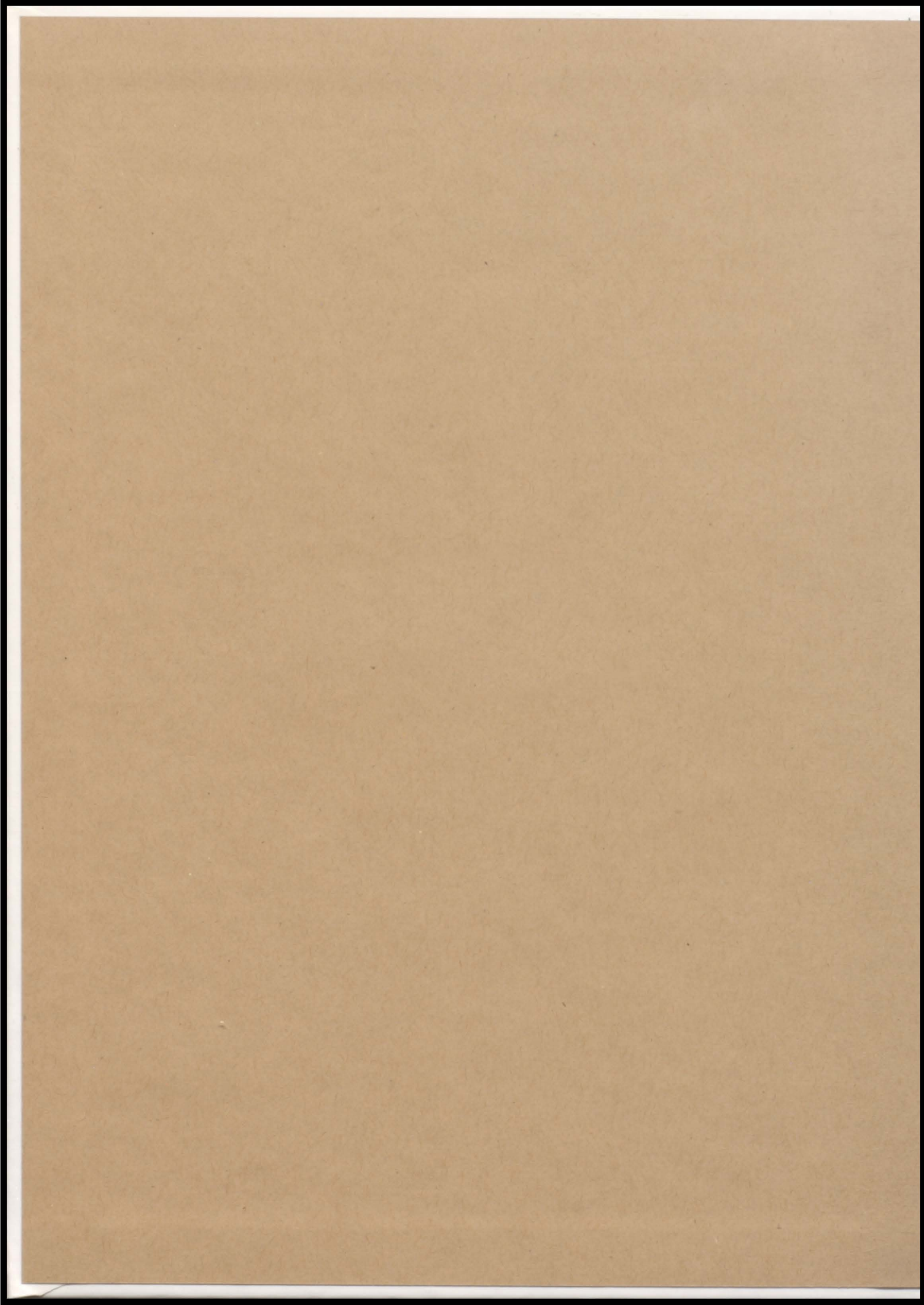




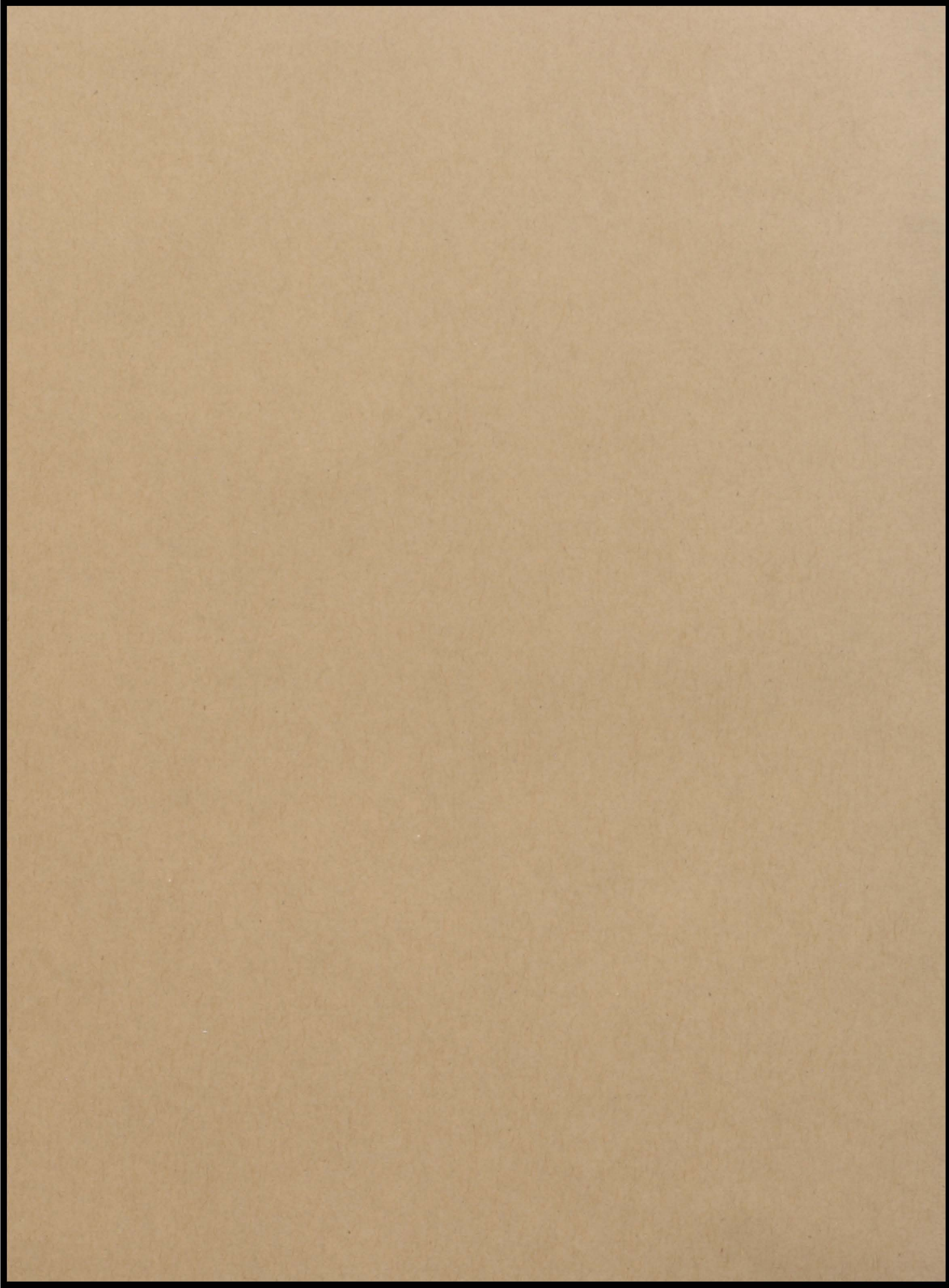
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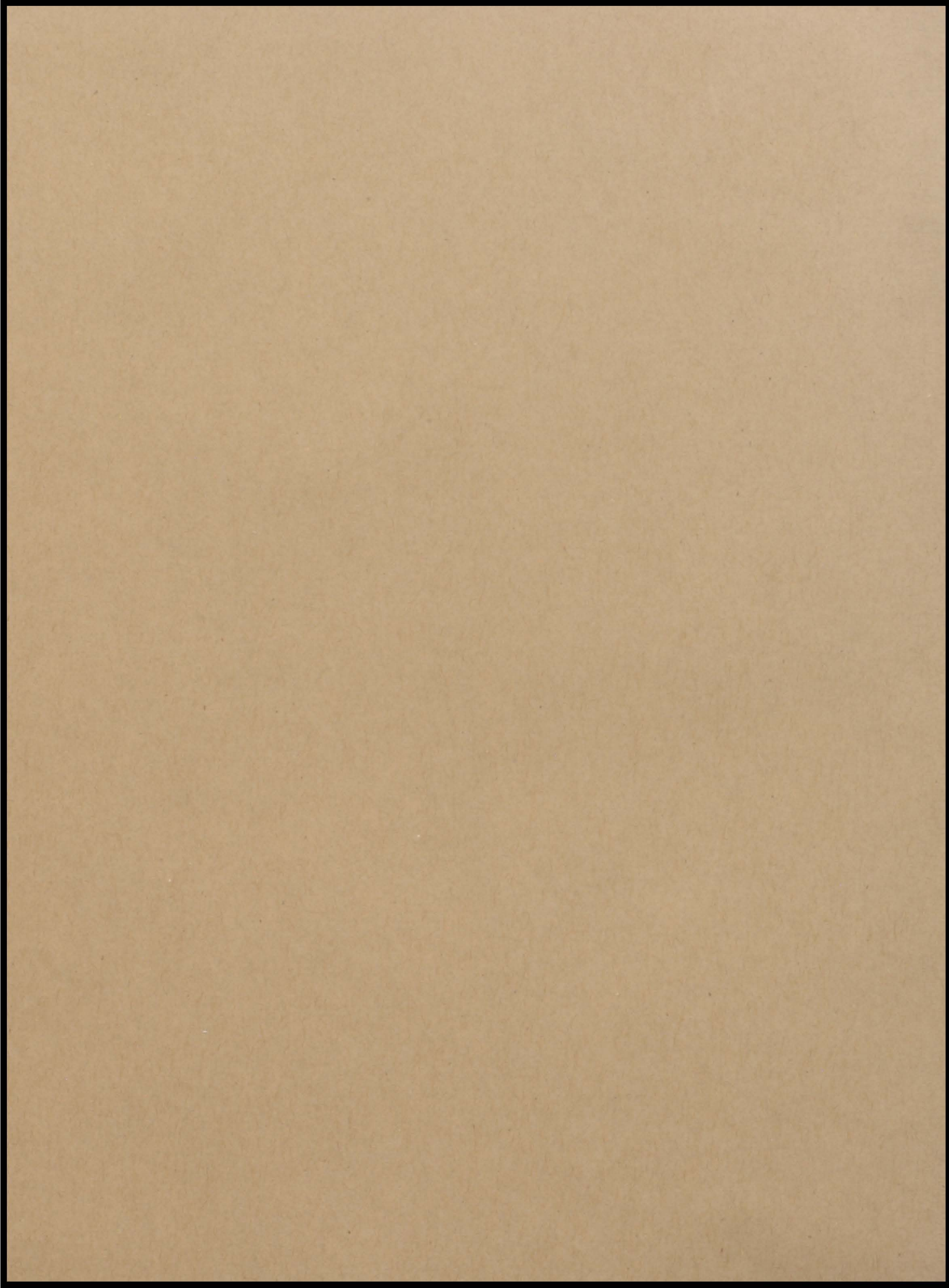


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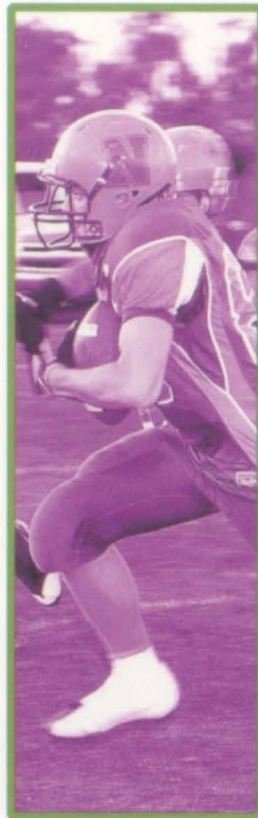


1. Football cheerleaders Junior Nona Hawley, sophomore Hilary Frericks and Juniors Alyssa Harmon and Lexi Horning support the football team with a cheer.

2. The Northwestern High School students chose seniors Thomas Morgan and Shari Fischbach to reign over Homecoming as king and queen.

3. Eighth-grader Courtlen Lechner and freshmen Alex Boekelheide and Gabby Morgan show their school spirit by cheering on the volleyball team at the state tournament.

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Northwestern's record of outstanding performance in extracurricular as well as academic activities puts this school a cut above the rest.

An excellent faculty takes academics to the next level to make Northwestern beyond ordinary. The students themselves strive to achieve a status above the norm. Together, everyone takes part in making this school beyond ordinary...



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# Beyond People...

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Students and faculty are definitely not ordinary at Northwestern. From athletes to artists to actors, everyone has his or her own unique talent that can be utilized at our school. Everyone has a purpose and a place despite our differences. In fact, these differences are what make the people at Northwestern *beyond ordinary...*



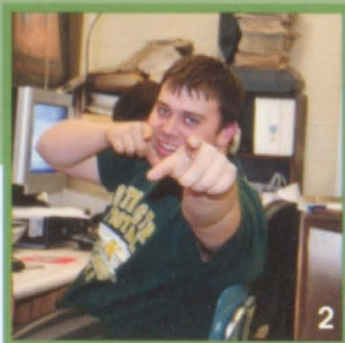
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1. Fifth-grader Isaac Groff draws with chalk on the cement in front of school during Homecoming week.

2. Junior Logan Clemensen messes around during journalism class in Mrs. Nora Groff's room.

3. Junior Landon Gab screen prints a "Volley for a Cure" shirt for the volleyball team's breast cancer awareness event.





- 4. Sophomore Daiton Franck recites his oral interp piece at the local contest.
- 5. Sophomore Amanda Finley and eighth-grader Ashley Clemens play their saxophones during pep band at a home football game.
- 6. Juniors Alyssa Harmon and Jenna Larson studiously take notes during Mrs. Anne Frericks's business management class.



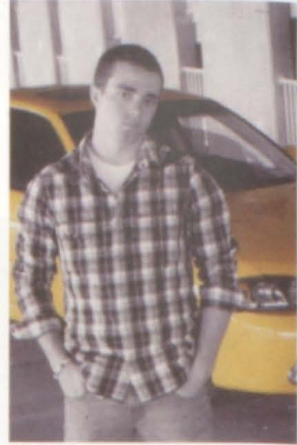
*Beyond Concentration...* Junior Carly Peterson carefully places a piece of paper on her mosaic for art class. Peterson created a mosaic image of Mrs. Laura Steward.

