



# The Bison

## The Buffalo Senior High School Newspaper

Buffalo Senior High • 1300 Highway 25 North • Buffalo, Minnesota 55313 • 682-6800  
Volume XXXVII Issue 6 April 29, 1994

## Diversity issue discussed at symposium

By Darcy Fischer

Staff Writer

The spring symposium entitled "Dealing with Diversity" will be held for students at BHS during the school days of May 10 and 11.

The diversity symposium is based on the hero symposium that was held two years ago at BHS.

"The hero symposium was a wonderful experience, and we wanted to carry on with it somehow," said Spanish teacher Connie Crocker.

Staff members planning this event decided on the theme "Dealing with Diversity" for a number of reasons.

"[We want to] give students an opportunity to be exposed to, explore and discuss a lot of areas of diversity," said choir teacher Mike Walsh.

One goal of the symposium is for students to become aware of

people and their differences, and then look at themselves.

"We want to allow students to spend time examining their differences and similarities," said science teacher Charley Keifenheim.

Another goal for the symposium is for students to become aware of their feelings about diversity.

"I don't think that everyone has to end up at the same place in their minds, but I think we hope for progress and everyone's understanding to like what they feel in their hearts," said Keifenheim.

Student Council members are also involved in planning the symposium.

"[We hope to] help explain or foster appreciation for the diverse background and experiences of people living in the world," said sophomore Kia Swaggert.

Diversity is defined as different; unlike in character or qualities.

"Since Buffalo is so monocultural, we don't get a lot of exposure to diversity," said junior Sira Anderson.

Students raised in a community like Buffalo often lack experience in dealing with cultural diversity, as well as other kinds of diversity.

"[Students need to be] more aware and more tolerant of other people, whatever the difference may be," said German teacher Maija Zaeska.

During the symposium students will be exposed to many different issues dealing with diversity.

"Our effort is to bring a little more awareness of diversity into our school," said Zaeska.

Some of the issues that will be dealt with are ethnic, cultural, racial, physical, age, gender, economic, and political differences.

"I expect [the symposium] to heighten student awareness of

some of these issues," said Crocker.

Some of the activities planned include plays, guest speakers, musical groups, and small group discussions.

"[I want students] to have a good learning experience that is out of the ordinary," said Crocker.

During the symposium there will be no regular classes.

"It's great that the school is having a different perspective of learning. I think we need more of it," said sophomore Melissa Wenzel.

Many people hope that students will not think of the symposium as skipping class.

"This is considered class, but in a different way," said Zaeska.

While this is a class, it will run differently with discussions rather than lectures. Many feel that these will be different for students.

"I hope that students will go into it with an open mind," said senior Pete Miller.

Teachers were faced with many challenges while planning the symposium.

"Not everyone wants to deal with diversity, and to try to get people to change their mindset or their 'heartset' is a difficult task," said Keifenheim.

Students need to be aware that there are many views dealing with diversity.

"[One of the challenges was to try to] balance the different diversities so we exposed students to both sides of the diversity spectrum," said science teacher Dan Schneider.

Others hope that students learn more about diversity and society.

"I hope each student will feel that they have grown towards a greater understanding of diversity issues," said Keifenheim.

## PROM '94

### Prom 1994: "In the Still of the Night"

By Krissy Benkowski

Editorials Editor

Prom '94 is coming soon and the planning committees are making many of the final plans during these last few weeks before the "big" night.

Prom this year is taking place on Saturday, May 14. Like the years in the past, a Grand March will precede the evening at the school at 4:30 with the dance being held from 9 pm to 1 am.

This year the Prom dance has been moved to a different location other than the St Cloud Civic Center. This year it will be held at the Carousel in Big Lake.

The main reason for the change was that the only time

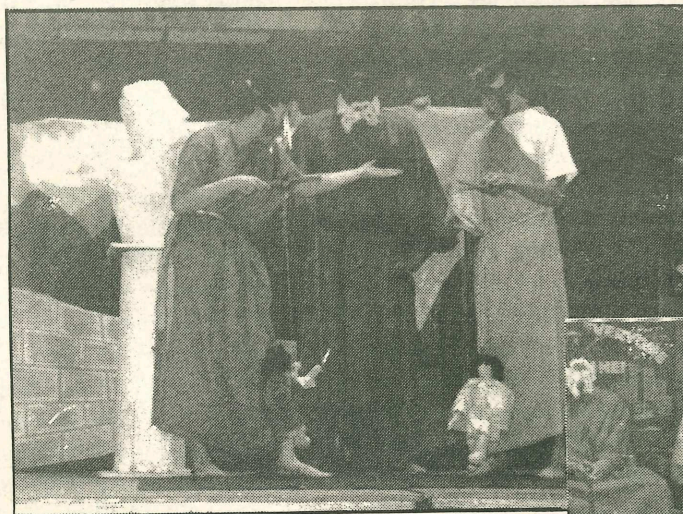
they could get the Civic Center was when the choir and band were on their trip to New York.

The final theme decided for this year's Prom was "In the Still of the Night," and the colors are burgundy, cream, and forest green. These were voted on by the Prom committee who feel that their decisions will make this year's Prom will be a success.

"Although you might have to pawn off everything you own, it should be a lot of fun and the Prom committee's looking forward to it," said junior class officer Tammy Schmidt.

The tickets the year are \$13 for non-seniors and class dues need to be paid in order to purchase a ticket.

## STATE ACADEMICS

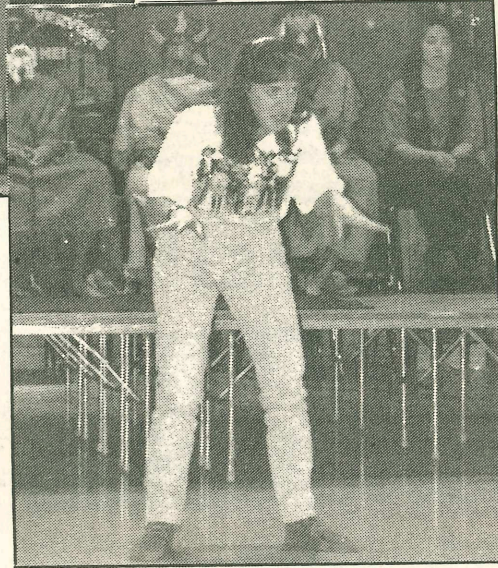


Heather Hanson \ Photography

**MIND GAMES:** The Odyssey of the Mind team competed at the state meet last Saturday. Their skit was relating a scene from Homer's *Iliad* to a more current event. They chose to represent the gods helping in the Trojan war to the World Chess Championships. Pictured are sophomore Jeff Zimmerman, junior Molly Mullin, and sophomores Matt Boehlke and Nathan Graybill. Not pictured are sophomores Andrew Miller and Chrissy Kohnen.

**SPEECH JOCK GOES TO STATE:** Junior Sarah Ogden gives one of her stories. She competed in the State meet on April 22 and made it to finals. She ended up in 3rd place. She came in fourth place last year at the state meet.

Heather Hanson \ Photography



### Editorials



Letter to Editor:  
Symposium not  
totally diverse

Pages 4

### Features



Society's changes  
causes change in  
family relationship

Pages 6 & 7

### Sports



Bison football  
players picked to  
perform in Ireland

Page 9



# Solo, ensemble contest success

By Theresa Button

Staff Writer

On April 15, 1994, 57 groups or individual students of the BHS bands and choirs went to the Solo and Ensemble contest at St. Cloud State University.

"Anyone who has a musical talent that they'd like to have judged could go," said freshman Jill Belland.

Students prepared solos or ensembles to perform at the contest.

"It was hard because you don't have much class time to prepare, so you have to do it on your own time," said freshman Jacob Miller.

Among the participating groups that went were Jazz Band, BHS singers, Treble Singers, and many other solos and ensembles.

"It was a fun Jazz Band experience, with the first performance of a new song," said sophomore Aaron Eby.

The solos and ensembles

would play their pieces for a judge and get rated.

"[The performers] competed for ranks of Superior (32-40 points), or Excellent (28-31 points)," said freshman Stephanie Enter.

Most performers found that it was a beneficial experience for them.

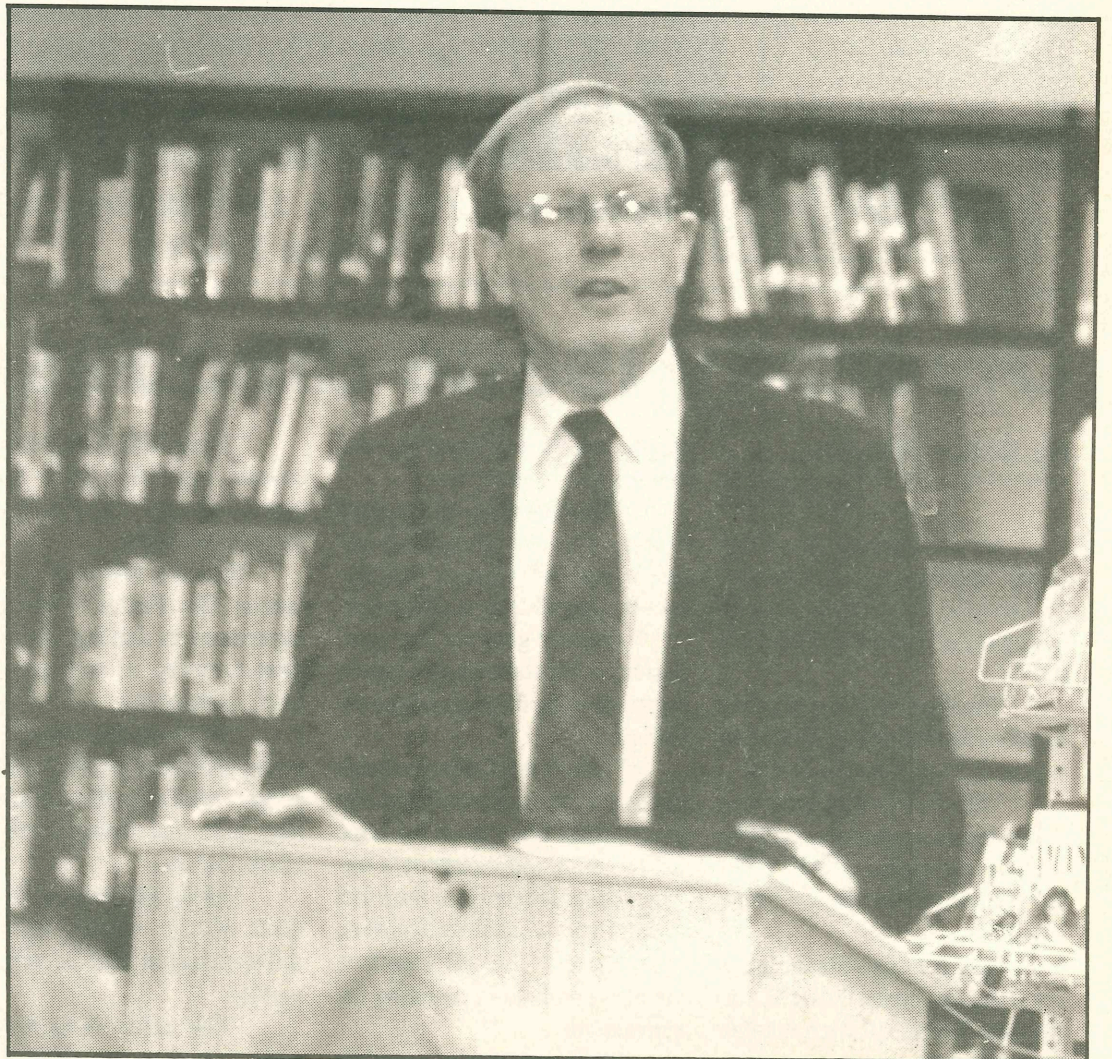
"My judge pointed out some ideas that would help me to play my selections more musically," said Enter.

