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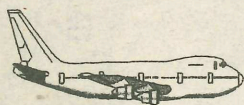
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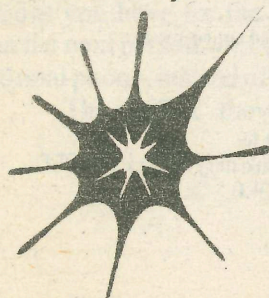
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DECA the "new club on the block"

By Nicole McCrossan
Staff Writer

There is a "new club on the block" making a huge impact in the BHS business department. At the state competition, DECA took second out of 580 students and marketing team took third. The marketing team members included Beth Endres, Liza Macho, Terrae Hudek, and Undria Clifton. Fifth place participants were Cole Demmer and Jill Bremmer in sports marketing. Nate Schuft and Endres were finalists. DECA will be open to anyone who is interested in participating for next year.

DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America, is a club that helps develop life long skills like interviewing, management and marketing. The class role-plays various scenarios that the students then perform for judges to make it on the team. The students will also have to know how to use tactics that will help them in the competition. During competition the students answer general business questions about economics, sales, taxes, and percentages. After the student takes one test, the scores are added up for the role-play judging rounds. At the contest the judges ask the student a series of questions which consist of scenarios such as how they would handle disgruntled customers, or firing employees. The judges rank students on how well they solve the problem.



DECA team members top row L to R: seniors Beth Endres, Liza Macho, junior Lacey Reger, Undria Clifton, bottom row L to R junior Amy Kolasa, senior Cole Demmer, junior Terrae Hudek, and senior Nathan Schuft. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Mike Saari)

Mr. Mike Saari started DECA at Buffalo because he strongly believed in it and he wanted the students to demonstrate their accomplishments. When they went to competition, they had a series of role-plays that dealt with business situations.

"It was really fun," said Macho.

"Outlets of Albertville" bringing 53 stores

By Carrie Kolles
Staff Writer

Shoppers will only have a few more days to wait for the opening of the new outlet mall located in Albertville, Minnesota.

"Outlets of Albertville" will host it's grand opening on April 28, 29, and 30. The first stores in the Outlets of Albertville will open April 17. The mall is located off I-94 and County Road 19, approximately 20 minutes from Buffalo. It has 53 stores ranging from clothing, housewares to books.

The outlet employs about 500 people and most of the job opportunities have been filled. However, there will be more openings in Fall of 2000.

Concert band and choir headed to the Big Apple

By Melissa Gudvangen
Staff Writer

On April 12-17, the concert band and choir will be taking their bi-annual trip to New York City.

They will be leaving on April 12 and are expected to arrive in New York the next day. They are traveling by bus. They will then go to the Hard Rock Café for dinner and to the Empire State Building. On Friday, the band, choir, jazz band, and the BHS singers will be competitively performing at the Riverside Church on the Hudson River. After their performances, they have the choice of going shopping around China town and Little Italy, to a Yankee's game, or to a Broadway show. On Saturday they will be sightseeing around New York and in the afternoon will have the choice of going to a Broadway show or shopping in Central Park. In the evening they will be going to an awards ceremony, and to dinner and a dance on a riverboat cruise. On Sunday morning they will do some touring and then be leaving for Buffalo at about 2:00 in the afternoon. They are expected to arrive home on April 17.

Congratulations to the BHS Knowledge Bowl Team!

They won the NSC Tournament for the 2nd year in a row. Seven schools participated with 18 teams. Buffalo's team #1 won the tournament. Team members include: Alyssa Bakke, Brian Voerding, Mike Stoffel, and Matt Seashore. Teams #2 and #3 took 6th and 9th places. Team members include: Brent Ness, Josh Pratt, Barry Pemberton, Andy Stoffel, Elizabeth Lostetter, Doug Pecarina, Sam Pokorney, and Steve Voerding.

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Congratulations to junior *Kristin Nelson* and sophomore *Torey Greenwood!*

Nelson participated in State Nordic Skiing and Greenwood in State Alpine Skiing.



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Reader's Group helps blind students to read

By Kristina Ecker
Staff Writer

A new group has formed at BHS called The Reader's Group for the Blind.

A group of eight students are split up into two teams of four who trade off reading the newspaper each week. Having two teams makes it easier for members to read in Reader's Group along with the various other activities they are involved in.

Every Thursday, one team will read and record their assigned section of the *Wright County Journal Press*.

