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Seniors' last stand: Commencement '94

By Beth Ann Miller

Co-News Editor

Commencement ceremonies will be held on June 10, at 7:30 pm in the old gym.

The Concert Band gets the opportunity to play "Pomp and Circumstance" while the seniors promenade down the aisle. Later in the ceremonies, the Concert Choir and the Concert Band will each perform a selection. At the end of the ceremonies, the band will play the recessional as the graduates proceed down the aisle.

Many seniors are looking forward to graduation.

"I'm looking forward to getting out of here because I'm tired of this place. I've been here too long," said senior Emily McPheeters.

Others may look with apprehension towards graduation, but some have no opinion.

"I'm not sad about graduation, I'm just apathetic," said senior Jennifer Meister.

A new feature this year are the tickets needed to attend the ceremonies. Students were not limited to the number of tickets they could receive, but everyone wishing to attend commencement must have a ticket.

"I think that having the tickets is a cool idea so families get in to the ceremonies first, but I wish that we could have it on the football field," said senior Tracy Lemire.

Earlier this year there was a petition circulating through the senior class to get the ceremonies outdoors on the football field.

"More people could attend if it were held outdoors," said senior Sarah Cardinal.

There are other reasons seniors wanted to have commencement outside.

"Graduation should be held outside," said senior Mindy Kespohl, "It's too hot in the gym."

Featured senior speakers chosen to deliver commencement speeches this year are Erica Lundsten and Jill Scott. Each will deliver a three minute speech expressing their sentiments about their high school years.

Seniors have also been informed that they cannot wear jeans and t-shirts, they should dress-up. Many seniors do not like this idea, but the administration believes that it is more classy.

"I think that we should be able to wear what we want under our gowns," said Kespohl.



Angie Baudler / Photography

RAISE THOSE GUNS A LITTLE HIGHER: Seniors Jeff Mauk and Mark Ludwig practice the routine for the summer marching band season. This is the rifle lines second summer and is under the direction of Jenn and Dave Kiffmeyer.

The Herd enters another season of competition

By Darcy Fischer

Staff Writer

The BHS marching band, affectionately known as *The Herd*, will be in its 7th competitive season this summer with new music and a new routine.

There are approximately 145 members in *The Herd*, with about 80 veterans returning this summer.

"It will be tough [to perform well] because we're losing a lot of our veterans," said junior Stacey Collins.

Because of this, members feel that they will have to work extra hard to make this summer successful.

"I'd like to take a lot of the younger veterans and make them the best kind of leaders they can be," said senior Chris Nevinski.

This year's drum majors are Collins, Nevinski, and senior Nori

Heino.

"As a drum major you have more say in what goes on, and you get a chance to know everyone better," said Heino.

Drum major tryouts were held in the fall. Drum majors are expected to show leadership and conducting skills as well as a desire to get the job done.

"I've always grown up with the notion that I'd be a drum major," said Nevinski.

The director of *The Herd*, Lee Kjesbo, has many goals for this summer.

"I hope to get the new music put together, and to have a group of kids who are cooperative and respectful of each other," said Kjesbo.

Returning for his second summer as the percussion instructor will be former BHS student, Josh Zimmerman. Jenn Kiffmeyer will also return for her third sum-

mer as the color guard instructor. Joining them will be new color guard instructor, Dave Kiffmeyer.

"The biggest challenge [of being an instructor] has been being a leader and role model for students who aren't very much younger than myself," said J. Kiffmeyer.

Many members look forward to marching band because it's a time to be with friends and have a lot of fun.

"I like summer [marching band] because it's a time when you can get to know everyone better," said Nevinski. "There's a lot of bonding going on."

Many feel that working together as a group helps the band perform at its best.

"[I like the] sense of community, and being part of a big 150 member family," said Heino.

As with any group, there are some problems that arise.

"[The worst part is] the people who are there to have fun, but don't want to work at it," said junior Jenny Griffith.

Members have to learn to put up with some uncontrollable factors.

"The heat, the whiners, and the waiting [are the worst parts]," said junior Jason Poirier.

The band will participate in parades in the following Minnesota cities: Brooklyn Park, Rochester, Foley, Roseville, Buffalo, Annandale, St. Cloud, Detroit Lakes, Montrose, Waverly, and the Minneapolis Aquatennial Grande Day Parade.

"The parades are really fun because afterwards everyone has a feeling of accomplishment," said Griffith.

There are not only group achievements, there are also individual achievements.

"[One of the best things

about marching band is] when you've done well in a parade, and when you were marching you just had chills," said Collins.

The band is judged in three different categories: music execution, marching and maneuvering, and general effect.

"I hope to do well learning the new music, and scoring high in parades as a group," said junior Katie MacDonald.

Despite the focus on competition members hope that the summer will be a positive experience in other areas as well.

"Winning is important," said Heino. "But it is more important for people to get something out of it and have fun."

The outlook for this summer is good.

"I think we'll have one of the best summers ever because every year has been a step up from the year before," said Nevinski.

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Saying goodbye; just summer or forever

The summer is upon us and the final days of school are being counted down by students as well as teachers, as everybody looks forward to the long three month vacation ahead.

Yet, for some, this may be their last summer in or around Buffalo. With the seniors graduating and going their separate ways, many people take a step back and look at saying good-bye.

Saying good-bye can be one of the hardest things a person may ever do. When in High school, friendships are dear to everyone. In four years

friendships can take on something like a family relationship, especially between a very close group of people.

With so many options after high school, groups of close friends can split up and end up at different places, sometimes all around the world. Trying to say good-bye can lead to heartbreaks, but nobody ever said that you have to say good-bye forever.

How can you completely say good-bye when you've known people for 4 good years of high school, 2 years of junior high school, and 7 years of elementary education. You might have

even known them years before that as neighbors, friends, and someone you can turn to in time of need.

Take for example your best friend, the one whose stuck by you through thick and thin, the good and the bad. The one who listens to all the rumors spread about you, and stands up for you when they know it might hurt them.

