to wear a lot of padding. We wear lots of stuff for every part of your body, like shoulder, legs, arms and your head, junior Erin Johnson said.

Girls hockey is not allowed as much physical contact as boys hockey, but it can still get pretty dangerous. It isn't really checking, but you can push someone hard, as long as you keep moving your feet, freshman Amanda Rudlang said.

Guys can be a little more competitive than girls while playing hockey. Guys obviously are rougher. Some girls are rough too, but they normally end up getting a penalty, Rudlang said.

Girls hockey is a challenging, competitive, and fun sport that requires energy and discipline. However, by following the rules of the sport, wearing the right equipment, and getting into the game, it can become a great way to work out and have fun.

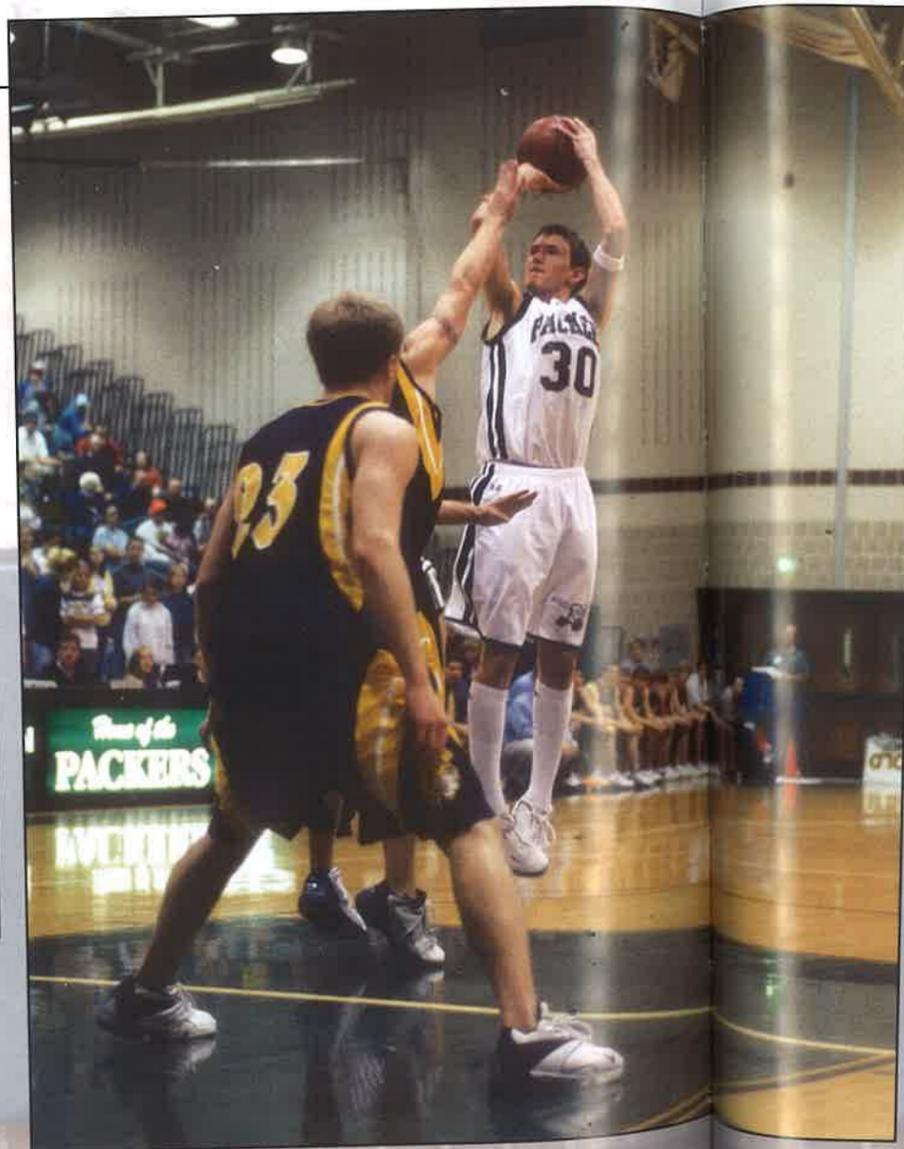
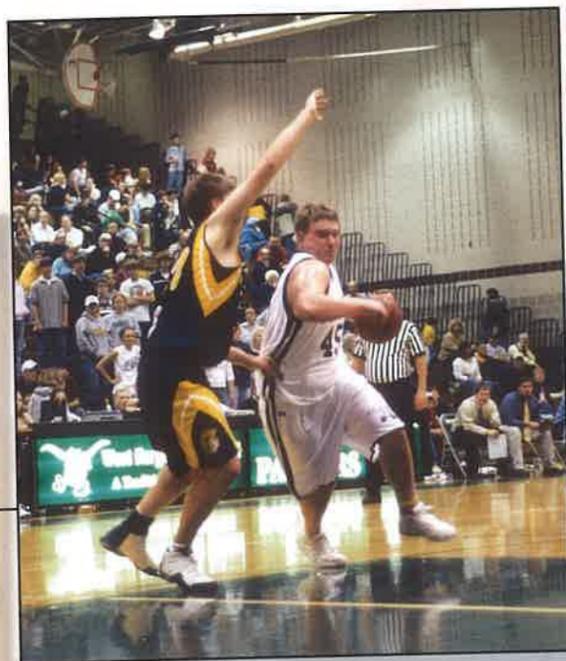


### Riding Like Champions

After winning the girls' hockey state championship, senior Cassie Beckering, forward, Clara, and junior Erin Johnson pose for pictures with assistant coach Mr. Pat Johnson. It was a great season, and we were excited to win state titles in a row, Erin Johnson said.

Words by Sadie Mathson Photos by Amy Foss and Mark Brown

*Nice shot!*  
During the game against the Fargo North Spartans, senior Brandon Bobach takes a jump shot. It was a nice honor to be named All-Conference, but it was bitter-sweet because of how our team performed in the tournaments, Bobach said.



*Here I come!*  
During the game against the Fargo North Spartans, senior Brook Storrusten takes it to the hole. My most memorable game was probably at Walpole, it was a two-point game and we crushed them, Storrusten said.

## Traveling Teams Take Charge

*“Every player on the team has played on a traveling team at one time or another.” ~ Senior Jared Diemert*

Dedication, determination and discipline are all qualities the players of West Fargo boys basketball team share. These traits were reinforced during their high school basketball careers, but were learned through being on traveling teams during their elementary and middle school years.

Traveling teams developed as early as fourth or fifth grade, consisting of a group of friends that shared the love of basketball and were usually coached by someone's parent. At the time, basketball was a number one priority.

“We'd have practice two or three times a week and a tournament almost every weekend. It is kind of funny looking back on it now because we were all so obsessed about it, and we worked really hard because to us it was the most important thing. We had to be the best, or our identity would be lost.”

Young kids in elementary school and middle school could consider traveling teams as building blocks to varsity high school basketball. These teams develop the players' skills early and give them advantages over the players who have not played on traveling teams.

“I think it's almost every little kid dreams to play on the varsity team. Traveling teams are just a way of helping to get there. The people that have played on traveling teams have a better chance of making it because they have more experience than someone who is just starting to learn the fundamentals in middle school, junior Josh Green said.

Traveling teams not only give players more advantages, they also create team unity. The West Fargo Boys Basketball team is an example of how traveling teams develop into great high school varsity teams.

“Every single player on our varsity team has played on a traveling team at one point or another. It just shows how important they are. You pick up a lot of things when you play with the same people for a long time. It helps in the long run because when it comes time to play at the varsity level, you are already familiar with your teammates, junior Jared Diemert said.

“Getting started at a young age, becoming familiar with teammates and putting in a lot of time and hard work for traveling teams, along with hard work at the varsity level made the players of the boys basketball team what they are today, talented.”



## Teamwork, Motivation Lead to Success

*"All the students and parents are a great support."  
~ Junior Tiffany Gjestvang*

*I can do this, we can do this, we WILL do this!* The West Fargo girls basketball team made huge strides this season. It would have been impossible without the help and motivation received from teammates, coaches and fans.

The players of the West Fargo girls basketball team worked extremely hard at daily practices and constantly thought of ways to prepare for upcoming games. When those games came along the Packers were ready! To help prepare for games, teammates all participated in team rituals that helped get all members of the team fired up.

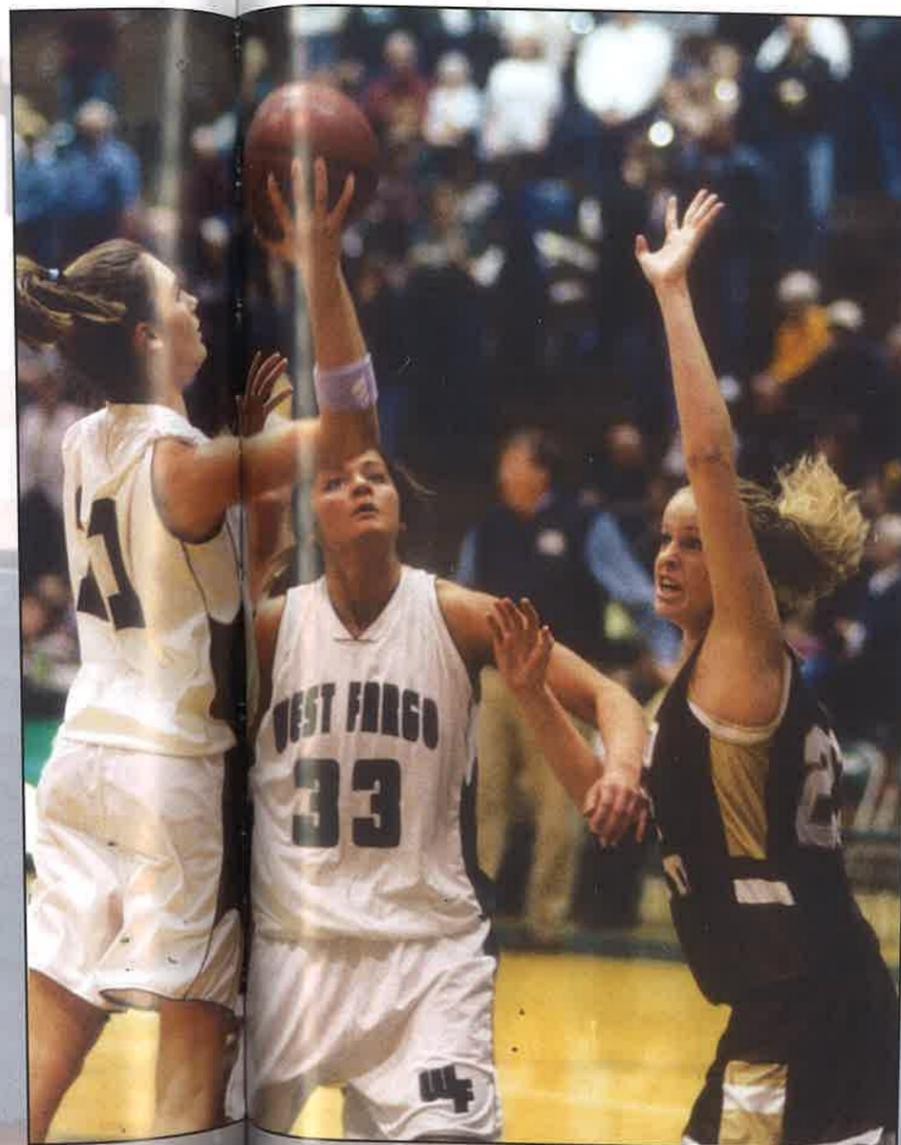
We all listen to fire up music, sing and also link arms around a basketball and talk about what we want to happen in the game, senior captain, forward Brienne Gabele said.

Along with receiving encouragement from teammates, the coaches also played a big role. The coaches tell us inspirational stories and give us quotes to get us excited and fired up. They also give us their own pointers and helpful tips about the game that helps us play hard, senior team captain, guard Stacie Fruwip said.

All members of the team always do their best to maintain a positive and confident attitude. Although, sometimes it may be hard to stay fired up through stressful games. That is where the fans come into play.

When the fans are all into the games, it really gets the team into the game. It really helps to get the team fired up when you look into the stands and see the Ref Crew and other students standing up and cheering for you. All the students and parents are a great support and really help the team stay fired up and play their best, junior center Tiffany Gjestvang said.

West Fargo has a reputation for having a very supportive student body when it comes to sporting events. The team gains support from fellow teammates and coaches on the floor, as well as from all the screaming fans in the crowd. When all combined into the game, it is guaranteed to be a very thrilling and exciting game of basketball.



*Shot*

During the interim between games against rival Fargo South, junior Ali Edwards puts up a header against South's Jenna Lee. The most exciting moment of the season was when the buzzer went off after both games where we beat South, they were our last games of the year, Edwards said.



*She's a bird, she's a plane*

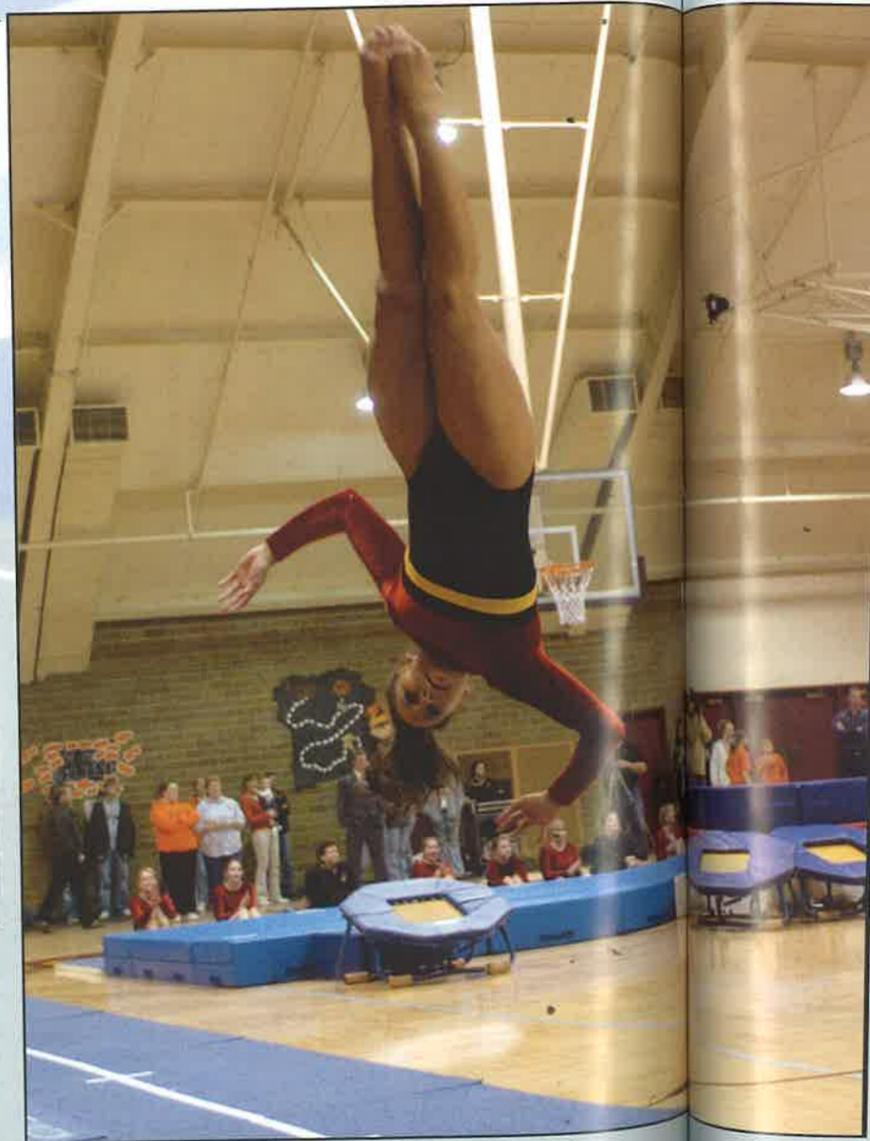
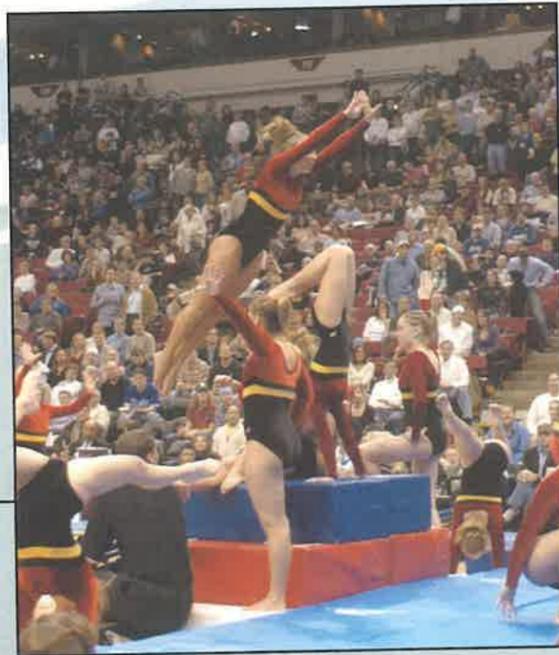
During the game against North, junior Tiffany Gjestvang goes high to reach the ball. My favorite part of the season was spending time with the team on road trips, just talking and hanging out, Gjestvang said.



Words by Kelsey Peterson Photos by Jack Discher and Amy Foss

*Just Flippin' Around...*

During a show at the Concordia Fieldhouse, sophomore Mariah McDavall leads her tumbling partner on the mat. The best place that I have traveled to for Acro was the University of Minnesota because the crowd was really great and it pumped us up, McDavall said.



*Fly!!*

During the FM Acro performances, senior Trisha Burner takes off for a prep. Performing in front of a crowd is a big part of Acro. The best part is that one moment at the end of each performance when everyone in the crowd starts to cheer for us. At that moment all of our hard work is paid off, Burner said.

# Acro Team Flip Flops, Tumbles, Hops

*"Being on Acro has been one of the greatest experiences of my life."  
~ Senior Captain Kristin Hoy*

The excitement, dedication and the heat of the FM Acro team flies high throughout the United States. The seniors of West Fargo High have experienced all of this.

There are two seniors from West Fargo High that participate on the Acro team. Captains Kristin Hoy and Trisha Burner have played dedicated through the years. They have been involved with the team for the past 11 to 13 years. The season runs from December to April and exists with about two shows a week. We have practice four to five times a week for about three hours each day, Burner said. The dedication and intensity of the team gymnasts are very high throughout the year.

The FM Acro team is in high demand throughout the country. They travel all around the United States throughout the season. The farthest I have been is Orlando, New Orleans, Dallas and New York, Hoy said. The team performs at high school games, benefits and professional sporting events.

The team creates a strong bond because they travel with each other about two times a week. It's nice coming to practice everyday with whatever problems that happened during the day and leaving in a great mood because of the people you are surrounded by, Hoy said.

The experience of the Acro team will be unforgettable for the West Fargo seniors. Being on Acro has been one of the greatest experiences of my life so far and has given me opportunities that some people only dream of, Hoy said. The seniors left the team with many experiences, life lessons and leadership skills.

We look up to the seniors for moral support, and they help us out when we need them, junior Jenessa Olson said.



## Offseason Pays Off For Swimmers

*"I usually try to lift at least twice a week during the offseason."*

*~ Senior John Loberg*

The United States Mens Olympic swim team dominated the 2004 summer Olympics as a product of hard work and dedication. Swimmer Michael Phelps won five Olympic medals including three gold medals and a world record. He was able to achieve these goals through long hours in the pool and plenty of off season training.

The West Fargo Boys Swimming team looked to dominate the North Dakota state swimming through the same hard work and dedication, especially in the off season. Not only did the guys work hard all season, but they kept that work ethic going all year long. When they were not working in the pool, these athletes work on strength and endurance in the weight room.

"I usually try to lift at least twice a week during the off season," senior, three time all conference selection John Loberg said.

Along with putting their time in at the weight room, swimmers also get up in the early hours of many summer mornings to work on their stroke.

"I come in at 5:30 am, usually about five times a week in the summer to practice for the coming season," senior, two time all conference selection Matt Gilbertson said.

Many swimmers take a lot of time out of their summer in order to prepare for the next season.

Most of the guys on the team are at the pool in the summer working on their technique, junior Dylan Nitzkowski said.

Boys swimming is a winter sport that goes year round in West Fargo. These boys do their best to bring back state medals, but who knows, maybe they will be the next in line to dominate the Olympic Games.



*Concentrate...*

At the Boys Swim meet against Fargo South and Minnack, sophomore Grant Alstrom prepared for a dive. There were only three divers on the swim team this year. Being in a different kind of competition than swimming, and each diver has something different about it. Diving is hard to do because it is a challenge to try to be a good diver, Alstrom said.



*Stroke...*

Freshman Alex Winkler does some warm up laps to get ready for practice. The boys swim team took 1st place at EDC and 7th at state this year. The guys on the team do not just swim for the sport. The kids train and for people around makes the team as much fun for the boys Winkler said.



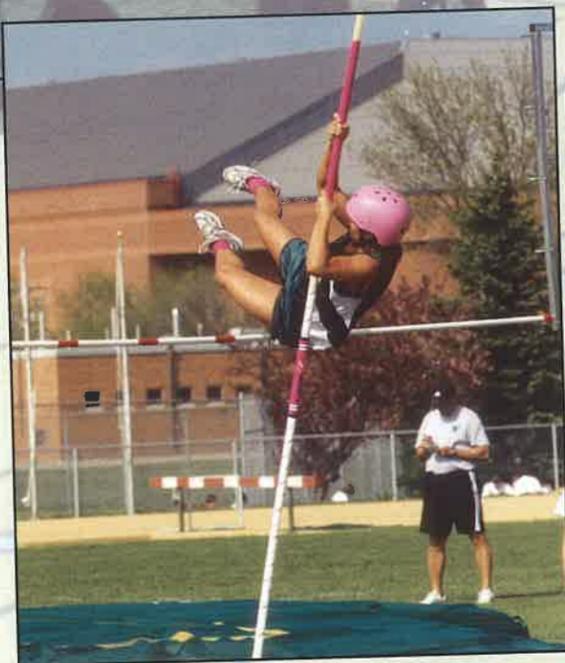
Words by Ashley Helm Photos by Ashley Davidson and Aimee McEwen

*And I'm gonna fly like an eagle....*

While jumping over the hurdles, sophomore Rob Gibson concentrates on his task. I prepare for a race by jogging and trying to stay warm," Gibson said.

*Up, up and away!*

During the high jump track meet, sophomore Marci McDonald pulls herself over the pole. I wanted to pole vault because there has never been a girl pole vaulter from West Fargo, plus I knew it would be fun," McDonald said.



## Track Times Improve From Start To Finish

*"Track is different from any other sport because there are a variation of grades involved." ~ Freshman Steven Hay*

The shot goes off. A boy starts to sprint as fast as he can knowing he needs to pass two more runners in order to win the race. He is almost to the end of the lap when he intensely passes the boy in front of him just in time to win the race. Athletes in track experience these feelings often because the win is dependent upon on themselves, rather than a teammate as in other sports.

Because track is a spring sport, many students are in this after the end of another sport season is over. Track is different from other sports for several reasons.

Track is different from any other sport because there are a variation of grades involved, so no matter what age you are, you have to compete with whoever you get," freshman Steven Hay said.

Not only is track different because of the ages, it involves many different events that athletes can choose from, unlike most sports.

Being involved in pole vaulting is much different than what I am used to doing. I work different muscles, and I don't get to prepare in what is going to happen like I do in FM Aero," sophomore Amanda McDonald said.

Being in a team sport means being able to depend on other teammates for help when needed, but in track this does not happen. I think track is harder on me because the only way to get better is to push myself, but in other team sports I'm in, I have not only myself, but also my teammates pushing me," Hay said.

Other students in track think the same way.

Usually I have the other girls with me to pump me up, but in track it is just me running," sophomore Jessica Hermanson said.

Track is different than other sports in many ways. Track involves being an individual, not depending on any other teammates for help. This may be a challenge to some, but for the students in track, it is what they like about the sport.



Words by Sadie Mathson Photos by Ashley Davidson, Tory Graves

# Players Tough It Out Through Good, Bad Weather

“Playing in cold weather is harder because your muscles are cold, so it’s easier to get injuries.” ~ Junior Jenell Lammers

Stocking hats, mittens and long underwear are not typically associated with soccer. Soccer is usually associated with warm, sunny days but not in West Fargo. The West Fargo girls soccer team battles the average North Dakota spring weather day in and day out.

Although the weather might not be on the team’s side, the girls practice everyday to prepare them for upcoming games. Cold weather only forces the team to work harder.

“We are typically outside no matter what the weather is like. We have had practices in both rain and snow. Playing in cold weather is harder because your muscles are cold so it’s easier to get injuries,” Junior Jenell Lammers said.

