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Accessibility encourages theft

By Prudence Ernesti

Staff Writer

"Students have developed a philosophy that if it's not nailed down or locked up, it's mine," said Assistant Principal Lloyd Styrwoll.

With the Buffalo Senior High School being as open and spacious as it is, the school is subject to theft.

The school is easily accessible, day and night.

Lately, there have been many thefts taking place around the school, mostly in the locker

rooms.

With all the different practice times for sports, it's hard to lock the locker rooms for protection.

"This has really presented a problem," said Principal Nick Miller. "Supervision is not a problem if there is a commitment between students."

Most of the stolen articles have been name brand jeans, shoes, and clothes. Leather jackets, money, headsets, and jewelry have also been stolen.

Articles have also been stolen from visiting schools.

"It's really embarrassing," said Miller. The students go home and tell their parents something was stolen from them. Then the parents call the school, and to Miller the stories "sound like thugs breaking in the lockers."

Of those who steal, almost half are caught.

The accused student must return the stolen articles or pay for them, and is suspended for a determined length of time.

The case is then turned over to the police.

The thought of expelling a student has come up but "it's re-

ally hard to justify expelling someone from school for stealing," said Miller.

Excuses like, "I didn't mean to take it" or "I was going to give it back" are popular among those who are caught.

Often times several persons are in on the theft, or at least know about the crime.

"Nobody wants to tell on their friends for stealing," said Styrwoll, "but most of the time we have people with bad judgement."

Five to ten students who steal can make the whole school

look bad, especially to schools that don't have locks for their lockers.

To prevent the theft of personal articles, students can keep their valuables safe by not bringing expensive items to school, like headsets or money, and keeping ones locker combination to oneself.

Forgetting to lock or properly shut ones locker after using it leaves it open to violations also..

Reporting any theft to the principals or authorities will help them return any recovered articles.

Business class practices retail; starts BHS store

By Tess Sumption

Staff Writer

The possibility of a school store is being currently being considered by the Business Department.

"There are two purposes of having a school store. One, it's hands on experience. Two, it's a convenience for the students," said principal Nick Miller.

The store will carry such merchandise as: Bison sweatshirts, T-shirts, hats, and sweatpants; school supplies, candy (only sold before and after school), and personal items i.e. hairspray.

It will take about 60 days to

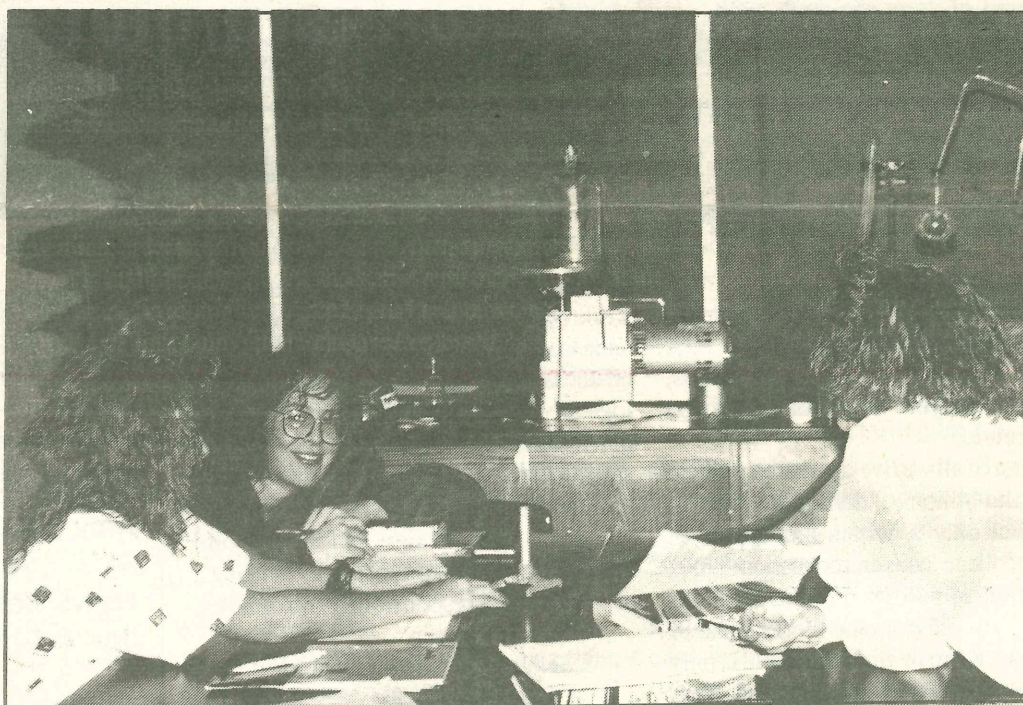
complete, but would be finished before fall.

"I am going to go to other schools to see what their stores are like and how they run it," said Gerald Melby.

The store hours would be: before school, during lunch mods, and from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

It will be set up so that the business department would hire students who have taken business and retail accounting courses as employees.

"I like the idea, it sounds pretty neat because if you run out of something, you could always buy it," said freshman LeeAnn Ebert.



BUNSEN BURNERS, THE NEW FAD in personal, portable heaters. Varying temperatures throughout the school leaves some rooms ice cold while others are nauseously warm. Here, seniors Janelle Sorlein, Stacy Marty, and Jennifer Goerdt lean in to "warm themselves by the fire" during Al Heine's Physics class. Heine set up make-shift fire-places for each group to endure the "cold air mass." (Photo by Julie Tombers.)

Making a point, NHS holds Blood Drive

By Jill Scott

Staff Writer

National Honor Society (NHS) is holding it's largest charity function of the year, the fourth annual Blood Drive, on Friday, March 22nd.

To donate blood, it is necessary to register and fill out a card, which informs the Red Cross of blood type and health history. Blood pressure and hemoglobin are then checked by a registered nurse to make sure that the donor is healthy enough to give blood.

After the ten minutes it takes actually donating the blood, stu-

dents are given snacks and something to drink.

Motivation for students to donate blood might be the food, getting out of class, or just because it helps others and is relatively painless.

"Some students have the idea that the students take blood, but it's the Red Cross," said advisor Karen Rebischke.

The Red Cross uses blood for the Armed Forces, accident victims, surgery, very ill people, and a small amount goes toward research.

One pint of blood can help up to four people, as the pint is

separated into four parts, and a patient may only need one part.

NHS members do a lot of work, and practically help out with everything, besides actually taking the blood. Coordinating the project, recruiting donors, doing the registering, and working in the canteen are only a small amount of the many tasks they must perform, but most of their activity will be on the day of the Blood Drive.

The Blood Drive, like last year, will be held in the new gym.

NHS members will be going to classes of those who are old enough, 17 and up, to talk to them

about the Blood Drive. "We'll make sure they're aware that no harm can come to them," said senior Jennifer Riebeling.

The amount of blood donated has been steadily increasing since the Blood Drive tradition started in 1988.

A letter will be sent home to parents before the Blood Drive to make them aware of it.

"Everybody is equal there," said Rebischke, "You are equal to everyone else: wealthy, poor, athletic, and non-athletic. That is a really neat thing; no one is more important, teachers and students-the result is equal."

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A cooling issue heats up

"Enjoy in moderation."

Moderation.

Something this school obviously doesn't know about when it comes to the cooling system in the winter and the heating system in the summer.

Or is it the other way around? Hmmm, one wonders these days.

The students have learned to dress accordingly to the weather out of doors, but when it comes to spending eight hours in school freezing our buns off, or as warm as a true Finnish sauna, dressing accordingly, appropriately, comes under fire, pun intended.

