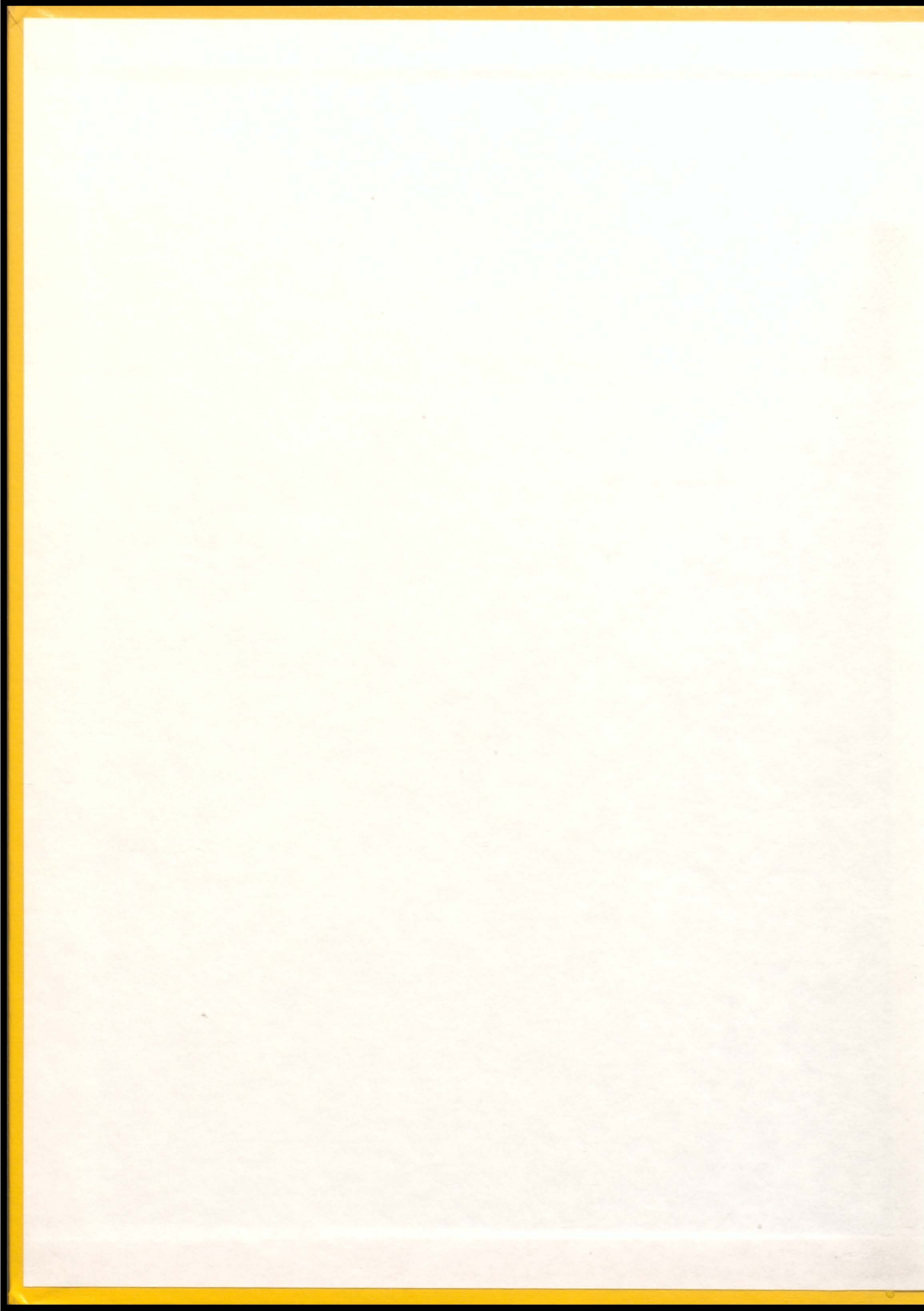


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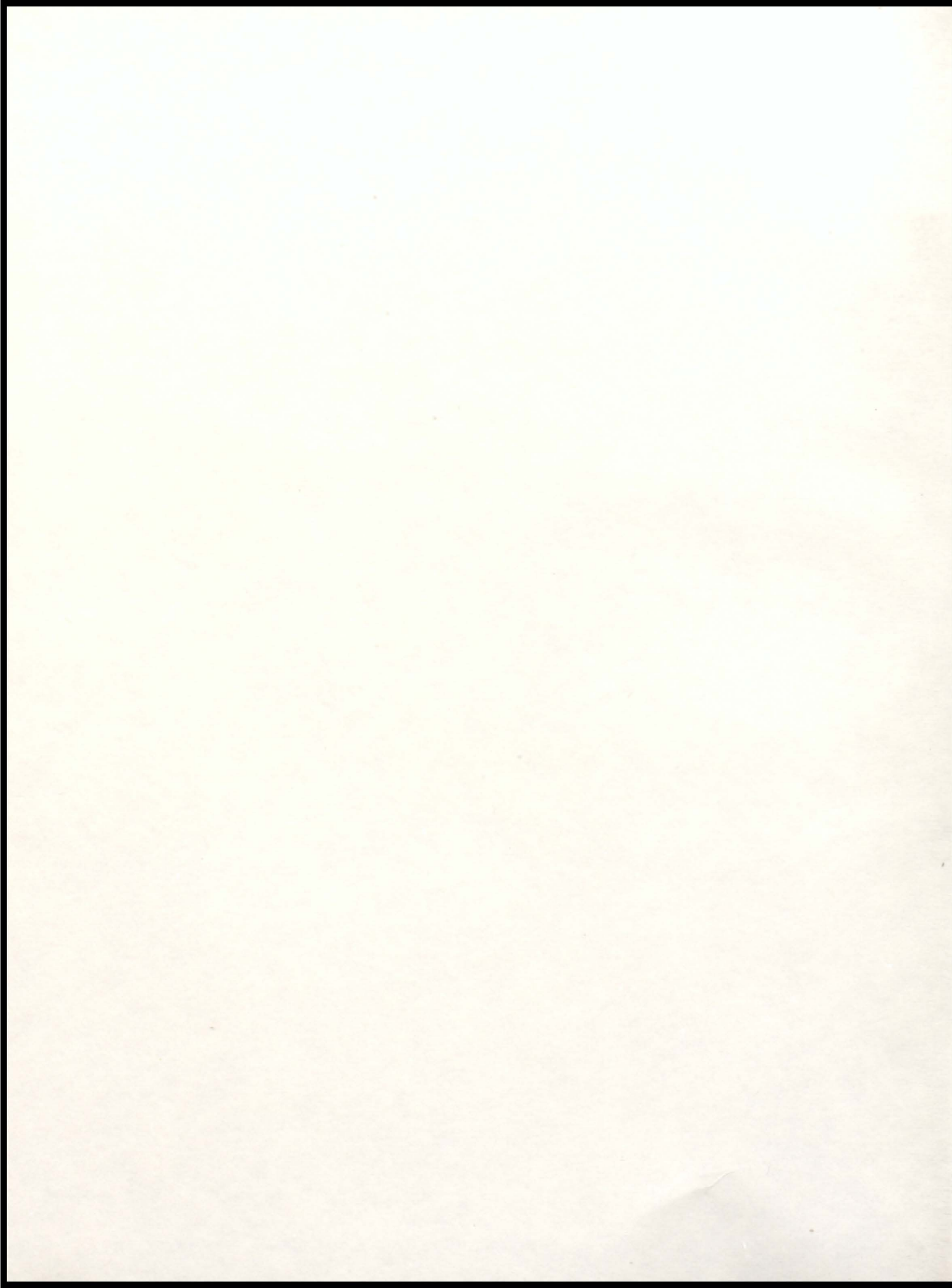
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Northwestern High School pride thrives deeply in the heart of every student. The smaller size of NW adds to its grace and charm. With only 193 students in kindergarten through eighth-grade and only 99 students in the high school, the educational quality excels. Also with the small class size, the classes are allowed to grow closer, which is strongly encouraged and taken advantage of by all students.

One may think that the oldest part of the building, being 30 years old, may look a bit of a mess after so much use, but thanks to the proper care being taken by the students, faculty and janitorial staff, the school maintains its luster. The newest part of the school, being only three years old, also has been properly maintained and still looks like it did when it was first built.

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# INSTRUCTIONS NOT INCLUDED

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Through the many trials and tribulations in school, many students find themselves wondering, "how do I do this?" Sometimes it is easier said than done. For most things in life, instructions are not included, which allows the freedom to go beyond the norm. When one takes a step back and looks at all that has been done, one may realize that instructions were not included and were unneeded in most cases. The measure of true success is when one can go on without instructions.

When people realize that instructions on American Airlines' peanuts packages, which read, "open packet, eat nuts," are truly unnecessary is when they realize that they are a pretty smart cookie.

Sometimes instructions are included in the whole package deal, even though one may not always have to use them. In fact, one may get a better learning experience from trying to do it without the instructions, which is not recommended in all cases. An instance where people should probably use the instructions is when they are putting together an expensive stereo system, and they have yet to figure out how to run the tape deck in the car. That is most definitely a time when one needs the instructions.

Through most of our lives, we go about doing things without any rhyme or reason, trying to make up our own instructions by which to live.



Given little instruction, sixth-grader Dena Steward carefully works on her art project. In art students can fulfill their creative needs through many different forms. Returning to teach art this year is Mrs. Jennifer Jakober.

In awe, the crowd watches the N's blazing fire. It does seem that the crowd may be more enthused by the fire that has fallen on the ground than the fire that is burning on the actual N.

Artist in residence Tom Roberts carefully paints the stitches onto junior Trista Smith's face. Mr. Roberts is highly skilled in makeup and was not afraid to do a little showing off for the classes.



Taking full advantage of the new computer systems, sophomore Jaimie Jaragoske enjoys a game of solitaire over her lunch period.



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Sophomore Edward Kramp listens to a bit of helpful advice on how to live his life right from his elderly looking friend, sophomore Matt Genzler.



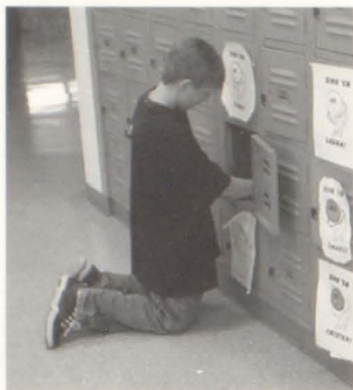
Looking a bit above her age, senior Angela Meyer gives the camera that evil little grandma smile.



Just like at Wall Drug, Northwestern High School offers free ice water, and seventh-grader Tanner Baird takes full advantage of this.



# P E O P L E



## BELOW THE MIDDLE

"I don't like bending down," sixth-grader Casey Smith commented on his incredibly low locker. He plans to move up in the locker system next year.



## PENCILS GO THERE?

Junior Jill Ford displays where she likes to keep her pencil when she isn't using it. Actually, her hand was made up by actor and makeup artist, Tom Roberts.



## TAKES A BEATING

Thanks to Tom Roberts, actor and makeup artist, junior Dustin Steward looks in a very sorry state. No, Steward was not beaten but had makeup applied to his face.



## OUCH, THAT HURT

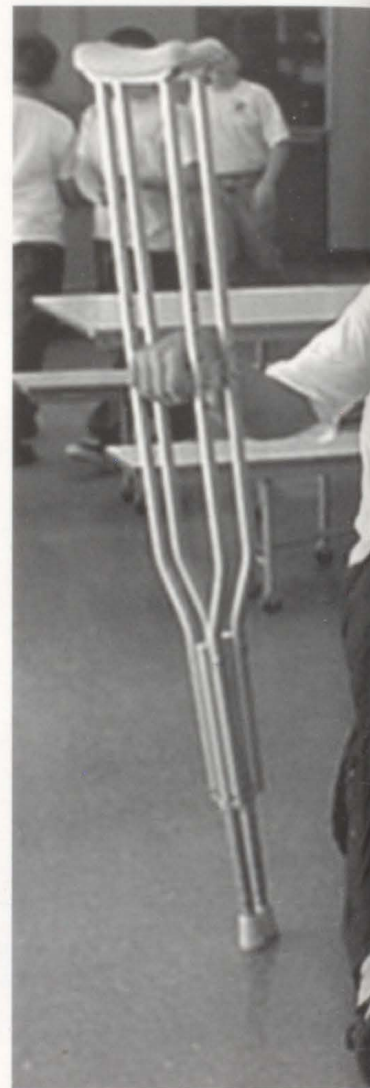
Tom Roberts, actor and makeup artist, worked his magic on sophomore Jaymar Adams in making his face appear to be full of bullet holes.



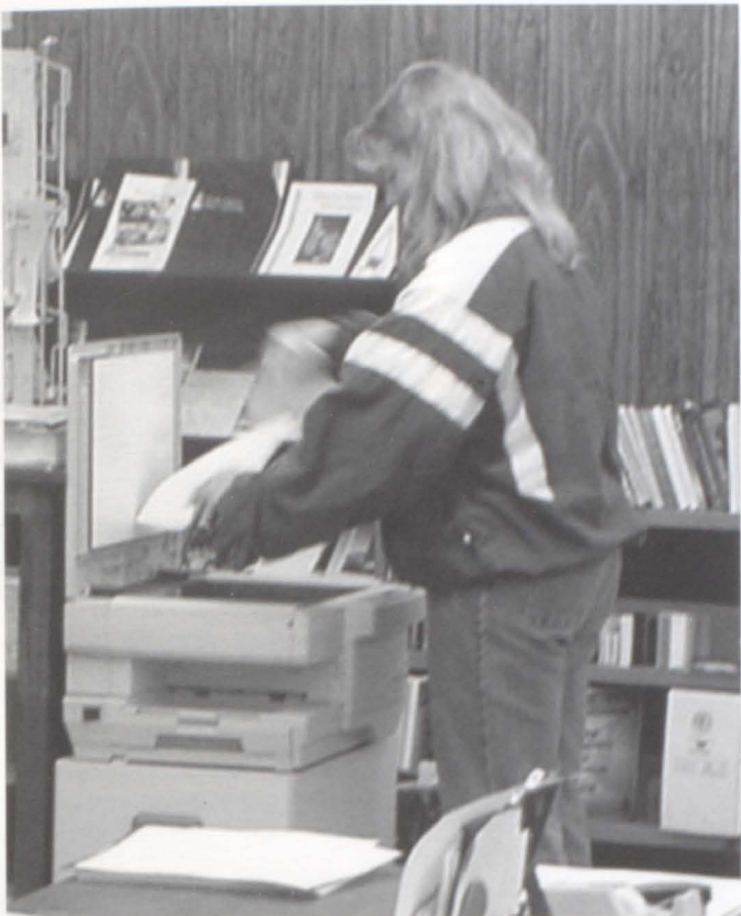
## FOOD GOES IN MOUTH

Senior Ben Buisker demonstrates his educational skills and shows where to put your food when eating in the lunch room. He commented that "the food in the lunch room is not as bad as everybody says it is."

IF AT FIRST YOU  
DON'T  
SUCCEED,  
CHECK THE  
INSTRUCTIONS.  
IF THAT  
DOESN'T  
WORK, CHECK  
WITH THE  
GENERAL  
CONSENSUS.







#### MAKING COPIES

"Since our printers always work," junior Andrea McComsey comments sarcastically, "this thing really comes in handy."

#### HAVING NOTHING

Sophomores Zach Remily, Brooks Kleffman, Trond Peterson and Zach Remily wonderfully display their homecoming and class pride.



#### LOTS OF LOVE

Senior Blair Bohl receives a big hug from his niece Emily after his coronation as 1999 homecoming king.

#### LET ME EXPLAIN

Juniors Christopher DeYoung and Dustin Steward listen to another one of classmate Matt Buisker's tales during lunch. It looks like his story is getting good.



Robb Dixon  
Batteen



Jarod Scott  
Bierman



Blair Robert  
Bohl



## BEYOND THE

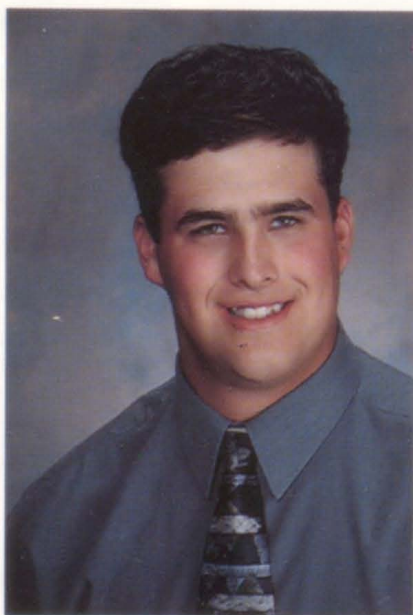
**Out of everything you  
can be,  
be Yourself.**

*As the final class before the new millennium takes its final walk down the halls, everyone knows its legacy will live on. The memories the students have shared with one another will forever live on in all of their hearts.*

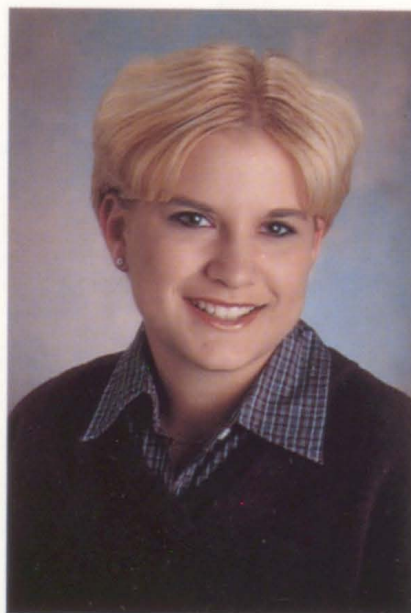
*The memories started back in kindergarten for most of them, 15 of them to be exact. From playing football with Mr. Wade Rozell to Curtis pretending he was pregnant with Blair's baby in first grade, many elementary memories were made.*

*"I especially remember Holly*

Benjamin  
Joseph  
Buisker



Christine  
Lynn  
Eberle



Curtis John  
Ford







Jessica  
Arleen  
Halvorson



Amy Nicole  
Hiedenreich



Wade  
Barton  
Jansen

## NORM

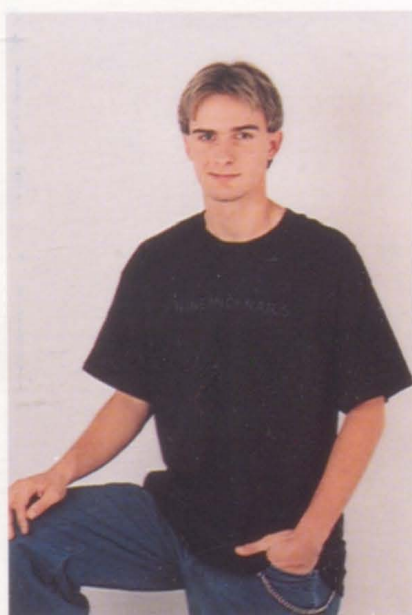
always turning around and smiling at me on my first day of school in second grade. Everyone was just so nice to me, and I felt like I could be myself. Coming from Aberdeen, if someone had a bad hair day, they would laugh, but here no one would care," said Christy Wagner.

"In elementary the class was close; we were like one big family," said Robb Batteen.

Junior high became a turning point in many of their lives. Being exposed to dances, mov-  
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During junior year the class of 2000 had no idea that their homecoming float would win best student float, especially with Mrs. Dena Seivers as the adviser. Relaxing concerned the class most throughout high school. This is one of the few pictures taken of the entire class, with the exception of two members, Kraig Steinhoff and Mike Kramp, who are victims of an editing problem in which they just did not fit.



Joseph  
Patrick  
Jaragoske



Tyler  
Robert  
Kienow



Michael  
Todd  
Kramp



# INSTRUCTED FOR THE FUTURE

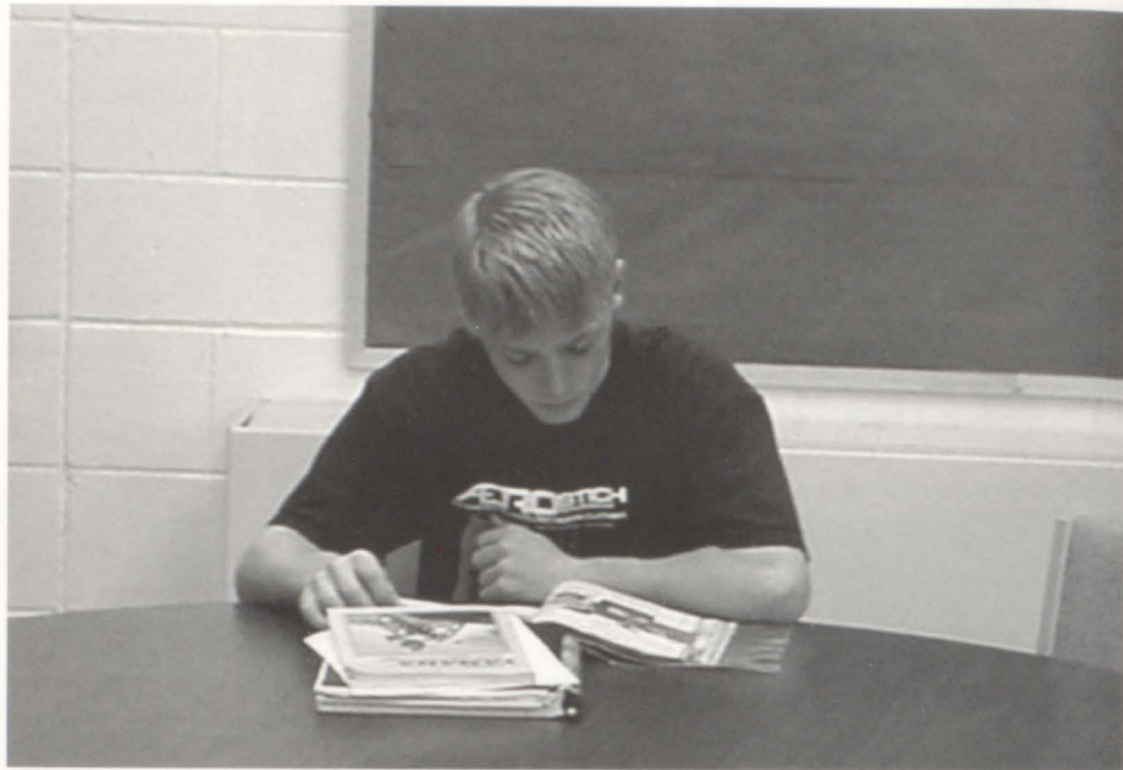
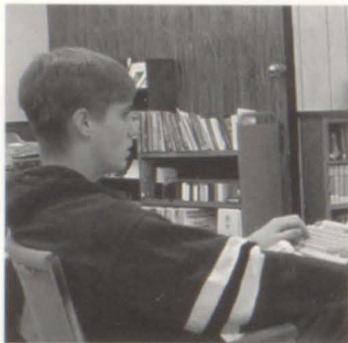
## A Look Back at the Seniors

### READ AND LEARN

Justin Tolvstad enjoys reading his magazine while taking a break from school work in the library.

### COMPUTER MAN

Wade Jansen works on a project on the computer in the library.



## SENIOR FACTS

Laid head to toe, the whole senior class would be 8,808 inches long.

The average number in family is 5.0 members.

22 plan to attend college or vocational school.

26% have brown eyes

39% have blue eyes

35% have hazel eyes

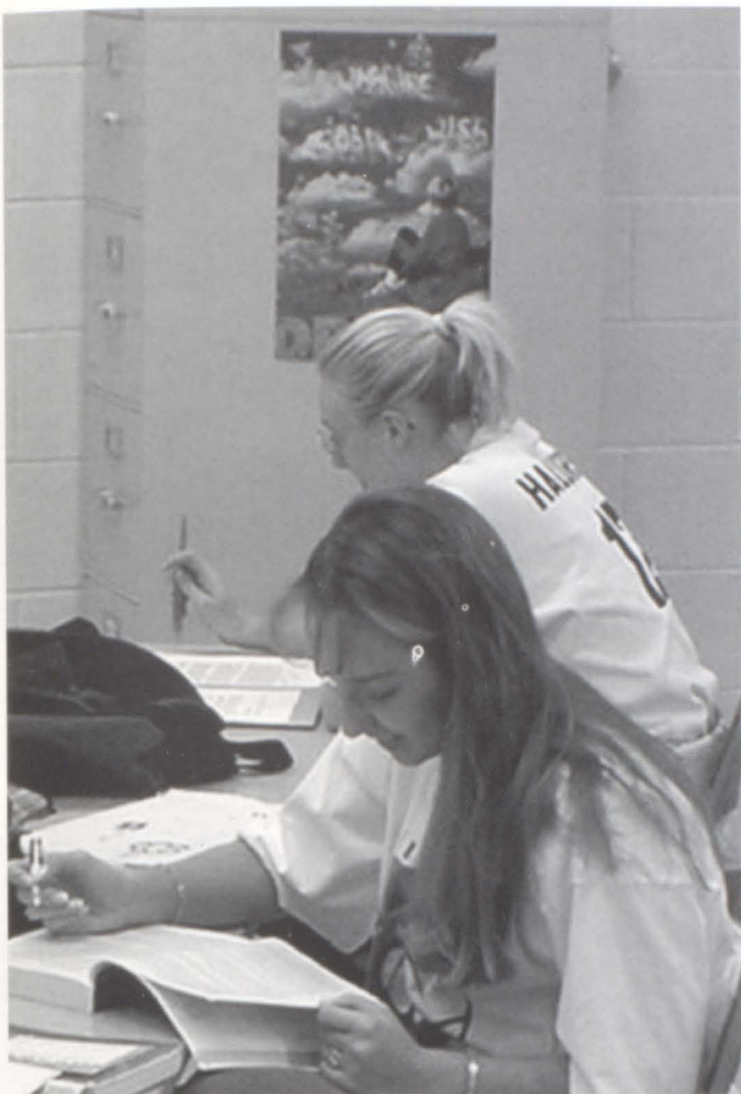
57% have brown hair

39% have blonde hair

4% have red hair

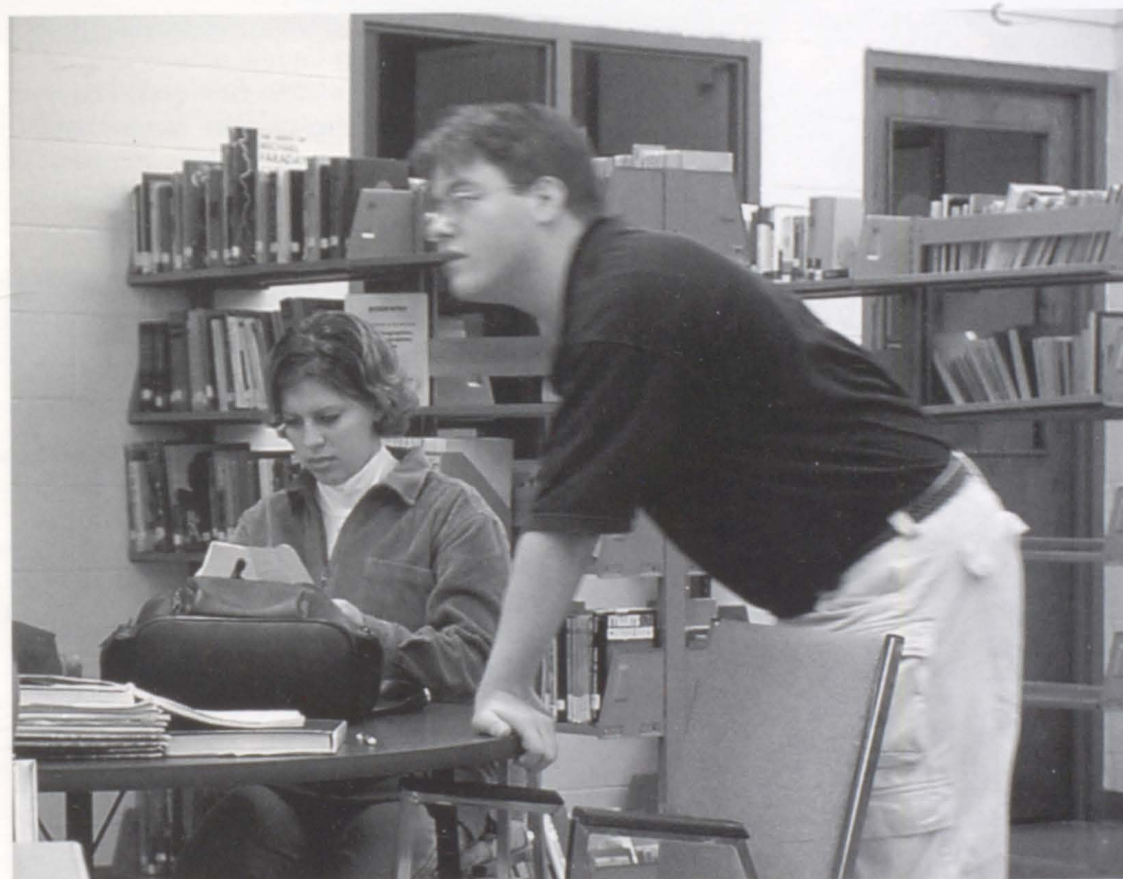
96% are right handed

4% are left handed



**STUDY HARD**  
Jessica Halvorson and Amy Heidenreich stud hard while in RDTN English.

**DOING HOMEWORK?**  
Angela Meyer and Christy Wagner work hard on homework, but is it what they are supposed to be doing?

