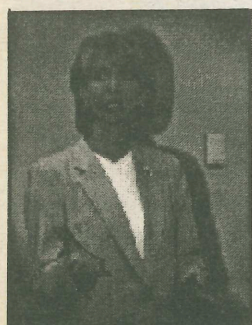


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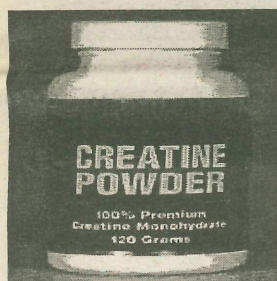
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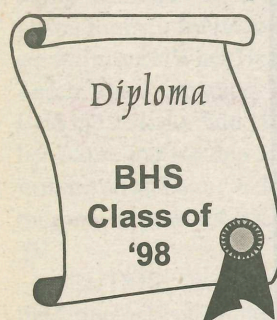
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Buffalo graduates 313 in '98

High school years coming to a close

By Justin Schroeder
Sports Editor

It is said that the high school years are the best of your life. Nothing can erase those memories, but remember that many more friends and memories will be made. On June 5, these emotions will run through the minds of many seniors as they graduate.

"I'm excited to graduate. It's such a weird feeling," said senior Mackenzie Carrubba. "It's exciting and sad and scary all at the same time."

Graduation ceremonies will take place in the BHS gymnasium and begin at 7:30 p.m. While some are reminiscing about the past,

others will be thinking of more minuscule things like, "Yes, I'm out of here," and "I hope I don't trip." Some will be thinking

In the four years that these seniors have been here, they have been given the opportunities

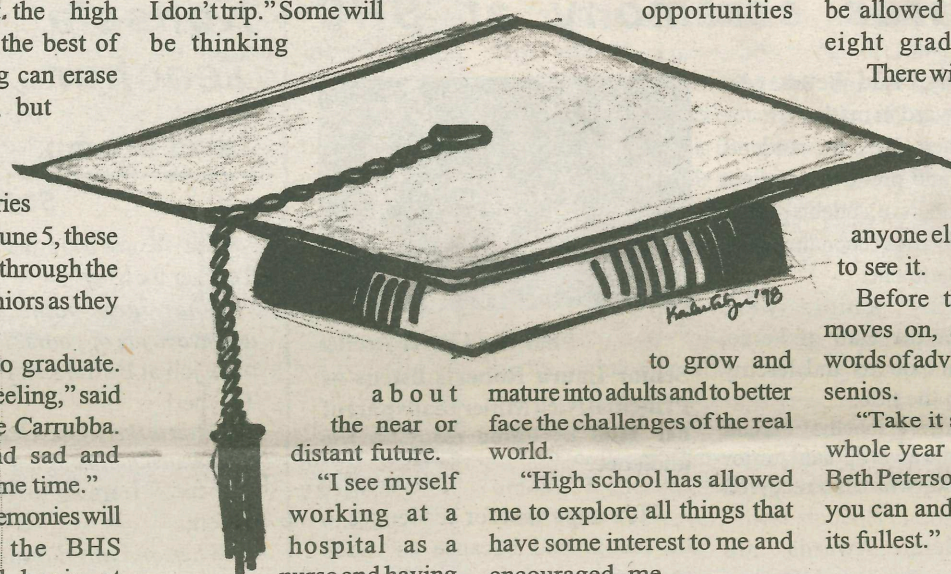
said senior Chrissy Smith.

Due to a smaller senior class, this year's seniors will be allowed to reserve up to eight graduation tickets.

There will be a live telecast of the ceremony in the Performing Arts Center for anyone else that would like to see it.

Before the class of '98 moves on, some will leave words of advice for next year's seniors.

"Take it slow, you have a whole year left," said senior Beth Peterson. "Enjoy it while you can and live each day to its fullest."



about the near or distant future.

"I see myself working at a hospital as a nurse and having a family," said senior Rachel Diethelm.

to grow and mature into adults and to better face the challenges of the real world.

"High school has allowed me to explore all things that have some interest to me and encouraged me to follow my explorations,"

Class of '98 Graduation

Who: Graduates and family/friends. (With ticket only)

Where: BHS gym with overflow in the PAC.

When: June 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Library Security: System in place for '99

By Missy Bautch

Staff Writer

A library security system has been approved by District 877 School Board to be installed for the next school year. Nine hundred and thirteen books were taken from the BHS library since the move into this school. No matter how unintentional, they have disappeared, more than half of them cannot be replaced.

The security system will be installed this the summer. It is designed to set off an alarm whenever a book that has not been checked out passes through the doors. All books will have a security tab in the binding for detection.

"I hope there will not be consequences when the alarm goes off," said Principal Nick Miller. "I believe that accidents happen; I just want to protect our valuable books. If it's a repeated thing the story may be different."

In these two years, \$16,353 worth

of books have been taken and never returned.

"I could have bought two full computer labs with that money lost," said Miller. "The system costs \$11,180 for everything, the money spent will be made up in two years."

The problem with the system, the reason why Miller and head librarian, Marcia Paulsen have spent at least four years going back and forth on the issue: trust.

"We are afraid that students feel like they are not trusted, but we do trust students," said Miller. "We demonstrate it with unfiltered Internet access [students can go anywhere] and outside privileges."

According to Miller, there will be more money to buy new books and two or three new computers every year.

Libraries all over the country have this system already, even private schools and colleges.

"It will be a positive thing all around," said Miller. "It'll even look cool."



Photo by Sara Tabor

Assistant Principal Mary Loberg has graduated from The University of Minnesota with a Doctorate of Education. After five years at BHS, Loberg will be leaving to fill a head Principal position at the new Zimmerman Junior High School.

"This is such a wonderful school with wonderful kids and a spectacular staff. I truly will miss BHS more than I ever dreamt I would."

-Assistant Principal Mary Loberg

Karlee Felger goes to Italy for '98-'99 school year

By Chase Potter and
Kaia Hemming

Layout Editor and Staff Writer

A lot of people learn about foreign countries, whether they want to or not, but not everyone gets the opportunity to travel thousands of miles from home—and parents—and actually experience that country.

Junior Karlee Felger will get that chance this summer as the first person to travel to Italy through the Rotary Exchange Student Program. In preparation for the trip, Felger not

only had to come up with \$3,300 to pay for the trip, but she also had to convince her parents that she hadn't lost her mind.

"They didn't see why I would want to do that for a whole year as a senior," says Felger.

It was ironic that they would be against her trip to Italy since they had gone off at about the same age to travel the world. Among excuses offered for Felger to stay were heart-wrenching ones such as the grim possibility that her grandmother might die while she was gone.

"Bad things can happen no

matter where you are," says Felger, taking the possibility quite seriously but not letting it hold her back.

Felger is moving onward with an air of adventure in hopes of gaining new friends and making the cultural transition.

"[I want] to travel, to see the world while I still have the opportunity," explains Felger.

Every day Felger and Italian foreign exchange student Adele Holzmann meet during fourth block. With Holzmann, Felger is learning about not only the Italian

language, but also about the culture and customs.

"I think I learn more with her than studying the books," says Felger.

Also on the agenda is the study of art. Unfortunately only two art schools in Italy accept foreign exchange students. Luckily Felger has been able to secure a place in one of them ahead of time, leaving only one major problem remaining: adapting to the culture.

"I know I'll adapt to it," says Felger. "I'm late, people say I'm loud... I'll fit in just fine."

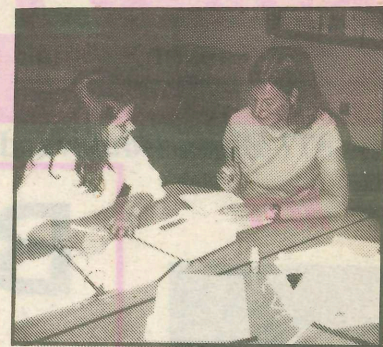


Photo by Ryan Schoenle
Junior Karlee Felger studies Italian during fourth block with Italian exchange student Adele Holzmann to prepare to go to Italy next year.

Sirens interrupt awards ceremony at BHS

By Neal Jullie

Staff Writer

Students, their parents, and teachers were forced to take cover in the choir room and the art hallway for about a half an hour.

"My friends and I took shelter and talked until the storm passed," said freshman Anne Wetter.

Even though the night was lengthened because of the storm delay, most students still had an enjoyable time.

Around 200 students gathered in the Performing Arts Center to be awarded for their hard work.

"Every night I spend time doing my assignments and before tests or

quizzes, I study," said Wetter, who received an award in math.

Most teachers look for students who try hard and produce excellent work. The numbers of students picked to get an award varies depending upon individual department.

Ten worthy seniors were nominated for the Hall of Fame. Seniors Laura Roberts and Jeremy Lostetter won the title.

"I think it's great that they earned the Hall of Fame award," said junior Jason Bechtold, who also received an award.

The Academic Awards are appreciated by many students and staff because it recognizes students who may not excel in other areas.



Photo by Aubree Reinitz
Senior Laura Roberts listens as Principal Nick Miller reads part of her Hall of Fame essay to the audience.

"It's important for academics to be recognized because so much recognition and emphasis is put on athletics," said math teacher Karen Rebeschke.

Konsela receives Feature Teacher award for May

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Staff Writer

Kurt Konsela is the Feature Teacher for May.

What are some career achievements of yours?

A job at Buffalo and Feature Teacher!

What is the biggest lesson you have learned through teaching?

I have learned to be more patient.

When and why did you decide to be a teacher?

Sophomore year in college,



Photo by Ryan Schoenle
because roommate was in education.

What is a childhood memory that stands out in your mind?

Sister running bike into me and making me need stitches.

Crash test dummies pay visit to promote driving safety

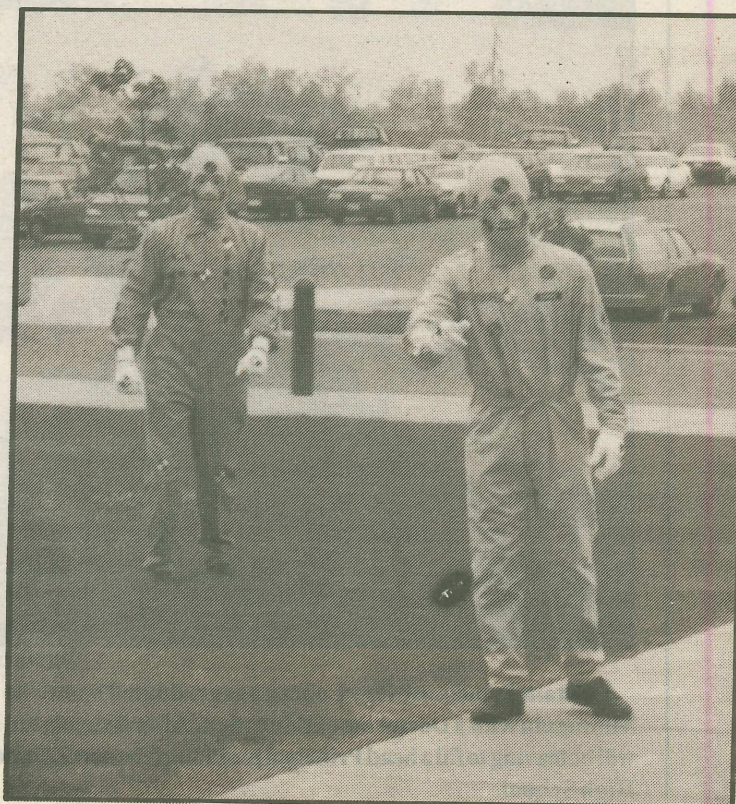


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On Friday, May 7, two crash test dummies visited BHS. Their mission was to keep people from driving drunk over prom weekend, get them to buckle up and promote overall safe driving.