How can you completely say good-bye and never plan to see or talk to them ever again.

They are the ones who have made your high school years what they are and what they will be. Without them, most people would be sit-

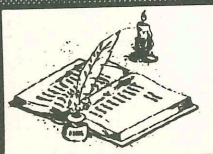
ting home all alone and watching the 80th rerun of Gilligan's Island, the ever popular one where they finally get to leave. Who wants to spend high school like that.

Even though all of your school days may not have been the fun filled days that television has made them out to be, everybody has to admit that their high school years are where they have learned the most. Learning about relationships, communication, problem solving, and getting along even when times are tough is what high school is all about.

In the real world, if you want to call being out of

high school the real world, all of these learning experiences are what you actually use in everyday life. No matter how much math or science you know, it doesn't help when you have to deal with real people.

So, when you leave high school, don't think of it as being an end, think of it as a beginning. The people who have helped you so much in the past are going to keep helping you in the future. Remember all the experiences you have learned from them, and the good times that will last forever.



Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor:

Have you ever noticed all the thin girls roaming the halls of the school, especially with summer just around the corner? Oh, you think it's just natural for a 16 or 18 year old to have the body of a seventh grader? No. It's not natural.

I sincerely want to know if you realize the impact you have when you make fun of girls' weight or their efforts to get thin.

When a girl won't slip on her swimsuit and join the pool party or have a snack on her way to the party, or go back for a second lunch if she's hungry, or for God's sake even eat lunch at all, does it ever make you wonder why? Did you ever consider that this is not normal? Or is this just natural? What could it be? Could it have anything to do with you?

Suppose next time you're commenting around other female friends, one of them takes it to heart and seriously cuts back on the potato chips, and everything else too. Or maybe she goes home and stuffs herself until she feels numb and then throws up.

Then suddenly a dear friend draws thin and doesn't have the spunk she use to. Then you say how stupid it is that girls starve themselves and who cares what someone weighs. Wait, just a minute ago you were judging Jane who had too many Ho-Ho's. Now are you convinced you could have just a tad bit to do with it?

Sorry if you feel like you're under interrogation but maybe you didn't realize that you're committing a crime of inhumanity. Go ahead and laugh, and then just for a moment please entertain the possibility that you're contributing to a deadly game.

I wonder all the time why guys don't ask me out or ever express interest in me? I wonder why people don't check out books and read them or even the Preface before judging it by its cover. I wonder why we can't all have Cindy Crawford's body and wear string bikinis. But then there are some of us who would rather be liked for who we are inside. That is if we were given a chance.

Sorry that girls are sensitive and often take to heart the

remarks made about fat chicks or thunder thighs. Instead of blaming you for our insecurities, I beg you to think twice or even three times before you laugh at someone who needs to stop popping the potato chips. No one blows their birthday candles out and wishes for a flabbier butt or bigger thighs.

So next time you order two double cheese burgers a Dew and a large order of fries, and a friend orders a diet coke, ask yourself if there's not more to it than appears. I think girls get hungry too. Don't you?

While I'm expressing my deepest hurt, I should say that I can't believe we, as guys and girls have created a society and support a notion that lets people kill themselves over attempted acceptance and desired love. I bet you know of someone who is anorexic or bulimic and you have never expressed concern to them or offered them help. More than likely they won't or can't do it alone. Don't you care? People die from this disease. It's harmful to see it as stupid and self imposed. It's a

disease and it doesn't just go away, but THEY will and then it's too late.

Look around and step outside of the cool invincible world of teenage life and grasp what it is

we need to stop avoiding.

Each day you watch a person dwindle away, is a day you could have helped them. And if you think it has nothing to do with you, I hope you're right.

Positions available on *Bison* staff

Positions are available for working on *the Bison* for next year,

Staff writers interview students, faculty members and write stories. They have the opportunity to write for News, Sports, Features, Editorials, and Entertainment.

Editors are needed for the Sports section, and require a little more time than a staff writer position. Editors are responsible for editing and laying out the pages of their section, and communicating with their writers about the stories that are going to be printed.

Photographers and Photography editors are also needed for next year. The Photographers are responsible for taking pictures of the events in BHS such as sporting events and concerts. The Photography editor is responsible for developing and printing photos during layout week.

For more information on positions, contact Rebecca Ebnet in the Art Room.



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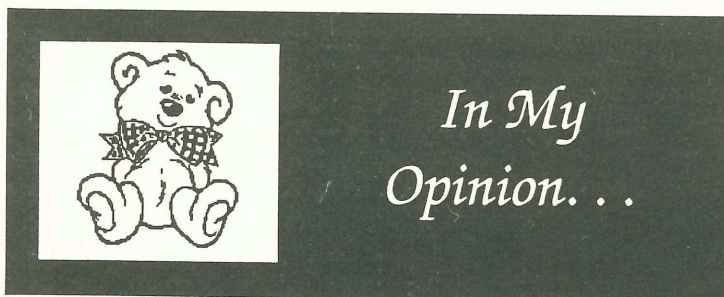
By Rebecca Ebnet

Editor-in-Chief

It constantly amazes me how stupid people can be. Not necessarily lacking in knowledge, but just a little deficient in common sense.

Recently my dad found an article which dealt with the different calls and complaints received from customers of the Dell Computer Corporation, printed in the Wall Street Journal. The majority of the article is re-printed below.

"A woman called and said she couldn't get her computer to turn on. The technician made sure that the computer was plugged in and then asked the



woman what happened when she pushed the power button. 'I've pushed and pushed on this foot pedal and nothing happens' she said. 'Foot pedal?' he asked. 'Yes, the little white foot pedal with the on switch,' she replied. The foot pedal, it turned out, was the computer's mouse."

Honestly. Tell me people

should generally have more, ah, common sense. How can people be so dumb? Hold on - - there's more:

"A woman called and said her brand new computer wouldn't work. She said that she had unpacked the unit, plugged it in, and sat there for 20 minutes waiting for something to happen. When

asked what happened when she pressed the power switch, she said, 'What power switch?'