Some of the performers will never forget this day, some for not so good reasons.

"I thought I lost my music, then realized that it had been there the whole time, then I forgot my judge's copy with the judge after my performance, then I left my flute and music in a lobby," said freshman Kathy Jones.

Most performers are planning to go again in future years.

"I'm going to go again next year because it was a good learning experience and it was fun," said Miller.



STUDENTS GETTING INVOLVED IN POLITICS: Students had the opportunity to speak with State Representative David Minge Friday, April 8. Minge spoke to students and let them ask questions concerning health care and a few other issues.

Heather Oberdeck \ Photographer

## Trip to New York: competition, sight-seeing, fun

By John Wetter

Staff Writer

Right now, the BHS Singers, concert choir and concert band are in New York at the Manhattan Skyline Festival put on by Gateway Music Festivals. They left last Wednesday and plan to return next Tuesday evening.

They are performing for judges in competition against choirs and bands from all over the United States. They are also going to see some sights in their free time.

There are 117 students and twelve chaperons that will be going to the events.

"Going with a large

group is so hard because it's impossible to keep everyone happy. Someone's bound to get upset," said senior Jeff Mauk.

One of the things that they will be seeing today is Gettysburg. Tonight some of the students will be going to go see The Who's *Tommy* on Broadway while some others may be going to see the New York Mets play the Los Angeles Dodgers in the evening. The others have the choice of going shopping in Greenwich Village or staying at the hotel.

On Saturday the choir and band will perform their musical selections for judging. In the evening there is an awards banquet with a dance for the students following.

On Sunday morning some may attend mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral or the church of their choice, while the others go to Battery Park and Ellis Island to see the Statue of Liberty. The church-goers will meet the group there and also take in the Statue of Liberty. Later some will go to see *Cats* on Broadway.

"I'm looking forward to seeing *Cats* on Broadway. I'm very fortunate to see a show on Broadway during my high school years," said Mauk.

Other attractions some plan on seeing are the Empire State Building, New York at night, the United Nations Building and the Lincoln Art Center. They will also eat at the Hard

Rock Cafe and the McDonald's on Wall Street.

Almost everyone is expecting a fun and positive experience because New York is such a change from what they are used to.

"I look forward to seeing what the society of all of the different people are like," said senior Emily McPheeters.

Some just feel that going on this trip is an opportunity to go on a vacation and get away from the normal life.

"I'd like to be somewhere where I know it's not Minnesota," said sophomore Aaron Eby.

Many people worked really hard to get the trip together and all of the destinations set.

"It's a lot of work to put together but when we get it, it's really enjoyable," said choir director Mike Walsh.

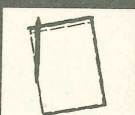
Many of the people going will probably remember this for a long time. This is shown by students who have gone on the band and choir trips before.

"I have kids from eight years ago that still remember it and reminisce about it!" said Walsh.

The trip is not only for competing and touring, but also for the experience.

"I hope this is a positive musical learning experience for the students," said band director Lee Kjesbo.

## Publication production in progress for Pegasus



Pegasus

By Cassie LePage

Staff Writer

Many students enjoy expressing themselves through literature and art. Pegasus, the BHS literary magazine published once a year by students is the place to get works into print.

"It's fun to read other people's literary works and see

some styles of writing that are different from my own. And I like seeing my poems and stories in print," said senior Editor-in-Chief Beth A. Miller

The majority of the works submitted are stories and poetry, but Pegasus also encourages art.

"I think people find that it is just a literary magazine and haven't submitted their artwork as much as we would like," said Art Editor junior Royce Johanson.

Pegasus was started in 1981 by English teacher Joel Squadroni. Later, English teacher Dave

Robinson became involved with the activity. This will be the thirteenth volume of Pegasus to be published.

The literary magazine was named Pegasus because of the legend that says that a blow of a Pegasus' foot caused Hippocrene, the inspiring fountain of the Muses, to spring forth from Mount Helicon. Hence, the mythical steed Pegasus became the symbol of truth, beauty, imagination and inspiration for artists, writers and poets.

Each year it has a new title. For example, last year it was called "Fallout". In past

years it has been called "Screaming Satanic Chickens" and "Wave-length."

"We generally pick a line of a poem that stands out as inspiring and deep or just all out strange. We play around with it to make it into a catchy title," said Miller.

The Pegasus staff consists of approximately 12 students. Their job is to publish the magazine by selecting the stories or poems, typing them, and putting them on the pages for publication.

"Every year we try to set up a schedule and follow it, but things never work out as planned. The whole activity is to get creative

pieces published in one place, so we take it easy to let the creative process flow," said Miller.

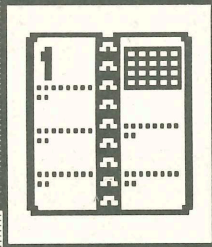
Robinson describes the staff to be "laidback," they tend to take it easy without following strict deadlines. The laidback environment, along with a variety of other reasons, has encouraged students to join.

"I read it last year and thought it would be a good experience," said sophomore Prose Section Editor Rae Shinabarger.

Pegasus is due out sometime towards the end of the school year, but a publication date has not been set as of yet.



# Representative speaks of experiences



## School Board

By Angie Toso

Guest Writer

The District 877 Board of Education prides itself in dedicating time and energy to the development of our schools. As the 1993-94 Student Representative my job is to relay important activities and concerns students have to the Board of Education.

It consists of seven elected members, the superin-

tendent of schools, and one student representative. The regular Board of Education meetings are held every third Monday night at seven o'clock. The meetings are always open to the public and convene at either the Buffalo Junior High, Montrose Elementary, or Hanover Elementary schools. Having meeting sites throughout our district allows a greater percentage of community members to take part in the meetings.

The school board takes ac-

tions on many aspects of education. Things ranging from school field trips and overnights to paying the \$300,000 monthly bill are discussed at every meeting. Also at each meeting, the board recognizes outstanding students and organizations in our district. They also set aside an allotted time to hear any verbal questions or requests from individuals in the audience. The school board appreciates our community's concerns about education and encourages anyone to voice an intelligent opinion. This way everyone can have a chance to be heard.

Using parliamentary procedure, the school board meetings run in a very organized fashion. Agendas are made before the meeting and are available to the public. During the meeting district employees prepare presenta-

tions for the board. This year one main focus has been the bond issue along with the new senior high school that will be constructed in a few years.

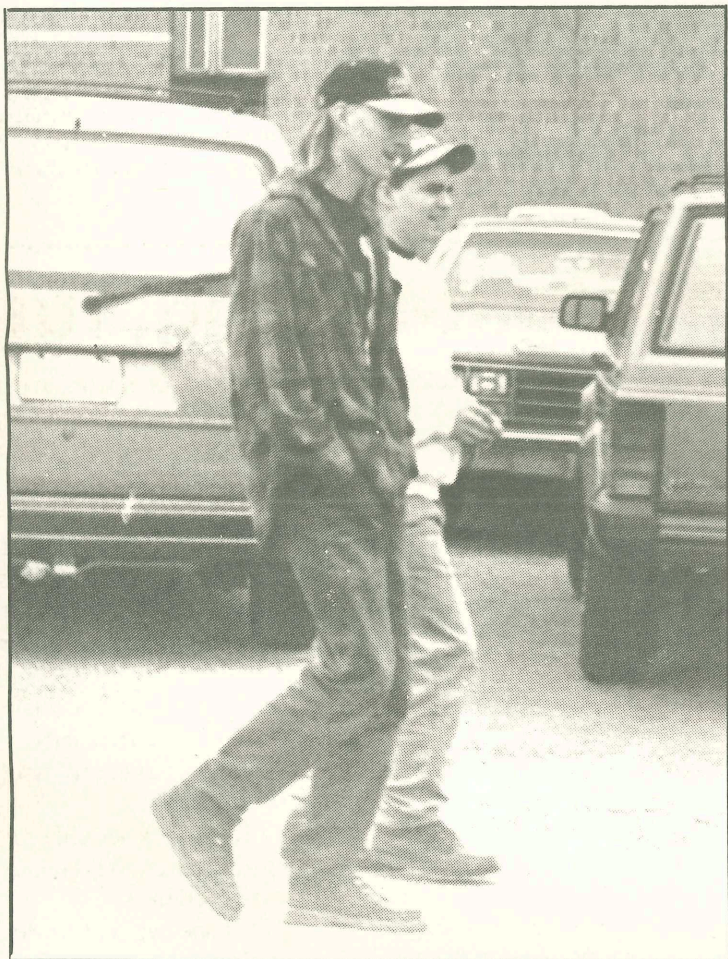
Sitting on the school board this past year has opened my eyes to many details of education. I attend the regular school board meetings and present to them recent happenings at the Senior High School. I then report back to the Student Council any issues that were covered concerning students. My report is posted throughout the Senior High School so any student or faculty member can find out what is happening in our district.

Although I am a nonvoting member, the school board greatly encourages me to voice my comments. They know that one of the best ways to run any school is

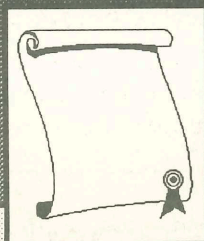
through the ideas of the students.

When I first thought of the idea of becoming this year's Student Representative, I would have to say that the word "interesting" never popped into my head. Despite some of what seems like endless nights, the school board has interesting times that actually challenge my thoughts. I admire the dedication each member possesses and have realized the importance of having a Board of Education run our schools.

The District 877 Board of Education struggles to always make decisions for the betterment of our society. Even though it is students who run our schools, the school board is the backbone of our education.



Heather Hanson / Photographer  
ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS: Enjoying senior privileges are Shannon Kolasa and Brandon Salonek going out to eat during their lunch period last week.



## Student Council Commentary

# Goals throughout year met: Appreciation Day coming

By Sira Anderson

Guest Columnist

The last few months have been very busy for the Student Council.

On Wednesday, February 23rd, most of our members attended the EMASC (Eastern Minnesota Association of Student Councils) convention in Elk River. Sophomore Kia Swaggert was elected Delegate-At-Large for the Eastern Division for '94-'95.

In other convention news, the state student council (MASC) convention was held recently, from Saturday, April 16th through Tuesday, April 19th. Senior Mike Priem, junior Ami Miller, junior Deanne Nordberg, Swaggert and our advisor, Laurie Raymond, all attended this year's state convention.

