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Around the recycling bin and back again

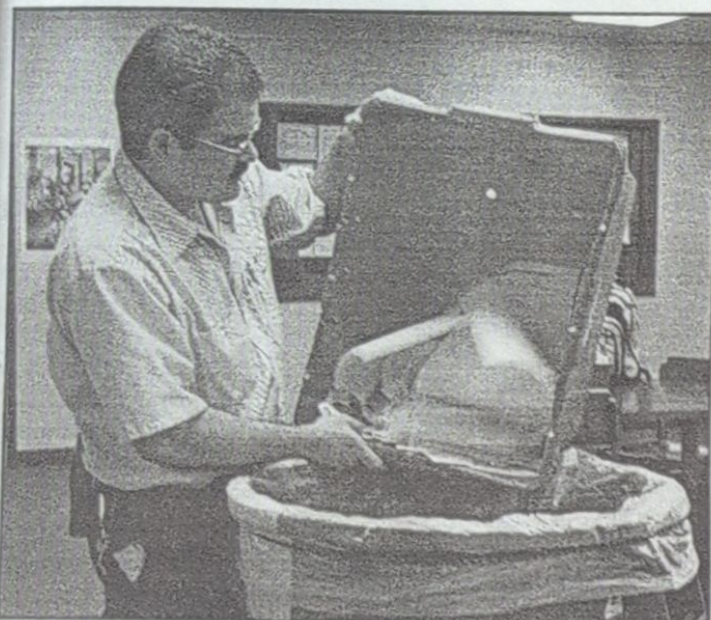


Photo by Corrina Swanson

Custodian Scott Johnson empties a classroom recycling bin into a larger container. Buffalo High School recycles office paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, and other products, although one-third of students believe otherwise.

Kaisha Tracy
Staff Writer

Thirty-one percent of students polled believe that Buffalo High School does not recycle. These students have been misled.

The school, in fact, does recycle. The school recycles paper, cardboard, paint, florescent light bulbs, cans in the kitchen, old textbooks, batteries, and computers. This information was confirmed by the custodial staff, and members of the administration.

Randy's Sanitation, the company that handles the recycling for the school, said that BHS has been recycling for the past decade, and that they have never turned a load of recycling from the school away.

However, the school does not recycle glass or plastic because there is simply not enough of it to pay for the recycling itself. Also, there are no

facilities in this area that will recycle commercial plastic. Randy's Sanitation cannot recycle plastic. The City of Buffalo does recycle plastic through its curbside pickup program, but it is only allowed to handle residential areas. Buffalo High School is classified as a commercial business and therefore has to find its own way to dispose of plastic and other recyclables.

For now, students wishing to recycle glass and plastic can bring containers home. Principal Dr. Nick Miller said he would not be opposed if a student led group started a plastic recycling program.

Ninety percent of students believed that, if the BHS did recycle, the school recycles paper. Thirty-eight percent believed that cardboard is recycled, glass came in at 17 percent, and plastic at 15 percent.

Some other things that students

believed to be recycled were pop cans and food.

"How else do you have chicken four days a week?" said Junior **Jesse Holm**.

Ninety-one percent of students believe that the school needs to have a recycling program.

"Yes, our natural resources are just that -- natural," said Freshman **Lea Ann Rein**. "We can't use it up."

"They better [recycle], because they have the big red bins with recycling on it and the trash cans that say save our earth," said Junior **James Huff**. "Otherwise they're basically being hypocrites and good schools aren't hypocrites."

The administration also believes in recycling.

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Holocaust survivor speaks of life experiences

Allie Houfer
Staff Writer

After living his life in horrible circumstances—being discriminated against, tortured, and starved—you have to wonder how someone could go on to tell other people about his experiences in the Holocaust.

One man did just that: **Henry Ortelt**. On December 3, Ortelt made a visit to Mr. **Gerard Rohl's** World Studies classes to share his experiences with students.

Ortelt went to some of the most horrifying detainment camps in Poland. One of them was the most well known concentration camp—Auschwitz, which happened to be the largest killer of people during the Holocaust.

While Ortelt was in Auschwitz,

his mother and other relatives were murdered by the Nazis.

Throughout his presentation, Ortelt stressed the fact that the Holocaust was built on deception. He said that the Holocaust was inflated because of Adolf Hitler's lies. He highlighted the fact that Hitler made people believe that Jewish people and anyone who might have something to do with them were immediately known as bad people who deserved nothing less than to be killed.

"If you tell a lie enough times, people will start to believe it," Ortelt said.

When Ortelt was twelve years old, in 1933, when Hitler took control of Germany, Ortelt didn't understand what was happening or why anyone would want to do this to people.

The Jewish people started to disappear over the night from his town and no one knew where they had gone. After some time, Ortelt came to find out that the SS officers were going to houses in the middle of the night, taking families, and telling them that they had 15 minutes to pack only one suitcase.

Ortelt's family waited patiently for it to be their turn to "disappear." Ortelt experienced many different, grotesque, situations in his life that most people will never have to experience.

He went to death camps and made it out of every one. He took more horrible experiences with him

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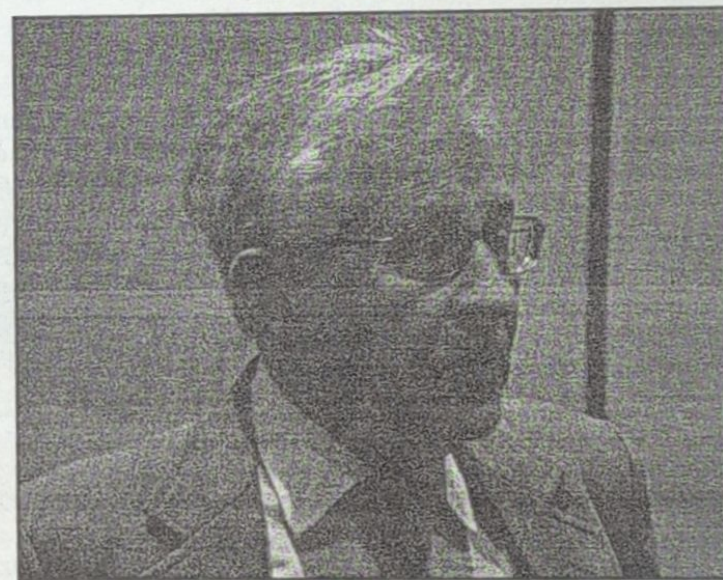


Photo by Mallory Mitchell

Holocaust survivor Henry Ortelt reflects on his survival of Nazi concentration camps. Ortelt came to Buffalo to speak to World Studies classes on December 3.