"So many people have called to ask where the 'any' key is when 'Press Any Key' flashes on the screen that Compaq is considering changing the command to 'Press Return Key.'"

"One customer called up saying that her mouse was hard to control with the 'dust cover' on. The cover turned out to be the plastic bag the mouse was packaged in. Another customer held the mouse and pointed it at the screen while clicking, rather than moving it along the tabletop."

"A customer was having trouble reading word-processing files from his old diskettes. After troubleshooting for magnets and heat failed to diagnose the problem, the technician asked what else was being done with the diskettes. The customers response was, 'I put a label on the diskette, roll it into the typewriter...'"

"A customer called to complain that his keyboard no longer worked. He had cleaned it, he said, filling up his tub with soap and water and soaking his keyboard for a day, and then removing all the keys and washing them individually."

Anticipation of summer frolics, romances, work

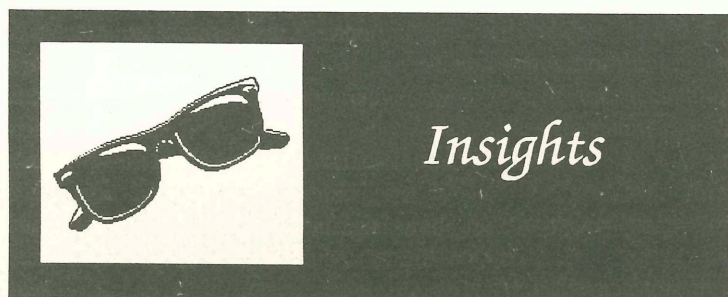
By Amber Veches

Columnist

The Arby's commercial demonstrates it best, "Same old, same old thing." As the school year comes to a close, it becomes repetitive. The only surprise we get is which line the chicken pattie or hamburger is in today.

As the temperatures soar into the seventies and eighties, the young student mind turns to summer, cool water, and the beach.

Memories of great summer romances and the near possibility of moonlit hand in hand walks on



the beach are everyday thoughts and hopes.

Can these hopes and dreams contend with school and homework? Of course not. Math homework gets left in the locker at night, "English homework. . . What English homework?" Most

gets forgotten ten minutes after it's assigned.

Honestly, as a dear friend put it, "I love my teachers, but now I want them all dead!" I have no doubt that most teachers feel the same way.

One must give school ad-

ministration, janitors, teachers, and student government credit for attempting to make things interesting. Physics got to take a trip to Valleyfair, administration allowed senior privileges and skip day, student government's giving us a picnic and magician, and the janitors keep the school a frosty temperature to keep us going.

Still our thoughts turn towards our oncoming days of freedom. Knowing that in a few short weeks we can sleep in as long as we want makes school harder.

Great summer movies like (think up some great summer movies... Tammy and I couldn't)

make us really want out even more.

Are summers really like that, though? Are our expectations too great? Is disappointment a given?

How many people actually have the great summer romance like Sandy and Danny in *Grease*? What about complete freedom? That's ruled out if you have parents. Also, jobs come into play. There goes all chances of having any time to do anything you want, and without it you have no cash.

All in all, summer's an overrated excuse to get out of school for three months. Who's complaining? No one I know.

Graduating laboratory rat reflects on broken laws

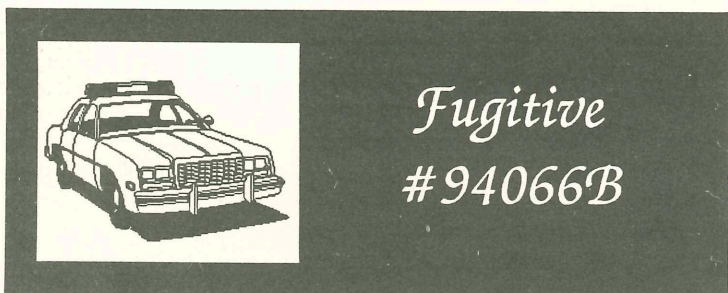
By Beth Ann Miller

Co-News Editor

After four years of spending nearly every day at the same place doing things by routine, you really get a feel for the system. That's all fine -- if you want to be a career laboratory rat. Being one has never really been a major life goal for me, but if the need ever appears, I know I can do it. And if you ever need to know the area of an odd shaped piece of land, I can get out my calculus and do it for you. Ah, the joys of high school.

Don't get me wrong. I've actually enjoyed most of my high school years. Sure, there's been bad and good, but you learn to take it all in stride. After all, that's what life's about. And no, I am not lying to suck up to someone. I truly did enjoy some of my classes, teachers, and in general goofing off with my friends. And enemies.

Believe it or not, I've especially enjoyed learning the system. As Irvin S. Cobb said, "Learn all the rules, every one of them, so that you will know how to break them." (No, I don't know who he is. If you want to know, go look him up. Do I have to do all the work here?)



This doesn't mean that you should memorize the rule book and set out to break all the rules. It simply says that you should know the rules so if the need arises that you must break them, you know how. There are times when you almost have to break the law, though I doubt for many of you there will be such a time.

Martin Luther King, Jr. found that he had to break the law to get true freedom, mainly because most things were against the law for black people in his time. But he had strong convictions (dreams, if you will) of complete freedom and equality for all people. He knew something had to be done and choose a course of action that was appropriate. He broke the law, but retained his message in peaceful resistance.

I appreciate the message in his actions. He strongly believed in something and fought for it. To me, it's rather pointless to do any-

thing unless you strongly believe in it. Why bother doing it if it has no personal meaning? (Even if the meaning behind it is to get a good grade, at least some part has meaning for you.)

It's amazing to me the things King accomplished simply because he believed in them.

Maybe I find this amazing because I see the great amount of hypocrisy in the world. (Or maybe it's because I just finished reading Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, whatever. Dostoyevsky committed a crime writing the book and we were punished by being made to read it. Hence the name.) So many people can claim to be strongly in favor of one thing but then completely turn against it.

I'm not saying I'm completely exempt from this. I'm as guilty of it as all of you.