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School starts before Labor Day

First time in ten years, Change made after special bill passed

By Carrie Kolles and Katie Uttke

Staff Writers

The long awaited summer break will be ending sooner this year. For the first time in more than 10 years, school will be starting before Labor day. Therefore, Wednesday, August 26 will be the first day of school.

The post-Labor Day tradition began in the mid-80's when the Northern Minnesota Resort Industry went to the legislature because, their businesses were failing. They thought it would help if school started after Labor Day, giving them one more weekend to boost their sales. Since Labor Day doesn't fall until Sept. 7, the legislature passed a bill allowing schools to start earlier.

"I think that we have better, more eager learners in August than in early June," said American Experience teacher Cindy Khalil.

There are several other factors contributing to the Aug. 26 start date. School calendar makers were pressed to start even earlier due to last years legislative decision requiring Minnesota schools to phase three more days onto their calendars. As an effect of this bill, District 877 School Board added two days so, instead of attending school 175 days, BHS students will be attending school 177 days.

"Just the notion that our country's students attend school less days than any

other country," said Superintendent Tom Nelson. "If we're going to compete with other countries or states, we need to attend school longer."

Another contribution to the early start date is the District's goal to end school after the first week of June to accommodate "Buffalo Days." The school district did not want school to interfere with the festivities. This meant Buffalo's school children could not participate because school would still be in session. The carnival would have to be moved to a different location because it would take place between Parkside Elementary and Discovery Elementary, causing a disturbance in their last days of school.

"I think that it is a poor excuse to schedule around Buffalo Days," said freshman Chris Coulter, "Our educational schedule should not be based on the activities of the town."

Since there were so many conflicts, Superintendent Tom Nelson contacted State Senator, Mark Ourada, and started a petition to move the start date of school, to a day earlier than Labor Day. A bill was formed and passed allowing Independent School District 877 to start school on Aug. 26.

"I'm excited about it," said Principal Nick Miller, "I've always been in favor of starting school earlier. Students learn better in August than they do in June. I'm really happy, I just love it."

BHS graduate exposes myths about college

By Molly Erickson

Staff Writer

For seniors the end is in sight. After four years of working, waiting, and dreaming seniors are realizing and considering their options. Some will chose to start working full time. Others will enter college and work toward a career.

Marissa Kolles a '92 BHS graduate is now a junior at St. Benedict, in St. Joseph Minnesota. She has chosen English as her major, and plans on teaching grades 7-12 after graduation.

"College is not a lot like high school. In High school you have cliques. Not in college, you look at life with a broader sense. I don't stick to the same friends everyday," said Kolles.

Homework is a big thing when in college. At most colleges, students spend hours nightly doing homework. Much like in high school, the workload depends on the rigor of individual classes and instructors.

"I have piles of homework and spend a lot of my time in the library doing research. It's pretty common in college to be staying up past 3:00 am. in order to finish your homework," said Kolles.

In college, there are various housing options. Kolles shares an apartment with two other girls. However, most students choose

to stay at a residence hall, which is another name for a dorm. In the dorms, residents have a choice of single, double, or triple rooms. Single rooms do cost more.

"Usually some people fill out a questionnaire, when you finish, they will try to match you up with another person who is compatible to you," said Kolles.

Students living in their own apartments cook their own meals. Those who live in a residence hall usually eat in the cafeteria.

The feeling of being taken care of and watched over by parents and teachers is soon forgotten as students get into their first year of college. They learn fast how to survive on their own.

"Homework restricts freedom. Making my own decisions is all up to me, and that includes being involved with a club," said Kolles.

While the seniors are preparing for college, they might be wondering how they might deal with the one of the big steps in life. Kolles says that being organized is one important thing in surviving college.

"Academically, you should get used to the idea of being organized. Strengthen your time management skills. Socially, open your eyes to the big picture. Everyone's an individual and they are all searching for their own goal," said Kolles.

Gradute finds succesful career in meteorology

By Kaia Hemming

Staff Writer

With the end of the year rapidly approaching some people wonder what's in store for them after graduation. Many students have some vision for their future, others are still unsure. When Heather Tesch was graduating from BHS in 1984, she didn't know her future job would require waking up at 2 a.m. to do the morning weather for WCCO-TV.

After BHS, Tesch went to the University of Minnesota. Deciding on broadcast journalism didn't happen during high school. Actually, Heather was more interested in being a veterinarian or a cartoonist because of her deep love for animals, and she also proved to be talented at drawing cartoons.

"It [broadcast journalism]

was an interesting field. I usually thought of people on TV as being someone else out of my realm of possibility. But anyone can do it if you work hard," said Tesch.

Getting into broadcast journalism can be difficult. She found that becoming a meteorologist was an advantage, because there are so few women in the field.

"It's all really a matter of luck and timing. It's a challenging field; there's a lot of people and not a lot of jobs," said Tesch. "But if you're willing to work hard and pay your dues, anyone can do it."

Broadcast journalists work odd hours. A typical day for Tesch begins at 2 a.m. in order to get to work by 3:30 a.m. Her day in the station ends around 10 a.m. The odd hours don't keep Tesch away, because she finds her job very rewarding.

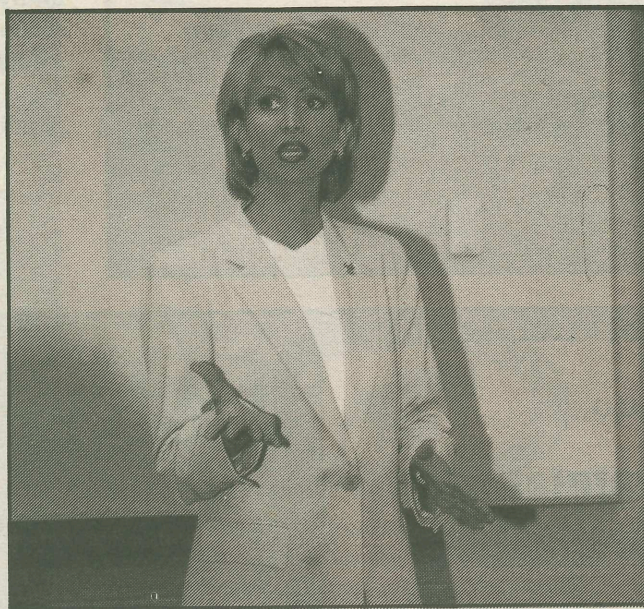


Photo by Sara Tabor
Heather Tesch, an '84 BHS graduate speaks about high school and her career to journalism and mass media students

"It's fun. It's a lot of work and odd hours, and it's not as glamorous as it looks. But it is a rewarding job," said Tesch. "It's a lot of fun because I grew up here and now I work

here."

Getting an education came first for Tesch. High school was very important. In the classroom she really enjoyed art, English and German.

Looking back, she sees the influence these years had on her life that she didn't realize at the time.

"It [high school] prepared you for further education and a job. I didn't appreciate it enough and wish I would have worked even harder," said Tesch.

Tesch kept busy by cheering for football, basketball and wrestling. She was also on the prom decorating committee. During high school she made many lasting memories and developed close relationships through the activities she was involved in.

"High school had a big impact on my life, especially the friendships that were made. I remember the friendships the most and I am still close to several of them and keep in touch," said Tesch.

Times have changed since Tesch was at BHS, but there are some things that never change throughout the years. There are quite a few pressures that teenagers are faced with that Tesch is concerned about.

"Number one: not realizing how important your education is. And also the pressure with drugs and all the negative influences. It's hard to tell someone that there's so much more," said Tesch.

It may seem hard to know what to do after graduation. Students may not realize it now, but many graduates feel that BHS has been a time of preparation and learning.

"Get involved in school and get serious. You can gain a lot. You're going to use everything you gain from school. In the real world your hard work will pay off," said Tesch.

Possibility of student parking fees in future?

By Chase Potter

Layout Editor

"Everyone's going to be in shock at first," said junior Dana Greenwood, a member of the student council parking lot committee, of plans to introduce a fee for parking in the student lot.

The plan, which has already been rejected as a policy for next year, is likely to be adopted for the 1999-2000 school year, pending approval by the school board. What the plan calls for, according to current estimates, is a fee of approximately \$40 to \$48 charged to students for the right to park in the school lot year-round. For those not wishing to pay for the whole year may be possible to simply pay by the quarter or even the day, although no conclusions have been reached.

"We should know by next year," said Greenwood.

With the money collected through parking fees a lot attendant would be hired to check for stickers on cars, among other things.

All the recent school-related violence in the news has made safety a definite priority. Particularly in question is the presence of guns in cars, which are kept there for convenience by students who hunt after school. Nothing as of yet has

been done about this, but a lot attendant might change that.

"We haven't really talked about that," said sophomore Anna Quady, also a member of the parking lot committee. Quady goes on to state that the attendant probably wouldn't conduct searches of cars but would report guns if they were seen in passing.

Other responsibilities of the attendant would include keeping the lot cleared of snow in the winter. This will reduce risks to student drivers, many of whom have experienced first-hand the perils of winter driving.

"It'd be a lot more beneficial than people think," said Quady.

While the parking fee may help keep costs down, a state law currently in effect says that schools must pay for space on a bus for every student, whether the student actually rides the bus or not. This amounts to around \$1,000 per student. Multiply

this by every car in the student lot, not even accounting for students who car-pool, and we find much wasted money on empty bus seats each year.

A bill currently on the state legislature's agenda will allow students to waive their right to ride the bus and release the school from paying for the seat. Funds saved from this bill, which is expected to pass, could even go towards reducing projected parking fees, which are already relatively low.

"Other schools pay \$40 to \$50 a semester," said Greenwood.

While added expenses aren't likely to go over well with students in the beginning, with the added benefits and security the plan, which was actually conceived of and created by students, should be accepted in time.

Besides, Quady added, "It will save money in the long run."



Free parking is a luxury currently enjoyed at BHS. Many other area schools require students to pay for parking permits.

File Photo

Concerns raised over new 'date rape' drug

By Kaia Hemming

Staff Writer

Imagine waking up in a hotel room naked, your clothing strewn all over the floor, bruises all over your body and no memory of what happened the night before. Experiencing this nightmare is a reality to victims of the "date rape" drug rohypnol. Increased usage of this drug has stirred up concern for students everywhere.

A relatively new drug on the market, rohypnol is produced in Mexico and intended to be a sleeping aid. However, because of its strength — ten times stronger than valium — it has become a dangerous drug used for criminal purposes. The fact that rohypnol is legal to bring into the country makes it even more dangerous because it's readily available.

Rapists most widely use rohypnol. They may slip a tablet into the beverage of an unsuspecting victim and wait for the drug to take effect. Some warning signs of rohypnol include confusion and drowsiness which begins within 30 minutes after being drugged. These effects peak within two hours and can persist for eight hours or longer. At this point, the rapist plays the "hero" by taking the disoriented person home, only to rape them.

"I'm scared about this happening at college," said senior Sarah Fehn. "It's all new people you're meeting and you don't know their background and you really don't know what to expect on a date."

The first reported rape case linked to rohypnol was in June 1993 in south Florida. Usage has increased since then. Contrary to popular belief, rohypnol is not a drug just found in bars. Users of rohypnol may be as young as eight to ten years old,



but is most common among high school and college age students.

"I am concerned for my younger sisters. I really care about them and now they will probably be going to parties and dances and someone could easily slip it into their drinks," said junior Andy Hermes.

Becoming a victim of date rape can happen to anyone at any given time. Once the effects of this drug begin to set in, it may be too late to prevent becoming a victim, unless friends who act quickly are close by.

"It's very frightening to think that I could be at a party and someone could slip a drug in my drink that would enable them to rape me," said junior Jenny Summers. "It makes me think for a minute and take a look at the world around me."

