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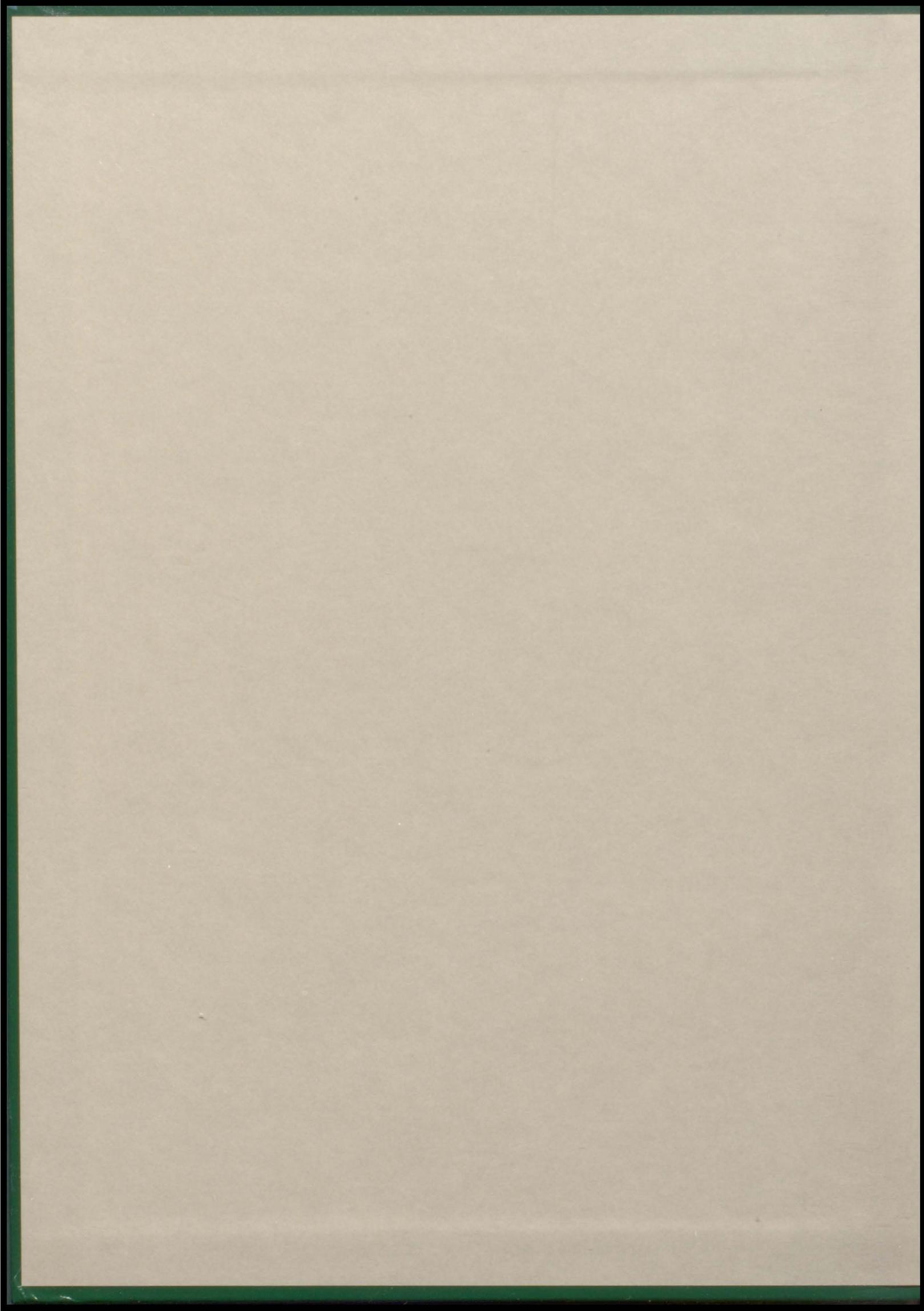
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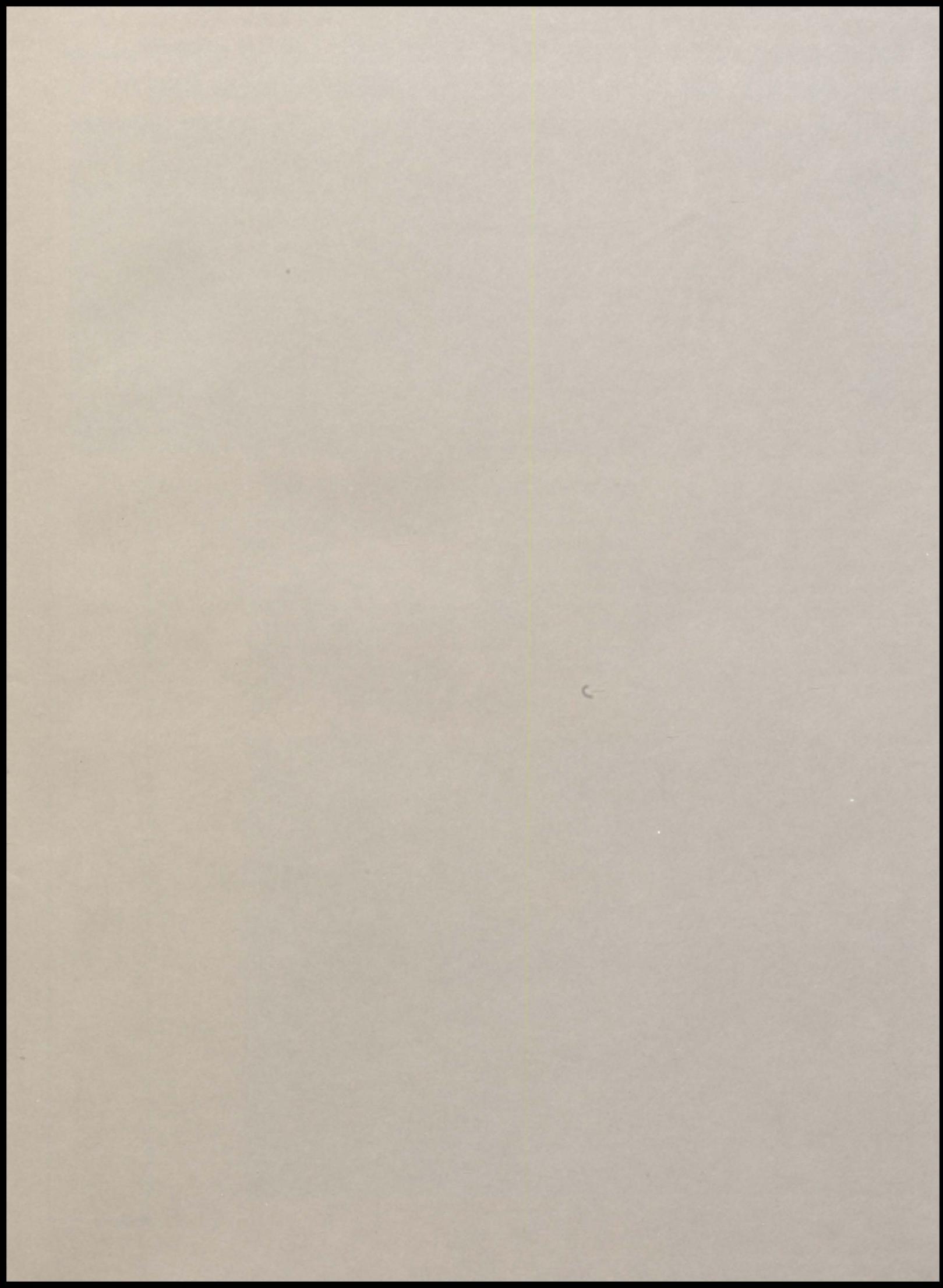
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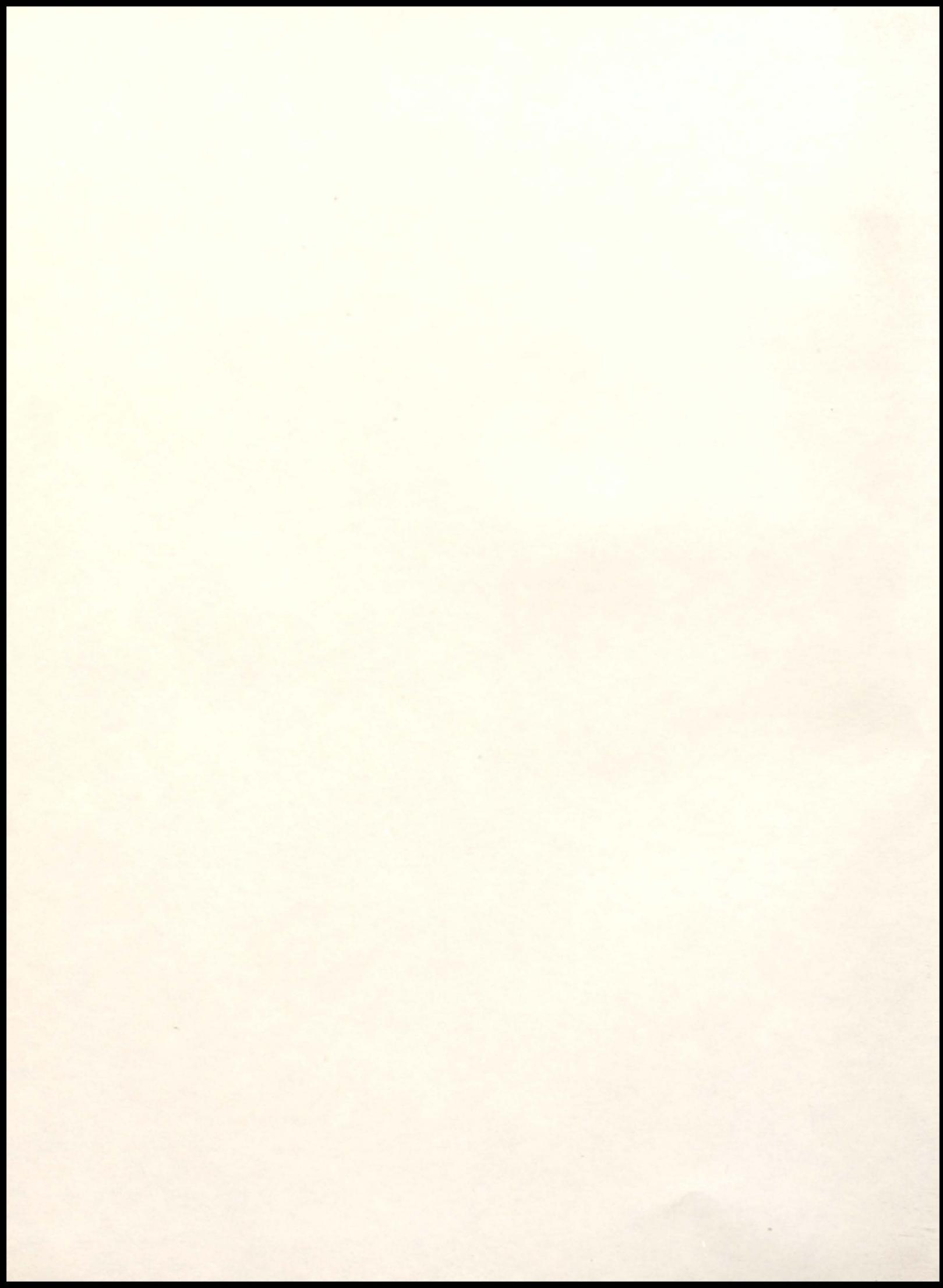
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Never before have there been ones like us. Never again will there be ones equal to us. We are the one and only.

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Enrollment:

Kindergarten - Fifth grade 123
Sixth - Eighth grade 68
Ninth - Twelfth grade 89
Total 280

The One and Only

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Walking through the halls of Northwestern, it is apparent that NW is not an average school.

The students each have their own unique personality, which creates an atmosphere unlike any that has been seen before at this school.

Not only do the students add to the school's individuality, but so do the teachers

and administrators.

The students are all a little different in the way they present themselves to others. Some are very outspoken, while others keep to themselves. Some are very conscious about how they look, while others could care less.

Despite these differences, the student body is special in its own way.

The faculty is comprised of many great educators who go that extra mile for their students. It is the goal of all the faculty, administration and school board that students receive the best education possible.

All the teachers use their sense of caring to make each classroom a little different than the rest.



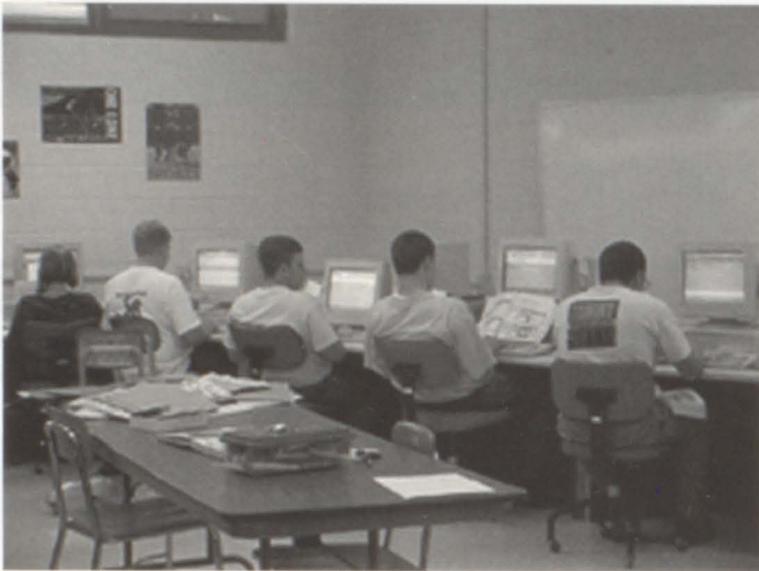
A HELPING HAND

Miss Karla Borge gives kindergartner Ryan Sheppard a helping hand on his fall project.



HOW DOES THIS WORK?

Miss Kathy Graves, elementary principal, is always running around doing odd jobs, like making copies for class.



COMPUTER WIZARDS

Sophomores Jaimie Jaragoske, Brad Bierman and Doug Criddle, along with seniors Dustin Steward and Christopher DeYoung, are advancing their technological skills in computer class.

LOTS OF CONCENTRATION

Second-grader Ethan Steward is concentrating very hard on glueing his art project.



The One and Only

Many of us go through life wondering who we are. Why are we here? What makes us so special? We are all striving to stick out and to be unique. We hate our noses, legs, hair and the fact that we aren't the best.

We often take on too many tasks and push ourselves to the limit. In school we overwork our brains and bodies. We make them take in more and work longer hours. We strive to be the best

at something, to prove that we are worthy of being recognized. We want people to say, "Look at her: she is the greatest," or, "He is the best at this. I wish I could be like him."

As we get older, we start to understand some of the advice that we were given by our elders. We accept our noses and our hair, and we resign to the fact that we won't be the best at everything. We begin to appreci-

ate faults and to see them as the one thing that makes us special.

We need to realize that everything happens only once. Every second we are the only ones who are in that exact circumstance at that very time.

Every picture and caption in this book starts a chain reaction of memories. We are the only people who will understand what happened and what these pictures and

words truly mean.

They are the memories of those single moments made by the very unique people around us.

We may not all understand who we are yet, or how much each of us means and affects our lives.

The seniors shared all of these memories as the graduating class of 2001.

There is just need one thing we need to realize: We are the one and only.



I WANT CANDY!

Senior Andrea McComsey searches for the perfect piece of candy. There is nothing like chocolate to sustain students through journalism.

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WORKING TOGETHER

Seniors Brittanie Kraus and Lorra Beardemphl look over their math homework just before class. Students are often seen helping each other to get their assignments done right.

PEARLY WHITES

Charm is something junior Kris Sparling knows a lot about as he flashes his smile to everyone he meets.



People

No matter our difference, we come together as one.



RELIEVING STRESS

Making funny faces is the way senior Michelle Eberle relieves stress during a long day at school. This funny sight also helps relieve the stress of some of the people around her.



THE FINAL TOUCHES

Junior Brett Zerfoss takes his time putting the final touches on his art project. Mrs. Jennifer Jakober started the high school art class two years ago when she came back to Northwestern.



GIVING IT THE OK

Using his great knowledge and expertise, sophomore Brad Bierman properly assembles a book shelf. The technology class constructed shelves for teachers as one of its projects this year.



GOING BANANAS

Freshman Ross Mielke looks like he has gone ape as he enjoys his banana at lunch. He is helping scientists prove that humans really did come from monkeys.



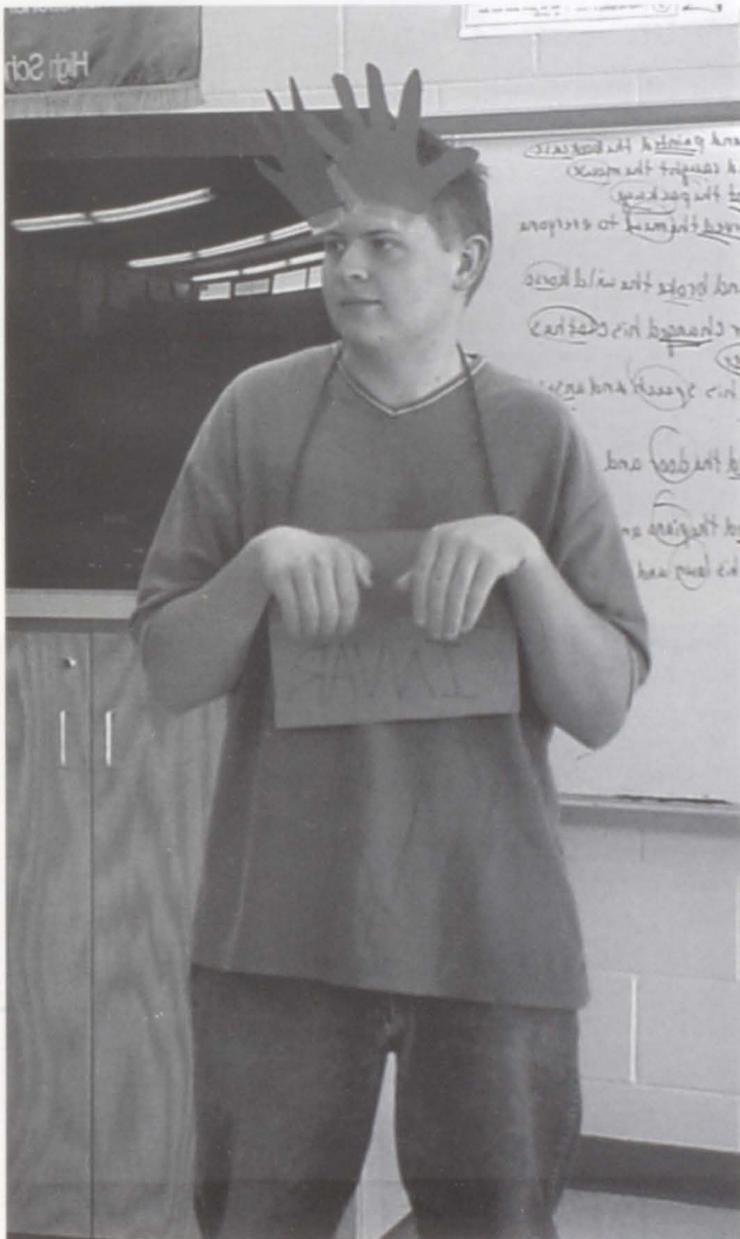
DOUBLE TAKE

Mr. Bob Kiesz and sophomore Mark Braun look just like twins as they analyze the district girls' basketball game against Doland-Conde.



IN YOUR DREAMS

With a look of total disbelief, eighth-grader Mitch Steinhoff tries to figure out fact from fiction in eighth-grader Dustin Hoellein's story.



ONE SMARTIE AT A TIME

Sophomore Michael Schnell just takes it one piece at a time as he finishes off his magnificent tower of Smarties. Schnell found time to build this wonder during a party in his Spanish I class.



SPREADING THE NEWS

Between doing homework and working on the computers, junior Nicole Hammer takes time out to keep everyone informed on the latest happenings.

DEER-IN-THE-HEADLIGHTS LOOK

Senior Joe Green has been known to do some strange things, but this has to be one of the best. He dressed up in this great get-up to help some friends tape their Spanish II video.

The Class of 2001

Class Colors: Hunter Green and Silver
Class Motto: With memories of the past, we look to the future.
Class Flower: Yellow Rose

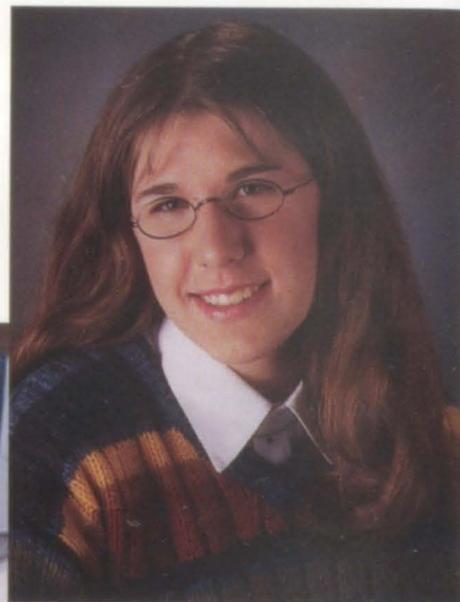
Lorra Kitty Beardemphl

"My fondest memory from high school is sitting together at times and talking about all the fun events and happenings we had through school."



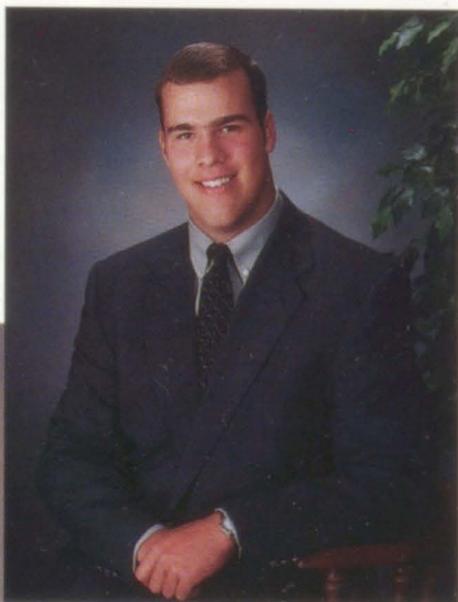
Ashley Sue Braun

"The people who have had the greatest effect on me are the guys in our class. They are so much fun and make you laugh when you are sad, and Jilligan is the best."



Matthew Craig Buisker

"My fondest memory from high school was when Ryan ripped his pants on his car in the Wal-Mart parking lot, and we had to go buy him new ones."



Kary Dawn Bullock

"At this point in my life, my parents have had the greatest impact on me because they have steered me in the right direction when I was in trouble."



**Sara LaRose
Christensen**

"At this point in my life, my mother and Mrs. Kim Carson have made an extreme impact on my life because they always have the best advice and know what road to take when I need help."



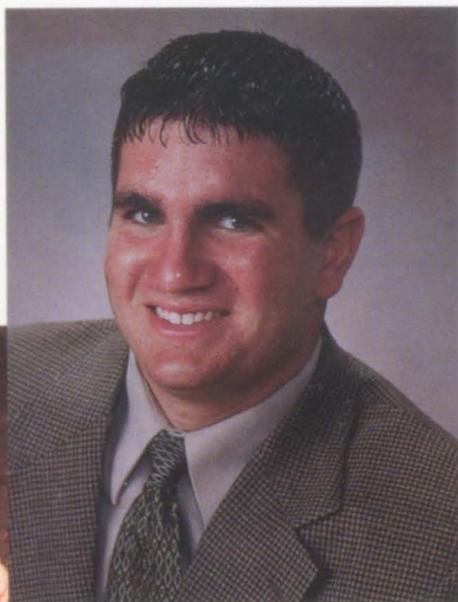
**Ryan David
Criddle**

"In 10 years, I see myself in a two-story house in New England, with a wife, two kids, and a cat (chuckle)."



**Christopher Robert
DeYoung**

"In 10 years, I'll hopefully be living prosperously as an electrician with a family."



**Michelle Lee
Eberle**

"My fondest memory from high school was when Mr. Duncan Robertson sang "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" with actions for the vo-ed class."



**Jill Patricia
Ford**

"My favorite memory is taking joy rides with Holly Wetzler after volleyball games last year and beating up Christopher between classes."



**Joseph David
Green**

"In 10 years, I see myself happy and employed...and possibly driving the same car."



We are One



MEGAN L. OLSON

November 23, 1982 - September 19, 1997



You never know how much you have until it is gone. The same holds true with classmate and friend Megan Olson. She brightened our lives with her precious smile and wonderful sense of humor. She did so much for the community with her many activities that when she left, we came together and learned to appreciate each other like never before. Even though we miss her dearly, we are glad that she can still do so much for each of us. We had to say goodbye to Megan when she was a freshman, but she will live forever in our hearts.

CLIMBING OUR WAY TO THE TOP
As sophomores our entire class made a trip to Sand Lake. While there, we learned more about our area wildlife, and we got to climb the very shaky, 108-foot tower.



ANOTHER ROAD TRIP
As a class, we have probably logged more than a hundred hours on a bus. Most of the time, things got pretty crazy as Ben Hammer, Dustin Steward, Ryan Criddle, Christopher DeYoung and Matt Buisker show us.



SHOWING WILDCAT PRIDE
Every year our class makes a wonderful homecoming float. Marie Wedemann, Ashley Braun, Brittanie Kraus, Ben Hammer, Lacy Genzler, Sara Christensen and Dustin Steward show their school spirit by riding on the sophomore float.

HERE TO SERVE
Jackie Mitchell, Ashley Braun, Jill Ford and Brittanie Kraus, Christopher DeYoung, Matt Buisker, Ryan Criddle and Dustin Steward served at the junior-senior prom as sophomores.



SPENDING QUALITY TIME TOGETHER
Joe Green, Ben Hammer, Ryan Criddle, Andrea McComsey, Matt Buisker, Dustin Steward, Renae Sparling, Jackie Mitchell, Tracey Smith and Christopher DeYoung chill together during business law their junior year.

LOOKING OUR BEST
Most of the class showed up at the junior prom decked out in their finest. Everyone had a blast because the night was filled with dancing, games and lots of fun.

A STORYBOOK DAY
Ryan Criddle, Dewey Bad Warrior, Jaimie Schlaht, Matt Carroll, Christopher DeYoung, Darren Haessig, Jacob Palmer, Brent Fortin, Ben Hammer, Chris Fix, Chris Etl, Joe Green and Dustin Steward pose at Storybook Land during our second-grade field trip.



ADVENTURES OF A STORYBOOK
Ashley Braun, Jackie Mitchell, Amanda Muellenberg, Jill Ford, Megan Olson, Trista Smith, Renae Sparling, Andrea McComsey, Tracey Smith, Ashlee Toennis, Leslie Reszler, Lorra Beardemphl, Marie Wedemann, Dixie Jeschke, Kary Bullock and Brittanie Kraus give the camera big smiles during the second-grade field trip to Storybook Land.



IT'S A CELEBRATION
Brittanie Kraus, Leslie Reszler, Andrea McComsey, Tara Smith, Tracey Smith, Rebecca Kraus, Jackie Mitchell and Megan Olson smile about all the fun they just had at Tracey's birthday party.



BRAVING THE GREAT OUTDOORS
Mrs. Denise Clemens, Jill Ford, Renae Sparling, Ashley Braun, their guide Jen, Brittanie Kraus, Andrea McComsey, Lorra Beardemphl and Trista Smith hang out at camp on their Boundary Waters adventure.

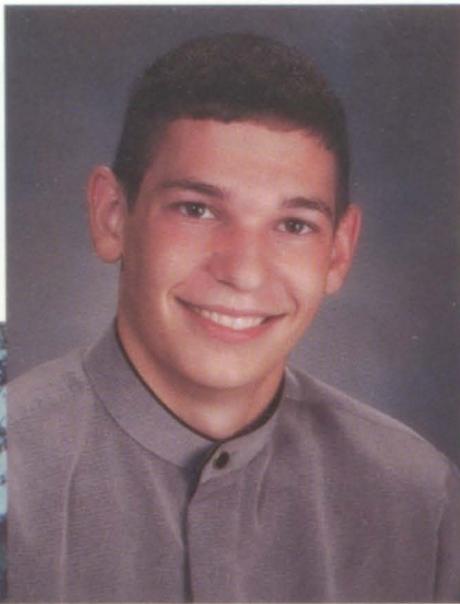


VERY FRIENDLY ANIMALS
Ashley Braun, Jill Ford, Trista Smith, Lorra Beardemphl, Brittanie Kraus, Andrea McComsey and Renae Sparling chill at a pet area in North Dakota on their way to the Boundary Waters. Meanwhile, the boys fixed a blown tire.

BIG TOUGH GUYS
Mr. Dennis Larson, Joe Green, Matt Buisker, Christopher DeYoung, Dustin Steward, Darren Haessig, Ben Hammer, Ryan Criddle and Ruby show the manly strength they had on the Boundary Waters canoe trip.

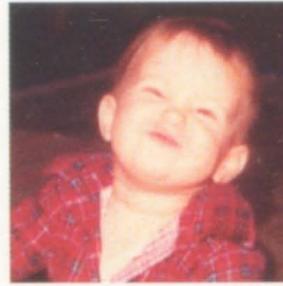
Darren John Haessig

"At this point in my life, the person who has had the greatest impact on me is my brother Adam. He has made a success of his life and is a happy husband and father."



Benjamin John Hammer

"My fondest memory from high school is working on our class van for homecoming of our junior year."



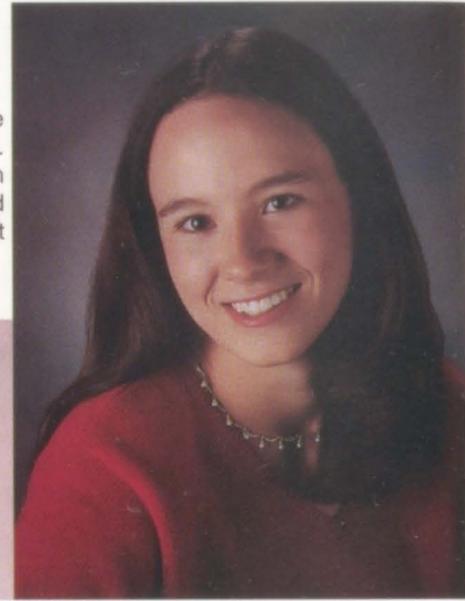
Andrea Marie McComsey

"Tracey has impacted me the most. We have been friends since we were in kindergarten. She has always been there for me and has always believed in me."



Jacqueline Marie Mitchell

"My parents have had the greatest impact on my life. They have always been there for me when I needed them, and they have taught me so much."



Trista Ann Smith

"In 10 years, I see myself happily married to the man of my dreams, whomever that may be, and we'll have at least two children. I plan to have a good job as a reporter so everyone can watch me on the news!"



Renae Lynn Sparling

"My fondest memory from high school is going on our Boundary Waters trip. A lot of fun things happend, like falling while wearing a 50-pound pack and a 75-pound pack."



**Dixie Dawn
Jeschke**

"I see myself in a printing business working as a manager or owning my own (business) in 10 years."



**Brittanie Marie
Kraus**

"My parents have had the strongest impact on me because they have taught me to be strong and to keep going when things get tough."



**Jacob Edward
Palmer**

Jacob attended the Alternative Learning Center in Aberdeen during most of his last year of high school. However, he still graduated with the Northwestern class of 2001.



**Tracey Ann
Smith**

"My fondest memory from high school was winning the 2000 State B Volleyball Championship, not just playing, but also the experience of being with friends and having fun!"



**Dustin Daryl
Steward**

"In 10 years, I plan to be working as a landscape designer. I will be happily married, maybe with a couple of youngins."



**Marie Ann
Wedemann**

"My uncle has had the greatest impact on me. If it wasn't for him, I probably would not be here. He gave me so much since I was a little girl. He has always been there for me."



CLASS OF 2002

Juniors

As classes go, the junior class qualified as a very outgoing group, and the students found out that their privileges extended past those from their sophomore year.

They had the opportunity to go to the junior-senior prom and participate in the junior-senior play. With all this activity, they began to realize how fast time really does fly.

"We can be a lot of fun!" chanted juniors Trond

Peterson and Edward Kramp.

The juniors also welcomed foreign-exchange student Stephanie Schramm to their class. Schramm originated from Beusingen, Germany, and spent the entire year in Mellette.

Stephanie lived with Donnie and Linda Stahl, and she got to spend a lot of quality time with Kayla.

"At home Kayla listens to 'Who Let the Dogs Out' con-

stantly," said Schramm.

The juniors also sold \$5,000 in magazine sales, which went toward yearbook costs and prom decorations.

"There was never a dull moment with our class. We have really pulled together and gotten closer over the years. We have finally overcome segregation!" said junior Becky Ford, commenting on how the boys and girls finally sit together at lunch.

The juniors look forward to their final year of high school next year.



BIG-TIME STUDYING
Juniors Trond Peterson, Tessa Mayer and Jared Steger study up for a big assignment.

