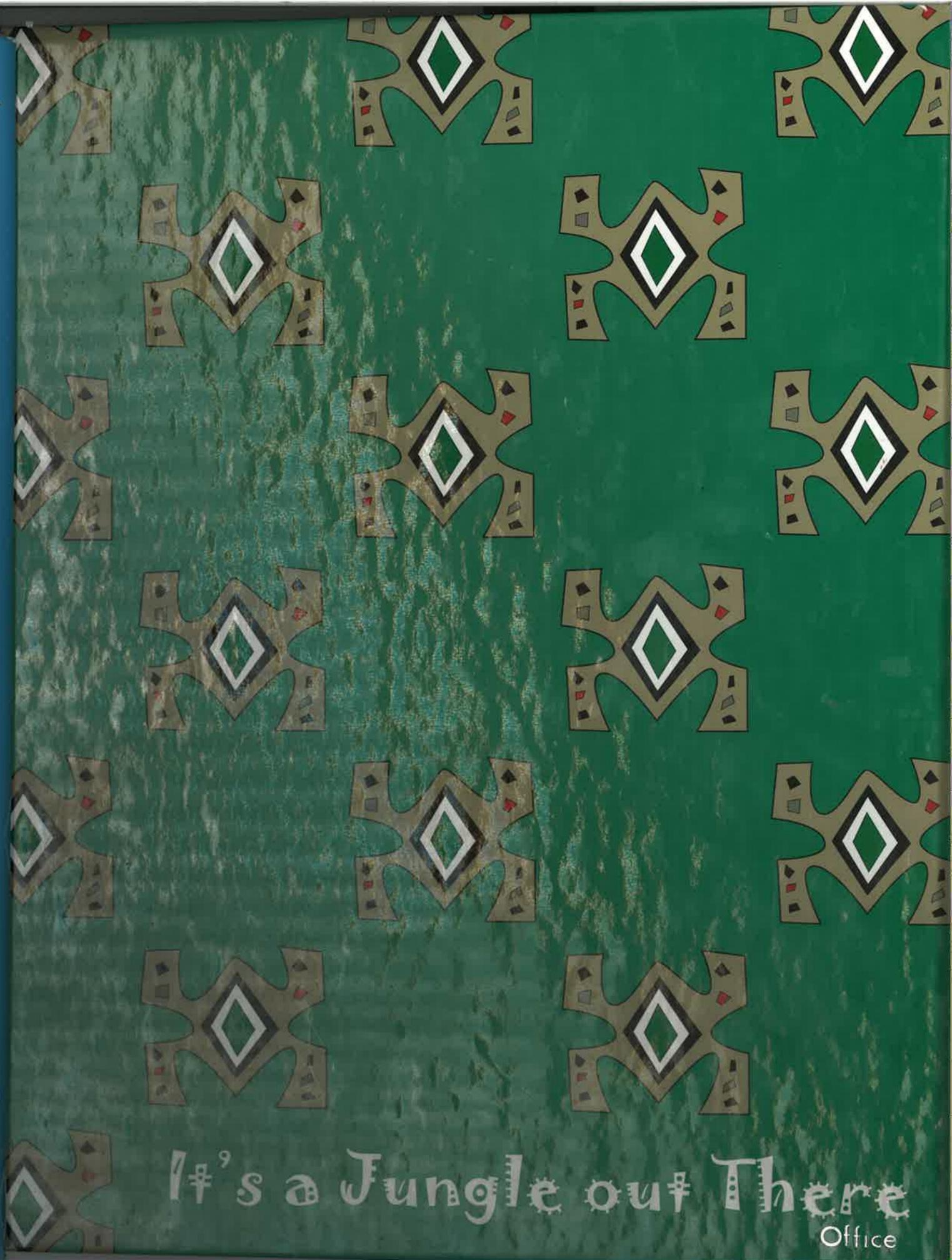


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It's a Jungle out There
Office



It's a Jungle Out There

By Kristi Jung

*Welcome to the Jungle, we hope you enjoy your stay,
Welcome to high school, the path of life, you choose your
way.*

*Right, left, back and forth it's up to you,
Survival of the fittest in this mass of tangled vines and
dangerous paths you will choose.*

*You'll learn so much in these four years,
With the hopeful goal of overcoming your fears.
You'll enter unsure, not knowing these grounds,
You'll have your ups and you'll have your downs.*

*The teachers are here to help,
The counselors to teach you about yourself.
Friends will make it fun and fast,
As you learn the skills of your future and mistakes of
your past.*

*You may at times feel out of place and lost,
But remember it's all to prepare you for the places your
future takes you,*

*The things you may not want to, but have to do.
Hold on to all you learned when you wander everywhere
Because remember: It's a Jungle Out There!*

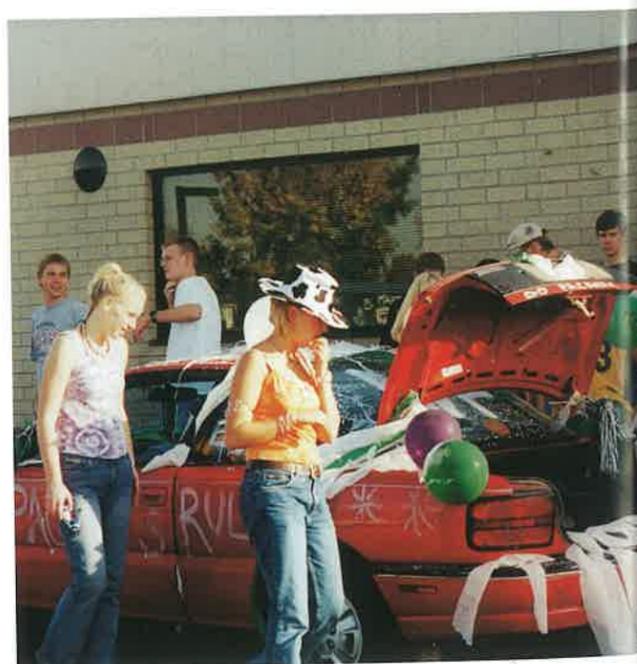


Welcome to the jungle

Walking through the depths of the unknown, life becomes a journey with little knowledge of what lies ahead. There are many experiences, and occurrences, that will be unexpected throughout life's journey. On the straight path it is quite easy to follow the footprints that other people, as examples, have left behind. Through High School there is leadership given by teachers, counselors, and parents who stand along side and help their students or kids to make decisive choices. But, the canopy of protectors in the early years of elementary school and high school will not be as evident in years that follow. After high school students have the opportunity to perceive life through a new clearing. There is an array of different vines on which to swing from. College, work, or taking time off are some of the options graduating students are faced with. After leaving West Fargo High School more decisions than imaginable will inhabit the minds of students. Growing older and becoming independent is just one of life's obstacles that each individual has to adjust to. High School is just the beginning. So, grab some boots, a camera, and binoculars and get ready for the struggles and exuberances of living. Life's a jungle.....welcome to it!

Looks good to me. After decorating for the homecoming parade, junior Jenna Clark and sophomore Jenna Peterson survey their work.

2001, 2001, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2001!!! At the homecoming pep-rally, the senior class chants during the class competition cheer.



Opening

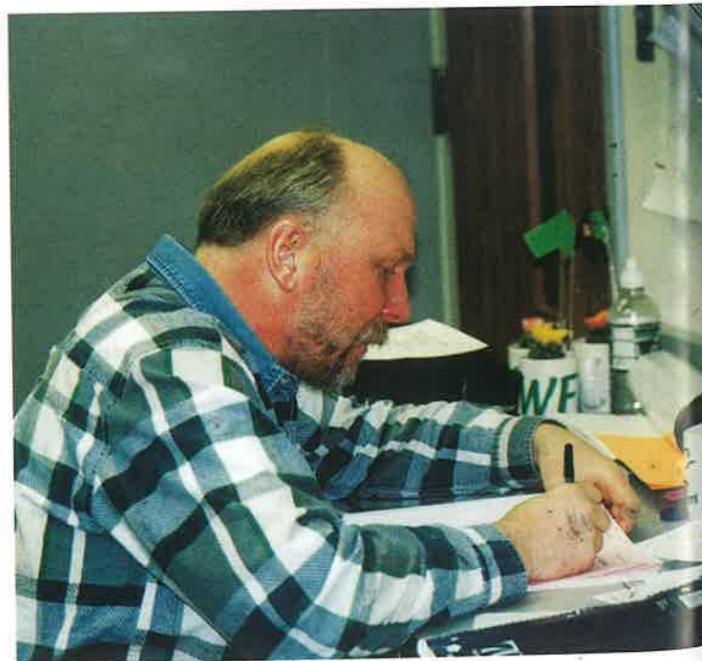




Taming the wild

Keeping hallways clean, calming down classrooms, and maintaining order throughout the school are some of the tasks the staff at West Fargo High School do in order to keep peace within the jungle. Taming the animals in the classroom proved to be a hard and stressful job at times. As messiahs of all that is living in the jungle, the staff was not only capable, but succeeded in the jobs that they were given by the head master. Along with taming the animals in the classroom, the staff also had to clean up after and keep watch over the students in the hallways. Students were also an important part of the jungle. They brought new life and excitement to the teachers who had been there for some time. Students come and go, but in the end the staff remains because of their belief that only the strong will survive when left vulnerable and alone in the jungle of life. As all occurs, and after all the changes have been finished, the staff will stay behind to tame younger and wilder cubs. For it is these new students who provide the old but stable jungle with new life and a future which will last for as long as we together keep peace with one another. But what will not be forgotten are the animals of old, who started this school on the basis that everyone deserves a chance in the jungle.

That looks about right. Putting in the extra hours, science teacher Mr. Jerome Christianson gets some serious work done.



What did you get for number four? Comparing notes, math teachers Mrs. Mary Jo McKay and Mr. James Dew get ready for their daily lesson.

Academics



Kicking Takes Over

Walking on a mat in the center of the gym while getting ready to pull a Bruce Lee on the opponent in the ring. This is a common scenario for those who practice TaeKwanDo.

This past year the instructors who ran the TaeKwonDo schools around the area had been talking about trying to get TaeKwonDo as a high school sport.

"I think that it's a very unique sport and if more people would become involved, it would be a great high school sport," freshman Alyssa Lester said.

It's true that barely any people are involved in it and some don't even know what it is. However, TaeKwonDo is unique because it isn't like any other sport. It is more about self-defense, discipline and building self-confidence. These traits are very valuable for many students.

As more people become interested and participate, it could possibly become a high school sport. Just think if you had the opportunity to compete for your school.

By Kelsie Kinsella

Hey Look! Pushing buttons, Mr. Richard Cwikla shows senior Jeremy Larson how to work the camera.



Stop swinging that lanyard! During 7th hour English III, Mrs. Mary Knox-Johnson lectures her students.



When writing sentences be sure to.... Mrs. Betty Reyerson helps two of her many ESL students with their writing.



Ellen Aamot *Para-Professional* Ericka Ableiter *Language Arts* Rochelle Allen *Para-Professional* Lisa Alves *Para-Professional* Chad Anderson *Vocational Ed*



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Larry Anderson *Fine Arts* Lori Anderson *Foreign Language* Mary Anderson *Family and Consumer Science* Michael Anderson *Para-Professional* Richard Anderson *Business Ed*



Susan Boyle *Special Services* Ernest Breznay *Vocational Ed* Don Burnham *Mathematics* Cheryl Buzick *Administrative Assistant* Jerome Christiansen *Science*



Steven Anderson *Vocational Ed* Jerome Bailey *Science* Joan Baltetzore *Science* Cheryl Baumgarten *Business Ed* Mark Bernison *Fine Arts*



Gary Clark *Head Principal* Mary Conant *Language Arts* Debra Cummings *Para-Professional* Richard Cwikla *Vocational Ed* Linda Dahl *Family and Consumer Science*

Does this look right? Helping with homework, Mrs. Betty Reyerson helps sophomore Simon Leek.

Two plus two is four! Mrs. Mary Soehren passes her knowledge on to a student.



PLEASE, stay put! Trying to get his overhead to stay up, Mr. Darrin McKinnon grabs at it.



Helping Hands

Have you ever had a bad day and just needed to talk about what's bothering you? That's just one of the things counselors do. Counselors are always there to talk about what's bothering you. Being a counselor can be very rewarding.

"The best part of being a counselor is seeing people make choices that are good for them," Mrs. Lori DeRemer said.

Counseling can be fun, but it's not always easy.

"I think the hardest part of my job is being involved with struggling families," Mr. Bob Elliott said.

Counselors are very important. They listen to student's problems and give them advice about what to do. Counselors also help students plan their future. They see what the student is good at and help them choose a career that would best suit them in the future. Counselors are a big part of our school. What would school life be like without them?

By Sadaf Jahed



Ron Dahley
Special Services

Fred Dahnke
Driver's Ed

Merritt Davis
Physical Ed

Lori DeRemer
Counselor

James Dew
Mathematics



Greg Grooters
Assistant Principal

Pam Grove
Para-Professional

Drue Haarsager
Counselor

Ron Halverson
Science

Melissa Halvorson
Mathematics



Connie Eggers
Counselor

Trish Eide
Para-Professional

Bob Elliott
Counselor

Claudia Engelstad
Mathematics

Kris Ertelt
Para-Professional



Brenda Hansen
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Para-Professional

Sandra Harris
Para-Professional

Mike Heintzelman
Custodian

Jerry Heinz
Vocational Ed



Joy Fisch
Fine Arts

Sara Forness
Science

Charles Gad
Business Ed

Jay Gibson
Business Ed

David Gravdahl
Business Ed



Edward Heyen
Foreign Language

Suellyn Hoffart
Special Services

Jane Holland
Language Arts

Randy Holzmann
Mathematics

Sybil Hopkins
Language Arts

Body Decoration

While walking down the hallway, someone might have noticed that our school had become a human art museum with the recent outbreak of tattoos and piercings. People had many parts of their bodies pierced.

The legal age to get tattoos or piercing was, and still is, 18.

Students and teachers alike shared different ideas about body piercing and tattoos.

"There are enough holes in the human body as it is. If students want to put holes in their bodies, I guess it's up to them," Spanish teacher Mrs. Scott said.

Some common tattoos were barbwire around the bicep or a sun on the back. Every one was getting pierced but they all wanted their tatoos to be unique.

"I'm going to get a tattoo on my wrist that says 'Footer,'" senior Eric Smith said.

For now the rules will not change and people won't change their decision on where or when to add art to their bodies.

By Chad Beckerleg

On your marks! Watching the kids race to class, Mr. Burnham relaxes for a minute.



One a Penny, Two a penny! During lunch, the cooks work busily at the pizza stand.



You Can't Sneak Past Me! While on lunch supervision duty, Mrs. Halverson watches for students that are misbehaving.



Sarah How
Special Services

Connie Jenson
Special Services

Denise Johnson
Social Worker

Jeremy Johnson
Language Arts/Hearbook

Karen J. Johnson
Para-Professional



Patrick Johnson
Special Services

Curt Jones
Activities Director

Sue Jordahl
Fine Arts

Ruth Joyce
Language Arts

Barb Kent
Para-Professional



Raquel Kilen
Physical Ed

Matthew Klamn
Science

Heather Klundt
Fine Arts

Brenda Knoll
Para-Professional

Mary Knox-Johnson
Language Arts/Theater Production



Don Lennon
Social Studies

Lori Liebl
Language Arts

Duane Lura
Mathematics

Brenda Luthi
Fine Arts

Veronica Markell
Social Studies



Steve Marquart
Social Studies

Mary Jo McKay
Mathematics

Barb Metcalf
Social Studies

Janice Miller
Physical Ed

Bob Monte
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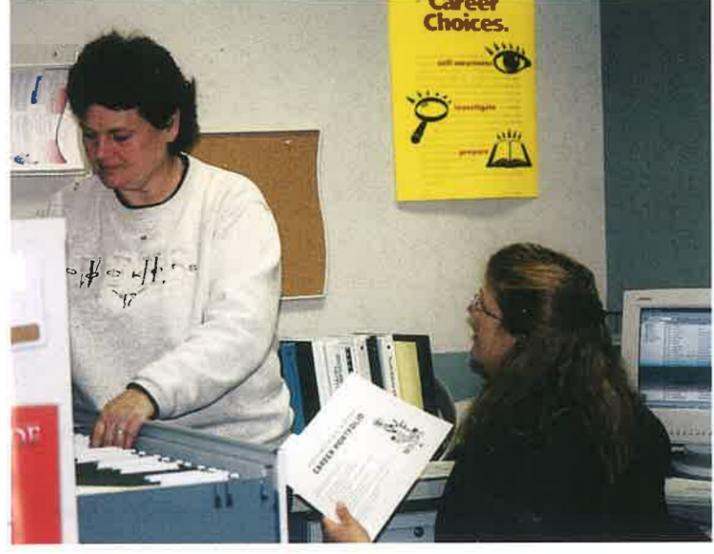
I love this part of the job! As he watches presentations, Mr. Mike Preston relaxes with the class.



Ok, so then it will get all bubbly... While demonstrating a reaction, Mr. Aaron Tank hopes not to spill.



Can you believe what's in here! While Filling papers, Mrs. Pam Grove and Mrs. Kathryn Stenerson are caught by the camera.



Why Should You Choose AP?

"It challenges you, and most of the people who take AP classes are more serious about learning and more mature," senior Cole Gaugler said.

"I've developed better study and work habits," senior Leah Brekke said.

"In AP, the class is more interactive and leads to more discussions instead of just taking notes and tests," senior Brandon Anderson said.

"Finding the intellectual meaning behind work and not just looking at the superficial meanings," senior Falan Hehr said.

"You have group discussions in detail. You also debate about current events," junior Megan Warner said.

"I think AP classes are a good challenge and are a lot of fun. They are also good for colleges," senior Brandon Anderson said.

"We have freedom, we also have awesomely awesome debates, and actual intellegent conversations," junior Amanda Felts said.

By Megan Coon



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 Carol Olson Special Services
 Karen Olson Assistant Principal
 Candice Paczkowski Language Arts
 Maria Pegg Mathematics



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 Lisa Schulz Para-Professional
 Kathy Scott Foreign Language
 Mary Sherman Language Arts
 Marti Simmons Language Arts



Margie Peters Para-Professional
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 Kathryn Stangeland Family and Consumer Science
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Betty Reyerson Para-Professional
 Doris Rheault Counseling
 Katina Rued Language Arts
 Lynne Sahr Para-Professional
 Jackie Schell Para-Professional



Paul Tefft Social Studies
 Suzanne Thibert Foreign Language
 Blair Thompson Language Arts
 Pamela Thompson Science
 Gail Tobkin Administrative Assistant

A foreign perspective

Foreign exchange students come to the United States every school year not knowing what's going to happen. For example, almost all of the exchange students agreed that Americans drive too much. They said that we drive everywhere and we are not as active as people from there countries.

"People drive more here in the United States and people walk more in Germany," senior German exchange student Oezlem Oeztuerk said.

Almost every foreign exchange student agreed that our food in the United States tended to be fattening, and there were not enough fruits and vegetables.

"The food here is fattening and too much of the same thing", senior Norwegian exchange student Linda Larsen said.

Almost all of the foreign exchange students agreed that in North Dakota people were really friendly and they had a really fun time here.

By Justin Olson

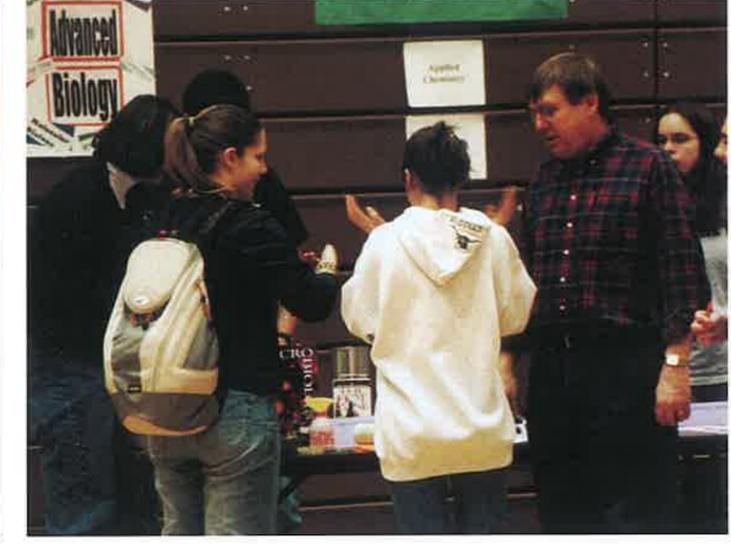
Let's see. Looking through a yearbook, senior Jan Pientka spots some familiar faces.



What is that? Stretching out to see what has just happened, Mr. Jay Gibson looks on.



Oh my goodness! Waving her hands while she speaks, freshman Amber McDonald shows expression to teacher Mr. Ron Halverson.



Sarah Trogstad
Social Studies



Debra Uetz
Physical Ed



Corri Westberg
Administrative Assistant



Christina Walker
Mathematics



Susan Woodley
Para-Professional



Terri Young
Special Services



Susan Zurn
School to Work Counselor



Do you wanna go bust a move? Chaperoning a dance, Mr. Greg Groofers and Mr. Ken Fullman pass the time away conversing.



Front Row: Roxy Lemly, Devon Sampson, Darlene Gilberts, and Ella Watson. Row 2: Jan Slipper, Cindy Stai, Janet Silbernagel, and Shawn Walberg. Back Row: Cy Metcalf, Helga Bennet, LaVonne Pulczinski, and Allison Glarum.

I remember when....

... Mr. Grooters came with us to lunch for my birthday. He got to ride in the "Footer Mobile".
- Footer

... Mr. B. lost it in Band and jumped up and down, counted to ten, and held his head while saying "I love my job".
- Shelly Witt

... in Computer Science class one day, Mrs. Baumgarten yelled out "WAZZ UP". It was quite scary!!
- Kiel Elliot

... Ahron Walter and I took Theodore Roosevelt's picture off Metcalf's wall and replaced it with a photocopy. She was so mad everytime we sent her a ransom note.
- Dave Batcheller

... Nicole Grund was chasing after Tyler Farkas at Boy's Basketball State and she tripped and fell over a cement block and fell right on her face.
- Jen Western

I remember when....

... a certain individual streaked through the school!!
- Megan Coon

Senior

... Brandon Botner decided to "pull out" of our conversations at lunch our senior year.
- Dennie Claus

... for Psychology, Trisha York was blind folded and I forgot to lead her in the right direction and she ran right into Mr. Matzenberger's window so every one could see her.
- Heather Overby

I remember when....

... I fell flat on my face down the commons stairs after first hour my senior year.
- Katie Larson

... I opened the door of the food lab and made a freshman get a bloody nose because he ran into the door my senior year.
- Matt McGary

... the senior girls weren't allowed to play in the powder puff game because of "hazing".
- Lindsay Pavek

... I would go to Mr. Tefft's class every day and he would make fun of me.
- Katie Gehrig

... we were on the bus coming home from a game in Grand Forks and someone yelled "None of the farting stuff on the bus".
- Lyle Sinner

... Brandon B. was throwing little leather pieces at Geoffe in art, Geoffe then picked up a mallet and repeatedly hit Brandon over the head with the mallet.
- Dan Francis

... making a fool of myself by falling on the commons stairs right after lunch was let out in 9th grade. To this day Kelsey Dahl still thinks it's the funniest thing!
- Jessica Granewald

I remember when....

... my junior year when our band took our trip to Canada. Sharing a room with my 4 best friends was quite an experience. Ever since that trip I think we have become much closer than we ever were.
- Cyndee Forderer

... we won volleyball state for the first time and when the softball team took three championships.
- Lindsey Evenson

... my junior student teacher (English- Mrs. Ablieter) followed me around for the day. He said that he wanted to "get a glimpse of student life".
- Tazy Wilson

... In government we were taking a cabinet quiz (matching) and one question was "who is the president". In the answer column it said William Clinton, not Bill Clinton. Tim Hay didn't realize William and Bill are the same so he chose George Bush (he wasn't president yet).
- Trista Leech

... I got hit by a hockey puck at a home game. Randy Griffith protected me from them on, to make sure no more flying pucks hit me!
- Kim Johnson

... we were sitting in Mr. Tefft's Law and Justice class, and a pipe froze and burst in the science wing above. Water was shooting out of one the lights and ceiling tiles!!!
- Amy Trapp

I remember when....

I remember when....

... the smoke bombs nearly ended all of the pep rallies.
- Adrian Eastly

... I jumped on Footer's back and tried to strangle him because he insulted the band Everclear.
- Dave Clemenson

I remember when....

... I had fun times playing in the pit.
- Ryan Schumacher

... the Varsity Boys Cross Country team mooned the junior girls powder puff team while they were all in a line standing by the road.
- Ken Grosz

... I was standing in the commons and I was telling my friends how good looking I thought Andy Anderson was. Little did I know he was standing right behind me! I wouldn't be surprised if he heard me. I was so embarrassed!
- Sabrina Dansen

... I would drive around for hours with my best friend and talk about nothing.
- Becky Heider

... Josh Markel sang "O Healing River" at Jess Simmon's bonfire.
- Erin Moch

... Tessa and I were driving in her new car. She had just gotten her license. That weekend she got in a car accident and I was in the passenger side and slammed my forehead into the windshield. It left a mark for a long time.
- Katie Rankin

... the girls on the XC team were warming up for a meet at Johnson Park. We all had to go to the bathroom, and the only toilet was a stinky out house. When it was Jacinta's turn, the rest of us waiting in line could hear her gagging 'cuz the smell was so bad! We laughed for a long time afterwards.
- Kacie Hughes

I remember when....

... everyone tried to be someone they weren't.
- Kayla Haas

... going to Iowa with Natalie the summer before our senior year. After 8 hrs. of Natalie driving I asked if she wanted me to drive. She said, "No I'm just Natalie and I want to make animal noises" as she was flapping her arms.
- Nicole Tschetter

... It was choir tour, I was a sophomore, we went out to the symphony and the conductor was Bobby McFerrin (the "Don't Worry Be Happy" guy!). All of a sudden, he jumps off the stage and has a bunch of members from the concert choir sing for him. I was up in the balcony, of course, and I was so jealous!
- Elliott Schwab

I remember when....

... Nicole Grund and I would sing Christmas songs in front of the whole publications class. We weren't good but they gave us an award for best singers at the end of the year.
- Amanda Krenz

... we took 2nd at soccer state, when everyone but the team didn't think that we could even make it to state.
- Blain Horsager

... my AP U.S. History class held Mrs. Metcalf's picture of Theodore Roosevelt hostage and sent her ransom notes and then we did the same thing with Mrs. Thibert's vogageaur.
- Kara Johnson

... we girls went to Minneapolis last summer. The water park at Valley Fair was the best part!
- Heidi Johnson

I remember when....

... on the band trip when Charlie Lehmann got detention in a foreign country.
- Brent Ekren

... I walked into the boys bathroom three times my freshman year.
- Anonymous

I remember when....

... we took 2nd at soccer state, when everyone but the team didn't think that we could even make it to state.
- Blain Horsager

Memories



King of the jungle

Seniors

Leading the pack, the seniors finally come to the end of their long journey making a path for the rest to follow. The class of 2000-2001 leaves with memories from way back to first grade. The seniors made it through with all the challenges that were put before them. Teachers, parents, and the staff at West Fargo High say that we are ready for the world and the rest is pretty much to us. Although some may think otherwise, they wouldn't tell us this if we weren't prepared for what lies ahead, which could be anything. Keeping your friends that were made throughout the years close and the fond memories we've all gained in mind will help overcome a lot. With a very challenging senior year (Government, ACT's, Acceptance letters, etc..), this class did everything they could and had fun at the same time to come out on top successfully. They've learned many lessons, had some good times and bad, and still managed to have fun and make it through. This senior class is one the entire West Fargo High School will never forget. Being a part of the "real world" can be a scary thing, but since we are adults now we need to pull together, try our hardest and just remember what we overcame in these last 12 years. It can only get better from here on out. Good luck!

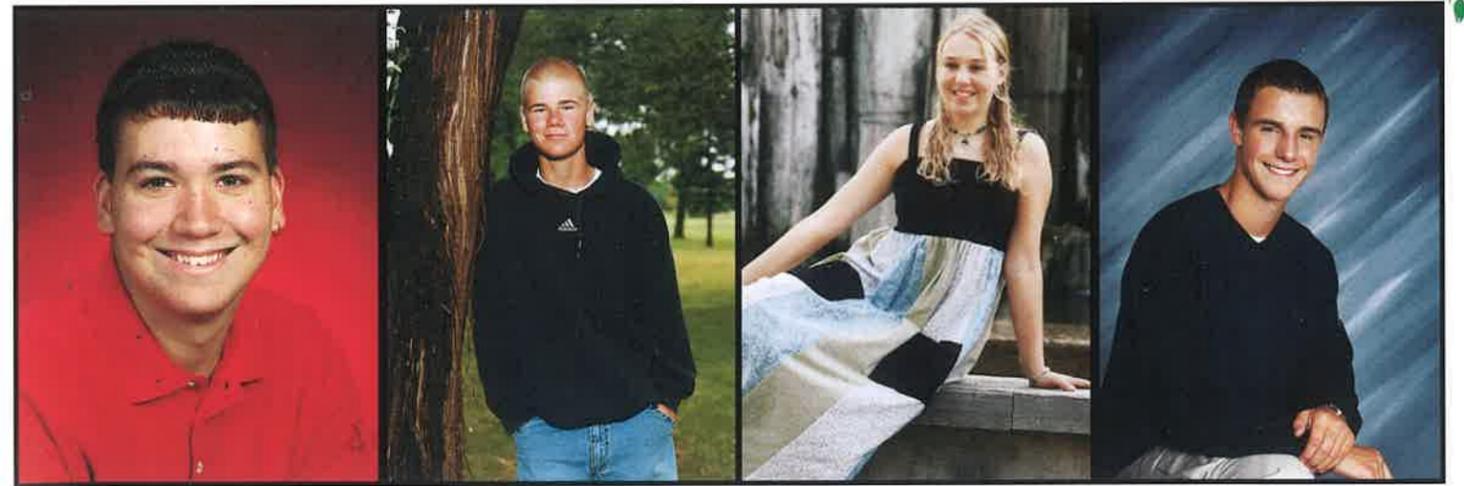
Oh my gosh..guess what! Taking a little break, seniors Kacie Hughes and Dan Francis show their excitement of it being there last year.

I don't do pictures for free ya know! Working on a Multi Media project, seniors Mark Vietenheimer and Greg P. Anderson pose for a quick pic.





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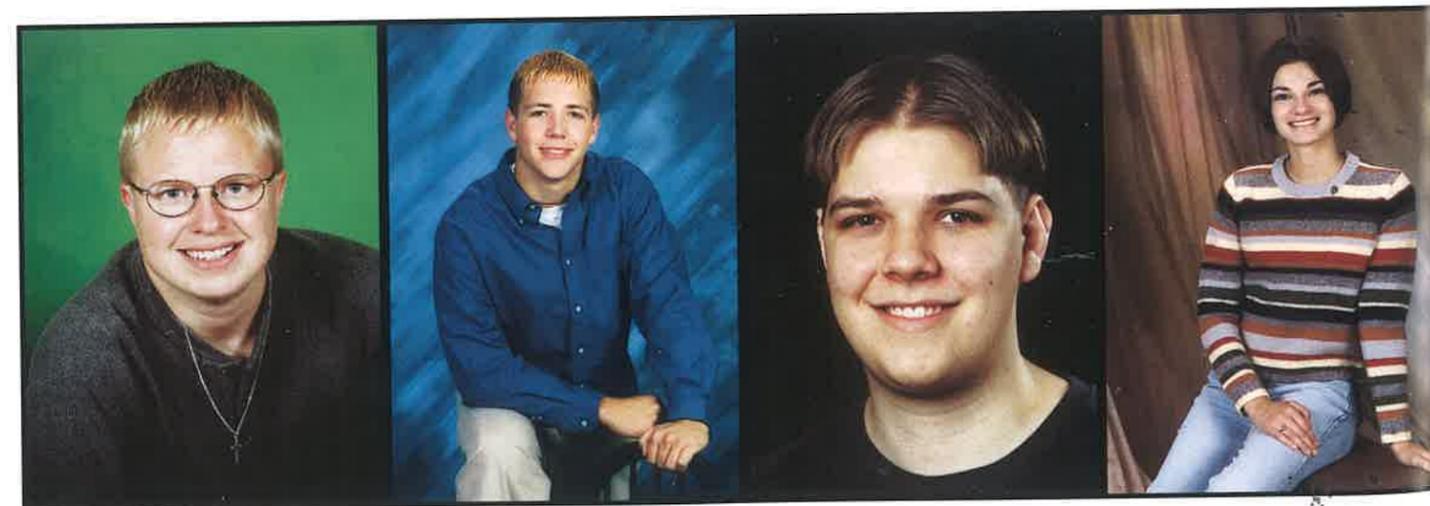
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Diana J. Beets



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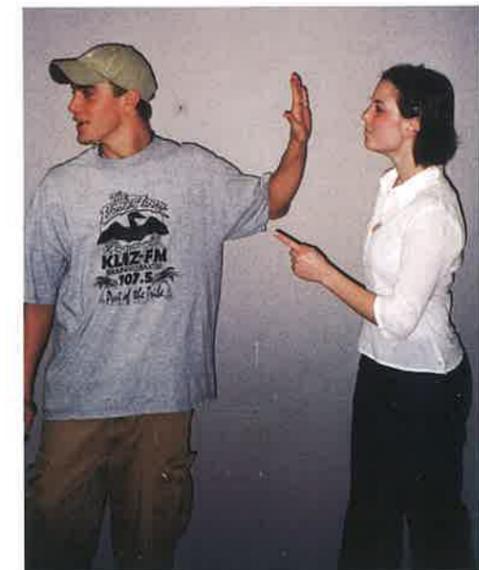
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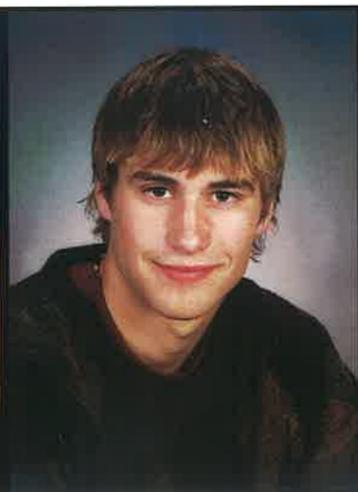
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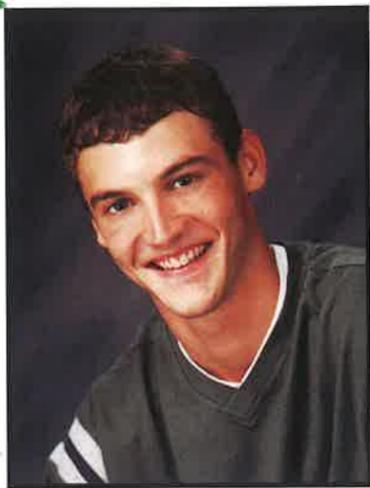
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Jonathan K. Dahlgren



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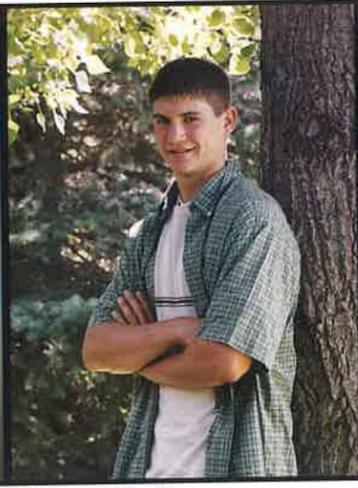
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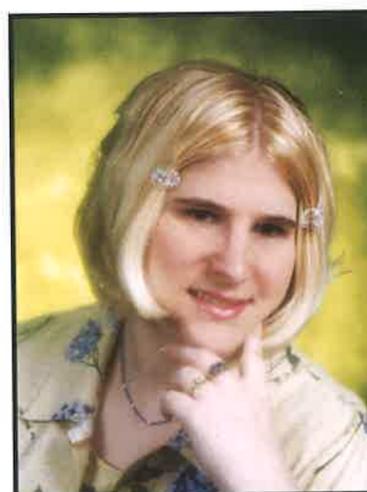
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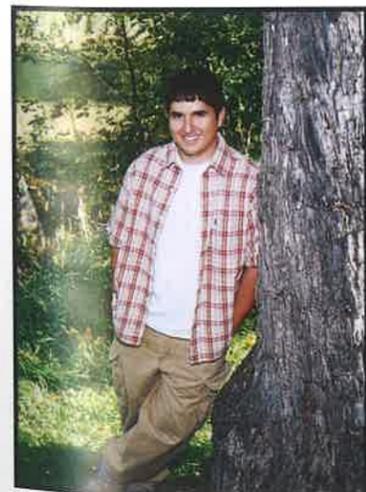
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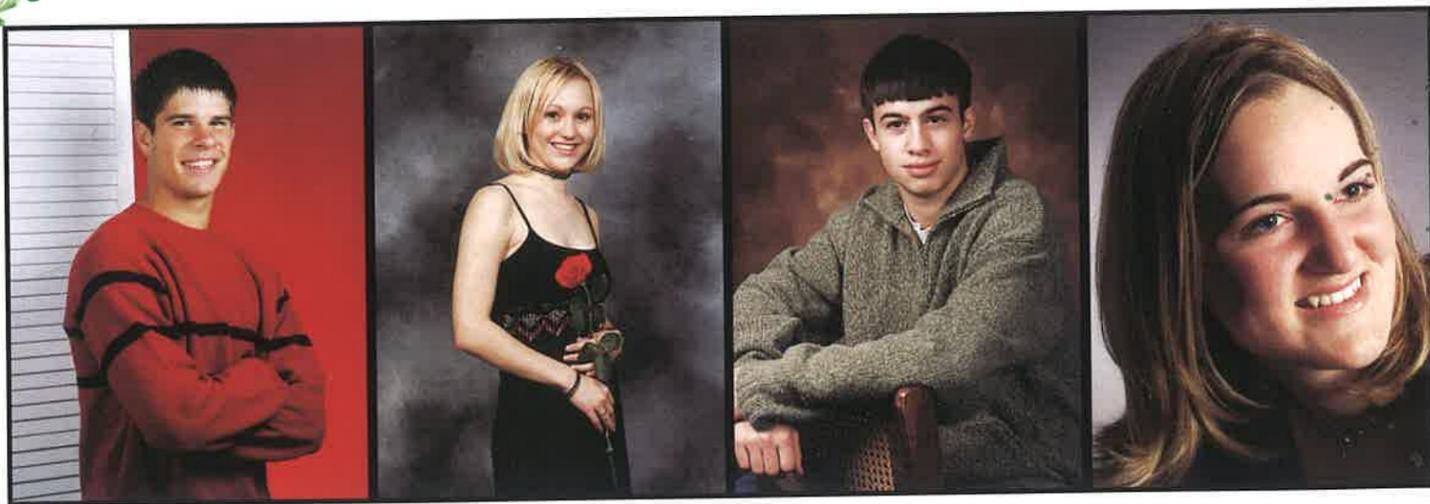
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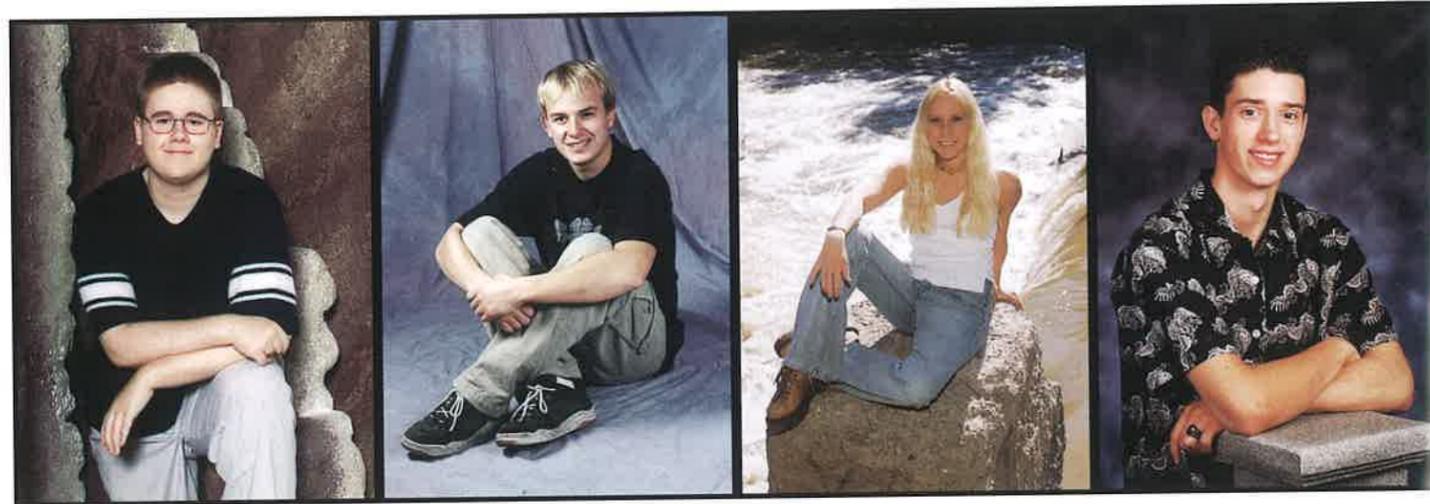


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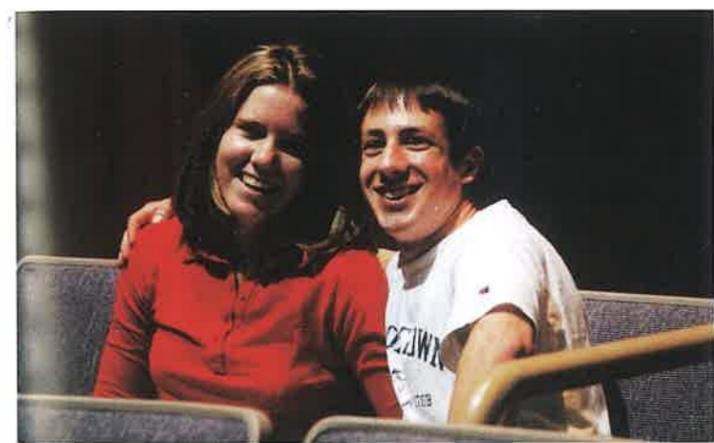


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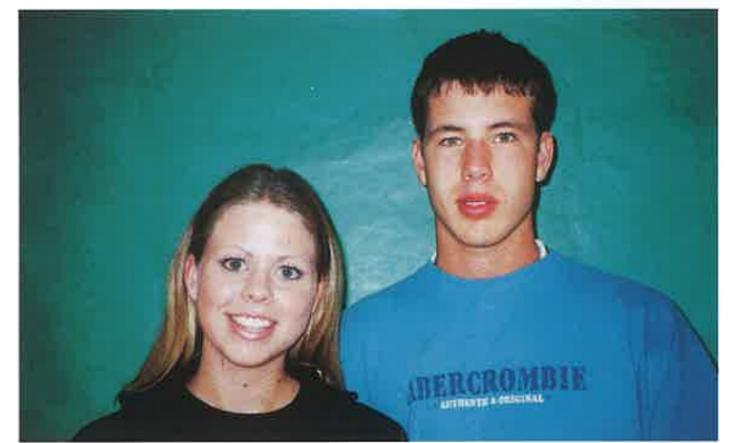
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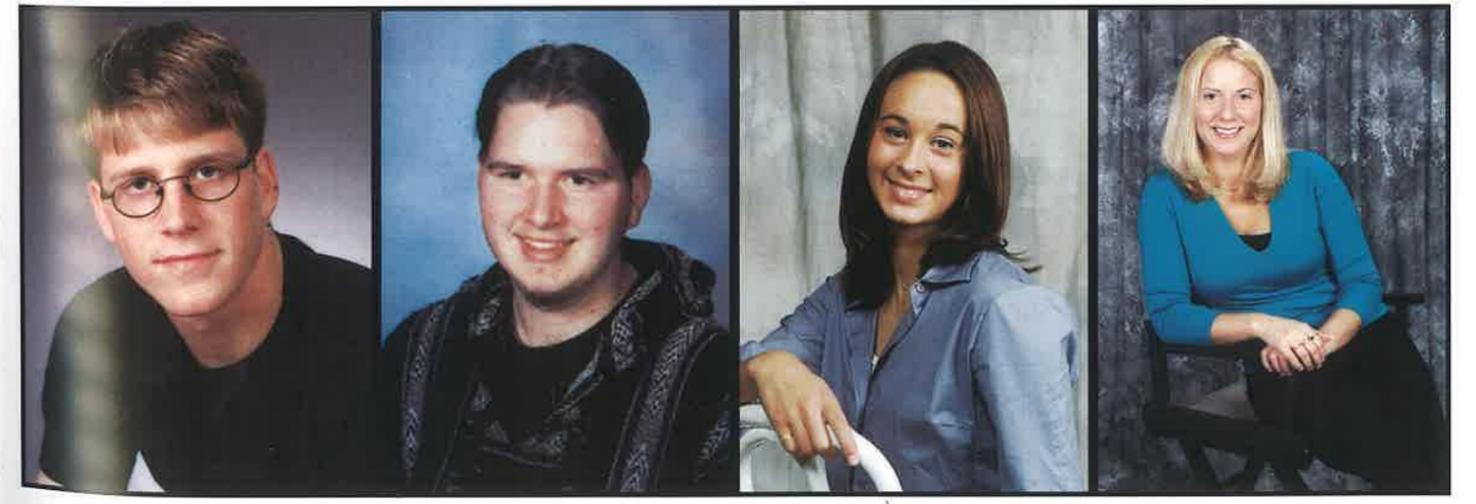
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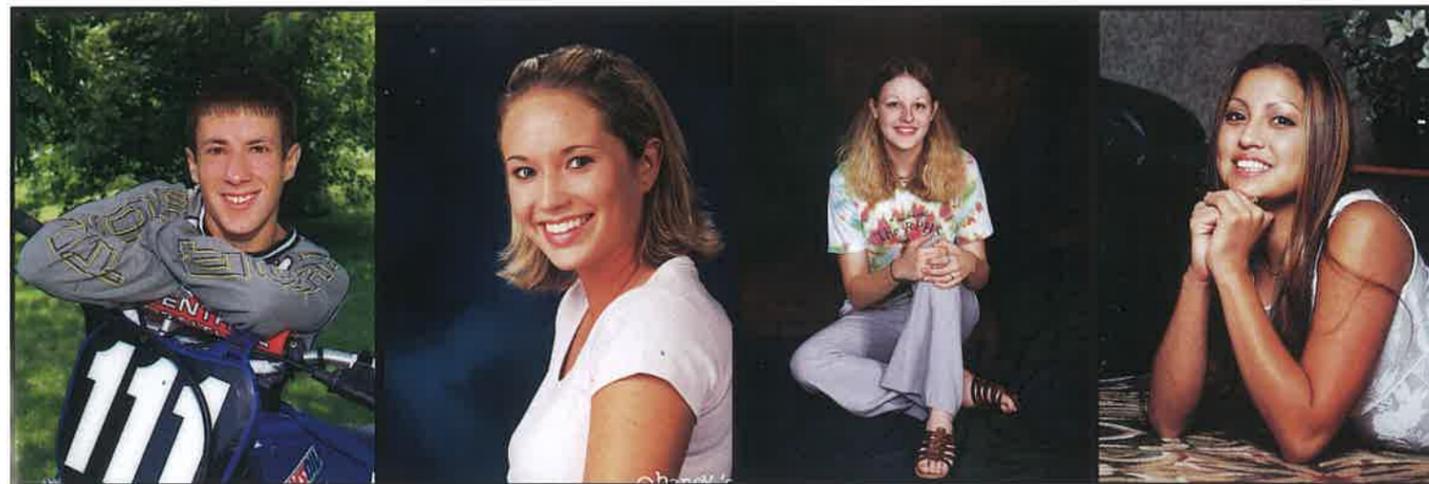


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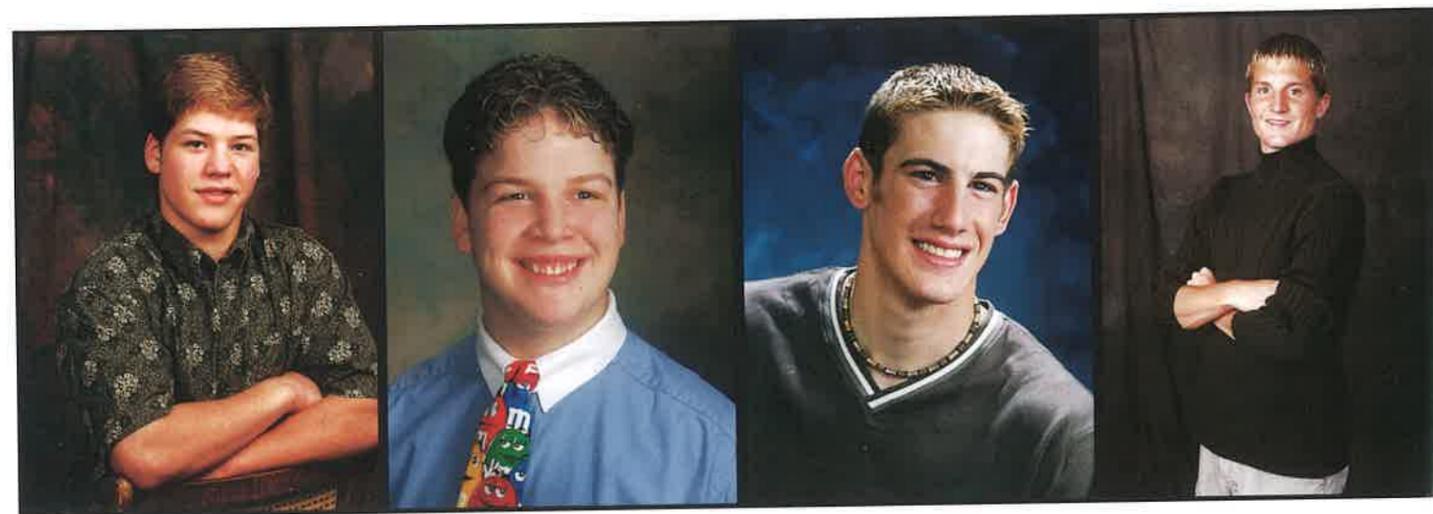


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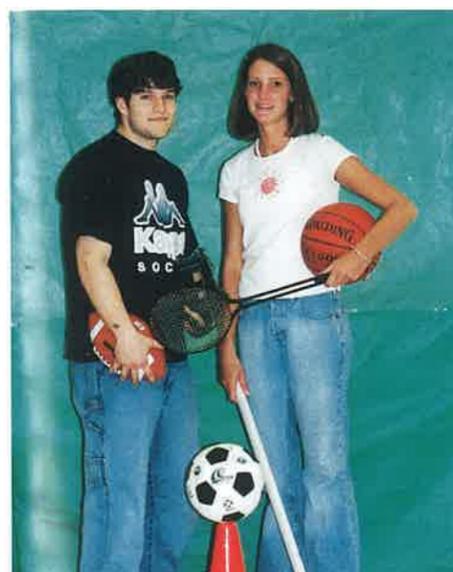