Here is a proposed dress code for the student body (staff included.)

Wear these articles of clothing from inner to outer layer.

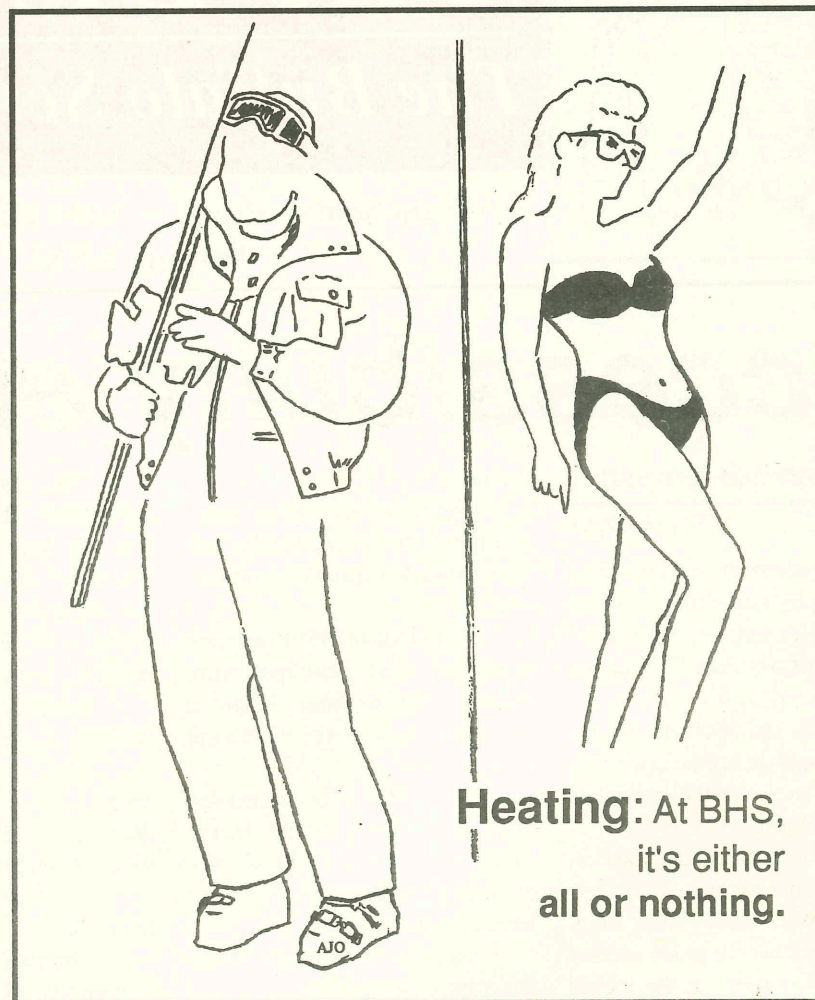
Monday:

Thermal underwear, woolen socks, a turtleneck, jeans, sweater, scarf, stocking cap, a warm jacket, gloves, mittens, and boots. Once in school, remove the jacket. Under no circumstances should ladies wear a dress or a skirt!

During the week, one can ease into the warmer climate by gradually removing one layer at a time.

By the time Friday rolls around, a tee shirt and shorts is the best thing to wear, simply because nudity is not allowed in school.

The Bison room is always cold. Staff members have been conditioned to withstand the extremes in temperature, despite the frost on the walls and the rubber cement solidifying.



Heating: At BHS,
it's either
all or nothing.

Letters to the Editor

Student questions country's priorities; choices as humans

To the Editor:

Do we really owe it to our Country to go to Saudi Arabia if there is a draft? First let's see what our country has given us, because before you "owe" something you must receive.

First of all we live in a country where billions and billions of dollars are spent on bombs but only a certain amount is set aside for college loans and education! Now, what is more important: millions of bombs that can each blow up the world alone or education? Keep in mind the world is only going once. And do you really think Bush would use a bomb that would destroy everything--including himself? I don't think so.

How about our wonderful judicial system? Did you know it is possible to get more time in prison for writing a bad check than murder? It's not as rare as you may think either. Now what is wrong with this picture?

Welfare is another plus in our country. Here we have people living off our tax money and do you know why? Because they are too lazy to go out and get a job! Why don't we all quit school, get married, and have kids till we die? The more kids the more money. It just doesn't seem fair that a person can sit at home and collect money only because they don't feel like working, while others are striving to make it. What would happen if welfare no longer existed? Would these people have to get a job and earn a living? Oh no!

So please don't tell me what I owe and don't owe my country because the way I see it the government doesn't have the right to tell me I have to risk my life for anyone!

Laurie Christian
Senior

Teachers' workroom hands off to students

To the Editor:

The editorial in the latest *Bison* newspaper concerning the teachers' workroom was inaccurate, uninformed, unnecessarily inflammatory, none-of-your-business, and was argued extremely illogically! The decisions on management of a teachers' workroom have no place in a student newspaper. I suggest that you stick to student problems and concerns, and that you get your facts right before you turn loose with your word processor. Writing a newspaper is a responsibility, not a lark.

Marcia Paulsen
Senior High Media Director

Library doors are open and shut case

To the Editor:

I am concerned about an issue that affects both students and staff of BHS. It may seem trivial--perhaps that's why the issue is so ridiculous.

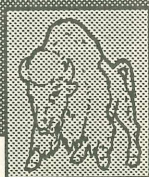
An addition was made to the Senior High not too long ago. During the months of construction, two computer labs were compiled. Two teachers were moved to the other end of the building to facilitate this. The computer labs were placed there as to allow students and staff to utilize both areas in the completion of projects (such as research papers, etc.)

These doors are now locked with signs that state clearly no one is allowed to enter or exit the library or computer labs through those doors.

Isn't that defeating the point?

I understand that many books are being stolen, but denying access is not the solution.

Sarah Miller
Senior



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War brings unanswerable questions, fear

By Susan A. Hundt

Editorials Editor

In a time and holiday meant for love, I am torn apart inside by the war.

I am sure I will always remember watching Family Ties on channel nine, drinking a Coke and wondering if it would really happen. A special report from CNN comes on the screen and, at that moment, I knew that it had started.

I watched Tom Brokaw for 45 minutes, and my eyes glazed over. How long would it last? Would they reinstate the draft?

I watched the same Patriot Missile knock down the same SCUD missile over and over, and every person that had ever enlisted in the United States Military instantly became an expert on one thing or another, I couldn't take it.

I left the house, and burned all kinds of gasoline driving into town and talked and cried with everyone. I left with some friends, and went to a movie.

At least I got away from the world for two hours.

In the very least I am confused. I wish I could stay blissfully ignorant and think that the U.S. is going to whip Saddam's butt and it will be over, but unfortunately I torture myself by watching the news and learning the real truth about

The Final Word

what it's like over there, and how a war is never easy. I just don't know what to think anymore.

The press is filled with the demonstrations, both for and against the war. I can see both sides, but I can't totally commit myself to one absolute side. I don't like seeing the flag being torched on the capital steps, but then I think that maybe it is just a piece of cloth.

I am driving myself insane thinking about Operation Desert Storm, constantly questioning my feelings and forming opinions which I often doubt.

I cannot tell what I am feeling, but I know what I am not.

I am not waiting for the new cultural revolution, for people to start growing their hair and wearing love beads and bell bottoms screaming "peace" and "screw the system."