Many express their views by what seems popular at the time

and not from what they truly feel. That's when the true hypocrisy forms: people pretending to be who they aren't.

I think the Diversity Symposium helped many see the many different cultures, ideas, and values that are held. We were taught that all people's opinions are important and that we should not judge someone on their views.

A lot of people complained about the symposium, but I will honestly say I enjoyed it for the most part. (The 45 minute lunch break was especially nice. I actually had time to eat.) It was interesting to hear of how other people lived and how strong a force prejudice is in day to day life.

The Hero Symposium two years ago has also remained long standing in my mind. There we listened to many people talk about heroes and heroic actions. I think that has remained with me and has made me think about what a hero is.

In fact, I began making a list of my personal heroes. I started it so everyone would think I was working on the newspaper, but I was actually procrastinating and avoiding work.

I ended up having a list of 130 heroes (it was originally 131, but one of them has committed an

atrocious so bad they had to be removed.) And this is a never ending list, each deadline, I add more names when I don't feel like working, which is most of the time.

Now, 127 may seem like a lot, but think about it. Is there one person who has all the qualities that you find admirable and heroic? That's what I thought.

Go ahead, make your own list. You'll be surprised at how many people you can list having admirable characteristics. Of course the time commitment is astronomical -- unless you're supposed to be doing something else that you don't want to do. In that case it's easy to work on it.

I'll truly miss the hall passes. I don't go anywhere without one. Never. Right. Sure.

I would like to invite you in advance to vote in the 2012 presidential elections and especially to vote for me. If you don't want to vote for me, stay home. By the way, I still need a VP. Any volunteers? Anyone else, if you're really nice, I do need to put together my Cabinet.

Best of luck to all of you in your endeavors at getting out of class and whatever else you do in or out of school.

Good-bye, Forever.

Friends and dating: val

Since the entire features section of this issue of *the Bison* has been devoted to "friendship", we wanted to know just exactly what students at BHS thought was the definition of friendship. Below are the responses we got to that question.

"You are there for one another in both the good times and the bad times," said freshman Cami Strand.

"Trust, being there for each other, someone you can talk to, and someone who cares about you," said senior Sarah Opsal.

"Just being able to confide in someone and know that you can trust them," said junior Sarah Paripovich.

"Someone you can lean on and know that they will always be there," said junior Arend Smith.

"Someone who wants to do things with you, and is a lot of fun to be around," said sophomore Melaine Prought.

If these are the things that are important in a friendship how would these same people

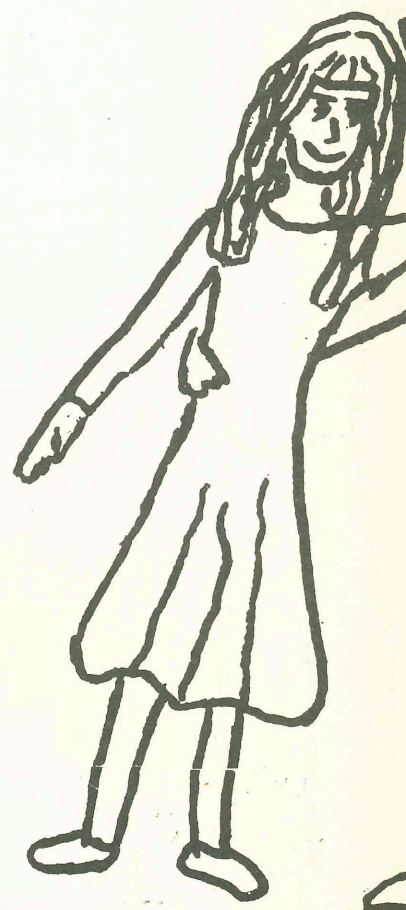
describe their best friend?

"She is honest with me and fun to be with," said Strand.

"She is honest, always there for me when I need her, and someone that I can talk to," said Opsal.

"Easy-going, weird, fun to be around, silly, and she laughs at all my jokes," said Paripovich.

"He is cocky, and kind of reminds me of a gorilla," said Smith.



Dealing: friendships gone or going strong

By Beth Pratt

Staff Writer

People fight with whoever they spend time with, and people spend time with their friends.

"[I fight with friends] because I'm around them too much, and kind of getting sick of them," said freshman Erik Therkilson.

Friends can fight with one another anywhere from hardly ever to several times a week.

"[My friends and I fight] very seldom, if ever," said senior Kari Nyberg.

People don't fight with friends constantly, because if they did, they would be enemies, not friends.

"I really don't see any need to fight," said junior Laura Irons.

Reasons for fighting vary as the friends themselves do.

"[I fight with friends] if they do something to another friend, and a lot of little things," said sophomore Rachel Anderson.

Whether or not spats between friends are really considered fights, depends what people consider fights.

"It's not fighting, really; just arguing over little things," said Irons.

No one likes to be angry, so people must learn to resolve fights and continue friendships, beyond differences.

"Just talk to them and figure out

what's wrong," said senior Cameron Barry.

In order to save friendships, people sometimes have to swallow their pride, step forward and apologize first.

"If the other person doesn't come forward first, I try to talk to them or call them to see why [the fight] started, and talk things out," said Anderson.

One of the most important tips for understanding someone is to wear their shoes, so to speak.

"People need to put themselves in other people's situations and look at it through the other person's eyes," said Nyberg.

Remember that just as it takes two to Tango, it takes two to fight.

"If you get in a fight with a friend, try and see it for what you've possibly done. Try to resolve it as quickly as possible," said Anderson.

The best thing is to avoid fighting with friends entirely, but since that's nearly impossible, the best thing most people can do is apologize and remain friends.

Hopefully, things will work themselves out, maybe with a little help, sooner or later. It's better sooner than later, but better later than never.

"I've never ruined any friendship by fighting. If you have a true friend, you shouldn't fight. If you do, you should apologize," said Therkilson.

our faces are the
light & dark window panes
we paint our smiles on.
behind them,
we hide the vulnerabilities
we want no one else to see.
the water colors of our tears,
even, the rainbows of our laughter...
and the heart that can look
through to another heart
might turn away from the face,
but heart to heart
as face to face should be
are eyes, that need not hide.

