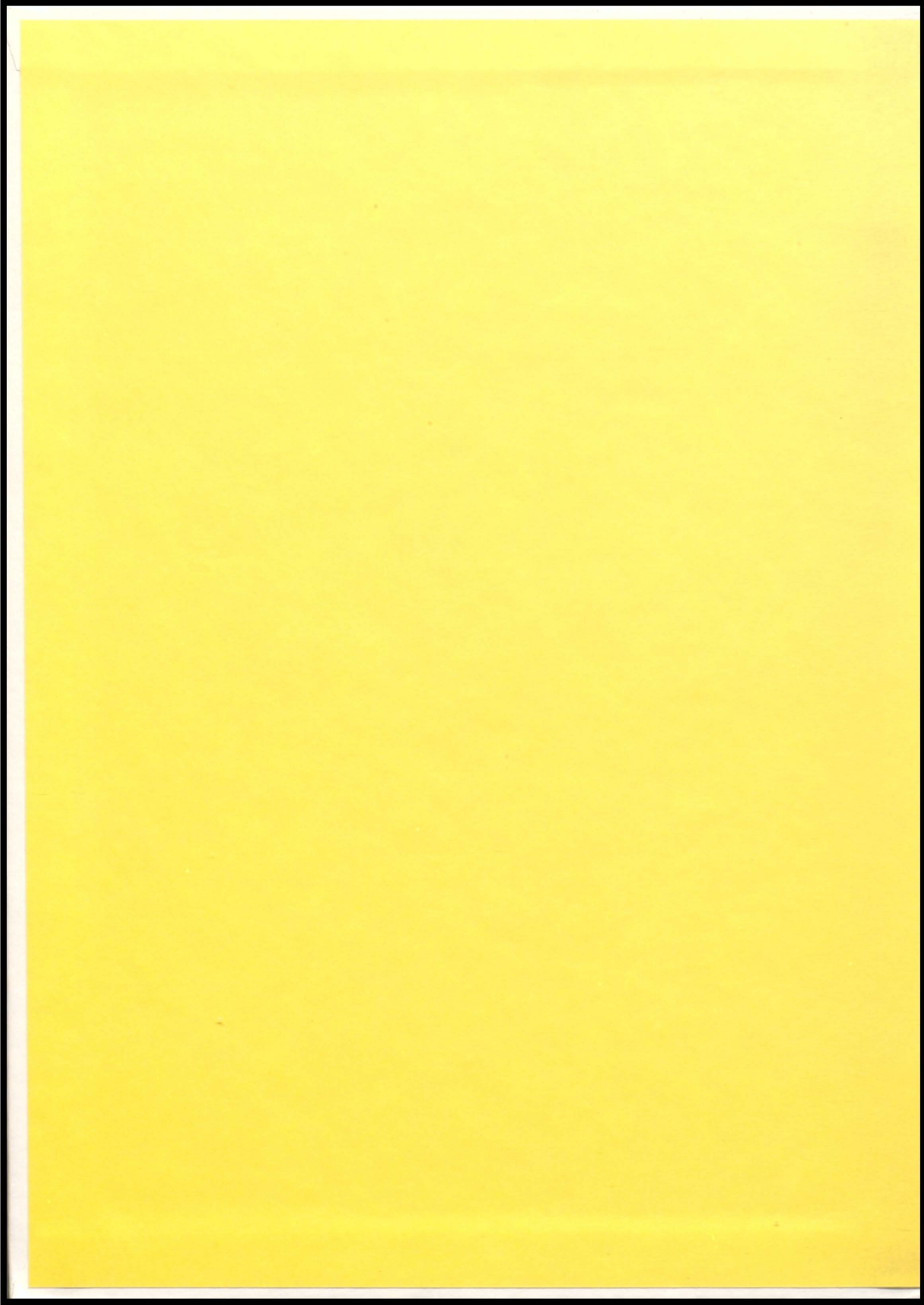


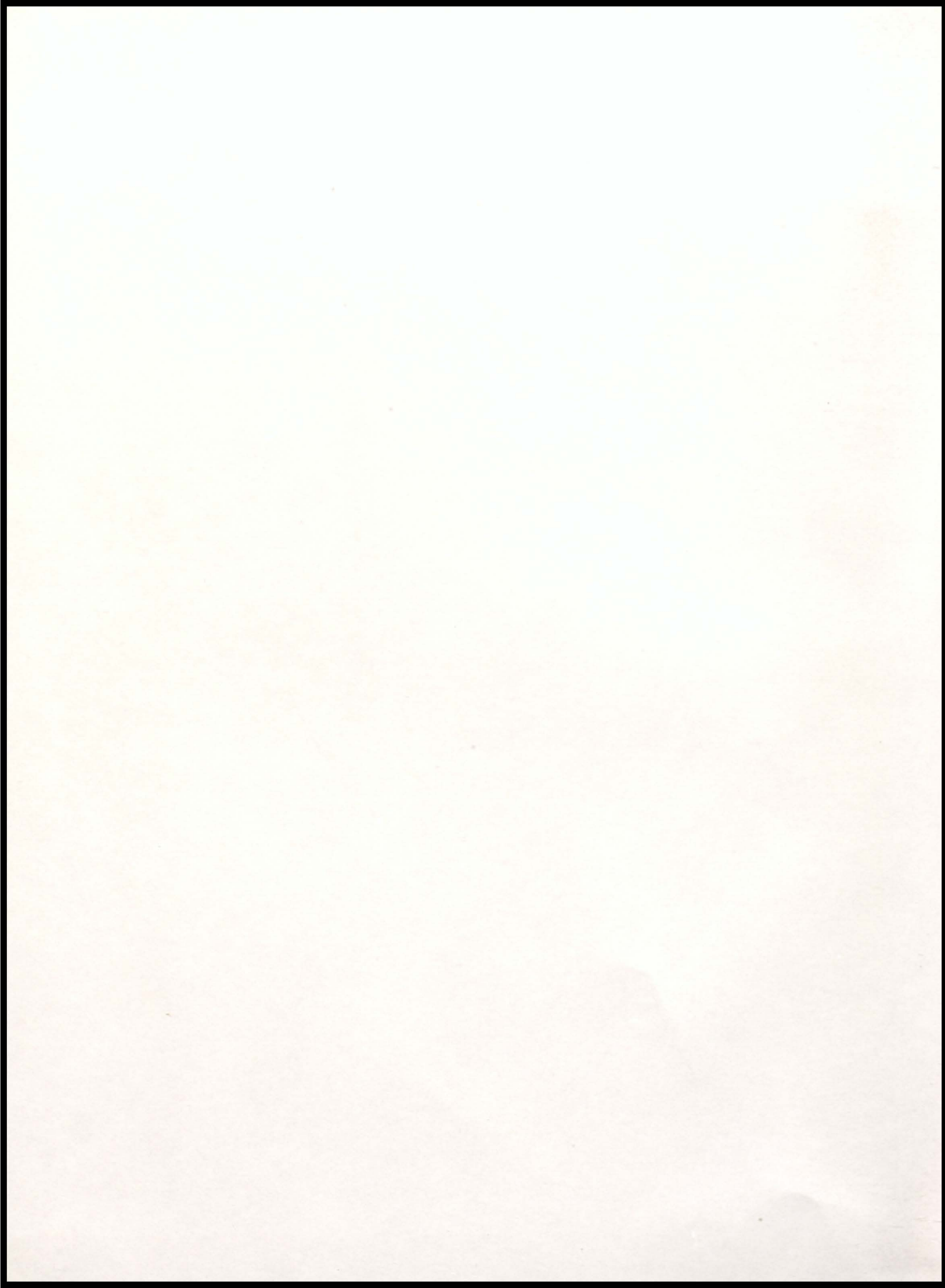


We have it all...
and then some

THE WILDCAT



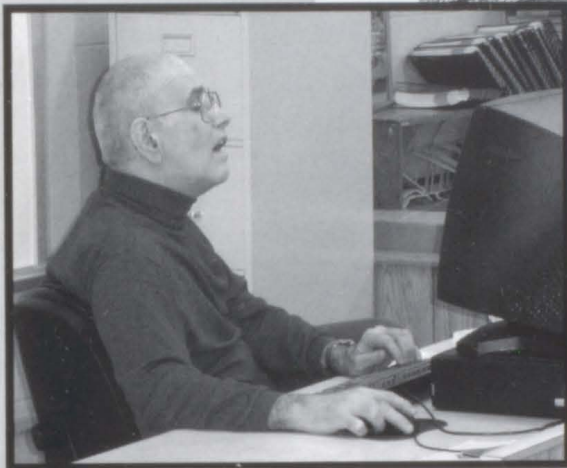




We have it all... and then some

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NETWORK CRASH
Mr. Duncan Robertson, the technology coordinator, will retire after this school year. After teaching for 35 years at NW, he and his sense of humor will be greatly missed.



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ALL IN A ROW

Fifth-graders sit patiently, waiting for Mrs. Shelley Fischbach to begin her computer presentation.



Known for excellence in every aspect of education, Northwestern School continues the tradition in the 2004-2005 school year. Statewide, followers notice the outstanding levels of athleticism and sportsmanship that the students possess. However, academic accomplishments also prove the students' intelligence. Both the high school and the elementary school were honored as distinguished schools according to standardized test performance. In addition to athletic and academic interests, students also find more ways to fill their busy schedules. Although the student body already actively participates in many school and out-of-school activities, students continue to challenge themselves by devoting time and talent to organizations. This devotion to numerous responsibilities comes from the benefit of living in a small, close-knit community, which grew this year with the addition of several students from the now-closed Cresbard School. These students add welcomed differences to the life at Northwestern. The consolidation provides even more opportunity for success by increasing the size of the school. Along with

the school's increased size, the curriculum has also expanded this year. Industrial technology, which was dropped a few years ago, returned as another elective option. With all of the opportunities, it is easy to see the positive impact that the school has on the students who attend classes here. All of these distinct advantages give

Northwestern students an extra edge when pursuing life after high school. However, in this stage of our lives, we are thankful to our families, the community and the school that have molded us. Sooner or later, each of us will come to the realization that at this point in our lives, **We have it all... and then some.**

We have it all... and then some



HOLD IT STEADY

"I think it's just great that we can have the atmosphere of a small school to go along with the class choices of a large school," senior Tanner Baird said. One of those many choices that Baird mentions is industrial technology, which was added as an elective this year with overwhelming success. Above, senior Andrew Overby, junior Alex Mitchell and Baird work on their technology project. Many students appreciated the extra option that the class gave them.





DONT MAKE ME LAUGH!

Sophomore Alyssa Fischbach ignores her own advice as she participates in her class's skit at homecoming coronation Sept. 21.



A FULL HEAD OF HAIR

Senior Sam Helling takes a break from leading cheers as he shows his support for the volleyball team by wearing a green-and-gold wig at the state championship match. The wig was a birthday gift from the senior volleyball players.

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JUST LIKE THAT

Sophomore Zane Peterson helps first-grader Allison Braun paint her pumpkin as first-grader Kirstin Borge adds her finishing touches. High school FBLA members organized the pumpkin-painting activity for the elementary students.



Dustin Hieb



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Kody Bullock, junior girls



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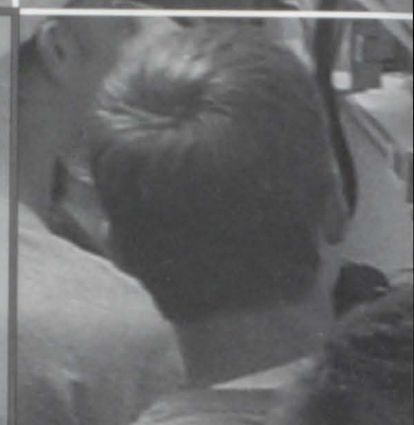
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PRESSED FOR KNOWLEDGE

High school and junior high students learn through hands-on activities in the Science on the Move truck. Students and parents were invited to explore the truck's activities, which NW science teacher Mrs. Denise Clemens arranged for by attending a week long workshop in Brookings.



"The school puts on really good activities for the students, like the science truck. It's educational and it's fun."
- Eighth-grader Thomas Morgan



"Attending a small school gave me the opportunity to get to know everyone really well, and I have more friends because of the small class sizes."
- Senior Jamie Christensen



Laura Bade



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Fourth-graders Calli Peterson, Travis Ladwig



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Kindergartner Darby Duncan



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Mr. Ray Sauerwein, principal



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We Have the faces of the future

The one-of-a-kind personalities that students bring to school help shape the school itself.

The students who attend Northwestern School and the faculty who point the students in the right direction represent many differing perspectives and ideals. In the student body, the diversity allows individuals to shine; not everyone possesses identical talents, but each student adds something special to the mixture of personalities present. As the students grow and change together, character radiates from each future teacher, doctor or lawyer. At this point in life, though, the scholars, musicians and athletes at this school create an atmosphere in which everyone can, and is encouraged to, succeed. With this success, the students' variety of personalities and identities show the entire community that

We have it all...and then some.

"I think we have one of the best schools in the state. The students and staff are great, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

-Mrs. Mary Bullock



Tanner Lynn Baird
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 Joshua John Braun
 Jamie Lee Christensen



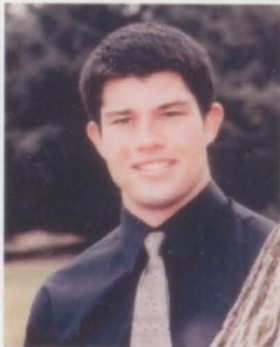
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Jennifer Mary Fix
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 Kelli Theresa Hammer



Samuel Paul Helling
 Dustin James Hieb
 Dustin Edward Hoellein
 Walker Lee Holsing



Darren Michael Jilek
 Daniel Aaron Kirschenmann
 Regan Shea Kretschmar
 Ivan Kristel



Class of 2005 Seniors

We've had good times...
and then some



Megan Renee Ladwig



Alexia Marie Lutter
David Robert O'Daniel
Aaron Jon Olson
Andrew John Overby



Stephanie Priscilla Peterson
Casey James Young
Daniel Kenneth Price Young
Austin William Zens



Tanner Baird
 Jeremy Braun
 Josh Braun
 Jamie Christensen
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 Ivan Kristel
 Megan Ladwig
 Alexia Lutter
 David O'Daniel



Aaron Olson
 Andrew Overby
 Stephanie Peterson
 Casey Young
 Dan Young
 Austin Zens



Looking back on the times

We have shared



KINDERGARTEN CONCERT

Back: Savannah Carr, Austin Fischbach, Mitch Steinhoff.
Middle: Dan Young, Alexia Lutter, Jeremy Braun, Darren Jilek, Aaron Olson. Front: Amber Genzler, Steph Peterson, Vanessa Schnoor.

PARTY TIME

Aaron Olson, Andrew Overby, Jeremy Braun, Austin Fischbach and Darren Jilek have fun at Dan Young's birthday party while Dan hides his face.

Seniors by the Numbers

- 5043 miles to Ivan's home in Slovakia
- 3498 Aaron's total career passing yards record
- 2004 year of Dustin Hoellein's new Ford Mustang
- 1500 dollars worth of damage Austin Z. has caused at Frericks' farm
- 684 boxes of Girl Scout cookies Jamie has sold
- 280 pounds Darren can bench press
- 279 estimated number of people Josh H. has shot with paintballs
- 94 total miles Jen drives to and from school every day
- 80 Austin Fischbach's height in inches
- 68 consecutive hours Sam spent unconscious after his accident
- 62 Regan's height in inches
- 52 people Walker got kicked out of chorus
- 51 days Jeremy's arm was broken before the doctors realized it
- 49.64 seconds in which Dan runs the 400-meter dash
- 35 Jodi's ACT score
- 22 number of Cristen's first cousins
- 19 length of Amber's hair in inches
- 16 animals Steph has killed with her car
- 12 inches of hair Kelli gave to Locks of Love
- 10.5 years David has been involved in rodeo
- 10 years Megan has taken dance lessons
- 9 weeks Dustin Hieb spent at basic training
- 8 maximum helpings of macaroni and cheese Tanner can eat
- 7 days A.J. spent at the International Science Fair
- 6 car accidents with which Casey has been involved
- 4 number of Mary's great-nieces and great-nephews
- 3 times the police have searched Josh Braun
- 1.5 years for which Lexi couldn't drink milk
- 0 classes in which Dan K. has stayed awake



ON THE PLAYGROUND

Clockwise from top: Cristen DeWitte, Mary Eisenbeisz, Kelli Hammer, Steph Peterson, Jodi Fischbach and Jamie Christensen pose on a slide at Storybook Land.



Diedra Artz
David Bierman
Marty Braasch
Kody Bullock
Maria Fechner
Caleen Fortin
Jordan Gab



Roxanne Gabler
Jessica Hammer
Amber Hansen
Jessica Hinner
Christina Johnson
Sarajo Kegler
Bryn Kleffman
Joanne LaVake
Alex Mitchell
Joel O'Daniel
Chase Peta
Jeremy Sitter
Ben Smith
Teri Smith
Derek Steward
Keith Waldman



Juniors

TOO MUCH TO DO

Sarajo Kegler, Teri Smith, Jessica Hammer and Christina Johnson work on their Algebra II homework.



ADMIRING TALENT

Bryn Kleffman admires the new mural that the art class painted. This is the third mural in the school.



LEARNING TO SEW

Alex Mitchell and Derek Steward listen to Mrs. Anne Frericks as she manages them instructions. The junior's business management class sold clothing that the students embroidered.

THE HANDYMAN

Kody Bullock applies what he learns in industrial technology. The Bullocks built a new home south of Ashton, and Kody did much of the fixture work himself.





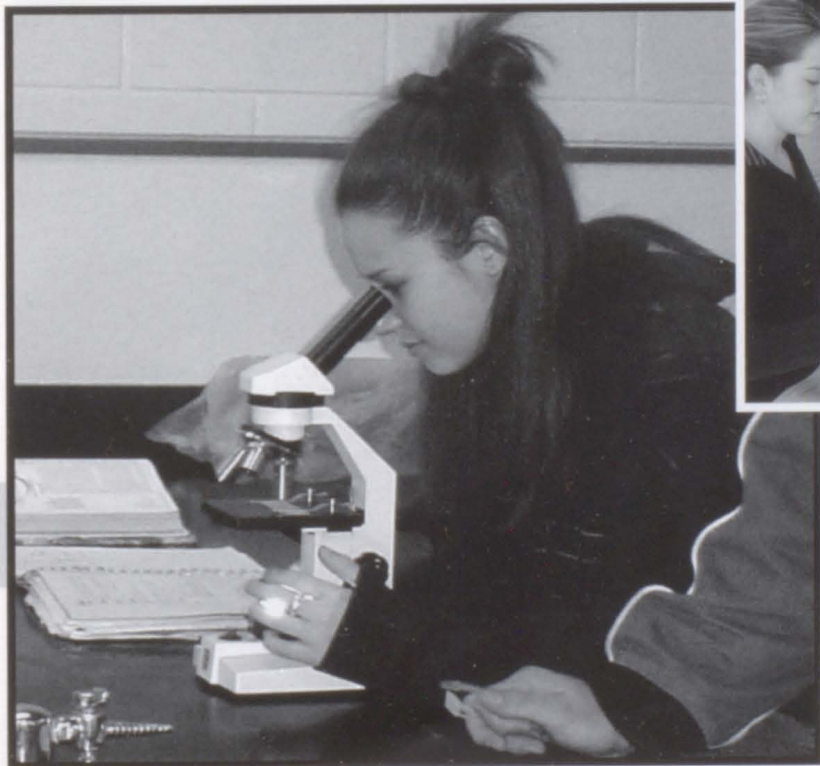
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 Caleb Kellar
 Kade Kellar
 Spencer Kienow
 Courtney Lerew
 Lesley Little
 Alisha Lutter
 Austin Morgan
 Jason Oberfoell
 Melany Peterson
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 Zane Peterson
 Cory Pochop
 Ginger Powell

Dana Spear
 Sam Voeller
 Jeff Wacholz
 Courtney Young
 Brittany Zens

Sophomores



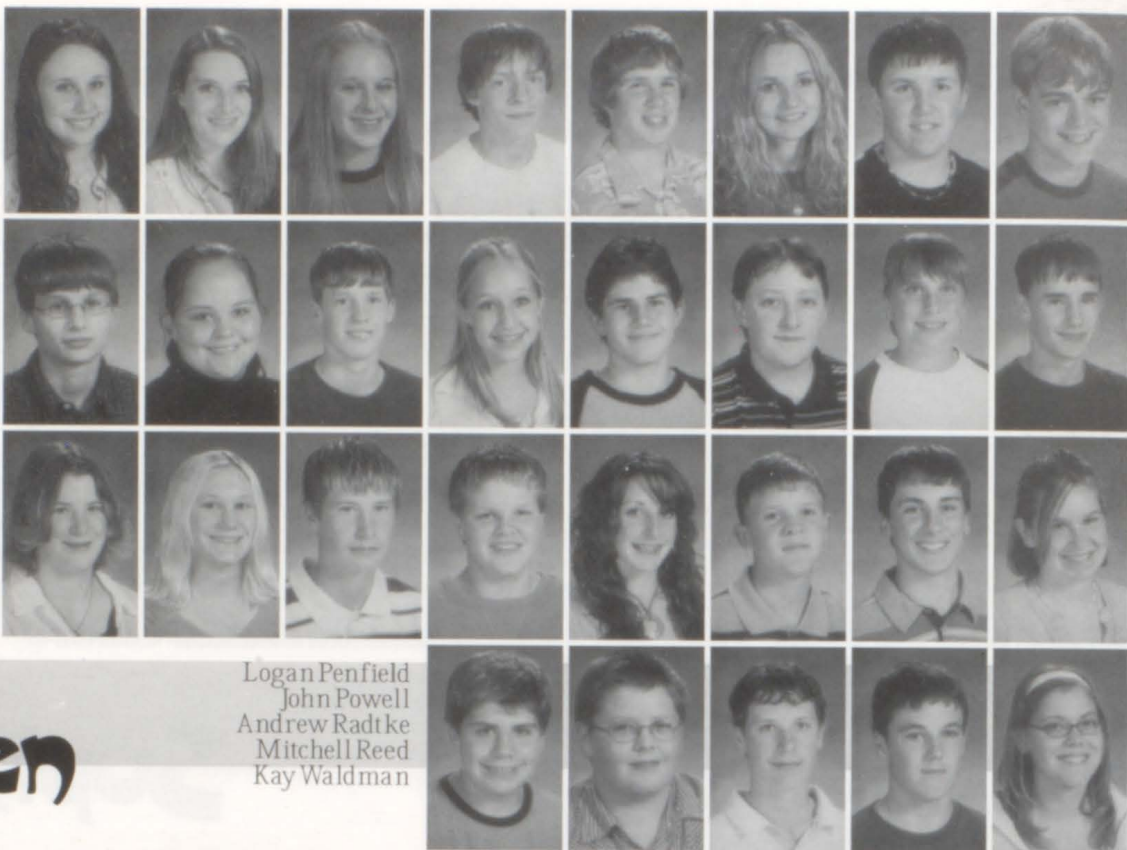
THINK, THINK
 Mackenzie Holsing, a new student from Cresbard, hides behind a box as she works on her journalism quiz.
LEARNING BY TELEVISION
 Zane Peterson and Nathan Peterson take Spanish I over the DDN system. This is their first experience with distance learning.



REFUELING AFTER A LONG MORNING
 The sophomores take a break from their busy day to enjoy the polish sausage and mashed potatoes.
MICROSCOPIC PARTICLES
 Jenny Halvorson uses a microscope in the science lab to look at onion cells more closely.



Ashlee Arthurs
 Brittany Bauer
 Kelli Boekelheide
 Benjamin Borchard
 Cole Carda
 Katelyn Dvorak
 Matthew Franck
 Alexander Funk
 Michael Graham
 Jenae Hansen
 Danny Haselhorst
 Elissa Heidenreich
 Travis Hieb
 Carl Hoellein
 Wyatt Holsing
 Jacob Horning
 Rebecca Hubbs
 Kali Jeschke
 Dalton Kretschke
 Terrance McLain
 Angela Morgan
 Nathan Nash
 Casey Oberle
 Sara O'Daniel



Logan Penfield
 John Powell
 Andrew Radtke
 Mitchell Reed
 Kay Waldman

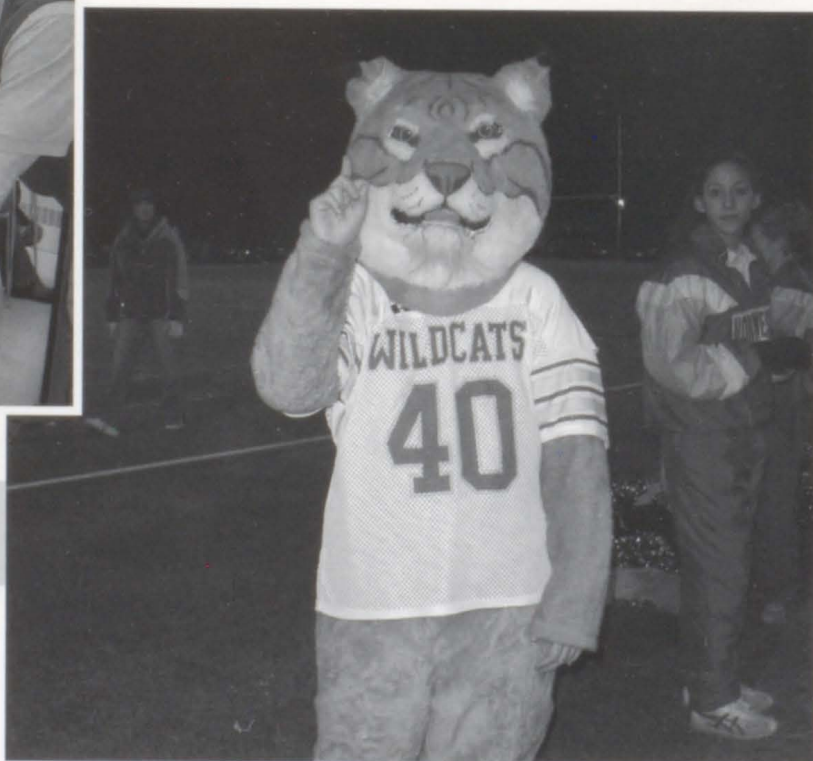
Freshmen

WHODID THAT?
 Mitch Reed, Cole Carda and Ben Borchard admire locker decorations.
TRENDSETTER
 Katelyn Dvorak models a new hairstyle on Buddy Day.



WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?
 Mr. Boone interrogates Travis Hieb in history class while Terry McLain concentrates on his work.

WILDCATS ARE #1
 Wearing the Willy the Wildcat costume, Kay Waldman shows her spirit for the football team on a cold night.