I am not looking forward to more Kent State or bra or draft card burnings, or burning down ROTC buildings on college campuses. If the one at UMD burns down next year, I would probably get blamed for it.

Trust me.

I am not looking forward to my boyfriend or husband marching off to war and being shot or taken prisoner.

I am not looking forward to the government bringing the draft back. I am sick at the thought of someone I love being shot in the Iraq desert and dying the honorable death of a soldier.

Soldiers don't "fade away," they are shot brutally by someone and left to die.

I am not looking forward to answering my door one day and seeing some soldier with a desk job holding a flag saying, "On behalf of the USA I regret to inform you that So and So was killed in action on such and such a date..."

Don't get me wrong. I love the United States and I would not want to live anywhere else, but if it came to someone close to me being drafted, I think the Canadian fishing would enter my mind.

(But now the United States has made an agreement with Canada and Mexico saying that these countries would not accept war defectors, and would turn draft dodgers back to U.S. troops. So much for that, huh?)

I am not looking forward to fatherless (and motherless) children wondering why this happened. What will we say to them? Will we have an Operation Desert Storm memorial, similar to the black granite of the Vietnam War Memorial. They'd probably make this one out of sandstone.

I am not looking forward to one of these war happy countries finally breaking out the reserves of poison gas that were declared illegal after World War One. Or how about germ warfare? I can just see the Iraqi's opening up little vials of influenza, smallpox, tuberculosis.

What a lovely thought.

Hussein threatens, but we don't know for sure. I think the not knowing and the waiting is worse than actually knowing, then I'd know what to expect.

Did anyone else have this sick feeling sweep over them when Hussein showed American POW's on video?

I wish the Armed forces would send me some Iraqi POW's, make them drink beer, force them to eat pork, and read Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses" out loud to them before their hourly torture.

Did anyone ever hear the song "Give Peace a Chance?" John Lennon sang that over and over during the Vietnam War, and no one listened to him. Now they are playing it again, it's all over the radio, but his son sings it this time.

There are still POW's in Vietnam, so that war is still being fought today. A war is not over until they all come home.

This war will not be over until I can come home with answers to my questions.

What does one think in times like these?

Misty water-color memories, of the way we were

By Amy J. Oberdeck

Editor-in-Chief

As I look over the piles of college mail that I can proudly throw away since I finally selected my future school, it brings to mind simple changes in my life and the life of BHS these last four years.

Not many can remember a time when the mall, was completely round, and the senior mall locker islands were actually full-sized, rather than the "waist-high" replicas we now have.

And lockers are purple, gray, and orange, instead of blue, brown, and orange. Tell me, of all colors to remain the same, why orange? Did the school administration want to make the persons that work at orange-clad fast food establishments to feel "right at home"? Or is it because school lunch sales were down and

orange is the color to induce hunger? Or did Wayne's Hardware have a huge paint liquidation sale, the kind that just runs off the sales charts?

Or, better yet, is it because those who had to make the decision couldn't make up their minds and said, "Or...or...or(ange)!"

And the carpet is gray. Well, sort-of gray, a slightly dalmatian dog speckled gray. Sort-of a brownish gray, well like a chameleon, it changes colors. Maybe one day it will turn black and blue or...or...orange!

And a track around the football field was constructed. Of course, not to be walked on or anything, save the few pigeons which land on the beautiful red-red, catch that? Are you surprised it's not

Amy's Answers

orange?--surface.

And there is a new gym, a new computer lab and a new east wing. (I am not talking about the pigeons this time.) And the rock has "grown" four or five inches on each side, thanks to the layers of tar and paint--no doubt purchased at the same paint liquidation sale.

And we've expanded our activities, with various additions of sports and academic competition.

And for the first time in a long time, BHS has had the very same principals--all of them--for more than two years.

Oh, and my editorials editor has orange hair now. She used to be a light brunette, then she tried out platinum blonde, which didn't work, so she had her hair

tipped black--not exactly becoming her--and now it is an "interesting" shade of orange.

I can't get away from the color orange. Even the chair I'm sitting in is orange!

Quick check, are you?

Seems to me a lot of things are different from when I entered the "big" high school four years ago. I wonder if the color orange is one of the few things left of the "old way."

I will always cherish orange as the symbol of my high school career, and perhaps this year's prom committee will show true school spirit and name orange as one of the prom colors.

I'll truly miss this orange--oh, I mean school.

Sigh.

College hovers on horizon, minus wrestling team

By Heather Bakke

Spotlight Editor

Recently there was a joyous occasion at the Bakke house. I was accepted to Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. You know, Bethany, the college where my parents met and fell in love. Bethany, however, has its drawbacks. No wrestling team, for example, but I've prepared myself. I went to a basketball game. The Gym looks different without a mat in it.

The waiting is over, I finally know that all these years of hard work have paid off. I consider myself lucky, there are still many seniors who don't know what they are going to do, where they are going to go, or who they are going to be.

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors don't feel left out. The senior year can be as fun to observe as to experience. All of you with brothers or sisters who are seniors know what I'm talking about. They walk around in tears mumbling something like: "I'll never get into college with my grades, and my ACT scores, I must have been sleeping when I took the test, I'm never going to make it, I might as well be a bus driver." Soon the fear subsides when they get that envelope in the mail. And you know what that means, you get their room.

No kidding.

I've lived through it with Eric, and now it's a part of life. I've witnessed

different reactions when people finally get accepted. Now it's your turn be the detectives, get it on film, it makes great blackmail.

The relieved, this person will be running, jumping, singing, they had been turned down by five other schools. They are finally college bound.

The Bragger, they have skywriting: "Herbert Hoover was accepted with full ride scholarships at Harvard, Yale, Oxford, St. Cloud...." or they take out a full page ad in a local newspaper.

"I knew I would make it." Another typical response, these are the people who secretly were pacing the floors until all

hours of the morning.

I, of course, had a completely different reaction. Golden Boy. If you have ever had my father for a teacher you know about Golden Boy. The Superman, the perfect example of perfectness.

For years my father has told me: "Don't worry you'll go to Bethany and meet Golden Boy." I just hope I can find him. Maybe a homing device--it could work.

I already have my roommate picked out, people keep telling me not to room with a friend. Just as long as she doesn't steal Golden Boy, we should get along fine.

But that's another story.

No kidding.

Heather Knows Best

'Top Seven' Lovers List

By Susan A. Hundt

Editorials Editor

The season of love is upon us once again.

Boyfriends and girlfriends are walking arm in arm down the hall slower than ever. They stop, and the female one usually leans against the wall or some other protruding edifice. The couple gaze love struck in each others eyes, and a kiss is exchanged, either a light peck on the cheek or an act of liposuction with practically a gallon of saliva slopped on each other. Then the eyes darken, dreading the next fifty minutes spent away from the significant other.

After careful scrutinization of the types of loves and lovers at BHS, *The Bison* has come up with seven types of lovers.

1. The Biff and Bambie lovers.

This couple has been going together since seventh grade. They walk around the halls holding hands, and Biff carries Bambie's lunch for her because, of course, she can't possibly carry that heavy lunch tray. These two are usually found at the weekend parties in someone's woods, drinking like fish, and the rest is unprintable.

2. The "best friends" lovers.

These are slightly different from the Biff and Bambie lovers, that is, they are equal,

and they view their relationship as a very good friendship, with a few hot moments of romance thrown in. These lovers usually spend a lot of time at each others' house, just spend time talking and getting to know each other better, and truly enjoy being in each others' company.