"I usually read the obituaries or fill in

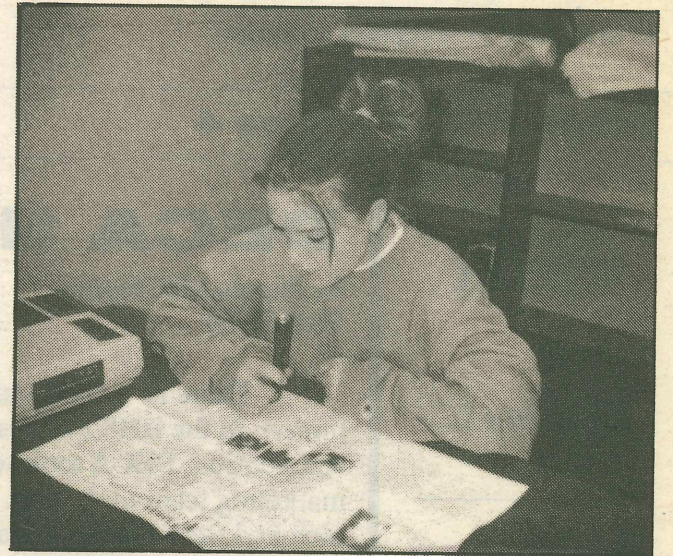
wherever needed," said junior Jessica Marquette.

Reader's Group volunteers are involved mainly for NHS service hours. Also, a few know someone or a relative who was blind.

"My great aunt is blind," said Marquette.

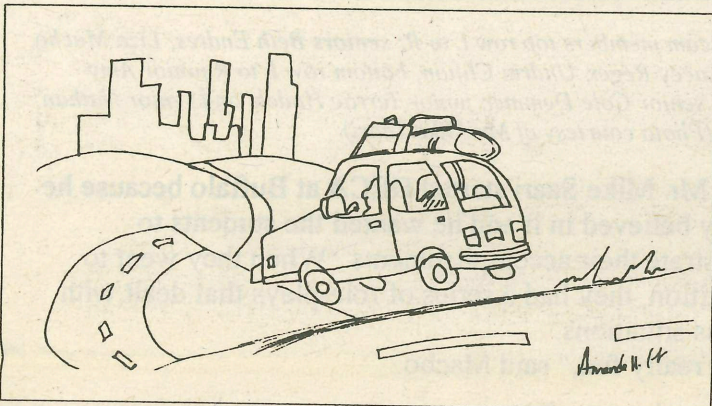
Each week, the tapes recorded with sections of the Headlines, Sports, Features, and News are brought to Ms. Carmel Froemke at Opening Doors to be duplicated.

There is a list of eight people throughout the Wright County area, who are blind that receive the tapes to listen to. The list keeps growing in numbers each week.



Kristina Ecker, a member of the Reader's Group, records text for blind students to listen to. (Photo by Paul Hessler)

Road tripping: BHS students reveal their spring break plans



By Sarah Kothrade
Staff Writer

BHS students packed their bags and headed out the door to many exciting places for Spring Break this year with goals of having a good time and experiencing new things.

Florida was definitely the hot spot this year. Seniors Jill Bremmer, Megan Huston, Abby Harlan, Rachel Kaster, and Sara Szarke headed down to catch rays together this Spring Break.

"This was my first Spring Break Trip!" said Bremmer.

Sophomore Katie Kuzma packed her bag to go to Florida also, but not to suntan. She went to a tennis camp called Bollettieri, which is the birthplace of many tennis champions such as Patrick Rafter.

"I am just going for the experience and I believe it will be valuable for the upcoming seasons and my personal improvement," said Kuzma.

Members of

Church Mission groups were also on the go as juniors, BJ Hermerding, Krissy Manz, and Sarah Dahl hopped down to Mexico to spend their Spring Break experiencing life in the heat. The church had never been there before and they were looking forward to the trip.

A few chose to brave the cold at home. Seniors Melanie Mytling and Carrie Groehler traveled up to Duluth for four days. They wanted to go somewhere quickly,

because of their busy schedules. "Somewhere not far and not a long time, because I have to work during Spring Break," said Mytling.

Sophomore Luke Anderson also went road tripping to the North Shore with his friends. He has been here before and was itching to go back.

"It's a great place to hang out and there is a ton of things to do," said Anderson.

Sophomore, Derek Rosso took an excursion to the Mines with his brother Blake and four friends. He had also been there before and could not wait to get back and have that fishing pole in his hand.

"It's very fun and there is good fishing," said Rosso.

Also, sophomore Dusty Hall pushed his way towards Big Sky, Montana. He loves to snowboard and was eager to return.

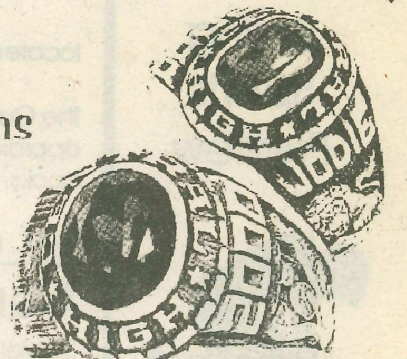
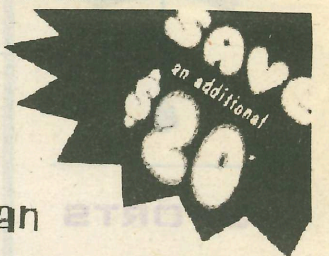
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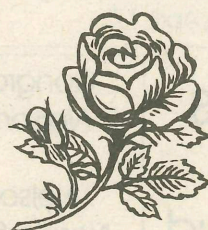
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Negatives of Profile, School to Work discussed

By Megan Gauthier
Staff Writer

If you went sky diving, would you use the best parachute available or the one that you know wouldn't open?