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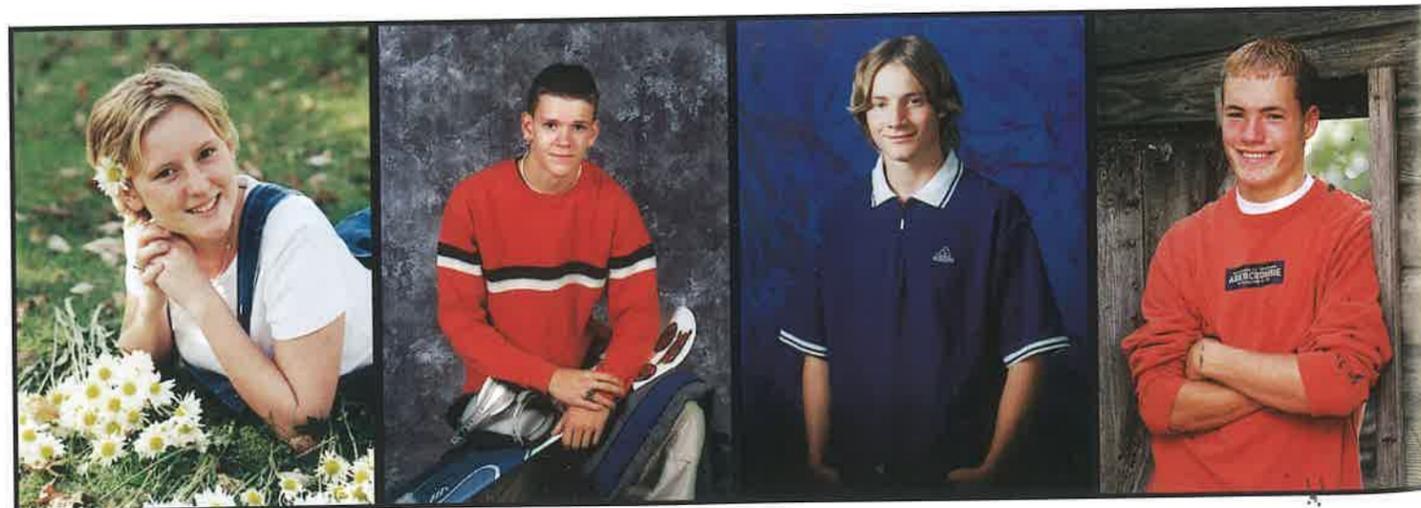
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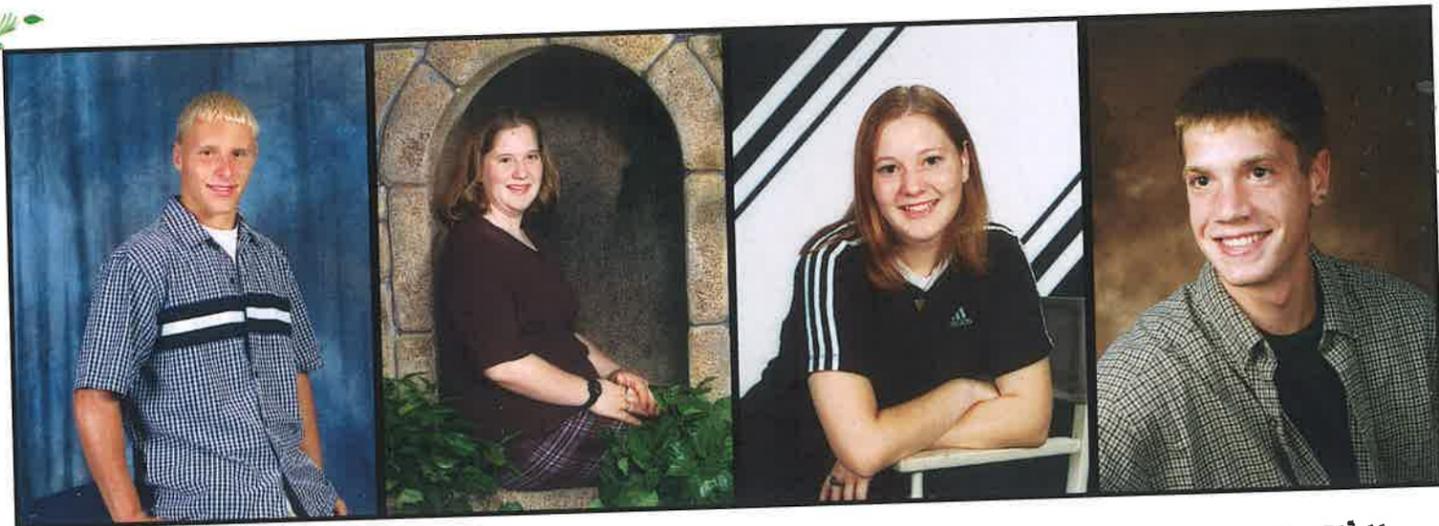


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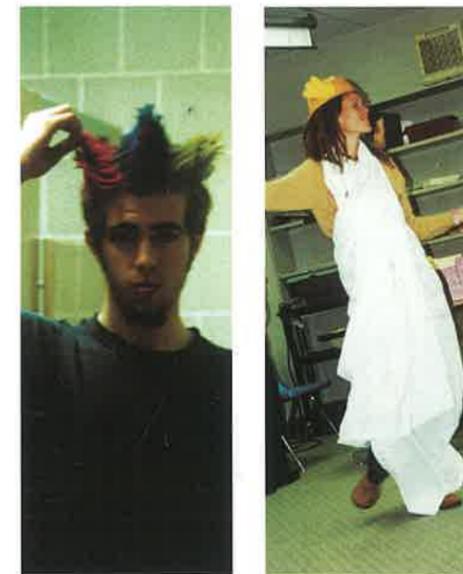
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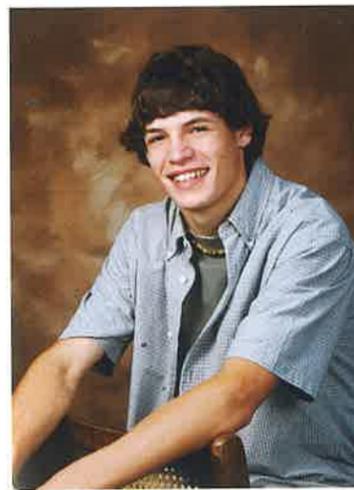
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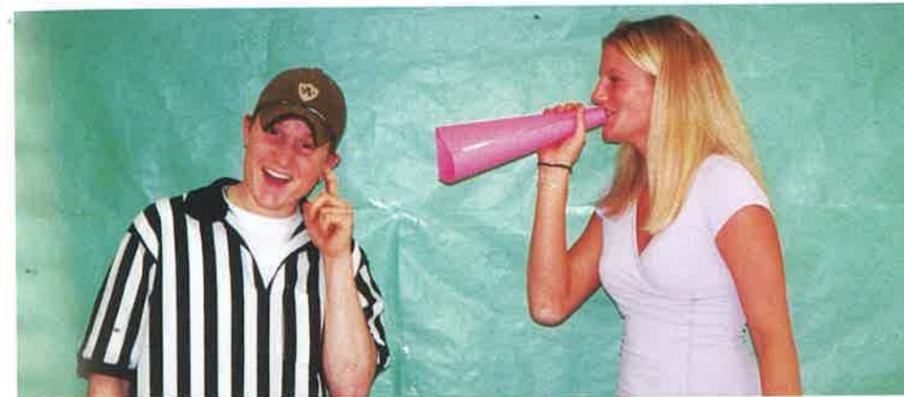
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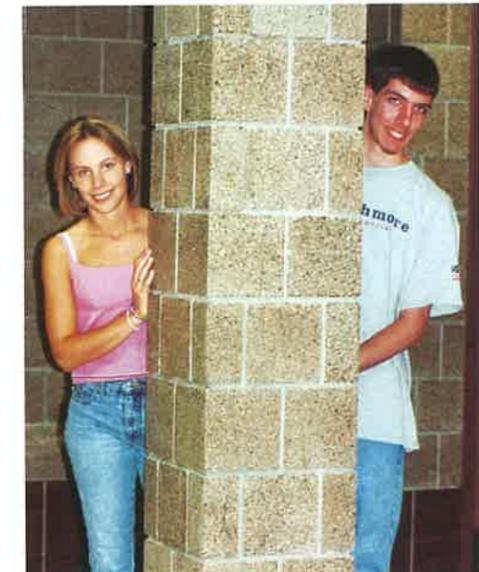


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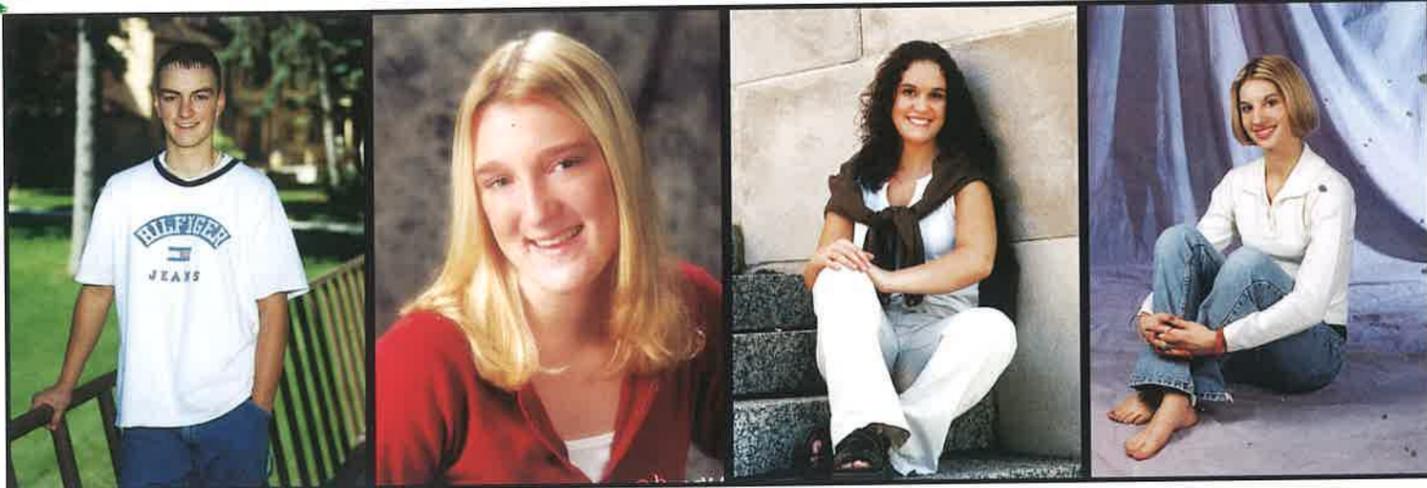
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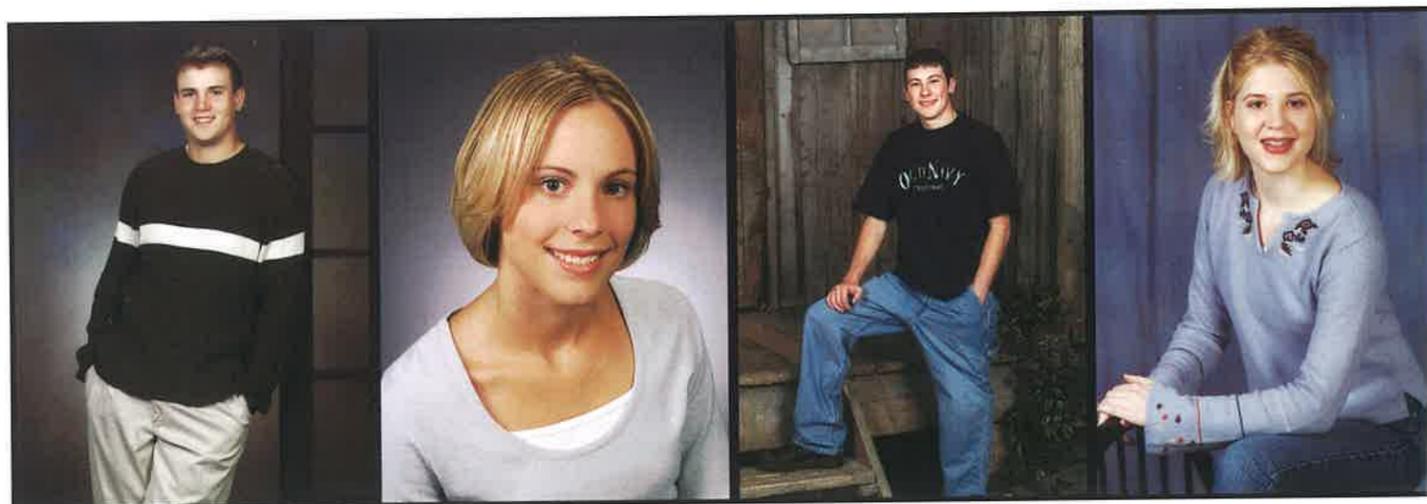
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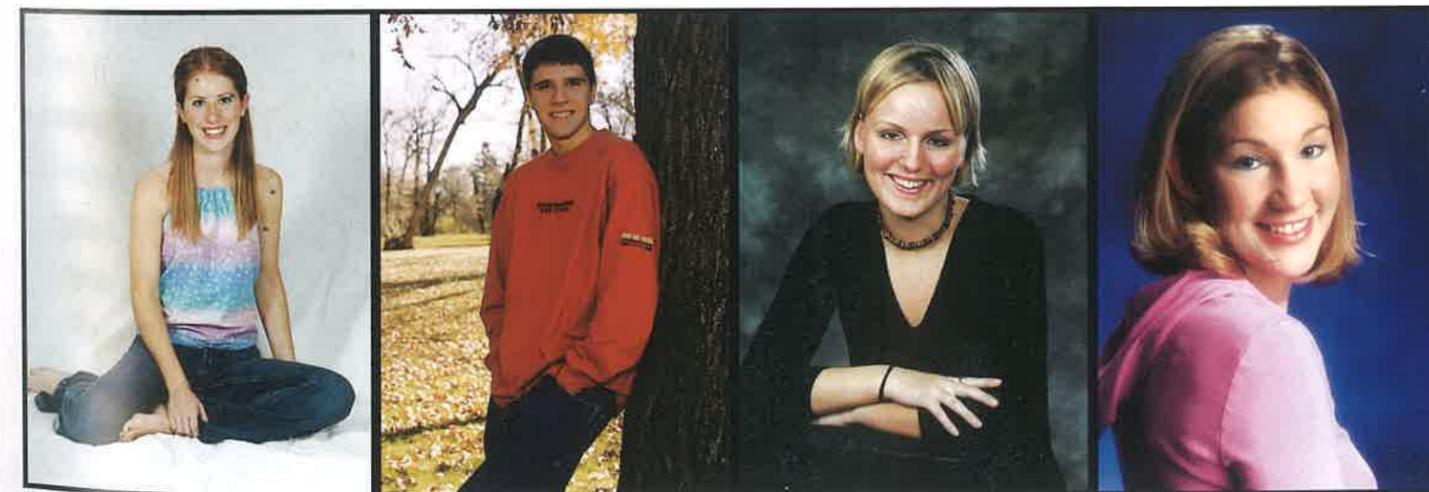


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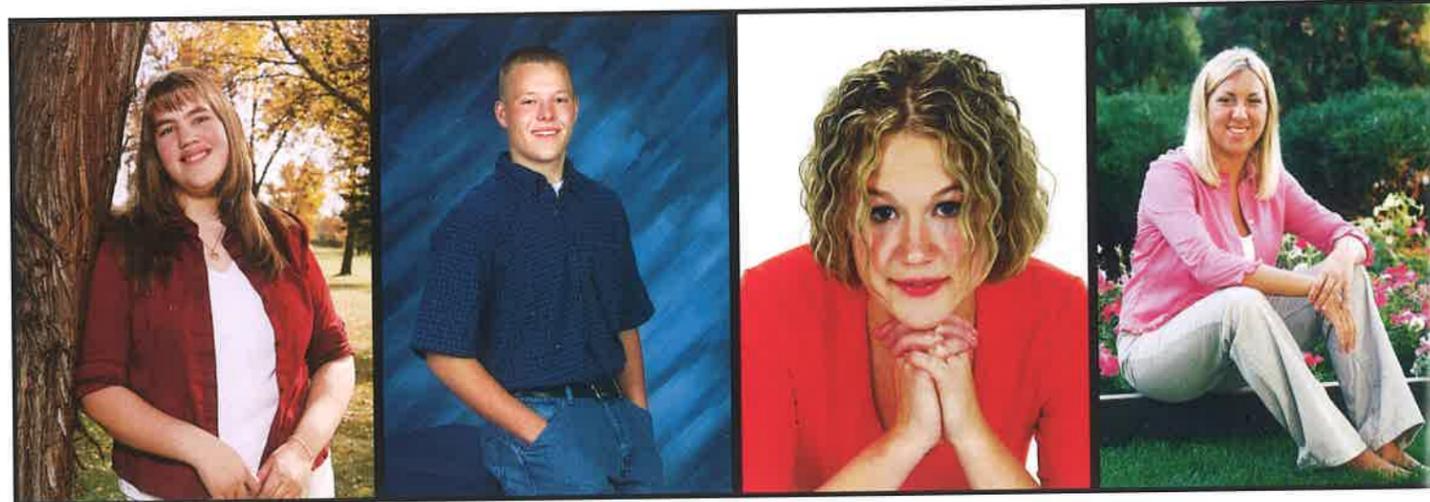


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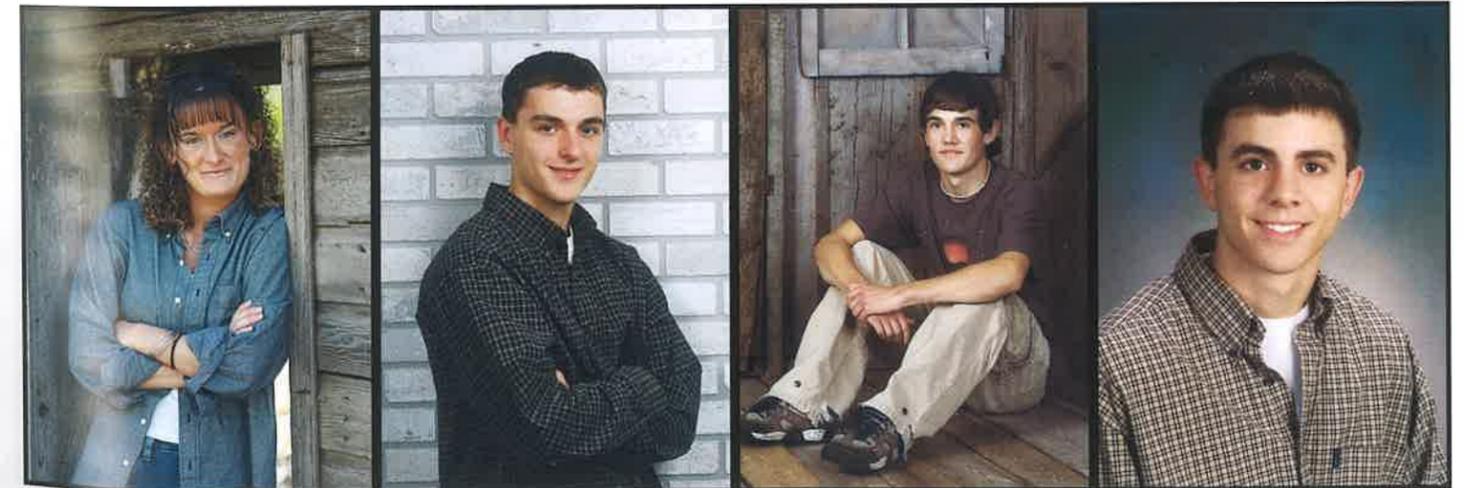


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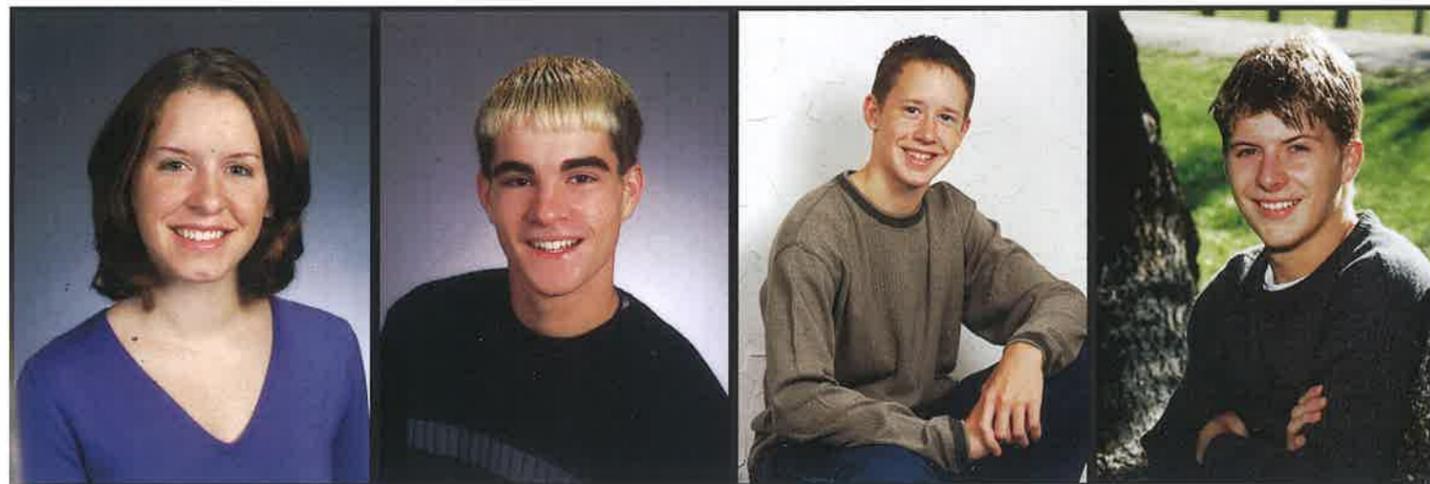


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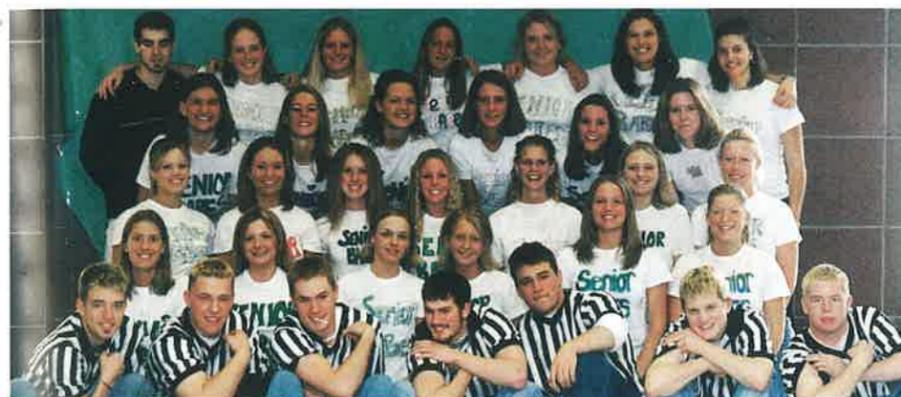


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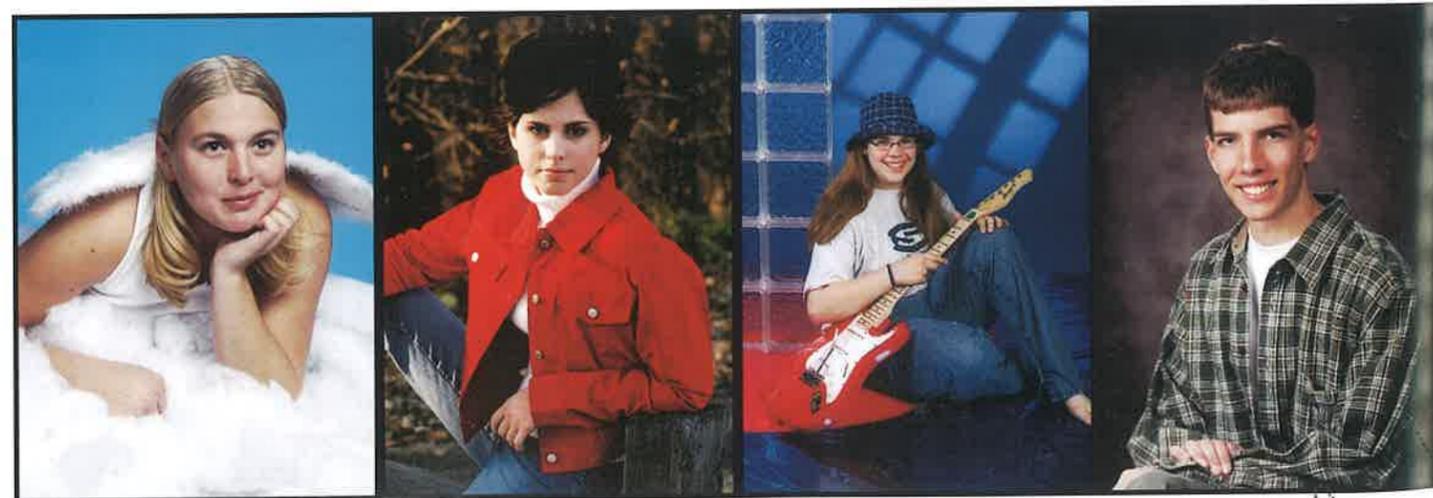
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Senior Babes



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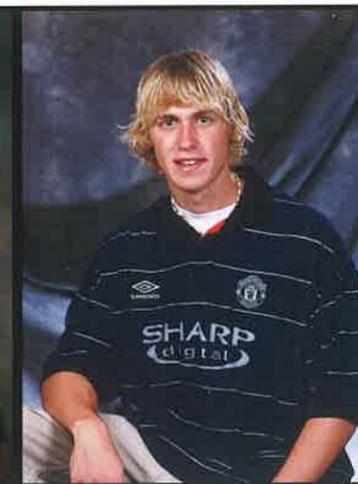
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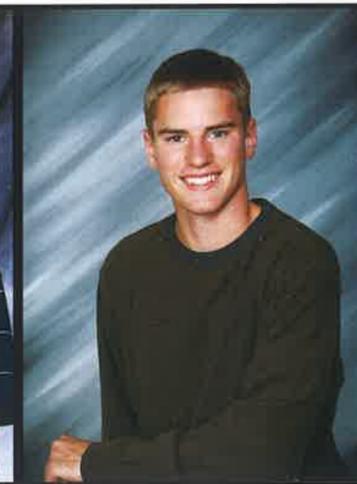
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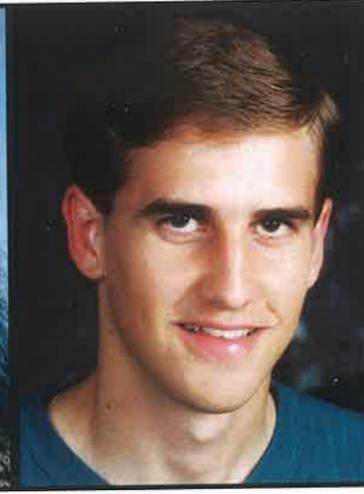
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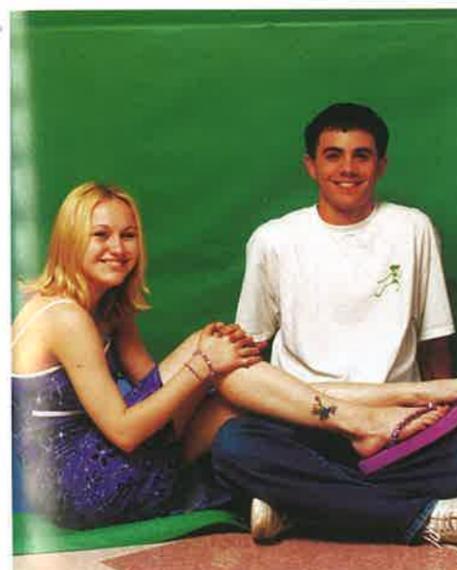
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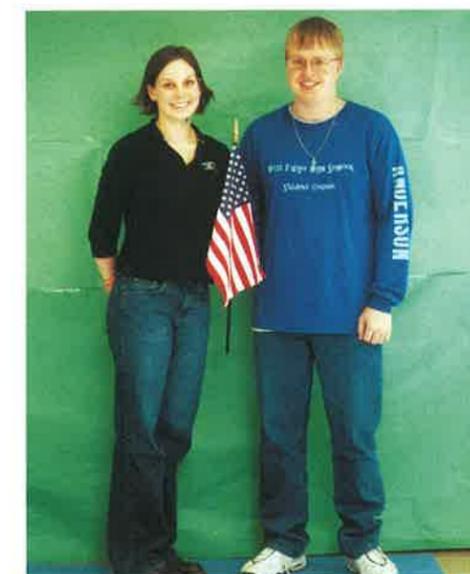
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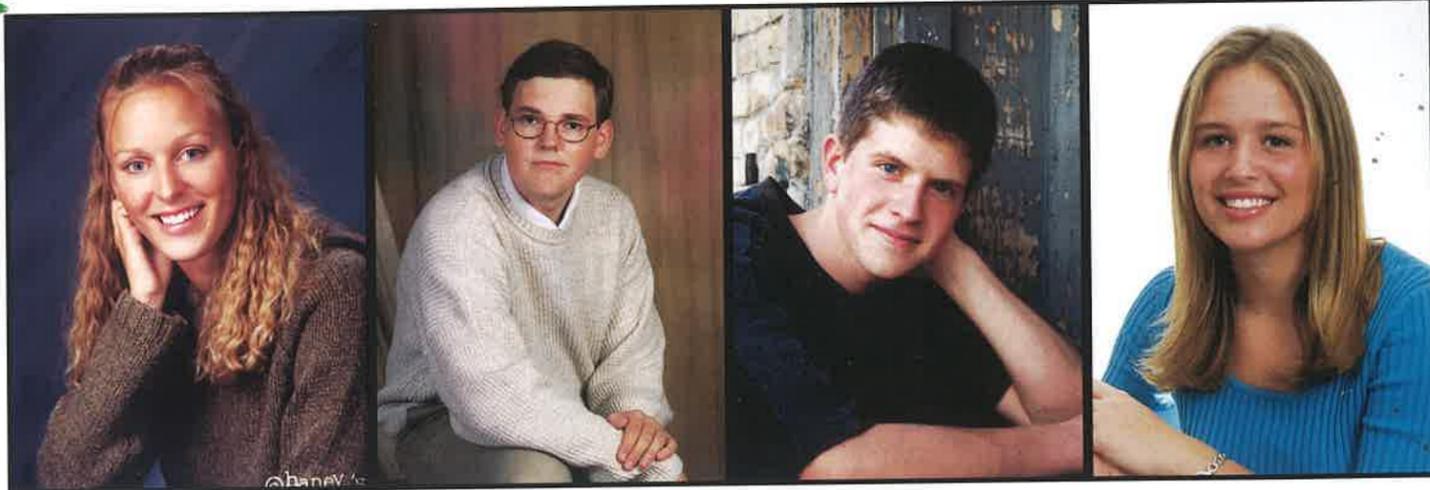
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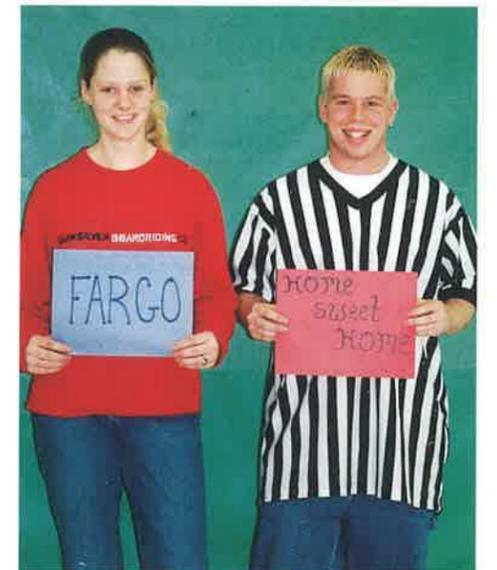
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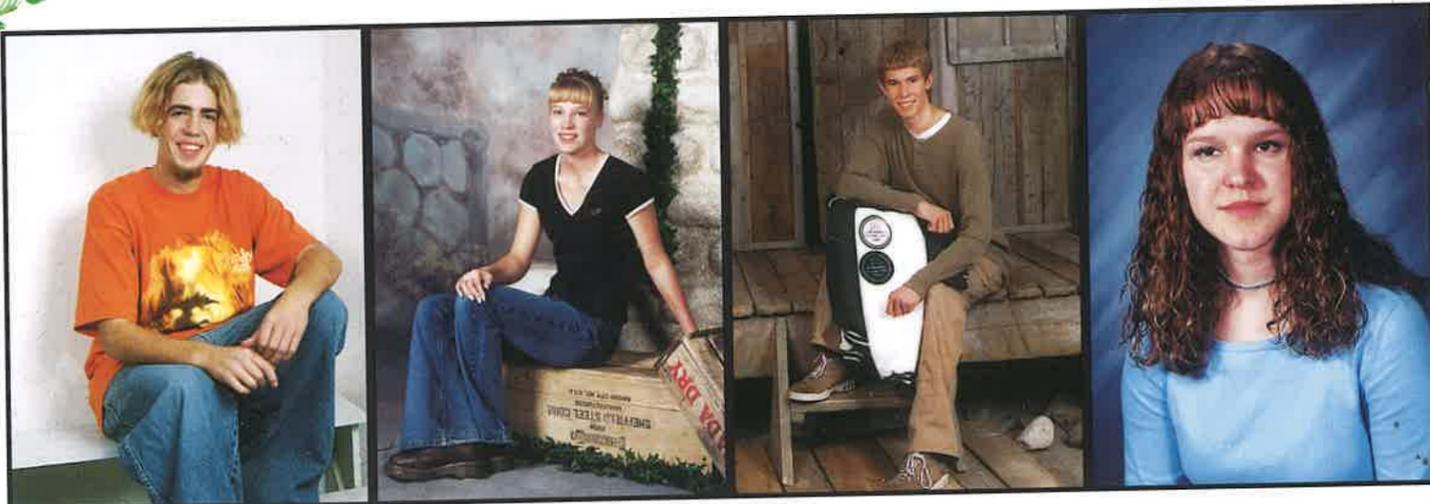


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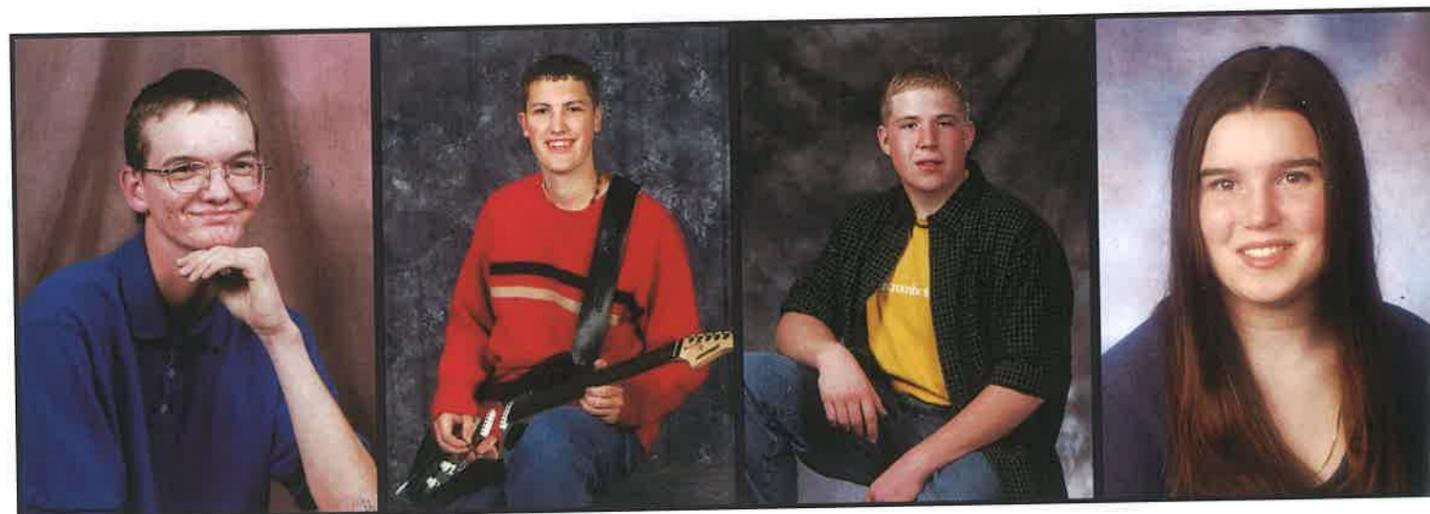


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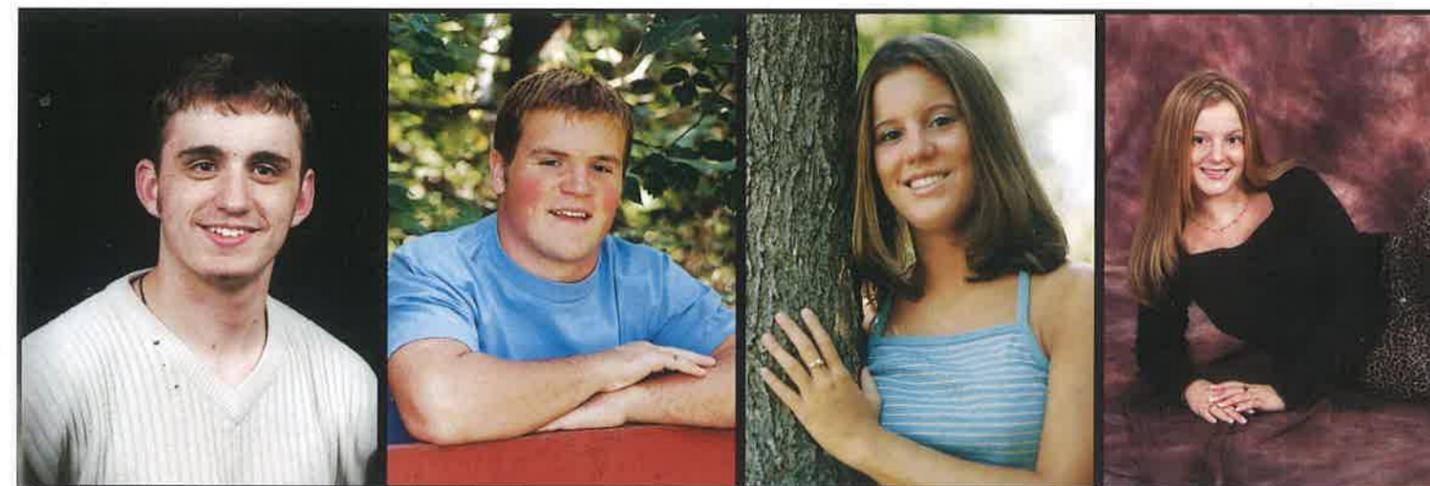


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**MOST
STYLISH**

Jason Nitschke

Stacey Costain

MOST UNIQUE

Travis Rud

Lindsay Babl



Lyle J. Sinner

Amber A. Smerud

Eric J. Smith

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Jonathan B. Swanson



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MOST LIKELY TO BECOME

SUPER HERO

*Mike Huff
Trisha York*



MOST LIKELY TO WIN A PULITZER

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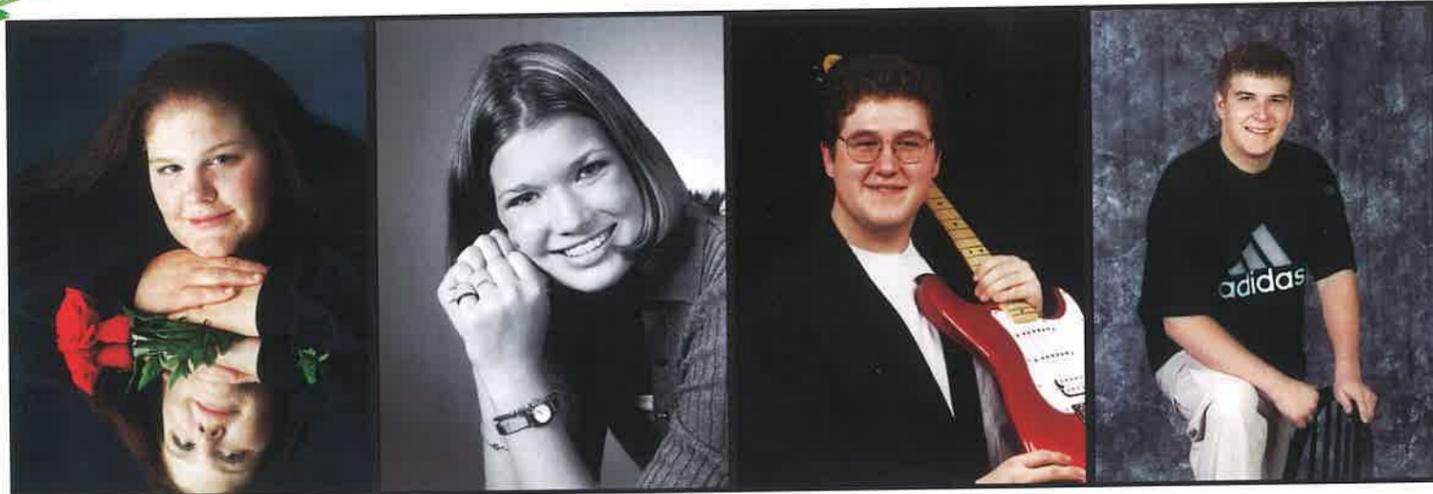
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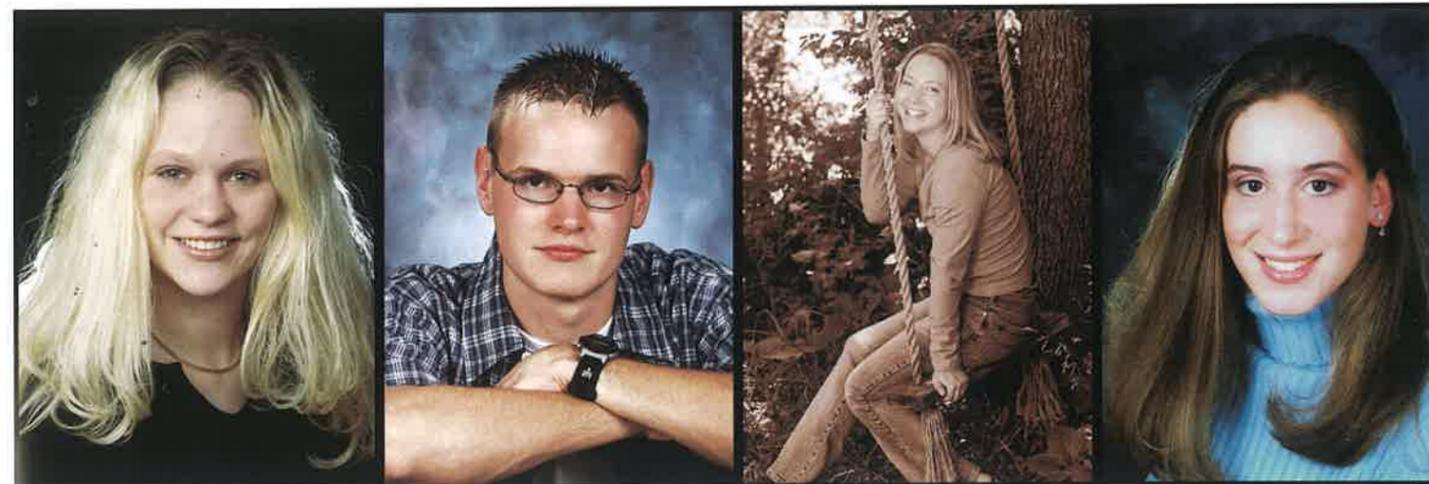


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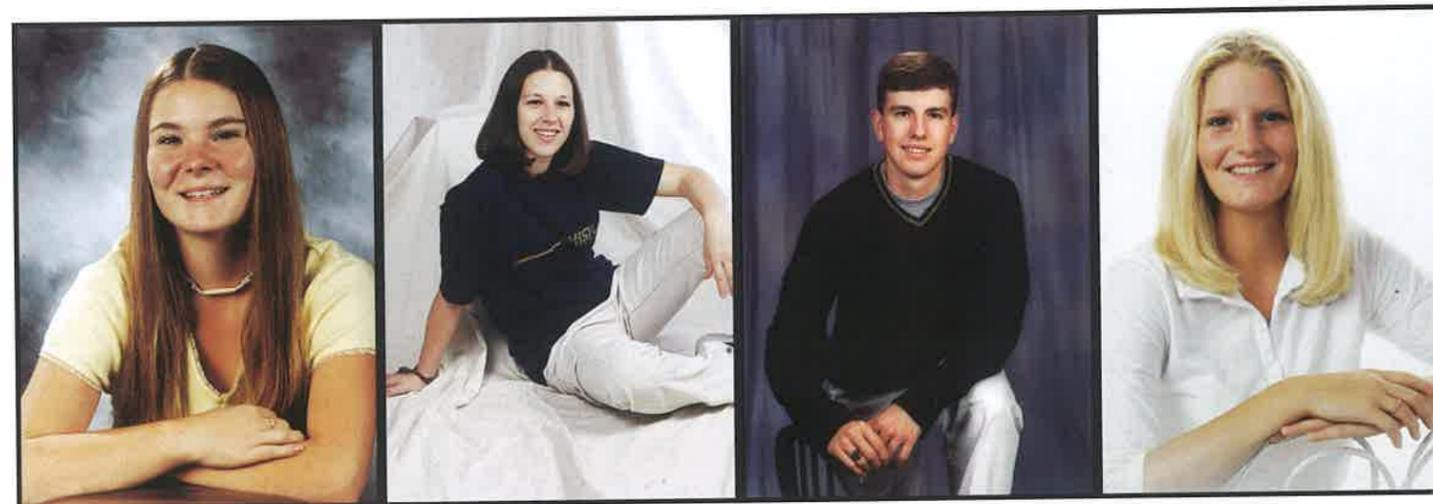


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MOST LIKELY TO
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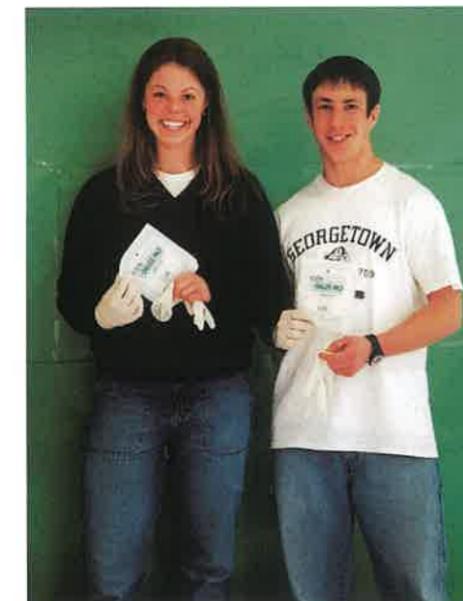
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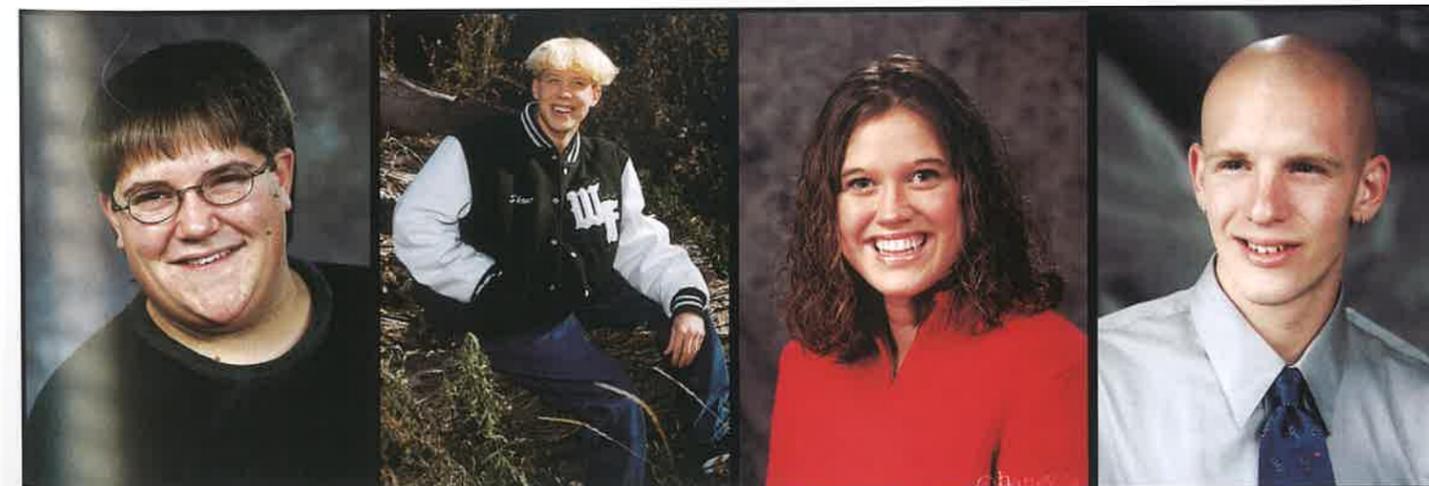


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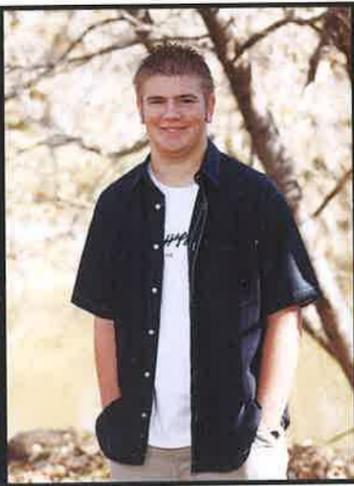
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**MOST LIKELY TO BECOME
A WORLD CLASS EDITOR**

*Ben Watne
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**MOST LIKELY TO GO TO
THE MOON**

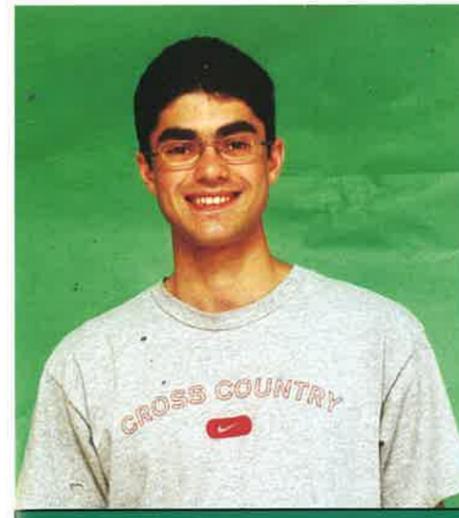
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Being a foreign exchange student in West Fargo was a great overall experience because people cared about what you did and administration did a great job when you needed help. I hope this attitude will continue so future students have the same experience.

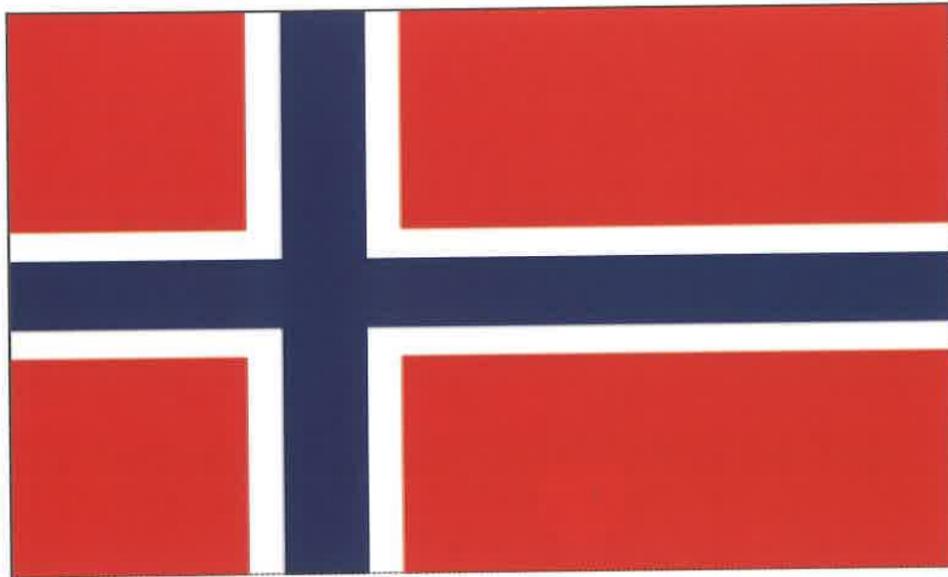
Jan



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Adel Hassenpoor



Linda Larsen



Anna Gustafsson

Hi my name is Anna Gustafsson and I'm a foreign exchange student from Sweden. My year here in the US is getting to an end and I've had a lot of great experiences both from Fargo and from other parts of the country. The first day of high school was either my worst or greatest day of all my school days. The people in Fargo have been so nice and everything is so easygoing and it's even relaxing going to school. That is probably the best thing about this stay here, that everybody is interested in what we're doing different in Sweden and they really want to know something about a different culture. I think the worst thing about this whole trip is that I've lost some of the freedom I use to have in Sweden. I think everything bad or good has a meaning so I probably learned something from this, even though it might not feel that way right now! This year has been great and I don't regret one single moment of it. I would do it all over again if I could and I would even do it here in Fargo again.