Poem No. 1

Carolyn M. Rodgers

HAEC FABULA DOCET

Moral

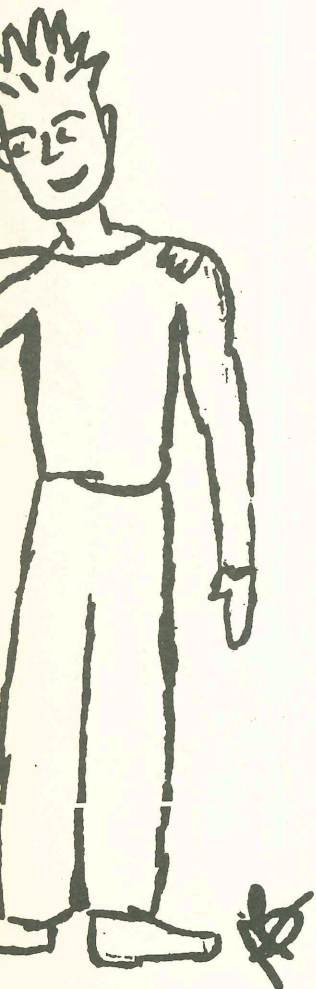
The moral is, it hardly need be shown,
All those who try to go it sole alone,
Too proud to be beholden for releif,
Are absolutely sure to come to grief.

Robert Frost

A LITTLE HELP

A little help from
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Would you stand
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And I'll try not to
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I get high with a
Going to try with
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No I get by with
Do you need anyb
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I want somebody
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I can't tell you, b
Oh I get by with
Do you need anyb
I just need someb
Could it be anybo
I want somebody
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Yes I get by with
With a little help

Courtesy



Handling both friendships and dating

By Theresa Button

Staff Writer

Romantic relationships have enough problems by themselves, but mixing friends with them can complicate things even more.

"Friendship is the basis to every relationship, but the only person you need is yourself," said junior Dawn Eckelberry.

Some people feel that friends are more important than the current love of the moment.

"Friends are always going to be there, but guys aren't," said senior Sarah Jones.

Others jump at the chance to experience a special relationship with the opposite sex, regardless of how their friends feel about that particular person.

"If my best friend liked the same girl as I did, I would go out with her if I had the chance. I would try to talk to my friend, though," said freshman Ja-

son George.

Some feel that they shouldn't have to choose between relationships and friendships, but that both friendly and romantic relationships should be treated equally.

"I made one relationship more valuable to me than the other one, when they should have been the same," said Eckelberry.

Like most things in life, how people deal with different relationships depends on the situation.

"It depends on how close I am to the friend, and who the guy is," said freshman Dianne Miller.

Coming between friends' relationships can often cause not only the romantic relationship, but also the friendship to be destroyed.

"I don't want to do anything to hurt their relationship. I could lose my friend, and friends mean a lot to me," said freshman Jenny Drews.

Sometimes people come between friends' relationships unintentionally.

"I try not to, but I sometimes forget that other people don't see relationships the same as me," said Eckelberry.

One of the key skills needed in keeping both friends and romantic relationships, is to balance time between them.

"I try to spend time between both of them (friends and dates)," said sophomore Brian Drahota.

Many prefer group dating to one-on-one dates.

"If my friends get along with my boyfriend, we could double date," said Miller.

It's sometimes hard to ration out the right amount of attention to both friends and sweethearts.

"I try to make my time with them as equal as possible," said Jones.

Problems caused by mixing dating and friendships is not likely to come to an end soon, so in the mean time everyone must attempt to find the delicate balance in between.

FROM MY FRIENDS

my friends
think if I sang out of tune
up and walk out on me.
and I'll sing you a song
sing out of key.
le help from my friends,
little help from my friends.
a little help from my friends.
when my love is away.
(to be alone)
by the end of the day
use you're on your own)
a little help from my friends,
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o love.
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e in a love at first sight,
at it happens all the time.
when you turn out the light,
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of the Beatles and EMI Records

You
underneath the veneer of smooth cool-
behind the rose tinted eyeglasses in
gilb phrases of 'i don't care's' and
'the world should be the way i want
it to be'

there is a person whom i like.
no slick
no cool
no smooth
just, you.

Carolyn M. Rogers

Gift
You intend no doubt
to give me nothing,
and are not aware
the gift has already been
received.
Curse me then,
and take away
the spell.
For I am rich;
no cheap and ragged
begger
but a queen,
to rouse the king
I need in you.

Alice Walker

Friends by choice or fate

By Jaime Loebertmann

Staff Writer

Friends play a major part in the lives of most people.

Sometimes the importance of one particular friend is upgraded by the title of Best Friend.

"Yes, I do have a best friend, I met my best friend in 5th grade, we were playing basketball togther." said sophomore Amanda Antil.

Everyone is effected by school, the classes they take, and the aquantences they make, but sometimes fate is the major factor.

"In 2nd grade we (my best friend and I) were in the same class together," said freshman Anna Harvala.

Looking back at grade school pictures it is sometimes fun to recall just how good friend have met.

"I met some of my friends when our teacher's put us in small groups to work on assignments and through other after school activities," said freshman Kristina Schumacher.

Chance sometimes plays a large role in how two people meet.

"I met one of my best friends at a 8th grade dance," said sophomore Kristopher Jacobson.

Friends are an esencial part of life, but through out the teen-age years they

become a persons most common companions as well.

"We go to parties, movies, basketball camps we are in the same sports so we do a lot together," said Antil.

There are many things that friends do together to keep themselves occupied.

"We joke around a lot and go to places like Valley Fair and shopping," said Harvala.

Being best friends often means that the two people go places, and spend a lot of time together.

"We go to baseball games or other school activities together," said freshman Lana Elsenpeter.

Friends till the end can sometimes seem unrealistic, when a disagreement puts two once friends at odds with one another.