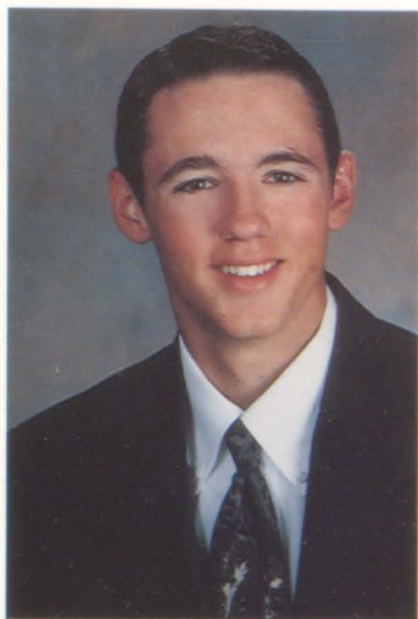


**INTERESTING HOMEWORK**  
Tyler Kienow and Mike Kramp debate the interesting points of their homework.

**WHAT??!!!!**  
Robb Batteen leans over and asks Holly Wetzler what in the world that is.



Matthew  
Kraig  
Larson



Dana Diane  
Little



Angela  
Janell Meyer



As fifth-graders the boys were already a bunch of winners. They also were actually really cute then, too. Elementary sports for most were some of the greatest times in sports because so few of the rules were followed or enforced, which always added much entertainment to the games. Many parents have memorabilia of these interesting games locked far back in closets and tucked in to drawers, which is where it should stay.



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ing from class to class and dating were some of the highlights.

"At the lock-in for initiation, Korey Frericks made us, (Matt) Larson, Tim (Smith) and I, sing the Barney song, and they hit us with those light-saver things," said Tyler Kienow.

The final four years of high school went by all too quickly. These four years, though the class experienced many new changes, made each one a total individual.

The class's final year had to be the cherry that topped an already great cake. They all finally got the chance to somewhat get a revenge during slave

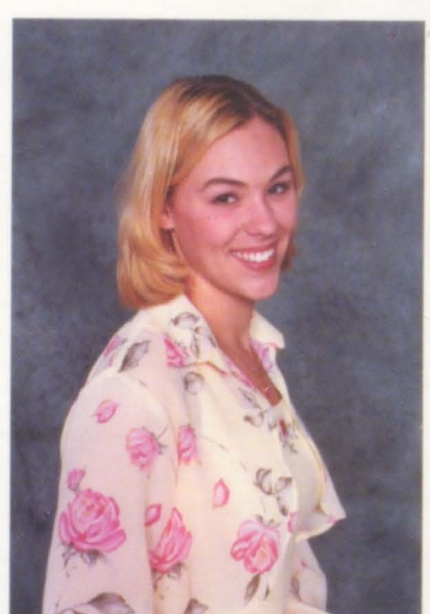
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O'Daniel



Ariel Lei  
Richter



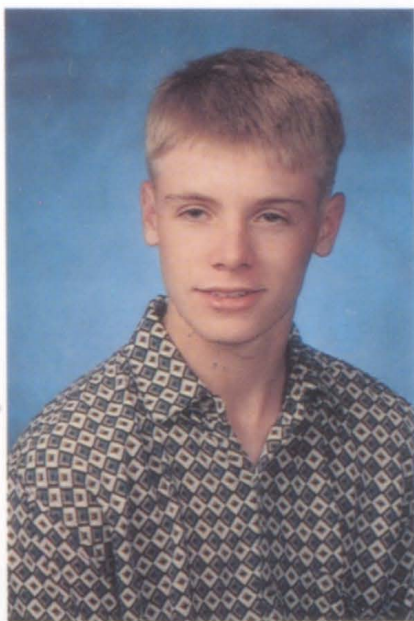
Sabrina Kay  
Siebrecht







Kraig  
Michael  
Steinhoff



Justin  
Farren  
Tolvstad



Christy  
Marie  
Wagner

day by being extra mean to their slaves.

"Our masters were not the meanest to us, but we were sure mean to our slaves," said Wade Jansen.

Through all these years, the class of 2000 really came together, yet the students stayed separate in their own ways. Between the decisions involving prom junior year to deciding on graduation colors, the discussions were always heated.

"It was a very emotional and traumatic experience, and I hope I never have to go through it again!" exclaimed Holly Wetzler.



Contrary to the belief of the class, this is not the winning homecoming float this year -- even though it is quite creative and features cute little fish paper and the cute little saying "Savin' up for a tropical vacation" written on the back. It also is a very safe and health-conscious float, and the class decided not to throw the fattening, sugary candy projectiles that most other floats choose to include in their presentation.

Class Colors

**GREEN AND GOLD**

Class Flower

**WHITE ROSE**

Class Motto

**OUT OF EVERY-  
THING YOU CAN BE,  
BE YOURSELF.**



Meagan  
Dennise  
West



Holly Ann  
Wetzler



Looking toward the future, the juniors waited for their time to shine

"I think we are all waiting for our senior year next year," said Andrea McComsey.

In their waiting process, they got a jump start on their futures by attending a college day in Aberdeen and taking tests such as PSAT and ASVAB to help them in their search for colleges and careers.

"It was a roller coaster of emotions," said Ryan Criddle.

Along with preparing for future plans outside of high school, they had time to raise money for their class and fund raising for prom. The juniors sold magazines and made their goal of \$6,000.

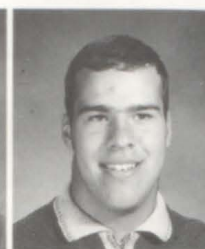
"The year was full of new endeavors and many challenges," said Tracey Smith.



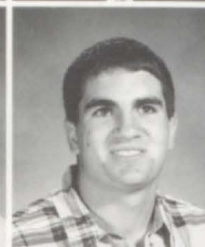
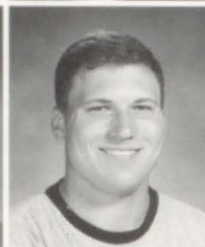
# ROLLER COASTER YEAR

Class of 2001

Lorra Beardemphl  
Ashley Braun  
Matt Buisker



Kary Bullock  
Sara Christensen  
Ryan Criddle  
Christopher DeYoung



Michelle Eberle  
Jill Ford  
Joseph Green  
Darren Haessig



Benjamin Hammer  
Dixie Jeschke  
Brittanie Kraus  
Andrea McComsey



Jackie Mitchell  
Kayla Ortley  
Jacob Palmer  
Tracey Smith



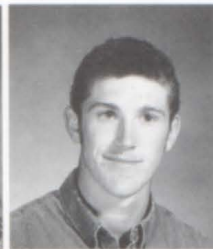
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Renae Sparling  
Dustin Steward  
Marie Wedemann







Jaymar Adams



Starla Baird  
Robert Baumgarten

# Class of 2002 ON THE ROAD AGAIN



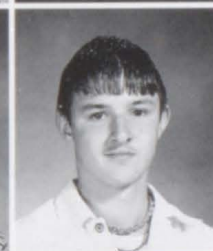
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Matt Genzler  
Nicole  
Hammer



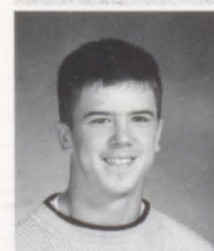
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Michelle Jilek  
Mark Kellar



Brooks  
Kleffman  
Christina  
Kramp  
Edward Kramp  
Shawn Malsam



Tessa Mayer  
Jason  
O'Daniel  
Amanda  
Peterson  
Trond  
Peterson



Zachary  
Remily  
Tara Richter  
Kris Sparling  
Kayla Stahl



Jared Steger  
Jackie Tolvstad  
Brittany West  
Brett Zerfoss

As the year rolled on, so did the sophomores.

They took trips to Aberdeen and Watertown to learn more about different careers.

"(The year) has been very unpredictable," said sophomore Brent Duerre.

Not only were they on the road, but they were also in the books, as many of the students had full sched-

ules.

Among them there were a few Spanish II students, who furthered their Spanish-speaking skills.

"It's been an exciting year, and we had a good football team," said Starla Baird.

"The underclassmen need to be

aware of the speeches," said Brittany West.





On their way to a new and exciting year, the freshman did new and challenging things in their first year of high school.

The freshmen took part in slave day.

When asked about going from junior high to high school, Jennifer Fuhrman said, "that it is a challenge."

Many of the freshmen were busy with homework and extracurricular activities.

Of the sports the freshmen were in, Brad Bierman and Lee Mielke said, "the best part about school is football."

Quite a few of the freshmen said that their goal as a class was to put on a dance, some day.



# FRESH-NEW START

Class  
of  
2003

Wendy Beardemphl  
Brad Bierman



Danielle Braun  
Mark Braun  
Robert Brown



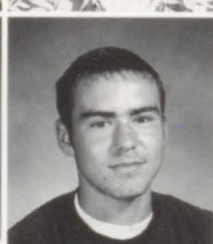
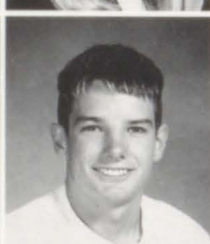
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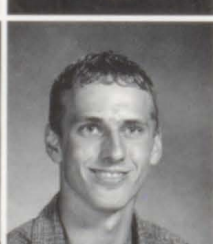
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Charlotte  
Green  
Jason  
Hanson  
Jamie  
Jaragoske



Jason Kellar  
Brady  
Kleffman  
Shane  
Malsam  
Marcus  
Martin



Lee Mielke  
Desa Oberle  
Nathan  
Schaunaman  
Michael  
Schnell



Brandi  
Schumack  
Angela Spear  
Jenna  
Williams  
Chelsea  
Young





Class  
of  
2004

# TAUGHT LOVE

With their theories on school food, arm wrestling, accidents, and their love for fellow classmates, the eighth graders always had stories to tell.

"Everyone loves SRB" said Tara Smith.

The class's greatest joys was extracurricular activities. They all loved sports and were happy with the turn-outs of their seasons.

"This year I played football and had a good time," said Chris

Haselhorst

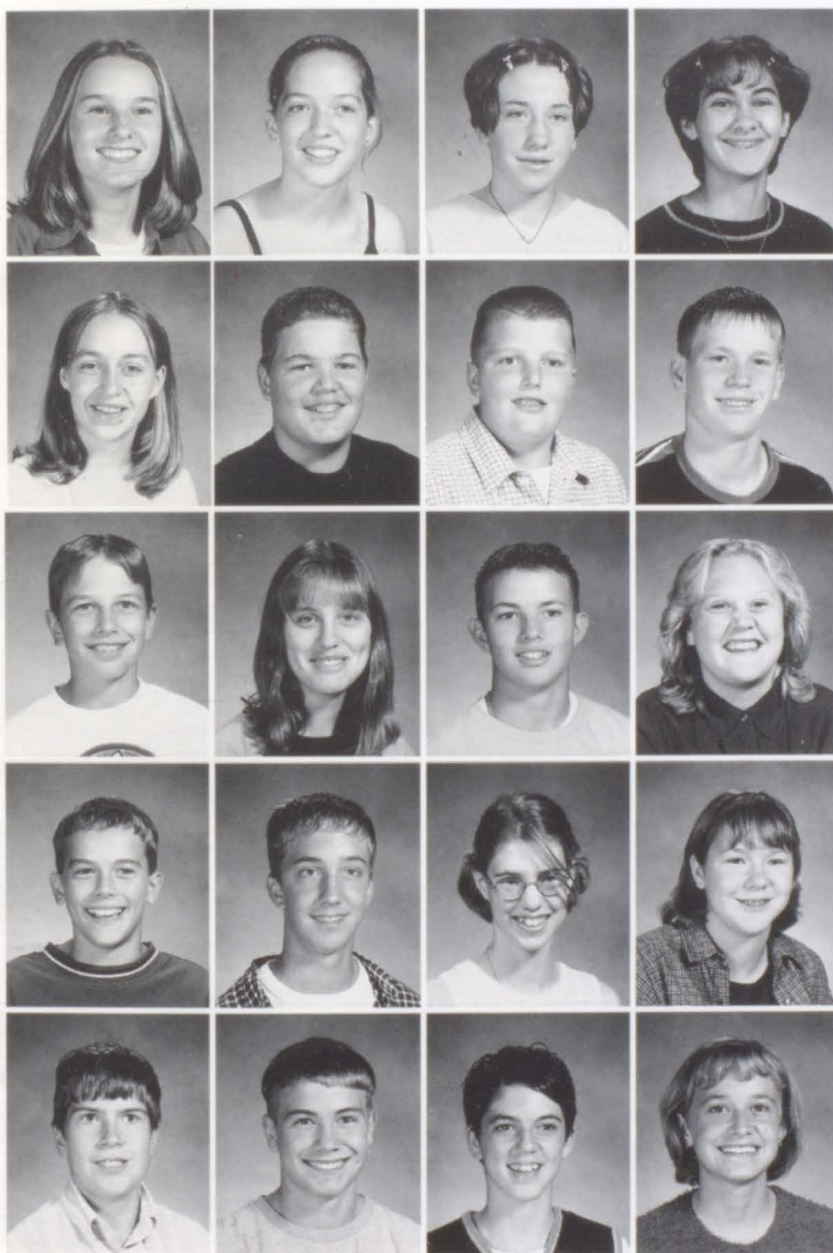
The eighth graders liked listening to the new, alternative music stations.

They were extremely excited about listening to the radio

in their cars that most of the class began driving to school.

"I'm happy we get to drive this year,"

said Erica Adams.



Erica Adams  
Holly Beardemphl  
Kristina Bloomhall  
Courtney DeWitte

Launa Fuhrman  
Nickolas Hahler  
Evan Halvorson  
Chris Haselhorst

Blake Jeschke  
Starla Kellar  
Nicolas Kramp  
Penny Martinson

Jason McComsey  
Ross Mielke  
Joy Schirle  
Kayla Sheridan

Ausin Sitter  
Nathan Smith  
Tara Smith  
Dena Steward



If you looked for mischief, you would have found the seventh-grade class.

Between walkie-talkie fun and telling jokes, they knew how to find trouble.

"Miss Graves told us stories and lost her stuff, and it's really funny," said Mary Eisenbeisz.

They did not all agree on a favorite class, though many appreciate the extra time they get in student responsibility block.

"P.E. is fun. You don't get any homework," said Jodi Fischbach.

Several students were involved in sports. They thought they were physically fit from all the exercise they did.

"I made two baskets this year (in basketball)," said Amber Genzler.

The seventh-graders will continue to improve and to keep getting into mischief as they move through junior high.



# GETTIN' INTO MISCHIEF

Class of 2006

Tanner Baird



Jeremy Braun  
Joshua Braun  
Jamie Christensen  
Christine DeWitte



Mary Eisenbeisz  
Jodi Fischbach  
Austin Fischbach  
Amber Genzler



Kelli Hammer  
Samuel Helling  
Dustin Hieb  
Dustin Hoellein



Darren Jilek  
Megan Ladwig  
Alexia Lutter  
David O'Daniel



Aaron Olson  
Andrew Overby  
Stephanie Peterson  
Alex Schnell



Casey Smith  
Mitch Steinhoff  
Daniel Young  
Austin Zens





Class  
of  
2007

# STEPPIN INTO SIXTH GRADE



Diedra Artz  
David Bierman



Marty  
Braasch  
Kody Bullock  
Caleen Fortin  
Dexten Frericks



Jordaon Gab  
Brandon Gueke  
Jessica Hammer  
Amber Hansen



Christina  
Johnson  
SaraJo Kegler  
Bryn Kleffman  
Jonathan Lamb



Alex Mitchell  
Joel O'Daniel  
Chase Peta  
Kajsa Schirle



Jeremy Sitter  
Benjamin Smith  
Teri Smith  
Derek Steward

The sixth-graders took a big step from elementary to junior high this year.

"It's more fun than elementary," added Jessica Hammer.

Many of them enjoy the 90-minute classes and changing different teachers.

"Sixth-grade was more fun because you got to move around from different classes," said Sara Jo Kegler.

Many of the classes they took

were science, reading, language, band, physical education,

social studies and chorus.

"I liked reading, and it's cool," said Alex Mitchell.

Most of the them enjoyed Mrs.

Denise Clemens' science class, learning about different sciences and

technology.

They also learned about ancient stories and surplus in social studies. The sixth-graders had a great year and are enjoying every bit of school.





Fifth-graders, the talk of the elementary, the big dogs, the masters of recess, were very successful this year in their studies.

From studying biomes to growing plants in science class they have done it all. In social studies they studied Christopher Columbus and his adventurous voyage to America.

"Homework matters if it is fun or not," said Nathan Peterson.

Both boys and girls had their fun with sports.

The boys played both flag football and basketball, and the girls played basketball.

"If you stay in school, you are cool," said Jeff Walcholz.

The fifth-graders had an exciting last year as being the oldest students in the elementary.

"School rocks!" exclaimed Alisha Lutter.



# THE BIG DOGS

Class of 2007

Amy Clemensen



Frances Dvorak  
Alyssa Fischbach  
Danielle Fischbach  
Justin Frericks



Joshua Hahler  
Caleb Kellar  
Kade Kellar  
Spencer Kienow



Courtney Lerew  
Lesley Little  
Alisha Lutter  
Ronald Martinson



Austin Morgan  
Jason Oberfoell  
Melany Peterson  
Nathan Peterson



Zane Peterson  
Dana Spear  
Jeff Walcholz  
Brittany Zens





Class  
of  
2008



# FAVORITES FOURTH

On the road to a bright, new future, the fourth-graders got a good jump start.

"My favorite class is art, and (I) really enjoyed the science plant scrap book," said Alex Funk.

They started off with learning how to add, subtract and multiply. One of the math projects they did was the class wrist measurements. In this project they learned

about  
m e -  
d i a n ,  
m o d e  
a n d  
r a n g e .

"My favorite class was science, and (I) really enjoyed the class wrist measurements project," said Jenae Hansen.

In the science area, they learned about plants. They made a scrapbook about plants.

"Science is (my favorite class)," said Cory Schnell, "(but I) also enjoyed the science plants scrapbook."



Ashlee Arthurs



Brittany Bauer  
Kelli



Boekelheide  
Benjamin



Borchard



Katelyn Dvorak



Terrance  
Franks



Alex Funk



Christopher  
German



Michael  
Graham



Jenae Hansen  
Danny



Haselhorst  
Elissa



Heidenreich  
Travis Hieb



Carl Hoellein



Rebecca Hubbs



Kali Jeschke



Angela Morgan



Roy Oberle



Sara O'Daniel



Mitchell Reed



Cory Schnell





As the transition year of third grade progressed, the students had fun perfecting their computer and keyboarding skills, making their own simple tools and constructing space helmets.

"Math is definitely my favorite class," said Josh Walcholz.

The students had many things to say about Mrs. Marilyn Battey's store. After working with money

in class, they could not wait until the

store opened so they could go shopping.

Everyone was excited during the holidays.

"We ate Mrs. Battey's brew!" said Thomas Morgan.

Not only were math and holidays a favorite but recess was also.

"At recess we played soccer!" exclaimed Maggie Clemenson.

As the third-graders have shown, they are definitely the best of the third grade.



# BEST OF THIRD GRADE

Class  
of  
2010

Laura Bade  
August Cass



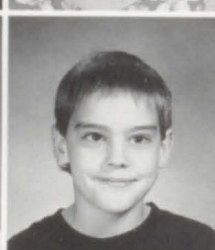
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DeWitte  
Shari Fischbach  
Kevin Ford



Kobryant  
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Ali Hawley  
Rachel  
Hubbs



Caryn Johnson  
Alyssa  
Krumveida  
Saven  
Lechner  
Erica Lerew



Stephanie  
Mastel  
Alexzandria  
Metzinger  
Thomas Morgan  
Samantha  
Papousek



Keith Purcell  
Desaray Schnoor  
Timmy Selzler  
Josh Walcholz





Class  
of  
2011

# ON THE ROAD TO LEARNING

Exciting, new learning experiences filled the year for the second-graders.

The students adjusted well into their new environment from first grade to second grade and had fun throughout the year.

"Having Mrs. McAreavey for a teacher (was the best part of second-grade)," said Nona Hawley.

The students had fun

in art class, finger-painting and working with paper cut-



outs.

"We had to mix colors together for finger-painting," said Korie



Braun.

The students also

learned how to add and subtract in arithmetic.

These second-graders also enjoyed computer class.

"You get to do lots of fun activities (in computers)" said Jesse Sitter.

All these experiences kept them on the road to learning.



Betsy Borchard  
Korie Braun

Ty Brown  
BJ Cass  
Logan  
Clemensen  
Colette Fortin

Landon Gab  
Caroline  
Hansen  
Nona Hawley  
Daniel Johnson

Bryce Ladwig  
Jenna Larson  
Grasen  
Lechner  
Evan Morgan

Cory Oberfoell  
Carly Peterson  
Megan Peterson  
Gary Phillips

Anysia Reed  
Tanner Sale  
Jesse Sitter  
Michelle Two Hearts





Reading, writing and some arithmetic were just some of the things the first-graders learned during the year.

"On green days I liked to go to computers," said Konacin Black Elk.

The students learned how to read, and it became one of their favorite things to do. They also learned addition and subtraction.

"I like to do math," Tyler Hahler said.

They were given block puzzles which often disappeared into someone's desk. The greatest excitement was the two new dwarf hamsters and the snails that were the class pets.

Russel Hubbs said, "I like Thanksgiving ... I like math ... I like my pencil!"

With all the new toys and things to learn, the class had a great year and lots of excitement.

# ASPIRING GRADERS FIRST

Class  
of  
2012



Casey Bade  
Alex Bauer



Konacin BlackElk  
Joni Boekelheide  
Joshua Clemens



Kelsey Etl  
Kara  
Fischbach  
Hilary  
Frericks  
Taylor Funk



Kyler Groft  
Tyler Hahler  
Russell  
Hubbs  
Ryan  
Krumveida



Logen  
Lechner  
Elizabeth  
Leonhardt  
Sasha Metzinger  
Aylssa Morgan



Darian Richter  
Michael Smith  
Ethan Steward  
Kelsey Warnke





Class  
of  
2013

# KICKIN' IT IN KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is not an all-work and no-play situation.

Every day the students got a few minutes in which they could enrich their creative sides and have a little fun at the same time.

During playtime they dressed up, played with blocks or played with a large array of other toys.

"(I) dressed up as a movie star," said Addy Scriver.

Kindergartners had quite the inquiring minds

and asked many questions about what the "big kids" do.

They wanted to know if high school

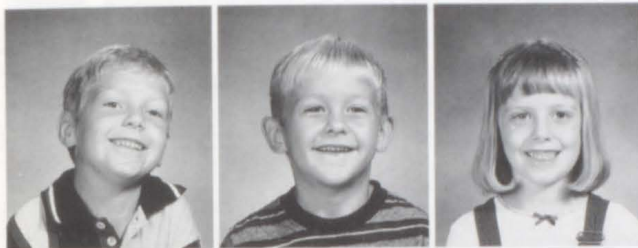
was harder than kindergarten.

"Do you match words up?" asked Jared Fischer about

life in high school.

They got to know their teacher, Mrs. Mitchell, very well.

"She teaches us things," said Gabrielle Morgan.