Throughout the year, our student council splits up into many different committees to accomplish numerous tasks that are better done by smaller groups of people. We have recently had committees working on a Staff Appreciation Day, voter registration, the writing up of a student conduct code, and senior privileges.

Obviously, our work is

all getting accomplished.

The Staff Appreciation Day was a big hit on Wednesday, March 23rd.

The student conduct code was accepted by Activities Director Nancy Bergert.

Voters were registered during lunches on April 13th and 14th, with coupons given for Dilly Bars at Dairy Queen.

To the rejoicing of the senior class, their privileges took effect Monday, April 18th, just in time to enjoy some beautiful weather.

Current committee workings include a group of us who are involved in helping out with the upcoming diversity symposium, making posters and tee-shirt designs and contributing ideas to those in charge of planning.

We've also got a group of Student Council members involved in the DARE program. They have visited some intermediate-aged classrooms to talk about staying drug-free.

There are a few brave members who have made a commitment to keep the mall decorated monthly. You may notice their efforts this month. They made the large yellow poster declaring, "April showers bring May flowers!"

The monthly mall decorat-

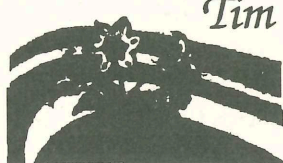
ing is a new goal for this year and an example of our ongoing commitments. Other monthly occurrences involving Student Council include meeting with the food service and attending our district's school board meetings. Both of these commitments involve keeping those in charge in touch with student opinions and preferences, and making sure our voices are heard where and when they need to be.

Some dates to remember in the near future include the rapidly approaching Student Council elections. For those currently in the Council, Executive Council elections will be held on Monday, May 9th.

All-school elections for next year's members will be on May 18th and 19th. Listen for announcements if you're interested in joining Student Council in '94-'95!

A little further in the future but also quickly advancing is Student Appreciation Day! It will be held on June 1st. There will be shortened classes, a magician will be performing, and music for students and yearbook signing.

As always, stay tuned for details!



Tim and Patty Speckel

Floral designers

682-2010

BUFFALO FLORAL & GREENHOUSE

## Prom '94

Where your flowers are as unique  
as you are:  
fresh and creatively different!



# Letting go, moving on in life difficult job

The process of letting go can be long and painful or short and sweet.

People have to let go of things everyday when others leave, when people pass away, or when friendships dissolve.

When somebody leaves for college or moves the pain of letting go can cut the heart like a knife.

College, for example, can move friends hundreds of miles away from each other. Not wanting to let go can lead to many tearful nights, but others need to

grow in life.

By letting go, friendships become even stronger. In the end you will have a friendship of gold with a bond of steel.

One of the hardest things to let go of is a loved one no matter if it's a relative or close friend. The person may be gone, but the memories stay in the heart forever.

The harder people try to forget, the easier it is to remember.

Watching a friendship dissolve or feeling a friendship end in your heart can

make people reluctant to find new friends, especially if the friendship was that of a best friend.

In life, interests change and sometimes it's better to just let go. Life goes on, time goes on and maybe down the road, the heart can forgive and the mind can try to forget.

Relationships, on the other hand, have a chance to mold who we are. Everybody has their own ability to make their own choices and decisions. Sometimes these choices

lead to breaking up, letting go, and moving on.

To be happy in any relationship, people have to be happy with themselves first before they can love another.

Relationships are a big responsibility. They require two people who are ready to take responsibility for each other through the good and bad times, never losing sight of one thing: love.

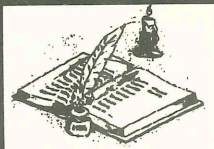
Letting go and moving on from a person who may not provide for your needs any more can be like losing

a best friend.

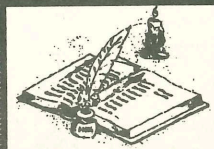
Coping and moving on in life is what everyone needs to learn to do. Along the way, there will always be someone there to lend a hand or even a shoulder to cry on. Down the road they know someone will be there to help them also.

Time may pass, relationships may fade, but true friends will always remain. Love may break people apart, but it holds true friends together...forever.

Life's about changes. Nothing ever stays the same.



## Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor:

I've heard a lot lately about our upcoming diversity symposium and the issue of homosexuality which will not be on the official agenda. I was infuriated by this attitude of "ignore-it-and-it'll-go-away," until I heard the official response by the symposium committee. They have put a lot of time, thought, and effort in to this. I have heard many who agree with me on what I want to say, but for now, I will not pretend to speak for anyone but myself.

I think this topic is one of the most important things to be dealt with in the realm of diversity because prejudice about it is *extraordinarily* high here in our homogenized, monocultural corner of the world. If a man came up to you and told you he'd slept with ten women, what would you think of him? What would you think of the same man who told you he'd slept with ten men? My opinion of and reaction to the second man would be different, too. Aren't they both guilty of the same adultery? This prejudice about sexual preference exists within us all. The worst part of these prejudices is the hate that most often accompanies them.

The parent of hate and prejudice is simple ignorance. The only weapon against ignorance is education, and the first step in education is exposure. We get very little exposure to diversity here in Buffalo, and now that we are trying to bring some in, the most controversial group is rather purposefully left out. We have this vehicle of exposure to diversity, (our symposium), and we aren't using it to its full potential. If we are going to deal with diversity, let's *deal with all of it*. We could use the education with the

ideas that homosexuals are evil and deserve to die, and that God sent AIDS to kill them. The problem with that argument is that the AIDS virus isn't as particular as people. Babies and children and straight people and virgins and people who've had the same partner all their lives, people of every religion and of no religion at all, get AIDS and die. In case you haven't heard, it's not a "gay" disease. Remember innocent, virginal, 15-year-old Ryan White?

"EDUCATION Beyond the Blackboard" ... isn't that our motto? The least we can do is have someone come and speak about statistics, about how many gay bashings still happen, or about groups that still publicly incriminate homosexuals and treat them as less than human. Couldn't someone tell what it is really like to be gay in this society? Could we simply have someone tell about someone they know, a real person like you and me who just happens to be gay? Homosexuality is just *one part* of a person's identity. It does not make them evil.

Any attempt at incorporating this issue into our symposium will undoubtedly cause many conflicts. Whatever gets accomplished if conflicts are avoided? What do you gain if you don't take some risks? Shouldn't we take the bull by the horns and do our best to educate about homosexuals and all the crap that still happens to them? At least people could voice their opinions so they can figure out just where they really stand on the issue. By stating beliefs and opening the door for argument, students can be exposed to new points of view and, if they're not careful, accidentally learn something. Even if there is argument, at the very least there will be thought.

The thing that infuriates me the most about the whole controversy is the so-called "Christian" opinions I've heard. I don't understand how people can say that they won't condone homosexuality and also say that they are "Christians". They say that the Bible says it's a sin, so they shouldn't condone it, but nowhere in the Bible does it say that you should treat homosexuals any differently. It does say, however, that to be "Christian" means you follow Christ and his example to love *everyone*, to love *sinners*, as Jesus did. He loved even Mary Magdalene, who was a prostitute. God may find prostitution unacceptable but Jesus never treated her as less than human. Even if it is a sin, aren't there a lot of things we all do that are detestable in God's eyes? He never said that any sin is worse than another or that we should punish and judge *each other* for our sins. Isn't that God's job?

Remember Suzie who came to speak to us about how she got AIDS? From an orthodox Christian view, she sinned, too. Everyone accepted her, felt sorry for her, cried for her. Just try and imagine how different the reaction of our student body would've been if she'd gotten the *exact same disease* through even one homosexual partner? Even if she hadn't slept around, if she'd repented and asked forgiveness for her sin, can you imagine the treatment (and how few hugs) she'd have gotten?

I think the people who are the most hurt by homosexuality are the people who can't accept the fact that they deserve the rights and privileges the rest of us enjoy. The intolerant are

hurting not only themselves but other people as well. Isn't hate and intolerance a sin?

For those of you who agree with me, let's do something. What we need is organization and action. A speaker, a mod activity; something optional, but powerful, exposure, discussion and, if need be, argument. If you think this should be dealt with, don't just say so. Act on it.

I want to appeal to you on a personal level and ask all of you who read this to please try and come out from behind your fear. Try to face the twentieth century. Ours is a diverse world, a world of even *sexual* differences.

Sincerely,  
Sira Anderson  
Junior



## The Bison

The Buffalo Senior High School Newspaper

1300 Highway 25 North • Buffalo, Minnesota 55313 • 682-6800

International Quill and Scroll  
NSPA 4-Star All American  
MHSPA Runner Up 1989  
MHSPA Honorable Mention

Editor-in-Chief:  
Rebecca Ebnet

News Editors:  
Becky Mackey  
Beth A. Miller

Features Editor:  
Jackie Gustafson

Sports Editor:  
Kirsten Thompson

Editorials Editor:  
Krissy Benkowski

Proof Editor:  
Jill Scott

Entertainment Editor:  
Royce Johanson

Photography Department:  
Spencer Erdahl  
Heather Hanson  
Tricia Hibner  
Heather Oberdeck

Spotlight Editor:  
Jacob Schloner

Columnists:  
Ami Miller  
Amber Veches  
Rachael Weller

Staff Writers:  
Theresa Button  
Natasha Christian  
KJ Dubbeldee  
Darcy Fischer  
Jessica Hrdlicka  
Jamie Lobertmann  
Cassie LePage  
Katie Peters  
Beth Pratt  
John Wetter  
Nicole Zwieg

Adviser:  
Sheri Tamte

The Bison is printed  
by the Wright County  
Journal Press



# Labels, stereotypes put people in groups unfairly

By Rebecca Ebnet

Editor-in-Chief

Have you ever noticed how everything has a label? Labels telling what a product is, where it was produced, what's in it, and in some cases, how it was produced.

Labels class items into groups of like objects. Think about fruits and vegetables, meats, and junk food. When someone mentions the group name, you draw a conclusion about everything that is in it.

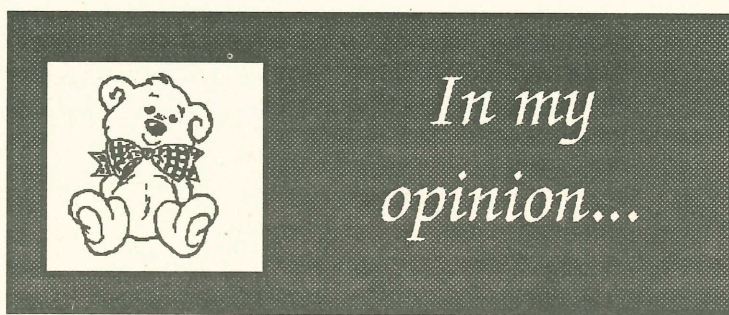
Take a carrot for example. Since it's like beets and potatoes, it is classed with them. The carrot will never be thought of in the

meat group because it has nothing in common with steak, unless you're talking about Thanksgiving dinner.

Now think about people. People are labeled just like foods, and the labels stay with them for as long as they are on the earth. Other people hand out these labels that seem to tell everything about the person -- what they are, where they came from, and what their values are.

Let's take a look at some labels people are given.