"Yes, we (my friend and I) argue about the stupidest things," said Harvala.

If people can work the disagreement out, by talking or other means, they can hopefully remain friends.

"I think that we might argue and disagree on things but we will still stay friends," said Elsenpeter.

Some friends will stay friends forever, till the end of time.

"I think we will always be best friends because we have so much in common," said Antil.

Editor says farewell to sports; seniors

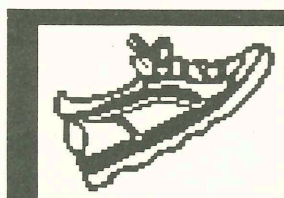
By Kirsten Thompson

Sports Editor

As the school year comes to a close and I finish off my tenure as sports editor, I am writing one last farewell column.

You, the athletes of Buffalo Senior High, have made my job challenging, but irresistibly fun.

To start, the Bison football team makes it to the quarter finals of state competition before losing a very tough game to Osseo.



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Then, the Bison girls' tennis team places first in the conference, sending senior Kristine Nelson to state for the third straight year.

The Bison wrestling team

Civic Center. Junior Justin Pommerleau placed second in his weight class.

The Bison girls' golf team placed first in the conference with 37 points. Seniors Missy Varner

dominated their competition and the conference making it the state competition at the St. Paul

and Sarah Jatko and sophomore Amy Cheslock earned all-conference honors.

This has been a great year in most aspects in sports and I would like to thank everyone who has been kind enough to give the staff and me their time and information for our stories.

I'd like to thank the coaches who have been generous enough to give me the help I've needed to produce informative sports pages.

Thank you to all of the athletes for giving me topics to write on. Whether you are in football or golf, swimming or wrestling, you all deserve the credit for giving Buffalo the reputation we have in the conference and in the state.

I wish all of the seniors who are or who hope to pursue their sport to their highest potential, the best of luck.

Keep up Buffalo's winning ways! Give the new sports editor a run for their money. Good Luck!

Bison baseball ready for win

By Kirsten Thompson

Sports Editor

The Bison boys baseball team is looking to make up for their win-loss record this season by winning their first game at sections.

"It has been a difficult year and really hard on the players when we lost close games," said coach LeRoy Erickson.

Mental errors were considered to be a factor in the teams poor start.

"If we can keep mental errors to a minimum, we can be at our best," said senior Greg Moselle.

Many team members have decided upon goals for the team as a whole, in regards to this years post-season play.

"We need to play hard and support each other,"

said senior Paul Keprios.

Other players have set individual goals for themselves in order to help the team function as a unit.

"I want to be hitting and pitching at the top of my ability to help make the team the best," said senior Aaron Demarais.

The players have strived to make themselves the best both athletically and academically.

"We haven't had any problems discipline-wise with suspensions and such this year," said Erickson.

Many variables and factors contributed in making the team what it has become so far this year.

"The comradery is what keeps us going. It's just plain fun," said Demarais.

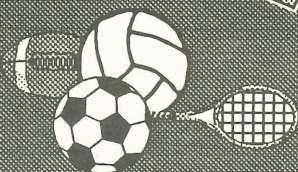


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A SHOT TO CENTER FIELD: freshman Roscoe Fadden helps the freshman team finish off their season as he hits a high fly ball. The team ended the year with a pizza party on May 26.

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Bison baseball team wins game against Monticello

The baseball team defeated Monticello 6-1 on last Wednesday. The team was led in defense by pitchers Aaron Demarais, Matt Kuchera and Chad Poitra, who each gave up only one hit a piece. Paul Keprios and Jason Ramthun each had three hits and Christian Aderley had four R.B.I.s.

Track team running hard for place in Conference

The girls track team competed in the conference meet in Buffalo on May 21. Four team members placed first in the competition including Tammy Wermager, who placed first in three of her events. One team, the 4x200 team, won first in the conference.

Girls golf team wins conference; to sections

The Bison girls golf team placed first in the conference scoring 37 overall points. Centennial was second with 30 and Monticello third with 25 points. Three members of the team seniors Missy Varner and Sarah Jatko and sophomore Amy Cheslock recieved all-conference honors.

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Bison Softball anxious for competitions



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AND THE PITCH: junior Amy Stadlander, batting second in the lineup, prepares for the pitch at a home game against Monticello. The team won their first game of sections, 10-4.

By Kirsten Thompson

Sports Editor

As the end of the spring sports season draws near, the Bison girls softball team is putting together one last rally. With a record of 7-11 going into sections, they won their first game at sections against Monticello, 10-4.

The team's goals going into the season ranged from doing better mentally to hitting better.

"One of our team's goals was to play every game as hard as we could, regardless of winning or losing," said coach Dave Alto.

Personal goals became obvious in the field as well as at the plate. The team challenged themselves to make the themselves better as a whole.

"I wanted to do well in sectionals and get a few more wins this year," said junior Stacy Schmitz.

This year's team has had to make adjustments as old members left and new members joined the team.

"Last year we had a dominant pitcher and thrower, this year we don't. It puts more pressure on us to score more runs. Yet, we still have a great team," said Alto.

But the main thing that draws these girls together is the love of the game.

"I just love the competition and I love to be with all the people that also love softball," said senior Nicole Carlen.

The team played on May 26 against Mankato West and Mankato East. They won their first game and were defeated in the second one.

"We played really well in our games," said sophomore Gerice Olson.

The team hopes to do well both this year and next.

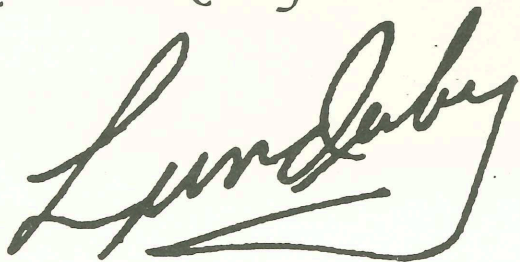


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Girls' golf wins conference

By Kirsten Thompson

Sports Editor

The Bison golf teams are wrapping up their seasons, showing the North Suburban Conference they are a tough force to reckon with.