J. Anderson C. Best  
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D. Harmon



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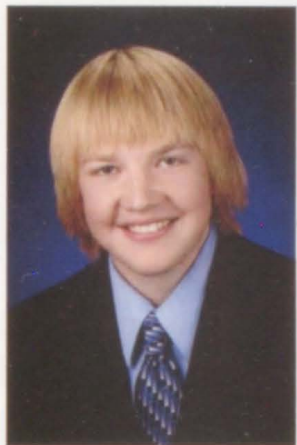
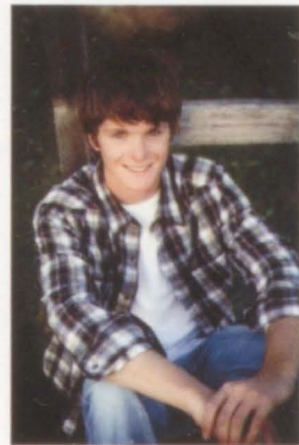
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 Erica Lerew  
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 \*Student Council Representative



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 Derek Miles  
 Thomas Morgan \*President  
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 Jerehmi Stayner  
 LiChee Wang



If you could relive  
*one moment*  
 of your life, what  
 would it be?

"Coming off the stage after my one-act play performance and hearing the crowd cheer and applaud," senior Laura Bade said.



"I would want to relive my trip to Europe; only this time, I would make sure that I missed the plane back to America," senior Stephanie Mastel said.





# Class of 2009



Top 5 Favorite aspects of being a senior

1. Thinking about our future debt after attending college



2. Little kids think we're cool

3. Napping during school



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4. Teachers are nicer because they perceive us to be more mature...wow do we have them fooled!

5. Wearing sweatpants every day

What is the *hardest* class to sleep through?

AP English 35%

I don't sleep in 5% class

Tech English 25%

None 10%

Art 15%

Voed 10%

John McCain

Undecided

20%

20%

For whom did you vote?

Barack Obama

70%

Seniors



# Juniors

Facebook or Myspace?

Facebook 71%

MySpace 0%

Both 21%

Neither 7%

Tyler Bisbee  
Betsey Borchard  
Korie Braun



Jordan Breeding  
Ty Brown  
Will Cass  
Logan Clemensen



Jalen Diede  
Colette Fortin\*Vice President  
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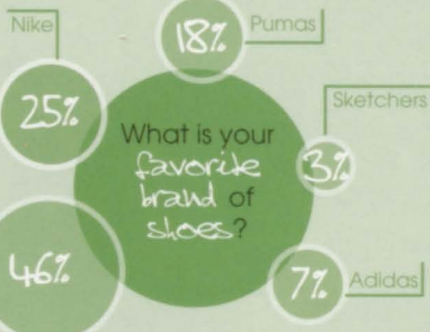
Hope Stappler  
Heather Stayner  
Michelle Two Hearts  
Laura Ulbrich  
Tristen Waller  
Zachary Wood



## Top 5 Best Movies of the Year



1. Dark Knight
2. Mamma Mia
3. Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist
4. My Best Friend's Girl
5. Step Brothers



If you could be famous, for what would you be famous?



"Being Tony Romo's stalker," junior Lexi Horning said.

"Inventing the heated toilet seat," junior Will Cass said.





# Sophomores



Casey Bade  
Alex Bauer  
Taylor Beardemphl  
Joni Boekelheide\*Vice President



Josh Clemens  
Kelsey EtI  
Amanda Finley\*President  
Rachel Finley  
Kara Fischbach\*Secretary-Treasurer



Dalton Franck  
Hilary Frericks  
Tyler Hahler\*Student Council  
Representative  
Dylan Hansen  
Michael Hanners



Shaina Jensen  
Logen Lechner  
Elizabeth Leonhardt  
Alyssa Morgan  
Chelsea Reed



Anna Romandash  
Jeremiah Serfling  
Michael Smith  
Ethan Steward  
Ashly Wise

How often do you check Facebook?

At least twice a day 0%

Once a day 50%

Once a week 29%

Never 21%

## Top 5 Favorite School Lunches



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1. Italian Dunkers
2. Pizza
3. Biscuits and Gravy
4. Popcorn  
Chicken Surprise
5. Chili

How do you spell the word occurrence?



"Occainance," sophomore Michael Hanners said.

"Oqurenice," sophomore Shaina Jensen said.



I don't even have a cell phone

25%

Every day

17%

How often do you have your cellphone on you at school?

Never

42%

Every once in a while

17%

Note: None of the sophomores spelled *occurrence* correctly.



# Freshmen

## Favorite Brands of Clothing

- Hurley 10%
- NW Ink 10%
- American Eagle 10%
- Like I pay attention to brands! 5%
- Aeropostale 30%
- Other 40%



Alex Boekelheide  
Logan Brown



Jared Fischer  
Katrina Frericks \*Student Council Representative  
Laken Frericks \*Vice President  
Jennifer Lefforge  
Adrianna Lutter  
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Gabby Morgan  
Shelby Peterson  
Ruth Phillips  
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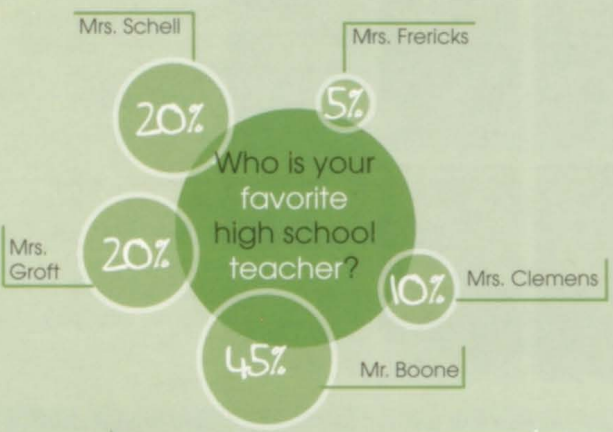


Mariah Taylor  
Trevor Toennies  
Jussy Tuscherer  
Warren Walter  
Haley Wetzler  
Hunter Wood



## Top 5 Worst parts of Buddy Day

1. Suck-and-blow after eating garlic toast
2. Fire Drills
3. People laughing at us
4. Little children running away in fear
5. Taking duck-tape off hairy legs



"'Man, I Feel Like a Woman' by Shania Twain and 'The Star-Spangled Banner' because Haley, Jussy and I plan on starting a band someday, and these two songs will be our first singles," freshman Mariah Taylor said.

## What is your favorite song and artist?



"'Almost Easy' by Avenged Sevenfold," freshman Hunter Wood said.



"My favorite song is 'Diary of Jane,' and my favorite artist is The Frey," freshman Katrina Frericks said.



# Eighth Grade



Ashley Clemens  
Shay Clemens  
\*Vice President  
Matthew Collette  
Evan Finley



Landon Fischbach  
\*President  
Jake Groff  
Anastasia Hafner  
Alexander Hawley  
Nathan Hawley



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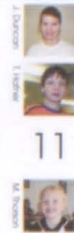
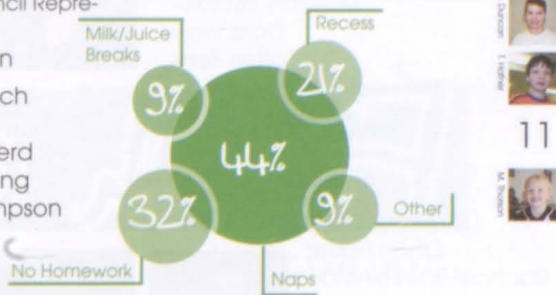


Stanton Roach  
Trevor Rush  
Ryan Shepherd  
Kaitlyn Sparling  
Melissa Thompson

Top 5 things you are looking forward to most in high school

1. Driving
2. Not being in junior high anymore
3. High school sports
4. Not being in Music Appreciation
5. Getting to eat sooner

What do you miss most about elementary?



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# Seventh Grade



Kristie Bade  
\*Secretary-Treasurer  
Torey Beardemphl  
Tyler Carda  
Robert Collette  
Jeanna Duncan  
Matthew Fischbach  
Kalen Frericks \*Vice President



Nathan Frericks  
Madison Hahler  
Donna Harmon  
Jacob Heidenreich  
Luther Johnson  
Delbert Leonhardt \*President  
Jesse Lutter



Paige Metzinger  
Andrew Myers  
Nathan Palmer  
Bryce Roe  
Skylar Sorenson  
\*Student Council Representative  
Alyssa Steward  
Nicholas Wood

Eighth & Seventh Grade



# Sixth Grade

Jordan Ashalintubbi  
Zachary Duncan  
Tanner Dvorak



Trace Hafner\*President  
Hans Leonhardt\*Vice President  
Christine Morgan  
Katie Myers  
Hannah Palmer  
Jordon Peterson



Tessa Rush  
Halle Sieve  
Corbin Smith  
Kennedi Sparling  
Blake Toennies  
\*Secretary-Treasurer  
Doris Wise  
Colton Zens



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# Fifth Grade

Ethan Bauer  
Rachael Boekelheide  
Cameron Bohl  
Trevor Bohl  
Kendra Bohlen  
Kirstin Borge  
Hope Bowar  
Allison Braun



Alex Collette  
Kate Finley  
Abigail Fischbach  
Darien Frericks  
Brayden Genzler  
Isaac Groft  
Wyatt Hahler  
Sean Hauck



Elizabeth Heidenreich  
Kaylee Hoellein  
Bryce Jensen  
Cody Lefforge  
Hunter Lerew  
Dylan Miles  
Nolan Peterson  
Mark Phillips



Andrea Rausch  
Rachel Rausch  
Logan Schentzel  
Jerod Shepherd  
Codi Sparling  
Madison Styles  
Cory Walter  
Destinee Zens





# Fourth Grade



Derek Boekelheide  
Josephyne Clemens  
Darby Duncan  
Alexandria Johnson



Andrew Lefforge  
Matthew Metzinger  
Klaryssa Schnoor  
Chelsea Sorenson  
Austen Wiman

## Top 5

Fifth-grade girls' favorite parts of being split up

1. Mrs. Leinen can read girly books
2. We don't have to sit next to boys
3. We get Mrs. Leinen for a teacher
4. We can talk to Mrs. Neiger about girl stuff
5. We don't get in as much trouble

# Third Grade



Isaac Bauer  
Tucker Bohl  
Tyler Braun  
Mackenzie Engels  
Wyatt Erickson



Jedd Groff  
Peyton Groff  
Megan Heidenreich  
Jaidyn Kramp  
Kane Little  
Joseph Lutter



Zachary McCabe  
Austin Peterson  
Evy Peterson  
Sadie VanderWal  
Darlen Watson  
Blaine Wright

## Top 5

Fifth-grade boys' favorite parts of being split up

1. Talking about football
2. No nagging girls
3. We don't get picked on
4. No one says we smell bad
5. The girls don't have to show off



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If you could be any color crayon, what color would you be and why?

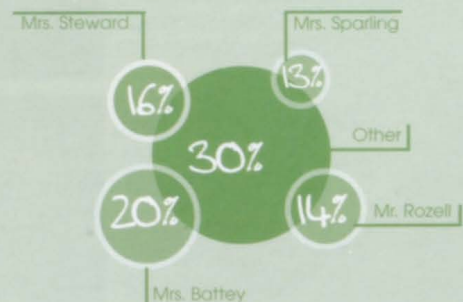


"Black, because people use it more," sixth-grader Kennedy Sparling said.

"I don't want to be a crayon because I am a human," sixth-grader Christine Morgan said.



Who is your favorite teacher for recess duty?





# Second Grade

Who is your favorite

*high school student* and why?



"Shari Fischbach. She baby-sits me at my house. She hugs me. I love Shari Fischbach," first-grader Miranda Thorson said.

"Mariah Taylor. Mariah is cute," first-grader Noah Morgan said.



Brandon Ashalintubbi  
Gavin Bohl



Moira Duncan  
Caitlyn Fischbach  
Jarret Haven  
Triten Heber  
Katelyn Little



Caleb Schentzel  
Sean Shepherd  
Talin Sorenson  
Zach Toennies  
Seth Wood



# First Grade

Halley Boekelheide  
Torrence Bourelle  
Jacob Clark  
Zechariah Clemens



Ezekiel Duncan  
Tristan Dvorak  
Cassidy Frericks  
Madalyn Groff  
Hunter Jeschke  
Kaitlyn Lefforge  
Noah Morgan



Eric Nelson  
Kira Pelton  
Dalton Peterson  
Dylan Rush  
Danille Seymour  
Talley Sparling  
Kyle Stahl



Christine Stoltenberg  
Miranda Thorson  
Ethan Walter  
Danielle Watson  
Tya Weideman  
Jerrin Wiman  
Carson Wright





# Kindergarten



Danika Berry  
Hayden Bohl  
Jackson Christ  
Joe Groff  
Jace Haven  
Joclyn Haven



Seth Heidenreich  
Bailey Heim  
Jackson Mielke  
Zachariah Mzala  
Kyle Peterson  
Alexis Rahm  
Cody Rausch  
Samantha Rush



Sydney Schell  
Hannah Schentzel  
Hunter Schipke  
Jaden Schnabel  
Hallie Stuck  
Mitchell VanderWal  
Jackson Weideman  
Torrence Wiseman



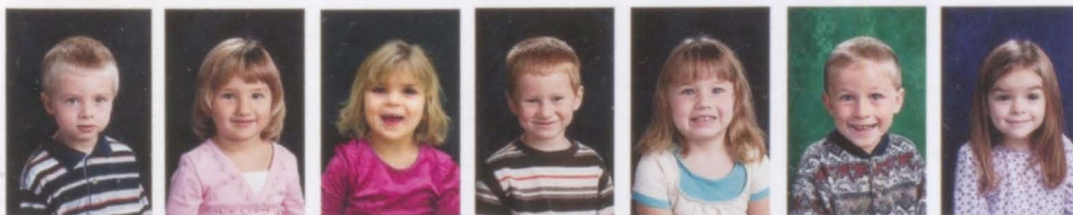
# Preschool



Kyanne Anglin  
Tyler Ashalintubbi  
Ethan Boekelheide



Jessica Boekelheide  
Trey Bourelle  
Gabrielle Engels  
Tanner Ewalt  
Preston Geditz  
Samuel Groff  
Ella Haven



Justin Haven  
Olivia Heidenreich  
Stephanie Juenger  
Landen Melius  
Reagan Nelson  
Logan Rausch  
Emmylea Robeson



Kadi Schnabel  
Kade Stahl  
Mackenzie Stoltenberg  
Sawyer Styles  
Brandon Toennies  
Christopher Toennies  
Maddie Williams



# Faculty

**Diane Artz:** *Bus Driver*  
**Marilyn Battey:** *Third Grade*



**Lea Bender:** *Speech Therapy*  
**Sandy Bierman:** *Elementary Librarian,  
 Elementary Computers*  
**Scott Boone:** *History, Social Studies, Geog-  
 raphy, Asst. Football Coach, Track Coach*



**Eric Borge:** *Elementary Physical Education,  
 Head Football Coach*  
**Karla Borge:** *Title I*  
**Bob Braasch:** *Bus Driver*  
**Pat Braasch:** *Kitchen Staff*



**Mary Bullock:** *Special Education Aide*

**Christy Cardella:** *Middle School English, Middle School  
 Literature, Middle School Oral Interp Coach*

**Bill Clemens:** *Middle School Basketball Coach, Custod-  
 ian, Bus Driver*

**Denise Clemens:** *Middle School Basketball Coach,  
 High School Science, Eighth-Grade Science*

**Shauna Dieter:** *First-Grade Aide*

**Doug Duncan:** *Second Grade, Asst. Volleyball Coach,  
 Middle School Track Coach*



**Shelley Fischbach:** *Librarian, Tech Coordinator, Computers*

**Marie Fix:** *Special Education Aide*

**Lisa Franck:** *Board Member*

**Orrin Freeman:** *Bus Driver*

**Anne Frericks:** *Business, FBLA Adviser, Screen printing*

**Lisa Frericks:** *Business Manager*



**Butch Gabel:** *Bus Driver*

**James Groft:** *Board Member*

**Nora Groft:** *High School English, Head Volleyball  
 Coach, Journalism Adviser*

**Jessica Halvorson:** *Administrative Assistant*

**Tamra Haven:** *Middle School Science, Special  
 Education Services*

**Tim Hedblom:** *Sixth-Grade Math & Literature,  
 Asst. Football Coach, Asst. Basketball Coach,  
 Middle School Football Coach*

**Roylene Heidenreich:** *Fourth Grade*



"Late Night TV Host - being seen and loved by millions of insomniacs would be the life," Mr. Doug Duncan said.