Blonds. What did you just think of? Probably a ditsy girl who lives for parties and sex. This is a label, a stereotype that will



likely never to be lost.

Blacks. High crime, rap- pers, violent people who live in the inner cities on welfare. Another label.

Homosexuals. Gays. A group of people who are screwed up in the head, strange, and should be avoided at all costs. Yet it's

just another stereotype. Another label.

Labels and stereotypes are all around us. We can't get away from them, and will always be put in a group, whether good or bad. One group will label another, and strive to be the best by putting the opposing group down.

America is supposed to be a melting pot of personalities, cultures, ideas, and customs. The original idea of America was an opportunity for everyone to work together, to complement each other, to blend. To me, America seems to be more of a lunch tray - separate little compartments for everything, nothing ever mixing.

We label people because they are different from us and we see a need to separate them into different groups. Why do we want everyone to be exactly like us? It's the differences that keep us interesting.

Don't waste time separating the differences, just enjoy them.

## Coach's decisions: seniority or sportsmanship?

By Ami Miller

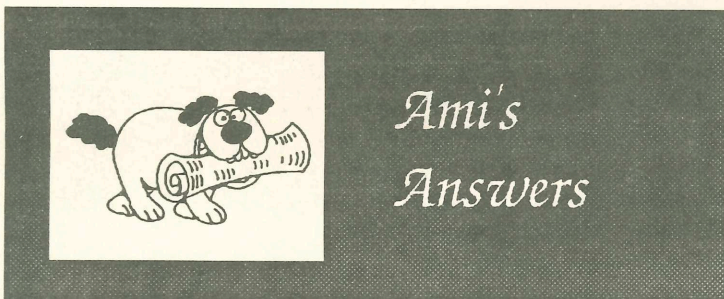
Columnist

After two weeks of grueling practices, time taken off from work, and commitment to the team, your coach says those dreaded words: Sorry, but I have to cut.

Sound familiar, athletes? If not, consider yourself lucky. Many sports teams have been forced to make big cuts because "we only have so many uniforms."

For a coach, it's a tough decision to make. Who is going to be the best asset for the team? Who will help reach our goals? Who has the potential? Often it comes down to who's a senior?

There's almost an unwrit-



ten law of seniority. If it's your last chance to play a high school sport, suit up! The rest will have to take their turn.

Of course, a select group of non-seniors who show exceptional ability will get to wear a uniform. But next season, they can't carry the team alone. A few good guards won't make a basketball team successful. An out-

standing pitcher won't win a game if his or her team can't produce at the plate.

Sports are fun, exciting, and make you feel great. But let's face it: most people play to win.

The hockey team isn't out for kicks. They want to win. The volleyball team has lots of fun times, but they're out there to win.

Who wants to be on a losing

team? It's frustrating and very discouraging!

So why, if a junior swimmer is a second faster than a senior swimmer, does the coach sometimes put in the elder? I just don't buy the seniority bit.

If you want to win, play the best. Age has nothing to do with it.

Obviously, this is a generalization that not all coaches are guilty of. But far too many are, and the future of athletics is suffering because of it.

Many are not given a fair chance due to their grade level and are being cut from the team or stuck sitting on the bench all season. How can they prove themselves worthy of playing? How

can they improve their game in a pressure situation? They can't if they're no longer part of the team, and chances are they won't come back if they know the only reason they're playing is because it's their last year.

I realize that there are only so many positions on a soccer field or spots on a tennis team. The numbers are often too high and cuts have to be made. But some coaches are throwing the future away by allowing undeserving seniors to stay.

Maybe the unwritten laws will never change, and who knows? Maybe coaches will wise up, set aside their age discriminations, and play the way sports were meant to be played...to win.

## Struggle and acceptance of life's hard decisions

Anonymous

Guest Columnist

Going through the time I did, I will never be able to forget what I felt. My heart and soul have been taken away, but I know someday it will return. I remember it just like it was yesterday.

Those words "You're pregnant," ran through my head 24-hours a day. How could this happen to me? Well, I know how it happens, but that is still what I was thinking.

I remember not wanting to tell "Joe". I was too scared. I mean, we broke up recently and we were barely on speaking terms.

What happened between us just wasn't easy to deal with. I loved him, he told me he loved me, and I knew someday I would marry him. But then all of a sudden, without any clue the tables turned and he didn't love me any more. He acted as though there was never anything between us. I could have argued until I was blue in the face, but he didn't care. I was standing there all alone.

It was harder to tell him because we had broken up. That was the challenge. After it was in the open, he knew the risks and

what would happen to me.

I couldn't carry the baby because my body isn't made for it. I'm one of the lucky ones who will never have children. (If you call that lucky) He knew that, but for some reason there was something inside me that wanted to respect him and his opinion.

Given the circumstances and my feelings, I didn't want to have an abortion. I hoped for a miscarriage soon. It didn't work that way, though. The baby hung on, but my body wasn't doing so well. I could have killed myself for being so stupid.

I hate abortion. It hurts me to think anyone could do that to a child. But almost 14 weeks into my pregnancy, there was a major problem. This could kill me. Now I had to have an abortion.

I am against abortion for any reason with the exception of medical difficulty. I feel it is wrong and too many people use and abuse it. It's too easy to use it as a form of birth control.

Joe opposes abortion just as I do. His reasons are different than mine, but the reasons don't matter.

I remember feeling like the world was coming to an end. I

wanted to not be alive so much of the time. I did things to hide it. Anything that happened to me physically or mentally, I hid. I didn't want anyone else to know the pain I went through. I cried myself to sleep so no one else would see. That might have been a mistake on my part, but what could anyone do for me?

The most wonderful thing in the world is to feel life inside you. Nothing could ever compare to it. But, when you know that is going to be taken away from you, your whole world falls apart.

A couple days before my baby was to be taken away, I awoke in the morning in much mental pain.

The thought of not carrying my child and holding it was too complicated for me. I did not want to deal with it anymore.

I had a nightmare about what was about to happen. My mind was playing tricks on me.

I dreamed I was throwing a little black poodle around and breaking its neck. I walked over to it so I could pick it up and bury it, but when I rolled it over on to its back, it was no longer a dog. It was a baby. I kept thinking I was crazy for wanting to save my life.

Would these nightmares ever go away?

When I walked into the abortion clinic, there were people standing there telling me what I was doing was wrong. I wanted to say I was one of them, and explain to them my story. But I knew they would never listen because I thought the same way.

I was counselled and talked to about what was about to happen. They weren't going to try to talk me out of it because it wasn't a question of right or wrong.

That day I was sick and the following day I couldn't go on. Somehow I wished they would just get it over with, maybe put a gun to my head. Your health doesn't have to be good for that, does it?

I am convinced I will be a basket case when it's all done and said.

Joe says it's all in my head and if I don't think about it I'll be fine. But that is easy for him to say.

He doesn't have to go to sleep with it or wake up with it. And he's not the one who will look in the mirror every day and remember what was inside. But I do know that he will think about it

someday when his first child is born. For him it's over now.

I will feel empty because there will be no other life within me. It's dying. Then when I get upset, there won't be a little baby inside saying, "Hello mommy. You are making me upset, too." And when I eat, I can eat anything I want without getting sick. Those things I am going to miss.

They say it's only a fetus until it's born, but that's not how I feel. When you experience being pregnant, you will know what it's like. You too will believe there is a baby in there and nothing else.

Maybe I will be able to breathe again. I will be healthy and I will be able to lead a normal life again. (As normal as you can get. I mean how normal can it be after that?)

Someday, God will find it in His heart to somehow give me life. I look forward to that day, hoping my dreams will come true.

But until then, I have to accept what's happening and move on with the future. Every day will be an obstacle, but somehow I will come to terms with what has happened.

As the saying goes, "You can only take one day at a time..."



# Two kids, a dog, and a wh

## Families in the 1990's: Hard to define typical family

By Beth Pratt

Staff Writer

In recent years, the definition of family has broadened tremendously. Families are no longer a mom, dad, brother, sister, dog, white picket fence and whatever else goes with the "perfect" family.

Now, people have to deal with complications of divorce. An entirely new language has to be used when describing many of today's families. Steps and halves are only a few of the new aspects of today's non-traditional families.

"I never had to deal with it [divorce]. I don't know what it'd be like," said junior Bethany Lohmann.

There are those couples who stay together after wedding vows, for better or for worse, but an increasingly high rate of people are or will be divorced.

"It seems like people should think more before getting married. It's [divorce] getting to be an escape if the marriage gets too rough," said freshman Alicia Hiesel.

Nearly everyone agrees that divorce is not fun, and a fair amount disagree entirely with the concept of divorce. Sometimes, however, it seems there is no other option.

"I don't agree with it [divorce]

under a lot of circumstances, but if there's abuse, there's nothing else you can do," said junior Lisa Burling.

If a divorce and then a remarriage occur, there's always a chance that not only a step-parent, but a step-sibling or half-sibling could be gained.

"You have to learn to get along or live with them [steps or halves] if you have them," said Lohmann.

Adding a new face, or faces to the family portrait is not always an easy transition.

Sometimes, unfortunately, step or half siblings don't get along. Whether it's because they aren't full blood relatives or whether it's regular sibling rivalry is anybody's guess.

"I have two step-brothers. We don't get along very well at all. [That's because] there's a big age difference and we were raised differently," said Hiesel.

Then there's always the issue of whether people from broken families grow-up to be worse off than those who come from a more traditional type of family.

"It [broken families] might change the way they act towards other people; good and bad," said Lohmann.

Whether families are traditional or go against all aspects of the traditional family, they can get along and live together happily.

"I'm really glad that I have the family that I have, and we're very close," said Burling.



## Oldest, youngest, t

By Janelle Karvonen

Guest Writer

At some point in life, everyone fights with siblings, verbally or physically. If it's not with their siblings, it is with cousins or neighbors, but whatever the case, everyone seems to find someone to pick on.

Studies suggest that ending the "sibling war" will take many years. It seems that everyone has some evil in them at one point or another in life.

The simple fact is that nobody is perfect. Everyone picks on somebody once in a while.

One student said, "I am the only one who will stand up and tell my mom off."

This statement shows how older children are different from their siblings, and will often be more overpowering.

Experts say birth order has an impact on your behavior.

First-born children need to be taught everything by their parents be-

cause they do not have older brothers or sisters. Everything first,

"My parents pick on me as much as my younger siblings don't have any problems. I got to do things first, everything first. I get in trouble," said Ecklund, telling the oldest child.

When it comes to the eldest tends to be superior.

"When my parents pick on me, he picks on me. I am the coolest guy that they have. Right now, he is saying, so it doesn't matter," said second-born Kruck.