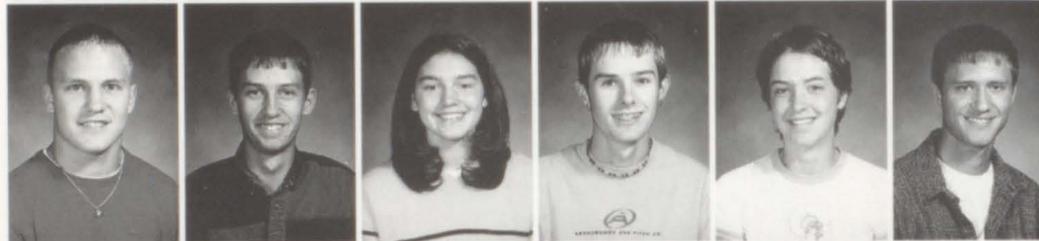
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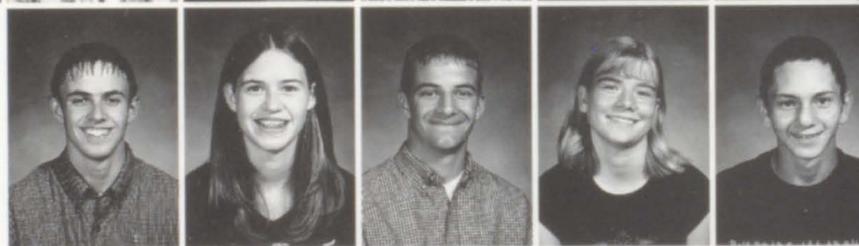
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Christina Kramp
Edward Kramp



Tessa Mayer
Jason O'Daniel
Amanda Peterson
Trond Peterson
Zach Remily
Stephanie Schramm



Kris Sparling
Kayla Stahl
Jared Steger
Jackie Tolvstad
Brett Zerfoss



What is your favorite holiday?

"My favorite holiday is New Year's because I can try to make the next year a better one than the last," said junior Kayla Stahl.

"My favorite holiday is Halloween because you stay up late, get lots of candy and get to wear scary costumes," said junior Dane Jeschke.

"My favorite holiday is Christmas because of the time I get to spend time with the whole family," said junior Michelle Jilek.



CAN YOU SAY ESPAÑOL?
Sophomore Jody Christensen and her classmates work hard to finish their Spanish before the bell rings.

Unique. That's the only word to describe this bunch of sophomores.

"Our class is very unique because we can be fighting one minute, and then the next thing you know, we are getting along. It gets interesting," said sophomore Rachel Graham.

The sophomores have a lot of talent and energy, with many of them involved in extracurricular activities. This class was especially involved in sports.

The sophomores went to Presentation College in Ab-

erdeen Oct. 19 for a career fair. They listened to speakers who talked about what they did everyday in their careers. The students learned about everything from qualifications to salaries.

"Our class rules!" said sophomores Brad Bierman and Doug Criddle.

The sophomore class also took a class trip to Watertown to visit the technical school. They went to see how a tech-

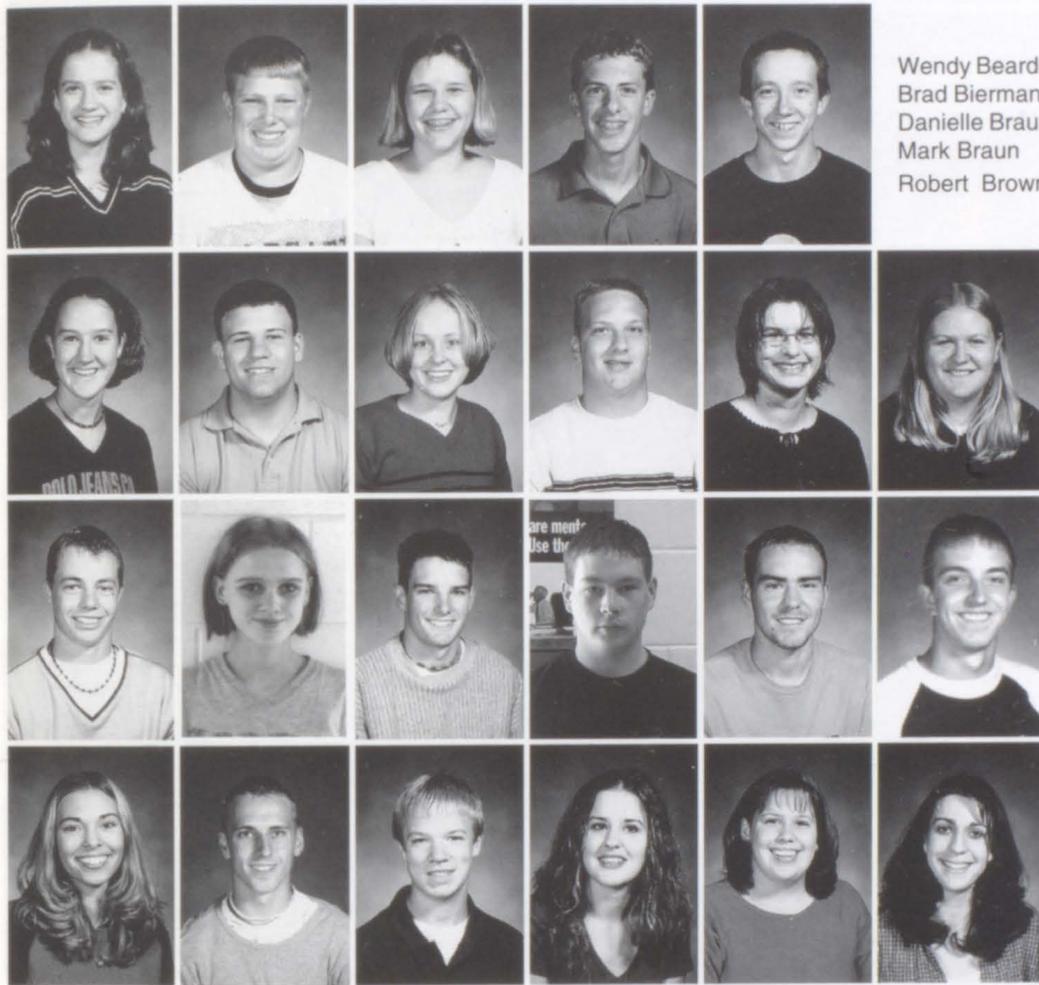
nical school was run and to see the programs that were offered.

The sophomores also served as waiters and waitresses at the junior-senior prom. This gave them a change to see what prom would be like for them next year.

For these sophomores, the new opportunities offered not only fun, but great learning experiences as well.

CLASS OF 2003

Sophomores



Wendy Beardemphl
Brad Bierman
Danielle Braun
Mark Braun
Robert Brown

Jody Christensen
Doug Criddle
Jennifer Fuhrman
Eric Gab
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Rachel Graham
Charlotte Green

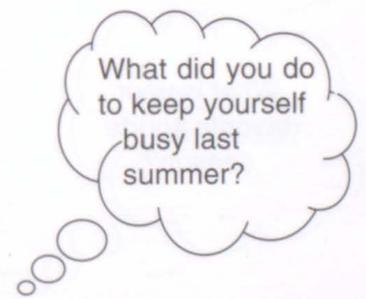
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Shane Malsam
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Nathan Schaunaman
*Secretary-Treasurer
Michael Schnell
Angela Spear
Jenna Williams
Chelsea Young
*President

"I played for the Mellette softball team, and I went to Enemy Swim Lake to go skiing. I hung out with my friends a lot this summer, too," said sophomore Jenna Williams.

"I spent my summer going to numerous baseball games and working on the farm when I could," said sophomore Brad Bierman.

"I enjoyed my summer going on trips to Arizona and San Diego. I rode my horses a lot, too," said sophomore Angela Spear.



CLASS OF 2004

Freshmen

As the freshmen began their first year in high school, they faced many new things and opportunities.

This was the first year they were able to participate in the high school extracurricular activities available at Northwestern.

"My freshman year has been lots of fun! Slave day was cool. Football was awesome this year. I can't wait

until I am one of the big guys on the team. All in all, it has been a lot of fun," said freshman Chris Haselhorst.

Like every other group of freshmen, this class encountered slave day.

"When I first started out my freshman year, I thought it was going to be hard, but it turned out to be a blast, especially slave day!," said freshman Starla Kellar.

The freshmen learned to adjust to the change from junior high to high school. They also discovered how to juggle the hectic schedule of activities and homework.

"The ninth grade has been a roller coaster, and I think it's time to get off," said freshman Nick Hahler.

After all was said and done, the freshmen had a great time during their first year of high school, with memories they will never forget.



SHAKE YOUR BOOTY
Freshmen Chris Haselhorst and Austin Sitter entertain students during lunch on Slave Day.

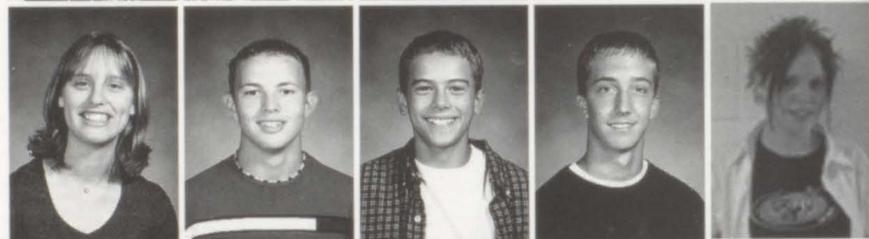
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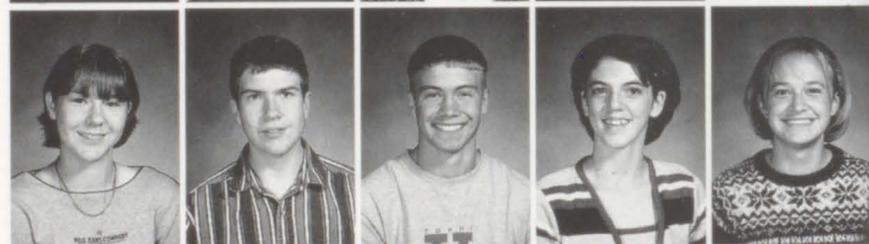
Launa Fuhrman
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Chris Haselhorst
Blake Jeschke
*Student Council Representative



Starla Kellar
Nikolaus Kramp
Jason McComsey
Ross Mielke
April Reese



Kayla Sheridan
Austin Sitter
Nathan Smith
*President
Tara Smith
Dena Steward
Secretary-Treasurer



"My favorite season is volleyball season, because that is one sport I understand the rules to, and I also enjoy watching it," said freshman Dena Steward.

"Baseball season (is my favorite sports season) because it makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside," said freshman Jason McComsey

"Well, volleyball, I guess, because that is the only sport I play. I love volleyball, especially watching our varsity team play!" said freshman Launa Fuhrman.

CLASS OF 2005

Eighth Grade

When the eighth-graders started the school year, they took on the roles of the kings and queens of junior high.

Many of the eighth-grade students enjoyed playing the sports that NW makes available for the junior high students.

"Things are achieved with group power. We learned

this by working together in junior high football for an undefeated season," said eighth-grader Sam Helling.

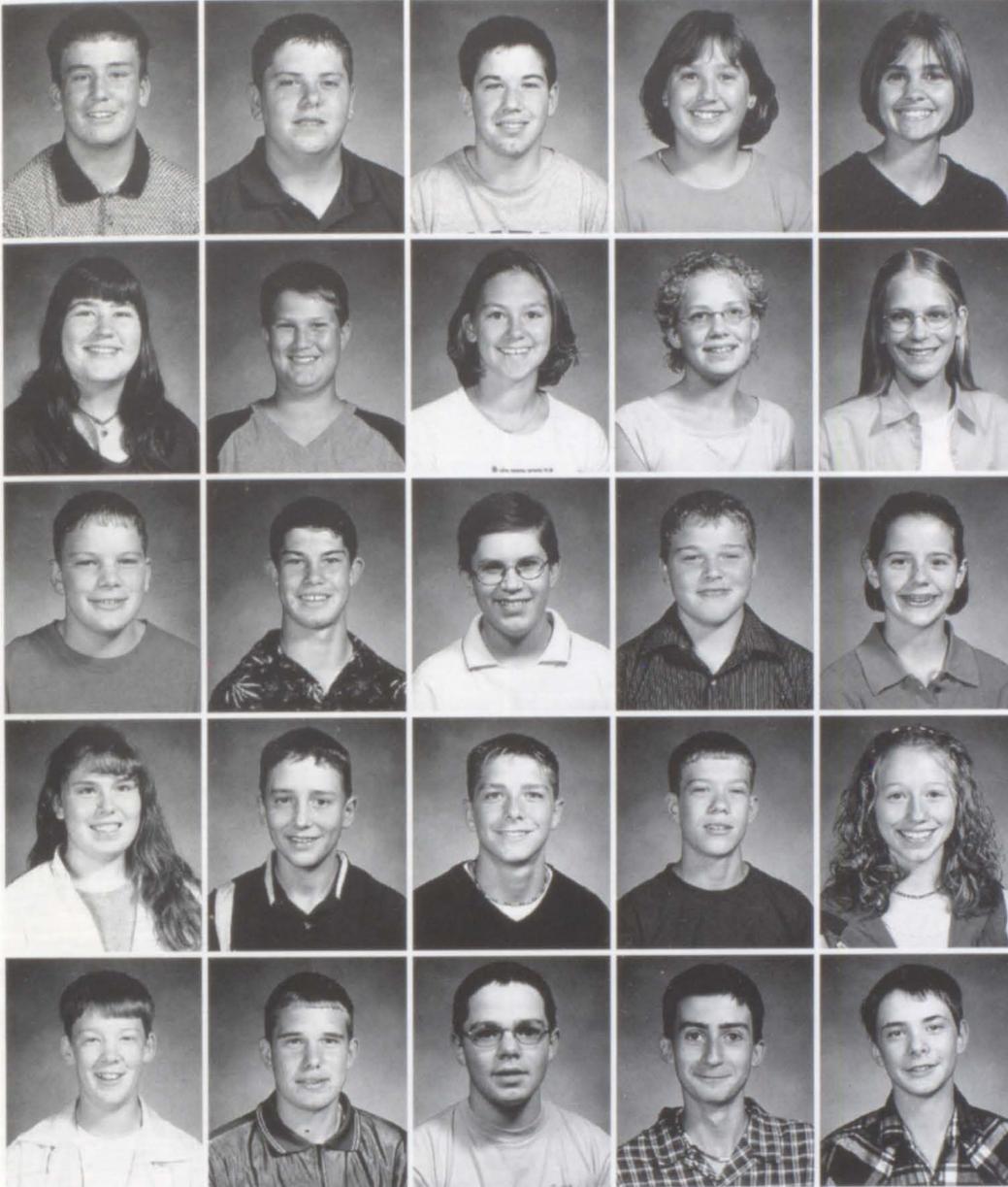
Even though the eighth-graders are considered to be in junior high, they are members of the high school

band, which included playing in pep band, marching band and concert band.

"Eighth grade is keen. I am looking forward to playing volleyball again," said eighth-grader Jodi Fischbach.



NOT JUST REFRIGERATOR ART
The eighth-graders take their time in perfecting their art projects.



Tanner Baird
Jeremy Braun
Joshua Braun
*Secretary-Treasurer
Jamie Christensen
Cristen DeWitte

Mary Eisenbeisz
Austin Fischbach
*President
Jodi Fischbach
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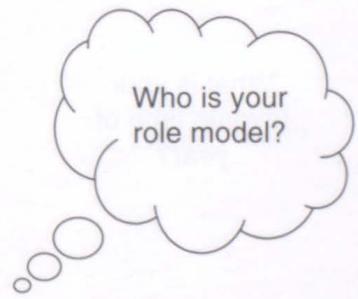
Alexia Lutter
David O'Daniel
Aaron Olson
Andrew Overby
Stephanie Peterson

Alex Schnell
Mitch Steinhoff
Andrew West
Daniel Young
Austin Zens

"My aunt Jenny (is my role model) because she has always been there for me, and I have always looked up to her," said eighth-grader Cristen DeWitte.

"My mom (is my role model) because she has a good influence on me," said eighth-grader Jamie Christensen.

"I respect Warren Sapp and Dennis Rodman because they are the best at what they do, and they don't take any junk from anyone," said eighth-grader Darren Jilek.



CLASS OF 2006 Seventh Grade

Being on the middle rung of the junior high ladder gave this year's seventh-graders many chances to try new things.

In the fall, many of the girls participated in basketball and cheerleading. Although this was not their first year of basketball, it was their first year playing for the school.

The fall also brought football for the boys of the class.

Football was a new experience and seemed to be enjoyed by all who took part.

"I liked football. It was a fun new experience," said Alex Mitchell.

The winter brought volleyball, boys' basketball and boys' basketball cheerleading.

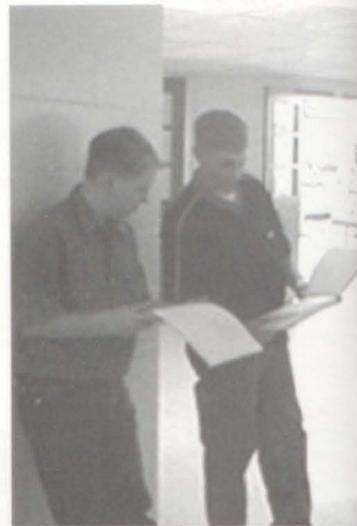
"Volleyball is fun. Learning the basics has been enjoyable," said Teri Smith.

In the spring, both the

boys and the girls were given the opportunity to participate in track and field. They were also able to take on the challenge of oral interpretation.

During the year, they could also participate in band and chorus with Mrs. Wendy Thorson.

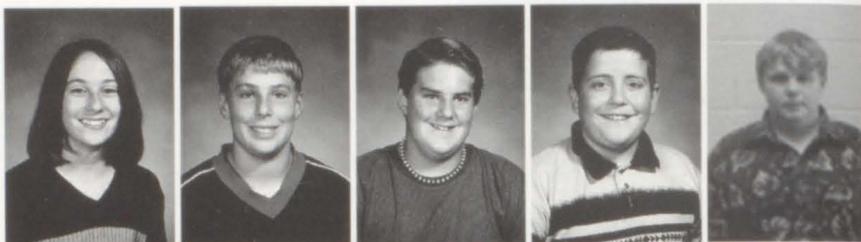
The 2000-2001 turned out to be great for the seventh-graders as they look ahead to being the oldest in junior high next year.



TEAMWORK

Alex Mitchell and David Bierman put their heads together to finish their assignment at the last second.

Diedra Artz
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Dexten Frericks
Jordan Gab
Jessica Hammer
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SaraJo Kegler
Bryn Kleffman
Alex Mitchell
Joel O'Daniel
*Vice President



Chase Peta
Vanessa Schnoor
Jeremy Sitter
Benjamin Smith
Teri Smith
Derek Steward



What is your favorite time of year?

"My favorite time of year is homecoming. I like all of the fun activities," said seventh-grader Diedra Artz.

"I like summer because it is baseball season. Plus, we don't have school," said seventh-grader David Bierman.

"Spring is my favorite time because it means we are closer to getting out of school," said seventh-grader Ben Smith.

CLASS OF 2007

Sixth Grade

It was a world of firsts for the sixth-graders. Instead of staying in one classroom with one teacher, they changed classes and teachers every block. They also adapted to block scheduling.

"I like block scheduling because I have two days to do my homework," said sixth-grader Zane Peterson.

"(Sixth grade) is better than fifth grade because you're not in the same room all of the time," said Alisha Lutter.

Even though it is very ex-

citing to have three lockers, to be able to change classes every hour and to have two days to do homework, some disadvantages came with moving up to junior high.

In junior high, students are challenged with being on time to class or else receiving a tardy. Students are also not able to expend extra energy at recess.

"I don't like worrying about being tardy for class," said

sixth-grader Melany Peterson.

However, those extra responsibilities did not seem so bad when the students learned that they could attend dances.

The sixth-graders also demonstrated their musical talents as members of the junior high band and chorus.

These sixth-graders overcame the junior high challenges make it worthwhile.



IN DEEP CONCENTRATION
Austin Morgan, Melany Peterson and Zane Peterson work on their portfolios.



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Frances Dvorak
Alyssa Fischbach
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"I like macaroni and cheese because it is cheesy," said sixth-grader Austin Morgan

"I like steak because it tastes good," said sixth-grader Billy Dvorak.

"I like chicken fettucini because it is cheesy, and it tastes good," said sixth-grader Alyssa Fischbach.

What is your favorite food?

CLASS OF 2008

Fifth Grade

New experiences and lots of fun set the scene for the fifth-graders' year.

The first new experience for these students was the opportunity to start band. The fifth-graders soon found out that band not only brought entertainment but also a lot of responsibility.

The fifth-graders also continued their drug awareness education with the Drug Abuse Resistance Education

program. DARE has been taught to these students throughout their elementary years. The purpose of this program is to help children say no to not only drugs but also to peer pressure.

"This class is very intelligent, hard-working, well mannered and respectful," said Mr. Wade Rozell.

The students in Mr. Rozell's class enjoyed having a male teacher for the

first time since they started school. They found his teaching very fun and interesting, but they also found that he likes to assign lots of work.

"In fifth grade you get lots of homework in a few weeks," said Travis Hieb.

The class is already planning ahead for their first year of junior high.

"My goals for this year is to achieve good grades, to pass the fifth grade and to go onto the sixth grade," said fifth-grader Chris German.



STUDYING AWAY FOR AN A Kelli Boekelheide, Benjamin Borchard and Kali Jeschke work hard to prepare for junior high.

Ashlee Arthurs
Brittany Bauer
Kelli Boekelheide
Benjamin Borchard
Katelyn Dvorak



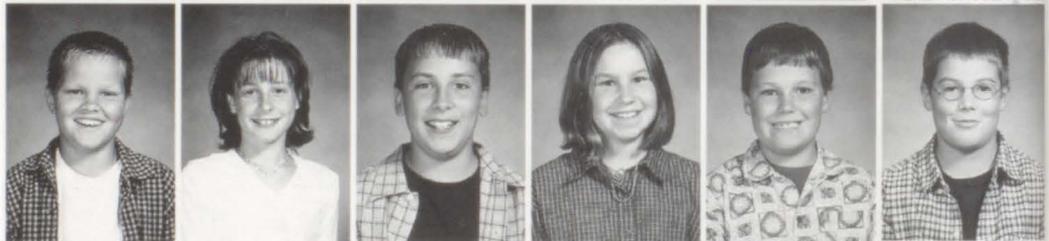
Alex Funk
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Travis Hieb
Carl Hoellein
Rebbeca Hubbs
Kali Jeschke



Terrance McLain
Angela Morgan
Roy Oberle
Sara O'Daniel
Mitchell Reed
Cory Schnell



"I am kind of looking forward to junior high, but I am scared about going from class to class. I think it will be fun though," said fifth-grader Katelyn Dvorak.

"Yes, I am looking forward to junior high because we don't have to stay in one classroom all day long, and we have longer P.E. class," said fifth-grader Mitch Reed.

"I am looking forward to junior high because as you get older, you can do a lot more stuff," said fifth-grader Angela Morgan.



MATH WIZARDS
Kevin Ford and Josh Wacholz keep themselves busy by mastering their math assignments.

As fourth-graders, a new and exciting year opened up for Mrs. Roylene Heidenreich's students.

One new thing the students learned to do was make PowerPoint presentations. These presentations were not only for computer class, but they also incorporated them into classes such as science. The students used these presentations when they prepared a presentation on ecosystems.

The students also enjoyed other projects and

CLASS OF 2009

Fourth Grade

assignments involving the computer.

The fourth-graders often welcomed recess as a much-needed break in their day.

Many of the students set goals for themselves as they decide what they want to achieve in the future.

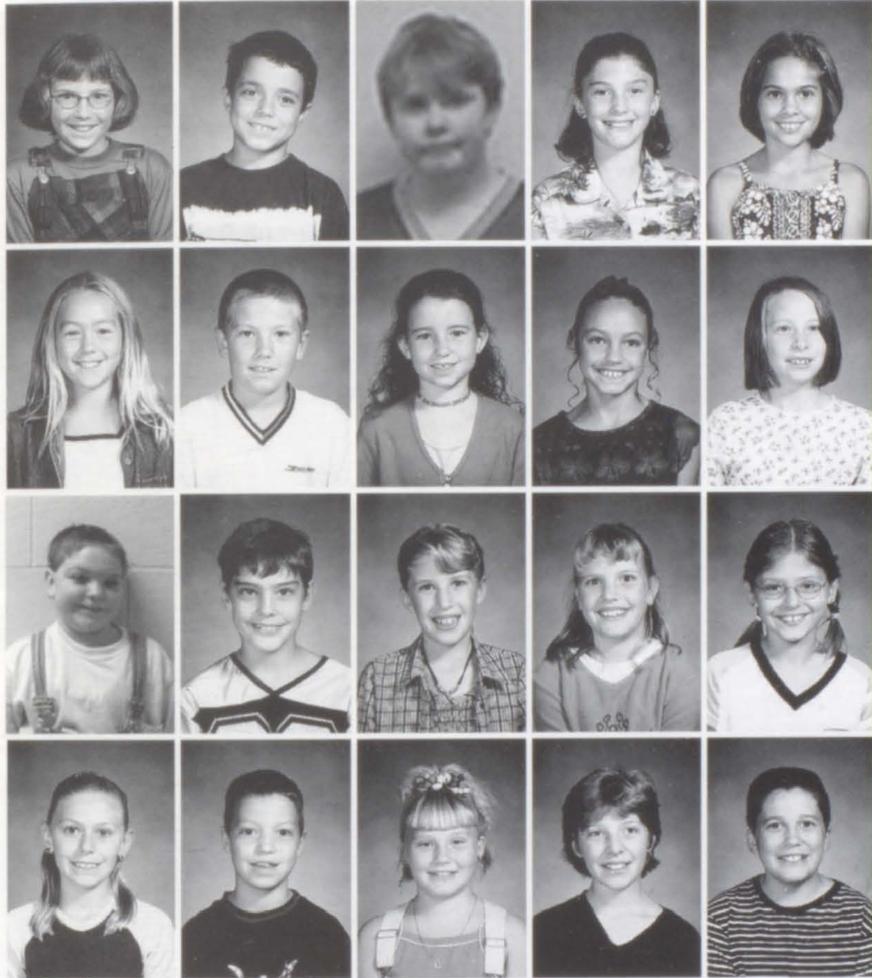
"I want to try to get very good grades and to achieve perfect attendance for the whole year," said fourth-

grader Laura Bade.

Mrs. Heidenreich also had many compliments about her students this year.

"The character of this class is being built to strengthen their already solid foundation that has already begun," said Heidenreich.

The fourth-graders learned many things this year, and they all look forward to next year when they will be on top of the elementary.



Laura Bade
August Cass
William Christman
Maggie Clemensen
Caitlyn DeWitte

Shari Fischbach
Kevin Ford
Morghan Groft
Alli Hawley
Rachel Hubbs

Caryn Johnson
Saven Lechner
Erica Lerew
Stephanie Mastel
Alexzandria Metzinger
Thomas Morgan

Samantha Papousek
Keith Purcell
Jaimie Rott
Desaray Schnoor
Timothy Selzler
Josh Wacholz

"I want to be an artist when I grow up because I love to draw, paint and color, and I have fun doing it," said fourth-grader Caitlyn DeWitte.

"I want to be an actor because actors soon become movie stars, and 'cause to be an actor you would be really famous and rich!" said fourth-grader Timothy Selzler.

"I want to be a teacher because I like to do things with younger and older kids than me," said fourth-grader Alli Hawley.

What do you want to be when you grow up?



CLASS OF 2010

Third Grade

Third grade offered many new challenges and learning experiences.

Mrs. Marilyn Battey's third-graders experienced more experiments in science this year.

"We got to open up owl pellets in science class," said third-grader Caroline Hansen.

The third-graders all agreed that math, recess and physical education were their favorite parts of the day.

The third-graders were especially enthusiastic about going to recess.

In math the students reviewed their adding and subtracting, and then they went on to learn multiplication.

This year the third-grade class read many books. The book *Egg Over Easy* became one of their most favorite of all.

One of students' most exciting and interesting projects this year became

making their own machines. They used recyclable materials to build these machines. The students then proudly displayed these simple machines in the elementary library.

"One of my favorite things about teaching is letting the students' creativity show," said Battey.

The third-grade class had an exciting year with many new experiences. With all that is happened, they look forward to making more memories next year.

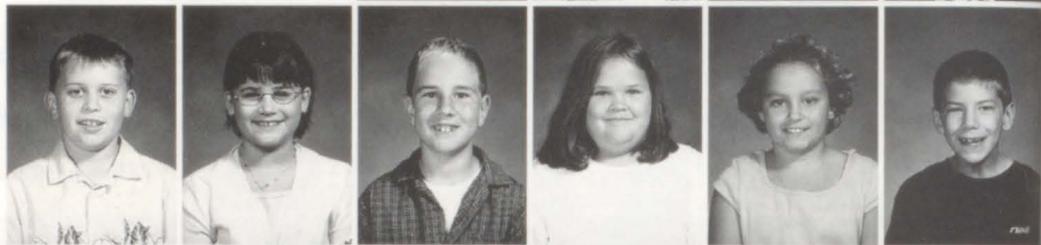


A HARD DAY'S WORK
Third-grader Carly Peterson looks a little sleepy after a long day at school during homecoming week.

Betsey Borchard
Korie Braun
Ty Brown
BJ Cass



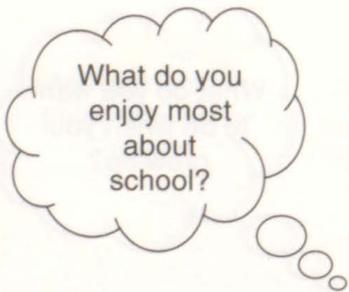
Logan Clemensen
Colette Fortin
Landon Gab
Caroline Hansen
Nona Hawley
Daniel Johnson



Bryce Ladwig
Jenna Larson
Grasen Lechner
Evan Morgan
Cory Oberfoell
Carly Peterson



Megan Peterson
Gary Phillips
Anysia Reed
Tanner Sale
Jessie Sitter
Michelle Two Hearts



"Having recess is so much fun. I enjoy playing soccer, kickball and freeze tag during recess," said third-grader Anysia Reed.

"Miss (Kathy) Graves comes into our room everyday and says hello. I wonder if she comes to class on Saturday and Sunday?" said third-grader Daniel Johnson.

"I enjoy jump roping, juggling and playing games during P.E. We do a lot of fun things during our P.E. class with Mr. (Dennis) Larson," said third-grader Carly Peterson.

CLASS OF 2011

Second Grade

Opportunities to share and care found Northwestern's second-graders this year.

The second-grader enjoyed sharing time. Each morning, the students shared a funny experience, toy or a good book with the rest of the class, which gave the second-graders a chance to get to know each other better.

The second-grade class also enjoyed doing a variety of projects in art class.

"I really like art. In art, we get to paint and draw," said second-grader Casey Bade.

For math class, the stu-

dents learned how to add and subtract, while in science, the class learned about dinosaurs and fossils.

Another thing the class enjoyed was seeing who would be featured on the "All About Me" bulletin board. The students shared pictures and their favorite things with their classmates.

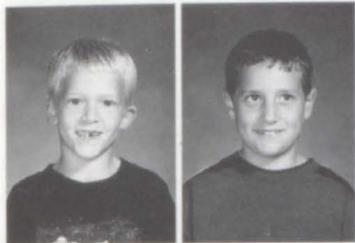
The second-graders learned about the value of friendship and how to be a good friend.

The students showed what they learned by making a friendship quilt. This was a lot of fun for the class.

"Character Counts has been a goal of the second-graders throughout the year. They have been an enjoyable class to teach," said second-grade teacher Mrs. Lois McAreavey, who herself is known by her kindness and sincerity.



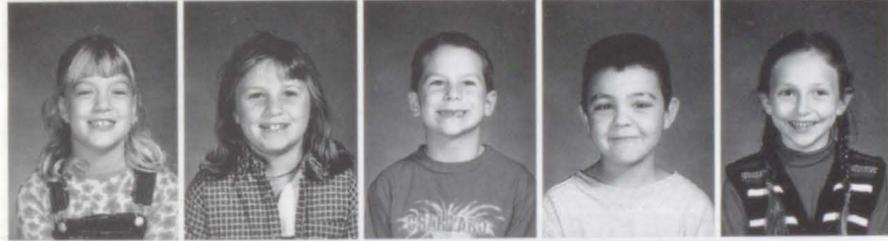
TIME FOR A SNACK
Second-graders Kelsey Etl, Kara Fischbach and Russell Hubb enjoy some candy during class.



Casey Bade
Alex Bauer



Joni Boekelheide
Joshua Clemens
Kelsey Etl
Kara Fischbach
Hilary Frericks



Taylor Funk
Tyler Hahler
Russell Hubbs
Logen Lechner
Elizabeth Leonhardt

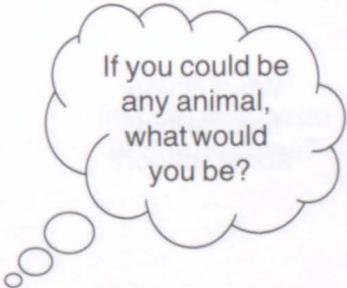


Alyssa Morgan
Michael Smith
Ethan Steward
Kelsey Warnke
Jeremy Weaver

"I would like to be a cat 'cause then I could snuggle up with my dad," said second-grader Russell Hubbs.

"I want to be a wild horse so I wouldn't have to listen to any house rules," said second-grader Elizabeth Leonhardt.

"It would be fun to be a monkey, because I could eat bananas all the time," said second-grader Taylor Funk



CLASS OF 2012

First Grade

Mrs. Joan Allbee's first-graders have passed yet another milestone in their lives. This class has been through a lot this year, and they learned more and more every day.