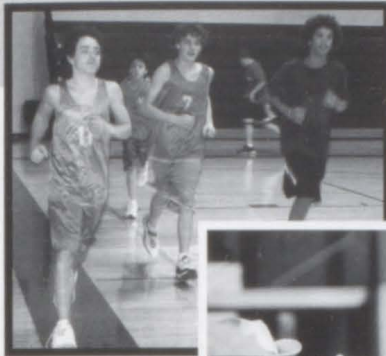
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Maggie Clemensen
Caitlyn DeWitte
Shari Fischbach
Kevin Ford
Morghan Groft



Alli Hawley
Beth Hinners
Rachel Hubbs
Caryn Johnson
Saven Lechner
Erica Lerew
Stephanie Mastel
Keylon Mayweather



Alexandria Metzinger
Thomas Morgan
Samantha Papousek
Lacey Powell
Mark Radtke
Desaray Schnoor
Jerehmi Stayner
Josh Wacholz



KEEP UP THE PACE
Eighth-grader August Cass runs during activity block.
HIT THE HIGH NOTES
Eighth-grader Shari Fischbach performs with the high school band in the Gypsy Day parade.



DRINK BREAK
Seventh-graders Stetson Kretschmar and Evan Morgan take a break from basketball practice to replenish their fluids.

Eighth grade

Seventh grade



Tyler Bisbee
Betsey Borchard
Korie Braun
Jordan Breeding
Ty Brown
Will Cass
Logan Clemensen
Alex Felkey



Colette Fortin
Landon Gab
Caroline Hansen
Alyssa Harmon
Nona Hawley
Alexis Horning
Stetson Kretschmar
Bryce Ladwig



Jenna Larson
Grasen Lechner
Evan Morgan
Cory Oberfoell
Brock Penfield
Carly Peterson
Megan Peterson
Gary Phillips



Anysia Reed
Jessie Sitter
Heather Stayner
Michelle Two Hearts
Zachary Wood

Casey Bade
 Alex Bauer
 Joni Boekelheide
 Joshua Clemens
 Kelsey Etl
 Amanda Finley



Rachel Finley
 Kara Fischbach
 Dalton Franck
 Hilary Frerick
 Taylor Funk
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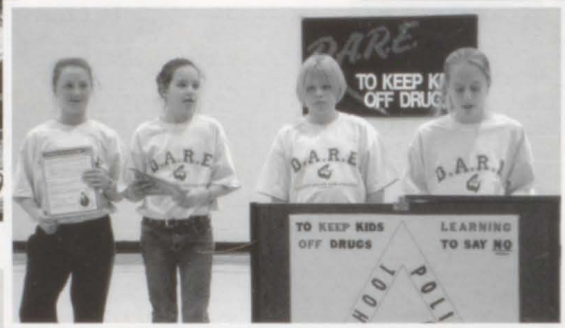
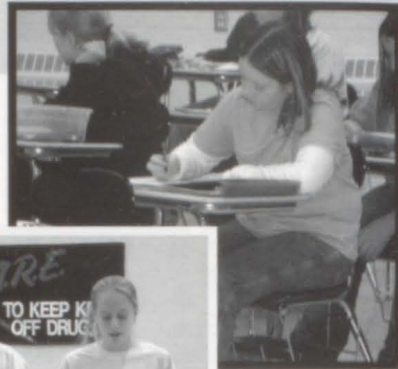


Sixth grade

TOSSING CANDY
 Sixth-grader Logen Lechner tosses candy to the side as the sixth-grade girls take in the parade excitement.



CONCENTRATION
 Sixth-grader Amanda Finley studies her English assignment.
STAYING DRUG-FREE
 Fifth-graders Justine Tuscherer, Madison Smith, Laine Mielke and Katrina Frericks read their DARE speeches.



Fifth grade

Alex Boekelheide
 Logan Brown
 Jared Fischer
 Katrina Frericks
 Laken Frericks
 Jennifer Lefforge



Adrianna Lutter
 Laine Mielke
 Gabrielle Morgan
 Shelbie Papousek
 Shelby Peterson
 Ruth Phillips
 Colt Pierce
 Madison Smith
 Kathleen Stuck
 Mariah Taylor
 Trevor Toennies
 Justine Tuscherer
 Jamie Wacholz
 Warren Walter
 Haley Wetzler
 Hunter Wood





Ashley Clemens
Shay Clemensen
Matthew Collette



Evan Finley
Landon Fischbach
Jake Groft
Anatasia Hafner
Alexander Hawley
Nathan Hawley
Kelsey Hoellein
Travis Ladwig
Courtlen Lechner
Ray Lerew
Calli Peterson
Stanton Roach
Trevor Rush
Ryan Shepherd
Kaitlyn Sparling
Melissa Thompson



I KNOW THIS ONE
Third-grader Nicholas Wood raises his hand to answer a question in class.

CREATING A MASTERPIECE
Third-graders Jeanna Duncan, Andrew Myers, Tyler Carda and Paige Metzinger listen to Mrs. Jennifer Schell's instructions.



DOWN TO BUSINESS
Fourth-graders Kelsey Hoellein and Matthew Collette concentrate on their science quiz.

Fourth grade

Third grade



Kristie Bade
Tyler Carda
Robert Collette
Jeanna Duncan
Matthew Fischbach



Kalen Frericks
Nathan Frericks
Madison Hahler
Donna Harmon
Jacob Heidenreich
Luther Johnson
Delbert Leonhardt
Jesse Lutter
Joshua McLain
Paige Metzinger
Andrew Palmer
Nathan Palmer
Skylar Sorenson
Alyssa Steward
Raven Wacholz
Nicholas Wood



Jordan Ashalintubbi
 Cierra Broer
 Zachary Duncan
 Tanner Dvorak
 Trace Hafner
 Hans Leonhardt
 Christine Morgan
 Katie Myers
 Hannah Palmer
 Natasha Papousek
 Jordon Peterson
 Tessa Rush
 Tyler Schocker
 Corbin Smith
 Kennedi Sparling
 Blake Toennies



Second grade

Cory Walter
 Doris Wise
 Colton Zens



INTHELAB

Second-graders Hannah Palmer and Zach Duncan stare at their computer screens in the elementary computer lab. The elementary classes have computer classes once every week.



STRUGGLING WITH WINTERGEAR

First-grader Dekota Parras sits on the floor, trying to remove her wet boots.



First grade

Austin Bain
 Ethan Bauer
 Rachael Boekelheide
 Cameron Bohl
 Kendra Bohlen
 Kirstin Borge
 Hope Bowar
 Allison Braun
 Alex Collette
 Kate Finley
 Abigail Fischbach
 Darienne Frericks
 Brayden Genzler
 Isaac Groft
 Wyatt Hahler
 Sean Hauck
 Elizabeth Heidenreich
 Kaylee Hoellein
 Cody Lefforge
 Hunter Lerew
 Dekota Parras
 Nolan Peterson
 Mark Phillips
 Andrea Rausch
 Rachel Rausch
 Logan Schentzel
 Jerod Shepherd
 Chelsea Sorenson
 Codi Sparling
 Madison Styles
 Destinee Zens





Kane Bauman
Derek Boekelheide



Josephyne Clemens
Darby Duncan
Andrew Lefforge
Matthew Metzinger
Klarlyssa Schnoor
Haley Wacholz
Cody Wagemann
Austen Wiman

Kindergarten



FUTURE ARTISTS
Mrs. Jennifer Schell instructs the kindergartners on drawing in art class.

BUNDLES OF ENERGY
Preschool students come on Tuesday and Thursday mornings every week.



PRACTICING THE SKILLS

Kindergartners Austen Wiman, Josie Clemens and Klarlyssa Schnoor play basketball with volleyballs. The elementary students have PE once every week with Miss Kathy Graves, and their favorite activity is playing with the frog toys.

Preschool



Brandan Ashalintubbi
Hailey Boekelheide
Caitlyn Fischbach
Peyton Groft
Jarret Haven

Not pictured: Hunter Williams



Kaytelyn Little
Keaton Little
Joey Lutter
Austin Peterson
Sean Shepherd
Sadie Vander Wal
Darien Watson
Blaine Wright



Diane Artz - bus driver
Marilyn Battey - third grade
Bret Bierman - school board
Scott Boone - sixth-grade social studies, eighth-grade world history and geography, 11th-grade government, 12th-grade U.S. history, assistant football, girls' track



Karla Borge - Title I instructor
Bob Braasch - bus driver
Pat Braasch - kitchen staff
Mary Bullock - special education paraprofessional
Paula Bures - Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, eighth-grade math, assistant volleyball



Christy Cardella - sixth- through eighth-grade English, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade literature, junior high and high school oral interpretation

Bill Clemens - bus driver, custodial staff
Denise Clemens - biology, chemistry, environmental science, sixth-grade math, Algebra I, FCA adviser, girls' basketball



Julie Czmowski - high school band and chorus, junior high chorus
Doug Duncan - second grade, assistant girls' basketball, junior high track

Northwestern Faculty

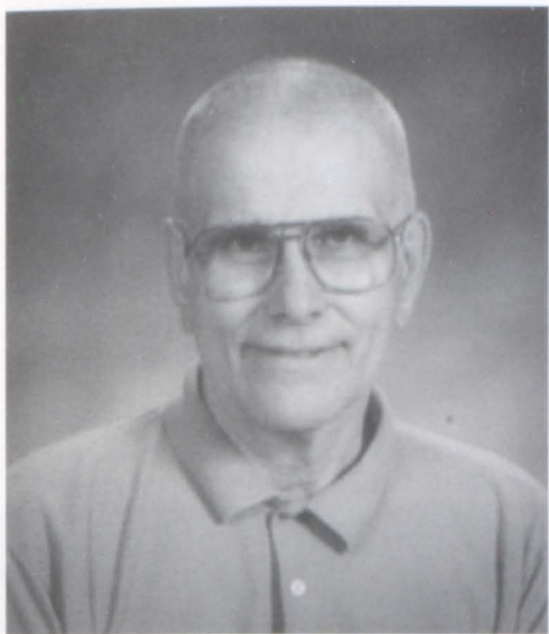
MAGGIE
 Miss Kathy Graves's
 four-year-old dog
 loves to run and catch
 footballs



We've seen it all... and then some

Roberta Eisenbeisz - sixth- through eighth-grade science, physical science, physiology
Shelley Fischbach - library, seventh-grade math, K-5 computers
Lisa Franck - school board
Orrin Freeman - bus driver
Anne Frericks - ninth-grade business/career fundamentals, accounting, business law, business management, advanced computers, FBLA adviser
Kathy Graves - K-8 principal, K-5 physical education
Nora Groft - English I, English II, English III, technical English, advanced placement English, journalism, volleyball
Tamra Haven - first grade
Roylene Heidenreich - fourth grade
Daryl Holm - bus driver
Kevin Horning - school board
Dave Hosley - Construction I, Construction II, exploring technology, manufacturing, energy and power, communication and transportation
Dennis Jeschke - custodial staff
Jeannine Jilek - special education paraprofessional
Larry Kegler - school board
Diana Larson - business manager
Judy Lindhorst - kindercare





Mr. Duncan Robertson retires after 35 years of dedication to education.

Regarded by many as the smartest man known to Northwestern, Mr. Duncan Robertson will give up his position as technology coordinator at the end of this year, leaving students and staff with memories of his teaching and sense of humor.

"This is the most challenging job I've ever had. It gets really frustrating when things don't work, and it's tough to keep up with the new developments, but the challenge is the most rewarding part of the job," Robertson said.

Though he has primarily served as technology coordinator for the past seven or eight years, Robertson has taught German, computers, science and math classes in the past.

"I've only known Mr. Robertson for a few short years, but I remember so many funny circumstances that bring a smile to my face whenever I think of him," Mrs. Denise Clemens said.



Real-life

MISTY

Mrs. Jennifer Schell's albino rat originally belonged to seventh-grader Alexis Horning.

NICKY

Mrs. Roberta Eisenbeisz's classroom hamster does not like children tapping on his glass.

Teachers' Pets



Vicky McLain - kitchen staff

Vicki Mitchell - kindergarten, first grade

Rich Osborn - senior math, Algebra I, geometry, seventh-grade math, seventh-grade computers, sixth-grade computers

David Peterson - school board president

Charlotte Purcell - kitchen staff

Diane Rasmussen - library aide

Jackie Remily - special education

Duncan Robertson - technology coordinator

Wade Rozell - fifth grade, boys' basketball, boys' track, junior high football

Ray Sauerwein - superintendent, athletic director, secondary principal, football

Jennifer Schell - high school art, K-8 art, independent art, seventh-grade geography, psychology/sociology

Zina Shepherd - kitchen staff

Laura Steward - Title I paraprofessional

Nichelle Stuck - preschool

Nancy Taylor - first grade

Wendy Thorson - K-5 music, fifth-grade band, junior high band

Amy Wacholz - kitchen staff

Nancy Young - administrative assistant

Mrs. Paula Bures



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Mrs. Roberta Eisenbeisz



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BREAKING NEW GROUND

School board members, administrators and students gathered to break ground on the new football concession stand that the Construction II class is building. The building, which is closer to the football field than the current concession stand, is the class's major project for the year.



"I appreciate the fact that our school is offering more advanced placement courses this year."

- Senior Jodi Fischbach

"I think an education is pretty darn important."

- Mr. Duncan Robertson

Mrs. Anne Frericks



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Mr. Duncan Robertson, DDN E-mentor



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Mr. Dave Hosley



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Mrs. Jennifer Schell



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We Have the skills for success

A caring environment for education provides students with a passion for lifelong learning.

Although Northwestern students excel in all aspects of school life, the school's main focus is undoubtedly obvious: providing an education that will enable each of them to succeed. Many students and community members overlook the quality of this district's distinguished educational system, but by any comparison, each NW student has great opportunities for academic competition and achievement. Educators expect great things, and the students exceed those expectations. To accomplish their dreams and aspirations, NW students rise to the demands of tough class schedules and even tougher school activities schedules. This test of will proves that

We have it all...and then some.

"Northwestern offers a wide variety of classes; however, I wish they would offer some different second language courses."

- Freshman Alex Funk



Math teaches problem solving

... Algebra, Geometry, Calculus ...



After two years using the Accelerated Math program for high school mathematics courses, classes returned to tradition, using textbooks and teachers' daily lesson plans. However, the junior high continues to use the program.

"Going away from Accelerated Math as the sole type of instruction gave me more control over my classroom," Mrs. Paula Bures said. "We also felt that switching methods was an effort to better prepare the students for college, vocational school or the work force."

Students saw both advantages and disadvantages to the change.

"This year, Mrs. Bures can explain topics to the entire class rather than explaining them individually as each student reaches that point," junior Christina Johnson, an Algebra II student, said. "But, Accelerated Math offered students the chance to cover more topics." Senior math students were given many options this year, although seniors are not required to take a math course. Three students took senior math at 7:30 a.m. over the Dakota Digital Network, based out of Northern State University. Five students chose a senior math class offered at the school by Mr. Rich Osborn. Two students opted to skip pre-calculus, heading straight for advanced placement calculus, which was also offered through the DDN.

"It's nice to have an in-school teacher for help as well as instruction. I also enjoy not coming to school at 7:30 in the morning," senior Darren Jilek, a member of Osborn's senior math class, said.

In addition to regular math classes, the elementary began using the Math Facts program to improve their accuracy and consistency.

WORK THROUGH IT
Mrs. Paula Bures helps junior Diedra Artz with her tough Algebra II homework during SRB.

A TOUGH TEST
Mr. Rich Osborn helps seventh-grader Gary Phillips with his test. Osborn, new to NW this year, teaches junior high computers and various math classes.

MATHCOUNTS WINNER
Eighth-grader Shari Fischbach proudly shows off her MathCounts medal. Fischbach received second place at the Roncalli Invitational.



MATH FACTS PRACTICE
Fourth-graders Trevor Rush and Jake Graft individually practice their skills through Math Facts. The students worked in partners for 90-second intervals.

THAT ONE
Seventh-graders Alyssa Harmon and Jordan Breeding point classmate Brock Penfield to the correct objective using Accelerated Math.



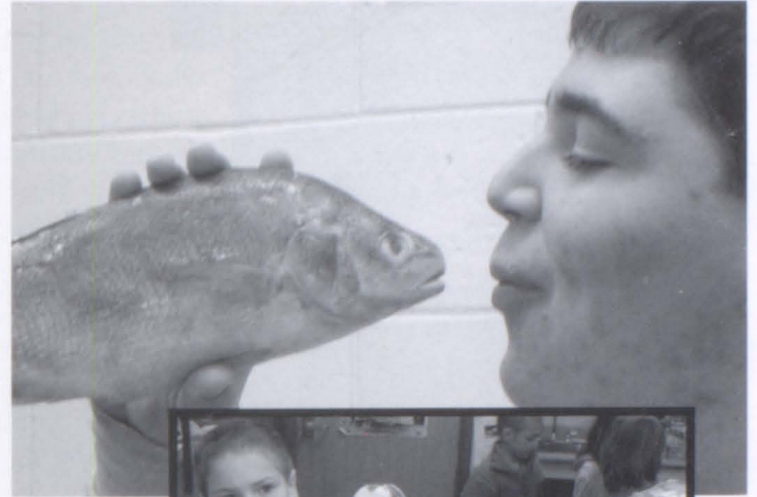


TO THE MILLIGRAM

Senior Jamie Christensen weighs a chicken bone during a physiology lab. Taught by Mrs. Roberta Eisenbeisz, the physiology class consisted of 15 students-13 seniors and two juniors. The students learned about body systems' and organs' locations and functions.

PUCKER UP, JOSH!

Sophomore Josh Hahler takes a break from dissecting to have a little fun in his biology class. All sophomores are required to take the class, which focuses on the study of all forms of life.



Science expands students' minds

... Physiology, Chemistry, Biology ...

From elementary to high school, Northwestern students increased their scientific knowledge through hands-on experiences.

The physiology class visited Presentation College's health careers day to learn more about fields related to medicine and science and to see the college's cadaver lab.

"Seeing the cadavers was really interesting, especially the expanded stomach from the obese person," senior Mary Eisenbeisz said.

Continuing its JAMES project, which tests the water quality of the James River, the environmental science class worked outside whenever possible. The students also tracked animals and studied other wildlife.

Biology, students' last required science class, allowed students to learn through more complicated labs, including many dissections.

"You learn new stuff about animals, and you learn how organisms work together," sophomore Josh Hahler said.

Chemistry students learned about the properties and structures of many elements and compounds and participated in many lab opportunities.

The local science fair was held March 7, and the winning projects advanced to the regional competition on the campus of Northern State University. All students in grades six through 10, plus juniors and seniors in chemistry or physiology, participated in the event. Several students even placed at the regional fair.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Third-grader Luther Johnson shows second-grader Tessa Rush the simple machine he made out of potato chip cans.

JUMP RIGHT IN

Senior Regan Kretschmar wades in the James River near Mellette as part of her environmental science class.

SCIENCE APPLIED TO LIFE

Eighth-grader Maggie Clemensen explains her science fair project to seventh-graders Lexi Horning and Carly Peterson.



Social Studies further awareness

... History, Geography, Government ...



"It's important for kids to be well-rounded and have knowledge about what's going on in the world," Mr. Scott Boone said. "I like teaching social studies because everything applies to it. We talk about current events, politics and history."



Boone speaks the truth, as students at Northwestern take classes in government, U.S. history, world history, geography and psychology/sociology.



All seniors are required to take U.S. history, taught by Boone. This year, however, the school also offered another option. Seniors Cristen DeWitte and Jodi Fischbach enrolled in advanced placement U.S. history, taught through the Dakota Digital Network.

At election time, the government class sponsored a mock election for junior high and high school students, with some of the results revealing similarities to the actual outcomes.

Mrs. Jennifer Schell taught both seventh-grade geography and psychology/sociology. The seventh-graders learned a lot about current events as well as geography.

The psychology class consisted of sophomores and juniors.

"In psychology, we learn about how the mind works and why people think the way they do," sophomore Melany Peterson said. "But I like sociology better, because it applies more to everyday life."

Freshmen learn world history and geography, eighth-graders take U.S. history and sixth-graders have social studies/history. Boone teaches all of those classes.

STAYING FOCUSED AT 8:30 A.M.

The senior U.S. history class learned at, but also left time for some entertaining stories, discussions and videos.

THE HUMAN MIND

Sophomore Jenny Halvorson completes her psychology worksheets. Psychology was taught by

Mrs. Jennifer Schell

THERE'S THE PROBLEM

Mr. Scott Boone explains to senior Darren Jilek exactly what the answer should have been.

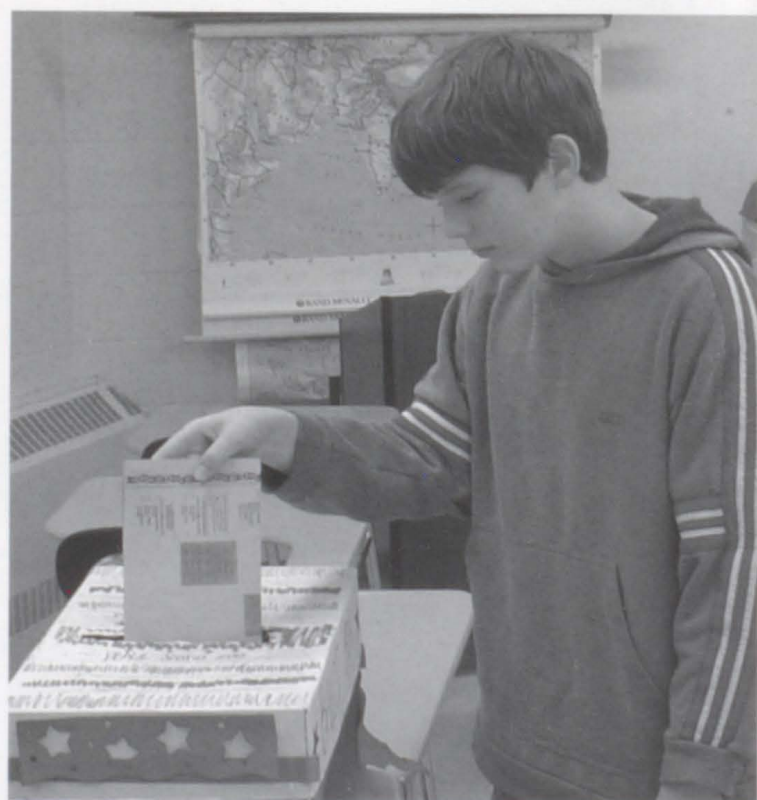


AT THE CAPITOL

Juniors Jessica Hammer, Calleen Fortin, Ann Hinner, Bryn Kleffman, Christina Johnson, Diedra Artz, Amber Hansen, Roxanne Gabler and Sarajo Kegler pose in front of the capitol on the government class's trip to Pierre.

A HEAD START ON SUFFRAGE

Seventh-grader Bryce Ladwig casts his vote in the mock election.



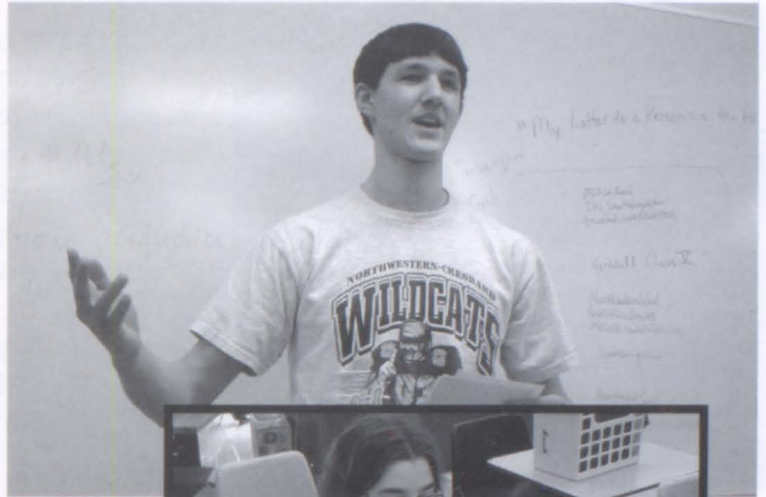


FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

Senior Dan Young, a member of Mrs. Groft's technical English class, saddles a horse by following an instruction manual created by senior David O'Daniel as an English project.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER

Sophomore Zane Peterson presents a speech to his class. Peterson won the Voice of Democracy speech contest that was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, earning himself a \$100 savings bond. To enter, Peterson had to record his speech on a cassette tape and send it to the Redfield chapter of the VFW.



English develops communication

... Speech, Literature, Grammar ...

Junior high students received the opportunity to use computers more for English this year with the introduction of the Accelerated Grammar program. The classes use this as a supplement to their usual English lessons.

"Accelerated Grammar is a review of all the grammar rules we've covered throughout the year," Mrs. Christy Cardella said. "We started using it during the second semester, because it makes the kids use what they've learned."

Additionally, Cardella added, the children enjoy the program.

"They're fun to do, and I think it's a good idea," sixth-grader Josh Clemens said about the activities.

All students, from elementary to high school, continued to use the Accelerated Reader program to encourage individual reading. The system awards points according to the difficulty and length of the book. The elementary used a competition to promote the idea.

Mrs. Nora Groft's advanced placement course for seniors proved to be challenging and time-consuming, while the technical English class learned through practical examples: creating letters, instruction manuals and various projects.

Juniors focused on American and British literature and kept daily journals. Sophomores also read literature, but spent their time giving speeches during the first semester.

"AP English has really prepared me for college," senior Cristen DeWitte said.



TRUE STORIES

Junior Ann Hinners reads an Accelerated Reader book during SRB. The juniors were required to read eight nonfiction books.

HE LOVES TO READ

Second-grader Tanner Dvorak checks out a book from Mrs. Diane Rasmussen in the elementary library.

LEARNING THE BASICS

Fifth-grader Mariah Taylor listens as first-grader Cameron Bohl reads a story.



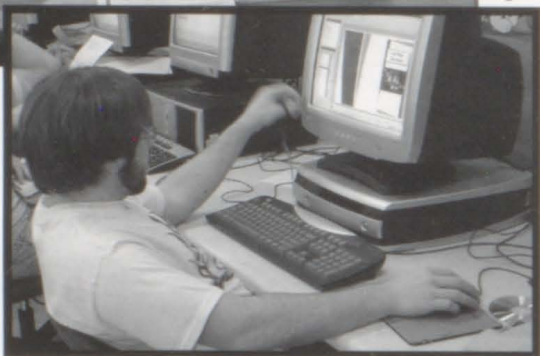


Business classes promote leadership

... Accounting, Management, Law ...



Northwester's wide variety of business courses allows students to pick and choose the classes that will be beneficial to them in the future. Freshmen were required to take a business/career fundamentals class that exposed them to not only the skills they will need in the workplace but also the jobs waiting for them.



The Accounting I class learned the basics of accounting for business proprietorships, partnerships and corporations.

Seniors in business law once again learned through a hands-on activity by presenting a mock trial to a jury of students and parents. Although the prosecutors presented a good case, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty because of insufficient evidence.

Juniors in business management operated their own business, Northwestern Ink. The class sold clothing and other Wildcat merchandise to students, parents and fans.

"Running a business is a lot harder than I thought it would be," junior Diedra Artz said. "When something goes wrong, you have to find another way to accomplish your task."

Junior high students learned more about keyboarding and computer applications through their business courses.

"I like working with Adobe Photoshop, because I like dealing with pictures," eighth-grader Morghan Groft said.

High school students also had the opportunity to increase their computer knowledge by taking one of two advanced computers classes, which created videos, spreadsheets, brochures, presentations and animations.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE
Freshman Angela Morgan smiles as she searches for an interesting career. Freshmen are required to take the career fundamentals class.