Minnesota's Legislators are shoving students out the door with the latter chute strapped on their backs by implementing the Profile of Learning and School to Work. In a comparison of Minnesota's state averages in reading and math tests to pilot sites' averages, Minnesota was superior each time by a margin of 5-13 percent.

Despite this margin, the Department of Children, Families, and Learning has threatened schools with audits, minimized chances of receiving grants, or the possibility of funding loss if they fail to comply with the above systems. These actions contribute to why School to Work, and the Profile of Learning should be abolished.

Minnesota already had a wonderful education system before the changes were made. We have the second highest number of graduates in America. We score one tenth of a percent behind the highest ACT scores nationwide. We rank among the very top states in national math and science tests as well as PSATs. Why are they trying to change an obviously thriving educational system?

Even if we did have to change our school systems, this shouldn't be the way to do it. For one thing, group work is a major component. Group work is not an efficient way to teach. We all know how it goes - the good students end up doing most (if not all) of the work. When the lower level

students are forced to take an active part in the group's work, the better students are dragged down a notch and graded as such.

The Profile also cuts into class time. In the Higher Algebra class at BHS, two grad standards were thrown in midway through the second quarter, despite protests from teachers. Consequently, juniors and seniors were forced to complete needless work and a few chapters had to be eliminated from the original schedule. In Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus, Those students will be at a disadvantage as a direct result of the Profile.

But the Profile is just the beginning of the problem. Grad standards are the "cornerstone" of another new school system called School to Work. School to Work is intended to prepare students for the workplace. That sounds great until you look at the details.

Texas is a prime example of School to Work's characteristics. They've fully implemented the system in some areas of the state. One policy analyst says that these areas have eliminated the traditional college preparatory education and replaced it with "academically-enriched vocational programs." That means that education becomes nothing more than vocational job training with bits of academics thrown in here and there.

"Now the government will plan your life for you," said Samuel Blumenfeld. "You are steered into a specific vocational area and trained for that a servant of the state, of big government, and the economy. You will not become a highly literate, independent individual."

The government pushes students toward a job for "the greater good of society." They decide

what classes students take and whether they attend college or vocational school. Academics become a thing of the past. The only knowledge that's important is knowledge pertaining to the future career.

To top it all off, School to Work turns students away from education. Our model state, Texas, has a 43 percent dropout rate. This problem has increased 33 percent in the last few years. Texas now has the second lowest high school completion rate in the nation.

All of the problems that I've discussed can be eliminated in one easy step throw out School to Work and the Profile of Learning. Alabama did so, and many organizations strongly agree with their action. The American Federation of Teachers and the Fordham Foundation have nixed the systems. The St. Paul Federation of Teachers voted to abolish grad standards, saying that teachers will experience "exasperation, frustration, and exhaustion" while trying to keep the mountainous records, and that it "may actually lower academic standards." We would then be left with our previous system, which has been proven beyond a doubt to work and to work well.

The objections are out there. Millions of dollars have already been spent on the systems. (Cost to keep them going for the next two years? \$250 million, straight out of taxpayers' pockets.) Throwing them out may leave students currently in grades 8-10 stuck in classes that they didn't want to take but had to in order to fulfill the grad standards. Businesses, especially large ones, may be upset that their future employees won't be prepared for work as well as they would be under School to Work.

All in all, though, what's more important? Some money, a boring class, and a few hours of job training, or the lives of Minnesota's youth? You decide.

Kaia's Column Technology: friend or foe?

By Kaia Hemming
Editor-in-Chief

Cell phones! The modern day technologies of the 21st century. Everything is done at lightning speed. If you're not connected to the net, or if you don't have a cell phone, pager, or fax machine...you're out of the loop. But, cell phones are something society holds very near and dear to their hearts...well actually...ears. They are something most people have glued to their ears 24-hours-a-day-7-days-a-week!

Within the past few years, it doesn't matter who you are or what you do, you have a cell phone. And, they're not just for "emergency usage" if you get stuck out in the snow in a Minnesota winter. They're for regular conversations with everyone you know!

It's not only adults who have the phones either, but also young teenagers and high school students. For the younger people of society, the phones carry a social status with them. If you have a cell phone, you're seen as "cool" and you also are brought to a new level of "richness" because YOU have a cell phone. Also, for the teenagers that have phones, it's not just the fact that you have one. It's also what kind of cell phone you have that matters. If it's not cute, little, and a bright colored Nokia phone, it is just not as cool, especially if it doesn't have games on it. Even the number of options you have for the ring make you "better" than the next person who's phone simply rings like a normal phone, instead of playing Für Elise.

The affect they have on society is

showing. In the recent movie "Hanging Up" centers around their phones and how they are constantly on them. And, they are all the stereotypical cell phone users, "women of importance," driving nice cars and wearing black designer clothing. The whole moral to the movie was that they needed to "hang up" their cell phones and attend to their real lives that were being neglected and deal with their aging father. A "touching" scene in the movie was when Meg Ryan's character ripped all of the phones out of her house because she could never get away from them and find some peace in her life.