3. The casual lovers.

They aren't aware they are going out. They will sit together at lunch, or maybe go to a movie, but that's about it. Everyone teases them about being secret lovers, but they cast off any attempts to seriously begin dating.

4. The "must have a boy/girlfriend" lovers.

These lovers are just going out to show that they have someone, and probably because they don't want to stand out like a sore thumb going to prom stag. These lovers lack starch in their backbone and don't have the guts to do something by themselves. Often times these lovers turn to each other since they cannot get anyone else.

5. The "denial of love" lovers.

This couple is the opposite of the "must haves". They are the best of friends, and share a brain, but vehemently deny any love between the two. These two fight all of the time, but this usually turns into something romantic, despite the caution not to.

6. The obsessive compulsive lovers.

This "couple" does not have a relationship, since it is com-

pletely one-sided. One person secretly loves the other from afar, or rather, worships him/her. This person is a quiet one, and can be found sitting alone ogling the one he or she loves, writing down their name over and over, daydreaming about how wonderful and perfect life will be with that other person next to them. Obviously, this love is a crush, and is aptly named because people are "crushed" in the end. (But they usually bounce back.)

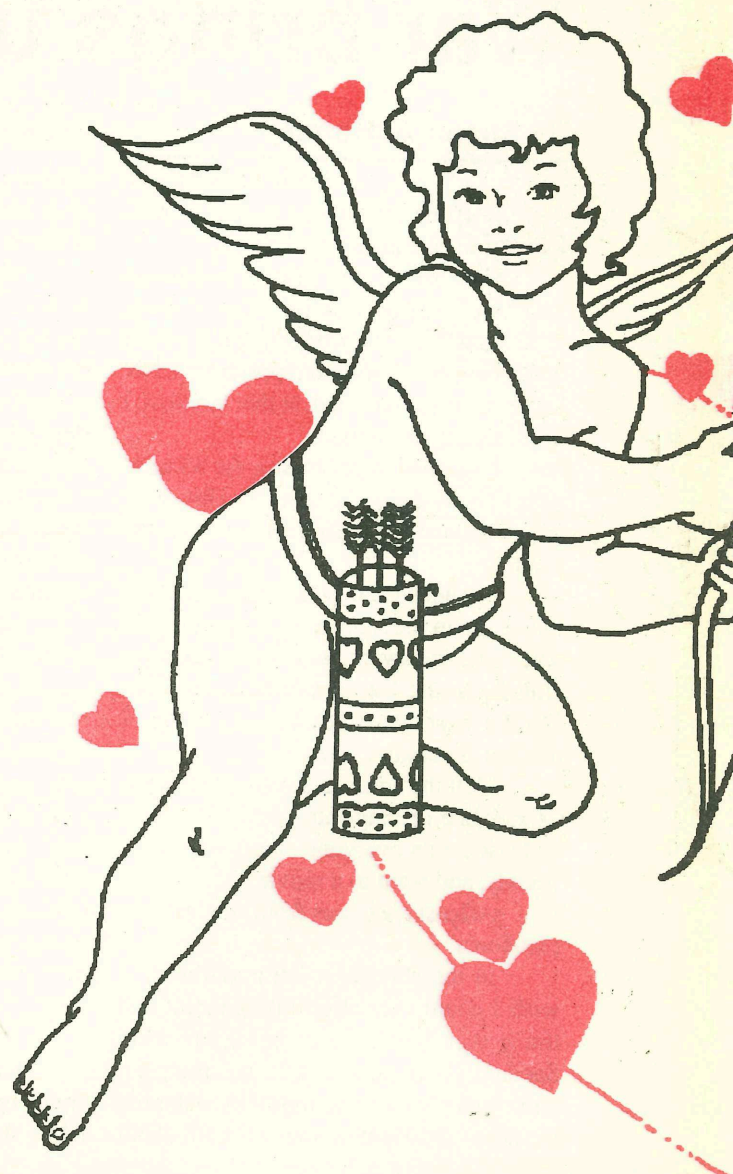
7. The "need not" lovers.

The thought of going out with someone makes the "need nots" sick. The "need nots" are found as the PDA police, sticking their fingers down their throats and feigning vomiting noises when someone is swapping spit in the hallways. They also counsel their friends against the evils of falling in love, and try to break up their friends that have fallen so low because they made the human mistake of falling in love. Somehow these people do actually fall in love but usually with each other and it is more of a friendship than a romance.

Please note:

This listing is purely fictional. Any resemblance to a true student relationship is purely coincidental, (and comical.)

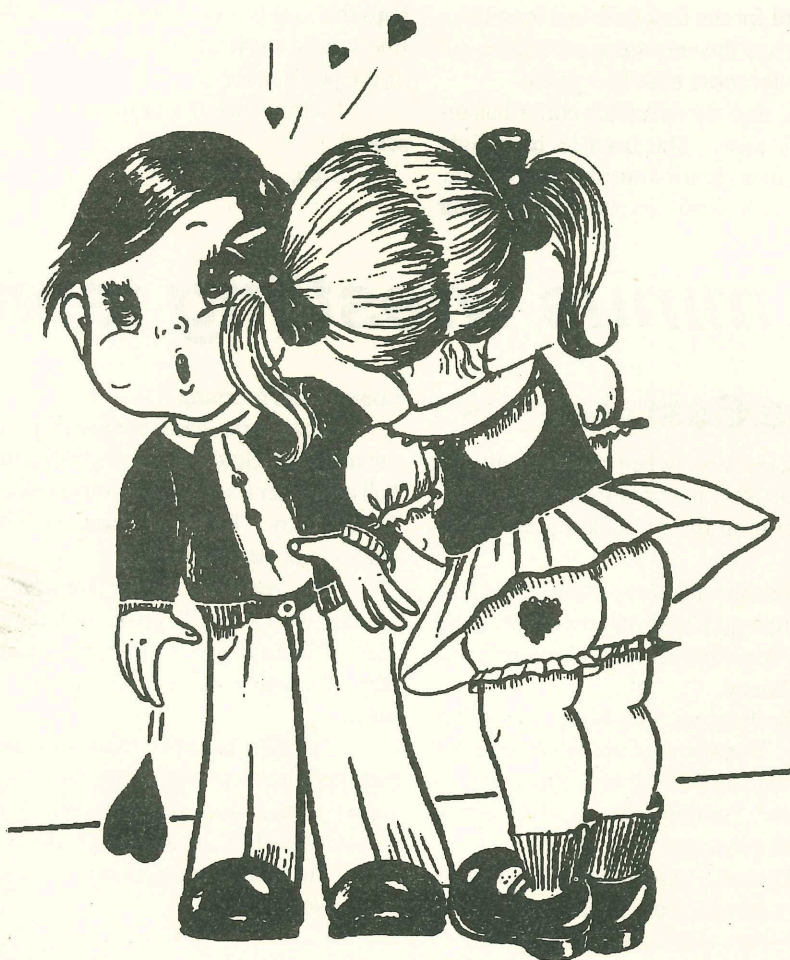
The Bison is in no way responsible for the loss of boy/girlfriends due to this listing.



**"Arrows through hearts,
Drawn on a misty window,
You're taking me home in the
My heart is beatin', don't say
My head keeps stayin', take it**

Wilson Phillip

Remember 'boy germs' and 'girl germs'?



First love: students admit it

By Rachael Weller

Staff Writer

Do you remember the girl down the block in the ponytails and flowered dresses, or the boy down the block with dirty hands and a snotty nose?

Well, maybe now he has a nice build and she has those beautiful eyes.