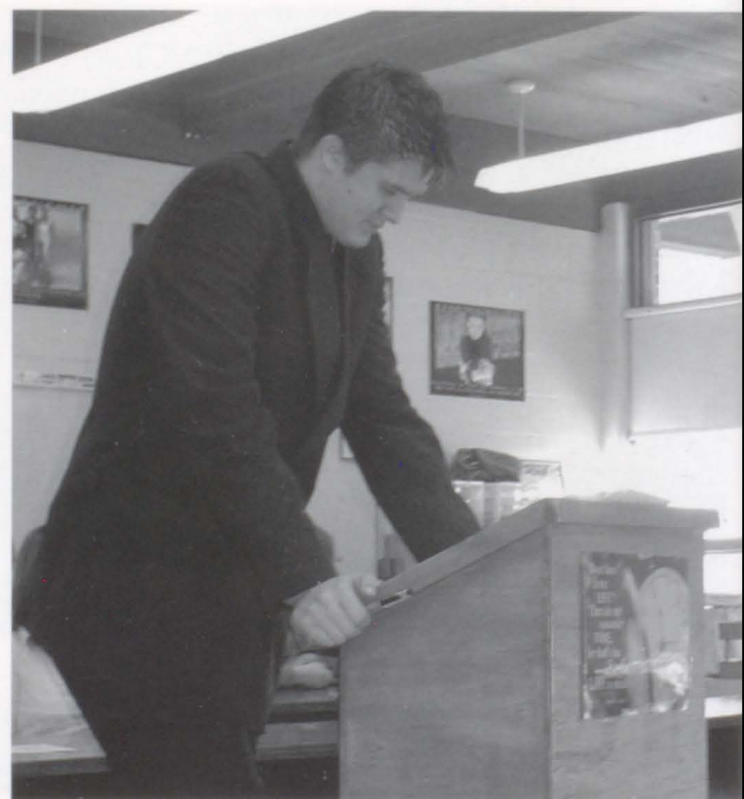
DEBITS AND CREDITS
Sophomore Dana Spear works on a worksheet in Accounting I.

ADVANCED, ADVANCED COMPUTERS
Senior Josh Braun works on the computer. Braun and junior Jordan Gab were second-year advanced computers students, so they mastered many new concepts.



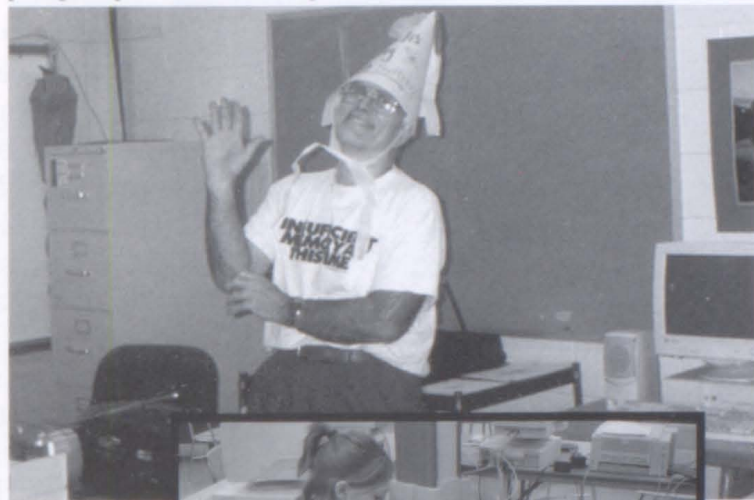
DECISIONS, DECISIONS
Juniors Joel O'Daniel, Ben Smith and Jessica Hammer evaluate their options as employees of Northwestern Ink.

FUTURE LAWYER
Senior Austin Fischbach argues for the defense in the business law class's mock trial. Fischbach's "client" was proved innocent.





LEARNING THE CULTURE ALONG WITH THE LANGUAGE
 Sophomore Jenny Halvorson uses yarn and popsicle sticks to create miniature replicas of a Mexican craft, God's Eyes. The Spanish I students' craft projects hung on the wall of the DDN room all year.
FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS (HAPPY BIRTHDAY)
 Mr. Duncan Robertson, the e-mentor for DDN classes, shows off his dance moves to the Spanish I class, which threw him a birthday party as part of a class requirement.



Spanish presents unique opportunities

... Learning a second language ...

Northwestern's foreign language department grew this year with the addition of a Spanish III class. All of NW's Spanish classes are offered through the Dakota Digital Network and Northern State University, and because of statewide interest, DDN offered the class for the first time.

However, senior Jodi Fischbach is the only NW student who took the class, which began every morning at 7:30 a.m.

"Although I don't enjoy coming to school so early or being the only student in the class, I really like the advanced content of the course," Fischbach said. "It's challenging yet fun to continue to learn new things about the language, and I plan to continue learning Spanish in college."

The Spanish II class also consisted of only one student, junior Joanne LaVake.

"I really liked being in Spanish. I had to do a lot of the group activities alone, so I didn't like that. We did a lot of fun projects, though, like a puppet show and a video in which I got to sell a product," LaVake said. "I like the projects that we do."

The Spanish I students, who had never taken a DDN class before, found the system to be somewhat different than a regular class.

"It's different than other classes, but it's easy to adapt to, and it can be kind of fun to have class through the television," sophomore Alisha Lutter said.



EARLY RISER

Senior Jodi Fischbach, the Spanish III class, uses the new DDN system that was installed in the library over the summer.

NO AMIGOS

Junior Joanne LaVake, the Spanish II class, listens to Señora Goetz through the DDN system.

DISTANCE LEARNING

For sophomores Spencer Kienow, Nathan Peterson and Jason Oberfoell, Spanish I was their first experience with distance learning.

Technology adds another elective

... Measurements. Plans. Construction ...



Technology proved successful as a new class option for high school students this year. Many students, both boys and girls, enjoyed the ability to participate in a very active class during the school day. The Northwestern students and faculty welcomed the addition of technology instructor Mr. Dave Hosley.

"It's fun to be able to teach your hobbies to students," Hosley said. "We have great students, staff, administration and community."

An energy and power class, made up of juniors and seniors, designed and built a car to race against other schools' cars.

"The class is really fun because we get to do a lot of hands-on work, and I enjoy that," senior Sam Helling said.

The Construction II class, made up of sophomores and juniors, took on the challenge of building a new concession stand for the football field. For the convenience of next fall's spectators, they started to build the concession stand much closer to the football field than the old concession stand is.

Freshmen in Construction I also learned the basics of building through large projects. The students used their skills to build small sheds, which were then auctioned off.

All junior high students were required to have technology on their schedules. The junior high classes included exploring technology, manufacturing and communication and transportation.

Before any building could begin, all students learned how to draw their ideas in the correct way. While this process could be slow, most of the students agreed that it was a necessary part of the job.

HEAVY MACHINERY

Sophomore Dana Spear drives a bulldozer at Construction Awareness Day in Aberdeen.

I WANT IT DONE MY WAY

Eighth-grader Caitlyn DeWitte consults Mr. Dave Hosley about her technology project. The eighth-graders split their time between technology and computers.

PRECISE ACTIONS

Eighth-grader Rachel Hubbs carefully assembles a small piece of her project.



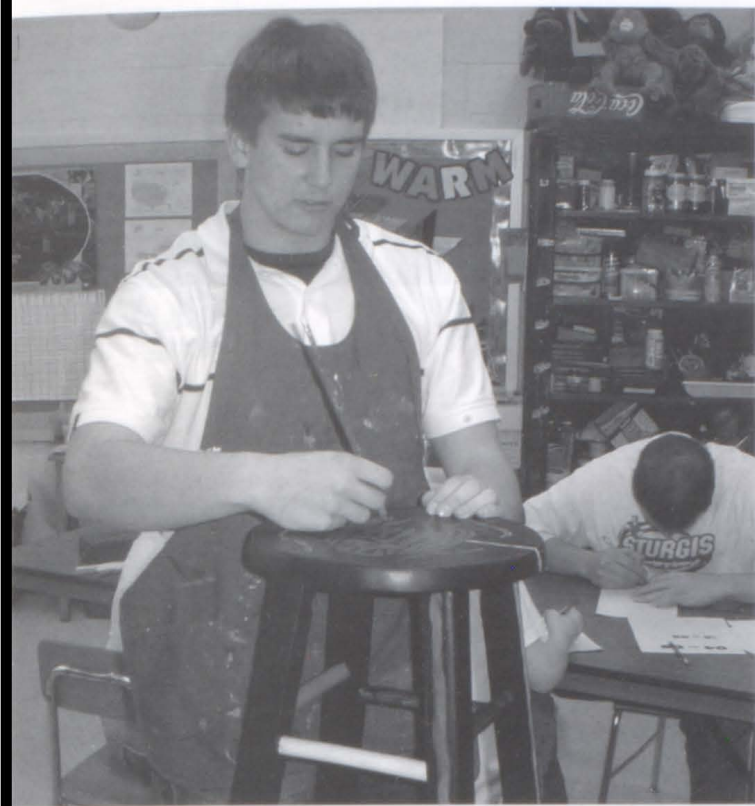
READY FOR THE RACE

Senior Sam Helling works on the energy and power class's car. They built the car to race it against cars built by students from other schools.

LAUNCH!

Seventh-grader Caroline Hansen gets ready to launch a rocket that she built.





ALMOST TOO BEAUTIFUL TO SIT ON
Senior Tanner Baird paints a detailed design onto the top of Mr. Scott Boone's stool. Members of the high school art class were each required to improve a piece of furniture.

A MELTING POT OF CULTURE
Junior Bryn Kleffman puts the finishing touches on the mural, which was painted near the Connections room. The mural highlights advancements and significant ideas in the United States.



Art allows creativity to flow

... Paints. Drawings. Creations ...

Northwestern's art classes kept themselves busy this year with many large and small projects.

"Going into the year, I didn't think I was going to like art, but Mrs. Schell and my classmates were quick to open my eyes to the wonderful world that is art," senior Tanner Baird said.

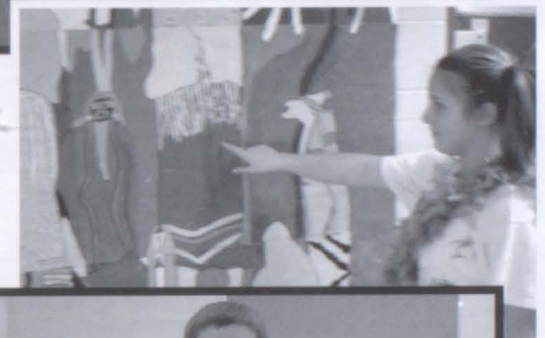
The high school students added yet another mural to the hallway near the Connections room. In past years, the class has used an aquatic theme, but the new mural focuses on a sense of patriotism.

"I am always astounded at the level of talent we have at Northwestern. We all notice the students' athletic abilities, but we forget that we also have excellent artists with incredible abilities. I myself am jealous of their artistic and creative talents," Mrs. Jennifer Schell, the art instructor, said.

Students also took art as an independent study course. Junior Kody Bullock painted a series of portraits of Mrs. Paula Bures's dog, Dolly. The junior high begins its art classes every year by painting author portraits, an element of the art/literature curriculum that Schell developed with Mrs. Christy Cardella.

During the second semester, the sixth-graders designed and created their own screen-printed T-shirt.

The junior high students also created several paper murals, which forced the students to work together to create one large project. One was the eighth-graders' *Old Man and the Sea*, which also corresponded with their English class.



WORKING HARD
Sophomore Courtney Lerew works during her art class. Interested in teaching, Lerew also serves as Mrs. Jennifer Schell's art aide.

PROUD OF COMPLETION
Sixth-grader Tyler Hahler points out her individual piece in the large paper mural that her class created.

GOING TO THE DOGS
Junior Kody Bullock shows off two of the paintings he created of Mrs. Paula Bures's dog, Dolly.

Eighth-graders Shari Fischbach, Steph Mastel



The Granary Art Show

First-graders



Elementary Music

Jordan Gab, Kody Bullock, Zane Peterson



Academic Challenge/
Battle of the Brains

Sophomore Spencer Kienow, Junior Joel O'Daniel



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A SOLID PERFORMANCE

The band marches down Aberdeen's Main Street in the Northern State University Gypsy Day parade. Directed by Miss Julie Czmowski, the band received third place in Class B.



"I like to make the craft at Connections, especially the candy bouquets."

- first-grader Kendra Bohlen

"I'm extremely proud of the hard work and effort that the students put into their performance. I love showing them off."

- Miss Julie Czmowski

"It was fun painting the pumpkins when I was there. I think it would be fun if the FBLA did it next year."

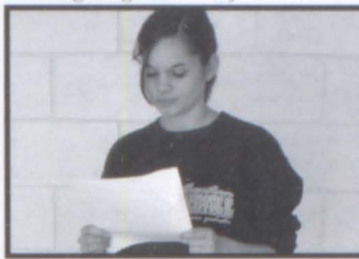
- first-grader Hope Bowar

Freshman Angela Morgan

Senior Stephanie Peterson

Eighth-grader Caitlyn DeWitte

Second-grader Hannah Palmer



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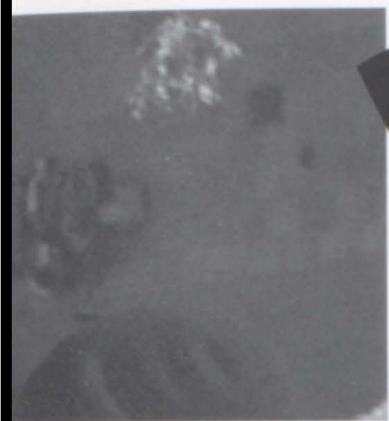
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We Have something for everyone

School-sponsored organizations allow students to learn in new ways

No good lesson can be fully taught inside a classroom, so students at Northwestern participate in many school organizations in addition to attending classes. Organizations provide for a well-rounded education. With proper supervision and guidance, students gain great experience through participation in organizations. Doors are opened to musical activities, business conferences and contacts or improved public speaking skills.

Organizations give students another opportunity for competition or satisfy their desire to belong to a group. Northwestern faculty oversee student organizations and provide structure to the groups. The opportunities that NW organizations give students show that **We have it all...and then some.**



HOW MUCH LONGER?

Senior Darren Jilek patiently waits for his blood donation to be complete. Jilek participated in the annual FBLA blood drive held March 24.

A LEADER IN ACTION

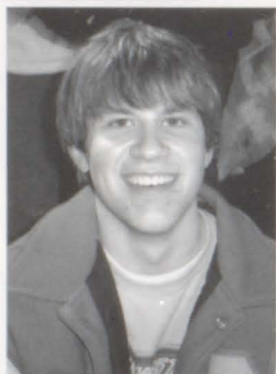
Senior Kelli Hammer gives a report at the state annual budget meeting. Hammer served as the 2004-2005 FBLA state parliamentarian.



What was the highlight of the state conference?

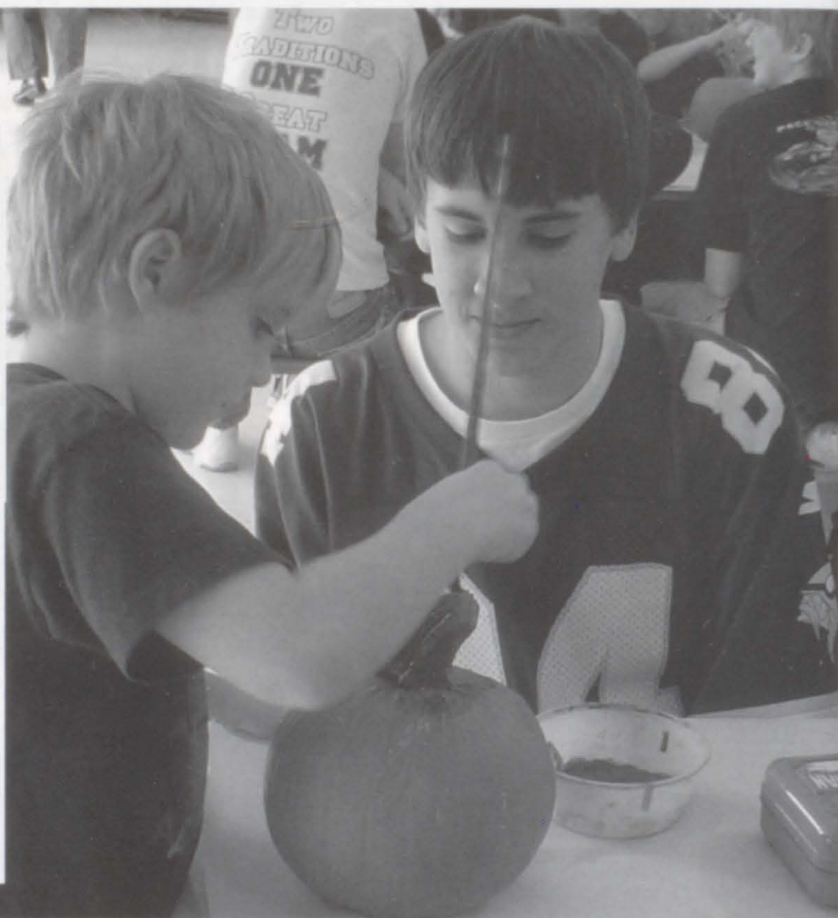
"State conference was a blast. It was cool qualifying for nationals and hanging out for a couple days. I'm going to miss FBLA a lot."

-Senior Dustin Hoellein



"I liked spending time with my friends, and it was fun listening to the keynote speaker."

-Junior Jessica Hammer



THAT LOOKS GOOD TO ME

Freshman Casey Oberle helps first-grader Ethan Bauer paint a pumpkin before Halloween. The FBLA chapter provided each elementary and preschool student with a pumpkin and helped them paint it.



Students prepare for the future

Future Business Leaders of America



FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA
Members of the local FBLA chapter who attended the state Spring Leadership Conference pose for a group picture before the awards ceremony.

The NW chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America had yet another exciting year through its many projects. The local FBLA chapter participated in a variety of different fundraising projects throughout the year that provided the money needed to pay for state conference expenses. The group worked the concession stand at all home boys' and girls' basketball games and sold suckers to students during Valentine's Day week. The group also operated a store inside the school, selling various school supply items, and collected "Box Tops for Education."

FBLA members also provided many services to the community. In the fall, members created Halloween cards and delivered them to residents of local nursing homes. Prior to Halloween this year, members of the FBLA chapter donated pumpkins, and each elementary or preschool child painted a pumpkin to take home. Each child received help from an

FBLA member.

"I think painting pumpkins was really fun because we got to interact with the elementary," sophomore Jen Halvorson said.

With the help of United Blood Service, the chapter also hosted a blood drive in the spring with students, faculty and members of the community donating.

The majority of FBLA members attend the State Leadership Conference each spring. There, the students hear from an annual keynote speaker, attend a variety of workshops, run for state offices and compete in competitive business events.

"I really enjoyed listening to motivational speaker Sam Glenn. He was really funny and inspirational," junior Jordan Gabs said.

The NW chapter had the largest attendance at the state conference this year. Many students succeeded in placing in the competitive events, and 11 people earned the right to attend the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla., this summer.



THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR CREATIVE VOICE

Sophomore Jen Halvorson campaigns at the state Spring Leadership Conference for the position of state historian.

THE MARCH TO ORLANDO

Freshmen Angela Morgan, Elissa Heidenreich and Alex Funk help support the March of Dimes program through fundraisers at the state conference.



HITTING THE HIGH NOTES

Sophomore Mackenzie Holsing and freshman Jenae Hansen play during a pep band performance at a home basketball game.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Freshman Danny Haselhorst, seniors Josh Halvorson and Jeremy Braun and freshmen Nathan Nash and Travis Hieb practice their choral music for their next concert.



What is your favorite part of music class?

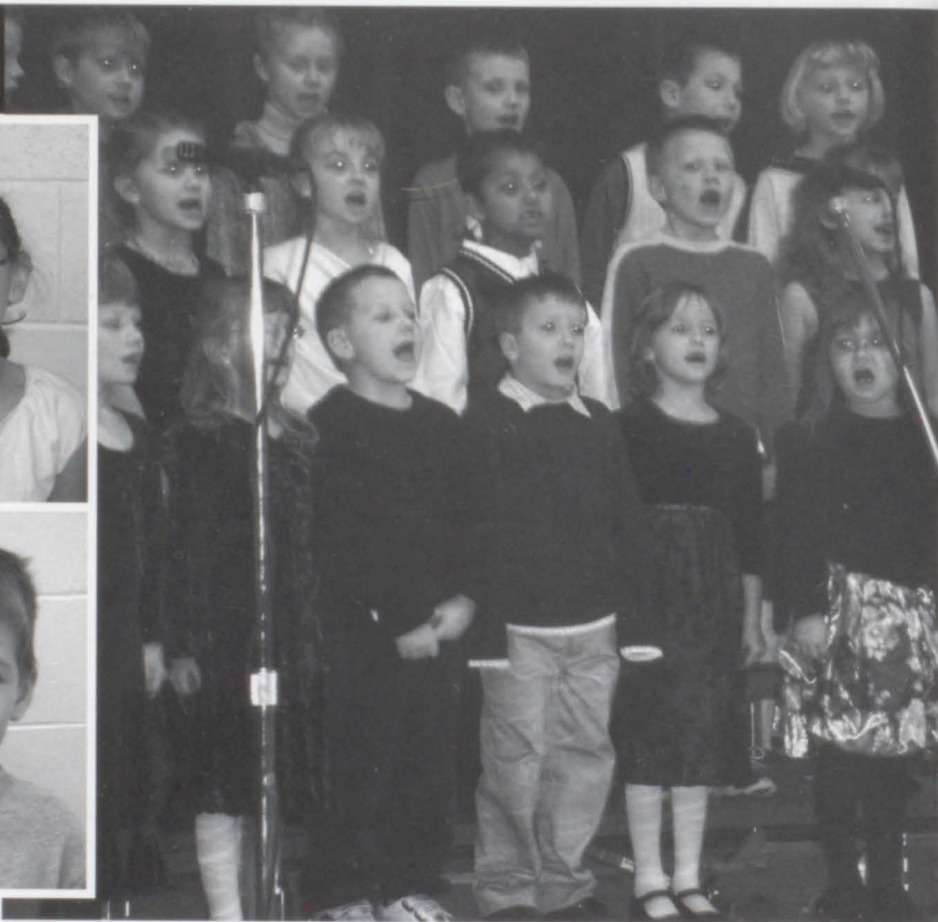
"We get to sing, and Mrs. Thorson lets us play the piano."

- Third-grader Paige Metzinger



"I like to sing, and I like to play music bingo. I also like playing games."

- First-grader Logan Schentzel




BRINGING IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The first-graders usher in the holiday spirit with their performance at the Christmas concert.



Music Program Enjoys Success

Band and chorus members receive honors in local competitions



HIGH SCHOOL BAND WITH EIGHTH-GRADE MEMBERS
 Front: N. Nash, D. Kretschmar, N. Peterson, A. Radtke, W. Holsing, B. Kleffman, J. O'Daniel, J. Stayner, M. Radtke, E. Lerew. Row Two: B. Hinners, B. Hubbs, D. Spear, S. Fischbach, C. Lerew, J. LaVake, A. Hawley, D. Fischbach, A. Hansen, D. Schnoor. Row Three: E. Heidenreich, M. Peterson, S. O'Daniel, J. Hansen, M. Eisenbiesz, L. Little, J. Christensen, C. Fortin, L. Bade, L. Lutter, Miss J. Czmowski, K. Hammer. Row Four: M. Ladwig, A. Morgan, M. Holsing, S. Mastel, C. DeWitte, A. Lutter, K. Waldman, K. Boekelheide, A. Fischbach, A. Metzinger. Row Five: B. Bauer, M. Clemensen, A. Funk, A. Arthurs, M. Franck, Z. Peterson, A. Morgan, A. Clemensen, K. Bullock, D. Steward, J. Halvorson. Row Six: D. Artz, T. Morgan, L. Penfield, C. Oberle, B. Borchard, J. Hahler, B. Smith. Row Seven: D. Hieb, M. Reed, C. Carda, D. Bierman, J. Braun, S. Kienow, A. Fischbach.



JUNIOR HIGH BAND AND CHORUS

Front: W. Wagemann, R. Hubbs, T. Funk, R. Finley, C. Johnson, R. Hubbs, L. Lechner, C. Bade, B. Ladwig. Row Two: A. Horning, L. Gab, T. Morgan, J. Stayner, C. Oberfoell, L. Clemensen, C. Fortin, D. Franck, M. Radtke, A. Bauer, B. Penfield, S. Kretschmar, E. Morgan, M. Smith. Row Three: B. Hinners, J. Sitter, J. Serfling, H. Stayner, A. Harmon, H. Frericks, K. Fischbach, A. Finley, C. Peterson, S. Mastel, J. Clemens, E. Steward. Row Four: A. Metzinger, B. Borchard, D. Schnoor, A. Reed, T. Hahler, M. Peterson, A. Hawley, S. Fischbach, M. Two Hearts, K. EtI, Z. Woods, L. Bade, J. Boekelheide, J. Larson, C. DeWitte, A. Morgan, C. Hansen. Not Pictured: M. Clemensen, K. Braun, E. Leonhardt, N. Hawley.

High school students and director Ms. Julie Czmowski worked diligently all year in preparation for different local contests.

In the fall, the band was seen marching the streets of Mellette as it got ready for different parades. The band marched in the Korean War Memorial Dedication parade in Pierre as well as in the Gypsy Day Parade in Aberdeen, in which the band placed third in Class B.

Following the parades, the band and choir settled down to prepare for upcoming concerts, including the Christmas, spring and pops concerts.

Along with preparing concert music, the band and chorus also participated in small group contest and large group

contest, in which students in both groups did exceptionally well.

"This year, both the band and choir have done nothing but improve. I would proudly compete them against any AA school," Miss Julie Czmowski said. Members of the junior high music department also remained busy throughout the year preparing for concerts and getting solos and ensembles ready for their annual junior high contest held April 16.

"Music is something I enjoy doing because different skills are required to do it, and not everyone can," sophomore Jenny Halvorson said. Halvorson was an all-state chorus member along with seniors Stephanie Peterson, Darren Jilek and Austin Fischbach.

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

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FCA gives students spiritual outlet

Student-led organization features prayer and camaraderie, as well as motivational support for the school's athletic teams

Throughout the year, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle remained active by hosting weekly prayer gatherings and occasional monthly meetings and by providing encouragement to students through inspiring quotes and special messages. FCA is referred to as a huddle to better describe the closeness the members share. The group is not comprised merely of athletes, but of

any students willing to participate.

Nearly every Wednesday morning, all students were invited to attend the weekly FCA meetings held in the computer lab. The meetings consisted of prayer, motivational stories and passages from various scriptures that provided moral guidance to students.

"I go to FCA because I want to grow closer to my school and community," senior

Jamie Christensen said.

When weekends were not filled with other activities, FCA hosted monthly "fun nights" as schedules allowed. During the "fun nights," members would participate in a variety of games, hear valuable messages from guest speakers and enjoy snacks.

"The meetings were a good way to share faith with other people," senior Mary Eisenbeisz said.

Before many important season games, the FCA huddle would also leave quotes or special messages in the lockers of players competing to help motivate them toward success.

Mrs. Denise Clemens and Mrs. Mary Bullock advised the group.

"I've really enjoyed helping with FCA," Bullock said. "They're all a great bunch of kids to work with."