"Meteorologist - so I could be wrong in my predictions and it would still be okay," Mrs. Lisa Frericks said.



If you could have any other career in the world, what would it be and why?



# Faculty



**Randy Hermansen:** High School Math  
**Kevin Horning:** Board Member



**Dennis Jeschke:** Custodian  
**Jeannine Jilek:** DDN Adviser  
**Paula Johnson:** Special Education Services



**Jill Jorgenson:** Asst. Volleyball Coach  
**Doreen Leinen:** Fifth Grade  
**Bobbie Lerew:** Board Member  
**Judy Lindhorst:** Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten  
**Stephanie Lunstrum:** High School Band & Choir



**Linda Lutter:** Kitchen Staff  
**Laura Melius:** Drama Club Adviser  
**Mary Mielke:** Board Member  
**Vicki Mitchell:** Kindergarten  
**Holly Morgan:** Cheer Adviser  
**Sue Neiger:** Guidance Counselor



**Rich Osborn:** Principal, Head Boys' & Girls' Basketball Coach, Asst. Football Coach, Ninth-Grade Geometry  
**Jackie Remily:** Special Education Services  
**Wade Rozell:** Fifth Grade, High School Track Coach, Middle School Football Coach  
**Jerry Sauer:** Industrial Technology  
**Ray Sauerwein:** Superintendent, Athletic Director  
**Jennifer Schell:** K-12 Art, Seventh-Grade Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach



**Kayla Sparling:** Kindergarten Aide  
**Laura Steward:** Title I Aide  
**Nancy Taylor:** First Grade  
**Wendy Thorson:** Elementary & Middle School Music  
**Jenifer Toennies:** Preschool Aide  
**Camille Tuscherer:** Bus Driver  
**Rita Walter:** Kitchen Staff  
**Rene Wood:** Bus Driver



"Director of Volleyball Operations at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Go Huskers!" Mrs. Nora Groff said.



"I would like to be the governor of South Dakota so that I could have some political power to help fix our funding of education in this state," Mrs. Wendy Thorson said.



"I have always dreamed of owning a bridal boutique. I really like to help people feel great inside and out. It doesn't matter what their background or financial situation is, everyone deserves to have their dreams come true for one day," Mrs. Rita Walter said.





# Beyond Change...

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As the leaves begin to change, chatter fills the previously empty halls. Summer is gone, and fall has arrived. The students feel the change, too, as they prepare for a new year. Each fall is a fresh beginning for everyone; the optimism fills the classrooms. Each student hopes to make this year *beyond ordinary...*



A. Anderson



A. Fryer

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B. Baker

1. Seventh-graders Kalen Frericks and Madison Hahler perform a cheer during the junior high football jamboree.

2. Freshman Annie Lutter performs her oral interp piece at the local contest.

3. Sophomore Logen Lechner pretends to be a monarch butterfly during the sophomores' Homecoming skit.



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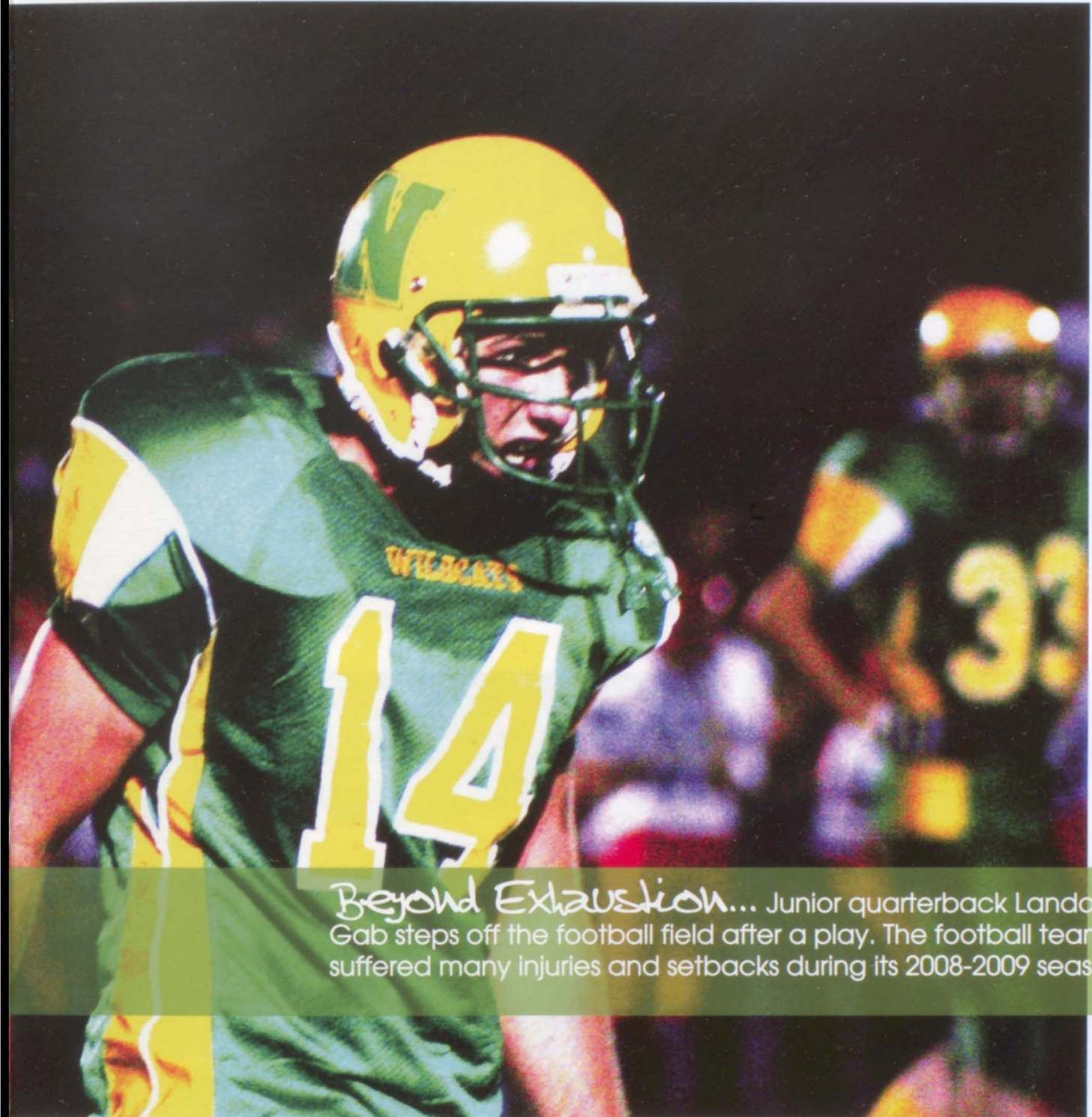
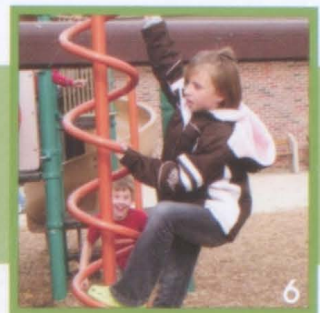
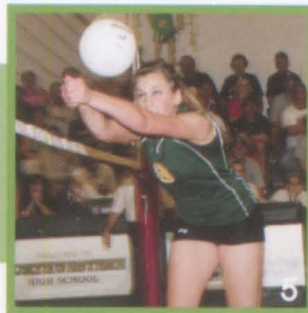
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4. Seniors Kevin Ford and Caitlyn DeWitte walk together during Coronation as royalty candidates.

5. Junior Carly Peterson stretches for a pass during one of the varsity volleyball matches.

6. Third-grader Jaidyn Kramp climbs on the playground during recess.



*Beyond Exhaustion...* Junior quarterback Landon Gab steps off the football field after a play. The football team suffered many injuries and setbacks during its 2008-2009 season.



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## Beyond a sport..

Inclement weather, sharp cleats and constant running are only some of the obstacles senior Stephanie Mastel faces each soccer game. Mastel has played soccer since the age of 8. She has played for the Groton Tigers' for the last two years. This year she earned fourth place at the state tournament, and last year they earned third place. Mastel was voted second-team all-state for her efforts this year.



"I love just playing out in the open, getting muddy and slide-tackling the opponent. It is so much fun; it is a lot of running, but it's exhilarating. I love soccer mostly because it is my way out of reality. It frees me from all problems, mostly because I can take my anger and frustration out on the ball and occasionally the other players. It is my passion, my life. I don't know what I would do without it," Mastel said.

1. Sophomore Joni Boekelheide shows her horse in Western riding.

2. Senior Kevin Ford swings during a baseball game in Groton.

3. Freshman Mariah Taylor pitches as sophomore Amanda Finley, ready on first base, watches.



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## In what out-of-school activity do you participate?

Outdoor Sports	27%
Dance/Performing Arts	6%
Sports	41%
Rodeo/Horse Showmanship	4%
Church Activities/Youth Group	43%
Other	27%

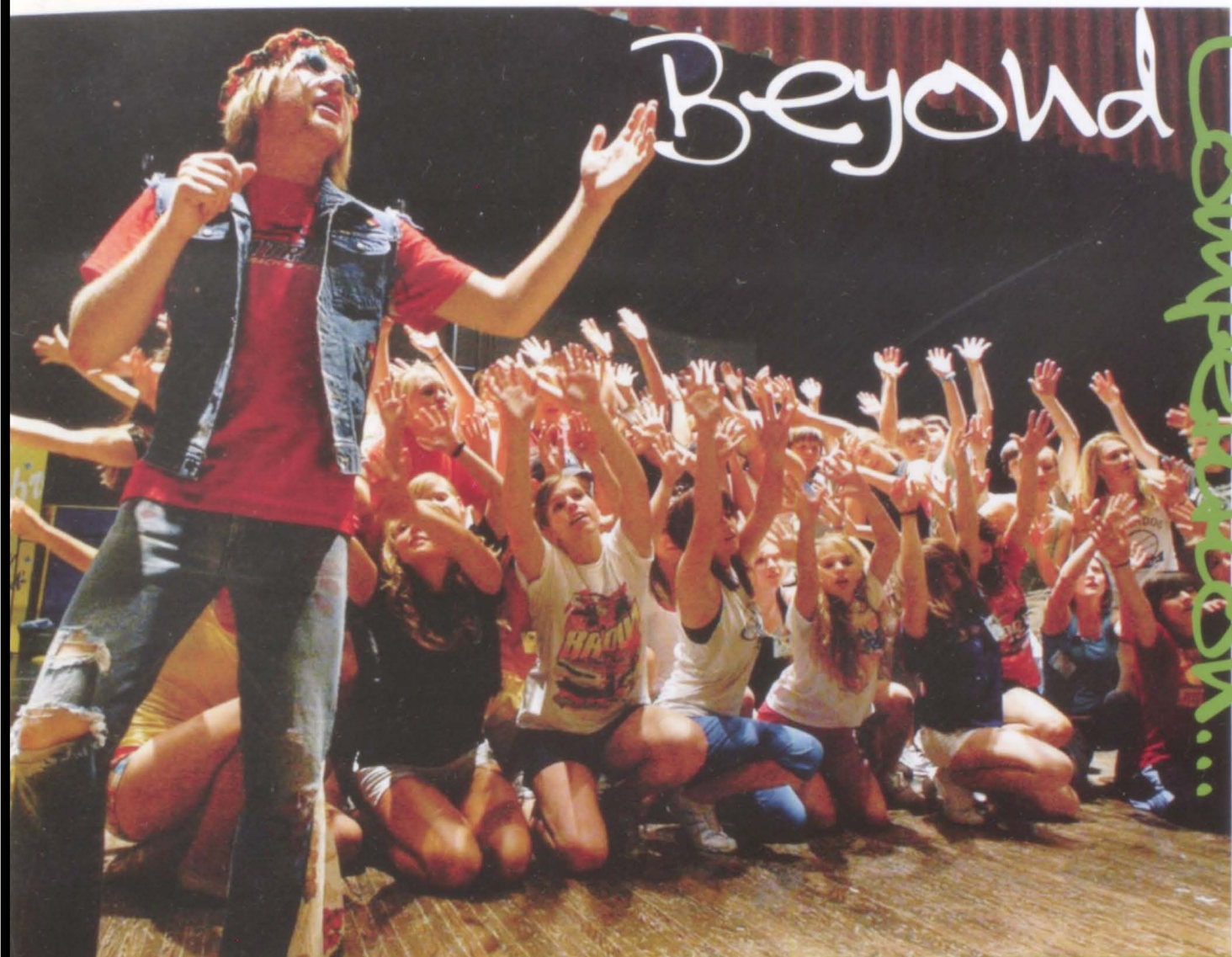


Junior Caroline Hansen shows cattle for 4-H. With this helper, Hansen won Grand Champion Heifer at Spink County Achievement Days, Grand Champion Charolais Female at the South Dakota State Fair and Reserve Champion Charolais Female at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. (a national level show).



# Beyond

# Competition...



Senior Thomas Morgan, dressed as a hippie, performs "Spirit in the Wind" at a 4-H performing arts camp held in Aberdeen, at Northern State University. Junior Korie Braun and sophomore Alyssa Morgan also performed.



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# M

Many students at Northwestern explore opportunities outside of school. Senior Alli Hawley, for example, takes 10 dance classes a week at Johnny Cavelle Dance Studios in Aberdeen.

"My favorite part about dance is the outcome at the end of the year with the recital. We dance nine months of the year and work for only those few days to show it. Dance isn't just a sport; it's a passion, and on the recital day, that passion is



finally seen," Hawley said.

Other students participate in programs such as 4-H and church youth groups. Still others enjoy outdoor recreational activities such as hunting, snowmobiling and four-wheeling. Sports, such as soccer, Junior Olympic volleyball, softball and baseball also occupy NW students' time.



4. Sophomores Casey Bade and Josh Clemens proudly display their results from a day of hunting.

5. Sophomore Alex Bauer rides his 4-wheeler in the Black Hills while senior Kevin Ford and junior Evan Morgan observe in the background.