Maybe we all can learn an important lesson from this. Is the rise of technology really improving our society or is it truly our downfall? Are we spending too much time with our technology?

The list goes on with: phones, cell phones, pagers, fax machines, computers, Internet, email, or online chatting, and soon to come wireless Internet...we should be attending to the people at the other end of the connection and have some real-life experiences. We should "hang up" our phones and pay some attention to humanity and not worry about spending all of our waking hours working or planning our social lives. It's time to question technology before it gets out of hand because once we've gone too far, it's too late to turn back.

Cell phones are "money" and "importance." Because if you have one, you must be rich, you must be important because people are constantly calling you, and you must have a great social life. Cell phones separate the rich and important people from those who are "out of touch" with society because they don't have a phone and obviously aren't busy

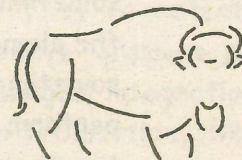
enough or important enough. Nowadays if you don't have a phone, most people think you're nuts and ask... "How can people ever reach you?"

It's time to hang up our phones and spend some time prioritizing things in life and paying attention to what is really important.

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Religion

Wicca

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"Yeah, I practice Magik. So?"

"So... you worship Satan?" Wicca is a misunderstood form of paganism, not Satanism!

"Wicca is not devil worship, Wiccans don't even believe in Satan," said Amber Kirkham, a Buffalo High School Freshman.

Popular culture says that any belief system that has multiple divine beings must be morally wrong, or evil, since so many people accept the notion that there is one true God. If only people could understand that others have different beliefs, things could be different. Here are some basics.

Wicca, more commonly known as witchcraft (although many Wiccans, people who practice Wicca, find the term offensive), is a religion. The basic pillar of the faith is that everything has power, and that to use that power one only needs to ask the object in the right way. Wiccans use spells (similar to prayers- like lighting a prayer candle) and prayers to ask various gods/goddesses for help in accomplishing things. These things are not usually things that could be proven by science, like protection, telepathy, and increased knowledge. If a spell works, it is called Magik. The unifying rulers of the Wiccan world are the god and goddess who created the world. Below them in power are all the other gods and goddesses, their children. For Catholics, this is similar to God having supreme authority, while sometimes one might pray to a Saint for help in that Saint's area of expertise. Wicca is very inclusive of cultural diversity, in that you could call on Sita, Hindu goddess of wisdom, or Athena, Greek goddess of wisdom, for help with the same thing. Most Wiccans use parts of various religions as part of their own.

Traditionally, Wicca has attracted females who care about the environment, women's rights, and feel they have little personal power.

"I started a Circle for spiritual development and [to gain] personal power," said Fire Dragon, a BHS Freshman. (The people quoted in this story asked that their given names not be used, because of the stigma attached to Wiccans. Instead, they asked that we use their ceremonial chosen names.)

In Wicca, the goal is to achieve balance in the world. Wiccans sometimes form groups of four or five people, one to represent each of the elements-fire, air, water, earth, and spirit. These covens (Circles) sometimes include many more people. These Circles meet together to perform rituals, celebrate holidays, and to cast spells. Working together increases the power base for spells.

"Black magic" is not a part of Wicca. Any spell designed to hurt another would be "black magic." All Magik must be for a just cause to work. If a member of a Circle indulges in "black magic," it tends to taint the entire Circle and the other members' spells.

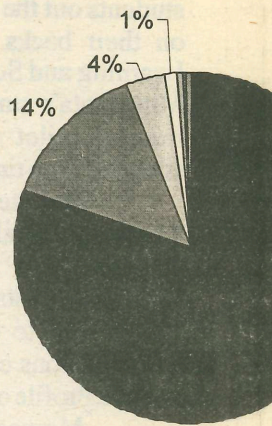
"It is a problem, to make the gods angry at your Circle," said Dianna, also a BHS Freshman, "Then none of your spells work, or they don't work as well."

Wicca has holidays just like most other religions. For Wiccans the way the Earth moves, the contrast between light and dark, illustrate the contrast between good and indifference. The major Wiccan holidays are traditional pagan feasts like Yule, Samhain, and Beltaine (celebration is left up to the individual), the equinoxes, and the solstices. All of these holidays celebrate the seasons and their changes.

Wiccians are a growing part of the faith community here at Buffalo High School. No one is sure how big, because many Wiccans are still in the "broom closet."

"All we want is the freedom to practice our religion as we see fit," said Kirkham, "It is difficult to be open about one's religion when people jump to conclusions about the meaning of Wicca."