Alex Boekelheide  
Logen Brown  
Katrina Frericks



Laken Frericks  
Jared Fischer  
Ashley German  
Jenniger Lefforge



Adrianna Lutter  
Laine Mielke  
Gabrielle Morgan  
Shelbie Papousek

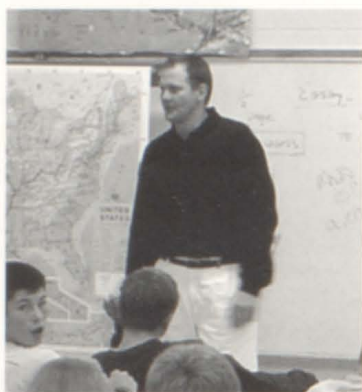


Shelby Peterson  
Ruth Phillips  
Kevin Purcell  
Alexandria Scriver



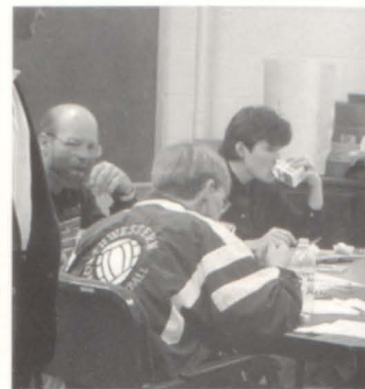
Madison Smith  
Mariah Taylor  
Jamie Wacholz  
Haley Wetzler





Mr. Scott Boone entertains his seventh-grade class with one of his interesting lectures.

# INSTRUCTORS GIVE DIRECTION



Miss Kathy Graves, Mr. Dennis Larson and Mrs. Denise Clemens take a well-deserved lunch break.

Joan Allbee: first grade  
Marilyn Battey: third grade  
Scott Boone: social studies, psychology, government, assistant football coach and girls' track coach

Christy Cardella: sixth-eighth-grade English and study skills

Kim Carson: eighth - 12th-grade FACS and careers and internships

Denise Clemens: science, math, assistant girls' basketball coach and science bowl

Roberta Eisenbeisz: sixth - ninth-grade science, 11th-12th-grade physiology

Shelley Fischbach: k-fifth-grade computer and library skills, eighth-grade computers and sixth-grade keyboarding

Anne Frericks: ninth-12th business, seventh-grade computers and FBLA

Kathy Graves: seventh-and eighth-grade math, social studies and English, 12th history and volleyball coach

Nora Groft: ninth-12th-grade English, journalism, jr. high girls' basketball coach, assistant volleyball coach, jr. high oral interpretation coach and National Honor Society adviser

Roylene Heidenreich: fourth grade

Jennifer Jakober: sixth-12th-grade art

Bob Kiesz: high school band and chorus

Dennis Larson: k-12th-grade physical education and health, high school oral interpretation coach and junior-senior play

Lois McAreavey: second grade

Vicki Mitchell: kindergarten

Jackie Remily: resource room

Duncan Robertson: computers, technology coordinator and network administrator

Wade Rozell: fifth grade, jr. high football coach, boys' basketball coach and boys' track coach



Jeanette Scherr: Title I reading  
Dena Sievers: Algebra I, II, geometry, college algebra, trigonometry, Applied Math II, girls' basketball coach, jr. high track and math club adviser  
Wendy Thorson: k-fifth-grade music, sixth- and seventh-grade band and sixth-eighth-grade chorus





# ADMINISTRATORS TAKE CHARGE

THE

BIG

THREE

Through the administration's hard work, students are given the best education possible at Northwestern.



"If all years go as smooth as this past year, they won't need me," said Mr. Ray Sauerwein, who serves as secondary principal, ninth and 10th grade technology teacher and football coach.

**Secondary Principal**



"The students and staff at Northwestern help to make our school one of the best," said Mr. Mike Steinhoff, who serves as superintendent and athletic director. Steinhoff came to the school in 1990.

**Superintendent**



"The students, teachers and support staff at Northwestern are all part of a great organization that I am proud to have been part of," said Mr. Merle Bomesberger who serves as elementary principal.

**Elementary Principal**



Karen Bacon: elementary aide  
Karla Borge: special education and elementary aide  
Bill Clemens: custodian  
Beth Duerre: guidance counselor



Lynn Hoellein: RDTN facilitator and office aide  
Dennis Jeschke: custodian  
Jeannine Jilek: resource room assistant  
Diana Larson: business manager



Dolores Morgan: Title I assistant  
Roxanne Olson: cheerleading adviser  
Dianne Rasmussen: elementary library aide, teacher's aide and lunchroom aide  
Nancy Young: administrative assistant



"I'm happy to see that (the school board) trusts us enough to give us senior privileges," said senior Holly Wetzler



### School Board

Charles Hahler

Bonnie Mielke

Bret Bierman

Jeanette Smith

LeRoy Braun

"The best days at lunch are when (the cooks) serve nachos, and they give you seconds," said junior Jill Ford.



### Kitchen Staff

Barb Walcholz

Vicki McLain

Debbie O'Daniel

"The great thing about having my dad as a bus driver is that I never have to bring my own money, or I can casually leave it home some I can bum some off him," said junior Brittanie Kraus.



### Bus Drivers

David Peterson

Dana Dayton

Orrin Freeman

Bill Kraus

Diane Artz



# INSTRUCTED TO WORK



**WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY**  
Juniors Jill Ford, Andrea McComsey, Jackie Mitchell and Matt Buisker are working hard during business law.

**LEARNING THE LAW**  
During business law, seniors Ben Buisker and Kraig Steinhoff figure out what is happening in the business world.



## Students at Work



**SEARCHING FOR LOST TREASURE**

Senior Christy Wagner portrays the common student, as she digs through her locker to find everything she needs to be prepared for class.



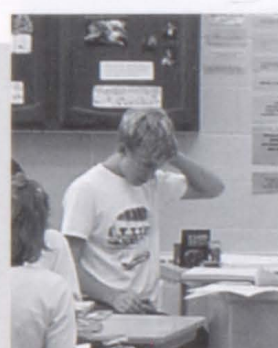
**GETTING ORGANIZED**

Last-minute questions and conversation take place as the sixth-graders get ready for language class with Mrs. Christy Cardella.



**HARD AT WORK**

Junior Tracey Smith racks her brain to come up with the right answers for her business law quiz.



**A REAL MIND BOGGLER**

Looking very puzzled, sophomore Jaymar Adams tries to figure out his geometry assignment before class begins.



# A C A D E M I C S



## How Do I Get Out?

Senior Christine Eberle is in much need of instruction since she looks like her head is stuck in a football helmet.



## Get A Little Help

Miss Kathy Graves points out the problem in eighth-grader Kelli Hammer's math problems.



## Get Into Art

Junior Renae Sparling gets her face smashed into her canvas by the art teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Jakober.



## Mix, Mix, Mix

Junior Ashley Braun mixes her chemicals together during the chemistry show during the science fair.



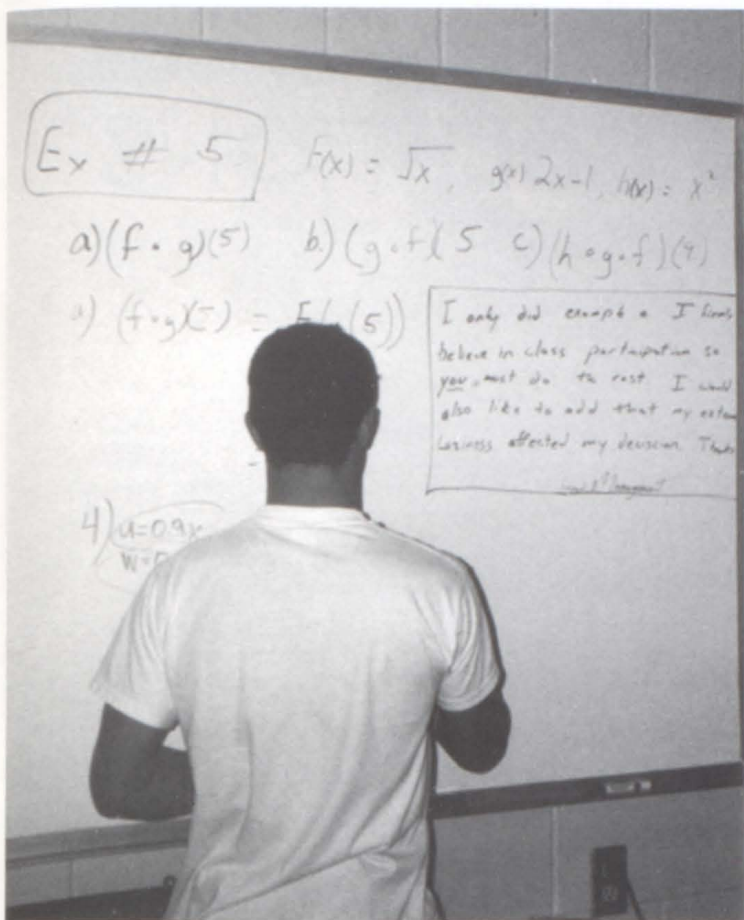
## What Is This?

Senior Robb Batteen shows a bit of his manly side by trying to figure out how to change the oil in a four-wheeler as part of his technical English class.

SOME  
INSTRUCTIONS  
YOU NEED TO  
KNOW ARE  
GIVEN TO YOU  
BY PEOPLE  
YOU MAY NOT  
WANT TO  
KNOW.







## Class Participation

Senior Jarod Bierman shows off his mathematical skills in senior math and also stresses the importance of class participation.

## Mad Scientist

Junior Jill Ford gets all fired up in chemistry with one of their many dangerous experiments.



## A Case Study

Sophomores Kris Sparling, Becky Ford, Nicole Hammer and Mark Kellar look very official as they act out part of the Scope's trial in biology.

## Do It Like This

Senior Wade Jansen tries to instruct his classmate, Kraig Steinhoff, on how to put a belt on a snowmobile as part of their technical English class.



*Not just any old geeks with calculators and pocket protectors, they are the students involved in a greater being.*

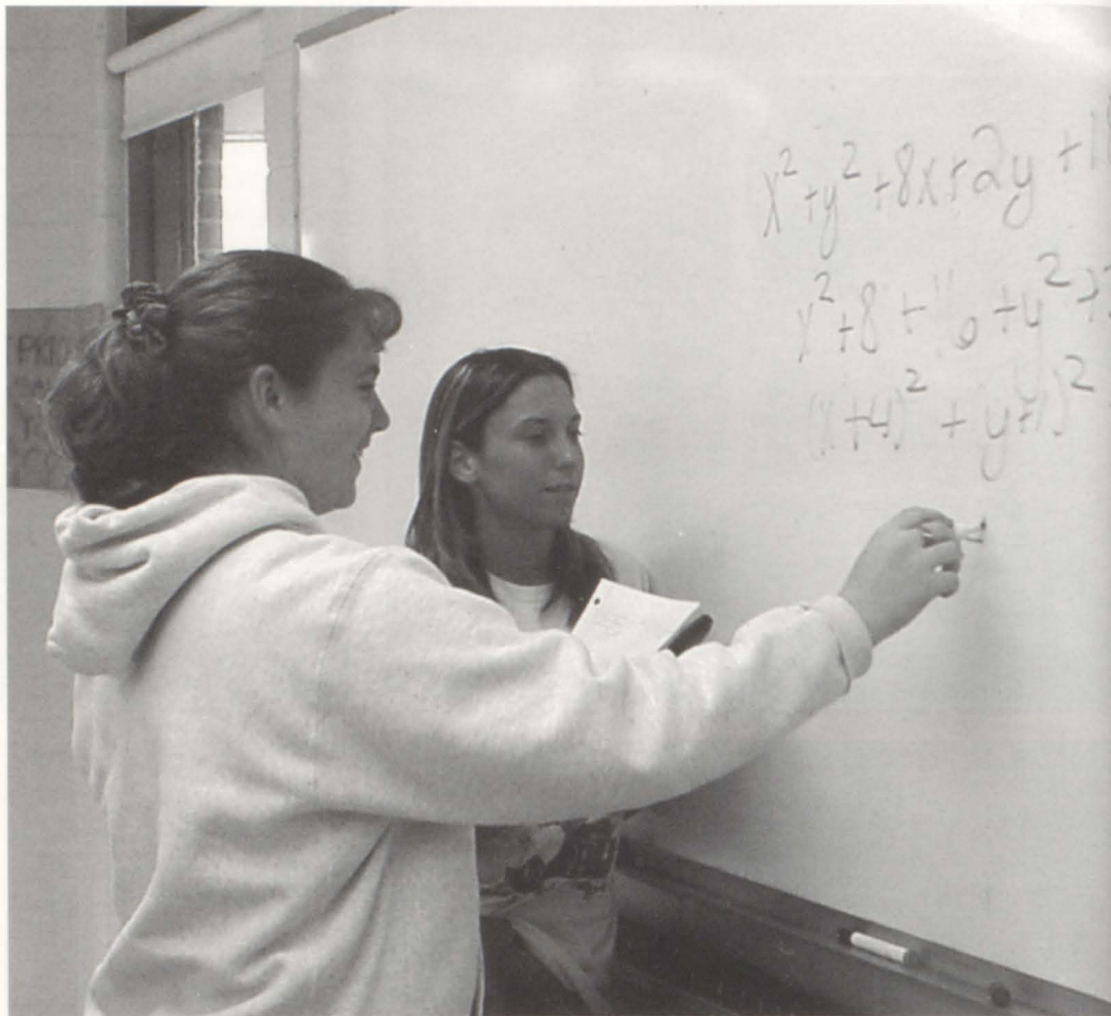
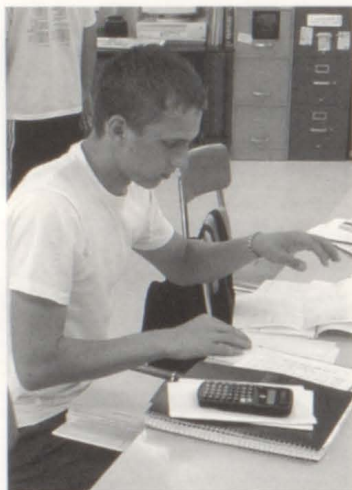
# BIG CALCULATIONS

## SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE

Juniors Ranae Sparling and Tracey Smith share their algebra knowledge in preparing themselves for bigger, harder mathematical problems. The Northwestern math club members meet every Tuesday morning at 8:05 a.m. to prepare for the Northern State University Math Contest and the Lake Region Conference Math Contest held in April each year.

## MATHEMATICAL SHUFFLE

Freshman Nathan Schaunaman shuffles around his papers and his calculations during student responsibility block.



## JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Front Row: Ryan Criddle, Cristopher DeYoung and Dustin Steward. Row Two: Tyler Kienow, Jessica Halvorson and Tracey Smith. Row Three: Jarod Bierman, Jackie Mitchell and Trista Smith. Back Row: Matt Buisker and Matt Larson.

Senior Matt Larson placed first in the senior math division of the Lake Region Conference Math Contest. Junior Matt Buisker placed



## FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES

Front Row: Edward Kramp, Trong Peterson, Tessa Mayer, Amanda Peterson and Jennifer Furhman. Row Two: Michelle Jilek, Kris Sparling, Lee Mielke, Michael Schnell and Mark Braun. Row Three: Matt Genzler, Jared Steger, Zach Heidenreich, Brad Bierman and Doug Criddle. Back Row: Starla Baird, Desa Oberle, Chelsëa Young and Charlotte Green.







#### SRUBBING UP CLEAN

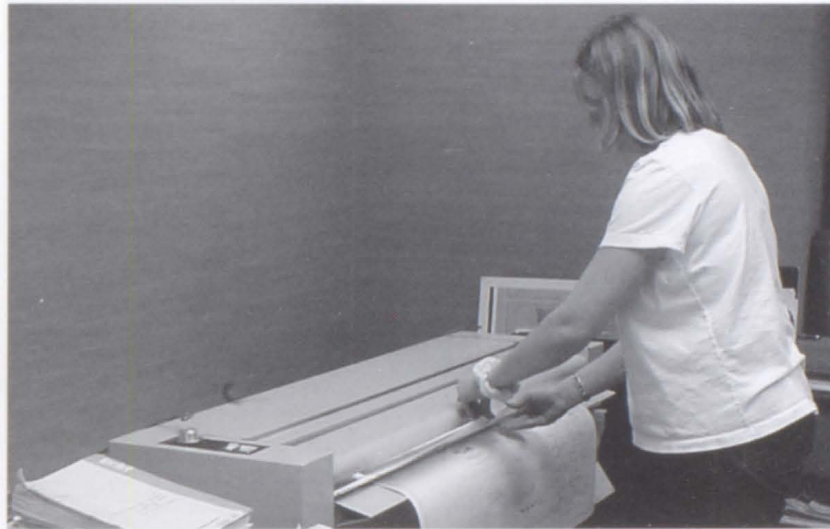
Senior Meagan West washes up some combs as part of her internship for the careers and internship class. Meagan's internship was at Alley Cuts in Redfield.



**LENDING A HELPING HAND**  
Sophomore Brittanie West aides one of the preschool students in building a block tower as part of child development unit in Family and Consumer Science class.

#### TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Senior Dana Little works on some tricks of the trade, being architecture, during her internship at HKJ Architects in Aberdeen.



#### LAYING IT ALL OUT

Senior Amy Heidenreich lays out a mat to back a picture as part of her careers and internship class. Amy interned at Central High school in the art department and at Bad River Art Works Gallery. Five students took advantage of being Mrs. Kim Carson's career and internships class. Other interns include senior Kraig Steinhoff, who interned with Mary Worlie in the assessment office, and senior Ariel Richter, who interned at Quality Quick Print in Aberdeen.





*Northwestern students display their endless knowledge through these educational activities.*

# HANDS-ON EDUCATION

## FLUTIE FLAKES ANYONE?

Juniors Ryan Criddle and Ben Hammer try to persuade freshman Wendy Beardemphl about the wholesome quality of Flutie Flakes during the local science fair.

## OH THE ENTHUSIASM

While waiting with anticipation, sixth-grader David Bierman stands by his project ready to explain it to passers-by.



## PASSING THE TEST

Eighth-grader Chris Haselhorst and seventh-grader Stephanie Peterson quiz seventh-grader Jamie Christensen about her science fair project.

## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Science teachers Mrs. Denise Clemens and Mrs. Roberta Eisenbeisz get ready to announce the winners at the awards ceremony at the local science fair March 14.





#### HE SLICES, HE DICES

Senior Joe Jaragoske chops his slab of meat to bits during his food preparation course at the Vocational Education School in Aberdeen.



#### VVRROOM! VVRROOM!

Fixing and repairing cars is routine work for junior Jacob Palmer as he works on this piece of metal during his auto mechanics class.

#### ONLY A PINCH WILL DO

Senior Christine Eberle and junior Darren Haessig work together to mix just the right amount of ingredients for their wonderful cupcakes.



**THE HOUSE THAT JAROD BUILT**  
Senior Jarod Bierman develops his wood-working skills during his building trades class at Hurb Area Technical School in Aberdeen.





#### TALKING CRAZY

Senior Kraig Steinhoff talks a little crazy during one of his skits in business law.

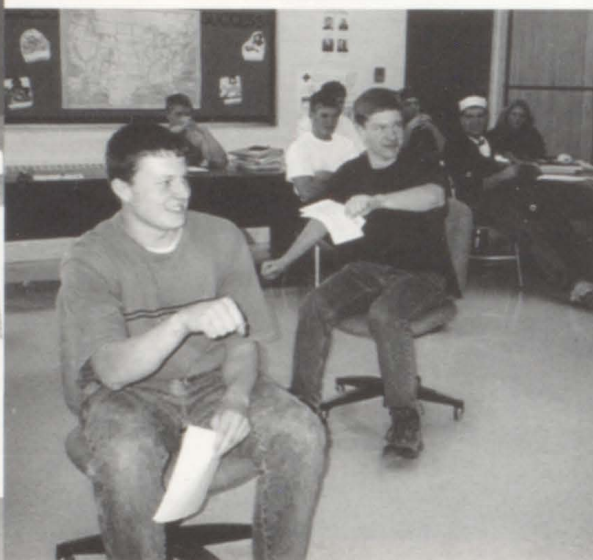


#### DRIVING SCHOOL

Junior Dustin Steward and senior Tyler Kienow go back to driving school during a skit in business law. "It was a unique way for us to learn about different crimes and torts. It was better than lecturing," said Kienow about his business law class.

#### FINE DINING

Junior Chris DeYoung takes senior Amy Heidenreich and junior Tracey Smith's order as part of a skit in business law.



#### PARENTING IS WORK

"Being a parent in FACS class really made you think about when you want to have children. I understand more clearly that being a parent is not as easy as it is said to be. There is a lot of indefinite care and devotion to a child. I really believe that I will wait to have children until I am financially and mentally stable to raise my children," said junior Sara Christensen.



#### WINNING TRIAL

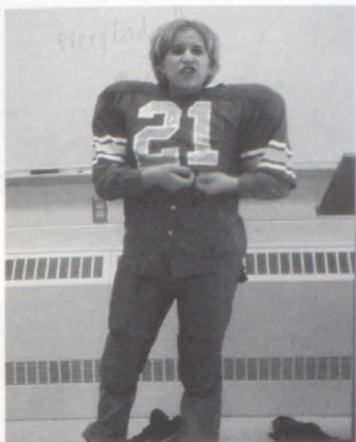
"It was a great experience to learn about the Scopes trial. Mrs. (Denise) Clemens has us do a lot of fun projects and labs to help us learn and this was just one of the funnest ones. Oh yeah, we won!" said sophomore Trond Peterson.





#### FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS?

"I always made fun of the guys for taking so long to get ready. Now I know why. It's not easy putting on all that equipment. I had fun making my classmates laugh," said senior Christine Eberle, who had to follow senior Ben Buisker's instructions on how to put on football equipment for a Technical English assignment.



#### THE FACES OF FORD

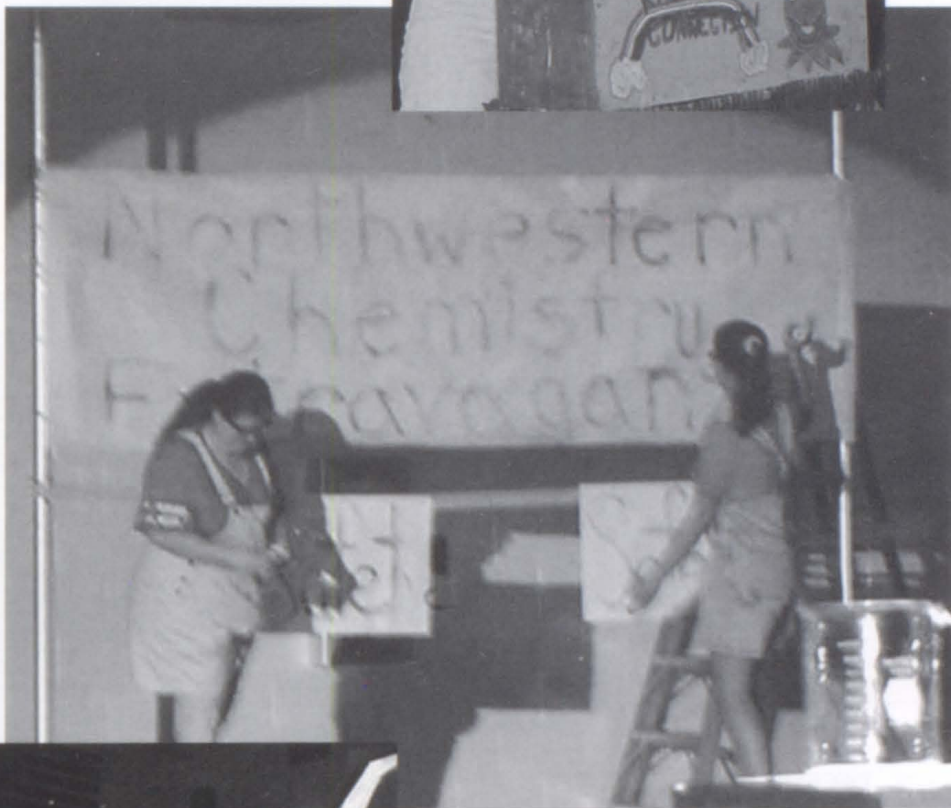
"It was really cool to have someone come here and show us his talents. Seeing (Artist in Residence Tom Roberts) change someone into someone totally different is amazing to watch. It also gave us ideas for our future...about if we would be interested in something like that," said sophomore Becky Ford.

#### SHOW TRUE COLORS

Junior Ryan Criddle shows his true patriotism during the chemistry show.

#### SECRET MESSAGE

Juniors Marie Wedemann and Lorra Beardemphl make things appear with the special spray.



#### MAKE A GOOD CLEAN MESS

Seniors Matt Larson and Angela Meyer show how to make a mess with toilet paper and a leaf blower as part of the Chemistry show.



#### CRACK THE ICE, BABY!

Juniors Joe Green and Andrea McComsey freeze items during the Chemistry show. "The Chemistry Extravaganza was exhilarating because preparing for the show was exciting and challenging," said Green.





*Wise people talk because they have something to talk about;  
fools, because they have to say something. -Plato*

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



SEPTEMBER  
Senior Matt Larson



OCTOBER  
Senior Holly Wetzler



NOVEMBER  
Senior Amy Heidenreich



DECEMBER  
Junior Tracey Smith



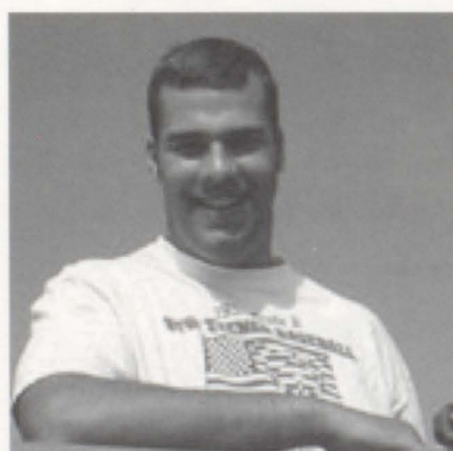
JANUARY  
Senior Tyler Kienow



FEBRUARY  
Senior Ben Buisker



MARCH  
Junior Jackie Mitchell



APRIL  
Junior Matt Buisker



MAY  
Junior Brittanie Kraus







#### GIRL STATERS

Juniors Ashley Braun representing Mellette, Lorra Beardemphl representing Ashton, Tracey Smith representing Brentford and Jackie Mitchell representing Mansfield will represent the communities well as this years Girls' State representatives. Alternates Marie Wedemann and Dixie Jeschke are not pictured.



#### JOURNALISM CITY

Junior Trista Smith received the honor of attending Journalism City. Smith is one of the 14 chosen to attend Journalism City during the week long Girls' State to report about their activities.

#### HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Sophomore Tond Peterson was chosen to represent Northwestern at HOBY.



#### BOYS STATE

Juniors Ryan Criddle representing Brentford, Christopher DeYoung representing Mellette, Dustin Steward representing Ashton, Ben Hammer, alternate, and Matt Buisker representing Mellette are going to Boys' State. They look a little excited to be going to Boys' State.



# ORGANIZATIONS



## Too Hot to be Cool

Senior Matt Larson shows us his cool side with his shades while marching in the homecoming parade.



## Is That a Chicken?

Freshman Chelsea Young holds the oral interp mascot, chicken, while performing her piece.



## Way to Play

Junior Jackie Mitchell shows us the proper way to play your horn for Mr. Kiesz.



## Read that Music

Eighth-grader Austin Sitter reads his music and plays along in one of the many pep fests held this year.



## Tons of Talent

Eighth-graders Erica Adams, Tara Smith, Courtney DeWitte, Launa Fuhrman and Holly Beardemphl show off their musical talents during the homecoming coronation.

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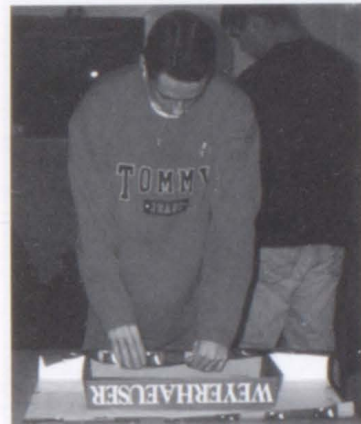


## Happy to Help

Smiling brightly, senior Ben Buischer carefully wraps a box with festive paper as part of his National Honor Society project.

## Toot Your Horn

The high school band under the direction of Mr. Bob Kiesz played at many different events besides concerts.



## Blow, Blow, Blow

Juniors Lorra Beardemphl and Ben Hammer along with sophomore Zach Remily blow their horns during a pep fest.

## The White Wrapper

Senior Matt Larson shows his wrapping skills. The National Honor Society wrapped up boxes of non-perishable food items for needy families in the Northwestern community as one of its many projects this year.



This year of oral interpretation was an exceptional one. Many new members joined and even the mascot, the chicken, made a comeback in its final year.

"I had a great time. Oral interp was fun and exciting this year," said senior Matt Larson.

Oral interp was not just fun and games though. Some of its participants believe

**LOOK AT THOSE DIMPLES**  
Eighth-grader Starla Kellar struts her stuff while she performs her piece in the boys' bathroom.



**STRIKE A POSE**  
Seventh-grader Amber Genzler strikes a pose as she performs her oral interp piece.



**SMILE, DON'T GRIND**  
Eighth-grader Tara Smith is grinds her teeth as she is contemplating her oral interp piece.



## GETTING CRAZY WITH INTERP

that some good comes out of oral interp. Take what senior Amy Heidenreich had to say about it.

"Oral interp allows people to expand their communication skills by using creativity and theater. It is also a wonderful way to meet new people and expand your horizons. I thoroughly enjoy it," said Heidenreich.

All of the participants of oral interp spent many hours working on their pieces. The hard work paid off when three got the chance to advance to the state competition held in Watertown. The three people were Heidenreich and sophomores Tessa Mayer and Amanda Peterson.

"Oral interp was a

### HIGH SCHOOL ORAL INTERP

Front Row: Amanda Peterson, Tessa Mayer and Dixie Jeschke. Back Row: Matt Larson, Chelsea Young, Amy Heidenreich and Angela Meyer.



### IS THAT A CHICKEN?

Senior Amy Heidenreich points at something while she is practicing her piece.



**SNEAKING A PEEK**  
Senior Angela Meyer is trying to get some privacy as she does some last minute tuning on her piece.



**NOT SURE OF THEIR GENDER**  
Sophomores Tessa Mayer and Amanda Peterson are having fun practicing their duet in the bathroom.



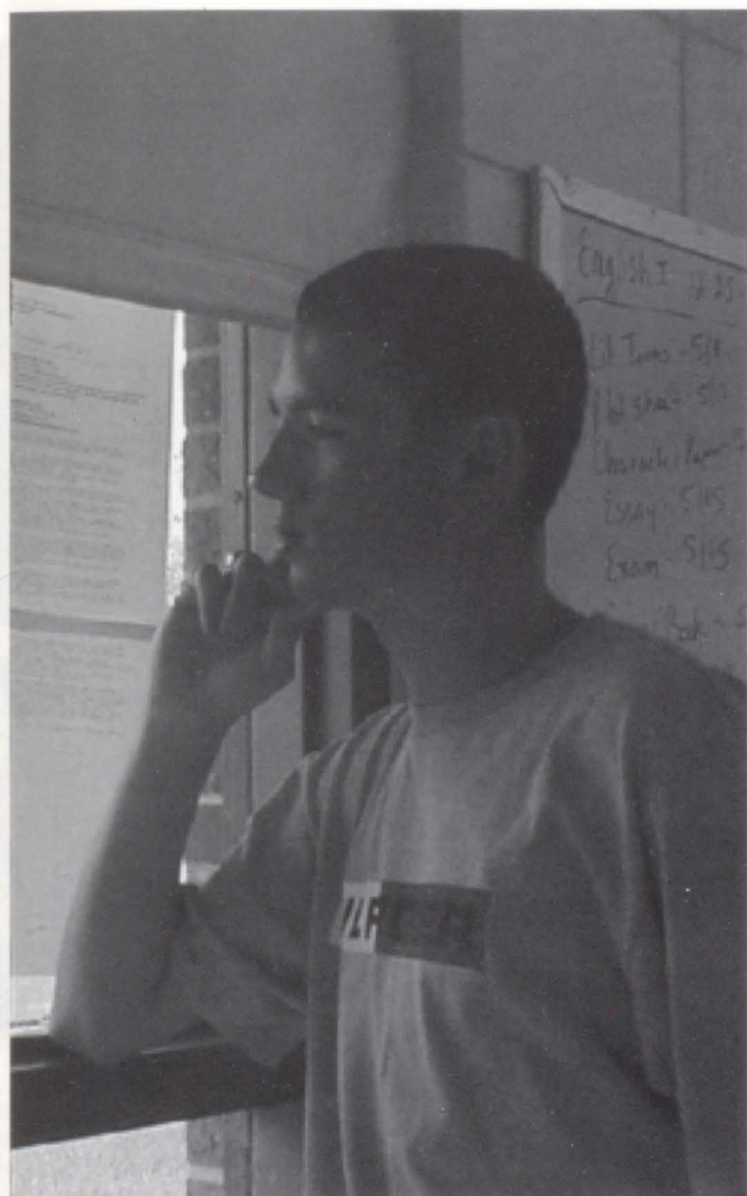


# JUNIOR HIGH ORAL INTERP MEMBERS

Front Row: Joshua Braun, Cristen DeWitte, Alexia Lutter, Stephanie Peterson, Amber Genzler, Jamie Christensen and Megan Ladwig. Back Row: Mary Eisenbeisz, Sam Helling, Kelli Hammer, Starla Kellar, Kayla Sheridan, Tara Smith, Jodi Fischbach and Austin Fischbach.



## PICTURE PERFECT PIECES



### AIMING FOR THE BEST

Senior Matt Larson thinks about what he has to do to perfect his piece, "Sports Guy".

### PERFECTING HER PIECE

Eighth-grader Kayla Sheridan does a little magic spell on her interp piece so that she'll always win.

### IS THAT A SMILE?

Megan Ladwig does her best to keep from laughing when giving her oral interp piece.



lot of fun. Going to state was the best. The greatest part of the whole trip was when Mr. Larson 'grew' hair," said Peterson.

The junior high students had a great time in oral interp.

"The sky is falling, the sky is falling'- That's a little part of my piece. I think oral interp is fun and entertaining. I really like going to all of the meets," said seventh-

grader Kelli Hammer.

"It is a good way to learn to talk in front of other people," said seventh-grader Sam Helling.

"Someday I am hoping to take a career in politics so it will help me with my speeches and campaign," said seventh-grader Austin Fischbach.

"It is a great learning experience and it's fun. It helps you speak better and prepare for the future," said seventh-grader Cristen DeWitte.

It has truly been a great and very exciting experience this year for all of the oral interp members. Many great new members to carry on the legacy of Northwestern's very talented oral interp team.





The National Honor Society inducted nine new members. These new members were chosen from an appointed faculty council. The National Honor Society has done many different things dealing with the community.

During Christmas they collected non-perishable food for families around the community. They

## CAUTION! CAUTION! THE NEW MEMBERS ARE IN.

The National Honor Society welcomed nine new members to the clan. These new members were up for some great new experiences as part of National Honor Society. Front Row: Trista Smith, Jackie Mitchell, Angela Meyer and Ashlee Braun. Back Row: Trista Smith, Brittany Kraus, Matt Buisker, Dustin Steward and Ryan Criddle.



# NATIONAL

# HONOR

also tied orange ribbons on the cars in the parking lot to help remind people not to drink and drive.

They also sold doughnuts on Friday mornings before school.

The students also mentored some of the elementary and junior high students. They read to them and helped them with their work.

"I am glad to see our program helping the younger students in our school with our mentoring program that has started this year. It is very enjoyable working and helping the children," said senior Ben Buisker.

The mentoring program with the students is a new thing they started this year with the elementary students. Each

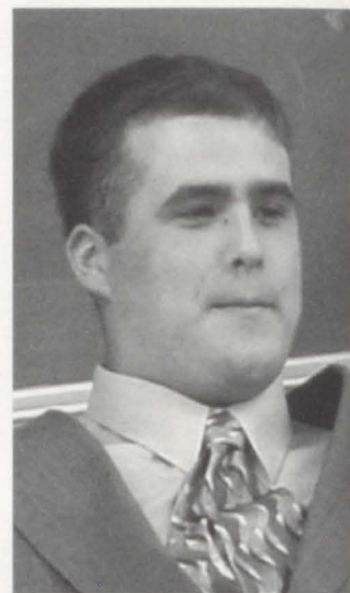
### THREE LOVEY WAITRESSES

Sophomores Nichole Hammer, Michelle Jilek and Amanda Peterson help out.



### TOO MUCH STRESS

Senior Ben Buisker relaxes before the ceremonies because this is his second year of participation.



### UP UP AND AWAY

Jessica Halvorson reads to her friend, Desaray Schnoor,



### HURRY, TRACEY, CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE!

On Dec. 23 all of the members gathered and wrapped canned goods to give to needy community members. Students, teachers and community members brought goods throughout the month to help out the National Honor Society.



## ONE BIG, HAPPY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FAMILY

Front Row: Angela Meyer, Jackie Mitchell, Ashley Braun, Jessica Halvorson, Amy Heidenreich and Christy Wagner. Back Row: Tracey Smith, Brittanie Kraus, Ryan Criddle, Dustin Steward, Matt Buischer, Matt Larson, Kraig Steinhoff, Ben Buischer and Tyler Keinow.



high school student had an elementary or junior high student whom they mentored.

"Our mentoring program was a very neat opportunity for both the members and children. It made me feel good to help out," said senior Jessica Halvorson, National Honor Society President.

"By being a Na-

## SOCIETY A QUICK FIX



### ORANGE RIBBON SPECIAL

Senior Angela Meyer ties a ribbon on the DARE car to help prevent students from drinking and driving. A story and ribbon was put on each car to let the students know about the causes from drinking and driving.

### WHAT A GOOD FRIEND

Junior Brittanie Kraus studies with her mentoring student.



tional Honor Society member, I am able to help out in the community as well as mentor younger students. Being a member is an honor that I am proud to have and take seriously," said junior Brittanie Kraus.

"Being in National Honor Society makes me happy, because it is a really great honor. We also got to do really awesome things like freeze ourselves while tying on those little orange tags," said senior Angela Meyer.

"I am very proud of the level of involved the National Honor Society had in its school and community this year. The students did a tremendous job of giving," said adviser Mrs. Nora Groft.



The Northwestern high school band under the direction of Mr. Bob Keisz participated in many events during the 1999-2000 school year. In the fall, the band members participated in The Gypsy Day Parade and the homecoming parade. In Gypsy Days it received first place in class B.

"We could never have done it without Mr. Keisz's persistence

#### THE GREAT BIG HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Front Row: K. Sheridan, K. Stahl, J. Williams, M. Eberle, C. Kramp, J. Jaragoske, T. Smith, E. Adams, C. Young, L. Beardemphl and A. Peterson. Row Two: T. Smith, A. Heidenreich, S. Siebrecht, N. Hammer, C. Green, T. Smith, R. Graham, C. Haselhorst, N. Smith, W. Beardemphl, J. Christensen, Z. Remily, J. Green, T. Mayer, M. Jilek, J. Halvorson and J. Mitchell. Row Three: J. Tolvstad, L. Fuhrman, D. Oberle, K. Sparling, B. Hammer, A. Sitter, B. Ford, R. Batteen, B. Schumack, D. Steward, T. Peterson, D. Braun, J. Fuhrman, C. DeYoung, L. Mielke and S. Baird. Back Row: Director Mr. Bob Kiesz, C. DeWitte, E. Kramp, S. Malsam, E. Halvorson, E. Gab, Z. Heidenreich, R. Mielke, D. Criddle, R. Criddle, H. Beardemphl, N. Hahler, B. Bierman, M. Braun, M. Buisker, M. Larson, T. Kienow, J. Bierman and D. Steward.



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of getting us to do our best. He never gave up on us, even when we didn't listen," said junior Michelle Eberle.

The band also spent lots of time preparing for various concerts. The first concert presented was the Christmas concert. The band also presented the spring concert in March and a pops concert at the end of the school year.

"The loss of a large graduating class last year left us with a large challenge this year. I'm happy to report this year's band met that challenge! Great job students," said Mr. Bob Keisz.

The pep band also played at various games throughout the football and basketball seasons.

#### EYES WIDE SHUT

Senior Tyler Kienow and Junior Dustin Steward know their music so well they don't even look at it.



#### THE LONE SAX

Sophomore Michelle Jilek concentrates hard on playing the correct notes.



#### ONE BIG SOUND

Freshman Doug Criddle proudly plays his tuba during the homecoming parade.

#### GIVE A LITTLE TOOT

Junior Tracey Smith and senior Amy Heidenreich try to keep it together while playing in the pep band.





## THE SWEET SOUND OF HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Front Row: A. Spear, C. Green, C. Eberle, J. Ford, S. Baird, M. Larson, Z. Heidenreich, T. Mayer, K. Stahl, W. Beardemphl and J. Fuhrman. Row Two: C. Young, D. Oberle, A. Peterson, M. Jilek, R. Batteen, C. DeYoung, E. Kramp, T. Smith, A. Braun, A. McComsey and T. Smith. Back Row: S. Christensen, H. O'Daniel, A. Heidenreich, D. Little, C. Wagner, T. Peterson, Z. Remily, M. Braun, J. Bierman, H. Wetzler, J. Halvorson, S. Siebrecht and A. Meyer.



High school chorus members also had a fulfilling year. Besides the regular concerts at school, the chorus performed at contests and did quite well.

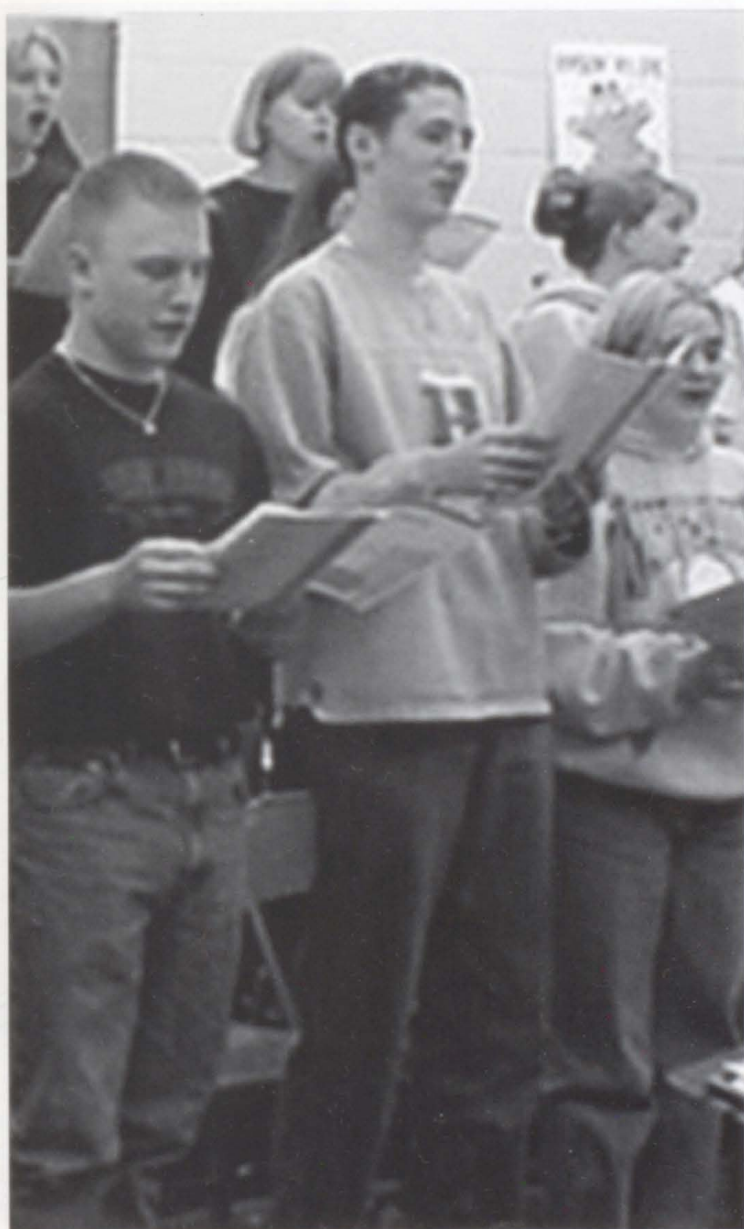
"It's fun to sing the songs that Mr. Kiesz comes up with. He works really hard to make our singing abilities enhanced," said junior Jill Ford.

Northwestern also sent four representatives to Rapid City for

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### ONE HIGH BASS

Senior Matt Larson towers over sophomores Zach Heidenreich and Tessa Mayer.

### FOCUSED CHORUS

Freshman Angela Spear, sophomore Edward Kramp and junior Christopher DeYoung appear to be really in to singing.

### TWO SWEET SINGERS

Seniors Christy Wagner and Amy Heidenreich sing so sweetly together in the alto section.



All-State Chorus. The chosen four were seniors Robb Batteen, Amy Heidenreich, Jarod Bierman and Sabrina Siebrecht.

"Chorus has been a very enjoyable experience for me. I have learned many things from our teacher, Mr. Kiesz. He has taught me discipline, respect and common sense. He has been a shining example to all upcoming chorus members," said Batteen.

The swing choir also got in the groove, singing and dancing at the concerts held at Northwestern.

"I wish to thank all the chorus members for working hard for our concerts and contests. We had a very successful year," said chorus director Mr. Bob Kiesz.



The Future Business Leaders of America had a record number or participants this year. Even though it is only FBLA's second year of existence, the membership has almost doubled.

One of the newest features the to the FBLA scene is its newly opened store, which is quite a big deal to the all the members.

## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP EXPLODES

Always being involved with the community, the FBLA chapter helped out the March of Dimes with having a fundraiser. The fundraiser held Feb. 18 allowed students to wear hats on the condition that they donate one dollar to the March of Dimes.



# FBLA:

# CONSTRUCTING

The FBLA President, senior Kraig Steinhoff, and FBLA Treasurer, junior Matt Buisker, constructed the cabinet. On its very first opening, the merchandise almost sold out in a half an hour. The store brought a lot of profit to the FBLA and will continue to in the future. The new store gave each of the members a chance to feel what running their own business may be like.

"The FBLA store is a great asset to our organization. It provides a good source of revenue and an easy way to make money," said Buisker.

The FBLA also did a lot of community activities throughout the year, some of which included making

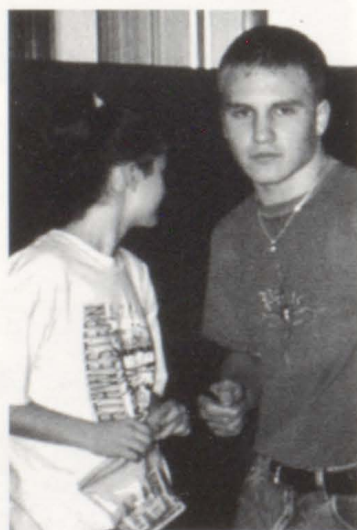
### I LIKE MY DOLLY

Juniors Michelle Eberle and Christopher DeYoung watch as senior Blair Bohl enjoys his new dolly.



### LOOK MOMMY I GOT A ROCK

Senior Christy Wagner proudly displays her new rock that she received at the Christmas party.



### BUY IT RIGHT HERE

Sophomore Zach Heidenreich purchases a wonderful new pen from freshman Wendy Beardemphl on the opening day of the FBLA store.

### MIXED EMOTIONS

Meetings seem to bring emotion, from boredom to juniors Matt Buisker and Brittanie Kraus, to happiness to junior Ryan Criddle and even madness to senior Tyler Kienow.





## FBLA ISN'T JUST A BUNCH OF HIGH SCHOOLERS SITTING AROUND

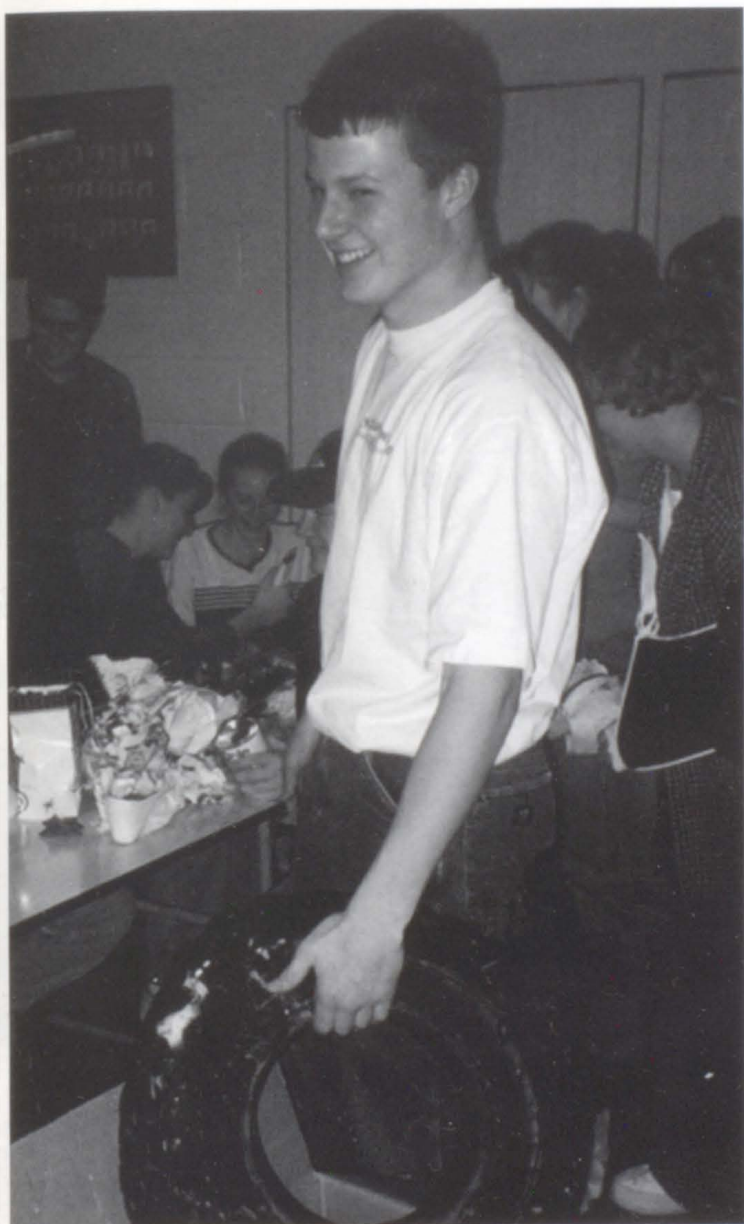
During the ice cream social it was hard to conduct one of the regular meetings because the chapter has grown quite a bit from last year. Most meetings were held in Mrs. Anne Fredrick's room because of the large number that the elementary's multipurpose room just couldn't accomodate. Overall the FBLA year was filled with fun and even learning. With the opening of the new FBLA store members got a taste of real business life.



cards for elderly community members, helping out the Mellette Community Association by typing addresses and cleaning the school's parking lot.

"It makes me very proud to be an FBLA member. Through all the community service, I have gained the knowledge and the power to be a better person," said senior Angela Meyer.

# BETTER BUSINESS LEADERS



## WHAT A GREAT GIFT

Junior Dustin Steward may get a little "tired" of his Christmas present.

## LEADERS OF THE LEADERS

Front Row: Sara Christensen, Tyler Kienow and Craig Steinhoff. Row Two: Amy Heidenreich and Trista Smith. Back Row: Chris DeYoung, Angela Meyer and Matt Buisker.

## WAY TO GO

Junior Ryan Criddle gives a thumb up for Northwestern's Future Business Leaders of America.



FBLA concluded the year with the state conference held in Rapid City. Another addition to this conference was junior Trista Smith, who ran for a state FBLA office. Smith ran for secretary during the conference and had much fun pushing members to vote. Not only did Smith do campaigning on her own but her fellow FBLA members helped her out a lot in her campaign.

"Campaigning for a state office has been lots of fun and good experience," said Smith.

With such wonderful leadership, the NW chapter of FBLA will continue to expand and prosper in the future.





The junior high band worked hard to show off its talent. The 35 students were in the elementary Christmas program. The band also showed off some of its talent at the final boys' basketball game as the pep band.

"I like the challenges the best, and Mrs. Thorson is a really nice teacher. Some of the music I like is the song 'The Russian Sailor Dance'," said seventh-

#### JUNIOR HIGH BAND POSES FOR A PICTURE

Front Row: Amber Genzler, Caleen Fortin, Alexia Lutter, Amber Hansen and Kelli Hammer. Row Two: Jessica Hammer, Diedra Artz, Jamie Christensen, Christina Johnson, Cristen DeWitte, Sara Jo Kegler, Terri Jo Smith, Stephanie Peterson and Megan Ladwig. Row Three: Kody Bullock, Jeremy Sitter, Derek Steward, Darren Jilek, Alex Mitchell, Alex Schnell, Jordan Gab, Ben Smith and Austin Fischbach. Back Row: Jodi Fischbach, Casey Smith, Bryn Kleffman, Daniel Young, Dexten Frericks, Joel O'Daniel, Andrew Overby, Dustin Hieb, Jeremy Braun, David Bierman and Mitch Steinhoff.



