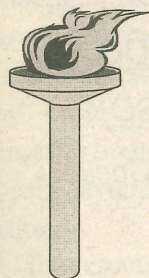


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New start times in fall?

By Brian Malerich
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Editor

School may be starting earlier than 8:05 a.m. next year. Next Monday, the District 877 school board will vote on a motion to instate multitiered bus routing for District 877. If passed, elementary and secondary schools will have different starting and ending times.

The three options to be voted on are keeping schedules the same, making the elementary schools start

earlier, or making the secondary schools start earlier.

"It's a really tough call. I do think we need a split schedule for saving money," said BHS Principal Nick Miller.

An earlier start time would reduce the amount of class time taken by activities, but would possibly lead to more tardy students.

Studies show that starting earlier is a detriment to the learning process. On average, students are least alert in class at 10:00 a.m., while 50 percent of studied students were most

alert after 3:00 p.m. (Allen & Mirabile, 1989).

"I think starting earlier would hurt students' education," said senior Jeremy Lostetter.

Starting later gives more time to activities who meet before school. However, after school activities would have to readjust their practices, and students with activities would miss more of fourth block.

"I think we should start at an earlier time because of absences caused by students leaving to go to activities," said math teacher Karen

Rebischke.

Other districts will also influence the school board's decision. Matching sports schedules and classes with the Wright Technical Center is one of Miller's primary concerns being voiced to the board.

"We are very dependent on the eight other schools in our conference," said Miller.

The motion will help reduce a deficit built up by Laidlaw Transit over the past few years. Other options are on the table, including a reduction of activity buses, eliminated

half-day kindergarten, same-location activity carpooling, and changes to the walking criteria. The ultimate deciding factor is which grades will benefit the most from a different time.

Sophomore Mitch Mattson wonders, "how much more are kids going to learn half an hour earlier?"

The issue will be discussed and voted on at 7:00 p.m. during Monday's School Board meeting at BHS.



Greenwood 4th in State!



Photo by Sara Tabor

Junior Dana Greenwood recently placed fourth in the State Alpine Ski Meet. Greenwood's time was 60.11, only .08 seconds behind third place John Hovde from Armstrong. The meet was held at Buck Hill in Burnsville and had a total of 40 participants. Way to go Dana!

Congratulations to the gymnastics team who placed SIXTH at STATE!

Related story on page 7...

Athletes from BHS put academic myths to sleep

By Scott D'Camp & Chairity Molzahn
News Editor/Staff Writer

The movie, *Revenge of the Nerds*, portrays classic "dumb jocks" making life miserable for the smart but uncoordinated nerds.

The stereotype of a successful sports team shows players as dumb or obsessed over sports and parties. The "jocks" get their grades handed to them, then play football on Friday night, and party afterward. At BHS, sports are successful while academics are still the priority.

"I am a three season athlete, and I still find time to maintain a 4.0 [grade point average]," said junior Rusty Kath.

In 1997, BHS activity participants had a combined GPA of 3.38. All of the activity averaged GPAs were above 3.0 with the highest going to One-Act play at 3.73, girls basketball, and girls tennis at 3.69.

"Buffalo tries to make its students strive to do well both academically and

athletically," said junior Steph Hourscht.

After the conclusion of the fall season, BHS football was announced as the State champion academically out of 48 teams in class 4A. The team's GPA was 3.58. The team averages are compiled with the top 43 GPAs, and then are compared to the six other teams in the section. Buffalo won both the sectional and State team academic titles.

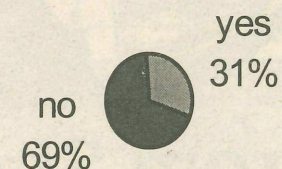
"I am thrilled that the football team won this team award. For us, academic success is as important as a winning record," said activities director Nancy Bergert.

The football team's GPA went up by .54 from the 96-97 season. Head Coach Gerard Rohl credits the raise in GPA to the team's hard work and discipline. He also believes that next year's team will have an equally impressive GPA.

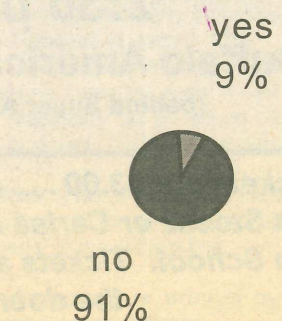
"I think sports help students' grades; they learn how to discipline themselves," said Rohl. "Students learn to manage their time and get things done."

Gone are the days of the "dumb athlete." With new NCAA requirements, athletes need to be smart just to stay in the game.

Do students feel that GPA makes a difference in sports?



Do you associate athletes with being less intelligent than other students?



Wright County traffic: *too much, too fast*

By Safe Communities

Guest Writers

New housing developments dot the eastern Wright County landscape, replacing corn fields and pastures while adding cars, trucks and rush-hour traffic. The result? Traffic snarls and crashes.

"There is a loss of control of speeds on our roadways," observes Wright County Sheriff Don Hozempa. "We have difficulty keeping up with the incredible growth in traffic."

Wright County Commissioner Judie Rose is concerned about safety.

"I often hear from elderly residents that they are fearful when crossing County Road 19," she noted.

To make roads safer, the communities of eastern Wright County in partnership with Allina Health System, have launched *Safe Communities of Wright County*, a three-year pilot program to study crash injury data and develop traffic safety education and interventions.