In the interest of curbing rohypnol usage, President Clinton passed a bill stating that rapists convicted of using the drug will have another 20 years added to their sentence. However, effective prevention only happens when people are aware of their surroundings in social situations.



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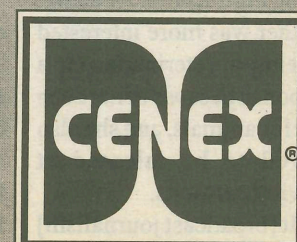




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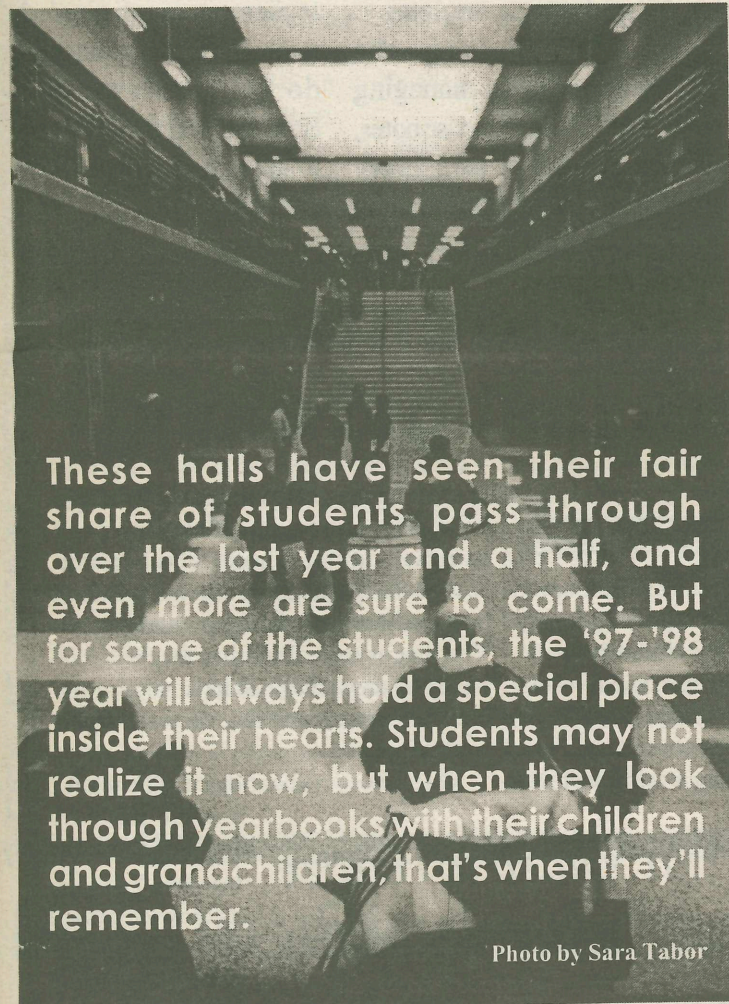
The BHS marching band and colorguard, "The Herd," perform the "Star Spangled Banner" under the direction of senior drum majors Andy Way and April Underberg at the homecoming game this year.



Photo by Sara Tabor

On the Friday before prom, BHS students were greeted by two crash test dummies reminding students to practice safe driving during the big night.

1997-1998:



These halls have seen their fair share of students pass through over the last year and a half, and even more are sure to come. But for some of the students, the '97-'98 year will always hold a special place inside their hearts. Students may not realize it now, but when they look through yearbooks with their children and grandchildren, that's when they'll remember.

Photo by Sara Tabor

The school year



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Prom participants sit back and relax while waiting for photos to be taken. They were taken in the Performing Arts Center during Grand March, which was held in the gymnasium.

in brief review

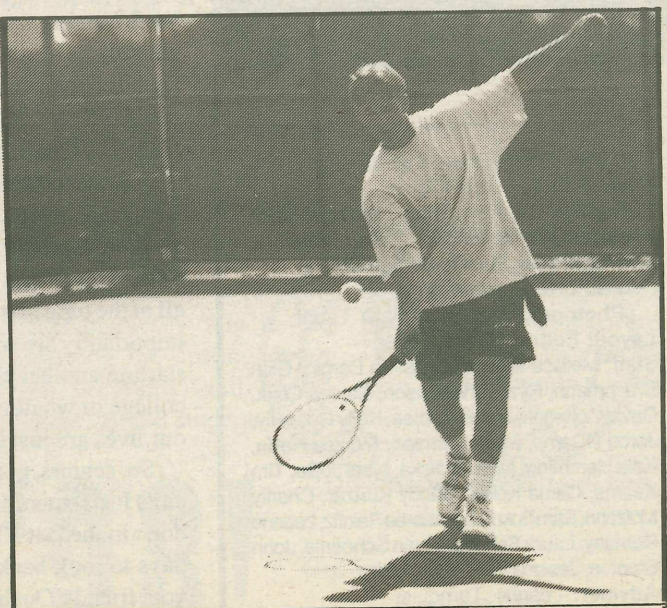
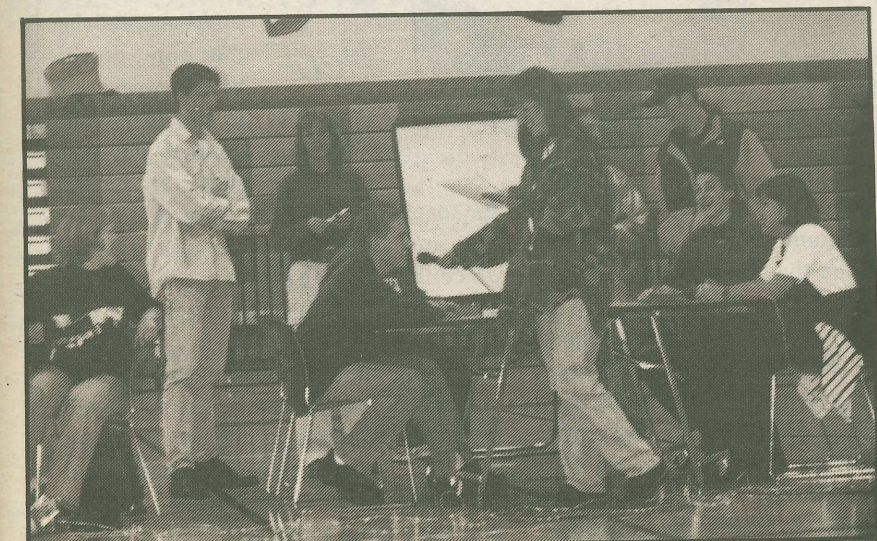


Right: Junior Tom Kuzma anticipates the ball during a practice for an upcoming tennis match against Monticello, in which they won 4-3.

Photo by Ryan Schoenle

Left: Senior Caroline Myrlie coaxes an answer out of junior Eric Sundman during the game show, a AAA activity during Snow Daze.

Photo by Ryan Schoenle



Hard-working support staff deserve praise

Cleaning toilets, serving food, sorting books and making announcements to/for approximately 1,450 students every day is not the most desirable thing to do. However unpleasant some aspects may seem, these people still come every day to take care of our needs, but rarely do they receive recognition.

The BHS support staff are the woodwork that holds our school together and they deserve a "thanks."

Certainly it is part of their job description to do these things, but cleaning up after, serving, and working for us without complaint is not



Artwork by
Karlee Felger

required. Rarely do they receive acknowledgment from students. Coming in often at 5:30

a.m., the food service staff uses the two hours before

students arrive to get everything ready for breakfast and lunch. Preparing favorites off the menu and keeping the lunch room and kitchen clean, they do all this and still have smiles on their faces and are ready to help whenever need be.

After lunch, when all students have gone, the janitors are there to clean up. Upon sweeping the floor, a pile of trash about two feet in diameter and a foot deep accumulates.

All day long, the secretaries are managing mail, reading excused notes, and making sure every person gets the information

they need.

The librarians not only check out books, they copy and laminate, and take care of the audio/visual equipment.

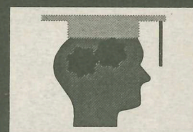
Most high school students want to be treated like adults instead of young children, yet we don't take the responsibility to clean up after ourselves. The support staff take care not only of our school but of us also. They are not our parents and shouldn't have to clean up our discarded trash, but the fact that they do is praiseworthy. Students and faculty need to take a moment to voice their praise.

It all comes down to memories...

By Brian Triplett

Editor-in-Chief

When we were five, most of us began preschool. Memories of our youngest years may be scarce, but the things that we learned our first year in school will follow us up until the day we die. We learned not to pick on people, but some of us did anyway. We learned to keep our hands and feet to ourselves and not to fight, but some of us did anyway. Our parents and teachers told us not to be in such a hurry to grow up... but most of us were. It is only now that I realize how much I actually learned in school.



**Brian's
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Remember elementary school? C'mon, try really hard! All the fun we had, never having to worry about things like we do now. Some of the most important thing in our lives were what we were going to do at recess, getting rid of "girl germs and boy germs," and who was going to go to the all-night skates. If you look back on all that now, what do you see? A pretty easy life! Now we have to worry about grades, getting a date to a dance, and car insurance. Ahhhhh, those were the days!

Now... we are graduating. The past 13 years coming to a close all in one night. Sure, we still have all summer to party with our friends or be in marching band. For most, this means NO MORE SCHOOL and COLLEGE HERE I COME, but what are we forgetting?

Are we forgetting that all of the people that we have learned so much with are going to all go their separate ways after the 'big night'? Are we forgetting to tell a teacher "thanks" for all of the time that they have put into us? Most importantly are we forgetting that we are just starting another chapter in our life. Going to college or whatever... it's scary to think that our lives are just beginning.

So, seniors, get excited! (God knows that I am!) Just remember all the things that we have done in the last 13 years and take these three days to look back and remember them with your friends. Our high school years are ending.

It really does all come down to this!!

Can't students and teachers just get along?

By Chris Lindahl

Features/Advertising Editor

With Mary Kay Letourneau in the news and her 13 year old, ex-student lover, there has been much talk about student/teacher sexual relationships, and how far is too far. However, has anyone thought about the relations students and teachers can have without having a relationship?

There has been far too much focus on the negative aspect of teachers, by students and the media, and not enough on the fact that teachers are human, and have human agendas.

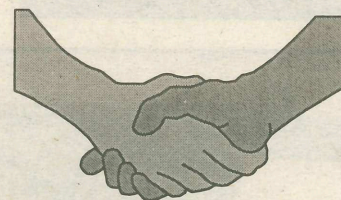
As a freshman coming into the new school, learning a new way of communicating, and finding your niche in the great scheme of high school, it's easy to get distracted. At that time in life, it's hard to realize what teachers really are. People. There's too much excitement, too many things going on, it makes it difficult to sit back and realize that the person who's standing up there talking about God knows what is actually trying to teach you! As one gets older,

they slowly begin to realize that teachers have their own agenda. That they don't live their life at school. You begin to realize that perhaps the teacher wants to be in school less than you actually do. You begin to realize that teachers can have bad days, they can have poor short-term memories, and that they can make mistakes.

Once those realizations can be made, you are ready to respect the teacher. You can acknowledge that the teacher has a family, the teacher has family problems, and the teacher could have a worse lot in life than you, yourself do. You start to appreciate

"...it's hard to realize what teachers really

are. People."



the teacher as someone who cares about you, and someone you can talk to. If we all could realize that we can actually talk to teachers, just imagine how happy this school would be.

People talk a lot about school spirit, and how BHS appears to be lacking it, well perhaps if students could learn to accept teachers as real humans with real problems, we could have a much more spirited school to be in.

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Clinton proposes school uniforms

BHS students take many sides while decisions are made

By Tim Kearns

Staff Writer

I have chosen to accept the task of providing the arguments for the introduction of uniforms in high schools nationwide. I do not discount any arguments against the introduction of uniforms. I simply observe that uniformity has its advantages.