Back then you thought kissing a boy/girl was the most disgusting thing on earth. Even touching one of the opposite sex was a horror. (Often referred to as boy or girl germs.)

But now it's not be so bad after all.

And how about the first guy/girl you called "yours"? You may never forget them. Some exerts believe you'll never forget that special person.

"I don't think you ever forget your first love," remarked junior

Don Klick. "It's one of the biggest events of your life. I remembered the first person I ever really cared about, and that was in kindergarten! She was the first person I ever really gave something, outside of my family."

Most students can remember their first love with fond memories of initials with an addition sign between them and walking hand in hand by the swing set.

"If it's the first guy you ever cared about, you just never forget," said junior Michelle Frosilie.

For some, when they think about the first person that they ever really cared about, lots of feelings and emotions come to mind.

"When I think about the first person I ever really cared about, it brings warm feelings," said Frosilie.

Along with the feelings come memories of special days you shared with that person.

"The day that sticks in my

mind most is the day I went to the farm he worked on," remembers freshman Wanetta Crandell. "There were some cows there that were about my height. I was a little afraid of them because they were so big."

Junior Sheila Mobley remembers a day like this too.

"It was a day I had skipped school to spend the day with the first person I ever really cared for. First I got busted by my sister and then we decided to go fishing in Buffalo Lake," she said.

Along with the good times come the bad.

"You are always going to remember the good times, but you also will never forget the bad times. It's just part of the story," said Mobley.

Most remember their first love with fond memories, yet they would not consider still being a couple now.

Heartbroken, hurt affects rejected

By Heather Striegel

Staff Writer

There's no doubt that there is love in the air. Especially with February 14th just around the corner, but for some it is just a heart-break.

Experiencing rejected love or one-sided love can really make one hurt deep down, and

for some it is quite a traumatic experience.

"I feel like I'm not important and I don't feel good about myself," said sophomore Jen Strom.

But others take it in stride and use it as a learning experience.

"It's a part of growing up that we all experience at one time or another," said senior Laurie Christian.

Others avoid feeling rejection by only pursuing those who will answer positively to the relation-

ship.

Freshman Marc Sing said, "I've never had that feeling cause I've never been rejected, because any girl that thinks she's too good for me isn't worth my precious time."

Most adults believe high school sweethearts are just infatuated with each other and that high school "love" is purely physical attraction.

Some students agree.

"[High school students are] infatuated because they aren't old

enough to know what love is," said freshman Nikki Dixon.

Most people believe at the time that they are in love, but when they break up they say that it was just infatuation.

Some students fantasize about marrying the one they are dating.

"[Marrying them would] depend on how long I've been going out with him and if we get along," said Crandell.

Things in life aren't certain, but love will always be around.



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Love, the unchained melody, links feelings, hearts, dreams

By Amy J. Oberdeck

Editor-in-Chief

Varying styles, varying artists, and varying beats, but one aspect remains constant throughout all types of music: love.

"You," "we," and "love" are among the most used words in popular songs with love being the central theme.

"[Music is] him when I'm alone--my way of filling the lack," said senior Sarah Miller.

Every day, day and day out, the radio sings soft, sultry, love songs about lovers who desire the stars and dream of a never-ending passion.

"Two hearts, livin' in just one mind, livin' together 'til the end of time," sings Phil Collins.

Music is the revelation of feelings and often express more emotion than one individual can put into words, especially when trying to express love and affection.

"You get all warm inside. You think of the person you love and you get 'permagrin'," said senior Molly Simmons.

Since no one can truthfully define love and a definition is not necessary for those in love, musicians choose heart-felt words symbolize emotion and feeling, especially aimed at young lovers.

"Baby, we gotta stand up for love, Gotta hold on, Cause I know what we got is worth fighting for, And I know for sure, Right or wrong, This is where we belong," sings Michael Bolton.

Many couples choose an "Our

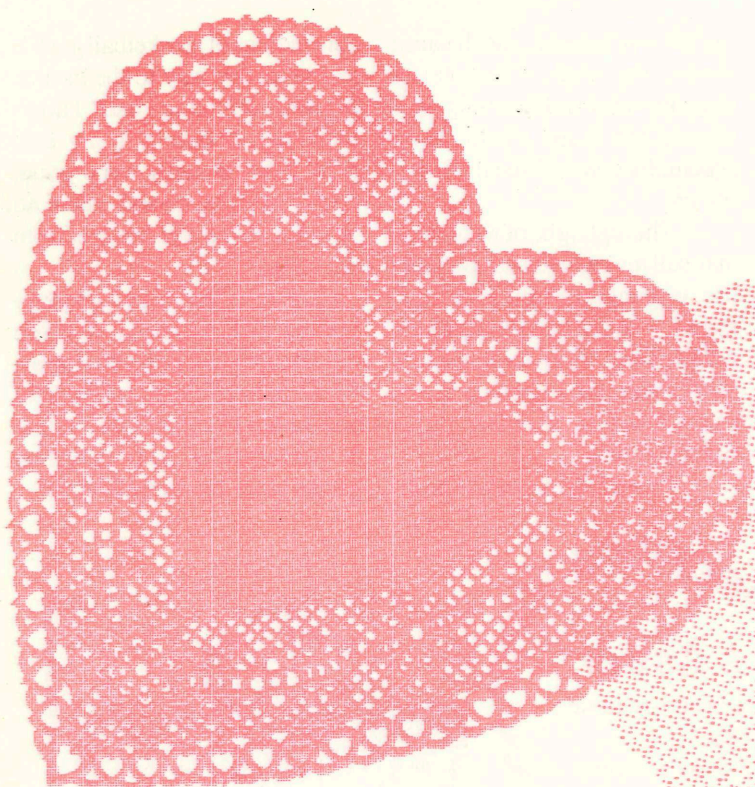
Song," usually the first song they ever danced to, or one that has special meaning just to them, to represent their relationship.

"[Ours is] 'Right Here Waiting For You'," said Jake Mackey, "she says it is because of some time we spent together."

Sometimes a verse of a song can be closest to the love poetry of the heart understandable in mere human words.