Community forums

Students, parents and school officials are encouraged to attend one of the community forums scheduled to present the project findings and enlist community support on:

** March 10 at 7 p.m.--Buffalo High School

** March 12 at 7 p.m.--Montrose Community Center

** March 17 at 7 p.m.--St. Michael/Albertville High School

** March 19 at 7 p.m.--Rockford High School

Focus on teens and commuters

"The data points us in a couple of clear directions," said Anita Berg, principal investigator from Allina Health System's HealthSpan Transportation Services. "We are working with community leaders and residents of eastern Wright County to reach teen drivers and commuters with effective education and interventions."

Compiled from state crash reports, the data indicates a jump in crash rates on weekdays from 3 to 4 p.m., peaking on Fridays. Most involve young drivers, ages 15 to 19. The top three contributing factors are driver inattention and distraction, failure to yield, and illegal/unsafe speeds.

Teens, parents and schools are being enlisted to be part of the youth safety programs which may include winter driving education and school-based awareness campaigns.

"Youth involvement in designing intervention strategies will be critical to the success of our work," said Karla Heeter, community

partnerships facilitator at District 877 schools.

Because almost half of the highway crashes in Wright County involve drivers who reside in Wright County, the other citizen advisory team will focus on commuters, travelers and businesses in the county.

Grant funds pilot program

Safe Communities of Wright County was initiated by a \$180,000 grant from The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the American Association of Health Plans (AAHP) to Allina Health System. As one of only three project sites in the country, *Safe Communities of Wright County* is being tested as a national model for the prevention of traffic injuries and fatalities.

"We were very excited when we learned of the federal grant," said Mary Ellen Wells, administrator of the Buffalo Hospital and part of Allina Health System. "Recent traffic tragedies have underscored the need for this kind of thorough and well-researched approach to traffic injury prevention."

For more information on Safe Communities of Wright County contact 682-8818.

January Feature Teacher



Photo by Sara Tabor

Conroe Erickson

Currently teaching: *Current Issues and Social Problems*

Years teaching: 30--all here in Buffalo

High School Hometown: Cannon Falls, MN

College: Augsburg

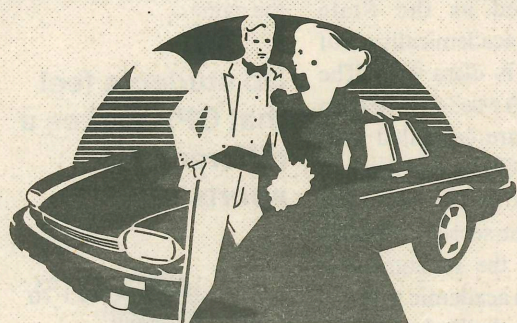
Hobbies: *Playing sports, going to movies, refereeing and umping games and going to Ft. Myers, Florida to watch the Twins train.*

When I'm not teaching I'm: *Building, painting and fixing things.*

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Our Apologies:

Alyssa Bakke was mistakenly misquoted in the "Photo Poll" of January 30 issue of *The Bison Stampede*. Bakke would like everyone to know that she has, to this day, kept her New Year's resolution.



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Teachers should practice what they preach

The nightmare of nearly all students is seeing their teacher walk in to class five minutes late, while drinking coffee and spilling papers everywhere. This vision is coming out more and more as the new semester begins, a vision once believed to be entirely fiction.

Discrepancies about who exactly school rules apply to have caused much ill will among some students towards teachers. In a perfect world, there wouldn't even be a need for rules. However, our world is not perfect and rules do exist. Rules exist to guide the unruly, and school rules exist to guide the unruly students.

The predominant issue with teachers is tardiness. It appears students don't realize the extreme difference between students and teachers. How could a student be asked to be in class on

What happens during passing time:

0 min: Class dismissed	loses previous class' homework.	starts to arrive
1 min: Teacher	2 min: Teacher drinks morning cup of coffee in room	10 min: Class starts
	3 min: Teacher goes into hall, tries to watch students	11 min: Late students arrive
	8 min: Next class	12 min: Teacher arrives
		13 min: Points docked



time, and even docked when they aren't, yet many teachers stand out in the hall when the bell rings?

Like most, there is an answer to this question. Part of a teacher's job is to patrol the hallways and keep the students on task and in their classrooms. According to administration, teachers are supposed to be in the halls at the ring of the bell. They're out there to catch the students who are still in the halls after the bell.

Hypocrisy also finds itself sneaking into the classrooms. It seems there

are teachers giving their opening day speeches about food and beverages in the classrooms, while drinking their morning cup of coffee. This form of hypocritical thought does nothing but confuse the already confused students.

Once again, there is an explanation. Students cannot eat or drink on carpeted areas due to the custodian's inability to clean up their spills. Administration states that the staff has been found to be more responsible than the student body, and

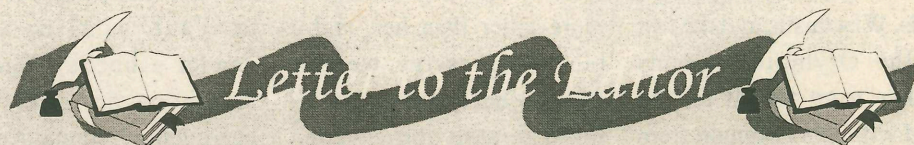
therefore has earned the trust of the custodians, allowing them to eat and drink on carpeted areas.

Possibly the most damaging problem, lost assignments. Everyone hates to turn in an assignment that has taken weeks to complete and hear three weeks later that it was never received. Students can't be expected to be responsible and turn in assignments

when every assignment they turn in gets lost.