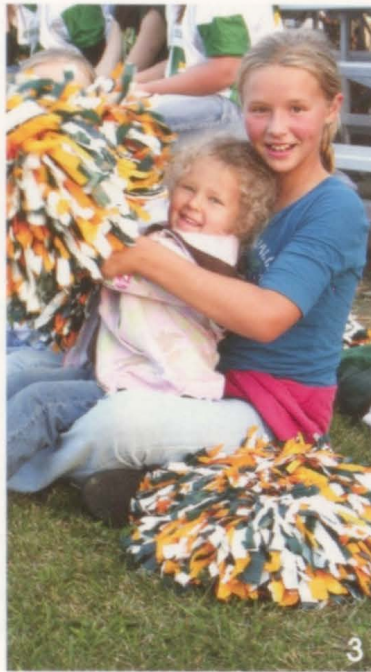
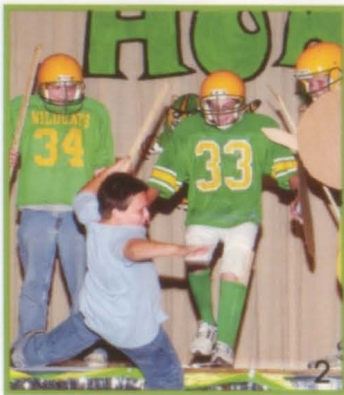
6. Senior Alli Hawley poses for a dance picture.







1. Freshmen Hunter Wood and Laine Mielke play a game of suck-and-blow on Buddy Day.
2. At Coronation, the seventh-graders perform their skit based on the movie 300.
3. Fifth-grader Abigail Fischbach and Teryn Sparling cheer at the Homecoming game.



# Schedule of Events...

Monday	Coronation
PowderPuff Football	Buddy Day
Tuesday	Picture Day
Dodgeball Tournament	Volleyball match @ Roncalli
Wednesday	Hippie Day
Thursday	Foreign Culture Day
Volleyball match against Warner	Friday
Parade	Power Buff Volleyball
Spirit Day	Football Game
Homecoming Dance	

What was your favorite Homecoming dress-up day?

Foreign Culture Day	12%
Hippie Day	33%
Pajama/Buddy Day	39%
Spirit Day	16%
Picture Day	0%



The second-graders march in the parade wearing their French attire. The elementary classes each chose a different country to represent and used that country's language to say "Wildcats are No. 1!"



# Beyond

# Game...



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**Homecoming Royalty...**Senior Kevin Ford, senior Stephanie Mastel, first-grader Eric Nelson, senior Thomas Morgan, senior Shari Fischbach, first-grader Danelle Watson, senior Caitlyn DeWitte and senior Derek Milles.

**H**omecoming is filled with activities that, for some students, are much more enjoyable than for other students. The upperclassmen particularly enjoy Buddy Day, but for most freshmen, this day is not quite as pleasant. In spite of the ratted hair, embarrassing clothing, and mandatory senior dictated games, the freshmen made it through the day without being traumatized too much.

"I thought it was really fun seeing everyone dressed up. There were some parts that I definitely didn't like, but overall it was just fun," freshman Gabby Morgan said.

Other students look forward to the

dodge ball tournament, power-buff volleyball match, powder-puff football game, homecoming game or the dance after the game. Besides Buddy Day, some students are fond of Pajama Day, Culture Day, Hippie Day, and Spirit Day.

"My favorite part of homecoming would probably have been

the week of dressing up.

It was entertaining watching

people come to school all dressed up.

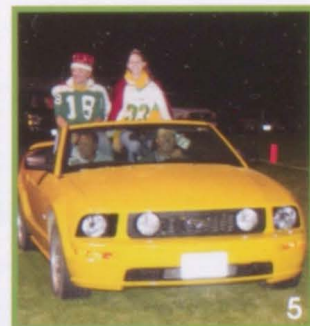
Hippie Day was pretty fun," sophomore Hilary Frericks said.



4. The eighth-grade class used an Olympic theme for its float in the Homecoming parade.

5. Seniors Thomas Morgan and Shari Fischbach ride around the field as Homecoming king and queen during half-time of the game.

6. Freshman Justine Tuscherer shows off her Buddy Day outfit.



Homecoming

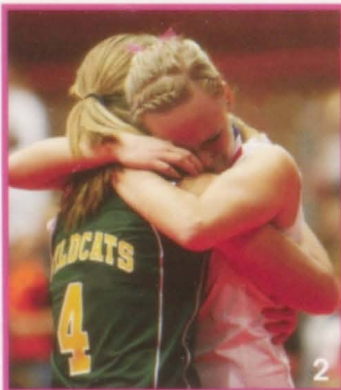




1. Senior Shari Fischbach attacks the ball against the Warner Monarchs as freshman Justine Tuscherer prepares to cover.  
 2. Freshmen Katrina Frericks and Haley Wetzler hug after the state championship match.  
 3. Freshman Justine Tuscherer and senior Alexz Metzinger attempt to block a hit against the Warner Monarchs.



1. Duncan  
 2. Frericks  
 3. Metzinger



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# Scoreboard

Wagner	(25-14) (25-14)
McCook Central/Montrose	(25-11) (25-12)
Parkston	(25-14) (25-9)
Tripp-Delmont/Armour	(25-14) (25-9)
Aberdeen Christian	(25-7) (25-9) (25-4)
Langford/Roslyn	(27-25) (25-21) (25-14)
Central Minnesota Christian	(25-21) (25-8)
Sioux Falls Christian	(25-20) (27-25)
Milbank	(21-25) (25-18) (25-17)
Sioux Falls Christian	(25-15) (25-20)
Britton-Hecla	(25-17) (25-8) (25-15)
Warner	(19-25) (28-26) (21-25) (25-16) (23-21)
Miller	(25-22) (24-26) (25-17) (25-16)
Ipswich	(25-9) (25-3) (25-2)
Aberdeen Roncalli	(25-15) (25-15) (25-13)
Warner	(25-19) (25-22) (21-25) (25-16)
Leola/Frederick	(25-9) (25-17) (25-13)
Redfield	(25-8) (25-16) (25-14)
Webster	(25-9) (25-5) (25-17)
Faulton Area	(25-20) (25-8) (25-13)
Doland/Conde	(25-16) (25-13) (25-11)
Gettysburg	(25-23) (25-16) (25-12)
Milbank	(25-19) (25-20) (23-25) (25-19)
Groton Area	(25-18) (25-10) (25-11)
Hitchcock-Tulare	(25-8) (25-11) (25-16)
Doland/Conde	(25-11) (18-25) (25-7) (25-10)
Warner	(17-25) (25-13) (23-25) (25-22) (15-12)
Summit	(25-16) (25-18) (25-18)
Harding County	(25-7) (18-25) (25-11) (25-10)
Arlington	(25-11) (21-25) (25-14) (25-20)
Phillip	(24-26) (25-13) (21-25) (22-25)

Record: 30-1  
 State B Runner-Up

## Volley For A Cure Night

The Northwestern volleyball team and the Redfield volleyball team joined forces the night they played each other to raise money to donate to the Susan

G. Komen Foundation. They sold more than 500 pink T-shirts all together. The two teams raised a total of \$4,400 to donate for breast cancer research.



Junior Hope Stappler has her face painted. The team painted faces and nails, braided hair and made snow cones to raise money.

The volleyball team's goal was to pack the gym in pink, and the community supported this goal by buying shirts.



Varsity Volleyball Team Front Row: Alyssa Morgan, Katrina Frericks, Haley Wetzler, Laken Frericks, Mariah Taylor; Second Row: Joni Boekelheide, Jenna Larson, coach Nora Groft, Maggie Clemensen, Alexz Metzinger; Third Row: assistant coach Doug Duncan, Carly Peterson, Jussy Tuscherer, Megan Peterson, Shari Fischbach, Kara Fischbach and assistant coach Jill Jorgenson.



# Beyond

# Passion...



Beyond success... Juniors Megan Peterson and Carly Peterson and freshman Mariah Taylor celebrate a point at the state tournament.



Stepping onto the court, the players meet in the middle. On the count of three, they yell, "Passion!" This one word was enough to fire up the 2008 Northwestern volleyball team throughout its season. The players, coaches and fans exhibited this passion for volleyball during every match. This passion led the team to a 30-1 record and a state runner-up title.



create a positive atmosphere in which our younger players could develop and thrive," head coach Nora Groft said.

Their passion for the game also bonded the players on and off the court.

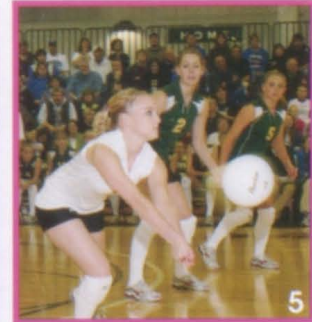
"Our team really meshed well. We got along and had a lot of fun. We had amazing players who all played their parts to accomplish our goals," junior Carly Peterson said.



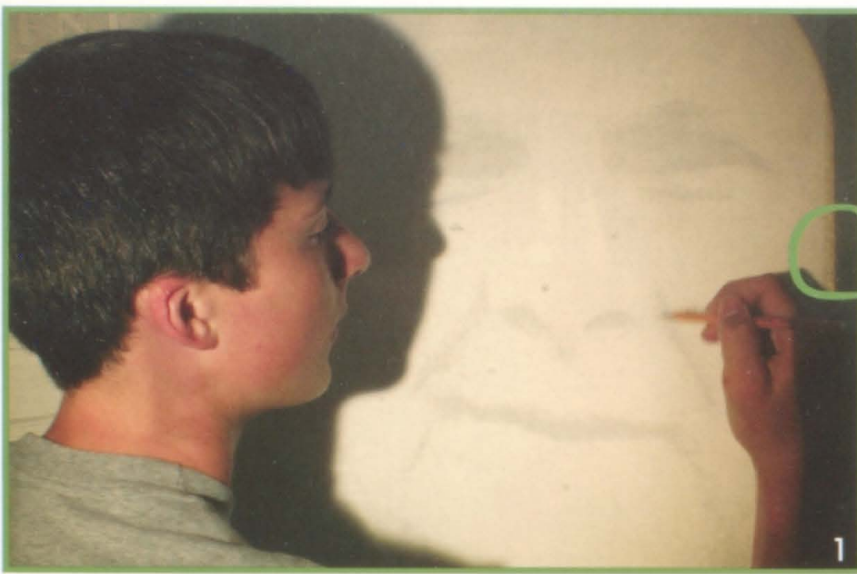
4. The volleyball team performs its pre-game huddle before warm-ups.

5. Freshman Haley Wetzler passes the ball on serve-receive as senior Shari Fischbach and freshman Mariah Taylor watch.

6. Junior Carly Peterson sets up one of her hitters.







# Beyond Crayons...

"Our whole world revolves around visual experiences. I'm trying to give them the ability to create job opportunities. Advertising is huge right now with computers, designing and selling," art teacher Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

This year, the Northwestern art department integrated new mediums and techniques. The art students had the opportunity to use clay and glazes to create pottery. The Northwestern Community Foundation donated a new pottery wheel to the art department. The year before, a kiln, a machine used to fire the pottery, was donated. Art students created more murals throughout the year also.

"For math, there's only one right answer, but in art, there are no wrong answers. It's refreshing to use your creativity with all the different mediums and get away from the everyday pen and paper," sophomore Kara Fischbach said.

1. Sophomore Josh Clemens draws the teacher's face he is going to use for his mosaic project.
2. Second-grader Moira Duncan colors with markers during art class.
3. Sophomore Rachel Finley paints the outlines of a map of the United States on the wall outside Mrs. Roylene Heidenreich's classroom.



 C. Baker  
 K. Finley  
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 K. Moore

What is your *favorite medium* to work with?

Mixed Media	10%
Colored Pencils	12%
Paint	41%
Pastels	10%
Computer Design Programs	27%



Senior Maggie Clemensen uses the art department's new pottery wheel to create a pot. The pottery wheel was donated by the Northwestern Community Foundation.



# Beyond

# Classrooms...



Junior Tristen Waller and sophomore Casey Bade flip through their books in their Spanish I class. The Spanish I class was so large that it had to be split between two classrooms.



Turning the sound back on for her microphone, junior Megan Peterson replies, "Buenos días!" to the screen in front of her. On the screen, Peterson's Spanish II teacher begins class 20 miles away in Aberdeen.

Peterson takes Spanish II through Northern State University's distance learning program, called DDN. Other students take classes like astronomy, AP history, AP calculus, senior math, Spanish I and Spanish III through DDN.

"I like (distance learning) because it offers classes that our school does not have," Peterson said.

Other students take classes

through other distance learning centers such as Apex Learning. These students take classes like AP chemistry and AP biology.

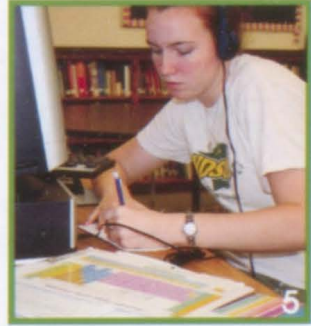
"(Distance learning) is involving more students, reaching more numbers and giving students the opportunity to take a larger range of classes that are not offered at Northwestern.

Distance learning helps students satisfy the requirements of the South Dakota Opportunities Scholarship also," DDN supervisor at NW, Mrs. Jeannine Jilek said.



4. DDN supervisor Mrs. Jeannine Jilek looks over junior Hope Stappler's homework for Spanish I.

5. Senior Laura Bade takes notes as she watches her AP chemistry class online.







1. Junior Brock Penfield runs out during starting line-ups.
2. Junior Landon Gab hands off to senior August Cass.
3. Junior Landon Gab looks downfield to fire a pass.



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# Scoreboard

<u>Hitchcock-Tulare</u>	<u>0-44</u>
<u>Langford/Roslyn</u>	<u>16-49</u>
<u>Ipswich</u>	<u>14-34</u>
<u>Leola/Frederick</u>	<u>6-40</u>
<u>Warner</u>	<u>6-30</u>
<u>Doland/Conde</u>	<u>56-30</u>
<u>Highmore</u>	<u>28-47</u>
<u>Faulkton</u>	<u>20-49</u>

What is your favorite part of football?



"I enjoyed playing under the lights on Friday nights. I liked playing defense, too, because I like to attempt to tackle the opposing team," Junior Brock Penfield said.

"My favorite part of football this year was getting tackles off punts and kick-offs," Junior Evan Morgan said.



Front row: Trevor Teonies, Hunter Wood, Logan Brown, Jalen Diede; Second Row: Dylan Hanson, Michael Hinners, Jeramiah Serfling, Alex Bauer, Michael Smith, Casey Bade, Josh Clemens, Will Cass; Third Row: Logan Clemensen, Grasen Lechner, Brock Penfield, Gary Phillips, Cory Oberfoell, Zach Wood, Landon Gab, Stetson Kretchmar, Ty Brown; Fourth Row: Kevin Ford, Derek Miles, Scott Boone, Tim Hedblom, Eric Borge, Jesse Weideman, James Strang, Rich Osborn, Evan Morgan, and August Cass.

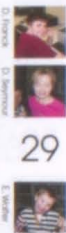


# Beyond

Football



Senior Kevin Ford makes a spin move to avoid the Ipswich Tigers players. The Wildcats lost to the Tigers 14-34.