In reading class this year, the class learned six kinds of syllables.

In math class, the children learned how to write numbers up to 100. They also learned how to count

by twos, threes, fives and 10s.

In science class, the first-graders learned about plants, animals, space, seasons and health, while in social studies, the class read many *Weekly Readers* throughout the year.

The first grade is not all hard work, though. The students did many fun activities this year. During homecoming week, they had rain-

bow and hat day. They had to wear a hat and as many different colored clothing as possible.

This class also learned how to get along with others and to make new friends.

When asked what her favorite thing about school is Haley Wetzler said, "My favorite thing is all my friends because they are so special."

"My heart belongs in first grade because there is obvious physical and educational growth, and they are eager learners," said Allbee.



THINK! THINK! THINK!
First-graders Kevin Purcell and Alexandra Scriver put their thinking hats on during homecoming week.

Alex Boekelheide
Logan Brown
Katrina Frericks
Laken Frericks



Jared Fischer
Ashley German
Jennifer Lefforge
Adrianna Lutter
Laine Mielke



Gabrielle Morgan
Shelbie Papousek
Shelby Peterson
Ruth Phillips
Kevin Purcell



Alexandra Scriver
Madison Smith
Mariah Taylor
Jamie Wacholz
Haley Wetzler



"I like computers because you can push stuff and create stuff," said first-grader Laken Frericks.

"I like P.E. because you get to learn to juggle and stuff," said first-grader Madison Smith.

"I like Art because there's about 100 things to do," said first-grader Mariah Taylor.



LOOK MOM, I CAN TYPE
Mrs. Vicki Mitchell teaches the kindergartners computer skills in the elementary computer lab.

Meeting new people and learning how school works is what the kindergartners faced during their first year at Northwestern.

Recess, physical education and playtime ranked high on the class's list of things to do.

"I like kindergarten because we get recess, and we can play with race cars at playtime," said kindergartner Jake Groft.

One thing the class enjoyed to do during physical education class was learn how to jump rope and juggle.

CLASSES OF 2013 Kindergarten

Learning the ABCs, shapes and numbers were just some of the things the kindergartners learned this year. The students also learned how to share ideas, work in groups and share toys at playtime.

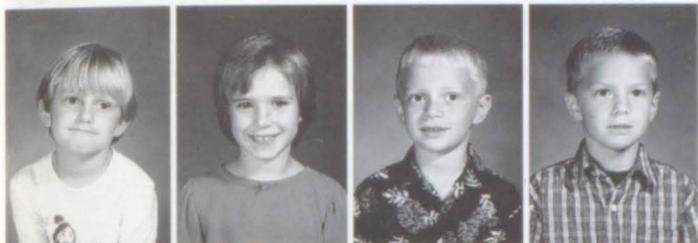
"Kindergarten is fun because there are kids to play with," said kindergartner Kelsey Hoellein.

The kindergarten class also liked their teacher, Mrs.

Vicki Mitchell.

"There is never a dull moment in kindergarten. Kindergarten children show enthusiasm, share their emotions and can be very honest. I enjoyed watching the children grow and change," said Mitchell.

The kindergartners thought school was a great new experience, and they enjoyed their first year as NW Wildcats.



Allison Berg
Ashley Clemens
Shay Clemensen
Landon Fischbach



Jake Groft
Anastasia Hafner
Alexander Hawley
Nathan Hawley
Kelsey Hoellein
Travis Ladwig



Courtlen Lechner
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Ray Lerew
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Trevor Rush

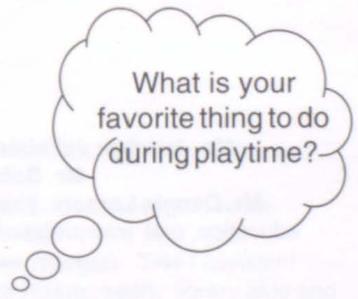


Ryan Shepherd
Cecilia Smith
Kaitlyn Sparling
Melissa Thompson
Zachary Warnke
Christopher Wedemann

"I like to play with blocks and build houses," said kindergartner Ashley Clemens.

"I like to play dress up because it is cool," said kindergartner Allison Berg.

"I like to play with the balls because I like to play soccer," said kindergartner Delbert Leonhardt.

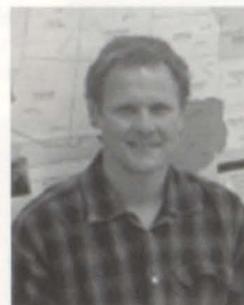


More Than One Chance to Make A Difference

Mrs. Joan Allbee: first grade
Mrs. Marilyn Battey: third grade
Mrs. Dee Blanchard: Algebra I,
 geometry, Algebra II, college
 algebra and math club



Mr. Scott Boone: sixth and seventh-grade social studies, eighth-grade
 U.S. history, world history and geography, government, assistant
 football coach and track coach



Mrs. Christy Cardella: sixth, seventh and eighth-grade English and
 literature

Mrs. Kim Carson: eighth through 12th-grade FACS, career fundamen-
 tals and careers and internships

Mrs. Denise Clemens: physics, chemistry, biology, sixth-grade math,
 applied math, head girls' basketball coach and science bowl adviser



Mrs. Roberta Eisenbeisz: sixth through eighth-grade science,
 physical science, physiology and science fair

Mrs. Shelley Fischbach: kindergarten through fifth-grade computers
 and library skills, sixth-seventh-grade computers and seventh-grade
 math

Mrs. Anne Frericks: Accounting I, advanced computers, business law,
 business management, eighth-grade computers and FBLA adviser



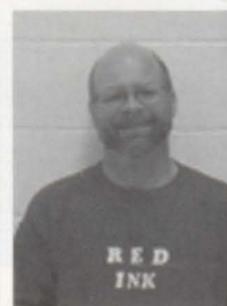
Mrs. Nora Groft: English I, English II, English III, technical English,
 Journalism I, Journalism II, junior high girls' basketball coach, assistant
 volleyball coach, junior high boys' and girls' track coach, junior high oral
 interpretation coach and National Honor Society adviser

Mrs. Roylene Heidenreich: fourth grade

Ms. Jennifer Jakober: kindergarten through 12th-grade art

Mr. Bob Kiesz: high school band and chorus

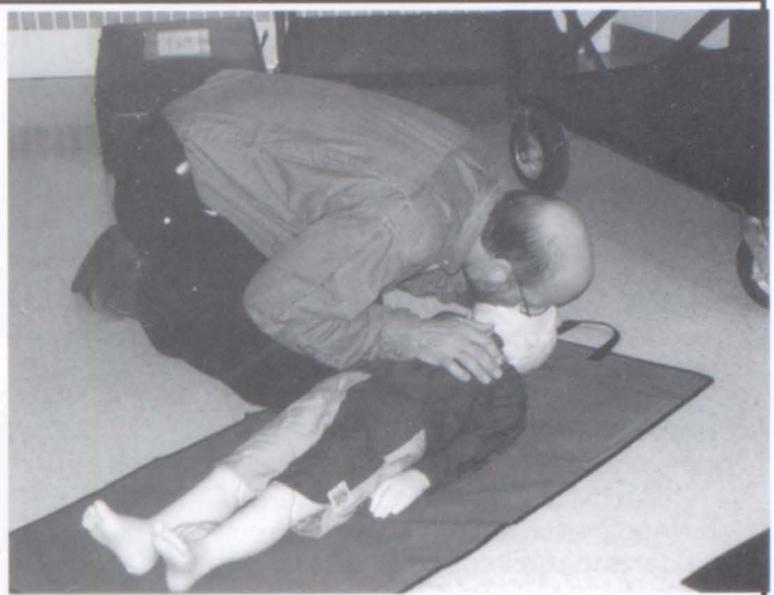
Mr. Dennis Larson: kindergarten through 12th-grade physical
 education, oral interpretation coach and junior-senior play director



Northwestern teachers had more than one chance to make a difference. They attended many inservices to increase their knowledge of the technology available to them. Many teachers also attend workshops and take classes in the summer months to bring new ideas to the classroom. They wanted only the best for their students.

During school hours, teachers are also responsible for the safety of the students. This year, all the teachers were certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The faculty's main goal is to educate students and to prepare them for life. The teachers try hard to incorporate many different methods of learning and different types of assignments to keep students interested and provide for all types of learners.



A LITTLE LESSON IN CPR

Mr. Larson practices mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on a dummy while on his way to CPR certification.



Mrs. Lois McAreavey: second grade
Mrs. Vicki Mitchell: kindergarten
Mrs. Roxanne Olson: cheerleading adviser



Ms. Jackie Remily: kindergarten through 12th-grade special education and Natural Helpers co-leader
Mr. Duncan Robertson: visual C++ programming, technical coordinator and network administrator
Mr. Wade Rozell: fifth grade, junior high football coach, high school boys' basketball coach and high school boys' track coach



Mrs. Jeanette Scherr: Title I reading
Mrs. Wendy Thorson: elementary general music, fifth-grade band, junior high band, junior high chorus and fifth through seventh-grade band lessons
Mrs. Karen Bacon: elementary assistant
Miss Karla Borge: elementary and special education aide



Mrs. Lynn Hoellein: DDN facilitator and office aide
Mrs. Jeannine Jilek: resource room assistant
Mrs. Dolores Morgan: Title I assistant
Mrs. Dianne Rasmussen: library aide and fifth-grade aide

Mission Statement: To empower all students to become lifelong learners.

With the help and support of the wonderful administration working behind the scenes, the students at Northwestern are supplied with many wonderful learning opportunities. This year our school has gone through many changes. "Our administration works very hard to have progressive programs that give our students the best opportunities that are possible," said school counselor Mrs. Beth Duerre.

The Northwestern Community Foundation purchased a new wood floor for the school, and the school purchased new bleachers. With the encouragement and support of our faithful custodians, the floor has been kept spotless since the day it was installed.

The lunch system, headed by Mrs. Diana Larson, received a new lunchroom program that abolished the use of lunchcards for the students. The new program allowed students to have an accurate lunch money count without the hassle of lunchcards.

Without the great administration at NW, the students would have a lot more worries and a lot less fun.

Mike Steinhoff: Superintendent



Mr. Mike Steinhoff keeps himself busy being the school's superintendent and athletic director. He also watches over all the students to ensure everyone receives the best possible educational experience.

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SCHOOLBOARD MEMBERS

LeRoy Braun, Jeanette Smith, Bret Bierman, Bonnie Mielke and David Peterson spend some long nights at the school trying to figure out how to make school better for the students.

CUSTODIANS

Bill Clemens and Denise Jeschke do a great job keeping the school looking great throughout the school year. They also take on many projects in the summer months to make sure NW looks its best.



BUS DRIVERS

Orrin Freeman, Dana Dayton, David Peterson, Diane Artz and Bill Kraus have the responsibility of getting all of their riders to school safely and on time.

KITCHEN STAFF

Charlotte Purcell, Vicki McLain, Deb O'Daniel and Pat Braasch spend their mornings in the kitchen cooking meals to satisfy the appetites of the students and teachers.



Ray Sauerwein: High School Principal



Mr. Ray Sauerwein is in control as the building and grounds supervisor, transportation supervisor, ninth and 10th grade technology teacher, head football coach and high school principal.

Kathy Graves: Elementary Principal



Other than taking over the role as elementary principal in the 2000-2001 school year, Miss Kathy Graves teaches eighth-grade math and U.S. History and coaches the volleyball team.

Beth Duerre: Guidance Counselor



As guidance counselor, Mrs. Beth Duerre is in charge of scholarship forms, HOBY, Natural Helpers, student assistance program, career guidance and student standardized testing.

Diana Larson: Business Manager



Mrs. Diana Larson takes on many roles as the business manager. She is in charge of all the school's money and the food service program.

Nancy Young: Administrative Assistant



As the school's administrative assistant, Mrs. Nancy Young is in charge of the personnel and student forms for the state. She does a variety of day-to-day tasks to keep the school running smoothly.



GREAT MINDS AT WORK

Junior Starla Baird and seniors Jackie Mitchell and Brittanie Kraus know that concentration is a key part of learning as they put their minds to work during their Spanish II class.

LEARNING IN MANY WAYS

Lifting weights and juggling softballs are just two of the many skills taught in physical education. Freshman Nik Kramp and junior Jared Steger practice the skills taught to them in this class as they pump iron.



Academics

Many Classes Come Together For One Common Education.



ONE STITCH AT A TIME

Junior Stephanie Schramm looks very focused as she stitches the embroidery on a hat during business management class. The class started a business called the Wildcat Warehouse, and they sold socks, hats, and calendars.



A STICKY SITUATION

Senior Ashley Braun and freshman Kristina Bloomhall construct a globe using paper and glue during their art class. When finished the globes can be used to hang over a light for more decoration.



TECHNOLOGY MINDED

Senior Lorra Beardemphl is in deep thought as she works on her web page for her advanced computers class. Northwestern keeps up with the new technology by adding new computers and other technology each year.



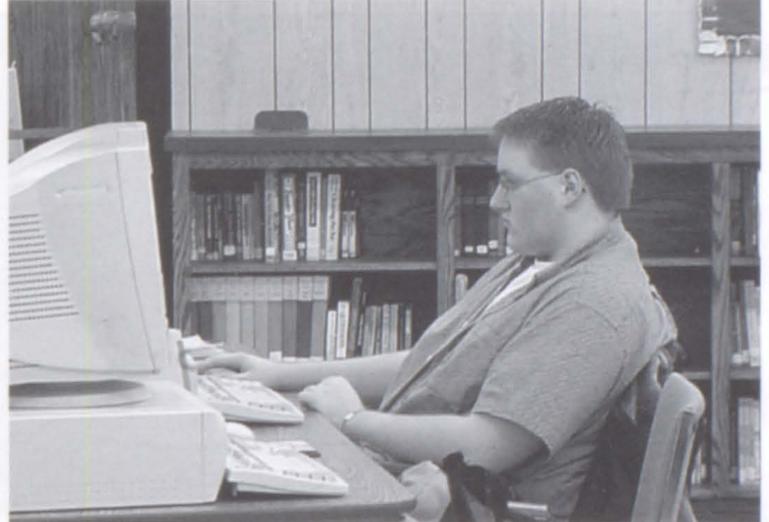
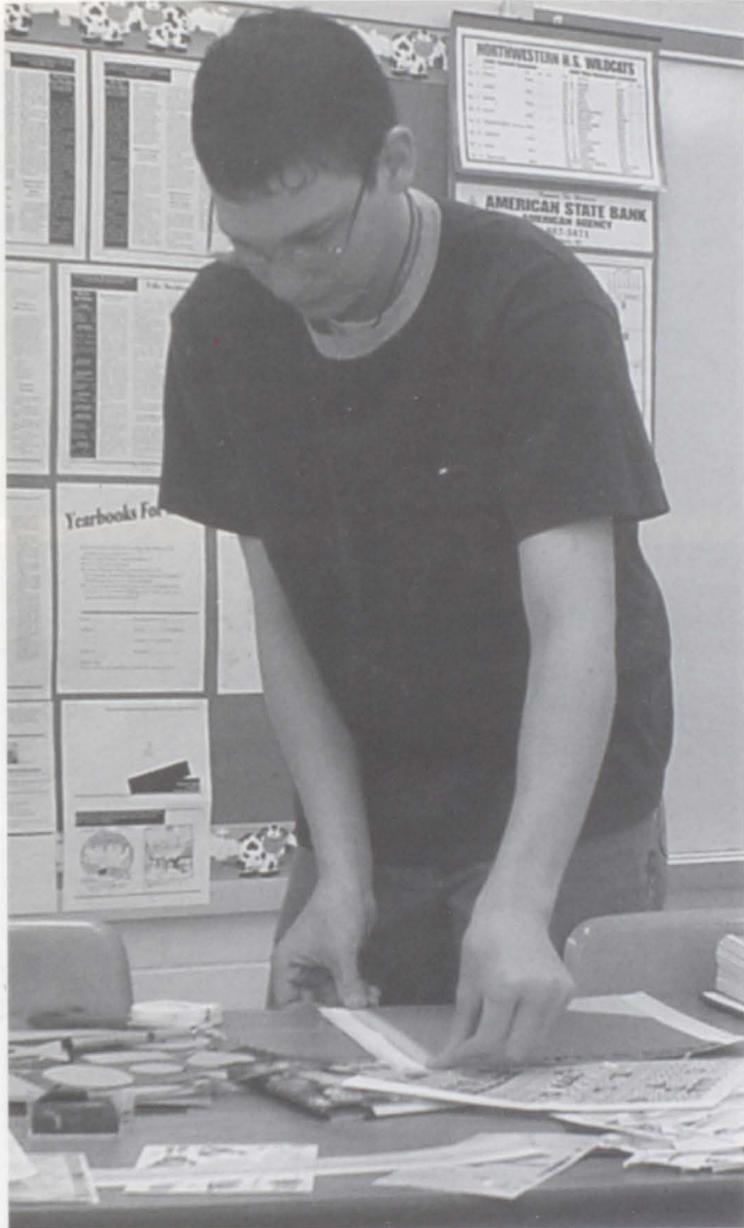
CUTTING CLASS

Sophomores Shane Malsam and Doug Criddle carefully wood for their project in industrial technology. This year, students had the opportunity to take both a beginner's tech class, as well as a more advanced class.



CHANGES IN THE CLASSROOM
New technology has enhanced some classes at Northwestern. The Dakota Digital Network (DDN) is used to conduct English and Spanish classes, and the system allows communication between many students and teachers throughout the state.

NOT YOUR AVERAGE LECTURE
Northwestern teachers and students use the Destination systems to present information in new and more exciting ways. Senior Trista Smith practices giving a PowerPoint presentation she created for Future Business Leaders of America.



A REALM OF INFORMATION
Junior Brent Duerre takes advantage of Northwestern's many computers and does some research for a class project.



FINDING A SOLUTION
Sixth-grader Brittany Zens works hard to find the answers to one of her language worksheets in Mrs. Christy Cardella's class.

THE SCRAPBOOK KING
Senior Darren Haessig carefully places a decorative piece on the scrapbook page he is assembling for Technical English. He had to follow the instructions given to him by classmate Jill Ford in order to complete the project.

One More Problem To Solve

Math is a very fundamental part of a student's education. At Northwestern, the teachers use a variety of methods to give students a strong math education.

Many students have furthered their education in math by playing games like Othello and Mastermind to build their thinking skills. Others built colorcubes and color collages to increase their

abilities in geometry. Making geometric designs helps students develop visual skills, team skills and problem solving.

"I think that in math the most important thing for students to learn is to solve everyday problems," said Mrs. Dee Blanchard.

Blanchard and Mrs. Denise Clemens have taken over the responsibility of preparing math club members for the various math con-

tests that NW attends. This year, several students did well at these events.

The foreign exchange students have also been involved with the math program and are adjusting to the differences in America.

"It is not the same here because we use different letters when working with formulas," said senior Maylis Gueye.



HIGH-TECH MATH
Seventh-grader Teri Smith tries to figure out a difficult problem on the computer. The school has installed many programs to help students with their classes.



FIGURE IT OUT
Seventh-grader Sara Jo Kegler tries to understand her math assignment involving geometric shapes.

MATH CLUB MEMBERS

Front Row: Zach Heidenreich, Ryan Criddle, Matt Buisker, Trista Smith, Amanda Peterson and Jen Fuhrman. Middle Row: Erica Adams, Tara Smith, Jody Christensen, Matt Genzler, Brad Bierman and Doug Criddle. Back Row: Launa Fuhrman, Holly Beardemphl, Chelsea Young, Lee Mielke, Chris Haselhorst, Ross Mielke and Charlotte Green.

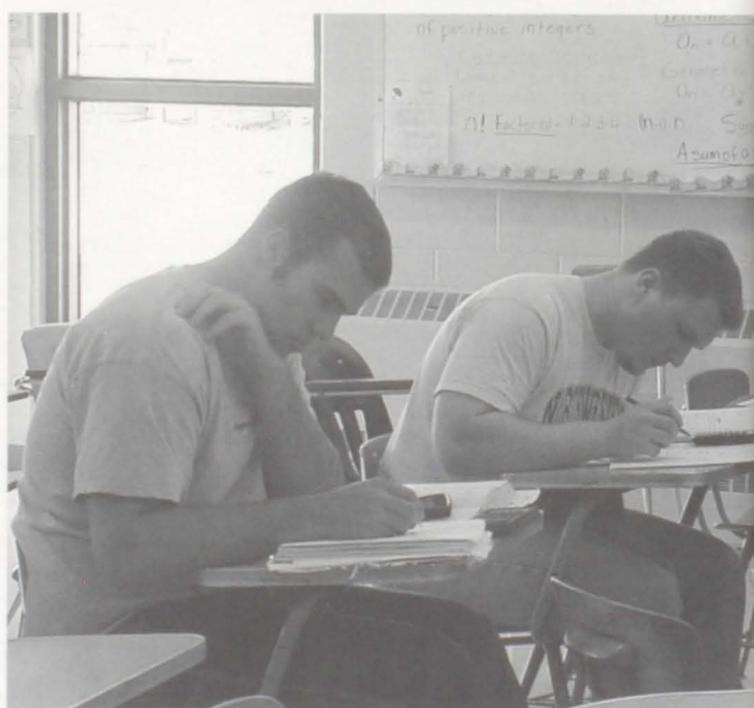


SEARCHING FOR AN ANSWER

Senior foreign-exchange student Maylis Gueye stares at her senior math problems trying to come up with an answer.

EXACT CALCULATIONS

Seniors Matt Buisker and Ryan Criddle riddle their brains with another tough math problem during their senior math class.



Mastering One Skill At A Time



WRITE IT OUT

Eighth-grader Alex Schnell shows fellow classmate Darren Jilek how it is really done in Mrs. Carson's FACS class.

The Family and Consumer Sciences classes at Northwestern serve the purpose of informing students about different aspects of real life. Students are taught how to manage budgets, how to prepare for job interviews, how to sew and how to do many other life skills.

In the career and internship class, students were able to research careers that they might be interested in pursuing in the future. Dur-

ing the second semester of this class, students interviewed with a council of administrators for the opportunity to intern. If the students were approved, they then interviewed with employers for intern positions.

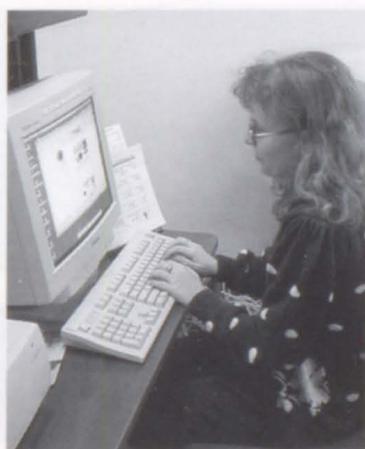
"Interning is a good experience that gets you out in the real world and lets you experience different careers," said senior Michelle Eberle.

The two technology

classes at NW, taught by Mr. Ray Sauerwein, have also been very productive.

The students learned about power tools and drafting, and they each completed a project of their choice.

In addition, the tech classes constructed bookshelves for some teachers to use in their classrooms to store portfolios.



GETTING A CLOSER LOOK

It takes hard work and long hours to make a great project as sophomore Mark Braun demonstrates by giving much attention to detail.

A DOSE OF THE REAL WORLD

Junior Dane Jeschke proves he is ready for the real world by taking care of business at 3M for his internship.

TECHNO GADGETS

Senior Dixie Jeschke works on developing new technological skills in at her internship at *The Comet*.

EXACT MEASUREMENTS

Senior Ben Hammer uses great concentration and tools to make sure that his tech project is accurately constructed.



One Small Step for Science

Every year, students in science classes scramble around the school putting the finishing touches on their projects and studying for science bowl competitions.

In 2001, 43 students in grades six through 12 participated in the local science fair. The students put much effort into their projects, and parents and community

members were able to view the projects at an open house before the science fair awards ceremony.

Students who placed first, second and third at the local science fair were able to advance to the regional fair March 29 in Aberdeen. Northwestern's projects did very well with students receiving trophies, certificates and other prizes. Freshman Dena Steward earned the opportunity to attend the Na-

tional Science fair in San Jose, Calif., as an observer.

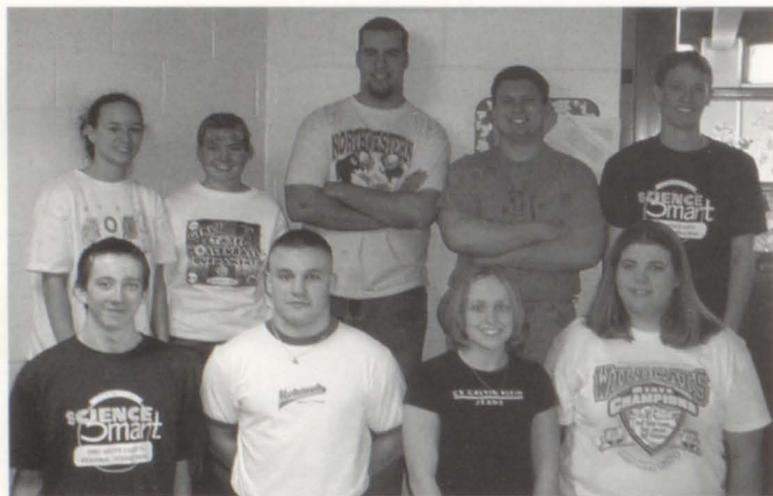
In addition, the science classes at NW did many creative lab experiments and took several field trips.

Chemistry students became especially involved as they worked on a state-wide project involving the James River.

"The field trips that we took in biology dominated the year," said sophomore Doug Criddle.



AND THE WINNERS ARE Mrs. Denise Clemens announces the winners of the science fair. Clemens and Mrs. Roberta Eisenbeisz organize the fair every year.

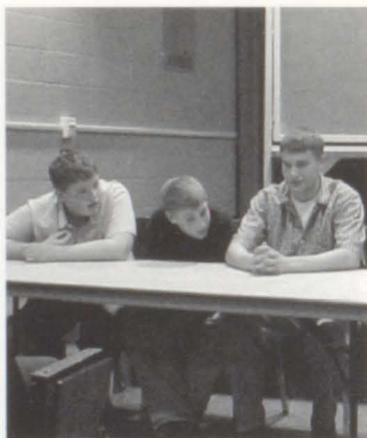


HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL
Front Row: Bob Brown, Zach Heidenreich, Jen Fuhrman and Starla Baird. Back row: Jackie Mitchell, Trista Smith, Matt Buisker, Ryan Criddle and Ben Hammer. The team was able to attend three competitions this year in Huron, Aberdeen and Eureka.



H₂O INFORMATION

Freshman Nick Hahler shows off his science fair experiment to community members.



THINK, THINK, THINK

Eighth-grader Darren Jilek, seventh-grader David Bierman and freshman Nathan Smith discuss a question while competing in the junior high science bowl competition at Northern State University.

READY, SET, GO!

Seniors Ryan Criddle, Matt Buisker and Trista Smith anticipate the next question to be asked the Northern State University Science Bowl Competition in Aberdeen.



One Giant Leap for History



PICTURE THIS
Senior Maylis Gueye works diligently on a pictorial biography for United States history.

It was once said that you must learn from the past, and that is exactly what students at Northwestern do when they enter Mr. Scott Boone or Miss Kathy Graves's classrooms.

All students in grades six through 12 are involved in some sort of social studies class. In these classes, student are taught about how events that occurred long ago still affect their lives.

"Mr. Boone has the most interesting stories to tell, and

that keeps social studies fun," said freshman Nick Hahler.

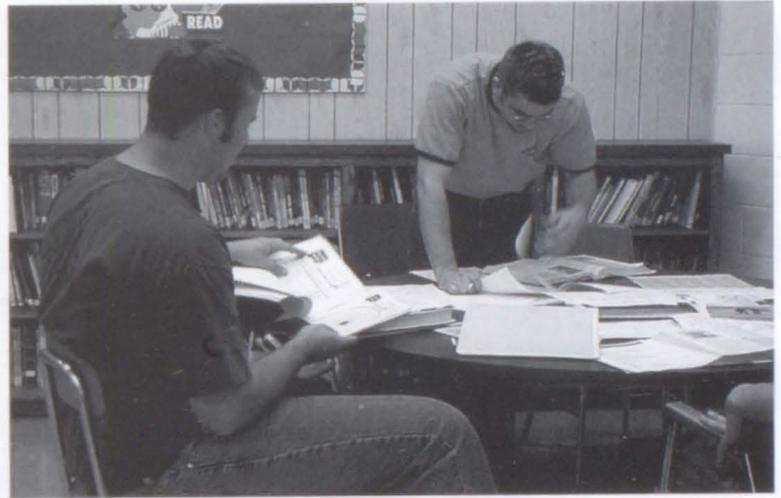
In geography, students develop their sense of direction by coloring maps of different countries and identifying cities and historic landmarks.

Boone also teaches a civics class and a government class, which goes over the proceedings of the United States government and tells of the differences in other

countries' governments.

United States history students had the opportunity to look back at the founding of the nation and the historic occurrences of the 1900s.

"U.S. history is a very interesting class because we are able to go back in time and see the hardships that were faced and the victories our country earned," said senior Ashley Braun.



COMPARING NOTES

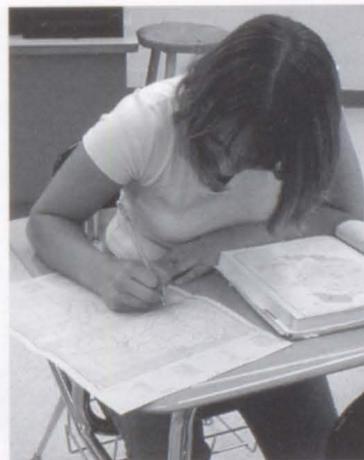
Seniors Matt Buisker and Christopher DeYoung help each other out by checking each other's work for United States history.

STORY TIME

Mr. Scott Boone embellishes one of his many, interesting stories for the government class.

TRAVELING THE WORLD

Freshman Starla Kellar tries to find a national landmark as she marks and colors a map for her world geography class.



MAP IT OUT

Junior Zach Remily gives his government class a little geography lesson.



One Smart Move

At Northwestern, Mrs. Anne Frericks, business teacher, and Mr. Duncan Robertson, technology coordinator, strive to inform students of new innovations involved with business.

"Learning about the aspects of business and technology is very important to all students because eventually they will either work in a business or operate one of their

own," said Frericks.

The introduction to business class learned how to write business letters and resumes, as well as how to market a product.

Accounting I students learned money management skills, which will help them in the future with their finances.

The business law class studied the procedures of the law and staged a mock trial at the end of the year.

Business management students experienced business first hand when they created the Wildcat Warehouse, which was a business that sold socks, hats and calendars to the community.

The C++ computer class learned advanced programming, while the advanced computer class learned how to create home pages, PowerPoint presentations and other exciting projects.



HOBY REPRESENTATIVE
Sophomore Jen Fuhrman is our HOBY representative for this year who will represent Northwestern at a conference this summer in Sioux Falls.

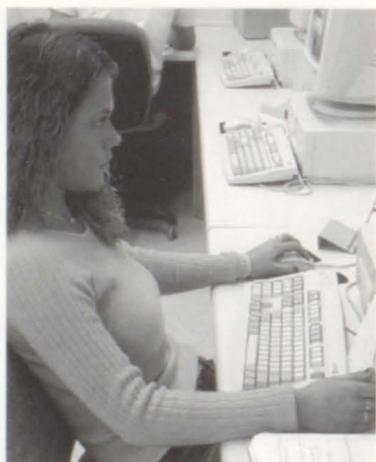


DEBIT OR CREDIT

Sophomore Chelsea Young balances budgets during Accounting I, while trying to remember the difference between a debit and a credit.

BAD BUSINESS

Mrs. Anne Frericks kept things interesting in her business law class by having her students do a variety of projects, including skits, PowerPoint presentations and a mock trial. In the picture, senior Lorra Beardemphl looks horrified as junior Amanda Peterson crashes into her car during their skit on torts.



HARD OR NOT

Senior Tracey Smith tries to remember all the information she crammed into her brain the night before as she takes her test in business management.



One Written Word Sparks Wonder



JOURNALISM CITY
Junior Amanda Peterson is the Girls State Journalism City representative. She is doing her best to complete a story for Journalism I class.

English skills are very essential because they are key to effective communication.

The freshman class worked on grammar, writing and literature, and to complete the year, students read *Romeo and Juliet*.

The sophomores spent the first semester delivering speeches. Then they moved on to literature, including reading *Julius Caesar* and *Antigone*. They also

wrote a series of papers to master the writing technique, finishing with their first research paper.

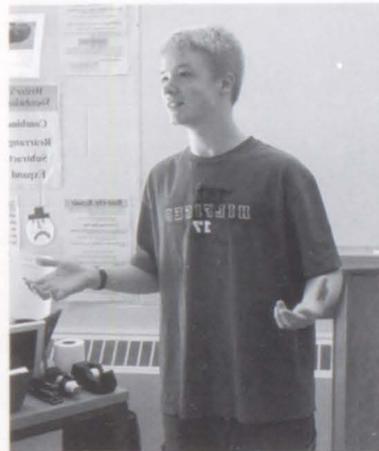
The junior English class spent most of the year reading American literature, including *The Grapes of Wrath* and *My Antonia*. They finished the year with a creative writing unit.

Technical English students wrote instructions and business letters and used HyperStudio to create elec-

tronic portfolios, which they burned onto CDs.