It would be as, if not more, effective for teachers to stay in their own rooms and make sure their own students get there, and let other teachers worry about their own students. Or if teachers can eat or drink in their classrooms, they could refrain from doing it in front of students? And, if teachers don't take assignments home to be

graded, maybe there would be less misplaced assignments. One good solution to all of this is the realization that teachers and students are both human. There is no one out there who is perfect and never screws up. If a common understanding could be reached between some teachers and students, perhaps there could be less confusion and grudges in the future.



Befriended by snowboarders

Just finished reading your articles on snowboarding. I was surprised at the articles on skiing vs. snowboarding. Being a 53 year old grandmother who recently started downhill skiing and has suffered

more bumps and bruises than I can remember, the young adults and kids on snowboards were not only courteous, but many times stopped to help me up from another fall and inquired if I was okay.

If we all remember to treat each other the way we would like to be treated, there is plenty of room on the hills and in the

universe for all of us to have fun and live happily together. The snowboarders I've met seem to understand this and I thank all of you for the courtesy you've shown and the encouragement you've given me along the way.

Chris Hedtke

Next issue:

QuickFixes: Microsoft Powerpoint - tips for beginners.
Hey!!! Vern also takes

personal questions! Get in touch with him by leaving a message addressed to "QuickFixes" at one of the locations below or e-mail him at <vern@buffalo.k12.mn.us>

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Womens Hockey fits with those new to Olympics

By Sara Tabor

Arts and Entertainment/
Photography Editor

"When I was 14 years old I played hockey with the boys, and we put 'K.L.' in the program so people wouldn't know there was a girl on the team." Karyn Bye, of River Falls, Wisconsin, and the rest of the Olympic womens hockey team fought for the gold with other women from around the world for the first time.

As women.

With the first gold medal chance for women hockey won by the United States team, lead by captain Cammi Granato, the United States and the world feel that women's hockey has found its niche with the more traditional biathlon and figure skating. Girls from the United

States that want to skate with pucks have the ultimate role models.

Jenny "Schmiggy" Schmidgall, 18, a Edina High School senior, plans to play hockey at the University of Minnesota next winter. At a small five feet three inches and 130 pounds, she skates with competitors a foot or more taller than her, and a more impressive weight. Keeping her honor role status is hard with the Sweden women's hockey team warming up for a game with you on the ice the same time your friends at home are asleep. The homework piles up. To earn extra money at home, she delivers newspapers. But who said being hundreds of girls' role models would be an easy task?

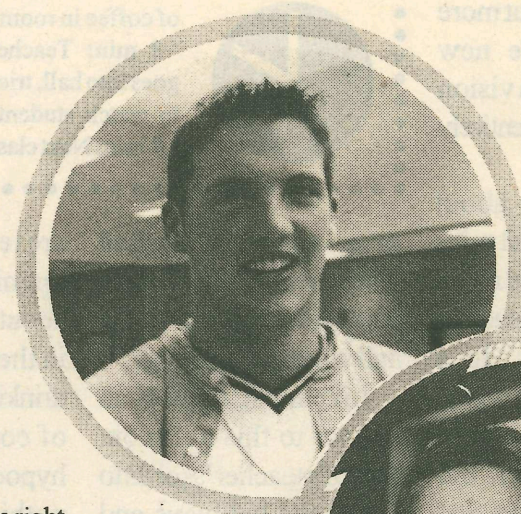
Schmidgall, being still a high school student, refused

the Olympic gold medal prize money, stating that she would still like to compete as an amateur. This way she can still compete in high school. Minnesota State High School League rules and policies state that it is forbidden to compete for money prizes.

Alana Blahoski, 24 and a forward for the team from St. Paul, sums up every gender's hockey fantasy: "Lowering my head while hearing the National Anthem and feeling the weight of a gold medal being placed around my neck. That's as good as it gets."

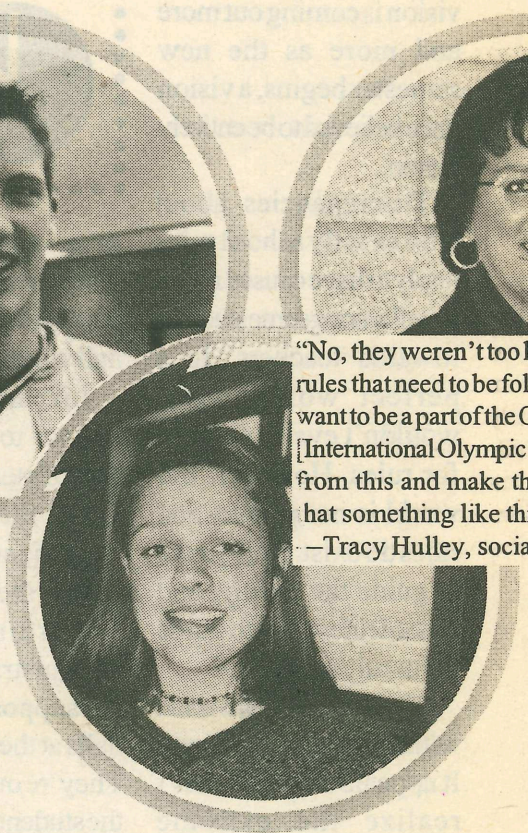
**Author's note—all information here has been taken from the CBS Sportsline website. You can find information about Olympic athletes at <http://www.cbs.sportsline.com>.*

What do you think of the Olympic the Canadian snowboarder, al



"I think it's right they gave it back because the Olympic committee weren't clear where they stood. They should have clarified the situation."