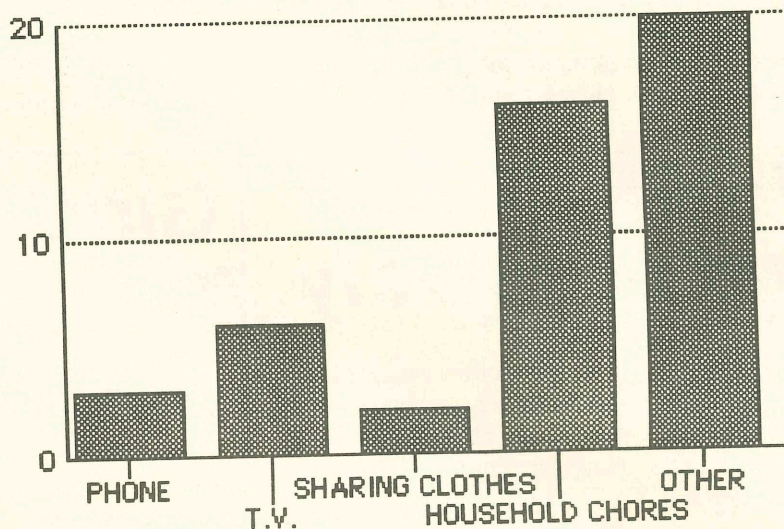
The third-born is the middle. They are often blamed for influencing your behavior. It seems like



# ite picket fence; yeah right



MOST COMMON CAUSES OF SIBLING ARGUMENTS:



RESULTS TAKEN FROM A QUESTIONNAIRE PASSED OUT TO STUDENTS BY THE FEATURES DEPARTMENT OF THE BISON.

## Sibling rivalry causes chaos where children declare war

By Jaime Loebertmann

Staff Writer

### trapped in-between

not have any older brother. The oldest experiences even discipline. Parents don't let me do as much as my younger siblings since I am older than them. I have to experience everything if I did it or not. Then I get blamed for everything. I said sophomore Erin about her experience as a first-born in her family. When the second-born arrives, it's hard to believe that he/she is older than me. He thinks he is the first-born ever walked this earth. He is stationed in New Jersey. It doesn't matter so much any more. The second-born junior Cathy is a first-born child is caught in between. Third-born children are often causing trouble and anger children. Like the fourth-born gets

most of the attention. Another characteristic of fourth-born children is that they love to talk.

Unfortunately for fourth-born children, often they do not have much power since they're the newest and the smallest members of the family. Studies show that being the youngest member could lead a person to be a comedian or salesperson.

Although people may or may not like to fight, a remedy must be made for this "sibling war." Studies suggest making a list of things siblings say to each other. Read it to one another, and apologize for the nasty comments.

Talk with siblings and make promises to each other. Write them down if necessary.

Although squabbling is quite common when children are younger, it tends to fade with age and distance.

Junior Amy Stadlander relates her experience. "We [my sister and I] were best friends, but now she's away at college, so we don't see each other much any more."

"Mom, Jenny hit me. Dad, Bobby took my Nintendo game." Does this sound familiar?

Sibling rivalry can turn two normal, sane human beings into ranting, raving fighting machines.

"We (my siblings and I) fight any time anywhere," said sophomore Anna Harvala.

Arguing has become a common place occurrence for many families.

"(We get in an argument) practically every day," said sophomore Lisa Novotny.

For parents the sound of squabbling voices is a common but unpleasant sound.

"You're going to have to work it out yourselves. We are not going to get involved," said sophomore Jill Belland, telling of her parents advice on ending sibling arguments.

Parents often try to avoid being caught in the middle of their children's disagreements.

"Settle it (the dispute) between yourselves," is what sophomore Kristina Schumacher said her parents tell her.

More often than not there will be a catchy little logo involved when a parent breaks up a fight.

"The mature one will be the one to let the others have the last word," said sophomore April Huston.

There are various reasons for sibling arguments.

"Because they (my brother and sister) annoy me," said Harvala.

There seem to be at least some common factors involved.

"My sister always wants to wear my clothes. Then she stains them," said Schumacher.

That half an hour wait in front of the bathroom door in the morning tends to cause more than a few fights.

"Mainly we fight about the bathroom in the morning, and clothes," said Huston.

Remote, clicker, zapper, channel changer...these are all words that are commonly heard shouted from the mouths of those fighting over who gets to watch the tv.

"We fight all the time, but mainly about the tv," said Belland.

Sometimes these seemingly innocent spats turn painful.

"I took my brother's thumbnail off by slamming a door on it," said Harvala.

Siblings can get surprisingly violent with one another if angry enough.

"My sister ripped a shirt off me," said sophomore Michelle Hausladen.

With all the fighting and arguing going on between siblings it would seem that there could be a lot of hurt feelings.

"It (fighting) doesn't affect families unless it is the parents that are fighting," said Schumacher.

Some believe in letting family members know what is going on with the family, good or bad.

"It brings families closer together, it gets their feelings out," said Huston.



# Boys' hoops embark on trip to Bahamas

By Theresa Button

Staff Writer

A unique opportunity has presented itself to the senior members of the boys' basketball team this summer.

They will be leaving on June 12, 1994 for Nassau, Bahamas, and returning home on June 19, 1994.

"They [the players] have had to work hard to earn the trip," said coach Neil Fletcher.

In the Bahamas, the Bison players will join some high school and college players from Fargo, North Dakota. The North Dakota State University women's national champion basketball team will also join the group.

"It's a once in a lifetime chance to go to the Bahamas, have a good time, and do some good," said senior Jason Exley.

In Nassau, the players are going to conduct youth basketball clinics, distribute clothing to or-

phanages, bring school supplies and sports equipment to underprivileged kids in the inner city, and play basketball against some of the high school teams in Nassau.

"It's a great opportunity to travel and do something positive and helpful for a lot of disadvantaged children," said senior Paul Keprios.

To help pay for the trip, the players have done many things. They raked yards in the

fall, sold concessions at Jr. Bison games, put on clinics for young people, worked at Dan and Jerry's greenhouse, and asked for donations from local organizations.

"Lutheran Brotherhood, Aid Association for Lutherans, Wal-Mart, and Buffalo National Bank have been a few of our major donors," said Fletcher.

On May 2-6 they are holding a clothing drive to collect clothes to take to high school and younger kids in Nassau. On May

7, they are having a car wash at Wal-Mart in Buffalo.

"[It's a] neat experience because these players who have worked so hard to make this trip possible have shown me just how classy they are," said Fletcher.

The schools in Nassau have been trying to set up an FCA. (Federation of Christian Athletes), so they have plans to try to connect with them. They're also going to get involved in a local church service to get into activities.

## Bison Golf season starting positively

By Jessica Hrdlicka

Staff Writer

The golf teams are in full swing and off to a great start this season.

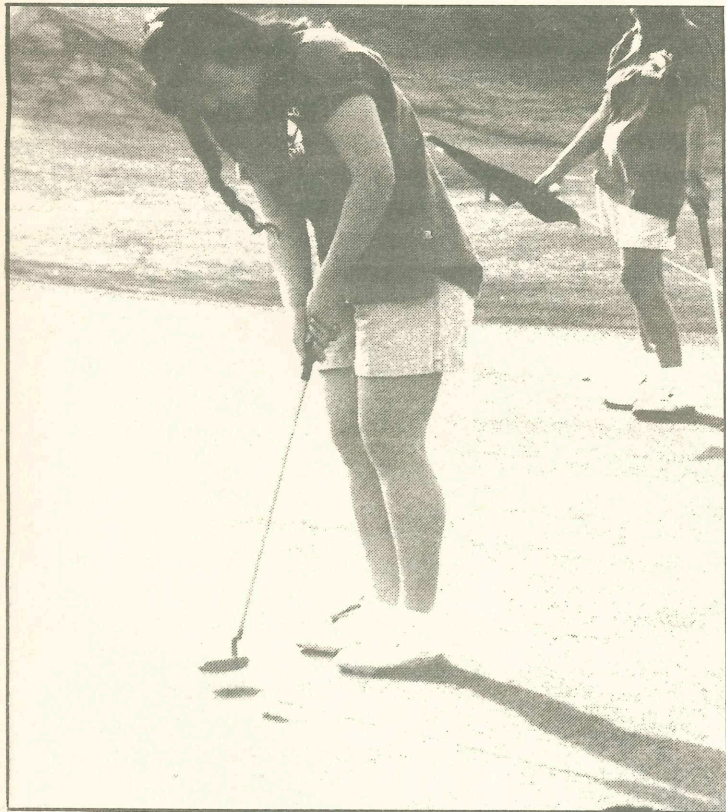
"We have a very good chance at winning the conference. There are a lot of talented young men, who are very coachable," said boys' head coach Pete Specht.

The golfers who get in the qualifying ten rounds comprise the top six players. Those six players are on a team for the match.

"I think our team goal is to win the conference," said freshman Anna Harvala.

Golf isn't just a team sport. It's an individual sport, too.

"My personal goal is to win all-conference and go to state," said junior Luke Zimmerman.



Heather Hanson/Photographer

**GOING FOR THE GOLD ON THE GREEN:** Senior Sarah Jatko concentrates hard while trying to make the hole at the Buffalo Invitational Golf tournament at Buffalo Heights Golf Course.

## Girls' softball season starts

By Kirsten Thompson

Sports Editor

The Bison girls' softball team is already showing

that they are going to be a tough competitor this season. With a record of 3-3, the team is looking forward to the games and camaraderie that lie ahead.



Heather Hanson/Photographer

**KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL:** Senior Nicole Carlen at the softball game on Thursday April 21st at Bentfield Mills.

"Our goal is to play our hardest and to keep improving," said senior Mandy Hahnke.

Although they have tough competition from Totino Grace, the girls hope to finish first in the conference.

Even though the team has only been practicing together a short time, they have come together as a team to win three games this season.

"The beginning of the season has not been bad. We need to improve so we don't make as many errors as we have been," said senior co-captain Shannon Stewart.

As with every team at the beginning of a season, the girls would like to see improvement.

"We need to keep up the enthusiasm throughout the game," said Stewart.

## Athlete Profile

The Athlete Profile is a new feature in *The Bison*. Each issue the coaches of the current sports will choose an athlete who is either an outstanding player, most improved, or the hardest worker on the team.



**Missy Varner, senior member, girls' golf**

"She is the most consistent, plays during the summer and when we don't have practice," said coach Riti Sanderson.



**Luke Zimmerman, junior member, boys' golf**

"He has the best average, and a very good chance of winning the conference," said coach Pete Specht.



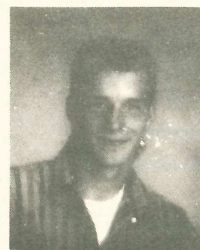
**Troy Duerr, senior member, track**

"He is the record holder in shot put, and has broken it three times with a distance of 56 feet," said coach Ed Saxton.



**Cole Mattson, senior member, track**

"She's got the best long jump and triple jump, and also participated in the 4 X 200 and 4 X 100 relays," said coach Ed Saxton.



**Jason Ramthun, senior member, baseball**

"He was all-conference in 1993, he works hard and plays hard, with a batting average of .357 in 1994," said coach Leroy Erickson.



**Sarah Opsal, senior member, softball**

"She is a real hard worker who loves the game. She's been on varsity for two years, and is one of the most coachable players," said coach Dave Alto.



**Jamie Davidson, senior member, tennis**

"He is hard working, an excellent sportsman, and has been a team leader for the past two years," said coach Charlie Keifenheim.

Ken and Cathy

*Lundaby*

photography

477-5388



## Track team update

By Nicole Zwieg

Staff Writer

The Bison track team is off to a running start already this season.

