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Weapons banned in Minnesota schools

Legislature passes law to make weapons found in school felony

By Darcy Fischer

Staff Writer

In August of 1993, the Minnesota Senate passed a law indicating that bringing dangerous weapons on school property is illegal, and considered a felony.

Examples of dangerous weapons include switchblades, brass knuckles, pellet guns, numchucks, certain liquids, and

guns, whether loaded, or unloaded.

"It's really important that students understand that possession includes at school, on school busses, in their own cars on the parking lot, and on field trips," said assistant principal, Mary Loberg.

Anyone who is caught with a dangerous weapon on school property will be punished. This

law applies not only to students, but to anyone who is on school property.

"Common sense is the issue here," said principal Nick Miller. "We need to look at the issue at stake to determine the outcome."

There are some exceptions to the law. For instance, guns brought on school property for gun training are allowed. You need to have written permission from a principal before bringing any weapon on school property. If you have any questions on what is,

and is not accepted, you should contact a principal.

"If it can hurt someone, it's dangerous," said assistant principal Mary Loberg.

Right now this is only a Minnesota law. Miller said he sees it spreading to other states in the future, and could one day become a national law.

"We will of course abide by the law, and will prosecute to the full extent of the law," said Loberg.

Increased violence in the inner city schools was one of the reasons behind this law. Minne-

sota Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III intended to really crack down on people who harm the safety of others by bringing dangerous weapons on to school property.

"I think it's a good law," said Miller. "And I think it's needed for security and protection of the building."

Loberg said she's found that kids have looked into the law, and have an understanding of it. She said that kids are taking it seriously. So far, no dangerous weapons have been found.



Photo by Heather Oberdeck / Photographer

LONG LIVE THE KING AND QUEEN! Laughing as others applauded were seniors JoNelle Olson and Bill Henk after they were crowned 1993 Homecoming Queen and King in during Coronation at the Junior High Auditorium Monday night. Standing aside watching the new royalty was second runner up senior Angie Toso (left) and the 1992 Homecoming King BHS graduate Luke McLain (right). The royalty will also be presented tonight during halftime at the football game.

Voters will see bond issue again this fall

By Staff Writers

News Section

Last spring, one of the largest issues to hit Buffalo was the bond issue to fund the construction of a new school.

Since it was defeated, Principal Nick Miller is looking toward fall to reintroduce the vote.

According to Miller, the 40 acres the BHS campus has is not adequate for the number of students enrolled. For a school of this size, the campus should be at least 110 acres. Originally, the school was constructed for 1,000 students, but capacity is needed for 1,500.

Using the piece of legislation passed last year that helped the smaller schools give students the same opportunities as large city schools by paying 50 percent of building costs, the School Board was able to bring the figure down

from \$34 million to \$17 million.

The money would not be used to only build the new high school. Some of the funds would go to renovating the existing schools and updating technology, though it is said that new athletic facilities will not be built.

Miller sees the new facility as four small schools of 300 in one building, each specializing in a different field, such as the arts and technology. By doing this, it is hoped that the level of education can be raised, and the amount of hands on learning will increase.

The possibility of teachers interviewing students to see what they know rather than what they have memorized, would create an atmosphere where academic success would be stressed.

"If you work together in school, it's called cheating. If you work together in life, it's called cooperation," said Miller.

Coronation held; royalty crowned Monday night

By Beth A. Miller

News Editor

Crowning the new Homecoming royalty, Coronation was held last Monday night in the Buffalo Junior High School Auditorium.

Last year's royalty, graduates Luke McLain and Deb Theis stood with smiles as they relin-

quished their crowns to the new Homecoming King and Queen seniors Bill Henk and JoNelle Olson.

"I was really shocked at being crowned, but it was also kind of scary because that's when I realized we're seniors. I guess you could say it was surprising to me to be crowned Homecoming Queen," said Olson.

Entertaining before the

crowning was senior Sharalee Strand playing the Musical Prelude to the ceremonies. During the ceremony Senior Nori Heino played a piano solo of Debussy's "Les Collines d'Anacapri," and seniors Chris Nevinski and Jason Dylla played "Wish You Were Here" as a duet on the guitar.

The first, second, and third runners up were, respectively, se-

niors Angie Toso and Justin Kassulke, Kim Koebensky and Pete Miller, and Kari Nyberg and Troy Duerr. Making up the rest of the Royalty were Amy Brown, Erica Lundsten, Kristine Nelson, Ann Beyer, Tony Endreson, Chris Nelson, Matt Mattson, and Darin Holm. Junior Royalty were Anna Harlan, daughter of English teacher Jack Harlan, and Stefan

Robinson, son of English teacher Dave Robinson.