**E** "Experience was gained in the 2008 football season. With three seniors on our team, it gave plenty of chances and experience to our young football players. The record didn't turn out the way we wanted, but we did get better as the season went along. It was still a fun season for



our staff to coach those guys," head coach Eric Borge said.

Although the football team's season did not turn out as well as had been hoped, the young team gained experience and strength for next year. The football team will have 12 remaining starters for next season.



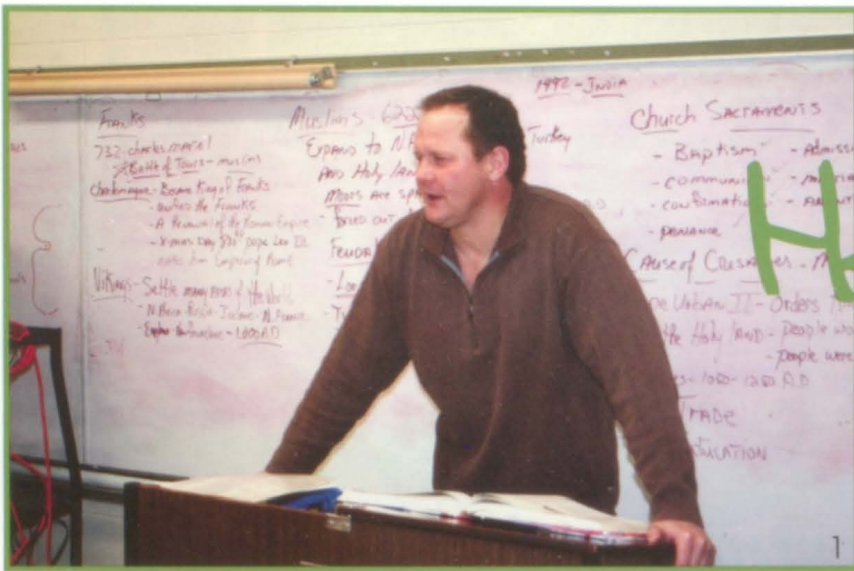
4. The football team gathers together in the middle of the field at the end of a game.



5. Junior Evan Morgan dodges oncoming defenders.

6. Senior August Cass flies down the field.





# Beyond History...

"The more we understand the past, the more we understand about how we live today," senior Laura Bade said.

Bade, a senior in Mr. Scott Boone's U.S. history class, finds history very interesting. She feels history has a great impact on current events.

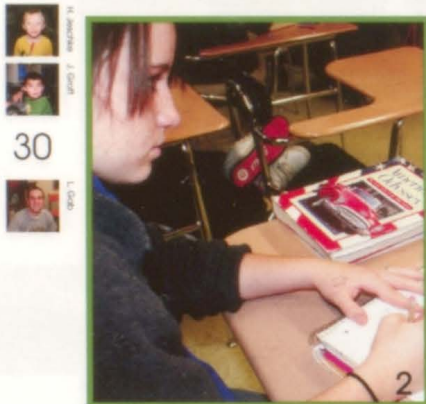
Boone has similar feelings about history.

"I like to know why things are the way they are. History shows us how and why things happen today," he said.

Boone feels that giving students a knowledge of the past will give them a better grasp on how to deal with the future.

"History is about people. How they lived, what they achieved. It's amazing to me, what and how people have endured, the courage that certain individuals have displayed over the course of time," Boone said.

1. Mr. Scott Boone lectures to the eighth-grade history class.
2. Senior Morghan Groff takes notes during her U.S. history class.
3. Fourth-grader Matthew Metzinger paints North Dakota on the mural of the United States his class will use for its social studies class.



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L. Groff

Match Mr. Boone's favorite quotes with the movies they are from:

1. "Aim small, miss small."

A. Forrest Gump

2. "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get."

B. Remember the Titans

3. "Water makes you weak."

C. The Patriot



Eighth-grader Nathan Hawley reads about the French Revolution in his history book during class.

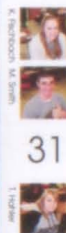


# Beyond

# Health...



*Beyond Reach...*Sophomore Josh Clemens grabs a ball during a game of dodgeball during wellness class.



**A**mmunition flies everywhere. Freshman Alex Boekelheide laughs as he dodges a bullet and scrambles for some ammunition of his own. He fires off another shot at the enemy. Then, disaster strikes; he is hit! Boekelheide is down and out.

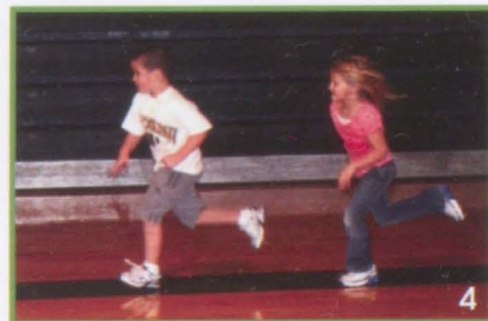
No, Boekelheide is not a soldier in the next world war, he is playing a friendly game of dodgeball in wellness class.

"My favorite part of wellness is going to the gym to play some kind of activity and to learn about health and fitness," Boekelheide said.

Northwestern's wellness and physical education classes

give students an understanding of the need to take care of themselves physically. These classes stress the importance of staying in shape and eating healthy.

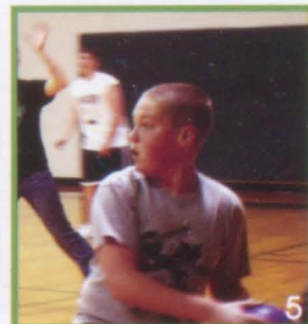
"I think (these classes) are important because so many young adults don't have an understanding of what affects their health. This class helps give them an understanding of that," wellness teacher Mr. Tim Hedblom said.



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4. First-graders Ezekiel Duncan and Madalyn Groft play a game of tag during physical education.

5. Freshman Alex Boekelheide winds up to throw a ball during dodgeball.



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# Beyond Cold...

**A**s snow flakes and temperatures begin to drop, the students at Northwestern look forward to winter break, snow days and a new year. NW students enjoy participating in outdoor activities such as snowmobiling, sledding and skiing. The fresh snow offers a crisp reminder of a new year waiting for something beyond ordinary...



A. Baur  
A. Cassin

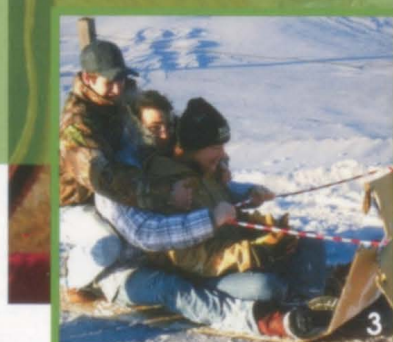


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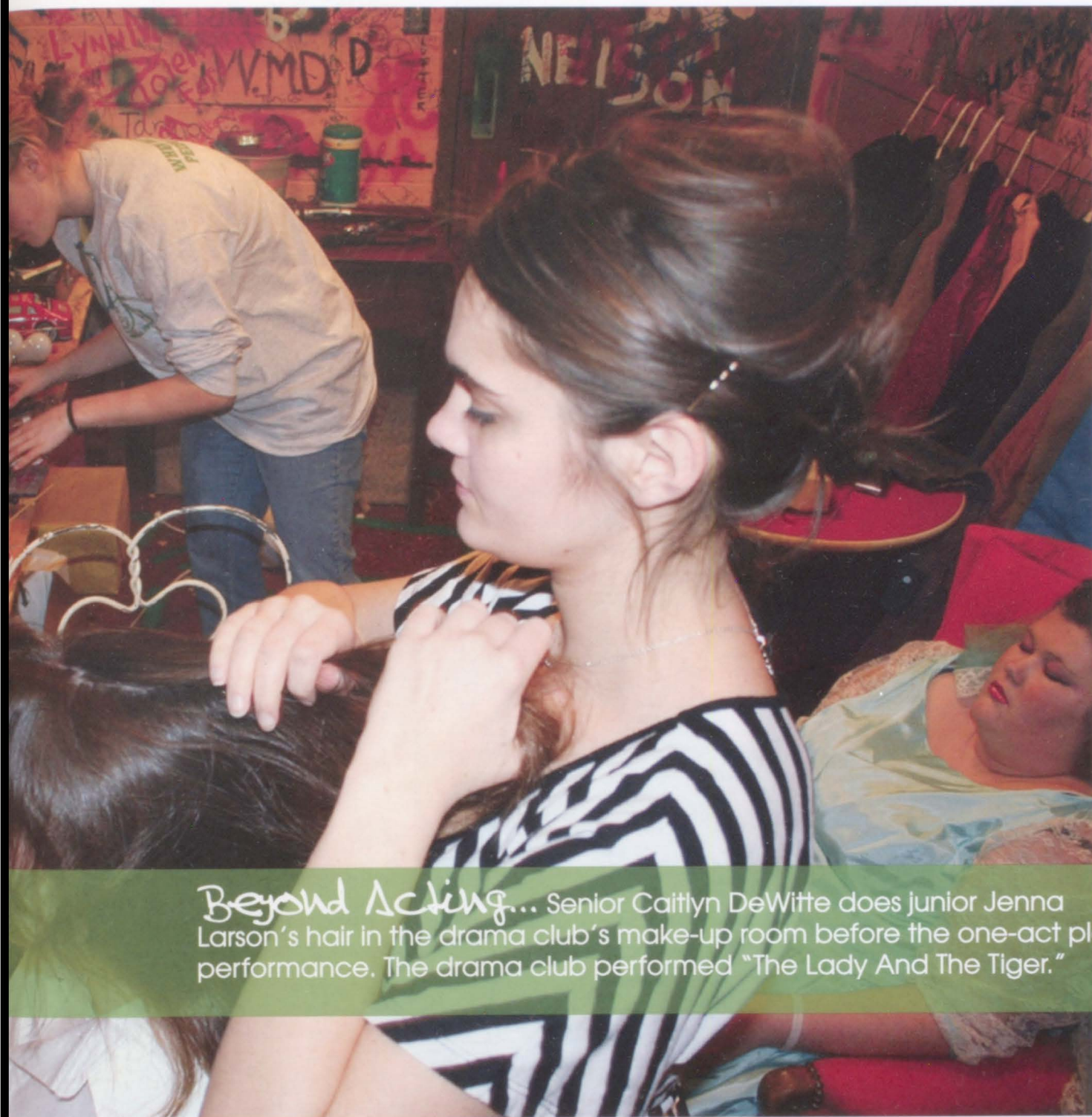
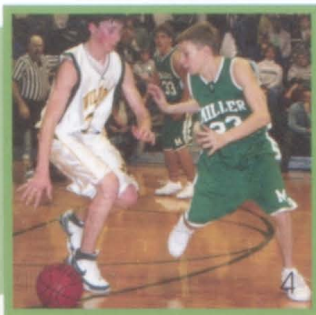
C. Morgan

1. Freshman Mariah Taylor puts up a shot against Hitchcock-Tulare.
2. Senior Laura Bade and junior Jenna Larson support the boys during a basketball game.
3. Junior Stetson Kretschmar and seniors August Cass and Thomas Morgan demonstrate their creative skills by making a sled out of a piece of cardboard and a jump rope.





4. Sophomore point guard Josh Clemens drives against a player from Miller.  
 5. Senior Caitlyn DeWitte and freshman Laken Frericks were selected as Northwestern's Senior and Junior Snow Queens. DeWitte received Miss Congeniality at the state level.  
 6. Senior Maggie Clemensen and junior Alyssa Harmon help third-grader Peyton Groft search for crayons during the FBLA Winter Festival's coloring contest.



*Beyond Acting...* Senior Caitlyn DeWitte does junior Jenna Larson's hair in the drama club's make-up room before the one-act play performance. The drama club performed "The Lady And The Tiger."





# Beyond Baskets

The girls' basketball team combined young talent with upper classman experience to produce a 15-7 record for the regular season. The mixture of ages also seemed to promise successful seasons in the future. Head coach Mr. Rich Osborn was very happy with the development of the young team.

"We continued to grow as a team throughout the season. We had great senior leadership that allowed us to develop the younger players. Winning the conference for the first time since 1997 was definitely a highlight for the whole team," Osborn said.

One of the younger players who contributed to the team was freshman point guard Mariah Taylor.

"My favorite part of the season was competing at a higher level of basketball and picking on Mr. Osborn," Taylor said.

Although Osborn was very happy with the girls' basketball season this year, he is also excited for future successful seasons with his returning players.

"I believe this team will be remembered as the beginning of many good seasons to come. It was a privilege to be part of this exciting team, and we look for more success in the future!" Osborn said.



Coach Rich Osborn



Mariah Taylor



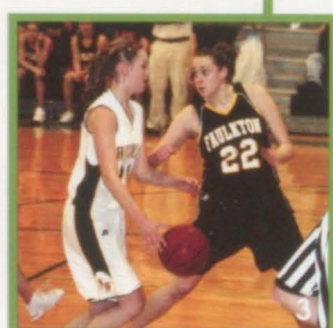
Haley Wetzler



Steph Mastel



1. Freshman Haley Wetzler puts in a lay-up after a fast-break against Warner.
2. Senior Steph Mastel stays low and ready on defense against her opponent.
3. Senior Shari Fischbach drives to the basket against Faulkton.



## Scoreboard

Aberdeen Roncalli	43-33
Aberdeen Christian	81-33
Sully Buttes	36-49
Warner	51-41
Miller	44-47
Gettysburg	57-55
Groton	49-54
Faulkton	56-31
Hitchcock-Tulare	64-72
Sisseton	37-52
Ipswich	61-56
Warner	54-49
Leola-Frederick Area	57-41
Langford	49-36
Doland-Conde	70-57
Selby Area	54-40
Edmunds Central	62-35
Webster	48-46
Redfield	57-30
Summit	62-68
Doland-Conde	46-34
Warner	52-57

Record: 15-7



Beyond Team work... Freshman Mariah Taylor passes to one of her teammates as senior Maggie Clemensen and junior Megan Peterson post up.



Freshman Jussy Tuscherer drives past her defenders to reach the hoop.



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Girls' Varsity Basketball Team... Second Row: Coach Rich Osborn, Coach Jennifer Schell, Student Manager Caroline Hansen, Haley Wetzler, Joni Boekelheide, Betsey Borchard, Mariah Taylor, Tristen Waller and Student Manager Beth Hinners. First Row: Shari Fischbach, Jussy Tuscherer, Amanda Finley, Megan Peterson, Maggie Clemensen, Carly Peterson and Steph Mastel.



Junior Megan Peterson almost touches the rim as she puts in a basket against the Warner Monarchs.



# Beyond Business...

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"My classes prepare students for the real-world. They learn about things they will all have to know how to do, like keeping track of finances or getting a job," business teacher Mrs. Anne Frericks said.

Frericks teaches Accounting I, Accounting II, entrepreneurship, business management, business careers, personal finance, business law and career internship.

Senior Alexz Metzinger discovered her future career during Frericks's Accounting II

class. Metzinger plans on becoming a certified personal accountant after college.

"Through Accounting II, I got a broader perspective on accounting strategies for corporations," Metzinger said.

Other students had the opportunity to see their intended careers up close through job shadowing and intern- ing.

"I am trying to teach them how to be productive, valuable members of the work force," Frericks said.