Oezlem Oeztuerk



How to survive in college



10 self serving reasons to be nice to people

1. Someday your car will break down... when it's 50 degrees below zero in the shade.
2. You'll lose your prized notebook, and you'll need it back very much.
3. You'll not be able to find a building that is lost (or has clearly been moved within the past two weeks).
4. You'll need help on an assignment, finding notes, or borrowing a book, tape, CD, season tickets, Porsche, etc.
5. You'll need a ride somewhere... at a time when your friend can't take you, and your other friend doesn't want to leave the party yet.
6. You'll desperately need to get into a locked building...(which will have your suitcase and three months of clothes before you leave for home for the summer).
7. You'll need help logging onto the Internet from your computer and you barely know how to turn on your computer.
8. You'll need a signature to have a petition approved or a letter of reference for a job.
9. You'll need to get a grade changed or allowed into a class that has been closed for 2 weeks.
10. You'll need somebody to be nice to you on a very bad day.

10 ways to stay healthy while you're in school

1. Walk to school every day or ride your bike to your job when it isn't raining so hard that you can't see anything out the window.
2. Keep all of the things in your life in proper perspective and balanced. Don't forsake the important things necessary for your emotional and spiritual serenity because you are too busy for them as a student. You will pay a price for it,



eventually, if you do.

3. Walk your dog for at least an hour or so a day. The dog will certainly enjoy your company and may be willing to put up with your moaning and whining for awhile. Don't overdo it, though — even golden retrievers have their limits on tolerating perpetual whiners.
4. Eat balanced meals like they told you to do back in elementary school and in junior high — and you haven't done since you've started college.
5. See one of those nurses, dieticians or nutrition specialists at the health clinic. They will tell you excellent things and you will walk out of there feeling smarter and ready to give some of your classmates helpful advice on curbing their ridiculously unhealthy lifestyles.
6. Get more sleep. I know you aren't getting enough sleep, even though you say you are. I just know this, I really do.
7. Quit spending time doing things in the evening that your body and brain tell you in the morning were a moronic waste of time and money.
8. Learn to relax every day. Some people never have learned how to relax. Their arteries are hardening faster than normal as they are reading this survival list right now. I can see it all the way from over here.
9. Make a spot on your schedule every day to do absolutely nothing but meditate or stare into space and breathe normally again.
10. Sign up for one of those wellness workshops at the advising center and learn a lot more things than I can provide in a single Top 10 survival list.

How to survive on your own



10 things you need to survive on your own

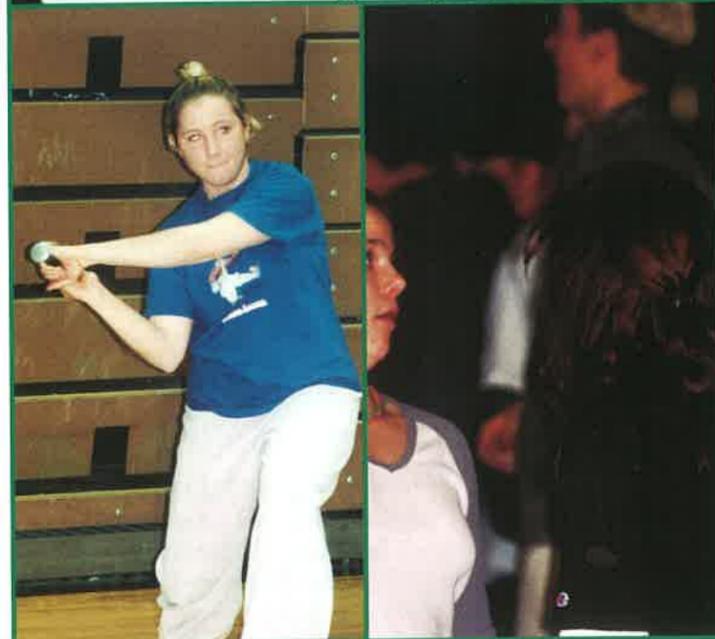
10. Loans
9. Calling Card
8. Scooter and Roller Blades
7. Hair Spray and Clear Nail Polish (don't ask)
6. Ramen Noodles
5. Loofa
4. WD 40
3. PRACS
2. Duct Tape
1. Picture of Amber Schulz in your wallet. (compiled by Yearbook class)



10 Reasons to get a Sam's Club Membership

10. Flat Carts can be used as gigantic skateboards
9. Take home carrier boxes can be used as forts
8. If you get gum stuck in your hair Sam's peanut butter jar is big enough to fit entire head into
7. Econo beef burgers
6. Giant pizzas
5. bulk=good
4. Only have to shop once a year
3. Fulfill all needs at one store
2. Surplus of candy
1. Sample Day

Packer



Perspectives





Just can't wait to be king

Juniors

A friendship is something that can't be broken.
 It can't be cut,
 it can't be torn
 You are there for me
 you're one of a kind.
 I am just glad you are a friend of mine!
 You're there for me when I am down,
 but when we are together I cannot frown.
 You lift me up
 I'll never come down;
 you are a friend I will always cherish
 without you life would be a blemish.
 A blemish on the eternal life God gives (if you believe).
 We talk for hours,
 we stay up late,
 we share our hopes and dreams for the future
 which we hope will come true
 but know in our hearts that they will never be.
 We just chill and lay back and crack open a soda
 and remember the time
 we first met and where.
 So all I am saying
 is that I want you to know
 that I hope I'll be your friend
 'till our lives come to an end.
By Mike Blickensderfer

"It's the Max and Moose Show!" During the Homecoming Game, Juniors Adam Byrne, Brian Moore, Max Washnieski, and Lindsey Schlecht show their team spirit.



"See ya in the parking lot ladies." After a tough loss, Junior Powderpuffs Amy Mills and Chelce Buzick shake hands.



Friends for Life

A friend is defined as someone who supports or sympathizes with a group or individual. Throughout a student's high school years life may seem stressful or almost unbearable, but when one has a close friend to stand behind them and help them through rough times, life becomes much more tolerable.

"A person only needs two friends, one for Friday and one for Saturday," said junior Stephanie Kuehn.

Friends one has in high school may have started out as childhood buddies, people met in seventh grade when the schools combined, freshman year when there were all new classes, or a brand new friendship started just recently.

"My best friend and I met when she was three and I was five," said freshman Brandi Grossman.

Whether a person's friendships are new or old, the friendships made while in high school will remain as memories for the rest of his or her life.

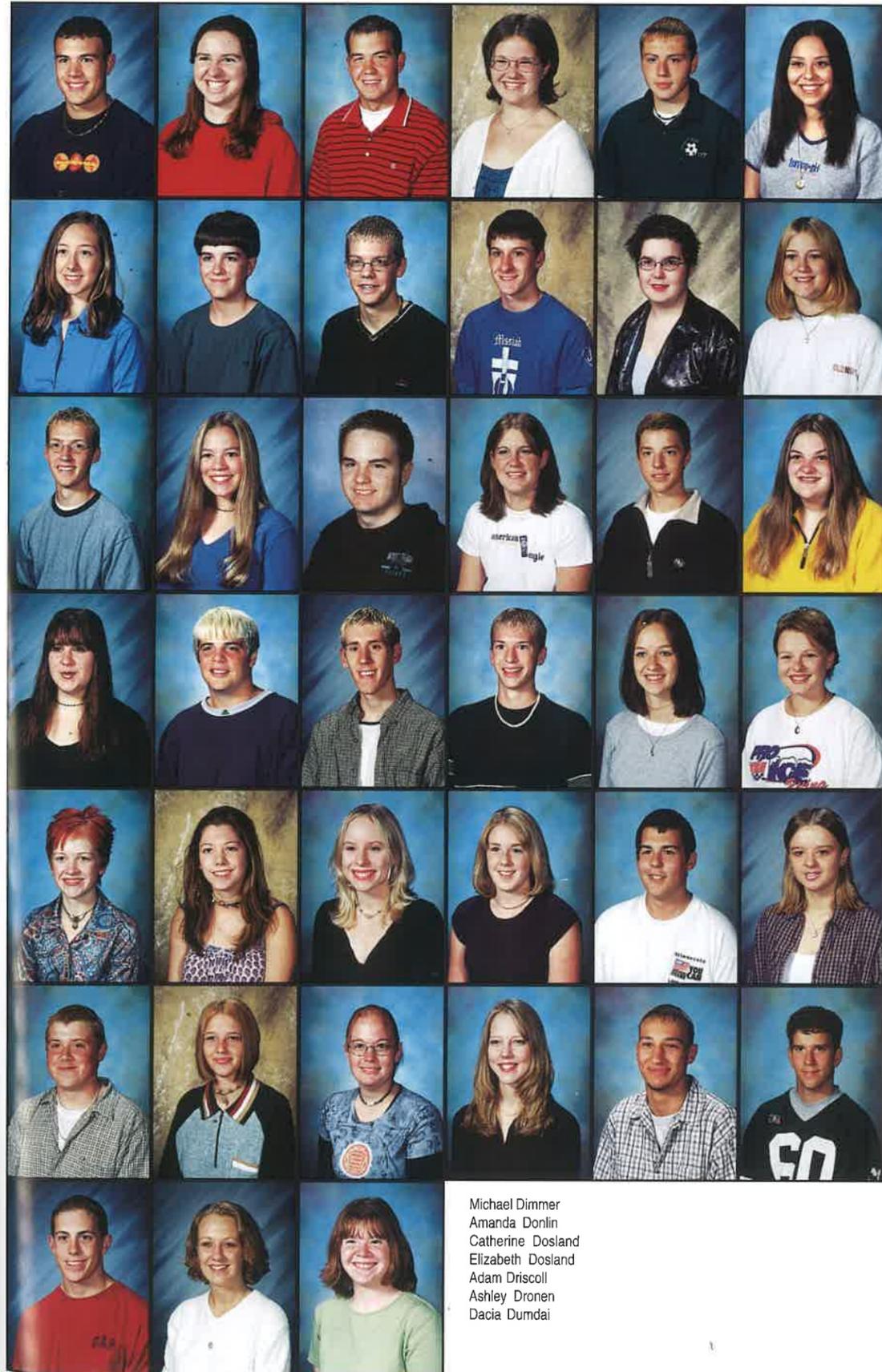
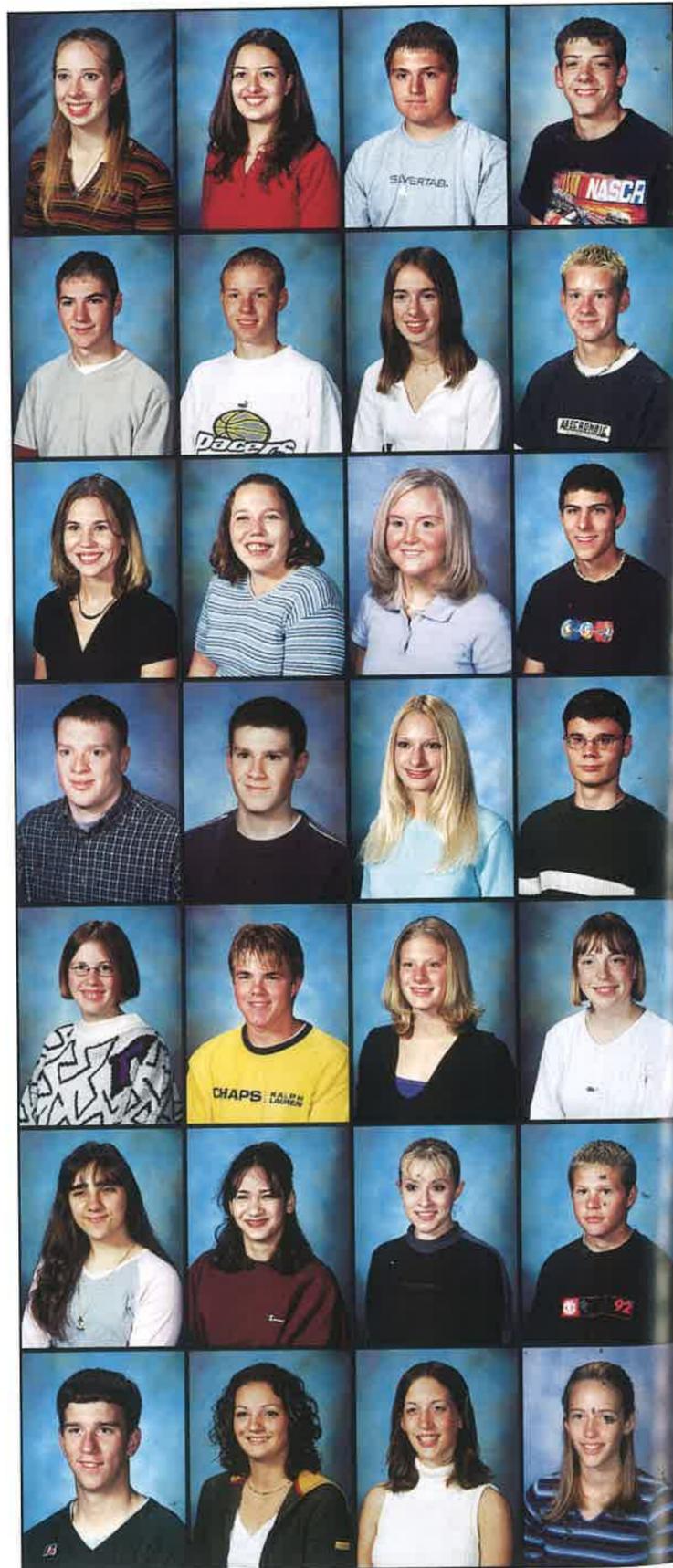
By Autumn Neu



Did I just say that out loud? Looking embarrassed, junior Michele Newgren enjoys lunch with fellow juniors Chelce Buzick, Aaron Flynn, and Adam Driscoll.

Habla Espanol? While practicing their speeches, juniors Ann Timmerman, Sara Vigen, Jesse Blixt, and Dennis Cullen recite their lines.

This Stinks! Waiting for a friend, junior Catherine Dosland waits impatiently.



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Paige Abraham
Joshua Ackerman
Jeremy Almer
Andrew Anderson
Betsy Anderson
Jason Anderson
Nichole Anderson
Omar Arellano
Beverly Badillo

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Casey Baker
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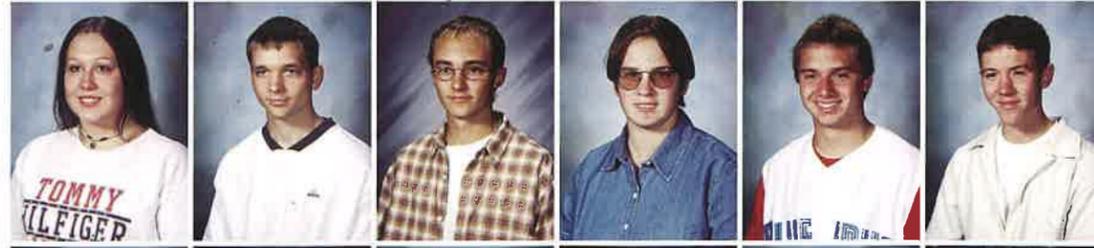
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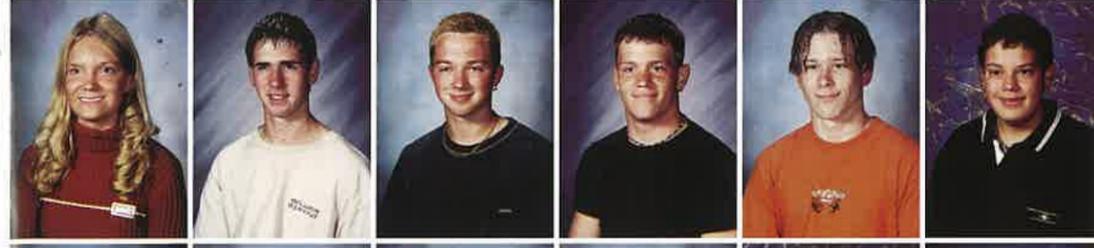
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Kelsey Hertel



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April Hovland
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Joshua Jackson
Katie Jamieson
Tess Jens



Brian Johnson
Craig Johnson
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Lacey Johnson
Michael J. Johnson
Robert Johnson



Tammy Jorgensen
Almir Jupic
Charles Kaspari
Melissa Kassman
Narinder Kaur
Meagan Kelly



Freeze, we caught you

"Cheaters bring down themselves, the person they cheat off of, heck, they demean the whole school," government teacher Mr. Paul Teft said.

Most teachers held this same view on the act of cheating, but students still thought that it was a necessary step to pass their classes.

"Cheating has helped me through school, otherwise I'd still be in sixth grade," sophomore Leah Whitecomb said.

On the other hand, a small number of students did not like cheating, they thought it was immoral, and would even report it to teachers. "It's a violation of the student code," junior Lindsey Schlecht said.

Although students could always come up with many new ways to cheat, most have been around for a very long time.

By Jessica Jansen

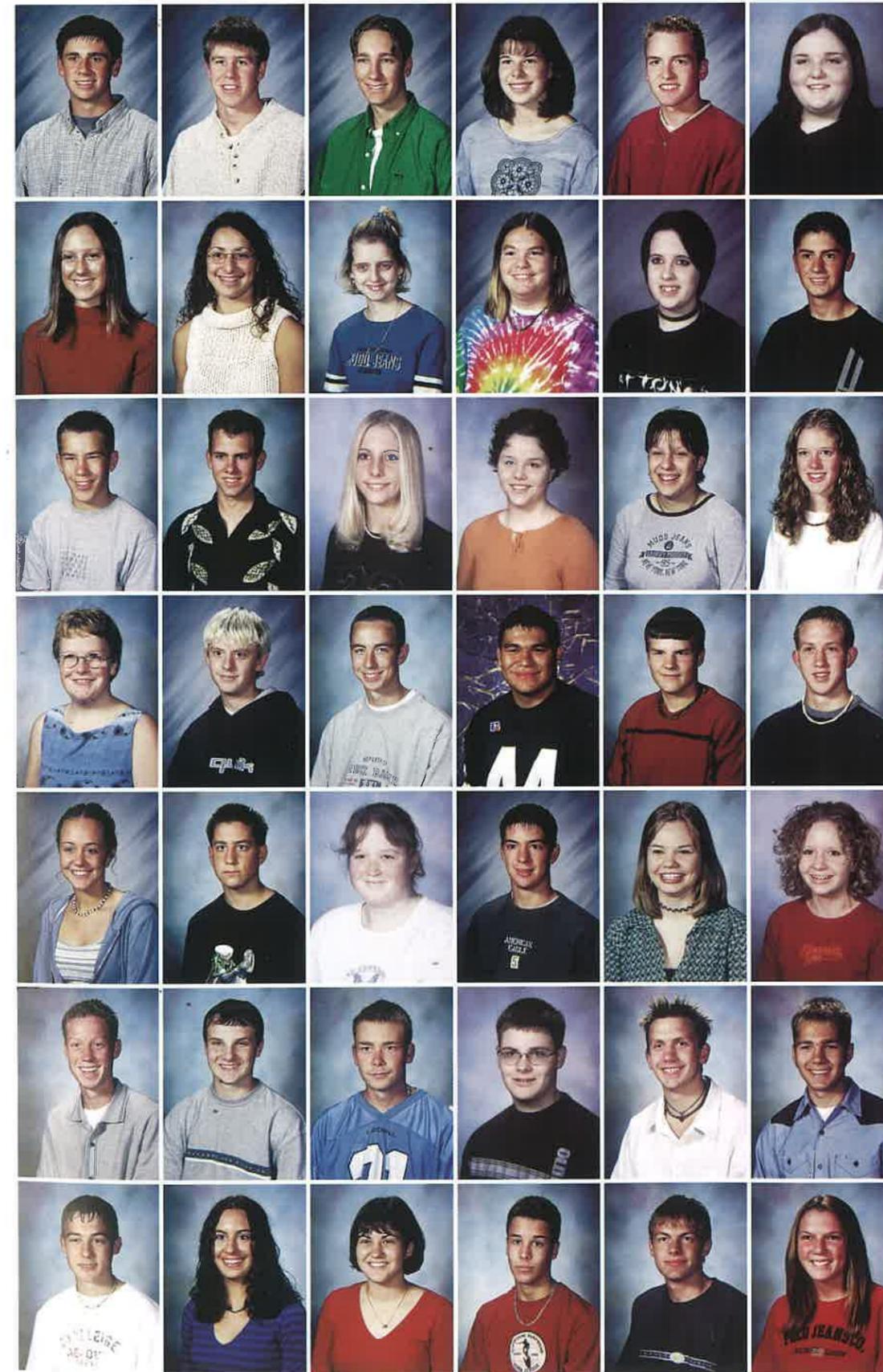
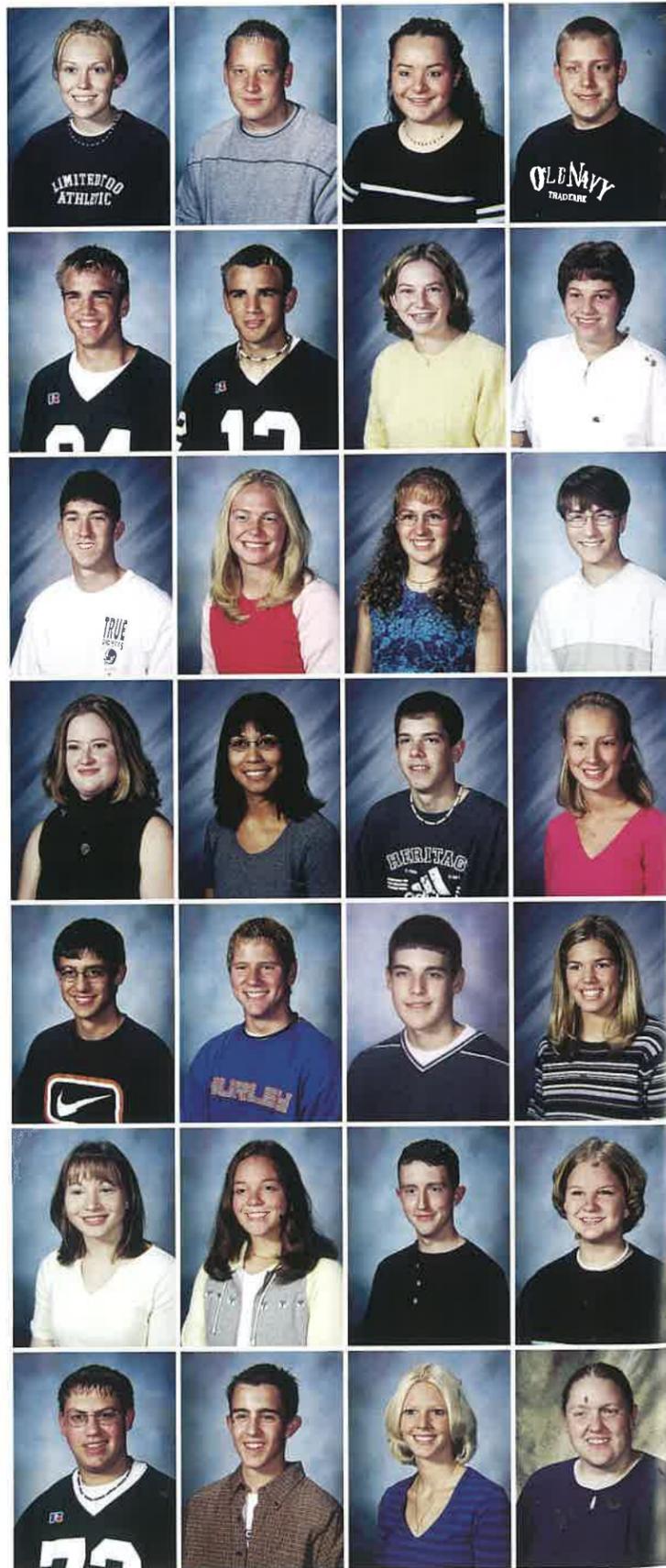


Don't look at my paper! While catching up on the latest news, freshman Landon Johnson and sophomore Taylor Stack relax in the library.



I'm so cute and innocent! Smiling at the camera, junior Kelsey Hertel denies cheating.

Hope Mr. Jonas doesn't see me! A student leans over his work as he sits in commons study hall.



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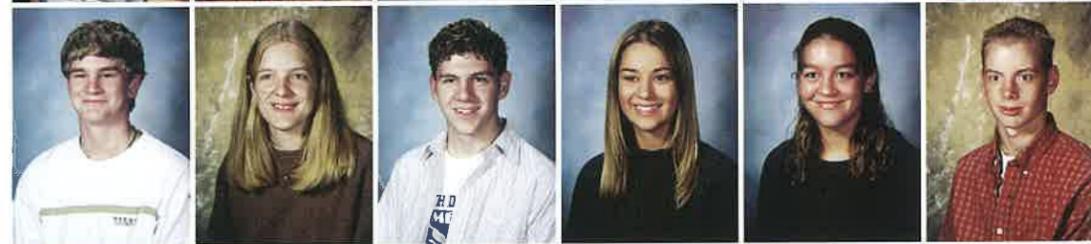
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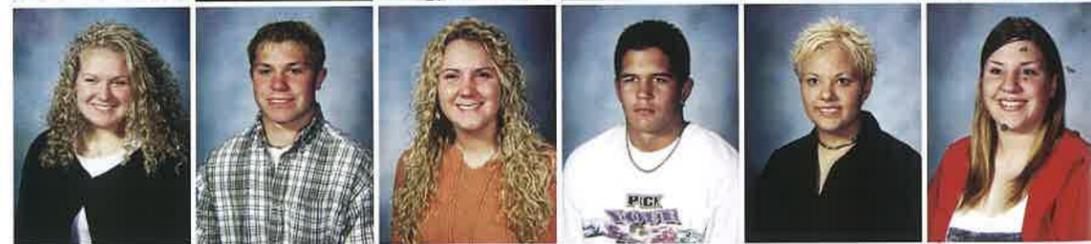
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Getting Down to Monkey Business

Everything costs money like movies, eating, and driving. Many of the students at West Fargo High School have after school jobs to make money and keep busy after school.

"I am using my money to fix my car," senior Rob McSparron said.

Saving money is an important thing to learn in life, and what better time than now? This is especially important for seniors who will have to learn to save their money when they are living on their own next year!

"I am saving some of my money for a car, and having fun with the rest," senior Ryan Haring said.

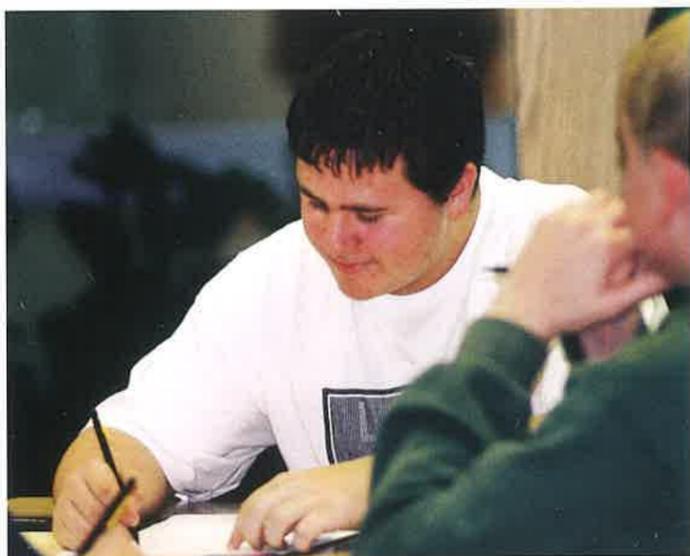
After school jobs are great for learning work habits and are a good way to find out what careers are available for the future, as long as the student makes sure the schoolwork gets done!

By Austin Redington

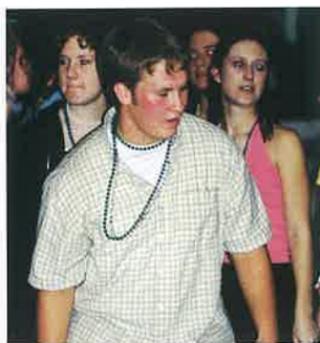


Oh Wow! Look at this! While looking at a sheet of music, junior Kelsey Hertel tries to get the right tune.

I can't believe you did that! Staring blankly at the camera, junior Andrea Watson looks astonished.

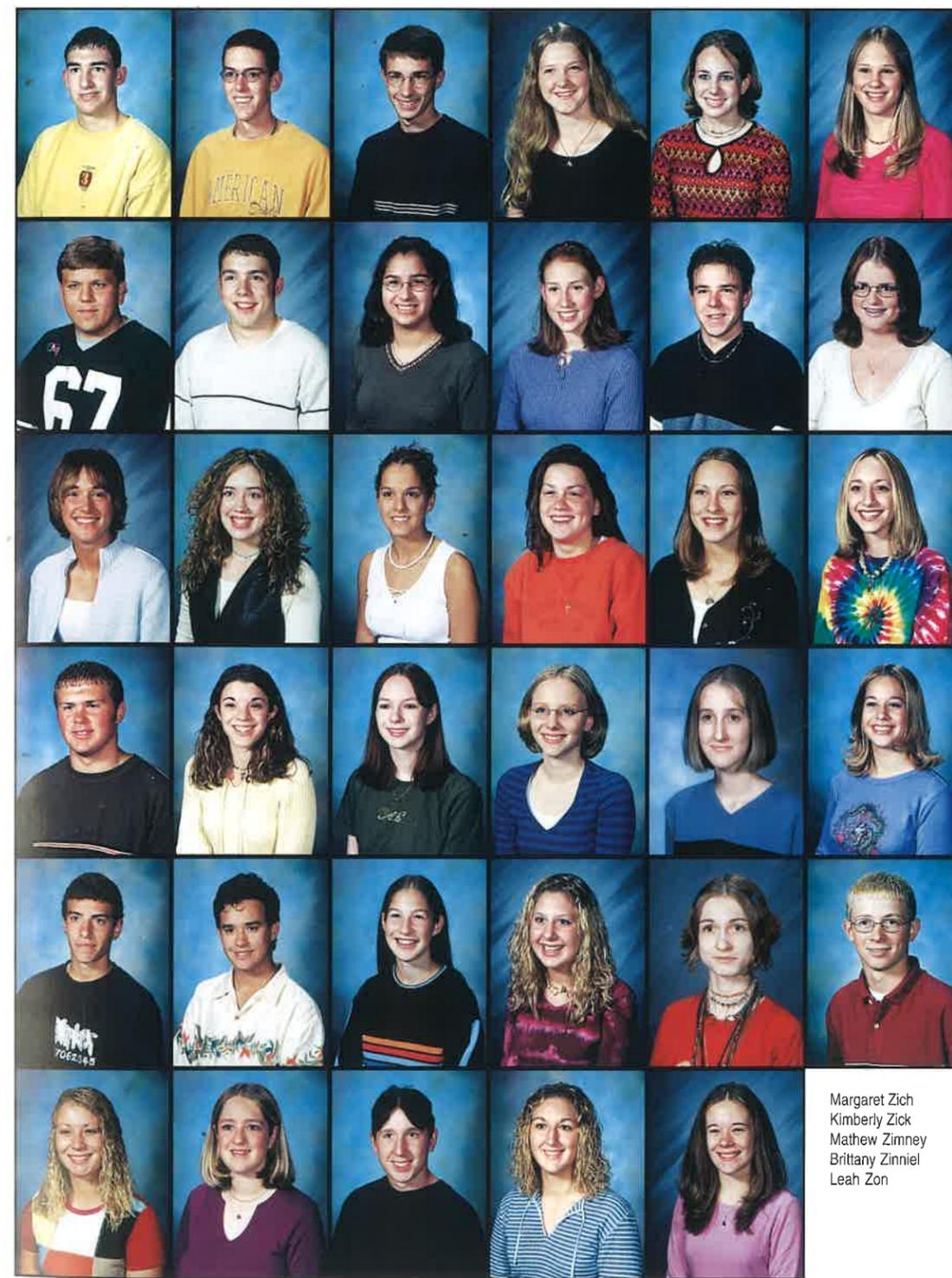


It's all good! Enjoying another day at school, junior Amanda Felts gives us a thumbs up.



Almost done... Working hard at his studies, junior Robert Johnson tries to finish his homework.

I've got the moves! Attending the school dance, junior Aaron Flynn does "the robot."



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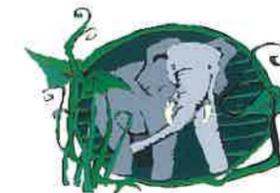
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Neither Predator Nor Prey

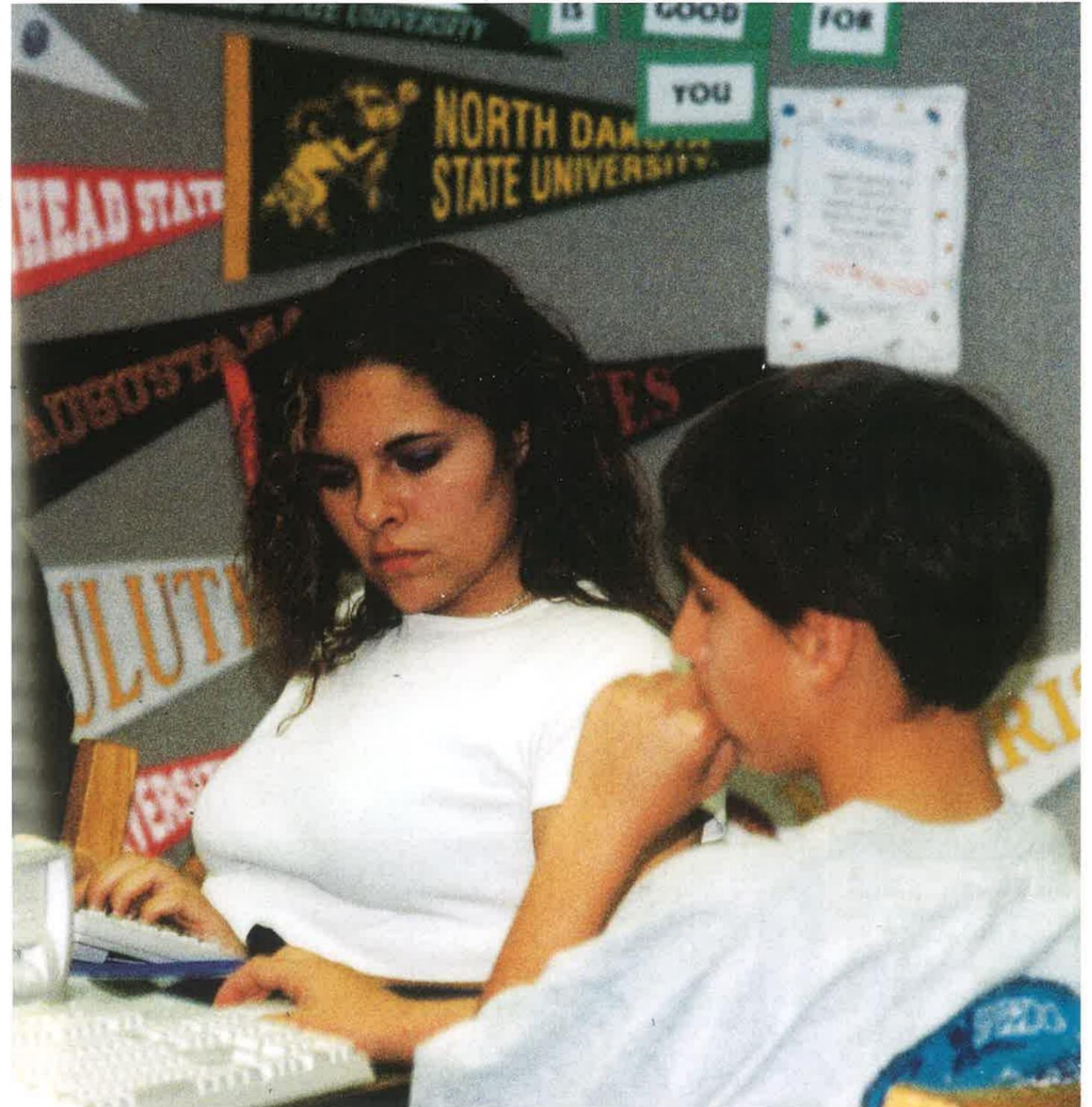
Crawling out of the depths of the jungle, the sophomores finished off their year neither predator nor prey. The sophomores found the courage to survive in the caverns of the jungle, also known as high school. They had many road blocks. These included taking the PLAN test, which blocked many activities. All in all, they pushed themselves to the maximum capacity they could to accomplish their goals. Becoming more familiar with the academics, sports, and organizations, they were thrown up into another notch of the demented food chain. With the pressure from the upperclassman, as well as the nonstop antagonizing the sophomores had to endure, they continued to learn at all aspects of high school life. The faculty also whipped them into shape, by giving them a hard shove, as well as confidence and wisdom to become excellent tenth-graders-soon after, they accomplished their goals. Once all of these tasks had been completed, high school gave the sophomores the strength to convince the other grades that they would become an excellent set of upperclassman in the years to come. With this said, the sophomores survive, and become predators who stalk their own prey.

He he! Joking around with his friends, sophomore Jesse Hackey gives a funny smirk.



Man, I typed the wrong line! While typing up her paper, sophomore Candice Kelsey glares down upon her folder.

S o p h o m o r e s



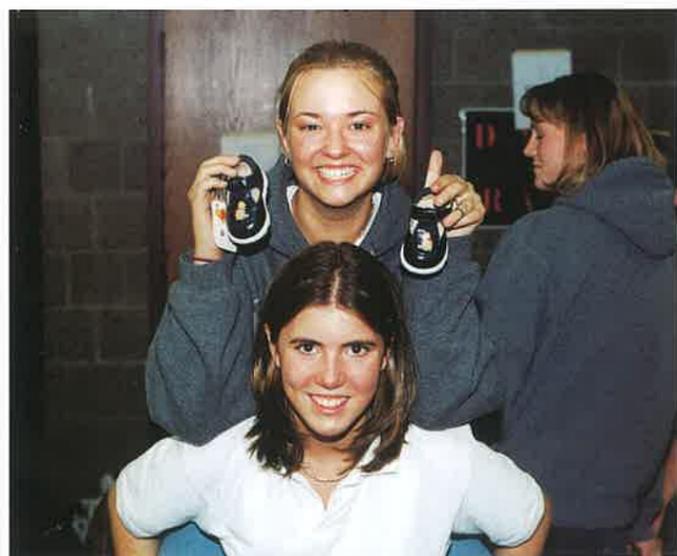
Fast food or not?

Many students had an assortment of jobs during the summer. Whether it was fast food or clerking, the goal was to earn money. Some of the jobs students had last summer included washing cars and holding road signs for the construction workers.

Many people thought that having a job during the summer was a good idea for earning money, but the downfall was being tired and not having enough time to be with friends. "It stinks because it makes the summer go really fast and you're always tired," sophomore Kyle Beckius said.

"I think they get a chance to earn money for themselves, plus they get to find out what the real world is like in meeting and dealing with customers," math teacher Mr. Reuben Mutzenberger said.

By Tony Krajeck

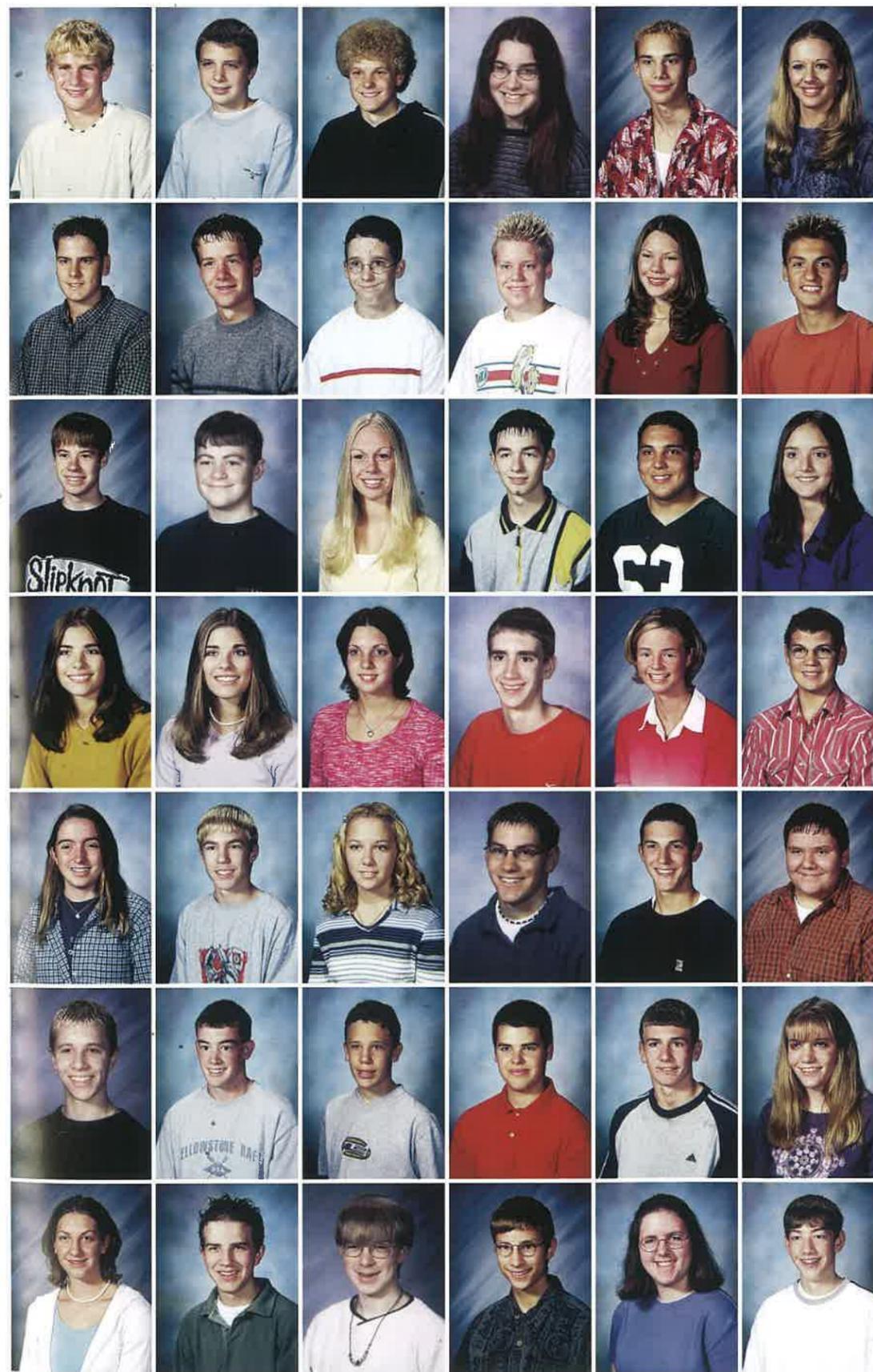


Just let me throw it! Trying to throw the ball, sophomore Cory Ohnstad is blocked by sophomore Paul Rohrer.



Hey look at these! Striking a pose, sophomores Jenna Peterson and Jenna Dyr Dahl show off the donated shoes.

Look what I brought! In english class, sophomore Jeff Morris shows off his donated shoes



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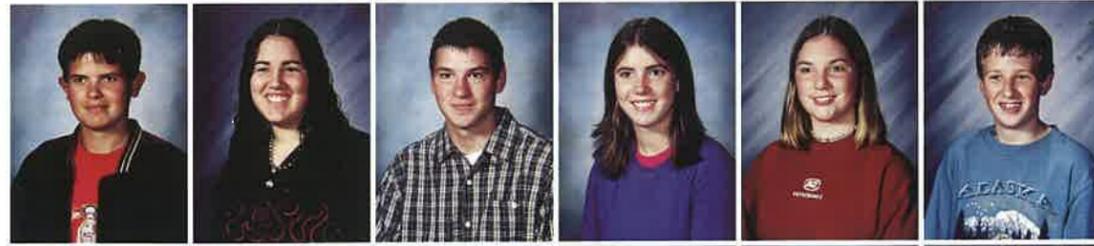
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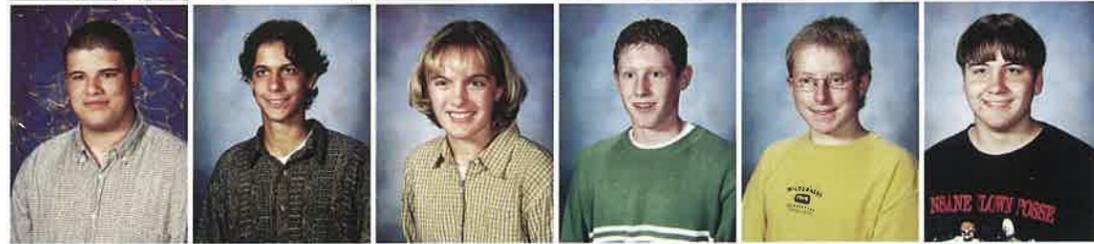
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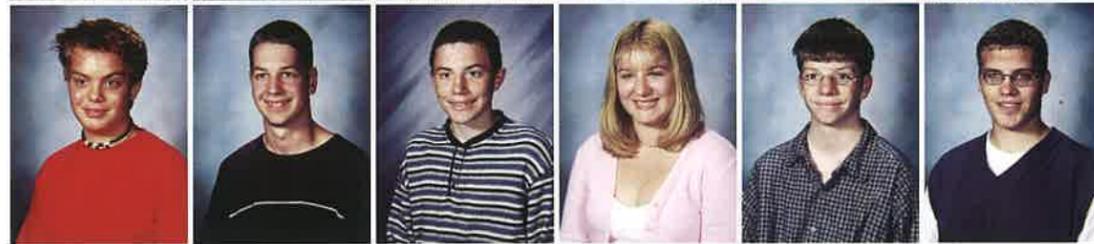
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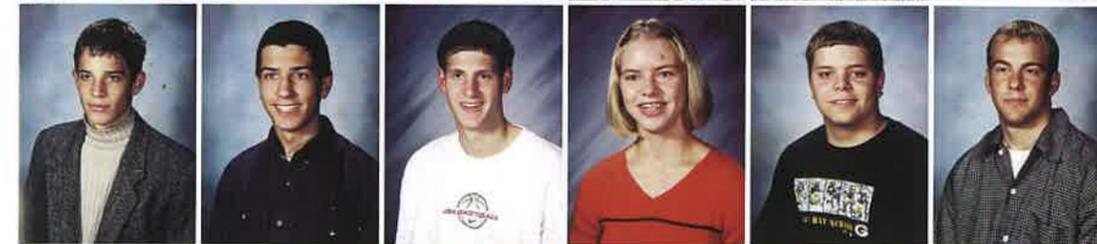
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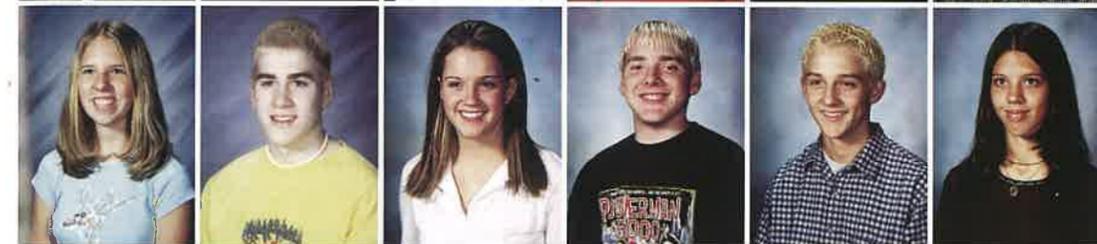
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Eric Hongess
Bridget Horsager



Carrera Horton
James Hoy
Jamey Hughes
Ashley Huseby
Bryan Huso
Trisha Huus



Chris Ingemansen
Zachary Ista
Shara Jackson
Sadaf Jahed
Chelsey Jameson
Jessica Jansen

New Styles, New Attitudes

Once new styles hit the stores, it caused students to go out and change their look. Some of the popular stores were American Eagle, Abercrombie & Fitch, Gap, Old Navy, Vanity, Structure, and The Buckle. Some students made their own fashion statements by wearing clothes they had made themselves.

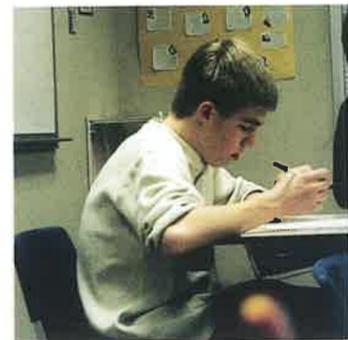
"Most of my clothes, come from Abercrombie & Fitch, Gap, and Express," freshman Brittany Moen said.

Popular styles for girls were flare legged jeans, Dr. Martin sandals/boots, Adidas Superstars, Express jeans, Abercrombie sweatshirts, and striped shirts. Guys styles consisted of loose jeans, Khaki's, and shirts from various stores.

"I don't really care what brands I buy. I wear clothes that are the cheapest and look neat," said junior Austin Redington.

When going for that 70's style, the thrift store was the place to shop. Changes in clothing styles throughout the year showed the unique tastes of students at West Fargo High.