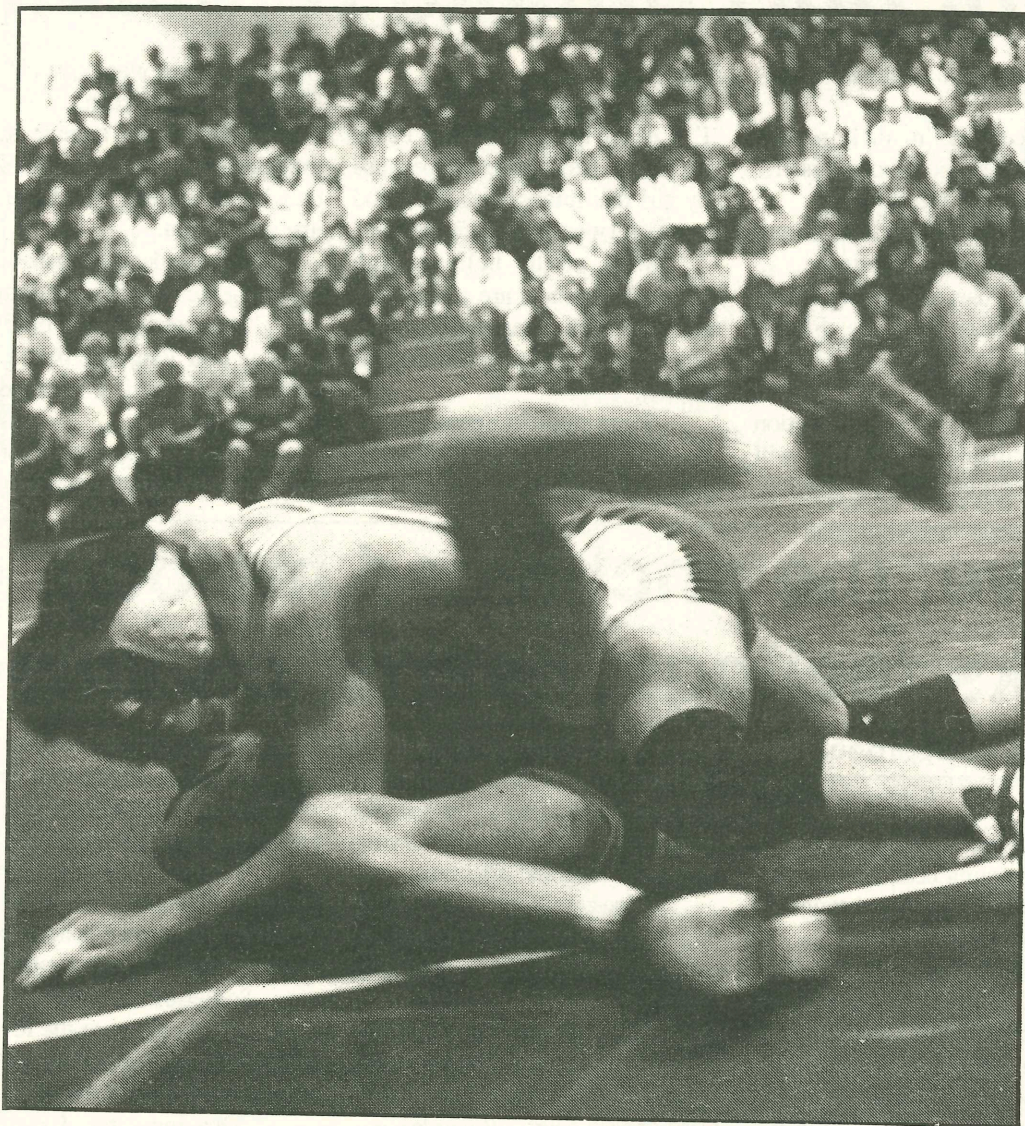
"One more try, I didn't know how much I loved you...livin' all these lonely nights without you, hopin' we can just give it one more try," sings Timmy T.

Music, like love, is indescribable, and the two together form the mystical bonding of hearts.



"Two hearts, livin' in just one mind,
Livin' together 'til the end of time."

Phil Collins



WORKING FOR THE PIN: senior Jason Birr comes back for his first match since breaking his finger to defeat Dave Daniels of Fridley on January 25. The Bison as a team won a decisive victory that night. Bison wrestlers, under the direction of coach Gerald Bakke, are looking for their third consecutive appearance in the state high school tournament. This would be a record for Buffalo. The region competitions start on February 15 at Worthington. The starting time is 4:00 p.m. (Photo by Rob Kruck)

Wrestlers 'run down a dream'; problems faced

By David Malerich

Staff Writer

The Bison wrestlers, under head coach Gerry Bakke, are looking for their third straight appearance in the state tournament.

The Bison were 8-2 going into the February 5 match at home against St. Michael/Albertville and Mound. They lost in matches against Apple Valley and Anoka, the two teams who placed ahead of the Bison wrestlers in the state tournament last year.

The team came in fourth place at the Hutchinson Invitational on Saturday, January 19. Leading the way at Hutch were Blue Earth, Osseo, and Canby. "Blue Earth is really good and they could be state champions," said Coach Bakke.

Leading the Bison were first place finishers Dusty Ordorff and Jason Scherber. Scherber dominated his matches, easily pinning his opponent with 48 seconds left in the first period of the championship match. Ordorff, who wrestled with an injured knee, beat Eric VanKeuren of Osseo in

the championship match 12-4 to take first place.

"On paper, VanKeuren was supposed to beat Dusty. Dusty majored VanKeuren," said Bakke.

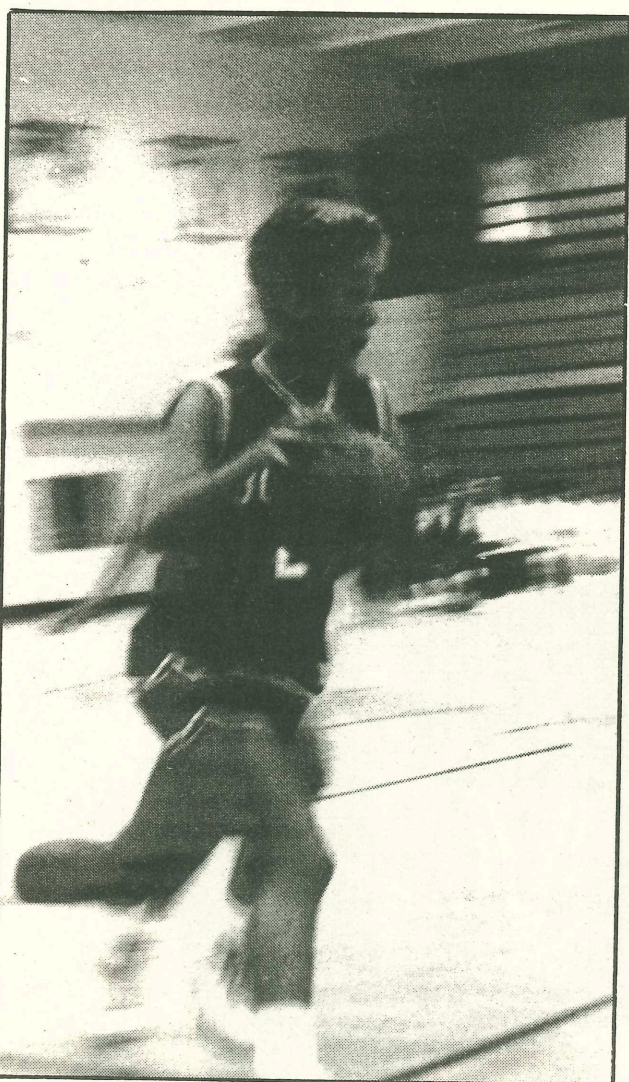
Ordorff also received the Wrestler of the Tournament Award for his performance.

"There were a lot of good guys there," Ordorff remarked.

The team has been working without Jason Birr, last year's state champion in his weight class. Birr snapped his finger when he went to support himself while falling backwards during a practice earlier this season. His knuckle was totally destroyed and had to be replaced with a pin. Birr returned to action on January 25 against Fridley. "We're taping [Birr's] finger and he's going," said Bakke a few days before the Fridley match.

Overall, the team has high goals for this season and are looking forward to success.

"We're not satisfied with being number one. We want to be as good as we can be," said Bakke.



CHARGING: Junior Leslie Anderson makes her way toward the basket at the game against Fridley on January 24. (Photo by Rob Kruck)

Editor appreciates athletes

By Sarah Jatko

Sports Editor

Even though I'm the queen at it, I am not going to complain about anything this issue. Instead, I'm taking the time and very empty space to express my deep admiration for athletes, mainly basketball players.

I am to sports as glass is to velcro. I just don't catch on (Get it? A pun was sorrowfully exchanged).