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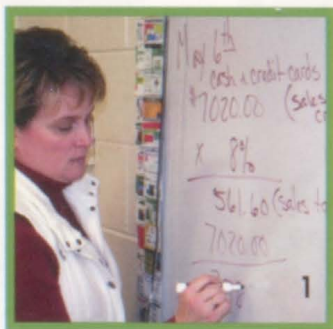
If you could start a company, what would your company make or what service would your company provide?

■ "I would sell lemonade," sophomore Dalton Franck said.

■ "I would sell cute flip-flops," sophomore Taylor Beardemphl said.

■ "I would start a feed lot that finishes Angus-Hereford cross cattle. If that doesn't work, I will just rob banks," sophomore Michael Smith said.

1. Mrs. Anne Frericks teaches the Accounting I class about credit and tax.
2. Senior Alexz Metzinger works on her Accounting II homework.
3. Junior Logan Clemensen applies ink to a screen in his entrepreneurship class.







Beyond a lemonade stand... Junior Korie Braun embroiders a hat during her business management class. The class started a business called Paw Productions.



First-grader Tya Weideman shows classmate Talley Sparling how to open Microsoft Word.



# Beyond Computers

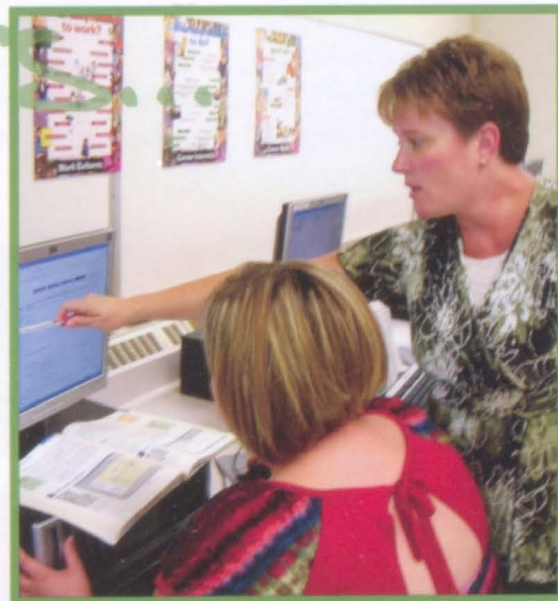
The world of technology has advanced throughout the years to a place unimaginable to previous generations. As the world turns to computers for banking, shopping and running business, the computer skills needed to live expand every year.

"It is important for students to take computer classes because at some point, everyone will use a computer and will need basic computer knowledge and skills. These classes also can help them later on in life in their careers or even in their hobbies," Mrs. Anne Frericks said. Frericks teaches the high school computer classes at Northwestern.

The advanced computers class covers material in Microsoft Word, Excel, FrontPage, Power Point, Adobe Photoshop and Pinnacle. Students receive instruction on creating mail merges and accounting charts as well as more creative subjects such as photo filters and personal web pages.

Elementary students also work with computers. Mrs. Sandy Bierman teaches kindergarten through fifth-grade computers.

"We learn what the letters on the keyboard are. My favorite (program) is Kid Pix. I like to just scribble on the paper," first-grader Tya Weideman said.



Mrs. Anne Frericks helps advanced computers student junior Anysia Reed with a problem on FrontPage.



# Beyond Hoops...

The boys' basketball team may not have achieved the record it wanted, but it did receive some very valuable learning experiences and a number of praises from fans. Head coach Mr. Rich Osborn also had high praises for the boys playing basketball this year.

"I am just so proud of these guys. They do not know the meaning of the word 'quit.' We have gained an abundance of experience throughout the season. These boys received so many positive comments on their effort," Osborn said.

As the lone senior, Derek Miles provided some valuable experience to the young team. Talented underclassmen also filled

important positions on the team. One of those underclassmen was sophomore Michael Smith, who was the Wildcats' leading scorer.

"I enjoyed watching and being a part of the growth and development of a young and potentially successful team, and I look forward to the future seasons," Smith said.

"This team gave everything they had for 32 minutes every night. Many teams are judged by wins and losses, but that would not be fair to this team. I will always remember this team as one of my favorites because they were coachable and worked hard and had a great attitude," Osborn said.



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1. Senior Derek Miles puts up a shot against the Warner Monarchs.
2. Junior Grasen Lechner tries to complete a lay-up against Leola-Frederick as sophomore Michael Smith prepares for the rebound.
3. Junior Landon Gab tosses sophomore Michael Smith a pass after a scuffle on the floor.



## Scoreboard

Sully Buttes	30-88
Hoven/Edmunds Central	38-50
Warner	39-78
Iroquois	48-46
Selby Area	43-69
Summit	48-58
Gettysburg	44-57
Ipswich	40-77
Miller	40-73
Warner	36-52
Leola/Frederick Area	36-66
Faulkton Area	47-52
Langford	17-72
Doland/Conde	44-50
Florence/Henry	53-73
Webster	43-51
Redfield	50-73
Hitchcock-Tulare	46-68
Aberdeen Christian	41-62
Doland-Conde	40-49

Record: 1-19



Beyond Scoring...Sophomore Michael Smith looks to the basket against Miller. Smith led the team in scoring on the season.



Sophomore point guard Josh Clemens drives past a Miller opponent.



Varsity Boys' Basketball Team... Second Row: Student Manager Erica Lerew, Coach Rich Osborn, Dalton Franck, Logen Lechner, Casey Bade, Landon Fischbach, Jeramiah Serfling, Evan Finley, Coach Tim Hedblom and Student Manager Lacey Powell. First Row: Josh Clemens, Derek Miles, Grasen Lechner, Michael Smith, Landon Gab, Ty Brown and Alex Bauer.



Senior Derek Miles takes the ball to the basket against Leola-Frederick.



# Beyond Hammers...

At 12:30 p.m. every afternoon, a bus holding about 11 students leaves Northwestern. The destination is Hub Area Technical School (HATS) in Aberdeen. HATS provides Northwestern students with additional classes to the curriculum provided by Northwestern. This year, four other schools sent students to HATS: Aberdeen Central, Roncalli, Warner and Frederick.

One student who particularly enjoyed HATS, sophomore Rachel Finley, took the radio and television production class from Mr. Wayne Hansen. For this class, Finley worked on television and radio commercials, talk shows and the production of basketball games. Finley was required to do ten hours of filming every quarter.

"This class gives students an idea of whether or not

this is a career they want to pursue," Hansen said.

Sophomore Michael Hanners took the building trades class at HATS. In this class, he learned about plumbing, electrical work, sheet rocking, building cabinets, installing windows and putting up siding and shingles. Throughout the school year, Hanners and the other students in his class built a house that was auctioned off at the end of the year.

"(The students) can learn a trade that will still be needed in the future of our country. There might be a future plumber or electrician or general contractor that comes out of this experience who might not have realized his potential otherwise," the substitute building trades teacher Mr. Allan Ochsner said.



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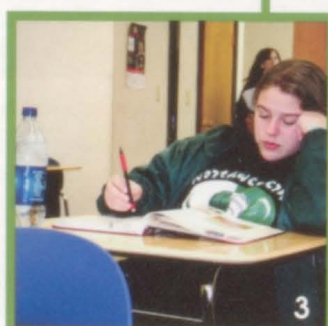
## What is your favorite part of VOED?

■ "Meeting other people outside of Northwestern. I am somewhat considering going into filming, also," sophomore Rachel Finley said. Finley attends the radio and television production class.

■ "I like building things and using power tools," sophomore Michael Hanners said. Hanners attends the building trades class.

■ "Getting to know kids from other schools and sometimes getting MCDonalds on the way home," junior Jordan Breeding said. Breeding attends the automotive class.

1. Sophomores Jeramiah Serfling and Chelsea Reed use a drill during their machine tools class.
2. Sophomore Logen Lechner works on a car in his automotive class. Juniors Stetson Kretchmar, Tyler Bisbee and Jordon Breeding also take the automotive class.
3. Senior Beth Hanners studies in her alternative learning class offered at the Alternative Learning Center at Hub Area Technical Institute. Senior Jerehmi Stayner and junior Jalen Diede also take courses at ALC.





**Beyond Heat...** Junior Zach Wood and sophomore Jeramiah Serfling heat up a piece of metal in order to bend it during one of their shop classes.



Junior Jordan Breeding stains his shelves during his construction class.

# Beyond Textbooks.

Away from the classrooms full of desks and marker-boards, the industrial technology classes in the shop give students a different kind of instruction. Students in junior high and high school have the opportunity to take classes that focus on building rather than books. Mr. Jerry Sauer teaches these classes that give students a more hands-on learning than the traditional classroom.

"The information and training students receive in these classes is training they can use the rest of their lives. I teach life skills that can be used for further training," Sauer said.

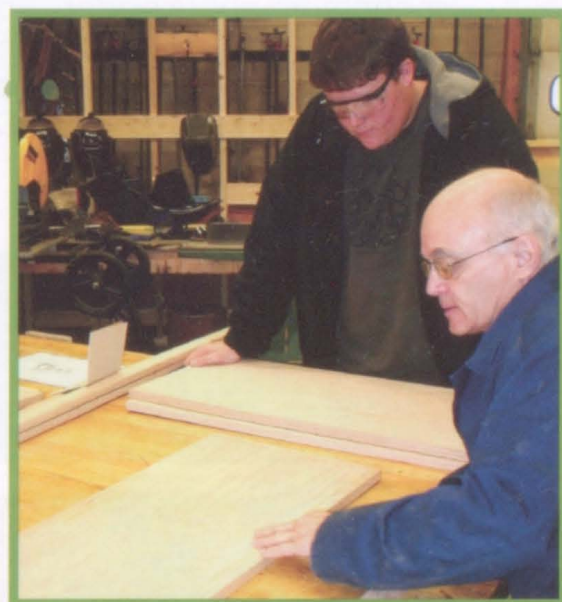
Many of Sauer's students planned to use their acquired

skills in their everyday lives. Several of the students live on farms where these types of aptitudes and proficiencies are very useful and sometimes necessary.

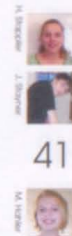
"I learned a lot about plasma cutters, welders and different kinds of welds. I can use these skills on the farm," junior Evan Morgan said.

The students also receive lessons on working with other people effectively. Without cooperation, the shop can be a dangerous place.

"You really do have to work together, so it is nice being in a class with the other guys when everyone knows what they're doing," senior welding student Thomas Morgan said.



Mr. Jerry Sauer helps junior Tyler Bisbee during his construction class.





# Beyond Stunts...

"Go big green! Go big green!" can be heard from the spirited cheerleaders during a boys' basketball game. The cheerleaders worked hard to pump up the crowd and motivate the football and boys' basketball teams during their seasons.

"My favorite part of cheerleading is being energetic and loud without anyone yelling at you for it. I'm a cheerleader because it's fun being with the girls and supporting the boys," sophomore cheerleader Tyler Hahler said.

One of the senior captain cheerleaders, Cait-

lyn DeWitte, received the honor of being chosen to travel to London to participate in a New Year's Day Parade. DeWitte attended a camp put on by United Cheerleaders of America where she received the chance to try-out for a national U.S. squad. She and two other girls from Redfield were chosen. More than six hundred U.S. cheerleaders performed in the parade.

"My favorite part about cheering in London was the feeling of excitement during the parade. I have never felt that type of thrill before in my life," DeWitte said.

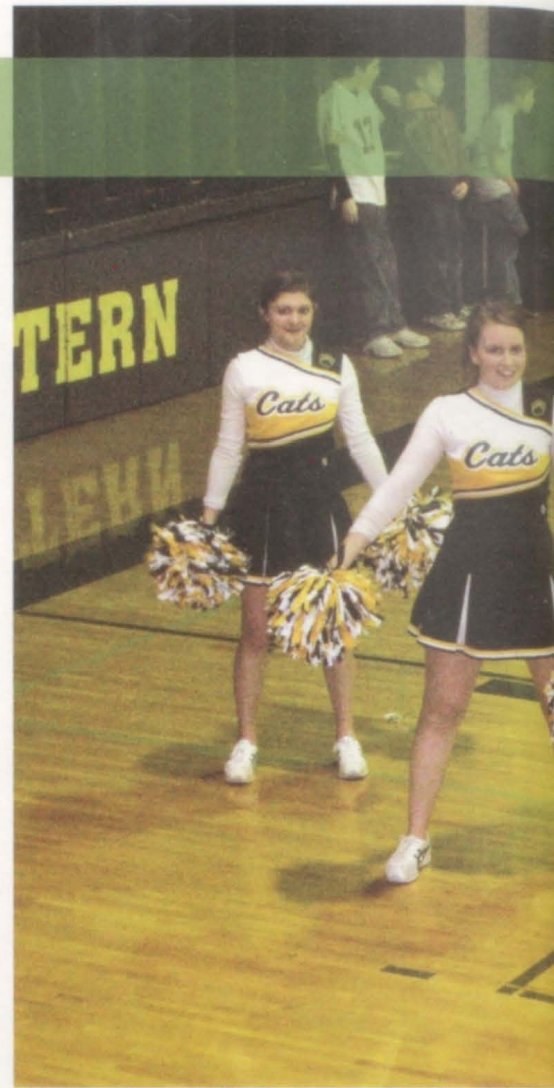


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If you could cheer for any professional sports team, for what team would it be and why?

■ "I would cheer for the Minnesota Vikings because they could use all the support they can get," sophomore Alyssa Morgan said.

■ "I would cheer for the Dallas Cowboys because all of their cheerleaders are very attractive," sophomore Hillary Frericks said.

■ "I would cheer for the Broncos because I like cheering for football, and they are my favorite team," junior Nona Hawley said.

1. The boys' basketball cheerleaders perform a dance during a boys' game.
2. Fourth-grader Darby Duncan cheers along with the basketball cheerleaders during a game.
3. Junior Nona Hawley carries junior Lexi Horning during a cheer at a home football game.





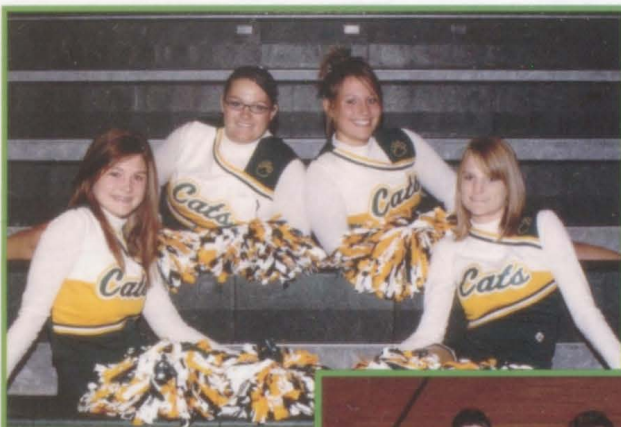
Beyond Enthusiasm...The boys' basketball cheerleaders prepare for the starting line ups.



The boys' basketball cheerleaders perform a cheer during half-time of a boys' game.



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Football Cheerleaders... Second Row: Nona Hawley and Hilary Frericks. First Row: Alyssa Harmon and Lexi Horning.