## MUSIC FLOWS IN JUNIOR

grader Alexia Lutter.

The junior high band looked forward to contest in Redfield, where the band and solo ensembles performed. It is also worked on a new song, "Me Tarzan." The new song used body percussion. The band performed this song at the spring concert.

Sixth-grader Jerney Sitter said that in band, students are included in everything, and it is harder to miss out on things. He also said he thought Mrs. Thorson was nice, and he liked to play "Beyond the Seven Hills," in band.

The band does interesting things like challenges, where they can challenge each other for a higher seat in their section. It also learned new songs

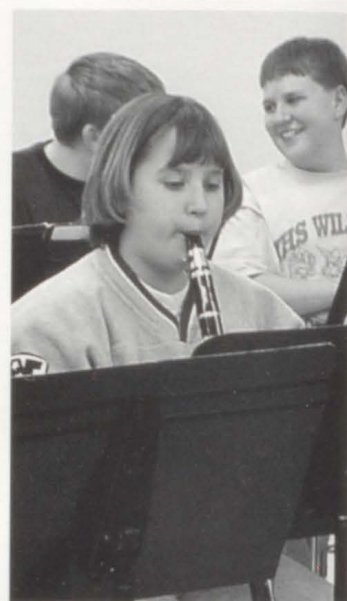
#### BURNISHED BRASS

The junior high brass section tries their best as Mrs. Thorson leads them through the song.



#### READY, SET, BLOW

Seventh-grader Jaimie Christensen takes a big breath and gives it her all.



#### THE PROPER PLAYERS

Seventh-graders Stephanie Peterson and Megan Ladwig play their French horns with great poise.

#### BOOM-CRASH-BOOM

Seventh-graders Daniel Young and Andrew Overby concentrate as they lead the band a steady beat.





## SMILE FOR THE PICTURE JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS

Front Row: Amber Hansen, Christina Johnson, Diedra Artz, Ben Smith, Chase Peta, Dexten Frericks, Joel O'Daniel, Derek Steward, Megan Ladwig, Jamie Christensen, Terri Jo Smith and Caleen Fortin. Row Two: Lexia Lutter, Stephanie Peterson, Amber Genzler, Courtney DeWitte, Holly Beardemphl, Jordan Gab, David Bierman, Kody Bullock, Alex Mitchell, Jeremy Braun, Mary Eisenbeisz, Sara Jo Kegler, Jessica Hammer, Penny Martinson and Vanessa Schnoor. Back Row: Cristen DeWitte, Jodi Fischbach, Kayla Sheridan, Kelli Hammer, Austin Fischbach, Aaron Olson, Darren Jilek, Sam Helling, Marty Braasch, Nick Hahler, Chris Haselhorst, Launa Fuhrman, Starla Kellar, Tara Smith, Dena Steward and Erica Adams.



and had some fun once in a while.

Sixth-grader Christina Johnson said that band was really good and that she liked everything they did. She also thinks Mrs. Thorson was a nice teacher.

The junior high chorus sang to the top. It worked on acapella songs and attempted swing choir, which was in the 1950s form.

"My favorite thing

# HIGH BAND AND CHORUS



## SING YOUR HEART OUT

Sixth-graders Joel O'Daniel and Alex Mitchell sing out the chords of "George of the Jungle."

## SHE CAN DO IT ALL

Mrs. Wendy Thorson does it all from directing the band to accompanying the chorus.

## CANNOT FIND THE WORDS

Sixth-graders Caleen Fortin and Terri Jo Smith stare in amazement of the new music they get to sing.



to do in chorus is to sing. I especially like 'Rock On'," said sixth-grader Diedra Artz.

They performed that song in the elementary christmas program and the spring concert.

Eighth-grader Starla Kellar said her favorite kind of music was the concert music. She liked "The River Song." The other chorus members said that she liked to dance with the songs and music.

All 43 students got the music to flow and move to some old-time favorites, such as "Rock On" and "George of the Jungle."

Sixth-grader Dexten Frericks said that Mrs. Thorson was a great teacher, and he really liked to sing "Rock On."





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## Over Drive

Junior Ranae Sparling puts it in overdrive against Redfield's girls' basketball players in hopes to be victorious over Redfield.



## On Their Knees

The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders are on their knees and getting down with their bad selves during their dance as part of homecoming coronation.



## Giving A Hand

Junior Jared Steger helps out his senior teammate Jarod Bierman with a tough tackle during the Wildcats' final football playoff game of the season.



## Hit it High

Senior Amy Heidenreich is down and ready, while junior Renae Sparling tries to hit it high over the Britton blocker.



## Out of My Way

Wildcat number 41, freshman Nathan Schaunaman, pushes past a Doland-Conde player as he runs for one more touchdown.

THE WILDCATS  
HAD THE  
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TO GET THE  
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BIG WINS.







## Getting Tough

Senior Jessica Halvorson stays tough and focused as she puts up a shot against two defenders.

## Do A Little Dance

Seniors Kraig Steinhoff and Ben Buisker do a little defensive dance waiting for the rebound.



## That's The Way

Sophomore starters Zach Remily and Kris Sparling come into every game with nothing but basketball on their minds.

## Battle Cry

Senior Blair Bohl and junior Christopher DeYoung, along with many other Northwestern volleyball fans, cheer the cries of battle during the girls' second volleyball championship.



# LEADING THE WAY

"I like cheerleading because we get to go to all the games and watch the teams play. During football we did a touchdown cheer when there wasn't really a touchdown. We've done that a couple times," said eighth-grader Erica Adams.

"Cheerleading has brought me to meet many people and make new friends. My favorite memory is just being a cheerleader and going to

all the games. Of course we can show our Steve Erkle and Austin Powers, but they were all fun. But after all, it was all memories I will cherish forever. I hope all the younger cheerleaders have as much fun as I did," said senior Holly Wetzler.

"I'll miss the seniors. We liked doing their WWF dances. You can meet a lot of new people when you're cheering. I remember Angela Meyer would

always forget her socks and Dave and Spencer always fought over who would be mascot, and then they wouldn't want to do it because it's too hot," said freshman Desa Oberle.

"Cheerleading is awesome because the other cheerleaders are great to work with, and you develop lasting friendships. When I cheer it is awesome to get the crowd pumped up because you get such a rush, and it is so

fun. We also have the best adviser because Roxie (Olson) does so many little things for us," said junior Trista Smith.

"Cheerleading is my most favorite sport in the whole-wide world! It has taught me a lot about myself and the people around me. I'm really going to miss cheering with Holly (Wetzler) and Jess (Halvorson) because they are awesome!" said senior Angela Meyer.



## HIGH V FOR VICTORY

Cheering loudly freshman Jenni Furhman performs at the homecoming coronation Sept. 13.

## FOOTBALL CHEER SQUAD

Holly Wetzler, Jessica Halvorson, Angela Meyer, Amanda Peterson and Jennifer Fuhrman.

## WHAT A STRETCH

Junior Trista Smith and sophomore Kayla Stahl demonstrate their incredible flexibility at the homecoming coronation Sept. 13.



## SEVENTH-GRADE CHEER SQUAD

Front Row: Stephanie Peterson and Jodi Fischbach. Back Row: Megan Ladwig and Cristin DeWitte.





# PUMP IT UP

Senior Angela Meyer raises the roof at homecoming coronation Sept. 13.



## VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL CHEER SQUAD

Front Row: Amanda Peterson. Back Row: Heather O'Daniel, Angela Meyer, Trista Smith and Kayla Stahl.



## JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL CHEER SQUAD

Desa Oberle, Jennifer Fuhrman, Wendy Beardemphl and Angela Spear.



## EIGHTH-GRADE CHEER SQUAD

Front Row: Courtney DeWitte. Back Row: Tara Smith, Launa Fuhrman and Erica Adams.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHEER SQUAD

Angela Meyer, Desa Oberle and Heather O'Daniel.



# EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

With the loss of many seniors, no one knew exactly how the football season would go. The Wildcat football players really stepped it up and showed their fans that they were as good as they wanted to be.

"This year brought many pleasant surprises. The team did a good job for us. Sophomores did an excellent job of answering the calls of their duties. Along with that,

the senior and junior leadership and ability really helped the team," said Coach Ray Sauerwein.

The Wildcats went 6-0 before losing the last two regular season games, which put them out of contention for the conference championship. They did get revenge on Doland-Conde by beating them in the first round of playoffs. That put them to the second

round of playoffs against Veblon-Rosholt. That has not happened for many years, but unfortunately, they did not go any farther than that.

"I felt we did a good job of working hard from day one and showed it in our record," said senior Jarod Bierman.

The team seemed to like to keep the crowd in suspense until the very end by being down in the first half of each game and

then coming back to win the ballgame. That actually only happened a few times, but it literally went down to the final buzzer.

"This was one of the funniest and most enjoyable seasons we have had and that was due to the fact that we have a great bunch of kids," said Coach Scott Boone.

The Wildcat football team ended its season with an impressive 7-3 record.



## TAKING A BREAK

Senior Jarod Bierman takes a break from playing in the homecoming game against the Iroquois Chiefs Sept. 17. The Wildcats beat the Chiefs 36-14.

## BOHL FLIES PAST DEFENSE

Senior Blair Bohl rushes past the defense of the Iroquois Chiefs in the 1999 homecoming game played Sept. 17. The Wildcats won 36-14.

## REMILY RUSHES

Sophomore Zach Remily rushes past the Iroquois defense with the help of senior Jarod Bierman Sept. 17. The Wildcats won 36-14.



## WHERE DID THE BALL GO?

Juniors Christopher DeYoung and Matt Buisker and senior Ben Buisker look for the action in the playoff game against Doland-Conde Oct. 18. The Wildcats won 34-14.





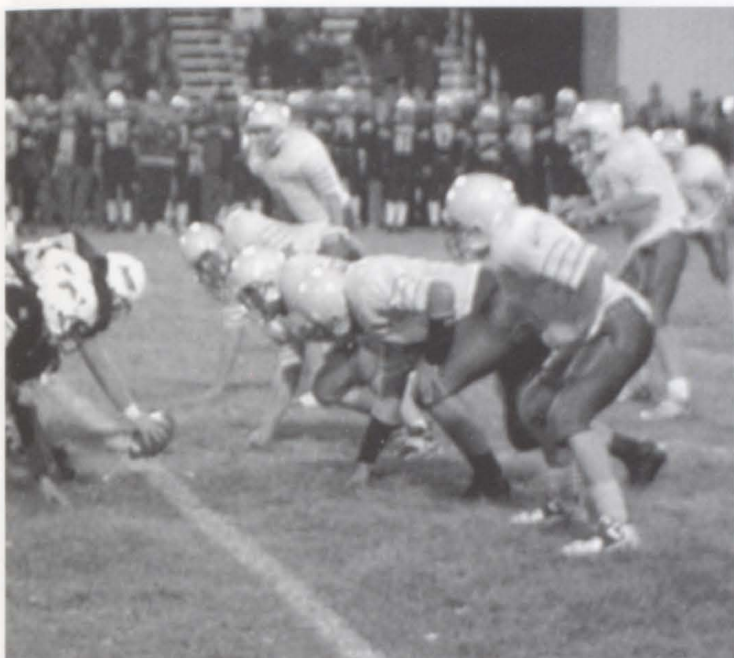
## RUNNING TO THE LINE

The offense runs back to the line after a huddle in the homecoming game against the Iroquois Chiefs Sept. 17. The Wildcats won 36-14.



## SNAP THAT BALL

The defense waits for the ball to be snapped so they can show their skills against the Iroquois Chiefs, who only scored 14 points against the defense.



	Us	Them
Ipswich	20	8
Faulkton	28	0
Warner	54	12
Iroquois	36	14
Freckla	34	28
Langford	30	28
Roslyn	12	27
Doland-Conde	12	26
<b>Playoffs</b>		
Doland-Conde	34	14
Veblen-Rosholt	20	36

**WINS 7 - LOSSES 3**



## WILDCAT FOOTBALL TEAM

Front Row: Matt Buisker, Ben Buisker, Jarod Bierman, Kraig Steinhoff and Ryan Criddle. Row Two: Jared Steger, Kris Sparling, Brooks Kleffman, Robert Baumgarten, Zach Heidenreich, Trond Peterson and Matt Genzler. Row Three: Eric Gab, Brad Bierman, Doug Criddle, Lee Mielke, Mark Braun and Jason Hansen. Back Row: Coach Scott Boone, Zach Remily, Nathan Schaunaman, Shawn Malsam, Shane Malsam, Christopher DeYoung and Coach Ray Sauerwein.



## SENIORS RELAX

Seniors Kriag Steinhoff, Ben Buisker and Blair Bohl, relax during the Iroquois Chiefs homecoming game played Sept. 17. The Wildcats won 36-14.

## ALL TOGETHER NOW

The entire football team gathers around to clang their helmets together after winning its homecoming football game against the Iroquois Chiefs Sept. 17. The Wildcats beat the Chiefs 36-14.





# GIRLS SHOW HOW IT'S DONE

This year's girls' basketball team had a great season. Ending with a 14-5 record, the girls showed everyone how it's done.

The outcome of the season pleased coach Dena Sievers.

"We had an outstanding season as we progressively built our 1999 Wildcat team. Our three seniors stepped into their leadership roles

and helped mold our competitive squad," said Sievers

Though the girls' basketball team lost three very experienced seniors, they still have many returning players who have played varsity for three or more years. Having many returning players should make next year's season very exciting.

"This season was an

interesting one," said senior Jessica Halvorson, as she remembers all of her high school basketball memories. "It was great to play with everyone, and the memories will stick with me always."

All three seniors said that they will miss playing basketball and that they were all pleased with their senior season.

"We had a very competitive season, and I'm glad we handled all the pressures of the season, and I wish the underclassmen the best of luck next year," said senior Holly Wetzler.

Though the Wildcats had a great season, hopes are high for next year.



## SOARING HIGH

Junior Renae Sparling goes up for a jump shot against two Doland-Conde defenders. The Wildcats blew past the Chargers Sept. 28 with a score of 55-32.



## STANDING BIG AND TALL

Sophomores Michelle Jilek and Kayla Stahl show off their defensive skills against Warner. The Wildcats breezed past the Monarchs 66-38 Oct. 7.



## BUTTERFINGERS

Juniors Brittanie Kraus and Jackie Mitchell struggle to keep the ball as it is being knocked away from Doland-Conde defenders. The Wildcats defeated the Chargers 55-32 Sept. 28.



## STEPPING UP

Senior Jessica Halvorson shows off quick feet while on defense against Tulare. The Wildcats beat the No. 1 ranked Chieftains 57-47 Sept. 7.



# GOING OVER THE TOP

Senior Amy Heidenreich goes up strong for a jump shot against Doland-Conde. The Wildcats defeated the Chargers 55-32 Sept. 28.



## AVOIDING OBSTACLES

Junior Andrea McComsey drives to the basket for a layup against Redfield. The Pheasants defeated the Wildcats 53-51 Aug. 31.

Team	Us	Them
Warner	48	44
Redfield	51	53
Tulare	57	47
Leola	60	46
Ipswich	55	35
Cresbard	62	43
Frederick-Hecla	62	72
Webster	62	39
Doland-Conde	55	32
Selby	36	48
Faulkton	60	51
Warner	66	38
Roslyn	50	51
Edmunds Central	53	27
Langford	84	45
Bristol	61	23
Sully Buttes	63	41
Hitchcock	61	26
Districts		
Warner	38	40

WINS 14 - LOSSES 5



## VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Front Row: Amy Heidenreich. Row Two: Holly Wetzler, Jackie Mitchell and Jessica Halvorson. Row Three: Brittanie Kraus, Jill Ford, Renae Sparling and Andrea McComsey. Back Row: Starla Baird, Amanda Peterson, Coach Dena Sievers, Coach Denise Clemens, Michelle Jilek and Kayla Stahl.



## JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Front Row: Jennifer Fuhman, Wendy Beardemphl and Jody Christensen. Row Two: Brandi Schumack, Desa Oberle, Chelsea Young, Charlotte Green and Coach Denise Clemens. Back Row: Michelle Jilek, Jill Ford, Starla Baird, Kayla Stahl and Amanda Peterson.



# USING THEIR TOOLS

The Wildcats put in a lot of hard work this year, and it all paid off. The Cats went into the second round of districts and lost to Fredrick-Hecla in a very exciting game. The Cats look forward to see what next year has to bring.

"The 1999-2000 season was a successful one. Although our record was not that impressive, the kids

played hard all season long and never gave up. We were fortunate to have some great senior leadership from Kraig, Ben, Tyler, Matt and Jarod. We will certainly miss you guys next season. Our underclassmen gained some valuable playing experience that will help us to become better a team in the future. I am very proud of all our guys, as they dis-

played great sportsmanship and played with great enthusiasm during the course of the season," said Coach Wade Rozell.

With the Wildcats graduating five seniors, they will have big shoes to fill, but the outlook is good for the underclassmen, who hope to do a good job of filling their shoes.

"I had a great season

working with my teammates. I will miss the graduating seniors next year, but we will try to fill in their positions the best we can," said sophomore Jared Steger.

"I had fun, and I am looking forward to next year," said sophomore Zach Remily.



**WHERE IS THE OPEN MAN**  
Senior Matt Larson looks for an open man against Frederick-Hecla on Jan. 21.



**LOOKING FOR THE SHOT**  
Sophomore Kris Sparling goes up for the shot against Redfield Jan. 4.

**WHICH WAY DID HE GO**  
Sophomore Zach Remily scans the floor for an open teammate to pass the ball to against Frederick-Hecla Jan. 21 in Hecla.



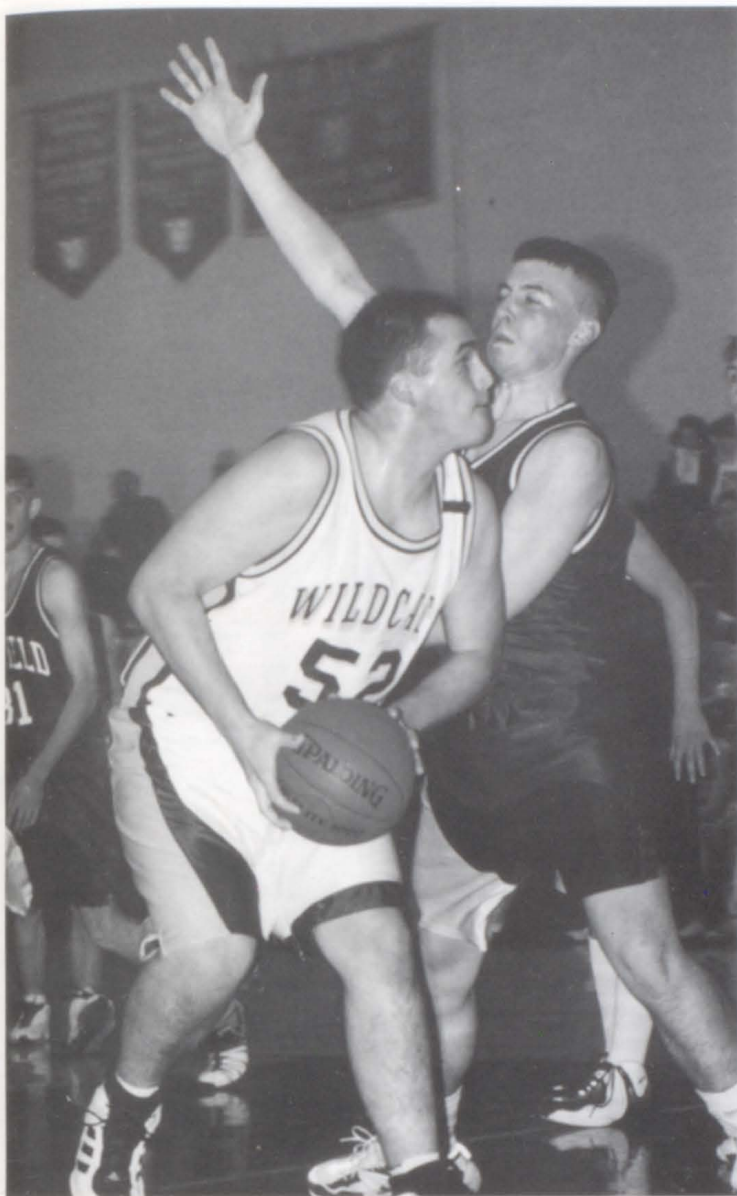
**DETERMINATION**  
Senior Kraig Steinhoff attempts to make a basket against Redfield Jan. 4 in Mellette.





# ON THE MOVE

Jan. 4 in Mellette Senior Ben Buisker takes it up hard for a shot against Redfield.



## Varsity Boys Basketball Team

Front Row: Zach Heidenreich, Jared Steger, Zach Remily, Kris Sparling, Edward Kramp and Jarod Bierman. Back Row: Mike Payne, Brooks Kleffman, Matt Larson, Lee Mielke, Matt Buisker, Kraig Steinhoff, Ben Buisker, Tyler Kienow and Coach Wade Rozell.

	Us	Them
Warner	87	69
Florence	49	43
Cresbard	51	73
Frederick-Hecla	52	57
Iroquois	70	73
Redfield	53	55
Doland-Conde	66	55
Tulare	57	86
Ipswich	42	75
Warner	66	83
Frederick-Hecla	35	72
Bristol	62	66
Langford	58	60
Hitchcock	65	66
Faulkton	79	62
Roslyn	57	68
Leola	63	61
Langford	51	46

## Districts

Doland-Conde	55	48
Frederick-Hecla	56	65

WINS 7 - LOSSES 13



## Junior Varsity Basketball Team

Front Row: Matt Genzler, Nathan Schaunaman, Brady Kleffman, Marcus Martin and Jason Hansen. Back Row: Edward Kramp, Brooks Kleffman, Lee Mielke, Mike Payne and Zach Heidenreich.





# BUILDING UP TO STATE

The varsity girls' volleyball team pulled off a season record of 33-4, and won the state B championship title for the second year in a row. The team put a lot of effort into making this season better than last year.

"This year's volleyball season was awesome! I've never had so much fun

playing with my fellow seniors and underclassmen," said senior Holly Wetzler.

The Wildcats came out strong and showed everyone who was boss at the beginning of the season. They won most of their matches and took their few losses from tough Class A competition.

The girls dominated throughout districts and crushed Frederick-Hecla in regions. The team and fans trekked to Rapid City despite the bad weather.

After arriving, the girls were pumped up for another state victory. Many of the fans showed their team spirit with painted

faces and wacky outfits.

The girls were set back by a loss to Arlington but rose to become South Dakota's 2000 state volleyball champions.

"I was in awe about how courageous the girls were throughout the season," said Miss Kathy Graves.



## SERVING IT UP

Senior Christy Wagner serves aggressively to the five spot against Arlington during the state tournament.

## C TEAM

Front Row: Danielle Braun, Lorra Beardemphl, Charlotte Green, Brandi Shumack, Kary Bullock and Jenna Williams. Back Row: Dixie Jeschke, Coach Denise Clemens, Jackie Tolvstad, Jodi Christiansen and Wendy Beardemphl.



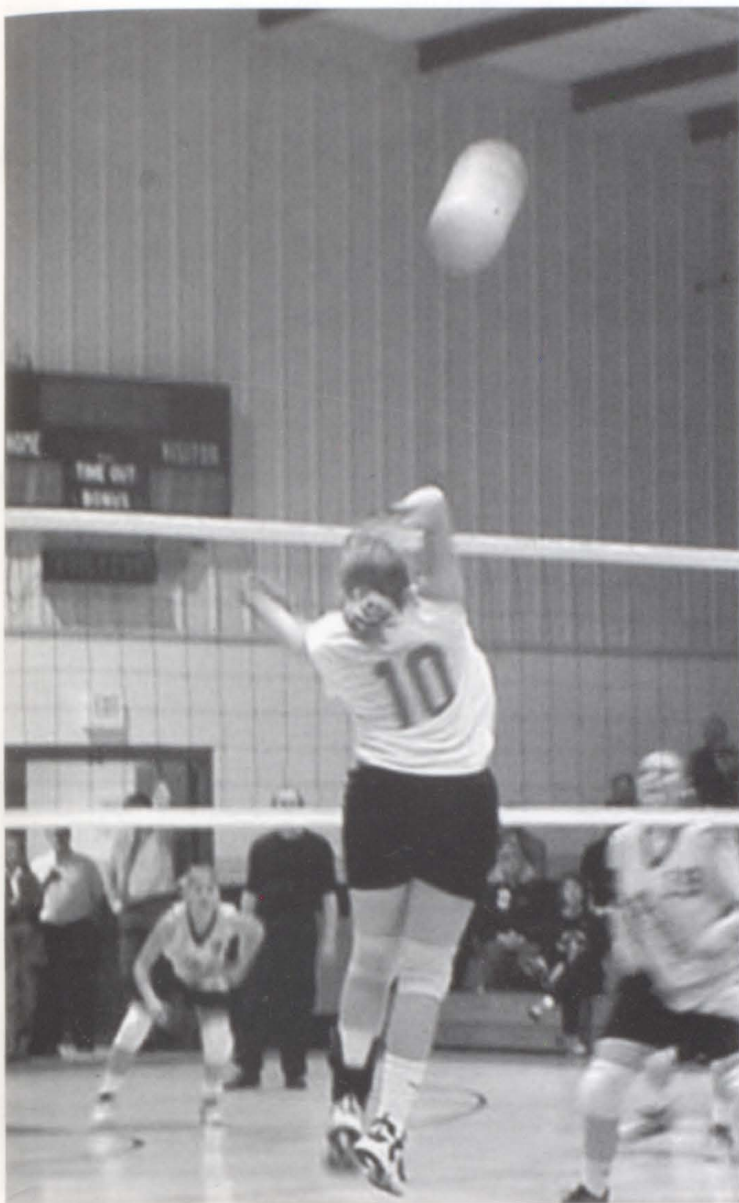
## VARSITY TEAM

Front Row: Kary Bullock, Holly Wetzler, Jessica Halvorson, Amy Heidenreich, Christy Wagner and Trista Smith. Row Two: Tessa Mayer, Starla Baird, Coach Kathy Graves, Assistant Coach Nora Groft, Kayla Stahl and Michelle Jilek. Back Row: Sara Christensen, Tracey Smith, Jill Ford, Renae Sparling, Assistant Coach Denise Clemens, Ashley Clemens, Brittanie Kraus, Andrea McComsey, Jackie Mitchell and Dustin Steward.