By Sarah Sanchez

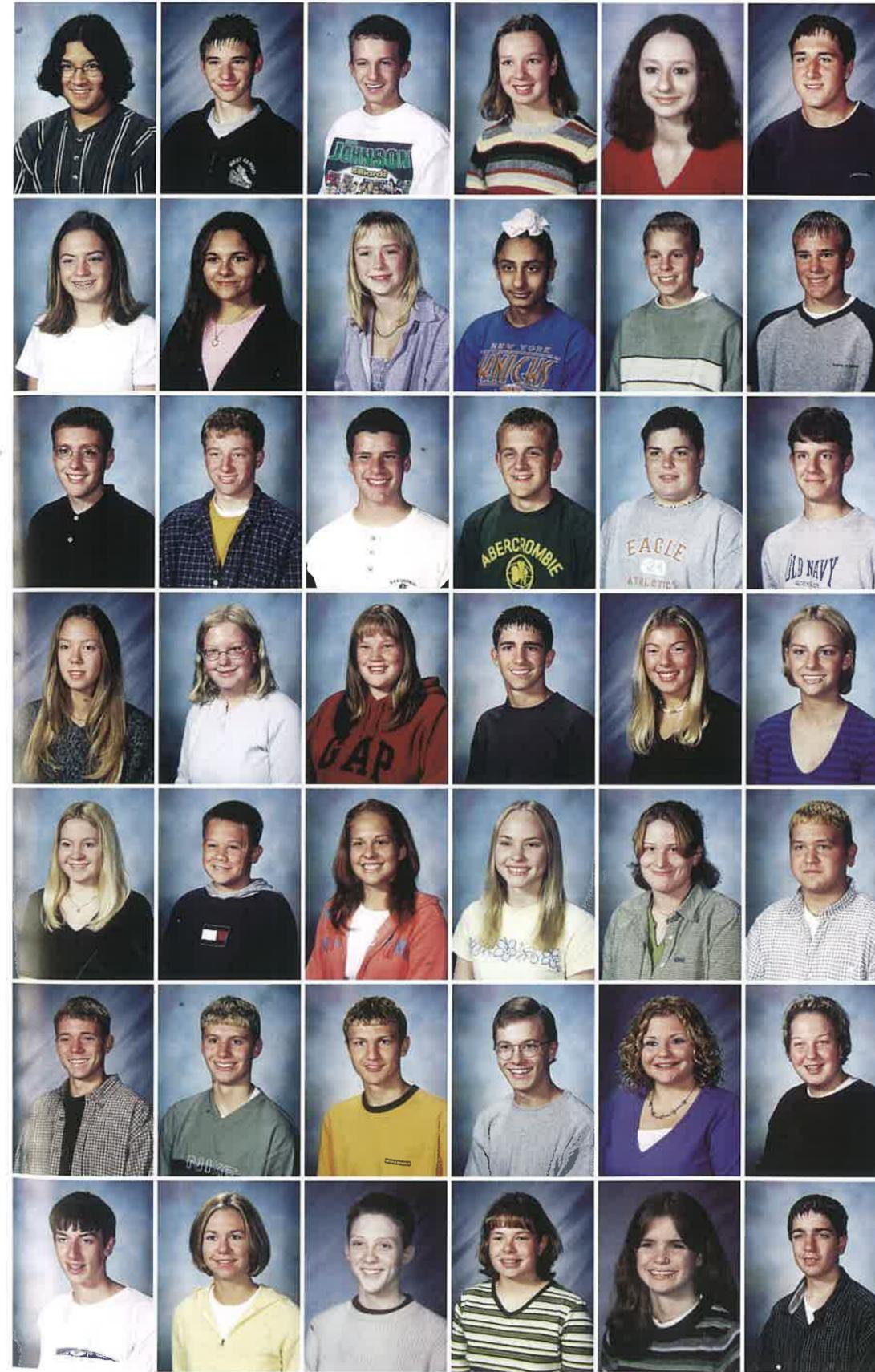
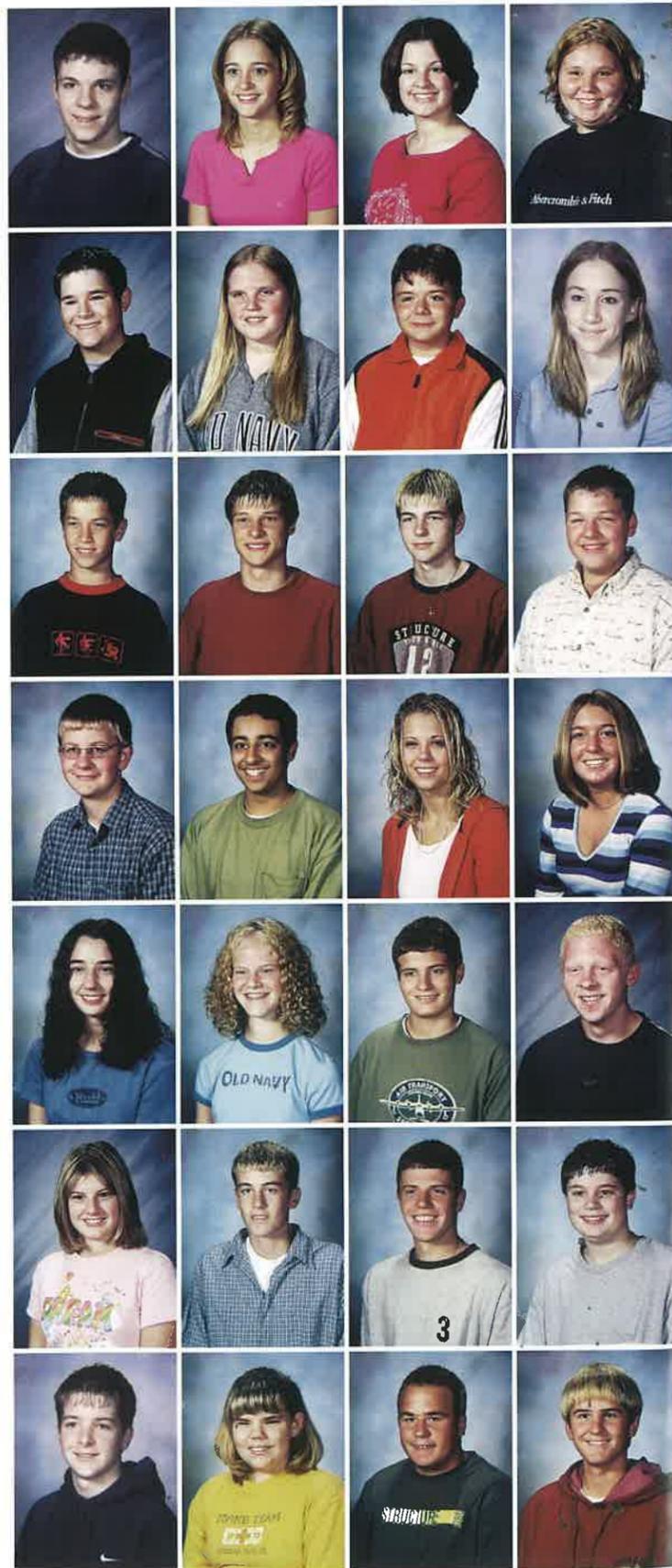


Let me see here. Racking his brain, sophomore Cody Cavett gets his calculations right.



Who me? Looking guilty, sophomore Blake Nitzkowski pleads his case.

My fingers are stuck. Finishing a ceramics project, sophomore Tasha Lowseth makes it just right.



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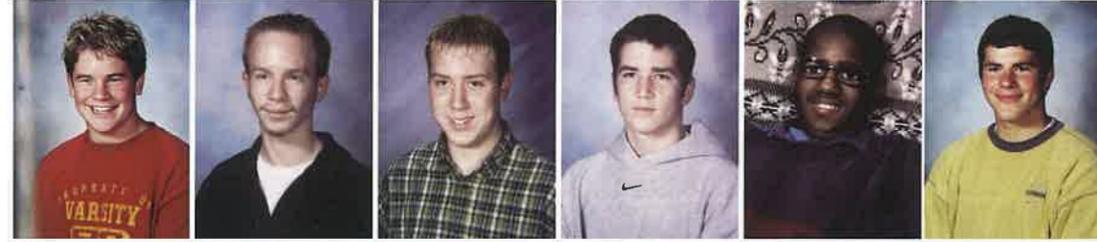
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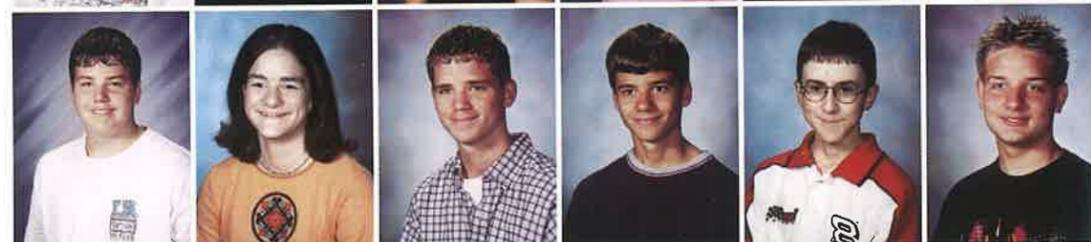
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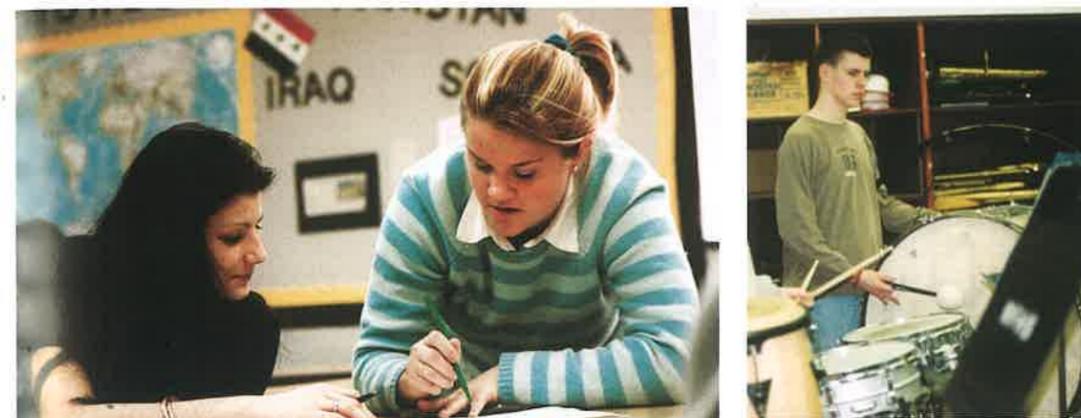
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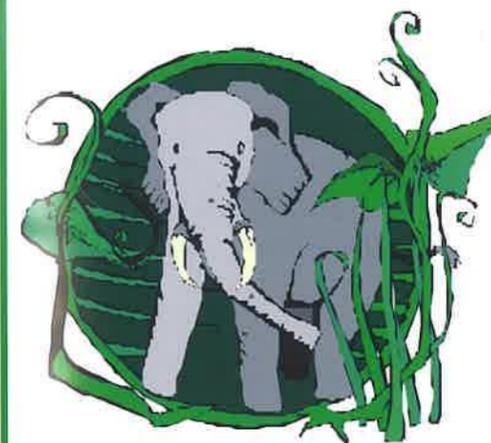


"Ok, look at number four." Helping with a tough assignment, sophomore Tara Sheely and Azra Hidanovic search for the right answer.

I got the beat! Keeping pace with the band, sophomore Paul Koppleman sets the right beat.

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- Stacy Daniels
- Bryan Hieb
- Michaela Howe
- Jesse Kemmer
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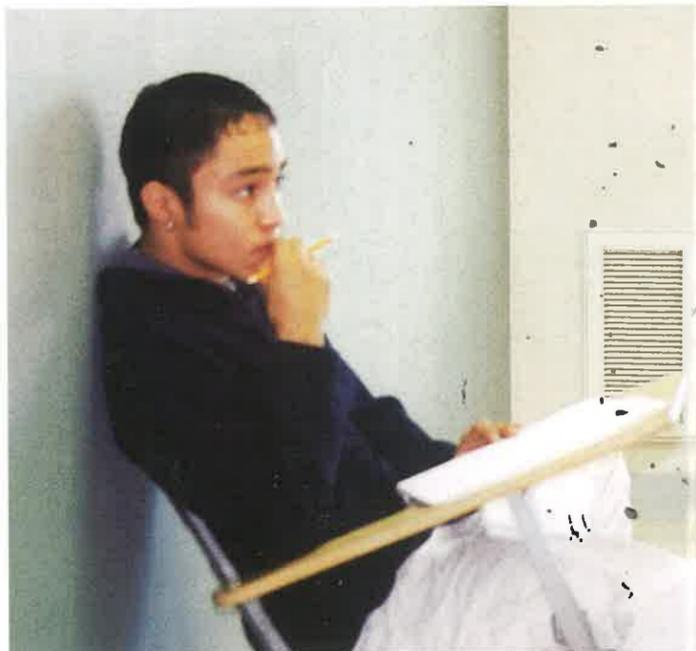


Fresh meat

After two years of making their way up to the top of the food chain at the middle school, the class of 2004 realized that they were fresh meat at the high school. Getting picked on by the kings of the jungle was the least of their problems. More homework in every class, more responsibilities, harder classes, other students, more decisions, and more stress were all major issues. Along with the problems, there were some great benefits for the freshmen. They were given more freedoms than they had in the middle school. Leaving the jungle for lunch, study hall in the commons, and the chance of being exempt from finals were just some experiences that were new to them. Most of all, being a new member in the West Fargo High School community was thrilling. Going to a bigger jungle was a very exciting and intimidating change for the freshmen. However, as the year progressed many lessons and skills were learned and new friendships were made. Now after observing the older peers, they soon were able to fit into their surroundings. Having a year of packer pride under their belt, the freshmen are now prepared for the remainder of their lives in the packer jungle.

Hmmmm? Pondering the question, freshman Isaiah Charbonneau decides what the answer should be.

Where am I? Appearing lost, freshman Jenny Albrecht looks for her next class.



Freshmen



Freshmen Life

Schools out! As the freshmen walked out of the middle school the class of 2004 wasn't exactly sure of what laid ahead of them.

Rumors had gone around the middle school about the horrors of high school. As a result some of the freshmen were kind of scared. Many things contributed to first day fright.

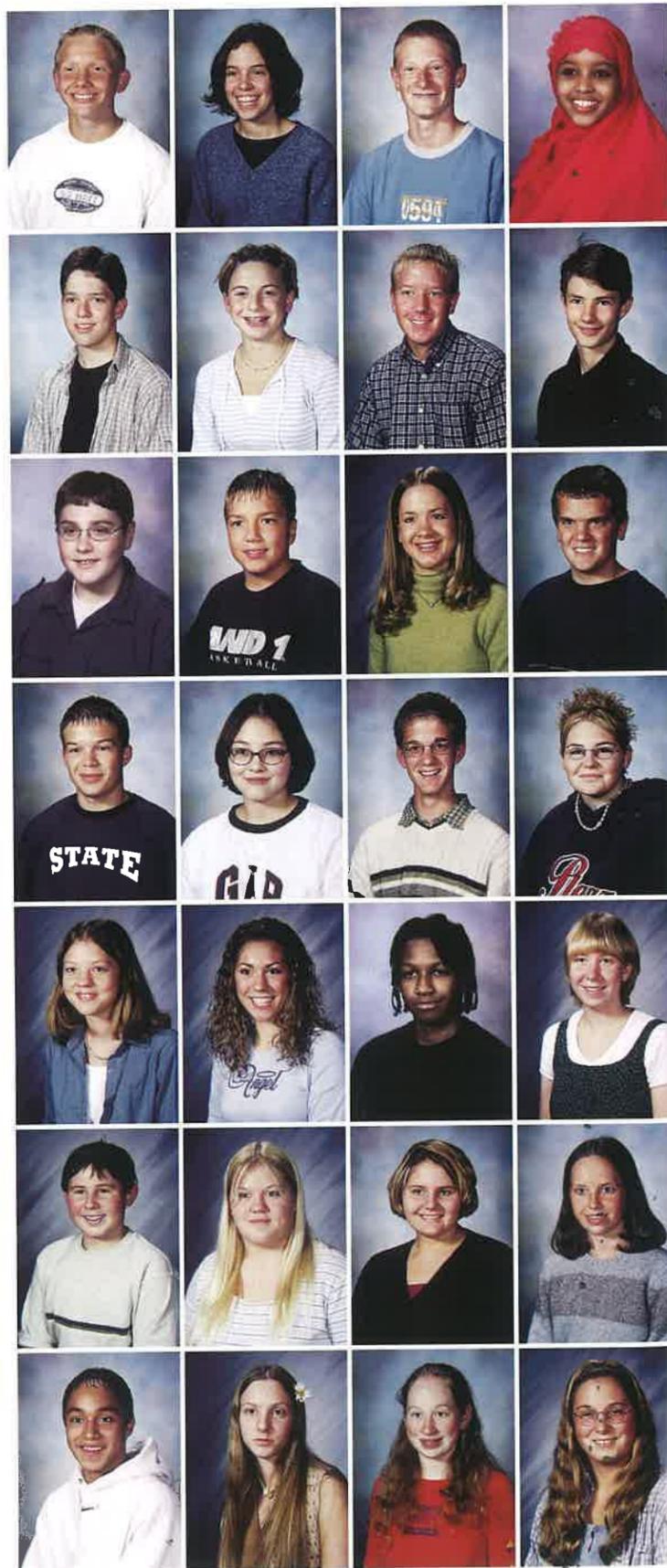
"There is a lot more people and the study hall situation is kind of funny too," freshman Sarah Driggers said.

Another complication that arose when they entered WFHS was the crowded halls.

"It was kind of hard (getting around) because there is a lot of people here," freshman Shane Bauer said.

After all the hardships and troubles the freshmen had a fun and exciting new year at West Fargo High.

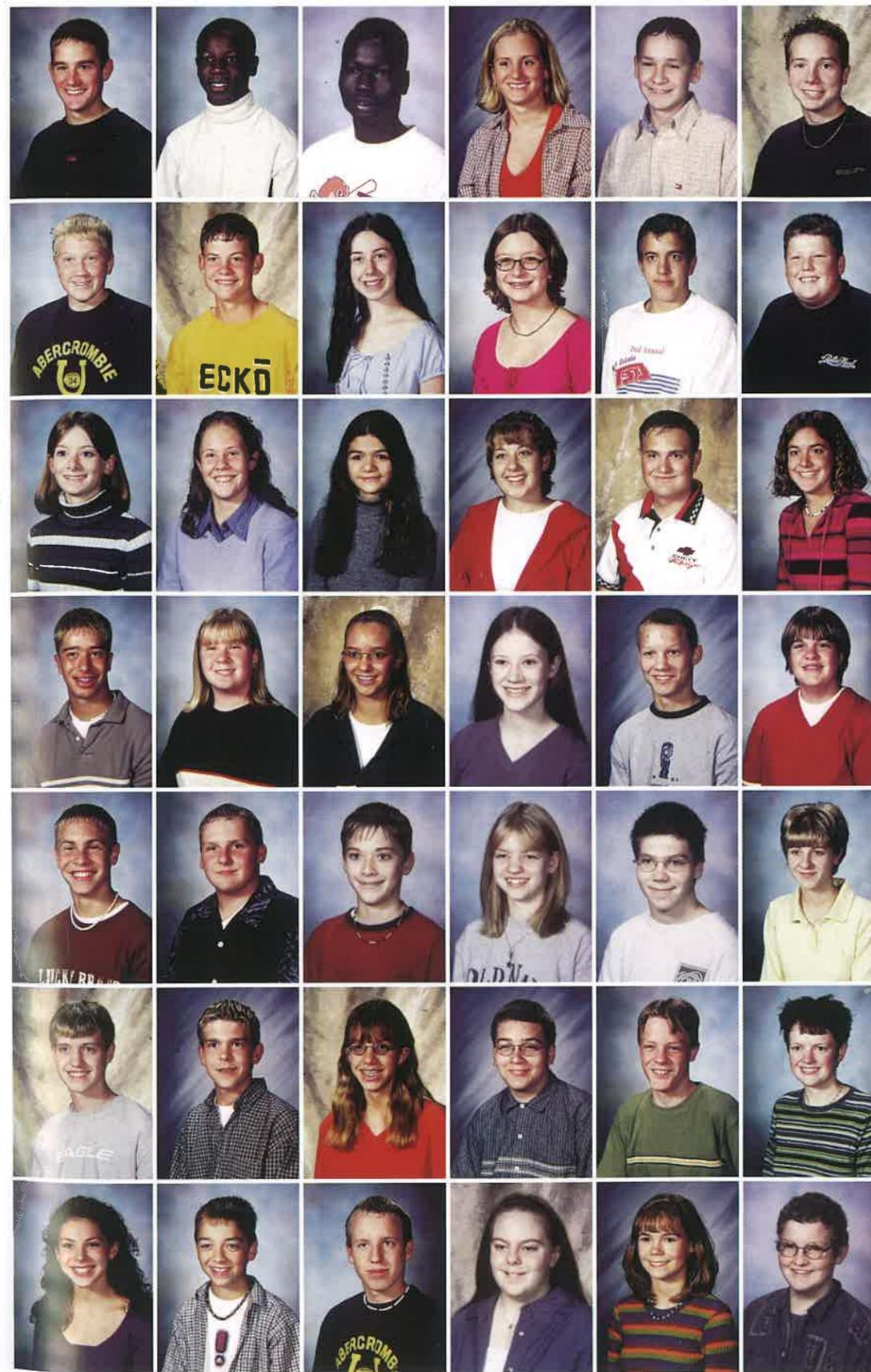
By Brittney Kenyon



Now That's Interesting! While sitting in science class, Freshmen Tyler Walker and Lindsey Nowacki are dazzled by what the teacher had to say.

That's a Pretty Picture! When mixing certain components together, freshman Elizabeth Meyer finds a unique result.

What Was That? While away in dreamland, freshman Jared Peterson is rudely awaked by a flash of light.



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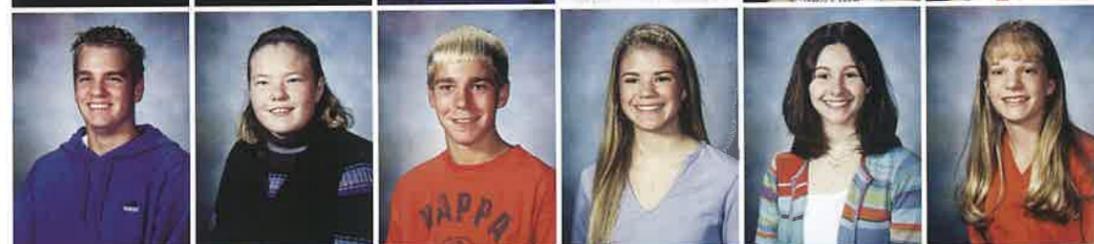
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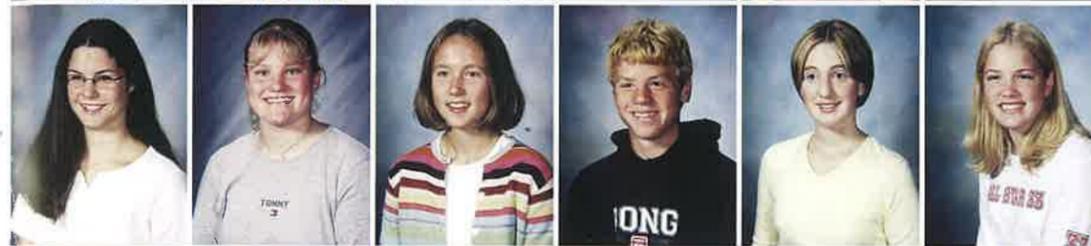
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Freshmen Gain New Privileges

Walking through the big doors of their new school, freshmen looked in awe as the many new opportunities awaited them. Most freshmen enjoyed the new freedom and possibilities the high school offered.

Many freshmen enjoyed their independence. In middle school teachers seemed to drill in kids' heads how much harder high school would be, but this didn't seem to be the case for some freshmen.

"I think the teachers are a lot more lenient in high school, I really have fun," freshman Sierra Kraft said.

From freedom to more fun, high school seemed to be a good thing. And if all else fails, there's always the perks of more people at the high school.

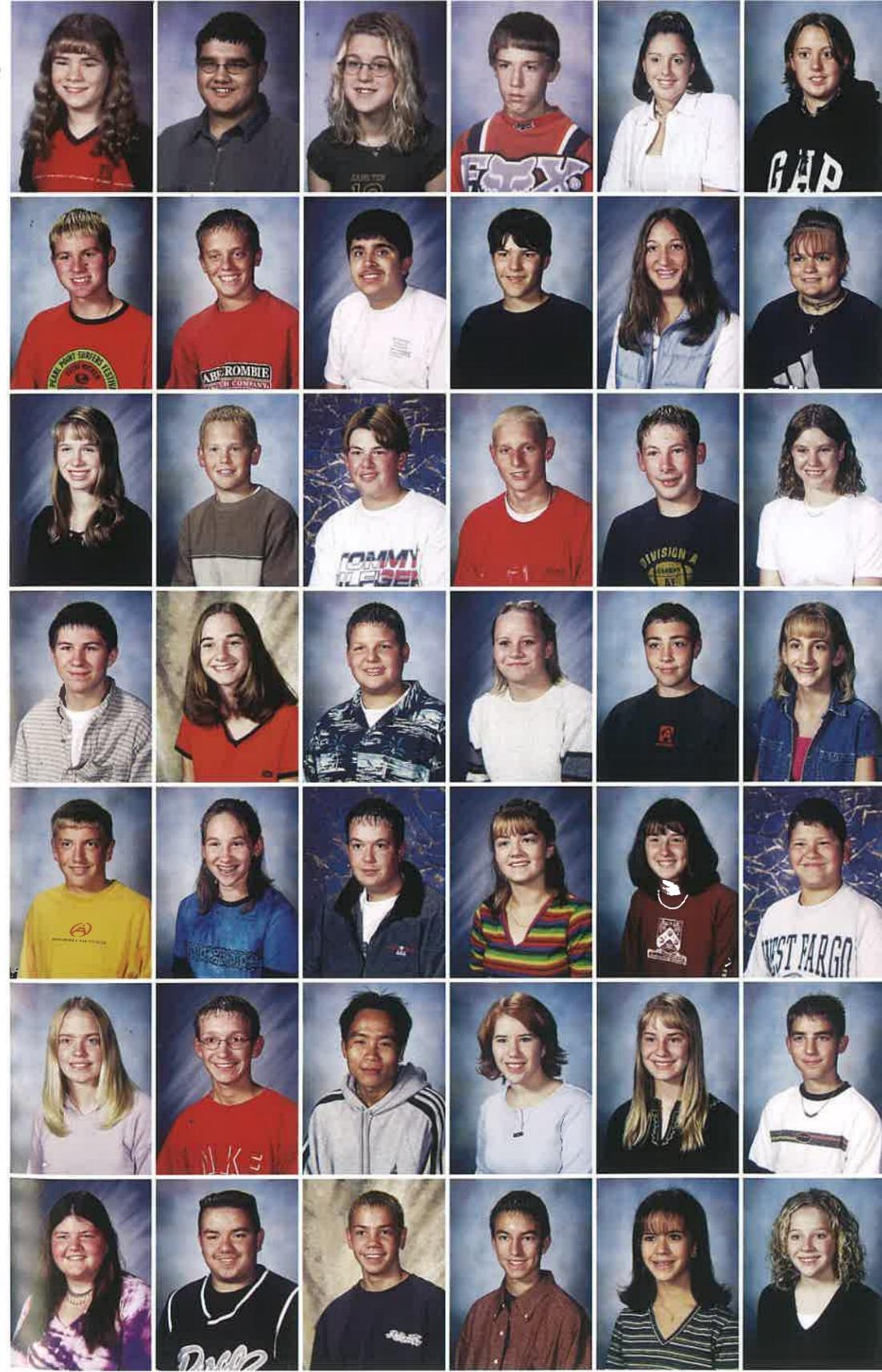
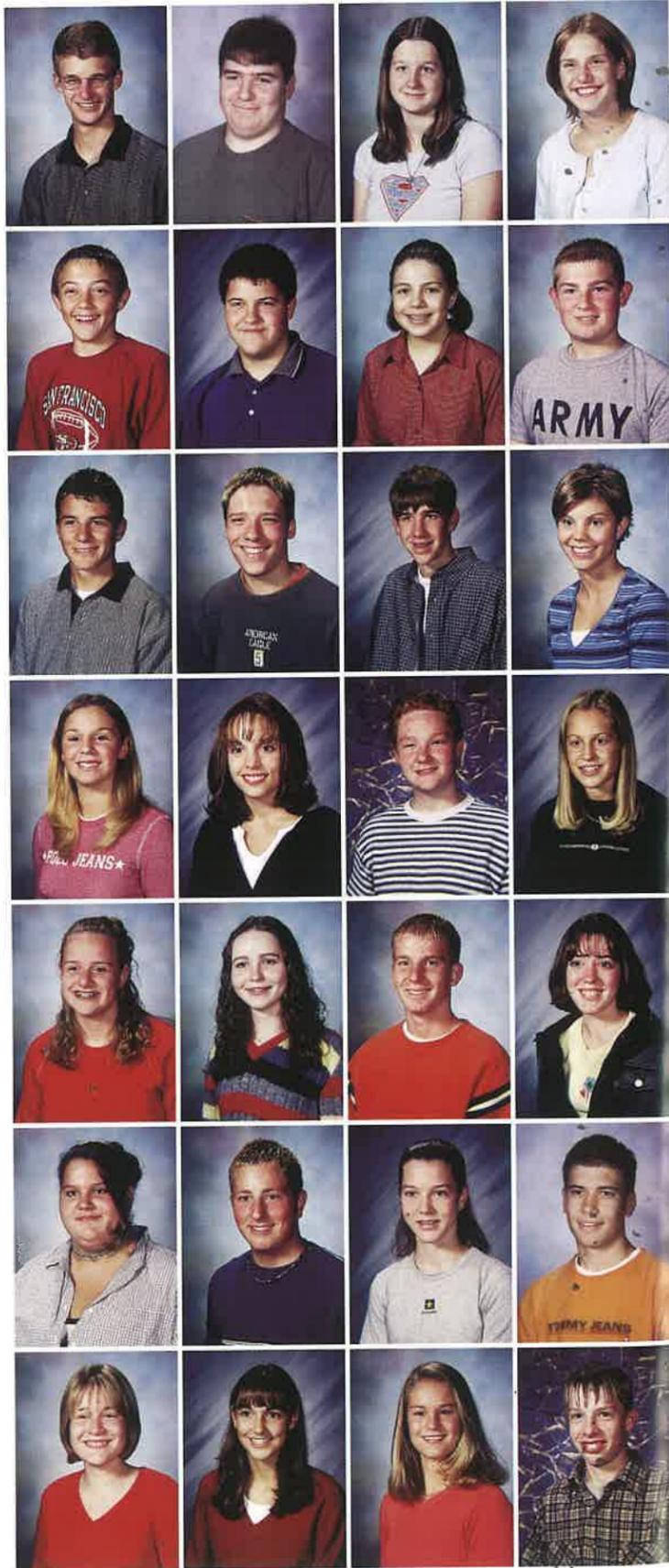
"I love that there's definitely more cute guys to look at," freshman Crystal Waxler said.

By Kristi Jung



More Notes! Trying to pay attention in class freshman Jared Kleven and Jason Barnes listen to another lecture.

Oh! That's how you do it. Helping each other out junior Austin Redington helps freshman Brittany Moen figure out some computer problems.



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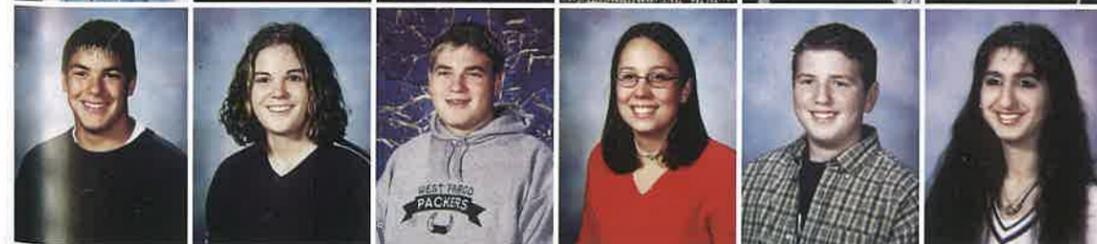
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Freedom of Choice

Wouldn't it be cool if you had the choice of either open-campus study hall or closed-campus study hall?

"I hate having to stay at school all day. I would rather have the open-campus study hall so I could go home and sleep," freshman Corey Young said.

Students who preferred the open-campus study hall also liked it because they don't like being stuck in school all day, and there wasn't enough time to eat with everybody in the cafeteria.

"I like the idea of the open-campus study hall because I could go out to eat more often," freshman Ryan Vorwerk said.

Students viewed closed-campus study hall as a place to get their work done without any disturbance, which proved to be a great advantage at times.

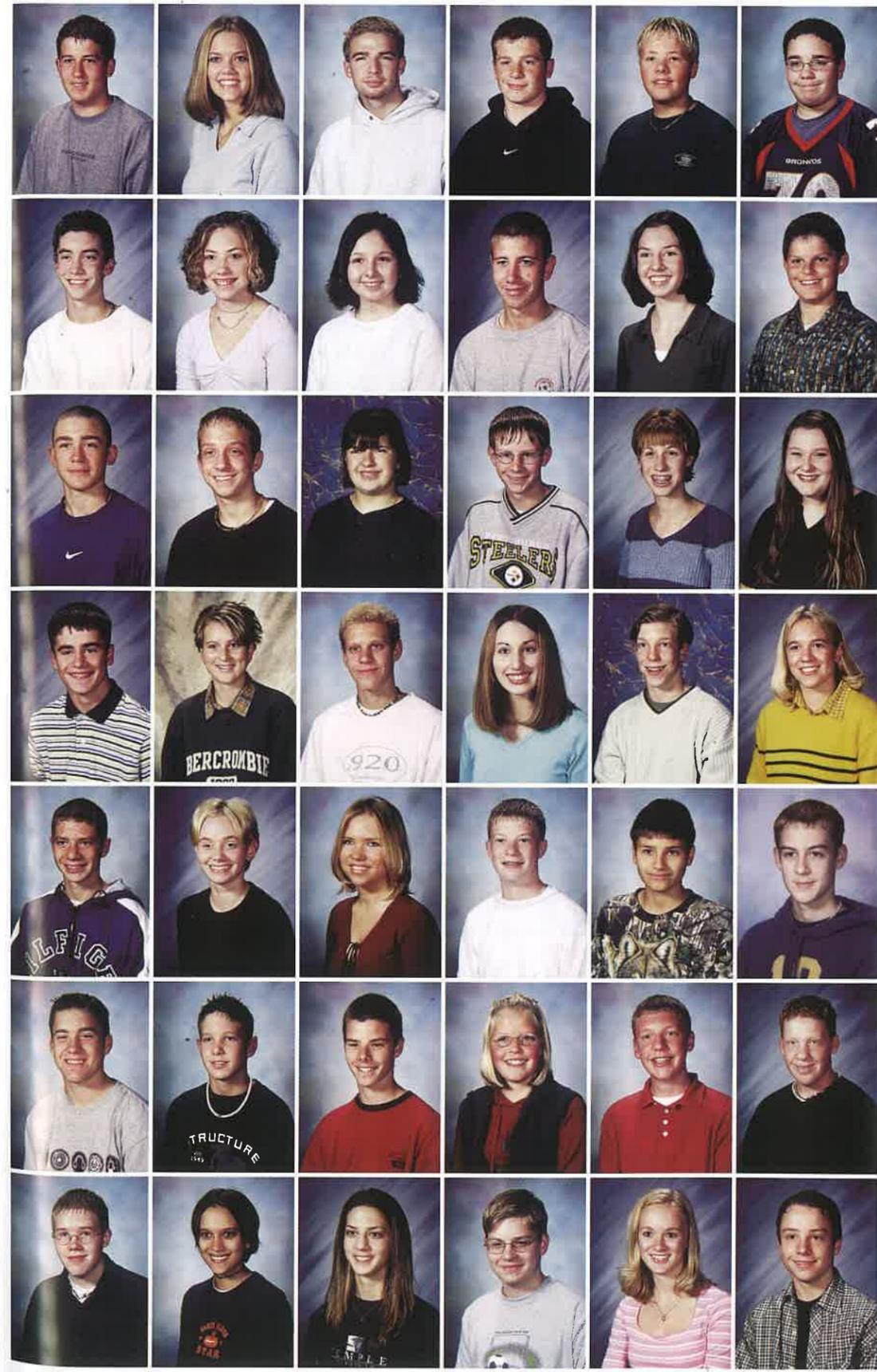
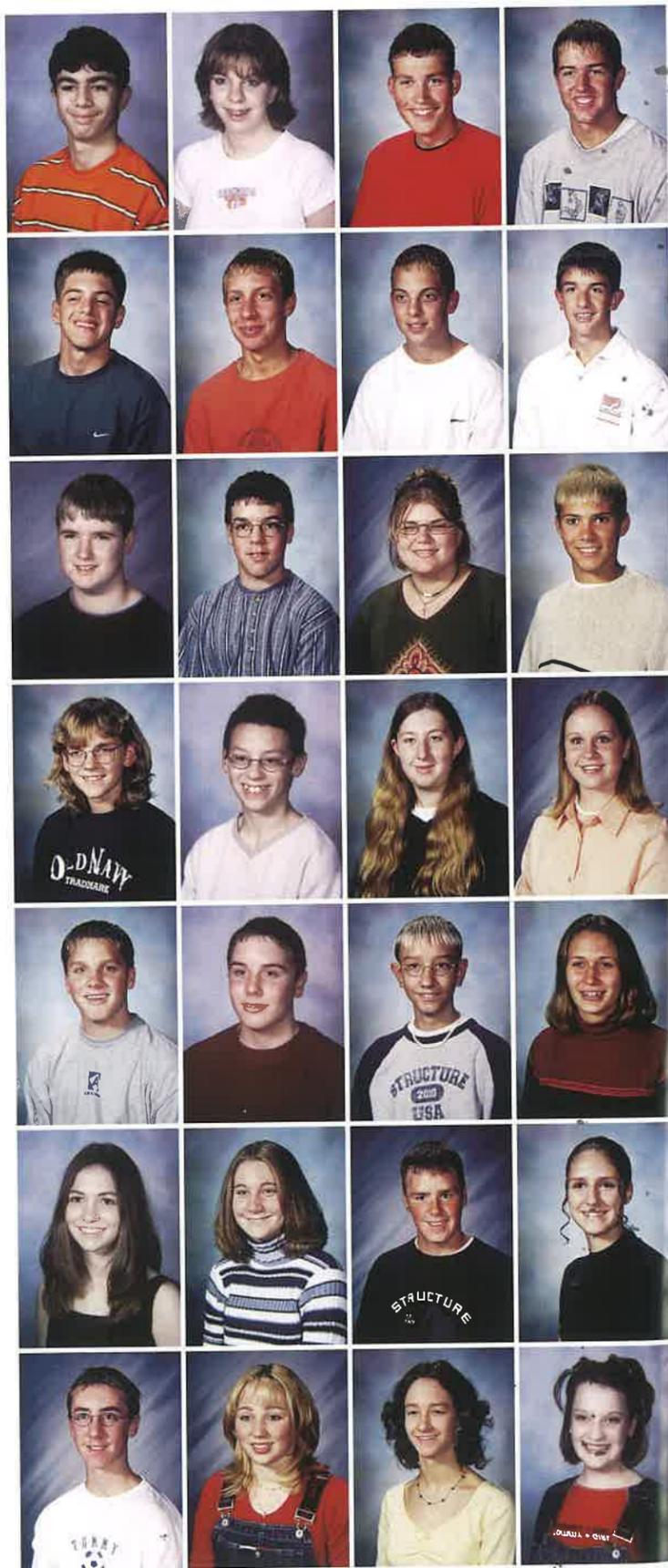
By Dustin Watterud



"This is interesting!" In science class, freshman Derek Nelson reads his Science chapter.

"I can't believe you just said that!" In the library, freshmen Sara Bryan and Jerica Gillette have a personal conversation.

"I got it!" Getting the rebound, freshmen Travis Loseth gets spooked by the camera flash.



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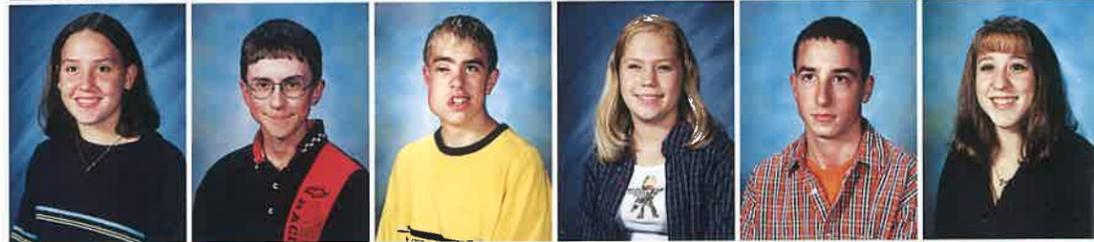
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They come from afar

"Many students felt they had it hard through their high school years. They believed their lives were rough and that they had too many responsibilities. Well, there were students at West Fargo this past year who had it worse than others. Those students lost their homes and even witnessed the deaths of their family and friends. Many families and kids had to be relocated in Fargo due to the problems they faced in their country. From Kosovo to Sudan, many of

these students shared many of the same experiences. However, these students were happy to be in West Fargo. There were new privileges to life here.

"I like the freedom here and school," sophomore Lumturiije Vllahiu said.

About 40 ESL students attended West Fargo High School and were enrolled in the English as a Second Language (ESL) class.

"We like the teachers here, because they are really nice,"

freshman Luljeta Vllahiu said.

Mrs. Betty Reyerson taught some of these students all day, while others were only with her for two hours a day. With the help of Ms. Briget Sabourin, they assisted the students with some of the troubled areas inside and outside of school that they faced. These problems included speaking and understanding English with all of its slangs and idioms. Some of the difficulties gave the students their opinions.

Many of them missed their homelands and the life they used to live. "I don't like the weather here, and I miss everything at home," freshman Mariam Zuri said.

The next time you look back on your childhood, remember what other people have gone through. There are many lessons that can be learned from these extraordinary students. These students showed that life should be cherished and lived completely.

By Chad C. Beckerleg



Now I got it! Going over her English, Azra Hidanovic gets help from sophomore Tara Sheeley.



That's it! Getting his homework done, Almir Jupic and Mrs. Betty Reyerson conquer the days work.

Not Pictured

- Andrew Alfstad
- Farhiya Amakulo
- Benjamin Anderson
- Tara Bellon
- Daniel Hallock
- Abdiwahid Hilowle
- Nikki LaFrombois
- Chane'l Lockhart
- Senad Mustafic
- Matthew Rietze
- Michael Thomas





Survival of the fittest

In West Fargo High School only the strong survive in sports. Even though sports consist of a friendly yet competitive environment, in which teams become friends, get along with others, and work together, players need to be tough. Packer players took their losses respectfully, but first put up an awesome fight. In all of the West Fargo sports, players took the game to heart and toughed it out, not losing spirit even when they were down, often making a spectacular comeback. The effort and teamwork all paid off when teams achieved their goal or made it to EDC and later State. The fields and courts in which sports were played on were like a jungle, not knowing what was going to happen at any time or who the predator was. Players raced across the fields and courts never giving up on defense, blocking every move as if their life was on the line, with the predator always on the move, while others competed ferociously. Players never gave up until the game was officially over and the final score was in stone. There was no greater feeling than victory, which Packer players knew very well. Losing was always an obstacle that could have occurred, as teams tried to climb there way up the vine to success. Only experience and expertise showed who dominated the jungle.

Here it comes! Waiting anxiously for the ball to eventually fall down, the Pack watches with excitement.

Out of my way! Going in for a steal during an intense game, junior Tom Dye puts the pressure on his opponent.



Sports



FOOTBALL

Competitive spirit keeps team trying all season

Throwing the pigskin down the field to win the game is one of the best feelings in football. Somehow, all those long hard practices seemed to be worth it. All of the crowds were on their feet yelling and cheering for you. In the 2000-2001 season, the West Fargo Packers had big shoes to fill. They had to go out and play with new people, having lost many good players last year.

"We should be a good team and if we work well together we could do well this year," senior Jon Woodruff said.

This was a very true statement, however, it didn't come true. The Packers, who were expected to go all the way, may have fallen short but went out fighting all the way. They had good seniors back for the year and had a lot of new players in from the younger classmen. Although the team put all their effort into winning and had a fun season trying to go all of the way, at times they had problems connecting and working together. Without everybody playing as one on a team, it was hard to succeed. That is why it is said that there is no I in team.

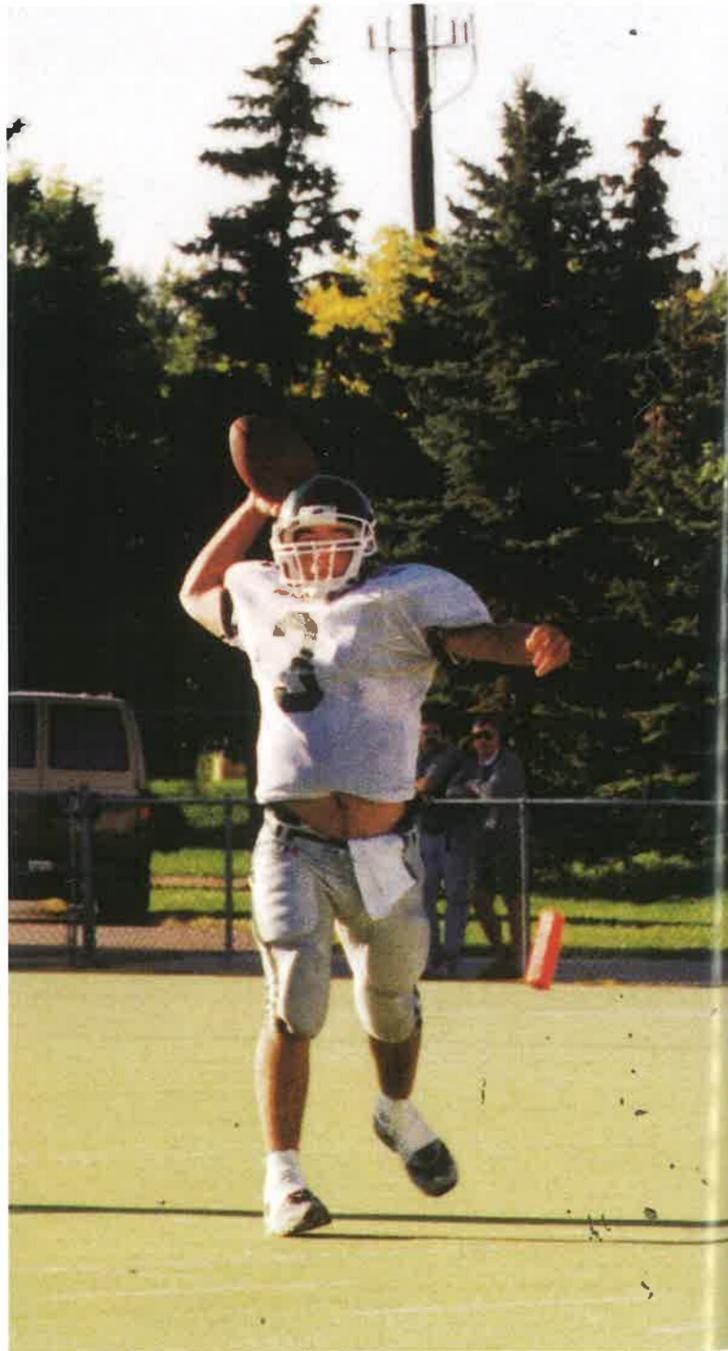
As far as coach Jay Gibson goes, he had a few things to say for the season.

"It was a season of a lot of close calls. We didn't really make the big play when we needed to. If we could have made one or two more plays the games could have been won. We had a lot of games that came down to inches. We worked hard this season but it just didn't go our way," Gibson said.

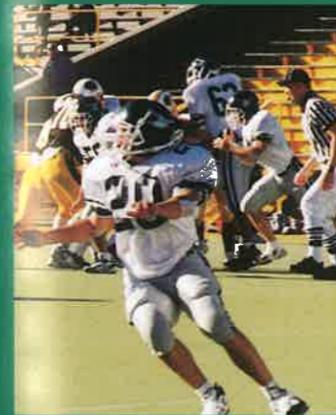
The Packers had a hard season but did their best. They had a lot of close games, which made it fun to cheer on our team until the very end. The scores may not have compared with last years; however, they played some really good games and made it fun to watch them. They played the game as hard as they could while throwing the ball up and down the field.

By Carly Gatz

Please get open! While waiting for an open opportunity, senior Lyle Sinner preps for a big play to win the game.



Team Picture. Front Row: Rob McSparron, Brandon Gladue, Nick Prashek, Matt Grossman, Tyler Farkas, Lyle Sinner, Marcus Guscette, Bryan Riedinger, Boe Sheeley, and Casey Werlinger. **Row 2:** Paul Kalal, Brandon Laufenberg, Ben Roehl, Aaron Flynn, Chad Hager, Joe Dauer, Josh Diemert, Ryan Haring, Jon Woodruff, Steve Brennan, Josh Kratcha, and Ahron Walter. **Back Row:** Dan Hanson, Jason Kratcha, Marc Mosser, Tony Flynn, Chad Walock, Jason Anderson, Brett Wigglesworth, Josh Gervais, Logan Deisler, James Volk, Travis Parrot, Matt Dimmer, Justin Kindem, and Nick Reinisch. **Not Pictured:** Matt Elless and Blaine Horsager.



SCORES

	Us	Them
Mandan	23	6
Jamestown	13	14
Central	7	19
South	6	17
North	12	7
Devils Lake	17	8
Red River	14	20
Shanley	18	20
Wahpeton	0	6

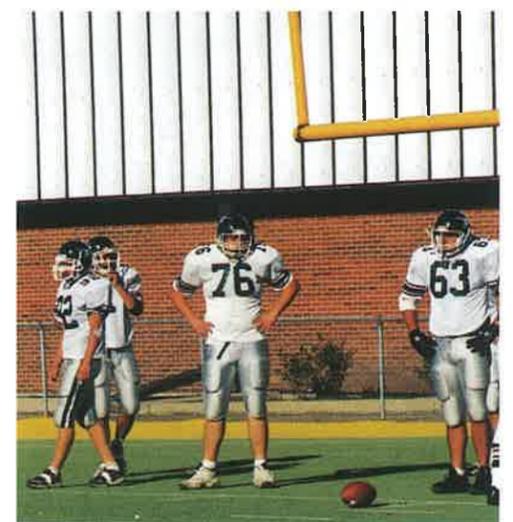


I think I can! Says junior Ben Roehl as he is trying to make the big play to win the game.

I have him and he has me! After getting up off of the ground, junior Steve Brennan thinks about his last tackle.

Help me! Looking for the wide receiver to get open before senior Lyle Sinner waits to pass the ball.

I'll get it! As everybody tries to tackle him, senior Chad Hager is determined to keep the ball all to himself.



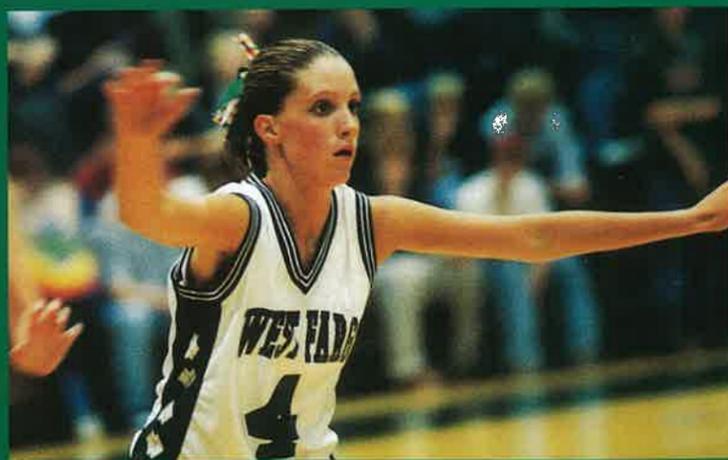
Just hanging out! Waiting for the rest of the players, seniors Chad Hager and Joe Dauer with sophomore Nick Bonnet and junior Brett Wigglesworth are just standing out on the field.

Team Picture: Back row Mary Manock, Trainer; Collette Folstad, Head Coach; Kelsey Gatz, Jen Western, Mackenzie Close, Amanda Krenz, Kevin Froeber, J.V.-Assistant Coach; and Rachael Otto-Bornstad, Sophomore Assistant Coach. **Row 2:** Jodi Schultz, Student Trainer; Johanna Skoog, Kelly Foss, Erin Moch, Brittany Zinniel, Kristen Davidson, Brittani Voeller, Amber Voeller, and Valerie Schultz, Manager. **Row 1:** Chelsey Erdmann, Manager, Tara Sheeley, Statistician, Jennifer Nelson, Katie Rassmussen, Chrissy Vetter, Kristi Hoffman, Statistician; and Nikki LaDouceur, Manager



SCORE

	Us	Them
Century	39	40
St Mary's	60	56
Bismarck	52	51
Shanley	57	60
Jamestown	40	32
South	48	42
North	39	49
Valley City	67	27
Grafton	39	36
Red River	42	40
Devils Lake	53	30
Central	52	36
Jamestown	46	37
Wahpeton	49	36
South	62	56
Mandan	54	69
Shanley	58	47
Vally City	64	40
North	32	43

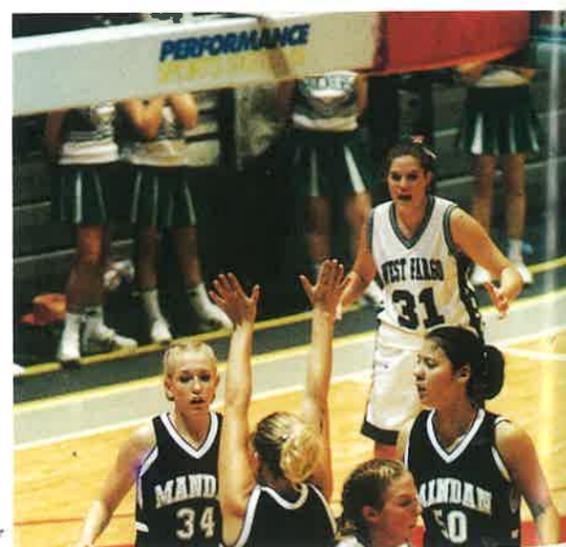


Oh no you don't! Catch me if you can! Not letting a Mandan player steal the ball, senior Kristen Davidson struts her stuff.