Basketball Cheerleaders... Second Row: Jenna Larson, Caitlyn DeWitte, Laura Bade and Tyler Hahler. First Row: Alyssa Harmon, Alyssa Morgan and Lexi Horning.



Sophomore Hilary Frericks lifts junior Lexi Horning in a stunt during a football game.



# Beyond Athletes...

A group of students sits in chairs in a circle at 8:15 a.m. One person shares an inspirational story as the rest of the group listens. At the end of the meeting, they all bow their heads in prayer. "Thank you Lord for bringing us together today..."

This is a typical Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting. The fellowship meets Wednesday mornings before school to pray for each other and their schoolmates. Although the group name specifically identifies athletes, all students are welcome to join. At Wednesday morning prayers, the group prays for not only the athletes in their endeavors during practice and games, but also for the student body in general in whatever struggles

or undertakings it is going through.

"It (FCA) is a positive way for students to gather and share their faith and have fun," huddle adviser Mrs. Denise Clemens said.

FCA also aims to meet on the weekend once a month. These Sunday gatherings consist of games, food or movies. Along with Clemens, five seniors led the meetings this year: Laura Bade, Maggie Clemensen, Shari Fischbach, Alexz Metzinger and Thomas Morgan.

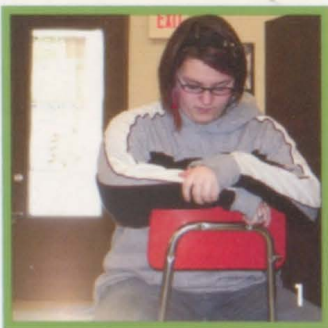
"FCA gives me a chance to spend time with students who hold similar beliefs as me. We play games and have a lot of fun while sharing our ideals and faith with each other," Fischbach said.



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1. Junior Nona Hawley bows her head in prayer during a Wednesday morning FCA meeting.
2. Sophomores Josh Clemens and Casey Bade and senior Thomas Morgan listen as senior Shari Fischbach reads from an inspirational book during a morning FCA meeting.
3. Sophomore Casey Bade and sophomore Dalton Franck struggle to get to the top of the snow pile in a friendly game of "King of the Hill" during an FCA meeting.



Winter

## Fast Facts About FCA

- **Founded:** In 1954 in Norman, Oklahoma
- **Active in Northwestern for:** Seven years
- **Number of Members at NW:** Around fifteen
- **When we meet:** Every Wednesday morning at 8:15 and once a month on Sundays
  - **Activities:** Weekly prayer meetings, scavenger hunts, volunteering, winter activities
  - **Adviser:** Mrs. Denise Clemens
  - **Huddle Leaders:** Seniors Laura Bade, Maggie Clemensen, Shari Fischbach, Alexz Metzinger and Thomas Morgan



**Beyond Fun...** Junior Carly Peterson and freshman Shelby Peterson try to keep sophomore Dalton Franck from sitting down during a game played at one of the monthly FCA meetings at the Mellette firehall.



The students who attend the youth group Other Wednesday Nights (O.W.N.) watch an inspirational video.

# Beyond Faith...

After arriving at the town of El Paraiso, freshman Katrina Frericks panicked. Her cell phone did not work. In the middle of a poverty-stricken Central American country, Frericks felt quite alone. Homesickness made her stomach clench.

Frericks flew across the Atlantic on a ten-hour flight to reach her destination: Honduras. She attended a mission trip through the Redfield Wesleyan Church's youth group. After her initial homesickness, she became much more comfortable and enjoyed her time helping the people of Honduras.

"This experience showed me how lucky we are in the United States. I learned to take nothing for granted after seeing how little they have in Honduras. An

experience like this only comes around once in a lifetime," Frericks said.

Students at Northwestern also attend other youth groups and confirmation classes in the community. Many students go to the Tri-Parish youth group at the Methodist church in Mellette on the first Wednesday of every month and then Other Wednesday Nights (O.W.N.) at Doug and Amy Duncan's house. Others attend CCD and confirmation classes at the All Saints' Church. Some students also go to Aberdeen for their religious groups.

"I attend youth group to develop a better relationship with God. I also enjoy the fun activities that help us learn more about God," freshman Haley Wetzler said.



Freshman Katrina Frericks passes out toys to children in El Paraiso, Honduras, during a mission trip there.



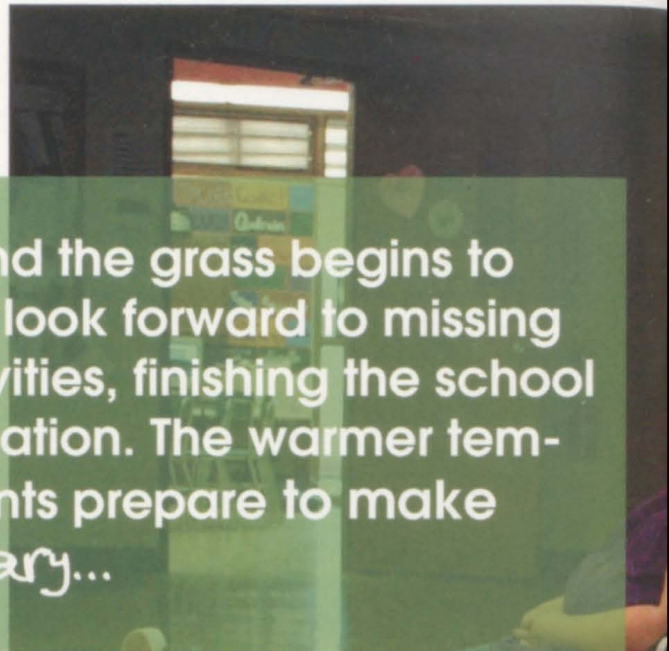


# Beyond Growth...

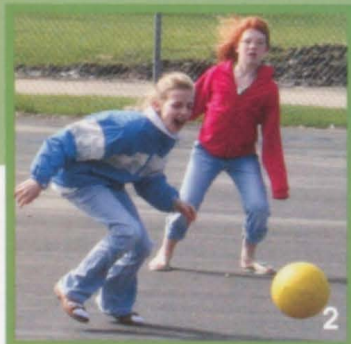
**A** As the snow begins to melt, and the grass begins to grow, Northwestern's students look forward to missing school for extracurricular activities, finishing the school year and starting summer vacation. The warmer temperatures make the NW students prepare to make their summer beyond ordinary...



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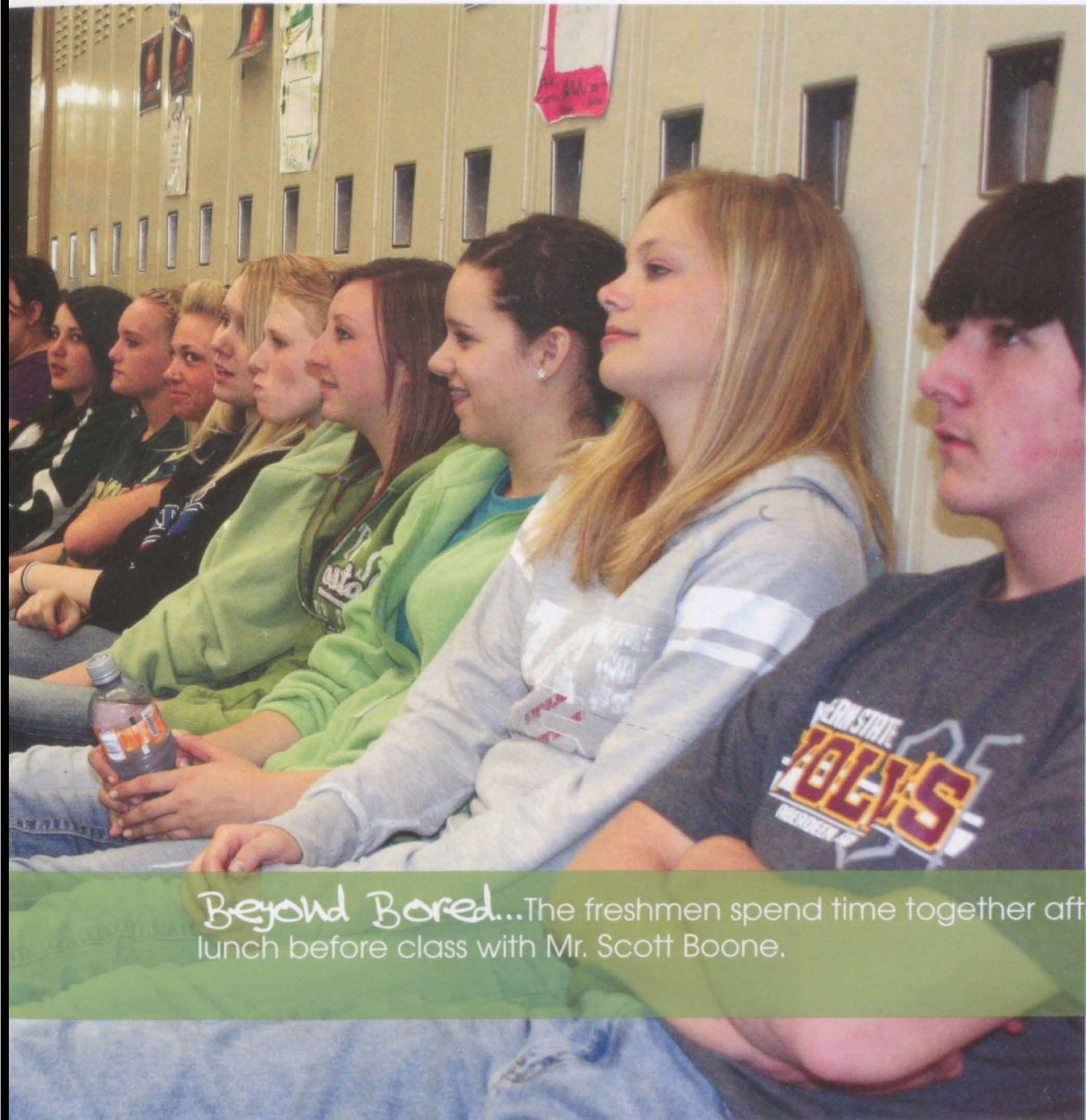
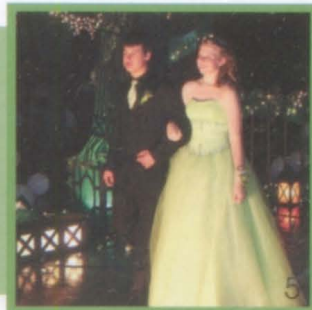


1. Sophomore Michael Smith throws shot put at the Warner track meet as junior Landon Gab and sophomore Jeramiah Serfling watch.
2. Fifth-graders Kaylee Hoellein and Darienne Frericks go for a ball during kickball at recess.
3. Junior Anyisia Reed works on a splatter paint mural outside the screen printing room.





- 4. Mrs. Judy Lindhorst, dressed as a clown, creates balloon animals for the preschool children.
- 5. Junior Stetson Kretschmar escorts his date, freshman Laine Mielke, through Grand March at prom.
- 6. Eighth-grader Ashley Clemens and junior Megan Peterson run the 400-meter dash.



Beyond Bored...The freshmen spend time together after lunch before class with Mr. Scott Boone.

C. Meyer  
A. James  
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1. Members of the FBLA chapter listen as the first general session of the State FBLA Conference begins.
2. Preschooler Preston Geditz reaches for paint while painting a pumpkin with some FBLA members.
3. Junior Landon Gab watches as a nurse prepares his arm for donating blood at the FBLA blood drive.

## Meet the Officers...



**President** *Shari Fischbach*



**Vice President** *Maggie Clemensen*



**Secretary** *Kara Fischbach*



**Treasurer** *Alexz Metzinger*



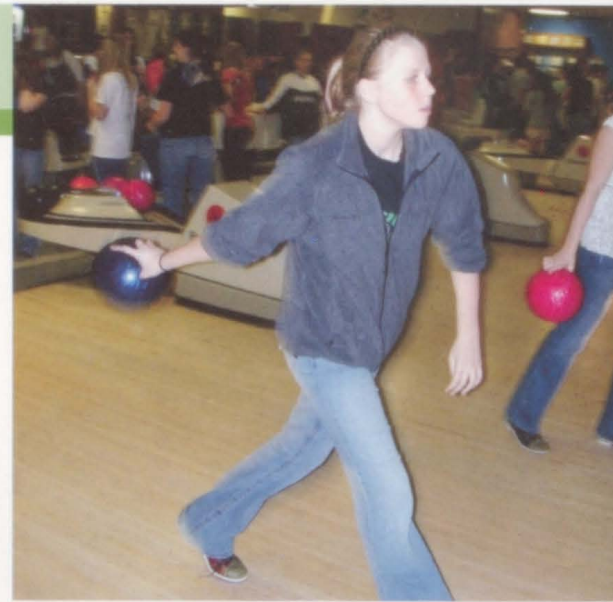
**Reporter** *Landon Gab*



**Historian** *Caitlyn DeWitte*



**Parliamentarian** *Josh Clemens*



Freshman Laine Mielke practices her bowling skills at the State Conference. All of the school had the option to rent lanes on the first night of the conference.



# Beyond Leadership...

As high school students prepare for their future in the working world, the Northwestern Future Business Leaders of America chapter helps to prepare students for the coming years.

"FBLA's purpose is to give students hands-on experience with business procedures. The students gain a knowledge that will give them an advantage throughout their future business endeavors in life," Mrs. Anne Frericks, NW's FBLA adviser, said.

Some of the FBLA activities this year included pumpkin painting, a winter carnival, a blood drive in March and a new fundraiser—a Northwestern apparel rummage sale.

"My favorite FBLA activity was probably helping the elementary children paint pumpkins because we were able to interact with the students and have some fun," junior Colette Fortin said.

At the beginning of April, the

chapter attended its spring State Leadership Conference in Aberdeen. Members listened to keynote speakers, attended workshops, and participated in competitive business events. Northwestern placed several students at the state level in these events. Eight students, senior Maggie Clemensen in business communications, senior Shari Fischbach in electronic career portfolio, senior Laura Bade in Word Processing I and Public Speaking II, senior Alexz Metzinger in Accounting I and parliamentary procedures, sophomore Kara Fischbach and freshman Mariah Taylor in intro to business communications, sophomore Dalton Franck in Public Speaking I and the Parliamentary Procedure team, which consisted of Clemensen, Bade, K. Fischbach, Metzinger and junior Caroline Hansen, even qualified for the national FBLA conference in Anaheim, Calif., over the summer.



- 4. Seniors Morghan Groft and Caitlyn DeWitte sport some masks they received during caucusing at the State Conference.
- 5. Ben Glenn, "The Chalk Guy," speaks about leadership after creating the chalk drawing behind him.
- 6. Sophomore Dalton Franck receives his first place award in Public Speaking I.



What are you most looking forward to doing at the National FBLA Conference in June?



"I am excited for Disneyland," freshman Mariah Taylor said.