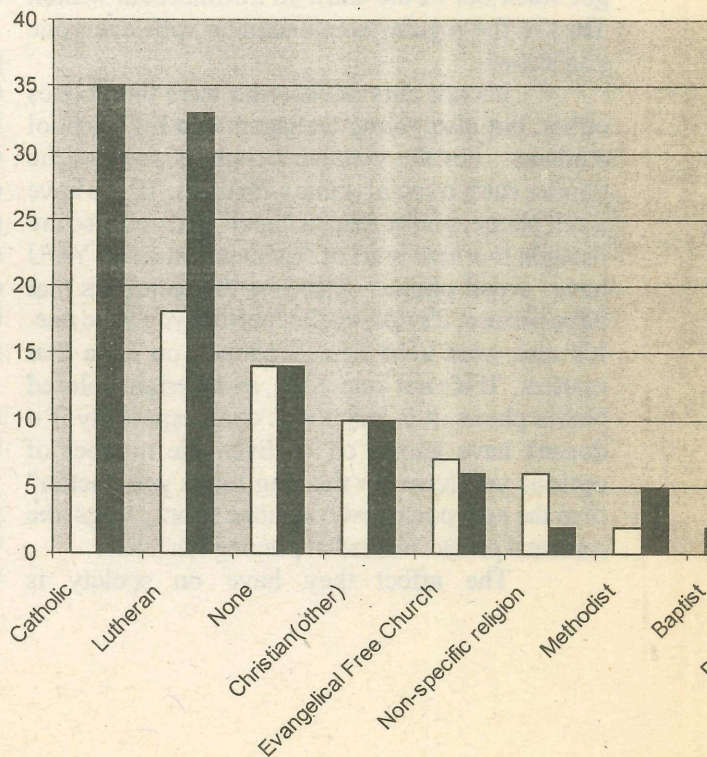
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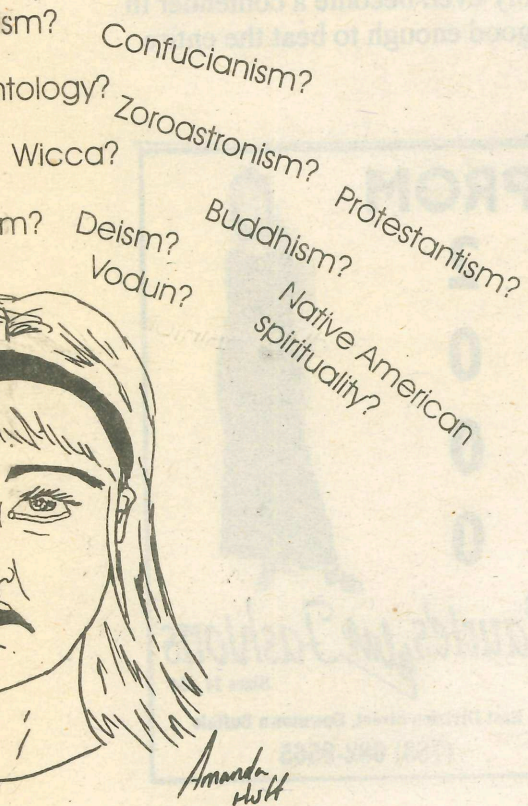
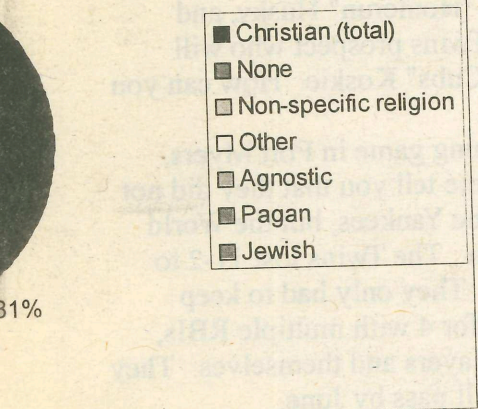
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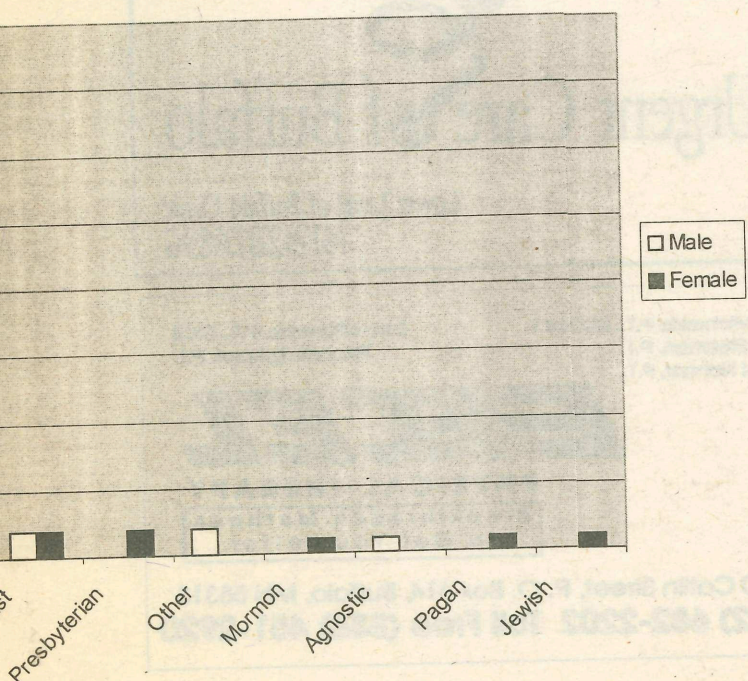
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Religious Music in School

By Melissa Gudvangen and Nick Ehrenberg
Staff Writers

Beautiful harmonious voices float from the PAC. A male steps up to the microphone to sing a wonderful solo. The music is a religious song, as is the majority of the music at the concert, but the auditorium is filled with all different types of people.