Get out of my individual space or I will dominate you! Playing a little D, senior Amanda Krenz shows Shanley how it's done!

You want some of this? Bring it on! Getting people in order, senior Erin Moch takes charge at the EDC tournament against Mandan.

I will take no prisoners! Wearing a fierce look, junior Mackenzie Close looks ready to kick some butt in the game against Shanley.



WATCH OUT! HERE COMES THE DEFENSE!!!! While helping out her team, senior Jennifer Western is yelling at senior Kristen Davidson to watch out for the 3 defenders that are trying to stop her!

Girls Basketball

Team stomps through for 2nd place finish in EDC

The 1999 Packers Girls Basketball team had a very successful year going 17 and 8. They finished the year with strong performances in the EDC and State tournaments finishing 2nd and 6th respectively.

With the new season and five returning seniors, Amanda Krenz, Erin Moch, Jennifer Western, Kristen Davidson, and Amber Voeller, the Packers had great optimism for a successful season. With the returning seniors, the juniors and some sophomores got to play at the varsity level. The senior leadership helped prepare the younger players for future years.

"I think it is great that some talented girls were moved up this year! It shows that anyone can get to where they want to be, all you need is a little hard work, and confidence. If you can do that then there is nothing you can't do to achieve your goals!" freshman Marni Benson said.

"Our team gets along, works hard and just has fun! Put your mind to something and you can have great results!" senior Erin Moch said.

The team strength was rounded out with the solid bench consisting of 7 juniors and 3 sophomores.

"It's great playing at the varsity level. Just stay focused, play hard and concentrate on being number one!" senior Kristen Davidson said.

For some starters, the competition was very intense. That's what basketball was all about. In order to get better, the Packers worked very hard, and they managed to end up with a great season.

"We have had a lot of competition but we always have fun," senior Jennifer Western said.

The pack has had a great couple years, and all indications point to a continuing winning trend.

By Alyssa Lester

WOW! Look at that detail! As a Mandan player checks out the ball, senior Kristen Davidson sets up the offense during EDC.



Boys Soccer

Boys soccer team finishes strong at State

The soccer team showed what they were made of during the 2000 state tournament. The West Fargo soccer season got off to a slow start, but they turned it on late in the year. The team split its first two games of the season at the crossover games in Bismarck, and then pulled an incredible upset and beat conference rival Fargo North. They lost a couple of close games at the beginning of the season. Then they put together some tough wins to secure a place at the state tournament.

Senior captains Travis Rud, Chris McDougal, Blaine Horsager, and junior Ronnie Engelking were key parts to the team's success.

Second year coach Doug Millar had another good season. The team played good under Millar and won some close games. This season the team was fighting in the conference for a spot in the state tournament.

"I think we can beat South," said sophomore Josh Akers. Fargo South is one of the soccer powerhouses and West Fargo always plays them tough.

The soccer team made it to the State Tournament as the fourth seed from the East. In their first game they played the first seed from the West, Bismarck. They pulled a huge upset and won 1 to 0 on a goal by senior Eric Gwost. They had a tie and a win in their next two games and ended up losing in the championship to Fargo South. It was West Fargo's best performance ever at State. They were very happy with a second place finish.

"When we played as a team we could play with anyone," junior Travis Stahlaker said.

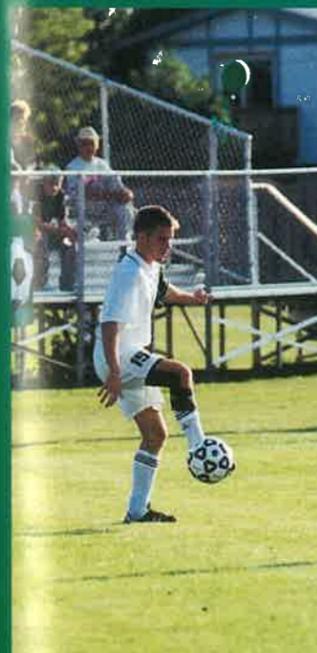
Next season the team will hopefully be on the top of the EDC with an exciting class of this year's juniors.

By Tim Burner

Bam! Clearing the ball across the field is senior Blaine Horsager.



Team Picture: Front Row: Bryan Hall, Travis Stahlecker, Peder Nystuen, Charles Flowers, Tom Dye, Nick Davis, and Matt Woodbury. Row 2: Brady Millar, Mike Gross, Randy Griffeth, Jon Rossow, Blaine Horsager, and Tanner Noonan. Row 3: Travis Rud, Mike Neubauer, Dave Batcheller, Adel Hassanpoor, and Eirik Nelson. Row 4: Eric Gwost, Chris McDougall, Jason Buchholz, Ronnie Engelking, and James Moe. Row 5: Randi Wieland, Tracy Tanner, Ann Timmerman, Sydney Brown, and Stacey Costain. Back Row: Jon Zetacha(coach), Dave Stahlecker(coach), Doug Millar(head coach), Ericka Freed (coach), and Chris Akers(coach).



SCORES

	Us	Them
Century	0	3
Jamestown	2	0
North	1	0
Moorhead	0	1
Red River	0	2
Shanley	2	0
Central	1	1
North	2	0
South	0	1
Shanley	0	3
E. Grand Forks	2	0
Red River	0	3
Mandan	1	2
Jamestown	1	1
South	1	2
Crookston	2	3
Central	2	1
Detroit Lakes	1	1
State	2nd place	

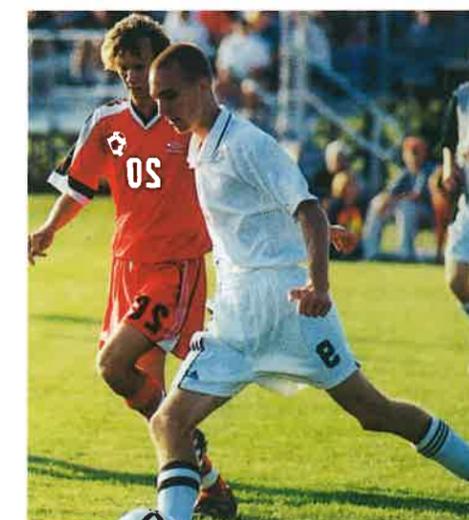


Pass, Pass, Pass! Trapping the ball, senior Peder Nystuen looks for someone to pass to.

Heads Up! Setting up to hammer the ball out of the net, junior goalie Charles Flowers anticipates the shot.

Time to get ready for practice. Getting ready for practice, sophomore Andrew Moch attempts to put on his socks.

Score! Surrounded by Fargo North's Defense, freshman Viet Le tries for a shot on goal.



Get off of me. Fighting for position against Grand Forks Red River, junior Ronnie Engelking steals the ball.

Front Row: Jennifer Weil, Kristi Pederson, Elizabeth Dosland, Stephanie Kuehn, Sarah Rebenitsch, Hilary Thomas, Elizabeth Pederson, Susan Worthington, and Kacie Hughes. **Row 2:** Jacinta Kuehn, Blair Moorhead, Ryan Sandbek, Brian Kingsley, Brandon Heitkamp, Phillip Loy, Josh Jones, Ken Grosz, Andy Yanish, Kevin Brager, Eric Loy, Nicole Heinz, and Kristin Murch. **Back Row:** Joe Bailey, Assitant Coach: Kelly Hanson, Elise Peterson, James Vranish, Brad Amundson, Troy Hebert, Student Trainer; Dan Francis, Nick Senf, Preston Ziegler, Shawn Odden, Zack Lavelle, Erin Vranish, and Darrin Boehm Head Coach.



SCORES

	Boys	Girls
Jamestown Invite.	6th	4th
Wahpeton Invite.	3rd	1st
Moorhead Invite.	5th	3rd
North, South, WF Trian.	1st	1st
Valley City Invite.	8th	5th
WF Invite.	5th	2nd
Minot Invite.	6th	2nd
Grand Forks Invite.	5th	2nd
Alex. Invite	16th	14th
EDC	5th	6th
State	11th	11th



One in front of the other. Dressed appropriately for the cold weather, senior Shawn Odden runs his best at state.

Quick! They can see us. Participating in a pre-run huddle, the boys cross country team fires up for a great race.

Here we go! Taking off from the starting line, the men's portion of the cross country state competition starts off strong.

I can't believe we're done. Embracing after a grueling state race, senior Kristin Murch and 8th grader Sarah Rebenitsch receive heartwarming hugs.



Courtesy of Dave Samson



Courtesy of Dave Samson



Almost there! Dreaming of a warm place and a long break, senior Jacinta Kuehn continues her hard, cold run at state.

Cross Country FOREver on green!

Here they come! Across the 16th hole, through the sandpit, flying by the 17th hole and down the hill to the 18th. No, this wasn't a fast paced round of golf; this was the cross-country team of West Fargo.

As odd as it may seem, the West Fargo cross-country team really did run on golf courses. Their rare home meets were usually at Johnson Park.

The cross-country team consisted of both boys and girls. They ran at different times, but they all worked together as a team.

"I thought that both the boys and girls sides were very strong. We had many young people that helped us, along with many experienced seniors," senior captain Kelly Hanson said.

This team ran rain or shine, wet or dry, warm or cold. Nothing would stop them or their fans. This took incredible dedication. For most of the race a fan could not even see the runners unless they ran along side them for the whole stretch.

Their practices consisted of, yep, running! They would run about four to eight miles per practice, and that was on an easy day. On their harder days they would run intervals, as well as the previous miles. Intervals were considered shorter distances that were mainly 1000m to 200m.

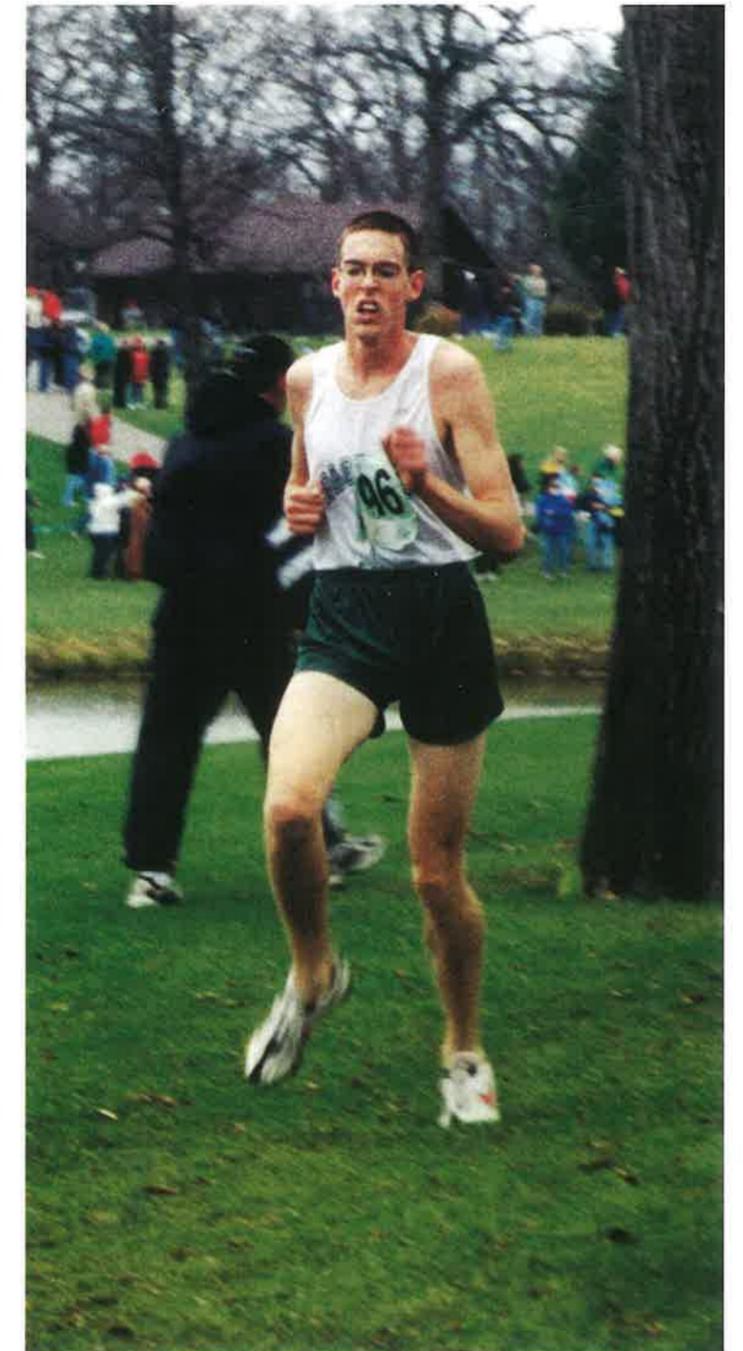
"Running intervals was usually the hardest part of practice," senior Brent Ekren said.

After all this, there are of course going to be injuries. Senior Kelly Hanson suffered from runner's foot, junior Stephanie Kuehn ran with a sore back, and senior Jennifer Weil had ankle injuries. The boys' team, however, had a relatively injury free season.

So even after all the injuries, miles, and hard practices, the cross country team did their best. All this prep-time caused them to run well at state and throughout the year.

By Marissa Krzmarzick

Oooh! Something does not smell very good. Running his hardest at state, junior James Vranish fights out the long chilly run.



Girls Swimming and Diving



Swimming Down Amazon River

Swimming, a very hard but very fun sport! Swimmers had practice from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6:00-7:45 a.m. on Fridays. The swimmers were very devoted. The captains, seniors Dayna Hansen, Chandra Heim, Robin Moe, and Grace Moorhead, led the team to many victories over Fargo South, Detroit Lakes, Shanley, Grand Forks Central, and Red River. This past year was a very successful year for the girls because many records were set. West Fargo had 22 state qualifiers, which was more than any other year. They took 5th place in EDC and broke the pool and school records for diving.

"I think we were a much stronger team than we were in past years, and we had a lot more depth," said senior Grace Moorhead.

The season was very strong from beginning to end.

"We beat a lot more teams this past year than we have in the past," said senior Robin Moe.

The team started off the season very well when they beat Fargo South for the first time in six years.

"It was cool when we beat South for the first time!" said junior Tara Lettenmaier.

The swimming season had many highlights. The win at the North invite was a very important win for the team. It was also a great way to start off the season.

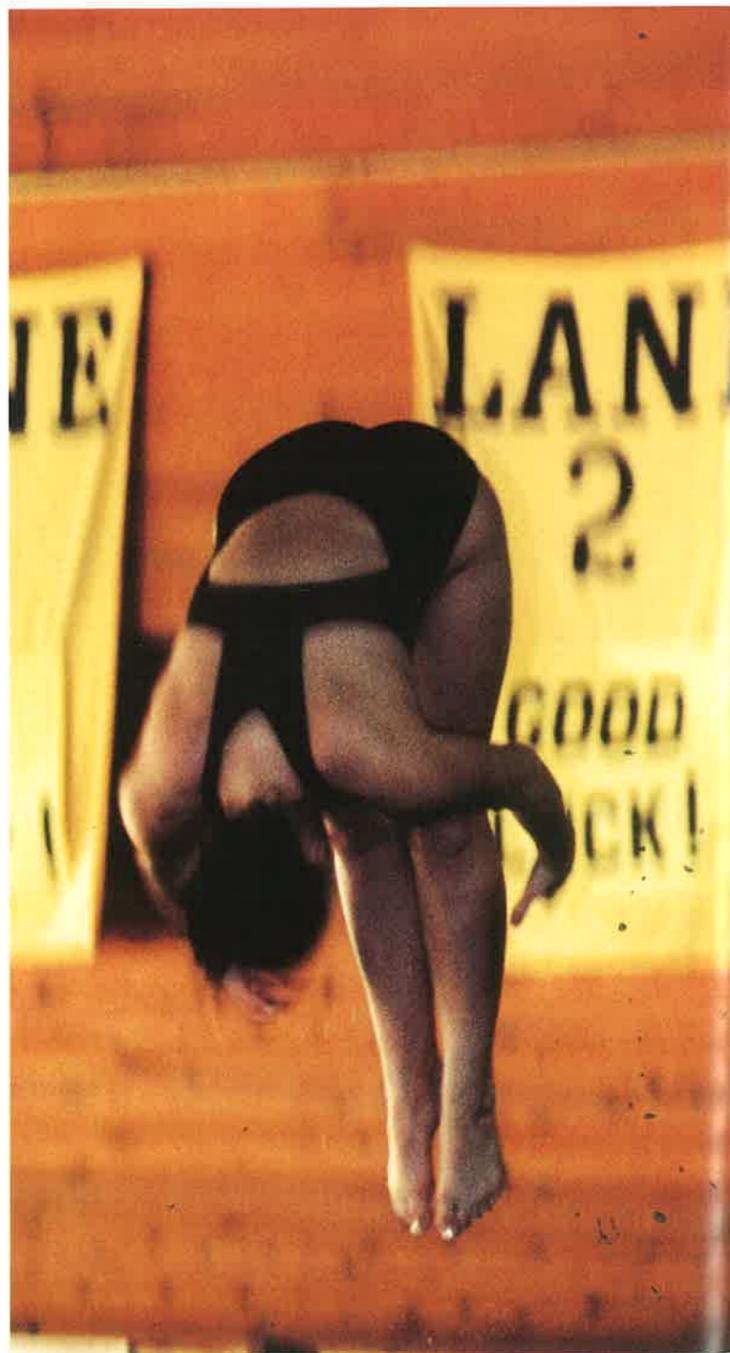
"The year was really fun in diving!" said freshman Erika Johansen.

The diving team was really strong with Dayna Hansen, Amanda Drees, and Erika Johansen qualifying for state.

The girls swim team had lots of fun this past year and they had a great season. The team is looking forward to a great year again next year!

By Brittany Moen and Austin Redington

Whoa, I'm getting dizzy! Spinning in mid air, freshman Erika Johansen stuns the crowd.



Front Row: Andrea Flaten, Jill Springer, Amanda Hewson, Jennifer Mittag, Tara Lettenmaier, Katie Joyce, Kailen Bailley, Ashley Lettenmaier, Ashley Eckert, Jenny Joyce, and Katie Geron. **Row 2:** Lindsey Elles, Sarah Christianson, Stacy Hestbeck, Becca Hansen, Robin Moe, Dayna Hansen, Chandra Heim, Grace Moorhead, Nicole Dobmeier, Tracy Olson, Emily Theil, Lindsey Moe, and Megan Selland. **Back Row:** Coach Marsha Dahl, Coach Claudia, Coach Amy Loberg, Chantel Cummings, Amy Hartford, Vanessa Johansen, Paige Abraham, Erika Johansen, Amanda Drees, Rachel Koehnen, Nicole Heiden, student managers Matt Dehnert, Charlie Kaspari, and Ryan Rust.



SCORES

	Us	Them
South	102	84
North	81	105
Central	50.5	39.5
Red River	61	31
Moorhead	83	103
Detroit Lakes	130	55
Shanley	147	34
Minot	57	127
INVITE	Score	Place
North Invite	551	1st
South Invite	74	11th
EDC	140	5th
State	88	10th



We did it! After finishing the race, freshman Sarah Christianson is all smiles.

Swimmers take your mark! At the block, sophomore Nicole Heiden is ready to win.

How long is this race? Cheering on her teammate, sophomore Megan Selland counts the laps.

Ahh! Between races, sophomore Nicole Heiden and freshmen Jill Springer try to relax.



Say cheese! Smiling for the camera, eighth grader Rachel Koehnen and senior Robin Moe are ready to race.

Front Row: Jesse Hackey, Jason Boerger, Dylan Nitzkowski, Lee Baldwin, and Jared Ludwig. **Row 2:** Matt Stark, Paul Skjersest, Joe Burchill, Joe Kartes, Wade Mack, and Mark Gorde. **Back Row:** Matt Skallet, Mike Blickensderfer, Steve Majkrzak, Matt McGarry, Josh Koehnen, Chris Bullis, Chad Anderson (head coach). Not Pictured-Jason Nitschke.



SCORES

	Us	Them
North	0	9
Jamestown	0	9
Shanley	4	5
Valley City	0	9
Wahpeton	0	9
South	0	9
Central	1	8
Red River	0	9

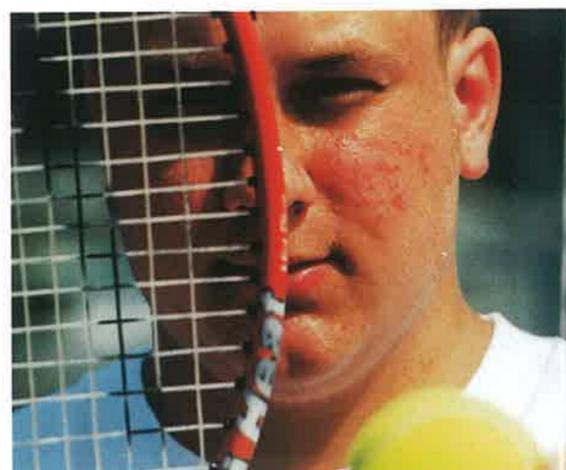


HA HA HA, very funny! Getting a last laugh before practice, sophomore Jesse Hackey gets ready for a warm up.

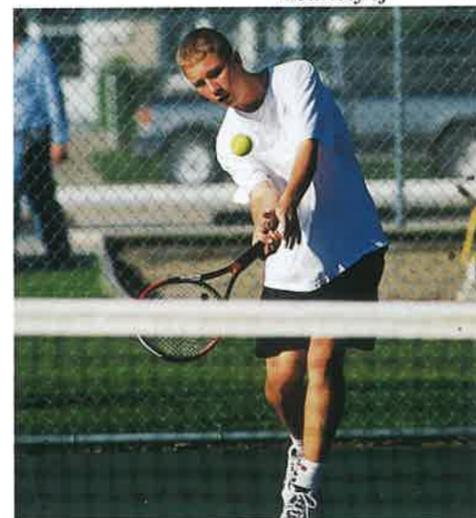
1-2-3 blast off! Hoping for an ace, senior Mark Gorde serves the ball to score a point.

Tuning it up! Making some final adjustments to his racket, sophomore Jared Ludwig gets his racket ready for the big game.

This is a tennis ball! Getting ready for the big match, sophomore Matt Stark takes a look at his ball he will be using.



Courtesy of Dave Samson



Courtesy of Dave Samson

Hit my racket little ball! With anxious anticipation, senior Matt McGarry gets ready to return the ball.

Boys Tennis

Team enjoys year under new coach

The Boys Tennis Team got off to a great start this year. It was a year of rebuilding. The team practiced roughly ten hours a week under their new coach, Chad Anderson. At first-it was time to practice the basics, but as the year went on it was time to learn the higher fundamentals of the game.

"We are a very young team and we work hard at the game," Anderson said.

Many underclassmen helped the team out.

"We worked very hard and I think it was starting to pay off," sophomore Matt Stark said.

The Packers practiced daily to prepare for their matches and had fun at it.

They had a tough schedule starting off with Fargo North at home. Their schedule was very difficult because they played some of the best teams in the state.

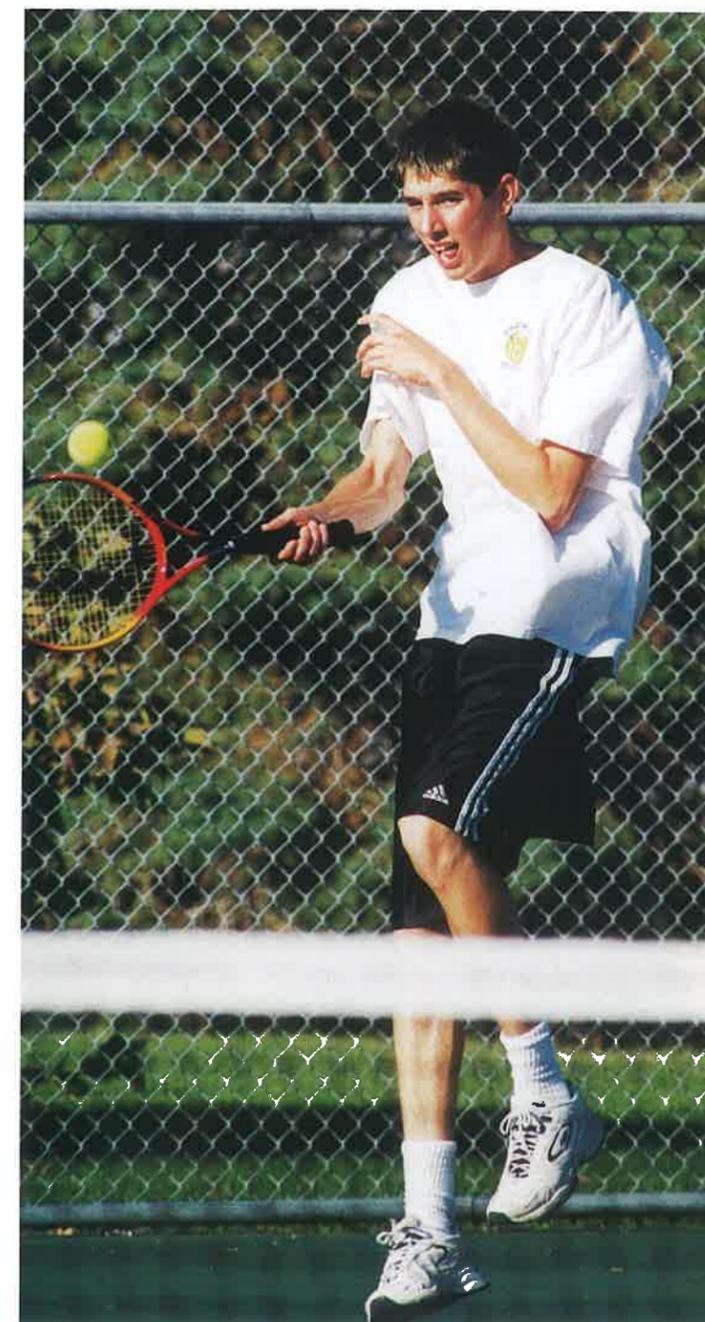
"After some tough losses, our team still played hard at every match," sophomore Matt Skallet said.

The Packers played Shanley at the beginning of the year and lost in a very even played match. It came down to one of the last games of the year to decide who went to state. West Fargo lost in a very close match to Shanley five to four. The tennis team came close to going to state but did not receive enough points to go.

The team liked Anderson as their coach and worked hard for him. Next year they hope he returns and takes the team to state.

With returning players that have experience and the young talent coming onto the tennis team, West Fargo will dominate in years to come. This year was a year of gaining experience on the courts. The West Fargo tennis team can have high hopes for the future of tennis in West Fargo. Practice hard in the off season and be prepared to take state next year.

By Levi Kalsow



Courtesy of Dave Samson

Look at me mom, one hand! Dancing around for the ball, sophomore Michael Blickensderfer gets ready to smash it for a point.

Swingin' into a new season

Girls golf team makes an effort to win!

With the swing of their club and the direction of the wind, the Girls Golf Team soared into a new season.

"This season was lots of fun. We may have gotten off to a rough start, but I still enjoyed the season," junior Tess Jens said.

There are seven girls on the golf team, out of that only one senior who has taught the team a lot. The golf team will have some experience, great advice, and also some great stories to tell to the joining members of next season's team.

"Many of the girls that played this season will probably be returning next season, and we hopefully will be gaining a lot of girls who will join next season," freshman Erika Hochgraber said.

The golf team met for frequent practices during the week.

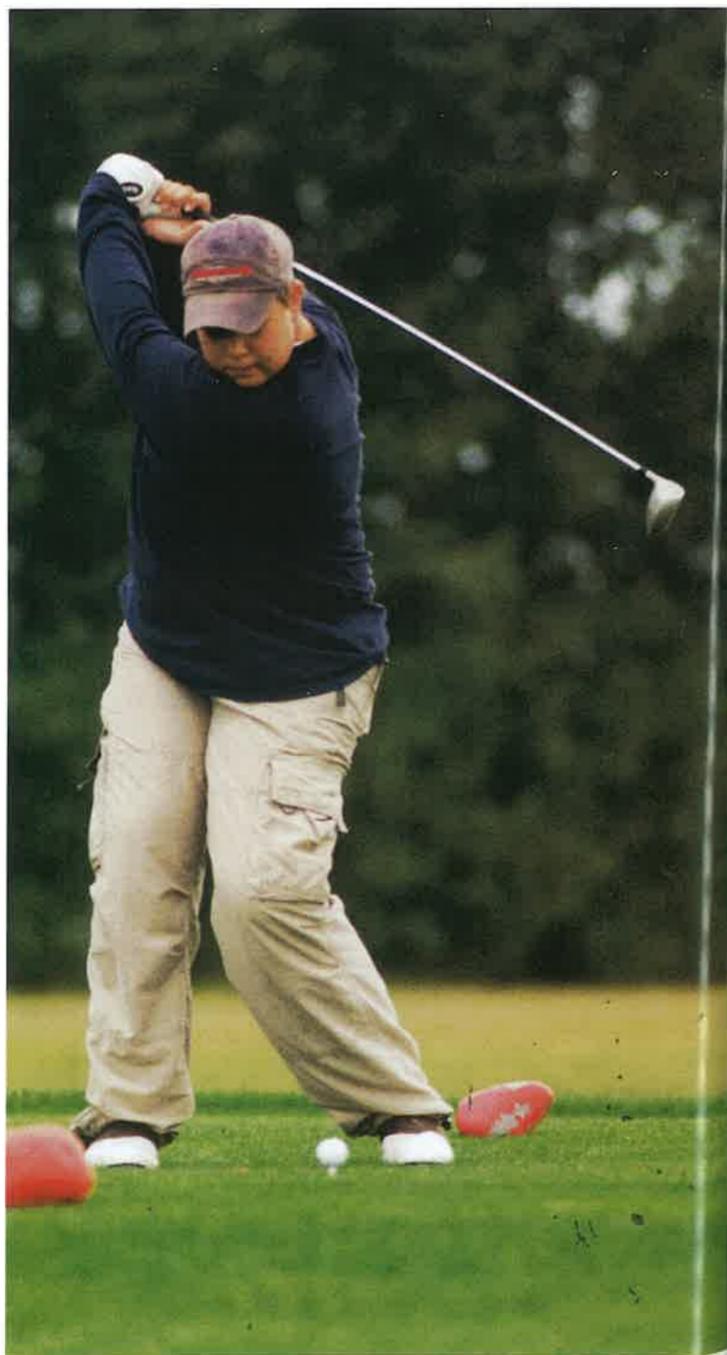
"We practiced for two hours or so after school, and in the summer we would sometimes practice in the mornings," said freshmen Erika Hochgraber.

"During the summer we would have to get up early because we had to be at practice at 8 a.m. and it would last for three or more hours. If it rained we would not practice at all," freshman Sandra Peterson said.

Through all of their hard practicing and hard work that they put into the season, and with all the new girls that joined the team this year, the golf team made a big improvement on their game during the year.

After starting off with a rough beginning, the Packers ended on the right foot.

By Tami Lipp and Sarah Sanchez



Ready...Aim...Fire!!! As freshman Erika Hochgraber perfects her swing, she prepares herself for a hole-in-one.

Team Picture. Left to right: Paula Wolf, Head Coach; Marin Rosenvold, Erika Hochgraber, Meaghan Pratt, Tess Jens, Sandra Peterson, Carrie Sorteberg, and Amy Donlin.



Here I go! While studying her ball, senior Meaghan Pratt swings her club.

SCORES		
	Place	Score
Jamestown	7th	444
Valley City	7th	413
North	7th	425
Central	7th	392
South	6th	393
Devils Lake	6th	390
Shanley	7th	391
EDC	9th	

Be one with the ball! Concentrating very carefully on her ball, junior Tess Jens goes for the gold.

How about right here? Carefully deciding where to place her ball, junior Tess Jens gets ready for her next swing.

I'm too sexy for my club! During the game, junior Tess Jens goes to retrieve her ball.



One for the money, two for the show... Before sending the ball soaring through the air, senior Meaghan Pratt studies the ball carefully.

Front Row: Coach Jim Jonas, Coach Bob Monte, Kristi Hoffman, Mariah Peterson, Jen Western, Tara Sheeley, Teresa Yanish, and Coach Rick Anderson. **Row 2:** Coach Nate Knudsen, Steve Brennan, Kellen Bubach, Steve Majkrzak, James Moe, Ryan Tranby, Jason Buchholz, and Chad Wolf. **Back Row:** Mitch Wilkinson, Tyler Farkas, Scott Mathson, Chris Korsgarden, Jimmy Hoy, Nils Eberhardt and Head Coach Doyle Plecity.



SCORES

	Us	Them
Jamestown	58	66
Valley City	63	64
Moorhead	45	69
South	57	61
Fergus Falls	50	49
Mandan	53	55
Century	43	55
Wahpeton	81	49
Central	59	46
North	53	62
Shanley	50	54
Devils Lake	67	52
Red River	61	70
Valley City	66	63
Shanley	57	53
Jamestown	59	54
South	52	60
North	40	68
Wahpeton	59	45
Grafton	71	47
Shanley	49	61
Devils Lake	65	69

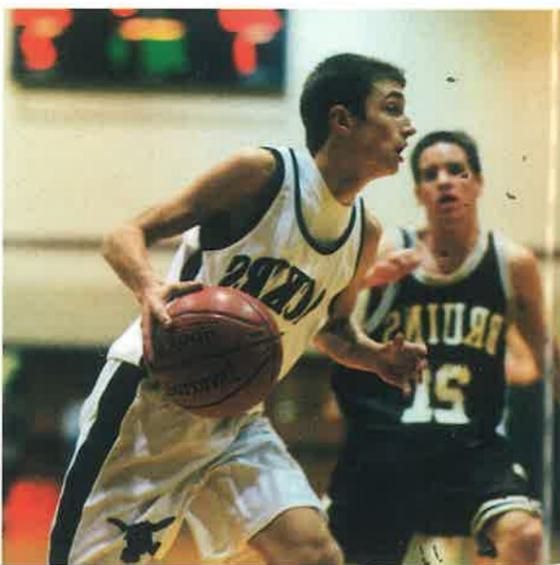


Somebody get open! Catching the ball, senior Chad Wolf looks for someone to pass to.

Lets sit down! Taking a break from the game, ref crew members Matt Grossman, Kyle Stroh, and Randy Griffith wait for the game to start.

I wanna go in! Sitting in front of the scorer's table, senior Chad Wolf waits patiently to go into the game.

Swish! Lining up and taking a shot, senior Tyler Farkas tries to make a free throw.



Drive! Finding a hole to the basket, sophomore Jimmy Hoy burns his defender.

Boys Basketball

Team turns up the heat late in the season

The West Fargo Boys Basketball team started their 2000-2001 season with a very tough schedule. They started off with some close games to the teams from the West.

Being a young and fast team, they proved they could shoot and score.

"Our season has been up and down, but I think when we started playing as a team we accomplished a lot," senior Chris Korsgarden said.

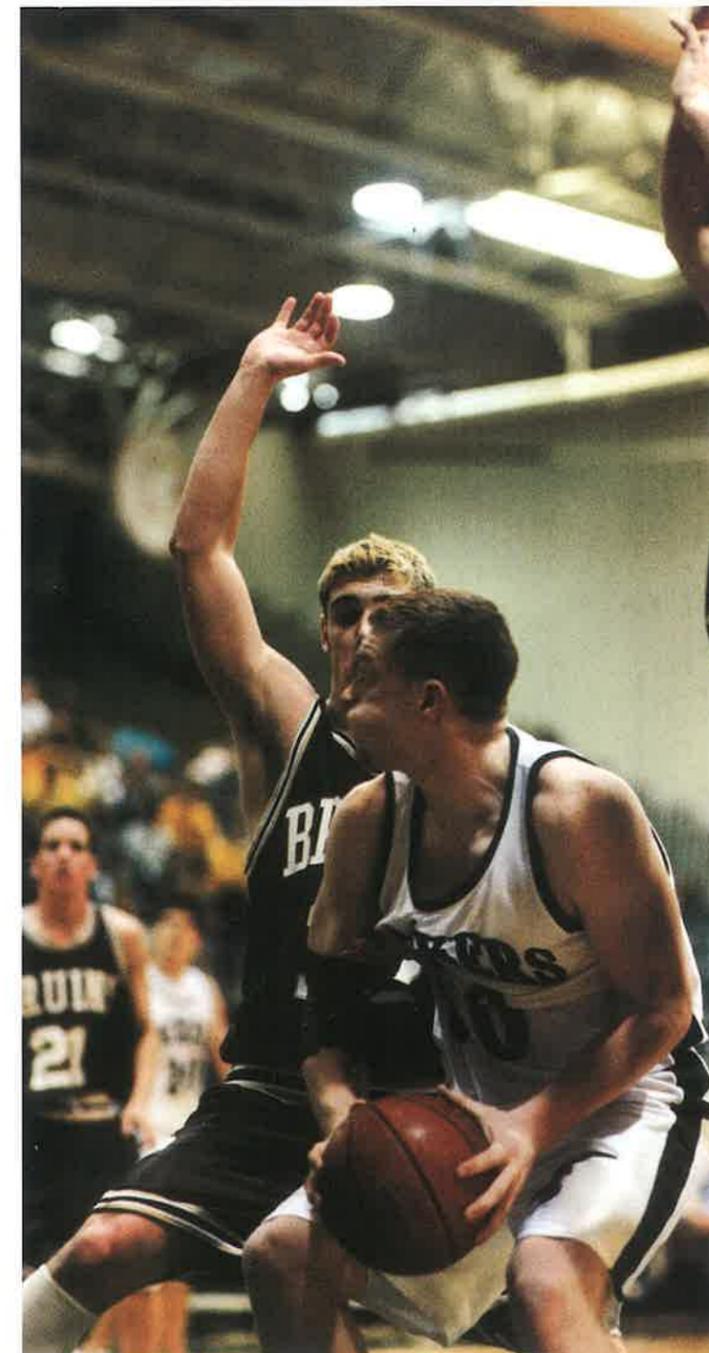
The Packers had a very young backcourt. They started sophomore Jimmy Hoy at shooting guard and sophomore Kellen Bubach at point guard. The team also had three players back from last years team that were in the starting lineup. Senior power forward Chad Wolf lead the team in rebounds. He proved that he deserved to be in the starting lineup. Senior forward Tyler Farkas lead this young team in scoring. Farkas proved that he was one of the best 3-point threats in the state. The starter in the middle was junior Steve Brennan. At center, Brennan was one of the best big men for the Packers.

The team shook off some of those early season losses with a string of very close wins. They turned it on as the weeks came closer to the EDC tournament. They pulled off two great victories at home against Shanley and Jamestown. The team was victorious in their EDC play-in game against Grafton. In the first game of the EDC tournament West Fargo lost to Shanley in a very physical game. In their last game of the season the team lost a heart breaker to Devils Lake.

The basketball team has a very bright future. They will return three starters next year. Although the team will lose four seniors, Chad Wolf, Tyler Farkas, Jason Buchholz, and Chris Korsgarden, they return eight players from this year's Varsity squad. With that much experience the Packers will be a major threat to winning the State Tournament.

By Tim Burner and Mike Blickensderfer

Score! Surrounded by Fargo South defense, junior Steve Brennan sets up for a shot.



Wrestling

Team captures EDC championship

Going into the wrestling season, the Packer wrestlers had several reasons to expect success in 2001. The team went into the season with a history of strong finishes, as well as a solid group of leaders. They put these benefits to use often as the wrestlers battled to an 8-0 dual record and an EDC team championship. The wrestlers also brought home a victory at the EDC individual tournament.

Much of the success this year was due to the leadership of a very successful group of seniors. The hard work shown by the older wrestlers demonstrated the level of dedication necessary to win to a group of promising underclassmen.

"If we wrestle well and stay focused we have the capability to be in the top five teams of the state," Coach Steve Marquart said.

The wrestlers weren't the only ones to be recognized on the EDC level this year. Coach Marquart was named Coach of the Year after his wrestlers dominated the season. This was the second time over the last four years Marquart has been given the award.

To wrap up the season, the wrestlers travelled to Bismarck for the state tournament. Two wrestlers were able to reach championship matches in the individual tournament. Senior Mark Gorde and sophomore Dustin Czapiewski both made it to the state finals to finish in second place. When the tournament was over, the Pack finished fourth in the dual tournament and eighth overall. In the end, Marquart was happy with the team's finish.

"I'm really proud of our guys. They worked hard all season and they really deserve it," Coach Marquart said.

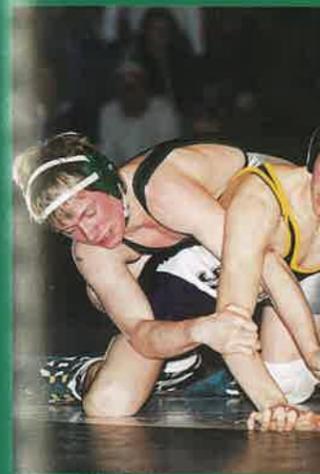
By Jon Woodruff



Courtesy of Dave Samson

Way to go! Senior Mark Gorde receives some congratulations after a dual against Fargo North.

Front Row: Betsy Anderson - Statistician, Baily Badillo, Chris Borah, Eric Hanlon, Korey Zellers, Keith Sebelius, Kyle McLean, Josh Ackerman, Josh Schiefert, Robert Ramberg and Tyler Gould. **Row 2:** Assistant Coach Jim Thomas, Matt Elless, Jeff Dauer, Chad Walock, Mark Gorde, Bryan Riedinger, Matt Christianson, Tim Hay, Brandon Sola, Mike Johnson, Mike Gross and Assistant Coach Mitch Goehring. **Back Row:** Coach Steve Marquart, Matt Staska, Curtis Werlinger, Dustin Czapiewski, Rob Margheim, Nick Bonnet, Brian Johnson, Josh Johnson, Shane Miller, Jon Hay, and Travis Heise.



Courtesy of Dave Samson

SCORES

	Us	Them
Valley City	36	32
Jamestown	39	17
Fargo South	42	27
Central	71	3
Wahpeton	48	18
Red River	37	25
Fargo North	40	15
Devils Lake	46	20

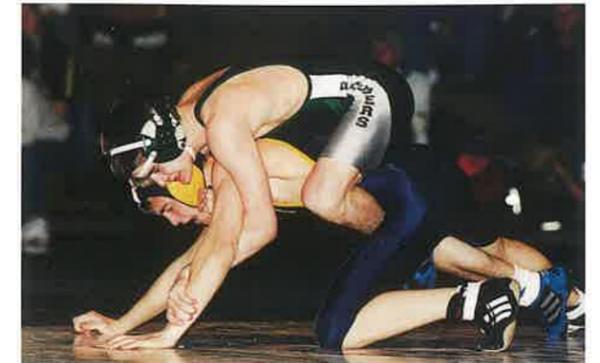


This may hurt a little! Twisting an opponent to the ground junior Korey Zellers fights for control during a match.

It's all over now! Challenging an opponent, senior Mike Gross works toward a pin.

Prelude to a pin! At the North dual, freshman Keith Sebelius attempts to take down his opponent.

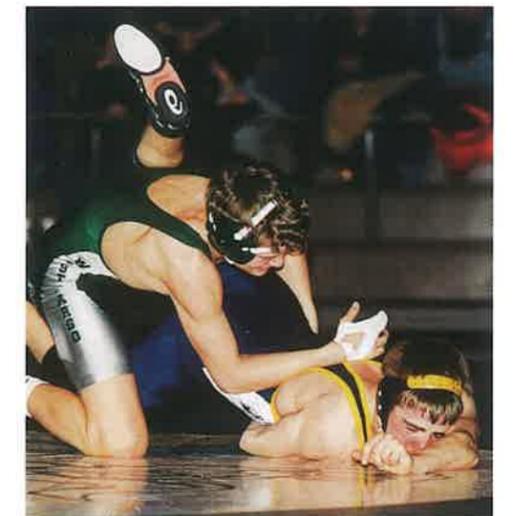
We are the champions! The Packer wrestlers celebrate their EDC team championship after defeating Fargo North.



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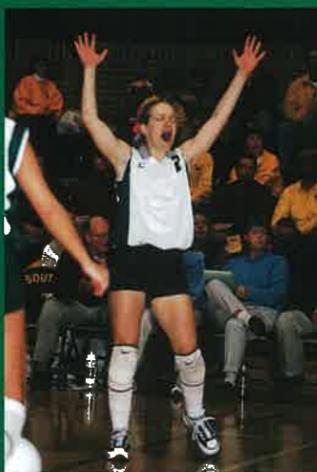
You might as well give up! During a match against North, senior Bryan Riedinger twists his opponent painfully against the floor.

Front Row: Kim Zick - Statistian, Taryn Christianson, Brenda Haug, Chrissy Vetter, Katie Rasmussen, Theresa Bohls - Manager, Jodi Schultz - Trainer and Britni LeClair - Trainer. **Row 2:** Crystal Schaeffer, Nicole Grund, Brittany Stargardt, Trisha Howitz, Lindsay Evenson, Amy Donlin, Jenny Nelson and Oezlem Oeztuerk. **Back Row:** Coach Meredith Hegg, Mackenzie Close, Sara Vigen, Jennifer Weil, Carrie Sorteberg, Jenna Clark, Jenny Volker, Coach Paula Wolf and Coach Randy Holzkamm.



SCORES

	Us	Them
Shanley	3	0
South	3	1
Minot	1	2
Dickinson	2	1
North	3	1
Whapeton	3	0
Red River	3	1
Jamestown	3	1
Devils Lake	2	0
Mandan	2	0

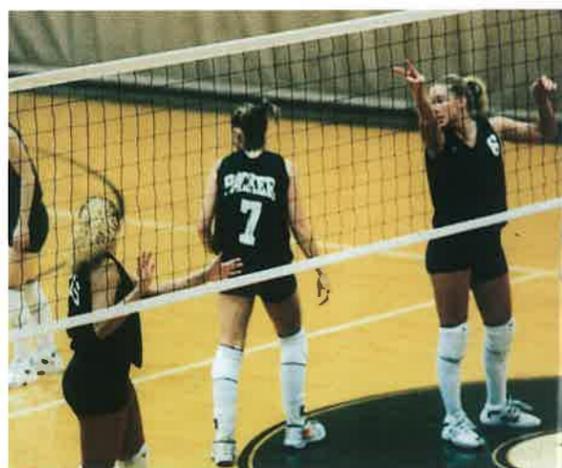


Don't mess with me! Looking very frustrated junior Katie Rasmussen yells at her team mates.

I hope I score... Going for the point, junior Crystal Schaeffer jumps to hit the ball.

This is it... Setting the ball, junior Chrissy Vetter watches the ball as her teammate goes for the score.

Go over there... Telling her teammates what to do, junior Mackenzie Close helps her team block a ball.



I've got it... Going for the bump, junior Amy Donlin sets up the play.

Volleyball

Packers come up big at EDC and state

The volleyball team started out their season with high expectations. Those expectations were definitely met throughout the season. This season the Packers were 12-1 in the EDC. Their only loss was to Devils Lake.

The Packers worked unbelievably hard this year. Coach Holzkamm worked the Packers very hard at every practice to help them reach their full potential. They also worked very hard at achieving team unity. The Packers needed teamwork in order to win all of the games that they did. "This season has gone really well," says junior Katie Rasmussen, "we have really gelled as a team."

The Packers played Fargo North at home to see who would take the number one spot in the EDC. The Packers beat the Spartans 3-1. EDC was held at the Civic Center on February 8-10. They were very excited for EDC. They went on to become EDC champions. Their next stop was state.

The volleyball state championship games were held in Minot. They ended up playing in the championship game against Williston. The girls went out and played tough, but so did Williston. In the end the Packers came out as champions. They beat Williston 3 - 2.

"We played our best volleyball at the end of the season and it really showed at state," said junior Mackenzie Close.

All of the Packer's hard work throughout the year definitely paid off. This season will be remembered as one of the best season's ever.

By Tara Lettenmaier

I'm waiting... Watching the ball intently, senior Jennifer Weil waits to bump the ball over the net.



Hockey

Getting Fired Up

The West Fargo hockey team got off to a quick winning streak last year with a lot of strive to win.

Seniors Eric Gwost, Tyler Bosch, and junior Josh Swangler showed skills to lead the young team through their season.

With a very important first win on the road in Bismarck, the packers started their season winning.

"We got off to a great start and then we had our ups and downs as the season went on," freshmen David Rankin said.

The young team was starting to make other teams think about playing them and that the game they were going to be playing with the Packers is not going to be an easy win, such as in the past.

Finishing the season with a tough loss to Jamestown, they went into EDC with a mind that they were going to go to state for the first time.

The packers started off the EDC tournament by playing Grand Forks Central.

"We played really hard leaving nothing on the ice," sophomore Tyler Dockter said.

They gave it their all, but the packers got beat 4-1. The standings of the other games left them to play Jamestown.

With Jamestown, the packers played really hard, but took a tough 1-0 loss by a goal in the third period by Jamestown. With the loss West Fargo was eliminated from state.

With a lot of heart the Packers played every game until the end. They upset some teams and lost some in a very good game.

By Levi Kalsow



Look I'm a butterfly! Going down for a save, junior Lee Baldwin kicks out his pads.

Front Row: Adam Spiekermeier, Josh Jackson, Lee Baldwin, Eric Gwost, Nick Reinisch, Tyler Bosch and Josh Swangler. **Row 2:** Stacey Costain - Trainer, Jessica Peihl - Statistician, Joe Kartes, Ian Ulness, Tyler Dockter, David Rankin, Ryan Evenson, Bryan Huso, Jordan Kelly, Nickie Wileman - Statistician and Assistant Coach Joel Swanson. **Back Row:** Head Coach Ross Richards, Derek Miller, Tanner Anderson, Matt Hinschberger, Brandon Vetter, Jeremy Larson and Kyle Graalum.



	Us	Them
Century	5	0
Jamestown	3	1
Grafton	6	1
Wahp./Breck.	7	0
South	4	2
Central	0	1
Detroit Lakes	3	2
Little Falls	4	3
Long Prairie	12	4
Sartell	8	2
North	2	3
Grafton	2	3
Wahp./Breck.	2	2
South	2	5
Red Lake	2	1
Red River	0	7
North	1	2
Central	2	1
Mandan	4	3
Red Lake	4	2
Jamestown	0	7
Central	1	4
Jamestown	0	1



I got him! On an offensive play, junior Ian Ulness plays the high man in.

Just so you know, I'm playin' you to the board. Going for the big hit, senior Jeremy Larson forces the puck wide.

Just keep it out of the net... As the shot is made to the high blocker side, sophomore Nick Reinisch makes another glorious save.

I'm taking it wide! While his team mates rush the net, senior Tyler Bosch skates the puck to the zone.



Nice hit! Sophomore David Rankin makes a big play from behind, by literally tackling a potential goal.

Front Row: Karrie Burdick, Erika Johansen, Ashley Lettenmaier. **Back Row:** Lindsey Lauritsen, Dayna Hansen, Sara Lauritsen and Amanda Drees.



SCORES

	Score
South	87.2
Mandan	117.375
WF Holiday	122.75
Valley City	17.725
Moorhead	130.45
Wahpeton	8.225
WF Invite	130.45
Grand Fork	131.8
Regionals	135.1



Whoa!!! Springing into place, Karrie Burdick, recoils the force of her momentum.

No, this picture isn't upside down! Tumbling down the mats, freshman Lindsey Lauritsen shows off her acrobatic talents.

Oh my gosh, look at her.... Checking out their competition, gymnastic team members wait to show off their moves.

You mean I can't just stand here? Getting ready to tumble, senior Dayna Hansen stands at attention.



To bad this isn't a slip and slide! Diving into place, freshman Lindsey Lauritsen leaps into a front flip.