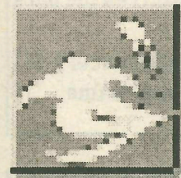
—Mitch Theisen, senior



"I think they shouldn't have given the medal to Ross Rebagliati because it's not being a good role model to younger athletes."

"No, they weren't too rules that need to be followed. I want to be a part of the [International Olympic] from this and make that something like that."

—Tracy Hulley, social



Tasha Nelson's skills bring Olympic spirit to Buffalo

By Brian Triplett

Editor-in-Chief

You're walking down the west hallway, rubbing sleep out of your eyes. You pass the "Hall of Champions," not paying any attention to the faces above. If you did look up, you might recognize a face that's been in the news lately. Former BHS student, Tasha Nelson followed her lifelong dream and recently raced in the '98 Winter Olympics. Nelson is one of 14 Minnesota athletes competing for the U.S. team.

Nelson grew up skiing at Minnesota's Buck Hill and

won the State competition for Alpine skiing in 1989. Teachers remember her as being "outstanding," "focused," and "one of the most conscientious students in class."

"I remember reading a paper that she had written nine years ago when she was a freshman," said English teacher Jean Pehl. "It talked about her lifelong goal of making it to the Olympics and skiing."

Nelson was a member of the BHS ski team for a short time and was always be there to help out other skiers and help the team improve as

much as possible.

"She was a real team player," said counselor Mary Lynn Leff. "She was always willing to help out and she made every player on the team feel important."

Even though Nelson was enrolled here at Buffalo, much of her time was spent in other states at skiing schools. She came to Buffalo for a few weeks at a time to get homework and study plans, then she left again, to perfect her skiing.

"Tasha played the flute in the band," said band director, Lee Kjesbo. "She would be gone a lot from school but

when she came back she would always have her lessons done."

Keeping in contact with Leff was a crucial for Nelson. Leff helped the program work for her by keeping her up with her school work and contacts with teachers.

"It was really fun to work with her," said Leff. "She was an excellent student and cared about her academics as much as her skiing. If we would suggest something for her school work, she would do it nicely and appreciatively."

Nelson could be seen skiing on TV last Thursday

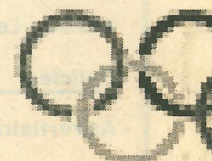
night. She missed one of the final gates on her first run and was disqualified.

"It was a great way to show students how you can get to your goals, not tomorrow, but someday," said Pehl.

A HUGE "Thank you and Congratulations" from everyone here at BHS and in the town of Buffalo. After all, how many communities can say that they helped raise an Olympic athlete?

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"I think the committee was
too hard because they accused him
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"[The Olympic committee was] too easy on him
because it may set precedent on the future
Olympics." —Peter Lynch, freshman

Snowboarding causes controversy

By Chris Lindahl

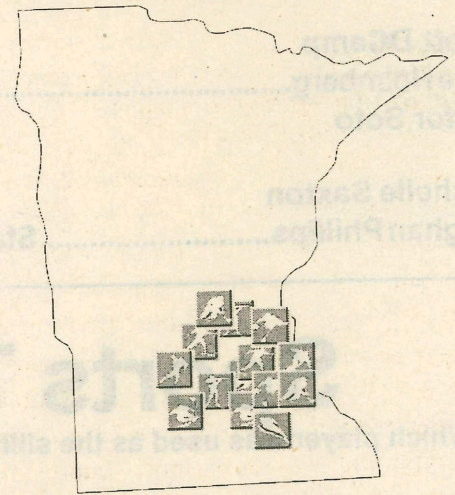
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From very poor snow
conditions to marijuana usage,
snowboarding as an Olympic
event has fulfilled all the
preceding controversies, and
more.

Whistler, Canada's Ross
Rebagliati gave the sport a
surprising lift when they
discovered marijuana in his
blood stream soon after
winning the gold. He claimed
on the night of January 31, he
attended a party where he
smelled other peoples pot, but
never had any of his own. 9
days later, he was tested after
winning the giantslalom event,
and stripped of his medal. He
got it back after appealing the
case the following day.

Snowboarding wanted to be
seen as an Olympic sport, well,
it's definitely getting Olympic
size coverage.

Minnesotans in Nagano:



Cross Country Skiing

John Bauer, Champlin
Suzanne King, Minneapolis

Biathlon

Kara Hermanson-Samela, Elk River
Andy Erickson, Minnetonka

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Kristina Koznick, Burnsville
Tasha Nelson, Mound

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John Gordon, Columbia Hts.
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Amy Peterson, Maplewood

Ski Jumping

Mike Keuler, Burnsville

Professional players bring Olympic hockey a little more excitement

By Brian Malerich

Editorials Editor

Although the first goal in
the Olympic men's hockey
tournament was made only five
minutes and 18 seconds into
the first game, the tensions had
already been running hot for
weeks; famous NHL stars had
been getting primed far ahead
of the competitions.

Dallas Stars' Mike Modano
and Joe Nieuwendyk, good
teammates, had trouble seeing
eye-to-eye when they faced the
Philadelphia Flyers' Eric
Lindros. Even local star Joel
Otto from Elk River (also with
the Flyers), practiced with
hopes of getting the gold. All
three, including many more
NHL players, played for their
home countries in the Winter

Olympics.

The effect of having pro
players on Olympic teams was
felt relatively close to the start
of the games. Germany's Uwe
Krupp, straight from the
Colorado Avalanche, assisted
the second of two goals versus
France on Feb. 10. The
impressive shutout was also
highlighted by a victory two
days earlier over Japan.