At BHS, is there a separation between religion and school, or is school a free place to express religion? While most people don't use the school as a way of promoting religion, many people do. It doesn't appear to bother the majority. The BHS Music Department is a good example of religion in our schools. Several of the choir pieces that the group sings during the year are religious, such as "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." When people confront choir director Mr. Mike Walsh about the music, they often ask why they don't perform more religious pieces.

"We have a community that is tolerant of religious expression," said Walsh. "Religious music is for musical reasons, not religion; representative of history or musical style."

The Band Department also performs Christian selections. Last year the Concert Band performed "Amazing Grace" arranged by Robert W. Smith at the Showcase Concert. It was a piece that was wonderfully written and was pulled out again this year to express the sorrow that was felt with the death of Mr. Pat Sonju. It has lots of meaning to many people and they enjoy performing similar pieces. In music anywhere, whether its rock or jazz, much of it is based on religion and students bring it to school because its "cool."

"Music has established religion-it's integrated-you can't separate it from itself," said band director Mr. Lee Kjesbo.

The state also supports religious music. It's appropriate as long as the music has historical or musical values that stay true to the religion and the concepts of the music taught without discriminating anyone else.

Along with the music, there are also Christian groups that meet at school or are promoted through school. These groups include the Youth Bible Study Group and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). There is also another side of the story, one where people are furious that religious music is used in schools. They repeatedly complain about the concepts contained and create answers to questions. This side includes the people who have unequal integration of religion and school because their religion isn't Christian, like Paganism, or maybe because they are Atheist. "Religious music bugs me! It's nice to sing to God, but they should do a little more variety too," said freshman Marie LeVair.

The music in our schools contains plenty of religious messages. The importance of God during the school day seems to grow faster by the minute. But there are people in the distance who believe that religion should not be practiced through music, and their voices are rising.

A story on Atheism was planned by the *Bison Stampede* staff, however parents of students interviewed requested the interviews not be published.

Sports Talk

By Sam Pokorney
-Sports Editor

When people think of the Minnesota Twins lately they usually associate them with losing. For the past seven years, the Twins have not had a winning season. Many people are looking for more of the same from them this season. Sports Illustrated has predicted the will have the worst record in all of baseball for the 2000 year and who can really argue with them? Their oldest player is Ron Coomer, and he is only in his early thirties. The second oldest player is LaTroy Hawkins at the ripe age of 25. The Twins have all the characteristics of a losing team in this day and age; inexperience and lack of offense. But, I think that people are mistaken about them. I think the Twins may find the 2000 season as a successful one.

The main reason for my prediction is that manager Tom Kelly may be the best in baseball. I guarantee that if any other manager in baseball were given what Kelly has to work with, they could not win nearly as much as the Twins do. Now, I am definitely not saying the Twins will win their division, or even come in second, but a third place finish in the American League Central is a



The Twins: Not as bad as you may think

very realistic possibility in my mind. Cleveland will win it as usual, and Detroit will most likely take second, but then it's wide open. The Twins could do it. Just look at their roster (nicknames not official), they have 1999 All-star Ron "The Boomer" Coomer, 20 game winner "Rad" Brad Radke; new outfielder Butch "Homerun" Husky, and rookie infielder Corey "Yet another Twins prospect who will improve and then be traded to the Cubs" Koskie. How can you lose with a lineup like that?

I saw the Twins play a spring training game in Fort Myers, Florida over spring break, and let me tell you that they did not look good that day. They played the Yankees, but the World Champs only had half of their team. The Twins lost 11-2 to Bernie Williams and Paul O'Neill. They only had to keep those two guys from both going 4 for 4 with multiple RBIs, but they didn't. They got by two players and themselves. They made rookie mistakes, but those will pass by June.

The talent that they have on the team is good enough that with a little time, the Twins will possibly even become a contender in the coming years. They may even be good enough to beat the entire Yankees roster.

Spring Sports are Springing into Action

By Jessica Rich
Staff Writer

Spring has finally arrived and it's time for the Buffalo High School spring sports season to start again. The girls' golf team, track and field team, and softball team are some of the sports that are just beginning.

Track and Field

This year the track and field team is looking forward to a great year with team players willing to work hard and put forth the effort needed.

"I think we will be better than last year's team as a whole. We have some athletic guys and girls joining and some great underclassman coming up," said junior BJ Hermerding.

The team is not dwelling on the past even though they lost some good seniors last year. They are planning on becoming a stronger team with the new seniors.