Also introduced last night were the 1968 King and Queen, Roger Falde and Jeanne Walters-Sayers. Walters-Sayers could not attend the event, but sent a picture of her and herself and her family.

The 1993 Faculty Mixing Spoons were Pam Ramstad and Gerry Bakke.

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Taking time out for ourselves; Schedules and activities, school and jobs take a toll on everyone

With school starting a month ago and many different activities starting to take place, many people around this school, teachers and students both, feel that there's no time to do anything anymore.

The Bison feels that with school starting, jobs still continuing, extracurricular activities starting, many people are expecting too much out of students.

We think that when too much pressure is put on students to do well in all they're

involved in, it may do more harm than good.

When too many expectations are put onto students all at the same time, students may feel that they have to reach the expectations set for them or they feel like they are a failure if they don't.

With the pressures of school, a job, and activities too uphold many students began to slip in one area or another, which triggers the domino effect and the fall of all activities.

The Bison feels that more time needs to be spent on how to schedule time and time management then on how many activities a person can cram into their busy schedules.

Sometimes, time needs to be taken out for ourselves, to just sit down and not think about anything, or go for a walk through the woods to clear our heads.

We feel that if this personal time isn't taken, many people may get hurt be-

cause of it. People can blow up at the smallest problem or discussion, sometimes losing friends or even boyfriends or girlfriends in the process.

With today's busy schedules, we need to learn that we cannot take on everything, and everyone's different problems and leave their's to the side.

In today's society, students, teachers, parents, and employers have to realize that we have to have time to ourselves to clear our heads.

Sometimes life can't all be taken on at once. Society has always been in such a rush expecting everything to be done at once, that people don't get to enjoy what they are doing until after the fact and even then it can be too late.

Instead of rushing, why don't we just learn to enjoy life, take one day at a time and enjoy being students as long as we can because no matter what, life goes on and we can never turn back to yesterday.

Abbr. gettin' out of hand, people need to learn to rite right

By Rebecca Ebnet

Editor-in-Chief

Kwik! Could you ich my back?

Borrow me a pencil, would ya? I ain't got none.

P.S. RSVP ASAP

Turn on a lite cuz I can't see. Thanx.

I can hear everyone -- what the heck? This is the new Editor-in-Chief? Has she forgotten how to spell? What about spellcheck? Grammitich? But the truth is, that I checked all the spelling and grammar at County Market and in the conversations around school. Honest.

We are an abbreviated society.

Take CD for example. I think of compact disc -- I'm sure most teens do. But it also stands for Certificate of Deposit, and Contract for Deed. How about coming home from school and sitting in a LA-Z-BOY in front of the TV and VCR after getting a snack out of the fridge, and then talking on the AT+T phone?

Is this the mark of a lazy community, or what?!

We ride busses, not omnibuses. Our grandparents

own RV's, not Recreational Vehicles. The roads are paved with tar, not tarmacadam. We ride bikes, not bicycles. And what if we had said we were going to visit the Union of Soviet Socialists Republic, instead of the USSR?

Even in school we are not immune -- what about NHS, Tri-M, SCC, Stu. Co. FFA, or even BHS for that matter?

Does anyone know what RSVP actually stands for? The abbreviations have been used for so long that the majority of people don't know exactly what they're saying.

I walked through County Market and listed some of the misspellings on food labels. I got quite a list -- how does this affect children who are learning how to read? What impression are we giving them? Twists on English such as Chicken in a Biskit, Craker paks, Nu Salt, Cheese Whiz, Hi Dri, Bar B Q, Mello Yello, Diet Rite, Fantastik, Ty-D-Bol, Bloo Toss Ins, Scotch Brite, Sno Bol, No Doz, Ziploc, Bonz, Liv a Snaps and Chew-eez are just a few.

I realize that the "cute" misspellings are a gimmick to get you to remember the names, but when I babysit and see kids writing that way, there is a problem. Big time.

D-O-U-G-H-N-U-T used to be the correct spelling; now I look in the dictionary and find that D-O-N-U-T is accepted.

What about the foreign exchange students? English is hard enough to learn, and coming to another country is difficult enough without throwing all those curves at them.

I really don't know if there is a way to solve this problem, or whether or not it even is a problem. The obvious answer is to not allow that type of advertising -- but that is a freedom of the press, and I'm the last one to ask anybody to give that up.

It's something to think about, though. Maybe in a few years the entire English language will have changed. That's a pretty scary thought.