No one felt the excitement
more than NHL star Wayne
Gretsky of team Canada. While
they exited a bullet train in
Nagano, Gretsky and other team
members were pushed, pulled,
and prodded. Even the
Japanese fans got into the
action, along with omnipresent
Canadian spectators. Although
tickets were scarce, the fans of
the "great one" were determined
to stay and watch

him play.

Along with fighting crowds
and fighting for practice time,
the NHL players had a lot on
their minds. The stress has not
only affected their personal
behavior, but has some anxious
about their NHL positions.
Modano settled on a contract
just before the Olympics, one
that was too low for his
expectations. Modano was
hoping that his performance
on the Olympics, if he played
well, would affect negotiations
next year, and push his salary
nearer to Lindros', which
Modano claims is fair for his
ability. Lindros, on the other
hand, had no worries about his
contract, and just wanted to
"get in there [the Olympics]
and play."

"I think it creates more rivalry
between countries," said junior

Jesse Casady.

Although the salary gap
fuels Modano's anti-Lindros
feelings on American ice, they
were both in the same boat
when the U.S. team played
Sweden on Feb. 13, and Canada
played Sweden on Feb. 14. The
pros on team US started to lose
energy late in the third period,
leading to a 4-2 loss. Most of
the players blamed the size of
the Olympic rink, which is wider
and longer than the standard
NHL rink. Team Canada, on the
other hand, was warmed up
from the previous day's 5-0 win
over Belarus, and beat Sweden
3-2. No one knows if the rink
was to blame again when
Canada beat the US 4-1 on Feb.
16.

"I think it's good for the US
to face it's own professionals,"
said Casady

But the most prevalent
change was the number of
penalties. While playing
Sweden, the US racked up five
penalties, two of them rouging,
one high-sticking. The
previous teams of post-college
students followed in the
footsteps of most college
games, with less penalties.
Even the Canadians had a hard
time staying out of trouble. Both
Canada and Sweden had seven
penalties each, two of them
being "unsportsmanlike
conduct" calls.

And the US team's first
penalty in the Olympics? Adam
Deadmarsh, an NHL player,
called with rouging, only 25
seconds after the first goal.

Congrats BHS athletes!

Bison gymnastics team.....Sixth place

Tara Schroeder.....Fourth all-around, third floor exercise

Dana Greenwood.....Fourth place alpine skiing

Scott DCamp

Nate Holmberg.....Qualified for State:wrestling

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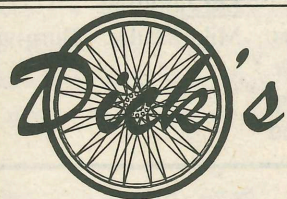
Michelle Saxton

Meghan Phillips.....State participants:gymnastics

Sports Trivia

- 1.)Which player was used as the silhouette for the NBA logo?
- 2.)How many inches wide is the balance beam in gymnastics?
- 3.)What NBA team has scored 107 points in one half?
- 4.)Who were the only NHL rookies to earn MVP honors in the Stanley cup finals?
- 5.)How many World Series homeruns did Mickey Mantle hit in his Career?

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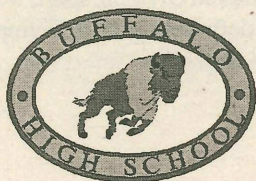


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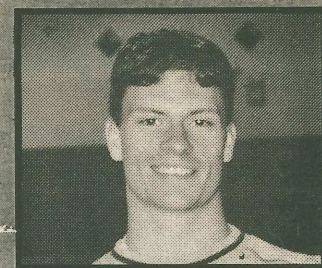
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News Editor

NAME: Holly Bonk
SPORT: Basketball
POSITION: Point guard
YEAR: Senior
BRIEFLY:

Holly Bonk carries a workload second to none. Combined she has been on varsity for 11 seasons between volleyball, basketball, and softball. She is also involved in NHS, student council, and is a yearbook editor. In addition, Holly plays sports outside of school, and enjoys roller-blading and spending time outdoors.

"I referee for the Junior Bison Basketball program and help out with a sixth grade traveling team."

Her greatest achievement is helping the turn around by her basket ball team between her sophomore and junior seasons. The team went from winning just eight games in 1996 to the section finals in 1997.

Holly plans on attending the University of North Dakota on a softball scholarship.

NAME: Rusty (Nails) Kath
SPORT: Wrestling
Weight class: 140/145
YEAR: Junior
BRIEFLY:

During the regular wrestling season Rusty Kath compiled a 22-6 record while balancing a work load of school, NHS, Concert choir, BHS singers, and student council.

"Activities, school, and sports keep me running all day long," said Kath.

Rusty made the *Star Tribune* metro wrestling honor roll four times. He placed third at the Osseo tournament, second at Paynesville, and won an overtime championship at Totino Grace.

"Although taking home gold at the Totino Grace Invitational was a great feeling, it can't compare to being voted most dedicated wrestler two years in a row," said Kath.

Rusty credits his success to his parents, a fine coaching staff, and his friends who have supported him the whole way.

Editors note

The student-athletes of the month are chosen by the *Bison Stampede* sports staff. Students chosen excel academically as well as athletically, and are involved in the community. If you would like to nominate someone for this contact Justin Schroeder or send a written nomination to the *Bison Stampede*.