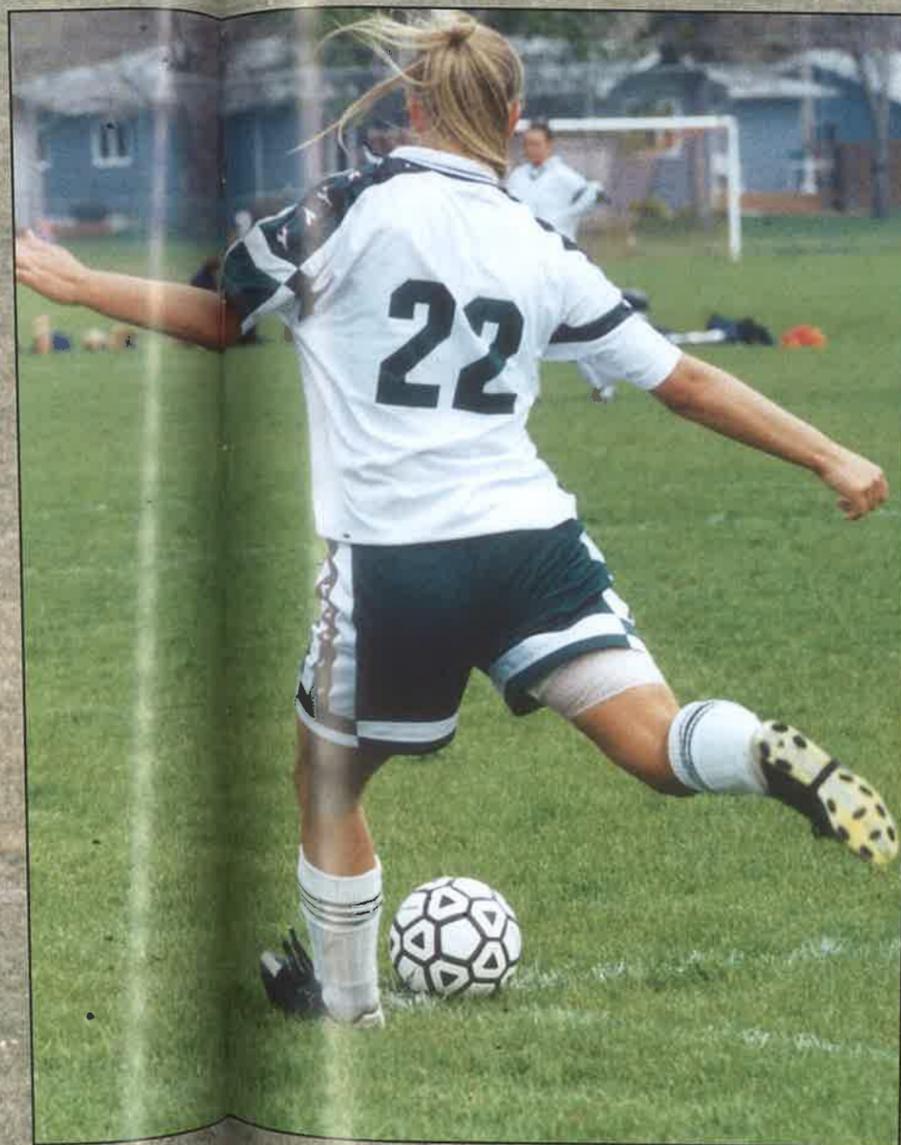
Players hope that sunny, pleasant weather will prevail over stubborn rainy and cold weather. Unfortunately that is all they can do hope.

“I would rather play in hot weather because cold weather slows everything down,” Junior Elizabeth Volk said.

To fight the cold, players wear extra clothes and keep their bodies warm by constantly moving. Keeping the body and muscles warm is crucial to keeping everyone healthy and active in the game.

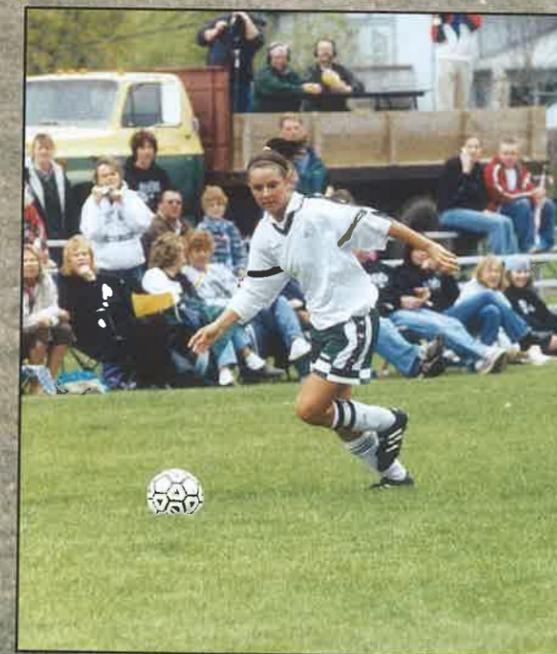
“I always bring extra clothes for cold practices. For cold games, we do many small warmup drills and stretch a lot in between each drill. It’s important to keep warm to avoid injuries,” Junior Jill Kuntz said.

Whether it is raining, snowing, really windy or freezing cold, West Fargo’s girls soccer team is out there every day. It’s prepared to handle up with the extra mittens and winter gear for those soccer games.



### Don't Miss...Don't Miss...

During the girls soccer game, junior Elizabeth Volk managed to put the ball into play. The program held a meeting together as a group to talk about what we need to do. Then we try and execute it on the field. Good thing said.



### Come and get me...

While trying to get away from the opponent, senior Debra Klatt charges forward the goal. Being captain gave me a bit more responsibility and made me push myself to be a good leader for the team. Klatt said.



*Ready or not, here I come!*

During a team softball game, junior Asher began to feel the ball. She realized the spring softball team had they put on opponents wrong. We knew that year would be tough, having such great players but we would have had to be listed as a great opponent.

*A little advice from me*

When you talk to your coach, McQueen, train contact with the ball. This year was really good because we were all really close and there were no tensions so we all had ourselves. McQueen said.



## Softball Goes For Another State Title

*"We can pull off anything as long as we stay united."*

*~ Junior, captain Angie Young*

With five teams locked, the senior-led and seven consecutive state championships to defend, she approached the bottom box. All she thought about was making solid contact to drive in the winning run.

The girls softball team has had to defend their state title for seven years. Every year the pressure gets more intense and the competition gets stronger.

Other teams have improved, making our games closer and pushing us to work harder in order to win, junior captain Angie Young said.

Even with all the improved competition, the girls have confidence in how the state game will end up this year. The increased competition makes the games more exciting to play in.

I'm confident (that) our team will have a successful season. We all get along awesome and are used to playing with each other, so I think we can pull off anything as long as we stay united, Young said.

One way the team stays united is the way they warm up and prepare for state games. The preparation is the same from year to year and is known as the pregame ritual.

Our pregame ritual has been the same for as long as I can remember. We run, do some hitting drills, warm up our arms and take some grounders and fly balls. Views kind of gotten into a routine, and it has worked so far, junior Jen McQueen said.

The pregame ritual is not all that helps prepare the girls for the big game. The coaches also help get the team ready and pumped up.

They make us take fielding and hitting and get us fired up, junior Asher Walker said.

With the roster full of new players, the Packers are ready for the challenge of defending their state title. State championships are always exciting, but this year is going to be different. We have basically a whole new team, and it is going to be exciting to see what we can do this season, McQueen said.

She steps up to the plate and waits for the pitch. The pitcher releases what looks to be the perfect pitch. She swings...



# Out Of Season Preperation Proves Successful

*"Playing on summer league teams gets you ready for the season."  
~ Senior Brock Storrusten*

*Take me out to the ballgame.* Baseball is a sport that takes a lot of hard work and motivation to be successful. Players of the West Fargo team work extra hard in their off season to ensure top notch performances when the season begins.

It is important for players to continue training for a sport even after that season has passed. Of the opportunities available for off season training, baseball players of West Fargo teams that have participated, feel the experience was well worth the effort. Senior, first baseman and pitcher Brock Storrusten felt like his participation on the summer league Patriots baseball team was very beneficial to improving his skills.

Playing on summer league teams gets you ready for the season and gives you extra practice to improve your game before the season starts, Storrusten said.

Off season training included just staying in shape by means of lifting and working out on a regular basis. This may seem easy for the players who do not participate in other sports, although, finding the time to join a speed and strength conditioning program is not an option for everyone. Senior, shortstop, Fred Hartkamp makes it a priority to stay in shape going into the baseball season.

I always lift and also played on the senior Babe Ruth summer team which helped me improve my game and increase my strength for the season, Hartkamp said.

Getting involved in conditioning programs and staying fit not only benefits a player's performance, but also it shows coaches a player is willing to go the extra mile and push himself to make an important contribution to the team. Junior, center fielder and pitcher Alex Salquist, who also played on the Patriots this past summer, shared the same emotions pertaining to advantages a player may receive by participating in additional post season programs.

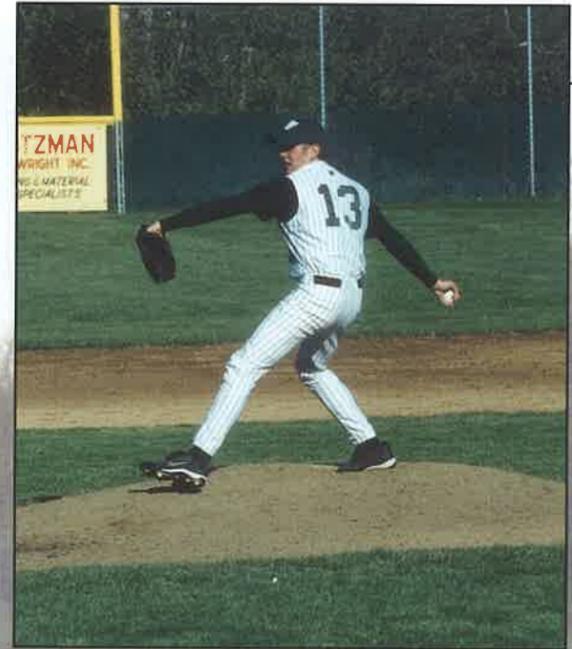
It shows the coaches you are willing to work hard and gives you a quality advantage over players that have not been conditioning out of season, Salquist said. By playing more games and getting more reps in, you improve your game and it helps you be able to give your best performance.

By staying active and conditioning out of season, players are benefited with improving their game, preparing for the upcoming season and it also helps players stand out and make an impression on coaches saying they are willing to work extra hard and do what needs to be done to give their best performance.



*Waiting...*

Before hitting the ball, senior Nathan Potter waits impatiently for the pitcher to deliver him the right pitch. My favorite memory about West Fargo High Baseball is the time Tyson Holmes hit a walk off home run in the 7th to beat South, Potter said.



*Get Ready...*

During a home baseball game, senior Aaron Wagner gets ready to pitch the ball. Like playing any other sport, getting a good grip on the ball is the first step to getting ready.



Words by Haylee Preabt Photos by Ingrid Scantlebury and Ashley Davidson

*I'm coming to get ya!*  
During an away tennis match, senior Kelly Dardin gets into practice to return the ball. Tennis is a physically demanding but mentally challenging as well. Dardin said.



*Slooooo Motion...*

During the EDC Tennis Tournament, junior Ashley Derris prepares to serve the ball to her opponent. I had a lot of fun this year because I love to play tennis. We really worked hard and it turned out to be a great year. Derris said.



## Tennis Players Motivate, Hit, Score

*"To motivate myself, I just tell myself that I can do it and will not get mad if I do badly." ~ Freshman Emily Shreier*

The nervous girls tennis team leads a bus to go to their game. On the bus, they motivate each other by saying their goals for the game. By the time they get to the game, they are not quite as nervous and are ready to play.

During a tennis match, the pressure is on one player the whole time and that is why some players get nervous and need to motivate themselves.

"To motivate myself, I just tell myself that I can do it and will not get mad if I do badly," freshman Emily Schreier said.

Other ways players motivate themselves is by pretending they are at practice.

Many people wonder what happens at tennis matches. Before the matches the girls tennis team warm up.

First we warm up. Then there is the single matches and after that the double games take place, freshman Kelly Koenen said.

The scoring system for tennis is very different from other sports and even the tennis players sometimes get confused.

The scoring starts at Love (0) and then every point earned goes in a pattern such that 0-15, 30, and 40 get one set point, freshman Merens Almond said.

After the girls tennis team finishes playing their game, they load the bus relieved that all the pressure and nervousness is gone until the next game in about two weeks. Even though tennis matches pressure and has a confusing scoring system, it is an extremely fun game.



# Emerson, Lund say Good-Bye to Cheer Team

*"Our team was really close, and I believe in all of them."  
~ Senior Jamie Lund*

Dedication, strength and the ability to set a positive example are all attributes that the senior cheerleaders display. Seniors Megan Emerson and Jamie Lund work together with the coaches of the squad acting as a triple threat to opposing teams.

Emerson and Lund have put both heart and soul into the cheerleading squad and plan to encourage and help the squad become stronger before graduation when they must walk away. "It's going to be hard not practicing everyday or competing anymore, but I am looking forward to graduation. I know the team will be even better next year," Emerson said.

Along with all the hard work Emerson and Lund have put into the squad over the past four years, they have built strong bonds and friendships that they will take away with them as their high school cheer career comes to a close. "Our team was really close, and I believe in all of them," Lund said.

Emerson and Lund used seniority rights to take practice under control and teach underclassmen what a successful practice consists of. "A normal day of practice consists of stretching, running, working on routines, practicing stunts and working on stuff for games," junior Felicity Lund said.

Emerson and Lund have come a long way since cheerleading as freshmen. Overcoming a disastrous competition sophomore year and working hard to improve the squad proved to be a challenge. Emerson and Lund will graduate with a third place state title from the fall 2004 competition setting the bar high for future cheerleaders.



### Don't Fall

During the Pep Rally, the basketball cheerleaders fire up the students. "I wanted to be a part of a team that performs for a crowd, and I wanted to do stunts and compete," senior Megan Emerson said.



### Go, Fight, Win!

During the game against the Fargo South Bronco, the football cheerleaders cheer up a storm in the cold. "Competitions are really fun! It is fun to show off what we can do," senior Jamie Lund said.



Words by Angie Hunt Photos by Mike Winge, Brian Freed and Mark Brown

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During a Pacstahline performance, senior Amanda Larsen leads the year line. Being a Pacstahline, you don't only get to dance with all your heart, but you get to win a Larsen medal.



# Kicking Their Way To National Title

*"... We work really hard but we still have fun as a team"*

*~ Senior Anna Driscoll*

A line of girls take a plane down to warm and sunny Florida to show the nation their hot steps and cool moves. This line of girls was the 2005 National Champions and it could not have been done without the help of some great new coaches and the dedication of the Pacstahlines themselves. The girls go through grueling practices in which they fix and perfect each intricate move. They come home sweaty and exhausted, but they know if they put their all into practice, it will pay off in the end.

The coaches truly have been a great asset to the team. The anticipation for this year built with the hiring of four new coaches who brought new ideas and techniques to the team helped them become a success. The new coaches brought a new feeling to the team this year. We couldn't have done as well as we did without them. It's been really fun and performances and practices are enjoyable. We work really hard, but we still have a great time as a team, senior Anna Driscoll said.

It is unbelievable that these girls from the small town of West Fargo, North Dakota, could win a national title. It has been said that it was like a Cinderella Story which was a dream that nobody expected to come true. Our goal was just to make it into finals, and then after semifinals we were ranked third and our goal at finals was not to go down, junior Alyssa Fiedel said.

The team took pride in all their great accomplishments they have achieved. It is a first for Pacstahline history. Pacstahlines have never gotten first in lock and jazz in the same year at state, and they've never won nationals. I felt accomplished and proud to be on the team, senior Nanda Hart said.

The team pulled through thanks to their hard work, dedication and time commitment. The Pacstahline new name for themselves, that is heard all around the nation, is champion. They defeated all odds and soared to new heights. With the help of great coaches, captains, choreographers and the dancers' ambition to succeed they reached their goal to win.

*Good Job*

Senior Sarah Schmitt just finished her Pacstahline dance routine with her dad. It was so much fun for both my dad and I. This was his first time as a Pacstahline and it's always fun to perform a routine other than the ones that we use to compete, Schmitt said.



# March

Bomb Threats Plague Area Schools

Terri Schiavo Dies 13 Days After Feeding Tube Removed

West Fargo's Coaches Questioned

Pope Suffers Heart Failure



**Strollin' Her Stuff...**

While on lunch duty during Spirit Week, Ms. Loretta Mural strikes a pose wearing her 90s flared-back gear. Of course I was a fashion icon in high school. Everyone wanted to wear what I was wearing. It really isn't that different from now. I am sure the West Fargo student body will see the picture and want to bring back the style from 1991. Mural said.

**E=MC (squared)...**

Getting a break from being their math test at the Tri-College Math Competition, juniors Amanda Hought and Ali Edwards enjoy their lunch. Tri-College tests make you a better test taker. There is no pressure, but they really make you think. They also help you with your grasp skills and working with others because there is a group test. Edwards said.



*On to the Final Four...* Since boys basketball players took a trip to Nashville, TN, to take in NCAA tournament games on the road to the Final Four, there were many good times on the trip. My favorite part was going to the games and chilling in the hotel with the guys. Another day was in a truck.



Shock, Mourning Follow Red Lake Shootings

Lawyer Cochran, 67, Dies

200 Predicted Dead in Indian Ocean Quake

Martha Stewart Returns to Work



**March Student of the Month**

*Sam Schmidt*

**School Involvement:** National Honor Society, Concert Choir, All-State Choir, Drama, Newspaper, 2004 ND Girls State

**Who has influenced you the most in your life?** My mother has been my inspiration throughout my life. She has supported me throughout everything and she is my best friend. I love her so much, and she will never know how much I appreciate her. She has taught me how to be compassionate, caring and how to sing. I will be forever indebted to her.

**Go Puch!**

Explorers Amanda McDonald points the face of explorer Alexs Klugebauer to help support the Packers during spirit week. I think spirit week is a fun way to support your school by participating in all of the activities throughout the week. Klugebauer said.

**You missed a spot!**

During Spirit Week, teachers Miss Mary Sherman and Miss Claudia Engstedt clean up as their favorite TV movie characters. I was Dr. Abby Lockhart (from ER) because I am an ER groupy. I don't watch much television, but the show along with CSI are my favorites. Sherman said.





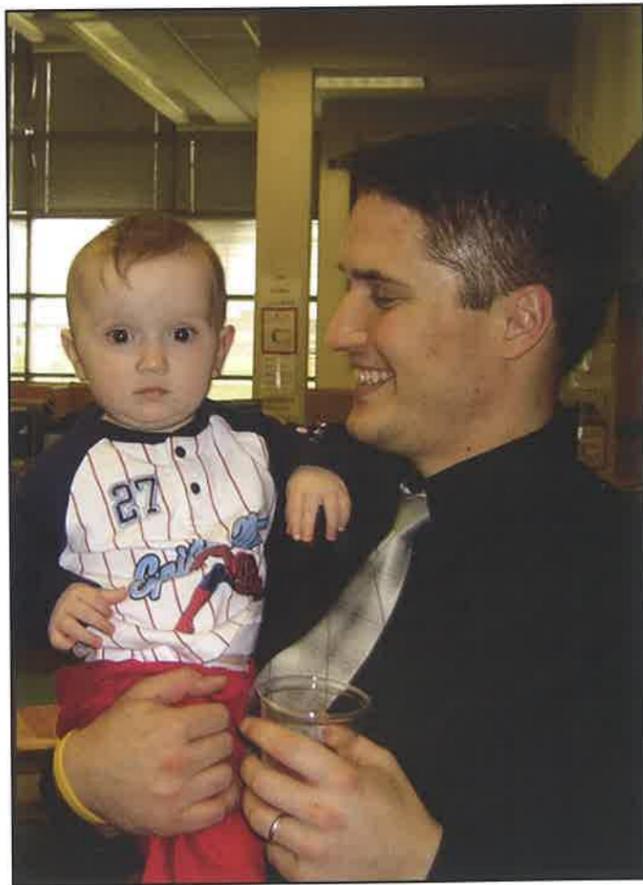
Pentagon Recommends realignment for Grand Forks Military Base

Runaway Bride Could Face Charges Over False Report

Star Wars' Fans Queue up

Prince Henry Begins His Military Career

*Goose Underdogs!* During the team huddle, senior Derek French and English teacher Mrs. Mary Sherman plan the team strategy for the Dodgeball Tournament. We actually cheer Mrs. Sherman on a good deal because we loved her cheer when she was a cheerleader and she has a great sense of humor. (Photo by Mark Brown)

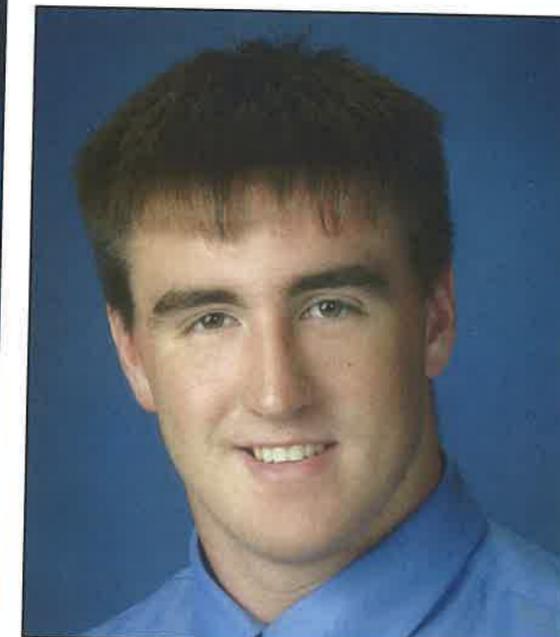


**Like father, like son**

While celebrating the birth of many staff members babies this school year, English teacher Mr. Aaron Knodt reflects on parenthood. "What has surprised me most about being a parent is how amazingly amazing baby behavior becomes cute when they come from your own child." Knodt said. (Photo by Meghan Brown)

**Making memories...**

During the last few days as seniors Josh Morinas, Peder Wiederholt, Karen Clogies, Rochelle Kucholter and Narda Hart enjoy their senior lunch provided by the administration. We thank it as a nice thing to do for seniors before they graduate, principal Mr. Gary Clark said of the lunch. It is to honor them before they leave high school. (Photo by Mike Wang)



**May Student of the Month**

*Scott Johnson*

School Involvement:  
Football, Wrestling, Basketball, Track,  
National Honor Society

Which sport do you enjoy playing the most and why? I enjoy all the sports that I play, but the sport that has helped me the most is wrestling. It has taught me self-discipline, patience, and hard work. It has taught me the importance of helping a team by bettering myself and at the same time it has taught me to conduct myself in both victory and defeat.

**The Streetcars have been brought back...**

During a presentation to the sophomore class until they bring *The Streetcar Back* author Stanley Garden West talks with the students about the book meaning. I suppose the message he gave about caring about people you normally wouldn't befriend was the most important thing he taught the kids. English teacher Ms. Tina Nelson said. (Photo by Mabel Hain)

**Working at the car wash...**

While being a car wash to raise money for seniors, senior Jon Drakozis, junior Ashley Davidson, and seniors Chase McDonald and Justin Schultz worked down. The car wash was a huge hit, even though it was a cloudy day. Davidson said. (Photo by Ashley Yochim)



Organizations (Noun) -



# Organizations

*Something made up of elements with varied functions that contribute to the whole and to collective functions.*

*What does this do?* While at the Journalism convention in Seattle, junior Kayla Whitaker, adviser Ms. Toni Nelson and junior Tali Dumdai check out a local arcade display. The workshop caption will be the most beneficial for next year because (the class) showed me how to 'spice' up the captions so they don't sound the same, Whitaker said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)

*And the winner is...* At the talent show, MCs junior Trisha McDonald and senior Bill Behrmann announce this year's winner. MCing the talent show was fun, the acts were really good, so it would be hard to judge, McDonald said. (Photo by Aimee McEwen)

*We're in the money...* During a tap number in the musical *42nd Street*, junior Mallory Hayes puts her dancing background into use. I thought it was a really great experience that our cast learned to do tap because it let us prove what we could do, Hayes said. (Photo by Amy Foss)

*Dreaming of a 'White Christmas'* During the choir Christmas concert, Mr. Jeff Mueller conducts the choir. My favorite memory of choir would be meeting wonderful people and becoming friends with them all, junior Aimee McEwen said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)



# Student Trainers Work Hard to Help Injured Athletes

"Ouch, ouch!" An athlete, who hurt an ankle at practice, limps into the training room trusting a trainer to tape the ankle and teach him or her healing therapy. As the trainer is taping the ankle, the trainer explains the stretches to the athlete.

Many people wonder what trainers actually do. Student trainers assist Ms. Mary Manock, head trainer who teaches the student trainers with anything that does not require a medical license.

If someone gets hurt we tape ankles, wrists, and stretch them," freshman Ashley Polrzywinski said.

To be a trainer there are no major skills needed, because one will learn the skills once the training begins. They learn how to tape ankles, wrists and special stretches to use on injured athletes. Some of the stretches we use are the bapsboard, calf stretcher, squats for knees, toe raises, and slow walking exercises," freshman Alina Tyulyandina said.