So until the next time I start clacking away on the keyboard, go veg in that old LA-Z-BOY, maybe even pull out the dusty Lite Brite you probably bought at Toys "R" Us.

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Pet names: are they affectionate or hurtful?

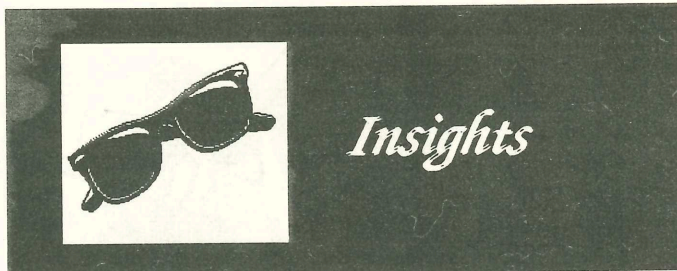
Amber Veches

Columnist

The use of nicknames and endearments is very common around the school campus. It's something that everyone does at least sometime in their life, whether they know it or not.

Most of the names are inside jokes, usually a run off from a name that the person hates, a dorkface here and there. To someone walking down the hall, the name may sound demeaning and horrid. Often times though, to the people, it may be a way of reassuring their friendship.

Often it's just that, a way to show your friends, or whoever, that you care, without openly admitting it. Do people go around saying "I love you," or do they



go around saying "Hey scumbag?"

Most of the little names are just being called out of fun, like a joke, to tease each other. Still, I'm not saying that all name calling is out of love and fun.

Much of it is done out of anger and dislike. These are the terribly nasty names, the swear words and that type of

you could take back.

Those are very serious names. The ones that I'm thinking of are much lighter.

What names I'm referring to are the ones like: dorkface, snot nose, the list could go on and on. These are the ones that usually aren't that bad, and are said only to someone you know, and care about.

thing. These are the names that you call someone when you're in a big fight or argument. These are the names that most often, one day, you wish

Would you walk up to someone in the hallway and call them dorkface? I think chances are not.

The point is that a lot of the things that we do are taken the wrong way. Maybe it's our fault for not thinking up the right names, or the right way to say or do things. That goes into human nature though, saying the wrong thing, at the wrong time, and in the wrong way.

Given, this is an odd subject, and not one people would think about. Try it like this: Do you walk up to perfect strangers and call them names? I hope not often, but who do you call names? Most often your friends. Do they think twice about it? Only the ones that think you don't care, and secretly you're showing them you do.

Sexism: men can be discriminated against too

By Ami Miller

Columnist

Since the beginning of time women have been demoralized, discriminated against, and dumped on by male sexist pigs.

But now that the age of the woman is finally upon us, many have forgotten the obvious: sexism goes TWO ways.

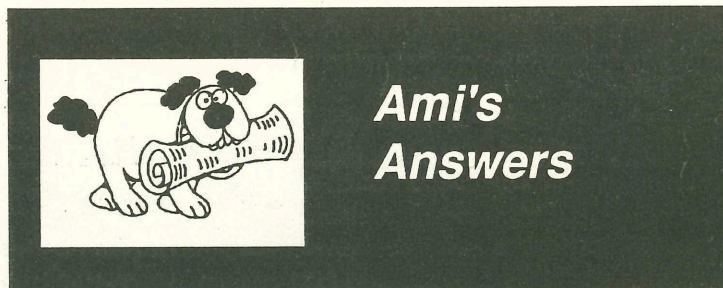
Just like girls used to be perceived in society as being overly-sensitive and weak, men are still expected to be big, strong studs.

Back in the kindergarten days, when little girls and boys cried, it was

perfectly normal because it's natural for kids to cry. Now, however, it's still okay for a

girl to break down and sob. But for a guy--it's strictly taboo. Is this what we call equality?

Women have fought long and hard to gain their rights. Many have conquered, but also many have failed.



As for men, well, they're just EXPECTED to succeed. Failure isn't even an option.

I honestly don't think women as a society realize how much pressure men are truly under. Can you imagine having

to bottle-up all your emotions just so you don't crush the "macho" male image? Or how about being held responsible for your family's financial needs? The burden often lies on the male even though more women are in the work force than ever before.

I'm not against feminism at all! In fact I am 100% in favor of women's rights and am disgusted by the way many women have been treated and are still being treated today. I'm merely saying that we may feel feminism is on the rise, but stepping on guys the way they stepped on us isn't going to get sexual equality anywhere but backwards.