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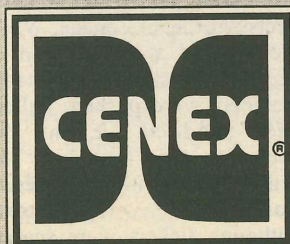
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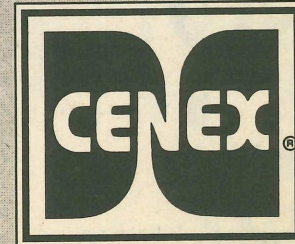
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Gymnasts win conference title

By Justin Schroeder

Sports Editor

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! Any gymnastics fan knows that what the Bison gymnastics team had was special. Qualifying for State, the Bison went 10-2 overall, and earned the titles of conference and section champs.

"Being crowned conference champs was wonderful, all of our hard work finally paid off. We were really number one and undefeated in conference. It was exhilarating," said senior co-captain Heidi Balk.

Winning the conference and making a name for themselves was not an easy task for the Bison. They pulled off an impressive win against Cambridge (139.2-137.65), who was ranked fourth in state at the time and narrowly beat Irondale.

"Beating Cambridge was one of our season goals because we strongly suspected that it would come down to us and them for the conference title," said coach Martha Driscoll-Nelson.

Going into their final regular season meet against the Knights from Irondale, the Bison needed a win in order to seal up their conference championship. The last time they won the conference was in

1990. After controversial judging, the Bison tumbled their way to a 138.95-138.25 victory.

"We were very worried [about Irondale], but we knew that if we pulled it together on floor, we would win the conference," said junior co-captain Michelle Saxton.

Other than a broken arm suffered to freshman Megan Phillips early in the season, the Bison have remained injury free. They were first defeated by a strong Willmar team. They suffered their second loss to the same Willmar team during the Buffalo Invitational.

"Willmar is well coached. They're fairly young, but have a lot of experience," said Driscoll-Nelson.

The 1997-98 season has been especially exciting for the Bison. In the first meet of the season, all five varsity competitors stuck their beam routines.

"The girls told me that they were good, and I said 'show me how good,'" Driscoll-Nelson said. "They did just that and made Bison history as the first team to have all five girls stick their routines."

The school record was beaten not once but three times this year. The previous record of 137.45 was set in 1995. On Feb. 14, the Bison traveled to St. Cloud Tech for the



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Seated row 1: (L-R) Kelly Horntvedt, Susannha Zitun, Tara Schroeder, Heidi Balk, Megan Phillips, Nicole Otten. Row 2: Darcy Belcourt, Jenny Matten, Ericka Miller, Leah Barry, Erin Klein, Kelly Tregaskis, Chelsie Russell, Rachel Waddell. Row 3: Mgr. Angie Lewis, Jessie Mead, Michelle Saxton, Meghan Gauthier, Krista Braith, Jessica Rhode, Mary Jo Goodale, Ryon Ecklund, Mgr. Emily Evasti. Row 4: Asst. coach Nan Alden, spotter Jon Holtz, Head coach Martha Driscoll-Nelson

section 8AA meet, where they vaulted themselves all the way to State by scoring a season high 143.45 points. The J/V team also recorded a high score of 120.7, topping the old one of 113.25 set earlier in the year.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to get a 140. We were doubtful about that, so when we

received a 143, we were ecstatic," said sophomore Tara Schroeder.

The uniqueness of the Bison gymnastics team goes beyond their talent.

"Our team was really there for each other-encouraging during practice-cheering during meets-we became more than just a team," said

Balk.

The graduating seniors have helped to set high expectations and standards to be upheld by future teams and with that in mind, the Bison look forward to another successful season next year.

Turn around? New coach, New team, New attitude

By Sara Tabor and Peter Reich

Arts and Entertainment/ Photography Editor and Staff Writer

Although the Buffalo Bison boy's basketball team has seen better years, one prominent change for the better is first year head coach and science teacher Pat Sonju.

After coaching in the Norwood/Young America school district for four years, he began coaching at Buffalo three years ago as the B-squad coach and varsity assistant coach. After physical education teacher Dave Alto gave up his position as head coach, Sonju became varsity head coach.

"Being the head coach is probably easier, but there is more responsibility involved,"

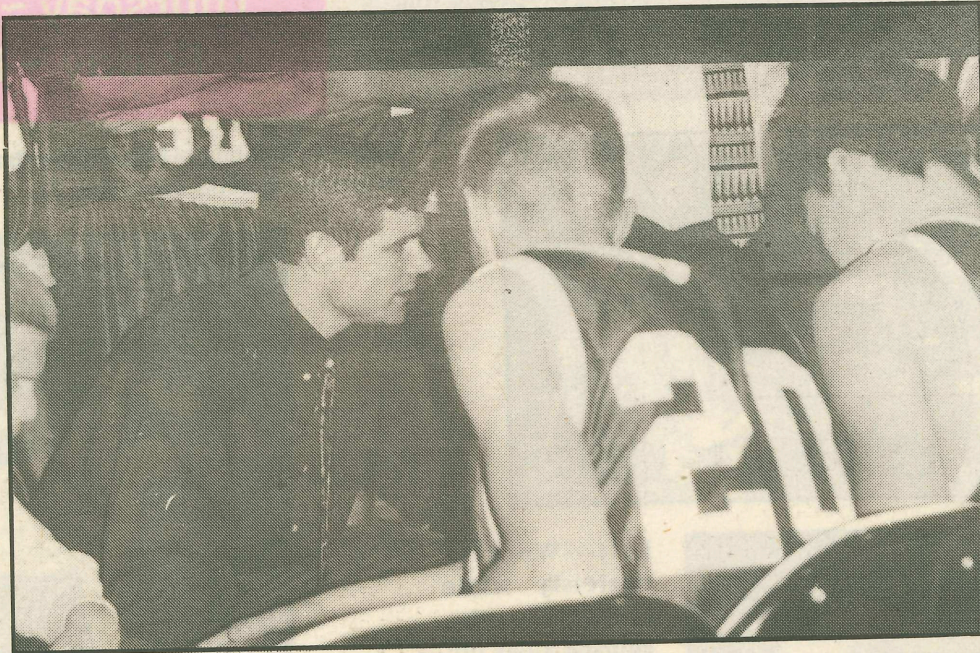


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Coach Pat Sonju discusses his team's strategy during a timeout.

said Sonju.