To become a trainer one has to practice taping other trainers ankles until Manock gives her approval to start taping athletes. Even though practicing on each other is the basic procedure, there are also a few other ways to become a trainer. I learned as I went and other trainers helped

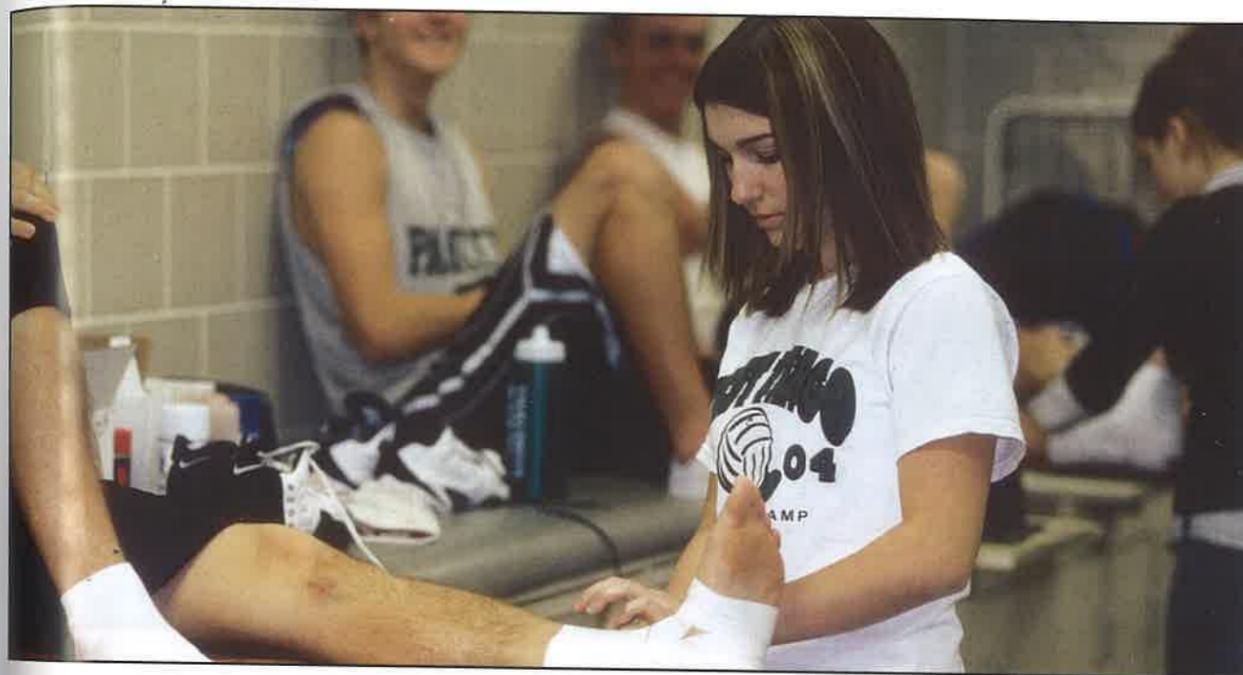
and showed me how to do some things," Tyulyandina said. Taking a CPR or a First Aid class would also be helpful when becoming a trainer.

There are many enjoyments of being a trainer like helping others and meeting new people. Although there are also dislikes that most trainers would agree on. I enjoy the guys because they are hilarious, but I dislike their gross feet," freshman Brandi McConnell said.

Once the injured athletes ankle is taped and the athlete knows the special stretches to do to help his

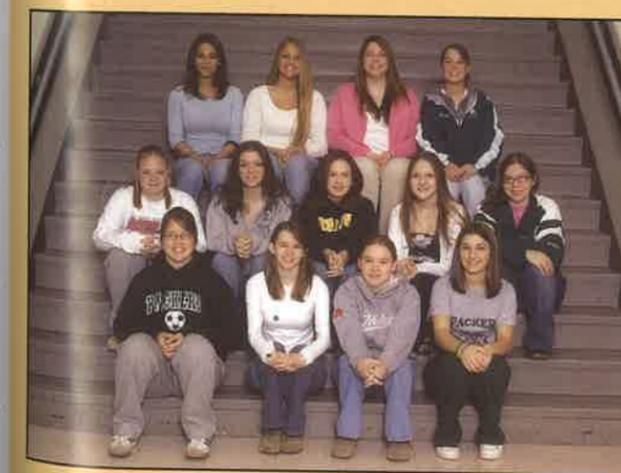
or her ankle heal, he or she continues on with practice. From taping and special stretches to gross feet, being a trainer is exciting and time well spent. If interested in the medical field, being a trainer is a great start to pursue ones interest.

**“** I enjoy the guys, they are hilarious, but I dislike their gross feet.”  
--Freshman Brandi McConnell

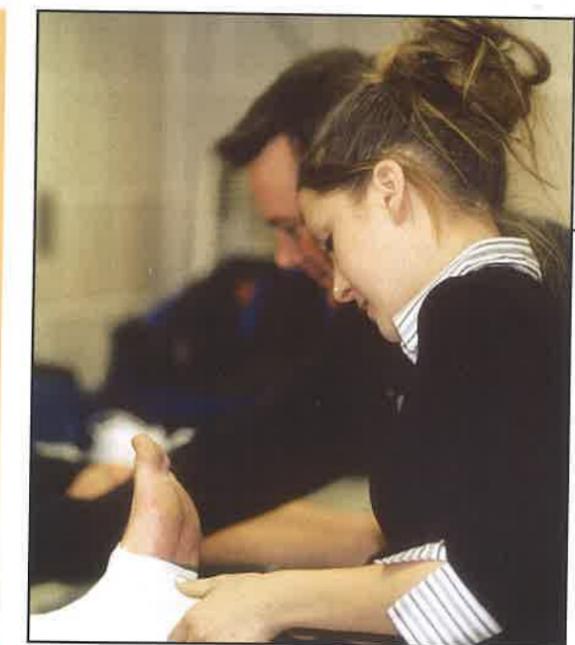


*Hold still!*

Before boys basketball practice, freshman Brandi McConnell tapes an ankle. This was McConnell's first year as a trainer. My friend told me it would be agonizing, McConnell said.



*Trainers:* Front Row: Nichole Brachmeier, Paula Sebelius, Stephanie Dirks, Brandi McConnell. 2nd Row: Ashley Polrzywinski, Sarah Trites, Tina Cumber, Alina Tyulyandina, Kayla Whitaker. Back Row: Mazy Gengler, Ali Schweitzer, Katie Scully, Marissa Roehl.



*Almost done...*

Before boys basketball practice, freshman Alina Tyulyandina tapes an ankle. The most fun part of being a trainer is meeting new people, plus the excitement on the bench is extremely fun," Tyulyandina said. This is her first year as a trainer, and most likely won't be her last.



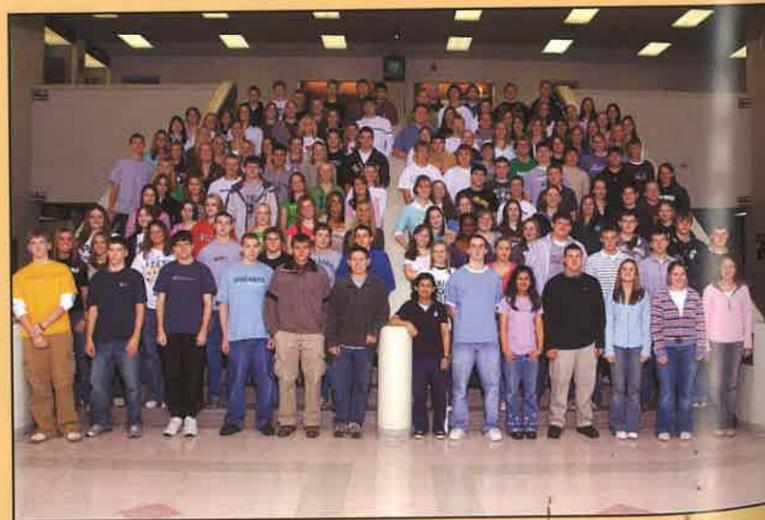
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During the annual held by National Honor Society, senior Malina Gundersen and senior Gregoire Brown demonstrate how to hold the apple. Gregoire and I decided to dress as cows because we both agreed that a pair of apple holding cows just made sense. Gundersen said.



National Honor Society: Front Row: Jordy Iken, Jared Demert, Aaron Doherty, Anthony Larson, Shawn Erbmann, Ben Tosta, Shazim Fayyaz, Billy Longoria, Malina Fayyaz, Ken Dondkous, Katie Schmidt, Heather Hestera, Danika Vigosa. 2nd Row: Ange Young, Jill Kusatz, Andrea Hummel, Nathan Funk, Bill Belamean, Luke Baldwin, Josh Izartelli, Ashley Rheault, Rochell Karchziller, Alex Sheehan, Jason Miller, J.R. O'Hara, Josh Nelson. 3rd Row: Katie Nachapomrerk, Jenna Strickhammer, Tracy Hill, Emily Silbermagl, Anne McEwen, Whitney Alturai, Greta Wagner, Karen Ogleba, Jenna Erickson, Josh Murnan, Kyle Hagen. 4th Row: Heather Johnson, Mallory Stanley, Anna Kofer, Danielle Krasemann, Kayla Anderson. 5th Row: Lindsey Volter, Sarah Rebratich, Taylor Moch, Danielle Knoll, Sarah Schmidt, Kristen Daum, Jeanan Janda, Kristina Cumber, Nicole Holm, Marisha Lyons, Carey Knoll, Amanda Road. 6th Row: Hillary Preston, Todd Robley, Nichole Rheault, Kelly Dindar, Gabe Bailey, Brad Kwame, Brandon Robb, Thor Thompson, Evelyn Fuentes, Carley Bergman. 7th Row: Brendan Bohach, Sade Matheson, Lindsay Stiles, Sam Miele, Derek Pihlak, Travis Sanderson, Scott Barlach, Brady Edwards, Seth Farber, Tracy Olson. 8th Row: Jon McQuaker, Elizabeth Pedersen, Kristin Hoy, Erika Knoll, Danielle Klatt, Kelsey Lund, Ruby Stroudberg, Nicole Hertel, Tyson Westberry, Braden Kirsley, Ashley Danna, Melissa Gundersen, Oughton Brown, Misty Irving, Carie Bricker, Peter Wiedrich. 9th Row: James Lambert, Megan Emerson, Lode Piskroz, Holly Knutson, Trina Butler, Danielle Lambert, John Baungetzer, Ashley Davidson, Kayla Grunth, Kayla



Loren Toste, Jenna. 10th Row: Alexa Johnston, Anna Descoll, Elyse Porter, Bryana Trowbridge, Scott Johnson, Jordan Anderson, Melan Gering, Lindsey Eilan, Elizabeth Volk, Miranda Utter, Alex Trauger, Amanda Hought, Karen Thoms, Whitney Ferguson. 11th Row: Brad Pitts, Myra Laura Oerian, Deri Ewing, Carey Frazier, Ulrik Gledinger, Alison Kelly, Greg Gontzlow, Al Edwards, Emma Gabea, Sam Schmidt, Alessa Lundquist, Ollan Hartman. Back Row: Ben Anderson, Jason Zarr, David Moratin, Dan Clark, Josh Wull, Eric Mies, Alex Salquist, Tom Behoff.

## Honor Students Strive To Make Difference In Community

There they go again. A patrol of teenagers armed with rakes, bags and gloves. The offending leaves in our community do not stand a chance. These courageous teenagers are members of West Fargo High Schools National Honor Society (NHS).

Our school members in NHS do projects such as Rake-It-Run continuously to help our community. Other activities NHS has started, or are a part of, include Haunted Hallways, Santas Workshop, the Sadie Hawkins dance and the Big Brother/ Big Sister program. These activities are targeted to help people as well as the community.

"The children are our future. Through Big Brother/ Big Sister we provide a positive influence, which will help the kids become better people," senior Evelyn Fuentes said.

There could not be good activities without good organizational skills. NHS activities are usually organized by its officers and advisors, Mr. Tom Rakoczy and Mrs. Sue Jordahl.

They decide the possible activities members can do, when and where the activities take place.

"We work hard to keep in touch with each other with updates on new activities and have experimented with having committees in charge of activities," senior Danika Vigosa, the president of NHS said.

Once the activities are organized, it all comes down to carrying them out and helping the community. NHS members rake up neighborhood yards and help with crowd control at community events such as West Fargo Parades. They also help the children in our elementary school by giving troubled students a friend and role model they can look up to, trust and develop a friendship with.

"NHS helps get high school students involved in the community," senior Kristina Cumber said.

Now that the good deed is done and all of the offensive leaves are neatly tucked away in bags, the patrol of teenagers walk on to the next area hoping to clean up more of our community.

**“** NHS helps get high school students involved in the community. **”**  
--Senior Kristina Cumber



# Student Council Makes a Difference In School, Community

Hockey, soccer, swimming, games and food. There are a few of the more enjoyable activities Student Council is recognized for partaking in every year. What most students are left unaware of include all of the contributions that Student Council has made to the school.

Many students at West Fargo High School are shamelessly unable to answer the question, "What do you know about Student Council?" Truthfully, Student Council is a character building organization for many of the students that are involved. Junior Alex Salquist has enjoyed Student Council for the two years he has been involved. It keeps me organized, and it has helped raise money for school events, Salquist said.

Although it is true that Student Council members admit to having a good time when they have participated in Student Council events, Stu Co should not be viewed by other students as being unimportant or just an excuse to get out of an active member for the past few years.

"It's a blast being a part of it, and it's a great group of people that have made it fun," Moch said.

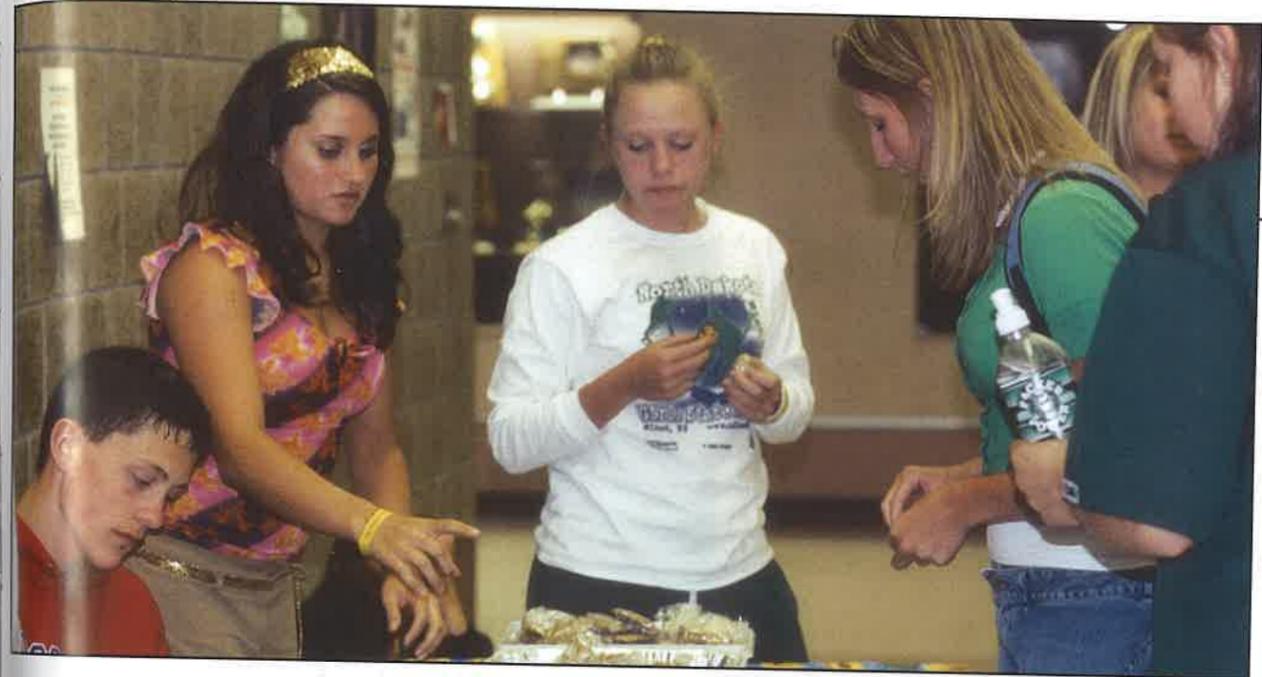
Student Council is not just fun and games. Some of the activities organized by Student Council that most students do not hear about include small group lessons, role playing activities and different kinds of fundraisers which have gone towards the benefit of the school.

"It is an organization that a lot of people view as unimportant, but we've worked hard to raise money and provide benefits for other students and the school," senior Student Council member Jerod Heitkamp said.

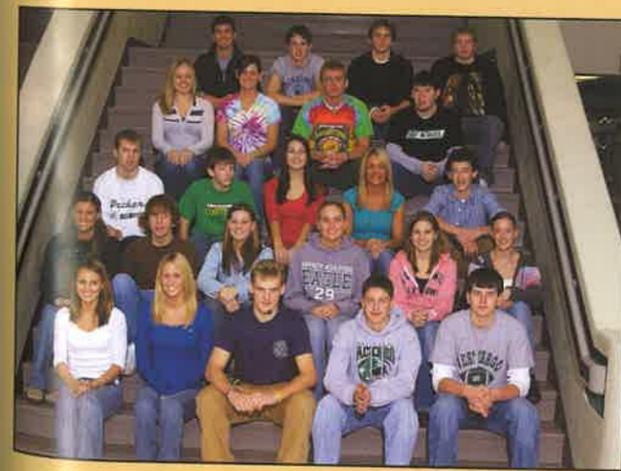
Student Council has always been part of the functions of the student body in past years and will be in the future by providing a voice for

the students. Not only do they work hard in the more important activities of the organization such as role playing and fundraising, but they also get the pleasure of making fun memories and having a good time with fun people.

**“It is a great group of people that have made it fun.”**  
—Junior Taylor Moch



*Pick This One.*  
During the best time of the year, the Student Council members Jerod Daul and March McDonald will gather to discuss the school. Next year we hope to have a faculty basketball game, sponsor a chess and get the StuCo members there. Daul said.



*Student Council:* Front Row: Abby Kisten, Sarah Parshour, Jason Carver, Jerod Daul, Taylor Moch. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Jaclyn Rankin, Spencer Davis, Katie Schmidt, Lindsey Elms, Elizabeth Volk, Amber Plakner. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Steven Hiey, Lex Lazick, Sarah English, Emery Berg, Alex Windje. 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Nathan Johnson, Amanda Dean, Jerod Heitkamp, Jared Zimney. Back Row: Justin Schatz, Jason Bakken, Bill Behrman, Alex Salquist.



*What was that again?*  
During the kindness retreat sponsored by StuCo at L.E. Bryan, senior Jared Zimney writes down ideas from the students. I had a great time being Student Body President and it felt like I had a great time being Student Body President. Zimney said.



## Leaders Stay Active

A youth leadership member sits in a room with a young boy, helping him with his math homework that had been confusing to him the day before.

Along with helping elementary students with homework, youth leadership members get involved in activities at different locations around the area.

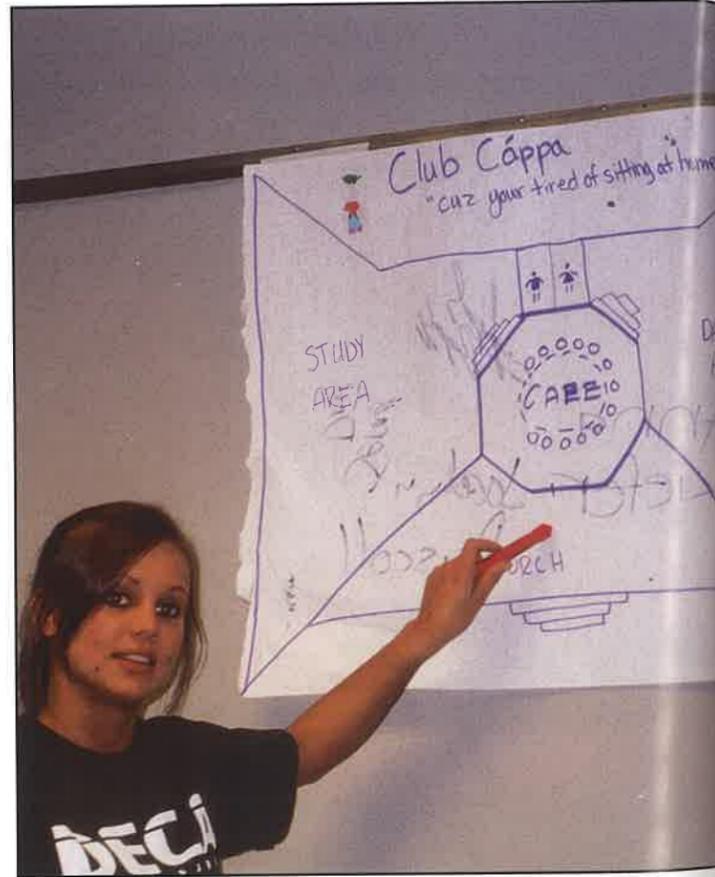
'We go to all different places like Crystal Sogun, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, the courthouse, American Red Cross and Buffalo State Park,' sophomore Jared Daul said.

Being in youth leadership takes more than just wanting to be in it. 'I was recommended by one of my teachers and then after that I had to fill out some forms and have other older people write comments about me,' sophomore Kelli Clark said.

Helping young elementary students and going places are not the only activities done by youth leadership.

'Youth leadership has helped me learn how to work better in groups,' Daul said. 'Some members would recommend it to other students because of the fun and friendships that are gained. I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys meeting new people,' sophomore Morgan Anderson said.

After a few hours of helping the young boy with his math homework, the youth leadership member goes home knowing that he/she helped a young individual while having fun and gaining friends!



### Introducing Club Cappa

During a presentation at a Youth Leadership meeting, junior Anna Kiefer shows her idea for a new local business. Youth Leadership is a really great experience where you can meet new people and learn a bit about yourself and your community. The fun lunch is also definitely a plus! Kiefer said.

### Youth Leadership

Front Row: Tim Stiller, Morgan Anderson, Kelli Clark, Jenny Lanzberg, Rachel Vigna, John Grizon, Quinn Eggers  
Back Row: David Meason, Elyse Rueten, Jared Daul, Malory Hayes, Jesus Mattern, Megan Mallet, Sam Boets



## Dresses For Success

The famous saying, 'The clothes make the man (or woman)' proves true when West Fargo High School students are a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization.

'It's important to dress up for the competitions that we go to because it shows that you are serious about being there and participating in the events. It can also be a lot of fun to get to dress professionally for a couple of days,' senior Danielle Knoll said. The dress code for FBLA is a strict one.

'It's important for those kids involved to dress like a business person. It gives them an idea of how your image can affect the jobs you get in the future. It is especially important to dress up for the competitions because when you are dressed nicely it makes the event feel a lot more serious than if you just wore sweats or something,' FBLA adviser Mr. Rick Anderson said.

'It's kind of nice to be able to still be the Vice President and not have to do anything different than the rest of the group. The rest of the officers are seniors: Richelle Schnepf, president; senior Danielle Knoll, secretary and sophomore Morgan Anderson, treasurer. It's fun to be a part of the group because it's important, but yet it is laid back,' senior Jared Demert said.

Dressing for success is important to all people involved in business. It is also important to those members of the Future Business Leaders of America. 'They are the future of the business world and it is important to get a head start on dressing for success.'

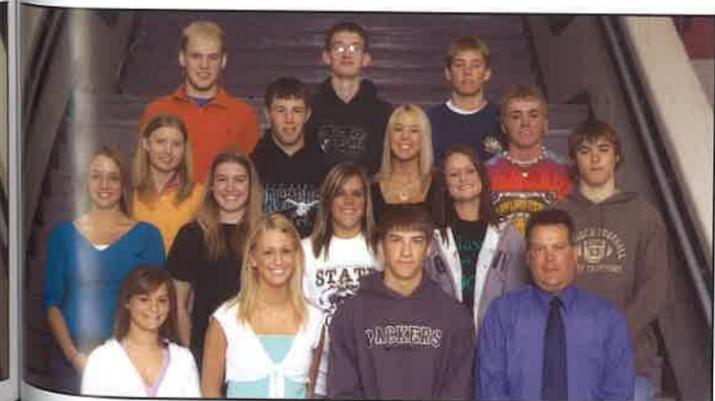


### Words of Wisdom

On the way to the Future Business Leaders of America Competition in Valley City, adviser Mr. Rick Anderson gives helpful advice to his students. 'I try to prepare students for the future whether it be academically or for the world of work,' Anderson said.

### FBLA

Front Row: Morgan Anderson, Sarah Parkerson, Jared Demert, Mr. Anderson  
2nd Row: Richelle Schnepf, Katrina Butler, Jami Grant, Danielle Knoll, Kyle Hager  
3rd Row: Kiley Wilhelm, Ben Wolkers, Karli Rodgers, Jared Hofsamp  
Back Row: Jami Quensen, Beatrix Buback, Nathan Johnson



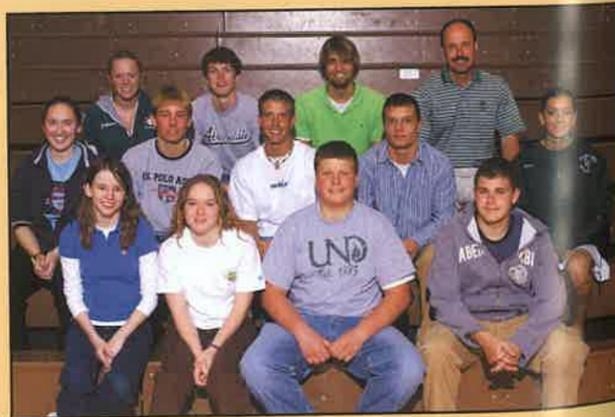
*Men of Knowledge...*

During the Quiz Bowl at the State DECA Convention, seniors Tony Schanek, Justin Schindler and Bill Behrman concentrate on the question asked. "We studied religiously from a book that had for about 45 minutes and then just won the whole thing," Schanek said.