The girls' team has won the conference and the boys' team has come on strong in the last part of the season.

"We would like to finish in the top three at regions and be represented at state," said girls'

coach Riti Sanderson.

The have found several aspects of this season quite difficult.

"Recovering after bad shots and trying to stay mentally on top of the game is difficult," said junior Ben Thompson.

Three members of the girls golf team received all conference honors on May 19: seniors Missy Varner and Sarah Jatko and sophomore Amy Cheslock. Senior Kari Reischke received all conference honorable mention.

"We set out four years ago when the seniors were freshman and made the commitment to be conference champions. It happened this year," said coach Sanderson.

The girls' team will be losing three very important members of their team this year. Sarah Jatko, Missy Varner and Kari Reischke have helped shape this team into what it is.

"The three seniors will be missed, but I think we will have an equally good team next year.

Athlete Profile

The Athlete Profile is a feature of *The Bison* where the coaches of the current sports honor an athlete who is either an outstanding player, most improved, or the hardest worker on the team.



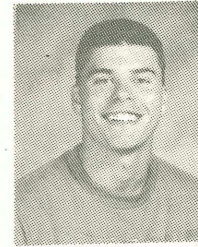
Sarah Jatko, senior member, girls' golf

"She is figured in scoring in every match so far, and medalist in the Conference meet," said coach Riti Sanderson.



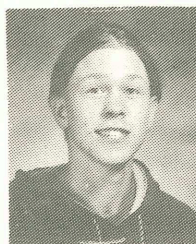
Tammy Wermager, freshman member, track

"She won three Conference titles including the 100 and 200, and was on the 4 X 200 team - all as a freshman," said coach Ed Saxton.



Aaron Demarais, senior member, baseball

"He has been a solid pitcher all year, and his bat has really come to life in the past week," said coach Leroy Erickson.



Chad Wood, junior member, boys' golf

"He has been consistently at the top of our team this year," said coach Pete Spect.



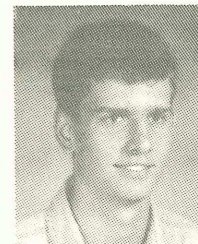
Stacy Schmitz, senior member, softball

"Her overall playing this year has helped the team constantly improve," said coach Dave Alto.



Erik Hanson, freshman member, track

"He had his best 400 time, and is running at a junior or senior level," said coach Ed Saxton.



Jon Berg, senior member, tennis

"He has played number two singles all year, is 6-1 in the Conference, which is the best of the team," said coach Charlie Keifenheim.

Organization skills key to college success

By Angela Vyverberg

Buena Vista College

Graduation is fast approaching and the first day of college is right around the corner. Now that seniors have been accepted at the college of their choices, they can throw away the two hundred pounds of brochures that has accumulated over the past year. It's time now to prepare for the transition from high school to college.

One of the biggest changes students will notice in college is that most of the decisions are up to them. One of the things they'll have to decide is in which activities they want to get involved. It's a good idea to participate and to be active, but there isn't time for everything. Students need to take

a look at the organizations and activities that suit them, then decide which ones are most important. They need to make sure that they control their schedules and that their schedules don't control them.

The key to staying in control of their schedules is organization. In the past, parents and teachers may have helped them keep track of responsibilities and commitments. In college, students will need to prioritize their activities so that they have time for everything they need to do. One of the best ways to do this is using a daily planner. It provides a place to keep track of due dates, meetings, athletic practices, floor get-togethers, etc. Having everything down on a schedule makes decision-making easier, too. If their friends ask them

to join them for a movie Sunday night, they can check and see if they have a test or a project to prepare for the next day.

Study habits are another thing that may need to be changed for college. Professors have expectations for their students: to read chapters, write papers, and take final exams. There won't necessarily be reminders of these expectations. Professors are there to assist in the learning process, students should take time to get to know the faculty. A professor would much rather help a student achieve a better grade than to have him/her fail the class.

There are some ways to improve study habits. First of all, time should be scheduled for

studying. For most people, shorter more frequent study periods are better than "pulling an all-nighter." A good place to study is also a necessity. A private, well-lit area that is relaxing and free from interruptions provides the best study environment. The library and study lounges are good choices. As with activities, study habits need to be organized. Having all materials needed and keeping the desk free from any distractions helps in staying focused. Concentration is improved by staying physically fit, eating regular meals, and getting enough sleep. Finally, study strategies should be planned. The tougher assignments should be done first, then move on to the more interesting ones later because it will relieve

tiredness.

At one time or another, stress will be encountered at college. Managing this stress is a major factor in success. College campuses are equipped with people and services to help, students should familiarize themselves with the campus and the people who can provide assistance when needed.

Organization is the key to making a smooth transition to college. Activities and study periods should be planned. Priorities should be established and wasting time should be avoided. Most of all, it should be remembered that this is the beginning of a life-changing adventure. The greatest memories and friends come out of the college years.

Students' accidents influence decisions

By Beth Pratt

Staff Writer

Many students have their driver's licenses, and some of them have been in accidents.

Some people feel that one of the things that an accident teaches you is to be a more careful driver.

"I guess I drove more cautiously after getting into an accident," said senior Lee Johnson.

One of the most common yet unsafe things people do is drive too fast. An accident sometimes stops that habit, at least for the time being.

"Because of my first accident, I never went over the speed limit. If I hadn't been in the first accident, I might still be speeding. Then we could have gotten really hurt [in the second accident]," said junior Erin Buselmeier.

Although an accident usually affects everyone, most people think that the driver is most influ-

enced.

"The accident I was in really affected the driver of the car I was in. She's going to be more cautious in the future," said sophomore Bob Fix.

Most people don't expect drivers to avoid accidents completely, especially inexperienced drivers.