Three fall movies watched, and reviewed

By Royce Johanson

Staff writer

"The Man Without A Face"

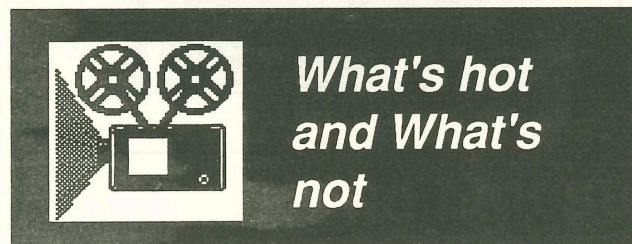
Mel Gibson's directorial debut, "The Man Without A Face", was as fascinating as his acting. Still, Gibson wasn't the only one who shined on screen, newcomer Nick Stahl was a pleasant addition to the Hollywood scene.

Gibson plays an ex-military academy teacher, Justin McLeod, who's face has been deformed in a freak car accident and therefore has been labeled the town freak.

Stahl plays Charles Norstadt, the fatherless boy surrounded by three intelligent females who's classified as the "family retard".

Norstadt wants to go to the military school that his deceased father once belonged to. To enter he must first pass an exam, but he can't pass it on his own. He accidentally bumps into McLeod, who ends up tutoring Norstadt.

During the progression of the movie, McLeod and Norstadt form a very trusting and wonderful friendship



between teacher and student. Conflicts arise when small town rumors start to fly, and they must be separated, but not before Norstadt is able to pass his entrance exam.

"The Man Without A Face" is a moving, superb, tear-jerker. I consider Mel Gibson to be the next brilliant actor-director next to Kenneth Branagh and Kevin Costner. I have a feeling that "The Man Without A Face" will bring home a few major oscars on Oscar night.

"The Fugitive"

David Janssen once filled the shoes of the "Fugitive", but this summer, Harrison Ford took the role of Richard Kimball.

As you may already know this summer's runaway hit (it remained at number one for two month's since it

opened on July 6)

was based on the television series by the same title. The plot was basically the same, too, only the movie took place in a little over two hours instead of four years. Dr. Richard Kimball's wife was murdered and Kimball's blamed for it. But Kimball is sure a one-armed man did it, but of course no one believes him. So Kimball is arrested but escapes during a realistic and exciting, bus-train wreck. So during the whole film, Kimball searches for the one-armed man and the man who set him up. This task isn't so easy though, because the U.S. Marshall's Office is out looking for him. The head of the Marshall's Office was brilliantly played by Tommy Lee Jones. Kimball eventually locates the one-armed man and leads the police to him.

The complete cast and crew did a wonderful job of bringing the whole movie together. The script was brilliantly written and produced. The cast played their parts to the hilt, with extraordinary performances by Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones. I wouldn't

be surprised if "The Fugitive" is nominated and wins a few major oscars, also.

"Striking Distance"

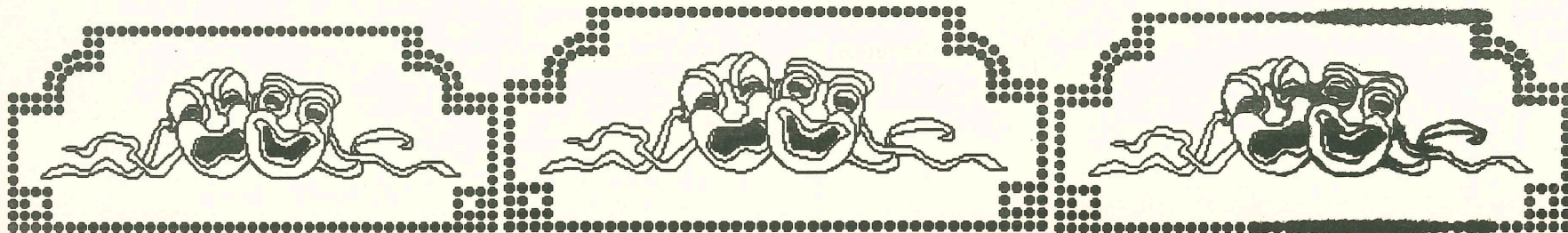
Bruce Willis has been the only one that has managed to catch "The Fugitive" since it opened two months ago. "Striking Distance" is sitting at number one in the box office right now.

Bruce Willis plays Pittsburgh police officer's "water dog", Tom Hardy.

Hardy's father was murdered in a high speed chase of the suspected Polish Hill Strangler. So Hardy is trying to solve the murder of his father, the Polish Hill murders, and the new murders that are similar to Polish Hill, only two years later. But Hardy was demoted to the Pittsburgh water police because he thought it was a cop who killed his father and is linked to the murders.