Why is FCA involvement important to you?

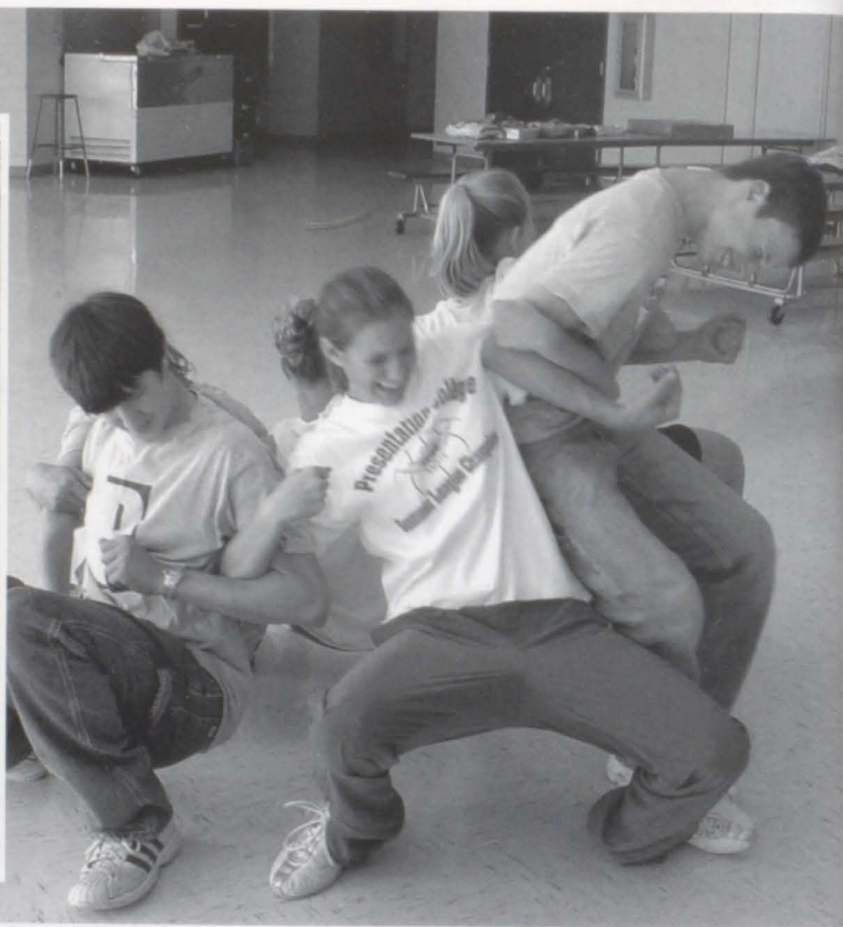
"FCA enables me to spread my faith freely with other believers. I'm really glad to see how many people have participated this year."

- Senior Alexia Lutter



"I'm involved with FCA because it's good to have fellowship with other Christians during school hours."

- Junior Derek Steward



A FUN SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sophomores Zane Peterson and Alyssa Fischbach and junior Derek Steward, along with other FCA members, attempt to stand while linking arms during a game at a monthly "fun night." When time allowed, FCA held monthly events in which the group enjoyed playing games, listening to speakers and eating snacks.



Oral Interpretation improves poise

Students gain confidence in their public speaking abilities

Twelve high school students participated in oral interpretation this year, competing in various meets and the local, district, regional and state competitions.

Several participants traveled to Watertown Oct. 30 to compete in the annual Pumpkin Stakes competition held at Watertown High School. Senior Jen Fix captured fourth place in the serious prose division. Because of the group members' high combined point total, they received first place in the Class B Sweepstakes division.

At the local competition held Nov. 3, all 12 participants recited their pieces. However, only eight students were allowed to advance to the district competition. Advancing to districts were seniors Kelli Hammer, who performed a humorous piece, and Fix, who performed in the serious prose division. Junior Ann Hinners, who gave a poetry performance, and sopho-

more Jenny Halvorson, with her oratory piece, also went on, as did the readers' theater group, consisting of seniors Hammer and Stephanie Peterson, juniors Hinners and Kody Bullock and freshman Alex Funk.

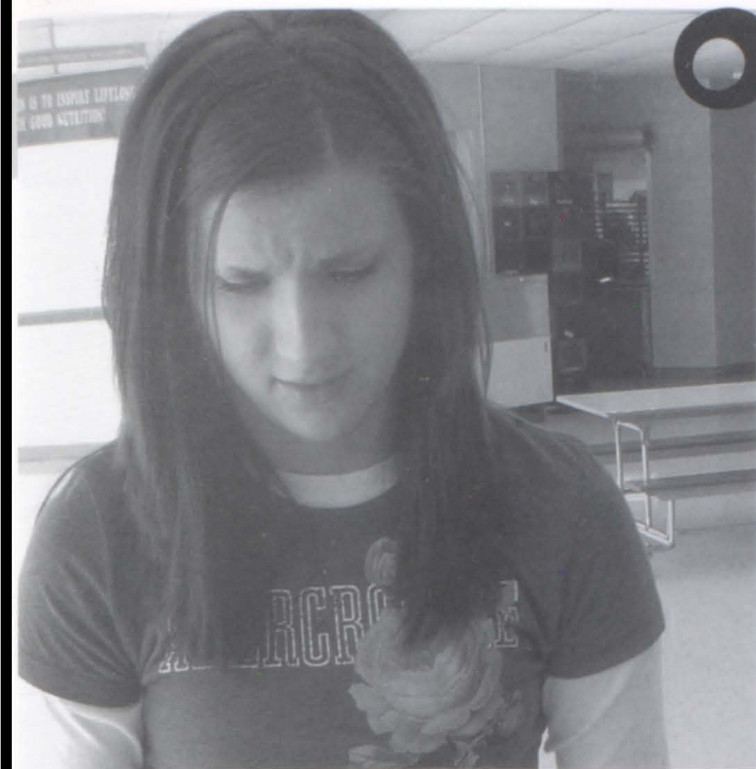
Judges also chose Fix and junior Roxanne Gabler's duet to advance.

From the district competition, Hammer, Fix, Gabler and Halvorson advanced on to the regional meet.

Because of their outstanding performances at the regional meet, Fix and Gabler qualified for state with their duet, and Fix advanced in the serious prose competition.

At the state meet held Dec. 3-4 in Pierre, both Fix's solo and her duet with Gabler received superior ratings.

"Overall, we had a very good year. Everyone worked hard, and we had two girls reach the state competition," Mrs. Christy Cardella said. "For next year, I just hope that everyone who was involved this year wants to be involved again."



PREPARING FOR STATE COMPETITION

Junior Roxanne Gabler practices her duet with senior Jen Fix, "Ask Big Sister." Gabler and Fix were the only NW participants to qualify for the state competition held in Pierre. Fix also qualified for state with her serious prose piece, "Map of the World."



HIGH SCHOOL ORAL INTERPRETATION

Front: Elissa Heidenreich, Angela Morgan, Ann Hinners, Stephanie Peterson, Jenny Halvorson. Back: Brittany Bauer, Alex Funk, Kody Bullock, Roxanne Gabler, Kelli Hammer, Jen Fix. Not pictured: Courtney Lerew.

JUNIOR HIGH ORAL INTERPRETATION

Front: Nona Hawley, Anysia Reed, Alyssa Harmon, Shari Fischbach. Middle: Jessie Sitter, Beth Hinners, Jenna Larson, Caitlyn DeWitte, Maggie Clemensen. Back: Alex Felkey, Cory Oberfoell, Rachel Hubbs, Stephanie Mastel, Alli Hawley, Laura Bade, Thomas Morgan, Zach Woods.

IT'S MY TURN

First-grader Kendra Bohlen, kindergartners Austin Wiman and Kane Bauman and first-grader Sean Hauck enjoy playing a board game together.

LET'S PLAY BALL!

Third-grader Skylar Sorenson enjoys a game of four-square on the playground after school



What do you like best about Connections?

“My favorite thing about Connections is learning about the different things during the clubs we do.”

- Fifth-grader Kathy Stuck



“I really like all the fun activities and free time.”

- First-grader Cody Lefforge



LOOK OUT BELOW!
Third-grader Nathan Palmer, kindergartner Austin Wiman, first-grader Kendra Bohlen and second-grader Hannah Palmer make their way to the bottom of the slide.



Students learn after school

Connections provides affordable after-school care.



ROLLING IT OUT

Preschooler Darien Watson and kindergartner Matthew Metzinger roll clay to make different shapes and objects. The children in the classes participated in many projects that enabled them to express their creativity.



KEEP WORKING

Connections adviser Judy Lindhorst helps fourth-grader Melissa Thompson with a tough math problem after school.

ALMOST FINISHED

Kindergartner Kларыssa Schnoor puts the finishing touches on the picture collage she created while at kindercare.

TheConnections, preschool and kindercare programs at Northwestern School provide learning opportunities for students in the elementary and preschool aged children.

After school, some elementary students regularly participated in the Connections program to begin fun after-school activities. The children had opportunities to participate in monthly clubs with a variety of themes, have a snack, get help with homework or play games with other children.

"I like to make the crafts, especially the candy bouquets," first-grader Kendra Bohlen said.

During the summer, theConnections group also took several field trips. They visited the zoo and the Washington Pavillion of Arts and Science in Sioux Falls, Seca Hollow and the Pickler Mansion in Faulkton.

"Zebras and horses were my favorite animals at the zoo," first-grader Chelsea Sorenson said.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year, eigh-

teen children attended preschool. At preschool, students learned necessary skills to develop their fine motor, dramatic play, sensory, science, art and math skills. The children were also given free time to interact with each other and play games.

Kindercare, another program in the organization, provided care to members of the kindergarten class during days on which the children did not attend kindergarten. This program provided additional time for the young children to sharpen their developing skills and improve social abilities with the other children.

To support their program, advisers, participants and parents of the participants completed a variety of fundraisers to raise additional funds for the self-supporting organization. These fundraisers included working concession stands at junior high and high school athletic events, selling coupons and hosting a fall craft fair.

Junior Diedra Artz, sophomore Amy Clemensen

Junior Joel O'Daniel, senior Aaron Olson

Senior Stephanie Peterson

Senior Walker Holsing



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FIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SEVEN YEARS

The volleyball team celebrates after winning its second consecutive state volleyball championship Nov. 20 in Watertown. The Wildcats defeated Mt. Vernon in the championship match. Northwestern now has state volleyball titles from 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2004

"We believed that we could win districts and make it to state basketball, and that's what motivated us."

-Senior Jennifer Fix

"Our boys' track team had a really good year, and we proved that our relays were the best in the state."

-Junior Joel O'Daniel

STATE CHAMPIONS

"Every player on our team has incredible talent, shows dedication to the team and to our goals and really deserves this success."

-Senior Jodi Fischbach

Senior Megan Ladwig

Sophomore Amy Clemensen

Senior Aaron Olson

Eighth-grader Maggie Clemensen



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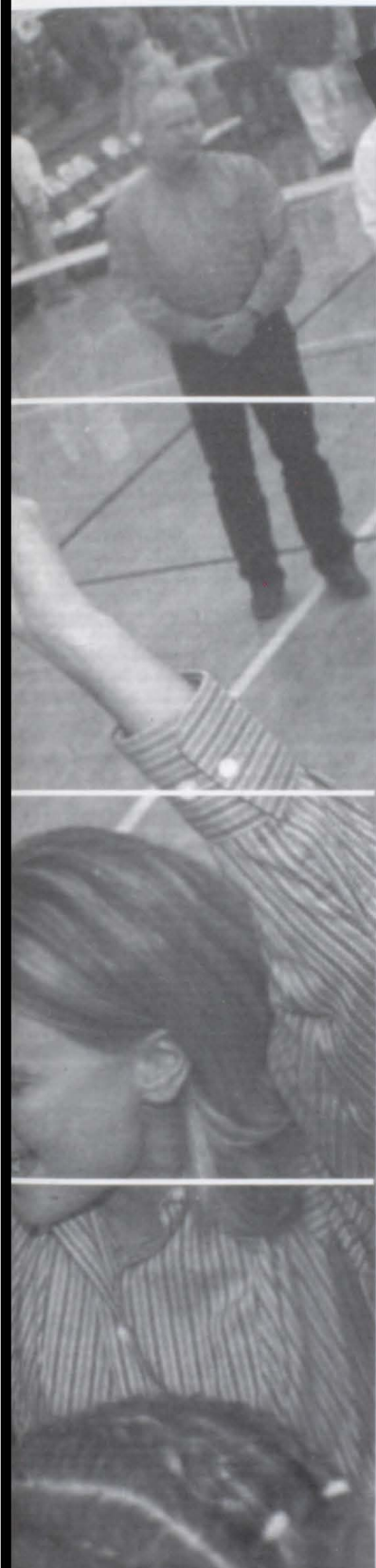
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We Have what it takes

Northwestern athletics continue to rise to the high standard that Wildcat tradition represents

Northwestern players and fans had little time to recover as football playoffs and a state volleyball championship gave way to exciting boys' basketball games and the state girls' basketball tournament. From there, the track season provoked excitement through the last weekend in May, finally finishing with a bang. Sports provide students with an opportunity to showcase their talents and community members with an opportunity to support the students and coaches. Northwestern has been very fortunate in recent years to produce successful teams in all sports. However, sports are not only about winning and losing. Sports teach students life lessons and prepare them for the future. We still love to win, though, so whether on the field, on the court or on the track, **We have it all...and then some.**



REACH FOR THE STARS
 Sophomore Alyssa Fischbach stretches her arm to hit over the Philip blocker.
ANOTHER PERFECT SET
 Junior Diedra Artz releases one of her 919 set assists.



KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL
 Sophomore Amy Clemensen watches her hit sail past the blocker at the state tournament in Watertown. Also a good blocker herself, Clemensen led the team with 100 blocks.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Front: Steph Peterson, Jessica Hammer, Jamie Christensen, Diedra Artz, Kelli Boekelheide, Christina Johnson, Ashlee Arthurs. Back: Assistant Coach Tracey Smith, Teri Smith, Amy Clemensen, Kelli Hammer, Head Coach Nora Groft, Jodi Fischbach, Alyssa Fischbach, Sara Jo Kegler, Assistant Coach Paula Bures.

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Front: Katelyn Dvorak, Kay Waldman, Elissa Heidenreich, Sara ODaniel, Brittany Bauer. Back: Assistant Coach Paula Bures, Kelli Boekelheide, Alyssa Fischbach, Mackenzie Holsing, Melany Peterson, Ginger Powell, Sara Jo Kegler, Ashlee Arthurs, Assistant Coach Tracey Smith.

FEELING THE NERVES

The team listens to the starting lineups before the state championship match at the Watertown Arena.

ANOTHER ONE FOR THE TROPHY CASE

Jamie Christensen, Amy Clemensen, Steph Peterson, Teri Smith and Jodi Fischbach celebrate while waiting to take more pictures after the state championship.

ABOVE THE NET

Seniors Kelli Hammer and Jodi Fischbach block the hit attempt of a Redfield player.





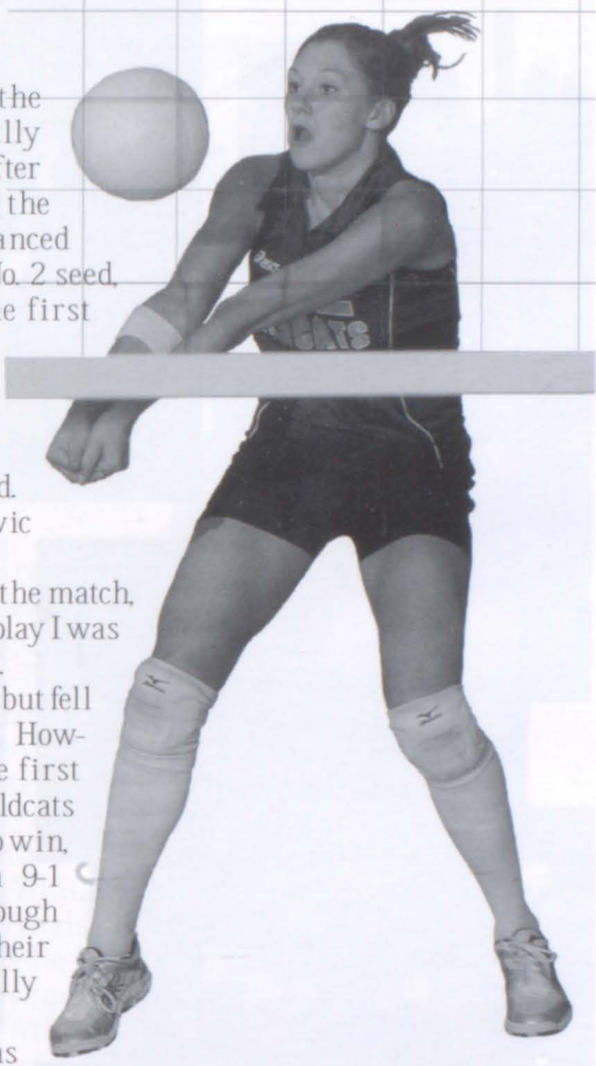
DOWN THE LINE
Junior Teri Smith soars as she pounds down another kill for the Wildcats. Smith finished the season with 277 kills.

Wildcats win second consecutive state title

Volleyball

Finishing with a 35-2 record, the Wildcat volleyball team successfully protected its state title in 2004. After playing a tough schedule during the regular season, the Wildcats advanced to the state tournament as the No. 2 seed, where they soared through the first rounds, beating Philip and Sully Buttes. Northwestern returned to familiar territory, the championship match, to face the Mt. Vernon Fillies, the No. 1 seed. NW fans filled the Watertown Civic

Arena to cheer for the girls. "I was a little nervous before the match, but as soon as we started to play I was fine," junior Diedra Artz said. NW played with enthusiasm but fell behind early in each game. However, they rallied to win the first two games. Although the Wildcats needed only one more game to win, Mt. Vernon jumped out to a 9-1 lead in the third game. Though the Wildcats recovered from their premature relaxation, their rally came too late to win the game. "After we lost that game, I was still confident, because I knew we wouldn't let it slip away," senior Steph Peterson, NW's first libero, said. A new rule this year, this player can substitute into the back row for any player but cannot serve or hit. Responding to the loss with a new energy, NW won the fourth and final game of the match 25-13 to secure the pair of back-to-back championships. When head coach Nora Groft held up the first-place trophy, another cheer sounded through the arena. "Winning the championship two years in a row was an awesome experience that I will never forget," senior Kelli Hammer said. Coaches named Artz, Amy Clemensen, Jodi Fischbach and Teri Smith to the Lake Region All-Conference team. Artz and Fischbach also earned first team All-State recognition. "We were successful this year because we had such a balanced offense," Groft said. "We played nine or ten girls all season, and we didn't have a weak link."



A PASS TO THE TARGET
Senior Jodi Fischbach completes a pass at the state tournament. Fischbach finished her career with 1,176 digs and 1,083 kills.

HAMMER FOR HAMMER
Junior Jessica Hammer replaces her cousin, senior Kelli Hammer, in the Wildcats' rotation, ensuring that a Hammer remains on the court continuously.

Scoreboard

Selby Area	25-20, 25-22, 25-12
Langford-Roslyn	25-3, 25-13, 25-9
Britton-Hecla	25-14, 25-5, 25-12
Warner	25-14, 25-22, 25-16
Clark	25-20, 25-19
Langford-Roslyn	25-13, 25-9
Madison	25-16, 16-25, 25-15
Sioux Falls Christian	25-19, 25-10
Miller	22-25, 21-25, 22-25
Gettysburg	25-18, 22-25, 25-19, 25-6
Aberdeen Roncalli	25-22, 25-16, 25-20
Warner	3-25, 25-11, 20-25, 25-14, 15-12
Redfield	25-7, 25-13, 25-20
Mobridge	25-9, 25-15
Ipswich	25-9, 25-8
Warner	25-13, 25-17
Gettysburg	25-12, 25-19
Aberdeen Roncalli	25-13, 17-25, 25-9
Webster	25-7, 25-8, 25-12
Faulkton	25-15, 25-11, 25-18
Andes Central	25-18, 25-21, 25-16
Redfield	25-21, 22-25, 26-24
Roncalli	19-25, 25-27, 25-15
Doland-Conde	25-16, 25-12, 25-9
Groton	25-5, 25-15, 27-29, 25-19
Leola-Frederick	25-11, 25-20, 25-8
Edmunds Central	25-6, 25-9, 25-9
Jones County-Midland	25-12, 25-14
Hitchcock-Tulare	25-12, 25-7
Sully Buttes	25-17, 25-22
Warner	25-18, 27-25
Districts - Doland-Conde	25-14, 25-8, 25-11
- Warner	25-21, 25-15, 25-23
Regions - Summit	25-9, 25-7, 25-6
State - Philip	25-7, 25-16, 25-19
- Sully Buttes	25-18, 25-12, 25-6
- Mt. Vernon	25-23, 25-17, 22-25, 25-13



WHOSE HOUSE? OUR HOUSE!
The team huddles to celebrate its
18-6 victory over Eureka-Bowdle

Nov. 1.

IN HOT PURSUIT

Josh Halvorson takes down a
defender. Halvorson, a senior,
participated in his first season
of football this year.



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Front: Travis Hieb, Nathan Nash, Dan Haselhorst, Ben Borchard, Cole Carda, Matt Franck, Dalton Kretschmar, Andrew Radtke, Wyatt Holsing, Logan Penfield, Casey Oberle. Row Two: Jacob Horning, Josh Hahler, Jason Oberfoell, Nathan Peterson, Spencer Kienow, Austin Morgan, Zane Peterson, Cory Pochop, Kade Kellar, Caleb Kellar, Terry McLain, Mitch Reed. Row Three: Sam Helling, Dustin Hieb, Jeremy Braun, Darren Jilek, Tanner Baird, Austin Fischbach, Dan Young, Josh Halvorson, Walker Holsing, Aaron Olson, Ivan Kristel, Josh Braun. Row Four: Marty Braasch, David Bierman, Joel O'Daniel, Asst. Coach Eric Borge, Asst. Coach Jesse Weideman, Head Coach Ray Sauerwein, Asst. Coach Scott Boone, Asst. Coach James Strang, Keith Waldman, Jordan Gab.

AND HERE'S THE SNAP

Senior Darren Jilek prepares to snap the ball before a play. Jilek has been the starting center for the Wildcats for the past three seasons.

MATCHING UP

The Wildcat offensive line prepares to wreak havoc on the Leola-Frederick defensive line.

BLUE 52! BLUE 52!

Senior Aaron Olson calls the play as the Wildcats make another scoring attempt.



REACHING FOR AN ADDITIONAL YARDAGE

Joel O'Daniel reaches for more yards before being tackled by a Highmore-Harold defender. The Wildcats defeated the Pirates 46-0.





RUNNING IT IN

Senior Aaron Olson runs the ball for a touchdown. Olson broke a school record for career rushing touchdowns (37), as well as for career passing yards (3498).

Wildcats Complete Season full of Success

Football

Advancing all the way to the semi-final level of playoffs, the Northwestern football team achieved the success that it has become accustomed to during the last several seasons. Even a playoff defeat could not stop the team from becoming the most productive offense in NW football history. In addition to the team record, many individuals also broke records. "Overall, we had a very good season. We had high expectations, but it had a disappointing end."



senior Walker Holsing said.

The Wildcats finished the regular season with an 8-0 record, defeating Doland-Conde, Langford, Highmore-Harold, Roslyn, Hitchcock-Tulare, Rosholt, Warner and Leola-Frederick. After winning the competitive Lake Region Conference, NW entered the playoffs ready for action. They battled with Leola-Frederick during the first round and came out strong with a 70-20 victory. Moving on to the quarter-finals, Northwestern defeated Eureka-Bowdle 18-6 and claimed the region championship. Entering the semi-final game against Arlington, the Wildcats were undefeated with a record of 10-0. Although the teams battled fiercely through the entire game, the Cardinals clenched the victory in the final seconds of the game, handing the Wildcats their first and final loss of the season by a score of 26-29. Arlington later won the state championship. "We were very disappointed about how the game turned out. Turnovers will kill you. This proves that the best team doesn't always win state," senior Jeremy Braun said. Seniors Tanner Baird, Josh Braun, Walker Holsing, Darren Jilek, Aaron Olson and Dan Young received all-conference honors. Baird and Olson also earned all-state honors, while Holsing, Jilek and Young were named honorable mentions.

"It was an outstanding season with a group of outstanding, hard-working young men," head coach Ray Sauerwein said. "Even in the face of defeat, the boys didn't quit."

DODGING THE DEFENDERS

Junior Joel O'Daniel makes a move while returning a punt.

RUN, DAN, RUN!

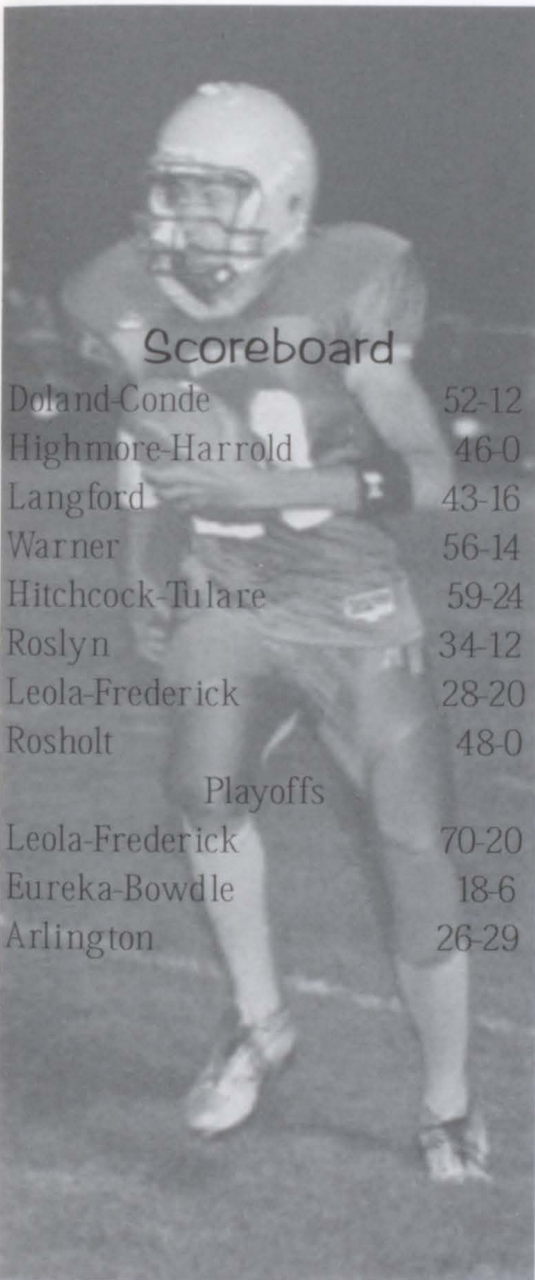
Senior Daniel Young sprints past the competition to score yet another touchdown. Young currently holds the school record for receiving touchdowns in a season (10) and receiving touchdowns in a career (58).