In President Clinton's State of the Union address in January 1996, he stated that our public schools should be able to require students to wear uniforms. His concern stemmed from the killing of students over items of clothing. He argues that attitudes in uniformed schools are more positive.

His argument is by no means unfounded. Schools with uniforms report fewer incidents of assault, sex offense, robbery, drug use and vandalism, by as much as 50 to 60 percent.

My argument is that of a student coming from a uniformed school.

I was shocked on my arrival here at just how easy it was to judge a person by their clothing; and I'm not a judgmental person. Even now I can walk down a hallway and identify the preps, hicks, jocks and freaks. The worst thing is I don't know anything about these people.

Also, I would argue that it is easier to implement complete uniformity than to enforce the current dress code. Arguments about religious apparel have even made it in this newspaper, when uniforms would prevent such arguments from surfacing.

And what about the confusion over what is and is not appropriate clothing? The school handbook governs that:

...students are not permitted to wear clothes and/or accessories that include logos, words or pictures that are vulgar, obscene, profane, advocate prejudice, drug or alcohol use, are considered offensive or an expression of sexual harassment; or are sexually provocative.

The system takes just as much implementing as a uniform, because anything anyone considers offensive has to be investigated by the administration.

I further argue that attitudes in school are synonymous with the dress code in the school. Uniformity stresses equality and enthusiasm. When you take the time to dress every morning in uniform, you feel ready to work. If people dress no different in school than out, then it's going to be difficult for them to motivate themselves to act differently in school.

So what if uniform is disciplinarian? Is discipline not what the world lacks right now? Maybe if you introduce uniforms to people when they're young, they will know equality and pride throughout their lives.

Once people start looking for a job, they're going to have a rude awakening if they're not ready for a formal dress-code. Even now you can identify staff from McDonald's by what they wear. Is it too much to ask for students to show pride in belonging to their school?

It may be difficult having the freedom to wear what you want one day and have the privilege taken away from you the next, but I have learned to respect uniforms for the good they can do to a school system.

By Sara Tabor

Arts and Entertainment/
Photography Editor

The real but unspoken reason for school uniforms is that they establish in the child's mind a constant reminder, as well as create a visible symbol recognizable to everyone, of his or her inferior status. Additionally, schools that require uniforms waste valuable time on inspections and imposition of punishments for dress-code infractions.

One of the reasons most often given for the use of school uniforms: they reduce fashion-related competition between students, freeing them to focus attention on their classwork. Fashion-related competition among youth comes from fashion-related competition among the adults who provide the model for that behavior. While children temporarily can be forcibly excluded from such competition, the likely consequence will be a heightened desire to evade the restriction. This desire is powerfully stimulated by advertising directed at the youth market from the makers and sellers of clothing. The first thing that uniformed schoolchildren do upon their return home from school is to change out of the clothes that denote low status and submission to authority, and into clothes of their own choosing.

Another reason is uniforms eliminate/reduce resentments between students of higher and lower socioeconomic classes by making them appear equal. Class discrimination, i.e., snobbery, amongst students derives from class discrimination in the adult society. Students in uniform are

still acutely aware of each other's economic and social status, uniformity of school attire notwithstanding. They know who lives in a "good neighborhood" and who doesn't. I am not claiming that the absence of school uniforms promotes tolerance, but rather that there is no evidence to show that the use curbs prejudice.

The third reason is they eliminate or reduce gang-related violence by denying students the opportunity to display gang colors. The assumption that clothing is a factor contributing to gang violence is based on a notion of what motivates people to violent acts, and to gang affiliation. The substitution of approved colors for gang colors during school hours does not address the main causes of youth violence nor does anything to obstruct the violence itself. In fact, the uniform may promote violence because its wearer's individual identity is embodied by the group identity. Aren't the most dangerous mobs of all the ones that wear uniforms?

In the United States, any attempt by public school authorities to require parents to get special clothing for their children will be perceived by at least a few people as an unwarranted intrusion by the government of how free citizens spend, or don't spend, their dollars. Many politicians, following the lead of President Clinton's 1996 State of the Union address, persist in soliciting the imaginary benefits of school uniforms—a placebo, cynically prescribed for the gullible.

Pay up: Student drivers may have to adapt to avoid fees

By Laura Schmidt

Staff Writer

"That's \$7.50."

For a meal at Perkins, you might expect to pay this much. But there is a possibility that a fee will be put on something we take for granted: parking, according to the Student Council parking lot committee. The school board rejected a

proposal for parking permits for the '98 - '99 school year. However, the permits are a real possibility for the following year.

Students should not be charged for parking in their school lot when our parents are already paying for it with taxes.

People supporting parking permits believe the income

would guarantee that funds are available for paying parking attendants and keeping the parking lots plowed during the winter months. However, if the school budget can't pay for attendants, students shouldn't be penalized. Why should we suddenly have to pay for a plowed lot when people have been

complaining about it for years?

Most parents are not going to pay for their children to park at school, and most students are not going to feel like paying, since most students already have to pay for car insurance, gas, oil changes, and repairs. But is it not double jeopardy to have students pay, when our

parents are already paying through taxes?

There are many solutions available which will prove to the school board that permits are a bad idea.

If we car pool more, we may lessen the wear and tear and crowding in the parking lot, cutting down on accidents, and traffic jams. If the students show

responsibility, by not doing donuts, speeding to get out of here at the end of the day, littering and erratic driving this could prove that an attendant isn't needed.

We have one year to demonstrate that parking permits aren't a necessity. Otherwise, next summer we may have to work to save money for parking.

Congratulations

Class of '98!

"Do not follow where the path may lead.

Go, instead, where there is no path

and leave a trail."

Summer Time!



The worst summer ever

By Aubree Reinitz

Staff Writer

If you think that your summers have been less than awesome, take a look at "the worst summer ever!"

Your parents ground you on the last day of school for hitting your younger sibling (you think of it as tickling). There's a killer party that night, so you decide to sneak out. You wind up getting smashed and you get arrested. The police take you and lock you up until your parents can come get you. When your parents finally bail you out a month later, you find out that there has been a drought and the fresh water supply is almost gone.

You then decide to go to a parade for a little change of scenery. You wind up fainting during the parade, and everyone just leaves you there so you get hit by a truck. You are taken to the hospital where doctors are unsuccessful in reattaching your limbs.

While you are gone, your house burns down because the iron was left on. It goes up like kindling because of the drought. Then, the night that you go home, it snows. So much for the drought. You get unusually large hemorrhoids from sitting in the snow all night. Iran starts a war that leads up to a world wide nuclear fallout. You develop E. Bola from the exposure from radiation. Your insides are eaten up and you die.

Now this might be a little to extreme to happen to the same person in one summer, but wouldn't it be a bad day if it did?

Top 10 things BHS students will do this summer

10. Whatever I want to do
9. Attend camps
8. Golf
7. Not be in school
6. Vacations
5. Baseball
4. Sleeping
3. Tanning
2. Going to the beach
1. Hanging with friends

Sadly with only 1 vote:
"Go beat snakes to death"

Summer Vacation: Key word, Vacation

By Beth Quady, Anna Deutsch and Abbey Klaassen

Journalism II Students

Once they've memorized every line from "Titanic" after the eighth viewing, people begin to wonder what they're going to do this summer. Between full-time jobs and small paychecks, a short getaway is the perfect cure. After all, summer is still *vacation* time.

Students and teachers have found fun vacations that are not only cheap but have become tradition.

"Glacier National Park is one of my favorite places to visit. It's drop-dead gorgeous! I've been going there since I was a kid; it's better than Europe," said Ms. Denise Wahlin-Fiskum.

Some may choose to stay closer to home. The family cabin is an ever-popular second home.

"We have a cabin near Itasca State Park, that has been in our family for three generations. It's so peaceful and relaxing," said sophomore Anna Quady.

"Every year we go up to Leech Lake with family friends," said junior Tom Kuzma, "we spend time fishing, sitting around the campfire, and water-skiing."

Places to go, people to see: Here

By Beth Quady, Anna Deutsch and Abbey Klaassen

Journalism II Students

Go to Chicago. If you go to the Windy City over the Fourth of July, you will hit the Taste of Chicago celebration. It is one big party with the most incredible fireworks display in the Midwest. (Hint: Taking the Amtrak is cheap and convenient. 1-800-872-7245) Spend the weekend in Wisconsin

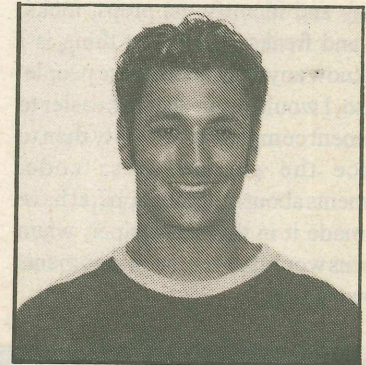
Dells. If you like water parks and mini-golf is your cup of tee, this is your place. Official Wisconsin Dells website: www.wisconsinidells.com.

Take a road trip to the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore. South Dakota has many exciting sights to see, including: The Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota; and the Badlands. While you're there make sure you stop by the famous Wall Drug and grab a bumper sticker! Official website: www.theblackhills.com

Go camping with friends at a state

park. Take a trip to Mississippi at Itasca just 45 minutes from Rapid Rapids. There are vacation resorts all over Minnesota. Official website: www.dnr.mn.us
Head north to Canada. Just across the border to many famous vacation spots. Official website: canada.com/
Go west to Montana. Visit Wahlin-Fiskum park, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone. Take

What was your favorite '97 - '98 school year?



"Prom. It was fun hanging out with my friends and the after-party was a blast."
-Senior Ted Paizis



"Going on Phy Ed. trips. It was a nice change of pace."
-Junior Risa Samuelson



"Working with my students. We all worked so hard and created magnificent."
-English teacher T.

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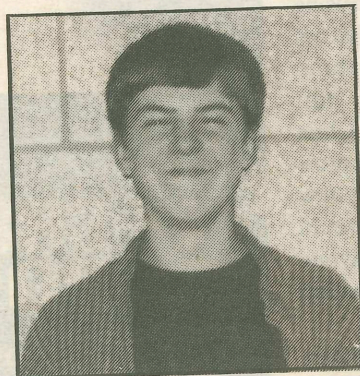
favorite part of the school year?



"Homecoming. There's nothing
like painting your face and going
to the game [screaming], only to
find out the next morning that you
can no longer speak."
-Sophomore Courtney Markuson



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"Hanging out with friends."
-Freshman Mike Kvistero



Aubree Reinitz's Top Ten Worst Summer Jobs

10. Programming calculators
9. Counting rocks in a gravel pit
8. Scrubbing New York's streets & subways with your toothbrush
7. Removing turkey gizzards on an assembly line
6. Being the official pooper scooper for the parades
5. Doing inventory at an all-natural fertilizer plant
4. Cleaning up vomit under Valleyfair's *Wild Thing*
3. Fertilizer spreader
2. NASA test specimen
1. Presidential intern

Seniors find it hard to say goodbye

By Leanne Rumsey

Staff Writer

June 4, the last day of school. A time to say "goodbye" to BHS and "hello" to summer. Sound good? Probably to most it does, but leaving school also means leaving friends. Although it may not be such a big deal to the students who will see their friends again over the summer or next fall, but such is not the case for some seniors.

Seniors Chrissy Smith and Jenny Byington have been best friends since the sixth grade. This is the year they have grown apart more, subconsciously distancing themselves to make saying goodbye easier.

"I think we [seniors] kind of psychologically try to stay away from close relationships with friends our senior year," said Smith. "It makes the transition a lot easier by not spending so much time with friends."

Jobs, family, and school now take up the time many seniors used to give up for friends. As it comes down to the time where college is only a few months away, friends become less of a priority.