Seniors who were not involved in Technical English took college composition and literature classes over the Dakota Digital Network or the Internet.

The Journalism class increased its knowledge of the Associated Press style, wrote stories for the newsletter and created yearbook pages.



QUILL AND SCROLL

Juniors Nicole Hammer, Amanda Peterson, Starla Baird, Michelle Jilek and seniors Andrea McComsey, Trista Smith, Ashley Braun and Brittanie Krause received the journalism honor of being inducted into Quill and Scroll.

JOURNALISM I & II STUDENTS

Back Row: Steph Schramm, Matt Genzler, Nicole Hammer, Jill Ford, Starla Baird, Kayla Stahl, Renae Sparling and Ben Hammer. Middle Row: Ashley Braun, Andrea McComsey, Becky Ford, Amanda Peterson, Michelle Jilek and Tracey Smith. Front Row: Michelle Eberle, Kary Bullock, Lorra Beardemphl, Trista Smith and Brittanie Kraus.

SENIORS HAVE PLAYTIME, TOO

After all their hard work, seniors Renae Sparling and Ashley Braun play the game they created for Technical English. For this project, they had to design an original game, write the instructions and market the game to their classmates.

FRIENDS, LEND ME YOUR EARS

Sophomore Michael Schnell entertains his classmates with his speech for English II.

Specializing In One Area

Several students at Northwestern attend the Hub Area Vocational school in Aberdeen to gain information on specialized areas in the work field. The students, who are unable to take these classes at NW, travel back and forth each day to the classes.

"Take the commercial foods class. It is the best class you can take. I looked forward to going

to class every day," said senior Darren Haessig.

The students can choose from classes like automotive, building trades, electrical, graphic design and product manufacturing.

The classes familiarize students with the terms and equipment of a certain trade.

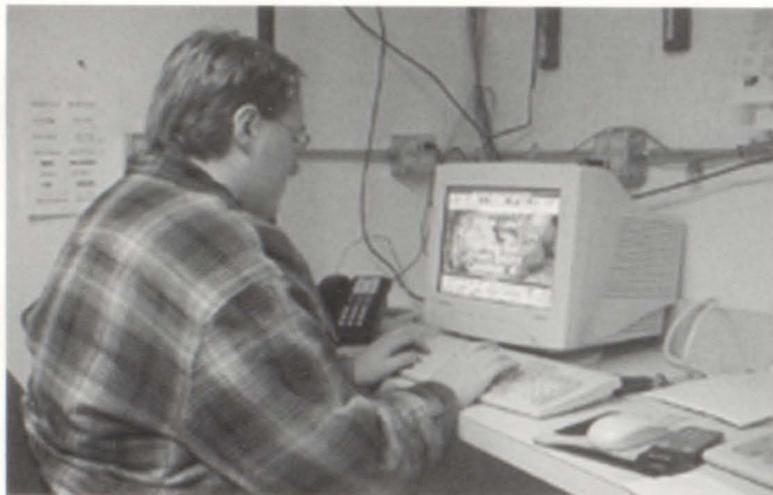
Many of the students can take their knowledge and follow through with an education from a technical school.

"I'm in a fun class. We get to run the press machines. Now we are working on our annual yearbook, and we are using a lot of new equipment," said senior Marie Wedemann.

Currently, sophomores, juniors and seniors are allowed to take classes at VOED, so junior high and freshmen students have something to look forward to in the future.



MASS PRODUCTION
Junior Brett Zerfoss operates one of the machines used in his product manufacturing class.



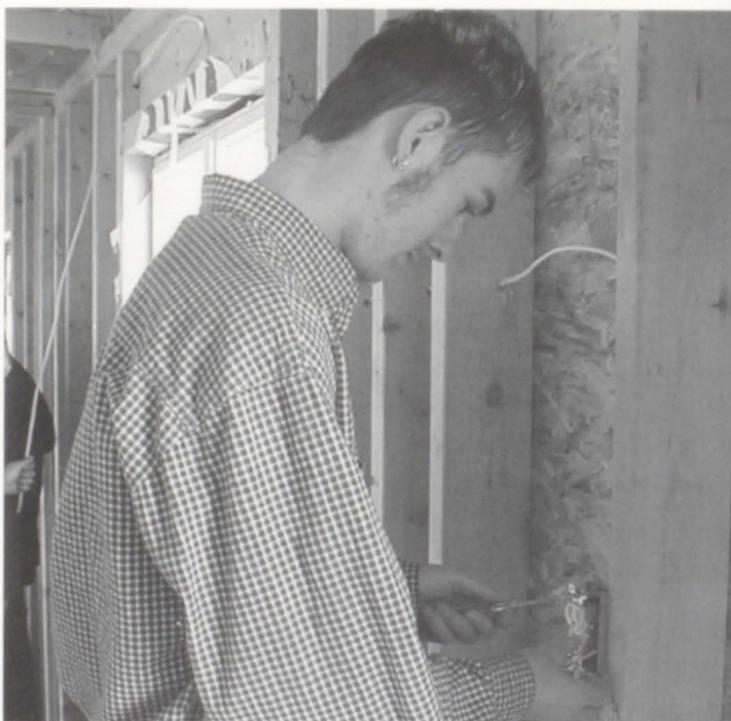
KNOWLEDGE OF TECHNOLOGY
Junior Brent Duerre uses his technology skills in his radio-television class at VOED.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMER
Junior Jackie Tolvstad watches the television monitor as she prepares a project for her VOED class.

CAUTIOUS WORK
Junior Dane Jeschke checks to make sure all the tools are working properly during his machine shop class.



GETTING WIRED
Junior Brooks Kleffman wires the electrical boxes in the house his class is constructing in building trades.



One Big Talent



COLORFUL WORK
Fourth-grader Jamie Rott uses her crayons to make her artwork as colorful as possible.

Students at Northwestern have demonstrated their great artistic ability to the school in a variety of ways.

The high school art class painted the tile ceiling of the north pod with an exotic jungle scene.

"Making the mural was a challenging project, but in the end, it turned out to be very rewarding," said senior Sara Christensen.

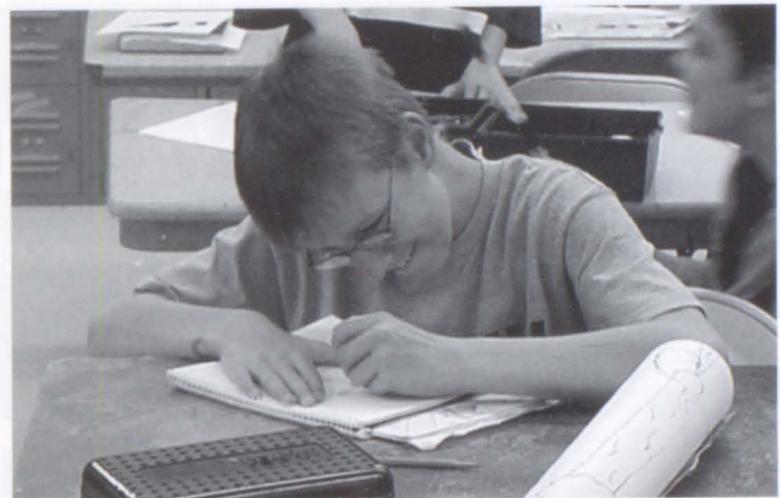
The high school art class

also designed the set for the junior-senior play. The students brought in props, made movie posters and created the backdrops of the set.

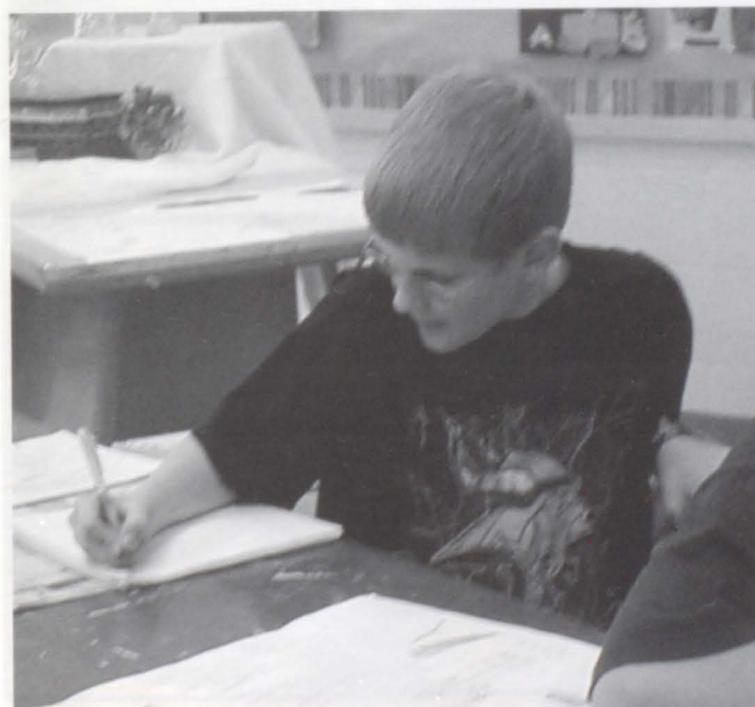
Art comes naturally to some students, but the art teacher, Ms. Jennifer Jakober, gives the students plenty of opportunities to show their creativity with independent studies and "you decide" sketchbook projects.

"Art is a fun class for me because I enjoy drawing. This year I have learned about many different types of mediums and drawing styles," said sophomore Jaimie Jaragoske.

All in all, the students in the art program at NW created many unique projects and had a chance to explore their creative side.



QUICK SKETCH
Sixth-grader Caleb Kellar quickly tries to finish his "you decide" sketchbook that is due in two minutes.



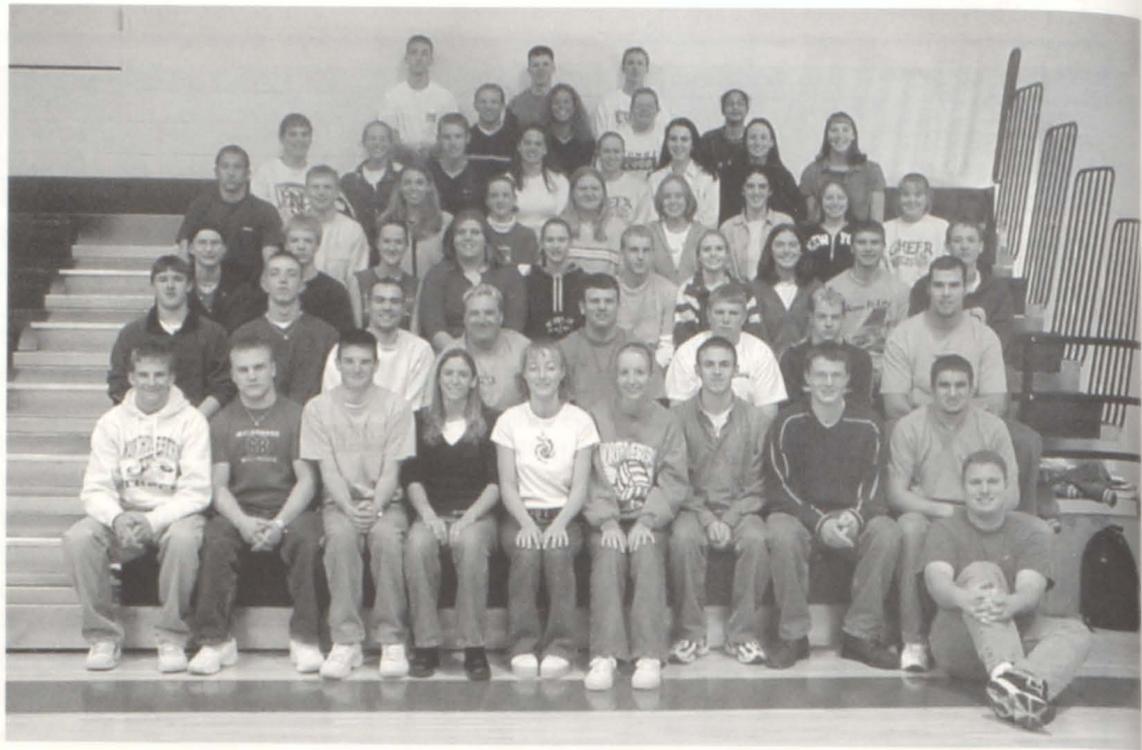
ARTISTICALLY INCLINED
Sophomore Jaimie Jaragoske and junior Stephanie Schramm carefully work on personal pieces of art that were displayed at the art show held in May.

DEEP MIX
Sophomore Angela Spear mixes acrylic paint to find just the right color for her artwork.

GETTING IT RIGHT
Keeping track of the sketchbook assignments is one responsibility of art students, as sixth-grader Jason Oberfoell shows by writing down his weekly sketchbook assignment.

THE N-CLUB

Front Row: Jared Steger, Zach Heidenreich, Brady Kleffman, Renae Sparling, Nicole Hammer, Becky Ford, Kris Sparling, Dustin Steward, Christopher DeYoung and Ryan Criddle. Row Two: Trond Peterson, Lee Mielke, Shane Malsam, Eric Gab, Doug Criddle, Brad Bierman, Jason Hansen and Matt Buisker. Row Three: Rachel Graham, Michael Schnell, Jody Christensen, Starla Baird, Kayla Stahl, Nathan Schaunaman, Tessa Mayer, Michelle Jilek, Nathan Smith and Ben Hammer. Row Four: Shawn Malsam, Chris Haselhorst, Desa Oberle, Wendy Beardemphl, Charlotte Green, Jean Fehrman, Tara Smith, Stephanie Peterson and Trista Smith. Row Five: Tracey Smith, Andrea McComsey, Brooks Kleffman, Lorra Beardemphl, Amanda Peterson, Chelsea Young, Jackie Mitchell and Brittanie Kraus. Row Six: Nik Kramp, Jill Ford, Kary Bullock and Maylis Gueye. Back Row: Robert Baumgarten, Zach Remily and Edward Kramp.



Organizations

You only get one chance to get involved.



CONCENTRATE

Senior Trista Smith watches the director closely during band so she does not get confused.



GET PRETTY

Beauty is only "root" deep for junior Amanda Peterson as she dyes her hair for her next oral interpretation performance.



JUST RELAX

Senior Andrea McComsey tries to clear her mind while giving blood at the Future Business Leaders of America blood drive March 1.



READING NOTES

Sophomores Mark Braun and Nathan Schaunaman get a musical education when the chorus reads their sheet music every day.



HELPING OUT

Natural helpers is a group of select NW students chosen by their peers to learn helping skills at a retreat in Gary, S.D. Front Row: Rachel Graham, Launa Fuhrman, Erica Adams and Nathan Schaanaman. Back Row: Sara Christensen, Starla Baird, Becky Ford, Michael Schnell and Jody Christensen.



LISTEN UP

Senior Matt Buisker gives a short speech during the National Honor Society induction ceremony.

FRESH-BAKED GOODNESS

Junior Kris Sparling hands over a delicious doughnut to junior Edward Kramp. The National Honor Society sells doughnuts every Friday morning before school.



DO NOT LOOK!

Senior Christopher DeYoung holds senior Jill Ford's hand while she gives blood at the FBLA blood drive March 1.



RAKING IN THE DOUGH

Sophomore Michael Schnell counts all of the money the FBLA made while running the concession stand during the junior high boys' basketball tournament held at school March 3.



One Voice Makes A Difference

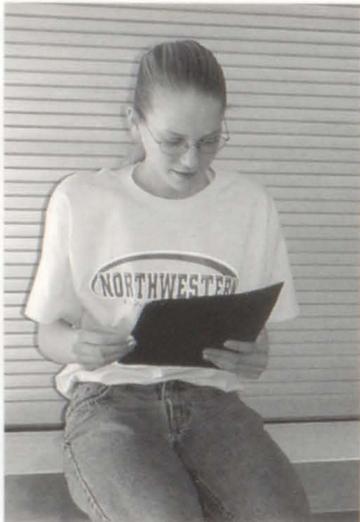
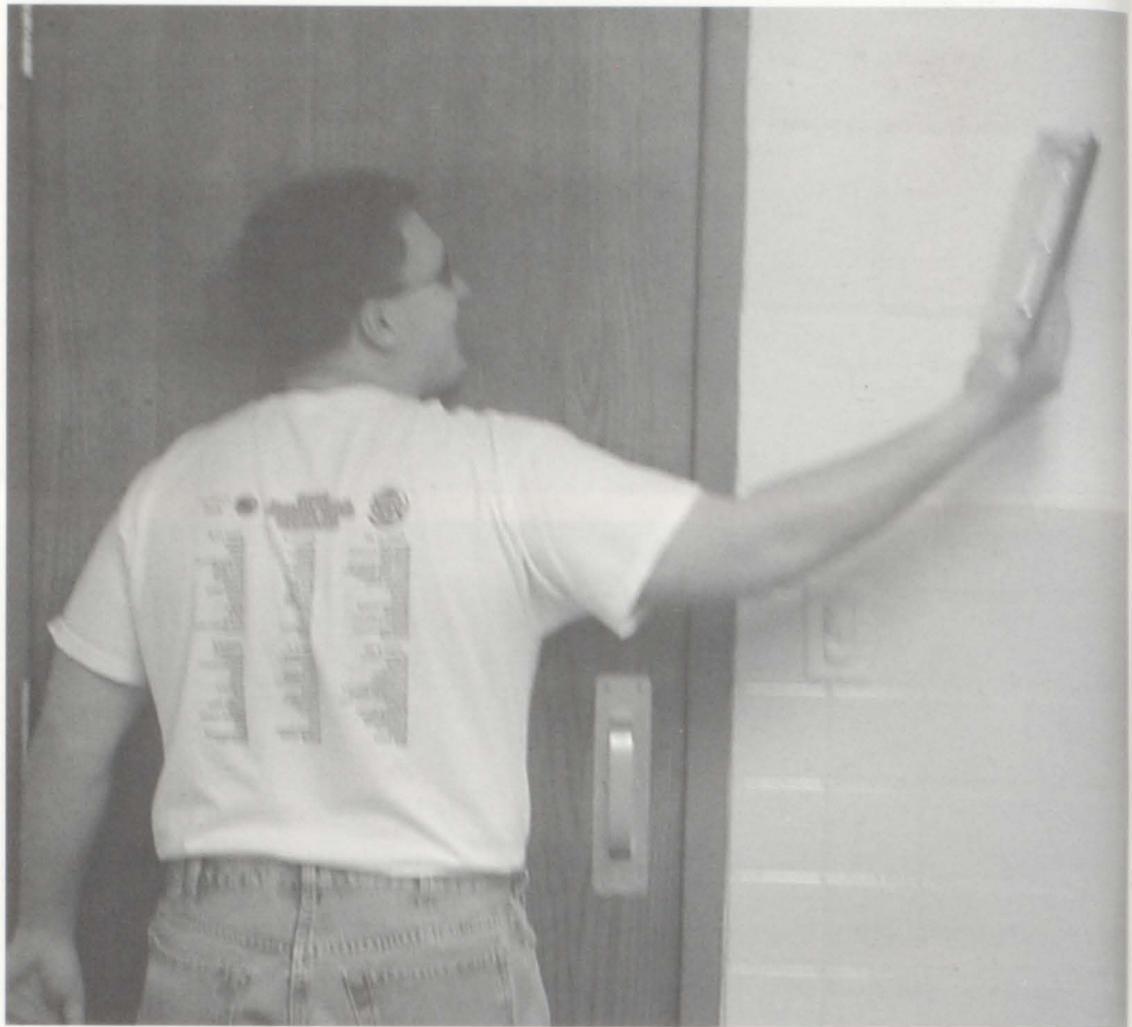
Oral Interp Gives Students Confidence to Speak in Public.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Senior Ryan Criddle rehearses his prose piece, "The Sculptor's Funeral," to get it just right for competition.

SERIOUS CONCENTRATION

Eighth-grader Kelli Hammer is deeply concentrating on her drama piece before having to perform at the next competition.



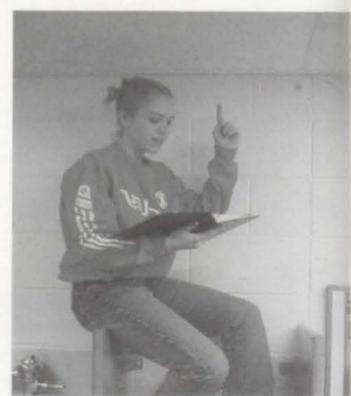
LOOKING FOR MOTIVATION

Eighth-grader Austin Fischbach tries to find his motivation while working on his oratory piece "Columbine: A Speech Before Congress."



HIGHSCHOOL ORAL INTERPRETATION

Left Row: Ashley Braun, Brad Bierman, Michael Schnell, Charlotte Green, Ryan Criddle and Chelsea Young. Right Row: Dixie Jeschke, Tessa Mayer, Amanda Peterson and coach Mr. Dennis Larson.



GET INTO CHARACTER

Junior Tessa Mayer searches for her character before she performs "The Effects of Gamma Rays On Man In The Moon Marigolds."



READERS' THEATER

Tessa Mayer, Amanda Peterson, Chelsea Young, Ryan Criddle, Michael Schnell and Ashley Braun. The readers' theater received first place at the district and regional competitions and a superior rating at the South Dakota State Oral Interpretation Contest.



STRIVE FOR PERFECTION

Junior Amanda Peterson rehearses her oratory piece, while searching for that perfect character.

JUNIOR HIGH ORAL INTERPRETATION

Back Row: Vanessa Schnoor, Bryn Kleffman, Amber Genzler, David Bierman, Chase Peta, Josh Braun and Austin Fischbach. Front Row: Lexi Lutter, Jamie Christensen, Stephanie Peterson, Jodi Fischbach, Diedra Artz, Kelli Hammer and Mary Eisenbeisz.



TO BE OR NOT TO BE

David Bierman is pondering over his piece.



THE THINKING MAN

Seventh-grader David Bierman looks deeply perplexed while performing his piece, "Unsportsmanlike Conduct," for an audience.

HELPING HANDS

Seventh-grader Diedra Artz and eighth-grader Amber Genzler give each other some pointers while working together on their oral interpretation pieces.

One Beat After Another

Music helps to enhance our education one student at a time

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

Seniors Christopher DeYoung and Dustin Steward show their true emotions in chorus while preparing for contest.

GRACEFUL ALTOS

Juniors Nicole Hammer and Michelle Jilek are practicing their 16-group song and showing off their graceful singing abilities.



TIME TO GET SERIOUS

Sophomore Eric Gab and freshman Chris Haselhorst take time to get serious in chorus to avoid any unnecessary arguments from Mr. Bob Kiesz.



HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Front Row: Launa Fuhrman, Jenna Williams, Michelle Jilek, Nicole Hammer, Chris Haselhorst, Kris Sparling, Mark Braun, Nathan Schaanaman, Courtney DeWitte, Erica Adams and Holly Beardemphl. Middle Row: Charlotte Green, Desa Oberle, Chelsea Young, Becky Ford, Eric Gab, Nick Hahler, Tessa Mayer, Jennifer Fuhrman, Wendy Beardemphl, Kayla Stahl, Maylis Gueye and director Mr. Bob Kiesz. Back Row: Sara Christensen, Amanda Peterson, Starla Baird, Edward Kramp, Trond Peterson, Zach Heidenreich, Christopher DeYoung, Dustin Steward, Trista Smith, Andrea McComsey, Tracey Smith and Ashley Braun. Not pictured: Zach Remily.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Front Row: Tracey Smith, Nicole Hammer, Kayla Sheridan, Jenna Williams, Michelle Eberle, Lorra Beardemphl, Amanda Peterson, Maylis Gueye, Chelsea Young, Kelli Hammer, Tara Smith and Erica Adams. Row Two: Charlotte Green, Launa Fuhrman, Amber Genzler, Trista Smith, Rachael Graham, Chris Haselhorst, Jody Christensen, Wendy Beardemphl, Nathan Smith, Joe Green, Tessa Mayer, Michelle Jilek, Jackie Mitchell, Megan Ladwig and Stephanie Peterson. Row Three: Alexia Lutter, Jaimie Christensen, Alex Schnell, Austin Sitter, Dena Steward, Trond Peterson, Ben Hammer, Darren Jilek, Cristin DeWitte, Danielle Braun, Jennifer Fuhrman, Christopher DeYoung, Starla Baird, Lee Mielke, Mitch Steinhoff and Jeremy Braun. Back Row: Andrew Overby, Jodi Fischbach, director Mr. Bob Kiesz, Courtney DeWitte, Edward Kramp, Eric Gab, Zach Heidenreich, Shane Malsam, Ross Mielke, Doug Criddle, Ryan Criddle, Nick Hahler, Holly Beardemphl, Brad Bierman, Austin Fischbach, Mark Braun, Matt Buisker and Dustin Steward.

MR. KEISZ LEADS THE WAY
Mr. Bob Kiesz directs the band and gets everything under control for the concerts and contests held throughout the year.



THE SWEET SOUND OF MUSIC
Senior Michelle Eberle carefully follows along with her music and tries to keep a steady beat.



TRUMPET TUNES
Band members junior Trond Peterson and eighth-grader Darren Jilek are into their music as they prepare for their upcoming concert.

PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC
Senior Jackie Mitchell and junior Michelle Jilek practice along with the band while rehearsing for the spring concert.

Future Business Leaders of America

Taking Business Further One Step At A Time

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS
Freshmen James Halvorson and Ross Mielke, along with sophomores Doug Criddle and Eric Gab, look ready to enjoy the opening session of the 2000-2001 State FBLA conference in Sioux Falls.

READY FOR FLORIDA
Seniors Ryan Criddle and Ben Hammer and freshman Nik Kramp announce the winners of serve and win. They are raising money in hopes of attending the national conference in Orlando.



CONVERSATION WITH A SMILE
Sophomore Desa Oberle visits with one of the elderly at a nursing home in Redfield when the FBLA played bingo with the residents one Saturday afternoon.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Front Row: Trista Smith, Jackie Mitchell, Tracey Smith, Lorra Beardemphl and Ashley Braun. Row Two: Tara Smith, Wendy Beardemphl, Danielle Braun, Jen Fuhrman, Launa Fuhrman, Amanda Peterson and Desa Oberle. Row Three: Chelsea Young, Erica Adams, Courtney DeWitte, Holly Beardemphl, Dena Steward, Jason McComsey, Nick Hahler, Tessa Mayer, Nathan Schaunaman, Starla Baird, Becky Ford and Kris Sparling. Row Four: Charlotte Green, Mark Braun, Jody Christensen, Nicole Hammer, Michelle Jilek, Trond Peterson, Zach Remily, Kayla Stahl, Andrea McComsey, Doug Criddle, Brad Bierman and Chris Haselhorst. Row Five: Ross Mielke, Dustin Steward, Matt Buisker, Lee Mielke, Brady Kleffman and Ben Hammer. Back Row: Christopher DeYoung, Michael Schnell, Eric Gab, Nathan Smith, James Halvorson, Ryan Criddle, Joe Green, Jared Steger, Zach Heidenreich, Brittanie Kraus and Matt Genzler.

WE HAVE A BINGO
Junior Kris Sparling keeps the senior citizens entertained by playing a game of bingo.



HARD AT WORK

Seniors Christopher DeYoung and Dustin Steward work together with sophomore Brady Kleffman to put together Valentine's suckers to hand out to the students. The FBLA sold more than 2,400 suckers.

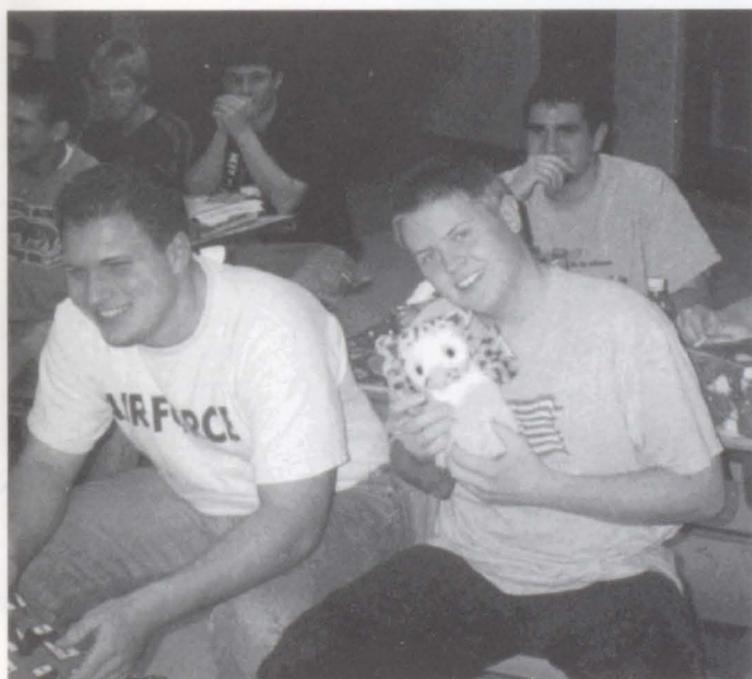


JUST A LITTLE POKE

FBLA adviser Mrs. Anne Frericks gives a thumbs up as she gives blood because it is not as bad as she thought it would be.

PIZZA TIME

Senior Lorra Beardemphl prepares a truckload of pizza to serve to a large group of hungry FBLA members at the Christmas party.



WHO LET THE OWL OUT

Senior Joe Green was delighted with his gift from his secret santa, freshman Jason McComsey, which he received at the FBLA Christmas party.



NW FBLA OFFICERS

Front Row: Dustin Steward, Matt Buisker and Christopher DeYoung. Back Row: Trista Smith, Tracey Smith, Brittanie Kraus, Chelsea Young and Jackie Mitchell.

National Honor Society

One person can make a difference

LENDING A HELPING HAND

Senior Jackie Mitchell and junior Amanda Peterson package presents that the National Honor Society collected for two families in the area during the holiday season.

PEEK-A-BOO

Junior Zach Remily and kindergarten Ryan Sheppard have a good time at a pizza party put on by the National Honor Society for their mentor students.



THE BIG SPEECH

Senior Ryan Criddle adds his two cents on the qualities needed to be a National Honor Society member at the induction ceremony.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

First Row: Ashley Braun, Jackie Mitchell, Trista Smith, Tracey Smith and Brittanie Kraus. Row Two: Michelle Jilek, Nicole Hammer, Renae Sparling, Andrea McComsey, Jill Ford and Amanda Peterson. Row Three: Kris Sparling, Zach Remily, Starla Baird, Christopher DeYoung, Trond Peterson and Zach Heidenreich. Back Row: Matthew Buisker and Dustin Steward.

Junior High Music

Learning One Beat



ALWAYS WORKING HARD

Seventh-graders Alex Mitchell, Derek Steward, Kody Bullock, Amy Clemensen and Austin Morgan practice hard for some upcoming events.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE

Sixth-grader Spencer Kienow and eighth-grader David Bierman enjoy one of the finer moments of band.

JUNIOR HIGH BAND

Front Row: Jessica Hammer, Caleen Fortin, Courtney Lerew, Dana Spear, Amber Hansen and Danielle Fischbach. Row Two: Christina Johnson, Leslie Little, Alisha Lutter, Alyssa Fischbach, Teri Smith and Melanie Peterson. Row Three: Austin Morgan, Jeremy Sitter, Amy Clemensen, Kody Bullock, Derek Steward, Alex Mitchell, Zane Peterson, Jenny Halvorson, Kade Kellar, Josh Hahler, Ben Smith and Jordan Gab. Back Row: Jason Oberfoel, Bryn Kleffman, Dexten Frericks, Joel O'Daniel, Nathan Peterson, Diedra Artz, Sara Jo Kegler and Spencer Kienow.



JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS

Front Row: Danielle Fischbach, Dana Spear, Austin Morgan, Caleb Keller, Melany Peterson, Alyssa Fischbach and Jenny Halvorson. Row Two: Diedra Artz, Brittany Zens, Alisha Lutter, Zane Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Josh Hahler, Spencer Kienow, Chase Peta, Amy Clemensen, Courtney Lerew and Lesley Little. Row Three: Cristin DeWitte, Amber Genzler, Christina Johnson, Jeremy Braun, Alex Mitchell, Jordan Gab, David Bierman, Josh Halvorson, Josh Braun, Caleen Fortin, Jessica Hammer and Bryn Kleffman. Back Row: Kelli Hammer, Alexia Lutter, Jodi Fischbach, Stephanie Peterson, Marty Braasch, Aaron Olson, Austin Fischbach, Tanner Baird, Sam Helling, Darren Jilek, Sara Jo Kegler, Teri Smith and Vanessa Schnoor.

THE FINAL BUZZER

The senior girls' basketball players and coach Denise Clemens share a hug and some tears as the season came to an end when the team was defeated by Frederick-Hecla in the district championship game.

CHEERING FOR THE WILDCATS

Sophomore Desa Oberle saves her biggest smiles for cheerleading at the district girls' basketball game against Frederick-Hecla.



Sports

One victory at a time.



WORK IT GIRLFRIEND

Senior Tracey Smith works on her form for throwing shot put during track practice. The track and field team had many competitors in both running events and field events for the 2001 track season.



HITTING HARD

The Wildcat football players go after the Chiefs during the game at Iroquois Sept. 15. The Wildcats played an outstanding game defeating the Chiefs 46-0 and ending the game at halftime.



WILDCAT PRIDE

Sophomore Angela Spear cheers on the girls' basketball team to show her school spirit. The cheerleading squads provided the school with much enthusiasm and Wildcat pride.