Scoreboard

Doland-Conde	52-12
Highmore-Harold	46-0
Langford	43-16
Warner	56-14
Hitchcock-Tulare	59-24
Roslyn	34-12
Leola-Frederick	28-20
Rosholt	48-0

Playoffs

Leola-Frederick	70-20
Eureka-Bowdle	18-6
Arlington	26-29



TWO POINTS
Junior Teri Smith jumps over a Willow Lake opponent to score two of her 365 season points.

HEIGHT DIFFERENCE
Senior Kelli Hammer holds the ball out of the defender's reach as she decides on her next move.



IN THE CORN PALACE
Senior Stephanie Peterson, guarded closely by a Campbell County defender, looks for an open teammate. Peterson, a four-year starter for the Wildcats, led the team in three-point field goals and steals.



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Front: Kelli Boekelheide, Jen Fix, Stephanie Peterson, Kelli Hammer, Ashlee Arthurs
Back: Assistant Coach Doug Duncan, Assistant Coach Rich Osborn, Bryn Kleffman, Roxy Gabler, Courtney Lerew, Sarajo Kegler, Teri Smith, Alyssa Fischbach, Amy Clemensen, Head Coach Denise Clemens.

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Front: Assistant Coach Rich Osborn, Ann Hinners, Ashlee Arthurs, Kay Waldman, Courtney Lerew, Lesley Little, Elissa Heidenreich, Assistant Coach Doug Duncan. Back: Maria Fechner, Brittany Bauer, Bryn Kleffman, Amy Clemensen, Sarajo Kegler, Kelli Boekelheide, Mackenzie Holsing, Angela Morgan.



REWARD FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT

Junior Bryn Kleffman shaves Coach Osborn's head at the girls' sendoff. Osborn and many of the players' fathers shaved their faces and heads to show their pride for the team's achievements.

GET OPEN

Junior Sarajo Kegler scans the court for an open teammate.

STRETCH - Junior Roxy Gabler jumps and reaches for a rebound at the state tournament.



Wildcats claim seventh at State B tournament

Girls' Basketball



DRIVE TO THE HOOP
Senior Jen Fix dribbles the ball to the basket against tough Campbell County defense during the state tournament in Mitchell.

Earning a berth in the state tournament for the first time since 1997, the Northwestern girls' basketball team exceeded expectations, gained experience and learned to believe in the power of the team on its way to earning a seventh place state finish.

Finishing the regular season with a 13-6 record, the team entered districts full of hope. That hope grew into determination as the Wildcats defeated Doland-Conde and advanced to the district championship to face Leola-Frederick, a team rated in the state polls.

"After losing to Leola-Frederick by three points in the regular season, we were looking for another chance to play them," senior Kelli Hammer said. "We knew we could beat them, even though they were favored to win the district."

The girls' visions proved true as the Wildcats won District 2B by defeating the Titans 57-48 in overtime.

"Winning districts was a goal that we worked hard for all year, and winning it in overtime made it even better," sophomore Alyssa Fischbach said.

After beating Waubay 46-39 in the region championship, the Wildcats, seeded eighth, traveled to the Mitchell Corn Palace for the state tournament.

After losing to Willow Lake and Campbell County, the Wildcats bounced back for a win over Harding County.

"We really wanted to win, but even though we lost, we were still at the state tournament, which was a great experience for us," junior Teri Smith said.

All of the Wildcat starters received All-Conference honors. Seniors Stephanie Peterson and Jen Fix, Smith and Fischbach were named to the first team, while Hammer received honorable mention.

"Going to state was a great way to end the year. I'm proud of the way the girls played and the way they worked to achieve their goals," head coach Denise Clemens said.



OFF BALANCE
Sophomore Alyssa Fischbach puts up a shot. Fischbach finished the season with 257 points.

ON THE EDGE
Freshman Kelli Boekelheide pauses on the baseline to look for a teammate to whom she can pass.

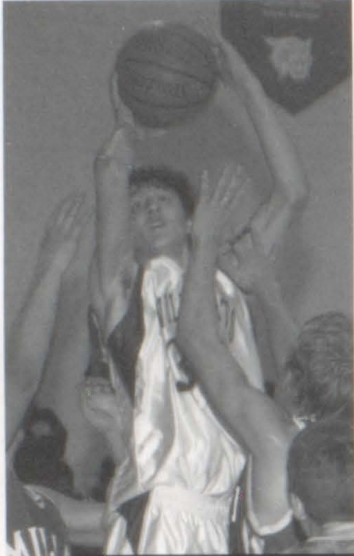
Scoreboard

Roncalli	41-46
Warner	50-34
Sully Buttes	38-74
Gettysburg	55-42
Waverly-South Shore	37-43
Hitchcock-Tulare	43-35
Faulkton	37-35
Warner	57-42
Leola-Frederick	51-54
Ipswich	72-36
Langford	60-36
Sisseton	34-46
Doland-Conde	55-48
Selby Area	33-37
Edmunds Central	62-44
Webster	64-46
Roslyn	71-52
Redfield	54-38
Langford	71-27
Districts - Doland-Conde	60-43
Leola-Frederick	57-48
Regions - Waubay	46-39
State - Willow Lake	30-43
- Campbell County	37-54
- Harding County	47-36



THROW IT DOWN
Senior Sam Helling dunks the ball against Langford. Helling averaged 15.1 points and 9.1 rebounds per game.

DIFFICULT TO DEFEND
Sophomore Zane Peterson shoots over three Miller defenders.



WAITING FOR THE CUTTER
Senior Austin Fischbach looks to pass over his defender. Fischbach totaled 28 assists on the year as well as 142 rebounds and 268 points.



FAN POWER

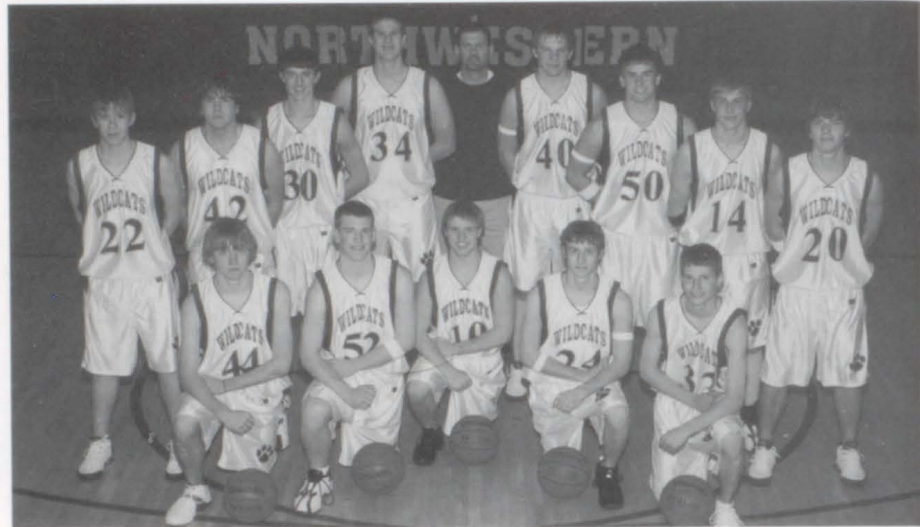
Seniors Stephanie Peterson, Amber Genzler and Jen Fix watch on the boys while freshman Casey Oberle remains calm.

WATCHING FOR AN OPENING

Trying to make something happen, senior Andrew Overby looks for a teammate during a home game.

DRIBBLE, DRIBBLE, DRIBBLE

Junior David Bierman dribbles down the court against defensive pressure.



VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

Front: Ben Smith, Spencer Kienow, Nathan Peterson, Joel O'Daniel, Derek Steward. Back: Andrew Overby, Walker Holsing, Zane Peterson, Austin Fischbach, Head Coach Wade Rozell, Sam Helling, Tanner Baird, David Bierman, Aaron Olson.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

Front: Ben Borchard, Danny Haselhorst, Casey Oberle, Wyatt Holsing, John Powell. Back: Logan Penfield, Jason Oberfoell, Keith Waldman, Cole Carda, Matt Franck, Mitch Reed.



Wildcats compete well throughout the season

Boys' Basketball

The success of a team cannot always be measured by its final outcome, and the Northwestern boys' basketball team proved that this year. Led by six seniors, the team entered districts with a 15-4 record but failed to claim the district title.

However, the season gave fans the opportunity to see the Wildcats compete against tough opponents, including four that would eventually place at state tournaments. These games showed NW's competitive will to win.

Entering districts as the No. 3 seed, the Wildcats easily blew past Ipswich in the first round of the district tournament. Next, they would have to face Doland-Conde, one of four teams to beat them during the regular season.

"Before the last Doland-Conde game, each of us seniors realized that it could be the final game of our careers. We wanted to go out and play hard to get a win, but unfortunately that did not happen," senior Aaron Olson said.

Doland-Conde controlled the tempo of the game, and the Wildcats were unable to find a rhythm. At the end of the game, the scoreboard showed Doland-Conde 58, NW 48.

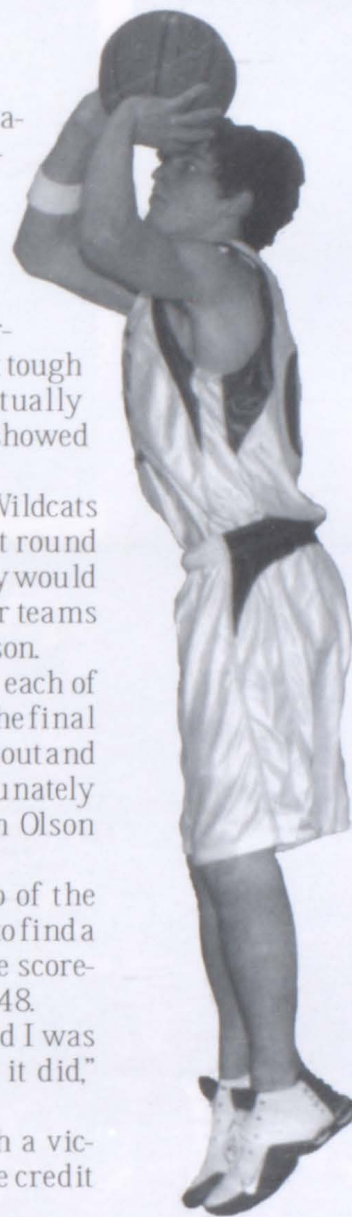
"We had a really good run going, and I was sad to see the season end the way it did," senior Tanner Baird said.

Although the season did not end with a victory, the players and coaches deserve credit for their accomplishments.

"I had a great time being able to play my career as a Northwestern Wildcat. I appreciate all of the fan support, our coaching staff and our wholeschool for giving me this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," senior Austin Fischbach said.

Senior Sam Helling and Olson were named first team Lake Region All-Conference selections, while Fischbach earned a place on the second team.

"Our seniors showed us a lot of leadership this year, and the underclassmen learned a lot from their knowledge of the game and their experience," head coach Wade Rozell said. "The season didn't end how we had hoped it would, but the players still made it a success."



SWISH!

Senior Aaron Olson sinks a three-pointer. Olson finished the season with 278 points, including 64 three-point field goals.

FIRE IN HIS EYES

Sophomore Nathan Peterson stares intently as he awaits the next play.



TAKING AWAY THE DRIVE

Senior Tanner Baird tries to stop the drive of a Faulkton player. The Wildcats held off the Trojans Jan. 24 in Faulkton, beating them 73-72 in overtime.

Scoreboard

Gettysburg	55-52
Hoven	75-50
Warner	45-40
Sully Buttes	49-84
Iroquois	56-48
Edmunds Central	52-46
Roncalli	47-38
Ipswich	50-47
Warner	71-53
Leola-Frederick	67-62
Faulkton	73-72
Langford	72-53
Doland-Conde	61-63
Florence	51-37
Miller	68-88
Roslyn	73-46
Redfield	60-82
Hitchcock-Tulare	81-48
Langford	46-44
Districts - Ipswich	55-36
- Doland-Conde	48-58



IN THE CLOUDS
Squad members toss freshman
Angela Morgan upward as
senior Megan Ladwig dances.
CLAPPING RAPIDLY
Sophomore Melany Peterson tries
to get the crowd involved.



A SMILE, A CHEER, AND A DANCE
Freshman Angela Morgan performs at homecoming coronation. The cheerleaders traditionally cheer and dance at the event to increase school spirit.



VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS
Front: Stephanie Peterson, Regan Kretschmar, Megan Ladwig, Angela Morgan. Back: Melany Peterson, Kelli Hammer, Brittany Bauer.

VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS
Kelli Hammer, Angela Morgan, Megan Ladwig, Melany Peterson, Brittany Bauer, Regan Kretschmar.



FOLLOW MY LEAD

Senior Regan Kretschmar leads fifth-graders Laken Frericks and Haley Wetzler during the cheer clinic participants' performance at halftime of a boys' basketball game.

CHEER FOR THE GREEN AND WHITE!
The football cheerleaders lead the crowd.

DOWN TO BUSINESS
The cheerleaders performed in the state competition in Huron March 12.



Cheerleaders pump up athletic enthusiasm

Cheerleading

Northwestern cheerleaders, accustomed to cheering on the Wildcats at competitive sporting events, showed fans their own competitive side as the girls finished the year by claiming third place in the Class B small squad division at the South Dakota State Cheer and Dance Competition, held March 12 in Huron. The girls received a large trophy for their excellent performance. Six teams participated in their division, determined by the size of the school.

The competition squad practiced for five weeks prior to the event to prepare for the atmosphere of the state competition. For most of the girls, the pressures of a state cheerleading competition were a new experience.

"This was the first year that our cheerleading squad participated in this event, so I am really proud of how well we did. I hope that future Northwestern cheerleaders will partake in the experience," senior Megan Ladwig said.

During the football season, the cheerleaders did their best to fire up the crowd and the players on the cold autumn nights. Performing cheers and yelling loudly, the girls could be heard from anywhere on the field. The girls also enjoyed traveling to the games away from home with their cheerleading adviser, Roxie Olson.

"I really liked traveling as a squad because we told stories on every trip. We all got along really well, and that made the year fun," freshman Angela Morgan said.

Continuing to show support for NW athletes, the boys' basketball squad consisted of all but one member of the football squad. The cheerleaders organized pep fests for both the boys' and girls' basketball teams during post-season play. This included leading games and activities that would be fun for the athletes participating as well as for the students and staff watching from the crowd.



GO BIG GREEN!
Senior Stephanie Peterson yells loudly to the crowd during the state cheerleading competition in Huron.

HIGH ENTHUSIASM
Senior Megan Ladwig smiles as she concentrates on her performance at homecoming coronation.



ENTERTAINING THE CROWD
Senior Kelli Hammer and freshman Brittany Bauer perform their dance at halftime of a boys' basketball game.



ON THE GO
 Sophomore Melany Peterson
 hands off the baton to sophomore
 Amy Clemensen at the LRC meet
 NEARING THE FINISH
 Junior Ann Hinners finishes
 her race.



VARSITY GIRLS' TRACK

Front: Teri Smith, Amber Genzler, Jodi Fischbach, Kelli Hammer, Ann Hinners. Back: Kelli Boekelheide, Alyssa Fischbach, Amy Clemensen, Coach Scott Boone, Melany Peterson, Jessica Hammer, Brittany Bauer. Not pictured: Rebecca Hubbs.

SPRINTERS...

Freshman Brittany Bauer competes in the 200-meter dash.

...AND DISTANCE RUNNERS

Freshman Kelli Boekelheide runs the 800 meter in a relay.

PERFECT FORM

Junior Teri Smith makes the high jump look easy. Smith competed in the high jump at the state meet.



BENDING OVER THE BAR

Senior Jodi Fischbach arches her back to get over the high jump bar. Fischbach qualified for the state track meet by clearing five feet at the Lake Region Conference meet.



Wildcats utilize both youth and experience

Girls' Track and Field



REACHING NEW DISTANCES
Senior Kelli Hammer competes in the triple jump at the Four Star meet in Aberdeen. Hammer's teammates voted her Most Improved on the year.

Battling the cold weather, limiting injuries, and small numbers, the girls' track team still managed success. Five team members attended the state track meet to compete in four different events. Sophomores Amy Clemensen and Alyssa Fischbach, junior Teri Smith and senior Jodi Fischbach qualified both the sprint medley relay and the 1,600-meter relay to the state meet. Smith and J. Fischbach also competed in the high jump. A. Fischbach had one of the state's top times in the 1,600-meter run. Senior Kelli Hammer also attended the meet.

Throughout the season, cold weather and strong winds made competing difficult. "We didn't have a lot of nice meets this year," J. Fischbach said. "We don't usually have great attitudes or great times on cold days."

However, the girls continued to improve their marks and lower their times throughout the year, but neither of the relays qualified for the state finals. "I was a little disappointed that our medley didn't qualify for finals, because we had one of the top times coming in," Clemensen said. "But we ran hard, and I guess that's all that matters."

Fischbach, who had the third fastest qualifying 1,600-meter time coming into the meet, claimed sixth place in the race. "I was really happy with the time that I ran, so not improving in the standings didn't really disappoint me," Fischbach said. "It was fun to be able to run with a lot of the state's great distance runners." Coach Scott Boone was proud of the girls' effort in the relays and individual events. "The relays ran hard and did their best, and we almost had it. Sometimes things just don't go how you would plan it, and we can't help that," Boone said. "The girls did well."

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FACE OF DETERMINATION
Junior Teri Smith runs her 400-meter leg of the sprint medley relay at the region track meet.

THE DREADED MILE RELAY
Sophomore Alyssa Fischbach takes off after receiving the baton from sophomore Amy Clemensen during the 1,600-meter relay at the Redfield Relays.



Meet Schedule

Ipswich Early Bird	April 17
Redfield Relays	April 21
Redfield Kiwanis	April 25
Four Star	April 30
Lake Region Conference	May 3
Ipswich Relays	May 7
Miller Invitational	May 10
Regions	May 19
State	May 27-28

...AND ITS GOOD!
 Senior Aaron Olson passes
 the baton to sophomore Zane
 Peterson in the 400-meter relay.
 GO THE DISTANCE
 Senior Andrew Overby com-
 peted in jumping events.



VARSITY BOYS TRACK
 Front: Darren Jilek, Jordan Gab, Joel O'Daniel, Ben Borchard, Josh Braun, Aaron Olson. Back: Coach Wade Rozell, Cole Carda, Ben Smith, Josh Halvorson, Dan Young, Tanner Baird, Andrew Overby, Zane Peterson.

GO WILDCATS
 Northwestern fans cheer on the boys' relay at the state track meet held May 27-28 in Sioux Falls.
INTO THE DIRT
 Junior Jordan Gab lands in the pit of the boys' long jump.
THE FAB FOUR
 Joel O'Daniel, Zane Peterson, Dan Young and Aaron Olson took first place at state in three relays.



BEN TO BEN
 Freshman Ben Borchard hands off the baton to junior Ben Smith during their relay at the Lake Region Conference meet in Groton.





IN THE RING
Senior Tanner Baird shows good form as he prepares to throw the shot put. Baird qualified for state in the event.

NW brings home four state championships

Boys' Track and Field

With a strong core of both runners and field athletes, the boys' track team turned in a season full of success and broken records. The boys won the 400-meter, 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays at the state track and field meet in Sioux Falls.

These victories, along with senior Dan Young's second consecutive championship in the 400-meter dash and sophomore Zane Peterson's fourth-place finish in the same event, helped

Northwestern claim a third-place team finish. The relay members, senior Aaron Olson, junior Joel O'Daniel, Peterson and Young, each ran the maximum four events allowed at the state track meet. Olson and O'Daniel both qualified for state in the 100-meter dash. Senior Tanner Baird also threw the shot put at the state meet. During the season, the boys' relay teams competed at the competitive Howard Wood Dakota Relays, at which they broke the school record in the 800-meter relay. Young also competed in the prestigious special event, the 400-meter dash, which was by invitation only. He received fourth place in the event.

"I was honored to be invited to compete in the special event. There were a lot of really great runners in that race," Young said.

At the region track meet, the boys broke another school record, this one in the 1,600-meter relay.

Overall, the boys' track team had a tremendously successful season, also breaking numerous meet records. Although the team will lose many seniors, coach Wade Rozell is hopeful for next season.

"We'll lose a couple of great runners and some field event people, but we have some younger guys coming up who work really hard and should do well next year," Rozell said. "We will definitely miss our seniors, though. They've done a lot for our program."



MVP
Senior Dan Young shows his long strides. Young won the 400-meter dash at the state track meet for the second consecutive year.

SPEEDSTER
Junior Joel O'Daniel competes in the 100-meter dash at the Redfield Relays. O'Daniel and senior Aaron Olson qualified in the event at that meet.

Meet Schedule

Ipswich Early Bird	April 7
Redfield Relays	April 21
Redfield Kiwanis	April 25
Four Star	April 30
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CHEERLEADING

Front: Jenna Larson, Caitlyn DeWitte, Carly Peterson. Back: Alexandria Metzinger, Nona Hawley, Shari Fischbach, Betsey Borchard, Samantha Papousek.



BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Front: Landon Gab, Will Cass, Zachary Wood. Back: August Cass, Evan Morgan, Keylon Mayweather, Bryce Ladwig, Josh Wacholz, Stetson Kretschmar, Coach Doug Duncan.



DOWN THE STRETCH

Seventh-grader Carly Peterson runs the mile at the junior high Lake Region Conference meet.

OVER THE BAR

Eighth-grader Shari Fischbach won the high jump at the junior high Lake Region Conference meet.



FOOTBALL

Front: Mark Radtke, Stetson Kretschmar, Evan Morgan, Will Cass, Grasen Lechner, Brock Penfield, Landon Gab, Zachary Wood, Ty Brown. Back: Cory Oberfoell, Josh Wacholz, Logan Clemensen, Saven Lechner, Keylon Mayweather, Kevin Ford, August Cass, Rachel Hubbs, Bryce Ladwig, Gary Phillips, Coach Wade Rozell.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Front: Samantha Papousek, Morghan Groft, Laura Bade, Alexandria Metzinger, Erica Lerew, Caitlyn DeWitte, Desaray Schnoor. Middle: Jenna Larson, Rachel Hubbs, Lacey Powell, Maggie Clemensen, Shari Fischbach, Stephanie Mastel, Beth Hinners, Carly Peterson. Back: Nona Hawley, Lexi Horning, Anysia Reed, Caroline Hansen, Alyssa Harmon, Betsey Borchard.



BOYS BASKETBALL

Front: August Cass, Stetson Kretschmar, Evan Morgan, Will Cass, Grasen Lechner, Ty Brown, Thomas Morgan. Back: Saven Lechner, Brock Penfield, Logan Clemensen, Keylon Mayweather, Cory Oberfoell, Bryce Ladwig, Landon Gab, Kevin Ford.



Young Wildcats look toward the future

Junior high sports

Strong junior high sports programs are essential for building successful high school sports programs. Junior high coaches dedicate themselves to ensuring that each athlete learns the basic skills necessary for success. Although not all of these students will continue to compete in athletics in high school, all of them work hard to improve their skills in junior high.

This year, junior high athletic practices were held during an afternoon activity block, rather than before or after school. Sixth through eighth grades were included in this block, so sixth-graders had the opportunity to practice with the junior high teams and coaches.

The junior high cheerleading squad practiced with adviser Roxanne Olson during the summer months prior to the school year. This helped them prepare for the upcoming football season.

The other junior high teams prepare equally well for not only their own games but also for sports after junior high. "I think that junior high sports prepare you well for high school. In eighth grade, we got to practice with the high school sometimes, so that helps us learn more about the game by watching more experienced players," eighth-grader Maggie Clemensen said.



DRIVE AND SCORE
Eighth-grader Thomas Morgan drives with the ball during a home junior high boys' basketball game.



VOLLEYBALL
Front: Carly Peterson, Alyssa Harmon, Morghan Groft, Beth Hinners, Alli Hawley. Middle: Erica Lerew, Korie Braun, Anysia Reed, Jenna Larson, Nona Hawley. Back: Colette Fortin, Megan Peterson, Caroline Hansen, Lexi Horning, Lacey Powell, Caitlyn DeWitte, Shari Fischbach, Maggie Clemensen, Betsey Borchard, Laura Bade, Alexz Metzinger.

GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD
Front: Beth Hinners, Lexi Horning, Nona Hawley, Caitlyn DeWitte, Laura Bade. Middle: Rachel Hubbs, Stephanie Mastel, Alyssa Harmon, Alli Hawley, Alexz Metzinger. Back: Colette Fortin, Carly Peterson, Megan Peterson, Maggie Clemensen, Shari Fischbach, Coach Doug Duncan.



FIRE UP, WILDCATS!
Seventh-grader Betsey Borchard cheers for the seventh grade boys' basketball team. The junior high cheerleaders perform together for the football season and separately for the basketball season.

Snow Queen winners



Plains Lions Club
Snow Queen Festival

Sixth-grader Kara Fischbach



Youth sports

Vocational education students



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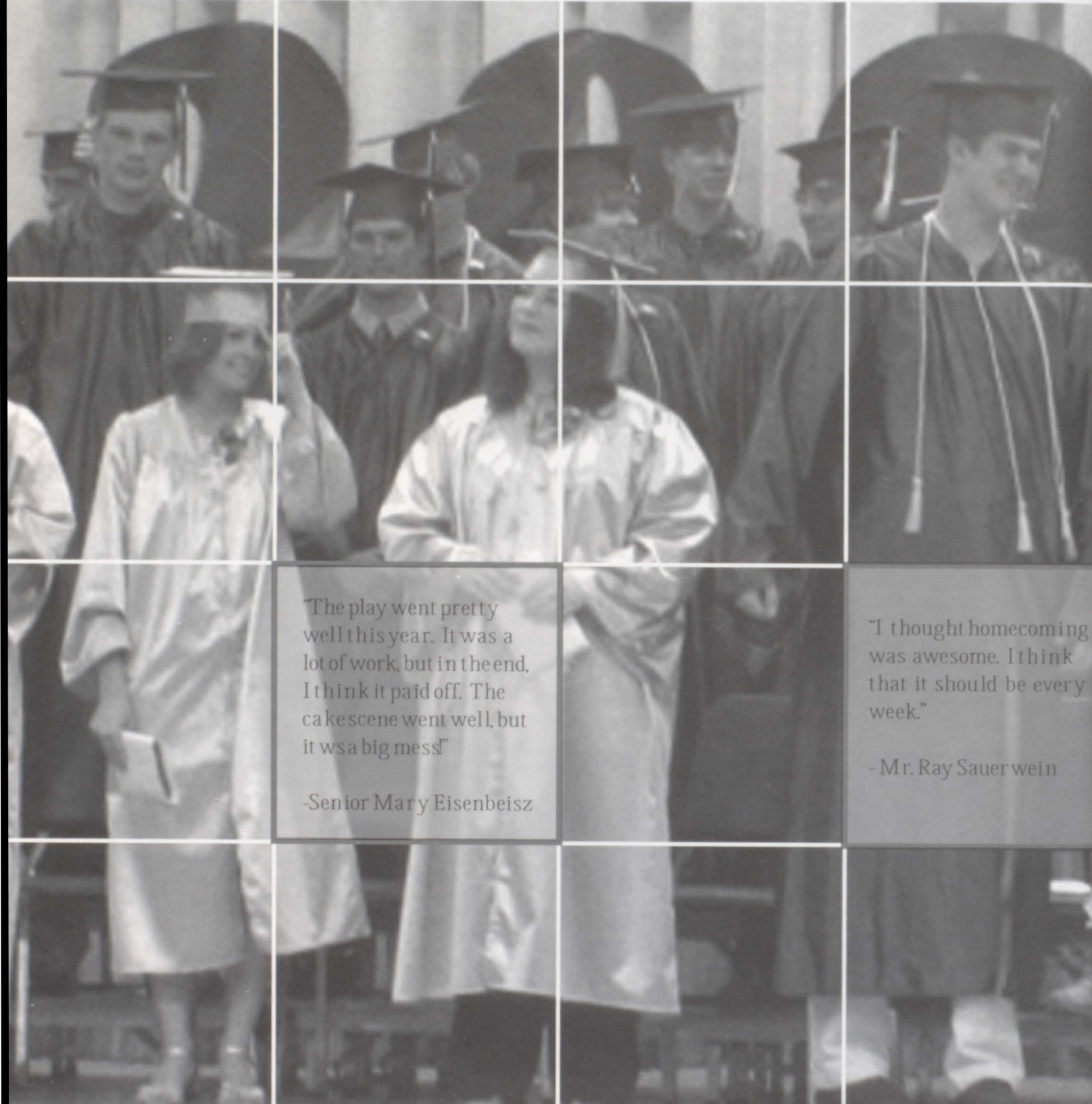
Third-grader Nathan Frericks



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WE FINALLY MADE IT

The senior class enjoys the activities of its highly anticipated graduation ceremony.