"Sometimes it's not always practical to spend a lot of time together," Smith said. "You want to stay close but you don't want to get too close."

This year is also the time some seniors redo all the ties they've had with other students over the thirteen years of school.

"You meet some of the neatest people through your life and it's disappointing that you won't see them again," Smith added.

Golf team stops: Mills goes on

By Sam Pokorney

Staff Writer

The van returned from the meet, the exchange student got out, went to the back, opened up the rear doors, and then said, "What did you do with my clubs?" That question was easily answered by BHS Boys' Golf coach Pete Specht, "Nothing. You were supposed to load them on to the van before we left. You must've left them there." That was one of the fond and humorous memories Specht has for his twenty-four years as coach.

After a lengthy battle with himself, Specht has decided to stay at least another year as head golf coach, and a business teacher.

"I just didn't feel ready (to retire)," said Specht, "I enjoy what I'm doing, and for a number of reasons, I decided to stay another year."

This season, the Bison held a constant battle with Totino-Grace throughout the season. With only one senior, the Bison have really come out to play this year and have come through with the pressure on.

"I think our team is very balanced, we have a good lineup, sophomore Pat Mahlberg has really stepped up from the beginning of the year, and junior Pete Onstad has played consistently the whole season," said

junior David Barse.

When it comes to team members, Specht has no bad memories of individuals, and their behavior both on the course and off.

"In my twenty four years coaching, I have never had a big problem with attitudes or cheating," said Specht. "I have been very fortunate to have good kids."

Specht is very knowledgeable on the rules of golf, golf etiquette, and, of course, how to play the game.

"If you have a problem, he knows enough about golf that chance are, he will be able to fix it," said sophomore Pat Mahlberg.

There is a great deal of respect for the 24 year coach by the kids on his team this year, and every year he has coached.

"We have a good time, but he

pushes us, and doesn't expect anything from the best out of us," said junior Dan Belcourt.

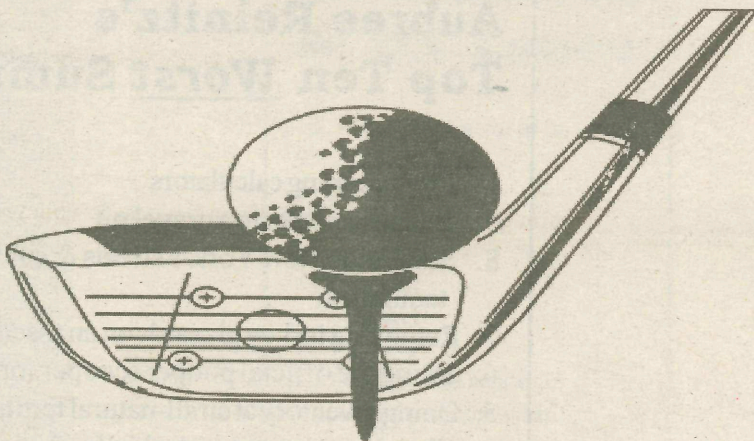
Although the sport's popularity is on the rise, golf still receives less recognition, and turnout of players than other spring sports.

"It doesn't bother me, I've got good, responsible kids," said Specht, "I guess any team has to earn the glory."

Specht has indeed made a very important decision, and for the Bison's sake, and most importantly, his sake, it was the right one.

*Editor's note:

The Bison finished second at the region tournament, leaving them out of the State tournament



Roller hockey blasts off

By Pierre Khalil and

Brennan Ursell

Staff Writers

The crack of a 70 mile-per-hour slap-shot hitting the glass. The crash of bodies slamming into the boards. The ping of a shot ricocheting off the pipe. For most Minnesotans, hockey is the first thing that comes to mind when they hear these sounds. However, few of them think of roller hockey.

While ice hockey has long been one of Minnesota's most prevalent sports, there's a whole new breed of hockey that's taking the state by storm. Just as kids can be seen every winter turning their local ponds and lakes into makeshift ice hockey rinks, the summers find kids blocking off neighborhood streets and cul-de-sacs to play one of the fastest growing sports in the world—roller hockey. Ice hockey players are finding it a great way to train during the off season, and people who never really got into ice hockey at an early enough age are finding roller hockey to be a good starting point.

"I like roller hockey because you can find somewhere to play anytime you want. All you have to do is go outside and block off a street," said Senior Paul Heyerdahl. "It can be dangerous sometimes, but that just makes it more fun."

The two big differences between the games comes in the rules and regulations, and the skating styles. Teams play four-on-four, with goaltenders, as opposed to five-on-five. Penalties are much more strict, checking is rarely allowed in league play, and fighting usually earns a one or two game suspension. Teams can end up playing two-on-two if enough penalties are called.

Offsides, two line pass, and icing are overlooked, which makes the game a bit faster than ice hockey.

"The biggest flaw of the game is definitely the poor management and organization of leagues," said Rick Dobrowski, a member of the Mission Roller Hockey Company. "From professional leagues, all the way down to the bar leagues, there needs to be a lot better management and better coaching."

Although roller hockey has grown by leaps and bounds over the past five years, it has a long way to go before it can be considered one of the major sports of the world. Most people seem to think it's because roller hockey is just a variation of ice hockey, and isn't even deserving of the attention that ice hockey gets. Whether that is true or not, roller hockey has proven to be a fast-paced alternative to ice hockey, and will certainly be around for a long time to come.

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Experimental creatine takes off around U.S.; Buffalo

By Scott D'Camp, Jake

Comee and John Stanton

News Editor and Staff
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The magic potion craze hitting the sports world is a strength enhancement supplement known as creatine. Young people who see professional athletes using it are beginning to follow suit.

Discovered in 1832 by a French scientist, creatine was identified as a naturally occurring organic compound, found in meat. It is manufactured in the liver, kidneys and pancreas using three amino acids. (protein) Scientists named the compound after the Greek word for flesh. By 1926, a British medical journal was citing creatine in its natural form as an agent for weight gain. Now, creatine is more popular than ever, thanks to its

seemingly instant gain of muscle mass and strength.

"We have guys taking it here at BHS right now, to bulk up for the upcoming football season," said head football coach Gerald Rohl.

Brady Anderson of the Baltimore Orioles, was believed to be the first publicize user of creatine in 1991. Since its recent popularity, physicians have been taking a closer look at the supplement which still holds mysteries and advise the public to be wary.

Today's use of the substance is wide-spread among athletes of many sports. Fifty percent of NFL players use creatine, along with a fourth of all the players in the NHL and major league baseball. Among Olympic sprinters, cyclists, and weightlifters, those who don't use creatine are harder to find than those who do. A creatine craze is spreading for a simple reason: The stuff works. It

helps build muscle, and cuts recovery time after a work out.

However, some physicians say that creatine can increase your chances of getting muscle cramps and other muscle related injuries.

Professional teams such as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Chicago Cubs, and the San Diego Padres, will not allow creatine in their locker rooms. Trainers of these teams discourage players from using it. Their reason being that not enough is known about creatine, and its long term effects. Buffalo trainer Chris Savaloja, agrees with the pros.

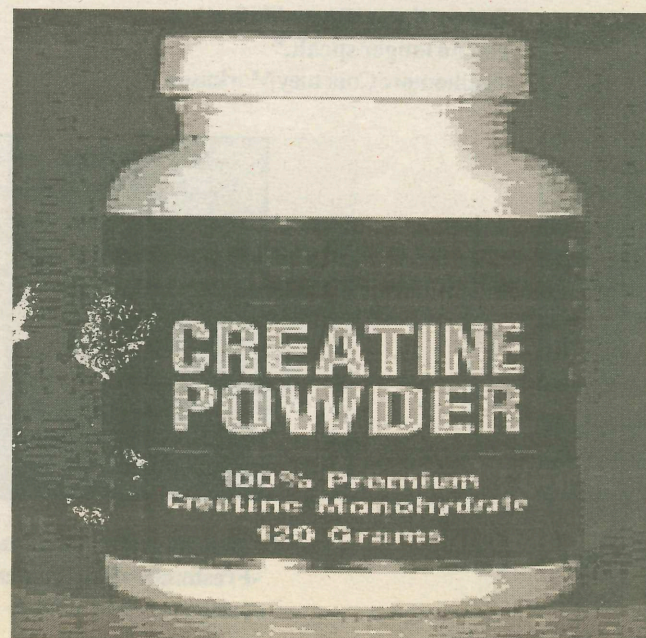
"Creatine is still a very new drug," said Savaloja. "I would not recommend it to anyone until we get more information on it."

While experts still worry about its long-term effects, especially among children who think that if a little is good, more is better, FDA is

cautioning consumers that they should consult a doctor before using it. Physicians agree that the supplement still holds too many mysteries.

"What we don't know about creatine should scare us more than what we do know about the new substance,"

Mark Juhn, a University of Washington sports physician told *Sports Illustrated*. "There are no studies that prove its innocence." "If you are perfectly healthy to begin with, why take chances?" exclaimed Juhn. "You have to ask yourself: is it worth it?"



Bad role models offer bad values to children

By Sam Pokorney

Staff Writer

It's 11:00 p.m., and, as usual, you turn on Sportscenter. The host, Dan Patrick, has just reported that Golden State Warriors guard Latrell Sprewell choked his coach, P.J. Carlesimo, just because of petty disagreements during a practice. This is one of many incidents over the past year that have forced an extremely bad reputation on professional athletes, and their wild lifestyles.

The NBA did suspend Sprewell for the rest of the season, and the Warriors tore up his contract worth \$6.4 million, but he appealed the contract termination, and won.

Many incidents over the course of the last twelve months prove that many sports figures, in general, are some of the worst role models a person could have. Many sports figures do not want to be viewed as role models, but if you are in the public eye that much you are going to be, whether you like it or not.

Many sports figures have been penalized for drug use or violence. First, was the Sprewell incident, Charles Barkley threw a man in a bar through a window, Chris Webber and Allen Iverson were charged with possession of marijuana; Jose Canseco, Wil Cordero, and Gilbert Brown were all charged with domestic abuse, and Mo Vaughn was caught driving while his blood-alcohol level was

well over the legal limit. All things that make some sports figures bad role models are not just illegal activity, many professional athletes also have moral issues that turn society against them. It is appalling to know that Shawn Kemp has had seven children by six different women in the last eight years.

These athletes are looked upon as heroes by millions of kids all over the country, and they are sending the message that it is okay to beat your loved ones, drive drunk, possess marijuana, and have children out of wedlock.

Three years ago, Charles Barkley was quoted as saying, "I am not a role model." Wake up Charles, you are looked upon by many kids more highly than the President of the United States.

Although there are quite a few bad apples, there are many sports figures like Mark McGwire, who donated \$1 million to a foundation for abused children, and he visits them frequently. The Michael Jordan fund is one of the most successful charities in the nation, and even owners get into the act. The ever-hated Carl Pohlad has donated millions to Sharing and Caring Hands, a local charity which provides the homeless and poverty-stricken with food, clothing, and shelter.

Our society needs more athletes like those to step-up and accept the responsibility that comes along with being a role model.

Tae Kwon Do offers opportunity

By Justin Schroeder

Sports Editor

A loud crack is heard as one competitor's foot slams into the side of another competitor's head. Down to the mat he falls. As blood streams from the broken eardrum, a coach throws in the towel and paramedics help the injured competitor. A winner is declared. This is a common scene that one can expect at a Tae kwon do tournament.

"Broken noses, collar bones and any other injuries associated with the head can be expected in tournaments," said sophomore tae kwon do student Alan Zarracina.

Tae kwon do is not just self-defense training or punching and kicking. The art is far more than simple physical conditioning, mental training, and philosophical study. It has to do with the Tae kwon do spirit, which carries over into all aspects of a student's life.

"Tae kwon do has helped me to better mature and stay physically fit," said Zarracina.