Gymnastics

FLIPPING To Success

This past year's gymnastic team looked promising at the beginning of the season. Everyone's talent made up for the fact that they had a small team of only seven people. The team had to overcome the loss of three seniors. Having one seventh grader, Ashley Lettenmaier, who had little experience in competing, and an eighth grader, Amanda Drees, who had been out of gymnastics for four years was a change for the team.

With these changes at the beginning of the year the team knew they had to work hard the whole season through.

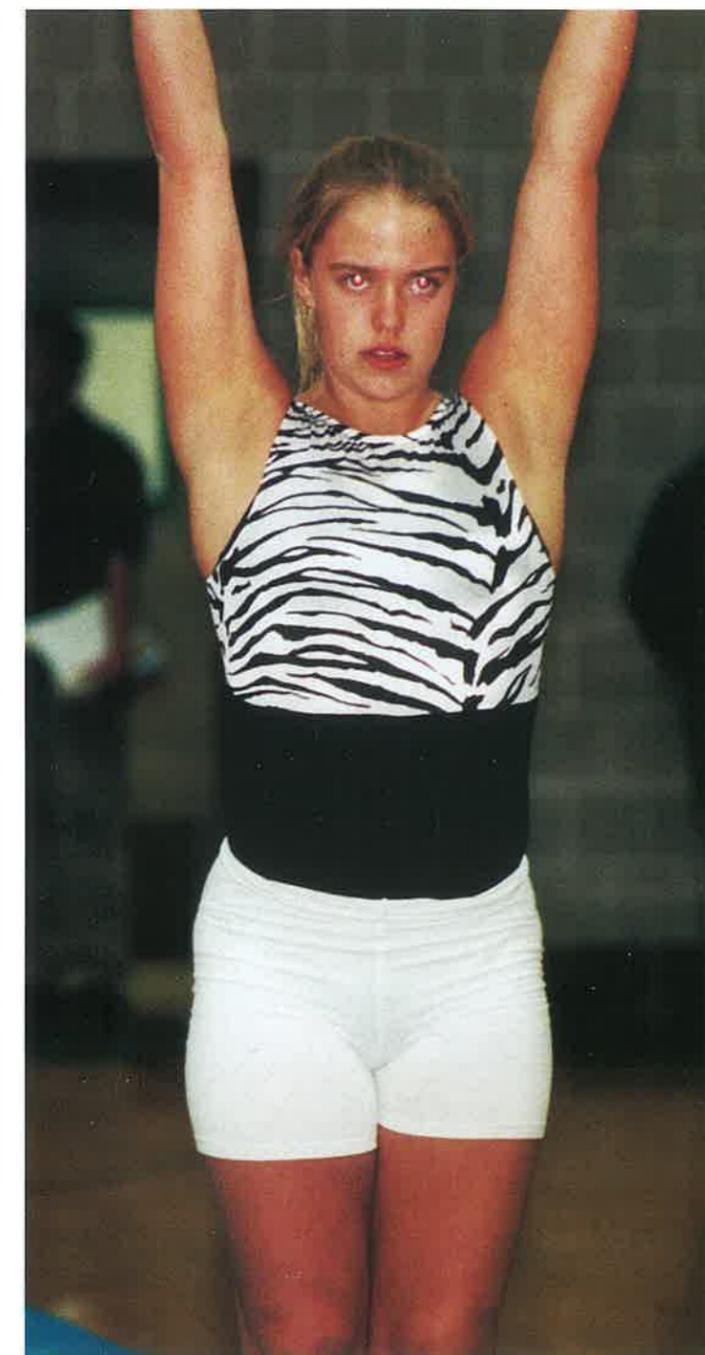
Injuries seemed to effect everybody. The team lost Steph Khuen, a strong junior, due to a back injury. Lindsey Lauritsen, a freshman, was out the first couple of weeks from having surgery. Dayna Hansen, a senior captain, was unable to compete because of sprained ankles.

The first half of the season was tough but as soon as injuries healed, the team improved a great deal. With help from their coaches Cindy Williams and Marrit Throntviet their scores improved.

"It was a tough year and with all the problems. I am proud of our accomplishments," captain Dayna Hansen said, "I hope everyone comes back next year, and I wish them the best of luck."

By Dayna Hansen

YMCA!!! Getting prepared to do a stunt, freshman Lindsey Lauritsen waits patiently for her turn.



Boys Swimming & Diving

EDC Champions, once again!

With an unbeatable 400 freestyle relay and new records in the 400 and the 200 freestyle relay, the boys swim team was bound for success. Senior captains Ryan Rust, Mathias Christianson, Matthew Denhart, and junior capitan Josh Koehnen lead the team to victories over South, North, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Bismarck, Century, Mandan, and Moorhead. The team also held an undefeated dual meet record throughout the entire season.

The diving team was bigger and better than ever before consisting of five divers, including state qualifiers Chad Hager, Billy Hansen, Zach Zeiggler, and Joe Burchill. Having the top two divers in the eastern North Dakota helped the team win many meets.

Going into the season, Coach Marsha Dahl knew that the team had lots of potential and had more talented swimmers than ever before.

"At the beginning of the season we knew we would be one of the top teams in the state," senior Ryan Rust said.

At EDC the team started off with a bang winning first place in the 200 free, 50 free, first and second place in diving, and eventually winning the meet and regaining the EDC chamionship title.

"Beating North at EDC and setting new records in the relays was the best part of the season," senior Matt Christianson said.

Finishing the year, the team earned second place at the state meet, over team rivals North and Mandan, successfully achieving their season-long goal.

By Austin Redington

Pull! Taking a deep breath, senior Ryan Rust prepares for victory.



Front Row: Managers: Tara Lettenmaier, Rachel Koehnen, Chandra Heim and Paige Abraham. **Row 2:** Head Coach Marsha Dahl, Coach Claudia Schoellkopf, Matt Gilbertson, Greg Gentzkow, Nick Prashek, Ryan Sandbeck, Billy Hanson,, Dylan Nitzkowski and Coach Terry Rust. **Third Row:** Mark Veitenheimer, Charles Kaspari, John Loberg, Zach Ziegler, Joe Burchill, Sam Christianson, Matt Dehnert, and Matt Christianson. **Back Row:** Josh Koehnen, Andy Schoonhoven, Austin Redington, Ryan Rust, James Vranish, David Krogh and Joe Nelson.



SCORES

	Us	Them
Grand Forks	105	75
Jamestown	143	33
Bismarck	84	18
Century	78	24
Moorhead	98	88
South	130	53
North	96	90
Invitationals		
Bismarck	277	1st
NorthPentathlon	170	1st
South	242	2nd
South Tri	183	2nd
Grand Forks	384	2nd
EDC	336	1st
State	325	2nd



That water looks cold! Beginning his dive, sophomore Zach Ziegler prepares for the cold splash.

It's a bird, it's a plane! Spinning through the air, senior Chad Hager dives with confidence.

Yuck! After his race, sophomore Sam Christianson questions the water quality.

Almost done! On the last lap, junior Ryan Sandbek finishes strong.



They're going down! Awaiting victory, senior Joe Burchill gets ready for his final dive.

Front Row: Sara Rebenitsch, Jacinta Kuehn, Elizabeth Dosland, Sierra Laufenberg, DeAnn Knutson, Amber McDonald, Brittany Varner, Stephanie Thomas, Lindsey Moe, and Amanda Huson. Row 2: Kacie Hughes, Kristin Murch, Kelly Foss, Lindsay Pavek, Meghann Moen, Lauren Bates, Blair Moorhead, Catherine Dosland, Hillary Thomas, Alyssa Lester, Kelsie Selisker, Jennifer Triebold, and Jill Kroenke. Row 3: Kelly Hanson, Megan Wigglesworth, Kristan Olson, Tammy Canton, Susan Worthington, Nicole Heinz, Erin Vranish, Stephanie Kuehn, Dayna Hansen, Jennifer Sliper, Trisha Howitz, and Cassie Ellingson. Row 4: Brad Amundson, Brent Ekren, Zachary Lavelle, Adam Nystuen, Eric Lee, Nick Senf, Chris Tande, Preston Nygaard, Darrin Rolie, Danny Williams, Nick Knudson, Josh Jones, and Adam Meert. Row 5: Mitch Netterlund, Dan Francis, Phillip Loy, Brian Lee, Santino Ajith, Chad Hager, Lyle Sinner, Brandon Siverson, Billy Hanson, Ryan Narlock, Luke Schulz, and Andy Yanish. Row 6: Kirk Rieniets, Evan Fahrman, Chris Larson, Brett Wigglesworth, Tony Salquist, Marc Mosser, Brandon Laufenberg, Brian Fradet, Brandon Heitkamp, Schuyler Lee, Mitch Wilkinson, and Nick Schumacher. Row 7: Omar Arellano, Johnathan Hay, Steven Brennan, Josh Diemert, Aaron Flynn, Nick Bonnet, Joshua Kratcha, Shawn Odden, Dusty McLeod, Adel Hassanpoor, Landon Johnson, and James Vranish. Back Row: Coach Darrin Boehm, Coach Randy Holzkamm, Coach Kevin Froeber, Nick Reinisch, Nick Buehre, Austin Montgomery, Coach VanDyke, and Head Coach Darrin McKinnon.



	Boys	Girls
Early Bird Invite	5th	3rd
State Indoor	5th	5th
EDC Indoor	5th	7th
Sertoma	2nd	3rd
Flackoy Relays	3rd	5th
Packer Relays	1st	2nd
A1Cassell Relay	3rd	4th
EDC Outdoor	4th	6th
STATE MEET	8th	13th

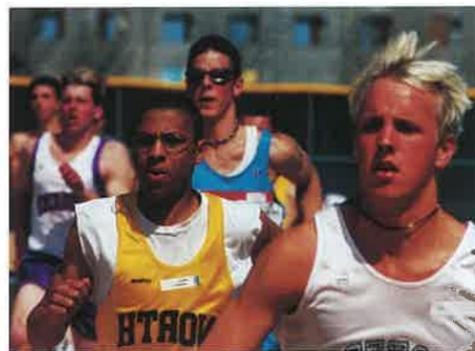


I wish the sun was out of my eyes! Reflecting on her recent finish, senior Kelly Hanson catches her breath.

Group Hug! Supporting many exhausted runners, Coach Mr. Darrin Boehm gathers the troops.

"No one can catch me." Taking the lead, sophomore Mitch Wilkinson wants the win.

"We'll go on three." Preparing to throw, junior Steve Brennan sets his goals.



"I'm glad that hurdle isn't in my lane!" Going for a strong finish, freshman Alyssa Lester enters the home stretch.

Track Sprinting to State!

"I've waited four years to qualify and I am so excited that I did," senior Lindsay Pavek said.

This positive expression mirrored the attitudes of the entire track team. With the long, exhausting practices that the entire team had to endure, the track team deserved a shot at state to prove themselves.

Some of the senior girls who qualified for state were Jacinta Kuehn for both the 100 and 200 meter dash; Lindsay Pavek for the 200 meter hurdles; Kristin Murch and Kelly Hanson for the 3200 meter relay; Meghann Moen for javelin; and Dayna Hansen for the 400 and 600 meter relays.

A few of the boy state qualifiers were seniors Brad Amundson, Shawn Odden, and Brent Ekren, all competing in the 3200 meter relay. Senior Josh Diemert qualified in both the long and triple jump, and senior Lyle Sinner qualified for javelin.

One contributing factor to the incredible track team was the guidance of Head Coach Darrin McKinnon. With the title of Coach of the Year under his belt, he was able to help the track team more than anyone else could have. He pushed them to their limits, urging them to be the best that they could be.

"West Fargo's 4 X 400 and 4 X 800 meter relays have a very good chance of placing high at state," junior Kelly Foss said.

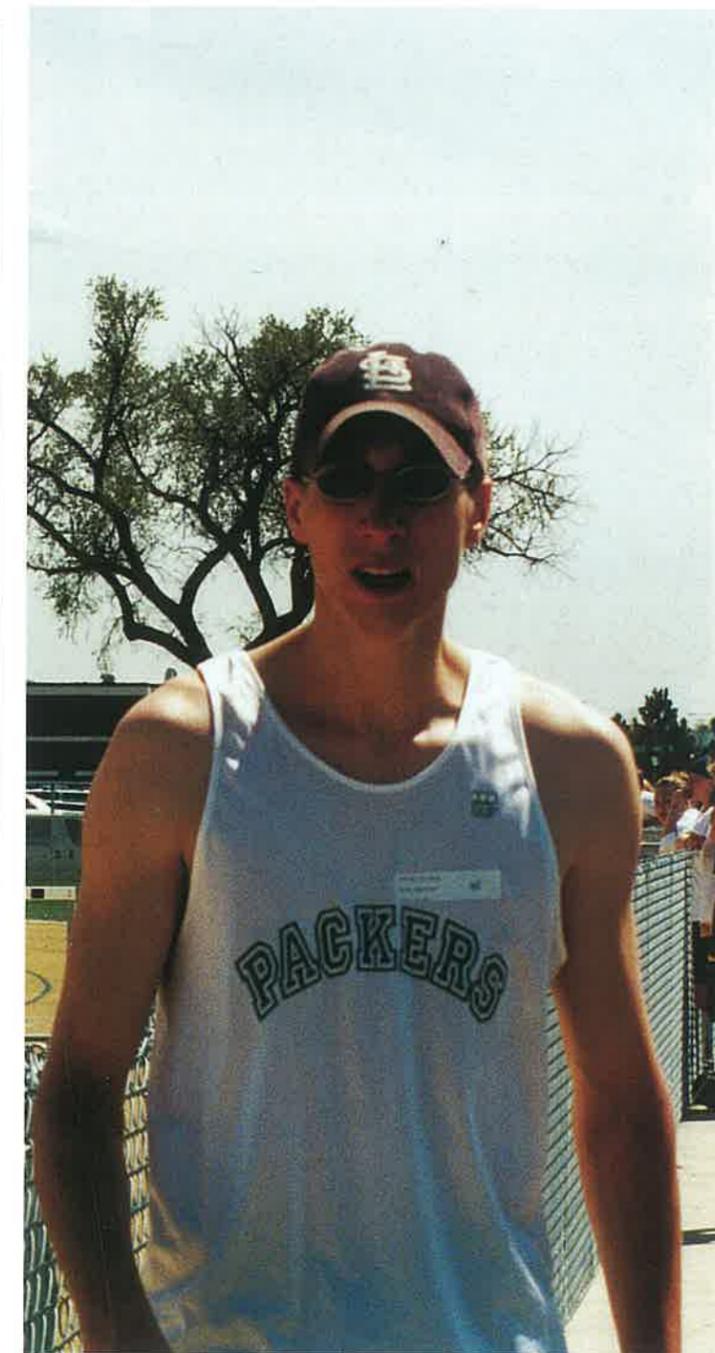
Senior Jacinta Kuehn held high hopes of finishing in the top at State after she placed second in the 200 meter dash at EDC.

Also promising was junior Nick Senf with his high jump and triple jump titles. Senf was considered one of the track teams' most improved athletes.

After such an exciting season, the track team looked forward to a strong finish at State.

By Leah Brekke

Yo! Strutting back to the pits, senior Brad Amundson prepares himself between events.





Girls Soccer

Competition brings out team togetherness

As the 2001 soccer season kicked off, staying focused was a key aspect for the team. With the fields being saturated because of continuous rain, the soccer season was delayed for two weeks. Once the weather began to cooperate, games were played one after the other.

The Packers were lead by Head Coach Jim Flores, and Assistant Coaches Jason Gooding and Ericka Freed. The team also had strong leadership exhibited by the four senior captains: Angie Bishoff, Erin Moch, Tracy Tanner, and Amber Voeller.

"It's been a pleasure and honor to be a part of all three teams' very successful year!" Head Coach Jim Flores said.

Beginning the season with a 1-1 tie against Fargo South, the Packers realized that they had the skills and mindset to win, they just needed to pick it up a notch. The Packers definitely did so as they went on to be victorious over several regional teams and then advanced to State.

"All of our hard work and dedication has paid off," senior Tracy Tanner said. "We've finally come together as a team and we proved it on the field."

At the State Tournament the girls came out tough playing a close game against Bismarck High and beating Minot 2-1. The Pack then lost to North in their last game of the tournament.

Overall, the soccer team had a fun and rewarding year.

By Ashley Swensen

Make your runs!! While taking a corner kick, sophomore Kim Brunns positions herself to cross the ball in front of the net.



Front Row: Trainer Adam Henry, Trainer Tim Burner, Assistant Coach Ericka Freed, Kelsey Gatz, Manager Brady Millar, and Manager James Moe. **Row 2:** Trainer Eric Weigel, Dana Lemke, Ann Timmerman, Erika Thompson, Tracy Tanner, Ashley Swensen, and Manager Ronnie Engelking. **Row 3:** Head Coach Jim Flores, Erin Moch, Becky Muhonen, Tracy Canton, Kim Brunns, Skadi Davison, Jennifer Prudlick, Mariah Peterson, Amber Voeller, and Assistant Coach Jason Gooding. **Back Row:** Marin Rosenvold, Amanda Krenz, Kristin Weatherly, Brittany Zinniel, Jessica Dyrdaahl, Kelsey Brand, Kris Brunns, and Angie Bishoff.



Dave Samson

SCORES

	Us	Them
South	1	1
Shanley	0	0
Red River	1	0
Central	1	3
North	1	0
Red River	2	0
Devils Lake	6	3
North	0	3
Shanley	3	0
Central	4	1
Devils Lake	5	0
St. Mary's	0	1
Minot	3	2
South	2	1
State		
Bismarck	0	1
Minot	2	1
North	0	5



Dave Samson

Catch me if you can. With a defender following close behind, junior Ann Timmerman turns the ball to the inside.

Shoot! After making a move around the defense, senior Angie Bishoff attempts a shot on goal.



Man on... Working to gain control of the ball, junior Jennifer Prudlick maneuvers around the defense.



Here comes the boot. Looking for teammates in the center of the field, sophomore Kris Brunns chips the ball to an open player.



Dave Samson

Packers, be first to the ball!! After looking for space on the field, junior Kristin Weatherly finds an open teammate and distributes the ball.



Boys Golf

Golf Team Proved To Be a Big Hit!

This year was one of the biggest turn outs that kids have tried out for the golf team. There was a whopping seventy-five kids that wanted to play this past year. As for the kids that got a chance to play, they were led by senior, Boe Sheeley. The team got off to a good start after missing three tournaments because of flooding. The teams' best finish was at EDC last year. The team seemed to pull together at meets and feed off each other when they were playing well.

Throughout the entire season, the boys golf team gave all they could. All their hard work payed off in the end. The team finished with a total of 14 at the end of the EDC games.

"For next year we need to be more consistent and just work harder," said junior Matt Dimmer.

For next year the team needs to feed off each other and really make a charge in order to show people how golf just isn't about putting the little ball into the hole. Overall, West Fargo had a good year.

With a large JV team, the varsity is sure to be a big future success. A lot of the JV players from 2000-2001 have experience to back them up.

"This year no one qualified for state. We had six kids get to EDC. Hopefully next year we can have more kids go to state," junior Lee Baldwin said.

The team is really looking forward to next year and will spend the summer practicing their swings and puts. With a lot of practice and determination, the golf team for 2001-2002 will be extremely successful.

By Brian Kingsley

Just stay on the tee!...Getting ready for the shot, junior Lee Baldwin focuses his thoughts.



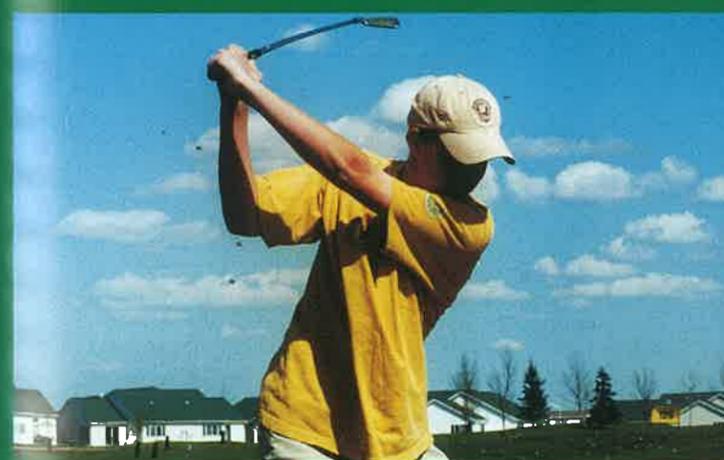
Front Row: Matt Johnson, Matt Crist, Taylor Bertek, Nathan Johnson, Taylor Moch, Mark Burkle, Ethan Hongess, and Dan Staska. **Row 2:** Mike Jore, Brad Vigen, Eric Hongess, Brian Kingsley, Adam Byrne, Brett Kingsley, Andrew Perna, Brian Hage, and Jordan Idso. **Back row:** Mr. Chuck Gad, Matt Western, Andrew Moch, Matt Dimmer, Brady Edwards, Trevor Flanagan, Lee Baldwin, Jesse Kemmer, Dan Wolf, and Mr. Steve Anderson.



SCORES

Total Strokes

Jamestown Inv.	345
W. Fgo. Inv.	336
Jamestown Tri.	328
W. Fgo. Quad	331
Wahpeton Inv.	338
Devils Lake Inv.	317
Fargo Inv.	342
EDC	
Team Total	349



Just a little bit higher! Stretching before a meet, junior Brian Hage gets ready for his first shot.

Is this perfect form? Teeing off, freshman Matt Western swings his club back.

That's going 200 yards. After a tee off, junior Adam Byrne looks where his ball lands.

Hit the ball! Chipping at the range, sophomore Jesse Kemmer concentrates on the ball.



Fore! Noticing his ball is going to the right, junior Adam Byrne calls for everyone to watch out.





Swing for the fences. Stepping up to the plate, senior Chris McDougall hammers a fastball with tremendous force.



Front Row: Blaine Horsager, Ben Roehl, Chris McDougall, Matt Grossman, Josh Jackson, Nick Hill, and Ryan Sandbek. **Row 2:** Joe Nelson, Trevor Odden, Kyle King, Matt Kelley, Adam Driscoll, and Jimmy Hoy. **Row 3:** Head Coach Chad Ransom, Andy Salquist, Dusty Ertelt, Scott Mathson, Andy Scott, and Tyler Roehl. **Back Row:** Trevor Kittleson, Brett Peterson, and Craig Huot.

Look at that ball fly way into deep left field!

Take me out to the ball game.... Like any other Packer sport, the softball team did excellent this past year. From knocking the ball out of the park to catching those fly balls being hammered at them, the girls played their hardest to fulfill any softball player's fantasy. A state championship was the end goal of the season. These ladies fulfilled it. The West Fargo softball team pulled off the title of "state champions!"

The team played very well together, and many of them agreed that they played well together when asked about team cooperation. The girls softball team managed to stay optimistic throughout their entire season. Some bad weather resulted in rescheduling of games, but these ladies didn't seem to mind. All of the ladies played their hardest throughout the year to achieve the main goal of taking state.

At state the whole team played their hardest against Grand Forks Red River to attain the fourth straight state title. Winning 12-0 all the girls felt like they had dominated all of the championship. At the end of the year, the team finished up the season with the record of 18-3, this was only possible with the help of their coach Mr. Pat Johnson, and all of the other members that assisted in training the ladies. Over all everyone worked as a team to achieve their fourth straight state championship, and without the help of Mr. Pat Johnson, and all of the other assistants, the team would not have done so well on the field.

By Sarah Murray, and Tony Krajeck

SCORES

	Us	The
DGF	11	0
South	13	3
Moorhead	14	2
Red River	14	2
GF Central	13	0
Detroit Lakes Tourney	4th	Place
Red River	6	0
Central	19	0
North	10	0
North	7	3
Shanley	20	0
South	12	2
EGF Tourney		2nd place

STATE

Red River	8	0
South	14	2
Red River	12	0

4th Consecutive State Championship

West Fargo slams into the tournament

The West Fargo baseball team had an unbelievable start to their 2001 season. The pitching staff of Jimmy Hoy, Chris McDougall, and Josh Jackson, were on fire. The seniors and juniors on the team really stepped up in the big games.

Despite losing hard throwing senior pitcher Blaine Horsager to a torn ACL, the team had one of the most powerful hitting teams in the EDC. The infield on this veteran team was pretty much dominant. West Fargo's amazing start to the season kept them rolling deep into the EDC stretch. They held the number one spot in the EDC at the beginning of the season before sliding down to second place in midseason because of a pair of losses to Fargo North.

Senior pitcher Chris McDougall turned out to be the leader of this veteran team by talking on the field and leading by example. McDougall was a rock solid pitcher on a really good pitching staff. Another leader on the team was senior Matt Kelley who lead the team with his massive power. He was one of the team leaders in home runs and runs batted in. Everytime he got up to the plate he had the potential to hit it over the fences. After a crushing defeat in the first round of the EDC tournament, the Pack bounced back and scored a victory over GF Red River. Then in a winner goes to state game they defeated Fargo North. After one of the greatest state tournament's in team history, the Pack finished in third place.

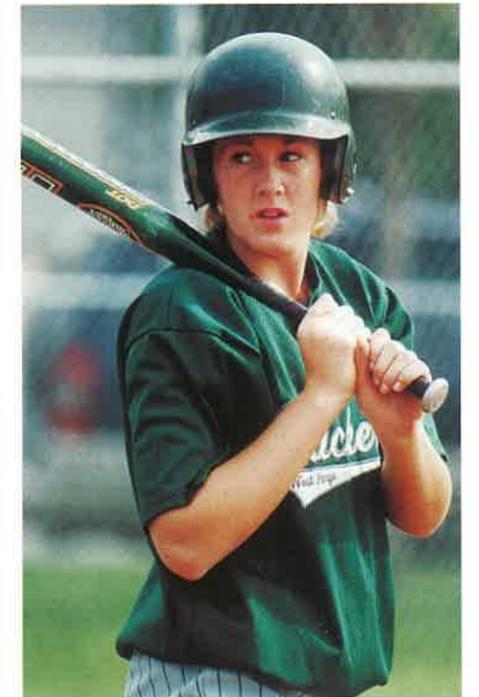
By Tim Burner

SCORES

	Us	Them
Shanley	9	5
Central	3	12
Grafton	13	3
Jamestown	6	5
Jamestown	7	8
Red River	6	5
Shanley	2	1
Wahpeton	3	6
North	5	17
Central	3	6
South	1	11
EDC		
Jamestown	1	8
Red River	5	4
North	6	5
State		
Bismark	1	0
Central	2	3
Jamestown	8	5



Front Row: Jennifer Hummel, Jen Smerud, Jenny Nelson, Theresa Bohls, Mandy Readell, and Jennifer Grund. **Row 2:** Jennifer Houser, Liza McCracken, Nicole Grund, Brea Rheault, and Brittany Stargardt. **Row 3:** Lindsey Lauritsen, Lisa Aaser, Johanna Skoog, Mackenzie Close, and Lindsay Evenson. **Row 4:** Jake Lauritsen, Pat Johnson, Terry Stargardt, Tim Houser, and Paul Grund.



I can do it...Listening to her coach, junior Mackenzie Close gets the play plan.



Front Row: Kelley Effinger, Melissa Rippy, Stephanie Barenthsen, Maggie Kvaale, Jessica Simons, and Kelly Donlin. Row 2: Assistant Coach Sean Bourke, Sarah Christianson, Elizabeth Bakken, Darcy Lemke, Amy Donlin, Trisha York, and Jillian Weaver. Back Row: Assistant Coach, Elise Blickensderfer, Kara Hadley, Heather Overby, Jenny Olson, Jessica Jensen, and Coach Chad Anderson.



Courtesy of Dave Samson

SCORES

	Us	Them
Jamestown	2	7
Shanley	7	2
Valley City	0	9
Wahpeton	0	9
GF Central	0	9
South	0	9
Red River	0	9
North	0	9
EDC	2	9



Are you sure this is mine? Giving a look of apprehension, senior Heather Overby prepares for her next shot.

Come on little ball, move. Trying to coax the ball her way, senior Maggie Kvaale waits for the ball's return.

Ooh, that was sour! Putting on a great game face, junior Amy Donlin hits the ball hard.

Vanna White, yes I am. Showing off the number zero, junior Elizabeth Bakken and senior Trisha York cool down after practice.



Courtesy of Dave Samson



Courtesy of Dave Samson



Courtesy of Dave Samson

Oh yeah, check out that muscle. Flashing a little skin, junior Elizabeth Bakken preps for a new match.

Girls Tennis

Season an ace with new coach

Sun, a balmy 70 degrees, and a gentle breeze were all the things that made a perfect day for a tennis match. These certain elements were what helped the Girls Tennis team make it through many games and some tough competition.

Of course you can't forget the challenging yet encouraging practices that the girls had. They usually practiced for one or two hours after school where they received constructive criticism and many other little helpful hints for beating the team they were to play.

The team took these helpful hints as good constructive criticism. Every team knows that they have areas where they need to improve and areas where they excel.

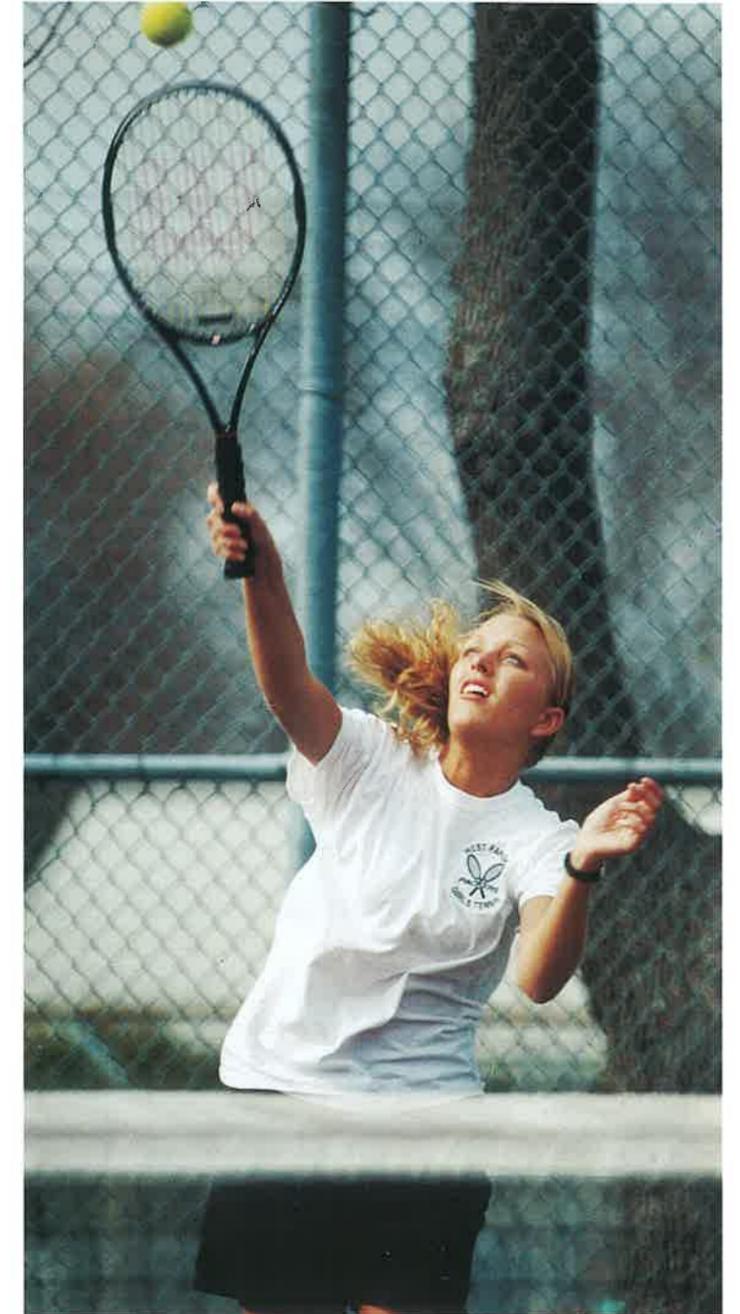
The team was under the instruction of a new coach, Mr. Chad Anderson, who led them to strong matches and an even stronger year.

Even though the team was much smaller, that left more room for personal instruction and praise. They were able to completely analyse everything that they needed to work on such as stronger serves, a better backhand, or even just faster response.

So the next time that there is a bright sunny day and you have nothing to do, just do what the tennis team does. Go out on the court. That way you have the opportunity to play a few matches and relieve some stress. Did I also mention that tennis tans are really in style?

By Marissa Krzmarzick

Come on, hit it. Hoping for a little contact, senior Heather Overby stretches for a hit.



Courtesy of Dave Samson

Packatahnas

Kicking ahead of the competition!

With routines as perfect and polished as the Packatahnas, it's no wonder why they had such an awesome year. Hours and hours of daily practice were put into their performances, and it definitely showed. The Jazz combination was set to a Center Stage montage, and the kick routine was to "The Eye of the Tiger".

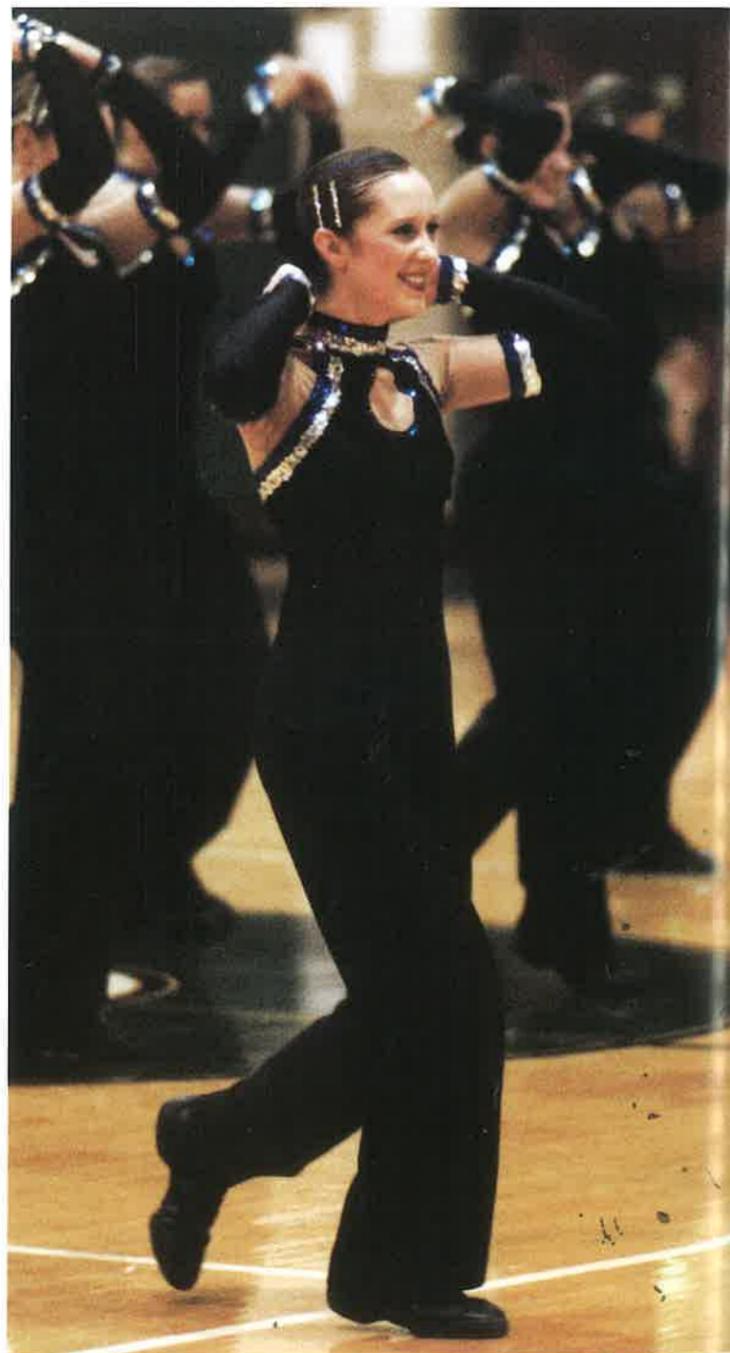
For the first time, freshmen were allowed on the Varsity team. By observing the older girls and participating in the practices, they gained experience for the years to come. Captains Autumn Neu and Shelley Kudelka provided support and encouragement to everyone on the team, leading them through their very successful season.

"As a team we spend a lot of time together. So much time that we are more like family in the way that we know each other," senior Heidi Noonan said.

State was very close, with the team taking second in both routines. They finished just 3 points out of a possible two hundred short of a victory. The Packatahnas definitely gave it their all. Things looked up during their national competition in Orlando, FL. The girls out-danced almost everyone there, to take fourth place in their kick routine. Such national status was a feat never accomplished by a West Fargo team, earning much respect from the school as well as the community.

By Leah Brekke

I'm so nailing these moves! Moving to the beat of the music, junior Shelley Kudelka entertains the crowd.



Front Row: Elizabeth Meyer, Beverly Badillo, Shelley Kudelka, Brooke Pulkrabek, Annie Lund, Karissa Beckius and Jenna Ludwig. **Row 2:** Danielle Williams, Kara Johnson, Tessa Hilscher, Megan Wigglesworth, Jennifer Hoesel, Erika Nolan and Lindsey Gebeke. **Row 3:** Shanna Vetter, Jessica Dyrdaahl, Sara Oemichen, Autumn Neu, Jessica McEwen, Lindsay Babb, Jennifer Olson and Jennifer Triebold. **Row 4:** Allison Nicholson, Kara Dahley, Angie Nelson, Heidi Noonan, Sarah Walerius, Cassandra Erickson and Kathryn Becker. **Back Row:** Lindsey Nowacki, Meagan Margheim, Head Coach Angie Lund, Coach Carly Meyer, Coach Michelle Ristvedt, Jamie Boutiette and Jenna Dyrdaahl.



COMPETITION RESULTS

Fargo North Invite:
2nd in kick, 3rd in jazz
West Fargo Invite:
1st in kick, 1st in jazz
UDA Regionals:
2nd in kick
State (in Fargo):
2nd in kick, 2nd in jazz
UDA Nationals:
4th in kick



We're doing so good! Connected into a high kick line, junior Jess Dyrdaahl dances her heart out.

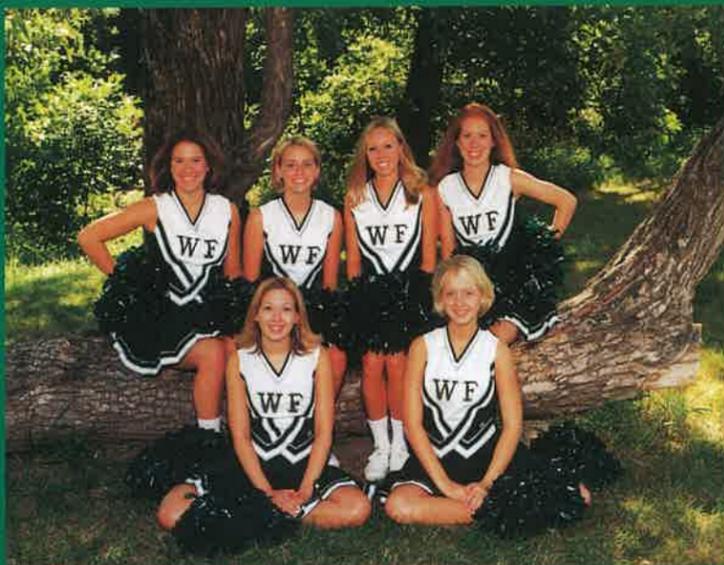
We love Packatahnas! During one of their competitions, a few elated dancers take time to smile for the camera.

Meeoww! Having a blast at Nationals, the Packatahnas show off their perfect face paint.

That couldn't have been more perfect! Pausing at the end of a routine, the dance team lets the performance sink into the audience.

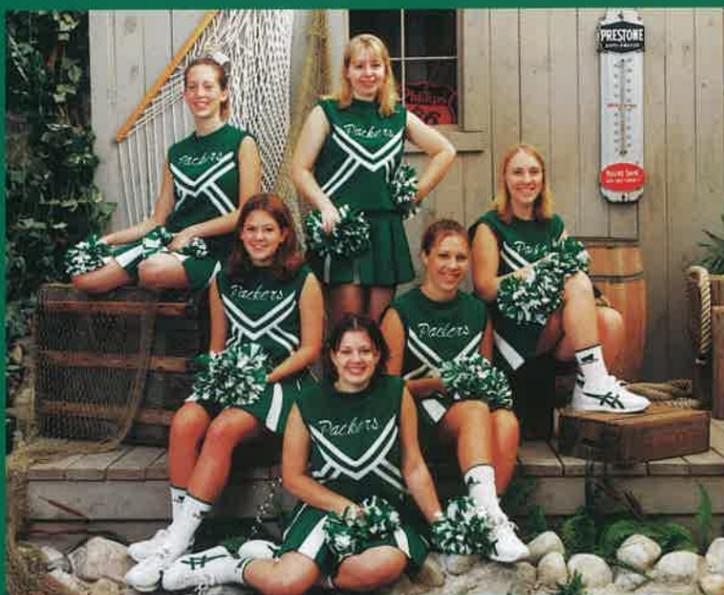


We've gotta be graceful! With the crowd's eyes riveted to them, juniors Shelley Kudelka and Brooke Pulkrabek, and senior Lindsey Gebeke pull off their parts flawlessly.



FOOTBALL

Front Row: Lindsey Schlecht and Jenny Wambach. **Back Row:** Jennifer Prudlick, Shana Levin, Heidi Johnson and Maggie Kvaale.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Front Row: Jessica Johnson. **Row 2:** Nichole Myers and Kayla Tande. **Back Row:** Catherine Dosland, Kristin Thompson, and Brandy Spletstaszer.



What's that you say? While taking a quick break from cheering, the cheerleaders take some crowd advice.

Feed me! During a time out, sophomore Nichole Myers feeds a hungry crowd some sugar to liven them up just a little bit more.



SOCCER

Front Row: Sara Lauritsen. **Second Row:** Margaret Zich and Jessica Jensen. **Back Row:** Jenny Helm, Kim Johnson, and Paige Noonan.



Let me hear your Packer spirit! Yelling loud, the soccer cheerleaders get the crowd involved in the game.

Are we off? Going through the cheer, senior Jessica Jensen watches to see if everyone is on beat.



Cheerleaders



WRESTLING

Front Row: Brittney Kenyon, Kelli Webber, and Kayla Tande. **Row 2:** Jessica Johnson and Tracy Olson. **Back Row:** Brittany Schaffer.



Yeah, that's how it goes! During a pep rally, junior Brittany Schaffer fires up the crowd as the cheerleaders perform their pom routine.

See, you can cheer sitting down! Keeping the spirit up, the wrestling squad continues cheering while they take a breather.

Where? I don't see him! Looking carefully, junior Tracy Olson gets some help scoping out the crowd from junior Aaron Flynn.

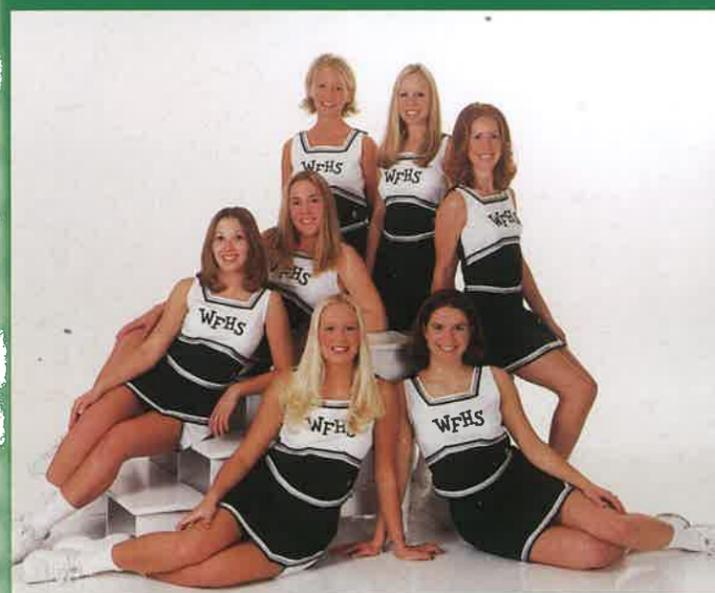


Cheerleaders



HOCKEY

Front row: Chelsie Arnold and Ashley Heuther. **Back Row:** Paige Noonan, Erin Trapp, Lacey Johnson, and Amber Broderson.



BOYS BASKETBALL

Front Row: Jessica Jensen and Jennifer Prudlick. **Row 2:** Lindsey Schlect and Robin Moe. **Back Row:** Jenny Wambach, Heidi Johnson, and Maggie Kvaale.



Come on crowd! Using their creative signs, the boys basketball cheerleaders cheer up the crowd.

No way, can they do that? Juniors Paige Noonan and Lacey Johnson watch the crowd closely, not knowing what they will do next.

Trainers..

Dedicated and Dependable

In order to be a trainer one must have a lot of dependability and responsibility. Athletic trainers are the first people to arrive at a game and the last ones to leave. They have great dedication because they are expected to attend special workshops and go to all the team's games. Trainers love what they do for many reasons.

"I like being a trainer because its fun to know about the body and how you can fix people up with tape and help them get better. And all the girl athletes will have to come in there one time or another," senior Blaine Horsager said.

Being a trainer is not as easy as it may seem. "The hardest part about being a trainer is putting up with people who just like to whine. We actually put in a lot more hours than athletes themselves do. We have to be at practices or games half an hour to an hour before in order to tape and stretch the athletes, plus staying late for rehab" senior Jodi Shultz said.

Why did our trainers decide to be trainers?

"At the time I started, I was thinking of going into something in college having to do with therapy, either physical or occupational. I might still minor in occupational therapy. I keep with it because it's fun and it feels good for people to be dependent on you," senior Jodi Shultz said. Not just anyone can be a trainer. It takes a dedicated and responsible person. Trainers are a hard working and dedicated part of our athletic teams.

By Sadaf Jahed

TRAINERS

I'll make it all better!...Freshman Adam Henry tapes up the ankle of an injured athlete.

Oops I did it again!...Sophomore Matt Scully puts an icepack on his hurt shoulder.



TRAINERS

Row 1: Ellyssa Reyerson, Tim Burner, Adam Henry
Row 2: Stacey Costain, Mariah Peterson.



I'm bored!...Senior Mariah Peterson looks for something to do in the training room.

Let's see here...Head trainer Mary Manock looks something over with one of the trainers.

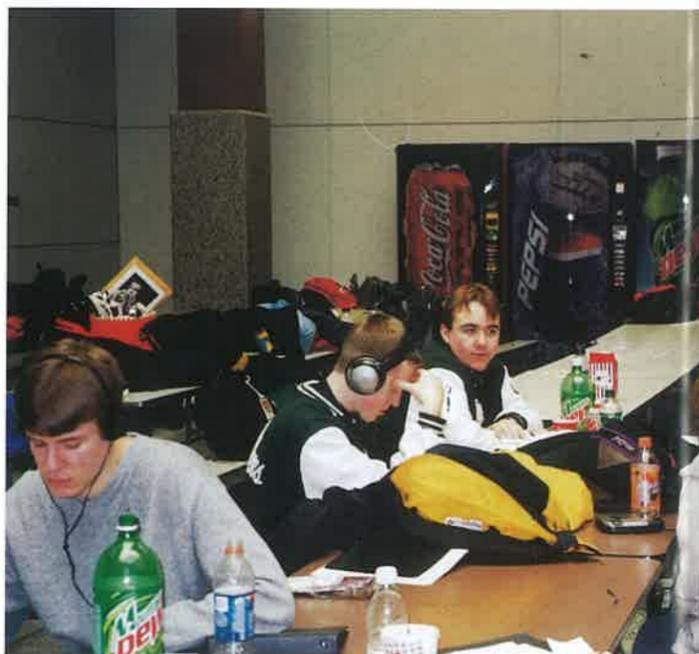
Ouch that hurts!...One of the trainers carefully tapes up an athletes injured ankle.



Pack or pride

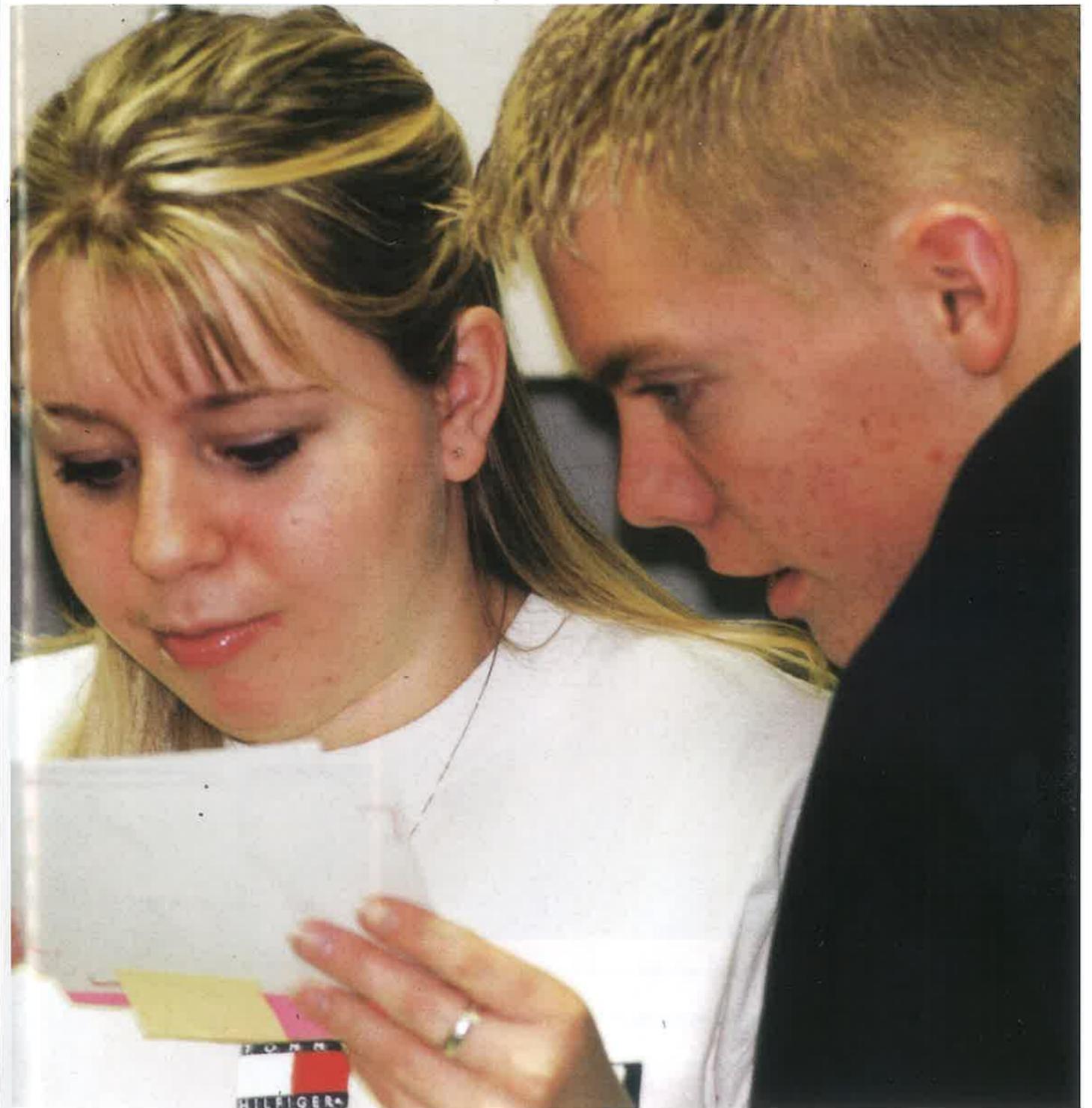
A sense of belonging in the jungle can mean the difference between life and death. Joining a pack or pride, means having the guaranteed friend you always need to watch your back. Navigating the twisted vines and rugged terrain of high school can be difficult, but joining an organization gives students an opportunity to prove themselves and have a network of friends to watch their backs. Key Club, Close-Up, Packer Pride, DECA, or Debate provide chances for students to unite and conquer high school and prepare for the real world. Skills learned in Speech, Yearbook, Newspaper, Science Olympiad, or VICA help to pave the rough roads life sets out for students. Like lion clubs learning to survive by playing with other cubs in the pack, students begin developing and preparing for life. Survival instincts become key when participants in Drama, TSA, Student Council, Band, Choir, and NHS put their skills into action. Exiting the wild of high school can be frightening; and the skills and talents developed in each of these packs or prides becomes more valuable than ever anticipated. Remembering and carrying the sense of belonging experienced in these organizations can guide a person through the greatest jungle of all: the scary, sometimes lonely, many times confusing, but most of all exciting - jungle of life.