**HARD-HITTING ACTION**  
Junior Andrea McComsey shows nice form when she puts the smack down on the volleyball.



# volleyball

	Us	Them
Chamberlain	2	0
Cheyenne Eagle Butte	2	0
Gettysburg	2	0
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**WINS 33 - LOSSES 4**



## JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

Front Row: Becky Ford, Chelsea Young, Tessa Mayer, Starla Baird and Michelle Jilek. Back Row: Jennifer Fuhrman, Kayla Stahl, Nicole Hammer, Desa Oberle, Coach Nora Groft and Amanda Peterson.

## GOING DOWN DEEP

Junior Jackie Mitchell digs down deep for the save as junior Renae Sparling and senior Amy Heidenreich cheer her on.





# TRACKSTERS RACE INTO SPRING

Northwestern's boys' and girls' track teams both had great seasons with many top finishers and 11 state qualifiers.

"Overall this year, the track team had a good season. There were improvements in many areas that showed we worked hard and had fun," said boys' coach Wade Rozell.

The 11 tracksters who had the privilege of attending the State Track

Meet in Sioux Falls May 26-27 were seniors Blair Bohl, Holly Wetzler and Jessica Halvorson, juniors Tracey Smith, Jackie Mitchell and Renae Sparling and sophomores Robert Baumgarten, Zach Heidenreich, Shawn Malsam, Kris Sparling and Starla Baird.

"Everyone worked really hard and deserved the opportunity to go to the state track meet," said

Smith.

At the State Track Meet, the girl's track team faired extremely well.

R. Sparling placed second in the high jump, and Halvorson placed sixth in the 100-meter dash. Baird placed eighth in the shot put.

The girls' 400-meter relay placed sixth, the girls' 800-meter relay placed sixth, and the girls' 1,600-meter relay placed seventh.

The boys' track team also had two place winners.

Bohl placed fourth in the 100-meter dash, and the boys' 400-meter relay placed sixth.

"Track is awesome because it is a big social event, and you get to meet a lot of new people," said Halvorson.

If track is the basis of all other sports, then NW should do well in its other sports.



**I THINK I CAN, I THINK I CAN**  
Chugging down the track are sophomores Shawn Malsam and Zach Heidenreich in the 3,200-meter relay in Groton at the Lake Region Conference meet.

**ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET...**  
The competition is stiff, but senior Blair Bohl gets off to a good start in this race in Aberdeen at the Four Star meet.

**ON THE HOME STRETCH**  
Freshmen Wendy Beardemphl and Jody Christensen run for the finish line as they complete the relay in Groton at the LRC meet.



**UP, UP AND AWAY**  
Senior Matt Larson leaps to victory as he clears the high jump bar in Groton during the Lake Region Conference meet.





**A QUICK HAND-OFF**  
Junior Renae Sparling hands off to senior Jessica Halvorson as they race to victory in Groton at the Lake Region Conference meet.



# TRACK

**March 28** Al-Sahli Meet  
**April 4** Ipswich Early Bird  
**April 11** Doland Invite  
**April 25** Redfield Relays  
**April 27** Kiwanis Meet  
**April 29** 4-Star Meet  
**May 2** LRC Meet  
**May 6** Tiger Relays  
**May 9** Webster Invite  
**May 13** Ipswich Invite  
**May 18** Regions  
**May 26-27** State Track in Sioux Falls



## THE BOYS' TRACK TEAM

Front Row: Matt Buisker, Robert Baumgarten, Kris Sparling, Zach Heidenreich, Tyler Kienow, Shane Malsam, Lee Mielke and Nathan Schaunaman. Back Row: Matt Larson, Shawn Malsam, Mark Braun, Blair Bohl, Marcus Martin, Michael Schnell and Robert Brown.



## GOING AND GOING...

Junior Jackie Mitchell sprints far ahead of her competitors in the 400-meter dash in Groton during the Lake Region Conference meet.

## THE GIRLS' TRACK TEAM

Front Row: Desa Oberle, Wendy Beardemphl, Holly Wetzler, Jill Ford, Jennifer Fuhrman and Jody Christensen. Back Row: Jackie Mitchell, Tracey Smith, Jessica Halvorson, Renae Sparling and Starla Baird.





# DIRECTING OUR FUTURE

It's not easy being in junior high. The students are younger have have few privilageges than high school students, but they do get to participate in sports.

"I love playing football. It is fun making tackles and defeating other teams," said eighth-grader Jason McComsey.

Playing sports in junior high is a great way to learn about teamwork and to prepare the students for high school.

"I learned a lot (in sports). It kept me in shape, and it gave me something to do," said seventh-grader Joshua Braun.



## EIGHTH-GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Front Row: Dena Steward, Holly Beardemphl, Starla Kellar, Erica Adams and Tara Smith. Back Row: Jaime Sale, Courtney DeWitte and Launa Fuhrman.

## JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Front Row: Dustin Hieb, Nickolas Hahler, Nathan Smith, Jason McComsey, Austin Zens, David O'Daniel and Darren Jilek. Middle Row: Austin Fischbach, Aaron Olson, Andrew Overby, Joshua Braun, Daniel Young and Jeremy Braun. Back Row: Chris Haselhorst, Nikolaus Kramp, Mitch Steinhoff, Evan Halvorson, Sam Helling, Ross Mielke and Coach Wade Rozell.



## SEVENTH-GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Front Row: Cristen DeWitte, Amber Genzler, Alexia Lutter, Kelli Hammer and Jodi Fischbach. Back Row: Mary Eisenbeisz, Megan Ladwig, Jamie Christensen, Stephanie Peterson and Coach Nora Groft.







#### EIGHTH-GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Jason McComsey, Nikolaus Kramp, Austin Sitter, Blake Jeschke, Ross Mielke, Evan Halvorson, Nathan Smith and Chris Haselhorst.

#### SEVENTH -GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Front Row: Jamie Christensen, Stephanie Peterson, Megan Ladwig and Cristen DeWitte. Back Row: Mary Eisenbeisz, Jodi Fischbach, Amber Genzler, Kelli Hammer and Alexia Lutter.



#### SEVENTH-GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Front Row: Dustin Hoellein, Darren Jilek, Austin Fischbach, Jeremy Braun and Casey Smith. Back Row: Aaron Olson, Dustin Hieb, Tanner Baird, Mitch Steinhoff, Sam Helling, Andrew Overby and Andrew West.

#### GIRLS' TRACK

Front Row: Megan Ladwig, Jamie Christensen, Stephanie Peterson, Cristen DeWitte, Amber Genzler, Alexia Lutter and Coach Dena Sievers. Back Row: Jodi Fischbach, Tara Smith, Holly Beardemphl, Starla Kellar, Erica Adams, Launa Fuhrman and Kelli Hammer.



#### BOYS' TRACK

Front Row: Dan Young, A.J. Overby, Jason McComsey, Ross Mielke, Chris Haselhorst, Nathan Smith and Aaron Olson. Back Row: Dustin Heib, Mitch Steinhoff, Jeremy Braun, Tanner Baird and Josh Braun.

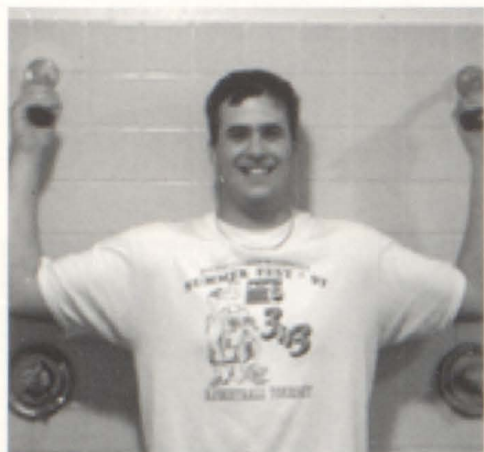
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Starla Kellar, Erica Adams, Launa Fuhrman, Tara Smith, Coach Nora Groft, Kayla Sheridan, Holly Beardemphl, Jo Schirle and Courtney DeWitte.





# ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



September  
Senior Ben Buisker



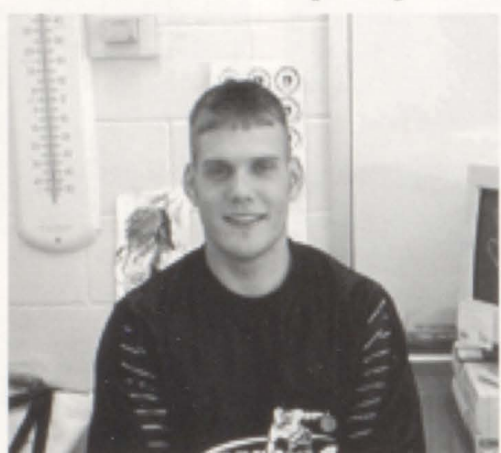
October  
Junior Renae Sparling



November  
Junior Jackie Mitchell



December  
Junior Jill Ford



January  
Senior Kraig Steinhoff



February  
Sophomore Michelle Jilek



March  
Junior Brittanie Kraus



April  
Senior Blair Bohl



May  
Seniors Jessica Halvorson and Holly Wetzler



# A LOOK BACK AT SPORTS

**DO THAT FUNKY CHICKEN!**  
Freshman Angela Spears shows us how to be a chicken during Homecoming Coronation.



## FEARLESS LEADERS

The four senior football players, Ben Buisker, Kraig Steinhoff, Jarod Bierman and Blair Bohl, look toward the horizon as their final season of high school football rides off into the sunset.



## TIME OUT!!

Coach Dena Sievers gives the girls some advice during a time out in one of their basketball games.



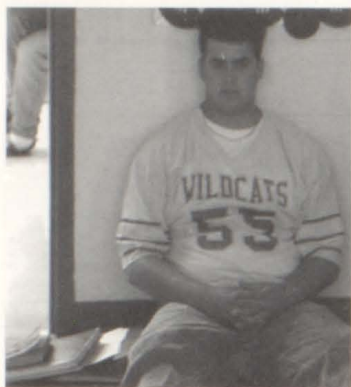
**HOLD THAT BALL**  
Senior Tyler Kienow holds on to the basketball during a game against Frederick-Hecla.

**HAND, HAND, HAND!!!**  
Sophomore Robert Baumgarten hands the baton off to sophomore Zach Heidenreich during the 400-meter relay.





# STUDENT LIFE



## Much Needed Rest

Looking dead tired, senior Ben Buisker takes a much needed rest from the trials of his age. Being his final year at Northwestern, he used his time wisely.



## A Sweet Little Girl

All gussed up and ready for a day on the prairie, freshman Brady Kleffman works diligently on his homework.



## Is It Over Yet?

With the look of boredom on her face, Homecoming Princess Kelsey Etl closely watches the crowning of the new king and queen.



## Freshman Frog

Freshman Jamie Jaragoske shows off her frog hopping skill during the homecoming coronation as part of the freshman exhibition.



## Ride Em' Cowgirls

Riding a high horse, seniors Meagan West and Heather O'Daniel were a nice addition to the senior float.

YES, THEY  
ACTUALLY LET  
US DO THINGS  
THAT DON'T  
HAVE MUCH  
EDUCATIONAL  
VALUE, AND IT  
IS EVEN  
ENCOURAGED.







## Everybody Cheer

Sophomores Tessa Mayer and Rabeca Ford laugh and cheer during the burning of the N with their dumbfounded classmate Kayla Stahl.

## The Lone Ranger

Homecoming Queen Holly Wetzler rides without her king, Blair Bohl, but she is in company with juniors Dustin Steward and Andrea McComsey.



## Shake It

Shaking her grove thing, seventh-grader Jodi Fischbach really knows how to dance. Her crazy little dance and attire was made possible by the seventh-grade skit.

## Fire In Their Eyes

With the look of pride and determination, the crowd looks on to the burning of the N after their homecoming victory.





#### RIDE 'EM COWBOY

Freshman Nathan Shawnaman takes a ride on his classmate Eric Gab as he pretends to be a horse as part of their freshman exhibition.

#### TROPICAL FLOAT

Being cramed into a small van was the idea that the juniors seemed to have. Somehow they fit their entire class of 23 into their small Ford van. Must've been cozy!



#### HOMECOMING COURT

Seniors Amy Heidenreich, Jessica Halvorson, Blair Bohl, Holly Wetzler, Ben Buisker and Jarod Bierman reigned over the festivities along with princess Kelsey Etl and prince Casey Bade.



#### TEACH ME HOW TO DRESS

Fifth-grade teacher Mr. Wade Rozell is modeling a lovely, white, sailor dress with amatching hat. He is a good example for the young, impressionable minds in his class.

#### BASKING IN PARADISE

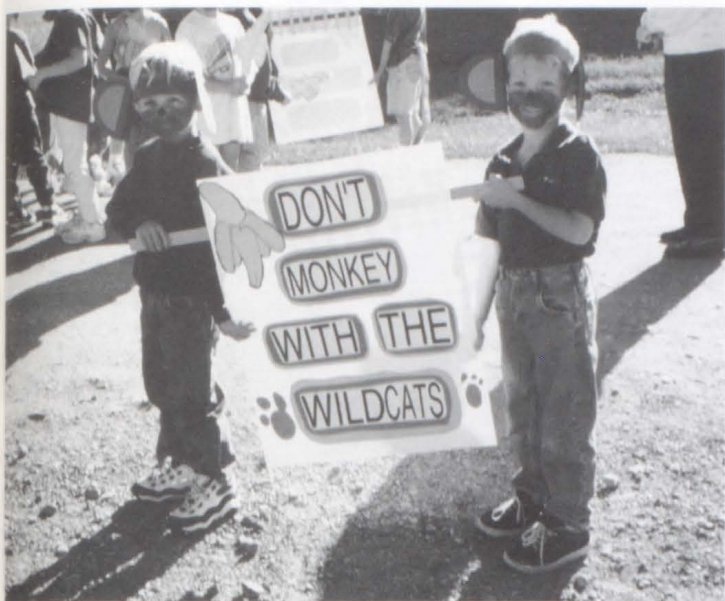
Coaches Ray Sauerwein and Scott Boone recline as they are fed by the beautiful hula girls, Mrs. Anne Frericks and Mrs. Roylene Heidenreich as part of the faculty skit.





### MONKEY BUSINESS

Kindergartners Logan Brown and Alex Boekelheide make the cutest little monkeys, and they show that "Wildcats Don't Monkey Around."



### GET THE HOSE

Senior Ariel Richter puts the finishing touches on her slave, freshman Jody Christensen. Poor little Jody will need a hose to clean up once the day is done.



### WE PLAY LIKE GIRLS

After a hard-fought game, both the white and the green teams stop for a much-needed rest. The score remained close throughout all four quarters of play but neither team let up.



## TROPICAL ATMOSPHERE HOMECOMING 1999

Hard-hitting, fast paced, adrenaline-rushing power would be exactly how one would have described this year's powder puff football game.

Even though the teams consisted of a bunch of girls, the game was quite burlat. The white team again claimed victory 18 to 12.

"We were so talented and so deep, I knew we were going to win," said senior Tyler Kienow, white team coach.

All the excitement was not just left up to the

powder puff game but also was made possible by the coronation ceremony. For the one of the few times in recent years, all classes in the junior high and high school, faculty and cheerleaders had skits.

Another raving success described the 1999 parade. It contained more than 50 entries. An ever-impressive, big blue van, the junior class float, won the best class float award.

"I've never seen sparks fly like that," senior Holly Wezler exclaimed about the junior class float. To say the least, it was a bit overloaded.



# THESE GIRLS CAN'T GET ENOUGH

Juniors Marie Wedemann, Andrea McComsey and Jackie Mitchell are fighting over juniors Dustin Steward and Ben Hammer.

# ENJOYS HER ALONE TIME

Senior Amy Heidenreich does what she does best...reading. At the beginning of the play, Heidenreich enjoys time alone reading and singing.



# PREPARING FOR THE PLAY

Junior Brittanie Kraus watches and learns from senior Matt Larson, who prepares for the big night by reading *Teen* magazine.



# LISTENING CAREFULLY

Junior Ryan Criddle looks really manly holding that gun while talking to seniors Amy Heidenreich, Dana Little, Kraig Steinhoff, Sabrina Siebrecht and Jessica Halvorson.

# GETTING ALL DOLLED-UP

Senior Sabrina Siebrecht concentrates hard while putting makeup on her co-star senior Jessica Halvorson backstage.





PERFECTING LINES BEFORE THE PLAY BEGINS  
Senior Kraig Steinhoff and junior Ryan Criddle make the finishing touches on their lines by role playing right before the play starts backstage.



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF "BLACK WIDDER"  
Senior Jessica Halvorson shows off her skills as the "Black Widder" as she reads senior Kraig Steinhoff's mind.

## HILLBILLY HANKERIN' CAST

Amy Heidenreich.....	Ma Hereford
Andrea McComsey.....	Freida Hereford
Angela Meyer.....	Betty Hereford
Jackie Mitchell.....	Liza Hereford/Maisey Hagan
Brittanie Kraus.....	Maggie Hereford
Ryan Criddle.....	Pa Hereford
Sabrina Siebrecht.....	Charlie Hereford
Michelle Eberle.....	Rosemary Bickle
Ashley Braun.....	Parsley Bickle
Robb Batteen.....	Cyrus Hereford
Dixie Jeschke.....	Dandelion Blatch
Kraig Steinhoff.....	Marcus Slidell
Dana Little.....	Saralee Poke
Jessica Halvorson.....	"Black Widder" Perkins
Marie Wedemann.....	Janie Guernsey
Sara Christensen.....	Rosie Guernsey
Lorra Beardemphl.....	Pug Guernsey
Matt Larson.....	Matt
Dustin Steward.....	Alvin
Christopher DeYoung.....	Steve
Ben Hammer.....	David
Matt Buisker.....	Zeke Guernsey
Trista Smith.....	"Chief" Slattery
Mr. Dennis Larson.....	Director

## THE JUNIOR-SENIOR PLAY 2000.

Director Mr. Dennis Larson and many juniors and seniors performed the play *Hillbilly Hankerin'* by Pat Cook March 31, 2000.

"I really enjoyed my first year of the play. I learned a lot and had a great experience," said junior Brittanie Kraus.

The play is set in a rustic ruckus in a mountain cabin belonging to the Herefords. The story takes place somewhere in the Ozarks during the present day.

"It was very entertaining, and they all did a great job. The cast put a lot of hard work into this play," said senior Holly Wetzler.

In this play, the Herefords and Guernseys are fighting over a piece of land that was given to each of them. However, this land did not belong to the man who sold it to both of the families. So now, the Herefords and Guernseys are feuding over who gets the land, and they are against one another. While the fighting between families is going on, the Hereford girls and the Guernsey girls are busy fighting over all of the men who come and hunt or the men who are looking for the land owners.

The end of the play surprised everyone. They found out that neither one of the families owned any part of the land that they both occupied. As for all of the girls who were hard up for men, all of the Hereford girls got what they wanted, but too bad for the Guernsey girls, they didn't get any of the guys.



#### INTERSCHOOL DATING

Junior Ranae Sparling dances with her date, Matt Sandve.

#### GETTING BOSSSED AROUND

Sophomores Trond Peterson and Michelle Jilek give each other a hug because it is so hard to wait on all of the juniors and seniors.



**BOOGIE FEVER ALL NIGHT**  
Seniors Jessica Halvorson and Holly Wetzler boogie down with juniors Andrea McComsey, Lorra Beardemphl and Brittanie Kraus.



#### JUST TOO MUCH FUN

Seniors Amy Heidenreich and Kraig Steinhoff dance close to each other and have way too much fun.

#### ACOUPL OF HAPPY COUPLES

Juniors Matt Buisker, Brittanie Kraus and Dustin Steward and guest Lisa Melius mingle as they slow dance to the wonderfully sweet music.





### A CUTE LITTLE CUPPLE

Studly junior Ben Hammer holds his date, lovely freshman Jennifer Fuhrman, as they dance to the wonderful sound of beautiful music.



### GETTING DOWN

Juniors and seniors all enjoyed the old school tunes supplied by the disc jockey. No one cared that all the music was the same thing they heard in junior high.

### ONE GREAT DATE

Seniors Ben Buisker and Matt Larson gave a little life to prom by walking down the grand march together, leaving their female dates behind them.



## WISH UPON A STAR PROM 2000

This year's prom lived up to the proms of the past. The junior class spent many hours setting up the decorations, and everything turned out great.

The theme for this year's prom was "Wish Upon a Star," and every couple did just that.

"The dance was awesome, and the DJ made it great," said junior Michelle Eberle.

After everyone danced the night away, everyone went up to post prom held at the Village Bowl in Aberdeen.

The post prom consisted of games and bowling. Everyone had a chance to earn "money" for chances on the prizes.

"This year's post prom went by really fast," said senior Jessica Halvorson.

After everything was said and done, everyone went home for a good night's, or day's, sleep after the wonderful evening.

"I slept all day long because I danced the entire night away with all my friends," said senior Holly Wetzler.



#### STANDING A LITTLE NERVOUS

All dressed and ready, Tyler Keinow and Ben Buisker stand around calming their nerves before the graduation ceremony.

#### HOW DO YOU WORK THIS?

Jarod Bierman and Blair Bohl try to quickly figure out how to run their hats right before they take a seat to listen to all the graduation entertainment.



#### LAST MINUTE ADVICE

Robb Batten receives some last minute advice from his big sister Christy on what not to say in his graduation speech.



#### THE FINISHING TOUCHES

Ben Buisker puts on the finishing touches to his graduation outfit by slipping on his hat right before taking a seat.

#### GIVE ME A HUG MOMMY

Holly Wetzler gives her crying mother a big hug and a flower during an emotion ballad sung by Sabrina Siebrecht and Dana Little.





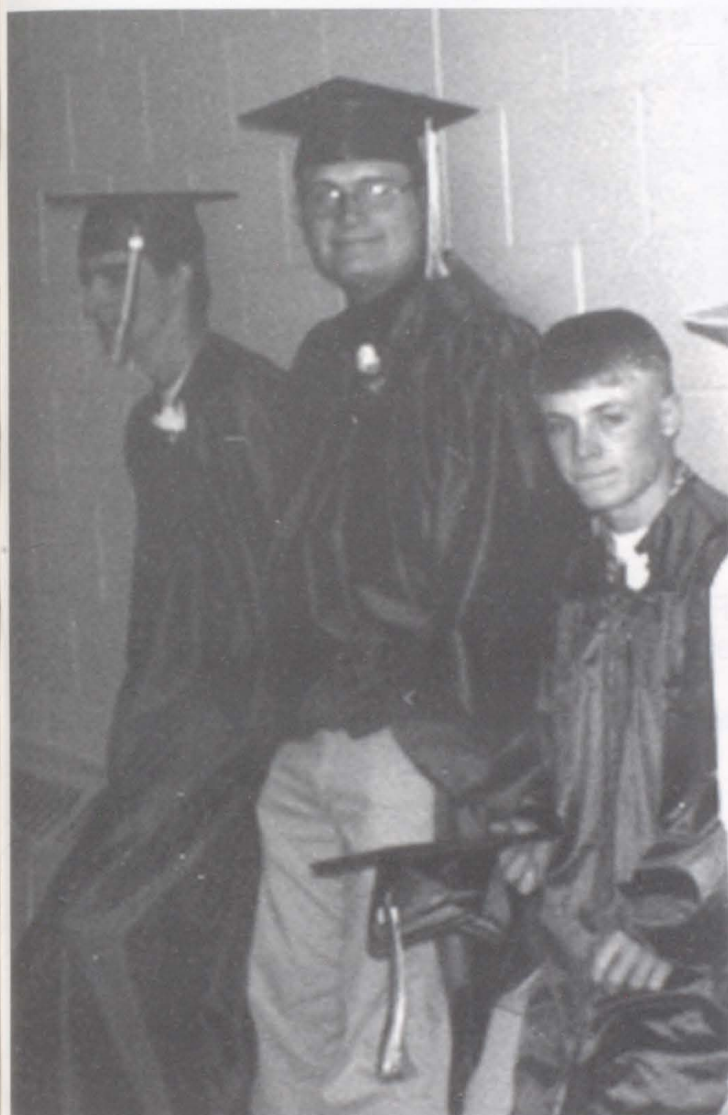
IT WILL BE ALL OVER SOON  
Joe Jaragoske, Mike Kramp and Justin Tolvstad pose for another picture, knowing there are only a few more pictures left.



THE CLASS OF 2000 TAKES THEIR FINAL POSED GROUP PICTURE  
Front Row: Jessica H., Amy H., Angela M., Christy W., Dana L., Sabrina S. and Ariel R. Row Two: Curt F., Joe J., Holly W., Meagan W., Heather O., Christine E., Justin T. and Tyler K. Back Row: Blair B., Jarod B., Kraig S., Ben B., Mike K., Matt L., Robb B. and Wade J.

#### HONOR STUDENTS

Front Row: Matt Larson, Jarod Bierman, Tyler Kienow and Kraig Steinhoff. Back Row: Amy Heidenreich, Angela Meyer and Jessica Halvorson.



## TAKING AWAY THE TOOLS THAT THEY EARNED

Twenty-three young adults came and left the Northwestern High School building May 21, 2000. They all came as one class but left to take their own paths to the tune of "Gradutation" by Vitamin C.

Senior class president Jarod Bierman welcomed friends and family members to the ceremony.

Then each of the speakers expressed themselves through their own words. Those four speakers, Amy Heidenreich, Angela Meyer, Robb Batteen and Matt Larson, only said what they needed to say.

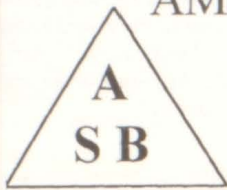
Bringing many people to tears, Sabrina Siebrecht and Dana Little sang a duet. During their singing of "Thank You" by George Strait, each student got a chance to thank their parents by giving them a flower and a hug.

Little and Siebrecht were not the only musical graduates showing off their talents. Jarod Bierman also wowed the crowd by singing "Best Day of My Life" also by George Strait.

Juniors Jackie Mitchell and Matt Buisker served as honor guards.







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Coach Kathy Graves scouts the other teams at the state tournament like all good coaches should.

### SENIOR PRIDE

The seniors, Jessica Halvorson, Holly Wetzler, Amy Heidenreich and Christy Wagner, are proudly showing off the newly aquired hardware that the volleyball team won. The girls look good for the time being 12:25 a.m. mountain time.



