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Seniors provide leadership

Dedicated teachers retire from BHS

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Graduation is approaching rapidly; the day when not only the seniors will say good-bye to each other, but the day when the principals and teachers will say good-bye to the seniors as well. During the past four years, many have come to think of the Class of '99 as being a very close-knit, friendly class.

"This year's senior class has been an excellent class. They have provided lots of leadership, and have set the tone for the 9th graders as well as for the whole school," said Principal Nick Miller.

During the last four years, students have gotten to know teachers on more of a personal basis and many have come to build close friendships with them. Seniors have also been through many changes, such as a new school, classes, teachers, friends and even personalities.

"The change that comes over in four years is unbelievable," said Miller. "When the students first came into the school, there were obvious clicks and students were preoccupied with appearance. Now the seniors dress how they want to and are friends with who they want to be friends with," said Miller.

According to Miller, it is hard to compare the Class of 1999 to other seniors classes because "every class brings with it its strengths, weaknesses, and challenges." However, to him, there is one thing that really stood out about the Senior Class of '99.

"One thing that stood out

for me was their real maturity and friendliness. You walk up to the senior lockers and everyone is friendly and says 'Hi,'" said Miller.

A challenge that arose for Miller this school year was the T-shirt situation this fall, when some seniors wore T-shirts that were inappropriate during Homecoming week. Consequently, Miller had to make some very difficult calls.

"The T-shirt thing was tough. It was very difficult for me to deal with. You do not want to be in those situations where you have to make a hard call. I feel that my relationship with the senior class is good though, I didn't feel any tension with them," said Miller.

Another challenge that Miller is currently faced with is informing certain seniors that they will not be able to graduate. For him, this is probably the most difficult task.

"Informing some seniors that they can't graduate is really difficult. It is very emotional and dramatic. That's the hard thing about being a principal, you have to make the hard calls," said Miller.

For those graduating, there will be an All-Night Graduation party after the ceremony, which will be held at the High School. It is not only a night filled with many different emotions, but also a night for the entire Senior Class to be together.

"It's the last big gathering of the class," said Miller. "It is never going to happen again; where they are all together. Seniors want this last time to talk, laugh, cry and visit."

After a combined 169 years of teaching, five teachers from BHS are retiring at the end of the year. Special education teacher Mrs. Elaine Holt, math teacher Mr. Gerry Hegge, German and social studies teacher Mrs. Maija Zaeska, English teacher Mrs. Jean Pehl and business teacher and golf coach Mr. Pete Specht will all be leaving school after this year. These teachers have been at BHS for the past 32 or more years sharing their lives and knowledge with all the students that have passed through their doorways.

"I know I'll miss contact with the students," said Holt. "When you work with the same students for four to five years you get emotionally attached and I feel sad when I know they're not going to be a part of my daily life."

Students learn from teachers, but throughout their years of teaching these teachers have learned from students as well. Sometimes the teaching and learning go beyond the facts and information, teachers and students can teach each other about life.

"They've helped me to see or know that you shouldn't judge a person by their innate intelligence, but by personality, actions and how caring and kind a person is," said Holt. "Some of the nicest people I've ever known have been my students."

Working with younger people can give teachers a different outlook on things and it can teach them how to adapt to different situations.

"Teaching gave me a broader view on life, trying to



Photo by Leanne Turnquist

Mrs. Denise Wahlin-Fiskum and Mr. Gerry Hegge sing along with Staff Infection at the Retirement Celebration.

understand variety and diversity. Students have also forced me to really develop my sense of humor," said Zaeska.

These five individuals have

a passion for what they do. Interaction with students and teens has been a part of their daily life for the past three decades.

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Student Appreciation Day

Schedule for May 28

Block 1: 7:45-9:05

Block 2: 9:13-10:33

Block 3: A and B Lunch-10:38-11:30

Class-11:35-12:26

C and D Lunch-11:35-12:26
Class-10:38-11:30

Block 4: 12:34-1:30

1:30-Yearbook signing time and ice cream
treats available in the Cafeteria

Dismissal: 2:20

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Retiring teachers

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"I like teaching young people," said Pehl. "I know I'm not the best English teacher on our faculty, but I think I'm a good teacher of people and I like it."

When these teachers retire, their last day will be like almost any other last day, except for the fact that they won't be coming back in the fall.

"It won't be much different from any other last day, I'll be giving lots of tests," said Hegge.

Retiring is becoming a reality to the teachers now as the end of the year is rapidly approaching.

"I'll probably cry. I'm going to miss BHS; I felt like I fit it," said Pehl.

Working with teenagers as a career is something that may be thought of as challenging for some, but most that choose to work with teenagers do it because they love young people.

"I'm going to miss the kids," said Zaeska. "I love teens, I think they're the neatest."

Facing the last day will be hard for many of the teachers. Emotions are uncertain for teachers and they aren't sure of what is in store for their future.

"I'm going to face my last day with mixed emotions: sad that I'm leaving what has been a big part of my life for that past 32 years and also with anticipation and anxiety about my future," said Holt.

To most people, teaching high school may seem intimidating, but high school teachers see something beyond the stereotypes about teens.

"In the eyes of the public, who aren't educators, they hear about the 'bad' apples who get the publicity," said Specht. "Young people are underrated. Young people are very good."

Graduation June 4, 1999

Practice: Thursday, June 3 at 9 a.m.

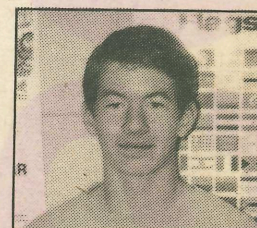
Ceremony: Friday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. in gymnasium

Seniors please arrive by 6:45 p.m.

*Seniors are asked **not** to drive, but to be dropped off by their family because of past problems with not enough parking space. Being dropped off will alleviate this problem.

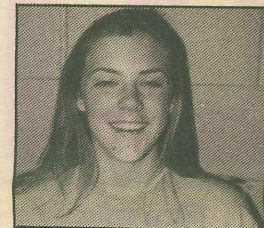
*Seniors should be dropped off in the front of the school, then families may park on the opposite side in the North parking lot.

How have the teachers that are retiring impacted your life or education?



"Mrs. Pehl actually got me interested in English. Before I took her class, I hated English, but then when we did a play of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, I loved it."

-Junior Anthony Halvorson.



"Frau Zaeska made learning German fun! She was always open to new ideas and possibilities, something I would like to be when I get older."

-Junior Liza Macho



"Mr. Specht has been a very good teacher throughout my high school career. He has always been able to get me to smile when I am having a bad day. He has taught me a lot, and I have always loved learning from him."

-Junior Nathan Schuft



"Math is one of my worst subjects, but Mr. Hegge made math class a little less frustrating for me. I was able to be proud of the work I did in the classes I had with him."

-Junior Amy Hietanen

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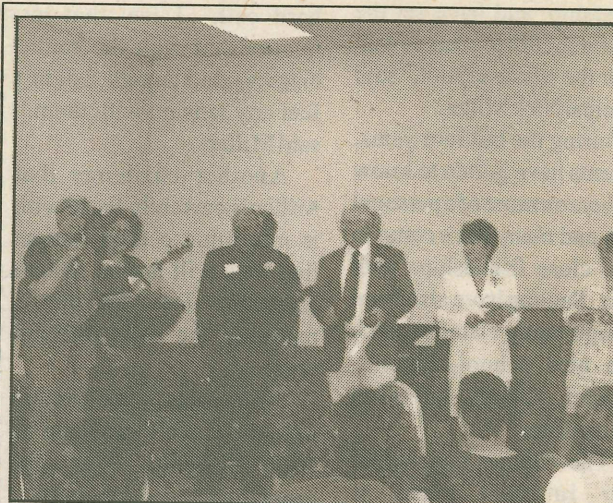


Photo by Leanne Turnquist

The five faculty members that are retiring from BHS take turns improvising to a song by Staff Infection at the Retirement Celebration given in their honor. English teacher Mrs. Denise Wahlin-Fiskum emcees while (left to right) Mrs. Majia Zaeska, Mr. Pete Specht, Mr. Gerry Hegge, Mrs. Elaine Holt and Mrs. Jean Pehl sing along.