I can't wait for my next speech to finally start! Taking a break at a meet, junior Matt Olson talks with fellow team members.



Does that look about right? Checking some pictures, senior Kristin Thompson and junior Chad Beckerleg get the details right.

Organizations



NHS organization allows students to volunteer their time and talents

A ceremony of candle lighting, and reciting the National Honor Society principles which include leadership, scholarship, character, and service is just the beginning of being a member of NHS. Sophomores who go through the induction service are then NHS members through the remainder of their high school career if they are able to maintain the required GPA standards, meetings and credits. Credits are received for doing volunteer work through various activities.

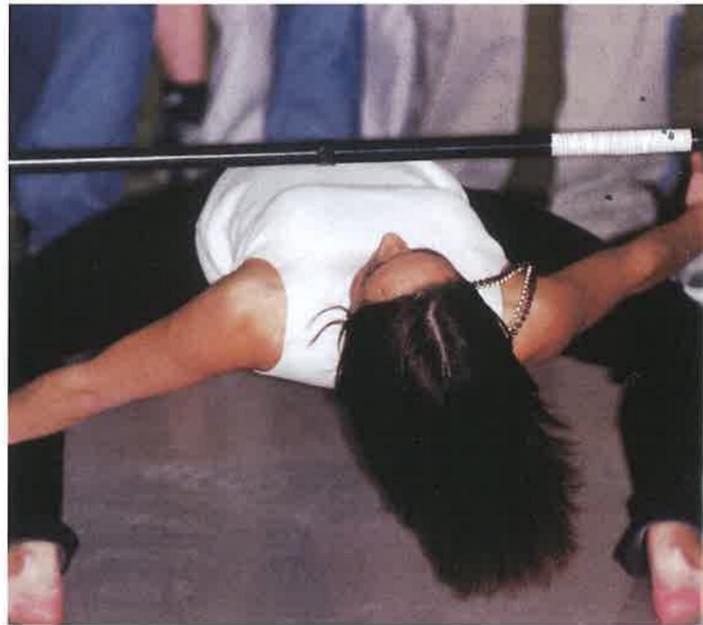
Some of the activities put on by NHS were school dances, collecting canned goods, providing as-

sistance at West Fest, and gift wrapping at the Pride of Dakota event.

New to the NHS program were advisors Mrs. Sue Jordahl, and Mrs. Marti Simmons who took the positions of Mr. Drue Horsager, and Mrs. Suzanne Thiebert. The 2000-2001 officers were Dave Batcheller, Jenna Clark, Leah Brekke, Heidi Noonan, and Nancy Carriveau.

"NHS has been a great opportunity to work with other kids in the community. I'm glad I've had the opportunity to be a part of it," senior NHS President Dave Batcheller said.

By Ashley Swensen



Left Front Row: Kayla Woodley, Olivia Dahl, Elizabeth Bakken, and Aaron Flynn. **Second Row:** Jessica Peihl, Cathy Bernhagen, Amanda Felts, Jessica Blixt, and Tammy Jorgensen. **Third Row:** Katie Rasmussen, Sara Vigen, Allison Sherman, Ann Timmerman, and Elise Peterson. **Fourth Row:** Megan Robley, Dan Grunewald, Jessica Dyrdaal, Johanna Skoog, and Megan Shirley. **Fifth Row:** Cody Mueller, Serena Nordstrom, Brandy Spletstaszer, Jenna Clark, and Kim Zick. **Sixth Row:** Adam Driscoll, Betsy Anderson, Hilary Thomas, Lisa Misialek, Jennifer Volker, and Connie Linnertz. **Seventh Row:** Ryan Sandbek, Brian Johnson, and Lori Kitzan. **Eighth Row:** Mackenzie Close, Megan Warner, Stephanie Barenthsen, and Chad Walock. **Ninth Row:** Stacey Leske, Kristin Weatherly, and Dustin Gustafson. **Back Row:** Allyson Wiley, Ryan Tranby, and James Vranish. **Right Front Row:** Heidi Noonan, Sara Oemichen, Brea Rheault, Katie Rankin, Heather Overby, Allison Eide, Kristen Shelstad, and Angie Bishoff. **Second Row:** Autumn Neu, Theresa Bohls, Robin Moe, Mariah Peterson, and Chandra Heim. **Third Row:** Kara Johnson, Sydney Brown, Jenny Thompson, Erin Moch, Kelly Hanson, Katie Swisher, and Kate Horton. **Fourth Row:** Jodi Schultz, Kayla Beauchamp, Leah Brekke, Kristen Davidson, Jenny Olson, Stefanie Beckius, Kristin Murch, and Sabrina Jansen. **Fifth Row:** Chris McDougall, David Batcheller, Ahron Walter, Lindsay Pavek, Jenny Wambach, Heidi Johnson, Jacinta Kuehn, and Marissa Krzmarzick. **Sixth Row:** Chad Hager, Meghann Moen, Maggie Anderson, Kristi Jung, Sarah Becker, Jennifer Claus, and Ashley Swensen. **Seventh Row:** Ryan Schumacher, Matt Christianson, Ken Grosz, Grace Moorhead, and Meaghan Pratt. **Eighth Row:** Matt Woodbury, Kacie Hughes, Peder Nystuen. **Ninth Row:** Brent Ekran, Amanda Dahl, Audrey Swangler, Emily Kelsch, and Chris Alberty. **Back Row:** Cory Hartley, Lindsay Goodin, Brad Amundson, and Brandon Botner.



"The students are the rewarding part of NHS. The ability to see a need and being willing to respond and help out is really fun to watch."

~NHS Advisor Mrs. Jordahl

"To watch leadership develop in young adults is very rewarding. There is so much bad press about teenagers, but I have found them to be caring and responsible. They plan fundraisers for worthy causes such as the American Cancer Society to help and serve the community."

~NHS Advisor Mrs. Simmons



How low can you go?? At the NHS dance, senior Lindsey Gebeke exhibits her flexibility.

What I want for Christmas is... At the Santa's workshop, junior Megan Olson helps a student write his Christmas list.

Enough food to feed thousands. While sorting through canned goods for the food drive, seniors Brea Rheault and Grace Moorhead comment on how much food has been collected.



NHS Officers: Nancy Carriveau, Leah Brekke, Dave Batcheller, Jenna Clark, and Heidi Noonan

Hal Ha! Having a blast at the Mardi Gras Dance, junior Allison Sherman dances with friends.

"I've seldom coached during a year where students were so good at mentoring, caring for and supporting other students."
-Speech Head Coach Mrs. Sherman

"Not many assistant coaches get the opportunity to work with such wonderful students and as wonderful of a head coach as I have. I am very thankful to have had the unique experience of coaching at West Fargo."
-Assistant Speech Coach Mr. Thompson

"I could not be more proud of this team. They have done excellent work this year, and I know they will succeed even more next year."
-Debate Head Coach Mr. Blair Thompson



Front row: Junior High Speech Team. **Second row:** Rob McSparron, Catie Loney, Sherry Witt, Carmen Hoffard, Allison Sherman, Erin Bennet, Jenna Barenthsen, Amy Trapp, Kelsey Johnson, Dacia Sampers, and Emily Hill. **Third row:** Jon Woodruff, Bryce Johnson, Allison Neumiller, Roberta Pytlick, Head Coach Mrs. Mary Sherman, Melissa Kirklewski, Don Dumdai, Matt Olson, Britni LeClaire, and Jordan Volk. **Back row:** Craig Nilles, Melissa Rippy, Paul Koppelman, Jacob Lavelle, and Assistant Coach Mr. Blair Thompson.

Students Bring Seniors' Final Season to Memorable Close



What do you mean you left your script at home? Laughing as Mr. Thompson takes the reigns, coach Mrs. Sherman watches Mr. Thompson feel the many frustrations of coaching high schoolers.

West Fargo High School is overflowing with talented students. No organizations exemplify this statement more than the Speech and Debate Clubs.

"The best thing about this year is the extreme amount of talent we have on the team. Speech and Debate have finished better this year than any of the past 4 years," said Coach Blair Thompson.

Part of the excitement of this year was the debate teams' successful finish at state. Jacob Lavelle and Melissa Rippy made it to the semi final rounds in debate, which is the highest our school has ever placed.

"I'll definitely always remember my first year in debate. Jacob was a really awesome partner, and I had so much fun," said freshmen Melissa Rippy.

State speech, held at Mandan, was a phenomenal success for the team.

"Overall, I'm extremely happy with the teams' finish this year," said Coach Mrs. Mary Sherman.

Although many students at West Fargo may not realize the amount of talent and hard work it takes to succeed in speech and debate, the success is still as sweet without complete recognition.

By Melissa Kirklewski

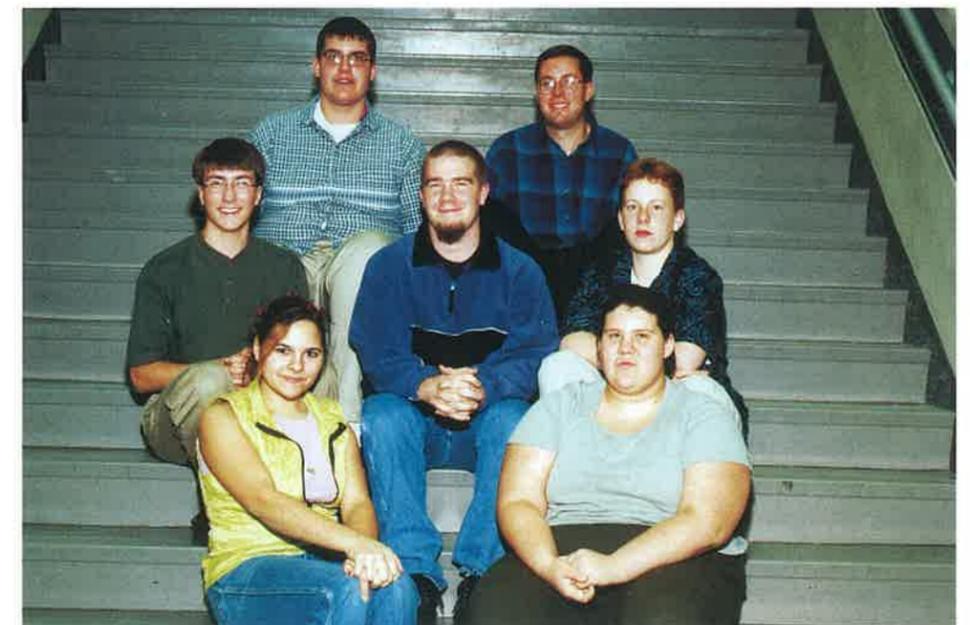


Do you think we are a little over dressed for a school bus? Contemplating their ensemble choice for a bus ride, seniors Craig Nilles and Rob McSparron check out everyone else's attire.

We're lean, we're mean, we're one hungry team. Strutting their way to first place, seniors Rob McSparron and Jon Woodruff exit a round.



To interp or not to interp? Choosing between oral interpretation or public speaking, junior Brent Mitchell decides on his speech for this year.



Front Row: Candace Kelsey and Allison Neumiller. **Row 2:** Jacob Lavelle, Don Dumdai, and Zane Nitzkorski. **Back Row:** Joe Daum and Coach Mr. Blair Thompson.

Inside Info On Engines and Cabinets

VICA Combines Both

Building Trades and Recreational Engines classes form the student organization Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, or VICA. VICA's goals are to produce quality workmanship and promote self-confidence.

"VICA has helped me decide what to do with my life," senior Tanner Noonan said.

VICA has been a benefit for both students and the advisors.

"I am in it for the students. It gives them an opportunity to test their skills against other students," Mr. Nordstrom said.

VICA competes at state and national levels. West Fargo High has had a state winner every year for 13 years and has had eight national winners in the top three spots. Out of 68 events, VICA competes in motorcycles, air cooled engines, job skills demonstration, job interview, carpentry, and cabinet making.

"I learned a lot about motorcycles and snowmobiles. Now I can work on my own," senior Ken Grosz said.

VICA had tons of fun during the school year as well, with VICA volleyball and VICA bowling.

"Hey, there's good pizza," senior Zach Dandurand said.

By Megan Coon



Front Row: Ben Larson, Tyler Frueh, Matt Gabel, Josh Jacob, Boe Sheeley, Jessica Grunewald, Leexi Hogel, Dustin Askegaard, Brandon Gladue, and Adam Spiekermeier. **Row2:** Brandon Mack, Travis Rud, Kenny Sweere, Mike Greth, Chris Vorwerk, Eric Monson, Michael Molstre, Troy Hebert, Zach Gunderson, Dan Kvamme, and Tom Tang. **Row 3:** Randy Griffeth, Mike Huff, Stacey Costain, Dan Jordet, Lauren Bommer, Jamie Ackerland, Matt Beaton, Jason Kratcha, Nick Foss, Login Wysocki, Jay Enebo, Brian Vogel, John Randall, and Matt Faul. **Row4:** Nick Prashek, Kyle Stroh, Krystal Fike, Trevor Powell, Mike Johnson, Billy Hanson, Adam Thomas, Brock Martinson, Justin Kindem, Josh Kratcha, Mick Ralston, Rob Johnson, Ray Haider, and Matt Anderson. **Row5:** Ken Grosz, Derek Miller, James Tandeski, Blaine Horsager, Greg A. Anderson, Omar Arellano, Josh Ackerland, Mike Hanlon, Randy Meyer, Jeff Larson, Missy Schrader, Kristen Olsen, and Jacob Rheault. **Row 6:** Zach Dandurand, Mike Folkedahl, Brandon Almer, Josh Clark, Jason Anderson, Jeremy Parrow, Travis Tennancour, Dustin Eiter, Jeremy Zimmerman, and Allison Leinen. **Back Row:** Eric Sauvageau, Chris Korsgarden, Brian Redinger, Marcus Gusette, Brandon Johnson, Mr. Jerry Nordstrum, Ian Ulness, Elizabeth Deyle, Jamie Fraedrich, and Mr. Bob Bjornson



"Nordy takes time to help everyone out." -
--Senior Daniel Jordet

"One of the great parts about VICA and Rec Engines is that you get to work on a new challenge every day. You always learn something new." ---Senior Brandon Almer

"I'm in VICA to raise my self-esteem."
---Senior Mike Folkedahl



Now you connect this section here... While putting part of an engine together, senior Brandon Almer studies his work closely.

Are you paying attention?! Showing the class how it should be done, Mr. Bjornson goes over plans with the class.

In da hood! As he adjusts the wheel, senior Mike Johnson reaches for a tool.



Make sure you lock this here... Adding a little advise Mr. Nordstrom assists seniors Dustin Askegard and Ken Grosz.

Yeah, it's balanced. Making sure that the wheels are level senior Jason Nistchke examines the axle.

Out with the old, in with the new

VAPCOM, an organization caring for computers in need, was ended in the year 2000/2001 after only four years of dedicated service. This group worked hard to get to the bottom of various, troublesome conundrums associated with computers and helped with a few activities. The association, under the command of Mr. Tony Wendel, was very successful in its short life, but sadly came to a halt.

With the end of one comes the growth of another. The Technology Student Association performed a hefty number of activities that year. Some of these ac-

tivities include: imaging technology, CADD, radio-controlled transportation, and a variety of others.

TSA was expected to be remarkably victorious. "I know we'll do well at state," instructor, Mr. Rich Cwikla said, "because so many students have become more experienced and are more enthused about doing well and returning." These assumptions came to reality at the state competition at Bismarck in April.

Both groups had wonderful triumph in their being, but one remains while the other has passed on. Thanks, VAPCOM, and fare thee well.

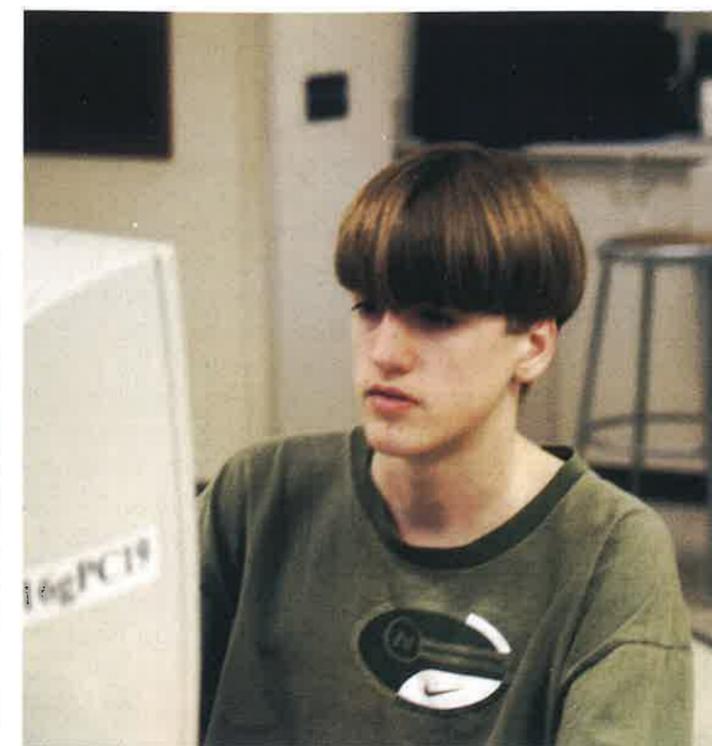
By Amber Schulz



Cwikla did that! Seniors Craig Nilles and Tyler Torgrimson catch up on teacher's lounge gossip while searfig down their Italian cuisine.



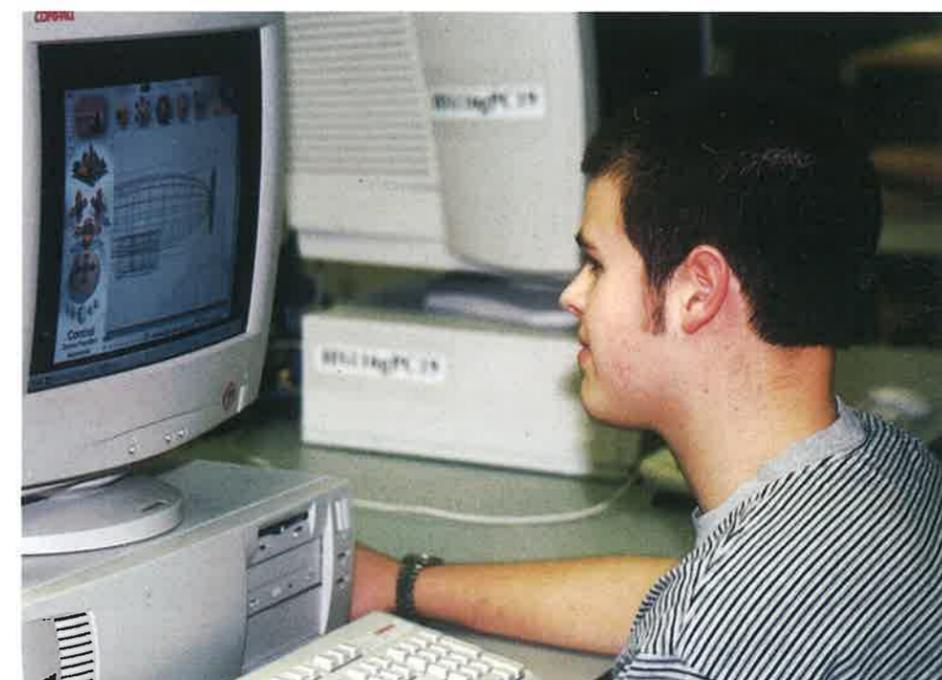
My mother will be so proud! Working carefully, sophomore Shawn Aker can't wait to show someone his work.



TSA Front row: Adel Hassanpoor, Ryan Harman, and Elizabeth Deyle. **Row 2:** Joseph Guevara, David Haerter, Emily Geyer, and Russell Cumber. **Back row:** Mr. Rich Cwikla, David Valovage, and Shawn Aker.

That's it, the one of me in a bunny suit! Searching for the perfect photograph, junior Emily Geyer seems content in her work.

Holey moley, this program can do that? Enjoying pizza and pop at the TSA pizza party, senior Ryan Harman doesn't let the excitement interfere with his state-entry project.



First place will be mine, oh yes, it will be mine. Thinking positive, sophomore Russell Cumber adds award-winning touches to his Bryce animation.

Naughty! Sophomore Scott Raguse listens patiently as instructor Mr. Cwikla explains the "right" way of putting together a model airplane.

Science Olympiad

Building toward the Future

When you think of science some of the things that come to mind are animals, chemicals, planets, and bones. Science Olympiad brings this together by building, testing, and trial and error. The Olympiads compete in many competitions, hoping to get into state and regional competitions. The twelve member science team got off to a great start. This year the team finished fourth at regionals and at state.

Led by Mrs. Pam Thompson and Mrs. Joan Baltezare, the team practiced on a very flexible schedule.

"With the students having such busy lives, they came in before

and after school every day of the week for a couple of hours," Mrs. Pam Thompson said.

Some events the team competes in are constructing cars, building bridges, and completing towers. Other events are timed, such as tests. A fun event the science members like is solving crimes. All events are associated with the five categories of science which are geology, astronomy, biology, chemistry, and physical science.

The Olympiads look forward to coming back next year, giving it their all, proving that they have what it takes to be the best.

By Levi Kalsow

Front Row: Mrs. Thompson, Dave Clemenson, Chad Walock, and Bryce Johnson. **Back Row:** Kim Schultz, Brian Johnson, James Vranish, and Mia Baltezare.



Front Row: Jill Kroenke, Dacia Dumdai, Amber Whelan, and Kayla Strong. **Row 2:** Emily Thiel, Erin Strahm, Lisa Misialek and, Nicole Baem. **Row 3:** Bryana Snyder, Melissa Kassman. **Back Row:** Trisha Huus, Erin Vranish, Megan Robley, Jenna Clark, and Johanna Skoog.



Another year of Key Club, another year of fun

Helping out the community is what Key club is all about. However, some people didn't know what Key club was.

"I don't know, maybe a club that makes keys?" freshman Sara Barnard said.

Key club is a service organization to help the community inside and outside of school.

Say there's no time? Think again. In the past, Key club only met once a week either before or after school. Students involved were required to have a certain amount of community hours, but they were able to pick their own hours to fit their personal schedules.

"My most memorable moment of Key club was volunteering at Yunker's Farm with Ashley Romdalvik and having to make the

world's ugliest hats," junior Lisa Misialek said.

Key Club sold hot dogs and pop at Cash Wise Foods. That money was raised to help send Key club to the Fall and Spring Rallies, which were two other fun things Key club did during the year. Key club also helped raise money for the Salvation Army by ringing bells at Christmas time.

"The greatest reward of being in Key club is knowing and seeing how you have helped out in the community," president junior Lisa Misialek said.

With all the hard work and extra time they put in, Key club members had a great year.

By Tami Lipp



Looking good! Taking a final look over his project, junior Brady Brodsho makes final adjustments.

Aren't we done yet? Looking for some last minute advice, juniors Calvin Erickson and Chad Walock complete their projects.



When will this be over? While taking notes, senior Autumn Neu waits patiently for the next sheet of notes.

Want this one? Looking through her beads, junior Megan Warner picks the best one.

Student Council

Fights to improve our school

Half of you are not even aware of how beneficial Student Council actually was. The Student Council had meetings twice a month and discussed school and student related activities. They also organized a blood drive for The United Blood Service and over three hundred students participated in the event. The Student Council did many fund raisers for different organizations throughout the year. The Student Council also organized a school dance.

"In Student Council we help out a lot of different people and have a lot of fun doing it," senior Erin Moch said.

Another highlight for the Student Council was going to the state convention and listening to guest

speakers and meeting other Council members from around the state. Overall, student council members had a great experience and learned a lot of important skills.

"Working on Student Council was very rewarding for me. Being part of it taught me how to work with others, plan ahead, and care about our high school," said junior Tara Lettenmaier.

The Student Council was involved in improving the daily life of West Fargo High School students and faculty, as well as helping out the community in many useful ways. Student Council helps out without getting proper recognition.

By Tina Dell

Front Row: Kristen Murch, Lyle Sinner, Chad Hager, and Brandon C. Anderson.
Row 2: Kelly Klaers, Erin Moch, Aaron Flynn, Alli Sherman, and Phillip Loy.
Back Row: Katie Hawley, Landon Johnson, Dan Grunewald, and Jessica Dyrda.



Boosting the school image

Ever hear people called down to the office in the morning to get their stretch award and wonder who does that? It's Packer Pride, a little organization, headed by Mrs. Sarah Forness, that does more than most people know about.

"Packer Pride is fun because it rewards deserving staff and students," Forness said.

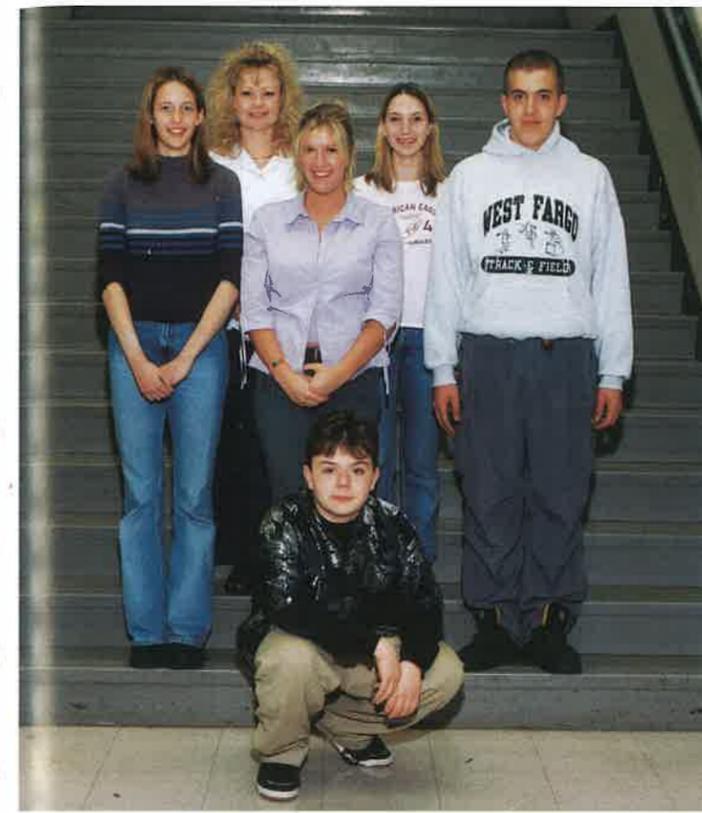
The Stretch Awards are given out at the end of each quarter to students who have improved their GPA the most from one quarter to the next. The winners are awarded with various prizes such as gift certificates or movie tickets.

"I think it's great having the Stretch Awards because it gives the students motivation to improve grades," junior Kristi Hoffman said.

Pep club is also responsible for giving out Above and Beyond Awards to teachers who go beyond the call of duty in their classrooms. Students can vote for their favorite teacher on ballots in their homeroom and Mrs. Forness and Mr. Mike Preston choose a teacher for every faculty meeting. These teachers are awarded gift certificates and small prizes as well.

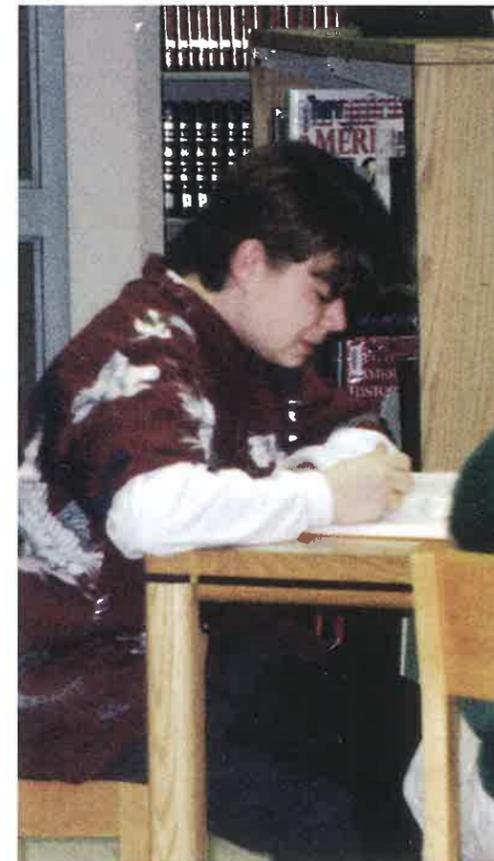
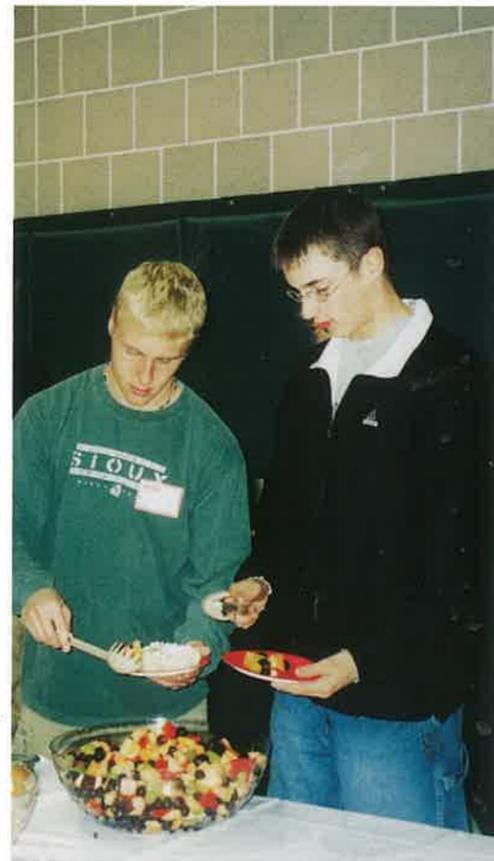
By Kristi Jung

Front Row: Ben Kapel **Row 2:** Beth Döslund, Kristi Hoffman, and Jason Barnes. **Back Row:** Mrs. Sarah Forness and Serena Nordstrom.



Hi my name is... Talking with friends, sophomore Andrew Moch looks pretty for the 7:00 banquet at the school.

Hey, save some for me! Looking in disbelief, sophomore Jimmy Hoy hopes that senior Chad Hager will leave him some fruit.



It's gonna be me! Teachers waiting at the faculty meeting to see who's going to get the next above and beyond award.

Can you help me with this one? Looking at the results for the last above and beyond award, sophomore Ben Kapel finds the winner.

Packers that have great school spirit

Packer pride can most certainly be found everywhere in the school. However, the Pep Club members have packer spirit 100% of the time. The Pep Club did various things to serve the students of West Fargo High.

The Pep Club members consisted of cheerleaders from every sport. It also welcomed students, grades 9-12, who wanted to join.

"If you want to have fun, join Pep Club," sophomore Jessica Johnson said.

"I thought Pep Club was fun because I got to meet and interact with the other cheerleaders from

other squads," junior Catherine Dosland said.

Pep Club provided the creative and colorful posters in the commons that let students know when, where and who the Packers were playing. They also set up all of the pep rallies which also added to the school spirit and excitement.

The Pep Club members decorated for the homecoming dance using their imagination to create a fun atmosphere.

Pep Club had a great year ending the mystery to where Packer pride and spirit came from.

By Kristin Thompson

Who do you think will win? Preparing for the moment of truth, the homecoming candidates eagerly wait for the big event.

Come on, let's rock! At the winter pep rally, Mr. Jeremy Johnson tries to pump up the juniors.



Front Row: Nikki Meyers, Erin Trapp, Michele Harsager, Catherine Dosland, and Shara Jackson. **Row 2:** Jenny Helm, Heidi Johnson, , Maggie Kraale, Jenny Wambach, and Lindsey Schlecht. **Back Row:** Brandy Spletstaszer, Hope Fraedrich, Brittney Schaffer, Tracy Olson, and Robin Moe.



Hey, it's a conga line! Close-up students pose next to statues of soldiers.

Hey! Nice ring! A student stencils a deceased veteran's name off the Vietnam War Memorial Wall.



Getting Close with Close-Up

How would you like to go to Washington DC with some of your friends, and not have to pay for it? Well, students at West Fargo High School are doing just that.

Last year, students wrote an essay on why he or she wanted to go to the nation's capital and how it would affect him or her. Winners were chosen and they got to go to Washington DC.

In order to go to Washington DC, the winners sold pizzas and other merchandise to raise money.

While in Washington DC, the students visited the city's monuments and walked through the capital. Also, while they were in Washington DC, they studied how the gov-

ernment runs.

"I had a great time in Washington DC. I met a lot of people and I got to see a lot of cool stuff," junior Tara Lettenmeier said.

Close-Up is a great experience for anyone who would like to write an informative paper about the United States government and has general interest in the field of politics.

Students tried not to spend too much money while they were in the nation's capital. Students all agreed that going to Washington DC was fun and it was a trip that they look forward to it each and every year.

By Dennis Cullen



Left to Right: Kayla Woodley, Ashley Romdalvik, Megan Robley, Betsy Anderson, Dianne Roers, Tara Lettenmaier, and Ms. Stacy Johnson.

DECA Making Dreams Reality

DECA is an association of marketing students. The West Fargo Chapter had ten officers and 125 members all together.

DECA kept itself very busy for 2000-2001. They carved pumpkins with some of the elementary kids and taught them about free enterprise using a lemonade stand scenario.

"I enjoyed carving pumpkins with the kids at South Elementary because they were all excited and anxious to carve the pumpkins. It was fun to work with them," senior Jason Buchholtz said.

They also participated in a volleyball tournament at South. A new

idea was to have a Prom raffle. Continuing the tradition, DECA also sold roses and balloons for Valentines Day.

Competition was a big part of DECA. First, there was the local competition held at South High School with 27 students attending from the West Fargo Chapter. The areas of competition ranged from financial services to retail or even transportation/petroleum. Everyone that went to locals made it to state which was held in Fargo. The national competition was held in Anaheim, California for the 2000-2001 year.

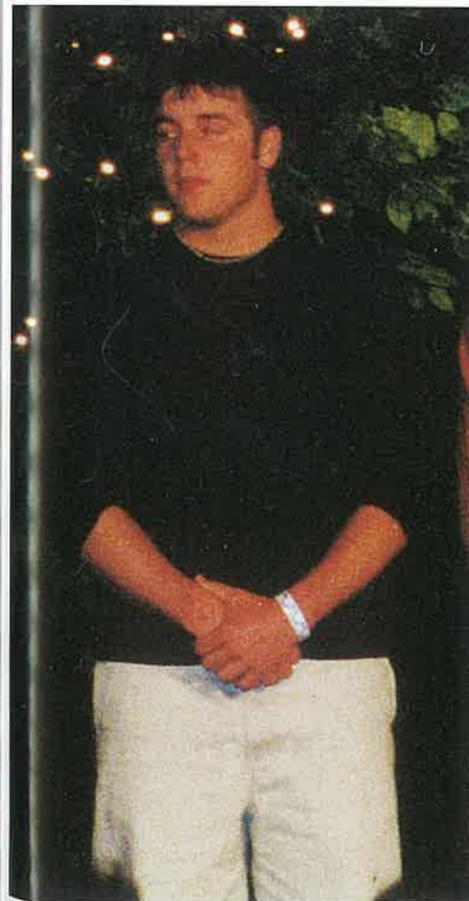
By Carly Gatz

Front Row: Cherie Gerig, Lucy Jensen, Stacey Christl, Mindi Thorstad, Kim Johnson, Maggie Kvaale, and Jessica Blixt. **Second Row:** Kristen Shelstad, Katie Gaskins, Jillian Weaver, Audrey Swangler, Allison Eide, Tom Dye, and Kristi Pederson. **Back Row:** Lindsay Goodin, Carly Gatz, Kyle Stroh, and Mr. Steve Anderson.



Smile for a group shot. All DECA members get together to remember the fun at Concordia College.

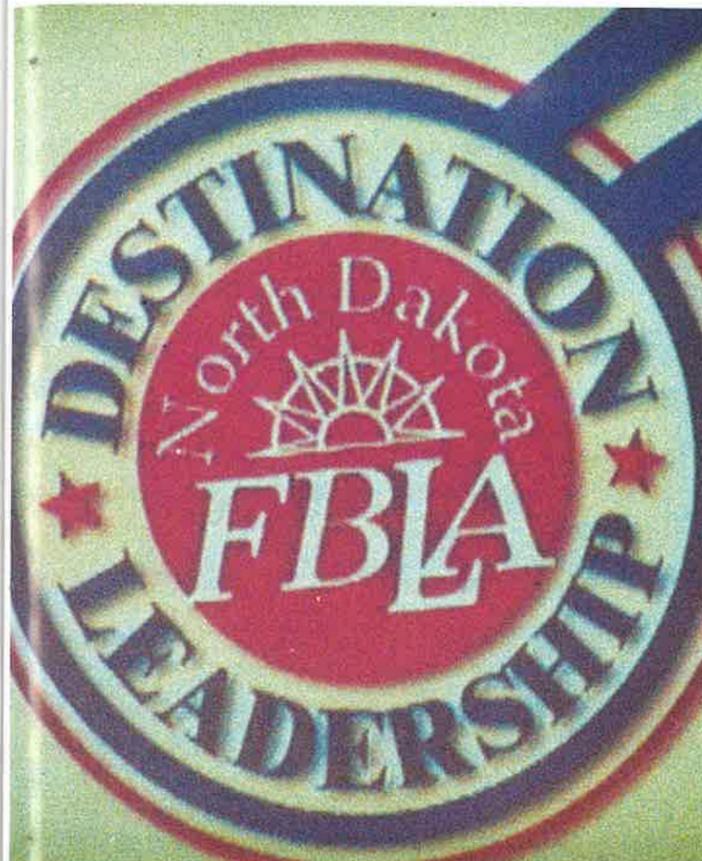
It's too early to pay attention. Senior Audrey Swangler tries to stay awake at an early morning DECA meeting.



Destination of Leadership. Welcome to the 2001 FBLA leadership conference.

Congratulations! Senior Kara Johnson receives an award at the conference.

Waiting in suspense. Senior Lyle Sinner waits to see if he will receive an award.



FBLA Ahead by One Step

FBLA is an organization that helps students get better prepared to enter the occupation of their choice. It stands for Future Business Leaders of America. Their officers help guide the others and think of new projects that they can get involved in.

"FBLA is a lot of fun and you get the chance to meet a lot of new people. It is a great experience," senior Chad Wolf said.

FBLA was offered to all of those students in General Business or an Accounting class taught by Mr. Rick Anderson. These kinds of classes were helpful to anyone who wanted to have any kind of career after school got out. FBLA

was the extra step that the students were offered to help their self-confidence they would need in the "real world".

FBLA had thirteen students take advantage of the opportunity to participate, and like past years they raised money by selling doughnuts in the commons before school. This gave the students a fund so they could attend state and national competition.

"I am looking forward to the exciting competition and hopefully the students will do well," advisor Mr. Rick Anderson said.

By Carly Gatz

" Art Club is a great way to get to know different types of people who are interested in the same area I'm interested about."

-senior Linda Larsen

"In Art Club you get to go on fun field trips, and it's not that hard to participate."

-junior Megan Shirley



Art Club experienced some difficulties, but made their way to having a successful year

Who said you had to be in art class to be involved in the Art Club? Every year Art Club participants are confused at the fact that people aren't joining. Most students have a preconceived idea that all members have to be in an art class, but each year Mr. Larry Anderson tells his students to recruit their friends.

Art Club started off with some difficulties at the beginning of the year that made them re-think their organization. Many of the officers at the beginning didn't show up at their officer meetings to plan future activities. As a result, the Art Club didn't get to participate in projects very often.

Not only that caused some difficulties, but also many members weren't able to show up for their numerous parties they had during the course of the year. This made most of their plans fall through at the last minute. One thing that kept Art Club alive was the involvement of many foreign students who participated a great deal in all activities Art Club produces.

Every year Art Club has their periodical art nights where members come together and do their artwork. Most of Art Club members used art night to their advantage, and got their homework done for the next day.

Something that earned a lot of money for the Art Club was fundraising candy all year long. As an incentive to sell more, the candy company offered money and a gigantic stuffed animal.

One project that was successful for the Art Club was their Christmas scene in the art display case. Everything was set in proper place, except for some small problems. Fortunately, they were able to change it without any difficulty.

"The Christmas display turned out really well, and everyone was pleased with the finished project," sophomore Erin Bennett said.

An Art Club tradition was to go on a field trip to the mall where

the Art Show takes place every year. There they set up, take down, and guard the artwork from vandals.

"West Fargo High School is always packed with high quality artwork. It's by far the best," senior Kate Horton said.

At the end of every year, Art Club went to the Radisson to have a formal all expense paid dinner. Here they gave out awards to the members who were most active, or contributed the most hours of work to the Art Club.

Overall, the Art Club started off at a disadvantage, but they pulled through to have a successful year.

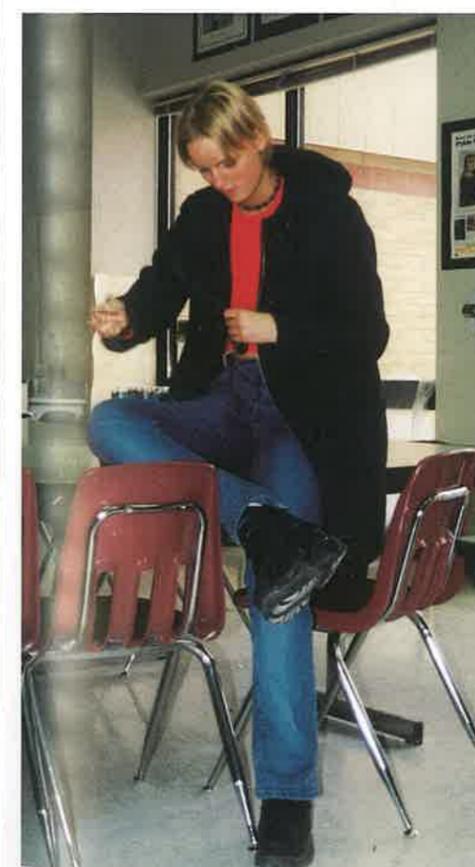
By Jennifer Claus



Front Row: Kate Horton, Megan Shirley, Tracy Tanner, Brandon Botner, and Katie Dirks. **Back Row:** Michelle Cullen, Alissa Vrem, Mr. Larry Anderson, Tara Buhr, and Kimberly Schultz.

How did she do that? Looking at her neighbor's painting, senior Kate Horton admires her work.

What's love got to do with it. While belting out a song, senior Kate Horton puts the finishing touches on her painting.



Make sure you pull it tight enough! Stretching the canvas for her painting, senior Tracy Tanner watches to see if senior Brandon Botner is stapling it right.

I think that's how it goes. Threading her leather piece, senior Linda Larsen tries to follow the pattern.

Life Proves to be More Than Centerstage

Drama excels in various areas of theater

The drama club's year started out with pancakes flying and sausages rolling. Drama club held their sixth annual Storybook Breakfast. They dressed up like storybook characters and played games and read stories to the children.

"Storybook Breakfast is a great opportunity for people to climb out of their shell and become a great leader and hard worker in life," senior Megan Coon said.

The drama club put on three shows with one in the fall, winter, and spring. They performed *Once Upon a Shoe* in front of an audience full of children. Along with

performing in front of the kids, the cast handed out books to promote literacy. They moved on to their mainstage musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. They finished their year with the one act play they performed at State, *Yearbook*.

"Drama has been a lot of fun. I have learned so much and I made a lot of my best friends there. It is a great atmosphere to be in," junior Heidi Aaberg said.

The drama club had a great year and the bow at the end was well deserved.

By Catie Loney



Front Row: Tracy Tanner, Megan Coon, Catie Loney, Kelsey Hertel, Leah Joyce, and Mrs. Knox-Johnson. **Row 2:** Cyndee Forderer, Milissa Blatchford, Heidi Aaberg, Amanda Felts, and Cathy Bernhagen. **Row 3:** Jenny Stark, Jennifer Mittag, Catherine Dosland, Elise Peterson, Amanda Lien, and Tracy Burroughs. **Row 4:** Erica Rebenitsch, Ashley Christiansen, Alli Sherman, Sara Barnard, Shannon Hayes, and Chris Pankow. **Row 5:** April Hovland, Nicki Anderson, Erin Hertel, Kelsey Linnertz, and Chad Beckerleg. **Row 6:** Alex Kelly, Adam Montgomery, Nicole Kostelecky, Kayla Woodley, Dave Vacha, and Ben Kapel. **Back Row:** Paul Koppelman, and James Daignault.



"Drama has been a fun experience for me. It makes you find out about yourself and it's a great way to meet new people. It has helped me to become more adaptable to speaking in front of people."

-- junior Tracy Burroughs



I wonder what she's thinking... Taking a glance at a possible new friend, senior Zach Dandurand and Leah Joyce express their emotions through their senior year.

Three friends, together forever. Flashing beautiful smiles, three friends seniors Catie Loney, Amanda Gartner, and junior Cathy Bernhagen are proud of their great performance.

Hello kiddies! Greeting the children on their way in, sophomore Zane Nitzkorski and juniors Alli Sherman and Jenny Mittag wave to the newcomers to Storybook Breakfast.



Wow look at that stitching! Folding a blanket, junior Nicki Anderson is Mother Goose to twenty-eight children.

You're all so lazy! Looking at everyone else, junior Tracy Burroughs laughs at seniors Amanda Lien and Sarah Messner laying on the floor playing games.

"I think we had a lot of strong leaders this year. It was a great show to do and a challenge at the same time. We are always looking for shows that will enhance the students' knowledge in each area of theater."

-Director Mary Knox-Johnson



Joseph's Coat Hits Mainstage

Cast and Orchestra top at performance level



They can sing, they can dance, but of course this is Egypt. This past year West Fargo theatrics took on a new approach for it's mainstage musical. They performed *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, a rock opera.

The music ranged from Western to French to Jamaican, to rock-n-roll. The cast was composed of fifty-five students ranging from freshmen to seniors.

"This was an amazing show to do. It was a big challenge for most of us who have never done a show consisting of all music," senior Leah Joyce said.

Practices ran for four hours, four days a week. Dinner was always provided by the parents of the students.

"At times I felt like I was getting fed better at potlucks than I would at home," senior Chris Pankow said.

The cast and crew spent a minimum of seven hours and sometimes more every Saturday at school, working on the set. Even though *Joseph* was a challenging show, the cast and crew definitely had fun. They are looking forward to another great year.

By Catie Loney



Elvis has entered the building! Elvis impersonator, senior Rob McSparron tells sophomore Adam Montgomery of his dream as Pharaoh.

Oops, I did it again! Striking a pose, junior Jenny Mittag, freshman Joie Sherman, and junior Nicki Anderson are surprised at the performance in front of them.

Say cheese! Posing for a picture, senior Catie Loney and sophomore Adam Montgomery smile after a great performance.



Oh the pain I'm feeling! Grieving over starvation, junior Brent Mitchell and senior Zach Dandurand cry for food.

Smile for the camera! Posing for a group picture, the pit-orchestra members relax before a performance.

I'll fight until I drop! As Joseph in the mainstage musical, giving up is not an option for sophomore Adam Montgomery.

Band students prepare for musical experiences all year long

Practice, practice, practice is what students had in mind while preparing for all of the musical experiences during the school year. Such experiences included music contests, various honor bands, pit orchestra, strings program, symphonic, concert, and varsity band.

"I get a chance to practice music and then perform at competitions such as EDC or All State. The experiences help me learn," junior Elizabeth Walen said.

There were various honor bands that rehearsed during the year. These students had to set their alarm clocks earlier than others to make the early morning practices of 7:30. Their hard work, time, and effort paid off.

The pit orchestra put in a lot of extra hours in preparation for the performance nights.

"It's extremely fun," senior Jenny Thompson said. "The music is challenging, but once you piece the parts of the play and music together, it makes up for all the long hours and hard work."

After these experiences took place, many students realized that music is an outlet and a way to express yourselves.

By Jackie Hagen



Man, I can barely read the music way back here. Performing one of his many favorite pieces, sophomore Adam Montgomery tries to read his music from a distance.



Front Row: Stephanie Barenthson, David Verdoorn, Melissa Kassman, Steve Newburgh, Kayla Tande, Kayla Woodley, Emily Geyer, Ashley Huether, Jenny Thompson, Lateesha Hektner, Beth Walen, Jackie Hagen. **Second Row:** Brett Wigglesworth, Megan Warner, Erin Vranish, Kelly Hanson, Leah Witcomb, Shelly Witt, Elizabeth Deyle, Kristi Mead, Kim Zick, Kelsey Hertel, Connie Linnertz, Jennifer Volker. **Third Row:** Meaghan Pratt, Bryce Johnson, Gregory Blatchford, Charlie Lehmann, Tony Salquist, Mike Klemisch, Kacie Hughes, Blair Moorhead, Ray Haider, Jenny Hoesel, Jennifer Stark, Adam Fugleberg, Dane Schroeder, Anna Lien. **Back Row:** Andy Scott, Eric Haug, Ryan Tranby, Justin Morken, Carla McLean, Bjorn Fjosne, James Vranish, Ryan Schumacher, Matt Dehnert, Adam Meert, John Schmidt, Chris Alberty, Brent Ekren, Elise Peterson, Brian Johnson.



Front Row: Tom Knutson, Jennifer Tuinstra, Hope Fredrich, Nicole Heinz, Cori Cossette, Tara Lidenberg, Nicole Carmichael, Nicole Dobmeier, April Hovland. **Row 2:** Dan Hillerson, Julie Gunderson, Anna Rumsey, Pamela Coon, Heidi Wilke, Brenda Haug, Brianne Montgomery, Leanne Bruun, Erin Trapp, Beth Olgeirson, Craig Johnson. **Row 3:** Elizabeth Bakken, Matt Stark, Paul Koppleman, Tina Stoppleworth, Jordon Lugert, Alison Laybourn, Krista Whitomb, Heather Pokrzywinski, Eric Porter, David Verdoorn, Nick Funk, TJ Heilman. **Back Row:** Daryl Gartner, Brad Watne, Kristin Olsen, Eric Lee, Jacob Bomstad, Kerin Ambers, Adam Montgomery, Jessica Ridgway, Mark Gunderson, Zach Ista, Erik Baumann.



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Chamber Choir

Front row: Kayla Woodley, Kari Strandquist, Cassie Coster, Ashley Henry, Lisa Brandt, Darrin Rolle, Scott Wisted, Mitch Wilkinson, Paula Carlisle, Stephanie Wilson, Jennifer Lautt, Jennifer Monson, and Jasmine L'Ecuyer. **Row 2:** Alissa Vrem, Lacey Meidinger, Brianna Montgomery, Marin Rosenvold, Stephanie Roers, Jamie Hughes, Jeremy Radebaugh, Kyle McLean, Jason Boerger, Shannon Hayes, Anna Rumsey, Chasity Hewson, Kristi Johnson, and Julia Miller. **Back row:** April Hovland, Kayla Brawders, Heather Suchy, Megan Selland, Paul Koppelman, Adam Montgomery, Blake Nitzkowski, James DeGroot, Heather Dean, Kris Meberg, Kelsey Pergande, Tara Sheeley, and Brianna Thompson.