*Natalie C. Braun*

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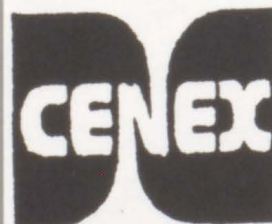
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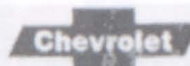
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A WEE BIT TIRED  
Junior Trista Smith holds a very tired Ashley Clemens after one of the many long volleyball games.

SIX OF A KIND  
The six juniors, Renae Sparling, Andrea McComsey, Tracey Smith, Jill Ford, Jackie Mitchell and Brittanie Kraus, pose for all the cameras like good state champions.



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### BIG FANS

Our "biggest" fan, Chuck from White River, and Jim Smith getting ready to cheer before the championship game.



### WINNING SMILES

The sophomores, Michelle Jilek, Tessa Mayer, Starla Baird and Kayla Stahl, proudly smile as their first varsity volleyball season ends with the championship win.



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goes the distance  
**Commitment**  
finishes the race  
-Kathy Graves

**FANS OF THE YEAR**  
These loyal fans got a little crazy and thought wearing wife beaters would be a fun way to show school spirit.

**WE WON!**  
The players hug each other after just winning the state title two years in a row. What a great feeling!



**Jess-You are everything that is, your thoughts, your life, your dreams come true. You are everything you choose to be. You are unlimited as the endless universe.**

**Love Mom, Dad and Evan**

Amy - We are extremely proud of you! Congratulations!

Amy, Zach and Elissa - Dream your dreams and strive hard to be all you can!

Love Mom and Dad



*Congratulations, Desha, on being crowned "2000 South Dakota Junior Snow Queen." We're so proud of you!*

*-Love, Mom, Dad, and Casey*

Congratulations from Redfield Subway!

Congratulations Jarod Bierman! Love, Dad, Mom, Brad and David

**BEST WISHES BEN BUISKER! LOVE, BRET AND SANDY**

Wishing a successful future to all Northwestern students. -Mr. Bomesberger

**Congratulations seniors! Continue to challenge yourselves each day. -Christy Cardella**





Congratulations JV volleyball team on an undefeated, 18-0 season!

"Work hard on this serve!"

-Coach Groft



Congratulations Tyler! We're proud of you.

Love Mom, Dad and Spencer

**Live so that when you die, even the undertaker is saddened.**

**-Dennis Larson**

**Congratulations Matt! May all your dreams come true.**

**We love you, Dad, Mom, and Jenna**

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*Congratulations on a great year, we will miss you!*

*Love, Dad and Mom, Wade and Haley*

Congratulations seniors! Good luck in all your future endeavors. -Beth Duerre

Seniors - May all that you strive for be successful and your goals always stay in sight. Good luck. -Deb O'Daniel

Congratulations Justin! We're very proud of you. Love, Dad, Mom and Jackie

Congratulations to the junior varsity volleyball team on an undefeated season! -Jeannine Jilek

**SHOOT FOR THE MOON BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU MISS, YOU WILL LAND AMONGST THE STARS. -JENNIFER JAKOB**

**Congratulations seniors! -Scott Boone**



WHOOYAA

Junior Jackie Mitchell, seniors Holly Wetzler and Amy Heidenreich and junior Jill Ford cheer as Coach Graves's name is announced during the championship game.

THE WILDCATS

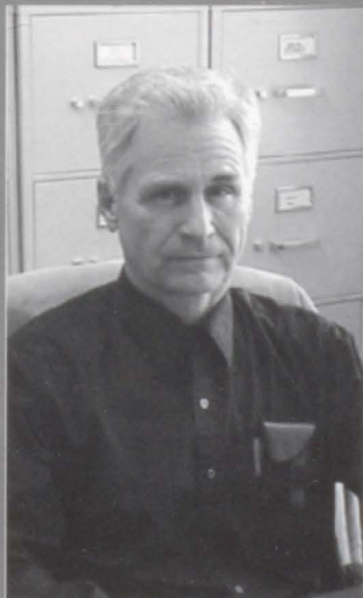
Sophomore Zach Remily, eighth-grader Nik Kramp, sophomore Kris Sparling, freshman Desa Oberle, sophomores Nicole Hammer, Trond Peterson and Zach Heidenreich and seventh-grader Aaron Olson cheer on the volleyball team as the letters that spell out Wildcats.

Congratulations Christy! We love you lots. Love, Mom and Dad

Good job Wildcat volleyball! Nice job Brittanie! Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations on the back-to-back state volleyball titles! Way to go Renae! Love, Dad, Mom and Kennedy

Congratulations Robb! You finally did it! Love, Mom



**FAREWELL MR. BOMESBERGER!**

Mr. Merle Bomesberger has been with Northwestern School for 40 years. There has been many good times, but enough is enough. Mr. Bomesberger has been many things to this school. His assignments and duties for Northwestern have been sixth-grade teacher, junior high social studies, science, and math teacher, kindergarten through eighth-grade principal and kindergarten through senior special education coordinator.

Your service to the school was long lived and appreciate. Good luck in all your future endeavors.



#### CATCH THAT BALL

Senior Jarod Bierman is all ready to stop any pitch that might be wild. Bierman plays on the legion team from Cresbard, Northville and Warner.

#### SWING BATTER!

Junior Jill Ford shows off her batting skills during a game in Aberdeen. Ford plays on the Gourmet Bison team.



#### HIT THAT BALL

Senior Jessica Halvorson gets ready to smack the ball into the outfield. She plays on the Double D Body Shop, Brentford Legion and Subway team.



#### GRAB THAT GROUNDER

Frist-grader Jenna Larson demonstrates proper fielding technique while at practice. She plays on the 12-and-under softball team in Mellette.

#### STRIKE!!!!

Senior Ben Buisker pitches during one of his many games this year. Buisker plays on the legion baseball team from Cresbard, Northvill and Warner.





#### WHAT A FLOATER!!

Sophomore Kayla Stahl pitches a floater during one of her games. Stahl plays on the Gourmet Bison team in Aberdeen.



#### WHAT A PITCHER

Mrs. Nora Groft throws a perfect pitch during a game in Aberdeen. Groft plays on the Double D Body Shop, Brentford Legion and Subway team in Aberdeen.

#### STOP THAT BALL

Senior Angela Meyer stops the ball while catching during the game. She plays on the Double D Body Shop, Brentford Legion and Subway team in Aberdeen.



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES DIRECTING YOUTH

Many students participate in sports and activities outside of school during the summer.

The most popular sports for the students were softball for the girls and baseball for the boys.

Two softball teams compete in a league in Aberdeen. Another softball team competes in Mellette. The baseball teams have their games in either Northville, Cresbard or Warner.

"Participating in these sports is a great time, and it is a great way to enjoy your s u m m e r playingsports and

socializing," said senior Matt Larson.

Occasionally, a teacher or two partakes in these sports.

"I play on a softball team with some of the girls from the 18-and-under team I used to coach. They're so much fun!" exclaimed Mrs. Nora Groft.

These activities keep students busy during the summer if they don't have jobs, and they help to keep them out of trouble.

"Playing sports in the summer is a lot of fun, and people should do it if they have the time and want to," said eighth-grader Erica Adams.





# PLEASE CLOSE BOOK

JUST A LITTLE INSTRUCTION SINCE IT IS THE END

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MUCH LIKE IN LIFE, THIS BOOK HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS INCULCED EXCEPT FOR THE ONE TO THE LEFT. WE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD MOST ACCURATELY DISPLAY HIGH SCHOOL LIFE BY USING THIS THEME. THROUGHOUT THE BOOK, WE TRIED TO CONVEY THE INSTRUCTIONS NOT INCLUDED THEME THROUGH CREATIVE LITTLE HEADLINES AND CRAZY CAPTIONS. WE USED ALL OF OUR EDUCATION THAT WE RECEIVED IN JOURNALISM I AND JOURNALISM II TO BRING YOU THE BEST BOOK POSSIBLE.

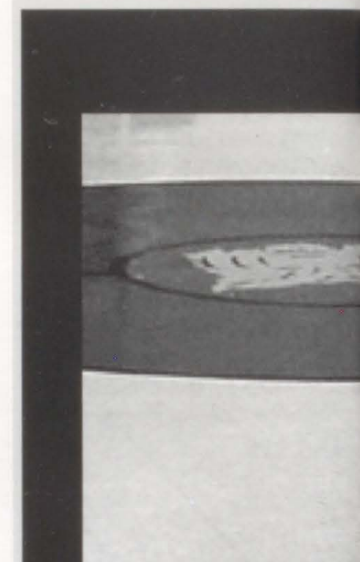
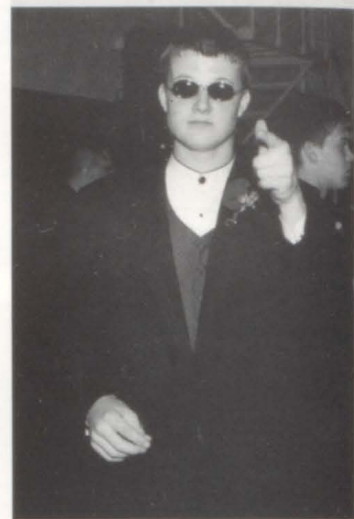
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In school one must always look at both sides of the story, so why not have both sides of the school in the yearbook? This is probably a site that most students see as they end every day.

Junior Dustin Steward bids the senior class farewell all decked out in his tux at prom.



This is the end of the gym floor as we know it. The school will be putting in new bleachers and a new wood floor for the upcoming year.



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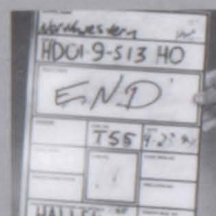
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As the 2000 school year comes to an end, the Northwestern yearbook staff decided they needed a "hand" to show off their "end."



Seniors and editors Matt Larson and Angela Meyer try to show their open mindedness about their journalistic reporting while working on the yearbook.

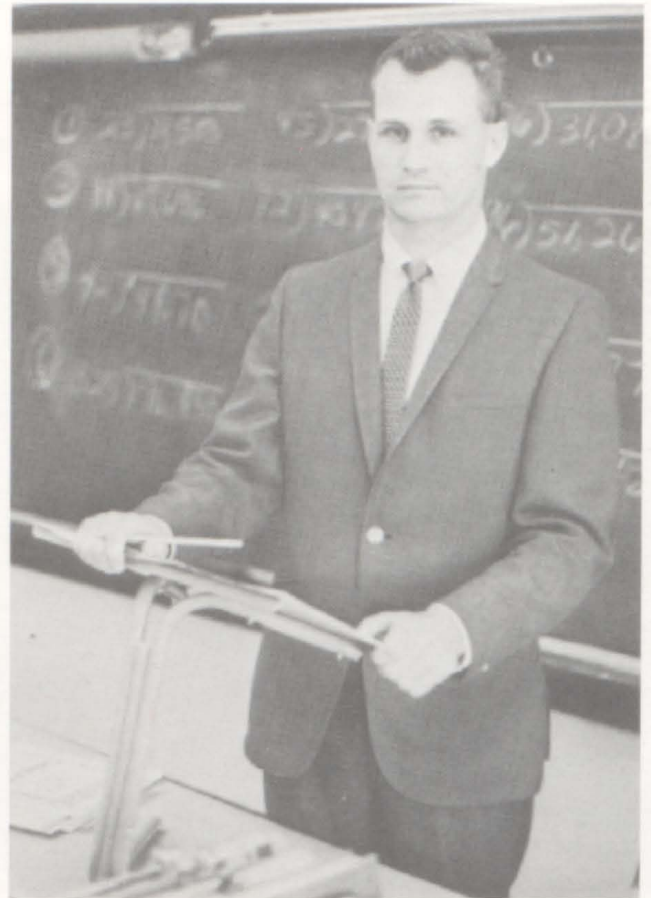
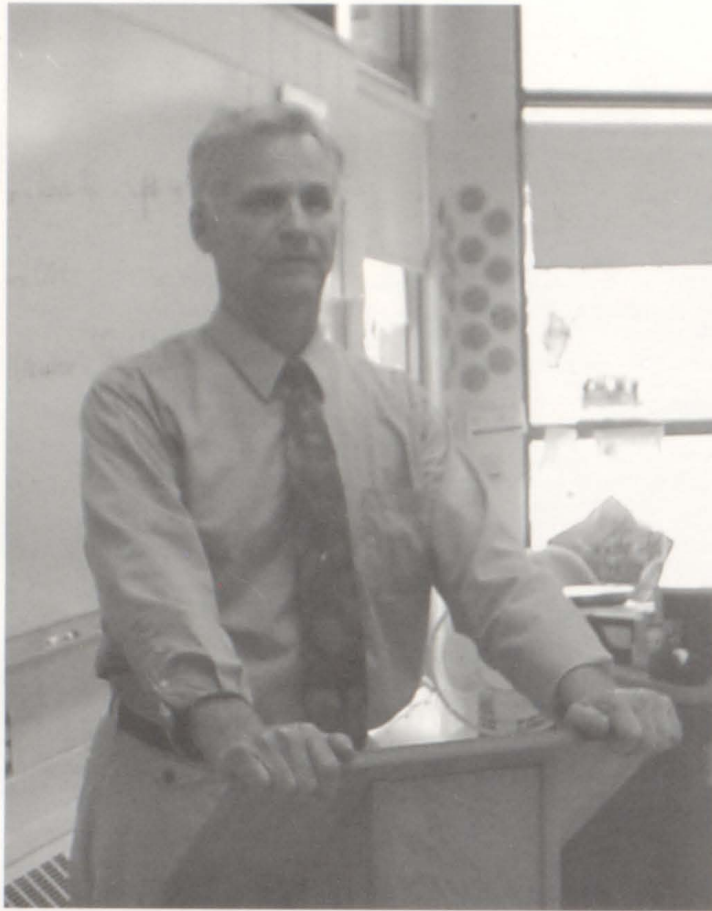


Matt and Angela leave the yearbook in the hands of some real weirdos, juniors Ashley Braun and Trista Smith with adviser Mrs. Nora Groft.





# 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



Mr. Merle Bomesberger is pictured on left after 40 years of teaching at Northwestern just before his retirement. On the right is picture of him taken in 1970, 30 years ago, in the early days of his teaching career. Bomesberger taught three generations of students at NW.

After 40 years of service to Northwestern School, Mr. Merle Bomesberger said good-bye. Bomesberger announced at the end of the year that he would be retiring from his position as elementary principal at NW.

Bomesberger started teaching at a country school at the age of 17. He then came to NW in 1964 at the age of 24 and has been here ever since.

"I like being here because it's a small town like the small town I grew up in," said Bomesberger.

Originally, Bomesberger taught sixth-grade classes. He taught this class until 1980. At that time, Bomesberger became NW's elementary principal. However, Bomesberger still taught some occasional junior high classes.

"Mr. Bomesberger definitely made an impact on our school and education, and he will certainly be missed," said junior Brittanie Kraus.

In the last 10 years, Bomesberger taught only a few junior high classes. He became more focused on his job as elementary principal and special education coordinator.

Bomesberger said he plans to spend his time hunting during his retirement.

"The students, staff and parents (are what I like best about NW)," said Bomesberger.

Good luck Mr. Bomesberger and enjoy your retirement.





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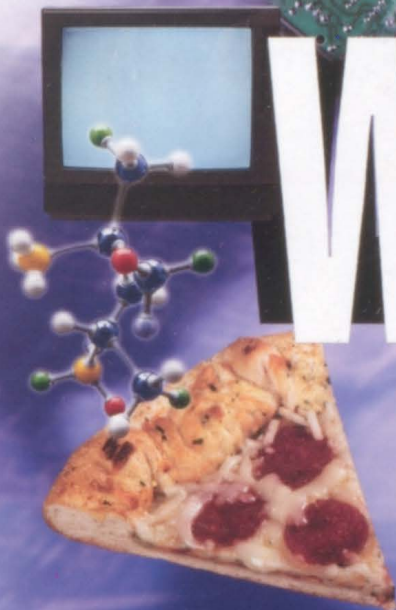
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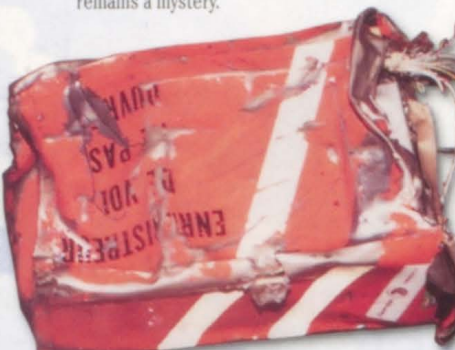
# World News



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As part of Rome's continuing restoration, the city unveils a plan to create an 18,000-square-yard rambling space connecting the Imperial Forums with the Roman Forum.

EgyptAir Flight 990 crashes into the Atlantic Ocean on October 31, killing all 217 people on board. Although suspicious actions of a pilot are under scrutiny by American and Egyptian officials, the cause of the crash remains a mystery.



Reuters/STB/Blackstar Photos

On October 12, the world's official population hits 6 billion. The designated 6 billionth human is a baby boy born in Sarajevo.



AP/Wide World Photos

In September, more than 300,000 Japanese are checked for radiation exposure after an inadvertent nuclear reaction at a uranium processing plant.



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Nearly a million ethnic Albanians flee Yugoslavia and thousands are killed after Serbs begin a violent ethnic cleansing campaign in 1998. Seventy-eight days of NATO bombing bring the war to an end in June. An international tribunal later charges Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic with crimes against humanity.

In an October coup, the Pakistani army dismisses elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his government after Sharif announces the removal of his powerful military chief, General Pervez Musharraf.

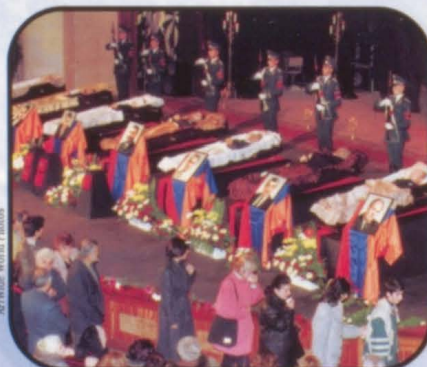


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## Flash

Britain's Prince Edward marries longtime girlfriend Sophie Rhys-Jones on June 19.

Cuban Elian Gonzalez, 6, becomes the center of a bitter citizenship debate after surviving a November boat wreck off the Florida coast in which his mother dies.



AP/Wide World Photos

In a violent October coup, gunmen storm the Armenian Parliament and assassinate Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian and six other top officials.



AP/Wide World Photos

In India, two trains collide head-on in August, killing 285 people and injuring more than 300. It is one of the worst train disasters in the country's history.

# 1999





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In June, Thabo Mbeki succeeds President Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first democratically elected president.



Liaison Agency

Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" is unveiled in June after 21 years of restoration. The centimeter-by-centimeter rehabilitation cost \$7.7 million and involved electronic microscopes.



AP/Wide World Photos/Robert King

In September, Russia begins a military campaign against Chechen nationalists to regain control of the breakaway republic. More than 200,000 people flee the region, but a fierce rebel resistance stays to fight for control of the capital, Grozny.



AP/Wide World Photos/Chang Chieh-wei



Pierre Vauthier/Cortis Sygma

After almost nine years in power, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces his resignation in January 2000. Yeltsin names Prime Minister Vladimir Putin acting president pending elections in March.

In September and October, powerful earthquakes strike around the globe, killing 15,000 people in Turkey, 1,450 in Taiwan and at least 122 in Greece.



Kenneth Garrett/NGS Image Collection

Archaeologists excavate 105 mummies in a 2,000-year-old underground Egyptian tomb believed to contain a total of 10,000 mummies. The necropolis will shed new light on the Greco-Roman era and will allow scholars to chart demographic data and the incidence of disease.



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On December 31, the U.S. returns control of the Panama Canal to Panama. Opened to the world in 1914, the canal is considered one of the greatest construction achievements in American history.

## Flash

A tropical depression producing heavy rain hits Mexico in November. The resulting floods kill more than 350 people and cause 100,000 to evacuate.

In August, the U.S. pays \$4.5 million to victims of NATO's accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. Three Chinese are killed and 27 are wounded in the May 1999 bombing.



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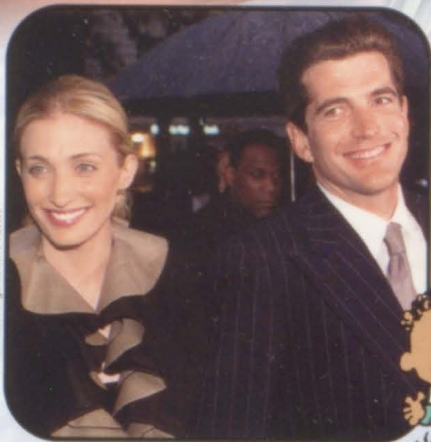
In December, torrential rains cause Venezuela's worst natural disaster of the century. Mudslides and flash floods kill up to 30,000 people, while damage estimates run into the billions of dollars.

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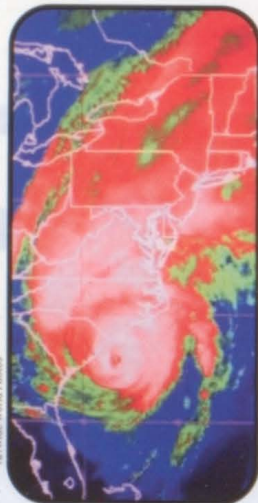
# National News

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In July, John F. Kennedy Jr., 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, 34, die in an airplane crash in the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard. Kennedy, a relatively inexperienced pilot, is believed to have become disoriented in heavy fog.

Hurricane Floyd strikes the East Coast in September, killing 51 people and destroying over 4,000 homes. North Carolina is hardest hit with total damages estimated at a record \$6 billion.



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Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz retires in January 2000, bringing an end to PEANUTS, America's most popular comic strip for almost 50 years. Schulz dies in February, the night before his last strip runs in the national newspapers.



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The drought of 1999 causes severe damage to Northeastern and mid-Atlantic farms. Several states impose mandatory water use restrictions and emergency federal loans are made available in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

As a way to boost tourism, Chicago displays 301 life-size, fiberglass cows decorated by local artists. The public art exhibit lasts all summer until the cows are auctioned for charity.



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Lewis and Clark's Native American guide Sacagawea is featured on a new gold-colored dollar coin released into circulation in early 2000.



Beginning in 1999, the U.S. Mint releases specially designed state quarters, the first five representing Connecticut, Georgia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. By 2008, each state will have its own quarter.



## Flash

In August, a rare tornado strikes downtown Salt Lake City. Winds up to 112 miles per hour make it Utah's second-worst tornado in history.

In July, Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins, 42, becomes the first woman to command a U.S. space shuttle mission.

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President Clinton announces the removal of the American bald eagle from the endangered species list. In 1999, there are over 5,800 breeding pairs, an increase from 417 in 1963.

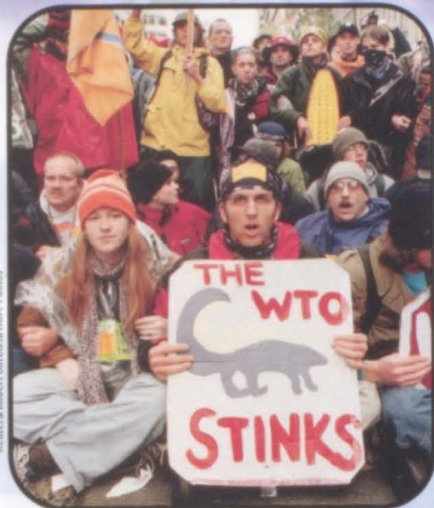
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In November, a 60-foot log tower collapses at Texas A&M University, killing 12 students and injuring 27. The tower was to be burned at a traditional bonfire pep rally.



Dave McDermott/Bryan-College Station Eagle/Corbis Sygma





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In November, protesters at the World Trade Organization (WTO) summit in Seattle provoke a show of force by local, state and federal officers. Protesters blame the WTO for eroding human rights and labor and environmental standards.



Ben Garrison, San Diego Zoo/Reuters/Archives Photos

In August, a female panda is born at the San Diego Zoo. Hua Mei, which can mean "China USA" or "Splendid Beauty," is the first panda born in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade.



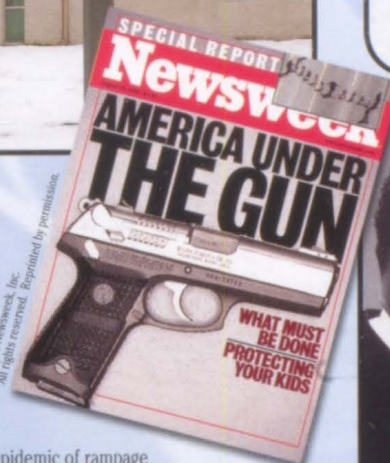
1-800-4MY-TEEN

A bumper sticker invites drivers to call a toll-free number to report reckless driving. Officials hope the system will help parents stay informed about their teenagers' driving habits.

On April 20, 1999, the nation mourns after two students go on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, wounding 23 and killing 15, including themselves. Schools across the country take extensive security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.



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An epidemic of rampage shootings intensifies America's growing concern over gun control. Many state legislatures pass new gun-control measures despite nationwide controversy over restrictions vs. Second Amendment rights.



Timothy C. Sharp

In an effort to ease the burden on the traditional courts, most states now offer teen court for juvenile offenders. After determining guilt, a jury of teens along with a judge decides the sentence, typically community service and financial restitution.



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Despite 30 years of official denial, in December a jury finds the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspiracy, not the act of a lone gunman.

## Flash

In the first such admission by a cigarette manufacturer, Philip Morris publicly concedes tobacco is addictive and can cause serious diseases.

Hillary Clinton announces her candidacy for a U.S. Senate seat from New York. As law requires, Clinton establishes New York residency in suburban Chappaqua.



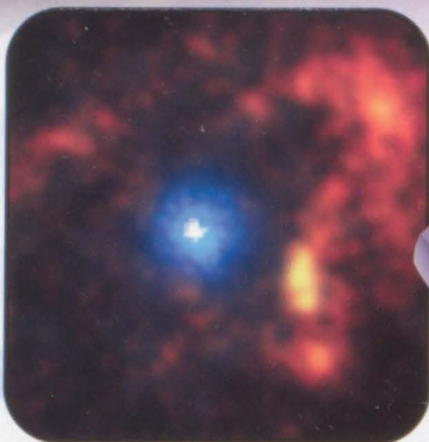
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In September, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife Melinda announce the creation of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. The Gateses will donate \$1 billion over the next 20 years to finance scholarships for minority college students.