*Takin' care of business...*

While working in the Picker Concessions, junior Taylor Moch and senior Bill Behrman count money and organize the inventory. Being a part of DECA has opened many doors in my life teaching me marketing, the way, Behrman said.



DECA: Front Row: Paula Sebelius, Stephanie Dike, Tony Schanek, Josh Manning, Melinda Wenzel, Nathan Johnson, Nick Dawek, Adam Lignaker, Nevada Oronoz, Erin Johnson, Luke Baldwin, Trevor Anderson, Advisor Steve Anderson.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Book Row:

## Baldwin on His Way to Life in Business Profession

Competition, workshops and social activities are just a few of the events that happen within a DECA conference. In the West Fargo Chapter there was one person who has succeeded to a great extent in competition, and that student is senior Luke Baldwin.

Luke Baldwin is a very energetic, outgoing person who is able to relate marketing ideas to everyday life, senior William Berhmann said.

Baldwin was very active and vigorous in the marketing setting throughout his high school career and has set a great example for other students.

When Baldwin heard about the West Fargo DECA Chapter he thought it was somewhat different and not so interesting, so he did not expect what would happen.

However, he did not expect to ever become so interested and drawn into the DECA experience. "The confidence and assurance that Baldwin has is very high throughout the West Fargo Chapter.

"I could see the ability in him, and I convinced him to join. He ended

up winning in state and moved onto nationals and won overall in the roll play event," DECA advisor Mr. Steve Anderson said.

Baldwin enjoys being a part of the DECA program this year even though he did not believe Anderson when he first started the program.

The fun they have within this chapter is not up tight like other chapters, but more laid back. Even though work is involved, all members are willing to have more fun.

Despite all the fun and games, Baldwin has won many awards and ranked high in competitions because of all his hard work and determination.

"I won state overall in business services marketing, took first in my pricing roll play in the world level and now I am vice president of our West Fargo DECA," Baldwin

said. Baldwin encouraged others who are interested in joining the marketing or business setting to come in to the West Fargo DECA chapter if they have the chance to do so in the near future.

**“** Luke Baldwin is very energetic, outgoing person who is able to relate marketing ideas to everyday life. **”**  
—Senior Bill Berhmann



# FCA Positively Impacts West Fargo Students' Lives

So how did the Packer Football team do yesterday?  
 They won 21 to 20 against Minot.  
 Lets go play a game!  
 Yeah and then after that we can eat some food!

These are all conversations that take place in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). FCA has no requirements besides being a Christian and being someone who wants to grow in their faith. It is for all high school students grades nine through 12. The leaders of Fellowship of Christian Athletes are seniors Bill Behrmann, Kelsey Peterson, Misty Johnson and junior Laz Volk. The leaders of Fellowship of Christian Athletes like how it is a club for all high school students.

"I love it. It feels great knowing you are affecting the students lives. It is great to get to know the younger students who could some day be leading the group," Peterson said.

Working with the upperclassmen helps give the freshmen a first hand experience of what is going on in FCA and the community around them. FCA is a great organization to get involved with.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a great organization, and I highly recommend you join and get involved. It is so much fun, and you gain so many new friends," Johnson said.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every other Sunday. It is completely student led. FCA members enjoy putting on some events such as the Mr. West Fargo Pageant. Fellowship of Christian Athletes has put on the Mr. West Fargo Pageant for the last three years. It has been fun for the participants, and for everyone watching it.

"We have Mr. West Fargo upcoming and looking forward to a great night of fun and full of laughs," Behrmann said.

Whether the Packers win or lose, the members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be talking, playing games, or eating food almost every other Sunday.

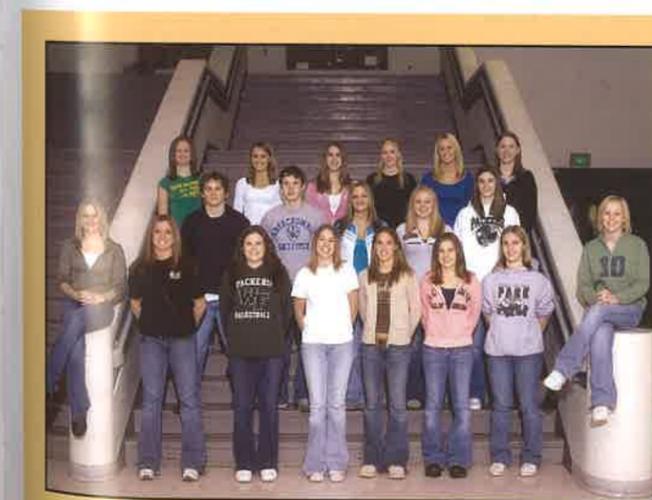
**“ I love it. It feels great knowing you are affecting students' lives. ”**

*--Senior Kelsey Peterson*

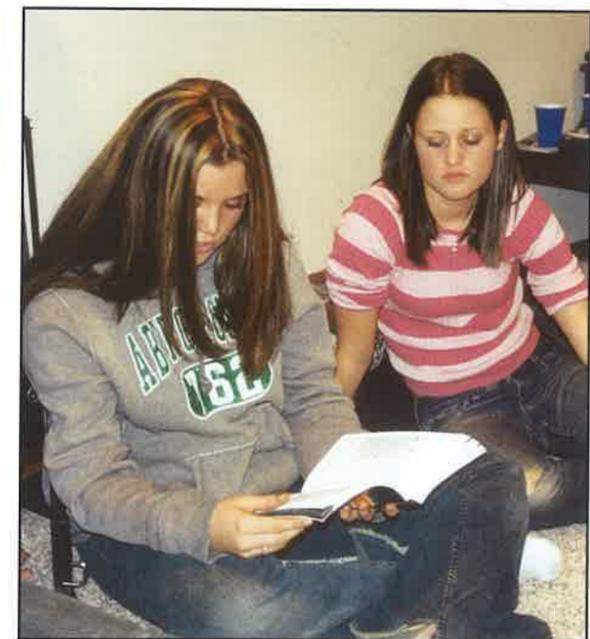


*Leader of the Pack*

While hosting a FCA meeting at her home, senior Misty Johnson leads the group in discussion. My favorite part about FCA is getting to know people and having some really fun discussions," Johnson said.



FCA: Front Row: Erisia Kroll, Angie Young, Stevie Fitzmaurice, Kari Rodgers, Jill Krasitz, Elizabeth Volk, Kelsi Woltz, Nicholas Rhesolt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Bill Behrmann, Luke Bakken, Kelsey Peterson, Misty Johnson, Ali Edwards. Back Row: Doretha Kroll, Abby Kiefer, Erin Behrmann, Chelsey Hildt, Sarah Parthasar, Nickie Helm.



*Listen carefully...*

While attending an FCA meeting at Misty Johnson's home, junior Angie Young reads from an athlete study bible and leads the group in discussion. FCA gives me something to do on Sunday and an excuse to hang out with friends instead of doing homework," Young said.



*Go Packers*

Pep rallies are fun and exciting, however, there are many things that go into planning them. We usually have to meet a few times prior to the pep rally. We come up with ideas for games who is going to bring what supplies what students should be called down for games, and who the MCs will be. The hour before we go to the gym and make sure everything is ready. Junior Hedy Lund said.



*Don't Fall*

During the Pep Rally, the basketball cheerleaders line up the students. I wanted to be part of a team that performs for a crowd, and I wanted to do stunts and compete. Junior Megan Emerson said.



Pep Club: Front Row: Kelsey Lund, Madelyn Melton, Christine Hare. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Jaeger Lund, Megan Lewis, Starla Hehner, Chelsey Peters. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Megan Emerson, Amanda Mickelson. Tracy Hark. Back Row: Coach Beverly Splittstaezer, Robyn Stromberg, Alessa Halling, Anna Thomas, Coach Heather Bouten.

Words by Trent Gehrig Photos by Krista Jones, Amy Foss and Kayla Whitaker

## Pep Rallies Bring Mix of Emotions Freshmen's First, Seniors' Last

On West Fargo hats off to thee, To our colors true we will ever be, Firm and strong united are we, Rah, rah West Fargo High, Rah, rah West Fargo High, Hats off to West Fargo High. There can be many different emotions walking in to the gymnasium, whether students are freshmen or seniors. The freshmen have the excitement of not knowing what will happen, and the uncertainty of what is to come. The seniors have been through it all before, but they have not been the big dogs, the top class, the kings and queens of high school. Most seniors would concur that being a senior at the pep rallies is the best.

Pep rallies have always been fun, but I have to say that being a senior at the homecoming pep rally has been the best by far, senior Kayla Mattson said. Some teachers do not enjoy pep rallies or have the same enthusiasm as the students. My favorite part of the pep rallies is when they are over, math teacher Duane Lura said.

Pep Club members have the best enthusiasm as they help to organize the pep rallies. Most of the Pep Club members are cheerleaders, who usually have pep in their step.

I think a lot of people that may want to join Pep Club do not just because they probably think it is only for cheerleaders. Not everyone knows anyone can join. If you don't join pep club, then I don't think you can complain if you don't like the pep rally activities, or anything concerning homecoming, because we plan all of that, senior Jamie Lund said.

The majority of students at West Fargo High School love getting pepped up, whether they are just walking into their first pep rally or experiencing their last.

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**“** Pep Rallies have always been fun.”

*-Senior Kayla Mattson*



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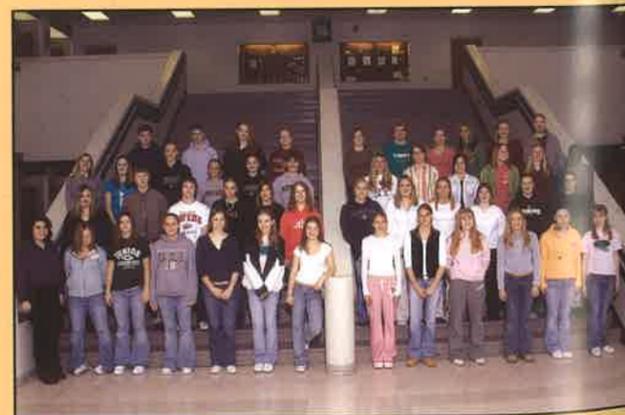
*Let's build a sandcastle!*

During the Westside Elementary Carnival, juniors Elyse Porter and Cacey Pasley supervise their game for Key Club. Key Club benefits the community directly through their projects; it does such as collecting food items or decorating nursing homes for the holidays, Porter said.



*Pick a Duck!*

While helping at a carnival, junior Brynna Thowbridge and freshman Michael Brown help the students play the game. I was always interested in volunteering and I heard Key Club was fun, so I started participating in Key Club freshman year, Thowbridge said.



Key Club: Front Row: Bria Hinton, Jerald Laramie, Lindsey Elka, Brynna Thowbridge, Alyssa Frank, Paige Adams, Alexa Stangorfer, Makayla Palmer, Jen Lundberg, Torie Jones, Elizabeth Erickson, Kati Oleseth. 2nd Row: Whitney Hoovesnik, Cain Gaudinger, Jim Brooks, Ashley Nix, Elaine Burchill, Jason Baker, Ashley Davis, Ashley Davidson, Kayla Huxo, Danielle Lamberto, Jessica Roth, Mia Walker. 3rd Row: Mikela Nelson, Dawn Kuchler, Tiffany Gaudinck, Ashley Luck, Nicole Hirtel, Melissa Gaudinck, Katrina Butler, Alexa Stangorfer, Rachel Gaudinck, Alana Kelly, Elizabeth Peterson, Karen Oagbo. Back Row: Josh Kolk, Josh Brown, Makayla Sledge, Courtney Bergman, Laura Quinn, Gaudinck Brown, Rachel Kuchler, Rachel Kuchler, Cacey Pasley, Elyse Porter.

## Key Club Volunteers To Help Ronald McDonald House

One house, many different people, some happy, some sad, all sharing their different stories.

The Key Club is an organization, sponsored by the Kiwanis, that participates in service projects for the community and school. Under the supervision of advisers Mrs. Christina Walker and Ms. Michelle Highman, one of the projects that Key Club has participated in is helping the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House is not the only one who benefits from the service provided by Key Club. The members of this school organization also find the experience beneficial.

It made me feel good to know that families with sick children could come home to a good meal, junior Ashley Davidson said.

Key Club has helped the Ronald McDonald House many different times. Every time they have gone to the Ronald McDonald House, they have done something different. Key Club members have their own ideas on

what to do and the workers at the Ronald McDonald House have told them what they needed help with.

Sometimes when we go to the Ronald McDonald House we make them supper, help clean and bake them cookies, junior Kayla Huxo said.

Davidson enjoyed cooking. We got to make tacos for the families, and even though most of them did not eat it then because they were at the hospital, it was there when they returned home, Davidson said.

Key Club members have the ability to choose which service projects they want to help with. They all have their own reasons for signing up to help at the Ronald McDonald House.

I decided to help at the Ronald McDonald House because I wanted to help out the community, junior Elaine Burchill said.

As a community service organization, Key Club has helped out the Ronald McDonald House by making supper and doing odd jobs around the house. Members choose to help out the community for reasons of their own.

*“I decided to help at the Ronald McDonald House because I wanted to help out the community.”*  
—Junior Elaine Burchill



# VICA Prepares for Futures in Industrial Careers

VICA is helping students all across the nation prepare for future careers in industry, technology or trade. Vocational Clubs of America teaches students many important skills needed to help them in their future careers such as workmanship, dignity of work and safety.

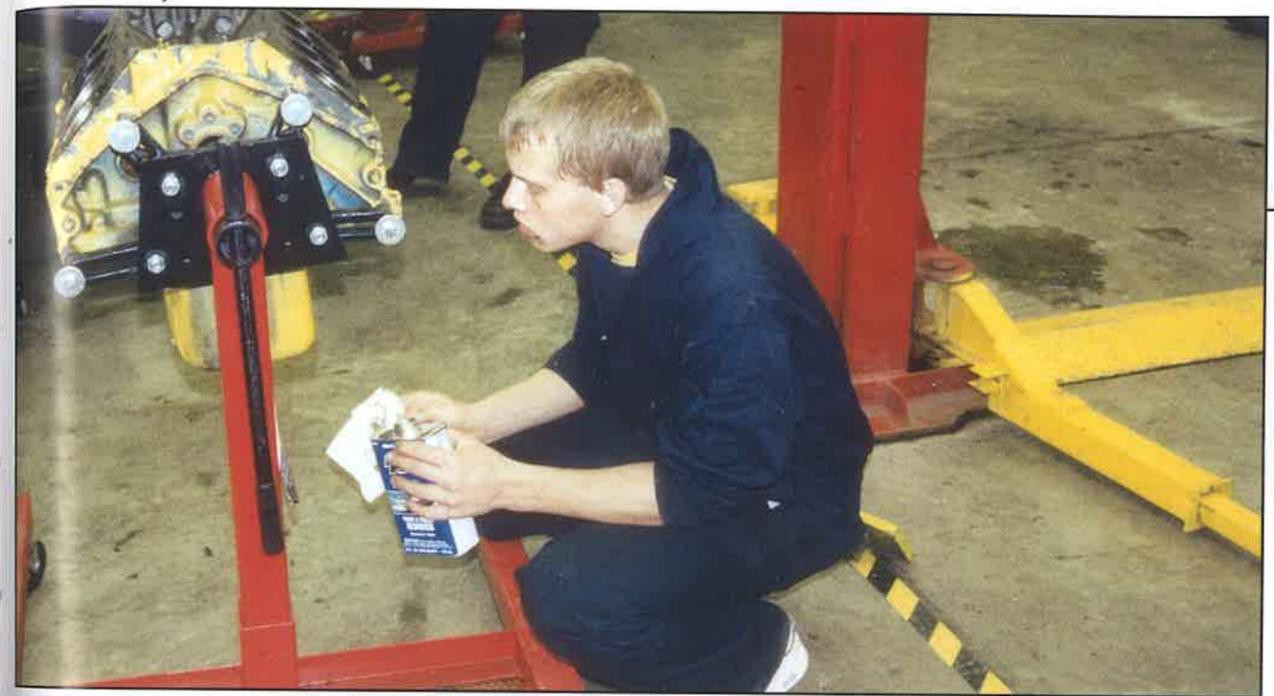
VICA stands for Vocational Clubs of America. There are VICA chapters all over North Dakota and the nation. Most of the members of the West Fargo chapter are students who are involved in a woods class or a recreational engines class. I got involved in VICA because I am in a building trades class, and I thought it would help me for a future career," junior Jason Muller said.

VICA students get to show what they have learned through competitions. There are local, state and national competitions in which students have the opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have learned. "I really like being involved in VICA. Last year I got to travel to Kansas City for the national competition," junior J.R. O'Hara said.

There are many different categories at competition. O'Hara was assigned an engine that had a problem, and he had to try to correct the problem as fast as he could. Vocational Clubs of America meet throughout the school year. Most of the time VICA meets at night after school for practicing and fun activities. With VICA you can have fun and learn at the same time, O'Hara said.

**“**...last year I got to travel to Kansas City for the national competition.  
**”**  
--Senior J.R. O'Hara

VICA helps students decide if they would like to go into related careers of work when they are done with high school. It has become a very popular field of work to go into because over the years there has been a growing demand for this type of work. VICA gives me the hands-on experience I can use later in life," junior Garson Hoovestol said. Vocational Clubs of America gives students at West Fargo High School an opportunity to have fun, meet new people and learn hands on skills that will help them for the rest of their lives.



*Hum...*  
In Rex Engren's junior job they Vance looks at a motorcycle engine trying to figure out what is wrong with it. There are plenty of things that students in Rex Engren accomplish. It's a fun environment and working with your hands to get things accomplished is cool. Vance said.



Derek Kraus, Jr. O'Hara, Jason Muller, Scott Staerkel, Araby Anderson, Chris Lundberg, Justin Thompson, Austin Wagner, Nolan Collins, Kirk Jensen, Row G. Steve Erntzen, Mike Doyke, Jean Farnow, Billy Longmuir, Ben Anderson, Josh Jones, Ryan Lask, Brent Miller, Travis Johnson, Dustin Wagner, Jordan Johnson, Last Row: Derek Ross, Mitchell Larson, Keaton Schmitt, Brent Siska, Eric Peterson, Grant Klies, Garson Hoovestol, Braxton Klevgaard, Brady Splattstein, Scott Olson, Jordan Johnson



*I hope this works...*  
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Front Row: Jerry Nordstrom, Cleveon Berg, Austin Scholten, Jesse Melby, Blake Swenson, Matthew Degering, Michael Hagen, Chad Bjeldum, Cody Skarnis, Tyrel Thomsen, Ryan Trevisan, Mr. Bob Burton, Row 2: Zach Hara, Luke Malinen, Matt Gilbertson, Greg Erickson, Thoma Sveinsson, Daniel Koetz, Jereb Erickson, Jared Lawson, Ben Johnson, Erwin Luett, Row 3: Justin Krueger, Jara Erfell, Kirby Jackson, Tyler Latta, Soklar, Brynner Trohn, Ian Anderson, Michelle Miller, Andar Storm, Brett Duren, Josh Steika, Kevin Bergan, Travis Uveng, Ben Row 4:

# Envirothon Members Promote Environment

Where does it live? What does it eat? What is dirt? Can I safely swim in the Sheyenne River with out developing some sense illness? All this and more are the ponderings of an Envirothon team member. Life's a circle, man, Envirothon advisor Sara Forness said.

Envirothon is an organization that helps students answer all of these questions and more. They work together and figure out ways to make the environment a better place to live.

Envirothon is an organization where we can all come together to better the way we live. It promotes awareness of environmental issues and allows students to learn about the ever changing world around us, senior Chris Kuhn said.

The Envirothon team prepares all year for their state competition. The competition involves identifying animals, trees, and plants. The students talk about environmental issues and give speeches. At every meeting they learn about different issues that are affecting the environment today.

Every week we learn about a new issue that is happening in the environment. We learn how to correct problems the world is facing, senior Amy Foss said.

In the future the Envirothon team members will use what they know and prepared for to help save the planet.



### Are you sure?

During an Envirothon meeting sophomore Chelsea Henderson listens to Mrs. Sam Forness. It is an fascinating learning about all the different animals that live around here, Henderson said.

### Envirothon

Front Row: Maggie Laiburg, Michelle Harwell, Chelsea Henderson. 2nd Row: Theresa Sathier, Melissa Forness. Back Row: Mrs. Forness, Peter Quinn, Sara Forness.



# Science Olympiad Teaches Lifelong Skills

What do problem solving, critical thinking and research have in common? They are all part of what goes into a successful Science Olympiad member.

Science Olympiad is an organization directed toward students interested in learning more information in many different scientific fields. I get to learn a lot on subjects not taught in school, senior Callin Bailey said.

The educational value of Science Olympiad comes in many forms. Students compete in different events challenging them to use higher levels of thinking. I have learned to use skills such as critical thinking and on the spot planning to solve problems, sophomore Madeline Bailey said.

Taking such an interest in science has led members to agree that they will continue using what they have learned in Science Olympiad later in life.

Meeting a few times a week, the members of Science Olympiad choose various events in which they believe will give them a challenging educational and fun experience. We meet more if needed to get ready for Regional and State competition, group leader Mr. Joe Bailey said. Mrs. Jill Wold also helps coordinate Science Olympiad.

No matter how gifted a student may be in science, there is always something new to be learned. By joining Science Olympiad this can satisfy the persons want to become more educated in science.



### Get Ready

Freshman Steve Burrows is ready to pull the string to shoot the rocket off. It's fun, but at the same my rocket landed in front behind me. The impact was so great that the rocket cracked into the rocket, Burrows said.

### Science Olympiad

Front Row: Melissa Gustafson, Courtney Bergman, Coley Bailey, Emerald Laiburg. 2nd Row: Mr. Joe Bailey, Madeline Bailey, Arden Rutler, Justin Zum. Back Row: Peter Wachoball, Steve Burrows, Zack Mermels, Casey Gault.



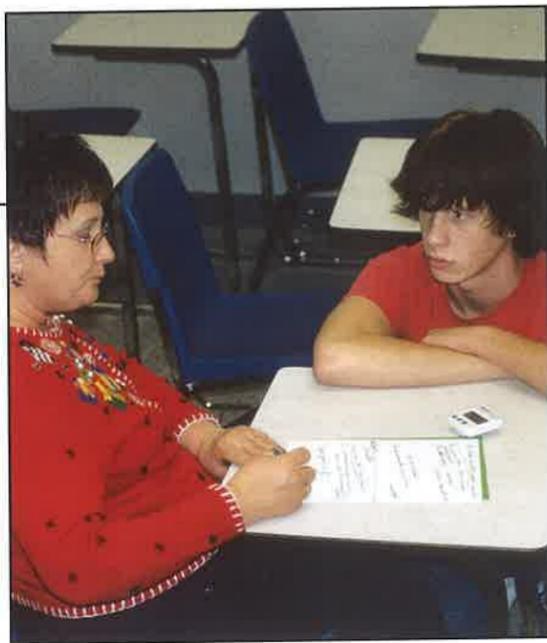
*Attention everyone...*

During speech practice, junior Molly Siegart practices her speech. There are many different categories that speech members compete in. My favorite speech category is Extemp. I like Extemp because it changes every week and challenges me. Siegart said.



*Let's see here...*

During speech practice after school, senior Christopher Kuhn looks over his speech with English teacher and Speech coach Carleen Poczewski. Getting up in front of people to give speeches isn't the easiest thing I try not to think about, and I keep my self busy, Kuhn said.



Front Row: Alex Eberding, Jaden Fedors, Melissa Pytko, Sade Kiser, Kayla Harter. 2nd Row: Brezdan Gerk, Kean Flinn, Lisa Anderson, Grace Lucas. 3rd Row: Kayla Bond, Kean Hooks, Timothy Stuber, Tessa Jones, Paul Neary. 4th Row: Miss Carleen Poczewski, Joseph Gorman, Kristin Damm, Tracy Clark, Katherine Pittman. Back Row: Mr. Knobel, Stephen Ball, Brenton Kierley, Josh Wolff, Kristin Leffink.

## Speech Member Rises to Top Neary Goes to Nationals

Competitions, practices and dedication are all qualifications that a serious speech member must endure throughout the course of the year-round speech season.

Junior Paul Neary is one of those members who spends his time wisely while practicing for the speech team at West Fargo High School. He is also trying to out do his last years' exceptional accomplishments during his sophomore year of his speech career.

After taking first at the West Fargo Invitational last year and consistently placing relatively high at other various tournaments around the North Dakota area, Neary attended nationals in Salt Lake City, Utah. Unfortunately, he did not place among some of the best speech participants across the United States. Although nationals was a trying experience, he felt the chance of being in a national tournament was very rewarding and exciting. The best part of going to nationals was seeing all the amazing competitors and getting to be

friends with people from all over the country, Neary said.