Concert Choir

Front row: Kara Johnson, Kayla Strong, Sarah Messner, Cathy Bernhagen, Alli Sherman, Taryn Christianson, Olivia Dahl, Jessica McEwen, Chandra Heim, Cindy Forderer, Maggie Anderson, Lacey Johnson, Anna Gustafsson, and Jenny Stark. **Row 2:** Aaron Flynn, Millissa Blatchford, Chris Alberty, Leah Murray, Dave Vacha, Jodi Schultz, Tony Salquist, Amanda Lien, Savannah Kraft, Jason Buchholz, Nicki Anderson, Ben Watne, Jenny Mittag, and Kristi Pederson. **Row 3:** Tyler Farkas, Heidi Aaberg, Joe Gorman, Adelle Fink, Brian Vogel, Chelce Buzick, Brad Amundson, Connie Linnertz, Kyle Zinck, Kelsey Linnertz, Matt Grossman, Kacie Hughes, Rob McSparron, Oezlem Oeztuerk, Deann Roers, and Director Mr. Jeff Mueller. **Back row:** Nicole Kostelecky, Lisa Misialek, Angela Draeger, Craig Nilles, Amanda Dahl, Ryan Haring, Amy Trapp, Adam Driscoll, Jennifer Hoesel, Elliott Schwab, Carla McLean, Greg Anderson, Stacey Christl, Chris Pankow, Megan Robley, and Mike Tengwall.

Students hit all the right keys to show good spirit

Madrigals

Front row: Connie Linnertz, Tony Salquist, Adam Driscoll, Jennifer Hoesel, Kyle McLean, Kelsey Linnertz, Sarah Messner, and Rob McSparron. **Back row:** Nicki Anderson, Craig Nilles, Joe Gorman, Amanda Dahl, Carla McLean, Ryan Haring, and Amanda Lien.



Many Choir groups participated in the 2000-2001 school year. These groups included the madrigal singers, concert choir, chamber choir, and varsity choir.

The students worked very hard preparing new styles and types of songs that they were going to perform at their concerts during the year. Not only did they have stress when preparing for their concerts, they also had tremendous work to prepare for the music competitions.

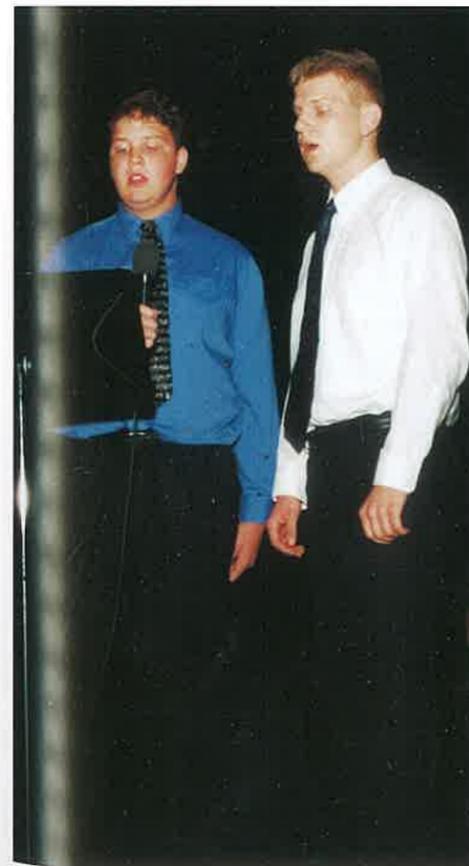
Jittery students waited in the halls of such places like NDSU for their turn in the spotlight. Their efforts turned out for the better. The results that came back from the competition made Mr. Mueller,

and the students very proud of the efforts they had made through the entire year. The students worked very hard preparing for these competitions. They put in many hours before, after and during school rehearsing to make sure they sounded as good as everyone knew they could.

"It is not just hard work. There are a lot of fun rewards that come along with it," senior Ben Watne said.

Even though the students worked very hard, they also had a lot of fun making new friends and singing their hearts out. You know what they say, practice makes perfect.

By Jackie Hagen



How do we look? While on tour in Chicago, the concert choir finds the perfect place for a picture.

Fa La La.... Singing at homecoming coronation, seniors Joe Gorman and Craig Nilles hit the right note.

Hot Off The Press. Writing and Having Fun Until the Final One.

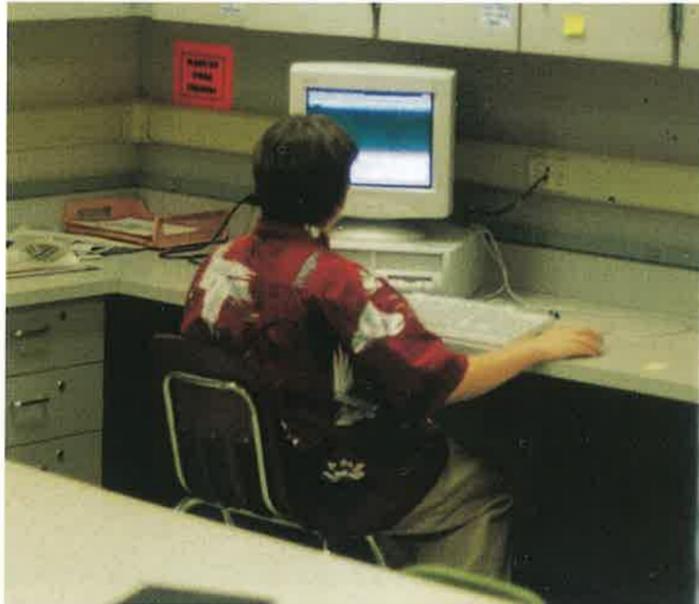
Many people, over the past couple of years, have considered the school newspaper as a joke, something not too serious that students would read only when bored. The newspaper staff tried to rectify past mistakes. Only those involved truly realized the work that was put into producing the school newspaper as is.

The class consisted of Co-Editors seniors Ben Watne and Nicole Grund. There were three area editors senior Joe Gorman, junior Andrea Weishaar, and junior Dustin Gustafson. Finally, there were 13 reporters who wrote regularly for the class.

Editors and reporters alike worked side by side to try to produce a paper that hopefully some would read. They put in a lot of hours both in and out of school. They dealt with the stress of working under a deadline and the stress of simply writing a story.

"We put in a lot of time and effort into the paper, and we try to make it interesting for the students to read. Our goal is to inform the students of what's going on inside and outside of our school while still trying to make it enjoyable to read," senior and co-editor Nicole Grund said.

By Ben Watne



Front Row: Amanda Wald, Andrea Weishaar, Beckie Steckler, and Advisor Ms. Toni Nelson. **Row 2:** Brett Kingsley, Heather Dear, Dave Clemenson, and Josh Anderson. **Row 3:** Chris Perna, Ben Watne, Joe Gorman, Ben Kapel, and Zach Stenerson. **Back Row:** Dustin Gustafson, Eric 'Footer' Smith, and Jan Pientka.



"Working with the newspaper was a challenging and rewarding experience. NIPA was definitely a highlight of the year."
--- Senior Ben Wayne"



Almost done. Junior Ben Kapel works on his story for the next edition of the West Fargo Packer.

Error, what? Senior Eric Smith (Footer) tries to figure out what is going on.

Concentration. Senior Oezlem Oeztuerk concentrates hard on what to type next.



Why won't this fit? Junior Dustin Gustafson and sophomore Andrea Weishaar work on the layout of their page.

But why??? Trying to get his way junior Blake Nitzkorski works on convincing advisor Miss Tony Nelson



"Yearbook has always been a great time for me. This year has been exceptionally fulfilling because of the many ups and downs we have faced. The dedication and hard work it takes to make a yearbook is phenomenal, and I hope everyone appreciates the time and effort we put into this book."

Mr. Johnson
Yearbook Advisor

Front Row: Jennifer Grinde, Catie Loney, Melissa Kirklewski, and Megan Coon. **Second Row:** Tammy Lipp, Brittany Moen, Alyssa Lester, Kristi Jung, Leah Brekke, Kristin Thompson, Ashley Swensen, and Marissa Krzmarzick. **Third Row:** Sarah Murray, Tara Lettenmaier, Levi Kalsow, Mike Blickensderfer, Chad Beckerleg, Jessica Jansen, and Autumn Neu. **Fourth Row:** Benjamin Watne, John Woodruff, Amber Schultz, and Austin Reddington. **Last Row:** Mr. Jeremy Johnson, Eric Smith, and Dennis Cullen.



Your Jungle Guide

The wonders of yearbook are abundant and wonderful. Where else could you spend the day interviewing the entire football team, and then get to take pictures all night long at the Homecoming dance? What other class gives you the opportunity to work with such an awesome teacher?

"Mr. Johnson has been a great teacher to have these past years. He really makes an effort to get to know you and teaches you things about the yearbook and life you wouldn't realize otherwise," said senior Jennie Claus.

The yearbook has given its members an opportunity to leave a lasting impression on the rest of the school.

"What I like best about the yearbook, is that 20 years from now, people will be looking at something I helped to create, in order

to reminisce," said senior Kristin Thompson.

"I love the laid back atmosphere and the great experiences that we have," said senior Leah Brekke.

Yearbook is also an excellent opportunity for members to experience leadership and self-motivation. This year, four people were named co-editors, seniors Ashley Swensen, Marissa Krzmarzick, Jenny Grinde, and Melissa Kirklewski. These four seniors were responsible for the layout, theme, and creation of the yearbook.

"It's been a joy to work with such a mature, easy-going, and motivated group of editors that I can sincerely call friends," said yearbook advisor Mr. Jeremy Johnson.

Yearbook, your guide to the wild jungle out there!

By Mel Kirklewski

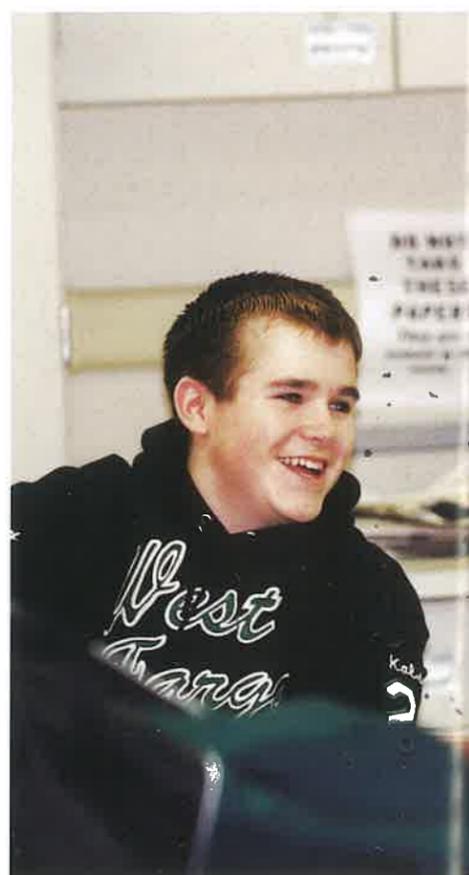


The bird just pooped where? Wondering if she should believe senior Leah Brekke or not, senior editor Ashley Swensen hopes it's not in her hair.



Join yearbook and learn how to get a radio station in tune! Trying to recruit new students, senior editors Ashley Swensen and Marissa Krzmarzick participate in the elective fair.

Yeah, Mr. J does look like one of the Backstreet Boys! Laughing at a joke, sophomore Levi Kalsow takes a break from working on the yearbook.



No, you can't write a story about Pygmy mating rituals. Shooting down a story idea, senior Autumn Neu taps into junior Austin Reddington's creativity.

You think someone would try to help me! Trying to move balloons before the yearbook dance, senior Jenny Claus tries to figure out who's going to help her.



CIRCLE OF LIFE

Flaming from the circle of life, students strive to show their individuality. Trying to keep their heads above the quicksand, students balance school, work, organizations and athletics into each day of high school. Learning to fight their way through the jungle, students develop many survival techniques through a process of trial and error. As they stumble over the roots of their mistakes, they learn to get up and try new paths. Students found their niches and learned how to grow with each other as well as depending on themselves. High school not only offered students a chance for education, but it also helped them to develop into well rounded young adults. Giving them tools and skills such as responsibility, leadership, and independence to succeed as they venture off into the great unknown, high school proved to be a key element in life. Most important were the friendships that blossomed through the years to promote a sense of security. Friendship proved to be a very important step in life. Through the good times and the bad, friends are always there count on each other. Whatever may block the path of life in the future can be resolved by what has happened in the past years. So strap on your gear, and be prepared for many adventures because remember: "It's a Jungle Out There!"

On the Boardwalk... Strutting her stuff, freshman Kayla Woodley goes to join her friends at the lunch table.

Who's Next? Ringing up the purchases, junior Brooke Pulkrabek helps her fellow classmates.



Student Life



Coronation Filled With Many Emotions



We had it in the bag! Standing arm in arm, seniors Chad Hager and Nicole Grund breathe a sigh of relief.



My heart's beating so fast! Before they go out, seniors Nicole Grund, Dayna Hansen, Katie Rankin, and Jessica Jensen get excited.



Get me off this stage! Standing in front of the crowd, seniors Randy Griffeth and Dayna Hansen listen to the cheers.

"I was surprised, first of all to make it on the court, but it was a lot of fun. I ended up borrowing my dress from a friend, and went to Hair Success to get my hair done for Coronation. The whole Homecoming week was really exciting and a lot of fun. As far as getting chosen as the queen, I was very shocked. At Coronation I was really nervous to be in front of all those people, but I was not expecting at all to be the one crowned! It was a lot of fun though, and I was very thankful and thrilled to be chosen queen!"

-Senior Nicole Grund

On Monday, September 25, 2000, the excitement before Coronation became apparent as the clock ticked away the minutes remaining before the time of crowning. The Homecoming King and Queen candidates, Jessica Jensen, Dayna Hansen, Erin Moch, Katie Rankin, Nicole Grund, Chad Hager, Lyle Sinner, Randy Griffeth, Jason Buchholz, and Eric Gwest, stepped out of the limo and prepared to comb their hair and straighten their clothes one last time before they had to line up.

The candidates stood on stage together and smiled out at the audience, a sea of friends, peers, and family. "I Will Remember You" by Sarah McLachlan, sung by seniors Amanda Dahl, Carla McLean, Rob McSparron, and Craig Nilles, entertained the crowd and set the mood for the big announcement.

To everyone's delight, Chad Hager was crowned as West Fargo's new Homecoming King. The crowd got even louder when Chad placed the tiara on Nicole Grund's head, officially making her the Queen. Both Hager and Grund were both shocked but pleased nonetheless at the choice of the student body.

The candidates' night ended on a happy note; only good feelings being exchanged between the friends.

"I thought Coronation was great and maybe even better than in years past. All of the candidates should have won in my opinion, but Nicole and Chad make a great Queen and King," senior Maggie Anderson said.

By Leah Brekke



There's how many people out there?! Getting ready to make her entrance, senior Erin Moch practices her surprised face.



Aren't we cute? After strutting onto the stage, seniors Lyle Sinner and Katie Rankin soak up the attention.



Congrats to the King and Queen. After the crowning, senior Chris McDougall thanks the crowd for coming.

A great start to a great year! 2000's Homecoming royalty line up to take pictures. From left: Jessica Jensen, Dayna Hansen, Erin Moch, Katie Rankin, Nicole Grund, Chad Hager, Lyle Sinner, Randy Griffeth, Jason Buchholz, and Eric Gwest.



It's almost too good to be true! After being crowned by king Chad Hager, senior Nicole Grund accepts congratulations from the rest of the court.



Who's going to win? Taking a breather from the rest of the court, senior Randy Griffeth psychs himself up.

Run like the wind! Completely exheriting herself, senior Jacinta Kuehn breezes past the juniors.



Yeah, I know I'm good. Pumped up after the Powder Puff game, senior Kristin Murch puts on a smile and speaks to her fans.

They'd better catch this! In the middle of a throw, senior Jennifer Weil hopes for a complete pass.

Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better!



No fair, seniors always win! Shaking hands at the end of the game, the junior girls accept their loss.



Baby got back! Running onto the field, the football team prepares to kick some butt.



Quick...someone take this! At the start of a play, junior Jennifer Prudlick looks for someone to hand off to.

"I played in the Powderpuff game, and had a lot of fun doing it. It was especially fun that the seniors completely dominated the juniors throughout the entire game. The very best part was when us seniors sacked any junior that got in our way. I was especially pumped up, because without half of our team playing, I knew that the rest of us would have to pick up the slack. We all pulled together, and ended up having a great time. There was no doubt in my mind that we'd win."

-senior Erin Beckius

Who says that girls can't play football? The girls of West Fargo proved that they are just as capable of passing, catching, scoring touchdowns, and simply being as tough as the almighty boys football team.

Despite the suspension of nearly 30 of the senior players, the rest of the team was able to work together and defeat the junior team with a score of 21-0.

"I loved Powder Puff this year! It was so much fun. It was especially great because the seniors dominated the whole time!", senior Tracy Tanner said.

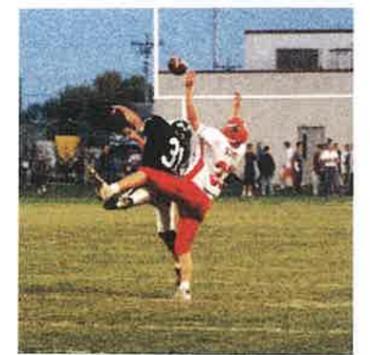
Senior Jacinta Kuehn was chosen as the Pioneer Player of the Game, with senior Kristin Murch close behind with an honorable mention. Both scored touchdowns and assisted in several key plays throughout the game.

The boys football team won their Homecoming game as well, defeating the Devils Lake Satans with an impressive score of 19-8. This just adds another notch on the West Fargo list of Homecoming wins.

"I think it's cool that we have continuously won the Homecoming games," sophomore Matt Kraft said.

Students were pumped up more than ever on the night of the big game. They packed the stands, supporting their team and cheering the Packers on.

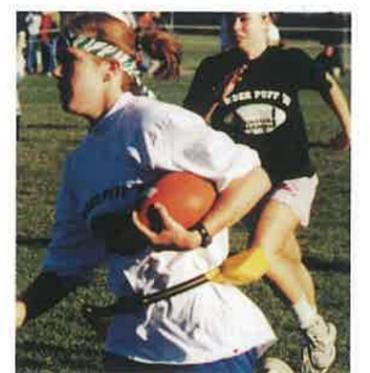
By Leah Brekke



If I can't have the ball, you can't either. Jumping in front of a rival player, senior Nick Prashek blocks a pass.

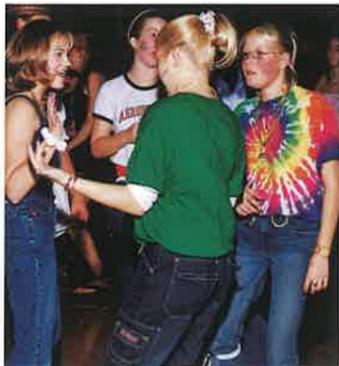


Clear the way, I'm coming through! Running down the field, senior Marcus Gussette tries to gain some yards.

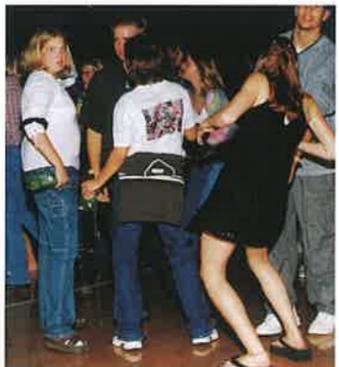


You can't catch me! Looking for an opening, senior Kristin Murch runs through her opponents.

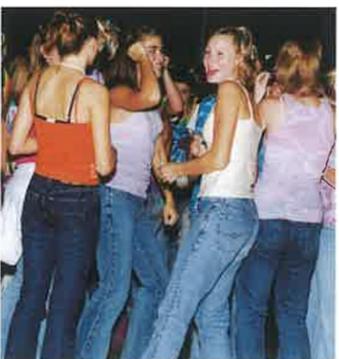
Another "Far Out" Homecoming Dance



Aren't you glad we came? Moving and grooving at the dance, freshmen Amie Lahren, Crystal Waxler, and Tonya Swenson enjoy their first Homecoming.



Everybody get down tonight! Dancing to the beat, students make the most of their night.



I'm a better dancer than you! Surrounded by their friends, sophomores Kim Bruns and Tracy Canton, dance the night away.

"I really liked the Homecoming dance this year. I'm really glad that I went, because I had a great time. I thought that the pictures were really cute and lots of fun to take. Next year, though, I think the school should look into finding a different DJ. I just don't like that 'gangsta rap music'. There should be more types of music that are more fun and easier to dance to."

-senior Jeremy Zimmerman

Laughing, talking, and of course loud, pumping music filled the air as students excitedly filed into the dance. With a theme like "Far Out", one couldn't help but get into the groove and have a good time. Bright tie-dyed outfits, platform shoes, beads, colorful makeup, and wild hair-do's were found on the sea of students that crowded onto the dance floor.

"The dance was a lot of fun. It was cool to see what everyone wore that night," senior Kayla Beauchamp said.

Although most people went to dance the night away, others took advantage of the time to mingle with groups of friends and catch up on the latest gossip. It wasn't too often that the student body gathered together outside of the school day to simply hang out.

"I went to the dance with a bunch of my friends. We got together, danced all night, and had lots of fun!" junior Lindsey Schlecht said.

Homecoming was much more technological in 2000 than in the years past. The DJ brought a huge TV screen to show videos of some of the songs, and also abstract colorful backgrounds. The Pep Club set up balloons, streamers, and large tie-dyed sheets, which gave the dance an undeniable retro feeling.

After such a jam-packed week, the students of West Fargo High School ended their Homecoming with an opportunity to kick back, hang out, gossip with their friends, and of course, dance the night away.

By Leah Brekke



You want me to ask who to dance?! Checking out all the cuties, seniors Millissa Blatchford and Amber Dorn decide on the lucky guy.



Anybody thirsty? Getting close at the dance, seniors Eric Smith and Heather Lund converse with junior Steve Brennan.



Maybe sandals aren't the best dance shoes... Taking a break from the dance, juniors Nick Hill and Max Washniewski (with his date) catch up on gossip.

Peace Out! Huddled around a table, a group of friends pose for the camera.



Aww, aren't we cute?! Enjoying their last Homecoming dance, seniors Kelly Hanson (with her date), Marissa Krzmarzick, and Brent Ekren smile happily.



We've got the moves! Showing their Packer spirit, sophomores Sheena Larson and Brittany Varner break loose on the dance floor.



Look at that bicep! While dancing at prom, senior Melissa Kirklewski and Audrey Swangler have a great time.



Are you as tired as I am? Taking a small breather from the dance excitement, prom-goers relax a little.



Right, left, clap! Joining a line dance, seniors Shelly Witt, Melissa Kirklewski, Kara Johnson, and Leah Brekke have a little fun.

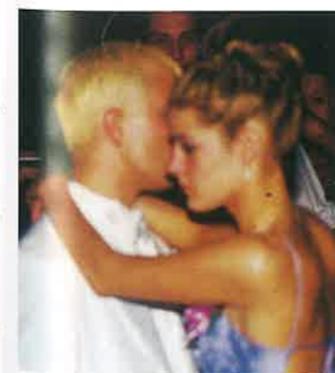
Prom Brings Students Together



Your hair is so shiny! Enjoying a slow dance, seniors Chris Alberty and Anna Lien have slow dance.



What is that? Trying to decipher something on the floor, junior Aaron Flynn gets a little curious.



Oh no! Where is my corsage? Gazing into the distance, junior Nathan Gross and sophomore Jenna Wilson enjoy some sweet time.

“The most satisfying part of the night is that I didn’t trip during Grand March. After completing that horrifying task the rest of the night was a blast. It was definitely a good way to end my senior year.”

- -Senior Rob McSparron

Your hair was fixed, your clothes were arranged perfectly, and you had on the most uncomfortable pair of shoes possible, but they sure look cool. Prom preparation is always an event that is almost as time consuming as prom itself. But in the end when you walked through grand march, it all seemed worth it.

Prom has been around for many years and many of the traditions have not changed. Guys you still gave your date a corsage and girls you still pinned the boutonniere on the guys (or else the parents helped). And of course who could forget the traditional swap of the bow tie for the garter, which are placed on the rear-view mirror of each person. It was events like these that people wanted to keep in the mix because of the simple significance it had. Of course who could forget the many many photo opportunities that your parents seem to think were right around every corner. Flash!! Ah, my eyes! Thanks mom.

“I had a really fun time at prom this year because I enjoyed getting dressed up and dancing. Despite the rainy weather it was a great evening,” senior Jacinta Kuehn said.

Everyone had a prom story whether it was a snag in your dress, a stain on your tux or no reservation at your restaurant of choice. They were just those memories that will always stay with someone. In the end it was a wonderfully enchanted evening despite the rain soaked formals.

By Marissa Krzmarzick



What is that lovely smell? Among the crowd, senior Robin Moe takes time to think about the night.



Giddy up! Enjoying a piggy back ride from junior Brian Moore, senior Eric (Footer) Smith hangs on.



That is so interesting. Looking pretty at prom, senior Kristin Thompson stands at attention.

Post Prom Proves Prosperous



Do not take my picture! Looking a little ticked off, junior Brian Johnson checks his bingo card.



Ok, you can have it. Taking turns playing ping pong, juniors Jenna Clark and Jenny Volker enjoy their game.



Tainted love. Singing a beautiful solo to tainted love, senior Kacie Hughes proves her bravery.

"I really enjoyed my time at post prom this year. It made a great ending to a wonderful night. Plus it was nice to get into informal clothes again."

--senior Kayla Beauchamp

The dance was done, the lights were all on, but you still had this enormous amount of energy. So what did you do then? If you were following the traditional routine of prom then you would have gone to post prom.

Post prom is an annual event that is held immediately after prom from 12p.m. to 4 a.m. There were many things that you could do here such as bowling, ping-pong, and most important eat free food. After dancing for three hours it was amazing how a slice of slightly cold pizza could taste like heaven.

"I had a really good time at the post prom this year. Next year I'm sure will be even better since it will be my senior year and senior prom," junior Megan Shirley said.

Also there were many opportunities to win cool prizes such as money, pop, T-shirts and many other interesting items. Not everyone won a prize, but there were many that were given out.

For those that had the guts there was karaoke available. Some of the songs that were sung were, "Minnie the Moocher", "Love and Marriage", and "Bawitdaba." Of course not everyone is supposed to be on Broadway, but everyone that went up on stage had fun and at least had the guts to try a little social confrontation.

Post prom was basically a time when you could just hang out with friends and have a blast in an informal environment. Plus it made a great conclusion to a wild night of dancing, dressing up, and spending money.

By Marissa Krzmarzick



I will conquer this game. Looking bound and determined, junior Brent Mitchell preps himself for the game.



Hey! Look at that. Enjoying a little post-prom time, senior Ahron Walter sees what's happening on the other side of the room.



Oh yeah! I'm the man. Singing his heart out senior Eric(Footer) Smith gets groovy with the music.

Hey Nonny Nonny. Singing to the audience, Crystal Lund, Melissa Kirklewski, Heather Lund, Kelly Hanson, Jenny Grinde, Jennie Claus, Kristin Thompson, and Marissa Krzmarzick belt out "My boyfriend's back".



Get in your HOME! Playing a rousing game of pool, senior Ken Grosz and junior Stephanie Kuehn battle for a win.



"When is that server going to get here?" Relaxing a bit after prom, senior Josh Diemert and junior Kelly Foss wait out the night.



I wonder how long this is going to take!? Waiting for their diplomas, a group of graduates take some time to think.



How much longer is this going to take? Waiting patiently for commencement to start, graduates Randy Griffeth and Kris Martin discuss their plans for the upcoming fall season.



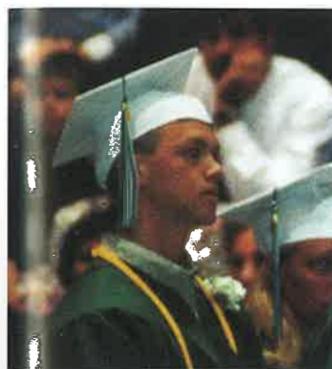
Everyone smile! Taking a quick break before commencement begins, graduates Marissa Krzmarzick, Jenny Grinde, Lindsay Goodin, Kristin Thompson, Leah Brekke, Jennie, Claus and Kristi Jung pose for a quick picture.



School's Out 4-Ever!



Finally I'm done! Receiving her diploma, graduate Rylee Brewster smiles in pride for being done.



"Man, my legs are getting tired!" Standing for his scholarship, graduate Jason Buchholz waits while the other names are being read.



What do you want? Standing around before commencement, graduate Mike Huff get's a surprise picture taken.

"Graduation was a day of mixed emotions. We felt glad to be moving on to better things, but were sad to be leaving friends that we have known for almost all of our lives. It's one of those weird "mixed emotions" days.

-graduate Brent Ekren

Graduation, the day of happiness, freedom, crying and partying...a time to remember! Commencement for the class of 2001 took place at the Civic Memorial Auditorium on June 3rd at 2 p.m. The class waited in a small room for everything to begin while parents, grandparents and friends filled the 3,000 seats.

With a class of 333, the ceremony lasted a little over an hour. A nervous Randy Griffeth gave the introduction speech. His comical yet sincere speech helped settle the nerves of many seniors! Calm and collective Erin Moch was the main speaker that represented the class. Her words of encouragement made the sad part of the day a little easier on all of the graduates.

Immediately following the ceremony, the new graduates and family gathered in the courtyard to give their final hugs, take a few quick pics and celebrate their new found freedom.

After doing their own thing for a couple hours and celebrating with family, the graduates all got back together for a night of fun and games. The post grad party started at 10 p.m. and went until 4 a.m. This party was set up by the senior class parents and run by them too. Among the fun and activities there was poker, inflatable games, karaoke and tons of prizes and money given away.

Graduation day is a day that every student looks forward to and in just a few hours, hugs and tears it's all over! Twelve years of hard work and determination truly paid off for the class of 2001. This class will not be easily forgotten due to its large size (the largest to go through WFHS so far) and for their individual personalities! Good luck graduates!

By Jenny Grinde



Not yet, not yet, NOW! Waiting for the couple before them to reach the tape, graduates Jon Dahlgren and Kelsey Dahl wait for their turn.



Who's your daddy? Celebrating his accomplishment, graduate Eric Smith poses for a quick picture.



I'm just a little nervous! Giving his introduction speech, graduate Randy Griffeth steps back to take it all in.

Party Time!



This is good pizza! Enjoying the free pizza and pop, graduates Josh Diemert, Chad Hager and friends talk about the good times.



I am so going to kick your butt! Getting to race a friend, graduate Kara Johnson tries to psych out her opponent in the bungee run.



How am I supposed to reach that dot? Playing a quick game of Twister, graduate Shelly Witt contemplates her next move.

“The hypnotist was like the coolest thing I had ever seen!! Also, I’ll never forget Heidi Johnson picking for lice in different people’s hair or Lyle Sinner giving birth and Carla McLean sucking on his nipple!”

Party time! A few hours after the commencement ceremony, the senior class parents held the most memorable party of each seniors’ life. Post grad was six full hours of non-stop fun. A few things going on all night were the sumo wrestling, giant twister, free pizza and pop, billiards, bingo and the amazing hypnotist. All the games provided many laughs and good times to be remembered by all.

Some of the bigger games were inflatable. Among these were an obstacle racing course, bungee run and gigantic blowup twister. These games were a very big hit. People would race up the long and high obstacle course and then at the end just jump and roll down the huge slide while, trying to avoid vinyl burns. With the bungee run, two people would run as fast as they could to see which one could get the farthest. Once they couldn’t go any farther, they’d let the bungee slingshot them back to where they started.

Another big hit was the hypnotist. Former seniors went up on stage and without knowledge made fools of themselves. The entire theatre was filled with on lookers. Lyle Sinner’s impersonation of Michael Jackson will always be remembered by all that watched. Another good one was when Mike Huff went and hit on the first guy he saw whenever the song “I’m too sexy” was played.

The fun times and grand memories at the post grad party will never be forgotten by all whom attended! It was the final big blast for the class of 2001.

By Jenny Grinde



Don’t you dare take my picture! Glaring at the camera, graduate Kacie Hughes waits for the next command in Twister.

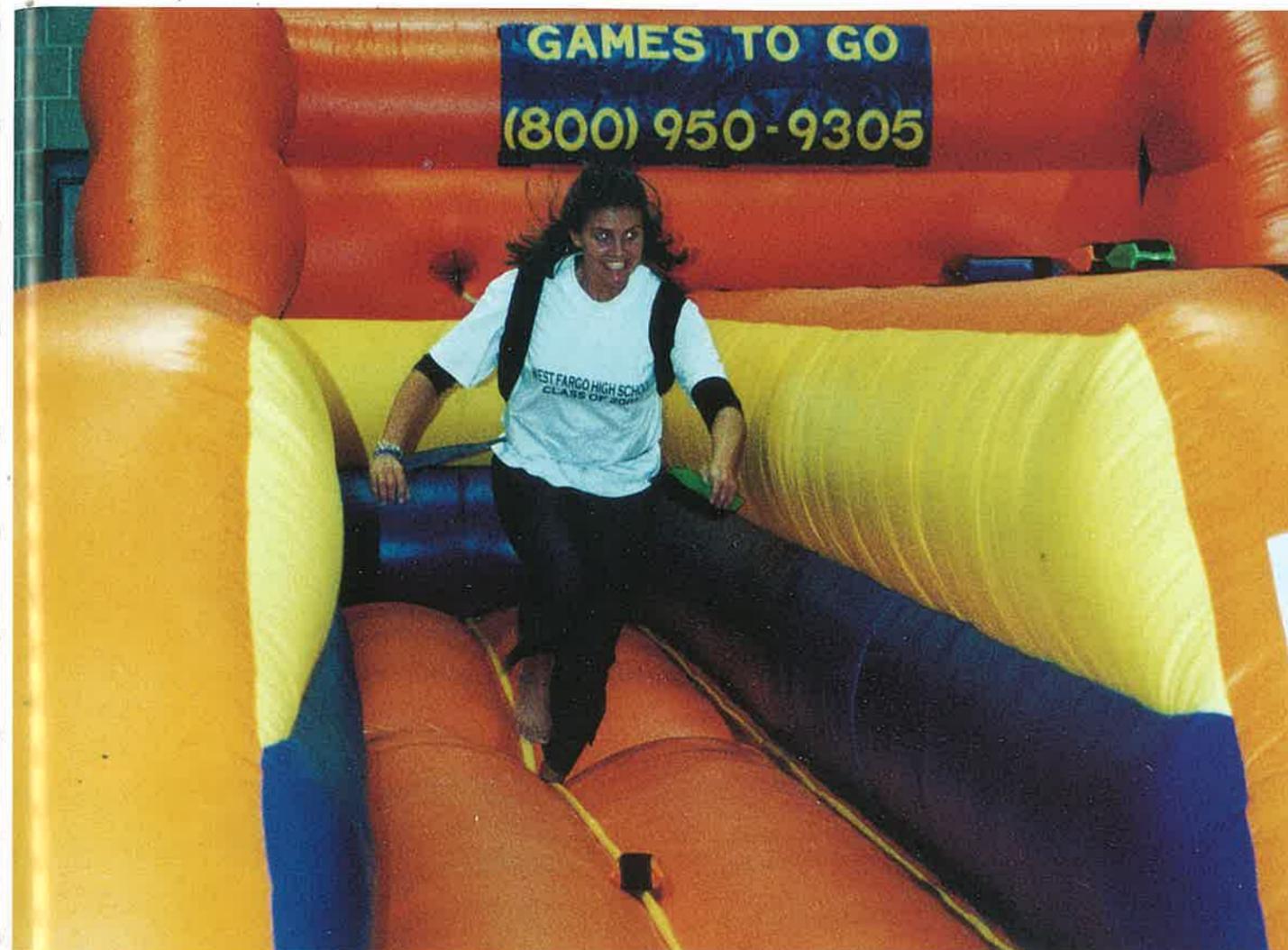


Please be a bullseye! Shooting for the dart board, graduate Cody Fingarson follows through in his throw.



So, did I win? Looking to see if he won a prize, graduate Tyler Farkas waits patiently for his name to be drawn.

I think I can...I think I can... Running as far as she can, graduate Erin Moch pushes until she can’t go any farther on the bungee run.



TOGA! TOGA! Standing around and chatting, graduates Kacie Hughes, Dan Francis, Elliott Schwab, Carmen Hoffard and Ryan Fischer decide what they’re going to do next.



One more number and I’ve got a BINGO! Playing a quick game of Bingo, a group of graduates sit and wait for their number to be called.



into the unknown

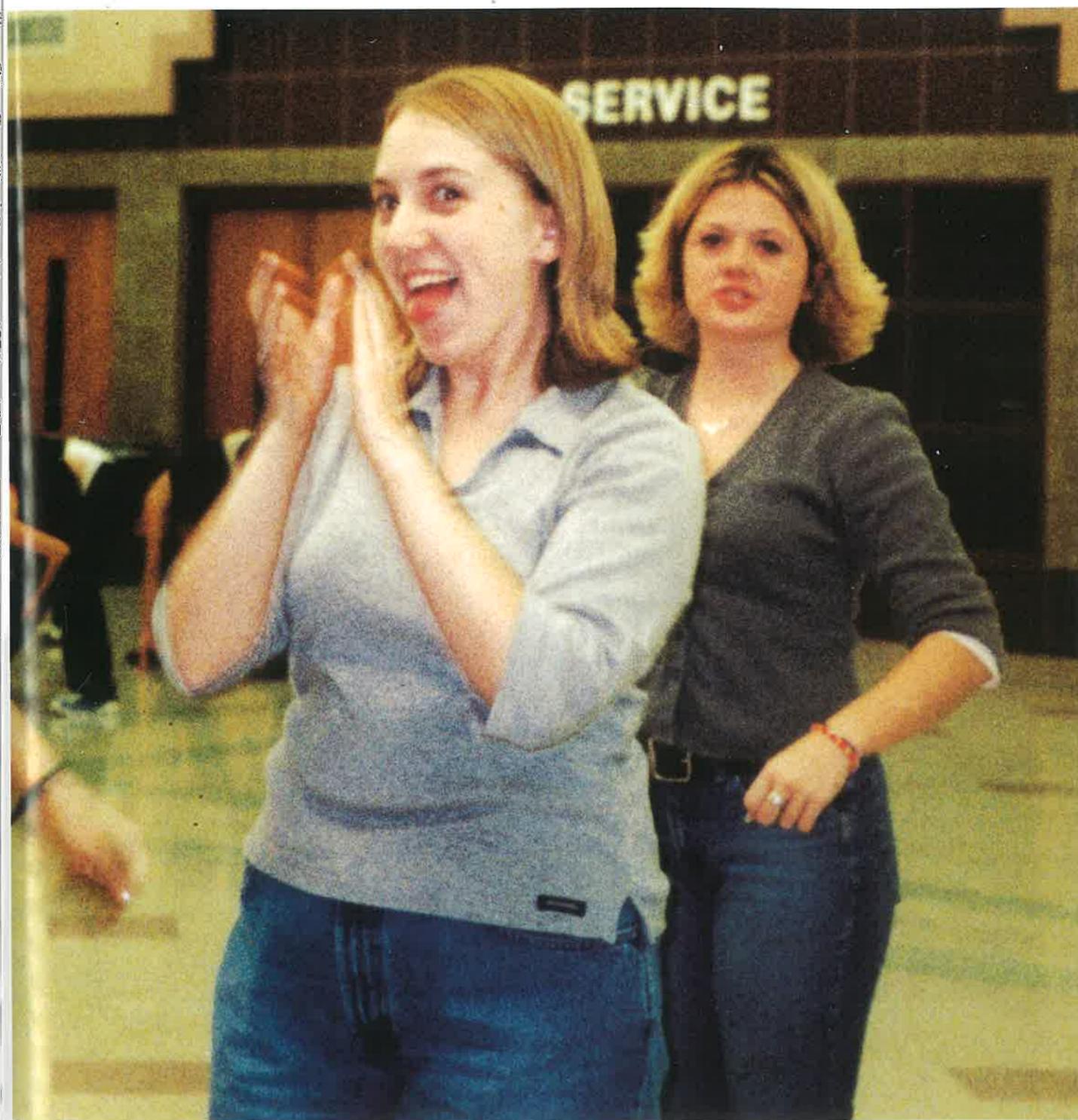
As any terrified animal knows, they are thrown into the jungle by their families and are pushed to survive the scariest depths of the jungle alone. So, the freshman, or shall we say fresh meat, are no longer afraid to scamper across the jungle grounds from one side to the other. The sophomores continue to approach another domain, becoming part of the determined foodchain. The juniors remained neutral, chilling in the jungle, not caring if the rest of the jungle is pleased with their performance. The seniors are advancing to another jungle, which contains more beasts and higher food chains-putting them once again at the bottom. Look out guys!! The faculty will remain yet another year where they will continue to teach and tame the pack. As we close out the year 2001, we find that our lives will continue on for yet another year. With times of total chaos, as well as times of peace, we look back on jungle life and find determination was a key factor for survival during high school. As we glance back, the jungle becomes a blur and a faint whisper tells us we will be entering the unknown. Like leaves blowing in the wind, we are tossed into each new year not knowing where our final destination will be.

Who da man? Getting his groove on, Senior Eric Smith boogies into the night.



Like ready, ok! Clapping their hands in style, juniors Brandi Spletstaszer and Lacey Johnson practices the cheer.

Closing

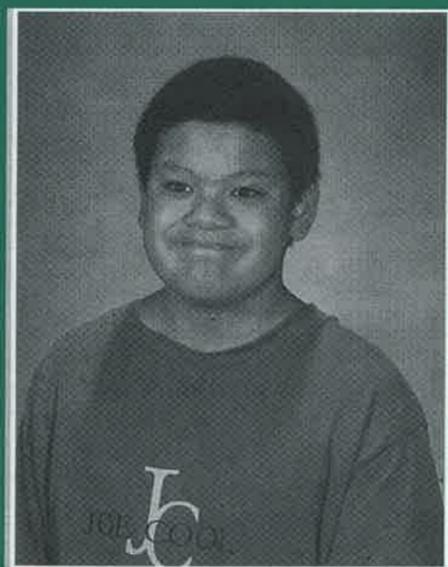


~ Memories ~

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



Barb Kent



Shawn Cossette

~ Reflections from the 2001 yearbook editors ~

-Changes-

Changes come that we may grow...
Sometimes fast, sometimes slow.
We don't want to change, we say,
We like our life in its patterned way!
But wise we are to let it be
A growing time of good,
A time to see that
God governs His universe in love
Supporting big and small
Trusting in God's guidance now
Let there be grace at changes call,
For life is change and change we must
So let us grow and change with trust.

-By Dorothy Pierson

Good luck to all my fellow classmates! I wish you all the very best in life! The past four years have been a learning experience, and now it's time to move on and experience change. There are great things ahead for all of us. I want to thank Mar, Mel, and Grinde for all their hard work, and their friendship; and Mr. Johnson for his leadership. High school has been great, and memories will always remain. Best wishes...

Ashley Swensen

Y is for the "Yippee!" You shout as you realize the yearbook is finished.

E is for the "Extra" time you put into the book that nobody ever knows about.

A is for the "Amazing" people you get to work with everyday.

R is for the "Relaxation" techniques you have to learn to survive another year.

B is for the "Best" friends you make working so closely with the other editors.

O is for the "Oh my gosh!" you shout as you realize a name is missing from a senior page and you now have to bump over 300 names back one to fit it in.

O is for "Oops," a word you get accustomed to hearing from first year yearbook members.

K is for the "Kismet," a feeling of fate or destiny that there is some reason we were all brought together at one time and one place to work on one of the greatest symbols of high school. THE YEAR-BOOK

By: Melissa Kirklewski

Finally, the year has come to an end and it's time to add the finishing touches on and say my final goodbye's! It's been quite the year with lots of memories! I don't think I would be the same without all my friends and special teachers! Thanks so much Ash (thanks for the car), Mel and Mar for being there and putting up with me! Working with you guys these past 3 years has been an experience I'll never forget! Mr. Johnson, no words can explain my gratitude for everything you've done as a teacher and a friend! Without all four of you this year would not have been as memorable! Kristin, you're a doll, thanks for everything this year (and many more). Everyone in Pub, it's been a blast!! Jennie, go DFWA!! I'm going to miss you all! I hope everyone loves the yearbook as much as we do! We put a lot of time and effort into this, so I hope you all appreciate it! Good luck to future Pub members and editors! You'll do great! Just remember it isn't going to be easy, but it's a lot of fun too! Thanks everyone for everything this year! I love you all and will miss you all very much! Go Valley Girls!!=)

Jenny Grinde

Well another year is done and sadly it is my last at the high school. Throughout my whole high school career I've been told that when I go to college I will experience a better life, this however is completely not true. It will not be a better life simply another phase of my life. So don't let anyone con you into thinking that you will meet all these better people in college, you will meet other people, but you can never forget the people that watched you truly grow from a ignorant freshman to an apprehensive senior. They are the ones that were there to help you.

This being said I would like to thank some great individuals. Man, makes it sound like I just won a Grammy or something. Anyway, first I would like to thank my girls, the editors, you guys have kept my life very fun and interesting. I am thoroughly surprised by how close the four of us have become. We have created union between us that has survived many traumatic events and I cherish that.

Next I would like to thank Mr. J. He came to publications not knowing very much about how to run and put together a yearbook, but over the past two years he has learned so much and is even right now working on the index, which I with all my three years experience have no idea how to do. The effort that he has put into the yearbook and getting to know his students is amazing and truly appreciated.

Thanks to everyone in the high school, obviously without you guys we would not have a yearbook at all, so thank you for giving us the opportunity to take on this challenging but rewarding task. Good luck and best wishes to all. Marissa Krzmarzick

Always a true Packer. Good luck Lyle!
Love, Your Family



Brandon,
When a son is born
he fills your life
with so much happi-
ness.
It starts when you
first
hold him with pride
and tenderness
and as he grows, your
loving feelings
grow and deepen too.
Your graduation day is
one of the perfect
times to remind you how
much you're loved
not for anything specific or
for any
special reason, but just
because



I like and respect the man you
have
become and to let you know how
proud I am and how much it
means
to me to have you for my son.
Congrats-Mom

Congratulations
Trisha on your
success!
Love, Mom &
Dad



Jenna,
Cute, sassy, unique,
persistent, and smart. With
all of these qualities you are
sure to make all your
dreams come true.
We love you, Mom & Dad



JAG-
(Jenny)
"I
love
you
the
MOSTEST"
Mom



Darcy, Once
meek and
mild...
Now, strong
and
independent!
We're so
proud!
Love, your
family



Kristen,
Congratulations!



We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Stephanie

Kristin,
Pride and love on your first milestone in life.



Love Mom & Dad

Tyler-
You've been a joy to us since
the day you entered our lives.
May God bless you with
wisdom, honesty, per-
sistence in your endeav-
ors and faith.
Mom and Dad



Scott: Eyes wide
open- Full speed
ahead!
Congratualltions!
Son-you did it!
Love, Mom & Dad



Jarrid:
I can't believe the time has passed so quickly-
I am so proud of you son.
Congratulations, Love Mom

Seniors
2000-2001

Marissa,
 Look for your
 rainbow.
 You'll find
 it with your
 talents
 and charm.
 Love, Mom
 and Dad



Dear Kristi,
 When you get
 the choice to sit it
 out or dance
 I Hope you Dance
 Love Mom
 and Dad



*Congratulations Autumn,
 You did it and you're still sitting pretty.*



Love, Mom and Dad

Tessa,
 The future is
 yours...Remember
 the power of a
 kind word or
 deed.
 Love always,
 Mom and Dad



Jamie:
 Follow your
 dreams
 We love you
 always,
 Mom, Dad,
 and Jess

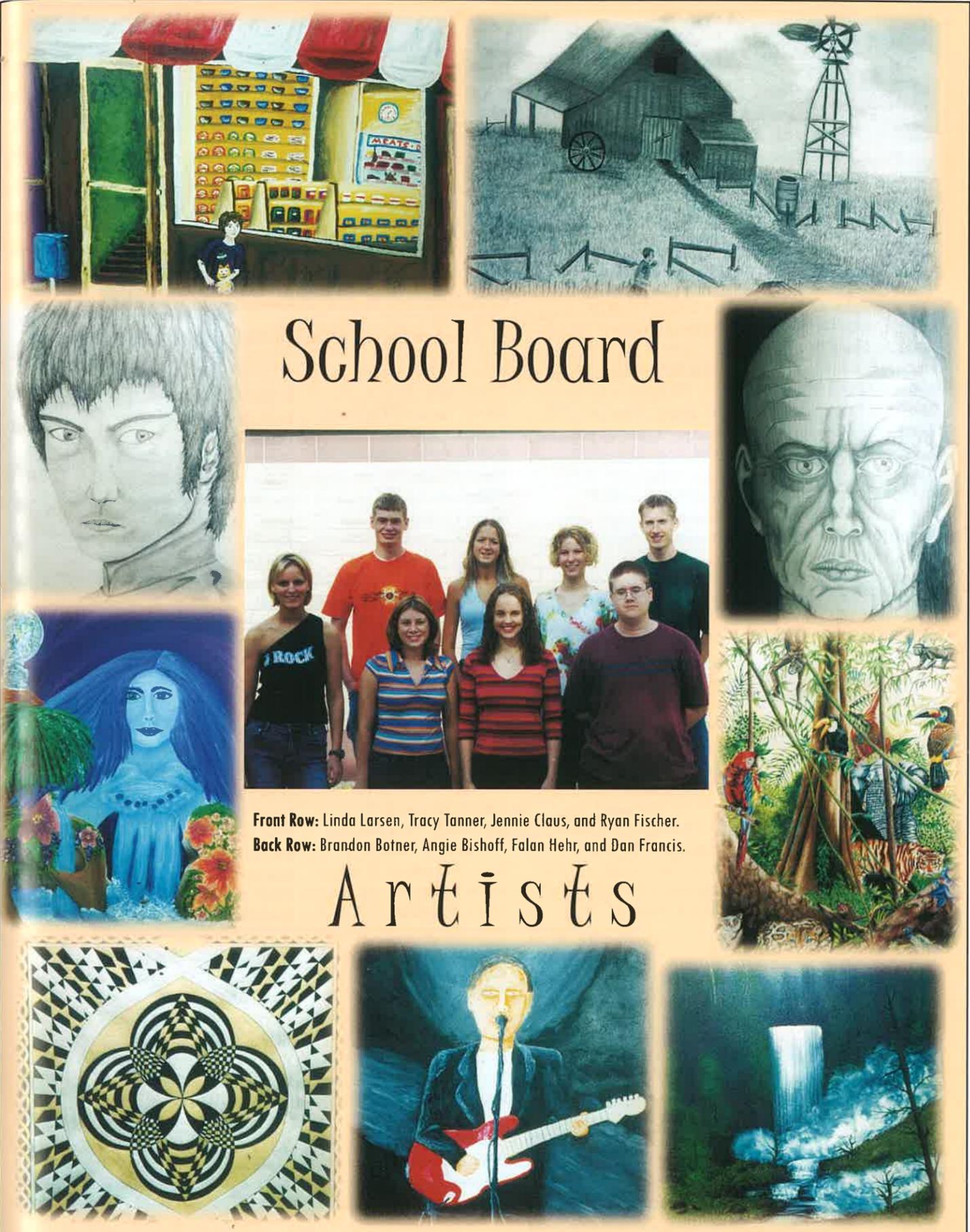


CONGRATULATIONS !!!



**Jessica
 ensen**

Love,
 Mom & Dad



School Board

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In rainforests and jungles,
there are 1,000 year old
trees living peacefully.

One tree in the Ama-
zon can contain more
species of ants than
there has been found
in the entire United
Kingdom.

Rainforests and
jungles are a home to
over 50% of all known
species of living
organisms.

Landslides are very
common in rainforests
and jungles that leave a
change in elevation
anywhere from 600-
800 meters.

The largest forest
is the Amazon
Basin, which covers
6 million sq.km.

Average temperature
is between 68-95
degrees Fahrenheit.

Rainforests are the
most endangered
habitat on the earth.

What do you call a parrot
wearing a raincoat?

Polly unsaturated.

Jungle vines can grow
longer than a football
field and thicker than a
man's body.

80% of all fruits and
vegetables in our
modern diet originated
in the jungle.

Jungles and
rainforests
cover about 6%
of the earth's
land surface.

The largest flower in the
world lives in the jungle
and smells like rotten
meat.

Rain falls year round
in the jungle and
rainforests.