To thicken the plot Tom Hardy gets a new partner, Jo Christman, played by Sarah Jessica Parker. She is with him when they encounter the new murders.

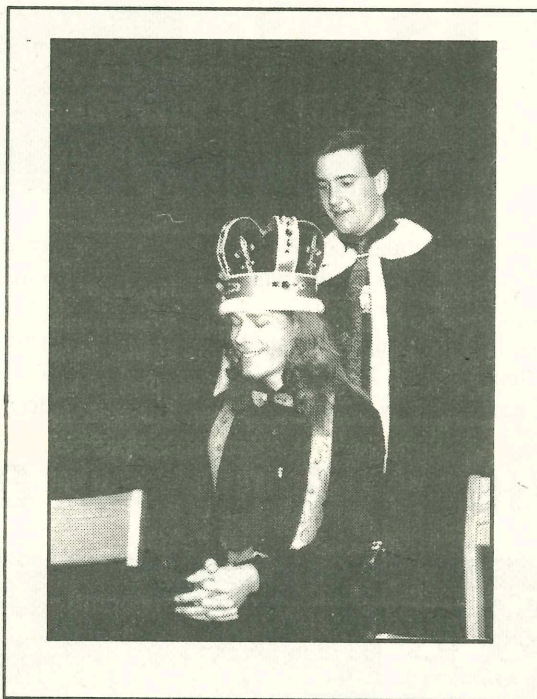
The movie has a surprise come-back ending. "Striking Distance" is full of fast and exciting car and boat chases and full of suspense and surprises.





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!! It's a way to celebrate
our new school year with
our annual sha-bang,
- freshman
Elizabeth Lusti !!



Tales of former ro

By Lana Elsenpeter

Staff Writer

It's Monday night at the Homecoming Coronation at Buffalo Senior High, the candidates are shaking in their seats. The winner is...

"[I wasn't really surprised], I was some what tipped off" said 1975 BHS Homecoming King John Holthaus.

In the 1970's the Coronation was held in the mall area, having the king and queen candidates on a small platform, along with the reigning king and queen who had returned to crown their successors.

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Spirit, sports, and people: BHS homecoming legacy

By Jaime Loebertmann

Staff Writer

1-2-3 Bison Power, Huh!

Some of the students believe that fun, action, excitement, and school spirit are the reasons for homecoming.

"[I think Homecoming is] to support the volleyball, football, and all the other teams," said junior Jared Howard.

Certain staff members and students believe that the real reason for homecoming is for testing our school spirit.

"It's a way to meet new people," said sophomore Mandy Hunter.

Many people said homecoming is a way to meet new people and set an identity.

"[Homecoming is] a tradition to welcome all former graduates back," said math teacher Mrs. Peggy Pashe.

Some say that you get to see old friends.

"It's a way to see old football stars and cheerleaders," said librarian Marsha Paulsen.

Students vary in their favorite activities of Homecoming week.

"Some of my favorite activities are the Pep Fest and the football game," said sophomore Dustin Schultz.

Only a few staff members and students interviewed, think that there should be some changes made to Homecoming at BHS.

"I would like the King and Queen pageant to be based less on popularity and also try and get some other students involved," said English teacher Vicki Carry.

It seems as though no matter what they think of Homecoming most see it as a celebration.

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oyalty: You'll find everything from coronation to outhouses

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said 1976 BHS Homecom-
Brenda Hicks.

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ers, but not all.

ved on the farm...not much
extraactivities." said Holthaus
g pep fest was held before the

coming football game along with steal-
ing outhouses.

"We judged to see what the most
attractive out house was", said Holthaus.

Some of the other Homecoming
festivities were seeing how many out-
houses each class could steal, Powder
Puff Football, and Backwards Day. On
Friday it was Purple and White Day and
there was a bon- fire to lead up to the
ever famous Friday night Homecoming
football game.

How

"During half-time at the foot-
ball game, each class made a
float and all were judged
during the parade
around the field."
said Hicks

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Times to be remembered: a stroll down memory lane

Beth Pratt

Staff Writer

Everyone who's been
to Homecoming has a
memory. Whether you've
played in the football game
or been with friends, take
walk down memory lane.

Most are sure to remem-
ber something funny. Maybe
you were yelled at by the princi-
pal or got a surprise just before a
half-time show. "[It] caught me
off guard when my neck strap broke
on my bass clarinet while playing
for marching band," said senior Jeff
Mauk.