READY, SET, JUMP

Senior Matt Buisker gets ready to take the ball to the hoop during the district game versus Langford. The Wildcats were defeated on a last-second shot with a score of 60-62.



THINK TARGET

Accurately getting the ball to the target is the only thing on senior Renae Sparling's mind, while senior Brittanie Kraus covers the pass.

UP, UP AND AWAY

Junior Zach Remily soars up and away as he takes the ball to the hoop during the Langford district basketball game.



ADDING ANOTHER VICTORY

The volleyball team shakes hands with the Redfield Pheasants after defeating them at home Feb. 19 with scores of 15-7 and 15-2.

REACHING FOR THE MOON

Seniors Brittanie Kraus and Andrea McComsey epitomize the role of good defensive players during the district basketball game against Doland-Conde.



RUN, SHAWN, RUN

Junior Shawn Malsam makes a run for the endzone during the Warner football game in Mellette. The Wildcats dominated the Monarchs with a score of 44-14.



SHAKE YOUR BON-BON
Sophomore Jen Fuhrman shows the crowd her moves at coronation.



SEVENTH-GRADE CHEERLEADING SQUAD
Sara Jo Kegler, Terri Smith, Deidra Artz and Jessica Hammer learned many new things and had some good times during their first year of cheerleading.



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, YES WE DO
The varsity football cheerleaders get the crowd pumped up with one of their cheers before the big kick off against Frederick-Hecla for the homecoming game.

Go U Northwestern, Wildcats Get That Ball

NW CHEERLEADERS ARE NO. 1 FANS

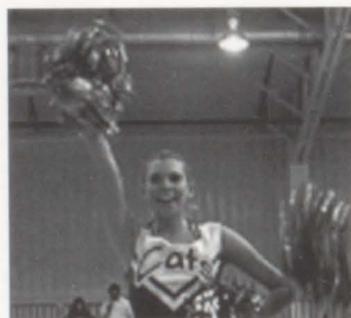


IF YOU WANT TO WIN YOU GOTTA HUSTLE, HUSTLE
Sophomores Wendy Beardemphl, Desa Oberle, Jen Fuhrman and freshman Erica Adams show the team how to hustle while cheering for the girls' basketball players at the district game against Doland-Conde.

"When you are a cheerleader, you make it to all of the games, away or at home, and it's free to get in!" exclaimed sophomore Angela Spear.



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"Cheerleading is a great support for the team. It's also a great way to get the younger kids interested with having the cheer camps," said sophomore Desa Oberle.

"The most rewarding part of cheerleading is being able to be with friends and having a good time," said sophomore Wendy Beardemphl.





GO, FIGHT, WIN

Freshman Erica Adams portrays her Wildcat spirit during the coronation ceremony held the Monday of homecoming week.

Pump, pump, pump it up! The Northwestern cheerleaders' main purpose is to get the crowd fired up to support the Wildcat athletes.

"Being a cheerleader is fun to get the crowd pumped up for the game," said freshman Courtney DeWitte.

One of the most favorite activities that the cheerleaders do are the pep fests. Who can forget Mr. Scott Boone dancing to the song "Bye, Bye, Bye" by N'Sync for the playoff game against Doland-Conde?

Cheerleading is also a time

for the girls to get to know each other better, especially on the long road trips.

"The rides to and from the games are the best part of cheerleading," said sophomore Jen Fuhrman.

The cheerleaders stay busy creating new cheers and holding cheer camps for the younger children.

"The cheerleaders help to keep the crowd in the game," said sophomore Brad Bierman.

All in all, the NW cheerleaders are the teams' No. 1 fans.



GET DOWN AND FIGHT

Sophomores Jen Fuhrman and Wendy Beardemphl take a knee during one of their famous cheers for Northwestern.



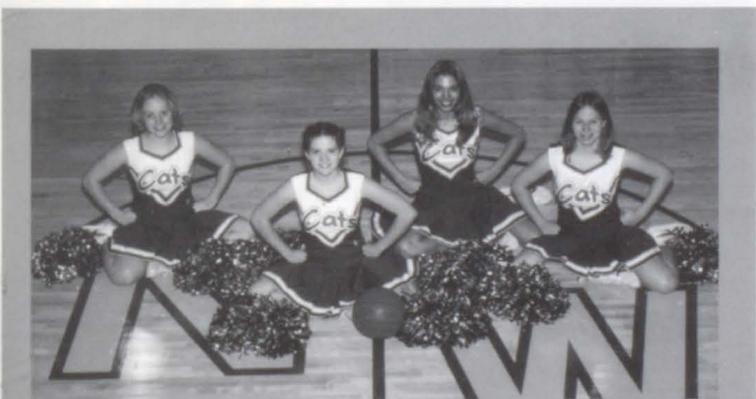
VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADING SQUAD

Desa Oberle, Jen Fuhrman, Erica Adams Wendy Beardemphl, Tara Smith and Amanda Peterson cheered on the football team team during the 2000 season battling heat, cold, wind and rain.



EIGHTH-GRADE CHEERLEADING SQUAD

Cristen DeWitte, Jodi Fischbach, Megan Ladwig, Kelli Hammer and Stephanie Peterson kept the junior high football and eighth-grade basketball teams going with their enthusiastic support.



VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING SQUAD

Jen Fuhrman, Wendy Beardemphl, Desa Oberle and Amanda Peterson got the crowd fired up and the players pumped up during the boys' basketball season with their smiles and cheers.



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING SQUAD

Courtney DeWitte, Erica Adams and Angela Spear supported the junior varsity boys' basketball squad throughout the year with Northwestern spirit and pride.



ZACH TO ZACH

Junior Zach Remily hands off to junior Zach Heidenreich and runs the ball as senior Ryan Criddle blocks the opponents. Heidenreich blew past the Faulkton Trojan defense Sept. 1 to defeat them 42-0.



MOVING ON THROUGH

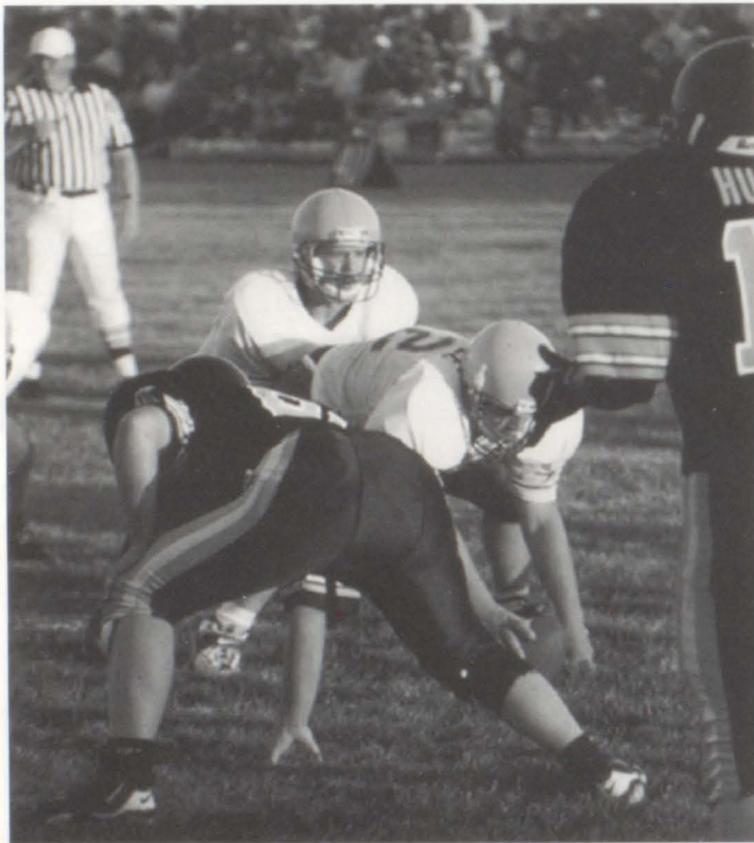
Junior Shawn Malsam tries to charge past two Faulkton Trojans as he attempts extra yardage Sept. 1. Malsam let the Trojans know it will take more than one of them to pull him down, as he and the Wildcats defeated the Trojans 42-0.



HALFTIME HEROES

Coach Ray Sauerwein keeps his team pumped up at halftime of the Doland-Conde regular season game Oct. 12. It worked as the Wildcats dominated the Chargers 36-22.

Wildcats Claw Their Way To The Top



DOWN, SET, HUT

Junior quarterback Zach Remily calls out to his team, as senior center Ryan Criddle gets ready to snap the ball. The Trojan defensive line was not enough to overpower the Wildcats Sept. 1. Northwestern trampled the Trojans 42-0 at Faulkton.

BROTHERLY LOVE AMID FIERCE ANAMOSITY

CRIDDLES ROCK THE HOUSE

Brothers Ryan and Doug Criddle work as a team, as they shut down the Doland-Conde Chargers during regular-season action. The senior and sophomore added to the Wildcat defense and helped their team to a 36-22 victory over Doland-Conde Oct. 12.



THE MALSAM SHOW

Junior Shawn and sophomore Shane Malsam wait patiently on the sideline discussing their shared position on the team. Both brothers improved a lot this season and made a large contribution to the Wildcats' success.

GOT MIELKES?

Sophomore Lee and freshman Ross Mielke are both a great asset to the Northwestern football team. They not only represent the Wildcats with their athleticism, but also off the field with academics!





SWING YOUR PARTNER
Senior Christopher DeYoung tries to plow past the Veblen-Rosholt Raiders as he makes his way to the endzone.

Northwestern's football team had a record to show how well the season went. Their struggles with injuries throughout the year could have brought hopes down, but with an 8-2 record, the Wildcats persevered.

"It was the most fun I've ever had," said sophomore Jason Hansen.

Not only did the Wildcats prove their talent, but they also showed a lot of heart throughout the season.

Senior Christopher DeYoung said, "It was a memorable year, and I'm

going to miss it."

The Wildcats worked hard to get to the second round of play-offs.

"We showed up to play and got a lot done. We were able to work on areas of improvement," said junior Zach Heidenreich.

As Northwestern graduates four seniors: DeYoung, Ryan Criddle, Dustin Steward and Matthew Buisker, they will lose great senior leadership. The team will miss them next year, but the Wildcats look to have a promising future.



RUN JARED, RUN
Junior Jared Steger runs the ball against the Faulkton defense Sept. 1. Steger gains yards and helps the Wildcats to a 42-0 victory.



DANCIN' HANSEN
Sophomore Jason Hansen finds himself in a crowd of Warner Monarchs Sept. 8 in Mellette. Hansen knocked down defenders left and right as he charged for a touchdown attempt. The Wildcats crushed the Monarchs 44-4.



WHERE DID THE BALL GO?
A crowd of Wildcats pile up on the ground to fight for possession of the football. Northwestern came up with the ball to overcome the Faulkton Trojans 42-0 Sept. 1.

football

	Us	Them
Ipswich	28	16
Faulkton	42	0
Warner	44	14
Iroquois	46	0
Freckla	32	6
Langford	54	6
Roslyn	22	40
Doland-Conde	36	22
Play-offs		
Veblen-Rosholt	36	28
Doland-Conde	0	46



SPECIAL TEAMS AT WORK
Senior Dustin Steward kicks off at the first away game Sept. 1 in Faulkton. The Wildcats defeated the Trojans 42-0.

Wins-8
Losses-2



2000 WILDCAT FOOTBALL TEAM

Front Row: Mark Braun, Nik Kramp, Chris Haselhorst, Nick Hahler, Ross Mielke, Evan Halvorson, Nathan Smith, Brad Bierman and Doug Criddle. Row Two: Coach Scott Boone, Zach Heidenreich, Robert Baumgarten, Ryan Criddle, Matt Buisker, Dustin Steward, Christopher DeYoung, Eric Gab, Nathan Schaunaman and Coach Ray Sauerwein. Back Row: Jason Hansen, Shawn Malsam, Jared Steger, Brady Kleffman, Lee Mielke, Shane Malsam, Zach Remily and Trond Peterson.



QUICK AND WITTY

Senior Renae Sparling looks innocent as she steals the ball from the Pheasants Aug. 29 in Redfield. Sparling led the Cats with eight steals that night, even though the Wildcats lost 53-60.



SENIOR LEADERS OF THE PACK

The senior girls' basketball players Andrea McComsey, Jill Ford, Renae Sparling, Jackie Mitchell and Brittanie Kraus gave the team a great amount of leadership, as well as incredible talent and skill. The Wildcat school and community will miss the athleticism of this great group of student-athletes.



LOOKING FOR A KEEN MOVE

Junior Michelle Jilek holds her ground as she looks for an open shot or pass over her Warner guard. Jilek contributed four points for the Wildcats as they overcame the Monarchs 61-48.

Moving Toward Success



REACHING FOR THE STARS

Senior Brittanie Kraus jumps high and goes up strong for two points against her Redfield opponent. The Cats lost to the Pheasants 53-60 Aug. 29 at Redfield. Kraus pounded the boards for seven rebounds and added eight points to the scoreboard.

TAKING IT ONE STEP AT A TIME

SHE COULD GO ALL THE WAY

Junior Amanda Peterson races past her Hitchcock defender Oct. 26 as the Wildcats defeated the Bluejays 68-24.



I BELIEVE I CAN FLY

Junior Kayla Stahl stretches far in every direction as she can as she tries to retrieve the ball before it goes out of bounds or is captured by a Webster opponent. The Wildcats conquered the Bearcats 77-54 Sept. 25 in Mellette.

READY OR NOT HERE I COME

Eighth-grader Stephanie Peterson uses speed and precise ball-handling as she brings the ball up the floor against her Warner defender Oct. 5. Peterson earned a varsity spot as an eighth-grader this year.





GET OUT OF MY WAY
Junior Starla Baird fights against Redfield's defense as she looks for an open shot. The Pheasants flew by the Wildcats 53-60 Aug. 29.

The 2000-2001 girls' basketball team kept some old and added some new to its season as the players worked step-by-step toward a successful season.

Step 1: The five seniors have played basketball together since they can remember. This taught them how to play successfully with one another.

Step 2: Adding something new to the girls' game was a new head coach, Mrs. Denise Clemens. Playing under the supervision of a new coach enhanced the girls' group work ethic and

strategies as they led the team to an outstanding 13-6 record.

Step 3: The team not only had a new coach, but also added some new players that helped make this team successful.

Five seniors, four juniors, two sophomores, one freshman and one eighth-grader contributed hard work and many talents.

"The squad put up with a lot, but hopefully they can remember the season with pride and wonderful memories," said head coach Denise Clemens.



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS
Senior Andrea McComsey takes it to the hoop against Redfield, but it was not enough to beat the Pheasants Aug. 29.



DON'T YOU DARE
Senior Jill Ford comes up from behind for a steal in the district game against Doland-Conde. Ford added eight points to the scoreboard for the Wildcats. The Cats overcame the Chargers 51-45.



BUSTING A MOVE
Senior Jackie Mitchell blows past Redfield's defense while driving to the basket. Mitchell brought in nine points against the Pheasants.

Wins - 14
Losses - 6

basketball

	Us	Them
Warner	46	41
Redfield	53	60
Tulare	64	80
Ipswich	70	40
Cresbard	52	47
Freckla	61	63
Sisseton	43	62
Webster	77	54
D-C	57	40
Leola	59	41
Faulkton	79	41
Warner	61	48
Roslyn	77	57
E. Central	68	46
Selby	28	43
Bristol	69	58
Langford	64	57
Hitchcock	68	24
D-C	51	45
Freckla	51	58



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM
Front Row: Assistant Coach Jennifer Pfeifer, Jackie Mitchell, Brittanie Kraus, Andrea McComsey and Head Coach Denise Clemens. Row Two: Amanda Peterson, Renae Sparling, Jill Ford and Stephanie Peterson. Back Row: Kayla Stahl, Chelsea Young, Starla Baird, Tara Smith, Michelle Jilek and Jody Christensen.

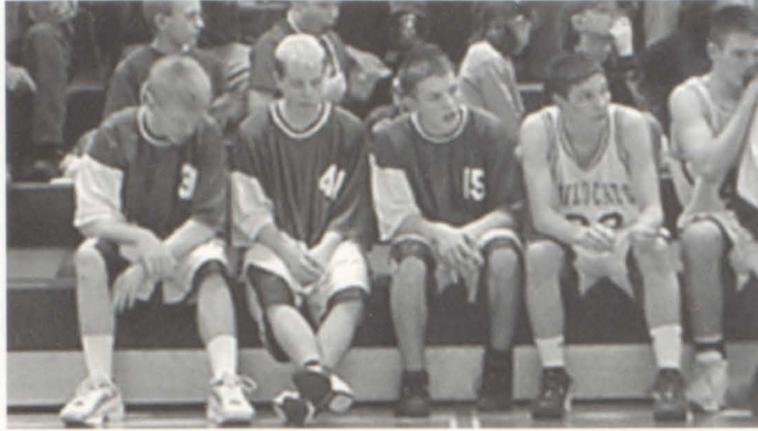


JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM
Front Row: Jody Christensen, Desa Oberle, Stephanie Schramm, Tara Smith and Jennifer Fuhrman. Back Row: Amanda Peterson, Stephanie Peterson, Kayla Stahl, Holly Beardemphl, Erica Adams, Jodi Fischbach, Charlotte Green, Wendy Beardemphl, Chelsea Young, and Coach Jennifer Pfeifer.



HEISON FIRE

Junior Jared Steger follows through after shooting a three-pointer against Warner Dec. 5. The Wildcats lost 48-50.



WARMING THE BENCH

Freshman Chris Haselhorst, sophomore Jason Hansen, freshman Nik Kramp, senior Darren Haessig and sophomore Brady Kleffman wait on the bench to play Iroquois Feb. 2. The Wildcats beat the Chieftans 76-73.



TOWERING ABOVE THE REST

Flying through the air, junior Brooks Kleffman goes up for a layup against Warner defenders Dec 5.

Wildcats Have Winning Record

One and Only Team in Eight Years



ON THE MOVE WITH DETERMINATION

Junior Zach Remily shows his determination as he goes in for a layup during the second round of districts against Langford Feb. 27. The Wildcats were defeated by the Lions 60-62.

GOING IN FOR THE SHOT

Sophomore Lee Mielke drives around his defenders to score for the Wildcats Dec. 5 against Warner.



ARMS UP, QUICK FEET

Freshman Nik Kramp demonstrates a good defensive position as the Wildcats play Iroquois Feb. 2. The Wildcats swept past the Chieftans 76-73.

WHERE IS EVERYONE?

Junior Zach Heidenreich is the first one down the floor waiting to play defense against his opponents, the Leola Pirates. The Wildcats defeated Leola 76-51 Feb. 20.





SHOOTING SKY HIGH
Junior Kris Sparling attempts a shot against Redfield Jan. 2. The Wildcats fell to the Pheasants 51-63.

During the 2000-2001 boys' basketball season, the team accomplished a winning record, something that has not been done in eight years.

The team's record was 13-6, almost the exact opposite from the 1999-2000 record, which was 7-13.

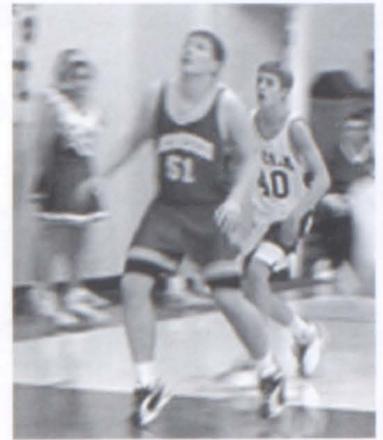
At the end of the season, the Wildcats received second in the Lake Region Conference and were the first-seeded team at districts.

"It is a great accomplishment for our team. We focused hard and worked hard

on trying to win this year. It's good to know that our hard work paid off," said junior Kris Sparling.

The Wildcat starting lineup consisted of one senior, Matt Buisker, and juniors Brooks Kleffman, Zach Remily, Sparling and Jared Steger. Each player played a big part in this winning season.

"They showed a lot of leadership for the other players, which contributed to our successful season and to our seasons in the future," said coach Wade Rozell.



IT'S COMING TO ME
Junior Matt Genzler watches the ball so he can grab a rebound against Leola Feb. 20 in Mellette.



SMART DEFENSE
Senior Darren Haessig plays smart defense against the Frederick-Hecla Northstars Jan. 19 as sophomore Brady Kleffman runs in the background. The Wildcats defeated the Northstars 67-65.

basketball



TAKING CHARGE
Senior Matt Buisker shows Redfield who is boss and moves in for the shot Jan. 2.

	Us	Them
Warner	48	50
Florence	70	35
Cresbard	67	46
Frederick-Hecla	73	78
Redfield	51	63
Doland-Conde	61	48
Tulare	60	75
Ipswich	72	43
Warner	82	67
Frederick-Hecla	67	65
Langford	76	57
Bristol	82	55
Iroquois	76	73
Hitchcock	72	36
Faulkton	69	43
Roslyn	61	63
Leola	76	51
Langford	73	58
Langford	60	62

Wins-13
Losses-6



VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM
Front Row: Nik Kramp, Darren Haessig, Kris Sparling, Zach Remily, Jason Hansen and Matt Genzler. Back Row: Brady Kleffman, Brooks Kleffman, Matt Buisker, coach Wade Rozell, Lee Mielke, Jared Steger and Zach Heidenreich.



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM
Front Row: Nathan Smith, Jason McComsey and Brady Kleffman. Middle Row: Chris Haselhorst, Jason Hansen, Nik Kramp and Matt Genzler. Back Row: Lee Mielke and Ross Mielke.





I GOT IT

Junior Kayla Stahl sets up an attack for the Wildcats against their Webster defenders Dec. 29. The Cats defeated the Bearcats with scores of 15-7 and 15-9.



C VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Front Row: Courtney DeWitte, Holly Beardemphl, Launa Fuhrman and Wendy Beardemphl. Back Row: coach Nora Groft, Jenna Williams, Jody Christensen, Charlotte Green, Stephanie Schramm and Dena Steward. The C team members worked hard this year to improve their fundamental volleyball skills while compiling a 6-9 record.



THE TOSS UP

Senior Brittanie Kraus works on a trick serve as the Wildcats defeat the Warner Monarchs Jan. 15 with scores of 15-13 and 15-7. Kraus finished the game with five of five serves with one ace.

One More Time!



HELPING HANDS

Senior Tracey Smith sets up her sister and teammate freshman Tara Smith for a kill against the Frederick-Hecla Northstars. The Wildcats defeated the Northstars Dec. 11 with scores of 15-9 and 15-2. Tracey set 23 of 23 for 10 assists, which helped her to receive the assist-leader award. Tara finished the match with four out of six successful attacks with three kills.

Wildcats Are Three-time Champs!

TIP TIP TIPEROO

Junior Starla Baird aggressively tips the ball over the net for a tip kill as the Wildcats defeat the Redfield Pheasants Jan. 20 with scores of 15-11 and 15-10. Baird was 43 out of 44 in tips for the Cats this season.



A-C-E ACE

Senior Andrea McComsey serves one of her 11 of 13 serves in the match against Gettysburg Jan. 20. McComsey led the Cats with 339 of 358 serves with 48 aces during the 2000-2001 season. She also received the most valuable server award.

UP TO TARGET

Senior Jackie Mitchell concentrates on getting the ball up to target as the Wildcats defeated the Langford Lions Feb. 15 with scores of 15-1 and 15-2. Mitchell led the Cats with 180 digs for the season. She also received the serve-serve passing award.



For most people, it seems that winning a state title would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. However, at Northwestern, some volleyball players had the great and unique opportunity to be part of three championship teams, as the Wildcats won three straight volleyball championships by defeating Arlington in 1999 and 2000 and Andes Central in 2001.

"I think that it is truly awesome to win three years in a row and still have a second-place trophy under our belt. The best part about it is that no other B school has done that in the last decade. It'll be cool to look back on," said senior Jill Ford.

The championship volleyball teams had no easy task in winning these titles. In 1999 the Wildcats came through the losers' bracket to be in the championship game. To win the title, the Wildcats went on to defeat Arlington in two matches.

In 2000 the volleyball team came into the championship match with the advantage of having no losses in the tournament. However, Arlington beat them in the first match. In the second match, the Wildcats came back to win the title to defeat Arlington for the second year in a row.

The Wildcats came into the 2001 championship game in the same position as in 1999, with one loss. The Wildcats battled back against Andes Central and laid everything on the line in a second match. The team triumphed to win back-to-back-to-back titles.

"As a coach, you always dream of winning a state championship, and when you do, it is such a thrill. I feel so blessed to have had the experience of winning three in a row. I count my lucky stars every day that I was able to coach this group of girls and work with Mrs. (Nora) Groft for all these years. It's really indescribable. I am very lucky," said coach Kathy Graves.

Wildcats Win Three State Titles



1999 STATE B CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Back Row: Head coach Kathy Graves, Jackie Mitchell, Renae Sparling, Brittanie Kraus, Andrea McComsey, Tracey Smith and assistant coach Nora Groft. Middle Row: Janelle Stahl, Holly Wetzler, Amy Heidenreich, Jessica Halvorson, Sabrina Siebrecht, Christy Wagner and Sara Christensen. Front Row: Melissa Hammer, Abby Helling and Vicki Stoltenberg.



2000 STATE B CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL TEAM

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. Middle Row: Tessa Mayer, Starla Baird, head coach Kathy Graves, assistant coach Nora Groft, Kayla Stahl and Michelle Jilek. Front Row: Kary Bullock, Holly Wetzler, Jessica Halvorson, Amy Heidenreich, Christy Wagner and Trista Smith.



2001 STATE B CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Back Row: Jackie Mitchell, Jill Ford, Renae Sparling, head coach Kathy Graves, Tracey Smith, Brittanie Kraus and Andrea McComsey. Middle Row: Chelsea Young, Jen Fuhrman, Tara Smith, Nicole Hammer, assistant coach Nora Groft, Michelle Jilek, Starla Baird, Tessa Mayer and Kayla Stahl. Front Row: Dixie Jeschke, Trista Smith and Kary Bullock.

1999

State Tournament Results

Andes Central 15-5; 16-14

Tripp-Delmont 16-14; 15-6

Arlington 11-15; 14-16

Marion 6-15; 15-9; 15-12

Arlington 9-15; 15-9; 15-12

Arlington 15-7; 15-7

2000

State Tournament Results

White River 15-7; 15-8

Marion 15-12; 7-15; 15-12

Chester 5-15; 15-9; 15-9

Arlington 8-15; 15-6; 10-15

Arlington 15-11; 15-4

2001

State Tournament Results

Viborg 4-15; 15-9; 15-4

Andes Central 15-8; 10-15; 8-15

Doland-Conde 15-7; 15-13

Emery 15-9; 15-1

Harding County 15-8; 15-13

Andes Central 7-15; 15-8; 15-11

Andes Central 15-6; 7-15; 15-11



TEAMWORK AND HARD WORK
The volleyball team members celebrate and encourage each other after earning another point because of their hard work on that serve.

1999

One More Time!



NOTHING TOUCHES THE FLOOR
Then junior Holly Wetzler gets down low in a good defensive position to keep everything off the floor to lead the Wildcats closer to victory.



TOURNAMENT TRADITION
Each year, the teams mark their territory by decorating their rooms and hallway in the hotel to boost spirit and let other teams know the Wildcats are "in the house."



WHAT IS THAT IN THE SKY
Then senior Melissa Hammer sends the ball flying high into the air as she hopes that her set will result in a kill and a point for the Wildcats.

Seniors Melissa Hammer, Abby Helling and Vicki Stoltenberg lead the Wildcats to their first state championship.



WE ARE NO. 1
Senior Mitch Young proclaims the Wildcats No. 1, as coach Kathy Graves and junior Holly Wetzler share a hug after the match.



PRECISE AIM
Then senior Vicki Stoltenberg shows that a good platform, quick feet and fast thinking are needed to make that perfect pass.



INDEEPTHOUGHT
Kevin Ford cannot be disturbed as he intently watches the volleyball team and hopes for a good outcome.



VICTORY CELEBRATION
The 1999 State B Champions give a big "whoop-aah" as the championship trophy is presented to coach Kathy Graves.



WAY TO GO WILDCATS
Encouragement and support came not only from fans in the stands but also from players on the bench. Then sophomore Jill Ford gets on her feet to show her spirit, as then seniors Melissa Hammer and Abby Helling clap and cheer.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS
Head coach Kathy Graves is lifted into the air by a swarm of Wildcat fans, as she realizes she has just won her first state championship.



2000

One, Two, Three Whoooo!
One, Two, Three Whoooo!



A TIME FOR CELEBRATION
 The 2000 Wildcat volleyball team celebrates after the final point went down on Arlington's side after two hard-fought matches.



HOLDING THE HARDWARE
 Celebrating their back-to-back championship victories over Arlington, the Wildcats raise high the prized 2000 State B Championship trophy.

Seniors Jessica Halvorson, Amy Heidenreich, Christy Wagner and Holly Wetzler lead the Wildcats to their second state championship.



TOUGH CROWD
 Though "White River Charlie" and Jim Smith look mean, they are actually just big softies, especially when it comes to volleyball.

TRUE FANS
 Then senior Blair Bohl and then junior Christopher DeYoung are decked out and ready to cheer the volleyball team to victory.

WE DID IT
 Hugs of joy were exchanged between players, coaches, parents and fans like then senior Jessica Halvorson and coach Denise Clemens

ANALYZING EVERY MOVE
 Head coach Kathy Graves scouts one of the other class B teams to see what kind of competition the Wildcats might be facing.



TIME TO GET DOWN AND DIRTY
 A good defensive stance is key to making sure that every ball stays playable. Then junior Jill Ford gets ready for anything that may come her way.



LEARNING THE ROPES
 Assistant coach Denise Clemens scopes out the situation as she takes in her first season of volleyball, her first state volleyball tournament and her first championship match.



ALL WE NEED IS OVER AND IN
 A lot of pressure is placed on then senior Amy Heidenreich as she concentrates on serving the ball over the net and in bounds for the final point in the championship match.



ANXIOUS WAITING
 The volleyball players get ready to cheer as head coach Kathy Graves prepares to receive the 2000 trophy.

2001

**That's The Way Uh Huh Uh Huh
We Like It ! Huhh!**



WILD AND CRAZY FANS

The Wildcat fans react as the volleyball team claims the state championship. Northwestern has always been noted for attracting some of the biggest crowds and having the wildest outfits.



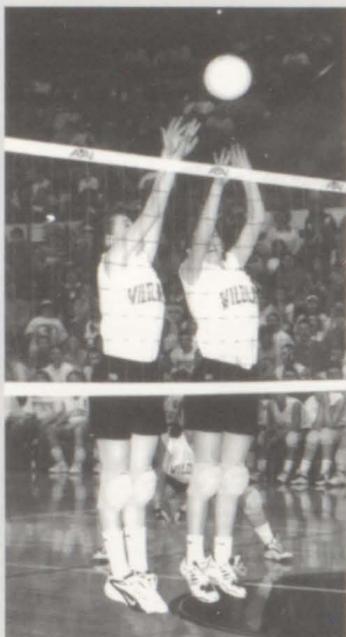
WILDCAT TEAM BONDING

The volleyball team takes a moment before one of its matches to focus on the upcoming games and their goals as a team.



FULL OF EXCITEMENT

Senior Renae Sparling happily runs into the huddle after the Wildcats earned another point, putting them even closer to their third state title.



THE WALL

Junior Kayla Stahl and freshman Tara Smith go up against an Andes Central player to keep the ball from getting to the Wildcats' side.



DANCING SENIORS

The six senior volleyball players know how to boogie as they dance in celebration after scoring another point against their opponent.

Seniors Jill Ford, Brittanie Kraus, Andrea McComsey, Jackie Mitchell, Tracey Smith and Renae Sparling lead the Wildcats to their third state championship.



STATE CHAMPS

Head coach Kathy Graves displays the third championship trophy earned by the Wildcat volleyball team in three years.



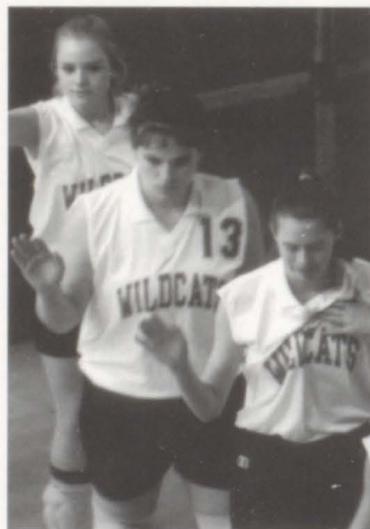
TRULY HAPPY

Junior Michelle Jilek smiles and hugs junior Nicole Hammer after the Wildcats win their third straight volleyball championship.



POUNDING IT DOWN

Senior Brittanie Kraus hangs in the air after slamming the ball over the net during the Viborg match.



HIGH FIVES ALL AROUND

During warm-ups, junior Tessa Mayer, senior Tracey Smith and junior Kayla Stahl offer encouragement and team spirit to prepare their fellow players for the upcoming match.

STRAIGHT TO THE TARGET
Senior Jackie Mitchell directs the ball to the target as senior Jill Ford opens to the ball and senior Andrea McComsey looks on.





UP FOR THE STARS

Renae Sparling reaches high to spike the ball as the Cats defeated the Wild Pheasants Feb. 19. She led the Cats in blocks to earn the "The Wall" award.

The Northwestern Wildcats are the one and only class B volleyball team to capture three consecutive state championships. Coach Kathy Graves and assistant coach Nora Groft led the team to another championship title.