Teachers retiring:

German and Social Studies teacher Mrs. Majia Zaeska-33 years

Special Education teacher Mrs. Elaine Holt-32 years

Math teacher Mr. Gerry Hegge-36 years

English teacher Mrs. Jean Pehl-33 years

Business teacher and golf coach Mr. Pete Specht-35 years

The Bison Stampede

Cafe 22 adds to Buffalo night life entertainment

By Kaia Hemming

Editor-in-Chief

Café 22, sponsored by United for Youth (UFY), is a summer coffeehouse that will open on June 18. They will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m.-midnight and Sundays 3-10 p.m. The Buffalo Community Center is where it will be located.

"The fact that there didn't seem to be a place for kids to hangout brought up the idea of opening a coffeehouse, a place for kids to hangout and be safe, because there's no special space for them in the community," said UFY coordinator Karen Voth.

For most teenagers, there are not many options for entertainment in Buffalo on the weekends. Café 22 is trying to open that up so people can have a place to go to just hang out.

"We need a well-known place with character that people can go to just to sit around and have fun," said junior Laurie Auger.

The name for Café 22 came from Café because it's a coffeehouse and "22" because when the numbers from District 877 are added they total "22." "22" is significant because Café 22 is going to be part of the Buffalo/Hanover/Montrose community.

"We hope that it will appeal to the full range of Buffalo/Hanover/

Montrose youth and that we'll be able to vary the music and entertainment with all kinds of interests," said Karen Voth.

Coffee, cold refreshments and snacks will be available at Café 22 at prices to fit a high schooler's budget. There will be music playing in the background, some board games laying on tables to play and two pool tables for usage, if you pay a small fee. Live acts will be a large part of the entertainment. Local bands and individuals, open mic nights and poetry slams will be featured.

"The only real things to do in Buffalo is see a movie or go bowling," said junior Jon Voth. "Café 22 will be a good place for kids to get together and have a groovin' good time."

Café 22 will be open to people of all ages, but targeted toward middle school and high school students. And, as with most coffee shops, it will be tobacco, drug and alcohol free.

Currently there are a few youth involved in the planning of Café 22. Youth are going to be playing a large role in the planning. To make it all come together for the summer and keep it going, more volunteers will be needed.

"It will be a place for them, [youth] we want them to have input on what will be there," said Karen Voth. "We are very open to suggestions and getting more people involved."

Cary resigns from Yearbook

By Lori Omann

Eds/Ops Editor

As the end of the year approaches, many good-byes will be said. It's time to move on, not only for seniors, but also for some teachers. Yearbook adviser Mrs. Vicki Cary, will not be saying good-bye to BHS, but to a position which she has held for nine years. She will be leaving her position as the adviser for the Tatanka Yearbook Staff and moving on to different things.

"I decided before the year started that this was going to be my last year," said Cary. "I needed to try other things and pick a time when I still love what I do."

The decision to leave the position, after nine years, did not come easy to Cary. It took a lot of thought and careful consideration. Even now, she says it'll be hard for her to leave.

"I have mixed emotions about it. That's why I wanted to decide before the school year started because I knew I would chicken out if I didn't," said Cary.

Of all the things associated with the yearbook, Cary said that she will miss the students most. In yearbook class it is a more relaxed environment, and since the class is three terms, she has a much better opportunity to get to know her students.

"It's going to be hard to replace

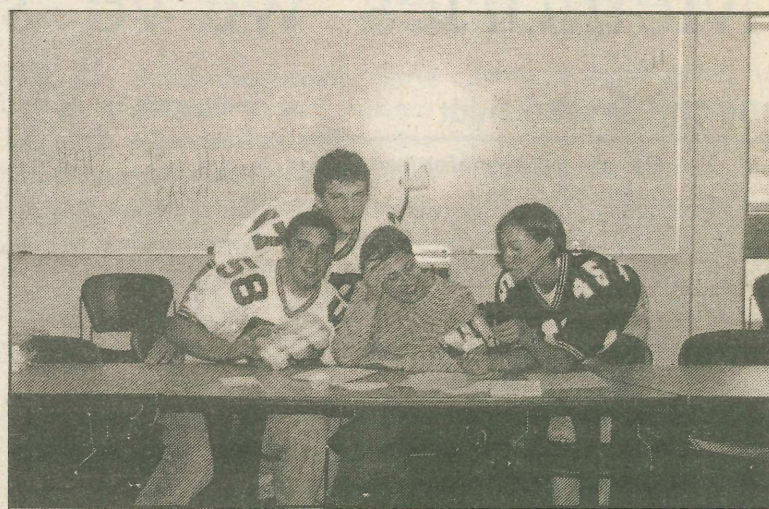


Photo courtesy of Tatanka yearbook

Mrs. Vicki Cary discusses yearbook business with (clockwise) senior Ed Schult, senior Katie DuSchane, and junior Dave Macalena.

the relationships with the students in this class," said Cary. "It becomes more of a relationship between a coach and his players than one between a teacher and their students."

Although she will miss many aspects, there are a few things that she will not miss at all. Those are mostly associated with deadlines.

"I won't miss the constant little headaches of it and always worrying about things," said Cary.

Moving on will be difficult for Cary, but next year she will be keeping very busy with the other classes that she will be teaching, such as college prep writing, mass media, and senior independent research project (inquiry). She will

keep herself set apart from the yearbook so the new adviser can take over and commented that students should go to the new adviser with questions, not her; but if the adviser has any questions, she'll be happy to help.

"I'm not going to be involved next year," said Cary. "But, I'll be there to answer any questions that the adviser would have, and I'll be there as a support person for the new adviser."

When she leaves her position, Cary will walk away with many fond memories. According to Cary, this past year has been an excellent one for her and the staff, and she hopes that they will be recognized with awards for the work they did.

Cafe 22

Friday and Saturday Hours:
7-midnight

Sunday Hours:
3-10 p.m.

Location: Buffalo
Community Center

Interested in volunteering or
getting more information?

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682-8407

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How and when do I get my yearbook?

If you already paid for your
yearbook:

Find the table for your grade.

If you still owe money:

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remaining amount. (You will receive
a notice if you owe money)

What if I didn't order a
yearbook?

There will be extras and you may
pick up a ticket from Mrs. Cary on
May 28. Go to B-202 June 1 during
AAA for a raffle. You must be
present, with a check or cash for \$45
to receive your yearbook.

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"Well, I guess this is growing up." -Blink 182

Memories we've shared; lessons we've learned

By Christina Schmidt

People & Entertainment Editor

"People say you change many times in the course of your teenage years, and that your time in high school will teach you lessons you will never forget. I think they were referring to classrooms, friends and football fields." -Anonymous

We have been counting down to the last day of ever attending school. We are eager to throw our books out and abandon our lockers. We are dreaming of what lies before us, and reminiscing about what we've left behind. All our lives we have looked forward to this...so what have we learned?

I know what I've learned can't be found in any textbook, equation or test. The lessons I will take with me as I leave are social, and come from the handful of people who cared enough to help me realize the important things in life. No matter how bitter or sweet, the lessons I've learned have all made an impact and will be a part of me forever.