In tae kwon do, points are scored by punching or kicking to the body. Kicking to the head scores points, but punching to the head or face is considered cheap. In order for the point to count, one must kick or punch so that a loud "pop" is heard or make their opponents head jerk back. In layman terms, kick em' hard, don't hold back any. The sport is not as dangerous as some people may think, there is some equipment worn.

Alan Zarracina vies for spot on Junior World Team

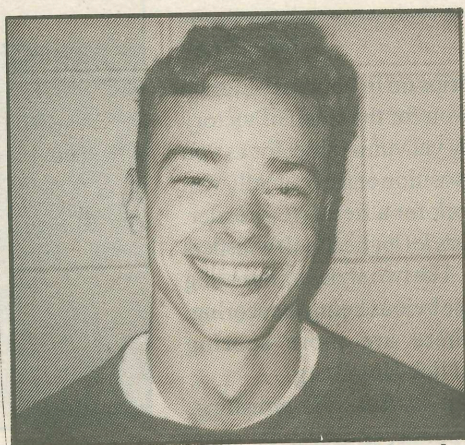


Photo by Justin Schroeder

"I wear a headgear, a chest guard, and arm pads," said Zarracina. "Arm pads and shin guards are optional, but recommended."

Zarracina trains on a team in Maple Grove and is coached by a former member of the Olympic Training Center team. He participated in nationals in Louisville, Kentucky and Orlando, Florida. He also competed in an international competition at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center.

"I plan to try out for the Junior World Team this summer," said Zarracina. "The competition will be tough, but it's been a dream of mine for a while."

BHS athletes gain experience at camp

By Sarah Thompson

Journalism II Student

The thermometer reads 80 degrees and the sun is hot with not the slightest breeze. The beach is full of sun-tanners, kids in the water, and boats pulling skiers on the lake. While some people are relaxing and basking in the sun, across town people practice hard, up early and to bed late, spending all their spare time getting ready for the sports season ahead of them, not wasting any precious time.

Many student-athletes spend much of their time on sports teams in Buffalo working hard to excel in their favorite sports.

"It is very important to stay active in leagues and camps during the off-season so you don't lose anything that you've learned during the season," said Senior John Goodale. "You can't afford to stop playing because your opponents are always out there working harder than you are."

For male and female high school athletes the Buffalo Basketball League will be in its third year, from June-July, playing two games once a week against teams from the surrounding area. In just its third year, almost all high school basketball players play in this league, and not all for the same reasons.

"Playing Summer League was a good way for us to get used to playing together and to work with the younger girls that got moved up. It was also a way for us to play some competitive basketball and get a head start on what we needed to work on for the coming season," said Senior Harmony Mattson. "It brought reality into focus on what our future goals were and what we needed to do to have a successful season."

The Buffalo Legion baseball team emphasizes the importance of playing in the off-season to constantly improve their level of play. The baseball team plays teams in and around the metro area playing about 30 games a summer. Last summer, they traveled to tournaments as far away as Hibbing and Aberdeen, SD.

"In the summer I play Legion Baseball here in Buffalo. If I didn't play baseball in the summer, I wouldn't be ready for the upcoming season. I think the person that works hard in the off-season has a definite advantage over the opponent," said Junior Tony Ross.

The Buffalo Lions softball team is a mixture of players from Buffalo and the surrounding area. This makes for a very good team that keeps up a winning tradition despite playing

in the elite Gold Division. Last summer, the team won the Class B State Championship which advanced them to Omaha, NE for the Regional Tournament where they again claimed the Championship title.

"It's a good way to keep up the level of play and get better. We play different teams around the metro area where the competition is very good," said Junior Kari Jensen. "I'd miss not

playing softball for a whole year so playing in the summer makes it not seem so long. We are always together and it is a lot of fun."

Not all athletes are able to compete locally in their favorite sport because leagues are not offered, which means many people have to

travel to cities in the metro area to compete on teams there. Many different levels of competition in sports ranging from soccer to tennis to volleyball are available in the metro area.

"I play J.O. volleyball in the off-season with Elk River and Monticello since there isn't a team in Buffalo. I think that it is necessary for anyone who wants to get better to play in the off-season and it gives you a chance to play with different people," said Junior Lisa Miller. "Even though it costs around \$550 to play volleyball, I have made so many lifelong friends that it is worth it."

Over-achievers, those who just can't get enough, compete in their favorite sport all year-round and see summer as just another season. Constant competition helps to improve their performance, while athletes feel they are doing something that could possibly help in them in the future.

"I participate in soccer, alpine skiing, and track and field at school, but I ski all year-round. I ski from November to April, and then from June to August. The months that I'm not on snow, I do things that help keep me in shape such as running and rollerblading," said Junior Dana Greenwood. "It costs thousands of dollars a year for me to keep this busy, but I'm always getting better and having fun. It keeps me involved in things and out of trouble and helps me for my future."

For any athlete or anyone interested in performance and health, a Summer Strength and Conditioning program is also available at a minimal cost to all high school students. The program runs from June-August and registration forms are available from Mr. Chris Gmach, Mr. Scott Palmer, and Mr. Gerard Rohl.

"To improve at anything you must practice and refine your skills. In a physical endeavor, strength and conditioning training are key elements for peak physical and mental performance," said Rohl.



Conditioning equals fun

Justin Schroeder

Sports Editor

Wanna be quicker, faster, stronger? How about jump higher or longer? If you find yourself saying yes to any of these or maybe just want to stay in shape, then summer strength and conditioning is a must. The program saw a record 267 students participate last summer.

Many people have not only experienced enormous improvements in the weight room, but also in their sports.

"I've been lifting for years and have improved my strength enormously. My speed and quickness have improved as well, which helps me for football," said junior Brent Swaggert.

Any middle school or high school student, male or female, athlete or non-athlete, are eligible. The cost is \$65 and workouts are on weekdays, with the exception of Wednesday. The program is supervised by Coaches Rohl, Palmer, Hanson and Gmach. There are four different workout times to choose from. (7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.)

"Having many times to choose from allows me to better plan my schedule," said junior Joel Gilmer.

Since the transition over from the old high school, BHS has loaded the weight room with the finest equipment around.

"Some coaches and I made many visits to other schools before making the final decisions," said Activities Director Nancy Bergert. "We purchased most of the equipment from OEI, a company in Owatonna.

Schools like Blaine, Eagan and Rosemont have purchased equipment from them as well."

Money to help pay for the weight room comes from a pop machine that is located by the locker rooms, which brings in about \$350 a month according to Bergert.

Besides the top quality equipment, other incentives include earning a T-shirt and a varsity letter upon satisfactory completion of all the program's requirements. The program was created in 1992, when Rohl became head football coach.



Artwork by Karlee Felger

"In the summer of 1991, only seven people came in and lifted and they were all football players," said Rohl. "The program was started in the summer of '92, and about 81 football players came."

The program has since continued to grow and at the same time attracted more than just the football players.

"We have males, females, athletes and non-athletes from seventh grade to alumni," said Rohl. "Our program is set up to be sports specific, but can help you in all that you do."

The program emphasizes speed, strength and technique. At the end of the summer, there is testing done on the lifters. Testing is done on one's 40 yard dash, bench press, hang clean, shuttle run,

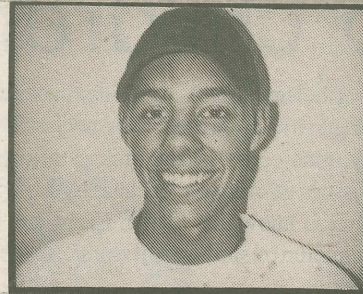
vertical jump, and rope jumping abilities. Points are tallied up and if one-hundred or more points are accumulated, then participants join an elite club, called the 100 Point Club.

"I expect this summer's group to be just as big, if not bigger than last year's," said Rohl.

Applications for summer strength and conditioning can be picked up at the activities office and returned to coach Rohl as soon as possible.

To sign up
For Summer
Strength and
Conditioning,
Contact Coach Rohl,
Coach Gmach, or
Coach Palmer as
soon as possible!

Student Athletes of the Month



Name: Charlie Ahrens

Sport: Tennis

Grade: 12

Position: #1 singles

Charlie has been playing tennis his whole life. As a sophomore, he went to state and last year he made it to section finals. In addition, he earned all-conference honors last year and is well on his way to doing so again. This season, he has taken second in a New London Spicer tournament and says that all the highlights will come at the end. Charlie was a member of the varsity soccer and hockey teams as well. His success has come from numerous hours of practice and many private lessons. Besides his sports achievements, Charlie still finds time to make the A honor-roll. He will be attending U.M.D. in the fall and plans to play tennis there. Charlie's idol is his dad because he is a hard worker and always stays in a good frame of mind, no matter what the situation.



Name: Caroline Myrlie

Sport: Track & field

Grade: 12

Event: Discus

Caroline has competed in track and field throughout all four years of high school. This year, Caroline earned fifth place at the conference meet, and received an all-conference honorable mention. Besides athletics, Caroline is on the A-honor roll, and involved with NHS. She is a yearbook editor, teaches Sunday school, and works with her church youth group. Caroline has remained mostly injury free throughout high school. However, she received a discus to the head at a recent meet. Caroline's idol is Olympic gymnast Shannon Miller, because even when she has a bad performance, she still thinks positively and sees it as a way to improve for the next meet.

Freestyle wrestling offers fresh approach

Sport ables hundreds of Minnesota wrestlers the chance to get ahead

By Jarod DCamp

Staff Writer

Sweat pours off your face and drips on to your mat-burned arm. It stings bad but you continue on for the smell of victory is near. Your opponent seems ready yet vulnerable, for as you take him down to a back-exposing position and eventually win the match. This is all in a day's work for a freestyle wrestler.

During the off-season, many folkstyle (high school) wrestlers keep in shape by wrestling freestyle. The two styles of wrestling are different in many ways, the most obvious being the scoring.

"I like freestyle because there are more scoring opportunities," said eighth grader Nick Holmberg.

A big difference is the scoring. In folkstyle wrestling, takedowns are always worth two points. In freestyle, some takedowns are worth one point, and some are worth three or five points. A one-point takedown is just a normal jump behind takedown. When a wrestler throws his opponent to the mat and causes back exposure, then three points are awarded. Then if a wrestler throws his opponent over his shoulders and on to the mat, it is worth five points. Nearfall points are similar to folkstyle, but when a wrestler turns an opponent over his shoulders, it is worth five points.

"I think freestyle helps my quickness and coordination," said sophomore Isaac Olson.

Another major difference between the two styles is that in freestyle most of the wrestling is done on the feet and tends to be more offense rather than defense. This happens because there are much more scoring possibilities.

The freestyle season goes from the second week in March to about the third week in May, although there are more



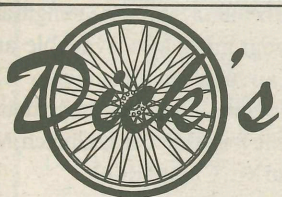
Senior Scott DCamp works for a takedown against coach Nate Wiedman during a Greco-Roman match.

tournaments after that, but this is just the end of practicing. During the season there are approximately six to ten tournaments per weekend. Most wrestlers agree that this is plenty.

"On every weekend there are plenty of tournaments to choose from, leaving you the choice of difficulty and location," said coach Shane Benitz.

In the state of Minnesota, the schools do not fund freestyle wrestling. So there are independently run clubs that fund them. Now with about 35 wrestlers in the Bison wrestling club, things are looking brighter for the future.

"Freestyle is becoming more and more popular," said Benitz. "But we are, the only country in the world that does not have freestyle wrestling all year long."