"The play went pretty well this year. It was a lot of work, but in the end, I think it paid off. The cake scene went well, but it was a big mess!"

-Senior Mary Eisenbeisz

"I thought homecoming was awesome. I think that it should be every week."

-Mr. Ray Sauerwein

Seniors Lexi Lutter, Austin Fischbach



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Boundary Waters seniors



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Junior Keith Waldman, freshman Angela Morgan



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Senior Amber Genzler



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We Have nothing to hide

Students' lives outside of the classroom provide a true look at their natural interests

Northwestern High School educates a variety of different individuals who each have their own personal interests. In addition to the numerous interests that students possess, they each also have their own personal talents that make them successful in different aspects of their lives.

Outside of classes and athletic activities, students can be found participating in activities that allow them to shine through dramatic performances, to dominate in youth sports, to learn new dance moves, to enjoy the outdoors or to just socialize with friends. The great talents that students show during their time at school also reflect the success they have outside of the traditional classroom setting. This diversity in talents and interests shows that

We have it all...and then some.



"The post-prom was really fun. I liked playing all the games and winning prizes."

-Junior Diedra Artz



LET'S GO CATS!

The first-graders shout cheers of support as they make their way through the Homecoming parade.



FUMBLE!

Freshman boys scramble for a fumbled football on Buddy Day.

DON'T LET IT DROP

Freshmen Brittany Bauer and Dalton Kretschmar participate in a game of suck and blow as entertainment for the senior class.



Homecoming Spirit on the Rise

High school students gear up for a week of "Reality TV" festivities and fun while elementary students celebrate "We Love Our Wildcats"

"RealityTV" swept through Northwestern School during Homecoming week Sept. 20-24. The events kicked off on Monday with "Buddy Day," when the seniors dressed the freshmen, and "Camouflage Day." The elementary celebrated "Red, White and Blue Day". On Tuesday, students covered the front of the school with spirited graffiti and dressed up for "Pajama Day." Elementary students dressed up for "Favorite Cartoon Character Day." The coronation ceremony followed

in the evening with the crowning of Sam Helling and Stephanie Peterson as Homecoming king and queen. Then, the girls took over the football field for the powder-puff game, with the white team winning 6-0. The students and staff took a break from dress-up days for school pictures on Wednesday, but were back at it again on Thursday with "Twin Day" in the high school and "Sports Figure Day" in the elementary. Friday was the culmination of the week

with "Green and Gold Day." The boys participated in the power-buff volleyball tournament, and a pep rally and community barbecue followed the games. The parade began at 1 p.m., and the football game Friday evening ended the week when the Wildcats claimed a 59-24 victory over the Hitchcock-Tulare Patriots. "Playing powder-buff volleyball and officiating the powder-puff game were the highlights of the week," junior David Bierman said.



PAINTING SCHOOL SPIRIT
Senior Andrew Overby paints a school window with a design created by the art class, which painted windows of businesses throughout the area with designs similar to this during Homecoming week.





SHOWING THEIR WILDCAT PRIDE

Members of the fourth-grade class and their teacher, Mrs. Roylene Heidenreich, show their school spirit during the Homecoming parade Sept. 24.



STACKING IT UP

As ordered by the seniors, the freshman class forms a human pyramid on the stage coronation night.

ISNT THIS BACKWARD?

High school boys participated in the first power-buff volleyball tournament Sept. 24. These boys got to see what volleyball was all about as they attempted to block and hit.

I'VE GOT IT!

Sophomore Alyssa Fischbach catches the ball during the powder-puff game while senior Jodi Fischbach attempts to snatch it away.

CORONATION ROYALTY

Jamie Christensen, Jodi Fischbach, Megan Ladwig, Princess Madison Styles, Prince Cody Lefforge, Queen Stephanie Peterson, King Sam Helling, Aaron Olson, Tanner Baird and Daniel Young were selected homecoming royalty.



IN THE DINING ROOM
Junior Ann Hinnars recites
her line.

PARTY BOY

Senior Austin Fischbach, after
provoking conflict, strikes a
pose for the audience.



WHAT DID YOU SAY?
Freshman Alex Funk leans closer
to make his point.

I WANT MY MOMMY!

Senior Kelli Hammer cries after
having chocolate cakes smashed
in her face amid the chaos of a
children's birthday party.



Students get creative with drama

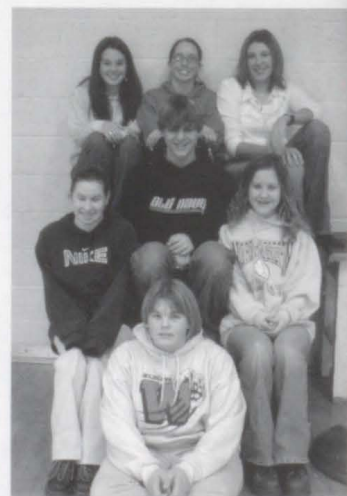
Northwestern students, under the direction of Mrs. Michelle Stuck, present *The Dining Room*, a dramatic comedy by A.R. Gurney.

Each playing numerous parts, 14 Northwestern High School students participated in this year's spring play. Earlier in the year, a smaller group of students participated in one-act, contest play. Those students, all freshmen and sophomores, were then invited to participate in the spring play, which had traditionally been open to juniors and seniors only. The combination proved to be a success, as did *The*

Dining Room. All scenes of the play take place in dining rooms; however, the scenes do not follow a traditional plot pattern. Rather, the scenes are set in different periods of history, with different characters. Each scene overlapped the one before it, providing for a smooth transition between ideas.

"The play was a fun experience because I got to play a variety of different characters, and I got to interact

with other members of the play cast. I especially liked the cake-throwing scenes, because that's something you never get to do regularly," senior Kelli Hammer said. Hammer played the parts of Sandra, Grace, Helen and Bertha. During the cake scene, both Hammer and junior Joanne LaVake, acting as children, cry after having their faces smashed into cake. The scene was unforgettable, as was the entire play.



CONTEST PLAY CAST
Front: Ginger Powell, Middle: Sara O'Daniel, Alex Funk, Dana Spear,
Back: Jen Halvorson, Emily Barondeau, Courtney Lerew.



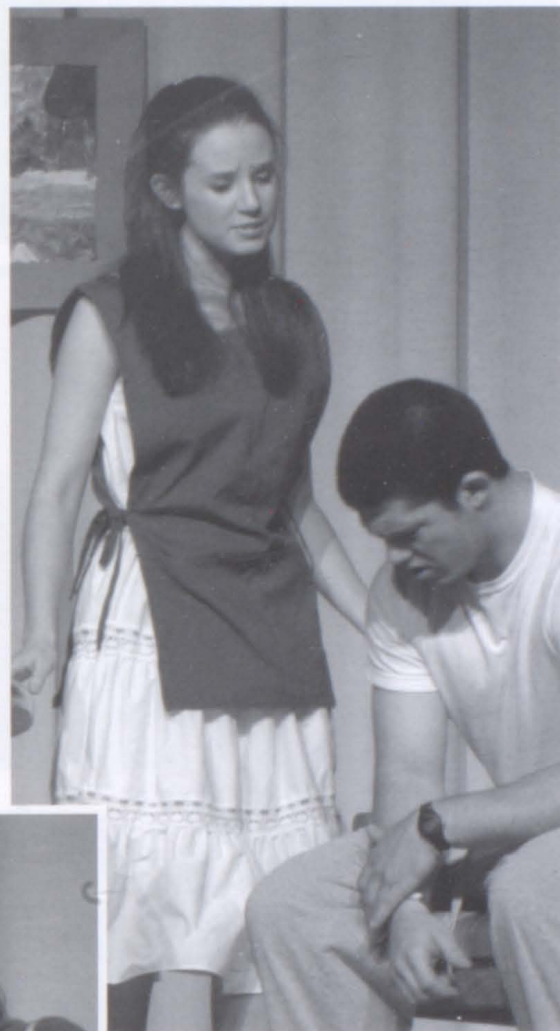


YES, MISS

Senior Alexia Lutter pours coffee for sophomore Emily Barondeau.

IT'S LIKE THIS

Sophomore Jen Halvorson shows emotion as she acts out a scene with senior Dustin Hieb.



ANGER MANAGEMENT

Senior Austin Fischbach confronts his "wife," junior Maria Fechner, about her use of the dining room table.

SLEEPY HEAD

Sophomore Courtney Lerew looks convincing as a tired teenager who just wants more sleep.

THE DINING ROOM CAST

Front: Mary Eisenbeisz, Joanne LaVake, Dana Spear, Maria Fechner, Sara O'Daniel, Jen Halvorson, Alexia Lutter, Ann Hinners. Back: Alex Funk, Dustin Hieb, Emily Barondeau, Courtney Lerew, Austin Fischbach, Kelli Hammer.



USING THEIR TALENTS
 Juniors Kody Bullock and Bryn Kleffman use music to praise God while playing in a praise and worship band. Sophomore Jen Halvorson and Mr. Doug Duncan also play in the band.



PUT IT IN
 First-grader Ethan Bauer shoots a basket during a first-grade basketball game.

LET'S RIDE!
 Sophomore Spencer Kienow, senior Sam Helling, junior Joel O'Daniel and senior Tanner Baird ride their four-wheelers together.



Students enjoy time for relaxation

Activities outside of school keep students busy in a variety of recreational, social and musical means

School activities are not the only activities that keep Northwestern students on the go. All students have their own interests to pursue in their free time. During the summer, many students participate in a variety of outdoor activities, including the Boundary Waters trip, an opportunity for upcoming seniors. Also during the summer months, some students use

their talents to help others through mission trips to needy areas. During the fall, many enjoy hunting for deer and pheasants. Some also like participating in other recreational activities, such as paintball and four-wheeling. In addition to athletic events offered by the school, many students participate in dance, martial arts, rodeo or other sports.

Youth athletic programs are offered through the Northville Community Association. NW students use youth groups to exercise their faiths and have fun at the same time. "Out-of-school activities keep me out of trouble. I don't like to be bored by staying at home all of the time," junior Bryn Kleffman said.



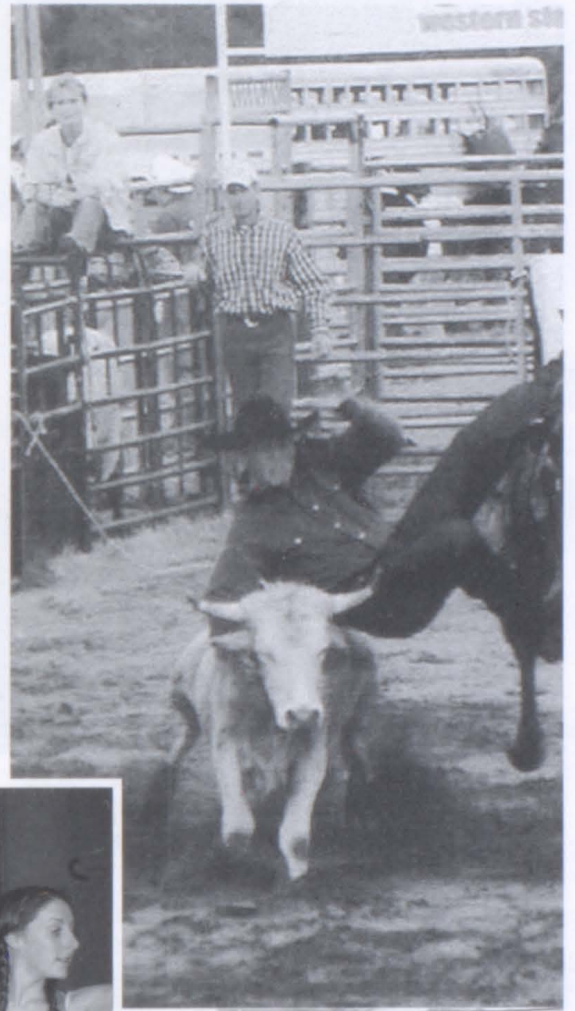
ON THE HUNT
 Senior Walker Holsing pauses for a moment while combing a field in search of pheasants.





ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT...

Seniors Mary Eisenbiesz and Lexi Lutter take a short break while canoeing in the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota. Others who went on this excursion were seniors Jamie Christensen, Austin Fischbach, Jodi Fischbach, Kelli Hammer, Stephanie Peterson and Mrs. Denise Clemens.



DON'T LET IT GET AWAY!

Senior David O'Daniel tackles a steer during the state rodeo steer wrestling event Aug. 28.

READY FOR ATTACK

NW students enjoy playing paintball at James River Valley Paintball near Mellette. Senior Josh Halvorson and sophomore Jenny Halvorson's family owns the business.

FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT

Senior Megan Ladwig and sophomore Angela Morgan perfect their moves during dance class.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA

Junior Joanne LaVake takes time to smile with a group of children she helped during her mission trip to El Salvador.



KICK YOUR SHOES OFF
Senior Megan Ladwig, as well as many of the other girls, danced with bare feet for most of the night.

ALL DRESSED UP
Juniors Jordan Gab and Christina Johnson smile for the camera in their formal attire.



WAITERS AND WAITRESSES
Front: Emily Barondeau, Melany Peterson, Alyssa Fischbach. Back: Austin Morgan, Zane Peterson, Josh Hahler.

RIDING IN STYLE
Junior Alex Mitchell gave the audience a laugh as he rode a mini-bike through grand march.



Students take a "Walk in the Park"

Juniors, seniors and dates have fun dancing in their formal clothes before winning prizes and staying up late at post prom

Wearing new clothes and huge smiles, 32 couples showed a side of themselves rarely seen. The night began with dinner, and the students then came to the school for pictures with friends prior to grand march. Pictures were taken in front of the impressive wooden gazebo, hand-built by members of the junior class. Grand march began at 9 p.m., and the excitement continued later into the night.

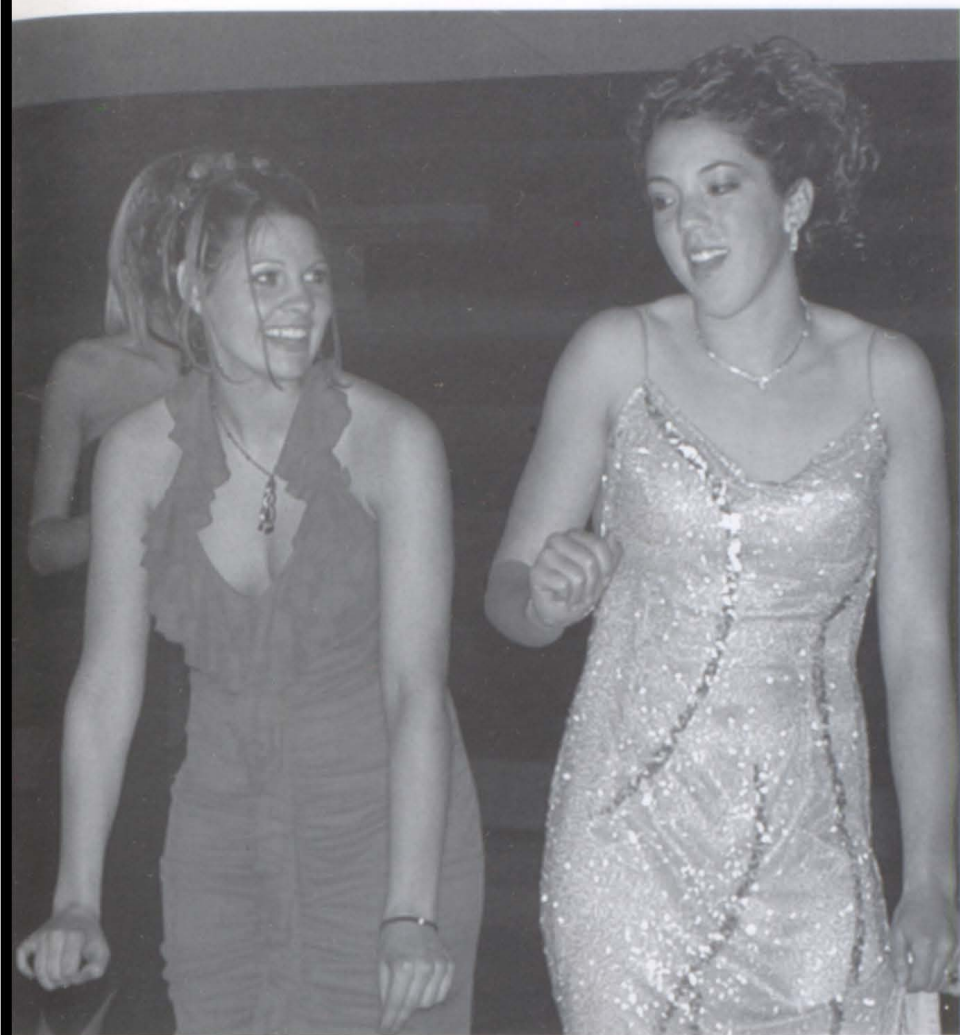
"I just love getting dressed up so much and spending time with the other people in my class and their dates," senior Cristen DeWitte said. Postprom was conveniently held in the auxiliary gym, so students did not have to travel for entertainment. After playing casino games and singing karaoke, students settled down, and the chaperones began drawing names for prizes. Everyone who attended post prom received small prizes, and

many students brought home bigger prizes, such as digital cameras, television sets, DVD players or small refrigerators. "Post prom was really fun, playing all the games and winning prizes," junior Diedra Artz said. By the end of the night, students were ready to go home. "I had a really good time, but I'm glad that prom is only once a year," junior Teri Smith said.



SERVING IN STYLE
Sophomore waiter Austin Morgan, wearing a kitchen apron and visor, gladly serves the juniors, seniors and dates their drinks.





HAVING FUN

Senior Cristen DeWitte and junior Teri Smith get out on the dance floor without their dates.

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

Junior David Bierman and his date, sophomore Amy Clemensen, dance to a slow song.



CHEESY SMILES ALL AROUND

Junior Kody Bullock, sophomore Mackenzie Holsing and seniors Kelli Hammer and Andrew Overby pause for a moment during grand march.

GET "CARRIED" AWAY!

Senior Sam Helling carried his date, senior Stephanie Peterson, through one portion of the grand march.

SHOWING OFF THEIR MOVES

Juniors Sara Jo Kegler and Jessica Hammer have a great time out on the dance floor.



I HOPE IT'S SIGNED!
Cristen DeWitte gladly receives
her diploma at graduation.

PLEASE DON'T POKE ME
Kelli Hammer's father pins on her
flower before the ceremony.



YES! I'M OUT OF HERE!
Jamie Christensen smiles as she
leaves the stage following the
graduation ceremony.

BEST OF LUCK
Sam Helling is congratulated by
junior David Bierman.



NW says good-bye to 29 seniors

Members of the class of 2005 prepare to embark on their own individual journeys, taking what they learned at NW with them

With smiles, tears and heart-felt good-byes, 29 seniors passed through the doors of Northwestern High School for the last time as students following the commencement ceremony May 22. Members of the class take memories of their experiences at NW with them as they continue on their lives' journeys. While at NW, the class of 2005 continually changed

due to the departures of former classmates and addition of new students. At the beginning of this year, the class welcomed the three seniors of the former Cresbard High School: Jennifer Fix, Regan Kretschmar, and Walker Holsing.

Members of the class of 2005 will continually strive for success as they enter the adult world. The class contains many tal-

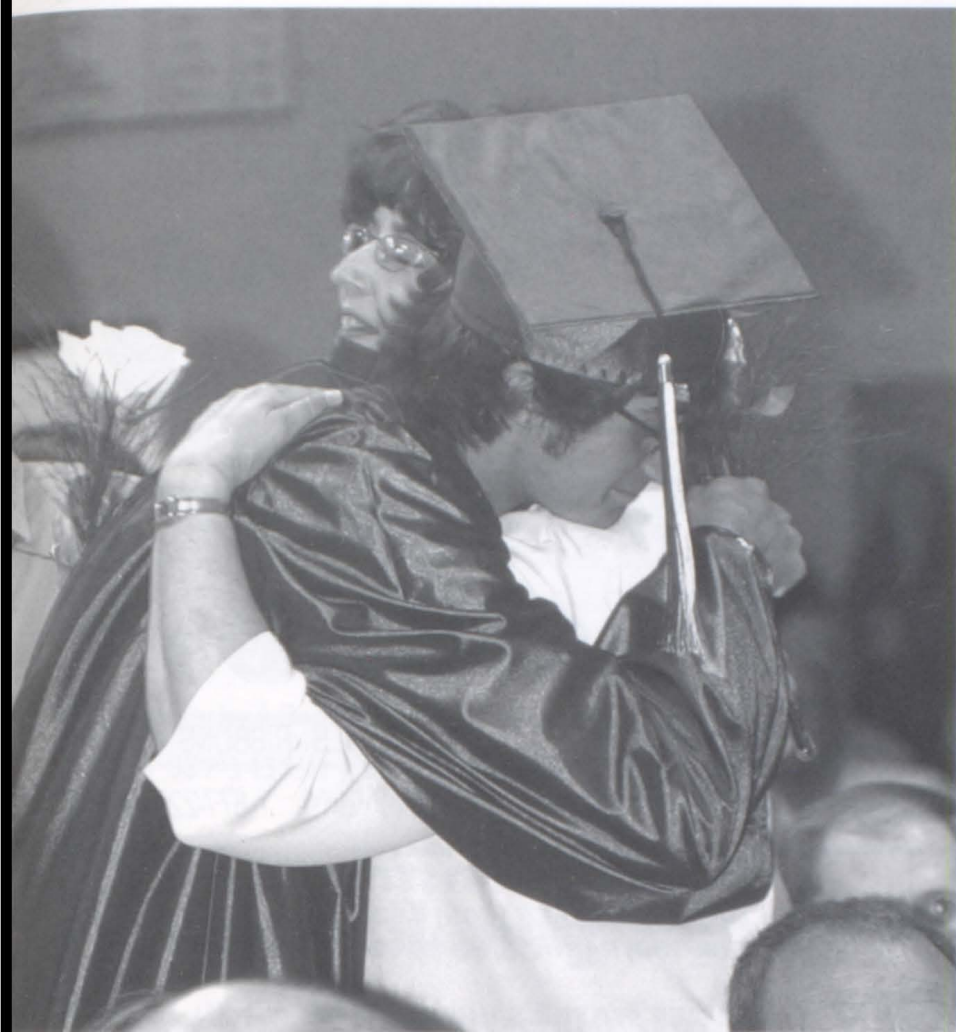
ented individuals who will go on to become medical professionals, farmers, teachers, business professionals, zoologists, cosmetologists, members of the armed forces, carpenters, lawyers and firefighters.

"It will be hard leaving my classmates behind, but I have made many memories with them that I will be able to take with me," senior Stephanie Peterson said.



HONOR GUARDS
Juniors Jessica Hammer and
Kody Bullock served as the
honor guards for the 2005
graduation ceremony.





THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, MOM!
Daniel Young gives his mother a flower and a hug before he receives his diploma.

"REMEMBER ME THIS WAY"
Stephanie Peterson sings "Remember Me This Way" as her classmates give flowers to their parents and other loved ones.



THE DEFINITION OF A HERO
Darren Jilek leaves his class with an inspiring quote from Joseph Campbell describing the true characteristics of a hero.

I MADE IT!
Regan Kretschmar switches her tassel after receiving her diploma.



CLASS OF 2005
The senior class poses for a picture together prior to the graduation ceremony. All 29 members of the class successfully completed the requirements to graduate. Five students graduated with honors, and seven students graduated with highest honors.

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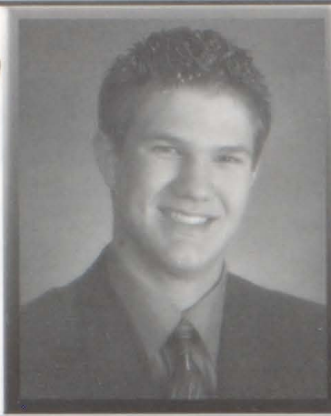
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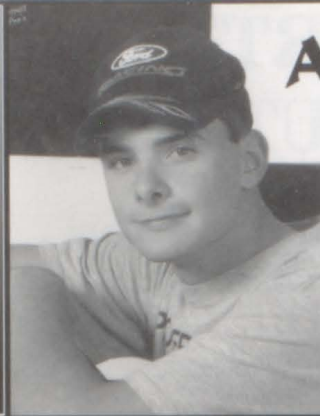
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Alyssa and Landon



Austin Zens

Best of luck, Austin!
We love you!

Mom, Dad, Brittany,
Colton, Destinee
and Tuff



Mary,
Follow your dreams
and reach for the stars.
We love you, doodlebug.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Mary Eisenbeisz



Daniel Young

Daniel,
"Greater love hath no man
than this, that a man lay
down his life for his friends."
John 15:13 KJV
With pride and love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Jodi

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of you!

Mom, Dad,
Shari and Kara



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Aaron Olson

Aaron,
You are awesome!
Get your game on
in college football.
Good luck!
Love Always,
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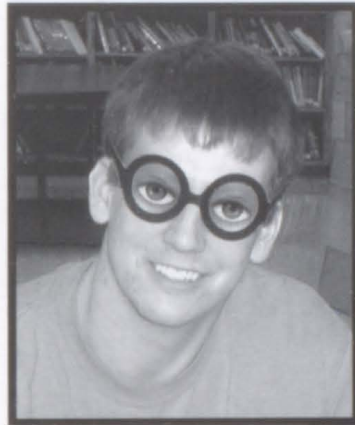
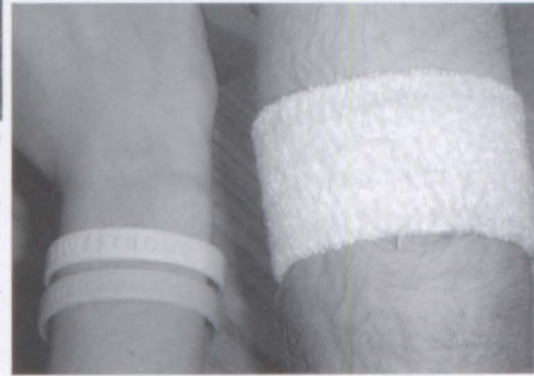
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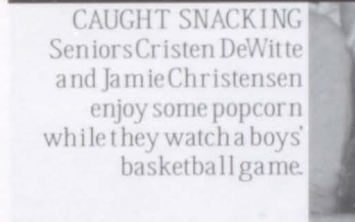


SCHOOL SPIRIT TWINS
Juniors Diedra Artz and Jessica Hammer show their team spirit by dressing in old uniforms for the girls' basketball district championship.