We all started out with basic lessons in kindergarten such as "Don't put your mouth on the drinking fountain!" or, "We color in the lines, not on the table."

As we grew older, the lessons we learned seemed to get more complicated, and with learning these lessons, we have memories to accompany them.

One of my most vivid childhood

memories is April Fools Day in Ms. Koehnen's sixth grade class. For some reason our teacher didn't enjoy fake spiders and chili powder in her coffee. Our idea to unscrew the water faucet in the classroom sink before she used it wasn't the greatest idea either. I honestly still don't know what I learned from that day, but I won't forget it anytime soon.

I learned a lot about friends from junior high to high school. Passing notes, meeting at the movies, throwing parties, and playing sports are things that may have brought us closer together or in some unfortunate cases, pushed us apart. For many of us, the people we were friends with during our freshman year are now completely different people with different friends. This fact isn't necessarily a bad or a good thing, but it shows us how much we've all grown and changed in such a short time.

Some friends turned out to be two-faced or selfish; whereas, some enemies turned out to be caring and helpful or what we now call our dearest friends. Some of us have stayed friends with the same people for many years even if we didn't stay in touch or spend a lot of time together. I learned that even if you stop communicating with people, it doesn't mean you aren't still friends.

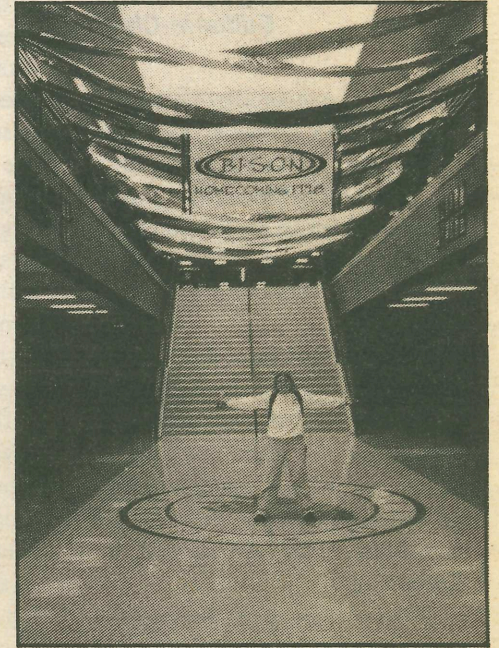
I learned to be myself. Whether everyone thinks I'm weird, or stupid, or just not good enough, it would be more stupid of me to change for another person a group. I've

seen too many people change their personalities—their lives, disregarding their own morals and values, just so they can please one other person. We have learned the value of being truthful with ourselves, and accepting who we are; that is one thing that each group of friends in our class have been successful at teaching each other.

I think we all learned from the showoffs and the class clowns. They have taught us that it is okay to laugh and have fun in school; they are the ones who spoke openly about what they wanted or believed. We have laughed with them, and admired them for their courage, and our acceptance is what keeps them going. They were never afraid to be recognized.

These past thirteen years have taught us lesson after lesson, and have given us countless memories. Through all our experiences, we've each become unique in our own way. We are making plans for our futures, and slowing down to reassure ourselves that what we're doing is right. We'll walk out the doors of 'our' school the last time at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, June fifth, and we'll head off in different directions. Each of us with a different plan, many of us with similar goals, and all of us remembering each other for who we really were.

So seniors, with our last days closing in on us, I encourage you to take this time and thank and remember everyone who



has helped us create the memories we treasure. Friends, teachers, parents, relatives. Talk to old friends, say hi to former teachers, and don't be afraid to say goodbye because "now" is the best chance we are being given.

When the last bell rings on the last day, I don't know what my reaction will be. It will be difficult for me to just get up and leave a place I've known as home for so long. But I know this: the memories I hold and the lessons I've learned are mine forever to take wherever I might go.

Fighting materialism requires reflection

By Kaia Hemming

Editor-in-Chief

Society has made it hard to fight the material world because of the messages they send us through advertisements, magazines and other media, so, in turn we have turned into a materialistic society. Materialism should not rule our lives. Because of the constant judgements made on us according to the house we live, the car we drive and the clothes we wear, it's hard not to let it play a large factor in our lives.

However, I know that I fall into the trap of materialism. I think it is one of the hardest things in life to struggle with. I always find myself comparing and wanting more. Like comparing my older, but "good" car to someone else's newer and sportier car, thinking about the new clothes that I want to buy as soon as I get my next paycheck or what new CD I'd like to get. I am a materialistic person to some extent, yet, I think everyone is in their own way.

Some teens will become more materialistic because what their parents provide isn't good enough compared to what the "popular" kids have. So, in order for them to get what they want, they may start working a job to start providing for themselves. Sure, it will get them some extra cash and spending money, but are they considering the affect it could have on their schoolwork and the amount of sleep they get?

Some teens today are starting to put a higher priority on a job instead of their education just

so they can save up for that car that they want or so they can have designer clothes that their mom and dad cannot quite afford. In the long run, will it really make a difference as to what kind of car we drove or what brand of clothes we wore during high school? I don't think so; I think that education should be the most important thing to worry about while in high school.

But, it's easy to say, "ignore the messages you get from the media," but it's really not that easy. It takes a lot to fight materialism and decide how to live life. I think one of the most rewarding thing to do to put life into perspective is helping those that are less fortunate than most of us. Volunteering at a homeless shelter or soup kitchen are perfect examples. If that doesn't seem to be enough, going on a mission trip is an option that many teenagers are taking advantage of through their church youth groups. Volunteering around the holidays is a good idea, but that is the time when most people want to do their "social service" project, instead try going on a regular day. A lot of shelters need help and they usually get an overabundance of help on holidays, but may lack help on a day-to-day basis. Seeing how little some people have can help us realize that it's not the designer label on our jeans that makes us the person we are, it's who we are as people and what we stand for.

The first step in fighting materialism is realizing our own materialistic ways. Materialism in our society and lives is something very difficult to deal with, but starting simple and making a small difference can easily turn into making a huge difference.

Editorials and
Opinions

Seniors face last moments of security

Looking ahead to life after graduation

By Lori Omann

Eds/Ops Editor

Soon, robed in purple, we, the BHS Class of 1999 will march down the aisle. It will be our last time with our class, our last moment of security before the once familiar faces disappear into this strange, lonely world, as we are forced to go our separate ways and try to make it on our own.

Saying good-bye is probably one of the most difficult tasks that any person faces. Unfortunately, this issue will be forced upon all seniors at graduation. Graduation is more than just saying good-bye to one person, it is saying good-bye to all of the people with whom you have grown up and spent a majority of time with.

During the past 13 years, many of us have become very close; it's pretty hard not to when we spend nine months of the year together. There are many people I have been close to since elementary school, and now, the time has come to say good-bye. Life may seem like it's ending since many of us are being forced to move on and leave our family and friends behind, but truly, it is only beginning. We have our entire lives ahead of us! Life doesn't end with high school.

We need to take chances and take the world on, one day at a time. Memories will remain with us and strengthen us. Although we will be saying good-bye to friends, that doesn't mean that it is good-bye forever. Friends may be miles apart, but they never lose the bonds they have.

After high school, we will all be taking different paths. Some will be going to college, some a tech school, some will be working, and others will be getting married. I admit, it's really hard to picture my best friends getting married, having children, and having their own homes, when it seems like it was just yesterday when we were sitting on a swing eating Lick-A-Maids and drinking lime Kool-Aid. But, it's inevitable; people grow up and have families of their own. It's a natural part of life.