Other sports may be within my grasp of coordination. I think that I could be a hockey player, once I learned to ice skate. Walk-

ing forward across the balance beam is my height of complexity in gymnastics and in skiing, getting up the slope would be an accomplishment in itself. Moving on.

The highlight, of what some may call my pathetically sheltered life, is going to Bison basketball games. I watch in awe as players dribble, pass, shoot, keep the ball away from the opposing team, and all while wearing those skimpy shorts.

I could run through (prob-

ably the legs of) basketball guards and make my way to the basket, but while dribbling a ball? I don't think so. Shooting is my best skill. I'm actually very good, once I'm all by myself where no one can see me and five feet from the hoop.

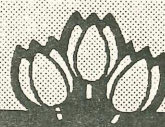
So, to the basketball players and ALL athletes I give you my whole-hearted thanks for the pride you have given to this school and the fun that students have had in participating and spectating games since the dawn of time.

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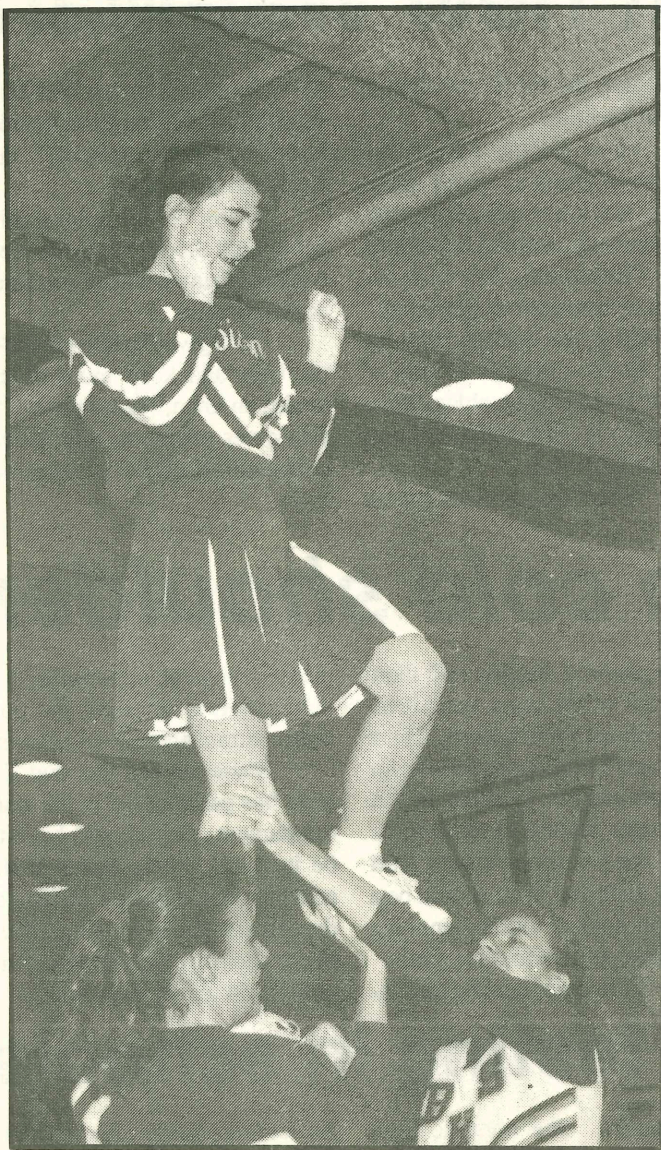


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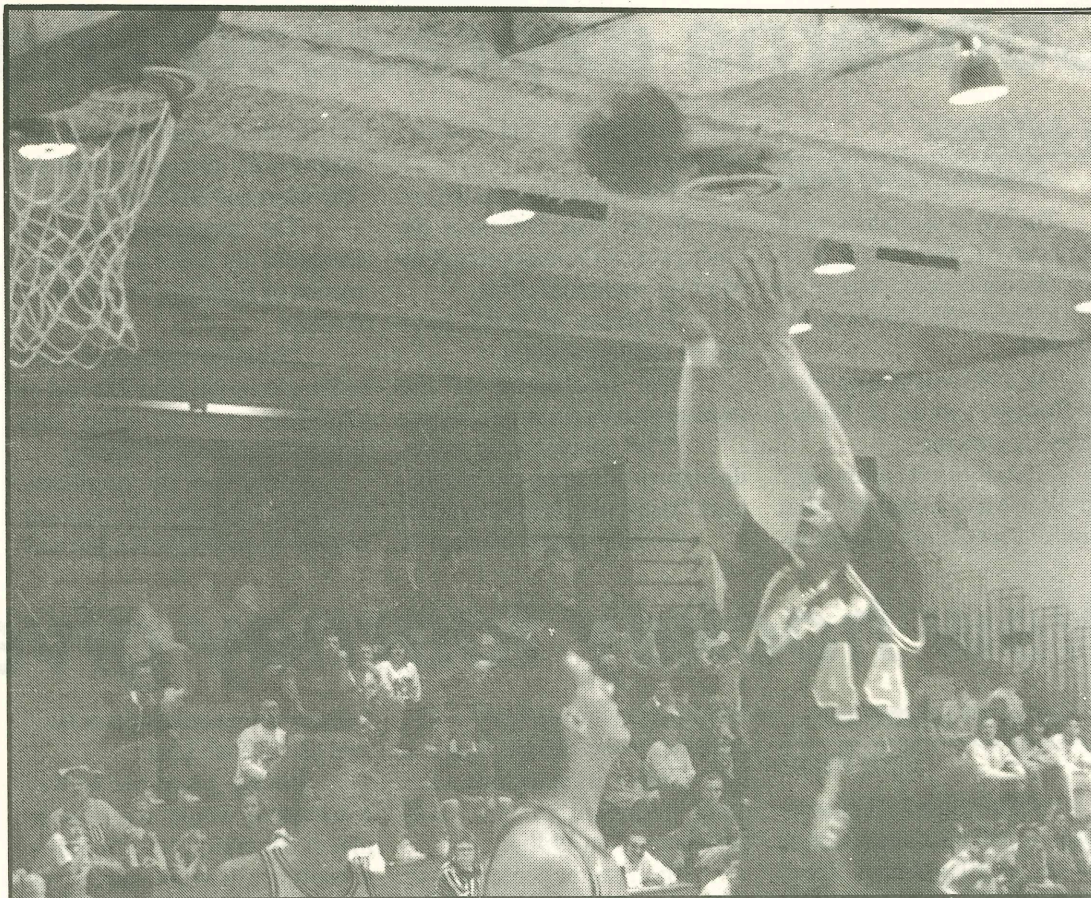
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HIGH SPIRITED CHEERLEADERS: The cheerleaders held up Kristen Moore for one of their cheerleading routines at the pepfests on February 1. At the pepfests the football cheerleaders did the routine they competed with in Dallas in December. (Photo by Rob Kruck)



SHOOTING FOR THE TOP, senior Casey Mattson goes for a two point shot at the basketball game against Fridley on January 25. In the foreground is junior Ted Zrust, and two defenders waiting for the rebound. (Photo by Rob Kruck)

Jump up for basketball

By Beth Miller

Sports Editor

The boys' varsity team as of February 2 is 10-4. Before the game on February 1, they were ranked 18th in metro. The game February 1 against Centennial

was a close game with Bison winning 57-56. The Bison lost the game on January 29 at a home game against Columbia Heights. They were close throughout most of the game and were still leading by a narrow margin at half-time.

"I like the new conference

better, because it has more competition," commented senior Pat Larson on North Suburban.