"Track is so much fun. It is a lot of work, but it's worth it," said freshman Missy Barthel.

Some people like to run extensively and are good at it.

"Running is awesome. I have been in track since seventh grade. It is a good way to get in shape," said junior Brandon Young.

Everyone has personal goals, and they also have team goals.

"Some personal goals are to throw shotput 60 feet and to make it to state," said senior Troy Duerr.

Most people have someone they look to for guidance and as an inspiration to keep striving for the

best performance possible.

"My idol is probably Lance Mason," said Wade Demmer.

Some members of the team feel that at the end of a bad day, being outside doing something they like can be mentally and physically beneficial for them.

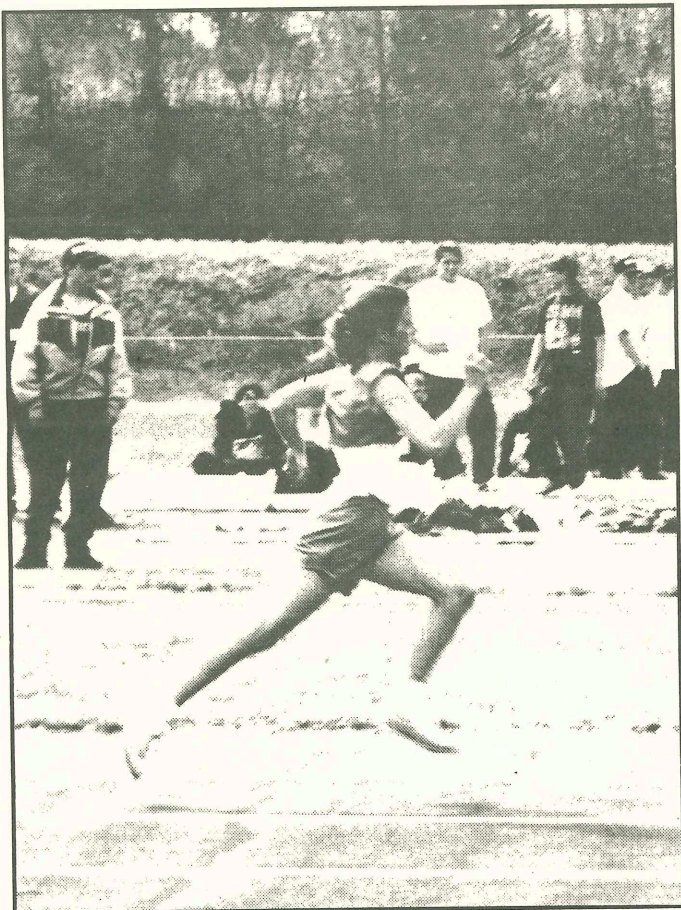
"It is a great way to vent your frustrations," said junior Brandon Young.

Apart from the physical benefits, for some, track is a great way to meet new people.

"I met most of my friends in track. You have fun, work hard, and try to achieve your goals," stated sophomore Jenny Fiedler.

Track isn't just about running. There are many other events people enjoy participating in as well.

"I like throwing shotput and discus. It keeps you in shape," said Duerr.



Spencer Erdahl/Photographer  
**LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING:** Freshman Renee Peter at the track meet on Saturday, April 23rd at Monticello.

## Baseball team still hoping

By Kirsten Thompson

Sports Editor

The Bison boys' baseball team is in good spirits despite a crushing 4-0 loss against Centennial. They are 0-4 so far this season.

"We would like to see mental improvement such as concentrating on where the ball is thrown," said coach Leroy Erickson.

The team has set their

goals to improve in this area so that this type of defeating game will be rare.

"Our goals are to continue to improve and to narrow down our starters so we can have a stronger team," said Erickson.

The team identified a strength that they have had throughout the entirety of the season.

"When we are hitting, we are on," said senior Eric Novacek.

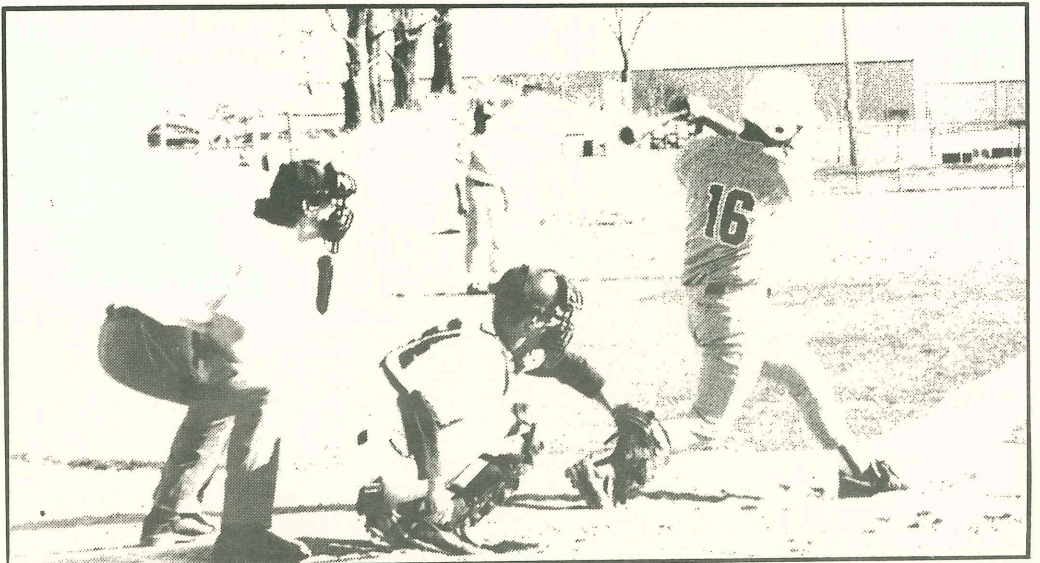
Individual goals vary be-

tween the players, but the central theme of striving to do well is common in all players.

"My individual goal is to perform my best," said senior Nathan Klatt.

Inexperience is one factor that has proven to be a large problem for the team.

"There are a lot of guys who haven't played a lot of baseball, plus, we only have two starters back from '93," said Erickson.



Heather Hanson/Photographer

**SWING BATTER, BATTER:** Senior Paul Keprios in action at the game on Thursday, April 21st at Bentfield Mills.

## Three players to Ireland

By Jessica Hrdlicka

Staff Writer

Three seniors were selected because of their accomplishments in football to go to Ireland.

Seniors Jason Ramthun, Aaron Demarais and Pete Miller are working hard at participating in fundraisers and saving enough money for the trip. The group will be flying out June 8 and returning June 18.

"I was really excited to be

chosen. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Ramthun.

The trip has many purposes, including gaining experience in travelling, learning about different cultures and having a good time and meet some new people.

"I'm excited to travel to a different country, play the Irish and just hang out with the guys I'm going with," said senior Pete Miller.

While in Ireland the football players will be busy touring

hospitals, teaching at football clinics, and visiting schools and nursing homes.

"I'm going to play football as well as I can," said Miller.

Although many people have athletic talent, most people wouldn't get very far by themselves. Having friends and family that support them was a necessary in making this trip a success.

"My dad has been my biggest supporter and the most help. He helped me raise the money to go," said Ramthun.

**GRADUATES**  
When you need  
Announcements  
Name Cards  
Memory Books  
Jewelry  
Party Supplies  
See Us!

**PRECISION PRINTS**  
609 SOO LANE  
BUFFALO, MN.  
682-4489

**682-2873**

**Doug and Judy Bergstrom**

1461 Pulaski Road  
Buffalo, MN 55313

**On Hand:**  
\*BHS letter jackets & accessories  
\*BHS apparel-sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets.  
\*Sporting goods for all school sports  
\*Trophies  
\*Awards  
\*Scorebooks

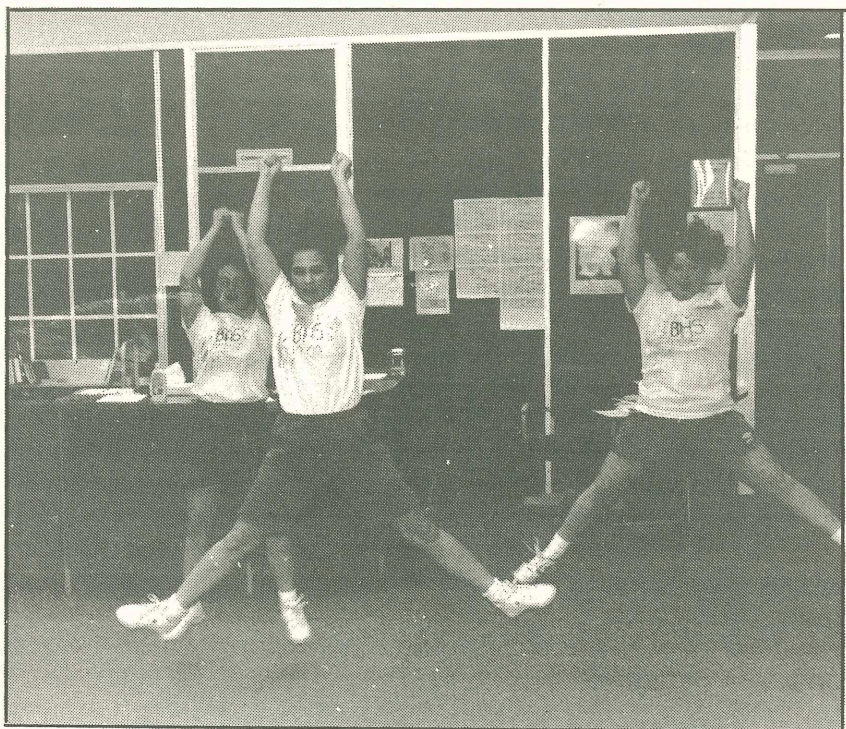
Pam Dane 295-3390

**JOYNER LANES**

Open bowling on weekends

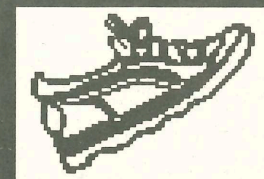
Located in Monticello





Heather Hanson/Photography  
**GIMME A "B"!!..** The cheerleading tryouts were held on April 20 in the library at 3pm. The girls competed for 16 positions on squads for fall sports. Picture from left to right are: juniors Didi Moore, Karen Moore, and sophomore Kathy Rude.

## Jargon use considered



K.C.'s  
 Corner

By Kirsten Thompson

Sports Editor

I sit on the bench yelling at my teammates who are struggling to win our softball game, and it occurs to me how much of a role sports jargon plays in our everyday speech.

In fact, words, sayings, and even concepts were invented along with the games which we all know the meaning of at a very early age.

By the time you're in high school, you've heard them all: *He shoots and scores!*, *Three strikes and you're out*. I wonder how we could get through a day without sports slang. "*Get your head into the ball game!*" your shop teacher yells

moments before you get your fingers cut off with a bandsaw.

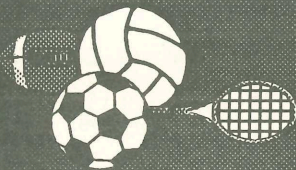
Where are you, out in left field? If it wasn't for baseball, none of us would have the slightest idea where left field is, or how to get to it, in the first place.