Some of us will become doctors, some lawyers, others will go on to construction or teaching. Yet still, I'm sure there are at least a few like me, who, after college, just want to have a family and be a 'mom.' It really doesn't matter what occupation we choose; it's not a competition to see who can make the most money. The important thing is that we enjoy our jobs and are happy in our work.

Before we move on to a new life, there are a few things that I think we all need to have closure on first. During these last few days of high school, don't be afraid to talk to people who you normally don't talk to; whether it's an old best friend from junior high, or a person whom you've never even spoken to. We're all in the same boat: excited, scared, and sad all at the same time. There are only a few days left when we're all together like this, so take advantage of this time and talk to people. After seeing how fast our senior year flew by, I have truly realized how little time we have, so don't waste it.

Soon, the day of tears will come and we will be left wondering what comes next. The high school life may be all some of us

know, but there is so much more out there, so much that is just waiting for each of us to grasp!

Before I say good-bye, there are a few thoughts that I would like to leave all of you with. First, never take advantage of the time God has given you. Life is short, so don't waste it. Second, thank you, all of you who have touched my life during the past 13 years. All of you, in some way or another, have affected me, and I will never forget you or the last 13 years. The memories that I have will remain always in my heart. I wish all of you health, love and happiness. May God's peace be with you. Remember, "A friend loves at all times." (Proverbs 17:17) God bless you!



On June 4, when we walk through the gym doors and step out into the fresh air to meet family and friends, a rush of freedom will overcome us – a freedom like we've never felt before; the freedom of a new life awaiting us.



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EDGEFEST 6

DATES: Saturday and Sunday May 29 and 30.

WHERE: Somerset, WI

GATES OPEN: 11 a.m.

CONCERT STARTS: Noon

PRICE OF TICKETS: \$30

FEATURING: Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Def Leopard, Cake, Offspring, Econoline Crush, Buck Cherry, Local H, and many more.

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SONSHINE FESTIVAL

DATES: July 8-10

WHERE: Wilmar, MN

PRICE OF TICKETS: \$50 if you order before the end of the month, \$55 in June, and \$60 in July.

FEATURING: DC Talk, Rebecca St. James, Michael W. Smith, Jars of Clay, Raze



LILITHFAIR

DATE: August 25

WHERE: Canterbury Park, MN

GATES OPEN: 3 p.m.

CONCERT STARTS: 4 p.m.

PRICE OF TICKETS: Unavailable

FEATURING: Deborah Cox, Sheryl Crow, Dixie Chicks, Indigo Girls, Sarah McLachlan, and many more.

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Woodstock

By Sandra Kunzer

Features Editor

Woodstock '69 drew a crowd of more than 450,000 people to a field in Sullivan County, New York for four straight days of music and a massive party, where minds were open, drugs were all but legal and love was "free." The bands hit the stage at 5:07 p.m. on August 15, 1969 and continued until mid-morning on Monday, August 18.

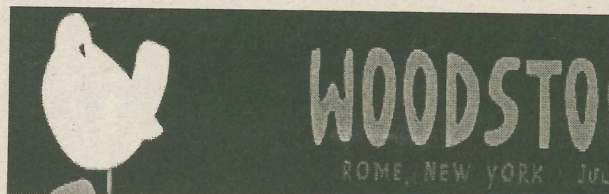
The festival closed the New York State thruway and created one of the nation's worst traffic jams on record. That inspired local and state laws to ensure that nothing like this would ever happen again. Well, guess what, it is happening again, and it is going to be big.

Reliving his Woodstock days, John Fogerty will be kicking off the biggest three-day concert of the summer, or maybe even the '90s. On July 23-25, he will be joined with about 50 other bands in Rome, NY. Some of

the bands that are going to be included are; The Offspring, Metallica, Aerosmith, Everlast, Sugar Ray, Lit, Godsmack, Everclear, Limp Bizkit, Live, Jewel, Alanis Morissette, Mathews Band, Korn and many more.

With the police expecting a massive crowd, extreme security measures are going to be taking place. There will be a 12-foot perimeter fence with scaffolding so that security cannot be breached as it was in Woodstock '69. There will be hospital facilities on the festival site. Each unit will be staffed by physicians, nurses, and a medical support staff, to handle dehydration, sunburns, heat stroke, chemical abuse, or any other medical needs of those in attendance.

Along with all the safety precautions, there will be two main stages hosting the performers, which will be spread about a mile apart. At times when people may not be enjoying any of the bands, there will be an extreme sports park and in-



WOODSTOCK '99

DATES: July 23-25

WHERE: Rome, New York

GATES OPEN: 6 a.m.

CONCERT STARTS: 7 a.m.

PRICE OF TICKETS: \$150.00

FEATURING: Metallica, Bush, Everlast, Sugar Ray, Lit, The Offspring, Jewel, Limp Bizkit, Korn, Dave Matthews Band, and many more.

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FESTIVALS

Summer fests:

Something for everybody

By Sandra Kunzer

Features Editor

Summer is coming again and so are all the "Festivals." With Edgefest, Ozzfest, WE Fest, Woodstock '99, Lilith Fair and more, there are many festivals to choose from. With so many music styles, ticket prices, distances to travel, and other factors students have trouble deciding which fest is right for them. Fortunately, there is something for everybody.

Unfortunately, the students at BHS are going to have a hard time getting to Woodstock '99 since it is in Rome, New York; however, there are other great festivals that are happening much closer to home. Edgefest 6 and Ozzfest are going to be taking place in Somerset, Wis. Down in Canterbury Park, Lilith Fair will draw its final crowd in August. Then there is Rock Fest, which is a four-day concert taking place in Cadott, Wis. Those are just some of the more well known ones. But, why would anyone want to go to a Festival instead of a regular concert?

"It is more like a social gathering. All the people are getting together and partying," said senior Shane Fisher.

Instead of being inside, fest-goers are able to walk around, enjoy the music and have a good time with their friends. They also have a chance to meet plenty of people.

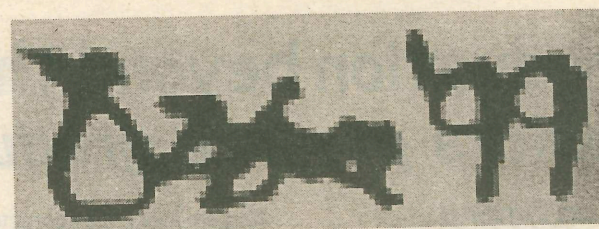
"I was sitting on the stairs bored waiting to leave and all of a sudden Chino [lead singer for the Deftones] walked through the door, and I said 'CHINO', then he put his hand up in the air acknowledging me and then he walked away," said Fisher.

At Ozzfest '99 for example there are going to be plenty of things for people to do if they are not enjoying the bands. They are going to have a place called "Never Never Land." Never Never Land is a circus-like concourse of attractions, exhibitors, and exhibitionists. It is going to be up and open for a diversion for the restless. It will include; a mechanical bull ride, a rock wall, a tattoo artist, body piercing, body painting, vendors offering clothing, art, jewelry, sunglasses, hemp products, posters, stickers, and much more. In addition, a Todd McFarlane comic book stand and toys, and the Spawn van on display.

"It helps to have something else to do. It's like Woodstock-Peace, Love, and Music, it also gives an alternative to violence," said senior John Schumacher.

Ticket prices at regular concerts start at about \$30 and go up to sometimes over \$100 for only one band. At these festivals there are many bands that play and the tickets only range from about \$30-\$40 for a one-day concert or even a two-day concert. Rockfest, for example will be a four-day concert the ticket prices range from \$45-\$90. They are also giving the guests a choice of which days they want to attend because some days there may not be any bands that they will enjoy watching.