"We didn't lose too many seniors from last year. Even if we did, I don't think that would affect our team too much because we have a lot of experienced runners. All the competitors on the team work hard and try hard to do better every time they do something," said freshman Jill Brager.

The team has high hopes for this upcoming season. The Track and

Field team is preparing itself for anything by putting forth hard work and dedication.

Girls Golf

The girls' golf team is looking forward to one of its best seasons this year. There are also a high number of people trying out for the team.

"The girls are looking to have their best season ever as we have eleven returning Varsity and Junior Varsity players as well as six returning letter winners," said Coach Corey Larson.

There are a few new ideas that the team has to prepare for the upcoming season.

"The main idea for us to be as good as we can be is practice, practice, practice. Golf can be practiced on the player's own time. As a coach, we try to lead the girls in the right direction but ultimately it is up to the individual to improve their golf game.

The Coach believes there are a number of reasons why such a large number of girls went out for the golf team this year.

"I feel there are three factors for such a high turnout. These are (1) golf is becoming popular because people are finding it as a life time sport, (2) because of the success of the Middle School program with golf lessons in the

summer, and (3) high success of our girls individuals and as a team," said Larson.

The team will achieve all their goals this season if they dedicate their time to the sport and give it their all.

Softball

There are still a few things to be said about softball and the expectations of the team this season.

"I expect the girls to play as well as they possibly can every chance they get and I think the returning girls will bring back a lot of competitiveness," said

Coach Dave Alto. This is going to be Coach Alto's last year here at BHS and he is looking forward to making it a successful one. "I am always trying to better myself and try new things to improve my coaching styles. I am excited for this year as well as every year because every year is special, unique and different," said Alto.

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Game Show Phenomenon

By Jeff Gyllen
Staff Writer

Game shows are a common staple of television. People winning money and prizes, charismatic hosts that always know the right answer, and the right things to say, appeal to the American population like a good steak. A few years back, some of the best game shows tapered off, lost popularity, and were canceled. Some of the more popular ones, including Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, and The Price is Right, weathered the storm for a small spot on the major network's midday lineups.

Then, about a year ago, a revolution came. A brand new television quiz show, to be aired in Great Britain with normal people trying to win a prize never even dreamed of on television before that time. One Million Dollars. When the show first aired, it was a gigantic success, and was soon brought across the pond here to America.

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire started the return of the prime time game shows. It had been quite a while since any prime time game show had stuck and held like this money-throwing romp hosted by Regis Philbin.

In the wake of the huge success of the British and American shows, other major networks rushed to keep up with the growing trend. Fox developed Greed, CBS thought up Winning Lines, and NBC started a revival of the scandalous Twenty-One. Could any of these efforts recreate the popularity of ABC's hit? Could the old-school quiz show "Jeopardy," whose highest give-away ever was about \$100,000, stand up to the new breed? Will anyone besides me confirm that "Win Ben Stein's Money" is the best show on television? Before you sit in the hotseat, feel the need for greed, and ponder these questions, just remember this one thing: "Is that your final answer?"

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

Network: ABC

Host: Regis Philbin

Highest prize possible: \$1,000,000

Angle: Players work their way up to \$1,000,000 by answering 15 questions of increasing difficulty.

Gimmick: Regis

Pros: Regis Philbin is a great host, and is very good with the contestants

Cons: Show accused of being too easy

Final Rating (out of 10): 9

It's a great show to watch, and play along with. Regis keeps it interesting.

Greed

Network: FOX

Host: Chuck Wollery

Highest prize possible: \$2,000,000

Angle: Teams of 5 players compete with, and against each other in this race for money

Gimmick: "Terminator" round in which a player can be kicked off the team, and another player gets their earnings.

Pros: Team game is a very good aspect of the show

Has highest winnings possible

Cons: Show seems the same every time Not a very good host

Final Rating: 7

It's fun to watch the players eliminate each other, and it would be nice to win that much money.

Winning Lines

Network: CBS

Host: Dick Clark

Highest prize possible: \$1,000,000

Angle: Starting with 49 people, and whittling it down to one, CBS wants to give away more millions in this number-based show, culminating at the gigantic Wonderwall.

Gimmick: Home game in which viewers can win \$50,000, but only if their phone number matches the seven random numbers chosen during the show.

Pros: Home game is a good idea, very random

Second round elimination is good

Cons: Too much about numbers, so contestants have to be good with math

Final Rating: 6

It could be much better, and the Wonderwall isn't that wonderful. Home game is the only redeeming factor.

Twenty-One

Network: NBC

Host: Maury Povich

Highest prize possible: Contestants can keep playing for unlimited amount of time

Angle: Revival of the popular 50's game show, this scandalous offering pits players 1-on-1 to get more points by answering questions.

Gimmick: The Isolation Chamber that the contestants have to stand in at all times, so they don't know the other player's

Pros: Contestants can keep coming back

The history makes the show more popular

Cons: Maury is not a very good host.

Final Rating: 7

The show is based on good ideas, but it lost something in the execution, and Maury is just the wrong guy to host.