# 2000



# Science News



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In August, NASA releases photos from the Chandra X-ray orbiting telescope of a hot cloud of gas from a star that exploded more than three centuries ago. The telescope took 23 years and \$1 billion to develop.

FEELit technology allows users to experience computer technology through their mouse. Users can "feel" buttons, text, the weight of a stuffed desktop folder and the groove of a scroll bar.



Immersive Corporation

Fifteen-year-old Amber Ramirez undergoes surgery in which half of her brain is removed to stop the spread of a rare neurological disease. Doctors hope the remaining portion of Ramirez's brain will compensate for the removed tissue.



Lincoln Journal Star



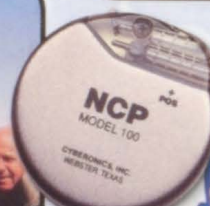
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The Java Ring contains a computer chip providing electronic access into buildings for students. Eventually the ring could be used as a library card, digital wallet, electronic ID and authentication for students' online homework.



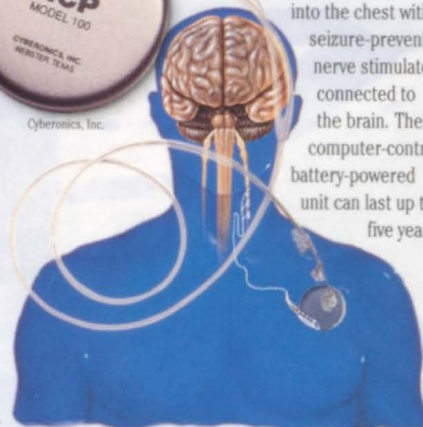
AP/Wide World Photos

The body of a 23,000-year-old woolly mammoth is discovered in October frozen in the Russian tundra. Study of the preserved fur, organs and soft tissue could unlock the mystery of why the species died out.



Cyberonics, Inc.

In an epilepsy treatment breakthrough, surgeons implant a "pacemaker" into the chest with a seizure-preventing nerve stimulator connected to the brain. The computer-controlled, battery-powered unit can last up to five years.



Cyberonics, Inc.

## Flash

Researchers announce in July the creation of a cancerous human cell by genetically altering a normal one. This significant breakthrough is an important step toward developing drugs that could potentially wipe out cancer.

In December, IBM announces a \$100 million research initiative to build a supercomputer 500 times more powerful than current models.



Gallagher/ASA/Photo Researchers

In August, U.S. surgeons begin using computer-enhanced robotic technology for heart bypass surgery. Because the chest cavity is never opened, this technique reduces pain and shortens recovery time.



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On August 11, the last total solar eclipse of the millennium crosses the globe. Thousands of people from Canada to India experience daytime darkness during which the moon completely covers the sun.

# 1999



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Parents, with help from their doctor, select the gender of their baby using a technique called MicroSort, which separates X-bearing (female-determining) and Y-bearing (male-determining) sperm. The success rate is about 92 percent for females and 69 percent for males.

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Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital reveal in July that they have successfully regenerated the central nervous system of lab rats with severed spinal cords. Applications for human paralysis treatment are very encouraging.

The jawbones of two kangaroo-sized dinosaurs are discovered in Madagascar in October. Dated to the early Triassic period, 230 million years ago, the bones could be the oldest dinosaur fossils ever found.



Reuters/Scott Olson/Archives Photos



A new board game, *Infection*, hits stores in July. Fun and educational, players race around the board catching diseases, described in detail, and trying to be cured.

In October, Sea Launch Company, a multi-national consortium, launches the first commercial satellite into space from a floating platform in the Pacific Ocean. Boeing is a major partner in the venture, along with companies in Russia, Ukraine and Norway.

Boeing Media



In October, biologists isolate one of the enzymes that sets Alzheimer's disease in motion. This scientific discovery will lead to new treatments and, possibly, a cure. Over 4 million Americans, including former President Ronald Reagan, are living with the disease.

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Researchers report they have successfully altered the learning and memory behavior of mice by inserting a gene into their brains. This genetic-engineering breakthrough may be helpful in treating human learning disorders and Alzheimer's disease.

## Flash

In June, scientists announce the creation of two new elements. The nucleus of new, super-heavy element 118 decays into element 116 within a millisecond.

Scientists studying Albert Einstein's preserved brain report it has unique characteristics. The region governing mathematical ability and spatial reasoning is significantly larger than normal.



AP/Wide World Photos

To mark the 30th anniversary of the first moon landing, astronaut Neil Armstrong's lunar footprint is featured on a 1999 postage stamp.

# 2000



# Lifestyle News



Cosmetic companies increasingly use entertainment celebrities instead of models for their advertisements. Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jennifer Lopez and Shania Twain are among the celebs who appear in ads.

The fashion accessory of 1999 goes by many names—power beads, mood beads and prayer beads. Many sellers claim the beads boost tranquility, energy, creativity and intelligence.



Ian Spanier

Airlines begin installing elaborate in-flight entertainment systems that allow passengers to watch movies, play computer games, listen to music, read headlines or browse the Internet.



Eric Sander/Judson Agency

With the huge increase in cell phones, many cities enact laws restricting their use while driving. Restaurants and theaters are also requiring patrons to turn phones off as a courtesy to others.



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In August, a Levi Strauss & Co. megastore opens in San Francisco. The store features a hot tub where shoppers can soak in their jeans for the perfect fit and a computer-scanning system to help customers get the right size.



A continuation of the cargo pants trend, messenger bags with pockets galore hang at the hips of teens everywhere.



AP/Wide World Photos

Apple Computer introduces its new iBook laptop in September. The super-slim, neon-colored units follow the highly successful launch of the translucent iMac desktop.

## Flash

In December, Honda introduces Insight, a car that combines a conventional gasoline engine with a small electric motor, decreases ozone and carbon dioxide emissions and gets 80 mpg.

Several companies offer "digital wallets" for teens who want to shop online but don't have credit cards. Parents deposit money into an online account; then teens can spend the money at designated Web sites.



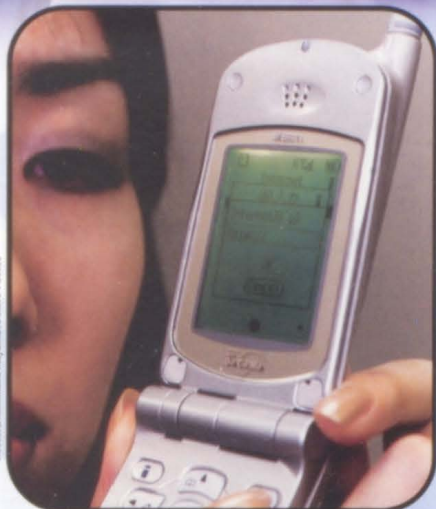
Courtesy Aromapharmacy

A new line of scented candles called Aromapharmacy comes in amber glass containers and looks like prescription drug bottles with creative names such as Ritalert, Cramprin and Valiumello.

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Wireless Web access becomes a reality in September when Sprint PCS announces the first nationwide wireless data service. Shortly thereafter, several other providers debut similar service for hand-held Web phones.



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Shawls and wraps show up everywhere in the fashion world. Hollywood celebrities like Salma Hayek sport the fashion trend in all colors and fabrics.

Inline skaters can now power themselves along with the new Roller Cycle Personal Power Accelerator featuring a 1.5-hp-driven wheel. An optional spiked rubber tire for traction makes it also possible to use while cross-country skiing.



Roller Cycle



Kramer Brothers/PPOL, Inc.

A Gap TV advertisement for vests starts a trend across America that has teenagers wearing the fashionable sleeveless jackets.



Several rappers start their own clothing lines, making hip-hop wear big business. Popular artist labels include FUBU, Roc-A-Wear, Phat Farm, Wu Wear, Sean John and X-Large.



Stretchy nylon jewelry that looks like skin tattoos is a big hit in 1999. The nylon bands are worn around necks, wrists, arms and ankles, and come in several colors.

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Courtesy Magellan Corporation

Magellan, a satellite navigation system for motorists, offers complete U.S. mapping data, voice and visual instructions in seven languages, turn-by-turn directions and a library of points of interest.

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Teenagers need an average of nine hours and 15 minutes of sleep a night, according to research at Brown University's Bradley Hospital. The study also shows a direct correlation between school grades and duration of sleep.

An influx of dot-com companies advertise on television. Ads during the Super Bowl sell for an average of \$2.2 million per 30-second commercial.

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California Prune Board

A growing number of U.S. school cafeterias offer pruneburgers, a healthy low-fat combination of hamburger and prune puree. Other prune items in the works include hot dogs, pizza sauce, barbecue sauce and gingerbread cookies.



# Entertainment News



*The Sixth Sense* with Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment is the No. 1 box office hit for five consecutive weekends in the summer.



Video game fans snap up a record 15,000 copies of Sega's highly anticipated Dreamcast system in the first 24 hours after its launch in September.

ABC's summer fill-in quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," with host Regis Philbin, returns in November and is a huge hit with viewers. By January 2000, several major networks launch quiz shows of their own.



After 19 nominations, Susan Lucci finally wins an Emmy Award for best actress in a daytime drama series for her role as Erica Kane on the ABC soap opera "All My Children."



*The Blair Witch Project*, the year's surprise movie hit, is the documentary-style footage of three students lost in the Maryland woods and threatened by the presumed Blair Witch. The film costs \$100,000 to make and grosses \$140 million.

Launched in January 1999, MTV's "The Tom Green Show" becomes one of the season's most popular shows. The Canadian host's bizarre man-on-the-street pranks are the show's main attraction.



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Tom Hanks and Tim Allen return as the voices of Woody and Buzz Lightyear in the animated feature *Toy Story 2*. The sequel breaks box-office records during its Thanksgiving release and wins a Golden Globe award.

In a botched stunt, WWF wrestler Owen Hart falls from the rafters at Kemper Arena and dies in front of 16,300 fans.



Jennifer Love Hewitt leaves "Party of Five" to star in her own Fox television drama, "Time of Your Life." The show focuses on Hewitt's character trying to make it in New York while searching for her biological father.



In June, Mike Myers' sequel *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* proves to be a bigger hit than the 1997 original. Dr. Evil's alter ego Mini-Me is extremely popular even though he has no lines.

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Konami Corporation of America, Inc.

The new arcade game *Guitar Freaks* features two guitar controllers and a screen to help players follow along to popular songs.



PhotoFest

In December, actor Jim Carrey portrays zany comedian Andy Kaufman in *Man on the Moon*. Carrey wins a Golden Globe award for his performance.

*American Beauty*, starring Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening and Thora Birch, captures the Golden Globe Best Drama Award. The dark satire of suburbia and family dysfunction receives a total of six Golden Globe nominations.



PhotoFest



Drawnworks Television

Set in 1980, the critically acclaimed NBC show "*Freaks and Geeks*" follows two groups of teens trying to make their way through high school.

The long-awaited prequel *Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace* hits theaters in May 1999, taking in a record-breaking \$28.5 million on its opening day and going on to gross more than \$420 million.



PhotoFest



Six Flags Great Adventure

Medusa, the world's first floorless roller coaster, opens in August at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. The 4,000-foot, toe-dangling ride has enough drops, loops, rolls and corkscrews to thrill every rider.



AP/Wide World Photos

In September, the New Roc City entertainment center opens in New York. The complex includes an amusement park ride on the roof, two skating rinks, 19 movie screens, restaurants, an arcade, a health club, a supermarket and a hotel.

## Flash

Michael J. Fox announces in January 2000 he will leave the popular ABC sitcom "*Spin City*" at the end of the season to promote awareness of Parkinson's disease in hopes of finding a cure.

After 10 seasons, Fox cancels the hit show "*Beverly Hills, 90210*." The show followed characters through high school, college and careers.



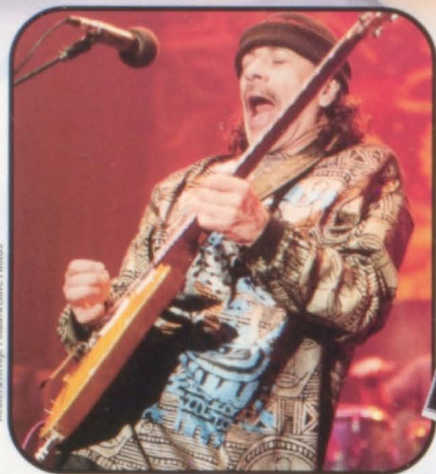
The Everett Collection

*The Talented Mr. Ripley*, starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett, opens in December and earns popular and critical praise.

# 2000



# Music News



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Released in June, Santana's *Supernatural* shoots up the *Billboard* album chart, sells over 6 million copies, and earns 10 Grammy nominations.

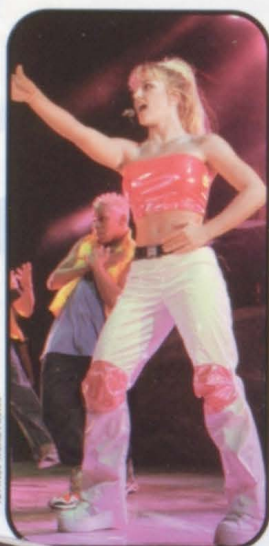
U.S. sales of music by Latin artists shoot up 48 percent in the first quarter of 1999 thanks to artists such as Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Enrique Iglesias and Marc Anthony.



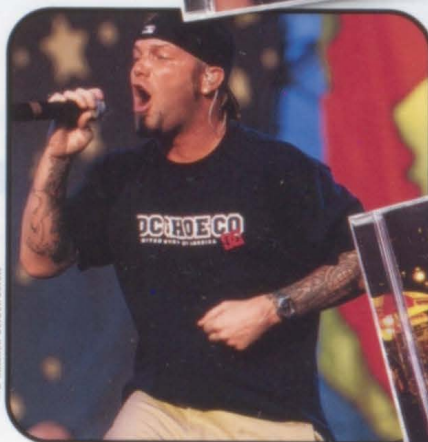
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Superstar Mariah Carey releases *Rainbow* in November and begins a world tour in February 2000. Carey is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Decade and is awarded the distinguished American Music Award of Achievement.

Britney Spears' album *...Baby One More Time* is the second-best-selling album of 1999, earning Spears the *Billboard* Music Awards Female and New Artist of the Year Awards.



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Limp Bizkit leads the way in the resurgence of rock music, along with Kid Rock and Korn. In September, MTV showcases the trend by airing "1999: Return of the Rock," which examines the history and future of rock music.

*Saturday Night Live: The Musical Performances Volumes 1 and 2* are released in September. The CDs feature 30 of the 600 musical acts that have appeared on SNL over the past 25 years.



Computer games feature big music stars on their soundtracks. Sheryl Crow contributes her talent to the *Tomorrow Never Dies* soundtrack, Metallica to *Hot Wheels Turbo Racing* and Naughty by Nature to *NBA Live 2000*.

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Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and the Dixie Chicks are a few musicians who rock Central Park in a first-ever trimulcast concert seen and heard on the radio, television and Internet.

More than 1 million viewers tune in each weekday to vote on their favorite videos on MTV's "Total Request Live" with host Carson Daly and popular musical guests.

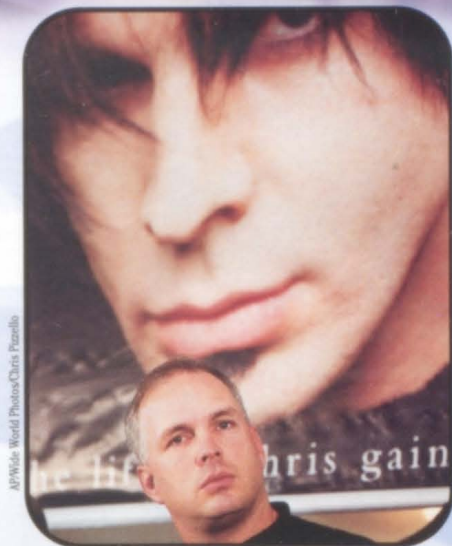


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Backstreet Boys' *Millennium* wins the *Billboard* Music Awards Album of the Year and becomes the best-selling album of the year with over 10 million copies sold.

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In a strange twist, Garth Brooks releases the album *The Life of Chris Gaines* in which he pretends to be a fictional rock star. Gaines will be the main character in a movie called *The Lamb*, currently in development.



Los Angeles Times/Photo

Lou Bega's rhythmic "Mambo No. 5" hits the Top 40 in August after selling 2 million copies overseas and topping the chart in 15 countries.

"NetAid," a concert dedicated to relieve hunger and poverty, airs live in October on MTV, VH1, the BBC, as well as radio stations in 120 nations, making it the widest-heard musical performance in history.



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MP3, technology that compresses sound into a very small file, becomes a popular alternative to the CD. MP3 files are downloaded from the Internet onto computers or portable player units, making it possible to take a personal music selection anywhere.



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Shania Twain becomes the first woman since 1986 to win the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award at the 33rd annual awards show.



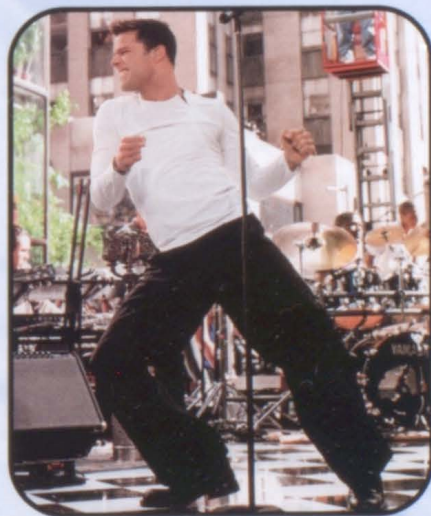
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VH1's "Concert of the Century" spotlights the importance of music education in schools. The all-star show includes Lenny Kravitz, Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and B.B. King, as well as high-profile actors.

## Flash

After a successful New Year's Eve reunion performance, the Judds begin their first tour in almost 10 years in February 2000. Since they disbanded in 1991, Naomi has recovered from Hepatitis C.

Best New Artist Grammy nominee Christina Aguilera gives an exciting performance during the Super Bowl XXXIV halftime show.



AP/Wide World Photos

Ricky Martin takes the music industry by storm after his show-stopping performance at the 1999 Grammy Awards show. Martin's first chart-topping single, "Livin' la Vida Loca," helps him win the *Billboard* Music Award for Male Artist of the Year.



Fiona Apple releases her long-awaited second album to rave reviews in November and begins a tour in February 2000. The album features a 90-word title, which is commonly shortened to *When the Pawn*.

# 2000



# Sports News



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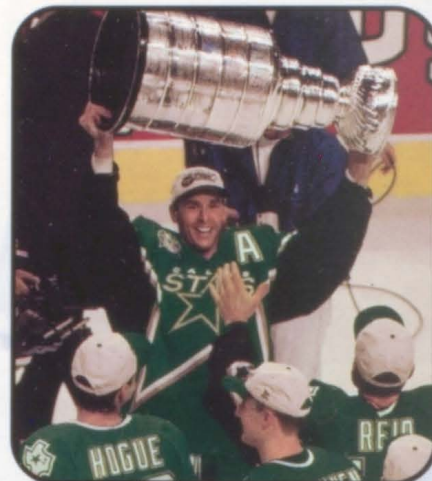
David Cone of the New York Yankees pitches a perfect game against the Montreal Expos in July. Cone's feat is the 14th perfect game in modern baseball history.

Lance Armstrong wins the 1999 Tour de France in July. Armstrong, who survived a three-year battle with testicular cancer, becomes the second American to win the event.



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The Dallas Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 in triple overtime to win the 1999 Stanley Cup championship, four games to two.

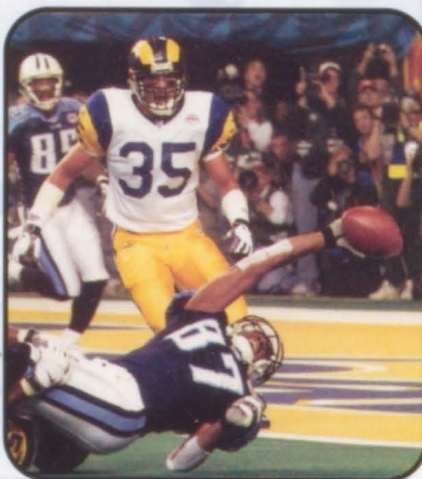


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Golf champion Payne Stewart is killed in a bizarre airplane accident in October. After the airplane's takeoff from Florida, an apparent loss of cabin pressure incapacitates everyone aboard. The aircraft flies on autopilot for four hours until it runs out of fuel and crashes in South Dakota.

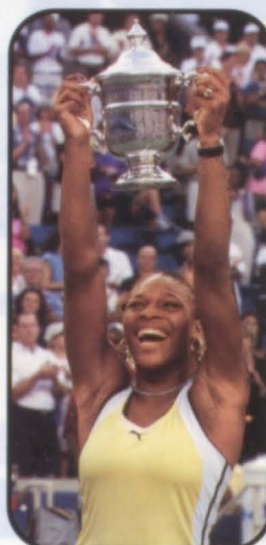


Rusty Jarrett/Allsport



Reuters/Mike Segar/Archive Photos

The St. Louis Rams stop the Tennessee Titans at the 1-yard line on a final play to save their 23-16 Super Bowl XXXIV victory.



AP/Wide World Photos

In September, tennis phenom Serena Williams, 17, overpowers Martina Hingis to win the 1999 U.S. Open title.



AP/Wide World Photos

The Houston Comets earn their third straight WNBA championship in September, beating the New York Liberty 59-47 to win in three straight games.

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Both Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders and German tennis star Steffi Graf announce their retirement in 1999.

On February 7, 2000, Tiger Woods wins his sixth consecutive PGA Tour event, tying Ben Hogan's 1948 winning record.



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Dale Jarrett wins the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup championship after a four-victory season.

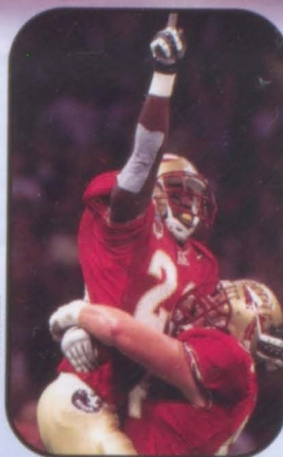
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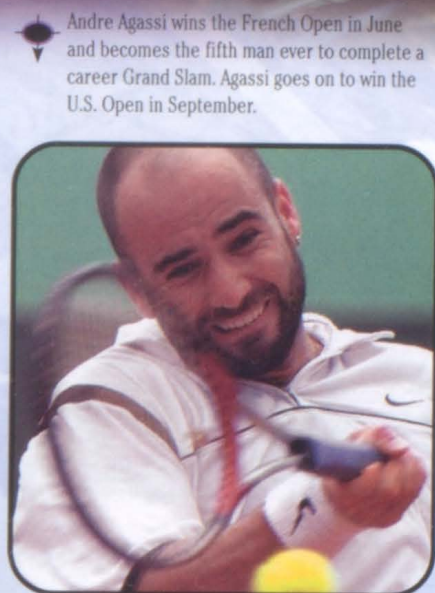
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In July, the U.S. women's soccer team wins the 1999 World Cup by beating China 5-4 in penalty kicks following a 0-0 tie. More than 90,000 fans attend at the Rose Bowl and another 40 million watch on television.



AP/Wide World Photos

Travis Pastrana, 15, wins the gold medal in the X Games' inaugural Moto X freestyle motocross event. The fifth year of this ESPN-sponsored competition is held in San Francisco in June and July.



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Andre Agassi wins the French Open in June and becomes the fifth man ever to complete a career Grand Slam. Agassi goes on to win the U.S. Open in September.

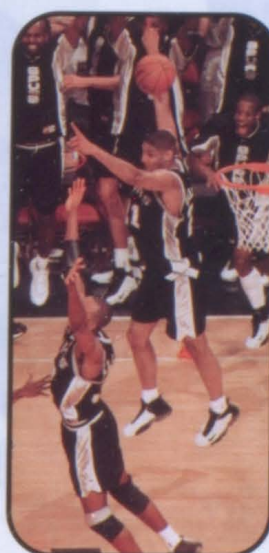


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The New York Yankees win the 1999 World Series in a four-game sweep against the Atlanta Braves.



AP/Wide World Photos

In June, the San Antonio Spurs win their first NBA championship by defeating the New York Knicks four games to one.



AP/Wide World Photos

The U.S. team beats the European team to win golf's Ryder Cup at Brookline, Massachusetts, in September. The American's stirring comeback is marred by unruly galleries and a premature victory celebration.

## Flash

In July, many major league baseball umpires announce their resignation as a labor protest. The strategy backfires when owners accept the resignations and in September, 22 umpires lose their jobs.

In January 2000, Michael Jordan returns to pro basketball as part owner and President for Basketball Operations of the NBA's Washington Wizards.



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Twenty-year professional hockey veteran Wayne Gretzky announces his retirement in April 1999 after setting or tying 61 records. Two months later, "The Great One" is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

# 2000



# Millennium



⬤ Clock Tower  
Ottawa, Canada

⬤ Pyramids  
Cairo, Egypt

⬤ Times Square  
New York City,  
New York



Patrick Robert/Corbis Sygma

As time zones welcome the new millennium on January 1, the world celebrates with grandeur, pageantry and spectacular fireworks. President Clinton gives a hopeful speech in the minutes before midnight at the Washington Monument, and 2 million people gather in Times Square to watch the specially built 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball drop at midnight.



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Alan Tanenbaum/Corbis Sygma

⬤ The Eiffel Tower  
Paris, France

⬤ Space Needle  
Seattle, Washington



Chip Hires/Liaison Agency

## Flash

The public and private sectors spend hundreds of millions of dollars to ward off the Y2K bug. The world lets out a sigh of relief after midnight strikes and no major computer malfunctions occur.

The FBI warns of possible terrorist acts on New Year's Eve and stays on national alert throughout the celebration. After the arrest of one man with bomb-making materials, Seattle decides to cancel its Space Needle celebration.



Steve Lusk/Corbis Sygma



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⬤ Fearing the collapse of the world's banks, utilities and transportation systems, thousands of people stock up on food, water, money, ammunition and generators. After midnight, it soon becomes apparent that the preparations were unnecessary.

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⬤ A surprising number of people, appalled by the exorbitant costs of travel and events, decide to stay home on New Year's Eve. Many companies and performers drastically slash prices as a last-minute lure.



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