To find out more about Summer Festivals, listen to area radio stations to hear plenty about them. Ticketmaster (989-5151) and the Internet are also great sources.



OZZFEST "THE LAST SUPPER"

DATE: Thursday, July 1

WHERE: Somerset, WI

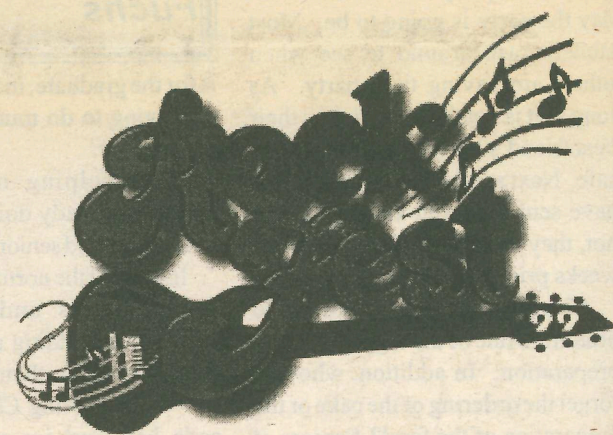
GATES OPEN: 11 a.m.

CONCERT STARTS: 12 p.m.

PRICE OF TICKETS: \$40

FEATURING: Black Sabbath, Rob Zombie, Deftones, Godsmack, Ozzy Osbourne, and many more.

This is going to be only a one-day concert unlike last year where it was a two-day concert, where they were combined with Warp Tour. This year it is only going to be Ozzfest.



ROCKFEST

DATES: Thursday-Sunday, July 15-18.

WHERE: Cadott, WI

GATES OPEN:

CONCERT STARTS: 4 p.m.

PRICE OF TICKETS: \$45-\$90

FEATURING: Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Scorpions, Motley Crew, Def Leppard, Poison, Sammy Hagar, Edwin McCain, Journey, and many more.

WE FEST

DATES: August 6-8

WHERE: Detroit Lakes, MN

PRICE OF TICKETS: \$35-\$175

1-800-4WEFEST

FEATURING: Bryan White, Lonestar, Collin Raye, Tracy Lawrence, and more.



People & Entertainment

The Bison Stampede

Graduation beyond the mortar board Seniors prepare graduation parties

By Lori Omann

Eds/Ops Editor

Invitations, friends, relatives, gifts and cake are what truly make up a graduation party. They are as inevitable as wearing a cap and gown. But, what actually goes into planning these parties? It is not as easy as talking with relatives and eating cake on a warm Sunday afternoon.

Seniors at BHS are having graduation parties for a variety of reasons. Many are having them merely because their parents are making them or because it is just the traditional thing to do. However, others see it as an opportunity to earn a little extra cash.

"I'm having a graduation party because it's a great way to make money," said senior Lyda Graybill.

The first step in planning a graduation party is to decide what day the party is going to be. Most students ask around to see when others are having their party. As long as it is not the same day as their best friend's party, they are usually safe. Next are the invitations, many have sent them out already, and if not, they are allowing at least three weeks prior to their party.

Cleaning the house from top to bottom, is one of the biggest parts in preparation. In addition, who can forget the ordering of the cake or the preparation of the food? Seniors, if

they are lucky, may not actually have to do the cleaning themselves. Many surveyed said that their parents were doing the housework and preparation.

"I'm not doing anything," said senior Maleaha Laski. "My parents are preparing. My mom is organizing the food and made the invitations. My dad goes almost every weekend up to Brainerd to practice with his three brothers to play live music at my party."

On the other hand, since the party

**"We're having Chinese food, a soda bar, and ice-cream sundaes instead of cake."
-Senior Amber Fuchs**

is for the graduate, many seniors end up having to do much of the work themselves.

"I'm helping my mom get everything ready doing the invites, food, etc.," said senior Tabitha Spike.

Instead of the normal sandwiches, salads, cakes and bars, some students are adding a more unique dish to spice up their party.

"We're having Chinese food, a soda bar, and ice-cream sundaes

instead of cake," said senior Amber Fuchs.

Providing food is an essential part of a graduation party, but don't forget about the entertainment. Guests always enjoy a little excitement, something that is different from the normal 'sit under a tent and eat cake' party. Volleyball, pool tables, and bonfires seem to be a common form of entertainment at graduation parties this year. However, some seniors are having things that are more out of the ordinary such as a pig roast, moonwalk, deejay or a band.

"We will have the band I am in play, find another one of my friend's bands, and my brother will deejay," said senior Derek Gustafson.

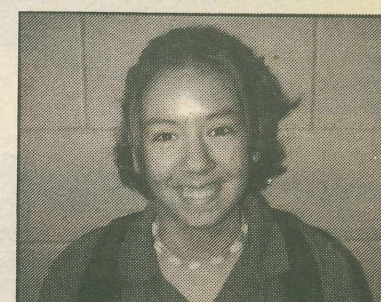
Although having good entertainment is important, it can not be compared to the importance many seniors place on having those whom they care about most at their party.

"I guess the thing I would want most of all at my party would be all the people who I care about and who have helped me get to my graduation," said senior John Peterson.

For seniors, one thing is sure, whether they have a salad or a soda bar, volleyball or a band, their graduation party will be a day they will never forget.



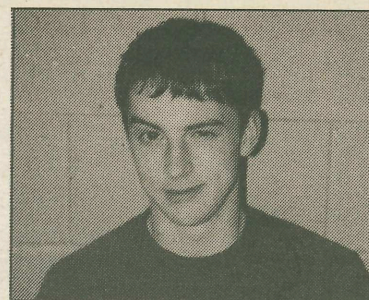
I thought it would be a once in a lifetime opportunity to work with children in a less fortunate atmosphere. -junior Jennie Gilbert



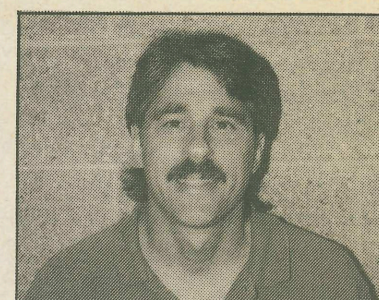
This will be my third summer taking part in a mission trip; it's something I love to do. I love helping those who are less fortunate than myself, and I guess it's my way of trying to make a difference in a world of need. -junior Miranda Benz

What inspired you to participate in a mission trip?

Mission trips can provide an environment that promotes morals, friendships, and leadership. It's all around good fun and also looks good on resumes and applications. -senior Mark Willette



My inspiration is the younger people that I will be participating with. Their passion for justice and service is so cool. It's fun to hang out with high school people in a setting other than school. It keeps me young! -science teacher Mr. Dan Schneider



BHS students spending habits

Inspired by a survey on teen spending in *USA Today*, *The Bison Stampede* conducted a survey of 150 randomly chosen students from every grade level to see how BHS students spend their money. How do you compare?

75% of BHS students currently have a job.
17.7 hours is the average amount of hours a week students work.

28% of students get a paycheck every week.
66% of students get a paycheck every other week.
6% of students get paid every 3 or 4 weeks.

36% of students get paid \$5.00-\$6.49 per hour.
41% of students get paid \$6.50-\$7.99 per hour.
12% of students get paid \$8.00-\$9.49 per hour.
11% of students get paid \$9.50 or more per hour.

48% of the students without jobs get money from their parents.
24% of the students without jobs get money from earning allowance.
10% of the students without jobs get money from babysitting.

