

Earlier starting time under review for 1990-91

By Mike Maas
Staff Writer

An earlier BHS starting time and a proposed split bussing schedule, drew silence from the school board.

The proposal from Mayflower Bus Co. to double

bus routes, shorten bus rides, and cut costs would require a staggering of elementary and secondary starting times. Though Mayflower aimed this change for the 1989-90 school year, the board will consider the plan for 1990-91 and put off the decision until January 1990--a year later.

The earlier starting time for BHS students would fall between 7:30 to 8 a.m. according to school officials and would mean school would end earlier too.

Problems for working parents, emergency school closings due to poor weather, and students who would have to get up earlier--especially those

living farther away--are the disadvantages, said Assistant Principal Mark Minkler.

School officials noted that the change is a disadvantage too.

The advantages Minkler offered included less missed class time for athletes, separating primary students from second-

dary students, and saving money.

The report itself added shorter riding times, less traffic congestion, less overcrowding, and room for growth.

No estimate of cost savings was given to The Bison by deadline.

Perpich's latest budget proposal to cut usual school funding increase; met with community objection, inquiry at open forum

By Tammy McCoy & Carmen Burgess
Staff Writers

The fight over the state budget is on and it could get ugly.

Concerns about education funding were voiced by students, teachers, principals, and superintendents at the Junior High library February 21. They tried to convince the legislators attending the open forum, to support a raise in the proposed funding.

Governor Perpich's proposed plan states that school districts will not receive an increase in funding of more than 1.6% the first year and 5% the following year. Usually the annual increase includes a 5% increase to cover inflation and higher costs.

According to the National Spending Comparisons in 1986, Minnesota was below the national average in education funding.

The Governor's proposed budget plan was explained by Senator Betty Atkins, representing district 22, and Representatives Bob McEachern, for 22A, and Tony Onnen, representing 22B.

The impact of the Governor's budget could cause potential program cuts, staff reductions, cuts in special education funding, and increases in class sizes and property taxes.

The cuts may influence the quality of students' education. "It's really hard to focus on one student

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or even on a teacher when there are so many people in the classes," said junior Tiffany Persian, class president.

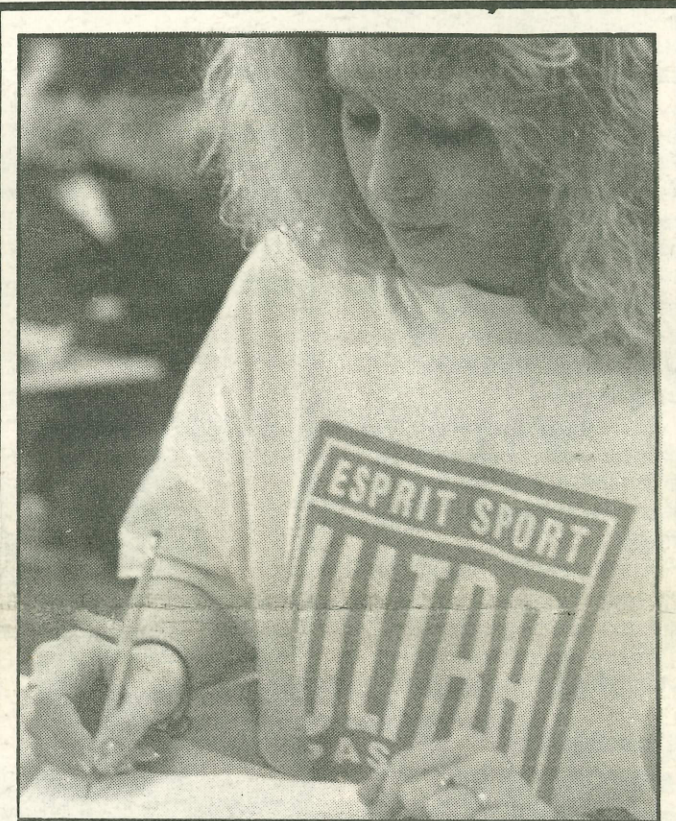
"We're not running a business, we're running a school. Little pieces of raw material, called kids, are run through assembly lines or classrooms, which are then refined and worked on. The end result should be a refined sophisticated product. This result is unlikely because all students are different," said Principal Nick Miller.