NEW TREND
Worn casually as well as athletically, armbands and wristbands became popular items this year.



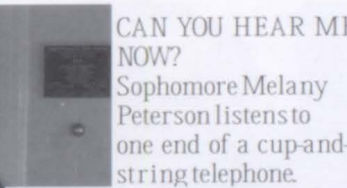
BUG EYES
Senior Tanner Baird models his new glasses while he is supposed to be doing his homework.



CAUGHT SNACKING
Seniors Cristen DeWitte and Jamie Christensen enjoy some popcorn while they watch a boys' basketball game.



PREOCCUPIED
Freshman Mitch Reed looks up from his music while he plays in the pep band at a girls' basketball game.



CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?
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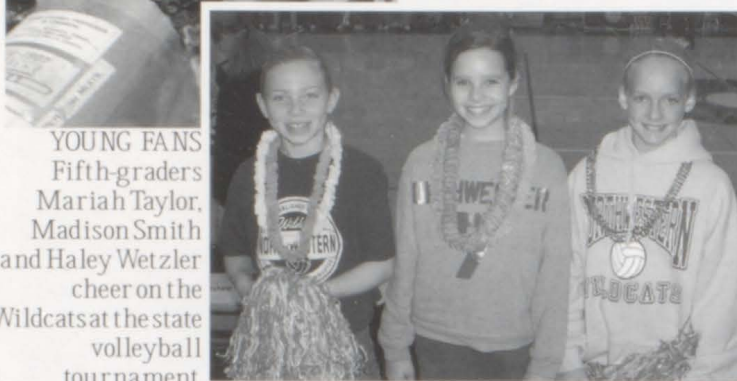
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Senior Dustin Hieb makes sure that senior Andrew Overby is securely strapped in before driving the electric car.



YOUNG FANS
Fifth-graders Mariah Taylor, Madison Smith and Haley Wetzler cheer on the Wildcats at the state volleyball tournament.



HOLY MOLY, OLIE!
Senior Aaron Olson ("Olie") shows his ravioli at lunch.

SHOW AND TELL
Kindergartner Cody Wagemann shows the pet rock that he made.



STRIKING BACK
Mr. Duncan Robertson looks determined to get revenge on whoever made him mad.

BUBBLING OVER WITH WILDCAT PRIDE
Fourth-grader Kaitlyn Sparling holds up her sign to make a message for the girls' basketball team.



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GIDDY UP!

Freshman Danny Haselhorst participates in Buddy Day during homecoming week, in which the seniors get to dress up a freshman "buddy."



TWINS

Many people have noticed the similarities between sixth-grader Whitney Wagemann and senior Amber Genzler.



SHOW AND TELL

First-grader Dekota Parras models her new hat and gloves.



ALMOST FINISHED

Preschooler Joey Lutter perfects the marker drawings on his pumpkin in before declaring it finished.



FUN WITH SCIENCE

Senior Megan Ladwig makes a face at the camera while students spend time on the science truck that visited NW.

NICE HAT, AMY!
Sophomores Alyssa Fischbach and Amy Clemensen get into the spirit at the boys' district basketball tournament.



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As the year comes to an end, we reflect back on the emotions that have carried us since last August. Each of us has felt concern for an injured friend, excitement after an athletic victory, disappointment after a loss, or nervousness while waiting to perform. Emotions govern our daily lives, so it comes as no surprise that emotions are a large part of memories. This yearbook is not only a means of remembering past emotions, but also a way to evoke new emotions. Although we cannot return to the hours of our greatest accomplishments, we relive them through our memories. We can look back with pride on this year's accomplishments: as an individual, as a class or as an entire school and community. These accomplishments reflect our current interests as well as our aspirations and dreams. For some of us, this year's accomplishments have fulfilled one or more of our dreams. For others, dreams are still only a hope for the future. Dreams inspire each of us to wake up each morning and reach for our goals. Dreams carry us through the hard times of the year. Dreams allow us to change our direction

in life and provide us with motivation for our futures. Our emotions of yesterday create the memories of today, which in turn affect our dreams for the future. For this reason and others, school is more than just what we learn in the classroom. The lessons that this year has taught us reach further. Each of

us has changed this year, in one way or another, and each of us will continue to grow and change in the years to come. However, that realization helps us to cherish the friendships we have now and the people we have already become. Even at this young age, **We have it all...**
and then some.

We have it all... and then some



NORTHWESTERN ROYALTY

NW students voted for Sam Helling and Stephanie Peterson to represent Northwestern High School as homecoming king and queen. Both participate in numerous extracurricular activities and set a positive example for younger students.





PROUD FANS

Juniors Sara Jo Kegler and Roxanne Gabler have fun during the starting lineups of a boys' basketball game in Mellette.



A CRAZY CONCOCTION

Mrs. Roberta Eisenbeisz blends ingredients to make a disgusting drink for brave members of the girls' basketball team. The activity was part of the pepfest held before the team played in the region championship against Waubay.



YEARBOOK EDITORS

Seniors Kelli Hammer and Jodi Fischbach worked diligently to create this yearbook.

We look to the past with pride
 and to the future with hope



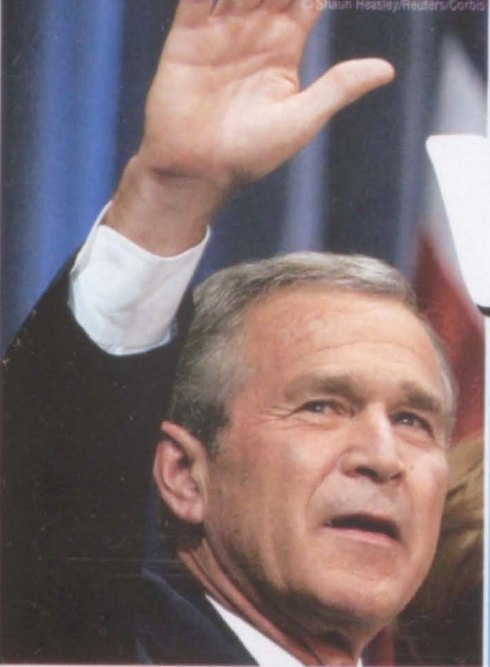
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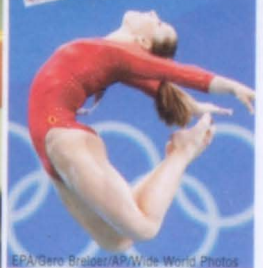
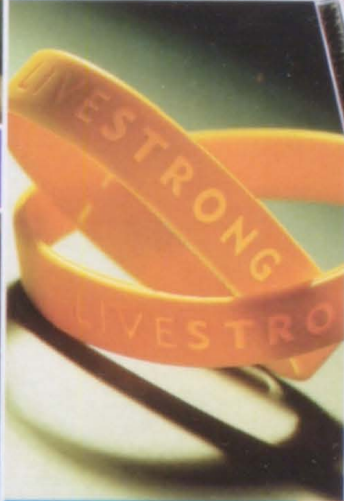
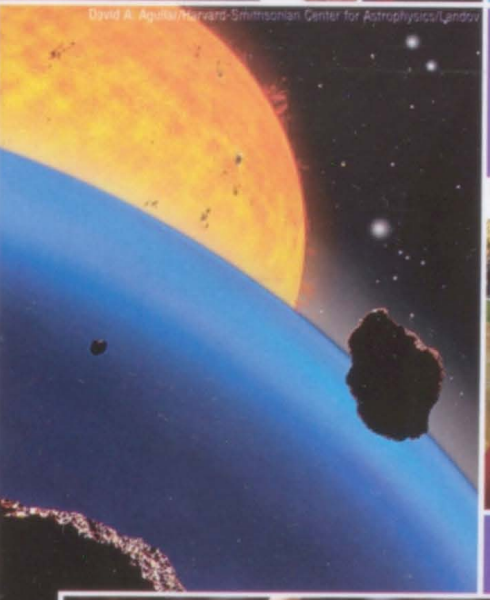




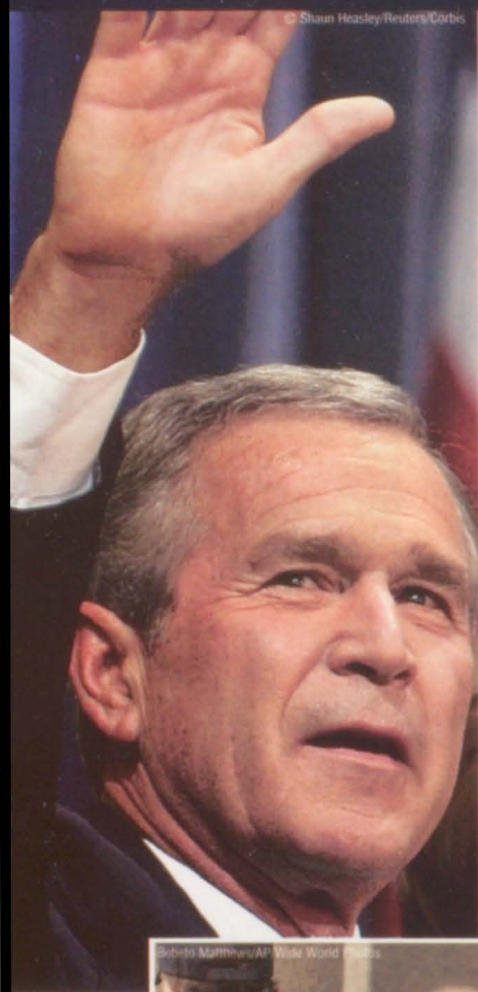
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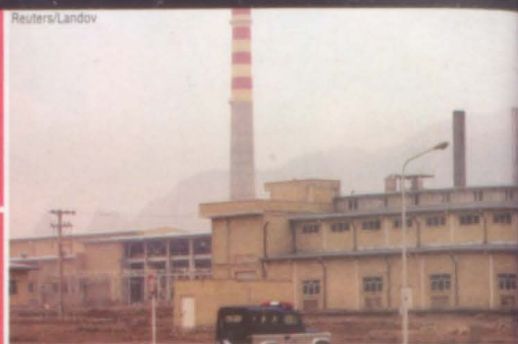
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Republican incumbent George W. Bush narrowly defeats Democratic challenger John Kerry in the hotly contested 2004 presidential election.

Despite assurances that its nuclear program intentions are peaceful, Iran voluntarily suspends its uranium enrichment activities in the face of protests from NATO and the U.S.



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Five hurricanes hit the Caribbean Sea, Florida and the southeastern U.S. coast in the fall of 2004, causing \$25 billion in damages.

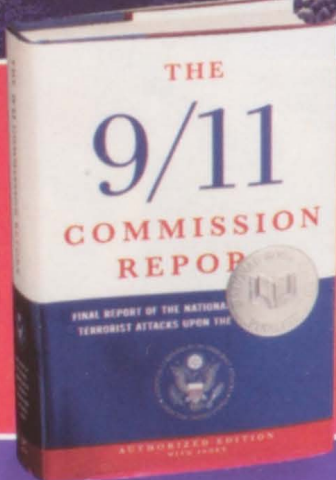


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Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart begins serving a five-month jail sentence in West Virginia, after being found guilty of lying about a suspicious stock sale.



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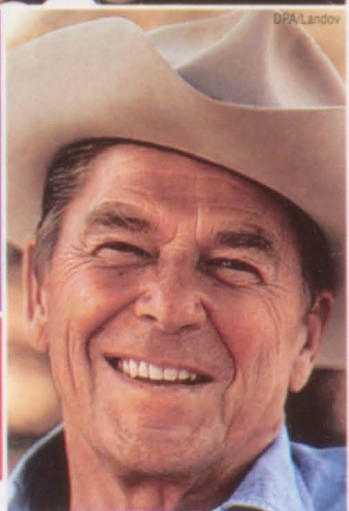
In July, the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission releases its report of circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.



VOTE

Strong partisan division over issues at stake throughout the 2004 presidential campaign results in record turnout of voters under 21.

Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th president of the United States, dies in June at the age of 93.



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In November, Minnesotan Chai Vang allegedly shoots and kills six hunters and wounds two others after he is caught trespassing on a hunting platform in Wisconsin.



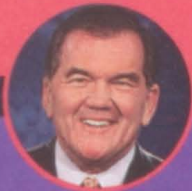
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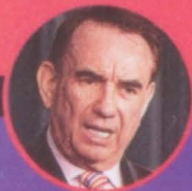
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Tom Ridge leaves his position as secretary of homeland security.



Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson resigns.



Secretary of State Colin Powell steps down.

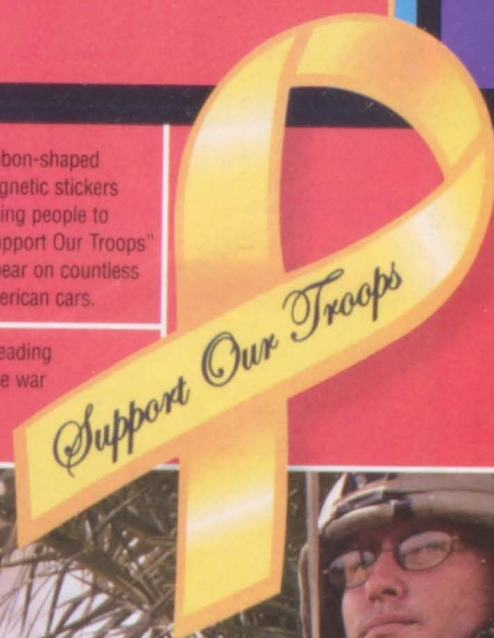


Attorney General John Ashcroft relinquishes his cabinet post.

Ribbon-shaped magnetic stickers urging people to "Support Our Troops" appear on countless American cars.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice makes history as the first black female to become secretary of state when she succeeds Colin Powell.

Coalition troops face a persistent terrorist insurgency leading up to the Iraq presidential election in January 2005. The war costs the lives of over 1,400 coalition troops, as well as over 14,000 Iraqi civilians.



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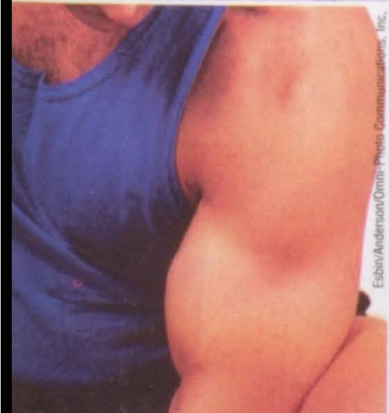
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In the trial of the year, California jurors find Scott Peterson guilty of the first-degree murder of his pregnant wife, Laci, and second-degree murder of their unborn son.

In response to the investigation by the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission, the U.S. Senate passes the National Intelligence Reform Act.



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More than 220,000 lives are lost after a massive earthquake in December off Indonesia's coast causes a tsunami that smashes coastlines in Southern Asia and as far away as Somalia.

The Center for Disease Control's Youth Risk Behavior Survey finds 6.1 percent of teenagers surveyed have tried steroids as compared to 2.7 percent in 1991.



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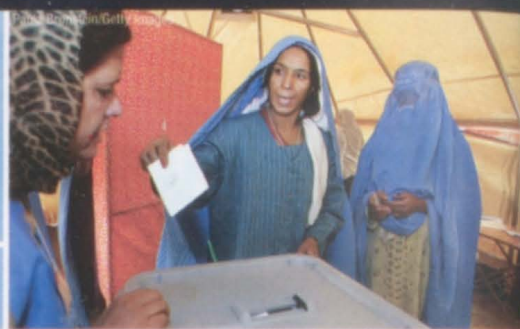
global



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☛ PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, 75, dies in a Paris hospital. Palestinians view him as a leader who sought a homeland for his people, but many Israelis see Arafat as a ruthless terrorist.

☛ In October, more than 10 million Afghan men and women vote in the country's first presidential election — a milestone in the country's transformation after 25 years of war and Taliban control.

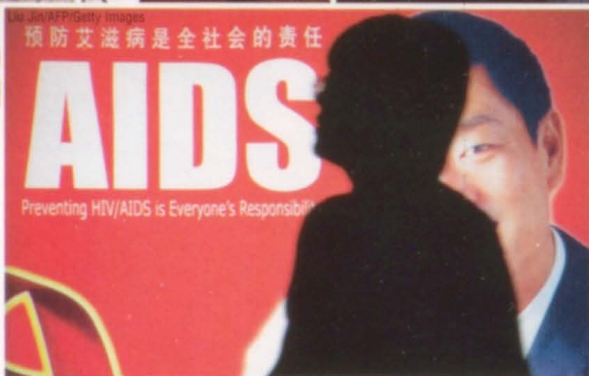


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☛ At 885 feet the new Millau bridge in southern France is the tallest bridge in the world.



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☛ The United Nations reports the AIDS epidemic is growing in Africa and worsening dramatically across eastern Europe and Asia.

☛ After more than a year of ceasefire, civil war re-ignites in the Ivory Coast as a result of President Gbagbo's ordering air strikes on rebel positions.

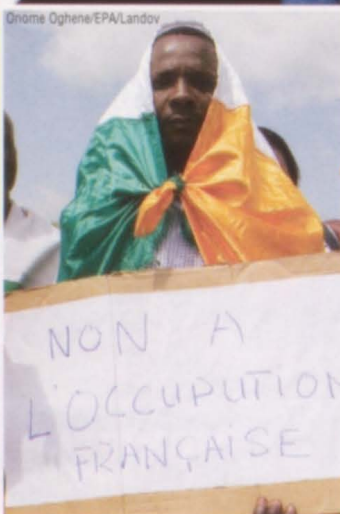


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☛ The Ukrainian Supreme Court invalidates that country's disputed presidential election because of vote tampering. In the revote, pro-West opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko claims victory.

☛ In September, Chechen rebels kill more than 430 people in a series of terrorist attacks in Russia, including the bloody attack on an elementary schoolhouse.

☛ After 22 months, the conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan continues to grow, leaving more than 2.3 million Africans in need of humanitarian aid.



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human interest

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FLU CLINIC

➤ Due to manufacturing errors, the United States faces a flu vaccine shortage. The U.S. Department of Health reserves vaccinations for those most at risk — people over 65 and infants six to 23 months of age.

➤ In August, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center opens in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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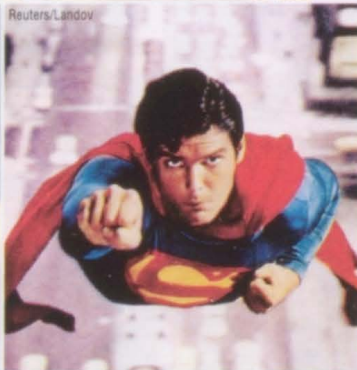


➤ Countries and individuals around the world join together to pledge over \$4 billion in relief for those devastated by the December tsunami disaster.

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➤ Christopher Reeve dies at age 52. Reeve is remembered for his movie role as Superman and as an advocate for spinal cord research after being paralyzed in an accident in 1995.

Robert L. Wolkenberg/THA/Landov



➤ The National World War II Memorial is unveiled in Washington, D.C., in honor of the millions of Americans who served during World War II in the military and on the home front.

➤ According to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, over 20 million people are wearing the yellow "Livestrong" wristbands that help fund and promote the organization's cancer research.

Brad Cooper/Dallas Morning News/Corbis



➤ A prolonged deployment of over 200,000 U.S. troops to Iraq leaves many families struggling at home.

➤ In September, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates announces a \$168 million donation to fund malaria research.

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science-techno

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Portable photo printers that do not require a computer are a hot item for digital camera owners.

Hong Kong-based toymaker Wow Wee Ltd. sells 1.5 million Robosapiens since the toy's introduction in April. Among other "talents," the \$100 robot can belch and pass gas on command.

The Food and Drug Administration links the use of antidepressants such as Zoloft, Paxil and Prozac to suicidal behavior in teens.

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SpaceShipOne, the world's first privately developed spacecraft, is named "2004 Invention of the Year" by *Time* magazine.

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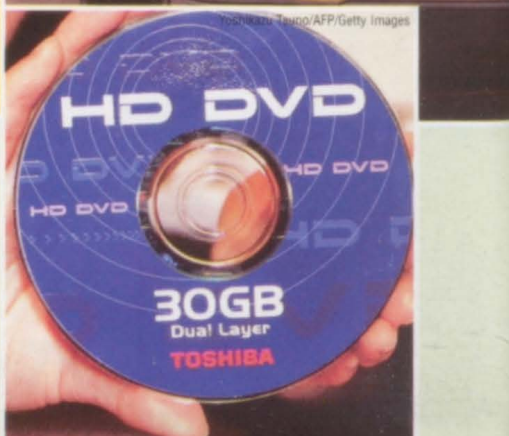
Apple's iPod is the year's hottest tech gadget, fashion accessory and advertising personality, all in one credit-card-size package.

After four years on the market and billions of dollars in revenue, pharmaceutical company Merck recalls the arthritis drug Vioxx due to increased risk for cardiovascular disease.

General Motors releases the industry's first full-size gas-electric hybrid pickup truck, the Chevrolet Silverado.

Toshiba's HD DVD and Sony's Blu-ray battle for supremacy over the next generation of DVD technology. Major movie studios are evenly divided in their backing of the two technologies.

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nature



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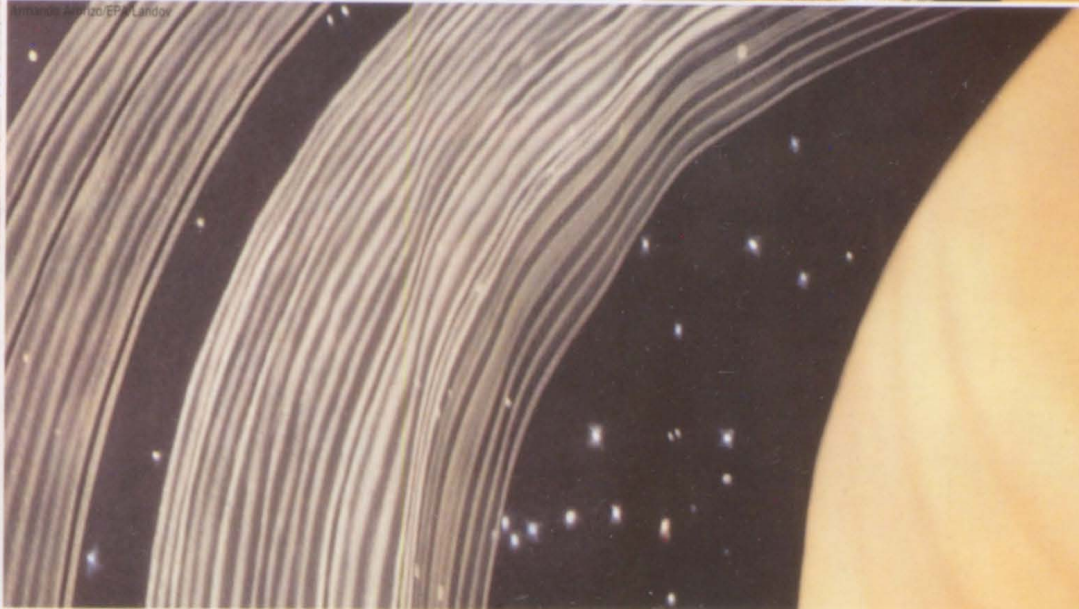
➤ Designer dog breeds like the "Goldendoodle," an allergy-friendly cross between a golden retriever and a poodle, are in high demand.

➔ African lions join the endangered species list because they are being killed to protect domestic livestock and their habitats are being destroyed.

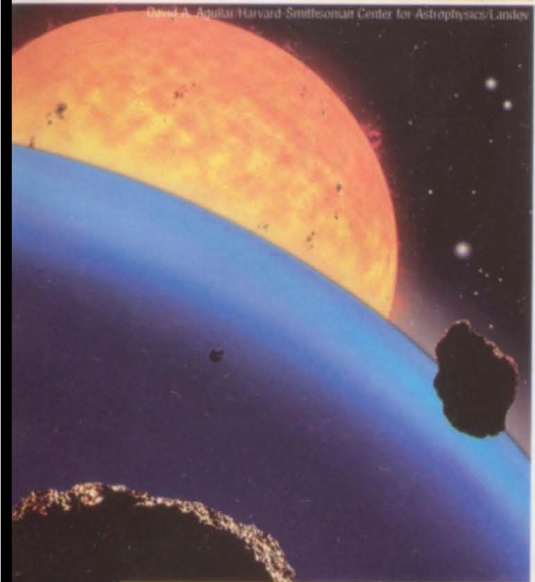


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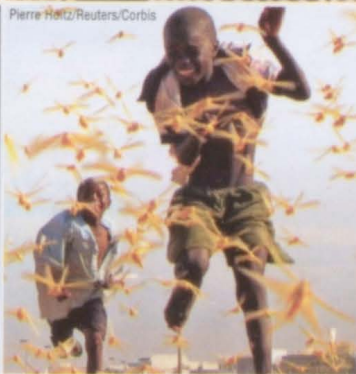
Ⓛ Although Saturn's rings look solid from Earth, images taken by the international Cassini spacecraft show they are more like rivers of dust and ice, with particles ranging in size from specks to mountains.



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Ⓛ Swarms of locusts destroy millions of acres of crops in West Africa.



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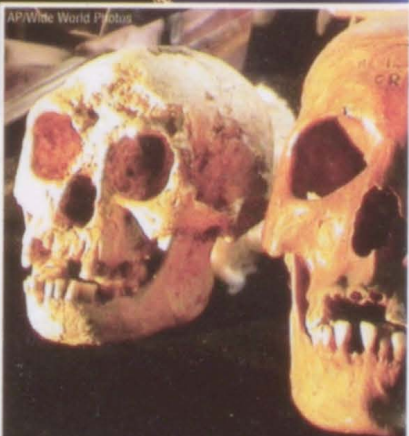
Fabrizio Bensch/Reuters/Landov

Ⓛ In October, Mount St. Helens vents ash and steam for the first time since its major eruption in 1980.

➤ In September, astronomers announce the discovery in the Milky Way galaxy of a new and possibly abundant class of planets.



➤ Threatened by the spread of hormone-disrupting chemicals and global warming, polar bears are added to the endangered species list.