Then there are the phrases which imply intense loyalty or effort between two people... *He went the whole nine yards for you...* and the ever famous, *Win one for the Gipper*. You remember him - a football player who died of strep throat, but inspired his teammates to give it their all in the big game and made Ronald Reagan a star.

So remember: when you *huddle together* and *slam dunk* your lunch... your friend *commits a foul* against you and you call for a *technical time out* to get the ref's opinion, remember we're nothing more than *minor leaguers* who can't buy a hit as we *flounder at the bottom of the standings* lost without a word to say, if it wasn't for our endless fascination with sports.

## S P O R T S

# UPDATE



### Golf seasons begin with a hole in one

On April 19 at the Majestic Oaks golf course, the girls' golf team came away with a first place finish and a score of 219. Centennial was second with a score of 220. They hosted St. Cloud Tech at the Buffalo Heights golf course April 22, coming very close to another first place finish. They tied with Centennial at 217, earning second place. Top scorers were: Varner, 52; junior Amy Fingalson, 54; sophomore Stacie Seuker, 55; and junior Jenny Ahlm, 56.

The boys' team has competed in their first match earning a 230, which put them in first place. Monticello came in second with 235, and Totino Grace third with 239. They will compete seven times within the conference and will participate in tournaments with Wilmar and Litchfield.

### Softball season starts well

In the girls' softball tournament, the team played a cancellation meet against Mankato West and lost 17-1, beat North St. Paul 13-7, and lost to Mankato East 7-1. Playing well so far this year are: senior Mandy Hanke, pitching; senior Sarah Opsal, catching; sophomore Gerice Olson, catching, fielding; and junior Amy Stadlander, second base.

## Girls' ski team earns award

By Rebecca Ebnet

Editor-in-Chief

The Buffalo girls' slalom ski team earned the section 6AA Academic Championship Award given by the Minnesota High School Slalom

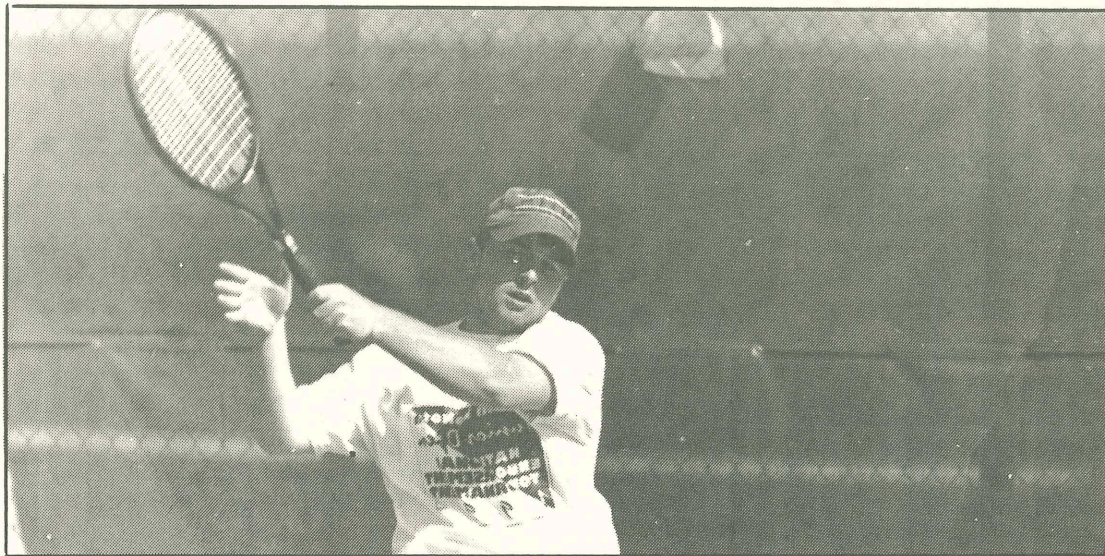
Ski Coaches Association.

Seniors Angie Toso, Erica Lundsten, Sara Lewis, Krista Kock, Kim Kealy and sophomore Kelly Dunn competed in the section meet at the end of the season. After the meet, the GPA's of all six athletes were accumulated and

averaged, then compared to the scores of the other teams in the tournament.

"It's a good indication of a well rounded person when they excel in their studies and in athletics," said coach Rick Toso.

## Boys' tennis sets high goals



Lane Wilson/ Journal Press

**SERVING UP A WIN...** Senior Jamie Davidson nails the ball over the net at the Buffalo Invitational match that was held April 21.

By Kaje Dubbeldee

Staff Writer

The boys' tennis team has started their season with the ball in their court.

Players have set and hope to accomplish their individual goals.

"My goal is to get through divisions in doubles and go on to state," said junior Mike Marty.

The main key to setting and maintaining goals is self-improvement.

"I hope to play a little better each match. If I can do that, my record should be pretty good,"

said junior Shawn Bakke.

All of the players have set high goals, even first year players.

"My goal is to win half my matches," said junior Chris Feilen.

Along with individual goals, players also have team goals.

"I want to win a few matches and help the team along the way," said senior Jon Berg.

The main goal the team has is to be conference champions and to make it to state.

"The team is good. I think we will place in the top three this year," said Berg.

This year, both singles and doubles are expected to do well.

"Our singles are as strong as doubles. I think we will get pretty far," said junior Chris Feilen.

With the combination of a strong team and talented players, the Bison boys' tennis team should look forward to a productive season.

"We've got a strong group of younger players who are going to step up and help the team. Younger players are the key," said senior Jon Berg.

The boys next match is at home against Monticello.

Pam 682-6040



Country Floral

In the Tom Thumb  
 Complex

**We will custom  
 make your  
 corsage to fit  
 your budget!**

**Silk and fresh flowers available  
 Order early for the best selection**

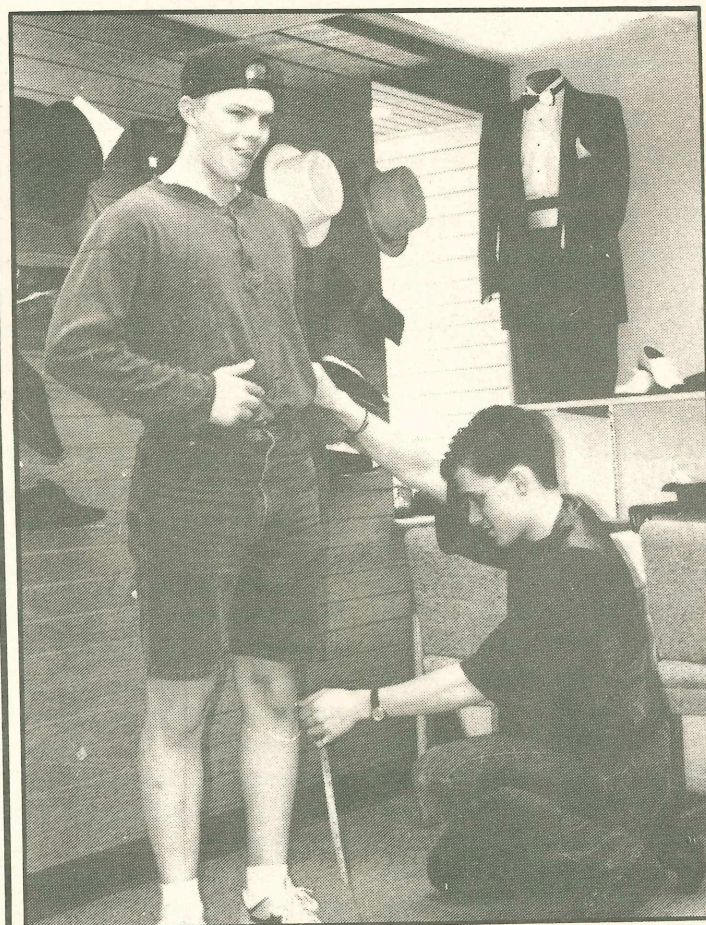


## Prom preparation 1994: In the Still of the Night



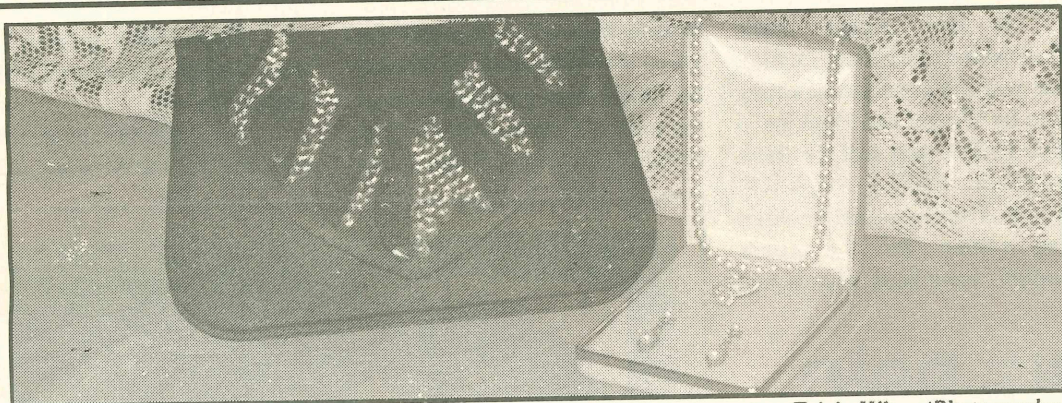
Tricia Hibner/photographer

Greg Moselle and Bess Hayes do the asking and accepting of an invitation to go to Prom. Thankfully, at BHS you don't have to have a date. All juniors and seniors are invited to attend.



Tricia Hibner/photographer

Brandon Young gets fitted for his tux by Jason Poirier at Johnson's in Buffalo.



Tricia Hibner/Photographer

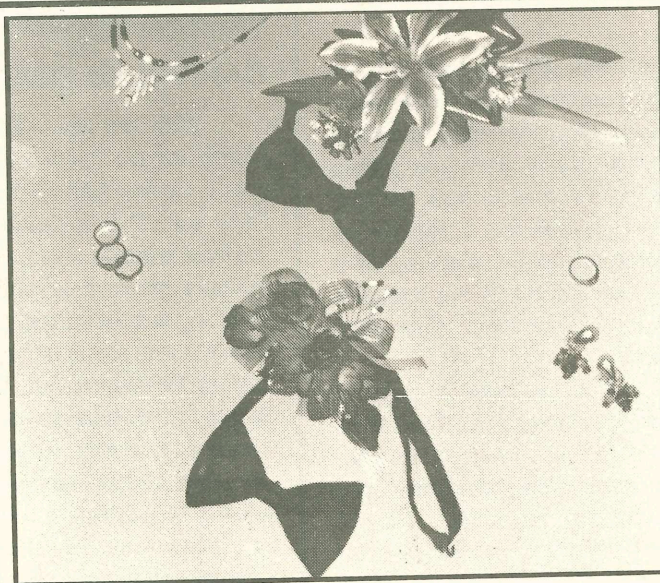
Baubles and bangles, some borrowed, some new, for carrying and wearing the whole night through...