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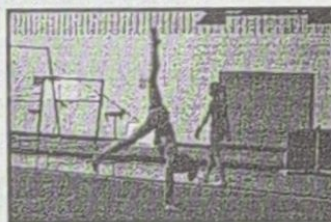
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Sjoden abduction inspires fear

**Elsbeth Krumholz and
Lauren Johnson**
Editorial Staff

With the media attention given to the disappearance of the North Dakota University student Dru Sjodin and the attempted kidnappings of two different teenage girls in Minnesota, some people, especially young women can't help but wonder: what if?

"[Feeling safe at night] depends on how late it is and if it's in a public place or not. I always check my backseat at night before I get in," said Senior **Katee Hall**.

Safety concerns have risen since Dru Sjodin was abducted. Being alone at night isn't the only time students feel unsafe.

"When me and my friends go out, we always

have really strange guys hit on us, they'll tell us where they live and tell us to come over, we never do," said Junior **Rachel Oas**.

Tips for being safe:

*If a robber wants your purse or wallet, throw it opposite the way you plan to run.

*If you are going out to your car alone at night, ask a manager or security person to walk you out, or carry pepper spray.

*If someone is following you NEVER go to your house. Go to the police station and honk your horn.

*If you are thrown into the trunk, kick out the taillight and wave through the hole.

*If you are at home alone and you hear a strange noise, immediately call 911 and keep the door locked.

Kaesa Jordet
Staff Writer

From the hearts to the homes of those who have loved ones in Iraq, the battle is ongoing. One of those individuals going through this tough time is Freshman **Nicole McGraw**.

With her stepfather, Michael Thiesfeld, overseas, off the border of Kuwait in Iraq, her family is in a worried state. Going from being gone for two week periods to not coming home for a year, the family struggles with the separation.

"He's been the one who's told me what to do and how to do it. He taught me stuff and taught me how to defend myself," said McGraw.

Nicole is used to change; she has gone from living in Kentucky to South Carolina for three months, to Buffalo. She is definitely not a new comer to relocating, with her step dad

being based around the country.

"It was a big change because, you are moving half way across the country without family or anyone," said McGraw.

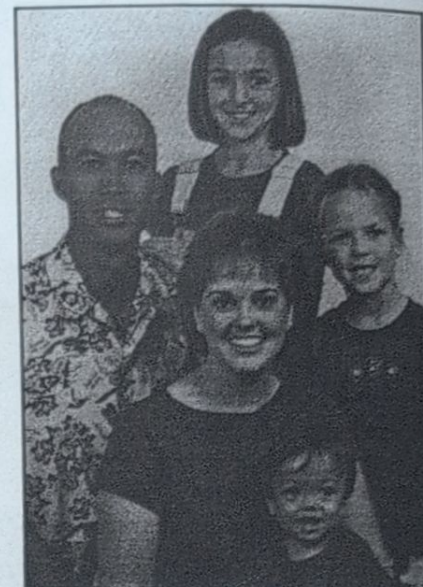
Of course, Nicole isn't alone. At home she has two younger sisters, Jamie, 4, Megan, 9, and her mother, Allison, as well.

"He was always like Mr. Strict on rules and getting homework done, I can tell by my grades that I've slacked off a little bit," said McGraw.

Ranking as a captain, her stepfather is in high demand. Keeping the soldiers in check, he is required to hand out weapons to soldiers and teach them how to use them.

McGraw said her family is willing to make sacrifices. Without being able to come home for visits, even on holidays, the sacrifice is big.

"I know there's going to be a lot more tears," said McGraw.



Submitted photo

Members of the Thiesfeld family pose for a 2000 family portrait. Michael, left, is currently serving in the armed forces in Kuwait while his family awaits his return.

Mock Trial members strive to portray multiple roles

Justin Leeper
Staff Writer

Mock Trial this year is doing the case of Franklyn v. Cartwright.

Plaintiff Jamie Franklyn was severely burned in a fire. Franklyn filed a lawsuit against Pat Cartwright, who owned the building where the fire took place.

They all came to a settlement before the trial and the issue being battled is who is liable for the injuries of Franklyn.

For Team 1, **Bryant Torkelson** is playing the role of Pat Cartwright and one of the Plaintiff attorneys. **Brittney**

Christy is Jamie Franklyn and one of the Attorneys for the Defense. **Angela Tompkins** is Eva Hoyt and an Attorney for the Plaintiff. **Leah Brown** is an Attorney for the Plaintiff and Defense's Timekeeper.

Megan Utley is a Defense Attorney and Plaintiff's Timekeeper. **Elisabeth Elenz** is Sam Stone and a Defense Attorney. **Maddy Mason** is Alice Logan and Defense's Bailiff. **Missy Mans** is Chris Lewis and Plaintiff's Bailiff.

Each team must consist of at least eight members to compete, but there are a total of 16 roles for this case.

"It's really hard only having eight people with this many roles, it would be great if we had more people," says Leah Brown.

Each member has to take double roles. They get just under two hours to do their whole case. They get scored from a panel of two judges. One judge conducts the trial and evaluates the team's performance. The other judge just evaluate the team.

They want to make the trial seem as real as possible. There are three judges. Both of Buffalo's teams will have their first competition on January 20.



Photo by Kaisha Tracy

Jacob Beernink takes a role as a defense lawyer for team two. Mock Trial members played double roles due to small teams.