Student Council advisor, Laurie
Raymond recalls spending time with
Student Council members after school.

"[We were there for] three
hours after school, blowing up bal-
loons for the kick-off...nobody saw
them go," said Raymond.

Teachers also have memo-
ries of their own high school
Homecomings.

"I had a 1960 Pontiac con-
vertible to use that night," said
business teacher Jerry Melby.

Some have memories on a
more serious side.

"[I was at a McDonald's
when] some chic came flying
through and tried to hit me with
her car on purpose," said senior
Chris Perala.

Most homecoming night-
mares have to do with the opposite
sex.

"I kissed this really gross

guy," said Perala.

Along with the nightmares come
the Homecoming fears.

"[My worst fear would be] get-
ting dumped on Homecoming," said
junior Terry Opay.

While favorite homecoming
memories ranged from dressing guys
up in make-up to having twenty-five
year anniversary kings and queens
come back, the most popular response
was by far school spirit.

"We won!" said junior Jenny
Griffith, summing up last years spirit
raising football game in two words.

If you partied out, stayed in, went
to the dance, or watched the game,
you'll remember those things when
you're old and gray. Hopefully by the
end of this week even more memories
will have been created for future trips
down memory lane.

Mission '93: Persistence, Desire, Dedication

Football

By Natasha Christian

Staff Writer

The Bison football season has barely begun, but with a 2-1 record they've set high, but reachable team goals.

Winning the conference seemed to be a goal both the players and the coaches agreed on.

"First to win the conference, then get a home game for the playoffs," said senior Troy Duerr.

The team has shown improvement in all areas which will contribute in achieving the goals.

"The people we have on the defensive side of the ball re-

ally make it happen," said senior defenseman Pete Miller, "The talent that we have at every position on offense, defense and special teams contribute to our success."

Much of the improvement has come throughout the season, but the off-season work has donated to the success also.

"Our strength and conditioning in the off-season has really made us quicker," said Coach Gerard Rohl.

Although the physical play on the field has improved, many think it's the team unity and closeness off the field that has helped to be successful.

"We've really started to support our own players," said Duerr.

Several players have expressed their concerns that the team could still use improvement, especially the "little" mistakes.

"Real small things, ball handling, tackling, keeping our attitudes positive," said Miller.



Photo by Kaelyn Mc Carty

EARTHQUAKE!

Ken and Cathy

Ken & Cathy

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By Bob Pavlenko

Sports Editor

The swim team this year is shocked and amazed at the fact that fourteen of their members qualified for sectionals this year.

Those who made it are as follows:

8th graders: Erin Mauer and Kristen McCarty

Freshmen: Adrienne Higley

Sophomores: Ali Gartner, Kia Swaggert, Melanie Praught, Kelly Dunn, and Nikki Bemboom.

Juniors: Sarah Ogden, Erin Mauer, Kristen McCarty, Erica Nelson, and Lindsay Mattson.

Seniors: Angie Toso, Kim Kealy, Lisa Marvin, and Shelley Pelzek.

Junior Sarah Ogden comments, "It's starting to get fun now that we're winning".

The team has won two trophies this year, doubling the previous number and instilling confidence in a highly individualized sport.

The swimmers interviewed noted that they have improved dramatically, opposed to

last years team.

The team's current ranking is 4-2, with high hopes for the rest of the season.

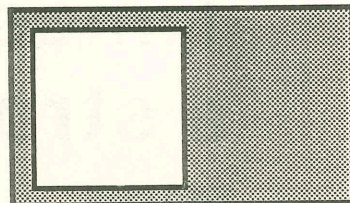
"I just want to go to state" said sophomore Heidi Rebeschke.



As Coach Gerry Bakke looks on, the cross Country team prepares for another meet by running around the school.

Pacing Oneself:

Individual goals closing in on perfection.



By Kirsten Thompson

Staff Writer

The Cross Country season is off to a running start. With three meets under their belt, the teams have set their goals and are ready to meet them.

"The team has set their goals pretty high," said senior Lisa Aro, "The team would like to place in the top three at state."

The boys team has also set high standards for this year.

"Our team goal is to place third or fourth at regions," said sophomore Samuel Hinz.

The teams are showing that these goals aren't that unattainable.

At their first meet, the Apollo Invitational, the boys team placed out of teams, while the

girls team placed out of teams.

The second meet brought them to Monticello where the girls team placed second. The boys team showed strong placing in a field of tough competitors.

"Our toughest opponent is probably Mankato West", said freshman Mike Betker.

At their third meet in Little Falls, the teams did very well with the girls team placing and the boys team placing out of teams.