Jeopardy

Network: Syndicated

Host: Alex Trebek

Highest prize possible: players can come back for 5 consecutive games, and winnings rarely exceed \$100,000

Angle: Three contestants go head on to answer fast-paced questions in three rounds of play.

Gimmick: All answers must be in the form of a question.

Pros: 16 years and still going strong

fast-paced play means that contestants don't have time to think

Cons: Too Hard?

Final Rating: 9

Challenging, fast-paced, and exciting. What more can I say?

Win Ben Stein's Money

Network: Comedy Central

Host: Ben Stein/Jimmy Kimmel

Highest prize possible: \$5,000

Angle: Players compete in a sick combination of "Jeopardy" and "You Don't Know Jack" to win Ben Stein own money. Players are eliminated one by one until the final showdown, which pits the knowledge of the contestant with Ben Stein himself.

Gimmick: You can actually win the money of Ben Stein.

Pros: It's so very funny, and the hosts are perfect jerks.

Cons: Not much money, and being on a smaller network doesn't help.

Final Rating: 9

This is a hilarious show, and anybody with Comedy Central should not miss it.

Questions taken from "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Online Game"

http://abc.go.com/primetime/millionaire/mill_ho me.html

\$1,000 question

What is the center division of a backgammon board called?

A. Runner

B. Bar

C. Point

D. Spine

\$1 Million

How many locks must a ship navigate to go through the Suez Canal?

A. Zero

B. 1

C. 4

D. 12

Question taken from "Jeopardy Online"

<http://www.jeopardy.com>

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Spring Musical

Anything Goes, the spring musical, will be performed on Thursday through Saturday, April 13-15 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, April 16 at 2:00pm. Come to watch the festivities of singing and dancing performed by BHS students. Directed by Tracy Derry.

Answers to Game Show Questions: Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? \$1000 Question: B-Bar \$1 Million Question: A-Zero Jeopardy: California

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Comic by John Pavlik

To win on America's Funniest Home Videos is luck, but to survive is a whole new ballgame.

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As you sit down to eat in the beautiful candlelight, the stained glass on the ceiling and paintings on the walls make a very quiet and warm atmosphere.

When you walk into TJ's of Annandale, the hostess seats you in the large dining room, lit dimly with candlelight. There is a large picture window overlooking beautiful Clearwater Lake. It also has a very rustic feel to it.

On the menu they have a wide variety of foods. We started out with an appetizer, ham and cheese balls, and they were excellent. They also have a wide variety of beverages like pop, and other non-alcoholic drinks. We then received a salad that was wonderfully crisp and tasty.

After a very short ten minute wait we received our main meal. We had ordered chicken with BBQ sauce and with a baked potato. We also ordered an 8-oz. sirloin with French fries. They were both very tender and the chicken was well seasoned. The breadsticks that came with it were soft and chewy with a vegetable oil flavor to them. Overall, the meal was very acceptable. We enjoyed the quiet atmosphere a lot. We gave this restaurant 3 1/2 stars out of 5.

Take Highway 12 from Buffalo into Annandale. Turn right at the fourway by Holiday. Follow the road about three miles until you come to another fourway on the outside of Anandale. Turn right and follow the road around the lake until you come to TJ's.

WHO ARE THEY NOW?



The Bison Stampede is offering a prize to anyone who can identify the present teachers during their childhood years. Last issue, we had photos of band director Mr. Kjesbo and geometry teacher Mrs. Rebischke. Nobody answered those correctly, so we are carrying the prize over to this issue. Write your answers along with your name and grade, and drop it into the box in the office. We will announce the winner within two weeks of distribution date. Good luck!

Ms. Janelle Ree and Mr. Mike Munson got engaged on March 14th

They have been together for a year and four months and both have Harley Davidson's motorcycles. Their story of how they got engaged is not an average "he-got-down-on-one-knee" and asked her to marry him.

"On one of the two days we had off for fog days we drove down to the Shane Company, picked out a ring and went back to get it on the 14th of March. I walked out of the store with the ring on and he hadn't asked me to marry him yet. I said 'This is a really nice ring.' He was like 'yeah' and I said 'Are you ever gonna ask me to marry you?' He looked at me and said, 'Well you got the ring, you should know.' And I said, 'oh really?' So, we got in the truck and I asked 'Are you ever gonna ask me to marry you?' He said 'Fine, I will.' He looked at me and said, 'Well, you wanna get hitched?' And I said, 'Okay!'"

There aren't any specific plans for a wedding, but it will be a small wedding with mostly family.



Engagements

On March 11, Ms. Tracy Denny and Mr. Tom Mroz (above, right) went to Minnehaha Falls where, at the bottom of the falls, Mroz pulled out a vending machine egg with an engagement ring inside.

He asked, "Will you marry me?" And tearfull, Denny replied, "Yes. I will!"

At the end of school this June they plan to move to Chicago and be married Oct. 9 in a large Catholic ceremony.

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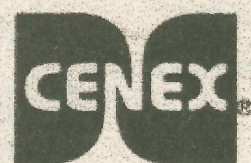


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