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Graduating seniors decide on future

Bre Hansen
Staff Writer

In just about two and half quarters, the school year will be over. Eighth graders will be looking forward to their first year of high school. Freshman will be happy to not be the little guys of the school anymore and sophomores will be moving up to be upperclassmen. The juniors will be ready to finish their last year of high school. But, what about the seniors? When they graduate, what are they going to do? Where will they go and what are their plans for the future?

One option for seniors, which is becoming more and more popular every year, is college. Ninety-five percent of BHS seniors plan on going to college, but only 66 percent know where they are going. Seventy-eight percent know what they want to do for a living already. While many students participate in some type of a sport during high school, only 24 percent plan on continuing it after graduation.

This is a story about two BHS seniors and what they are doing to prepare for graduation. These are the plans of **Tyler DuSchane** and **Megan Quinlivan**. It tells where they are going, what they are doing, and how they are feeling about graduation.

Tyler DuSchane is looking forward to getting out of high school, getting out of his house, being on his own, going to col-

lege, and eventually making some money. He is definitely excited to graduate, yet realizes that there will be some setbacks. He is not looking forward to basically starting all over again, having to make new friends, and having to pay for a lot more of his own expenses.

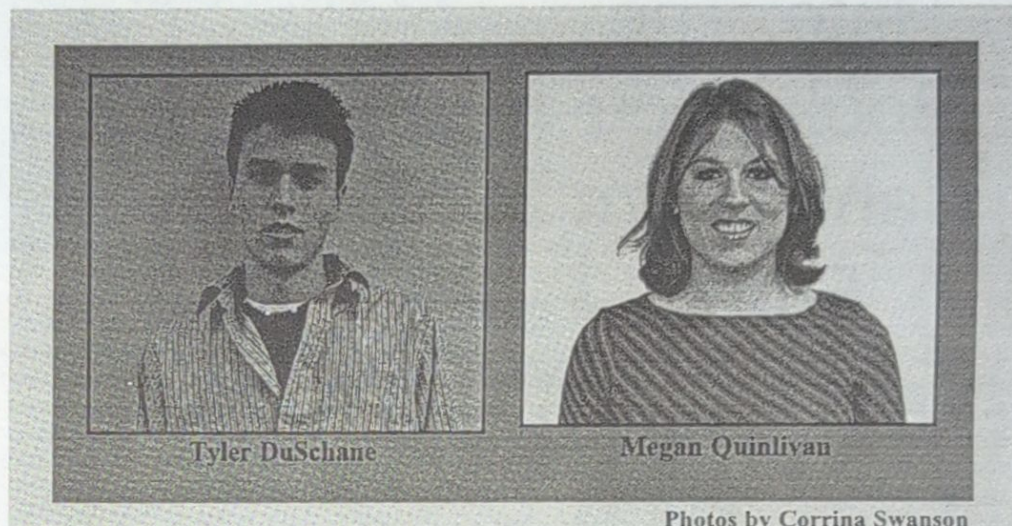
"Paying for expenses will be tough," said DuSchane. "I will need federal and state grants, loans, and a little help from my parents. Of course, I'll graduate in debt."

DuSchane is not doing a ton right now to prepare for college. He is enjoying his senior year in high school and kicking back. His plans for this summer are to work and play in his band. He plays the piano for his band, Godspeed, which consists of Juniors **Mike Christensen**, **Ben Blizel**, and **Ryan Auger**. He is also a fiber-glass technician at Marine Max.

"Hopefully, Godspeed and I will get a chance to play a few small venues over the summer," said DuSchane. "And, of course, I always look forward to cruising in the Z [his car]."

Next year, DuSchane plans on going to college at the Art Institute in Minneapolis. He is going for web design and multimedia. He does not plan on living on campus because of the costs, but is considering living with his dad in Plymouth.

"I'm going to college because I really



Photos by Corrina Swanson

don't feel like working just yet, and I might as well be learning something instead of just sitting around," DuSchane said. "So, I picked something that I thought would be fun and that I wouldn't get sick of. That way, when I'm out of college, I can get a much better paying job, or hopefully, work for myself."

Megan Quinlivan is also looking forward to getting out of the house, getting out on her own, and going to college. However, she is not looking forward to the expenses and having harder work at school. While the thought of being on her own may be frightening at times, she is excited and ready.

"You can't live at home all your life," said Quinlivan.

Quinlivan has been researching internships and how to be successful in interior design. She has also been shopping for supplies that she will need for her new home when she moves out. Her plans for this summer are to have fun and enjoy her time before school. She will also be going to the Czech Republic to visit her dad, who has been there for a couple of years teaching English as a second language.

"I want to visit him and see what it is like over there," said Quinlivan.

Quinlivan will be going to NFIT in New York City next year. She will study interior design.

"I'm going to college because I want to be able to have a good career and do something for myself," said Megan.



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Lack of sleep affects driver

Matt Bauman
Staff Writer

Many nights of little sleep caught up with Junior **Jordan Ruzicka** when he fell asleep driving home and went into the ditch. He had been at his girlfriend's house until one in the morning and decided to drive home even though he was extremely tired.

As he drove home, he kept dozing in and out of sleep. He opened the window for a while to help keep awake, he soon closed it because he thought it was too cold. Just as he got out of Buffalo he fell asleep and his car coasted to the other side of the road. As his car hit the shoulder he woke up and losing control of the car he hit a road approach and his car was airborne for eight feet. Foot on the brake, he tried to stop his car until it finally got caught on a pile of dirt just before he would've hit a tree.

"It happened very fast, but I wasn't scared," said Ruzicka. "I was trying to slow down, but I had no control over the car."

His car was only scraped on the sides, and his left mirror was torn off. The driver side door was wrecked because the metal was torn back by a tree.

Right away he thought, "My parents are going to kill me." He got out and tried to figure out how to get his car out.

Three cars passed and finally the fourth one stopped and helped him get his car out. He rocked the car back and fourth until it was loose, then floored it and drove out the same way he went in.

He noticed his life changed before he even got home. When he was at the gas station in Montrose, he was examining the damage to his car and a Wright County Sheriff Deputy questioned him and made him take a Breathalyzer test, which he passed. The cop thought he may have stolen the new CD deck he had in his car, but he had the receipt in his wallet.