Neary plans on attending the national speech competition again this coming summer. He feels that a lot of all his accomplishments are attributed to his hard-working and dedicated coaches Mrs. Carleen Poczewski and

Ms. Jennifer Gledhill. The advisers of speech not only help their students prepare for their meets, they also deal with the little details. They work with me and put up with me a lot, Neary said. Neary only hopes to improve his speech skills throughout the year in order to do well or even place at the national competition.

Neary hopes to take his communication and speech skills with him into the future as well. I plan on becoming a teacher, so speech will help me communicate

more effectively with the kids, Neary said.

Neary is an excellent example who shows that practice, patience and preparation can drive one's motivation towards excellence in everything they do when trying to accomplish a goal.

**“** [The advisers] work with me and put up with me a lot.”

*--Junior Paul Neary*



# Talent of Choir Shines In Performances Throughout Community

Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol-La-Ti-Do! Besides the daily rehearsals and the various concerts at the high school, West Fargo's choirs perform at different locations to display their talent and abilities to the public. These performances range from concerts at the high school to performing around the Fargo-Moorhead area.

For some, these special events in choir are the most exhilarating experience. It can also be a way of getting the school's name out to the public.

Most of our performances are in the theater, but we also do special events. We went to the Veterans Administration Hospital and sang for some of the veterans, and this year we are going on tour," senior Anna Driscoll said.

"With all of the special events going on and the four main concerts, the fall, Christmas, spring and the choir awards concert, it is very important that all choir members be present at the events. Working together as a group is important for choirs success.

If some do not show up for the concert, it screws up the whole balance of the group. Every person plays a specific role of the choir and without everyone, our performance will suffer," junior Brenda Francis said.

**“** We are all like a big family, and we have a lot of fun together.”  
*--Junior Ashly Cofell*

Great experiences, friendships and familiarity can all come from being a part of choir and putting on special events. Choir members find the time they have together as being rewarding and worthwhile. Each of the members find a personal satisfaction in putting on performances for people in the community.

Getting to go and sing with other choirs around the state is a great experience. I personally love being in choir. We are all like a big family," junior Ashly Cofell said.

Choir is an incredible opportunity for kids to show their talents to the public through song and make great memories along the way. Choir students put in a lot of time, effort and dedication to make a difference in the community.



*Do-Re-Mi*  
 During rehearsal for the chamber choir, director Mr. Jeff Mueller leads the girls through singing exercises. The most rewarding part of teaching music is enjoying the response of my students to the beauty of the art, Mueller said.



**Concert Choir:** Front: Susie Alkayak, Brenda Francis, Tiana Jovic, Jenna Hyde, Alana Johnson, Tiah Gendron, Katie Peterson, Krissy Lohdekt, Gabi Baker, Alana Hegyok, Arvenda Kesteloh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Maddie Baker, Alana Alkayak, Ashly Cofell, Sam Schmidt, Tiah Nelson, Anna Driscoll, Brenda Francis, Katie Schmidt, Rachael Knechtman, Argo Hart, Mallory Hayes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Anna McIlvren, Ms. Mueller, Jazzy Bachmann, Casey Gilbertson, Quigley Brown, Davi Hansen, Lisa Novack, Taylor Johnson, Jacob Smart, Heather Hanson, Back: Macy Schultz, Erin Mee, Lauren Dekker, Nick Mitchell, Jack Nery, Anna Dekker, Erin Sjogren, Joe Greiner, Brad Kauter, Hilary Breen, Hayley Johnson.



**Chamber Choir:** Front: Mirenda Lieberow, Grace Lantz, Arden Savstrom, Rachael Hillstrom, Kaitzelin Patton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Ashley Helm, Gus Morrison, Elini Voeger, Jazzy Lopez, 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Haley Niskall, Jenna Jahn, Julia Whittle, Alyssa Jacobson, Jenna Flappertinger, Mitchell Gray, Maddie, Back: Kaitly Anonick, Madeline Hillery, Jessica Eberoth, Jenna Nelson, Quizer, Brauch, Stephanie Oyvik.



## Art Club Members Share Inspirations

Inspirations of artists are as varied as the artwork they create. The artwork on display at West Fargo High school includes inspirations from nature, inanimate objects and inner conflicts. A blank canvas calls to the admiring artist for inspiration.

The Renaissance Era inspires senior Andy Hegel, copresident of the Art Club, for some of the works he creates. I grew up watching the teenage mutant ninja turtles. Michelangelo, Leonardo and Donatello were my heroes as a kid, and I have loved that era ever since, Hegel said.

Art club and classes also help inspire young artists by exposing the budding artists to many different types of art materials. These materials can be used in many different ways. You can draw or paint whatever you want. Materials are readily available, copresident of the art club, senior Megan Laburg said.

However, Hegel and sophomore Andrea Samsten agree their primary inspiration comes from their feelings. Feelings are very important in artists' works. Paper and pens can be a vent for an artists' inner moods. Ideas and different things that I see inspire my art work, Samsten said.

Whether it is a persons feelings or their favorite childhood cartoon, artists have many inspirations for their artwork.



### Bingo!

Senior Andrew Hegel plays an exciting game of Bingo at the Art Club Halloween party. The people in Art Club have all played for many different reasons. The prizes I have for art will last forever and Art Club is something that inspires my passion, Hegel said.

### Art Club

Front Row: David Hopkins, Megan Laburg, Andrea Samsten, Brittain Gokshier, Tiffany Steinhilber, Nick Lantz, Andrew Berman. Back Row: Darren Spahr, John Davis, Andy Hegel.



## Technology Advances Students

According to executive director of national TSA, Rosanne T. White, Technology education today plays an increasingly important role in preparing students for life and work in our constantly changing world. Three of West Fargo's students have similar beliefs as White regarding TSA.

I think that it helps you get out there and see the competition in the real world. If you aren't prepared for real life situations like that, you are going to have a tough time later in life. So it helps benefit me by getting me ready for real life situations, senior Andrew Hardy said. The competition that TSA develops can be applied when a student goes to college.

TSA helps students prepare for college life. The technology I use in Technology Students of America is becoming broader and broader every year and I am learning new things from new people. With my new knowledge in these technologies, I am getting one step ahead of other people when it comes to anything tech. I believe I am even more prepared for what college has to throw at me, senior Kevin Pomey said.

TSA is very beneficial when it comes to preparation for real life. Three of West Fargo's students Larson, Hardy and Pomey will all benefit from this organization. Students looking for something to do after school could consider joining Technology Students of America.

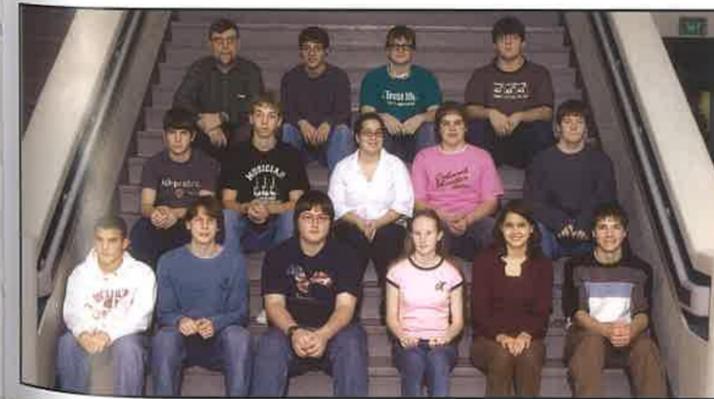


### Look At This

During a TSA meeting after school, sophomore Tim Stalder takes a look at some pictures for the TSA competition. I joined TSA because I was in Multimedia Computer and I wanted to do something with what I had learned, Stalder said.

### TSA

Front Row: David Johnson, Derek Fara, Derek Ogerson, Kevin Pomey, Alexei Tsinguz, Brian Harmon. 2nd Row: Dawn Johnson, David Morrison, Haylee Holke, Tim Stalder, Aaron Reddough. Back Row: Mr. Richard Ombia, Andrew Berman, Nick Liljequist, Steve Barasa.



*Play that funky music...*

Showing their Ficken spirit, junior Reed Montgomery, sophomore Sam Morrison and Samantha Wöhler and senior Gabe Heed play in the sax section for Pep Band. My favorite part of pep band was having fun with both bands playing and having a good time. Wöhler said.



Concert Band. Front Row: Mr. Benston, Andrew Sanderson, Jared Vialz, Heather Ulen, Sam Lantz, Megan Mallett, Josh Berden. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Alyssa Jorgensen, Jason McChellen, Brandon Kuschl, David Baltazar, Justin Molano, Zach Klein, Andrew Albrecht, Sam Morrison. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Matthew Ruzzing, Brandon Labung, Ryan Salter, Brian Schaller, Brian Herz, Darren Spier, Mark Schultz, David Tibbock. Back Row: Alex Lee, Nick Harach, Emile Labung, Alex Jensen.



Symphonic Band. Front Row: Melissa Gering, Jeremy Olson, Marissa Harsh, Kelsey Lantz, Owen Brodus, Ashley Dennis, Kayla Anderson, Danika Viggsaa, Jarrod Barlow, Mr. Bamblorn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Elizabeth Pedersen, Ashley Morrison, Janice Schottelwies, Crystal Nelson, Ro-Jell Karchulizer, Ashley Rhoads, Molly Siegrist, Samantha Berda, Amy Ellidge, Alex Sheehan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Kern Hooks, Amberly Rasmussen, Heather Harzow, Sasha Harz, Samantha Wöhler, Stacy Verdum, Reed Montgomery, Melissa Gering, Chelsea Henderson, Jon Kulk. 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Greg Gantzkow, David Morrison, Laura Orphan, Michael Dreyer, Lindsay Volker, Dan Savage, Colin Garlanger, Ashley Loffenmaier, Travis Sanderson, Tracy Olson, Brett Anderson. Back Row: Peter Wiedelid, Danielle Koesterman, Gregilyn Brown.

# Music Lingers On After Band Performance

The drums thump to the beat, trumpets sound, and a mixture of other instruments play a melody that floats in the air. With all this music comes performances and with performances comes fun places to perform.

The bands this year, Concert, Symphonic, and Variety Band, get the chance to perform at many different places and each one is anticipated for different reasons.

Some of the places the band gets to perform at are the West Fargo High School theatre, NDSU Band Festival, pep band events, tournaments, and State and Regional Music Contest. Many students look forward to the NDSU Band Festival the most.

A tremendous amount of practice goes into each performance.

It is hard to get each individual part to fit together like a puzzle, but the most rewarding part of band is making music, playing difficult music well, and being in tune, band president, senior Danika Viggsaa said.

Students in band also work on other aspects of music that help them grow as a musician.

We get to write our own pieces of music, which is cool! sophomore Brian Schaller said.

Each instrument has their own special place in the band and some students even compare their instrument they play to themselves. Many students in band are able to play more than one instrument.

I love trumpet, the instrument is very much a reflection of my personality, junior Greg Gantzkow said.

Through all the rehearsals that go into each performance, the band works together to create beautiful music. Each instrument makes its

own unique sound, but as a group they sound unified. The band is really just a group of fun, music-loving students who don't mind putting in a little extra work to make the best music they possibly can.

**“** The most rewarding part of band is making music. ”  
~ Senior Danika Viggsaa



# Ensembles' Hard Work, Dedication Pays Off In The End

What do the Harlem Globetrotters and a small ensemble have in common? Both are a specialized group of people with talent and dedication beyond belief, which they use to entertain an audience.

Small ensemble is a general term, which covers percussion ensemble, jazz ensemble, jazz band and Madrigal singers who practice day and night to excel their skills.

The students that participate in a band ensemble began playing at a young age. This usually begins in sixth grade.

The members of an ensemble are very dedicated to what they do. Those that are dedicated enjoy playing and don't mind giving their extra time that is involved.

It is not an easy duty being in an ensemble. It is very time consuming and you have to be at school early in the morning. Even though being on a small ensemble takes a lot of dedication, I enjoy every part of it," senior Robert John said.

The hard work and dedication pay off especially when a member from

a small ensemble enjoys what they are doing. Early morning practices are not the only attribute to dedication.

Dedication plays a key role in the lives of many West Fargo students who participate in a small ensemble group.

**“ In percussion ensemble dedication is necessary to succeed in the group.”**  
--Senior Creighton Brown

In a percussion ensemble dedication is necessary to succeed in the group," senior Creighton Brown said.

When dedication occurs in a group students will become closer.

Friendship can also play a vital role in an ensemble.

Dedication can only go so far, but the bond between friends in an ensemble is what keeps dedication alive," senior Peter Wiederholt said.

The friendships can evolve into long-lasting relationships throughout the school years.

Only a select group of students play or sing in an ensemble each year. The years of dedication for these students has paid off. If a student does not believe the common phrase, practice makes perfect, try and see, then just ask a member of small ensemble for their opinion.



*Friends and music mesh well*

Ensemble members have a chance to meet new people and improve their musical skills. I like ensemble because its fun to hang out with friends and making a day of school to perform nice. Its also a good way of learning how to listen to carefully to other people playing instruments. Megan Millett said.



*Tut Tut Tut*

Members of jazz band believe the experience is fun. They enjoy jazz band because its fun to be with friends and Mrs. J is an awesome teacher," freshman Andrew Morison said, something to do on Sundays and an excuse to hang out with friends instead of doing homework," Young said.

*Yaaaa!*

Freshmen Austin Jensen and Michael Brown come to school at 7:30 AM every Monday and Friday morning to practice for jazz band. It was hard, but it is worth it in the end because its fun," Brown said.



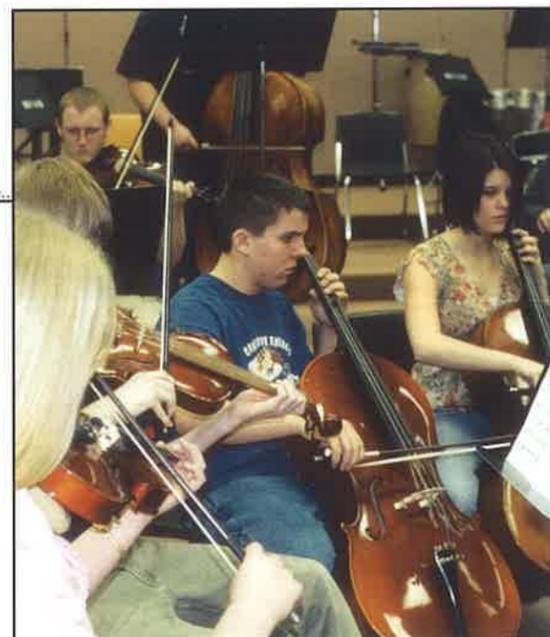
*June it up!!!*

Senior Savannah Ernst works hard to fine tune her favorite instrument, the violin. Orchestra was a great experience and it was really fun. If I had to go back and choose an instrument again, it would definitely be the violin. I love to play, and my teachers from 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up were great and fun. Ernst said.



*Practice, Practice, Practice.*

Orchestra students work hard to learn how to play their instruments. I enjoyed being able to play an instrument, maybe not good, but I still know how to play, freshman Jordan Holtz.



Orchestra: Front Row: Nicholas Bailey, Brandon Trott, Galen Bailey, Alan Johnson, Ryan Parker, Elizabeth Pakenzie, Brittan Spence. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: James Lambertz, Corey Nelson, Frank Koenig, Anna Dracoll, Savannah Ernst, Megan Byarsoda. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Gerry Paskey, Leah Schmitt, Paul Neary, Stellan Palki, Evelyn Bauer. Back Row: Alan Rubin, Dawn Lambertz, Adam Bennett, Cody Nelson, Angela Jackson, Alayn Zink.

## Practice Makes Perfect for Orchestra Members

An anonymous person once said, Practice is the best of all instructors, and when it comes to playing musical instruments, practice is a key factor in how the pieces turn out. The instructors play a large roll in the perfection of pieces as well.

Usually you work on a solo piece for three to four months before you take it to a competition, but when it comes to concert music, it only takes about two months to get that piece of music ready for performing it in front of an audience, senior Anna Dracoll said. That is the average amount of time spent outside of school, but there is even more time spent during the school day preparing pieces of music for the concerts.

**“** To get the most out of practice time you should work only on one spot at a time.”  
--Senior Chantel Cummings

practice and lessons are not the only thing that the students involved in orchestra focus on. They need to decide how to prepare the piece of music while practicing it.

To get the most out of practice time you should work only on one spot at a time, instead of the whole piece at once. That way, you perfect individual parts so when you put the whole piece together it sounds good right away. You should also practice with a metronome to make sure that the tempo and counting are even, senior Chantel Cummings said. There is a lot of thought and consideration put into the way the students practice their pieces during the time they put in.

The quote, Practice is the best of all instructors, is true for almost all members of orchestra in many

ways, but all of the orchestra participants agree that their instructor is also very helpful when preparing a piece for competition or for a concert because they know how the music should sound and they will help orchestra members reach their goal when perfecting their pieces of music.

You are required to have one lesson per quarter which is really helpful because you get to work one on one and get direct feedback from the instructor. Each lesson will end up lasting about 30 minutes, and most people have two lessons a quarter, senior Angela Jackson said. Months of



# Drama Students Work Together to Achieve Excellence

Lights, camera, action! The school plays flow smoothly during performances. This could not be accomplished without the long hours of practice and time spent putting everything together.

Being in drama requires a lot of hard work and dedication. The students in drama go to their classes eight hours of school and then spend up to an additional four to five hours rehearsing for the play. We practice for two months and go from four to eight thirty throughout the week, freshman Megan Chastani said. Practices, on occasion, may even extend into the weekend.

The actors are not the only ones who work hard to help pull the show together. There are many different elements that are needed for the show to be successful. The props, music, dance numbers and other effects are needed to make the show complete. There's the cast, tech crew, directors, set designers and if it is a musical, choreographers and conductors, freshman Erin Behrman said.

It takes more than just actors to make the play a hit. The rest of the staff adds a lot and completes the show. Some of these staff members include the people who design the posters that advertise the play, which the public is welcome to attend. These staff members help make the play become a success in the community. Without the talent of the rest of the staff, the show wouldn't be nearly as successful, director Ms. Megan Gredesky said.

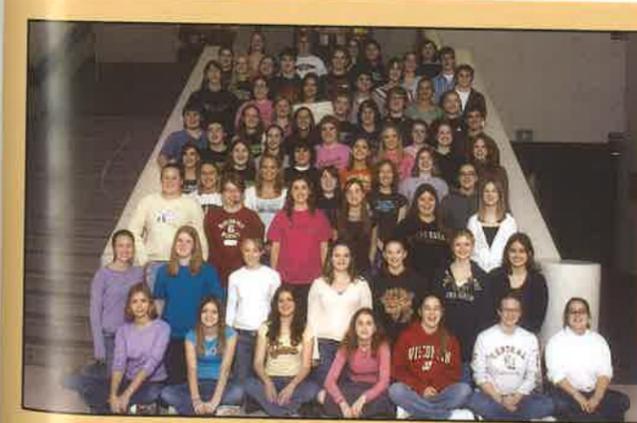
**“It always comes together in the end.”**  
*-- Ms. Megan Gredesky*

One might wonder if the actors feel like they need more time to practice and if the staff members feel like they need more time to put the show together. I think it is enough time. It always comes together in the end, Gredesky said. Everyone that sat in the audience and watched the play would agree that the show not only comes together, but the performances are amazing.

From toes tapping to voices singing, a lot is put into the whole play. No matter how hectic things get before the curtain goes up, the drama department always puts on an excellent show.



*Left Step-Right Step-Left Step-Left*  
 While working on their production of *Left Step-Right Step-Left Step-Left*, teacher Bill Behrman and student Chastani take the night away. I enjoy the opportunity to express myself in a different character but with my own style. Behrman said.



Back Row: Alyssa Peterson, 9<sup>th</sup> Row: Gassy Gilbertson, Leah Schmidt, Candice Cummings, Bradley Kuumina, Kristen Damm, Melissa Schiller, Wilson Behrman, 10<sup>th</sup> Row: Amy Walen, Joseph Connor, Mallory Buckley, Alicia Johnson, Nichole Mitchell, 11<sup>th</sup> Row: Marissa Chino, Stephanie Ovidio, Brianna Ashburn, Back Row: Abbie Young, Adam Tapp, Erin Behrman, Ms. Megan Gredesky



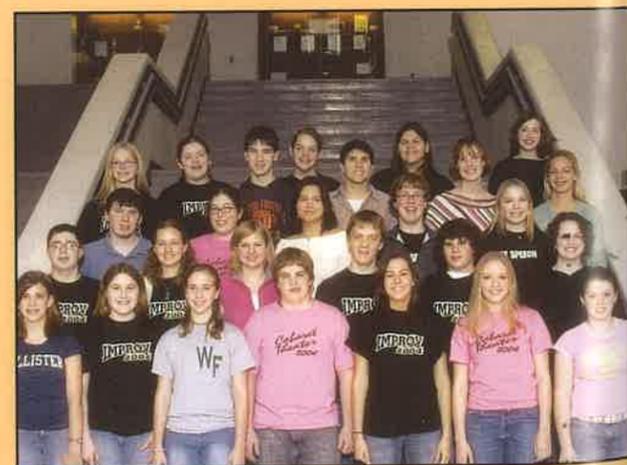
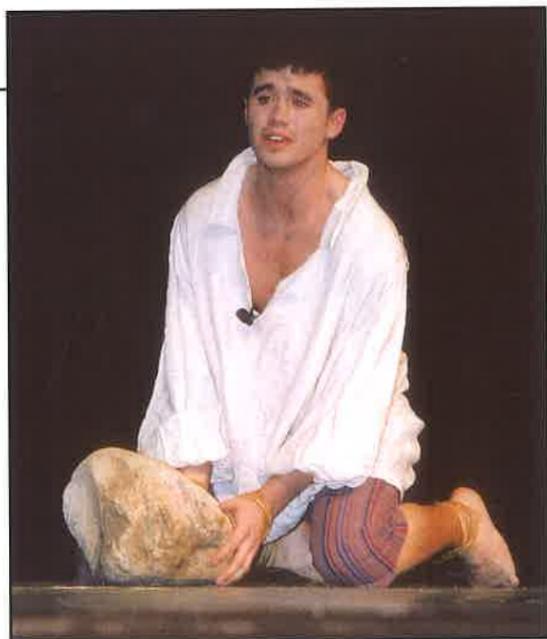
*Hard Work*  
 Setting up for the upcoming play *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* at West Fargo High, freshman Mags Nichol and Abbie Young do some last minute painting before the opening on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The actor will be dancing and singing their hearts out. I really liked painting all the different pieces I helped build, because I felt like I did something, Nichol said.



*Down for the count...*  
 During performance of the annual play, senior Angela Hunt and Mary Schaller wrestle as part of their parts. This was the last performance for both as main cast members of the WFHS theater department. Considering he has an early show since I started high school, performing for the last time was a surreal, indescribable feeling, Hunt said.



*Could this be any heavier?*  
 During Senior Showcases, senior Jordan Schaller portrays his character with passion. I performed 'The Proposal' from 'Titanic: The Musical.' I didn't know how the song was to be staged, so I performed it as a show in a rock opera Schaller said.



Comedy/Improv: Front Row: Ashlee Feders, Brittany Walter, Sydney Crowe, Timothy Bullen, Angela Hunt, Tessa Jones, Megan Shander. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Jacob Bechtold, Amanda Paulina, Melina Pydik, CJ Hollar, Leahy Bohm, Madeline Bailey. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Jared Zimney, Leah Schaller, Charliel Cummings, Paul Neary, Kathryn Peterson. 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Amy Miles, Joseph Linnon, Bradley Kwanins, Kristen Davis, Melissa Schaller. Back Row: Stephanie Gwilt, Malory Stueby, Brezza Ashburn, Ms. Megan Gredesky.

## Seniors "Showcase" Singing, Dancing, Acting

It is the last show of the year, and every year it has ended the same. People crying, saying goodbye and having one last hurrah. That is every senior in drama gets the chance to give one last performance for friends and family.

This last performance has been lovingly called the Senior Showcase. Seniors in drama have the chance to show off their best talents. They are able to do what they are best at on stage. This is also a time to relive favorite memories.

Senior Showcase is something for seniors to do, so they can express themselves in any way they want, senior Sasha Hand said.

The students in drama both look forward to and dread this last encounter on the stage. They get to do whatever they want and do what they love. They perform on the stage in front of others. Some have performed a scene from a play, performed a song or even staged a fight. Others have displayed costumes they have made or scene design.

that they have worked hard on to create.

I think Senior Showcase is entertaining to watch, and the seniors that have done it found it kind of fun because you can do it if you want and you get to choose what you want to do, senior Kathryn Peterson said.

Even the directors get into the Senior Showcase. They help the students, support them and sometimes cry with them. Even though this is an old tradition started years ago by Ms. Mary Knox-Johnson, the new Director, Ms. Megan Gredesky, has decided to continue the tradition.

Senior Showcase is a good idea, a great way to give seniors the chance to conclude their high school career and show how hard they work, Gredesky said.

Senior Showcase has been the last performance in the West Fargo High School Theater for the seniors in drama for a long time. It is a special event for all involved and it will remain in the students' memories for years to come, as well as those of the future seniors.