Basics and fundamentals, such as shooting drills and

crushers (endurance running) are drilled over and over during sometimes grueling

practices, which are balanced with a few jokes.

"I tell them having a

girlfriend hurts their shooting percentage," said Sonju.

While there are three playing sophomores on the team (returning Garth McFadden and former B-squad players Dusty Haskins and Ben Cade), the upperclassmen are the bricks of Sonju's road to success. In the upcoming sectionals on March 6, if there are no prevailing injuries, there will be two senior and 10 junior players on the team. Two juniors, Brent Swaggert and David Barse, and one senior, Mitch Theisen are the captains on the team.

With sectionals coming at the beginning of next month, Buffalo's record is 5-13 and are intending to cautiously dribble and shoot their way to sectionals with the help of Sonju, and school spirit. Site and time are not available upon publication date; TBA.

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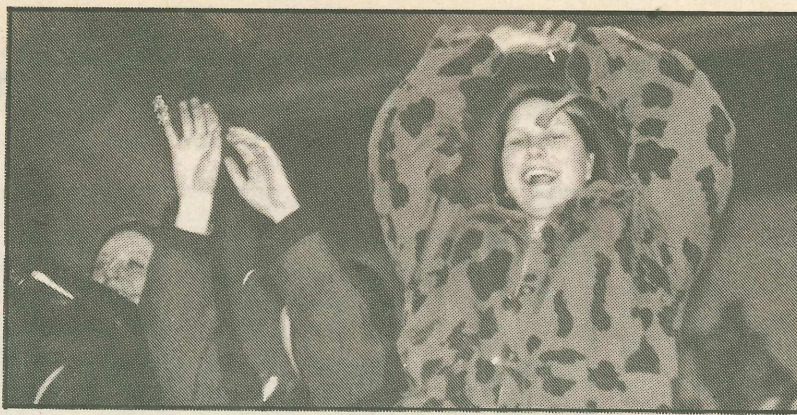
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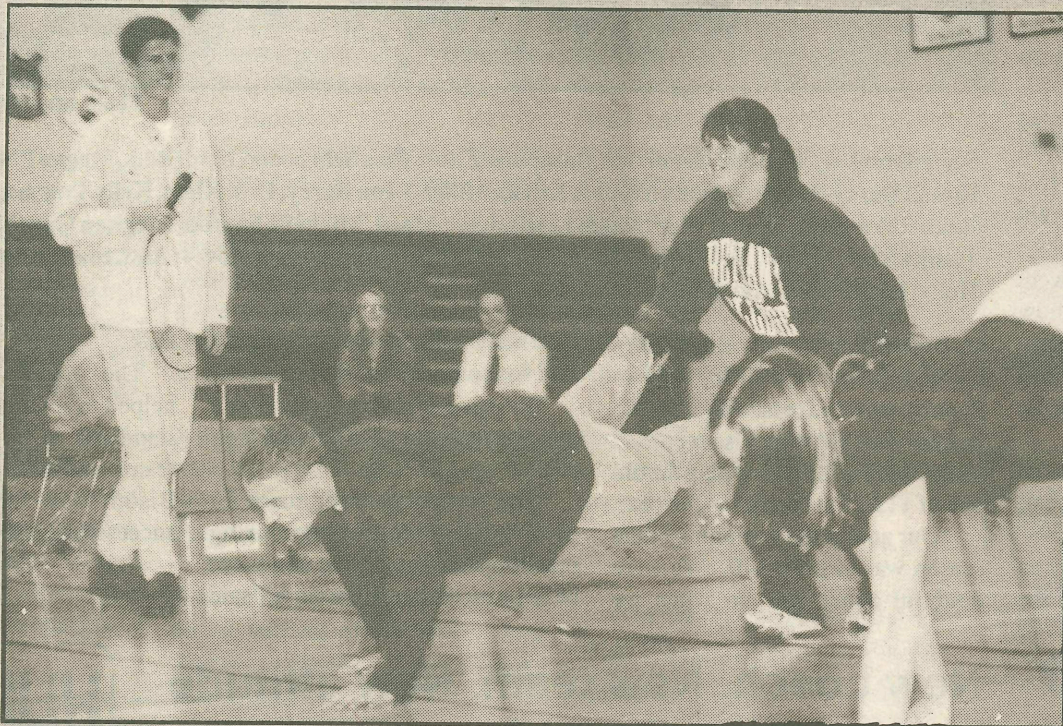
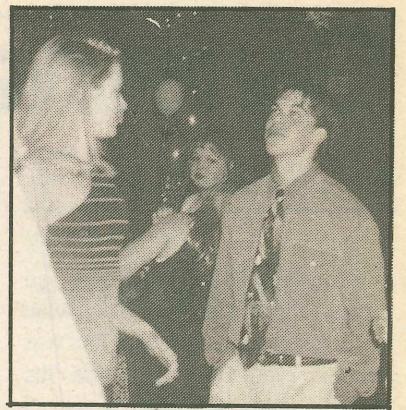
Above—Senior Johnny Goodale busts a move at the dance Saturday night.