Individual goals have been set just as high as the team goals this year.

"My individual goal is to get my time under thirteen minutes," said senior Jessica Lilja.

"My individual goal is to defend my title," says Aro.

In October, the teams have three meets. The first is on the 9th in Alexandria, then on to conference championships on the 19th at the Majestic oaks Golf Course, and one is for sectionals on the 28th. After that with luck and a good tailwind, it's on to state.

Sportsmanship is the new goal for Coach Galey

Soccer

By Katie Peters

Staff Writer

With a new coach and a new philosophy based on positive attitude, the soccer team

hopes to go far.

Coach Ried Galey wants to improve the condition of the team along with the team spirit and morale. "Sportsmanship is what I want", said Galey.

The junior varsity team also has a new coach this year. Gregg Adler has filled that position. He also wants to

do a lot of improving of the team as a whole. He has officiated soccer games for the last seventeen years and this is also his first year coaching. Adler teaches agriculture at the senior high.

Ried Galey has been involved in soccer for the last sixteen years. He attended high school in New Mexico and Florida, where he started his soc-

cer career. He then played soccer at North Georgia College. After college he played overseas on local teams in Portugal and Denmark. He is now one of the art teachers at senior high in the afternoons and teaches at the junior high in the mornings.

When asked on his opinion, Galey said, "This is the team that should be winning the games."

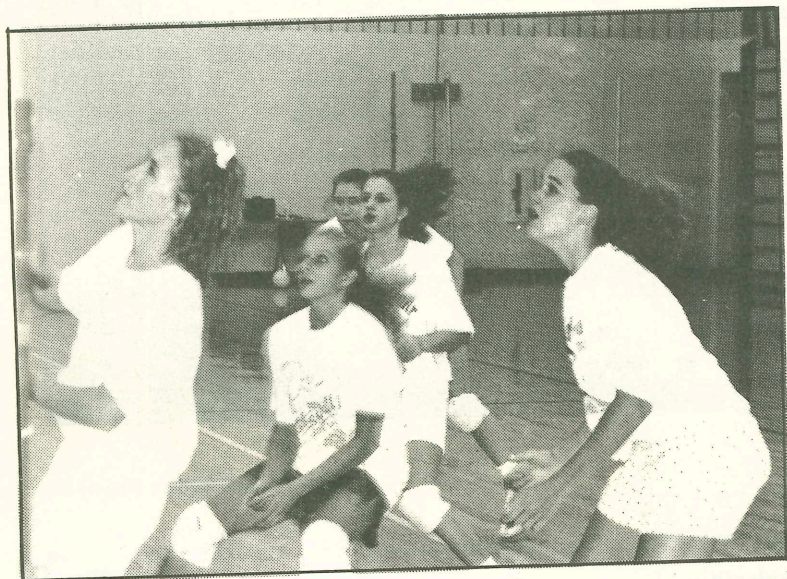


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"Looks like you hit the ball too hard again!"

Volleyball team set for season of hard work, offense, and success

Volleyball

Everyone wants to work hard, play hard, and get to the top.

"We should have hard work both on and off the court," said Axel.

The team is going to work as a group. They will try to unite; one for all and all for one.

"At the beginning of the season it was tough emotionally; a lot of people got moved around, and hopefully at the end of the season we can all play as a team!" said junior Brooke Theisen.

In conference, the team is

1-1. In regular games they are 2-3.

This year's team is younger, but very enthusiastic.

Axel explains one of the differences between this year's and last year's team.

"Last year there were lots of taller girls to hit the ball hard, this year they are quicker and smarter."

Most of the team agrees that they need to be stronger and work on defense, though other elements have improved.

"We have stronger offense and more blocks," said senior Ann Beyer.

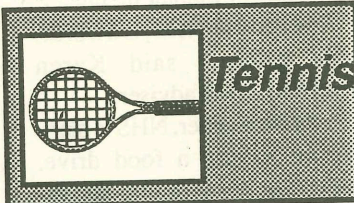
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Staff Writer

A new year, a new team and the varsity team is ready to charge!

Coach Dennis Axel hopes "To play as a team and accomplish our objectives."

Experience, hard work, and unity: The three tools of the tennis team



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The varsity tennis team has started their season in August with positive attitudes and hopes to improve their game.

Charley Keifenheim has coached tennis for 16 years, is con-

fident in this years team.

"I think this year is different than most because this team has experience and they work harder," said Keifenheim.

Most team members said that the most challenging things were the matches.

Senior Nicole Bahneman thought that the toughest competitor was Moundsview.