*"I think Senior Showcase is entertaining to watch"*  
 ~ Senior Kathryn Peterson



# Free Speech For All, Newspaper Students Fight For Their Rights

For some people words come easy, for others it is best when the words are written down. Words can tell a story or an opinion, inform, invite and entertain. Words are powerful, whether spoken or in written form. That is why freedom of speech is so important to those who take newspaper as a class.

For those who participate on *The Packer* staff, its important that their voices and opinions are heard by the students and by the community.

It is important because we are a student-run publication who wants to please the student body. We like to have the student body's opinion for a better story, junior Alison Kelly said.

Freedom of speech is a right, but comes with censorship.

Because *The Packer* is a student publication, distributed throughout the school and community, its important to write words that are appropriate to the audience who will see the publication.

"We have a reasonable amount of freedom. We believe fully in the 1<sup>st</sup>

Amendment, but there are things that need to be censored," junior Kayla Whitaker said.

It can be difficult for some students to have their opinion heard because of the guidelines they must follow when writing their stories. These guidelines must follow the style guide for journalism and the laws regarding slander and libel.

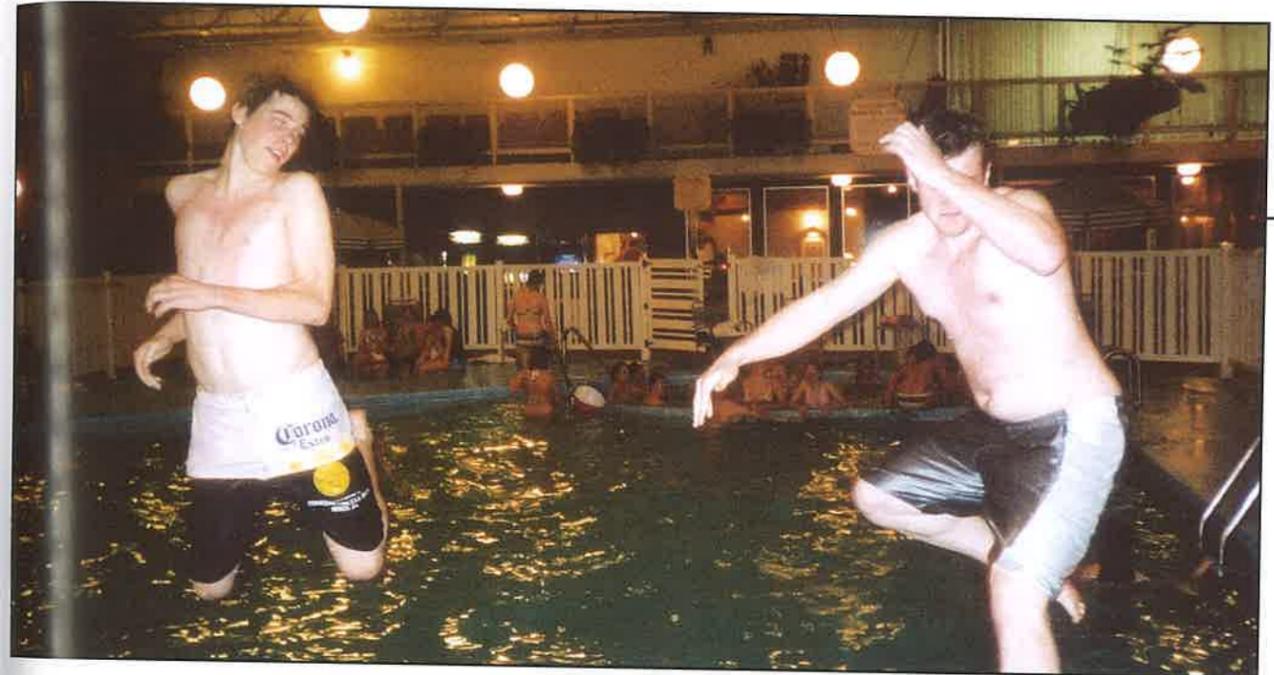
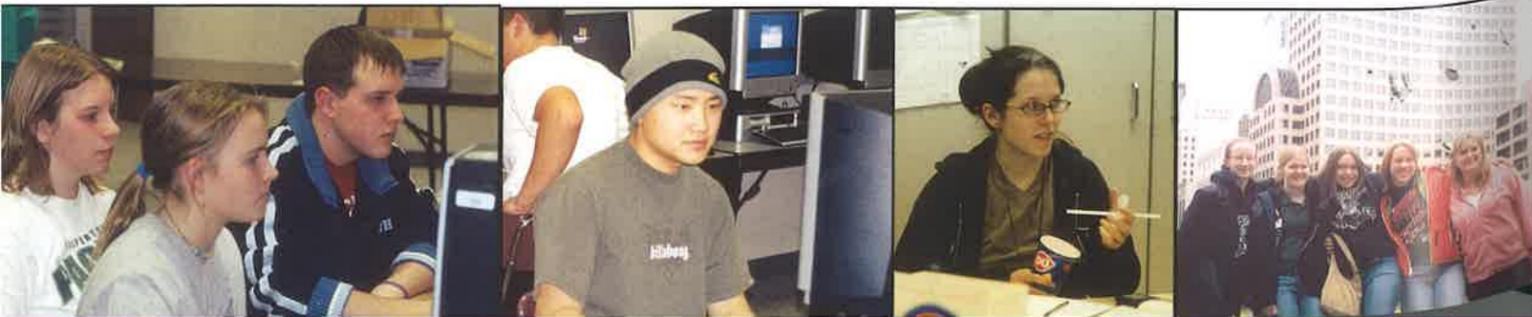
There is a certain way you have to write, (for example writing) in a certain tense, and the format is different from other papers," senior Katie Peterson said.

In newspaper students are continually working on stories and finding new topics to cover to improve *The Packer*. These members work extremely hard. But its hard when most of their is work outside of class.

"I believe that we could do a better job on covering stories that NEED to be covered," Whitaker said.

"There are rules to follow and laws that hold journalists back from complete freedom of press, but feel they should express their opinion,

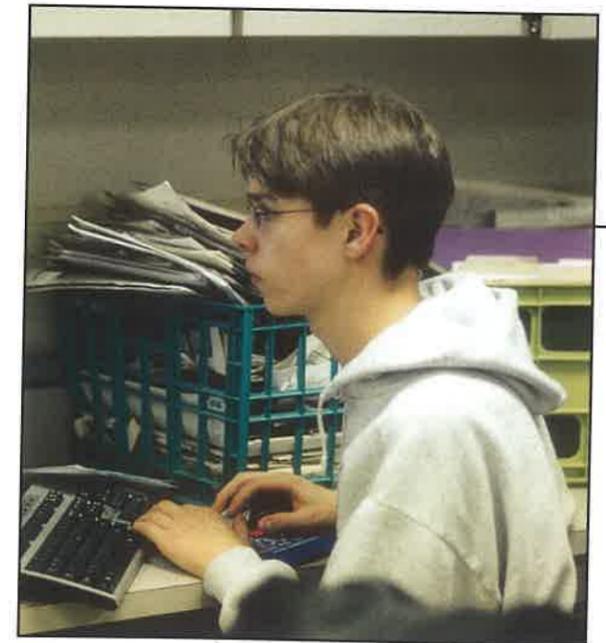
**“ We like to have the student body's opinion for a better story.”**  
-junior Alison Kelly



*Watch what I can do!*  
While at the Ramble Inn in Great Falls for the state publication contest, senior Nick Laquast thought it would be fun to show off his awesome belly flopping abilities. I thought it would be a fun thing to do and being to do it with other Laquast.



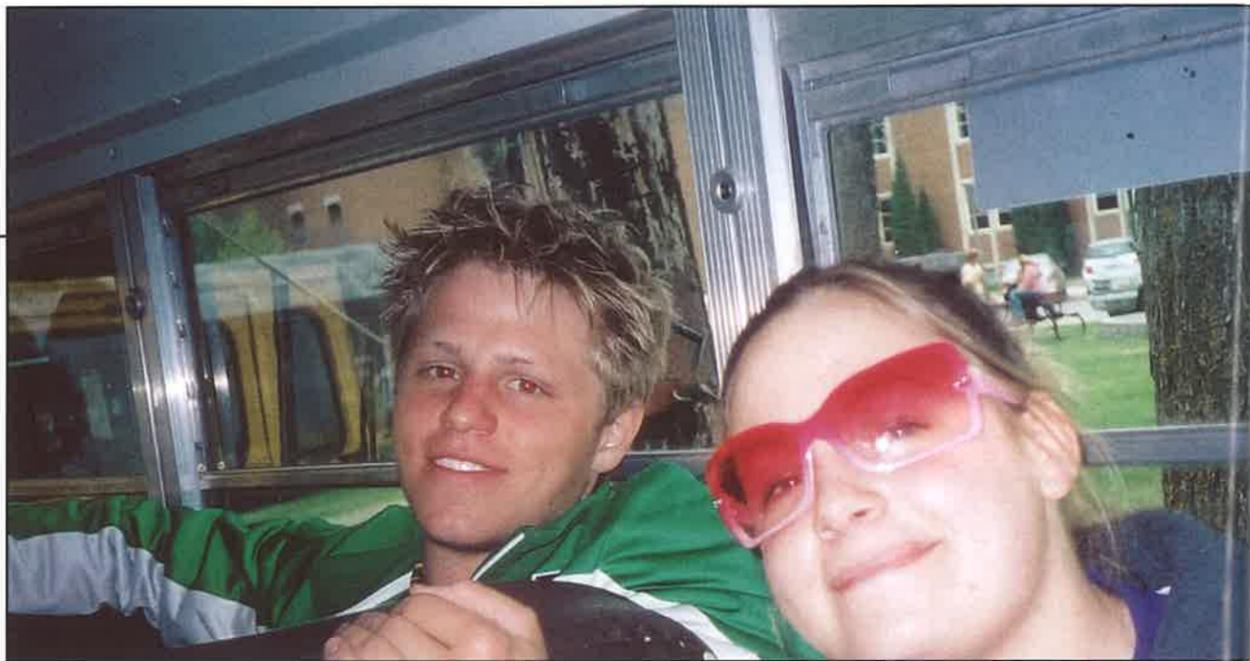
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*What do I do next?*  
During layout night, senior Ben Kuehler designs a page for *The Packer* newspaper. Now paper is a computerized that allows you to work without being tied to a desk for the entire when print layout to see your work published in the paper every month. Kuehler said.

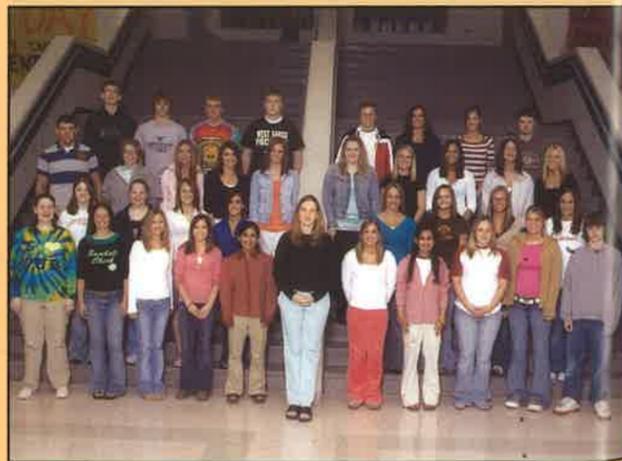
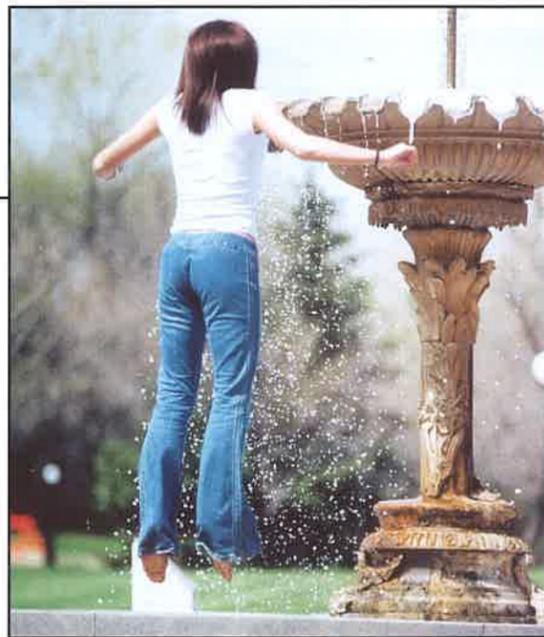
*This is tough work!*

Hanging out on the way to NIPA, yearbook senior editors Todd Volk and Rachel Lagerl talk about their job on staff. Being one of the senior editors this year, I helped design and come up with ideas throughout the yearbook. Volk said.



*And the winner is...*

At NIPA, senior Amy Fox turned in a set of four winning photographs including the action shot of junior Jesse Matterson. Fox attacked NIPA for the first time this school year. It was my first time going to NIPA, so I didn't know what to expect. I was awarded first place in photograph and honorable mention in editorial concerning Fox said.



Yearbook Front Row: Alyssa Jones, Maggie Nichols, Haylee Prent, Tiana Peters, Shezam Fayyaz, Mrs. Meghan Brown, Chelsea Lagerl, Mahan Fayyaz, Rachel Lagerl, Sam Feltz, Mike Young. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Angel Retzlaff, Kim Stullen, Abby Kellen, Ashley Helm, Richelle Schnepf, Kelley Peterson, Sadie Mathson, Stan Monson. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Trent Gehrig, Madison Nicholls, Trisha Burven, Jesse Matterson, Amos McEwen, Ashley Davidson, Amy Fox, Ingrid Gantlebury, Jonny Olson, Keith Rodgers. Back Row: Brenden Bubach, Kyle Heger, Jared Hartkamp, Mike Mencke, Todd Volk, Amy Young, Makell Han, Jared Miller.

Words by Abby Monson Photos by Ashley Davidson, Amy Foss and Krista Jones

## Yearbook Students Put in Additional Time at Layout Nights

Deadlines, revising and eating good food is what a typical yearbook layout night consists of. Four nights every semester, the yearbook classes meet for extra work time to complete the yearbook. For a student, it is optional to attend more than two layout nights, because only two are needed a semester to pass the class. Layout nights normally begin at 4:30 and last until everything gets done. Students come whenever they can, and stay for however long they are able to. Some students have extra-curricular activities so they may not be at layout night as long as others, but they are still expected to work just as hard or even harder. A student only needs to attend a layout night for only a little more than a couple of hours.

junior Sadie Mathson said. Tasks may include checking names for spelling errors, designing page layouts and editing proofs.

With layout nights, comes a good meal. Many students agree that this is definitely one of the best parts of layout nights.

There is always excellent home cooking and good drinks, senior Kyle Heger said. Students volunteer to bring different food items to a specified layout night at the beginning of a semester. This leaves every layout night complete with a main dish, dessert and drinks.

Many students on yearbook staff also believe that layout nights are very beneficial to the completion of the yearbook. It is very beneficial because it allows the students to get certain pages in the yearbook done.

"We get a lot done at layout nights. It's a chance for everyone to be there and edit proofs," senior Stan Monson said.

Overall, the extra time students take to help out assures that the yearbook will be ready and well put together for printing and distributing.

**“** We make sure we are up to date on the things that need to be done. **”**  
--Junior Sadie Mathson

During a layout night, different students take on different tasks to help complete portions of the yearbook and make deadlines. Doing this makes sure everything gets done in the least amount of time. "We make sure we are up to date on the things that need to be done,"



Listen up

While sporting her gangster apparel, Mrs. Mary Jo McKay reflects on her favorite thing about teaching. Paybacks-Im no different than the students in the ways and means of revenge. More importantly, having fun with the students brightens each day, McKay said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)

What's next on the agenda?

During the STLF (Students Today, Leaders Forever) meeting, junior Derek Mattson and sophomore Jason Carrivosa go through the new business for that meeting. "I learned the hard way that it was a good organization, so I joined and soon found out it was all true," Carrivosa said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)

Here's how you do this...

During publications class, senior Kristen Daun shows senior Nick Bruggeman how to lay out the page. "I'm very satisfied with my high school experience. I achieved my goals, made friends with all kinds of people and made the most of my time," Daun said. (Photo by Jenny Olson)

Um...what was that?

During a Youth Leadership meeting, junior Anna Kiefer and sophomore Jerad Daal discuss their task. Meeting new people and getting Domino for lunch during Youth Leadership was my favorite part, Kiefer said. (Photo by Jesse Mattson)



Get out of my way

During the home game against Grand Forks Central, junior Kayla Huso fights her opponent for the ball to keep her team in the lead. "When we get down, I use that as a way to motivate myself to play that much harder. I remind myself that the game is far from over, and I go out and give it my all," Huso said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)

Want to fight for it?

During prom dress hunt, Samantha Schmitt of Kato Community Center was chosen. "Some dresses are harder than others to make. If we both liked the same prom dress, we'd wrestle for it, and I'd win. So I'd probably get the dress," Katie Schmidt said. (Photo by Scherling Photography)

Say Cheese

During state FBPA, junior Ben Wolden, seniors Brendan Babach, Rickelle Schreppel and Jon Gentrax, before the awards ceremony. "FBPA was a great experience. I had a lot of fun getting to travel with my friends and meet new people who also are interested in the business world," Wolden said. (Photo by Karl Rodgers)

She's going the distance.

Senior Amy Foss is determined to finish strong. "I keep myself motivated during the race by trying my hardest to earn points for the team," Foss said. (photo by Abby Moran)

*Such talent...* Sharing their Christmas spirit, members of the staff sing carols outside the office the last day of school before break. "Silent Night was my favorite song to sing that morning. I enjoy the beauty of the music and the words. This song strengthens my faith," principal Mr. Gary Clark said. (Photo by Stacy Morrison)

*I think we're gonna win this thing...* During the PowderPuff game, the junior team takes a break to catch their breath. Many juniors were surprised by their win. "My best memory from PowderPuff was being one of the only junior teams to win," junior Holly Knutson said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)

*Does this look okay?* Used to be making her last poster for yearbook class, senior Brienne Gebke notes that layout night was much more enjoyable than making signs. "I really like coming to layout nights because they are fun and you get to eat and visit with friends while doing work," Gebke said. (Photo by Ashley Davidson)



The year has come and gone with countless memories to look back on. Every time this yearbook is opened it will feel as though you are reliving each page once again, déjà vu. Many students will remember the homecoming victory 47-8 over Devils Lake, or the junior girls winning the PowderPuff game for the third time in West Fargo's school history, but 2005 was also the last year for three remarkable teachers. Mr. Duane Lura (35 years), Mrs. Peggy Spitzer (33 years) and Mr. Fred Danke (33 years) were teachers that have dedicated a great deal of time to the students at West Fargo High School. A special 'thank you' is entitled to these teachers for upholding WFHS's mission to teach lifelong learning skills that develop responsible citizens respectful of themselves and society in an ever changing world. Saying goodbye to these teachers and the class of 2005 was difficult for many, but *The Yearling* has captured the memories of the 2004-2005 school year, so anytime you miss the friends, classes and teachers of the school year, open this book—it will feel like déjà vu.

Words by Rachel Lugert

# John Loberg

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jim and Amy

# Sarah Schmidt

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Erik and John



# Jessica Hajek

We're very proud of you!



With love!  
Mom, Dad and Joshua

# Brady Splettstaszer



Congratulations Brady!  
We love you, Mom and Dad!

# Trisha Burner



F.M.  
ACRO  
TEAM  
Captain

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Congratulations!  
We are very proud of you!  
Love, Mom and Dad

# Rachel Lugert

Congratulations!



Love,  
Mom, Paul, Jamie, Katie

# J.R. O'Hara

Goodbye W.F. High  
Thanks for the Memories!



# Danielle Klatt



Congratulations Danielle!

Love Mom, Dad, Joseph and Heather

# Jared Miller



You have a great future ahead of you.  
We're very proud of you!

Your Family



# Joni Grant

You've come  
a long way  
baby!

# Amanda Silbernagel

Amanda

You are a wonderful daughter and sister  
and a true delight to have in our family!  
You have been a blessing to us and to many  
others whose lives you have touched &  
'cared for' along the way. May you continue  
to use your many gifts in meaningful ways  
in your future and rely on God to direct  
your paths. We are very proud of you!



Jeremiah 29:11

Love you always,  
Dad, Mom,  
Chris and Josh

# Katie and Samantha Schmidt



When you were born, we were doubly blessed.  
You brought us nothing but pure happiness.  
We enjoyed the dancing, the singing and the playful  
days! And we pray your futures are full of many happy  
days!  
Love, Dad and Mom,

# Michelle Miller

Congratulations!



Love  
Mom, Dad, Derek and Kayla

# Mallory Shirley



Congratulations  
Your family

# Ashley Delorme

Congratulations!

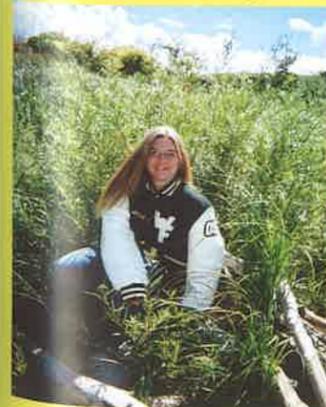


We love you!  
Dad, Mom, R.J., Tyler, & Brandon

# Alicia Rohr

Congratulations!  
We're proud of you!

Love,  
Mom and Tonya.





# Lindsay Stokes

Congratulations!  
We knew you'd do great.

Love,  
Your family

# Billy Longmire

Billy!!!!

Eighteen years ago your pummy began  
you always made us wonder what would become of our little man  
You never stopped amazing us on how hard you would work  
You over came your weaknesses and never accepted defeat  
And no matter how you struggled always landing on your feet.



Understand that you amaze us and truly make us proud  
If it would not embarrass you we would yell it out real loud  
Thank you for the journey that you have taken us on  
And during all that you go through we know that  
Step by step you will make your dreams come true.

Congratulations, you deserve it all and more!!!  
Love, Dad, Mom and Tiffany

# Kyle Hager



Congratulations, we love  
you,

Mom and Dad.

# Cassandra McDonald



Congratulations Cassiel  
Were proud of you!

Love  
Mom, Dad,  
Trisha and Amanda

# Bill Behrmann

Congratulations!



We love you!  
Mom, Dad, and Erin

# Staci Monson



Congratulations

Mom, Dad,  
and Eric

# Joseph Ackerland



Great Job Son!  
Love Mom, Dad, and  
Brianna

# Rachel Lugert

Congratulations!  
Daddy's Little Girl



All My Love, Dad

# Brendan Bubach

Congratulations Brendan!

We Love you.



Dad, Mom, Kellen, &  
Kirsten.

# Karli Rodgers



We're So Proud  
From Mom, Dad, and Cassie

# Angela Jasken and Sarah Tintes

Angela and Sarah

You were born a day apart  
Sharing memories from the start  
Here you are today graduating with a friend  
May a lifetime of friendship never end.