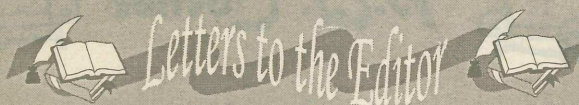
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Humane Society needs more help than story conveyed

It's wonderful to see our local humane society finally getting the attention it deserves. But what a shame that an article with such good intentions could end up giving so much misinformation.

First of all, our shelter is called the Human Society of Wright County, not the Humane Society of Minnesota. There are many humane societies in this state; four of which had walks on May 2.

Each year around 300 walkers participate in the Wright County Walk for Animals. And the record amount of money raised hasn't topped \$40,000, let alone \$450,000.

You've also confused this humane society with a much larger one. The Humane Society of Wright County received 1,091 animals last year. This information is in the Spring 1998 issue of the Shelter Report, available at Buffalo Farm Market and the Wright County Humane Society.

This story makes our humane society seem much more well off than it truly is. This small shelter needs all the support it can get.

Thank you,

— April Weivoda, junior

Gay student shows homosexuality is not just "the other guy's" issue

Editor's Note: Because of the sensitivity of this issue, the editorial board has agreed to withhold the author's name.

I am a gay male at BHS, and feel it necessary to express what it is like being a homosexual, and what it was like growing up knowing I was somewhat different.

Ever since I was little, I knew I was a little different, but I didn't know why or how to understand it, so I just ignored it. I came from a middle-class home with loving parents and an older brother. I remember going fishing with my family and going to church every Sunday. On weekdays I would go to school, my mom would stay home, and my dad worked at a large company. I had a normal childhood and had friends that I still have to this day. In elementary school I had two crushes; they were both girls.

By eighth grade I realized I was different. I was attracted to the other boys, but still didn't understand how to interpret those feelings. Junior high was a very confusing time in my life. Even when I was young and didn't understand what gay was, I was taught that gays were sick and did terrible things. I eventually found out what gay was and that I was one. I hated myself and tried to deny it to myself, so I forced myself to have a crush on a girl in junior high. The only reason was that she was pretty, and the crush died as quickly as it started.

I was very depressed throughout the junior and senior high years. At the end of eleventh grade, the stress was so unbearable, I just had to talk to someone, and that is when I first came out. I told her what was going on; she was surprised but was very understanding. Eventually, I was able to tell most of my close friends, and all of them took it very well. They have been extremely helpful to make me feel comfortable about who I really am. I still haven't told my parents, and I don't know when I will feel comfortable telling them.

Telling people I care about that I'm gay has helped me come out of my depression and feel confident about myself. Now I am free and I owe it all to my friends. Thank you! (Especially a new and very helpful friend that I met this year.) I owe it all of you who saved me. You know who you are, even if you don't know who I am. If you know someone is gay and has helped them out, you are the one to thank for understanding and caring.

A final note before ending this article, a favorite saying from Ellen before it was "too gay": "He's here. He's Queer. Get used to it!"

— Anonymous

Pegasus story raises support, eyebrows

Editor's Note: These two letters refer to Rachel Brophy's prose as it appeared in Pegasus, not the revised version on the right.

Of all the untrue things the article "Why Christians..." said, one statement stand out the most. "Christians bash minorities like blacks and homosexuals." I am Christian and this statement deeply offends me. I consider myself to be very open-minded and accepting. I can't even begin to explain how much it hurts to have people think I agree with the KKK because I am Christian. I have friends of all races and don't even think twice about the difference. My family are friends with two homosexual men. They have three adopted children and are some of the most caring people I have ever known. Our while family, including my four and seven-year-old brothers, go out to dinner with them. It offends me that someone could think I am discriminatory and label me this because I am Christian. I completely agree with the sadness of what happens to black people where the KKK still doesn't see how superficial their ideals are. I am so frustrated when kids can't accept their classmates because of their sexual orientation. The Bible supposedly says that it is wrong to be homosexual, but I do not believe my religion on this matter.

I agree that there are many problems with our world, but to blame them on a religious group? I believe that every single being on this world has the right to their own beliefs and choices. How can someone appear to believe the same thing, and then say things like "they don't believe in rebirth" and "have to put up with Jehovah's Witnesses?" Teachers have to teach evolution as simply and only theory so as not to become discriminatory. They don't do it because they are Christian. How can a person accuse someone of "bashing minorities," and then do the same? Christians aren't the only group that believes "their way is the only way."

Just consider this. If this article was about "why all women should be killed," it would not have been tolerated. Same difference.

Some people have said that "Poem for God" was printed on the same page to make the situation fair. This has in no way made me feel better. I want to make sure that no one begins to believe I am guilty of these stereotypical accusations. Although I am hurt and offended, I do commend the author on her courage to stand for what she believes in, as I have stood for what I believe.

Sincerely,

— Davette Cooper, sophomore

I believe that some people are afraid of what they do not understand. People can have a lot of different views, but you have to take in the fact that other people have opinions, and you can't change that. Our country is based on the point that people have the right to voice their opinion, and the right to the freedom of speech. That is why I give my support to Rachel Brophy.

Rachel is not a bad person, but she does not believe in the Christian way. In our country we have that right. I am an atheist and that does not bawl well with certain people. Yes, Rachel's rage may have offended some people, but in my opinion, she was talking about the broader amount of Christians.

Sincerely,

— Jonathon Wright, sophomore

"Girl vs. World" (Follow-up to "Why Christians")

I hope you read this one through with an open mind because the purpose of this follow-up isn't to cause any more controversy or anger, but to clear a few things up. I have decided to use the Bible as my tool in this piece and thought

I should tell you before I start that I am using a New Revised Standard Version. (Just in case you want to check.) The mistake of generalization was made in my famous entry and I would like to apologize to everyone about that. It won't happen in this document. I would really love to name the names of those who have confronted me brutally about the entry... but that would be really low and I don't want to sink to their level. So I'll be as kind as possible while still being a little more specific than "Christians." In the process of "clearing things up" I might tick a few of you off again, but by now you most likely realize, *I couldn't care less!* So here it goes.

Our school is absolutely packed with hypocritical Christians. I was confronted by several individuals that wanted to defend the Christian faith after the *Pegasus* came out. But some people really shouldn't be doing that because they are worse than I am in a hypocritical sense. You can't be Christian and get high every weekend. It just doesn't work that way. I will now present some common situations in which a real Christian would follow the Bible and the person just calling themselves "Christian" would do the wrong thing. Christians who say they believe in the Bible and then become gay are committing a sin, because homosexuality is directly against the Bible. (Leviticus 18:22- "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.") Having sex before marriage is a no-no too... better be careful at those summer parties. (Romans 1:24- "Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves.") Going to a witch, fortune-teller, psychic or a tarot card reader is also wrong. (Leviticus 20:27- "A man or a woman who is a medium or a wizard shall be put to death, their blood is upon them.")

Don't judge me either because your not supposed to. (James 4:12- "Who are you to judge your neighbor?" Matthew 5:22- "If you are angry with a brother or a sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you say, 'You fool' you will be liable to the hell of fire.") And don't even think about attempting to be Christian and not follow these rules. God doesn't like people that hover between holy and unholy at all. (Revelation 3:16- "So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.") If you have ever displayed any of these actions, then don't call yourself a Christian because you're not. People like those don't have the right to stand up for Christianity because they are the worst of liars. (Acts 8:21- "You have no part in this because your heart is not right before God.") And don't get all angry with me either, it's your own "holy book" talking not mine. From the Bible's perspective, your place in hell is more secure than mine is. *Imagine that!* You made the commitment to Christ when you called yourself a Christian to my face, so now it's time to prove it.

I'm completely aware of the fact that Christians aren't perfect and that every human makes mistakes, but making them over and over is what I'm arguing against. It would be stupid for you to get laid at a party, confess, have your sin absolved and then go out and do it again. You have to live the life every day if you want to be a *true* Christian. Until then, don't stick up for them and stay out of my face. Because I don't listen to liars.

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to thank the wonderful people we have in this school who respected my opinion and realized that some people thought differently than they did. I have the utmost respect for real Christians because it's a difficult lifestyle and hard to stick to. Especially with all the temptations of being a teenager. I am in your debt and hope to repay you with the same courtesy some time. The 15 minutes of fame was appreciated and I enjoyed soaking it up. I'm sorry that we won't be having any more discussions about the "Why Christians" document, but that is because I think it's time to move along. I couldn't change your minds about your beliefs in me or in Jesus. I never tried to. So let's give it a rest. You'll hear from me next year in the *Pegasus* when I write about how Christianity encourages white supremacy and abuse towards women. So until then, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 6:44)

— Rachel Brophy, freshman

'Whisperer' won't go unheard in theaters

By Aubree Reinitz

Staff Writer

Picture yourself getting hit by a runaway semi-truck while riding horses with your best friend and your best friend and their horse dying. Imagine feeling like you could have prevented it somehow. This is what happens to Grace MacLean in the novel and movie *The Horse Whisperer*.

Both start off with Grace (Scarlett Johansson, *Home Alone 3*) and Judith, her best friend, having an accident that leaves Judith dead and Grace an amputee. Annie (Kristin Scott Thomas) and Robert (Sam Neill, *Jurassic Park*), Grace's parents, are determined to help Grace heal her emotional scars, no matter what the cost. Annie believes that taking Grace's horse, Pilgrim, to a "horse whisperer" will help. Tom Booker (Robert Redford, *Up Close and Personal*) is reluctant, but is finally persuaded by Annie to help when she drives out to Montana with the horse. Tom helps the horse, but winds up causing trouble elsewhere.

Nicholas Evans' novel of the same title has much more detail and the events that take place differ slightly from those in the movie. However, unlike most movies that are based on a book, *The Horse Whisperer* does not change the script from the book all that much.

Cinematography only adds to the sense that you are right there with them. The camera angles show many landscape and scenery shots, as well as shots that makes someone feel like they are the horse looking out at the world. The addition of slow motion at key points in the movie add to the experience. The music is also very fitting to the different events.

I would recommend this movie to anyone who wants to see a nice, heartwarming. The movie is only rated PG-13, but it is almost the same length as *Titanic*. However, it is well worth the time.

Internet relieves summer blahs

While time away on these choice sites

By Sara Tabor

Arts and Entertainment/Photography Editor

The summer has it's unblinking eyes, sore thumbs and computer butt, among other ailments. The doctor's prescription—amusing yourself (and your modem) with a wide variety of sites, ranging from interesting to humorous, pointless to dumb.

If you got tired of the dancing baby featured in email listings and on the television show "Ally McBeal," here is something to get you back in the groove. Catch Martha Stewart shakin' her booty at <http://members.tripod.com/~MrsMegaByte/mbabie.html>

The chances of the amino acids necessary for life arising from a random mix of elementary molecules, it is said, is the same as a monkey hitting a typewriter and pounding out the complete works of Shakespeare. To test this theory, web page designer David Fox has created a digital monkey. To see it, and to waste time, go to <http://found.cs.nyu.edu/dfox/monkey.htm>

Are you clear of parasites? The shocking truth—and pictures to verify it—can be found at <http://206.98.106.40/~parasite/dp.cfm?dno=707701>. This site is realitively informative, somewhat scary, and downright weird. Who thinks of these things?

When you eat too many Twinkies, you end up creating a web site solely created to the testing of the poor, defenseless snacks. Some of the tests they performed include Rapid Oxidation Test, Solubility Test, Maximum Density Test, and the Radiation Test. This is for the scientists that have nothing better to look at. Go to <http://www.owl.net.rice.edu/~gouge/twinkies.html>

For the animal lover, there is the OwlCam. You are cordially invited to share in the adventures of a pair of Northern Barred Owls (*strix varia varia*) as they raise their family in a nest box in Eastern Massachusetts. Rest assured that all of the pictures and sounds that you will experience are being obtained through "owl friendly" methods. Find it at <http://members.aol.com/owlbox/owlhome.htm>

So, during the summer while your brain broils in it's own juices from the radiating heat from the hard drive, cool off your cranium and check out these sites. For your health.