AP/Wide World Photos

➤ On a remote island in Indonesia, scientists find 18,000-year-old skeletons of a hobbit-like human species that grew no larger than today's average three-year-old child.

trends



Retro brooches are back



Ugg knockoffs are popular



Squish pillows are a "must-have"



Pink is the hot new color

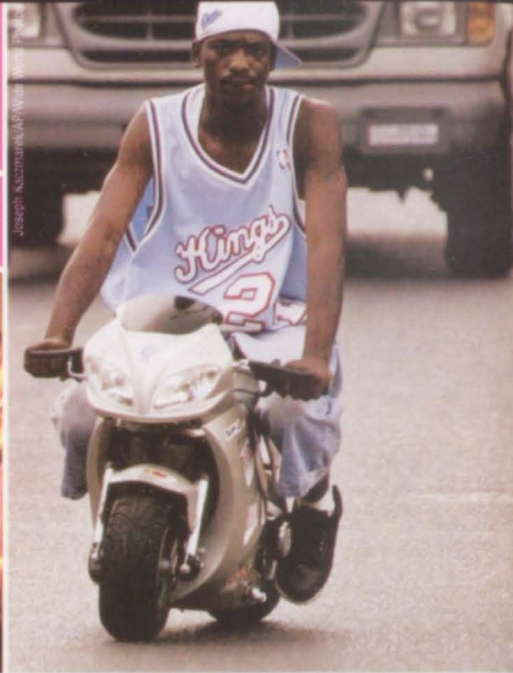


Knitted ponchos are fall's hottest new fashion trend, gracing the shoulders of your classmates and your favorite celebrities.

Pocket bikes top holiday wish lists despite safety warnings that they are not toys.

Airbrush tans, capable of lasting five to 14 days, provide a fashionable and safer alternative to harmful ultra-violet rays.

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Italian link charm bracelets become the biggest jewelry trend of the year.



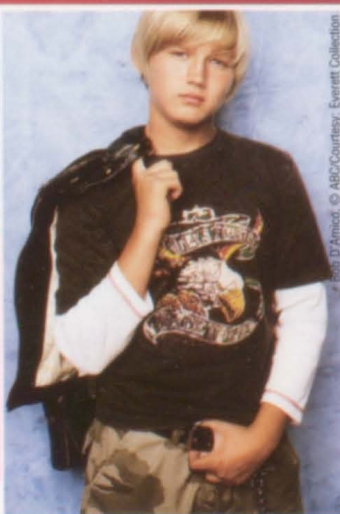
Whether genuine or ordered new from a custom T-shirt store on the Web, vintage '80s iron-on T-shirts are a hot fashion commodity.



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Catch phrases used to encourage people to get out and vote become a fashionable cause, appearing on everything from T-shirts to ties.

The "grunge" style of the early '90s resurfaces with camouflage patterns and T-shirts with long-sleeve shirts underneath.



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Thanks to the popular movie *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*, the high-flying, body-bashing sport makes its way back into gymnasiums across the country.



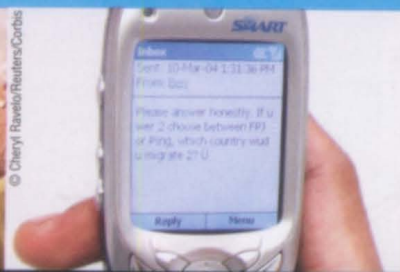
lifestyle



Latin dancing



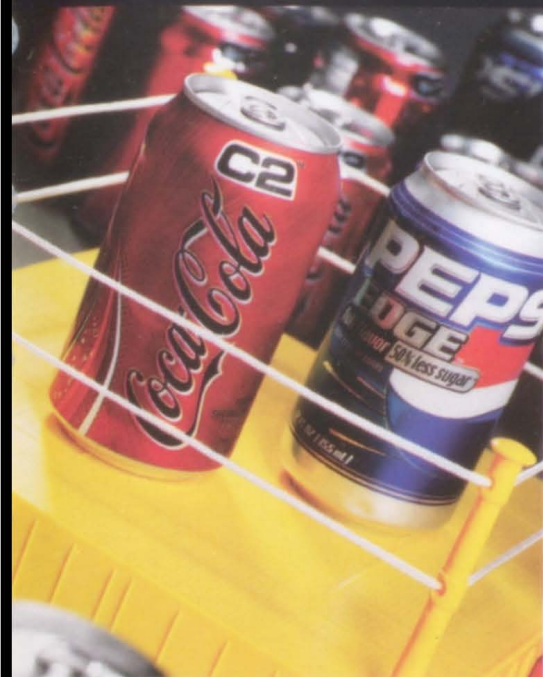
Video e-mail



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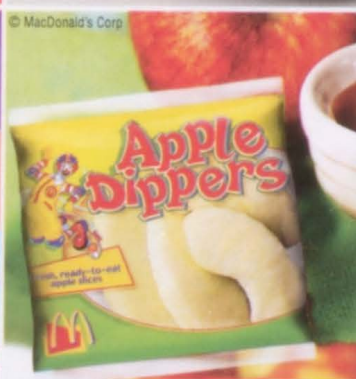
Online gaming



Soft-drink makers join the diet bandwagon with low-carb sodas like Coca-Cola C2 and Pepsi Edge. Sales of the new products, however, quickly go flat.

With more than 7 million participants, paintball is the third most popular extreme sport, behind in-line skating and skateboarding.

Muscle cars like the revamped Ford Mustang GT regain their presence on American roads.

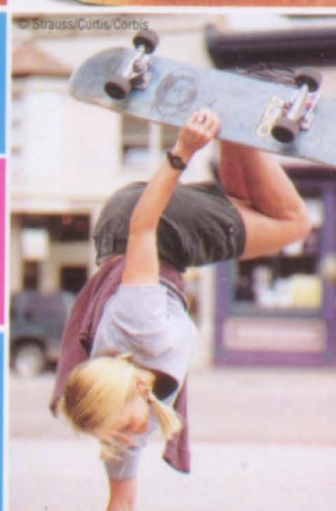


Fast-food restaurants offer kids' meals with healthy alternatives to fries and soda, including apples and milk.



Bucking the health trend, Hardee's serves up a Monster Thickburger with 1,420 calories and 107 grams of fat.

The scrapbooking craze reaches new heights with more people wanting to capture their memories in creative ways.



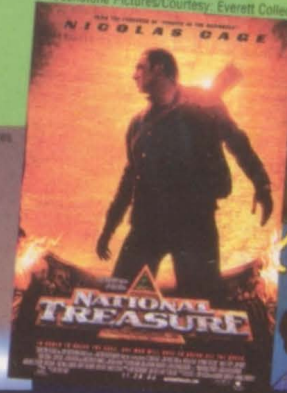
Events like the All Girl Skate Jam, founded in 1997, bring skateboarding to peak popularity among young girls.

With DVDs delivered right to your door and no late fees, Netflix and Blockbuster Online become popular choices for movie rentals.



movies

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Napoleon Dynamite

Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith

National Treasure

The SpongeBob Squarepants Movie

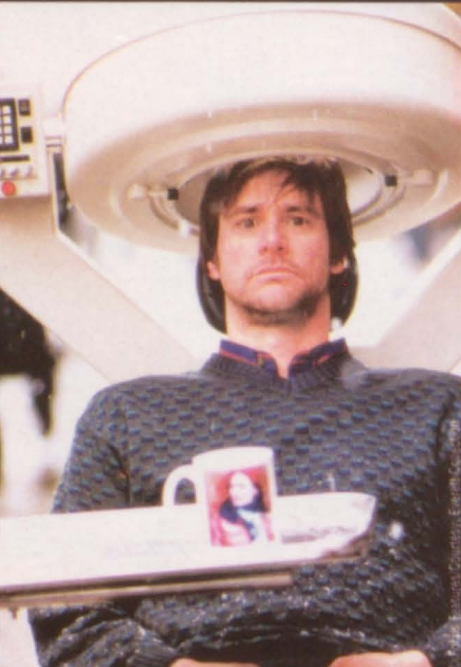
Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet garner Golden Globe nominations for *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, which also earns a nod for Best Picture, Musical or Comedy.

Johnny Depp scores his second straight Oscar nomination for Best Actor with his performance in *Finding Neverland*.

Shrek 2 ranks third on the list of the 100 top-grossing movies, with a total haul of just over \$436 million.

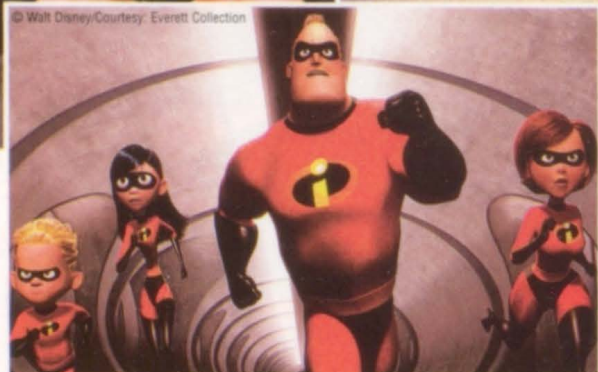


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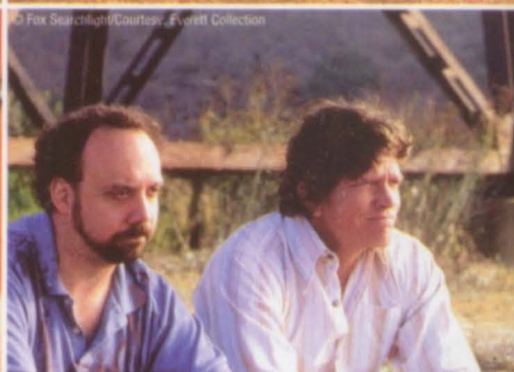
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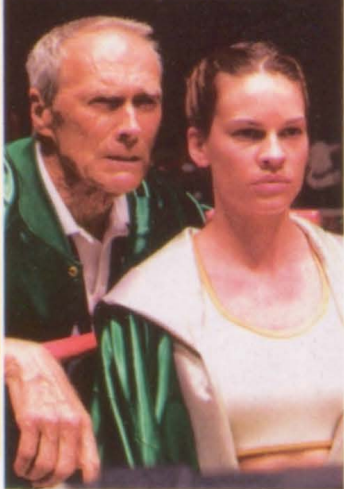


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The Incredibles, Pixar and Disney's movie about a superhero family trying to live a normal life in the suburbs, is a box-office smash.

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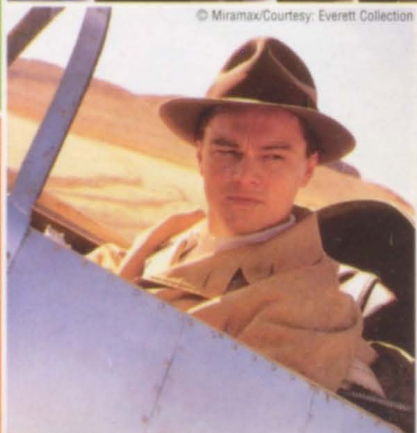
Jamie Foxx delivers an eerily convincing and Oscar-nominated performance as the late Ray Charles in *Ray*.

Already named best picture by film critics from New York to Los Angeles, independent film *Sideways* finds even more celebrity with a leading seven Golden Globe nominations.

Clint Eastwood directs another hit with *Million Dollar Baby*, starring Hilary Swank as a 31-year-old boxer.

The Aviator, starring Leonardo DiCaprio in the role of eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes, earns eleven Oscar nominations.

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television



NBC's "Joey"



The WB's "One Tree Hill"



ABC's "Wife Swap"



Ty Pennington and company improve lives while making homes better on the successful ABC home improvement show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Fox's "Arrested Development" wins the Emmy for Best Comedy Series after an inaugural year that is critically acclaimed but poorly rated.

Stephen, "Lo," Kristen and friends bring their real Orange County adventures to MTV in the hit reality show "Laguna Beach."



"You're fired!" becomes a household phrase as Donald Trump plows through executive wannabes on his hit NBC show, "The Apprentice."

ABC gets big ratings from its new hit drama "Lost," the intriguing story of 48 plane crash survivors stranded on an island.

Pausing and recording live television with DVR is rapidly replacing VCRs in households across America.



To kick off her 19th season of CBS's "The Oprah Winfrey Show," Oprah and Pontiac join forces to give each of the 276 audience members a brand new Pontiac G6.

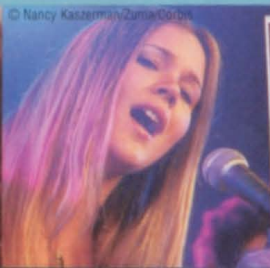


Before his unbelievable 74-game winning streak comes to an end, NBC's "Jeopardy" contestant Ken Jennings wins \$2,520,700 — a TV game show record. He delivers over 2,700 correct responses.

music



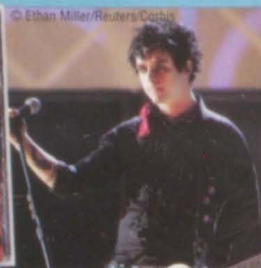
Destiny's Child reunites



Joss Stone



Julie Roberts



Green Day



Ray Charles dies at age 73

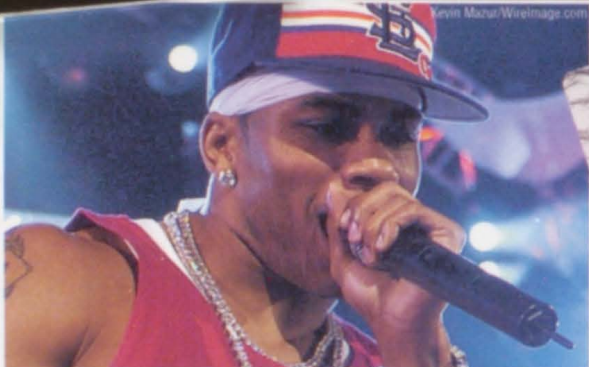
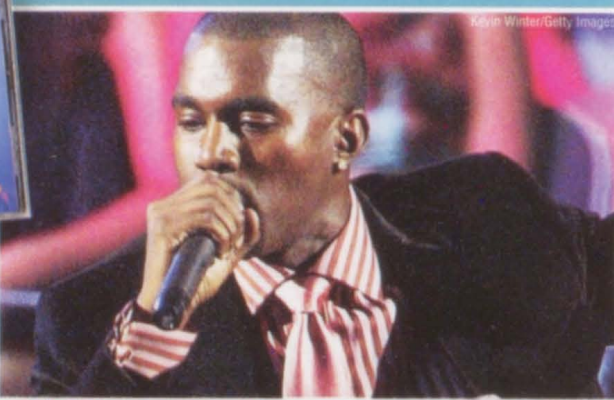


With bands like Interpol, The Killers and Snow Patrol, alternative rock returns to the mainstream music scene in a big way.

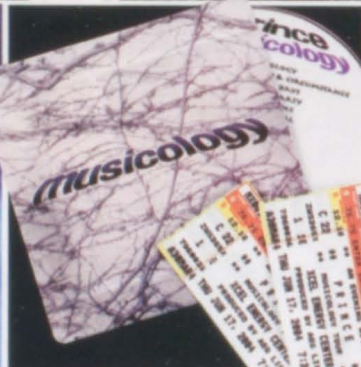
U2's new album *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* hits No.1 in *Billboard* magazine, and the band is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in March 2005.



Rapper Kanye West collects a whopping 10 Grammy nominations, including Album of the Year, for his debut *The College Dropout*.



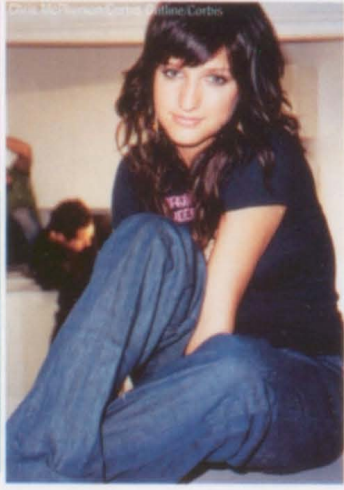
Nelly continues to wrap up big sales and hit songs with the simultaneous release of his two albums, *Sweat and Suit*.



Pop superstar Prince gives his concert ticket-holders something to cheer about before the concerts start ... a free copy of his *Musicology* CD.

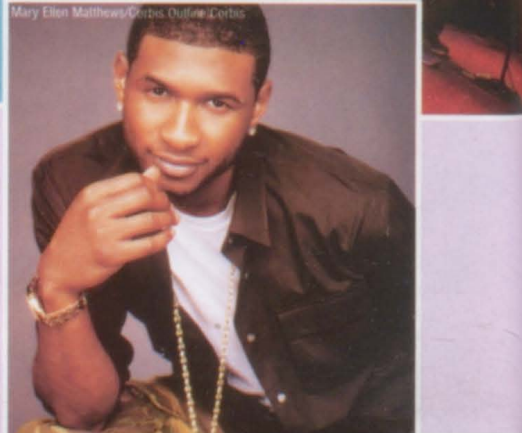


Legendary '80s alternative rock band The Pixies, known for inspiring "grunge" music, reunites after 13 years for a sold-out U.S. and European tour.



Ashlee Simpson, Jessica's younger sister, makes headlines with her triple-platinum debut album *Autobiography* and a lip-synching gaffe on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

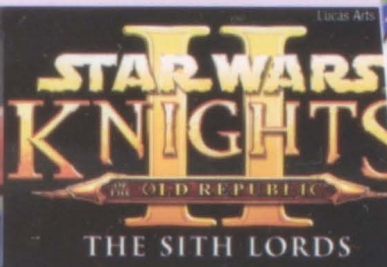
In December, Usher dominates the *Billboard* Music Awards, taking home 11 awards, including Album of the Year for *Confessions*.



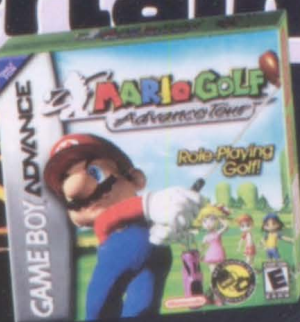
entertainment



"Half-Life 2"



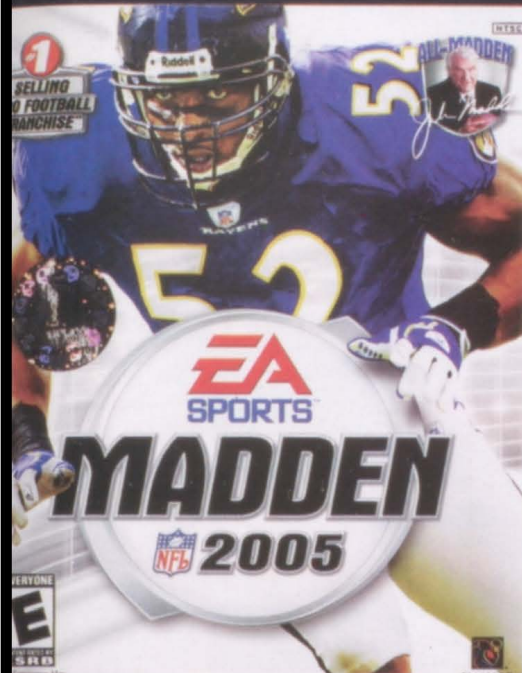
"K.O.T.O.R. II"



"Mario Golf Advance Tour"



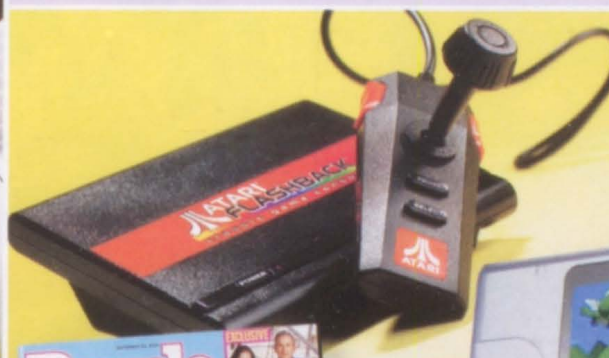
"Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater"



Video game giant Electronic Arts buys exclusive rights to the teams, players and stadiums of the NFL for its popular Madden video game franchise.

After three years, Microsoft and Bungie Studios release the most eagerly anticipated video game sequel, Halo 2. Over 5 million copies of the game sell in the first month.

The newest trend in video games is to go "old school," with plug-and-play systems featuring '80s games from the likes of Atari and Namco.



2004 is the year of celebrities having babies, as Courtney Cox-Arquette, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kate Hudson, Julia Roberts, Liv Tyler and others all become first-time mothers.

Thousands of young people become avid poker players, a trend sparked by TV shows featuring tournaments for celebrities and professional poker players.

The challenging "Metroid Prime 2: Echoes" takes home the prize as IGN.com's Gamecube Game of the Year.



Reuters/Fred Prouzet/Landov

The hottest "hard-to-get" toy for the holidays is the Nintendo DS handheld gaming system.

Even though it won't reach bookstores until July 16, 2005, preorders in December help J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* top several best-seller lists.



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sports

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Ironman Lance Armstrong wins his record-setting sixth straight Tour de France.

Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart leads the USC Trojans to a second consecutive NCAA National Championship by routing the Oklahoma Sooners in the FedEx Orange Bowl, 55-19.

Kirby Lee/WireImage.com



With a series sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals, the Boston Red Sox lift the "Curse of the Bambino" to win their first World Series title since 1918.

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The New England Patriots defeat the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-21, to repeat as Super Bowl Champions. They have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

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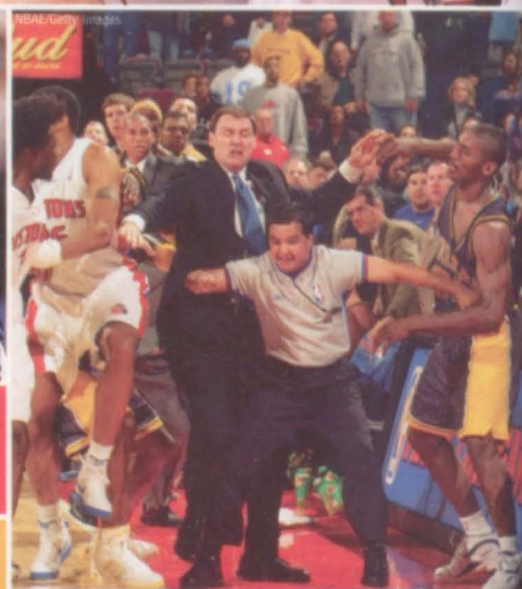
Following his win in September at the Deutsche Bank Championship, Vijay Singh unseats Tiger Woods as the world's No. 1 golfer.

Joe Robbins/Getty Images



In December, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws his record-setting 49th touchdown pass of the season.

NBAE/Getty Images



In one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history, five Indiana Pacers players clash with Detroit Pistons fans on court and in the stands. The Pacers' Ron Artest is suspended for the year for his involvement.

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Russian teenage tennis star Maria Sharapova defeats Serena Williams to claim the Wimbledon title. Thanks to lucrative sponsorship deals, Sharapova ends the year as the world's richest sportswoman.

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Carly Patterson joins Mary Lou Retton as the only American gymnasts to win the women's all-around Olympic gold medal.

Michael Phelps swims his way to eight individual Olympic medals, six gold and two bronze.

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ATHENS 2004



Together for the last time, the "Fab Five" of U.S. women's soccer — Julie Foudy, Joy Fawcett, Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly and Brandi Chastain — bring home an Olympic gold medal.

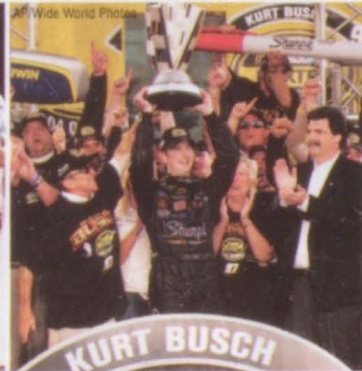
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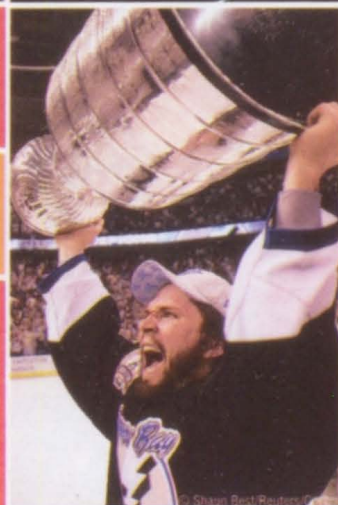
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Kurt Busch wins the NASCAR Nextel Cup. It is his first career title and the closest battle in cup history.

The Detroit Pistons, led by Ben Wallace and finals MVP Chauncey Billups, win the 2004 NBA title.

The NHL takes the 2004-2005 season off as players and team owners fail to come to an agreement on players' salary limitations.



The Tampa Bay Lightning claim the 2004 NHL Stanley Cup by winning the seventh game of the Stanley Cup Finals, 2-1, over the Calgary Flames.

Barry Bonds joins Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron as baseball's only 700+ home run hitters. However, his performance falls under scrutiny after it is revealed that Bonds and other major leaguers have been using illegal steroids.



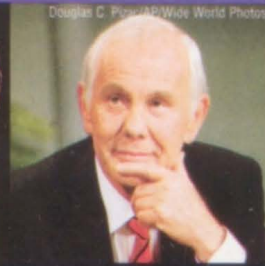
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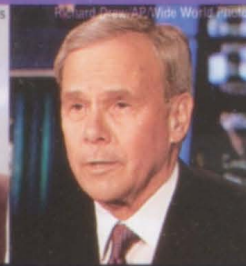
Marlon Brando dies at age 80



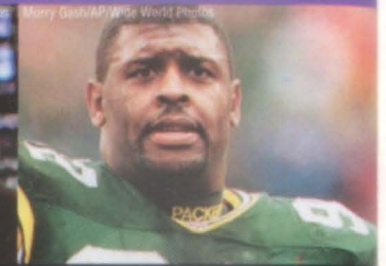
Johnny Carson dies at 79



Dan Rather retires



Tom Brokaw signs off



Reggie White dies at age 43



In a year of entertainment dominated by teen queens, Lindsay Lohan makes the biggest splash of the bunch with the hit movie *Mean Girls* and her debut CD *Speak*.

Mattie Stepanek dies from a form of muscular dystrophy at age 13. He was known as a best-selling poetry author and the Muscular Dystrophy Association's National Goodwill Ambassador from 2002 through 2004.

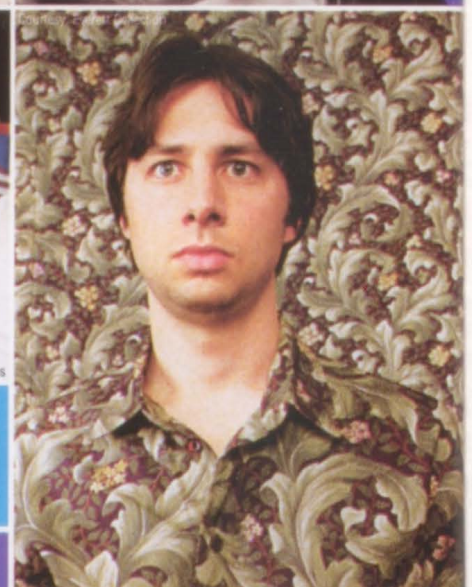
In remembrance of those who have died and those who continue to risk their lives in the war in Iraq.



Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko suffers from debilitating illness and scarring caused by dioxin poisoning, allegedly at the hands of his opponents.



Democratic vice presidential and presidential nominees John Edwards and John Kerry make the 2004 election a very close race.



Actor Zach Braff from NBC's "Scrubs" makes his big screen acting, writing and directorial debut in the critically acclaimed *Garden State*.



Rodney Dangerfield, 82, veteran comedian famous for getting "no respect," dies from complications following heart surgery.



Former NFL player Pat Tillman, who chose the Armed Forces over the NFL, is killed while on duty in Afghanistan.