Above—Junior Shaya Tackaberry shows school spirit by wearing a camouflage jacket during the AAA game show. Funky dress-up day colors were an interesting sight to a normally bland school day.

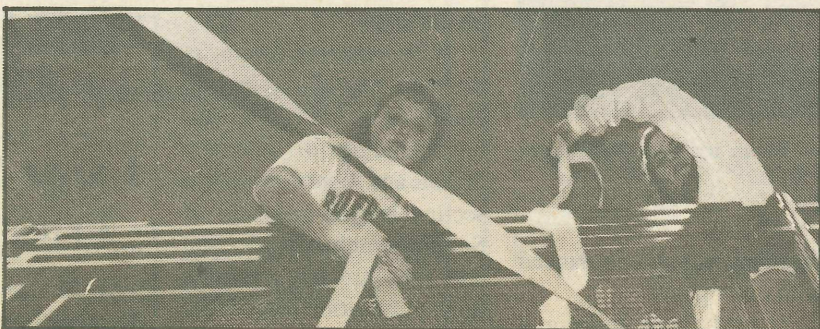
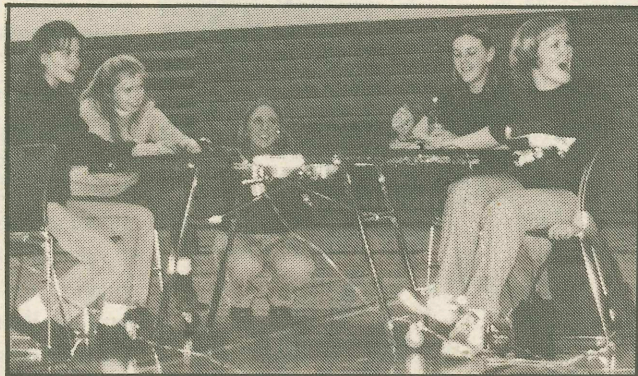
Right—Talented junior Joel Gilmer tries to lure the women with his ever-impressive limbo skills. With help from junior Rusty Kath, Gilmer manages to pass the round.

Right—“So many women, so little time.” Junior Andy Hermes decides whom to dance with, while junior Krina Hoy dances, waiting for him to make up his mind.

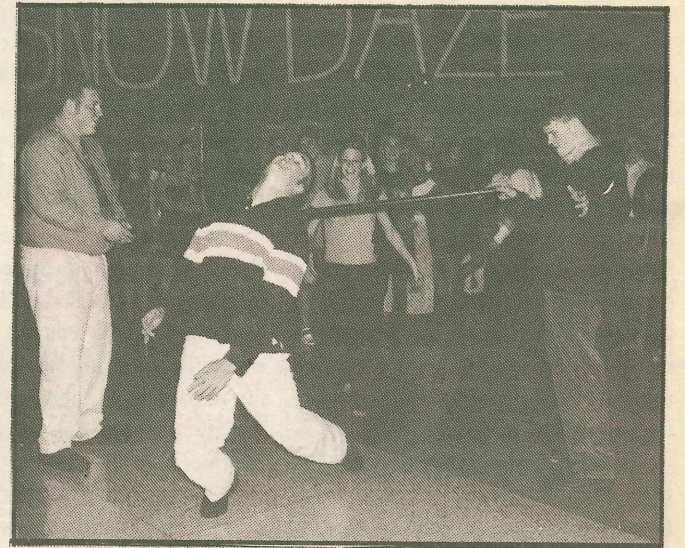


Above—Senior Jeremy Lostetter, junior Erik Sundman, and sophomores Alyssa Bakke and Liza Macho in the final rounds of elimination. All activities at BHS were represented by two people, who tried guessing the right answers to trivial knowledge. Bakke and Sundman represented the Knowledge Bowl teams while partners Macho and Kristi Varner were from Odyssey of the Mind.

Right—Junior Kristi Varner indignantly screeches that she has the answer for a game show question, but the buzzers were faulty. Seniors Alyssa Ouverson and Karina Kartak from the Tri-M music society say the same thing, and, with all the other teams, a shouting match ensued.

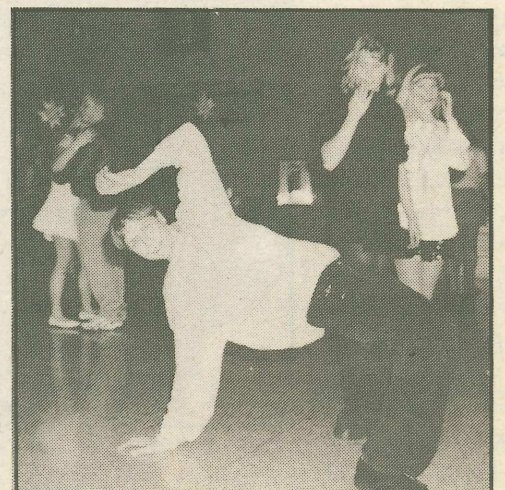


Left—Working tirelessly while everyone else enjoyed a day off, senior April Underberg and junior Amber Schmitz throw streamers and hang banners.



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Tuesday ~ Snowsuits
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Thursday ~ Camouflage
Friday ~ Hawaiian

Below—Sophomore Mike Miller shows off his dancing techniques to his friends at the dance Jan. 31.



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