84% of students save a portion of the money they make.
86% of students have a savings account.
52% of students have a college savings account.

26% of students have a checking account.
32% of students have a cash card.

38% of students get a regular allowance.

19% of parents let their kids borrow credit cards.
62% of parents write their kids blank checks.

By the age of 30, students expect to make annually:

14% - \$25,000-\$40,000	5% - \$40,000-\$60,000
19% - \$60,000-\$80,000	6% - \$80,000-\$100,000
18% - \$100,000 & up	38% - have NO idea!

Teacher touches lives in Moscow

**Mr. Kevin
Schmeling****Columnist**

For those of you who do not know, I am a teacher of math and drivers' education at BHS. I recently spent two weeks in Moscow, Russia, from March 28 to April 10, 1999. It was an opportunity I had through the Student Venture program, which is affiliated with Campus Crusade for Christ. I was one of only three adults from Minnesota. Five students from Minnesota also came, from Anoka, Coon Rapids, and Blaine High Schools. There were a total of approximately one hundred students and adults from seven states -- California, Ohio, Iowa, District of Columbia, Florida, Tennessee and Minnesota -- representing the United States in this international project.

The Student Venture Russia project brought the life-saving message of Jesus Christ to approximately 342 Russian teenagers at an English Camp during the first week of our mission trip. Approximately sixty-two students made first time commitments to allowing Jesus Christ to be a part of their lives as Lord and Savior. During the second week, our focus switched to the Russian public schools as we conducted classroom presentations. During these presentations, we gave personal testimonies about how Jesus has changed our lives. The Russian students asked many questions about how they could have a personal relationship with Jesus.

During the second week, after visiting thirteen schools, we held an evangelism event for three afternoons in downtown Moscow for teenagers. The Bible was read

from, worship music sang, and fellowship (witnessing) with the Americans and Russians.

This trip was an incredible life-changing experience that I had never dreamed of being a part of. God provided over \$3,500 in only twelve days for me to go on this trip. It was awesome having support from staff and students here at

BHS, as they gave financial contributions and prayed for my safety with the war breaking out in Yugoslavia between the Serbs and NATO. The trip made me closer to God as we prayed a lot and spent much time in the Word (Bible). It also gave me a heart for the Russian people. It was neat teaching English and

Mathematics through an interpreter.

This trip has given me a desire to be more than just a Christian in Minnesota. It has opened my eyes to be a Christian for the world. If God opens the doors for a return trip to Moscow (yearly trips are taken with Student Venture) I would like to go

again and/or possibly to Asia (Student Venture summer trips). I have already spoken at Buffalo Evangelical Free Church (Promise Keepers group) and Zion Lutheran Church (Stephen Ministry group). Ms. Tracy Hulley, BHS teacher, also has inquired about having me speak when she covers the Russia unit in

her social studies classes. At our campus Bible studies (which meet weekly in my classroom before school on Monday's, and after school on Thursday's), I have already seen interest in our students wanting to go possibly next year for this experience.

We're praying for God to reveal His plan as time unfolds.

Summer Movie Preview

June

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rating</u>
*Chill Factor	(6-1)	(R)
*Desert Blue	(6-4)	(R)
*Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me	(6-11)	(PG-13)
*The General's Daughter	(6-11)	(R)
*South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut	(6-18)	(PG-13)
*Big Daddy	(6-25)	(PG-13)

Starring

Cuba Gooding Jr., Skeet Ulrich
Christina Ricci, Kate Hudson

Mike Myers, Heather Graham
John Travolta

Stan, Cartman, Kyle, Kenny
Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams

July

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rating</u>
*Wild, Wild West	(7-2)	(PG-13)
*Arlington Road	(7-9)	(R)
*Lake Placid	(7-16)	(R)
*Drop Dead Gorgeous	(7-16)	(PG-13)
*Inspector Gadget	(7-23)	(PG)
*The Haunting	(7-23)	(PG-13)
*Muppets From Space	(7-30)	(PG)
*Deep Blue Sea	(7-30)	(NYR)
*Killing Mrs. Tingle	(7-30)	(R)

Starring

Will Smith, Salma Hayek
Tim Robbins, Joan Cusack
Bridget Fonda, Bill Pullman
Kirsten Dunst, Denise Richards,
Brittany Murphy, Kirsty Alley
Cheri Oteri, Matthew Broderick,
Rupert Everett
Liam Neeson, Lisa Loeb,
Owen Wilson, Bruce Dern
David Arquette, Hulk Hogan, Joshua
Jackson, Frank Oz
Samuel L. Jackson, LL Cool J
Katie Holmes

August

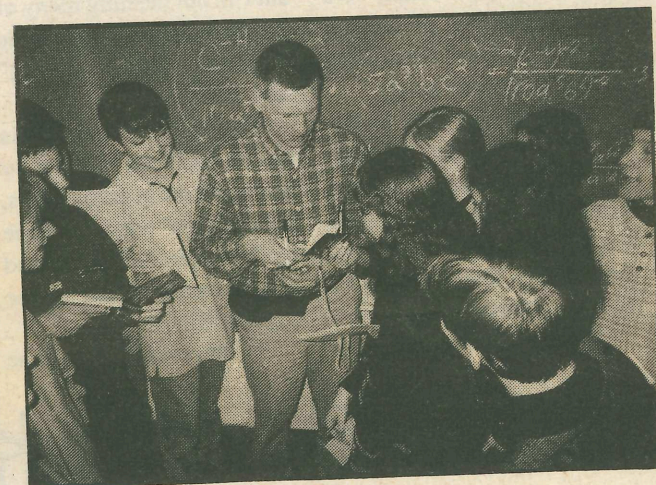
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*Dick	(8-4)	(PG-13)
*Fight Club	(8-6)	(NYR)
*Next To You	(8-11)	(PG-13)
*Mickey Blue-Eyes	(8-13)	(PG-13)
*Blue Streak	(8-20)	(NYR)
*Love Stinks	(8-20)	(NYR)
*Titanic Too: It Missed The Iceberg	(8-27)	(NYR)
*In Too Deep	(8-27)	(NYR)
*Detroit Rock City	(8-27)	(R)

Starring

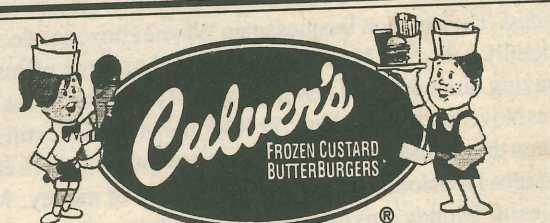
Michelle Williams, Kirsten Dunst
Jared Leto, Brad Pitt, Meat Loaf
Melissa Joan Hart, Adrian Grenier
Hugh Grant, James Caan
Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson
Tyra Banks, Tiffani Amber Thiessen,
Bill Bellamy

Leslie Nielsen, David Hasselhoff
Mya, LL Cool J, Omar Epps
Edward Furlong, Natasha Lyonne,
Members of Kiss

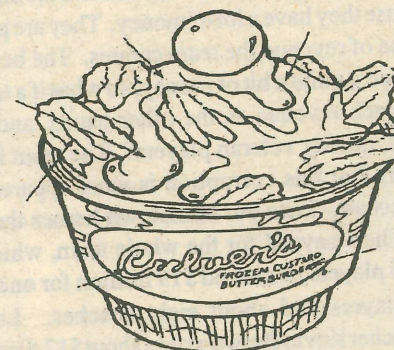
(NYR is not yet rated)



BHS Math teacher, Mr. Kevin Schmeling is shown here helping and teaching students in his recent mission trip to Moscow, Russia. Photo submitted by Mr. Schmeling.