Head coach Neil Fletcher said, "It's been a great season, and we've had great fan support." (They average about 1200 fans for every home game.)

Pepfests, cheerleaders: not much school spirit

By Beth Miller

Sports Editor

I think my mind is on strike. I haven't been able to think straight lately. Now my wonderful brother, Henry, will tell you I've never been able to think straight, but actually I can, I just usually choose not to. So this will probably be the most abstract piece of literature you will ever read, just bear with me.

You may have wondered why the sports section is not what it should be, you may have even complained about it. (If this doesn't pertain to you, hold on a bit, I'll change topics soon

enough.) But when we need stories, how often do you jump up and volunteer for this wonderful opportunity? We seem to have an excess of readers, and very few writers. So come serve your fellow students, and write for the sports section.

Now on to new business, are you aware of the new unorganized sport around school? This sport requires supreme accuracy of time. To play the rule is to see which happens first, you get to class, or the bell rings. If you get there first, you win, but if three

times the bell rings first, you lose (and probably have some detention as a result of your losing.)

I'd like to switch gears, again, and talk about the cheerleaders. They used to raise school spirit and cheer on the team. Now they just cheer on the team. It's not their fault, either. They try to make the fans yell and cheer, but who participates, a few girls who are cheerleaders themselves, a parent who's child just made the most fantastic play ever, a bunch of little kids, and a dozen other people. We all cheer when some

amazing play is made, but how about cheering to inspire the team? So start yelling your lungs out. (There is reward for those of you who yell loud. You lose your voice and you don't have to answer any of the questions the teacher asks you the next day.)

And now let's discuss school spirit. How many pepfests have we had this year, not including the one that was canceled? Two, Three? (I can't remember, besides I could have been absent for one.) My parents told me that back in medieval times when

they were in high school (Waconia and Chaska, to be exact) they had pepfests every Friday. Now whether they were trying to make Buffalo sound non-schooled-spirited or it was the truth, I don't know, but I do know that we could have more pepfests.

(P.S. I am sorry about the Boys Cross Country team not getting their accomplishments at state mentioned. To prevent an unfortunate incident like this from happening again, could managers, captains, coaches, players, etc. please inform us of your accomplishments. Or better yet, write a story about the accomplishment and give it to us.)

Opponent's fourth quarter scoring main problem for B-squad basketball

By Kaelyn McCarty

Staff Writer

The Buffalo Boys' B-squad team has faced many problems this season. "Our biggest problem is when the opponent scores more points in the fourth quarter," said coach Kevin Schmeling.

For most of the game the score is usually close, but the other team scores enough in the fourth

quarter to win.

Their positive attitudes and the support from the fans has lessened their hardships.

"[The fans] have definitely helped support our team esteem," remarked Schmeling.

The team size is around ten, which is an average size compared to other schools in the conference.

The team practices every day. They work on basic skills

such as: shooting, defense, and ball handling.

"Outside shooting is one of the skills that we are best at," said sophomore Jamie Broman.

The team has many goals that they want to reach by the end of the season. They are: doing better in the fourth quarter, playing better together, and increasing fundamental skills to hold them competitive next season.



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Concerns expressed about new Wal-Mart

By Jeff Mauk

Assistant News Editor

The city of Buffalo is, as of December 31, home to a Wal-Mart discount store, located at 1315 Highway 25 North, across from BHS.

The 1990 census has proven that Buffalo, and all of Wright County, is growing.

"The city itself is growing," said Wal-Mart manager Scott Storms, "There's not a lot of in-

dustrial to support it, but it continues to grow."

The increasing population, and the fact that Buffalo is the county seat, is the reason that Wal-Mart was built in Buffalo.

Students of BHS have mixed feelings about it.

The livelihood of the downtown area is a large concern.

"The smaller drug stores downtown are going out of business," said junior Emily Gervasio.

Another major concern is

the resulting confusion at the Highway 25 intersection with the Wal-Mart and BHS driveways.

The intersection has been compared by some to the intersection at Highway 55 and Third Avenue.

"I think it's a great addition to the community, but it's sort of a headache, with the traffic," said English teacher Jack Harlan.

Many feel the installation of traffic lights by the highway department would be the best way

to resolve the traffic problem at the intersection.

Many people have heard rumors of plans to install traffic lights, and it has been discussed, but currently, nothing is definite.

"Eventually, they will have to put up a control or stoplights," said biology teacher Boyd Emmel.

Even with their feelings of the traffic posing a problem, there are still a lot of positive feelings toward Wal-Mart.

"All of the activities get out

at 4:00, so going to Wal-Mart gives us something to do besides bum around the school," said freshman Zara Akin.

Many in the community have high hopes that the new business in town will help the area economically.

"It'll give Buffalo a broader tax base and keep more of the money in town," said Storms, "It also gives people an alternative. Competition offers a consumer more."

New hockey tourney given cold shoulder

By Melissa Ramthun

Staff Writer

The fate of the hockey tournaments might once again land in the hands of the legislature. These congressmen are faced with the decision of whether or not there should be a two tier hockey tournament.

"The subject of a two tier

hockey tournament should not be discussed in legislature because it isn't a major issue and there are more important things," said sophomore Tim Willie.

The general consensus on the hockey teams that the legislature should not have the deciding vote on this subject.

"The decision to have a two tier hockey tournament should be

left up to the schools and coaches," said senior Josh Leal.

Having a two tier hockey tournament would not directly affect Buffalo, but "smaller schools will have the chance to go to state and place in the tournament," said senior Craig Pettit.

A two tier tournament will give smaller schools an opportunity to experience the post season

atmosphere in hockey and there will still be the same excitement and enthusiasm as before. There will also be an opportunities for smaller schools to move to AA and larger schools to move to A.

BHS hockey coach Carl Davis feels that there should be a two tier hockey tournament on a trial basis of two to three years.

"A two tier hockey tourna-

ment is a great opportunity for more athletes to enjoy the post season atmosphere," said Davis.

Some players feel that if a team has participated in the state tournament, they should have to be in AA. Others feel that the coaches should decide which tier the team is placed in. Regardless of the deciding factors, there will only be 64 teams in each tier.

Mock Trial debates random drug testing in schools

By Kerry Lynn Koch

Proof Editor

Literally practicing law, the Mock Trial team competes against various schools, with the intention to sway the judges ruling.

"It's a good educational opportunity to develop an interest

in the law-field," said senior member Mary Kate Hannon.

The team consists of ten members: three lawyers, four witnesses, one team manager and two alternates. They also have two attorney coaches, Alan Albrecht and Tom Richards.

Writing questions and

statements, members rehearse the case until satisfactorily.

Student random drug testing is the controversy of this year's case. In the case, a female student is protesting the scheduling of her drug counseling. The counseling interferes with her participation in a televised tennis

tournament. She wants to fight the ruling, claiming unconstitutional grounds.

They rehearse their speeches with professional lawyers three times a week, striving for clarity and add impact.

"The team is doing very well. There is a lot of time and

dedication being shown--they have a real understanding of roles," said Albrecht. The team has won each of its three invitational meets.

"As the program grows, so does the caliber of the students. My goal is to have enough funding for two teams," said Raymond.



LOSE THE GAME AND "You've lost that lovin' feeling," as sung by juniors Krista Erickson and Mike Mutterer. The Valentine Trivia Game was just one of many activities at the rescheduled pep-fest during mods on Friday, February 1. The pep-fest was intended as a send-off for the fall cheerleaders before their competition in Dallas, but was postponed due to bad weather. (Photo by Rob Kruck.)

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