He had to borrow \$1,000 so he could pay his parents for the car and to fix his door.

"It has made me poor and now people think I'm a really bad driver, just because I fell asleep," said Ruzicka. "Parents won't let me drive their kids anywhere, people don't trust me."

His parents constantly remind him, "We could be planning your funeral right now."

Ruzicka knows this and said there are a ton of things the he could've done to prevent it, like drink pop with caffeine or leave earlier (like his parents told him to). It's too late now; he just says it won't happen again because he knows better and will do these preventative things to stay awake.

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Chapters of Hate: The Books You Can't Learn From

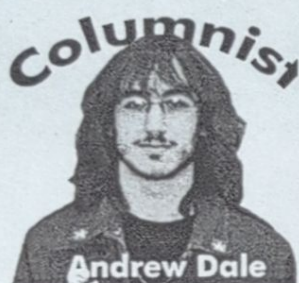
Bookstores are fascinating places -- a wealth of knowledge and different perspectives from all manner of people. They're a place where

everyone can find both something they can relate to and many more things they've never experienced before. However, not every item you'll see on the shelf is entirely worth your attention.

I'm referring to certain political books that, instead of presenting their opinions in civilized, intelligent ways, spew line after line of angry and ultimately useless slander towards another political group. They can rant and rave like Adolf Hitler on crack-cocaine, but they almost always fail to present the author's own viewpoint on the issue at stake. Instead of providing me with a clear idea of how they feel on the subject, they resort to accusations and insults that usually disgust me so much that I slam the books shut and angrily walk back towards the sci-fi/fantasy section.

Authors of these books include Ann Coulter (*Treason: Liberal Treachery from the Cold War to the War on Terrorism*), Michael Savage (*The Savage Nation*), Al Franken (*Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right*) and Michael Moore (*Dude, Where's My Country?*). Most of these books have been or still are New York Times #1 best-sellers, and Michael Savage is even heard daily on over 300 radio stations nationwide. Hate, it seems, sells better than respect.

What is it that makes these judgmental, narrow-minded people so incredibly popular? They aren't changing things for the better with their repetitive rhetoric of hate. Come to think of it, when has hate ever solved anything?



Columnist
Andrew Dale

War leads to no good

Columnist



Columnist
Christine Leonard

Many of our loved ones are dying and nobody can do anything to stop it. The war in Iraq has been going on for about a year now and people think that everything is ok there, however, they are wrong. Recently, more people have been dying in Iraq since the war ended. People who do not have loved ones fighting don't know how dreadful the battle is.

September 11th was a devastating and tragic event that nobody will ever forget. This event has lead us to the pointless war in Iraq where even more people are dying to this day.

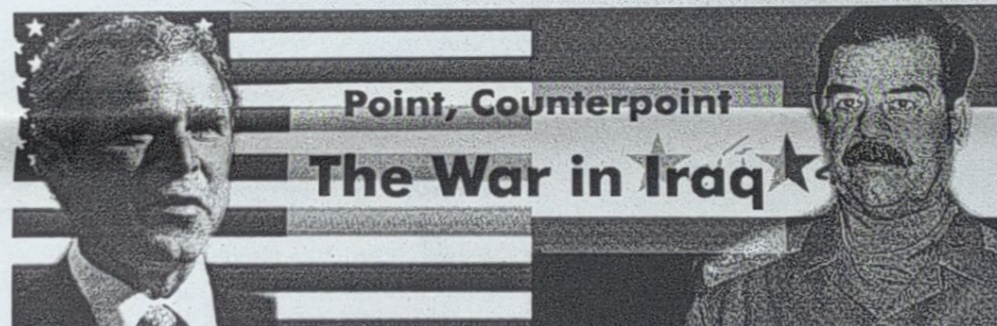
There are people that are pro war who think that going to Iraq will make peace within their country. Tell me this, how

would it help the situation for us to travel to their country and try to "fix it"? Only they can't fix it, even if they really wanted to. Our people are suffering all for nothing and we can't do anything to stop it.

Osama Bin Laden was the person we were trying to kill, not half of the Iraqi population. People should NOT get revenge by killing others and destroying their country for something most of them didn't do. Why sink as low as the terrorists? Why be so cruel?

This war may last another day, another month, another year, or even another decade. Our lives are too short to be suffering like most individuals are in Iraq. We should be living our lives to the fullest and not have to worry about how our loved ones are doing or if they are deceased. This is something nobody should go through in his or her lifetime, but half of us do.

In conclusion, all I want to say is that hopefully all goes well and maybe we will have peace soon.



War: A necessary evil

Columnist



Columnist
Ken Tracy

Since the beginning of time, wars have been waged. All of which have their own reasons, with victors and losers to each one. We fight war to protect the peace, funny statement, but nevertheless true. We're in Iraq to stop an evil empire, much like Hitler's. France and western Europe didn't protest our overthrow of the Hitler regime; However, they now seem to have a problem with our overthrow of the Saddam regime. We have fought and continue to fight to protect our freedoms. Freedoms which we have come a custom to enjoying, and would like to share with the rest of the world.

The devil is but one man, but evil is conveyed by many men. One of these men would be Saddam Hussan. He is a man who

would kill his own family members, and no problem killing his own people as well. With these facts I cannot see what would stop him from killing innocent Americans by funding terrorism and by building up arms to fight us. He has gassed the citizens of Kuwait. This region had once been apart of Iraq and he wanted it back. The main reason he wanted it back was to control more of the world's oil and therefore more world power. George H. Bush went to Iraq in the early 90's and was unsuccessful in his attempt to dethrone evil. Now George W. Bush is going to finish the job. Now if Saddam wasn't stopped the consequences would have been much worse then the repercussions of war. If Hitler was stopped 6 million Jews wouldn't have been slaughtered and 5 million other minorities.

So why are we over there? Oil? Power? Domination? That may be, but it's not likely. We're there to protect the freedoms we have come to love, and we're trying to spread them throughout the world.