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Sports

The Bison Stampede

Track and field has solid season

By Sam Pokorney
Sports Editor

The Buffalo Bison track team had a strong showing at the North Suburban Conference meet on Monday May 17. The Boys' team finished a strong fifth and the girls took first overall. For the whole season, they stayed had their ups and downs, but stayed competitive.

"The meet went great," said head coach Scott Palmer. "We hoped to be one of the top teams there, and everything just fell into place nicely."

One major set-back for the team has been the weather. With Conference Prelims scheduled for May 10, the rain forced a post-ponements, and then, finally, they were run on Thursday May 13.

"The bad weather definitely

makes it tough to plan events and practices," said head coach Mr. Scott Palmer. "If you don't know when you're going to run, it's tough to prepare."

Despite the weather, many strong athletes have emerged to have very strong seasons. Sophomore Ben Hanson has emerged as a strong distance runner, helping the boys' team to success.

"I'm running faster times this year as opposed to last, but I'm not meeting many of the personal goals I set at the beginning of the season," said Hanson.

The boys' team this season has been plagued by less numbers in participants, but the girls' team has done really well, including a second place overall finish at the Litchfield Invite.

"The season has gone



Photo by B.J. Hermerding
Freshman Katie Kuzma ran well this year. She was a part of the North Suburban Conference champion girls team.

well," said Mr. Palmer. "The girls are tough. We've got a few ninth-graders who have really stepped it up."

Sometimes the focus on a Track and Field team is more the track aspect of it. For the Bison's field point of view, the season has been fairly good to

them. A very exciting event for field is the pole vault. The Bison have two very solid vaulters in seniors Scott Johnson and Justin Cardinal.

"My places have been fairly well, but I haven't been getting the heights I hoped to," said Johnson.

SPORTS TALK

By Sam Pokorney
-Sports Editor

SMALL MARKET BASEBALL TEAMS FACE UNFAIR PLAY

"The 1997 World Series Champion Florida Marlins died today. Their owner, businessman Wayne Huizenga decided to literally sell-out. Huizenga let-go all but three of his stars, leaving him with a lot less payroll, not to mention fans." This was November, 1997. Now, in 1999, the Marlins are still losing, when they could easily still be on top of the National League's Eastern Division. This happened because of money. Money rules us. Money runs our society and our government. Money took-over in Mr. Huizenga's mind, and he decided to be a loser with tons of money than to be a winner with just a couple million dollars in the bank. Professional athletes live the high life. They live it because they have a lot of money. They are paid so much of it because of revenue the team creates. The best players in the leagues cost quite a bit of money, so what if a team doesn't create as much revenue as the other teams, and they can't afford good, quality veteran players? The team loses.

The sport that this corruption is most apparent is Major League Baseball. Take our hometown heroes the Twins for example. Their payroll for the whole team, which includes coaches and players, is around \$19 million for one year. This is for 25 players and about eight coaches. Los Angeles Dodger's pitcher Kevin Brown makes about \$17.6 million in one year. This is for one player. It's one problem that these guys feel they need to make this much money, but it's another that owners are willing to pay that.

In the early to mid 1990's, players began making upwards of \$6 million a year, and they came Brown, with the richest contract in baseball history. If you look at all the players with the highest salaries in baseball, you will find that they all come from cities with large populations, and large television markets, Mo Vaughn

in Anaheim, Mike Piazza in New York (Mets), Randy Johnson of Arizona (Phoenix), and Roger Clemens of New York (Yankees) just to name a few. What about the teams that reside in small market cities? How can teams like the Twins, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia compete with the giants of New York and California? It's virtually impossible. The fact that one man costs almost as much as thirty five is horrendous. People know that this problem is present, but how to fix it?

One possibility is to split the league up so that the smaller market teams are in a separate division, and then they have a better shot at success, thus drawing more fan interest. This is just one possible solution. Another may lie in the wisdom of the National Basketball Association. This past year's lockout has brought about maximum salaries for individuals, among many other things. One thing the NBA was already doing before the collective bargaining agreement was revenue sharing. This was the method of sharing all of the league's profits from things like television and radio, thus making teams like the Timberwolves able to afford large salaries. This may also prevent smaller market teams from being preyed upon by big businessmen, and thus helping the small markets compete with the bigger ones.

Money is good if you have it. If you have it, you want more. Why, though, do you need \$120 million for seven years? This escapes me. How can people be so greedy when there are people with nothing? The whole problem with baseball sort of reflects our society. How can the small business compete with the big business? However the problem plays out, you can bet it will involve money. Then again, today what doesn't?

Student
Athlete
Spotlight

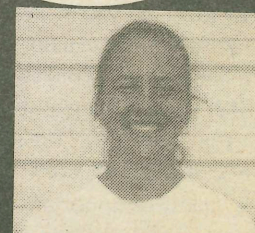
Name: Brent Swaggert
Grade: 12
Sports: Football,
basketball, and baseball

College plans:

"I will attend Montana State University this fall on a football scholarship."

Greatest inspiration:

"My good friend, senior Kyle Meyer because of his great work ethic and attitude."



Name: Kim Hein
Grade: 11
Sports: Volleyball, golf,
and basketball

College plans:

"I plan on playing golf in college, and major in either sports medicine or English."

Greatest inspiration:

"My sister because she is 30 years old, and is raising a 7 yr. old by herself with a full-time job."



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Sports

The Bison Stampede

Why are students paying so much to participate? New sports injuries include empty wallets

By Sam Pokorney and
Jake Comee

Sports and Advertising editors

Cha - Ching! Cha - Ching! ... Do you hear that? It's the rising cost for teenagers to participate in athletic activities. *Cha - Ching! Cha - Ching! ...* Do you hear it again? It's still rising. There are many different reasons to explain why the cost of sports are becoming so expensive, but are there really any good ones?

For the modern High school athlete to stay competitive in their sport, it goes way beyond just participating during the set season of the sport. It is becoming a year round process. Although off-season training isn't a new idea, it is expanding to a whole new level, and is now something to be expected of the athletes.

One thing many athletes find crucial is athletic camps during the summer. Although these camps may

help the athlete's game drastically, they are extremely expensive. An average two-week summer sports camp can run anywhere from \$200 to \$500. For a basic workout, Our own school offers *Summer Strength and Conditioning* for \$65. This is a basic conditioning and weight training course four days a week for two-hour sessions. That is a very reasonable price, and the program is basic, but works well.

Camps and weight training aren't the only way to better your game in the off-season. There are also tons of *Select* and *Elite* teams to try out for. These teams travel all over the country and practice often. These teams have fees that can range up to and over the amount of the camps. These teams are possibly the one program out on the market that is worth the price and time. By playing at a higher level of play with better competition, your skills improve.

Some athletes try and improve their performances by resorting to unproven, expensive, and possibly dangerous workout supplements, such as the now famous creatine. Creatine and other supplements only work when coupled with a strict

fitness routine and athletes must be careful not to abuse the substances.

These have often been called "legal steroids" among other things. There is much controversy over this and other supplements like Andro (now famous for being Mark McGwire's choice enhancer) because they haven't been around long enough to know much about them. These supplements have little information available on them, and may be harmful. They are legal now, but the future may sing a different tune.