Six senior players gave leadership to the underclassmen. Their talent and hard work were a huge asset to the team and will be missed next year.

"It was fun playing with five of my classmates all of those years. We ended our

high school career in a great way," said senior Jackie Mitchell.

The team's goal throughout the entire season was to attend the state tournament in Watertown. The Wildcats achieved their goal and entered the tournament seeded second. The girls' determination brought them through the losers' bracket and back into the championship game for another title.

"I just feel blessed to have this many good years with such good kids," said coach Kathy Graves.



DIGGIN' IT UP

Junior Michelle Jilek saves the ball from hitting the ground Jan. 11. The Wildcats defeated the D-C Chargers 15-13 and 15-5.



PERFECT FORM

Jill Ford displays perfect passing form for another great pass against the Leola Pirates. The Wildcats defeated the Pirates Feb. 5 with scores of 15-3 and 15-3. Jill led the Wildcats in serve-receive passing this year.

volleyball

C.E.B.	15-9	15-2
Chamberlain	15-5	15-12
Gettysburg	15-0	10-15 12-15
Freckla	15-9	15-0
Roncalli	15-3	15-10
Britton	15-4	15-2
DeSmet	15-3	15-3
Sisseton	15-0	15-8
Clark	15-3	15-7
Groton	15-1	15-2
Roncalli	15-2	15-11
Doland-Conde	15-13	15-5
Langford	15-10	15-5
Sully Buttes	15-3	15-9
Warner	15-13	15-7
Britton	15-6	15-5
Redfield	15-11	15-10
Gettysburg	15-5	15-7
Groton	15-3	15-3
Stanley County	15-3	15-4
Jones County	15-7	15-0
McIntosh	15-1	15-3
Highmore	15-4	15-1

Warner	15-6	15-1
Leola	15-2	15-5
Langford	15-1	15-2
Redfield	15-7	15-2
Districts		
Leola	15-3	15-3
Warner	15-6	12-15 15-5
Eureka	15-7	15-7
Regions		
Langford	15-9	15-9
Langford	15-3	15-0
State		
Viborg	4-15	15-9 15-4
Angus Central	15-8	10-15 15-8
Doland-Conde	15-7	15-13
Emery	15-9	15-1
Harding County	15-8	15-13
Andes Central	7-15	15-8 15-11
Andes Central	15-6	7-15 15-11

Wins-39
Losses-3



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Front Row: Trista Smith, Jennifer Fuhrman, Dixie Jeschke, Chelsea Young and Kary Bullock. Middle Row: Starla Baird, Kayla Stahl, Nicole Hammer, Michelle Jilek, Tessa Mayer and Tara Smith. Back Row: Coach Kathy Graves, Jill Ford, Renae Sparling, Andrea McComsey, Annie Kraus, Tracey Smith, Jackie Mitchell and coach Nora Groft.



JUNIOR VARSITY

Front Row: Jennifer Fuhrman, Erica Adams, Jodi Fischbach and Stephanie Peterson. Middle Row: Desa Oberle, Nicole Hammer, Tessa Mayer, Amanda Peterson and Chelsea Young. Back Row: Becky Ford, coach Nora Groft and Kayla Stahl.



YOU CAN DO IT

Senior Dustin Steward paces his steps as he works his way to the finish of the 3,200-meter run in Groton at the Lake Region Conference Track Meet.

JUMPING JILEK

Junior Michelle Jilek shows off her high jump form as she succeeds with a 4-11 state-qualifying jump in Groton May 1 for the Lake Region Conference Track Meet. Jilek also qualified for the state meet in the long jump by placing first with a jump of 14-9 1/2 at the region track meet in Aberdeen May 17.

RUN "TIMMY"!

Junior Shawn Malsam strides to the finish line as he anchors the state-qualifying 1,600-meter relay at the region track meet May 17 in Aberdeen.

Sixteen Tracksters Compete at State

Boys' Team Qualifies Four Relays and the Girls Two.



GIVE IT ALL YOU GOT

Freshman Chris Haselhorst blasts past the competition in the 1,600-meter medley relay at the conference track meet in Groton May 1. The medley team finished fifth on the day.

USING INCREDIBLE STRENGTH
Senior Matt Buisker launches the shot put a state-qualifying distance of 50-9 1/2 to place second at the Lake Region Conference Track Meet in Groton May 1. Buisker threw the shot put well this year, taking top places at each track meet.



UP, UP AND AWAY

Senior Renae Sparling clears the high jump bar at the region track meet in Aberdeen May 17. Sparling jumped 5-1 at this meet and qualified for the state track meet. At the state meet, Sparling placed third.

FINISHING AT HIS BEST

Sophomore Nathan Schaunaman anchors the boys' 3,200-meter relay at the Region 1B Track Meet in Aberdeen May 17. The relay team of juniors Shawn Malsam and Kris Sparling and sophomore Shane Malsam received second place with a time of 8:49.1.





SHOWING OFF THE SHOT
Junior Starla Baird tosses out another victory throw of 39-10 to advance her to the state meet in Sioux Falls.

Of the sixteen tracksters who advanced to the state track meet in Sioux Falls May 26-27, six placed.

Senior Renae Sparling placed third in the high jump, while junior Starla Baird placed fourth in shot put.

The boys' 400-meter relay team, consisting of sophomore Lee Mielke and juniors Robert Baumgarten, Kris Sparling and Jared Steger, placed fifth.

Also advancing to the state meet for the girls were eighth-grader Jodi

Fischbach, freshmen Holly Beardemphl and Courtney DeWitte, sophomore Wendy Beardemphl, junior Michelle Jilek and senior Jackie Mitchell.

Also advancing to the state meet for the boys' team were senior Matt Buisker, junior Shawn Malsam and sophomores Shane Malsam and Nathan Schaunaman.

The girls' track team won the Region 1B track meet in Aberdeen May 17, and the boys' team placed second.



FISCHBACH FLIES IN THE AIR
Eighth-grader Jodi Fischbach reaches toward the end of the pit for an outstanding jump of 14-4.



HARMONIOUS HAND-OFF
Freshman Holly Beardemphl hands the baton off to senior Jackie Mitchell in the 800-meter relay. The relay finished with a state qualifying time of 1:54.3.

track and field



RACING ROBERT
Junior Robert Baumgarten qualifies for state in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.39 seconds.

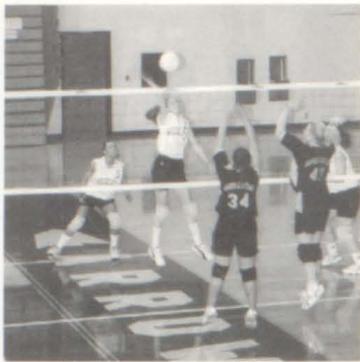
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GIRLS' TRACK TEAM
Front Row: Tara Smith, Holly Beardemphl, Wendy Beardemphl, Erica Adams, Tessa Mayer and Courtney DeWitte. Back Row: Stephanie Peterson, Maylis Gueye, Renae Sparling, Tracey Smith, Starla Baird, Jodi Fischbach, Jackie Mitchell, Michelle Jilek and Jennifer Fuhrman.



BOYS' TRACK TEAM
Front Row: Mark Braun, Shane Malsam, Nathan Schaunaman, Eric Gab, Nathan Smith, Chris Haselhorst and Bob Brown. Back Row: Kris Sparling, Robert Baumgarten, Dustin Steward, Matt Buisker, Lee Mielke, Jared Steger, Shawn Malsam and Zach Heidenreich.



SLAMMING IT DOWN

Senior Jill Ford watches junior Kayla Stahl show the defenders what a good spike looks like at the state volleyball tournament in Watertown March 8-10.



CHEERING THE CATS TO A WIN

The boys' basketball cheerleading squad uses new cheers to get the crowd and players ready for the district game at the Strode Center at Presentation College in Aberdeen. The cheerleaders include sophomores Angela Spear, Wendy Beardemphl, Desa Oberle and Jen Fuhrman and junior Amanda Peterson.



KEEP HOLD OF THE BALL

Senior Andrea McComsey tightens her grip on the basketball as she makes a move past the defenders and toward the basket.

One Sport After Another

Northwestern athletes excel in all sports.



GO ROBERT GO

Junior Robert Baumgarten uses his great speed to leave the opponents in the dust, as his blockers watch him run toward the endzone.

PERFECT FORM

Senior Matt Buisker uses great form and strength to achieve farther shot put throws at each of his track meets. Buisker qualified for the state track meet this year in the shot put.



WHERE DID THEY GO?

Junior Brooks Kleffman keeps the ball protected above his head, while he looks for a nearby teammate during a home boys' basketball game.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Track coaches Mr. Scott Boone and Mr. Wade Rozell try to offer their tracksters some inspiration and keys to success, but they often find themselves speechless.





POWERBLOCKS

Senior Brittanie Kraus and freshman Tara Smith tower above the net to attempt to block a spike.



LEARNING NEVER STOPS

The junior varsity coach, Keith Holzer, tries to instruct his players of a new play they could run to get themselves back into the basketball game.



ON THE MOVE AGAIN

Junior Zach Remily shakes off a Doland-Conde defender as he makes his way to the goal line.



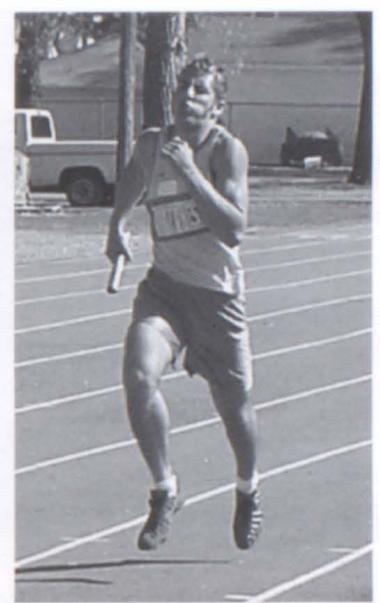
LOOKS OF DETERMINATION

Seniors Tracey Smith and Renae Sparling show great concentration as they mentally prepare themselves for the upcoming play during the state volleyball tournament.



WHAT A MOVE

Junior Jared Steger breaks through two defenders to put up a tough shot.



STRIDING OUT

Junior Shawn Malsam keeps good pace by striding out as he nears the finish line during the 3,200-meter relay.



READY TO RUMBLE

The girls' basketball team gathers together for a very important pep talk as they get each other pumped up before a big game.



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Front Row: Christopher DeYoung, Jared Steger and Zach Remily. Middle Row: Andrea McComsey, Renae Sparling, Tracey Smith and Jill Ford. Back Row: Jackie Mitchell, Brittanie Kraus, Starla Baird and Michelle Jilek.



JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Front Row: Dexten Frericks, Joel O'Daniel, Ben Smith, Jordan Gab, Alex Mitchell and Andrew Overby. Middle Row: Andrew West, David O'Daniel, Josh Braun, Jeremy Braun, Aaron Olson, Darren Jilek and David Bierman. Back Row: Coach Wade Rozell, Daniel Young, Austin Fischbach, Marty Braasch, Mitch Steinhoff, Sam Helling, Tanner Baird and Dustin Hieb.



SEVENTH-GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Front Row: Ben Smith, Jordan Gab, Marty Braasch, David Bierman and Alex Mitchell. Back Row: Jeremy Sitter, Derek Steward, Joel O'Daniel, Cody Bullock, Chase Peta and Dexten Frericks.

Junior High Sports



JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' TRACK

Front Row: Cristen DeWitte, Megan Ladwig, Diedra Artz and Teri Smith. Back Row: Kelli Hammer, Alexia Lutter, Jamie Christensen, coach Nora Groft, Jessica Hammer and SaraJo Kegler.



EIGHTH-GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Front Row: coach Nora Groft, Alexia Lutter and Amber Genzler. Back Row: Mary Eisenbeisz, Jamie Christensen, Megan Ladwig, Cristen DeWitte and Kelli Hammer.

Junior High Athletes Find Success In All Areas.

COACHING TO SUCCESS

Seventh-grade girls' basketball coach, Mrs. Nora Groft, motivates her team during a time out at the Redfield tournament. The team won the tournament and finished the season with an impressive 15-2 record.



CELEBRATING A WIN

The junior high football team puts its helmets together after adding another victory to its record. The boys finished with an outstanding, perfect record of 18-0.

FINISHING STRONG

Seventh-grader Diedra Artz stays ahead of her competitors as she finishes the 800-meter run at the Lake Region Conference Track Meet. Artz finished first in the event.





GOING TO THE HOOP

Eighth-grader Andrew Overby soars through the air against Langford, taking it to the hoop.

SEVENTH-GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Front Row: Christina Johnson, Amber Hansen, Diedra Artz, Caleen Fortin and Teri Smith. Back Row: Vanessa Schnoor, SaraJo Keglner, coach Kathy Graves, Bryn Kleffman and Jessica Hammer.

KEEP ON TRUCKIN'

Seventh-grader Dexten Frericks competes in the 1,600-meter run at the conference track meet.



SEVENTH-GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row: Diedra Artz, Teri Smith, Amber Hansen, Caleen Fortin and coach Nora Groft. Front Row: Christina Johnson, Jessica Hammer, SaraJo Keglner and Bryn Kleffman.



JUNIOR HIGH BOYS' TRACK TEAM

Back Row: Derek Steward, Joel O'Daniel, Jordan Gab, David Bierman, Ben Smith and Alex Mitchell. Middle Row: Andrew West, Aaron Olson, Dustin Hieb, Josh Braun, Daniel Young and Andrew Overby. Front Row: Jeremy Braun, Tanner Baird, Darren Jilek and Mitch Steinhoff.



EIGHTH-GRADE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Back Row: Mary Eisenbeisz, Amber Genzler, coach Nora Groft, Megan Ladwig, Cristen DeWitte and Jamie Christensen. Front Row: Kelli Hammer and Alexia Lutter.



EIGHTH-GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

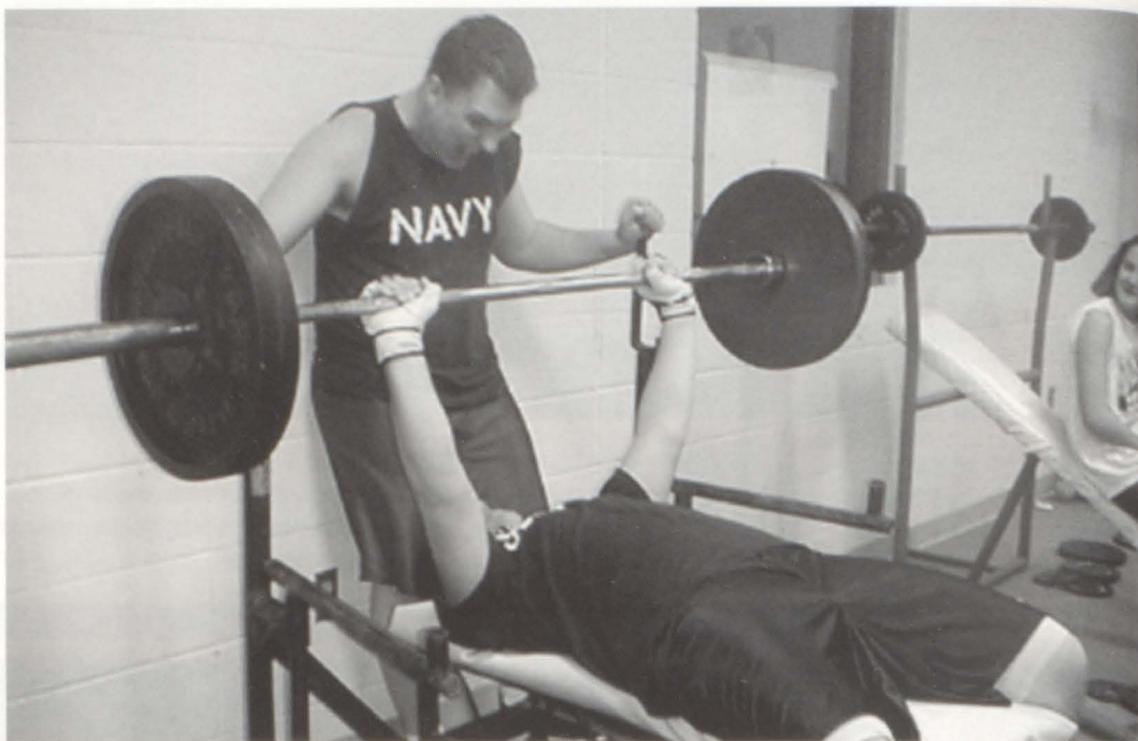
Back Row: Austin Fischbach and Mitch Steinhoff. Middle Row: Aaron Olson, Dustin Hieb, Andrew Overby and Sam Helling. Front Row: Dustin Hoellin and Tanner Baird.

NO PAIN, NO GAIN

That is exactly what sophomore Doug Criddle is thinking while his brother, senior Ryan Criddle, spots him on the bench press. Many students stay after school to spend time in the weight room.

COOLDOWN

Eighth-grader Josh Braun takes the puck out at his Bantam B state hockey tournament. Braun plays hockey for the Aberdeen Cougars in his spare time.



Student Life

There is only one life to live, and this is how we live it.



SWEETMUSIC

"My favorite song is 'I Hope You Dance' because it has a very special meaning to myself and others," said senior Lorra Beardemphl.

The number one song in high school is "Angel" by Shaggy with 11% of the votes.



BOOK WORMS

"The Hobbit was my favorite book by J.R.R. Tolkien. I like this book because it is a fantasy-adventure book," said freshman Austin Sitter.

The number one book in high school is The Giver with 8% of the votes.



MOVIE STARS

"I feel my favorite movie this year is *Gladiator* because the special effects were breathtaking. The fight scenes were the most realistic I've ever seen," said junior Trond Peterson.

The number one movie in high school was *Gladiator* with 18% of the votes.



MAJOR ISSUES

"Opting out is the most important issue (in school) because it determines if our district's taxes go up or if we have to cut extracurricular activities," said sophomore Jody Christensen.

The number one school issue was opting out with 43% of the votes.



ON THE MOVE

Sophomore Mark Braun loves to tear around on his four-wheeler. Many NW students live on farms and utilize All-Terrain Vehicles to get around.



YOUNG LOVE

Love is in the air, or at least in the hallway, for freshman Nathan Smith and junior Michelle Jilek. Several students have been pairing up and spending quality time together in and out of school. Most notable is the number of girls going out with younger boys.

WINTERFUN

Many students ride their snowmobiles for some activity during the winter months, especially this year with the large amount of snowfall. Eighth-grader Jeremy Braun often goes out riding with friends and family.



SNOW FIGHT

Seniors Ben Hammer and Renae Sparling enjoy the beautiful weather to engage in one of the many snow fights that occurred at NW.



HIGH SCHOOL WORK POLL

61% of Northwestern High School students have jobs
39% have no job.

- 27% work in the agricultural field.
- 25% have positions in child care.
- 10% work in the area of food service.
- Sales, janitorial and construction each contribute 8%.
- Health care, lawn work, delivery and mechanics individually give 4%.
- Radio and government positions each give 2%.

The average working student works 20.3 hours per week and makes \$6.19 per hour.

Homecoming

WE DIDN'T LET ANYTHING RAIN ON OUR PARADE.

From the theme of Hillbilly to the rain at the parade, the Northwestern homecoming week was a blast of fun.

A week full of activities started out with slave day and cornation on Monday.

"The best part of homecoming was when the freshmen had to spell Wildcats out with their behinds," said sophomore Jody Christensen.

Tuesday was filled with laughter by the casual dress of nerd/switch day. Keeping as they were, students dressed up on Wednesday for pajama day. They also enjoyed the pie throwing contest with our brave three teachers: Mrs. Anne Frericks, Mrs. Denise Clemens and Mrs. Christy Cardella.

Thursday many students dressed up as Hillbillies. On Friday, everyone showed their spirit by dressing in green and

gold. Students and community members enjoyed the parade Friday morning. Along with the parade, they participated in a pork feed at the school.

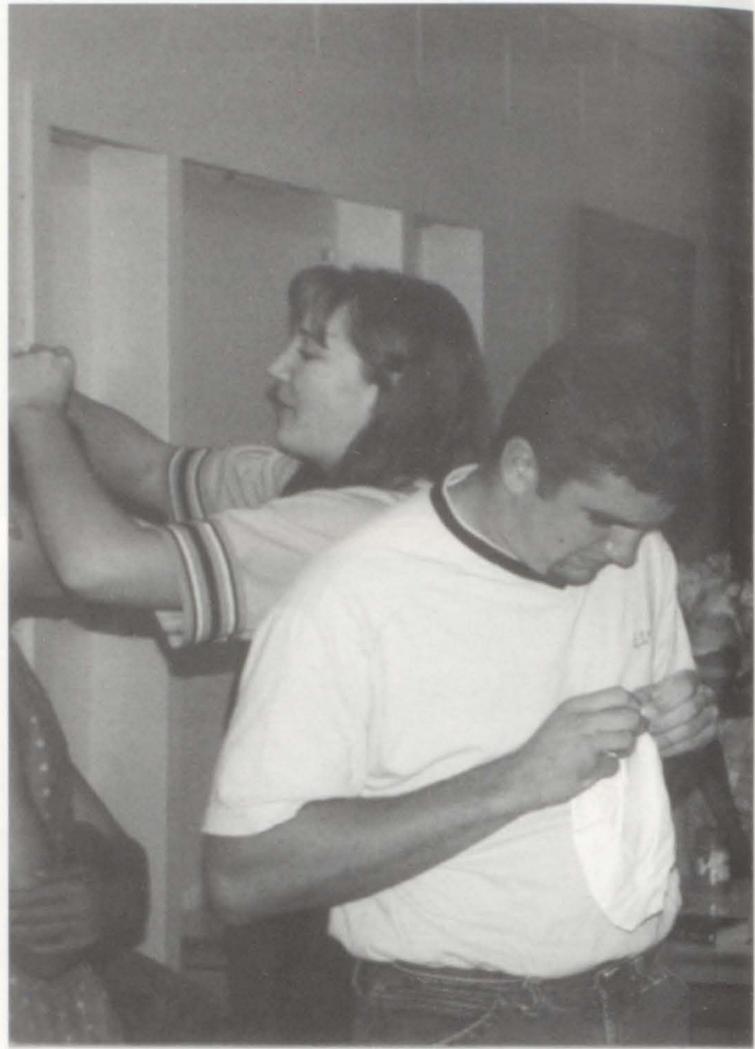
After the football game, junior high and high school students enjoyed the dance put on by the student council.

"Homecoming was excellent. Not even the poor weather could stop the festivities," said senior Joe Green.

LET'S GET STARTED
Seniors Christopher DeYoung and Brittanie Kraus get to work on dressing up their slaves with just the right accessories for slave day.



TOO HOT TO HANDLE
Sophomore Bob Brown shows his stuff as he participates in the Hillbilly beauty pageant.



THE ROYAL COURT
Matt Buisker, Jackie Mitchell, Queen Andrea McComsey, King Ryan Criddle, Jill Ford, Dustin Steward, Katrina Frericks and Logan Brown flash big smiles after coronation.

THE FINAL ANSWER IS
Nathan Peterson asks Alicia Lutter how their is doing as Amy Clemensen watches the family in the game show of Hillbilly Millionaire.



MAKE WAY FOR THE ROYALTY
Queen Andrea McComsey and King Ryan Criddle are all smiles after being crowned the new Northwestern royalty.



IN CHARGE OF IT ALL
Masters of Ceremony seniors Tracey Smith and Trista Smith kept the coronation running smoothly.

Freshmen Chris Haselhorst and Kayla Sheridan look like they're having a good time participating in the slave day activities during a game of suck and blow



A week full of excitement!



AND THE WINNER IS

A first-place winner went to the senior class float. The seniors spent quality time getting their van in top shape for the parade. However, the class mechanics could not get the van running, so the seniors pulled it through the parade instead.



THE WHIP CREAM GANG

A mob of high school students attack Mr. Scott Boone during the pie throwing activities. Boone was not man enough to participate, so the students decided to get back at him.



WAS THAT NECESSARY?

Mr. Scott Boone takes time out from the pie throwing activities to clean a little cool whip off of his face and wonder if the whip cream attack was really called for.



CHOWING DOWN

Eating with no silverware was the daunting task of freshman Nathan Smith. Smith's master, senior Tracey Smith, made sure this was a day he would never forget.

One Kingdom and Two Film Companies Equal Comedy

NICE TEDDY
Junior Trond Peterson tries to protect his precious teddy bear from the rest of the cast. Trond was often found quite delusional as he talked to his friendly bear.

With all the hard work and dedication that the cast members put into the 2001 play, they turned up with a successful event when they performed *Small Wonder* March 30. The members put in many hours of practice to make performance night a success.

Without much humor in the play, the members had to spice up their characters to add a little more comedy.

"It took a lot of hard work and many hours of practice, but we had a great time pulling this production together," said senior Ashley Braun.

The plot told of two film companies both wanting to control the small island of Lilliput, while the citizens of Lilliput were just hoping for a successful economy.

"The problems that we had during production night only made the play better. It was an enjoyable group to work with. We would all like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Jakober and her art class for all the hard work that they put into making the props for the stage," said play director Mr. Dennis Larson.



BEWARE BEWARE

Senior Matt Buiscker walks with a purpose while holding his gun, as senior Ashley Bruan walks closely behind.



ONE MOMENT PLEASE

Senior Michelle Eberle shows off her secretarial skills and finishing school technique, while talking on the phone with one of her boss's clients.



PLAY CAST

Front Row: Michelle Eberle, Tracey Smith, Marie Wedemann and Dixie Jeschke. Middle Row: Stephanie Schramm, Maylis Gueye, Trond Peterson, Kayla Stahl, Ben Hammer, Jackie Mitchell, Lorra Beardemphl and Amanda Peterson. Back Row: Matt Genzler, Ryan Criddle, Zach Heidenreich, Dustin Steward, Trista Smith, Andrea McComsey, Tessa Mayer, Brittanie Kraus, Starla Baird, Becky Ford, Matt Buiscker, Nicole Hammer and Ashley Braun.



YES DAAAAAAHHLING
Senior Jackie Mitchell shows her more passionate side, while striking a pose for the news reporters in hopes of being on television.



ALL STRESSED OUT
Junior Matt Genzler looks a little under the weather and a little stressed out with his clothes untucked and his hair a mess.



THE GUMPS GO WILD
Junior Amanda Peterson gets all excited when hearing about a new role in a movie, while seniors Ashley Braun and Matt Buisker watch in amazement.

A comical mixup



I'M ALL SHOOK UP
Junior Zach Heidenreich is all shook up being Elvis Presley, while senior Maylis Gueye and junior Stephanie Schramm comfort him.



WHERE IS ELVIS
Elvis fans, juniors Amanda Peterson and Becky Ford, search for their idol, while junior Starla Baird, playing General Wellington, contemplates going with them.



HEY THERE SONNY
Senior Ryan Criddle looks a little older than usual while gabbing with his nephew about his upcoming production.



HIDE AND SEEK
Junior Kayla Stahl searches for Elvis, while junior Tessa Mayer tries to hide junior Zach Heidenreich behind the bench.

Prom 2001

One Amazing Moonlit Night

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY
Senior Christopher DeYoung and his date, junior Nicole Hammer, show that glazed-over eyes and bright smiles are a common sight on prom night.

On Saturday, April 7, the Northwestern juniors and seniors filled their night with many unforgettable memories. Twenty-eight couples danced the night away to the theme "Destiny Under the Stars."

"This year's prom was fun, especially because the weather changed for the good," said senior Joe Green in response to the rain on Saturday morning, which changed to sunlight in the afternoon.

The junior class worked many hours during school, after school and on Saturdays to create their moon and star decorations.

Music, provided by The Beat Patrol DJ Service, and laughter filled the gym as the

couples danced the night away.

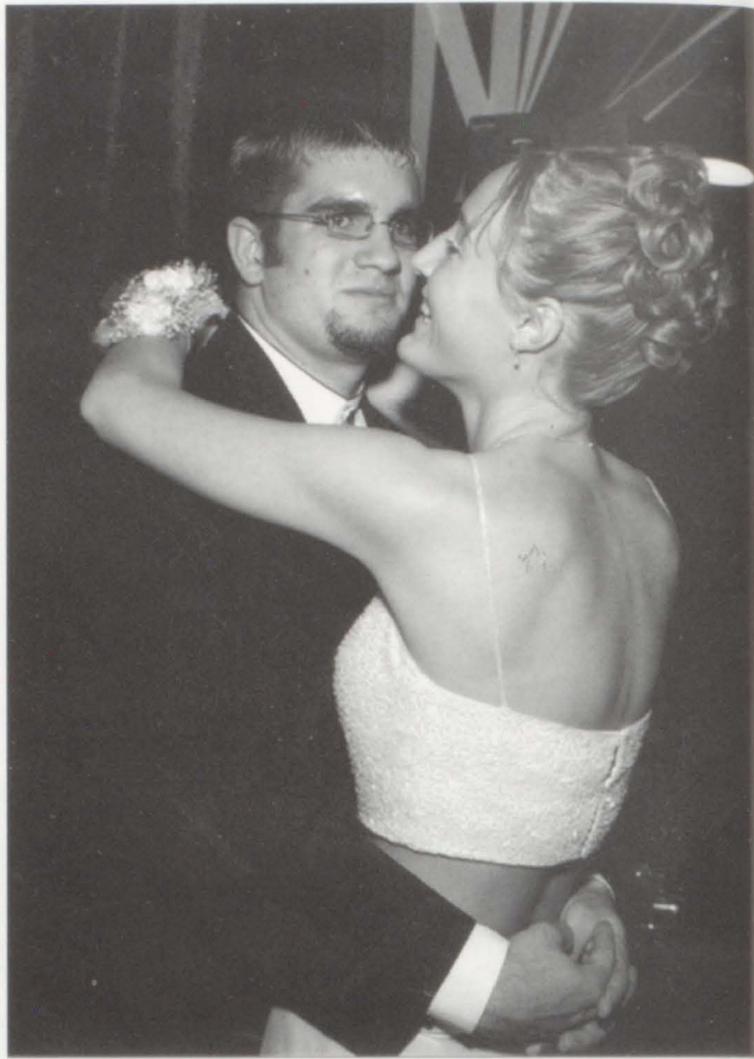
Post prom put on by the junior parents at The Village Bowl in Aberdeen proved to be a good time for everyone. Juniors, seniors and their dates bowled, played games and won prizes all night long.

"I had fun bowling at post-prom," said junior Christina Kramp.



ONE HAPPY COUPLE

Sophomore Jen Fuhrman puts on a big smile as she is escorted by senior Dustin Steward who thinks he is a big stud.



WAITERS AND WAITRESSES

Front Row: Brad Bierman, Doug Criddle, Lee Mielke and Eric Gab.
Back Row: Desa Oberle, Wendy Beardemphl, Jody Christensen and Chelsea Young.

STRIKE

Juniors Zach Remily and Becky Ford hit the lanes as they enjoy post prom.





SHOW THOSE PEARLY WHITES
Junior Brooks Kleffman and date senior Andrea McComsey look radiant during grand march.



I'M TOO SEXY
Many students got down on prom night, as did senior Darren Haessig. Here he shows that he is too sexy for his shirt while dancing to the song "Too Sexy."



WILD THING
Senior Ryan Criddle demonstrates his wild side as he escorts his date senior Michelle Eberle.

Destiny Under the Stars



UNDER THE STARS
Seniors Matt Buisker and Tracey Smith stroll under the stars during the grand march.



HUSHHUSH
Senior Joe Green and junior Stephanie Schramm keep quiet as they dance the night away.



WALKING WITH STYLE
Strutting their stuff in style, sophomore Michael Schnell escorts senior Ashley Braun through grand march.



GRAND MARCH JOYS
Juniors Amanda Peterson, Tessa Mayer and Kayla Stahl and freshman Erica Adams show lots of excitement about having to go through grand march.

One Last Recognition

The seniors say goodbye as everyone wishes them good luck.

Graduation is always a memorable event, and the class of 2001 will never forget its graduation. The commencement exercise held May 20 recognized the seniors one last time.

The seniors were nervous thinking about the future and its uncertainty. The class took pictures and lined up, wishing it would all be finished.

It started off smoothly with welcome speeches given by Mr. Mike Steinhoff and Matt Buisker. Jill Ford and Ryan Criddle were next on the program, reminiscing and thanking friends and family.

Sara Christensen and Lorra Beardemphl sang "I hope you

dance." The band then played selections from the '80s. Ashley Braun sang "If we hold on."

The class presented flowers to their parents during a powerpoint show.

Finally the class received their diplomas and were presented to the audience as the class of 2001.



WELCOME

The senior class president, Matt Buisker, gives an introduction speech to start the graduation ceremony.



IDIDIT!

Brittanie Kraus receives her diploma from the school board president, Bret Bierman.

SINGOUT

Sara Christensen and Lorra Beardemphl sing "I Hope You Dance" for graduation entertainment.



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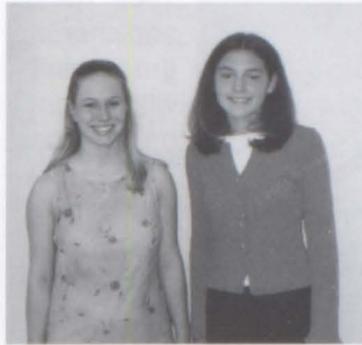
Andrea McComsey and Jackie Mitchell look nervous as they march up to the stage to begin the commencement exercises.