P.Q. Corner



Untitled

By Eric Zimmerman

A beautiful day is when everything takes on a golden glow.

when everything is real and not confusing

and you're living inside joy.

when you feel a strong inner peace deep from within.

and every thing is perfect.

everything is perfect.

Every heart that has beat strongly and cheerfully has left a hopeful impulse behind it in the world and bettered the tradition of mankind.

—Robert Lewis Stevenson

Southern memories shared

By Tim Kearns

Staff Writer

What do you get if you cross a few strip joints, a nice bit of jazz, and two coach loads of adolescents? A jolly good recipe for a vacation, that's what. And it seems that's what it was when the BHS band and choir hit New Orleans this spring.

The trip was arranged to coincide with the Heritage Jazz Festival in which the band, choir, jazz ensemble and BHS singers participated; but this was only the tip of the iceberg. In fact, quite a splendid time was had by all.

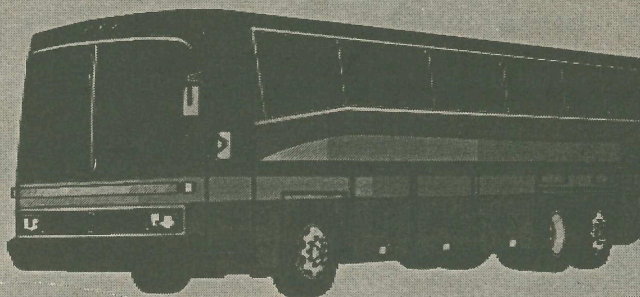
"I can't even begin to explain how much I enjoyed this vacation," said junior Erin Thompson. "You can say that again," agreed junior Katie Heino.

Virtually all attendants came back with at least one pretty good yarn to unwind — all a testament to the success of the trip. It would appear the only time students got bored was on the bus ride down — sleep was ill-advised.

"I was really tired on the bus ride, so I went to sleep. When I woke up I was covered in make-up!" said junior Andy Hermes.

"And then, to cap it all, we got to the hotel and the rooms weren't even ready — we had half an hour for eight of us to shower!" said junior Tessa Eby.

Bourbon Street and the French Quarter were apparent



highlights.

"The place was bursting with culture," said junior Jesse Cassidy, who had his fair share of experiences in the area. "This guy kept insisting that I bought some beads. I had to try to convince him that I was allergic to beads, in spite of the fact that I was wearing some."

During the six-day visit the party toured the area. One of the most popular events seems to have been the Bayou tour.

"The guide kept saying 'ici', which means 'here' in French. All of a sudden, all these alligators came up to the boat where the guide proceeded to feed them marshmallows and chicken," said Cassidy.

"I'm not really fond of reptiles but I held a baby alligator anyway. I later found out that people were eating alligators on sticks. It was really quite sickening," said senior Abby Nelson.

Whatever you may hear about the New Orleans trip, one thing is unanimous: it was the best.

"Only in High School can opportunities like this be shared," said senior Betsy Whittlef, whose views are echoed by the majority, "Kjesbo, Soden and Walsh are the best!"

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Backdoor rumors dissolved

By David Coleman

Staff Writer

Where in Buffalo can an old motorcycle and a gas tank be found hanging from the ceiling, with arcade Pac-Man and a pool table waiting downstairs? The answer is *The BackDoor*, a popular Christian youth group with a startling rumor surrounding it; that it's a cult.

Frightening 'cult' rumors which have plagued *The BackDoor Youth Ministry* are mainly due to it's charismatic attitude, one mark of a cult, which causes some to label the people who go there "weird."

"It's not similar to most churches," said senior Brian Moon, a former member of the youth group who explains that unlike traditional churches, it encourages a more open praise of God and is never quiet. Moon said that he couldn't remember having that much fun at a youth group before.

Often at the beginning of the youth service, Pastor Sara Angus, 22, shouts, "Do you love Jesus?" The crowd shouts back "yes!", and this usually goes on several times until she gets the loudest, most satisfying response possible.

"I heard they had a cow tongue hanging in it one time and everyone had to kiss it," said junior Aaron Reich, referring to a rumor started after former pastor Tom Elmore brought a cow tongue to church in order to entertain a point.

"Pastor Tom was giving a sermon on the power of the tongue [in speaking] and he brought in a cow tongue to illustrate it. He made a point about how it was gross and no one would want to touch it. Then this girl in the back spoke up and said she'd lick it, so Tom tried to persuade her not to and said he'd give her a free t-shirt if she did, and she did," said junior Cherish Ahlgren in reply to that specific exaggeration.

"I thought it was really weird when I went there once. I never went back," said junior Sarah Naleway, who felt uncomfortable when she attended.

Overall, most students had a good opinion of the church.

"It was pretty cool," said freshman Eric Ebeling, who visited during one of their many events.

The reason that the youth group is named *The BackDoor* is because nearly everyone who attends, enters the building through the back door. Some people suspected that the name had evil references.

"Try to find the truth before you base opinions on anything," said Pastor Angus.

The BackDoor is not an independent youth group. It is a part of the *Assembly of God* sect of the Christian church; a rather large division which worships the spirit and essence of God.

Forbidden First Ave

By Sandy Kunzer

Staff Writer

It's 7:30. I hear the phone ring; it's Jamie.

"Hey! I've got Derek, Cody, and Todd to go to First Avenue tonight. Do you want to go dancing with us?" said Jamie.

"Sure why not? It should be fun."

"OK. Derek and I will pick you up at 8:00 p.m."

We went to go pick up Cody and Todd at Cody's house. After a half hour, we were in Wayzata where Cody lives.

It took us until around 9:45 p.m. to end up at First Ave. A long line curled around the building. We stood there for about 15 minutes. During that time, we ended up meeting people that went to the same school as some of us.

When we finally got to the entrance, the fee to get in was four dollars. It was an all ages dance, which happens on Wednesday and Sunday. They also have bands that come and play on various nights of the week. Some bands that are playing in June are the Big Woo, Liquid Soul, and Semi Sonic.

When we walked in it was very dark, hot, and steamy. You could feel the testosterone in the air.

We checked our coats and hit the dance floor. There must have been over 300 people crammed on the floor.

There were so many fine looking guys there and very little time to get to know them. The song, "Getting Jiggy With It," by Will Smith, came on and that's when Jamie and I started to get our groove on.

After about 15 songs, Jamie and I were getting hot, so we went up one side of the steps to go stand there and try to cool down. Up the other steps there was bar, because it was all alcoholic and we were under 21 which meant we couldn't even get a glass of water. But there was plenty of guys to look at. When we went back down to the dance floor the crowd had gotten even bigger since the time we left to cool down. After dancing for awhile we decided to leave around 11:00 p.m.

Jamie and I had the guys go and get our coats so we could leave. But Jamie and I stayed back and danced a little while longer. When the guys came back we left. We got to the car, took off, and headed for home. That's when the exhausting night-long party stopped.

It was one heck of a night. Even though I didn't meet many guys, I still had a blast.

Techniques of cult mind control

Group Pressure and "Love-Bombing":

Discourages doubts and reinforces the need to belong through the use of child-like games—singing, hugging, touching or flattery.

Isolation/Seperation:

Creates inability or lack of desire to verify information provided by the group with reality.

Thought stopping Techniques:

Introduce recruit to meditating, chanting, and repetitious activities which, when used excessively, induce a state of high suggestibility.

Sleep Deprivation:

Encouraged under the guise of spiritual exercises, necessary training, or urgent projects.

"Information courtesy of the Cult Awareness Network"

Fear and Guilt:

Induced by eliciting confessions to produce intimacy and to reveal fears and secrets, to create emotional vulnerability by overt and covert threats, as well as alternation of punishment and reward.

Inadequate Nutrition:

Sometimes disguised as special diet to improve health or advance spirituality, or as rituals requiring fasting.

Sensory Overload:

Forces acceptance of complex new doctrine, goals, and definitions to replace old values by expecting recruit to assimilate masses of information quickly with little opportunity for critical examination.

School's out--read Joy School

By Monica Heflin

Staff Writer

One of the best books of 1998, *Joy School*, by Elizabeth Berg defines the true meaning of heartbreak. This book shows the pain many young men and women go through every day. *Joy School* shows the pain of a first love. I think this book is very good and I was impressed that it holds

your attention until the very end.

Joy School is the classic story of a young woman's love for an untouchable older guy. The narrator of the story, 13-year old Katie, has moved to Missouri from Texas. Katie's across-the-street neighbors, Greg and Marsha, haven't been very approving of her living there. Many times Katie finds notes in the bushes implying that she should go

home. Finally, Katie makes a friend in fellow misfit Cynthia O'Connell a shy, Italian girl. Soon, they are close friends. Also, Katie becomes friends with the totally fascinating Taylor, who is a beautiful, rich model, who gets her kicks by shoplifting. One day after school, Katie decides to go skating on a pond behind the gas station. While venturing near the center, Katie falls in, only to be rescued by Jim, the

most gorgeous man she's ever seen. The weeks pass as they become close friends. Katie falls in love with Jim, however Jim is married. Then, Jim, his wife and family decide to move. The distraught Katie does something she never thought she'd do.

Berg portrays young love in a new light without pulling the value of Katie's emotions down. This book will be great for summer reading.

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'THE HERD' HITS THE STREETS WITH "AFRICA" REVAMPED Drumline, colorguard restless to start

By Katie Uttke

Staff Writer

El Nino may bring a warmer summer than usual this year, but that won't stop the summer marching band. Even when the sun is hot and humidity is high, "The Herd" will be out there marching their hearts out.

Many music students find marching during the summer is an activity that challenges their musical abilities, teaches them discipline and shows off their skills. All members feel it is also a place just to have fun. This year's program will feature music inspired by the "dark continent."

"There was great demand and enthusiasm from the students to play African music again this summer," said Lee Kjesbo, band director.

In an African program, the drum line plays an crucial role. Led by BCMS band director Shawn Kolles, the drum line has been working very hard on their cadence, "Mufasa's Groove," written by Kolles himself. An African drummer will be teaching the drum line different styles and techniques for playing African instruments.

The color guard will also be working with an African dance instructor to learn African dances.

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people and presenting what I've worked on so hard for the parades," said freshman Tyler Lindeman.

The first thing the marching band will be doing before all their moving and grooving at parades is practicing. Rehearsals begin Monday, June 8. A five day camp will teach students skills in marching and following commands. The first parade the Herd will participate in is Buffalo Days on June 13.

"We hope to take this show to a higher level this summer," said Kjesbo.



Photo courtesy of Sara Tabor

The BHS marching band, "The Herd," stunned audiences in Plymouth, Massachusetts with a record amount of 14 plays. After a beautiful season with little rain or wind problems, "The Herd" plans another season, with such highlights as the Foley Fun Days parade, the annual Alexandria Vikingland Band Festival, and being a featured band at Valleyfair.

'The Herd' marches "Africa"—parade schedule

Saturday, June 13	Buffalo	Tuesday, June 30	ValleyFair
Thursday, June 18	Cold Spring	Saturday, July 4	Annandale
Sunday, June 21	Hutchinson	Thursday, July 9	Maple Grove
Wednesday, June 24	Foley	Saturday, July 11	St. Cloud
Friday, June 26	Rochester	Sunday, July 12	New Richmond
Sunday, June 28	Alexandria	Wednesday, July 22	Torchlight
	Sunday, August 23	Montrose	

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"We have been 'best' friends since seventh grade, and it will be hard to separate when we go to different colleges this coming fall." —Jenny Lanin and Tia Carlson, seniors.

Photo courtesy of Tia Carlson



"We've shared out laughter, our hopes, our memories, our dreams, our joys, and our tears. Friends to the end."

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