You can't play many sports, however, without the help of equipment. In some sports, equipment can be on the low price side, but in other sports, it can be downright expensive. In school sports, most of the really expensive equipment is provided, but when playing for independent leagues, you must buy most of your own stuff. Take baseball. If you are anything but a catcher, all you need is a glove and cleats. In skiing, however, the athletes must provide their own skis, poles, boots, bindings, gloves, clothes, and many other accessories. This can run a



Photo by Sam Pokorney

Sophomore Nathan Olson empties his wallet at a local sporting goods store. Students have to do this in order to stay on top of their sports.

skier up to \$1,000 a year! Remember that baseball player? Even though they only need those two things, a nice glove can run up to \$300, and cleats go as high as \$115. It isn't as much as skiing, but it can still put a sizeable dent in the old wallet.

Sports cost too much for the average high school student and

their parents. It seems that an athlete's raw talent may not cut it in today's sports scene. If that is the case, and all signs are pointing to yes, maybe it's time to re-evaluate the sports world today. Since when did high school sports become a business? What ever happened to just playing for fun?

Fellowship of Christian Athletes gains popularity

By Leanne Rumsey
Bison Stampede editor

Athletics, school, and.... religion??? Words that are not usually associated with each other but, over 40 years ago, were molded together with the formation of a group called the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

The FCA is an interdenominational organization and is well known in many communities. It has been started up a few times in Buffalo, but as attendance declined, it was cancelled. Some BHS students have attended one or more of three "huddles" already this year and attendance is on the rise with each meeting. The FCA's

main purpose is "to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him

in their relationships in the fellowship of the church."

"I think it's neat that people are bringing Christianity into their sports," said junior Miranda Benz. "It's cool that

they're bringing God into school too."

With many students now attending the FCA huddles, some students find themselves questioning what the FCA really is. Is it a group made up of just Christian athletes? Can people that aren't in a sport attend the huddles? Do all of the Christians that participate in sports go to the huddles?

"I don't like how it's emphasized 'Christian athletes,'" said junior Courtney Markuson. "I am a Christian and an athlete but, to me, it sounds like if you're an athlete and you don't go to the meetings, then you're not a Christian."

Some students have found it hard to attend meetings due

to already busy schedules. However, students who can attend the huddles, try to meet once a month in the home of a student who attends the huddles. The FCA brings high school athletes from all sports together in fellowship. Because of this, many students have found people that they know they can trust to talk about things to. In other cases, they have found prayer buddies, someone they can pray with before a game.

"I like FCA because it brings people together, who are interested in God, to socialize and to get to know each other," said junior Jennie Gilbert. "FCA introduces you to people you know that share your faith in God and you can pray with these people too."



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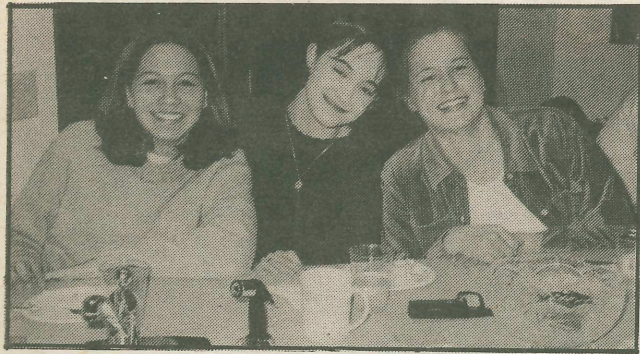
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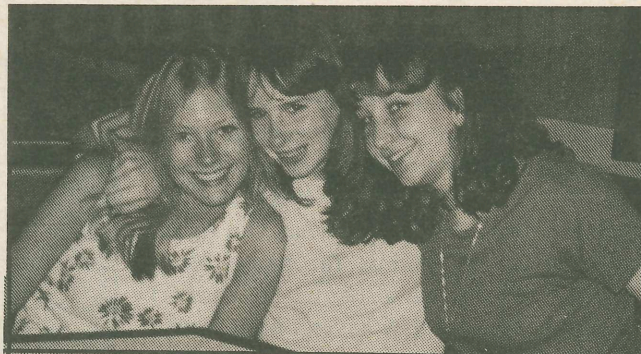
Spotlight

The Bison Stampede

The Class of 1999... *Senior Buddy Ads* ...Life on the edge of time!



"Don't be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments of lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends." -Richard Bach (Emily Theis, Jamie Marschel, Heather Olson)



You guys are my best friends in the whole world. I love you both! I will miss you next year, and wish you both well. God Bless, Love, Mary. (Krina Hoy, Mandy Rumsey, Mary Totushek)



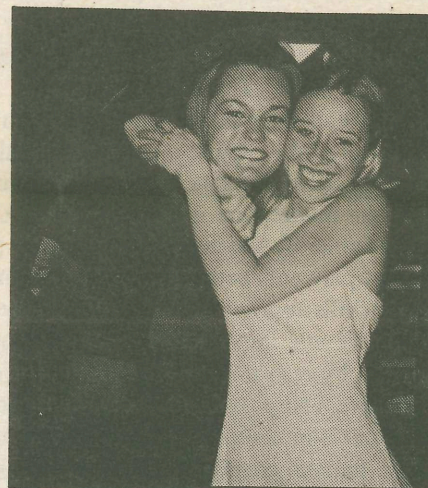
To the best of friends: we've had some pretty exciting times in the last four years. And it's just going to get better. Whether we go our separate ways or stay this close, we will always have memories to treasure in our hearts. (Katie Andres, Holly Koch, Amy Schiferli, Jamie Anderson.)



Lori - You've given me 14 years of the greatest friendship of my life. I could never forget all you've done for me, how you were there when I needed you. Never forget chocolate chip cookies, cheeto's, Nanner & Loopy, CJ, 9th grade, singing, and how much I love you. Best friends forever Lori, no matter where we go. -Jen (Jenny Summers, Lori Omann)



"If you ever get lost on the highway, don't know where to go...there's one thing that I want you to know - I am here for you, always here for you. When you need a shoulder to cry on, someone to rely on, I am here for you." -Firehouse "You are the wind beneath my wings." I love you Mitch! -KKE (Kristen Elsenpeter, Michelle Saxton)



Suzy- "Will you be my best friend?" When I asked you then, I never believed how precious your friendship would become. All you've done for me will never be forgotten. You've given me so many memories that will always be in my heart. (Rags, like a "Raven" baby, hit 'em up, "meow," "what's your name?") Thank you for all the good times Suzy-Q, "I will remember you." Love you Always, Jen (Suzy Steen, Jenny Summers)



If I've learned one thing since 7th grade, it'd probably be, "never answer free newspaper ads!" I did it once and got stuck with one genuine Belinda Eastlack. At first I thought it was great. But, a lot of time and effort had to go into Belinda. It needed to be watered, fed, played with, talked to, and told secrets to. After six years of being stuck with this thing, I guess it's not so bad. I got me a free best friend. Love ya -Trina (Belinda Eastlack, Trina Lyrick)



Your friendships are such a blessing to me, they are a gift from God that I pray will always be. Your hearts are so kind, gentle, and true. I guess that is why I truly love you. I will be there through the snow and the rain, to wipe away each tear and heal your aching pain. I pray to the Lord that we shall never part, but if by chance we do, you shall remain always in my heart. "A friend loves at all times." -Proverbs 17:17 (Chad Vergin, Lori Omann, Jesse Cassady, Lyda Graybill, Jamison Zwieg, Tina Schmidt, Jake Comee) *We love you too, Scott!



From football games - to 'girls night' - to Prom. From laughing at our cars - to tears of goodbye - we've shared a lot of memories. "May the friends of our youth be the companions of your old age." -Anonymous. Thanks for the wonderful memories! I love you all! Even those of you not included in this picture, don't worry - you haven't been forgotten! (Kristen Elsenpeter, Michelle Saxton, Alicia Brower, Erin Bruhn, Katie DuSchane, Sara Larson)