HONOR STUDENTS
 Back Row: Andrea McComsey, Brittanie Kraus and Tracey Smith.
 Front Row: Jackie Mitchell, Ashley Braun, Matt Buisker and Trista Smith.

HONOR GAURDS
 Juniors Amanda Peterson and Michelle Jilek assisted the seniors at the graduation ceremony.



THE CLASS OF 2001
 Front Row: Maylis Gueye, Jackie Mitchell, Andrea McComsey, Ashley Braun, Renae Sparling, Tracey Smith and Michelle Eberle.
 Middle Row: Kary Bullock, Christopher DeYoung, Trista Smith, Jill Ford, Marie Wedemann, Lorra Beardemphi, Joe Green and Dixie Jeschke.
 Back Row: Sara Christensen, Darren Haessig, Ben Hammer, Matt Buisker, Jacob Palmer, Dustin Steward, Brittanie Kraus and Ryan Criddle.



Tears & Fears



NERVOUS NOTES
 Ashley Braun nervously sings "If We Hold On" to her classmates at graduation.



FAMILY FIRST
 Dixie Jeschke hugs her mother, Peggy, after giving her a flower during the class presentation.



HIS FINAL SPEECH AT NW
 Ryan Criddle gave an inspirational speech which involved note cards, a stop watch and many laughs.



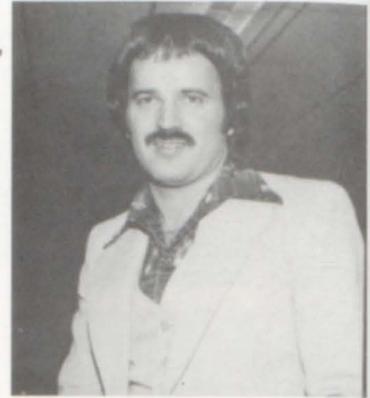
LOOKS BEAUTIFUL!
 Kary Bullock holds still as her mother, Mary, pins a corsage on her gown.

Mr. Robert Kiesz



The music department of Northwestern High School received a top-quality musician and educator when Mr. Robert Kiesz came to the staff in 1969. Kiesz spent his 32 years working with students in high school band and chorus. He conducted one-on-one musical lessons for all of eighth grade, ninth grade and 10th grade, along with seventh-grade percussion. At one time, he also conducted junior high chorus.

"I can clearly remember the first day of school in the fall of 1969 at the old school in Northville. Suddenly, it is 2001. It is true that life goes by rapidly! I have had many wonderful times and students at NW. Now it is time to continue down a slightly new path. I will miss all the fine people of this community," said Kiesz.



Mrs. Lois McAreavey

In the fall of 1974, a young woman by the name of Mrs. Lois McAreavey entered the Brentford school doors to teach the second grade. At the time, the school did not realize how lucky it was to have her. McAreavey has devoted the last 27 years of her life to teaching children more than just adding and subtracting. Her gentle and caring ways has made everyone love her.



She is irreplaceable and will be missed by all. "Teaching at Northwestern has been a rewarding experience. I feel fortunate to have enjoyed working with the students, parents, teachers, administrators, support staff and school board throughout the years. The friendship of so many wonderful people will be something I'll always treasure. I'll miss being greeted by happy, enthusiastic second graders each day. The children make it all worthwhile!" said McAreavey.



Mrs. Karen Bacon

Mrs. Karen Bacon started her career in education in 1978. She first began to help a disabled third-grade student. Due to the steps at the Northville school, the student had to be advanced to the fourth grade at Northwestern. The following year, the student left, so Bacon became the aid for the fourth and fifth grades.

Twenty years later, she continues to aide in the elementary, now in the first and second grades.

"If I had to do it over again, I would. Northwestern is a great school," said Bacon.

She has been a valuable asset to the Northwestern elementary program and will be dearly missed.



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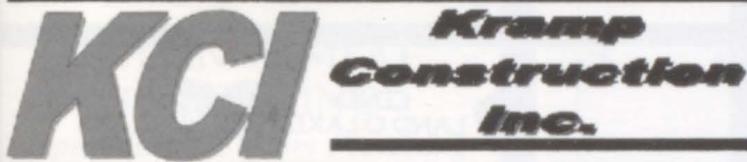
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Good luck seniors from the Pizza Hut of Redfield!



YOU WANNA MESS WITH THIS?
Senior Trista Smith intimidates fellow post-prom goers.



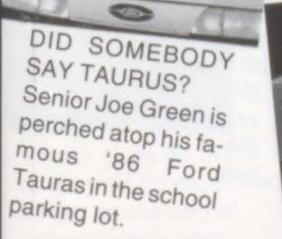
IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE...
No, it's just seniors Matt Buisker, Christopher DeYoung and Dustin Steward showing off their flying skills.

SMILE PRETTY!
Junior Stephanie Schramm and sophomore Jody Christensen mug the camera



FRIENDS FOREVER
Seniors Jill Ford and Sara Christensen want to remember their friendship with this picture.

E W W W !!!
Senior Andrea McComey flashes a picture perfect smile.



DID SOMEBODY SAY TAURUS?
Senior Joe Green is perched atop his famous '86 Ford Taurus in the school parking lot.





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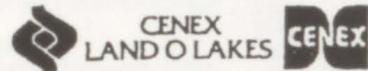
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CHEESEEEEE!!!!!!

Sophomores Chelsea Young and Jen Fuhrman surround freshman Tara Smith for a photo op before a volleyball match.



THE THREE AMIGOS
Juniors Robert Baumgarted, Brett Zerfoss and Jason O'Daniel are a force to be reckoned with on prom night.



THAT'S RIGHT!
Juniors Zach Heidenreich and Trond Peterson look their best at the National Honor Society banquet.

HOW'D THEY DO THAT?

Sporting a new hair style are juniors Christina Kramp, Jackie Tolvstad, sophomore Jamie Jaragoske and junior Brittany Franks.



FASHIONSHOW

The freshmen are always happy to dress up for their senior masters.



DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION
Juniors Nicole Hammer, Amanda Peterson and Starla Baird are all dressed up with no where to go after the National Honor Society Banquet.



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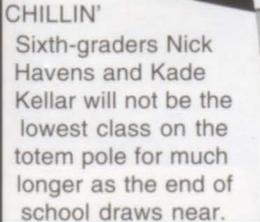
TWINS???
Sophomore Bob Brown and senior Dustin Steward displaying their similar fashion sense.



JUST BEING ZACH!
Junior Zach Remily shows off his pearly whites.



HANGIN WITH MY HOMIES!
Seventh-graders Britany Frericks, Courtney Lerew and Jenny Halvorson are just hangin' out in the hallway.



CHILLIN'
Sixth-graders Nick Havens and Kade Kellar will not be the lowest class on the totem pole for much longer as the end of school draws near.



LOOK AT US!
The seventh-grade girls take time out of their busy 'class to model their sporty attire.



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
The eighth graders peer through the window during their art class.



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 FRENZY**
 Sophomore Angela Spear works hard on a job application for FACS class with Mrs. Kim Carson.



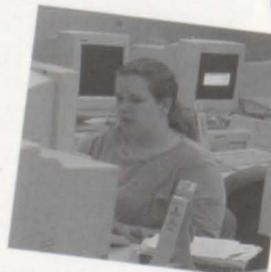
**LOOK MOM, NO
 HANDS!!**
 Marty Braasch shows off his special talents with the computers.

Concentration
 Senior Marie Weidemann works hard with provided computers from the school.



PLAYING GAMES
 Eighth-graders Josh Halvorson and Austin Fischbach are playing games during their free time in Literature class.

THIS IS AMAZING!!!
 Freshmen Ross Mielke, Jason McComsey and Austin Sitter prepare for their interview while watching a mock interview on the computer in the Intro to Business class.



STUD MUFFINS
 The seventh grade boys show off their pearly whites to the camera while the others look a little confused.



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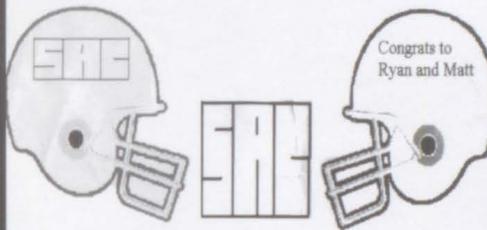
Trista ~
Wishing you the best of luck in all you do!
Love Mom, Dad, Nathan & Ben



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Mom, Dad &
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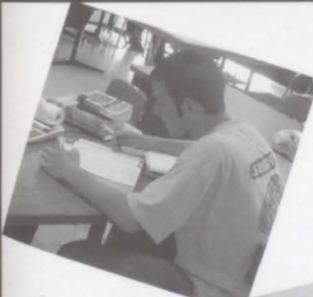


*Congratulations
Lorra! Good luck in the future.
Love Mom, Dad,
Holly & Wendy*



Jill-Cherish the memories of the past, present, and future. Our love always, Dad, Mom, Kevin, Brandii & Grandpa John.

Brittanie-Always keep smiling and never give up on your dreams! Love Dad, Mom, Scooter & Becky



SAY WHAT
A few of the sixth grade boys are in a deep discussion.

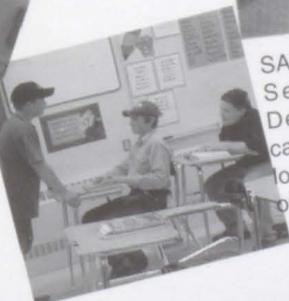


CAT CUDDLER
Senior Dustin Steward shows his sensitive side while he takes a nap with his cat Big Kitty outside.



LADIES AIDE MEETING
A few of the high school boys have a group discussion on how to save the world and lost animals during SRB block on green days.

STUDYING HARD
Junior Kris Sparling is working on his homework during the Student Responsibility Block.



SAWING ZZZ'S
Seventh-grader Dexton Frericks catches up on some lost sleep during one of his classes.



BIG SKILLS
Junior Kayla Stahl concentrates hard while sews a wildcat paw on a hat to sell for the Business Management class run by Mrs. Frericks.



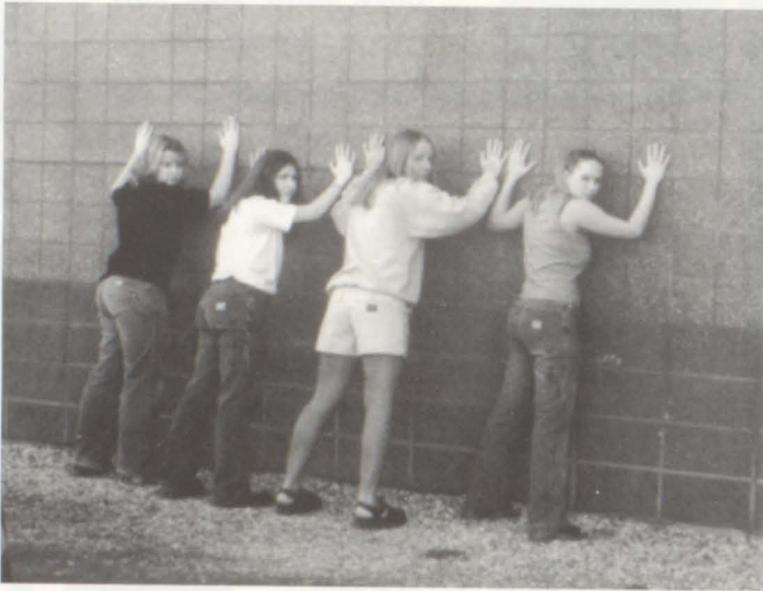
LOOK BEYOND THE OUTSIDE

Though these feet look the same, they are quite different, which proves that no two feet are exactly the alike.



FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

Freshman Blake Jeschke is caught reading the one and only time all year, and he actually seems to be enjoying John Steinbeck's *Red Pony*.

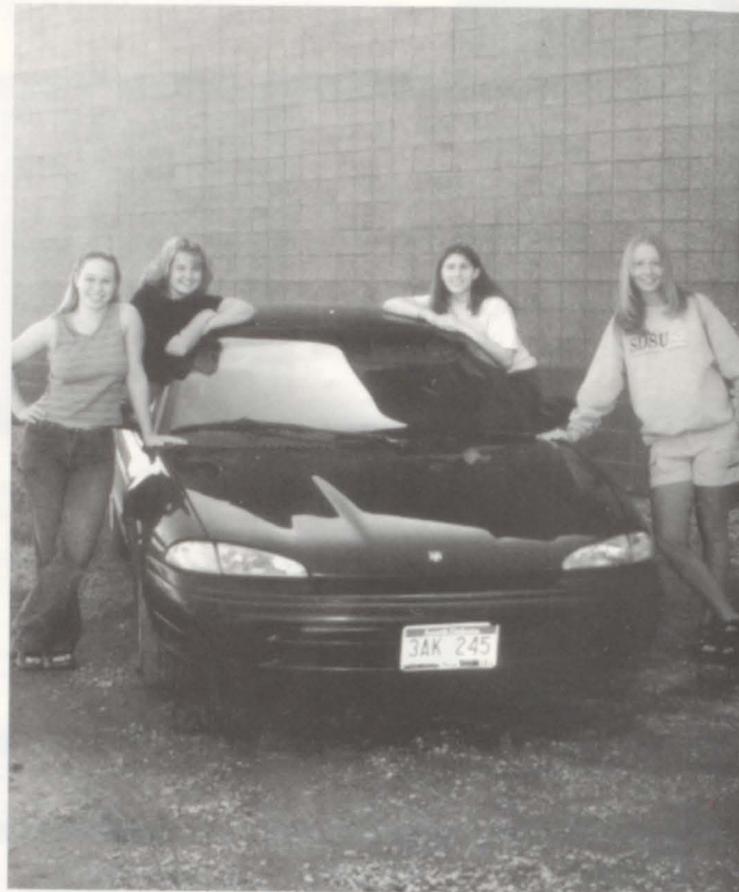


CRIMINALS??

These seemingly good girls would not do anything wrong would they? Well if they did, it would be their one and only offense. Seniors Trista Smith and Ashley Braun stand beside juniors Becky Ford and Amanda Peterson.

TURNING OVER THE DUTIES

After two years as yearbook editors, seniors Ashley Braun and Trista Smith will place the responsibilities into the hands of juniors Becky Ford and Amanda Peterson. By the way, Ashley got a new car!



The One and Only

As we go through life, we often wonder what our purpose is and whom we are supposed to be. This question often leaves people confused as to what they are to do with their lives.

Reflecting back on this year and all that has happened, the theme of this year-book is very true. We are the one and only.

This book was made so everyone can remember the events and memories from

2000 and 2001.

As you flip through the pages, you will probably recall the late nights you stayed up studying, the athletic victories that you achieved and the good times you shared with your friends.

Maybe you will not only remember the good times here at Northwestern but also learn something from them about yourself.

You might see what things you are good at and what

you have to offer others. Maybe you will realize the things you want to achieve in life. You might also recognize your faults but learn to deal with them.

However, the most important thing that you need to realize is that you are the one and only. There has never been anyone else exactly like you, and there never will be.

With that, you must also see that some things you

experience happen only once in your life and only to you. Therefore, you need to cherish the good times and learn from the bad, knowing that all these things make you a stronger person.

No one else will ever be just like you or experience the same things as you; therefore, you must know that you have to be the best you can be.

You are the one and only.



I'M OUT OF HERE, AND I NEED CANDY!

The only thing senior Ben Hammer can think about as he descends the stairs after the 2001 commencement exercises is that he is finally done. The class of 2001 was sad to leave their friends, but they were ready to embark on a new journey in life.

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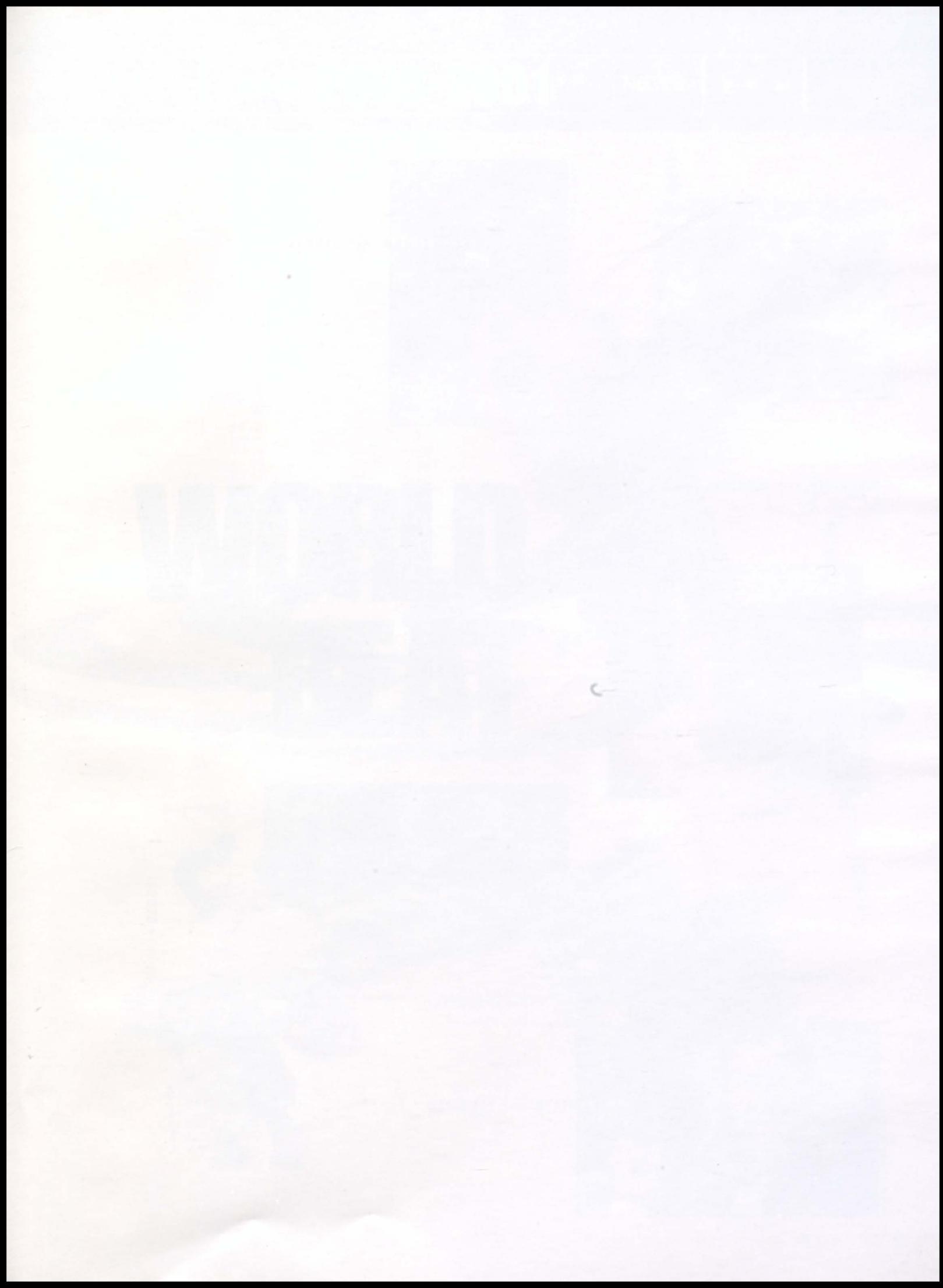
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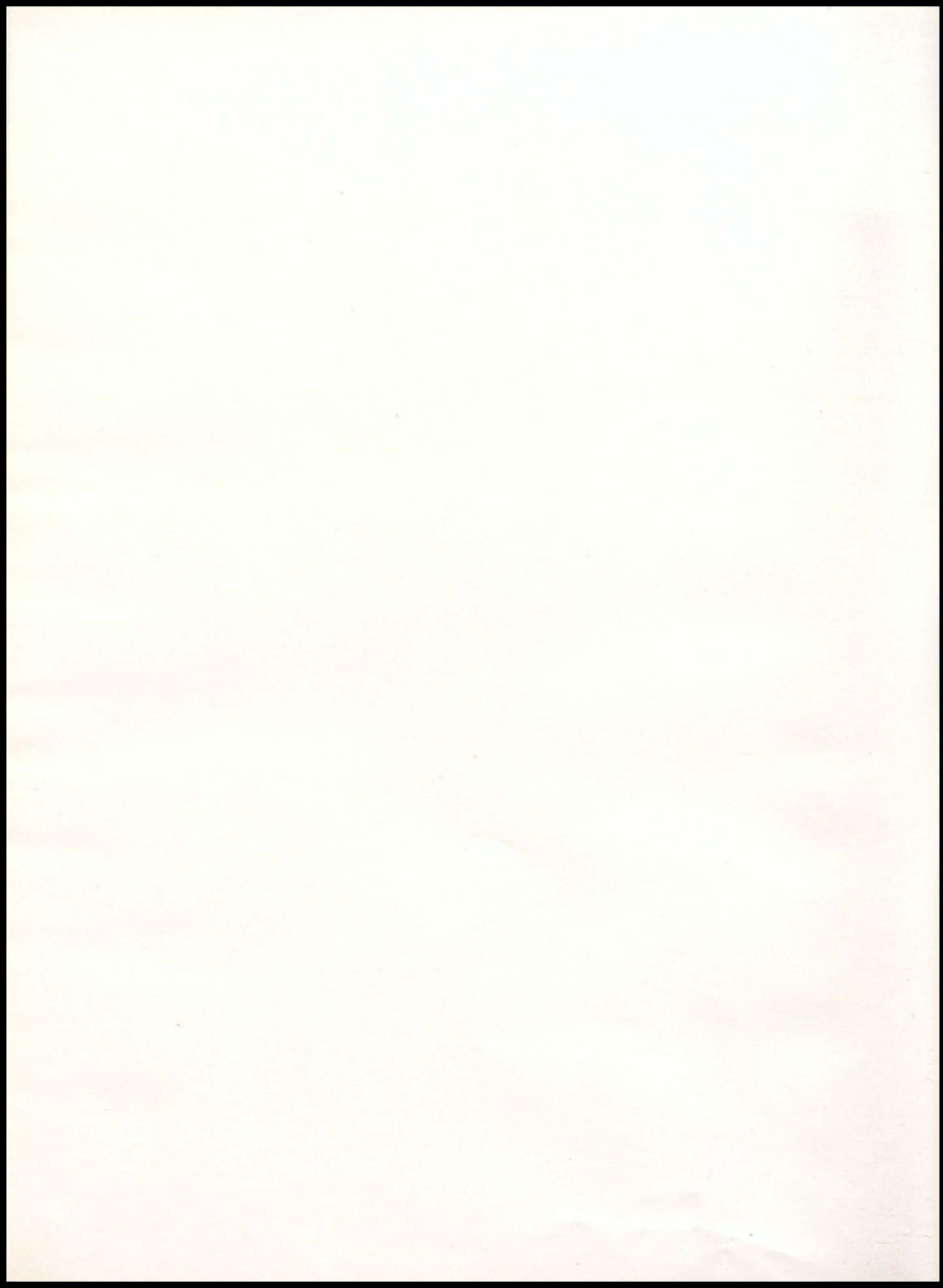
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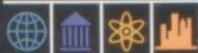
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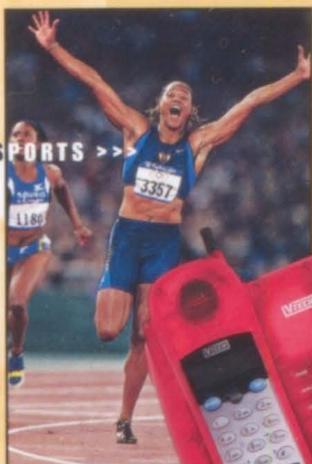
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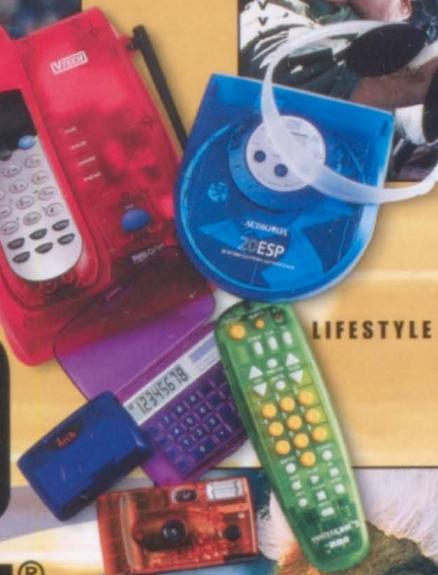
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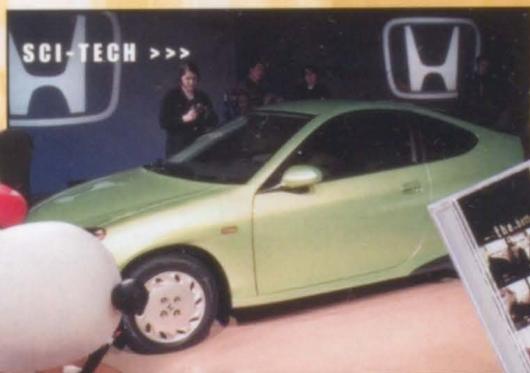


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▲ Gas prices soar across Europe. Heavy taxation policies in France and England cause massive protests and transportation blockades. Both governments eventually promise relief.

▼ The Millennium Bridge, a footbridge across the River Thames connecting London's St. Paul Cathedral with the Tate Modern Art Gallery, opens in June. It is the first bridge to be built over the Thames in 100 years.



▲ Former KGB agent Vladimir Putin is sworn into office as Russia's new president in May 2000, succeeding long-time leader Boris Yeltsin. Despite fears of an authoritarian style, Putin's public approval ratings remain high.



▲ Floods in Southeast Asia are caused by days of pounding rain. Millions are forced to leave their homes and more than a thousand people die in the region's worst flooding in decades.



▲ President Clinton travels to Southeast Asia in November to help mend relations between the United States and Vietnam. He is the first U.S. president to visit Vietnam since the end of the war in 1975.



▲ A cable car carrying skiers and snowboarders in Austria catches fire inside a tunnel, killing more than 150 people on board. It is the worst Alpine disaster in the country's history.



▲ Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is ousted from office in October, ending 13 years of violent rule. Vojislav Kostunica becomes Yugoslavia's first democratically elected president.

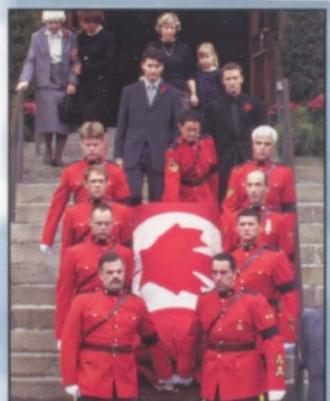


▼ Australian street artists called "Strange Fruit" perform gravity-defying feats around the world. The performers float above the audience on 15-foot fiberglass poles.

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President Clinton makes a last-ditch effort to broker a Middle East peace deal before his term ends in January 2001 by drafting a plan for leaders of both Israel and Palestine to review. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Yasser Arafat agree to review Clinton's proposal, but no deal is signed before month's end.

A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet crashes during takeoff in Taiwan, killing 81 of the 179 people on board. In a blinding rainstorm the pilot uses the wrong runway and collides with construction equipment.



▲ Canada mourns the death of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who served the country for nearly 16 years. Trudeau, who was 80, is remembered for his flamboyant style and his commitment to keeping Canada a single nation.



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▲ Two hundred North and South Koreans separated from family members since the 1950-1953 Korean war reunite in August. The four-day visits are a goodwill gesture by both countries' leaders, who met for the first time in June.

▼ In August, the Russian nuclear submarine *Kursk* sinks to the bottom of the Barents Sea after an unexplained explosion. All 118 crew members are killed.



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AIDS reaches epidemic proportions in southern Africa. Leaders and citizens throughout the world conduct a massive educational campaign on World AIDS Day December 1 to teach people about the disease that is killing 6,000 sub-Saharan Africans each day.

Uganda is struck by an occurrence of the deadly Ebola virus that is linked to more than 100 deaths. The outbreak is traced to a Gulu woman who died in September and whose body infected other people during the ritual cleansing of the dead.



AP/Wide World Photos

▲ In January 2001, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake devastates Gujarat in western India. The huge quake causes an estimated \$5.5 billion in damages and kills more than 20,000 people.



Tyler Hicks/Liaison

▲ In August, Somalia elects its first president in nine years. President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan promises to bring peace and economic recovery to the African nation.



Wesley Biscoe/Liaison

▲ Former Coca-Cola executive Vicente Fox, of the National Action Party, is elected president of Mexico in July, ending the Institutional Revolutionary Party's 71-year reign.



Reuters/Jim Bourg/Archive Photos

▲ More than 150 world leaders meet at the U.N. Millennium Summit in September to discuss war, poverty, disease and other global problems. The meeting is the largest gathering of world leaders in history.



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▲ In July, an Air France Concorde supersonic jet catches fire and crashes outside Paris, killing 113 people. The crash is blamed on metal debris which punctured the tires and damaged the fuel tanks.

▼ The worst wave of Middle Eastern violence in years erupts between Israelis and Palestinians, leaving more than 350 dead. A visit by Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon to a Jerusalem holy site on September 28 is claimed to have sparked the fighting.



Reuters/STR/Archive Photos



Missoulian, Michael Gallacher/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ In the worst forest fire season in 50 years, more than 20,000 firefighters battle blazes in the western United States. More than 80 major wildfires burn across 13 states, forcing hundreds of people to leave their homes.

✓ The U.S. Senate passes the Permanent Normal Trade Relations bill in September to open up trade between the United States and China. The bill is expected to increase U.S. exports by \$13 billion annually.



Michael R. Brown/Liaison

▲ Firestone initiates the largest tire recall in history after dozens of rollover accidents appear to be caused by faulty treads. At least 148 deaths in the United States are linked to the defective tires, although other problems with sport utility vehicles also are under investigation.



David Young/WallPhotoEdit

▲ Summer air travelers wait out some of the worst flight delays on record. Bad weather and heavy air traffic cause delays that reach a peak in June, when only 66% of the flights arrive on time.



Joe Riedel/Newsweek/Liaison

▲ Illegal downloading and missing computer tapes threaten the security of the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab in New Mexico. Several workers at the lab are penalized for mishandling nuclear secrets.



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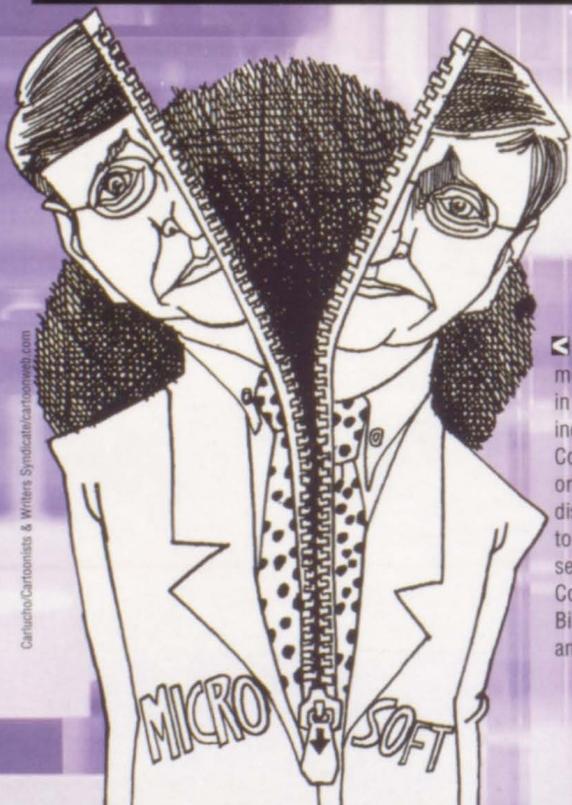
▲ The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future opens in September in Dallas. The museum profiles 3,000 remarkable American women and features more than 20 interactive exhibits.



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▲ Many brands of taco shells and corn chips are pulled from store shelves and restaurants after a consumer group detects traces of genetically modified corn not approved for human consumption.

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✦ Convicted of monopoly practices in the software industry, Microsoft Corporation is ordered by a federal district judge in June to break into two separate companies. Company chairman Bill Gates files for an appeal.

A wave of Internet startup companies, once the darlings of the online economy, file for bankruptcy after falling short of stockholders' earnings expectations. The NASDAQ stock exchange, where most dot-coms are traded, loses 39% of its value for the year.

Millions of Californians go for hours without power in January 2001 as utility companies cut off electrical supply due to low reserves. The crisis, blamed on aging generating plants, deregulation, soaring wholesale prices and debt-ridden utilities, spurs other states to begin devising prevention plans.



Cynthia Johnson/Liaison

▲ The Oklahoma City National Memorial is unveiled in April 2000. The memorial is built to honor the 168 people who died in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.



Amey Sencetta/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ In the closest presidential election in more than 100 years, Republican George W. Bush of Texas beats Democrat Al Gore from Tennessee. The race isn't decided until 36 days after the popular election, when Florida's hotly contested 25 electoral votes are awarded to Bush.

▼ On December 4, 2000, the U.S. presidency remains in limbo as both Florida and New Mexico officials recount ballots to determine who will win their state's electoral votes. New Mexico goes to Gore. Ultimately, Bush wins Florida which gives him a narrow victory.



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On election night, several TV networks prematurely declare Al Gore the winner in Florida, only later to reverse themselves, twice. The fiasco confirms many Americans' distrust of polling and early "calling" of elections.

In one of his first duties as President-elect, George W. Bush nominates Colin Powell to be Secretary of State. The four-star Army General becomes the first African-American in history to serve in this role.