"I'm fat and Ugly and I Wish I Looked Like Her" Magazines

Columnist



Columnist
Emily Neumann

Teenage girls all over the world are reading and re-subscribing to beauty magazines such as *YM*, *Seventeen*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Jane*, *Sassy*, and *Vogue*. Personally, I think they are the worst things ever for us, (me being a teenage girl myself). The society and public gives girls a bad self esteem as it is, but then they get them to buy and enjoy something that is full of a bunch of models saying "I'm prettier than you, and if you want to look even close to as good as me you need all this makeup and all these tips." After reading these magazines for so long and looking at all those models showing off their makeup and clothes you automatically are going to wish you look like them, because they are classified as "pretty".

Some girls buy these magazines because they say it gives them makeup tips and shows them how to do things like that. Well, if you haven't noticed, all the pictures of their eyes, with the great makeup job, are lighted just perfectly and mostly computerized. The makeup would not look like that on an average real girl.

It is statistically proven that if you see and hear something a repeated amount of times you are eventually going to believe it. If girls are getting a magazine every week or month telling them how they can look more like the models or improve their looks, after so long, they are going to think they are ugly because they do not look like a Super Model. Two of my sisters got a new magazine every month that they loved to read and look at. My other sister wouldn't even look at them because she feels the same way I do, and I took after her and wouldn't read them either. Just a couple months ago, I figured they couldn't be that bad, but after just flipping through the pages, I already felt like crap. But they don't care because girls will buy the magazine anyways because it is "helping them". All I'm saying is that if you don't like yourself as it is now, I definitely would not read a beauty magazine, it will only make you feel ugly. It will not help you, it will only make it worse with out you knowing it.

Ex-Drug Dealer Tells All

Columnist



Jaimie Duthoy

A lot of you may know who I am most of you may have heard about me. My name is Jaime Duthoy and last year, as a freshman, I was suspended for the last month or so of school for the possession and sales of marijuana on school property.

There have been many things that have happened since then. Obviously, one major thing being that legal consequences do apply to a charge like that. I'll start from the beginning though and let

you know how it all started.

I used marijuana for the first time when I

was eleven years old. After that I only used occasionally but I thought I was really cool and bad because I was so young and doing things that older teens do. When I started to get really heavy into using was in eighth grade. That was also when I sold for the first time. When I did it then it wasn't to make a lot of money or anything but more that I had a connection that nobody else had. Eighth grade came and went and I was still a straight A student and felt that I had things under control. Then I was a freshman.

At the beginning of my freshman year, I wasn't using as much and I was making an attempt to quit using completely. My grades were good and I just decided that I didn't want to use anymore. That worked for a

while but I was getting bored with the whole sober scene so I started using again. In April of 2003 I came across a new, very reliable connection and was able to get large amounts of drugs for close to nothing. That's when I started dealing. I asked my connection to just bag it to be ready to sell and if needed I would just split or double a bag. Things were going well, I was making a lot of money, I was pushing a lot of drugs, and people started to find out that they could come to me for marijuana.

Then, the day that I was caught, I was just sitting in class and I was called down to the office. Needless to say, I was scared out of my mind. The day before I had been talking to someone in a

different class about buying some. Mrs. Swaggert and Ms. Geisler met me at the office and asked me to show them my locker.

Obediently, I did and they found nothing. They told me that someone had reported me into the office for possibly selling drugs. I denied the whole thing just like anyone would have done.

• Drugs

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Artwork by Jaimie Duthoy

Capital punishment needed

Columnist



Ryan Hendrickson

Aha, the death penalty, everyone's favorite topic to debate about. Well, from the start, I'll let you know this is a conservative column and I am 100% for the death penalty. So if you're the conservative type then you will enjoy the next few words and will be able to relate to it. If you're the liberal type then...well...read it anyways and maybe you will be able to think clearly after you finish reading.

Our governor, Tim Pawlenty, has said that he is thinking about bringing the death penalty to this state of ours. With the numerous sexual assault crimes and repeat offenders, Pawlenty has noted that he is sick and tired of the results that they get from putting these criminals through therapy and time in jail. Repeat

sex offenders are always repeat sex offenders.

I agree with Pawlenty all the way. Ever since I knew what the death penalty was, I thought it was the correct way to deal with criminals. When someone kills someone then they shouldn't have the chance to live. Pawlenty's idea to put sexual offenders to death is not the same as putting murderers to death, but has the same general reason. Most repeat offenders are not curable. These people should not be able to be free because of the things they do and the harm they inflict upon society. As pointed out, therapy and jail time do no good for these people and they should be put to death.

Raping young children and women repeatedly is just plain sick and these idiots that commit these crimes are truly the scum of the earth. If these criminals were put to death then the cases would occur less frequently. It may even deter sexual offenders from performing these heinous acts all together.

Ok, now if you're the "feel good, put them in therapy, do anything but kill them" type, this is for you. When the death

penalty comes to mind, you probably think of all of the reasons that it's wrong. For example: if you kill someone by the death penalty then you telling others its ok to kill. When a person murders another person, someone has to enforce laws and regulations. The government's job is to take care of criminals appropriately. When someone takes another person's life, they shouldn't have the chance to live their life. When these criminals kill people its against morals and basic respect for human life. The government doesn't use the death penalty just to say, "look, we're killing people," the government has the power and the right to keep this country safe by getting rid of criminals.

And for these sex offenders, it's almost as bad as killing someone. These criminals deserve nothing and should be put to death. I know you people that are against killing people are feeling all mushy toward these criminals. I guess that you will always be feeling sorry for them until a crime hits close to home. Then maybe you'll change your mind.

Gaborik not worth millions

Columnist



Bre Hansen

When asked who the best player is for the Minnesota Wild, the majority of people would respond with the answer of Marian Gaborik. In most eyes, he is the superstar, the only one worth watching, and by far the most valuable player on the team. But, is Gaborik really that good, and does he really deserve being considered the best one on the team? Is he really worth the millions he is asking for?