### Preparation for Prom continues

As Prom night draws nearer, there are many last minute preparations that need to be considered. Dresses, hair, tuxes, flowers, dinner and jewelry make the evening what it was intended to be -- a special high school memory.

Prices soar and shops become inundated with busy shoppers trying to find the right color and style.

Expenses for Prom range anywhere from under \$100 to over \$600, as people give all they've got for that special one.



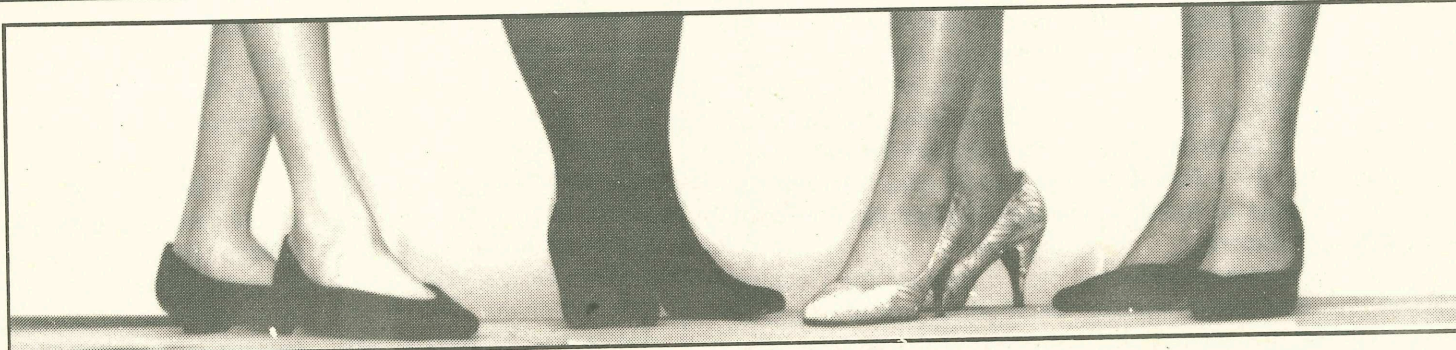
Tricia Hibner/Photographer

Flowers and bowties increase the feeling that this night is meant to be special.



Tricia Hibner/Photographer

Amie Underberg tries on a dress. Low necklines, sequins and bows, prom dresses and the memories are to be treasured.



Steppin' out! Whether they're heels or flats, the perfect pair of shoes makes the outfit, and the evening feel right. Finding a nice pair for dancing is easy when you have a wide selection to choose from.

Tricia Hibner / photographer



# To see or not to see, that is the question

## THE PIANO By Royce Johanson

### Entertainment Editor

When I went to see *The Piano* I noticed that I was probably the only one there under thirty. Maybe I am exaggerating, but that's what it seemed like and by the middle of the movie I realized why. I guess I should have read the reviews or asked people about it and then maybe I wouldn't have been so surprised to see full frontal nudity of both sexes. Of course, I always end up sitting in front of the people who narrate the whole movie, and they had to get their two cents in about it. As it turns out, the nudity and sex seemed to be the only topic of conversation of people coming out of the theater.

Even though it sounds like that was the only thing that happened, it wasn't. The movie did have a plot and some good acting to boot. As a matter of fact I was impressed by the acting. You couldn't have guessed that this was Anna Paquin's first movie and even though she won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress this year, I wasn't expecting much. Boy was I wrong. Her performance was amazing. I was very impressed. Then there was Holly Hunter's performance as the mute woman. She didn't say a single word in the whole movie and won the Academy

Award for Best Actress this year. Her facial expressions said it all and they had to, but the question is, could anyone have done it better than she did? When you don't like a character very much you tend to ignore that actor's performance because you don't even like to see that person on the screen. So when you go back to analyze the performance you have to take in consideration that it is probably more difficult to play an evil character and they don't necessarily enjoy it. With that in mind, Sam Neil's portrayal of the wicked, mean husband was pretty good.

Overall, I thought that *The Piano* was done quite well. Everything was put together well and the cinematography, the camera angles and how the film was shot, was superb. The script was also done well. It was brilliantly contrived by Joan Campion, who also directed it.

The only problem that I saw was in the rating of the film. It should have been rated NC-17 not R. Maybe they should have warned people. For me it wasn't a problem. I'm not a seventy year old woman who might have a heart attack watching it. I guess the censors are getting soft.

*The Piano* deserves two thumbs up (hey, the sex wasn't the whole movie!) for its stupendous acting jobs and for being an all around good movie.

## SHADOWLANDS By Royce Johanson

### Entertainment Editor

Of the movies I've seen recently, *Shadowlands* has been the best one. I would have nominated this for Best Picture instead of *The Piano*. It was even better than *Schindler's List* in its own way. *Shadowlands* was just a feel good movie, whereas *Schindler's List* was good in a historical, educational standpoint.

*Shadowlands* may sound boring when I say that it is about a middle aged author who only finds out after he realizes this woman, whom he loves dearly, won't always be in his life. It may not sound exciting or very good, but it is the best movie I have seen all year and very touching. I must say I was surprised that it was so good. I wasn't expecting to see so much quality material. It was done so well, but I should have known because when you put heavy hitters such as Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger in a movie you should expect to see magic.

A few things made *Shadowlands* such a terrific film. One was the great job of acting done by Winger and Hopkins. I grew to love and feel for these characters. Many people would say that it was how well the script was written, but the movie wouldn't have been what it was

without it's great actors. The way that it was put together was brilliant. I commend the crew for doing such a wonderful job on *Shadowlands*. One of my favorite things about this movie were the terrific, philosophical quotes. They totally made me think about what they had said and what they meant, and they made me think a little more about life.

If somebody asked me if I would recommend *Shadowlands* I would definitely, without hesitation, say yes.

## WHITE FANG 2 By Royce Johanson

### Entertainment Editor

I wasn't too high on the idea to see this movie in the first place, but I kept an open mind when seeing it. My judgement from seeing the trailers proved to be right. *White Fang 2* is the worst movie that I've seen all year.

This was the slowest movie I've ever seen. It dragged on forever. There was maybe ten minutes of exciting, adventurous material in the whole movie and that was towards the end. So I ended up sitting there and bored out of my mind for an hour and twenty minutes. The thing that they called

the plot was so transparent, it's no wonder why it dragged on for what seemed like years instead of an hour and a half.

The lead actor, Scott Bairstow, was terrible. Where did they dig up this guy? He stunk so bad that I thought I needed an oxygen mask. Every moment he was on the screen was an unpleasant experience for me, which was terrible because that was all the time.

The scenery was the best thing about *White Fang 2*. There were great shots of forest, open land, rivers and lakes. The cinematography was brilliant. It's too bad that they couldn't have done that well with the rest of the film.

I was very disappointed by this continuation of *White Fang*, but that usually seems to be the case with sequels. Very rarely is a sequel as good as the previous, but there are some exceptions, like the *Lethal Weapon* films. They just keep getting better. As for *White Fang 2* they should have stopped while they were ahead.

There didn't seem to be any correlation between the first and second film.

I would definitely not recommend this movie to anyone.

# Schindler's List shows pain, horror, genocide in Holocaust

## By Royce Johanson

### Entertainment Editor

*Schindler's List* had to be one of the most talked about and celebrated films of the year. It was so talked about this year in what seemed like every paper and talk show in the country because of it's horrific and gruesome showing of the Holocaust and it came to be quite celebrated because it finally gave Steven Spielberg his well deserved and long awaited Academy Award.

I was quite impressed with *Schindler's List*. I loved the fact that they shot almost the entire movie, except for a few symbolic colors, in black and white and maybe that's because I prefer black and white movies, but I doubt it.

A lot of people have commented on how well they have liked it filmed in black and white. I think that it was a wise move on Spielberg's part. He also did a good job in choosing his crew for this film. The cinematographer, Janusz Kaminski, and the composer, John Williams, both won Oscars. The cinematography was exceptional. This film would have

been lost without it. The music also played a big part in the movie. It helped to express the emotion, pains and horrors of the Holocaust.

This movie also had an extremely large cast. There were 126 speaking parts and thousands of extras on the set. The actors that stood out the most in this film had to be Liam Neeson as Oskar Schindler and Ralph Fiennes as the notorious Amon Goeth. They both did an outstanding job. For his part as Amon Goeth, Fiennes had to gain weight, but you could definitely tell that he had lost it come Oscar night. He was so convincing in his role as Goeth that it was scary. Seeing this guy would just send chills up your spine. I really feel that after seeing Neeson in other films he has greatly improved.

*Schindler's List* did a great job in portraying the Holocaust as it really was. They filmed on location at some of the death camps and in Germany.

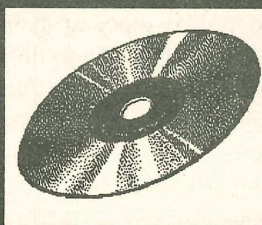
I think that it was necessary for this movie to come out when it did because now people are trying to say that the Holocaust never

happened. People need to learn about society's mistakes from the past so they don't make the same mistake twice and then people will know what to look for next time. I think that a Hollywood movie is just the place to do it because there is a big audience that you can reach through a movie.

You can educate millions of people through film if you make it interesting enough to the general public. This isn't necessarily a new concept either. They've been doing this for a long time. I mean, look at war pictures. Millions of people see them. Whether they learn anything from them or not is a whole nother thing.

I would have recommended that you go see this in the theater, because the effect it has on you with the big screen is tremendous. I think that some of that effect will be ruined when it comes to video, but I would still recommend it for its amazing educational and learning value.

I must say that I learned a lot about the Holocaust and myself when I watched *Schindler's List*.



## New Releases

### CAPITOL IS SINGING WITH NEW SERIES

With the never ending search for the "new sound," people are now finding that the "new sound" is a sound that has been around for years. The younger music generation is realizing that the current alternative music scene is fast becoming the mainstream. In the search for an alternative to the alternative, young scenesters are now rediscovering the sounds of yesteryear, which are becoming immensely popular. This can be seen with the current rise in popularity of such legends as Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra. What better way to sample some of the greatest vocalists of all time than through the "Capitol Sings" series?

On April 5th, Capitol Records released four new volumes to that on going "Capitol Sings" collection, which includes *Hello Young Lovers: Capitol Sings Rodgers and Hammerstein*; *Far Away Places: Capitol Sings Around*

*the World*; *Route 66: Capitol Sings Coast to Coast* and *Mood Indigo: Capitol Sings Duke Ellington*. These compilations will contain familiar tunes you've all heard like *The Sound of Music* and *My Favorite Things* from the movie *The Sound of Music*. Also included is *Getting To Know You* and that very hip and slick number *It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)*. Other tracks included are *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, *Take The 'A' Train*, *Sophisticated Lady* and *Some Enchanted Evening*. Some of the all time greatest vocalists appearing on these are artists like Tony Bennett, Duke Ellington, Peggy Lee, Nancy Wilson, Bobby Darin and Judy Garland just to name a few.

So before you get left behind, grow with the fast changing pace of today's music scene. Open your mind to the great music which influenced the groups of today.