When students come to school 7-14 hours out of each week day, teachers and other faculty to play an important role in their lives.

"We are assuming the role of a parent," said Band teacher Rolf Mohwinkel, representing the Minnesota Education Association. "Money is the bread and butter of learning."

Lack of money may also pose a problem for special education programs that need funds for materials and teacher's salaries.

"We don't want to take anyone out of special education that belongs there, but we don't want to put anyone in there that doesn't need to be there," said McEachern.



WRITING THE ANSWER, freshman Ellen Bjorklund completes her math assignment. The state-mandated Assurance of Mastery test will be given to all freshmen next week. "If a student fails," then "the student must take another semester of math and pass it in order to graduate," said Carlton Urdahl, math teacher. (Photo by Jacob Leonard)

March activities include new version of Sadie Hawkins--morp dance

By Amy Oberdeck
News Editor

A morp dance means the "opposite, in concept, of a prom--like not dressing up," said

Carlton Urdahl, senior class advisor.

On Friday, March 10, BHS is holding its first ever morp dance, in the mall. The dance will be open to all students, and

the cost is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.

Like a Sadie Hawkins' dance, the girls are supposed to ask the boys.

There will be drawings for prizes, such as: five or six records/tapes, and a grand prize of a walkman. Names must be

on the tickets to enter, and winners must be present. The DJ will also be giving out prizes at various times.

Students represent clients, plead case--participate in first year of BHS involvement in Mock trial competition

By Maurine Durand
Staff Writer

The case of Martha Monroe vs. the State of Independence is going on within BHS. Monroe is accused of murder and some students are in on the trial.

Monroe is being tried for the murder of her late husband, George. He is said to have beat her since the beginning of their marriage and that is her defense. But will the judge believe it?

This case is made up for mock trial participants.

Mock trial is "like an actual court case," said junior Carol Pflieger. The students play the

roles of the characters in the case.

This is the first year of mock trial competition at BHS. It started out as a class project by Laurie Raymond's Government and Law students. Advisors Raymond and Denise Wahlin-Fiskomb work with the students.

Christen Day, Wright County's assistant prosecuting attorney, volunteers legal help, such as: wording of opening and closing arguments, ideas on how to state questions, how to be more thorough, and how to get the point across efficiently.

"It's a lot of work and a lot of memorizing in a short amount of

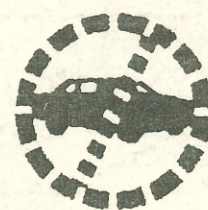
time," said sophomore Mary Hannon.

The amount of people on the team depends on if they are the prosecution or defense. There are usually 8-10 students involved in the complete case. In competition, both teams combine to form and act out the case.

The Minnesota State Bar Association the team what side they'll portray, except if it's an invitational competition where the teams choose which side they want to argue. Either way, they have to be ready to compete as the defense or the prosecution.

Next year they hope to open it to all interested students.

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Students plan for Europe '89

Imagine spending eleven adventurous days touring three European countries where the most common language spoken is German.

Every year Jan Heyerdahl, Junior High English teacher, takes a group of students overseas. This year she will be visiting Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

Due to the fact that she is taking two separate groups, she is looking for more people that would be interested in traveling this summer.

The cost of the trip is about \$1300. This includes: airfare, hotels, breakfasts and dinners, travel insurance, and a flight bag. The traveler must supply his/her own spending money which is recommended to be around \$400, for lunches and souvenirs.

The trip is open to both students and adults, and no previous foreign language instruction is required.

If interested in traveling with Heyerdahl, contact her during normal working hours at the Junior High.

Drawing for limousine to be held at Prom fashion show

A free Prom/Spring Fashion Show will be held at Cohen's on March 9 from 7-9 pm.

Students may register for three hours in a limousine, to be used anytime on Prom night, April, 1 at the show. The drawing will be held at 8:30 pm and students do not need to be present in order to win.

The fashion show is sponsored by Cohen's and Buffalo Floral.