When watching hockey, most people, especially those who do not know a lot about the sport, tend to look only at the guy who puts the puck in the net, or the one who makes the beautiful pass to set the whole thing up. And in previous years, Marian has often been that guy. Does anyone pay attention to the player who just worked his butt off to get the puck

out of his own zone? Does anyone see the player who was playing his position the whole time and forced the other team to throw the puck up the ice? These guys deserve some credit, too. Of course the person who scored the goal worked hard for it, but don't forget the other five players on the ice.

In every sports store you walk in to, there are jerseys from all sorts of teams. When you start to sort through the Wild jerseys, the majority of them are likely to have the name Gaborik on the back. If you are watching TV and see a commercial for the Wild, you are very likely to see Gaborik scoring a goal. Everyone knows his face, his number, his position, and everybody loves him! I was at a Wild game just this past week. During intermission, they interviewed a little 5 year old boy over the loudspeaker. When asked who his favorite player was, his response was Gaborik. I have nothing against Gaborik, I think he is a great player, but does he really deserve all of this publicity? I believe that one player can not make or break a team and I think it would be great to see the other players getting some more credit.

The thing that made me most

upset was the fact that Gaborik held out for the beginning of the season, because he wanted a three-year contract worth at least \$6.5 million per season. He is showing right there that he thinks he is better than any of the other players. If all he wants to do is play, like he says he does, he should be happy to receive the same amount of money as the rest of the players.

When Gaborik can prove that he makes this team what it is, I will be ok with him being the most popular player on the team. I will say that he deserves all the money that he wants. But, by the way he has been playing lately, with only a small amount of points and less ice time than last year because of him not staying in shape, he sure does not seem to be the best one out there.

Like I said, a single player can not make or break a team. If they could, then the Wild would not need any other players. They could just send Gaborik out there on his own to take on other teams. There is no possible way that he could do that. He needs his coach and his teammates. There are 25 players on the Minnesota Wild active roster, not just one. Not just Gaborik.

The Mars Volta takes rock back to its roots

Jake Laqua
Staff Writer

The late 90's and early 2000's have produced the worst music ever. The music industry has been content publishing trendy garbage, guaranteed to find its way to the ears of the blissfully uninformed population. However, under the pop-culture radar, a massive amount of talent is swelling, ready to overflow the sluice manned by the corporations.

Ahead of the charge is The Mars Volta, a progressive rock outfit based in San Diego, California. They are leaders of their own independent label, Gold Standard Laboratories (www.goldstandardlabs.com). If 70's progressive rock had kept progressing, it would sound like TMV.

Although they definitely have punk and blues undertones, TMV conjures up a style all their own. They have been compared to Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, and Fugazi, blending torrents of high-pitched lyrics with a rhythmic-slamish, a constant onslaught of musical ecstasy.

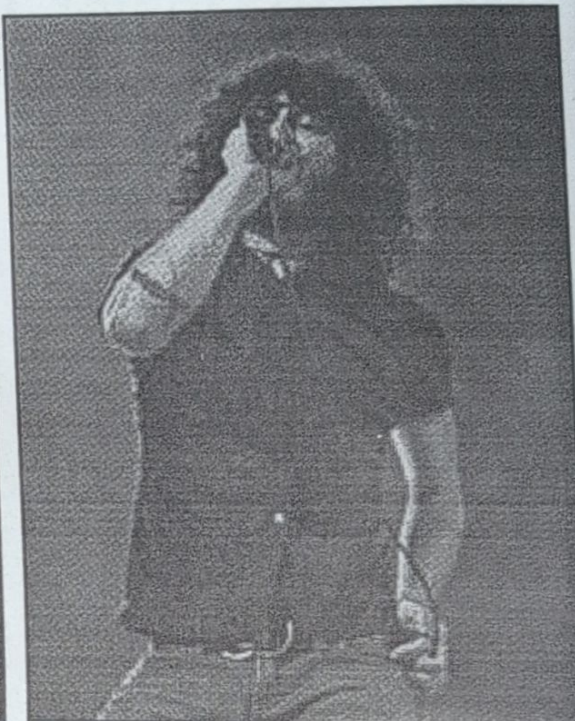
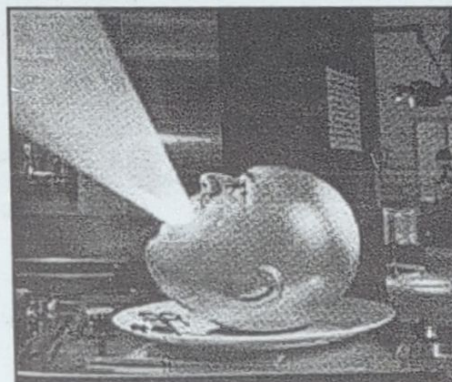
Seeing them live was a dream come true for me. Their debut CD, *DeLoused in the Comatorium*, is approximately one hour long. The show lasted for over 2 1/2 hours. When performing, TMV plays extended versions of their songs; heavy improvisations make it seem more like a private jam session than a club gig.

WARNING! TMV is not for the musically light-hearted, empty-headed, or anyone afraid of the different and strange. TMV

is anything but conventional, so don't bother to check them out if you're expecting the same processed garbage on 93X.

Right: Singer Cedric Bixler pours his heart into the music.

Below: *De-Loused in the Comatorium* album cover.



Buffalo's bands battle it out at The Quest



Photos by Angelica Montantes

Echoed Life's guitarist Nick Lacasse playing his guitar during a performance at The Quest, Saturday, December 13th.



Nick Constanzi brings the stage to life with his guitar, while playing Broadzilla (The Sailor Song) one of Toasterhead's original pieces.



Lead guitarist Steve Vannelli, of Surreal, gets into the music while playing "Make Believe"; one of the bands original songs.

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"It's good for us to model what should be done," Miller said. Miller believes that the biggest problem with recycling is getting it done. "It's the whole idea of doing it, its labor intensive," said Miller. "At a school of this magnitude, it's difficult."

Recycling takes everyone and every business to work. Lead Custodian Ric Lindboe believes that by helping as a community, a difference can be made. "It's a whole community thing," said Lindboe.

Students have claimed that they have seen custodians dump the recycling in with garbage; however, the custodians use the larger receptacles to gather and transport the recycling, and recycling is picked up in an Randy's Sanitation dumpster.