Love, Joe, Amalia and Mike Tintes  
Steve, Lori, John and Jesse Jasken Family



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Love, Mom  
and Dad



# Creighton Brown



We are so proud of you  
and love you all the way.  
Mom, Dad, and Syd

# Alex Sheehan



Congratulations  
and good luck at UND!  
Love,  
Your Family

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District Lakes Insite	3rd	2nd
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Orbury	2	1
Fargo South	3	1
GP Red River	3	0
Dock Lake	3	1
Valley City	3	0
Williston	3	1
Jamesdown	3	1
Fargo North	2	3
Stanley	3	2
GP Central	3	0
Stanley	2	1
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	Jazz	1st
	Pom	2nd
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Valley City	5	4
Williston	2	7
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Grand Forks Central	1	8
Grand Forks Red River	1	8
West Fargo/Fargo Insite	1st 13th Place	
Jamesdown	3	6
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# Football

## Opponent Packers Them



Barnack Ordinary	18	21
Jamestown	44	22
Flagg North	38	17
Deak Lake	47	8
GP Red River	35	0
Shanley	6	0
Walpole	12	8
GP Central	6	10
Flagg South	21	28
STATE PLAYOFFS		
Minot	21	20
Flagg South	6	21

# Girls Swimming

## Opponent Packers Them



Flagg South	104	82
GP Central	42	60
GP Red River	66	37
Detroit Lakes	104	82
Shanley	71	31
Walpole	70	30
Jamestown	104	82
Moorhead	118	68
Flagg North	85	101
Jamestown Invite	268	3rd PLACE
Minot Pentathlon	325	2nd
Minot Invite	273	4th
UND Invite	266	3rd
West Flagg Quad	356	2nd

Flagg South Invite	2135	4th
EDC Tournament	253	2nd
STATE	208	5th

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West Flagg Invite	339	5th
Shanley Invite	352	6th
Red River Invite	332	7th
Walpole Invite	351	9th
Detroit Lakes Invite	346	8th
Central Invite	310	6th
Minot Invite	340	5th
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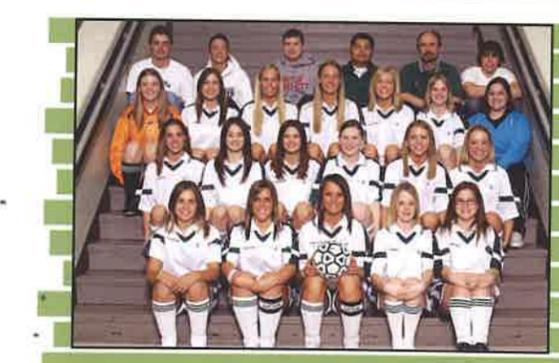
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# Girls Soccer

## Opponent Packers Them



Shanley	5	2
Barnack Ordinary	0	5
Barnack St. Marys	0	2
Flagg North	3	1
Minden	5	0
Barnack	0	0
Deak Lake	12	0
Shanley	2	1
GP Central	3	1
Flagg North	0	3
Flagg South	1	3
GP Red River	1	1
GP Central	5	0
Barnack Ordinary	1	4
Jamestown	1	1
GP Red River	0	2
Deak Lake	8	0
Flagg North	1	2
Minot	2	5
Barnack St. Marys	1	8
Flagg South	1	1

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# Boys Soccer

## Opponent Packers Them



Barnack Ordinary	2	1
Jamestown	4	0
GP Red River	0	4
GP Central	2	1
Flagg South	1	4
Moorhead	3	3
Crookston	2	3
Shanley	0	0
Deak Lake	2	1
Minden	8	1
Barnack St. Marys	1	2
Flagg South	0	3
GP Central	1	3
Detroit Lakes	1	2
Flagg North	0	5
GP Red River	1	3
Shanley	7	1
Flagg North	4	1

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Barnack Ordinary	1	2 (OT)
Minot	1	2
Flagg South	0	4

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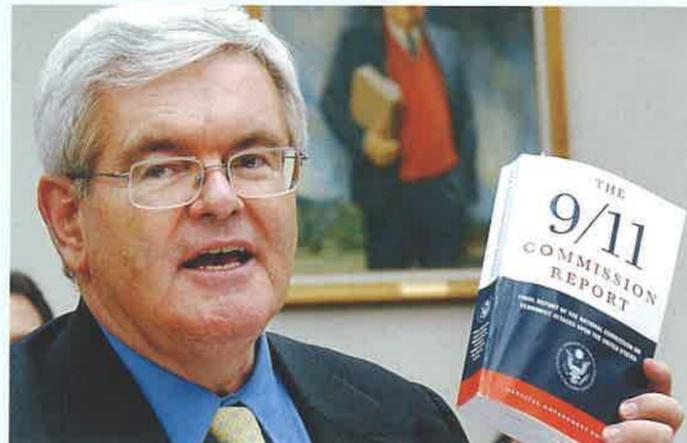


# American Events



**NO HANGING CHADS THIS TIME.** In one of the bitterest presidential campaigns in history, George W. Bush persuaded Americans not to change captains during the storm. Despite his widely unpopular war in Iraq, Bush (with wife Laura, above) was re-elected with 51 per cent of the vote, beating Democrat John Kerry. At his inauguration, Bush left no doubt about his second-term goal, declaring: "It is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world."

(AP/Fabio Martinez Monsivais)



**MISSING THE SIGNALS.** The 9/11 Commission Report, written by a bipartisan panel including former Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich (above), takes some major swipes at both the George W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations for not identifying the signs that seemed to indicate an imminent terrorist threat in the months leading up to Sept. 11. Also problematic to Bush were reports that clearly showed Saddam Hussein did not have any weapons of mass destruction—the main reason Bush declared war.

(AP/Dennis Cook)



**SLASH AND BURN.** In response to a record-setting deficit in 2004, which soared to \$413 billion (overall debt is an astounding \$7.4 trillion), George W. Bush's first budget in his second term called for cuts to Medicaid, food stamps and child-care assistance. The Pentagon's budget increased by nearly five per cent, but that does not include a further \$80 billion being spent this year to cover costs associated with rebuilding Afghanistan and Iraq.

(AP/Lea Jin-man)



**RIGHT TO DIE?** In an emotional struggle played out on the world stage, the husband and parents of Terry Schiavo fought bitterly over her right to life. Fifteen years after suffering a debilitating heart attack (leaving her in a near vegetative state) and 13 days following a court order to remove the 41-year-old Floridian's feeding tube, Schiavo died in her husband's arms. Her parents, as well as right-to-lifers across the country, argued, to no avail, that it was inhumane to starve her to death.

(AP/Schiller)



**CHANGING OF THE GUARDS.** Condoleezza Rice, the classical pianist and avid football fan who as national security adviser loyally supported the invasion of Iraq, is only the second woman and second African-American to be appointed Secretary of State. Rice replaces Colin Powell (right), who resigned after four years on the job.

(AP/Dennis Cook)



**WHO THOUGHT WE HAD A SHORTAGE?** Contamination problems at a plant in England resulted in 48 million doses of flu vaccine—half of the U.S. supply—being scrapped in October, causing health officials to ration flu shots for just high-risk patients. But since fewer people came forward for their shots, a surplus of five million shots materialized by early 2005.

(AP/Ethine Thompson)



**A LOOSE WIRE.** After using his grandfather's .22-caliber gun to kill the 58-year-old policeman and his girlfriend in their Red Lake, Minn. home, Jeff Weise drove to his high-school and killed five students, a guard and a teacher, before taking his own life. The 16-year-old's rampage was the worst school shooting in the U.S. since 1999, when two students killed 12 classmates, a teacher and themselves at Columbine High School in Littleton, Col.

(AP/Ann Hellewell)



**BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES.** Just after one unwelcome guest left, another arrived. During a six-week stretch, four major hurricanes (Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne) battered Florida late last summer and early fall. The storms killed 117 people and destroyed more than 25,000 homes. Damage totalled more than \$42 billion.

(AP/Gregory Bull)

# American Events



**THE LADY'S BACK IN BUSINESS.** Although you can no longer climb the entire 22-storey staircase to her crown and only small groups are permitted to visit at a time, the Statue of Liberty reopened in August 2004 for the first time since security concerns after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. (AP/Mike Dier) (AP/Mike Dier)

**BLOWING HER TOP.** For the first time since 1986, Mount St. Helens in Washington state erupted—sending a huge plume of ash into the air and forcing airlines to cancel and divert flights. But, thankfully, no evacuations were required and no lava oozed from the volcano—making it nothing like the eruption in 1980 that killed 57. (AP/T.J. Mullin) (AP/T.J. Mullin)



**LEAVING A LEGACY.** A B-movie star in the 1940s and '50s, Republican Ronald Reagan won the presidency (at 69, the oldest to enter office) in 1980. During his eight years in the White House, the congenial and popular Reagan erected conservative economic policies ("Reaganomics") and also faced down the Soviet Union, leading to the end of the Cold War. He died at 93, after a decade-long battle with Alzheimer's. (AP/Bob Galbraith) (AP/Bob Galbraith)



**HIS TRUE SUPERPOWERS.** After *Superman* star Christopher Reeve was paralyzed from the neck down in a horse-riding accident nine years ago, the world bore witness to his true powers. His commitment to spinal cord research helped raise tens of millions until his death, at 52, of heart failure. (AP/Ilse) (AP/Ilse)



**CELEBRITY JUSTICE?** After 23 weeks and 184 witnesses, Scott Peterson was found guilty of killing his 27-year-old wife, Laci, and unborn child. A California judge subsequently sentenced him to death by lethal injection. The Peterson saga, which started as a missing person's case, riveted the nation, receiving daily TV coverage and celebrity-like treatment in tabloids and magazines. (AP/Fred Larson) (AP/Fred Larson)



**TIME TO GO PUBLIC.** Google made a big hit with its highly anticipated debut on the stock market. Shares of the world's leading search engine shot up 18 per cent on Day 1 from an opening price of \$85. Google's market value is more than \$55 billion—greater than General Motors and Ford Motor combined. (AP/Kathy Willens) (AP/Kathy Willens)



**FREE AT LAST.** Now that her five-month prison sentence for obstructing justice is behind her, Martha Stewart is trying to repair her battered image with several TV projects—including an *Apprentice*-type show produced by *Survivor* creator Mark Burnett. (AP/Mary Alkaffer) (AP/Mary Alkaffer)

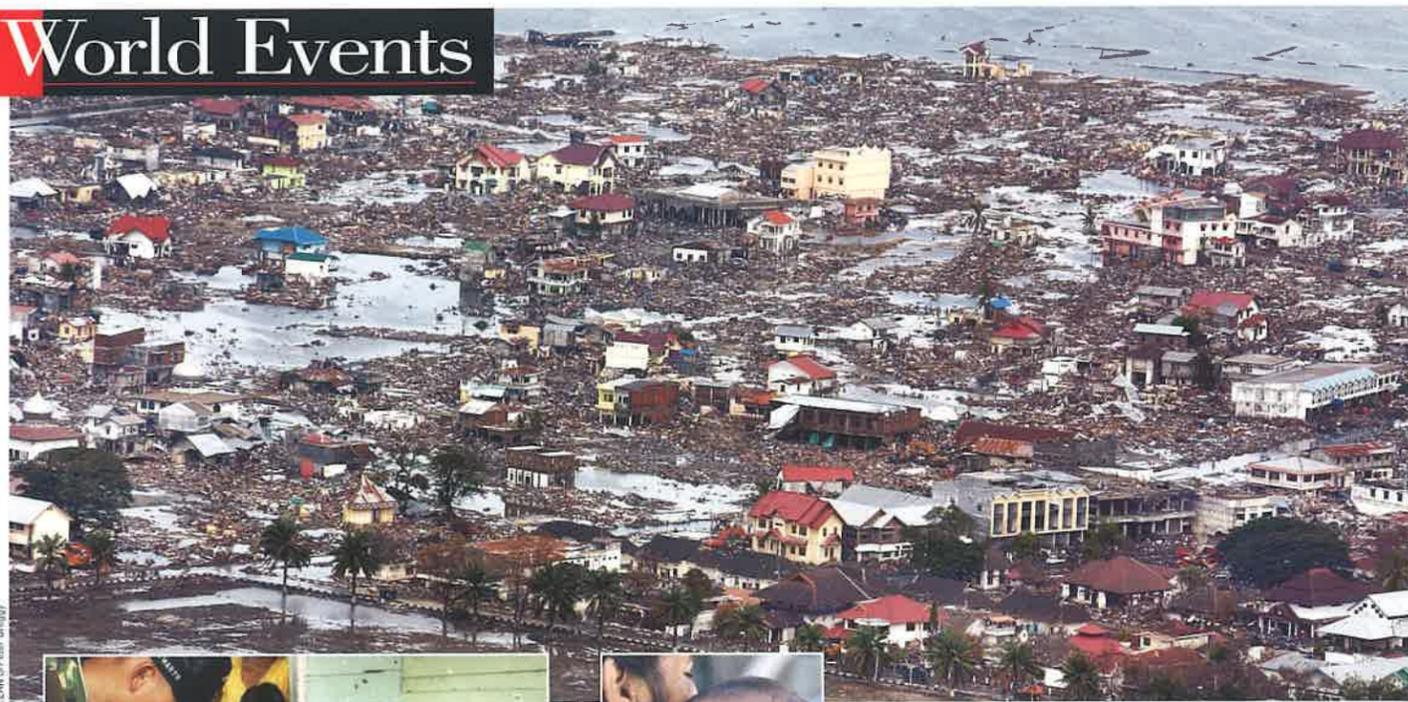


**JUST THINK OF THE BARGAINS.** In an effort to compete with Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, rival Kmart last year swallowed up Sears in an \$11 billion deal, creating the third largest American retailer. Together, the two companies have 3,500 stores. In another \$11 billion deal this year, the country's largest department store company, Federated Department Stores, which owns Macy's and Bloomingdale's, bought May Department Stores, which owns Lord & Taylor and Marshall Field's. (AP/Laura Rauch) (AP/Laura Rauch)



**A MORAL DILEMMA.** The same-sex marriage issue is splitting the nation. And though polls indicate that a large majority of Americans are against legalizing same-sex marriages, a proposed amendment to the Constitution to outlaw them was defeated in the Senate, thanks to a handful of Republicans who went against George W. Bush's wishes. As of January, Massachusetts was the only state that recognized same-sex marriages. (AP/Jonathan Hayward) (AP/Jonathan Hayward)

# World Events



(MACLEAN'S/Peter Bracco)



(MACLEAN'S/Peter Bracco)



(AP/Danilo Amador/Anadolu)

**BEYOND WORDS.** More than 250,000 people—mostly women and children—were swept to their deaths in one of the greatest natural disasters in world history. An undersea earthquake in the Indian Ocean measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale created a tsunami that devastated the shores of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, South India and Thailand with waves up to 50 feet high. Some 200,000 alone died in Banda Aceh, Indonesia (above). The tragedy also resulted in a global outpouring of support—with \$8 billion, including \$1 billion from the United States, pledged

by public and private sources worldwide. Two months after being found in the debris left behind in the tsunami's wake on a Sri Lankan beach, a four-month-old boy nicknamed Baby 81 (center inset) was reunited with his parents. Eight couples had claimed the baby as their own, and the dispute went to court while the infant remained in a hospital. Finally, his birth parents gained custody by proving through a DNA test that he was their child.



**END OF AN ERA.** There's no question that Pope John Paul II was one of the most influential leaders in the 2,000 years of the Catholic church. In his 26 years at the helm, before his death at 84, the first Polish-born pontiff helped bring down Communism in the Soviet bloc and stayed true to his socially conservative views. Because of his charisma, John Paul became a cultural icon and was well-known for reaching out to youth and visited 130 nations, including the U.S. five times.

(AP/Gregorio Borgia)



**A FRAGILE PEACE.** There may be some hope for the beleaguered people of Sudan. A deal between the northern Islamic government and southern rebels may end 21 years of civil war. There is even hope that the deal might help those in Sudan's western region of Darfur, where 70,000 people have died from war-related diseases and hunger and another two million have fled their homes since 2002. The UN has called the Darfur situation the "world's greatest humanitarian crisis."

**TRANSFER OF POWER.** Until his death last year at 75, Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat struggled to secure a homeland for his people. Although considered by Israelis and the Bush Administration as a terrorist roadblock to peace, Arafat received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994. Mahmoud Abbas was elected to replace Arafat and pledged to curtail violence in his quest for a Mideast peace.

(AP/Muhammed Muheisen)



**THE ORANGE REVOLUTION.** His enemies tried to stop him with poison and ballot-stuffing, but Viktor Yushchenko ultimately triumphed over Ukraine's authoritarian regime. Backed by a spontaneous people-power movement that brought millions to the streets, Yushchenko—his face disfigured by 6,000 times the normal level of dioxin—led the fight to nullify a fraudulent presidential election and win the run-off campaign.

(AP/Danko Vojinovic)



**CLASSROOM HORROR.** Terrorists seem to have no depth to their evil. Just as classes began last September in southern Russia, heavily armed Chechen militants took hostage more than 1,100 people, most of them children, in a local elementary school. Demanding independence for Chechnya, where Russian forces are involved in a bloody conflict with separatists, they terrorized their hostages for three days. In the end, 27 of the 30 hostage-takers were killed (the other three were arrested) but 330 people, including 186 children, died in a hail of gunfire.

(AP/Sergey Ponomarev)



**THE FACE OF TORTURE.** The world was shocked at the photos of Pfc. Lynndie England and other U.S. military personnel gleefully humiliating and torturing Iraqi inmates at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad. The Pentagon denied condoning the treatment, and though England's fate is still to be determined, several others involved have received prison time.

(AP/Chuck Burton)



**FIT FOR A PRINCE.** Prince Charles wed long-time girlfriend Camilla Parker Bowles, ending years of speculation about the couple's future. Their relationship, which dates back to 1970 when both were in their early 20s, was described by Diana, Princess of Wales, as a contributing factor in her divorce from Charles. And although the royal family, including Charles's sons, gave its blessing, there's a catch. If Charles becomes King, divorcee Camilla may not be called Queen, but Princess Consort, instead.

(AP/Tim Ockenden)



**THE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY.** Iraq's post-war election was deemed a success, even though about 40 people were killed in bombing attacks while trying to get to the polls. But the violence didn't discourage eight million Iraqis from choosing their first elected leaders in more than half a century. Meanwhile, the near daily acts of terrorism continue as more than 1,500 U.S. troops and tens of thousands of civilians have died since the invasion in March 2003.

(AP/John Moore)



**TRAIN WRECK.** In a calculated terrorist attack rivaling the 9/11 World Trade Center bombing, al-Qaeda operatives detonated bombs almost simultaneously on four crowded commuter trains in Madrid during the morning rush hour, killing 191 people and wounding more than 1,600. The bombs came days before an election in Spain which led to the defeat of the pro-Iraq war government.

(AP/J.J. Guillen)



**THE NEW KING OF POP.**

With his idol Michael Jackson dealing with courtroom issues, Usher has stepped up and become the world's hottest pop music artist. The three-time Grammy Award nominee (including album of the year) is also looking to branch out and make a name for himself on the big screen, with a starring role in the romantic comedy, *Dying for Dolly*.

(ABACA/Debbie VanStory)



**LIFE'S LESSONS.** Kanye West has come a long way back from a horrible car accident that almost took his life in 2002. Last year, the L.A.-based DJ/producer (Jay-Z and John Legend) released his debut CD, *The College Dropout*, which earned him 10 Grammy nominations and three awards—rap album, rap song and R 'n' B song. (AP/Reed Saxon)



**SOULFUL SONGSTRESS.**

A classically trained pianist, Alicia Keys (left) took home four Grammy awards, including Best R 'n' B album for *The Diary of Alicia Keys*. And her duet with childhood friend Usher (*My Boo*) hovered near the top of the charts for most of 2004. (AP/Reed Saxon)



**ROCKING FOR A FREER WORLD.**

More than two decades into their career, U2 is as good as they've ever been. *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* earned the Irish rockers three Grammy Awards—including best rock song (*Vertigo*). And frontman Bono continues to be a thorn in the side of Western world leaders, as he fights for the rights of those suffering in developing nations. (AP/Kevoik Djansezian)



**GIVE ME THE FUNK.** Maroon 5, a soulful L.A. band, exploded onto the music scene thanks to a couple of tunes from their debut CD, *Songs About Jane*. Their first single, *This Love*, helped to earn the group a Best New Artist award at the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards and the Grammy for best new artist. (ABACA/Debbie VanStory)



**A NEW DAY.** With their first original album since 2000, pop-punkers Green Day released *American Idiot*—which is heavily inspired by their distaste for George W. Bush. Their seventh CD earned the trio—fronted by Billie Joe Armstrong—their first No. 1 debut on *Billboard's* charts and the Grammy for best rock album. (AP/Kevoik Djansezian)



**GETTING IT STARTED.** Thanks to a breakdancing background, the members of Black Eyed Peas have the fanciest feet in the music business. Although they formed in 1995 and subsequently released two albums, it wasn't until 2003 when they added Fergie, a sharp-tongued vocalist, and released *Elephunk*, which won them a Grammy, did they become international sensations. (ABACA/Hahn-Khayati)



**THE YEAR OF RAY.** Soul legend Ray Charles, who died at 73 in June 2004, must have been smiling down on the Grammy Awards in L.A. The night included several tributes and eight posthumous Grammys, including album and record of the year for *Genius Loves Company*. The CD's big hit was his collaboration with Norah Jones, *Here We Go Again*, which won the Grammy for best pop collaboration. (AP/John Bazemore)



**HOLLYWOOD'S IT GIRL.** At 17, Lindsay Lohan was the youngest person to host an MTV Movie Award show and has quickly become one of the hottest stars in tinsel town. Lohan had a breakout year on the big screen (*Mean Girls* and *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen*), but struggled to carry that over into music—her debut CD, *Speak*, was torn apart by critics. (INFOGolf.com/Jay Thornton)

**WANT TO LOOK LIKE HILARY DUFF?**

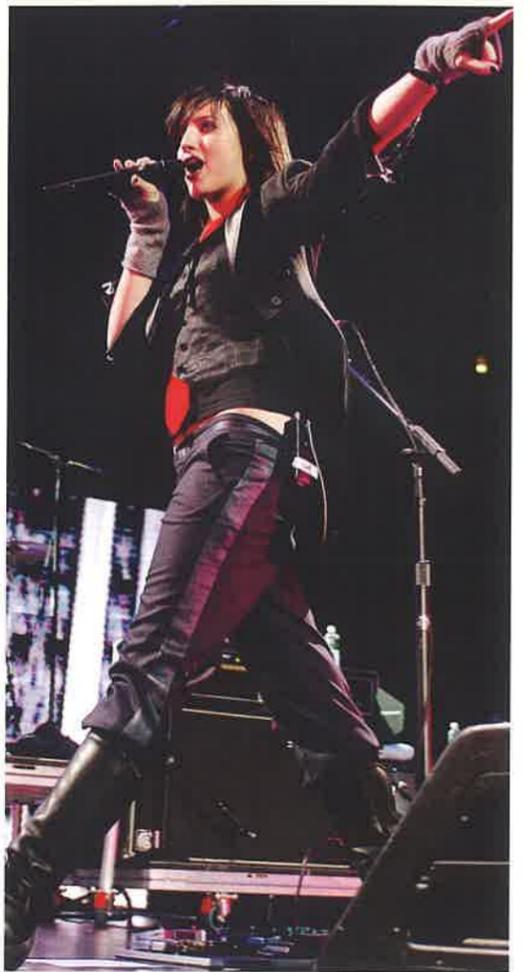
Then shop at Zellers, which carries the pop star's clothing line, *Stuff by Duff*. Thanks to a loyal following among the tween and teen-girl set, Hilary's wholesome movie and music careers are taking off. Mothers and fathers don't seem to mind. In fact, they love the fact that Duff is the anti-Britney. (INFOGolf.com/Dara Kushner)



**TALE OF TWO MARRIAGES.** While the pop tart Britney Spears and her backup dancer, husband Kevin Federline (above top), openly share their married bliss (the couple sold their wedding photos to *People*), for months J.Lo and Marc Anthony (above bottom) didn't even refer to one another as husband and wife. They never arrive at events together, even though it's widely known the pop stars secretly got hitched in June 2004. (INFOGolf.com)

**TOP 10 ALBUMS FOR 2004**

	TITLE	ARTIST
1.	CONFESSIONS	USHER
2.	SPEAKERBOXXX/THE LOVE BELOW	OUTKAST
3.	CLOSER	JOSH GROBAN
4.	THE DIARY OF ALICIA KEYS	ALICIA KEYS
5.	FEELS LIKE HOME	NORAH JONES
6.	FALLEN	EVANESCENCE
7.	SHOCK'N' Y'ALL	TOBY KEITH
8.	IN THE ZONE	BRITNEY SPEARS
9.	THE VERY BEST OF SHERYL CROW	SHERYL CROW
10.	WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN	KENNY CHESNEY



**STAGE FRIGHT—OR SORE THROAT?** Not willing to let her big sister Jessica hog the spotlight, Ashlee Simpson (above) landed her own MTV reality series, *The Ashlee Simpson Show* and released her debut album, *Autobiography*. But the Texas-born singer also gained notoriety when she was caught lip-synching on *Saturday Night Live*—a mishap blamed on a medical condition known as acid reflex, but one that left many viewers asking for a doctor's note. (ABACA/Khayat-Vlasic)



**NOW ANYONE CAN BE A WRITER.** Personal Web blogs are now all over the Internet as people, from journalists (above) to just folks, share every detail of their life—regardless of how inane—with anyone who will read it. And marketers are getting into the game as well, trying to post ads on popular blogs to take advantage of the Web traffic.

(AP/Lauren Burke)



**IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MUSIC.** Thanks to the incredible popularity of Apple's iPod (8.2 million were sold worldwide last year), many big-name designers—including Gucci and Burberry—have created accessories for the music player, including stylish cases, some costing more than \$200. You wouldn't want your music player to be underdressed, would you?

(AP/Paul Sakuma)



**WHAT ABOUT AN EAT EVERYTHING DIET?** That seems to be the only diet fad nobody's tested yet. On the roller coaster of get-thin, weight-loss schemes, many dieters have tried just about everything, including the Atkins pro-carb diet, the South Beach high-fibre diet and the Green Tea diet. Donuts anyone?

(AP/L.G. Patterson)



**PLEASE HOLD, I HAVE TO TAKE A PICTURE.** It's a wonder how we got by when cellphones only made and took calls. Now, they snap pictures, text message, surf the Web and allow us to play games. This, of course, isn't without consequences. Spam has become a major problem, and the extra cell features offer even more of a distraction than a normal conversation.

(MAGLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)

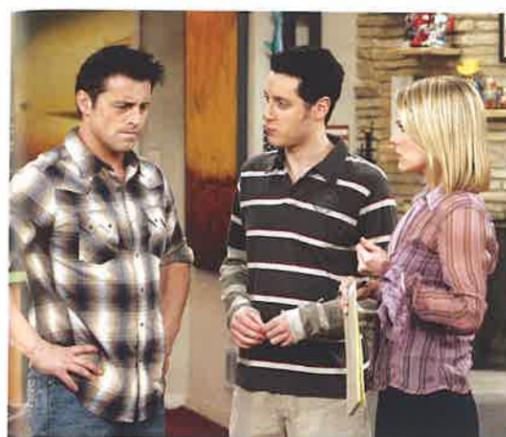


**A BLAST FROM THE PAST.** Before many of you were born, teenagers used to play Pac-Man at the corner store, in bowling alleys and at the local arcade. Now, you get a chance to see what all the hype was about, thanks to the retro, plug-and-play joysticks which hook into your TV and transport you into the 1980s.