The show will include some of the latest styles in flowers and tuxedos for Prom and following, spring sports wear.

All of the models will be BHS students.

All-Night Grad Party for seniors

Seniors-- there's still time to register for the All-Night Graduation Party on June 2, from nine p.m. to five a.m. The cost is \$30 and must be in when registering. There will be door prizes and drawings throughout the night-- one lucky person will even win \$1000.

Dollar value of local scholarships near \$25,000; applications available next week

By Jason Bryant
Staff Writer

Approximately \$25,000 is donated annually to BHS students in local scholarships.

Most of the money comes from businesses or local organizations.

Scholarships are either need or academic based. To receive a scholarship, "a student must either be very poor or very bright," said counselor Mary Lynn Leff. Although, all seniors are eligible for the scholarships.

According to Joel Squadroni, of the scholarship selection committee, the areas considered

are: school involvement, school activities, community activities, academic achievement (GPA), college testing scores, teacher references, and need.

The scholarship selection committee ranks the applying students on a point system, giving points for each of the seven areas.

"It can be very uncomfortable in making the selections, because you can't be totally objective when it comes to human beings," said Squadroni.

Applications and tips on applying will be available March 6 and 7, 15 and 16 in room D-3. Applications are due April 7.

Yearbook combats obstacles with success

By Julie Salonek
Staff Writer

Splashy, less technicality, new ideas, and brighter colors, resulted in a mysterious theme for this year's yearbook.

Highlights of the book include: detailed photography, creative design, and perfection. "Amanda (Costanzi, Editor-in-Chief) is a perfectionist, and an expert in design.

This book is technically better than others," said advisor Sharon Barsness.

Although sales picked up on the extended selling days, budgeting was a problem, since less books were sold than expected.

Even though extra pages had to be cut, the Tatanka stayed within its \$25,000 budget. The cover alone will cost \$15,000 and the colored senior pictures and first few pages comes to a total of \$3500.

"In the past we didn't have a problem with the budget," said junior Erika Werner.

Another problem was dedication. "There were a variety of people on the staff, some of them were dedicated and some of them dumped their pages," said Costanzi.

It was also difficult, because of the 176 page depth of the book, to meet the early deadlines.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT-- Senior Lorie Bose uses hand motions when practicing for her solo. Bose preformed the solo at the conference Solo/Ensemble competition, in Monticello, on February 27. (Photo by Heather Rassat)

Solo/ensemble participants to compete against selves for ratings

By Kerry Lynn Koch
Staff Writer

"It's not like the One-Act or anything where you go and compete, you go and play for a rating," said Band director Ron Mohwinkel about the instrumental competition.

This year's solo/ensemble conference competition will be held at BHS on March 8. The regional competition will be held April 14 or 15 at Mankato

State University. There is no connection between the two.

Anyone can compete, there are no tryouts. Although, most participants are in either band or choir.

Choir director Mike Walsh said, "There are some outstanding soloists, I am very pleased with their work."

Unlike many competitions participants don't compete against each other, they compete for a rating, either a 1 for excellent/outstanding, or a 2 for not as good.

Knowledge Bowl strives for triviality

By Tracy Beise
Staff Writer

Knowledge Bowl--not a football game--a modified version of Trivial Pursuit and Jeopardy.

"There is a lot of competition," said Co-Advisor Judy Jacobson. Students compete against other teams to hit the buzzer first and answer the question.

"Each person on every team has his or her own proficiency area," said freshman Peter Hessel.

Students can become members by talking to Advisors Jacobson and Pam Thompson although, the teams are set for this year. But students can become involved by attending practice sessions or becoming a computer operator. Practices are held during mods and once or twice a week after school.

The participants work together and are divided into two to three teams of three or four people each.

A spokesperson gives the team answer after 15 seconds of discussion among team members.

"It's another way of learning instead of listening to lectures and taking notes."

"I like it because it's a way of meeting new friends and increasing your knowledge," said sophomore Kerry Koch. "It's another way of learning instead of listening to lectures and taking notes."