"I don't think we recycle, because we don't want to pay for it," said Junior Jesse Holm. "The recycling bins are just for looks, to make us seem nice."

The janitors said that they never throw recyclables away and there is no policy that would allow them to do so.

Lindboe said that Buffalo High School recycles as much as it can at this time.

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Four swimmers represent Bison at State Meet

Allie Houfer
Staff Writer

As the excitement subsided and the pressure set in, the four Buffalo swimmers knew the time had come to prove themselves against the state's top swimmers.

Anita Isch, Kate Higley, Sarah DeVore, and Kelly Strait felt this pressure as they represented Buffalo's top swimmers at the State swim meet. The four all went to State for the 200 and 400 Freestyle Relay.

"You can't just swim to go to State, all that work you put into swimming you can't just put that into one meet," said Isch.

The Buffalo 200 free relay team placed 17 and the 400 free relay placed 18 overall, on the first day of the State meet, making them unable to return for the second day of Relays at State, due that they did not place in 16 place or higher. But there were also three swimmers out of the four that made it to State for individual events too. Isch went to State in the 100 freestyle, Strait went for the 100 fly, and DeVore went for the 500 freestyle and the 200 freestyle.

DeVore placed 17 in the 500 and 200 freestyle, making her unable to return to the second day of sections. DeVore's season was highlighted by her outstanding records that she broke and continued to re-break over the season, culminating in her first experience at State this season. Isch and Strait would be the two Buffalo swimmer's returning for the second day. Isch returned for the 100 freestyle and placed 16 at the end of the day. Strait returned for the 100 fly and placed 14.

"I was hoping to place in the top eight but it was really, really fast this year," said Strait.

The girls spent the week physically and mentally preparing for their races on the upcoming Friday, with their fellow team mates.

"We spent the week mini tapering, very, very, mini," said Freshman DeVore.

Although, none of the girl's placed top eight, they walked away with smiles.

"I wanted to beat my Section times, and I'm happy with the times I got," said Isch.



Kelly Strait



Kate Higley



Sarah DeVore



Anita Isch

Bowling team wins District, moves on to State

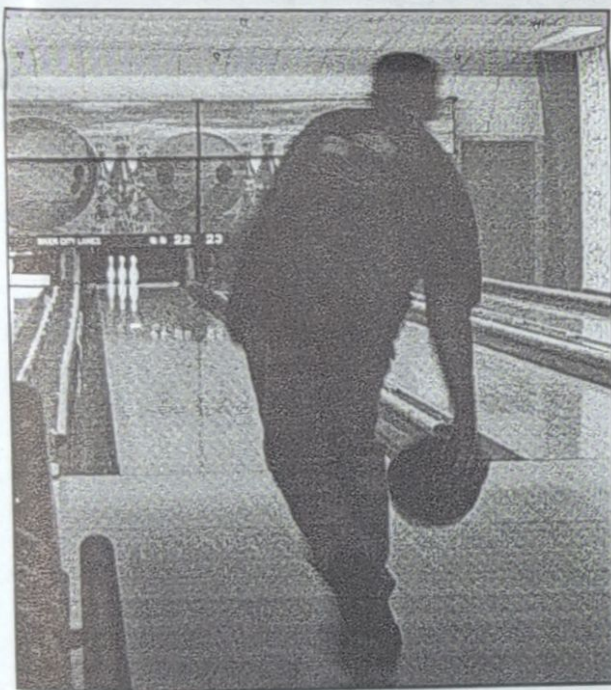


Photo by Karen Baker

Karen Baker
Staff Writer

After ten weeks of practices and matches the Buffalo High School Bowling team has finally made it to state.

With a match record of 10-6 and an average of 161.7 pins, the Varsity team beat the Monticello/Stma Varsity team at District finals, 3-1 alongside Junior Varsity who also won the District championship beating Monticello/St. Michael Albertville's JV team 3-2. Both teams will be participating in the state tournament which is separate for Varsity and JV.

This year's Varsity team consists of Senior **Brandon Thompson**, Juniors **Nick Meintsma** and **Eric Procter** (who is home schooled), and Freshmen **Chuck Varner** and **Tim**

Phillips. Freshmen **Josh Bauman**, **Josh "Twinkletoes" Varner**, **Ben Pecarina** and **Karen Baker**, and eighth grader **Alex Koopman** make up the Junior Varsity team.

"I think the league is good, but I wish there was more teams in our Conference because we have to play the same teams every time," said Meintsma.

The teams in the Conference include Big Lake, Annandale, and Monticello/St. Michael Albertville. Each team is made up of 7-12 graders. The games played in matches are called Baker games. Baker games are played with five players to a game; each player bowls every five frames. For example, the first bowler bowls the first and sixth frame, the second player bowls the second and seventh frame and so on until the game is finished. The first

team to win five games wins the match. "I don't think the competition is good because there are two really good teams and two bad teams," said Procter.

The All Conference Winners for the Varsity team were Thompson, Meintsma, Procter, and Varner. The All Conference winner for the JV team was Varner.

The Varsity State Tournament was held on Sunday, December 7th at Flaherty's Arden Bowl in Arden Hills. The team placed 15 out of 20 after the first ten qualifying games, and went on to play double elimination. The first match was against Moundsview/Irondale. Buffalo lost 2-0. The second match was also lost 2-0 against Columbia Heights.

"It feels really good to get the All Conference Award because I've never gotten it before," said Varner.

Softball players warm up with Winter Ball

Olivia Graham
Staff Writer

Winter ball is on its way and heading for Buffalo for the first year. Winter Ball is an indoor softball league that is put on by the Minnesota Sports Federation (MSF). Buffalo has two teams in the league with players ranging in age from 14 to 18 years old. The Buffalo teams are sponsored by the Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association (BGFA).

Games will be played at the Minnesota Sports Dome in Fridley on

Sundays starting in January and continuing through March.

Greg Graham a member of the Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Booster Club said, "The league is about preparing for the upcoming Minnesota State High School League Softball season."