"There isn't really any challenges because the teams aren't as tough and there isn't a lot of competition," said senior Erica Lundsten.

Some of the team goals are

to win the conference, make the second or third round in regions, and to go to state.

"It is tricky to say who might go to state. I'd have to say Kristine Nelson," said Keifenheim.

Currently, the team is 7-0 in conference and overall 12-2.

"This year we have team unity, with everybody watching each other," said senior Amy Brown.

The varsity team's record is 8-1.

"Tennis is a fun sport to play and the team is close," said senior Rachel Kjellberg.

SPORTS UPDATE

The girls cross country team placed 2nd at Apollo, 2nd at Monticello, 3rd at Little Falls, 2nd at Hutchinson, 4th at Princeton, 2nd at home, and 4th at Swain. Coach Bakke believes they are favored to win the conference meet.

The boys cross country team, in contrast, placed 13th at Apollo, 10th at Monticello, 12th at Little Falls, 6th at Hutchinson, 35th (estimation) at Princeton, and 11th at home (the results were incomplete at the time this column was written).

The tennis team is 12-2 overall and 7-0 in conference with 6 shutouts this season! Coach Keifenheim said that the team is "looking forward to a good regains" and described the team performance as "totally unheard of". In addition, they have recently won North Suburban Conference.

The football team is doing very well, with a 4-1 record and high hopes for the homecoming game tonight.

The swim team is doing very well, with 14 sectional qualifiers and a 4-2 record.

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Downtown feels business crunch

Theresa Button

Staff Writer

The Buffalo community is growing and changing as a result of the variety of businesses that are moving in.

Dave Wilson, from Edward D. Jones, is excited about Buffalo's growth and expansion. "When I first came to Buffalo there was a big division between the downtown and the highway," Wilson said. "We're all one business community and there shouldn't be a division."

Sharon Tokkesdal from Wayne's How-To Store thinks Buffalo's progress is great. "With big business coming, they've made it possible for Buffalo to grow and expand," Tokkesdal said.

People from the Cities are realizing that Buffalo is a place that they like to visit.

"Buffalo is becoming a

more popular bedroom community," Wilson said.

There have been mixed feelings about big businesses like Wal-Mart and Target coming to Buffalo.

Tokkesdal says, "When Wal-Mart came, our customer count dropped, but now it's back up to where it used to be."

Most people think that the downtown gives you personal service, and Wal-Mart fails to do so.

"Everyone that comes through our doors gets greeted and asked if they need help," Tokkesdal said.

Tokkesdal hopes that Buffalo will form a task force with different people from different places to find out what things they think they need and want. This may help small businesses downtown make it.

"[You] need to learn how to compete with the Wal-Marts, Targets, and Pamidas," Wilson said.



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'WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE...' Immense amounts of rain cause the ditch to fill in front of the Chrysler dealership. This summer's excess rainfall caused millions of dollars in flood damage.

NHS wraps up clothing drive; induction date set

BHS gives generously to Salvation Army and Wright County Community Action

By Theresa Button

Staff Writer

The National Honor Society seniors had a clothing drive from September 27 to October 1. They collected new and used clothes which were in good condition. All of the clothes that were donated by the students and staff went to the Salvation

Army and Wright County Community Action.

"I think NHS is a really good organization to help kids become more involved in the community and become more involved in school activities," said senior Lea Ramthun.

NHS is planning a lot of different events this year other than the clothes drive, but the rest

of the activities will include the new members joining this fall.

"I think it [NHS] is a worthwhile group," said Karen Rebischke, NHS adviser.

In November, NHS is planning on having a food drive. People can bring in non-perishable food items, or they can give monetary donations.

Senior Nori Heino said that

she hopes that the NHS can break all of their old food collection records.

As a group project for the month of December, the group is planning to do some work for the elderly.

In January or February NHS is planning on sponsoring the Winter Carnival. The Winter Carnival goes on for one week, with activities much like the ones that go on during Homecoming week, and a big carnival/dance at the end of the week.

"[NHS] is a fun organization," said senior Danielle Nadeau.

NHS is also holding a blood drive in March, for students and

staff who are 17 or 18 years old or over.

"I'd like everyone [in NHS] to be involved [in all of the NHS activities]," said senior Sarah Jatko.

There are many requirements for students that would like to become NHS members. Students need to have at least a 9.5 grade point average. They also get evaluated by their teachers on leadership and character, and how many community service activities they have done.

The NHS inductions are planned for Monday, October 25, at 7:30 pm. They are planning to induct approximately 70 to 80 new members.



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