The topics range from Health to Religion. Questions range from "What are the first books of the Old Testament and New Testament?" (answer: Genesis, Matthew) to "What is black as the devil, hot as hell, and sweet as sugar?" (answer: coffee).

The meets are usually held on Saturdays. Buffalo competes against surrounding schools such as: Monticello, Annandale, Elk River, and St. Cloud/Apollo.

The next meet is March 18 at St. Cloud/Apollo. The April meet is subregions to be held at Becker.

Motorcycle training course to be offered in early spring

By Mike Daniels
Staff Writer

Motorcycle riders ages 15 to 24, suffer more accidents, injuries, and fatalities than any other age group.

Many of these accidents could have been prevented if the rider had received proper training and instruction on practical safety procedures.

Buffalo will have a training course that covers riding and street skills, to provide students with an overall understanding of motorcycling.

Statistics show that riders who have taken riding skills classes have improved their riding ability and use better accident avoidance techniques.

Motorcyclists under 18 are required to complete the train-

ing course before they can be licensed.

The training program is scheduled for early spring.

Classes will be held in one week sessions--Monday thru Saturday. The fee is \$50 and must be paid when registering. Motorcycles and instructional materials are provided, but students must provide their own riding gear.

Gym teacher Rick Toso, will conduct the program. "Riding a motorcycle is like your knees are the front bumper and your head is the roll bar."

It's recommended that any student who plans on riding a motorcycle register for the training program.

For more information contact Toso during school hours in person, or by phone at 682-2500 or 375-9611.

Storybook prom experience comes from chivalrous date

By Tracey L. Uecker
Editor-in-Chief

What used to be a grand occasion--Prom--now consists of cruising around, grabbing a bite, catch-your-breath dancing, and after that, I won't say what.

Last year, I attended Prom, with some of the trimmings. No rented limo, new dress, or reservations to the Orion room though.

I expected a night to remember. A nice dinner in a quiet restaurant. And at the dance, people talking to each other and slow dancing like you see in movies.

First, my date (I'll call him Jon) came to pick me up. He shook my father's hand and greeted the rest of the people in my livingroom. There was a big turnout that night--family and friends.

I tried to pin Jon's boutonniere--a white rose--on.

Naturally, I stuck him. My mom's friend ended up pinning it on. Jon thanked her.

As we were getting into the car, I climbed into the passenger side and put on my seatbelt like usual. My father, the traditionalist, wanted us to do it the "right" way so he could take a picture. He made me get out and had Jon open the door for me. (He continued to do it for over a month after Prom and still does occasionally by the way.)

Off we went to the River Inn restaurant in Big Lake.

Our waitress seated us in the middle (how romantic) of a crowded room.

No one was under 40.

Jon, still in a gentleman-like mood, pulled out my chair and pushed it in after I sat down. Behind me I distinctly heard a woman say, "Oh. Aren't they cute." Ugh.

We were walking toward the exit an hour later when a man in his 50's patted Jon on the back

and said, "I like to see young people being chivalrous. Good job," referring to the chair trick.

We laughed most of the way to Rolling Green in Hamel.

The dance was--okay. A little noisy and fast-paced maybe, but we had privacy. No one spoke to us.

The 7-up Sunrises I suggested we get and Jon ordered while I sat at the table were great though.

Recipe

Grenadine (about a tsp.)

Orange juice (one-third of the glass)

and 7-up
with a cherry and orange slice (if they have them) floater

Overall, it was a night to remember. I had a good time and realized that the Prom isn't a Cinderella affair, even though I had a Prince Charming to dance with.