Reuters/Colin Braley/Archive Photos

▲ Chads, dimpled chads and butterfly ballots become common terms during the election as Florida officials assess voter intent. The confusion generates national discussion for uniform methods of voting.



Mark Wilson/Newsmakers/Liaison Agency

▲ The U.S. Supreme Court casts the deciding vote in the nation's election. The court ends the Gore-Bush legal battles in Florida by stopping all recounting, an action that effectively gives Bush victory.



AP/Corbis

▲ In a fiery and highly publicized political battle, Hillary Rodham Clinton beats Republican Rick Lazio decisively to become senator from New York. She is the first first lady to be elected to public office.



Dean Curtis/Liaison Agency

▲ Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan is elected to the Senate days after he dies in a November plane crash. His widow, Jean Carnahan, agrees to serve as senator in his place.



Corbis/Sygma

▲ In October, the USS Cole is bombed while refueling in Yemen. A number of terrorist groups are suspected of the blast that kills 17 sailors and injures 39.

▼ The Federal Trade Commission charges the film, recording and video-game industries with marketing violent and adult-rated materials to teens. The entertainment giants are requested to stop the practice or face legal intervention.



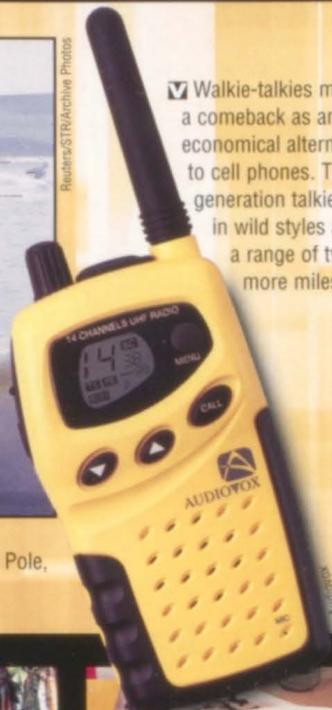
Robert Trippett/SIPA



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▲ In August, a mile-wide patch of open water is spotted at the North Pole, dramatizing concerns about global warming.

✓ Walkie-talkies make a comeback as an economical alternative to cell phones. The new generation talkies come in wild styles and have a range of two or more miles.



NASA/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ New photos of fiery streams of gas that can reach 300,000 miles high may explain why the sun's atmosphere is hotter than its surface.



www.stephenking.com

▲ In July, Stephen King shakes up the publishing world by releasing one of the first online books, *The Plant*. More than 150,000 copies are downloaded the first week at \$1 per chapter.



NYT Pictures

▲ In a Guatemalan jungle, archeologists uncover remains of an ancient Mayan palace. Bigger than two football fields, the palace is one of the largest ever discovered.



Mark Lemish/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Internet appliances that provide surfing and e-mailing capabilities make their way to homes and schools. The devices offer less expensive Internet access to consumers without home computers.



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▲ In 2000, more than 200 animal species join the Iberian Lynx on the World Conservation Union's List of Threatened Species. Their addition brings the world total to 11,046 plants and animals having threatened status.



Compaq/AP/Wide World Photos

☐ Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) capable of calendar scheduling, note taking, e-mailing, phoning and Web browsing go mainstream in 2000. Competition among manufacturers heats up with Microsoft, BlackBerry, Palm and other brands vying for shares of the teen and business markets.

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Paleontologists identify a new species of dinosaur from fossils found in northern Italy. The 26-foot-long, meat-eating *Saltriosaur* is one of the world's oldest dinosaurs, dating back 200 million years.

Scientists are forced to rethink the traditional definitions of a star and planet when 18 massive planet-like bodies that don't revolve around a sun are discovered in the Sigma Orionis cluster.



Reuters/NASA/Archive Photos

▲ Final touches are made to the International Space Station for its first residents. American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts live on the space station for four months starting in November.



Wireless devices that send real-time personal messages between users become the latest communication craze. The "instant messages" can be typed, written or spoken, depending on the brand, and devices cost less than \$100.



In 2000, both Honda and Toyota launch gas-electric hybrid cars. Operated by a battery-powered electric motor and a gas-run engine, the hybrids get up to 70 miles per gallon on the highway and release minimal emissions.



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New Internet domain names are created to lessen the load on the old .com standard. The new names, slated for use in mid-2001, include .info for general use, .biz for businesses, .name for individuals and .pro for professionals.

Scientists complete a rough "map" of the genetic code that makes a person human. The map will aid in the detection and prevention of cancer and other illnesses.

Caroleo Osorio/AP/Wide World Photos



PlanetPortal unveils the WebRemote, a remote built for use with the Internet. Users can surf their favorite sites at the touch of a button instead of keying addresses or scrolling a list of bookmarked pages.



Scientists discover an ancient standing lizard fossil in a German quarry, suggesting that dinosaurs may not have been the first creatures to walk upright.



The Hubble Space Telescope shows never-before-seen details of a "cosmic butterfly," material ejected by a star in the later stages of its life.



Computer scientists at Brandeis University make a robot that can design and build other robots with minimal help from humans.

Stephen J. Boltano/AP/Wide World Photos



Amtrak introduces the nation's first high-speed train in November. The "Acela Express" travels up to 150 miles per hour and runs between Washington, D.C., New York and Boston, with other routes planned for coming years.

Apple Computer unveils its new G4 Cube computer in July. The 8-inch crystalline cube is commended for its small size, high speed, low noise level, touch-sensitive power activation and padless optical mouse.

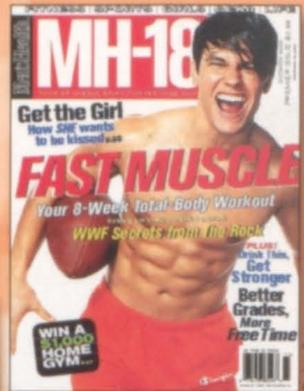


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▲ A new Web site, Customatix.com, lets users design their own sneakers. Starting from scratch or selecting a prefab model, users can pick everything from the colors and styling to the fabric and personalized logo at a cost of \$80 to \$95 a pair.

▼ New prepaid credit cards and online credit lines are the latest high-tech means for parents to control their teens' spending. Depending on the account, parents determine the spending limit or the online stores where the money can be spent and receive monthly statements of purchases made.



▲ MH-18, billed as the first national lifestyle magazine for guys 13 to 18, hits newsstands in August. The Men's Health offshoot covers sports, fitness, school, relationships and issues teenage boys face growing up.

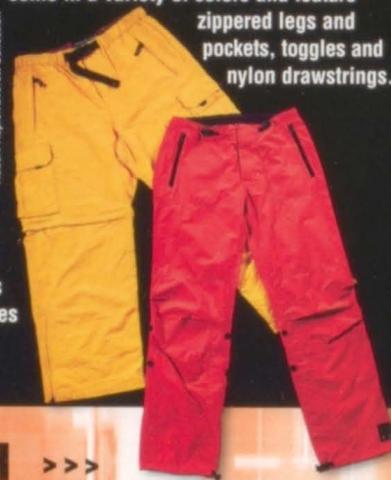


▲ American Heritage, among other publishers, releases new dictionaries, capturing the language of our computer-savvy culture. "Dot-com," "netiquette" and "cybersurfing" are among the new entries.



▲ Pleather, a synthetic fabric that looks like leather, comes in an array of colors and prints and is popularized by celebrities like singer Christina Aguilera.

▼ Techno pants, as functional as last year's cargoes but with cleaner lines and nylon fabric, are popular with teens. They come in a variety of colors and feature zippered legs and pockets, toggles and nylon drawstrings.



▲ Laser eye surgery becomes an increasingly accepted alternative to eyeglasses and contact lenses as the technology continues to improve.

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◀ The popularity of Apple Computer's translucent berry-colored iMac sparks a wave of similarly colored cell phones, CD players, cameras, irons and other household appliances.

For the first time, females outnumber males in Internet use in the United States, representing 50.4% of the online population in 2000. Teenage girls are the fastest growing user segment.

Designer faceplates become a popular way to personalize cell phones. The decorative attachments come in a variety of designs and colors to match the user's mood or outfit.



▲ Wordstretch bracelets become a trendy accessory in Hollywood and around the nation. The multi-colored elastic bands come inscribed with "Call me," "Money is overrated," "Snap out of it" and other simple messages designed to spark conversation.

Will & Demi McIntyre/Photo Researchers, Inc.

Photo courtesy of Wordstretch



David Young-Wolff/PhotoEdit



▲ High-tech, fold-up metal versions of the old scooter are one of the year's hottest modes of transportation but also a leading cause of injury.

▼ Message T-shirts become fashion statements among teen girls. "Foxy Lady," "Princess" and "Monkey Around" are just a few of the tongue-in-cheek logos that appear on the popular shirts.



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By the end of 2000, an estimated 75% of U.S. universities offer courses online and more than 5.8 million students have logged on.

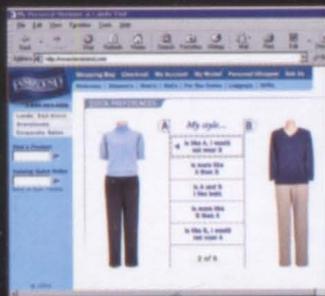
With the 2000 unemployment rate at a low of 4%, college students working as summer interns command wages up to \$20 an hour, along with compensation packages, from high-tech and Internet companies.



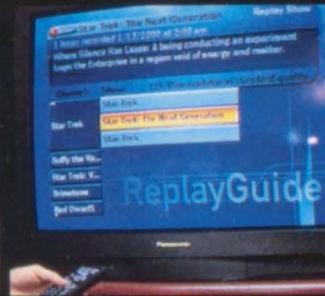
▲ Companies like Estee Lauder, Origins, Hermes and Blistex begin to market products in portable single-use packets. Products include nail polish remover, scented wipes, hair conditioners and moisturizers.



▲ Stick-on crystals and gems become popular fashion accessories for teen girls, accenting the face, neck and shoulders.



▲ Mail-order clothing pioneer Lands' End introduces "scan wear." The technology captures customers' body measurements, and allows users to virtually "try on" clothing when ordering via the Internet.



▲ "Personal TVs" by TiVo and ReplayTV allow users to control live TV by pausing or rewinding and to record their favorite shows without having to set a VCR timer or purchase videotapes.



▲ Chrysler rolls out its 1930s retro car, the PT Cruiser, in spring 2000. The five-door "personal transportation" wagon is a hot seller, beating the popular Volkswagen New Beetle by two to one in the first month. It also wins *Motor Trend* magazine's 2001 Car of the Year.

▼ Teens involved in anti-smoking organizations such as The Truth and Target Market strike back at Big Tobacco for marketing to youth, by launching their own in-your-face advertising campaigns targeting cigarette makers. The print and broadcast ads are sponsored by funds won from tobacco suit settlements.



Chris Hondros/Newscom/Corbis

Target Market



▲ The Millennium Force, the world's tallest and fastest roller coaster, opens in May 2000 at the Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio. The ride has a 300-foot drop and travels up to 92 miles per hour.

✓ A new computer video game called "The Sims," which simulates the life of a suburban family, develops a fanatical following with teens. Players create the characters and guide them through building a house, furnishing it, finding a career and running a family in their pursuit of happiness.



Maxis/Electronic Arts



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▲ Jim Carrey stirs up trouble in the town of Whoville in an adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. *The Grinch*, which opens in November, is the highest grossing film of 2000.



Everett Collection

▲ *Meet the Parents*, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller, opens in October. The movie wins Favorite Comedy Motion Picture at the People's Choice Awards, and De Niro earns a Golden Globe nomination.



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▲ In July, CBS launches "Big Brother," a reality-based show in which 10 people share living quarters for three months until all but one are voted out. Viewers can monitor contestants 24/7 on the show's Web site.



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▲ UPN's weekly series "WWF Smackdown!" starring professional wrestler The Rock is the network's most-watched show in 2000, with 7.3 million viewers.



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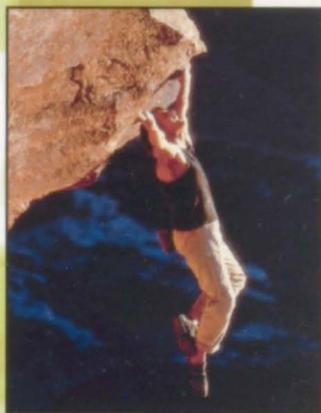
▲ In December, *Cast Away* is released, starring Tom Hanks as a crash victim stranded on a desert island for four years. For his nearly one-man performance Hanks wins Best Actor at the Golden Globes.

Koji Sasahara/AP/Wide World Photos

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The first big hit in 2001 is *Save the Last Dance*, which opens in January. The teen romance, starring Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas, earns close to \$50 million in its first two weeks.

Pay It Forward, a movie based on the idea of performing random acts of kindness, opens in October starring Haley Joel Osment, Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt.



Everett Collection

▲ Tom Cruise reprises his role as Ethan Hunt in the action sequel *Mission: Impossible 2*. The May release is summer's biggest box-office draw and 2000's second-highest grossing film, earning more than \$215 million.



✎ Gamers camp outside electronics stores to secure the long-awaited Sony PlayStation 2, which goes on sale in October in limited quantities. The new version allows users to listen to CDs and watch DVD movies in addition to playing games.

Courtesy Electronic Arts



Popular television series prompt the introduction of board game versions. "Survivor" and "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" lead the list of new releases.

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In November, illusionist David Blaine is encased in ice for 62 hours in New York's Times Square, assisted only with air and water tubes and a catheter. Blaine, who was seeking notoriety over national TV, survives the stunt but requires hospitalization.

Russell Crowe becomes a household name with the release of *Gladiator*. The epic film wins a Golden Globe Award for Best Drama as well as an acting nod for Crowe.



NBC's White House drama "The West Wing," starring Martin Sheen, Allison Janney and Richard Schiff, sets a record for receiving the most Emmys in a single season with nine wins, including Outstanding Drama Series.



NBC's "Will & Grace" is one of television's 10 most watched shows in 2000. Actors Sean Hayes and Megan Mullally win Emmys for their roles as Jack and Karen.



Scary Movie, the Wayans brothers' spoof on horror movies, is among the year's 10 highest grossing films. The July release earns more than \$157 million and is voted the Teen Choice Awards Movie of the Summer.



Fox's "Dark Angel" is voted Favorite New Television Dramatic Series at the 2001 People's Choice Awards. The series, set in the year 2019, explores the life of a genetically enhanced heroine named Max.



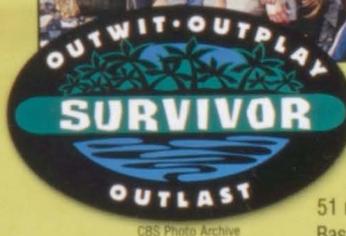
In July, *Wolverine*, Cyclops, Storm and other super-powerful comic book characters are brought to life in *X-Men*. The movie grosses over \$157 million, one of the year's 10 biggest box-office draws.



Charlie's Angels, based on the popular '70s TV series, is one of the top 20 box-office draws in 2000. The movie, starring director Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu, earns \$40 million its opening week in November and grosses more than \$123 million during its run.



The year's hottest TV show is CBS's "Survivor," in which 16 contestants compete for a million dollars by surviving on a tropical island for 39 days. More than 51 million viewers tune in for the final episode. Based on its success, CBS launches a second "Survivor" series in January 2001 set in the Australian Outback.



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▲ In response to the growing interest in Latin music, CBS airs the "1st Annual Latin Grammy Awards" in September. The show is the first primetime network Spanish language telecast on American TV and draws 7.5 million viewers.

▲ A new board game called "Hip-Hop Hall of Fame" capitalizes on the popularity of the music genre. Players make their way around an album-like board by answering questions about Hip-Hop performers, songs, culture and history.



▲ Hip-Hop remains one of the year's dominant sounds, with acts such as DMX, Jay-Z and Ludacris all making *Billboard's* Top 40 with new songs and selling more than a million copies of their latest CDs.



▲ N Sync's *No Strings Attached* becomes the top-selling album of 2000 with 10 million units sold. The lead single "Bye Bye Bye" wins three MTV awards and receives a Grammy nomination for Record of the Year.



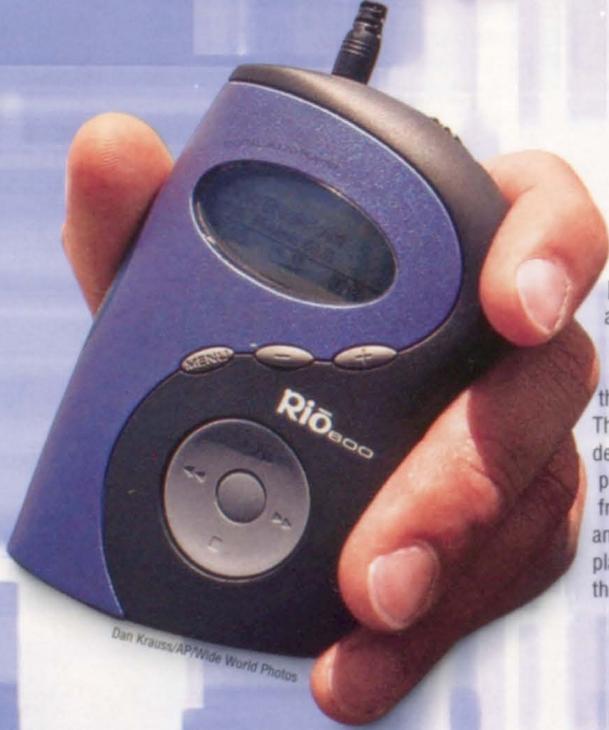
▲ Pop star Björk wins MTV's Breakthrough Video Award for "All Is Full of Love." The Icelandic newcomer is also nominated for a Golden Globe and a Grammy for her music in *Dancer In the Dark*.



▲ Macy Gray wins MTV's Best New Artist in a Video award for her hit single "I Try." Gray is also nominated for three Grammys.



▲ Lee Ann Womack wins the Country Music Association's award for Best Single with "I Hope You Dance." Womack also receives several Grammy nominations.

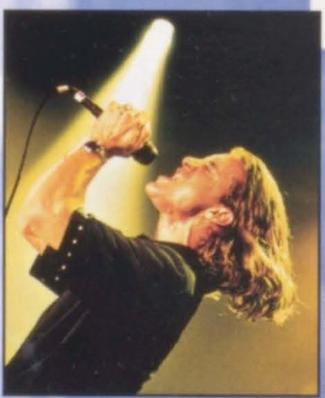


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▲ New brands and styles of portable MP3 players inundate the market in 2000. The new-generation devices store and play digital music from the Internet and feature more playing time than their predecessors.

Madonna scores a record-setting 12th No. 1 single with the release of "Music." In December, she weds director Guy Ritchie in a Scottish castle.

Irish artist Samantha Mumba makes the music charts in 2001 with her hit song "Gotta Tell You." The 17-year-old joins fellow countrymen U2 and The Corrs on the American airwaves.



▲ Creed, with lead singer Scott Stapp, proves to be one of 2000's hottest rock bands, with their singles "Higher" and "With Arms Wide Open" hitting the top 5 on *Billboard's* Hot 100 singles list. The group wins American Music Association's Favorite Alternative Artist and Favorite Pop/Rock Album.



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Opening week sales records are shattered in 2000 with benchmarks set for the number of albums sold. Britney Spears' *Oops...I Did it Again*, Eminem's *The Marshall Mathers LP*, Limp Bizkit's *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water* and Backstreet Boys' *Black & Blue* all break the million-unit mark.



The Beatles begin 2001 atop the *Billboard* album chart with the album *1*. The CD sells more than 5 million copies over the holiday season.

Sisqo, a member of the R&B band Dru Hill, goes solo in 2000. The singer tops the singles chart with "Incomplete" and "Thong Song" and takes home awards from *Billboard* and the American Music Association.



Chip Wass

Napster loses several court battles with the recording industry over copyright infringement. The popular online music sharing service, with over 60 million users, faces shut-down unless it can create a new business formula that satisfies the major recording labels.



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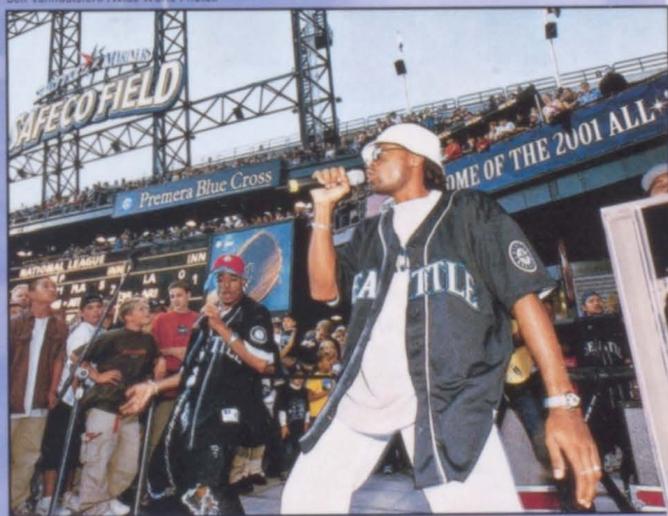
MTV's "Total Request Live," which allows viewers to vote for their favorite music videos, continues to gain popularity. Host Carson Daly becomes one of the year's best-known faces.

Destiny's Child achieves three back-to-back No. 1 singles in 2000, making the band *Billboard's* Top Pop Artist of 2000. The group is nominated for five Grammys, four for the single "Say My Name."

Faith Hill and Tim McGraw perform to sellout crowds on their Soul 2 Soul tour. Hill and McGraw win the Country Music Association's Female and Male Vocalist of the Year, making them the first couple to win in the same year.

Pink is one of the year's top new artists. Her debut album, *Can't Take Me Home*, sells 2 million copies, and two of her songs are Top 10 hits.

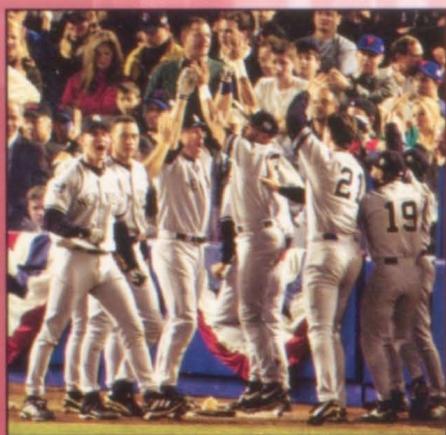
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Baha Men's hit song "Who Let the Dogs Out" reaches anthem status at sports stadiums across the country. The song also wins a Grammy nomination for Best Dance Recording.

Rock music dominates the music charts and award shows in 2000. Groups including matchbox twenty, Vertical Horizon and 3 Doors Down top both the rock and pop singles charts with their respective singles "Bent," "Everything You Want," and "Kryptonite."





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▲ The New York Yankees defeat the New York Mets four games to one in the first "Subway Series" since 1956. It is the Yankees' third straight World Series win and their 26th overall.

▼ American Marion Jones, 24, becomes the first woman to win five track and field medals in a single Olympic Games at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Jones wins the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the 4x400 relay, and finishes third in both the 4x100 relay and long jump.

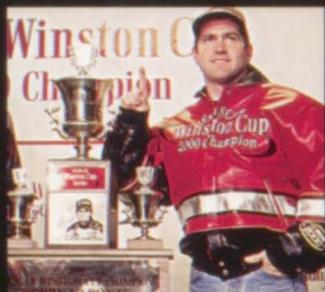


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Charles Neuharth/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Tiger Woods, 24, wins three of golf's four major tournaments to become the youngest player to win a career grand slam. Woods also breaks the earnings record for a single year with winnings of more than \$9 million.



Ric Felton/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Bobby Labonte wins the 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup, his first after eight years on the circuit. Labonte and his brother Terry, winner of two previous Winston Cups, are the first brothers to win titles.



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▲ The Houston Comets beat the New York Liberty to win the 2000 WNBA championship. The win is Houston's fourth in a row, and star Cynthia Cooper is named the finals MVP.



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▲ In the 2001 Orange Bowl, the underdog Oklahoma Sooners defeat the Florida State Seminoles 13-2 to win the National Championship. It is Oklahoma's first title in 15 years.



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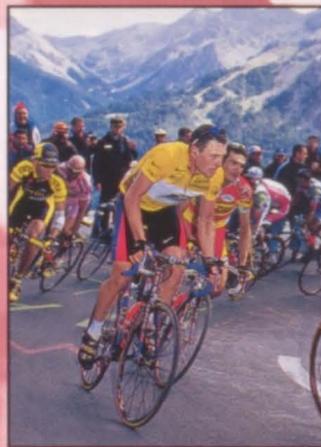
▲ Australian Karrie Webb is named the LPGA's Player of the Year for the second time in a row. Webb wins seven titles in 2000, including the U.S. Women's Open in July, and sets an earnings record of \$1.8 million.

▼ Venus Williams dominates women's tennis. The 20-year-old has a 35-match winning streak, which includes the titles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open as well as an Olympic gold medal.

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With a win against the University of Dayton in September, Yale becomes the first college team to win 800 football games.

In January 2001, after a three-year hiatus, legendary Mario Lemieux returns to play for the Pittsburgh Penguins, the hockey team he now part-owns. Lemieux becomes the first owner/player in the history of the NHL.



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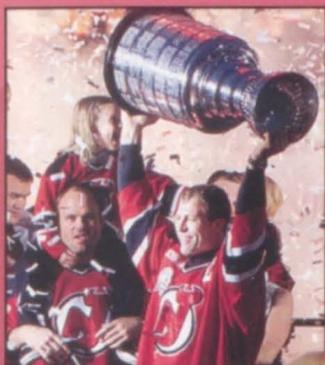
▲ Cyclist Lance Armstrong wins his second consecutive Tour de France in July. Armstrong, a cancer survivor, also writes his autobiography *It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life*.



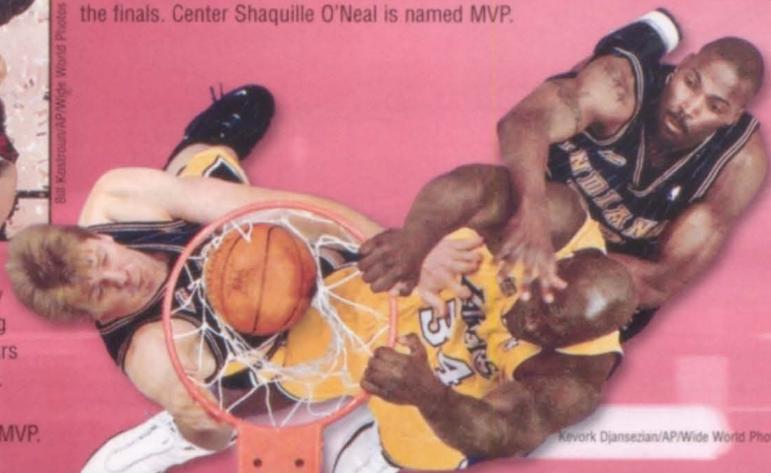
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✓ The Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA championship, the franchise's first in 12 years. The Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers in game six of the finals. Center Shaquille O'Neal is named MVP.



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The racing world is stunned when NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt Sr., a seven-time Winston Cup champion, is killed on the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February 2001. NASCAR does not retire numbers, but car owner Richard Childress said he will never again race Earnhardt's black No. 3 car.

Xtreme Football debuts in February 2001. The game combines conventional football rules with some of the mayhem of professional wrestling. Eight teams play in the league's first season.

▲ In June, the New Jersey Devils win their second Stanley Cup in six seasons by defeating defending champion Dallas Stars four games to two in the finals. Scott Stevens wins the Conn Smythe Trophy for postseason MVP.



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▲ Laura Wilkinson overcomes three broken toes to win the women's 10-meter platform diving competition. Wilkinson is the first American woman to earn the gold in this Olympic event since 1964.



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▲ In a huge upset, American Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner defeats Russian legend Alexander Karelin for the gold in the super heavyweight class. The loss is Karelin's first in 13 years.



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▲ American swimmer Misty Hyman beats out heavily favored Susie O'Neill of Australia to win the 200-meter butterfly. Hyman's winning time of 2:05.88 is an Olympic record.



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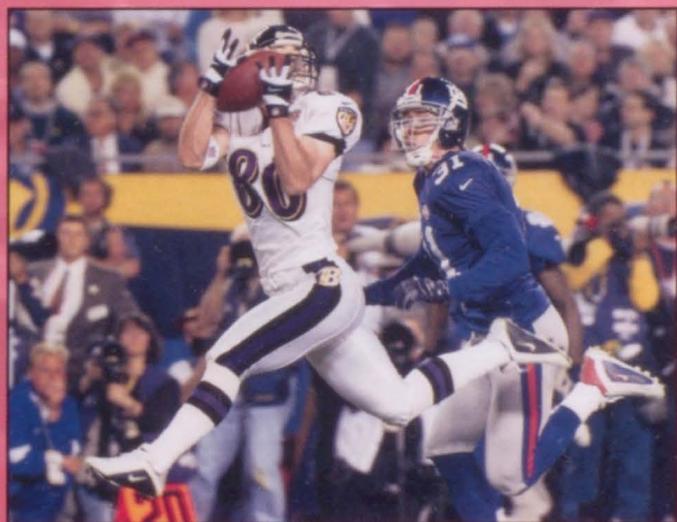
▲ American runner Michael Johnson makes history by winning the 400-meter run for an unprecedented second time in a row at the Olympics. Alvin Harrison, also from the United States, wins the silver medal.



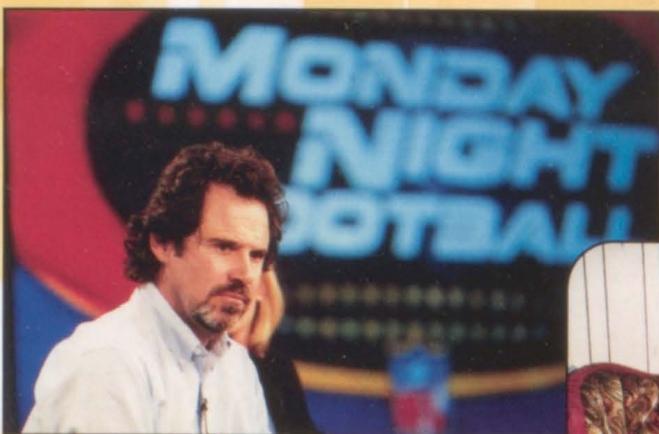
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▲ Cathy Freeman carries the Olympic torch at the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Freeman goes on to win the 400-meter dash, becoming the first Aboriginal Australian to earn an individual Olympic gold medal.

✓ The Baltimore Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV for their first NFL title. Ray Lewis of Baltimore's highly touted defense is named MVP of the game.

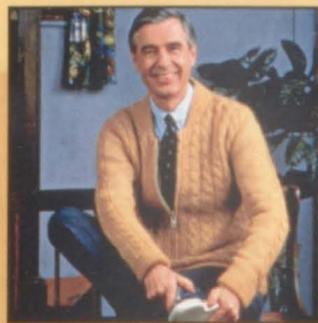


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Paula Prince of Port Richey, Florida, wins the sixth annual Ugly Couch Contest, sponsored by a slipcover manufacturer, with her vintage '70s entry. Prince and two other contest finalists appear on ABC's "Live! With Regis" in October.



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Fred Rogers, host of the children's PBS show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," announces he will tie his tennis shoes for the last time, when his final new episode airs in August 2001. Rogers will continue to work on Web sites, books and special museum projects.

Comedian Dennis Miller debuts as co-announcer on ABC's "Monday Night Football." Miller's offbeat humor gets a mixed reaction from fans, and the series earns some of the lowest ratings in its 31-year history.



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To observe society and learn about himself, New Jersey native Brett Banfe, 18, takes a one-year vow of silence. He communicates by e-mail, facial expressions and business cards.



Andy Lyons/Allsport

Runner Marla Runyan, who is legally blind, becomes the first U.S. Paralympian to compete in the Olympics. Runyan places 8th in the 1,500-meter run at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia.



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England celebrates the 100th birthday of the Queen Mum, mother of Queen Elizabeth, in August. The beloved Mum becomes the oldest living royal in the history of the British Monarchy.



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In October, Slovenian climber Davo Karnicar becomes the first person to ski down Mount Everest. Karnicar's two-mile descent down the world's highest mountain takes five hours.

In honor of the late cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, 101 fiberglass Snoopy statues — each in a theme wardrobe — are displayed in Schulz's hometown of St. Paul. Several are auctioned off in October to raise money for aspiring cartoonists.

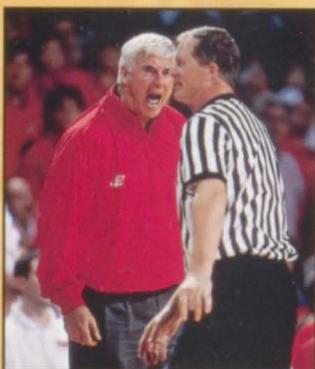


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Video gamer Josh Griffith, 17, starts a business filling in for other gamers involved in an online roleplaying game called "Asheron's Call." Players are required to put in hours of game time to keep their online characters powerful. Busy executives pay Griffith up to \$40 an hour to play for them.

After a record 3,545 wins and \$81 million in earnings during her 19-year career, jockey Julie Krone becomes the first woman inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame.



Andy Lyons/Allsport

Controversial Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight is fired in September after allegedly violating a University-imposed code of conduct. During his 29 years at Indiana, Knight was often criticized for temper outbursts. His dismissal provokes student protest demonstrations.

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