"I signed up for Winter Ball for two reasons, mostly because it's good practice for the spring season and starting off fresh and ready to go, instead of being rusty," said Junior **Mandy Scott**.

"The Winter league is for those who have the desire to play varsity softball and

improve their softball skills," said Graham.

He also adds it's scheduled around traditional winter sports so that those athletes are not left out.

Any girls wanting to improve their softball skills can get involved in before school training and after school Strength and Conditioning.

"I go to open gym in the mornings and I'm also lifting and running to get in shape," said Junior **Rachael Robasse**.

The before school training session started December first, taking place Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from

6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. There, girls have the opportunity to work on hitting, fielding and throwing.

This year, Graham and **Dennis Walker** will manage one of Buffalo's teams. They are still looking to find one more adult manager for the other team. Graham and Walker's interest in managing comes from the fact that both have daughters playing on one of the Buffalo's teams and for the love of the game.

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Gymnastics springs into the new season

Justin Leeper
Staff Writer

Gymnastics involves flips and jumps and great stuff like that, right? Well this year the team had an extra thing to do. Avoid the falling ventilation. Last month during practice one of the ventilations in the ceiling at the Middle School fell just missing some of the gymnasts. Some think it might be because of there had been water pipe problems, but until it gets inspected and repair they get to practice at GymNation. Things are still going well for them though.

"If anything, we should do better this year. I think we have more depth. It will be difficult to make a Varsity roster week to week with all the girls and their skills," said Coach **Jon Holtz** when asked how he thinks they will do this year.

There are 5 with Varsity experience from last year. Senior **Vera Labute**,

Senior **Chelsie Tapio**, Junior **Ashley Loebertmann**, Junior **Sarah Person**, and Sophomore **Brianna Emmel**. They expect help from Sophomore **Brittani Matzke**, Sophomore **Karin Rossin**, and Freshmen **Lauren Rohlin**. 72% of the team this year is a Sophomore or younger. Only 7 upperclassmen. The 3 seniors, also captains, all had a comment on the team.

"We Have a Strong Team," Labute said.

"We'll have a good year. So many Sophomores with good skills," said **Tapio**.

"We have 7 upperclassmen which are good leaders and role models," said **Miranda Jans**.

Their first competition was away at Owatonna on December, Friday 13th. The varsity team lost with 132 points. JV won with 128 points. Their next meet is home against Moorhead. It will be taking place at BCMS, tonight at 6:00pm.



Photo by Katie Kruck

Gymnastics coach **Jon Holz** spots a gymnast as she practices her floor routine. The team will compete against Moorhead tonight at 6:00 at the Middle School.

Purple Pack provides spirit from the stands

Matt Bauman and Katie Kruck
Staff Writers

Huge crowds of purple and white, cheering and screaming, will soon be a common scene at Bison home games.

This winter sports season, there will be no cheerleaders at any games. Because of budget cuts, the district decided that cheerleading was an expendable activity. So Activities Director Mr. **Tom Bauman**, Cheerleading Coach Mrs. **Paula Herda** and Mrs. **Barb Holmquist** came up with the

idea of getting more school spirit at home games.

"The goal of the Pack is to get more students involved in school activities and feel more like a part of the school," said Mr. **Matt Lubben**.

There are over 50 students involved already and the leaders, Holmquist, Herda, Bauman and Lubben hope to have over 150 students involved by next fall. Students simply get a jersey from Bauman and they get into any home game for free. Which is the reason many students join, but some joined for other reasons.

"It sounded like fun and you get to be a little crazy," said Junior **Wes Christ**.

The idea was first announced at an SSU meeting, and students have heard about it from friends and announcements over the PA. Junior **Jordan Ruzicka** thinks interest will be huge if the school takes the right approach: he thinks the Purple Pack will have a huge affect on how opposing schools play against us.

"We will intimidate them and they'll pee their pants. Some may soil themselves...twice. We'll show that our school has spirit, strength in numbers, and that we'll kick butt," said Ruzicka. "We will be like the mighty Romans and destroy everyone."

• Drugs

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They went to my class and got my backpack and brought it back to the office to search it. Inside, they found three separately bagged eighth ounces of marijuana which made them believe that I was selling, and three glass pipes which proved to them that I was using.

Little did I know, they were talking to some of the people that I had allegedly sold to the day before and found marijuana on one of them. I was suspended that same day along with two other individuals. That was the day that changed the rest of my life.

Over the summer, I had to go to court multiple times and I got away with only one year of probation and a clean record after that one year.

Nothing will ever be the same in any aspect of my life. Since then, I have been depressed, attempted suicide and was hospitalized for two weeks because of it, and most recently I will be spending one month in a chemical dependency treatment facility. My parents no longer trust me, I have lost some friends, and my grades are incredibly bad now.

Selling and even starting to use drugs was the worst decision of my life. I have been regretting it ever since this happened but the good thing is that all of this made me realize that I never needed drugs in the first place and my life would have been much better now had I realized this before.

• Ortelt

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him than good experiences.

"You have to make yourself want to survive," said Ortelt.

There were plenty of times that Ortelt could have been killed, if not by an SS officer, then from the green meat that was served once in awhile. Ortelt had two things to always remember.

"Don't get sick, and don't eat the green, slimy lunch meat."

When the liberation occurred, he weighed only 82 pounds. He stayed focused on the death march that he took part in because he knew the Americans were on there way. Every day Ortelt remembers the tragic events, and has taken the opportunity to go to local school's and talk about his experiences during the Holocaust.

After being liberated, while he was cleaning his face in a pool of water, he looked over to discover the equivalent of 100 American dollars lying in a pile of feces. He took the money out of the pile of feces, and washed it off in the water. Most would cringe at this, but after what he had been through over the past years it didn't even bother him.

Every day Ortelt remembers the tragic events, and has taken the opportunity to go to local school's and talks about his experiences during the Holocaust. Henry Ortelt is now in his 80's and going on strong, his



Photo by Mallory Mitchell

Henry Ortelt and daughter Stephanie embrace after sharing Henry's tragic story of the Holocaust.