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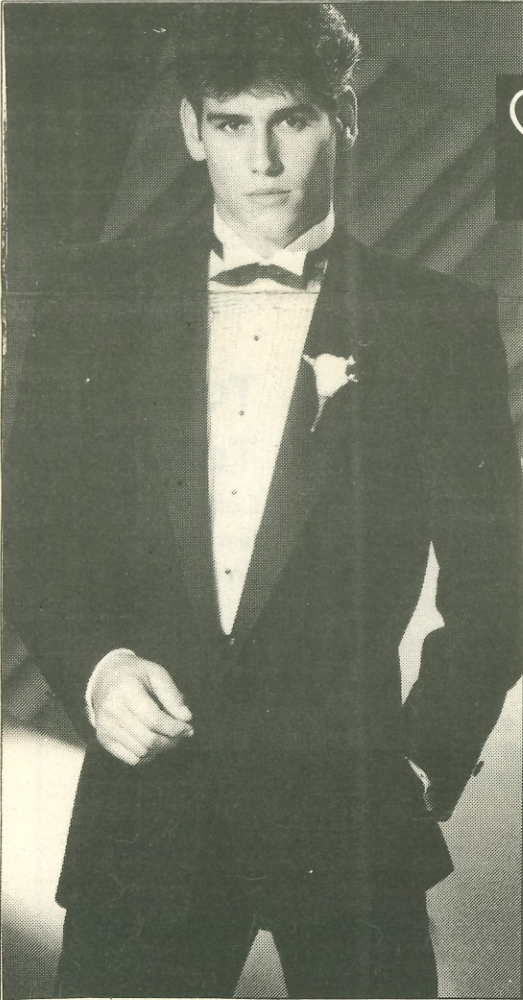
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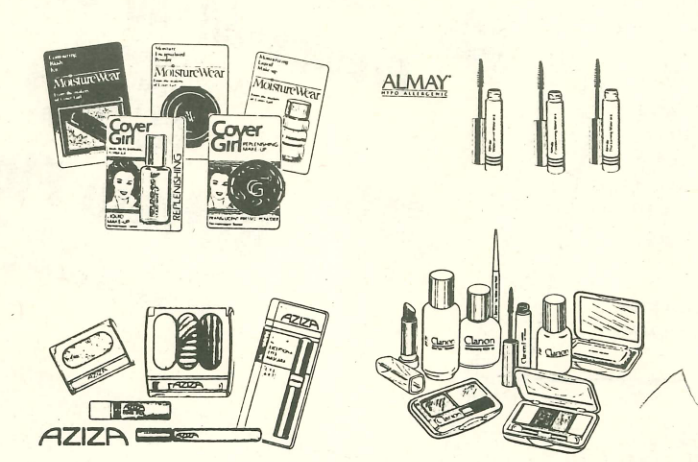
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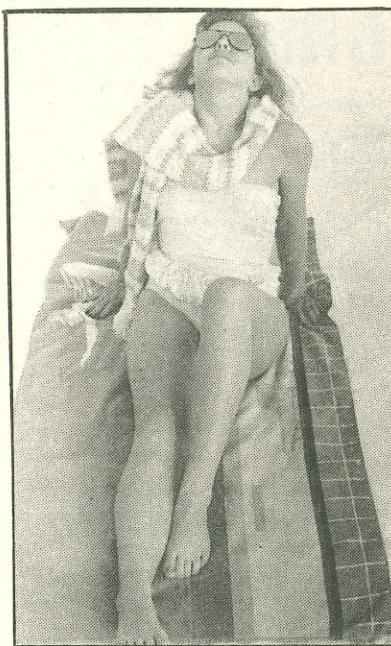
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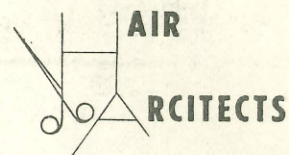
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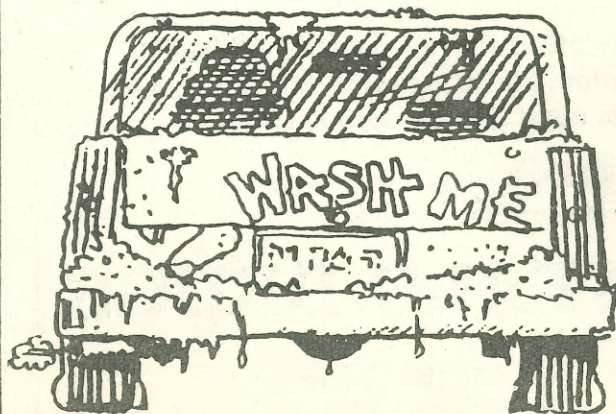
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