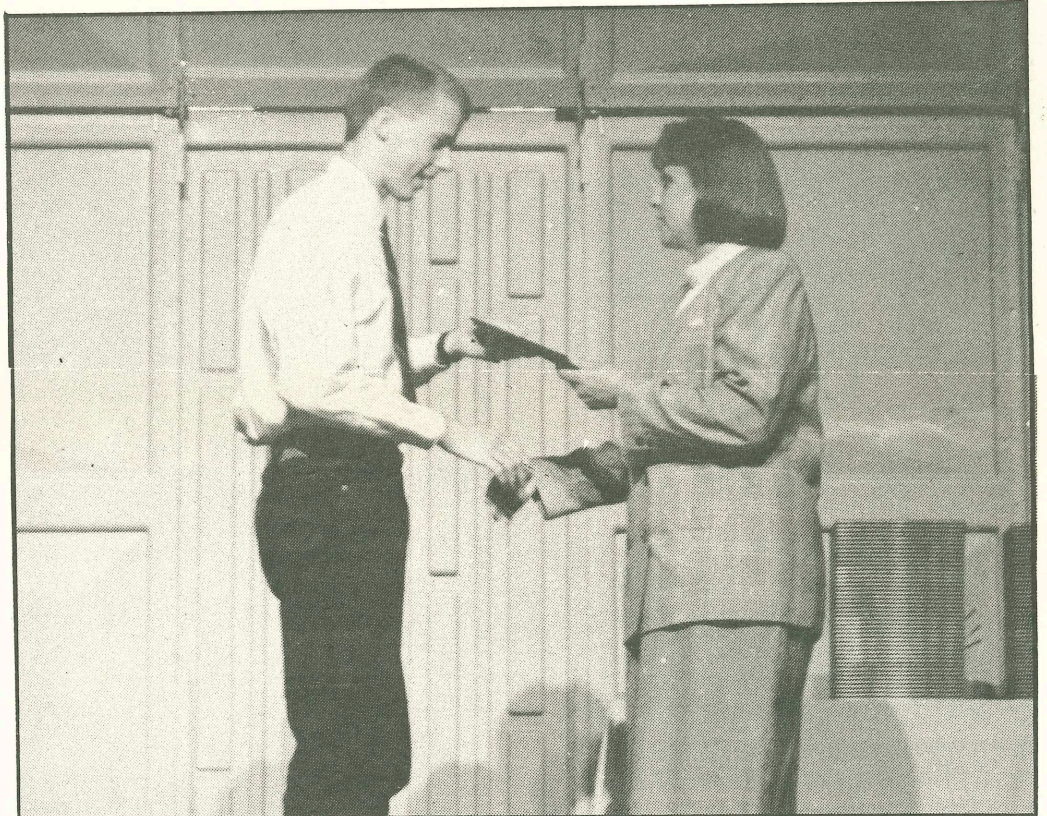
"They [new drivers] don't have enough experience," said senior Mark Ludwig.

Most people think that the best thing that drivers or passengers in a car can do to avoid injuries is to wear safety belts.

"There's a better chance of surviving if you wear seatbelts," said sophomore Laura Fehn.

A passenger can almost always choose to wear their seatbelt, but a driver can influence, or even make, people riding in their car wear a seatbelt.

"I always wear my seatbelt, and I make everybody else in my car wear theirs, too," said Buselmeier.



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HONORING HARD WORK AT SCHOOL: Junior Brandon Backlund receives the Academic Excellence Award in English from Assistant Principal Mary Loberg. Academic Awards Night is held once a year to recognize students' achievements in various areas. Also recognized were 71 seniors selected to be Presidential Scholars. Seniors Nori Heino and Chris Nevinski were selected to the Hall of Fame. Associate Supreme Court Justice Alan Page also addressed the students about education.

Relief for property tax included in Governor's bill

By Becky Mackey

Co-News Editor

Governor Arne H. Carlson said that he plans to sign a proposed tax-cut bill now on its way to his desk that gives Minnesotans an overall tax cut of 57 million dollars through June 1995. The bill provides \$84.2 million in tax relief and raises \$27.5 million by changing state tax laws to conform with the changes at the federal level, for a net tax cut of \$57 million.

The tax breaks contained in the bill will benefit homeowners, manufacturing employers, and two-parent families. The bill also protects the vast majority of se-

niors who have otherwise been hurt when Minnesota conforms to tax changes at the federal level.

"This proposal reflects the priorities of Minnesotans," Governor Carlson said. "I am pleased that the legislature has chosen to act on our proposal to cut Minnesota's burdensome sales tax on growing manufacturing businesses. This gradual tax cut will have a positive impact of our ability to create good jobs."

There are many major features of the bill. The first would be the phasing-down of the sales tax on replacement capital equipment. This cut will reduce, over a five-year period, the 6.5 percent sales tax currently imposed on replace-

ment capital equipment to two percent. At 6.5 percent, this tax currently gives Minnesota employers \$14.6 million through June 1995, and considerably more in future years.

Property tax relief is another aspect of the bill. \$55.7 million has been set aside for local governments to offset the need for property tax increases. Of this amount, \$20 million will be directed to schools in the form of state education aids; \$29.5 million will be contributed to the Local Government Trust Fund; and \$6.2 million will be earmarked for targeted property tax relief for those whose property taxes increase

more than 12 percent from one year to the next. The net impact of these changes will be to level-off property taxes throughout the state.

In order to offset the negative impact of federal conformity on Minnesota's seniors, nine million dollars in income tax reductions will be provided to middle-income seniors earning less than \$75,000 per year. This tax cut, will negate the effect of tax increases included in federal conformity for a majority of seniors.

In addition, the bill calls for full federal conformity and the setting of long-term revenue targets in future legislative sessions. After three proposals by Gover-

nor Carlson to establish long-range spending plans, the legislature has agreed to adopt four-year targets that the sum total of all spending bills sent to the Governor's desk will not exceed those targets.

Governor Carlson said provided the final details can be worked out, he will sign the bill when it reaches his desk.

"This bill is a significant step toward imposing accountability and responsibility on the Minnesota Legislature," Governor Carlson said. "It results in net tax cuts for Minnesotans and employers and serves as the official 1994 guarantee that Minnesota government will live within its means."