(AP/Richard Drew)

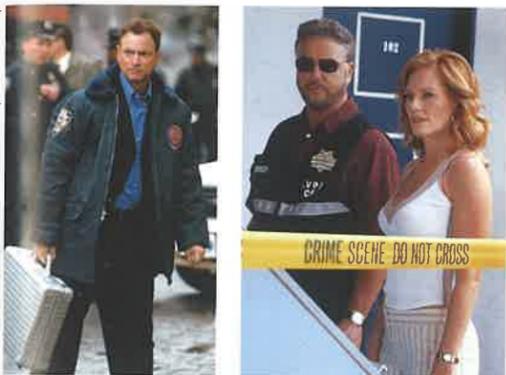
**FOLLOWING THE STARS.** Spurred by celebrities (most notably Ben Affleck and Tobey Maguire) trying to draw inside straights and a series of high-stakes TV tournaments, poker has become the new hottest thing. The game, once a favorite among cowboys and Second World War soldiers, has also heated up on the Internet.

(PA/Phil Noble)



**WITHOUT A LITTLE HELP FROM HIS FRIENDS.** There is life after *Friends*. Matt LeBlanc (left) has moved from New York to L.A. to star in his own show, *Joey*—and his fans followed. The series, which won the People's Choice Award for Favorite New Comedy and Favorite Male Television Star, shows that Joey was clearly the funniest friend.

(NBC Universal/Mike Ansell)



**DO YOU SEE A FORMULA?** The award-winning Crime Scene Investigation franchise continues to grow as *CSI: New York* (Gary Sinise, left) joins the original *CSI* (William Petersen and Marg Helgenberger, right) and *CSI: Miami* in the battle for best small-screen forensics team. Won't be long before creators start thinking about another spinoff. *CSI: Little Rock*, perhaps?



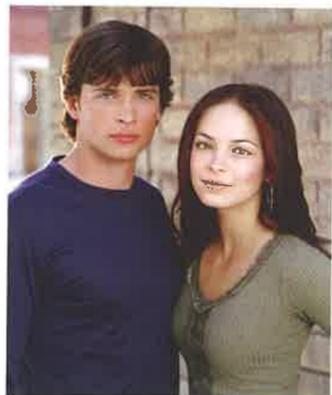
**DAD LOVES YOU MORE.** On *One Tree Hill*, basketball teammates and school rivals Lucas (Chad Michael Murray, second from left) and Nathan (James Lafferty, sitting) struggle with the fact that they're actually stepbrothers. Off the screen, things aren't so complicated. Murray and co-star Sophie Bush (far left) got engaged last year.

(Warner Bros. Photo/AP)



**ISN'T HE RICH ENOUGH ALREADY?** Donald Trump just won't go away. His vanity project, *The Apprentice*, returned for a third season with a changed format, pitting Ivy League nerds against a group of "street smart" entrepreneurs. And the Donald, who can't get enough of himself, has also increased his empire with a board game, cologne and even talk of a Broadway musical about his life. Will someone fire him, already.

(AP/Jeff Roberson)



**HEY JOAN, GOD'S ON LINE ONE.** Sure she's just a teenager, but Joan Girardi (Amber Tamblyn, second from left) has a direct line to God in the People's Choice Award-winning drama *Joan of Arcadia*. She answers the man upstairs by doing the good deeds he instructs, but she never really knows if maybe she's just gone crazy.

(AP/Reet Savoni)

**SUPERMAN'S DEAD?** Don't tell Tom Welling, who plays a very young Clark Kent on *Smallville*—the latest TV interpretation of the comic book superhero. While Kent tries to harness his powers and keep his Superman identity secret, he also struggles with some very teenage problems—especially how to deal with his crush for Lana Lang (Kristin Kreuk).

(Warner Bros./AP)



**A TRUE DOUBLE AGENT.** It's incredible that Jennifer Garner has any time for her role as Sydney Bristow on the award-winning spy drama *Alias*, considering she's now a bona fide movie star (*Elektra*). Not to mention, her role as one-half of "Benifer," with boyfriend Ben Affleck.

(AP/Ingolia Lee Hunter)



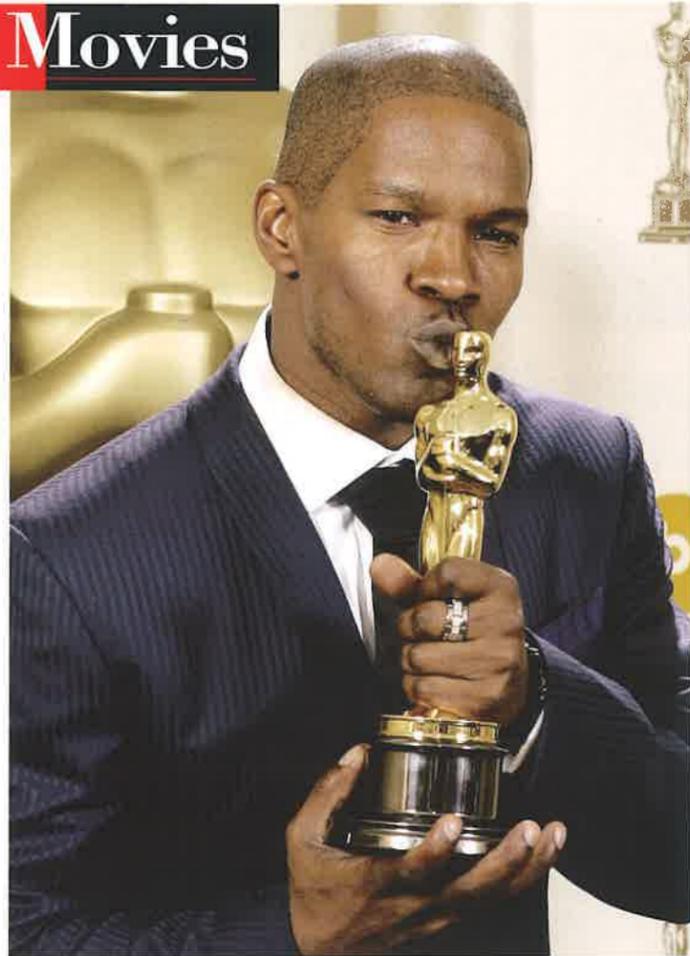
**CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME.** Like all previous teen dramas (think, *Beverly Hills 90210*), the *O.C.* proves there's nothing better than watching a group of 20-something actors play rich teens in constant turmoil. At least, the kids from Orange County, Calif., have a great sense of humor—and fashion.

(FOX/J. Viles)



**MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY FACE.** That's the goal of *Extreme Makeover*—a reality show that goes past the traditional makeover of a new haircut, a bit of lipstick and a new closet full of clothes. Sadly, participants go through major surgery—from dental to reconstructive—to "improve" themselves.

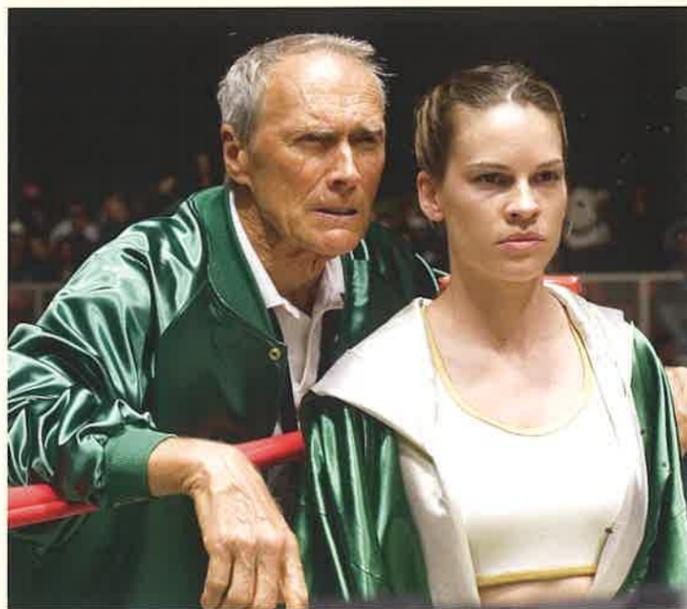
(ABC TV Photo)



**INSIDE THE MIND OF A GENIUS.** To better understand what life was like for Ray Charles, Jamie Foxx—the year's most buzzed-about film star—kept his eyes sealed shut all day on the set of *Ray*. It certainly paid off, and he won an Oscar as best actor as a result. Fans and critics were blown away with Foxx's portrayal of the mercurial music legend, who died just months before the movie's release. (AP/Reed Saxon)



**FLYING HIGH.** Leonardo DiCaprio proved he's more than just a pretty face, masterfully recreating Howard Hughes, the eccentric billionaire/aviation pioneer/film mogul in *The Aviator*, which won five Oscars. DiCaprio also seemed pretty comfortable playing a ladies' man in Martin Scorsese's biopic—Hughes was known for dating bombshells, including movie stars Ava Gardner and Katharine Hepburn. (AP/Miramax Films)



**A PLOT WITH AN UPPERCUT.** Even though Hilary Swank (right) has a mean left hook, Clint Eastwood's *Million Dollar Baby*, this year's Academy Award-winning best movie, is more than a great boxing flick. It tells the story of how Maggie Fitzgerald (Swank, who won the best actress Oscar) enlists training legend Frankie Dunn (Eastwood, left, who the Academy voted best director) to teach her the ropes. Surprisingly, a real tearjerker. (Warner Bros.)



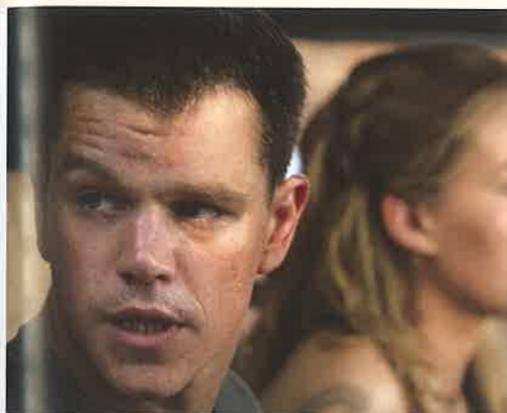
**NOT JUST SUPERMOM.** In *The Incredibles*, which won the Oscar as the best animated film, the whole family is made up of superheroes. Mr. Incredible, his wife Elastigirl and their three superhero kids are forced out of retirement to stop Syndrome from unleashing a deadly robot on their city. The film's stunning animation (from the makers of *Finding Nemo* and *Monsters Inc.*) creates an almost live-action feel. (©2004 Disney/Pixar)



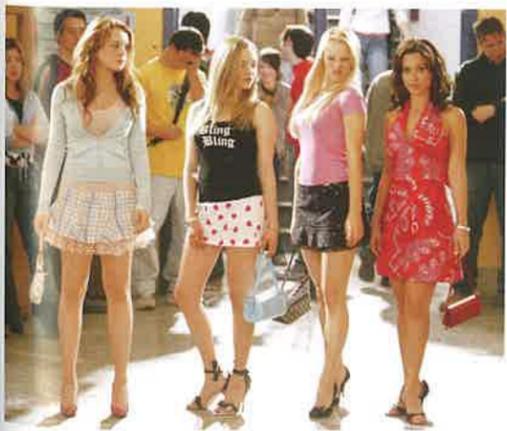
**A MONSTER OF A FRANCHISE.** With 37 million copies sold worldwide, *Shrek 2* was the world's No. 1 home video of 2004. Including related merchandise, the two *Shrek* films have grossed more than \$1.7 billion. It seemed nobody could stay away from the tale of Fiona and Shrek's struggle for her family's approval—a real challenge, considering that Fiona's dad, the king, hired a sword-fighting Puss-in-Boots to kill Shrek. (DreamWorks Pictures)



**BACK INTO THE WEB.** Tobey Maguire (above) climbs back into the latex Spidey suit that made him famous. And while some things have changed in *Spider-Man 2*—this time, he has to save the world from a new villain, the multi-tentacled Doc Ock—other things remain the same. His alter-ego's (Peter Parker's) toughest challenge is still telling Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst) that he loves her. (Sony Pictures)



**THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH.** Framed for a botched CIA operation, Jason Bourne (Matt Damon)—who suffers from amnesia—returns to his life as a trained assassin in the action-packed thriller *The Bourne Supremacy*. Bourne zips across Europe, piecing together a history he can't fully remember. (Universal Studios/Jsain Boland)



**WHAT A GIRL WANTS, RIGHT?** *Mean Girls* is the funniest and smartest teen flick in years—and responsible for putting Lindsay Lohan (far left) on the Hollywood map. The former Ford model plays Cady, a home-schooled teen who, in her quest to fit in, gets entangled with the Plastics, three glam-girls who dominate their school's social hierarchy. (Paramount)



**PULLING OUT ALL THE GAGS.** A star-studded cast—including Ben Stiller (second from left), Dustin Hoffman (in red shirt) and Robert De Niro (in black jacket)—takes a shot at slapstick in *Meet the Fockers*, the sequel to the 2000 smash hit *Meet the Parents*. In the *Fockers*, two very different worlds collide when the ultra-conservative Jack Byrnes (De Niro) and his wife travel to Miami to meet their prospective son-in-law's parents—a couple of hippies. Hilarity ensues. (Tracy Bennett/Universal Pictures)



**WHO STEALS THE SHOW?** In the original, Danny Ocean (George Clooney, left) enlisted the help of 10 other thieves (including Matt Damon, centre, and Brad Pitt, right) to steal \$160 million from Las Vegas casino tycoon Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia). In *Ocean's 12*, a vengeful Benedict has caught up with the gang's members who face his executioners if they can't return the dough in two weeks. Their solution? Try and pull off major robberies in Paris, Rome and Amsterdam. To help, they've added a new, 12th recruit—Isabel Lahiri (Catherine Zeta-Jones). (Warner Bros.)



**NOT EXACTLY A LADIES MAN.** After proving he's a Hollywood heavyweight in several big-budget action flicks (*I, Robot*), Will Smith gets back to what he does best, comedy (remember *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*?). Smith (left) plays a matchmaking "Love Doctor" in *Hitch*. Guess what? He's not as suave when it comes to his own love life. (Barry Welch/Sony Pictures)



**FREAKS AND GEEKS.** If there were an award for most original film, *Napoleon Dynamite* might have a shot. Jon Heder (above) plays the high-school title character perfectly, capturing every dorky mannerism you can imagine, as he tries to help his best friend win the student council presidency over the school's super-cool kid, Summer Wheatley (Haylie Duff). (Fox Searchlight)

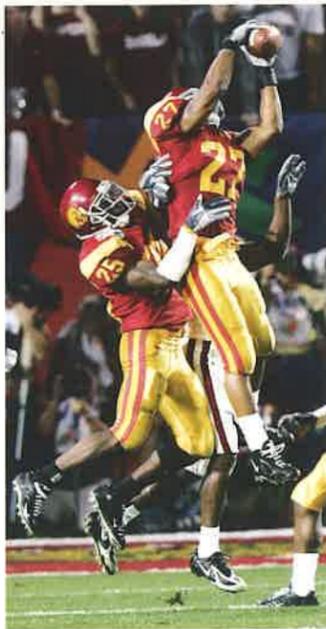
TOP \$\$ MOVIES OF 2004

SHREK	437 million
SPIDER-MAN 2	374 million
THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST	371 million
MEET THE FOCKERS	270 million
THE INCREDIBLES	259 million
HARRY POTTER 3	250 million
THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW	187 million
THE BOURNE SUPREMACY	177 million
NATIONAL TREASURE	169 million
THE POLAR EXPRESS	163 million



**SWEEPING AWAY 86 YEARS OF PAIN.** Tired of being the heartbreak kids of the big leagues, the Boston Red Sox are now world champs, finally. They disposed of the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series after being down three games to none, the first time a team had come back from that sort of deficit in post-season play. Then, they swept the St. Louis Cardinals to win their first World Series title since 1918—the year they traded Babe Ruth to the Yankees. (AP/Sue Drogicki)

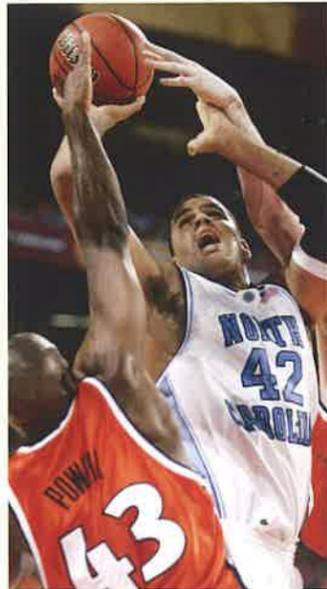
**A TOUR DE FORCE.** Lance Armstrong proved to be the all-time greatest talent on two wheels, winning his sixth straight Tour de France—and plans to go after a record seventh title this year. Off the track, Armstrong, who has overcome testicular cancer, has been showing up at celebrity bashes with his new girlfriend—pop star Sheryl Crowe. (AP/Laurent Rebours)



**FROM START TO FINISH.** The battle of the two top unbeatens in college football was a dud. The University of Southern California Trojans overwhelmed the Oklahoma Sooners 55-19 in the Orange Bowl, ending the season just as they started—first in the rankings. Heisman Trophy winning QB Matt Leinart threw a record five touchdown passes. (AP/Wilfredo Lee)



(AP/Mark Baker)



**DIGGIN' IN THEIR HEELS.** Sean May (above) celebrated his 21st birthday by pouring in 26 points and leading the North Carolina Tar Heels over the nation's No. 1-ranked University of Illinois 75 to 70 in the 2005 NCAA basketball championship game in St. Louis. Nearly 50,000 fans took to the streets back home in Chapel Hill to cheer the hard-fought victory, the school's fourth national title in tournament history. (AP/Jeff Roberson)



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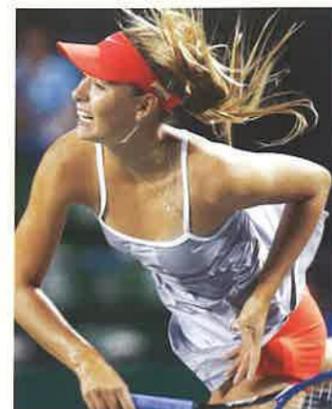
**A FISH IN WATER.** Thanks to his large, fin-like (size-14) feet and Eminem tunes pounding from his iPod to pump him up on the pool deck, Michael Phelps (above left) nearly lapped opponents in the Olympic pool, racking up a record eight medals (six gold, two bronze) in Athens. Phelps was just one of the many golden Americans—who earned a total of 103 medals (35 gold). Other highlights included Natalie Coughlin (above right), who won two golds, two silvers and a bronze in the pool and the arm of Jennie Finch (left), which led the undefeated women's softball team to their third straight Olympic gold.



**GOAL!!!!!!!** Having been ridiculed for its defensive style of play, Greece pulled off a stunning upset, beating host nation Portugal in a nail-biting 1-0 end to the 2004 Euro Cup. The Greeks made it to the finals after eliminating perennial powerhouses France and the Czech Republic. (AP/Frank Augstein)



**A GRIDIRON DYNASTY.** The New England Patriots, led by signal-caller Tom Brady (above), cemented themselves as one of the greatest teams in NFL history when they won Super Bowl XXXIX 24-21 over the Philadelphia Eagles. The championship win in Jacksonville, Fla., was the team's third Super Bowl title in four seasons. (AP/Julie Jacobson)

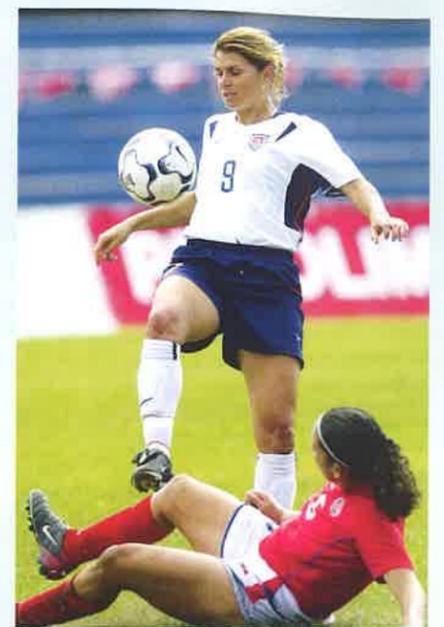


**ANNA WHO?** Maria Sharapova became the first Russian woman to win Wimbledon when she upset American powerhouse Serena Williams. The straight-sets win at the All-England club turned the stunning 17-year-old into a media starlet—making a lot of people forget about Anna Kournikova. (AP/Katsumi Kasahara)

**TAMING THE TIGER.** Tiger Woods imported 500 red roses for his lavish \$1.5 million wedding ceremony in Barbados to Swedish model Elin Nordegren. Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan and Bill Gates were among the guests, and Hootie and the Blowfish played at the reception. (AP/Regina H. Boone)



**A GOLDEN TOE.** Capping off one of soccer's most incredible careers, Mia Hamm was selected to carry the American flag in the Olympic Games closing ceremonies in Athens. During her 17-year career, Hamm scored 157 goals—the most in international play by any man or woman—and won two World Cup titles and a pair of Olympic golds (including one in Athens). Now, she is concentrating on her charitable work with the Mia Hamm Foundation and married life with baseball slugger Nomar Garciaparra. (AP/Kent Gilbert)



**THINGS GOT UGLY, FAST.** Indiana Pacer forward Ron Artest (above) was so enraged a Detroit Piston fan threw a drink at him that he climbed into the stands and decked the suspect. Chaos ensued, and when the dust settled, several players were suspended, including Artest, who was tossed from the NBA by league officials for the rest of the season, costing him \$5 million, but giving him a better chance to develop his rap-singing career. (AP/Duane Burleson)



**A BLACK MARK.** In his new autobiography, former Oakland A's bash brother Jose Canseco (left) claims that steroid use is rampant in pro baseball. Canseco even accuses his former superstar teammates Mark McGwire and Jason Giambi of injecting each other with steroid needles. In fact, a who's who of the sporting world—including record-breaking slugger Barry Bonds and sprinters Tim Montgomery and Marion Jones—have found themselves embroiled in a high-profile doping scandal involving what was thought to be an undetectable steroid—tetrahydrogestrinone (THG). (AP/Scott Martin)

## THE 2004 CHAMPIONS

SUPER BOWL XXXIX	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS OVER PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	24-21
WORLD SERIES	BOSTON RED SOX OVER ST. LOUIS CARDINALS	4-0 SERIES
NBA	DETROIT PISTONS OVER LOS ANGELES LAKERS	4-1 SERIES
2004 NCAA FOOTBALL	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OVER OKLAHOMA	55-19
2005 NCAA MEN'S B-BALL	NORTH CAROLINA OVER ILLINOIS	75-70
2005 NCAA WOMEN'S B-BALL	BAYLOR OVER MICHIGAN STATE	84-62
PGA	VIJAY SINGH	\$10.9 million
LPGA	ANNIKA SORENSTAM	\$2.5 million
WOMEN'S TENNIS	MARIA SHARAPOVA	\$2.4 million
MEN'S TENNIS	ROGER FEDERER	\$6.4 million
STANLEY CUP	TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING OVER CALGARY FLAMES	4-3 SERIES



**SPACE TOURISM ERA BEGINS.** Traveling at 2,150 m.p.h., former Navy fighter pilot Brian Binnie led SpaceShipOne's record-setting flight (68 miles above the Earth's surface). The team earned the \$10 million Ansari X-Prize for developing the first privately funded three-person spacecraft to exceed more than 62 miles twice within a 14-day period. (AP/Laura Rauch)



**CAN YOU HEAR A DIFFERENCE?** If the poor reception on your cellphone is driving you crazy, you might want to try the new Jawbone. This cool wired headset picks up speech vibrations from your head as you speak and filters out background noise—so you won't miss any of the important gossip. (AP/Sandy Huffaker)



**ARE YOUR BRAINS IN YOUR FEET?** Talk about personalized shopping. With a computer chip weighing 1.4 ounces embedded in the heel, the Adidas 1 running shoe constantly adjusts the shoe's cushioning level to your size and stride. Each second, the sensor takes up to 20,000 readings and makes up to 10,000 calculations—directing a tiny electric motor. Of course, the approximately \$250 shoes won't make you run any faster. (AP/Dan Ryan)



**AFFRAID OF HEIGHTS?** At more than 900 feet above the Tarn River, the \$520 million viaduct built to alleviate a traffic problem in the small southern French town of Millau is the tallest bridge in the world (in fact, it's even taller than the Eiffel Tower). More than 240,000 tonnes of steel and concrete make up the superstructure. Word of advice—don't look down. (AP/Christophe Ena)



**BETTER BREATH, GUARANTEED.**

It's disgusting to think about, but you should know that your toothbrush is a cesspool of bacteria. So you might want to try the Violight Toothbrush Sanitizer, which uses a germicidal UV light to kill up to 99.9 per cent of the bacteria. It's like a bath for your brush.

(Violight)



**WET AND WILD.** Scientists from 53 countries have discovered more than 600 new fish species (including the *Hydrolagus mattallansi*, above, which is believed to have lurked in the depths off the coast of Brazil for more than 150 million years) as part of a major ocean census, recording all known marine life. So far, about 25,000 species have been logged and scientists suspect there are as many as 40,000 yet to be recorded. (AP/Rafael de Alcantara Brandt)