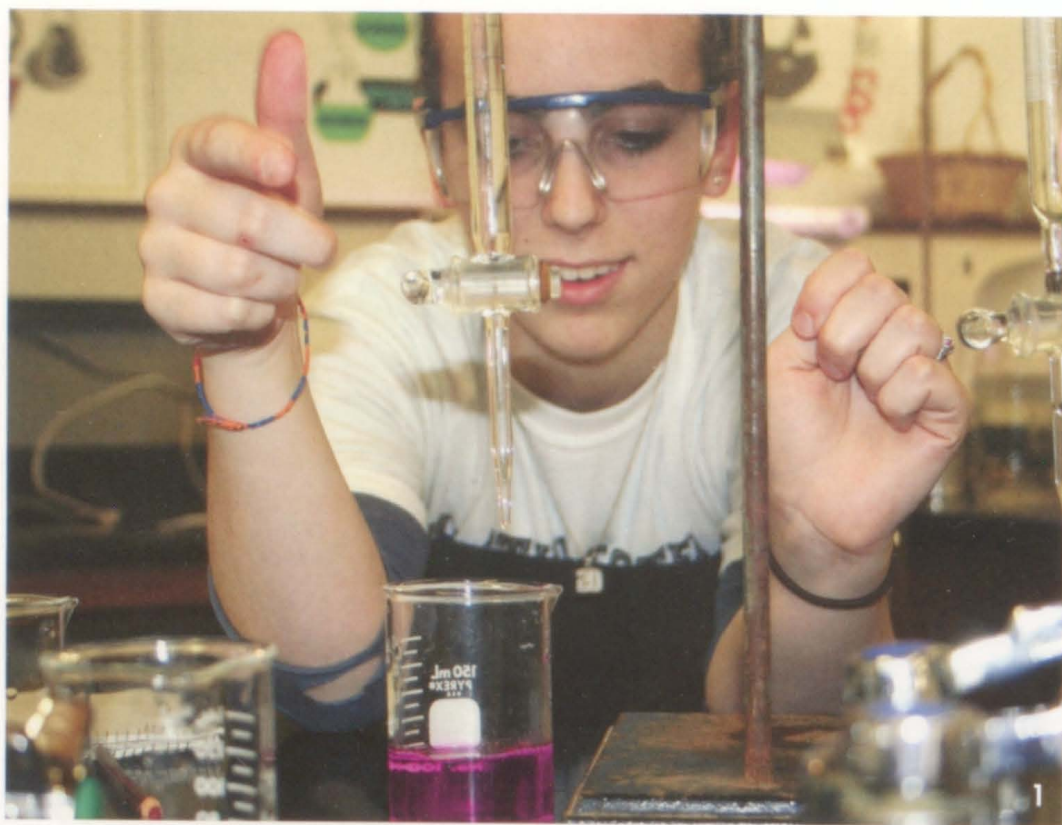


"I am excited to leave South Dakota for warmer weather," sophomore Kara Fischbach said.



Juniors Colette Fortin, Carly Peterson and Megan Peterson listen to the candidates for state offices during caucusing at the state conference. During caucusing, candidates have five minutes to win votes by giving out candy and answering questions.





1. Junior Tristen Waller painstakingly drips chemicals into a solution during chemistry.



2. Sophomore Hilary Frericks carefully dissects a fish in biology class.

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3. Senior Thomas Morgan stirs his science fair experiment. Morgan was selected to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, Nev., along with sophomores Amanda Finley and Kara Fischbach.

## Beyond Microscopes...

Mrs. Denise Clemens's science students at Northwestern spend the year studying physiology, biology, chemistry and more. The students carry out different labs and experiments throughout the year as well as their book studies.

Many students also put a lot of time and effort into their science fair projects. Northwestern holds a local science fair from which the winners advance to the regional science fair at Northern State University. This year, however, the regional science fair was canceled due to weather, but sophomores Kara Fischbach and Amanda Finley's team project and senior Thomas Morgan's project were still chosen to go on to

the International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, Nev.

"Hard work is always rewarded in some way if you believe in the work you do. We were both persistent and wanted to achieve. We also needed to stay very positive. (ISEF was) very different and very competitive," Finley said.

"My goal as a science teacher is to expose the students to the amazing world of science; more realistically, it is to help the students become more knowledgeable about the world around them. It is important for students to have science classes, like all classes, to become more able to understand why and how events happen," Clemens said.



Junior Caroline Hansen dissects a cow eye in physiology. The class also dissected pigs, cats and a calf that Hansen brought from her farm. Hansen was the only junior in physiology, a class normally offered to only seniors.



# Beyond Calculators

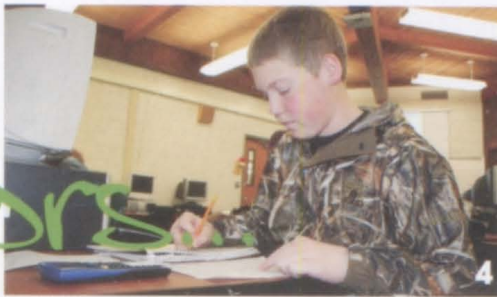
Mr. Randy Hermansen returned to Northwestern for his second year in the math program. Hermansen taught Algebra I and II, geometry and applied math. Mr. Rich Osborn also helped with the math classes, teaching Algebra II and geometry classes. Mrs. Shelley Fischbach and Mr. Tim Hedblom also taught the junior high math classes. Hermansen tried to better prepare his students for later in life with his teaching.

"Math teaches you how to solve problems in a step-by-step manner, which can relate to real-life situations," Hermansen said.

For higher level math, many

juniors and seniors turned to the Digital Dakota Network. Several upperclassmen took the senior math class offered from Northern State University over the DDN. A few seniors enrolled in the Advance Placement calculus class offered from Northern over the Internet. The advantages that these classes offer appealed to many students, who looked for challenging courses that would prepare them for their future endeavors.

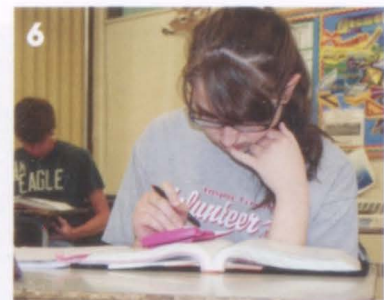
"I decided to take senior math to better prepare myself for college. I don't like getting up early, but I like how it makes you think differently," junior Caroline Hansen said.



4. Freshman Alex Boekelheide corrects an assignment during geometry class in the computer lab.

5. Freshman Madison Smith works on homework in her Algebra I class.

6. Sophomore Shaina Jensen uses her calculator during geometry.



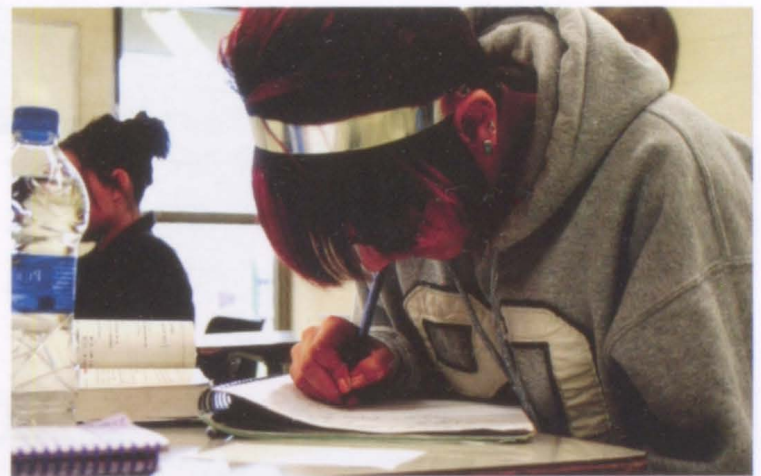
What part of math is hardest for you?



"Quadratic equations are the hardest for me," senior Erica Lerew said.



"Story problems. I don't always understand the meaning of them," sophomore Anna Romandash said.



Senior Alli Hawley works on a homework assignment in Algebra II. Hawley takes Algebra II from Mr. Randy Hermansen. Mr. Rich Osborn also teaches an Algebra II class.





C. Schmitt / M. Thompson

1. Junior Gary Phillips carries freshman Trevor Toennies during the funny time through Grand March.



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2. Seniors Laura Bade and Steph Mastel pose as their dates take pictures of them.

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3. Junior Logan Clemensen escorts sophomore Kara Fischbach through Grand March.

## Fast Facts About Prom

Number of hours decorating for prom took **11**

**0** Number of couples who both attend Northwestern

Cost of most expensive dress **\$500**

**\$13** Cost of least expensive dress

**37** Number of couples to attend prom

**Name of theme:**

*Le Jardin De L'amour  
(The Garden of Love)*

Spring



Juniors Jenna Larson, Alyssa Harmon and Ty Brown and sophomore Alex Bauer walk through Grand March. The couples walked through four times during Grand March.



# Beyond Formals...

The gymnasium, decorated with lights, gossamer and archways, was filled with dresses and tuxes of all colors. The 37 couples showed off their unusually elegant selves and made enduring memories at the junior-senior prom, "Le Jardin De L'amour." The junior class spent the day before transforming the gym into a garden of love. They assembled the decorations and set up tables and a dance floor for the attendees to use after Grand March.

"The setting up was a struggle at first, but we eventually got it done, and it looked pretty good. I thought overall it was an achievement for our class," junior class president Landon Gab said.

The evening began with dinner, followed by pictures with friends and family before Grand March,

which began at 9 p.m. Each couple strolled through the walkway four times, with one comical turn to entertain the audience. After displaying their formal attire to the audience, the students danced to music provided by the DJ, Beat Patrol.

After the dance, students travelled to the Aberdeen YMCA for swimming, rock-climbing and eating. At the end of the night, chaperones began drawing names for prizes, including televisions, microwaves and digital cameras, as well as smaller prizes such as gift certificates to area businesses.

"The best part about prom was swimming at the Y. I liked setting up too; it was fun, and overall it turned out really nice," junior Lexi Horning said.



4. The girls check the line-up for Grand March.

5. Seniors Derek Miles and Caitlyn DeWitte walk through Grand March.

6. Senior Auggie Cass and Saven Lechner show off their fairy costumes.



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What is your favorite memory from prom?



"I thought that the setting up for prom was a fun-filled adventure. Prom itself was also a fun time," junior Carly Peterson said.



"I'm very glad that I decided to go my senior year. My favorite part was when Bryce and Gerad had to wear flower bras through Grand March," senior Morghan Groff said.



Senior Thomas Morgan laughs with junior Landon Gab as their dates, Elizabeth Rozell and freshman Mariah Taylor, push them through Grand March. Morgan was the senior class president, and Gab was the junior class president.





S. Hirsch  
S. Goshall

1. Freshman Jussy Tuscherer plays her trumpet for pep band during a football game. Tuscherer is the first chair trumpet for the high school band.



S. Goshall

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2. Junior Anysia Reed and sophomore Tyler Hahler practice a song during chorus.



T. Thompson

3. The pep band's trombone section plays during a football game.

## Fast Facts About the Music Dept.

Percentage of junior high students in band **57%**  
**100%** Percentage of junior high students in chorus

Percentage of high school students in band **36%**

Percentage of high school band students who play brass instruments **43%**

**46%** Percentage of high school band students who play woodwind instruments

Percentage of high school band students who play percussion instruments **11%**

**3** Number of concerts each year

Spring **Percentage of high school students who are in chorus** **5%**



Junior Lexi Horning plays her clarinet during the high school spring music concert. During the concert, the band and choir also held a pie auction to raise money for a trip to Minneapolis during the summer of 2010.



# Beyond Notes.

As the end of the day comes around, music can be heard drifting through the halls at Northwestern. High school band and choir meet during the last block each day.

Formerly Miss Stephanie Monson, high school band and chorus director returned to Northwestern as Mrs. Stephanie Lunstrum for the '08-'09 school year. Lunstrum prepared the high school music students for several different events, including the Gypsy Day Parade, school concerts, small-group and large-group contests and All-State Band and Chorus try outs.

"I like band; I enjoy making music. My favorite part of band is probably concert band. I really like the pops concert," junior Jenna Larson said. Larson was part of a saxophone ensemble, consisting of five students, that received a I rating at the small-



4. Band and choir teacher Mrs. Stephanie Lunstrum directs the choir during the spring concert.

5. Junior Betsey Borchard leads the clarinet section as first chair during the spring concert.

6. Seventh-grader Paige Metzinger practices her ensemble for Redfield's junior high contest.

group contest this year.

Seniors Caitlyn DeWitte and Thomas Morgan, and juniors Zach Wood and Korie Braun represented NW at the All-State Chorus event in Sioux Falls.

"I like singing, and I thought this would be a good thing to be in, and I thought there would be a lot of people I know there," junior Korie Braun said.

The junior high band and elementary students also worked hard on their music skills with Mrs. Wendy Thorson this year, preparing for their own Christmas and spring concerts, as well as junior high band contest.

"I am so impressed with the progress that the high school band has made this year. They really impressed me this year with their hard work and dedication," Lunstrum said.



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What instrument do you play and what do you enjoy most about playing that instrument?



"I like being in the percussion because it's easy for me because I play piano," sophomore Dalton Franck said.

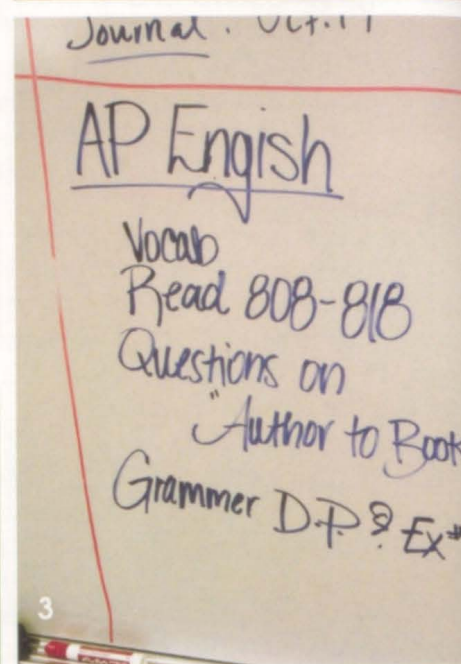


"I like playing French horn, but it's sometimes not as fun when we play music that is not interesting or challenging," junior Caroline Hansen said.



Senior Caitlyn DeWitte and junior Jenna Larson play their alto saxophones during the high school spring concert. Some of the band members also played ensemble pieces that they played at the small-group contest.





1. Senior Alli Hawley plays one of the board games made in the tech English class.

2. Sophomore Hilary Frericks pours orange juice concentrate into a blender for her demonstration speech on making Orange Juliuses.

3. Can you spot the errors? The AP English class shows off their spelling abilities on Mrs. Nora Groff's assignment board.

## Beyond Grammar...

The English classes at Northwestern covered a wide range of material. Mrs. Christy Cardella's junior high English students covered everything from grammar to literature and writing to prepare them for Mrs. Nora Groff's high school classes and beyond.

"They (the students) need to know their grammar because they will be using grammar every day of their lives, and using it correctly will help them advance in life," Cardella said.

While the freshmen reviewed grammar concepts in introduction to English, the sophomores studied speech. The juniors got experience with American and British Literature and the seniors

split into two separate English classes. Advanced Placement English focused on the complex concepts of English and writing, and the technical English class explored workplace writing and literature.

"I chose to be in technical English because it applies to everyday English tasks in the work field," senior Saven Lechner said.

Accelerated Reader and Reading Counts are programs used throughout the school. Students in grades six through 11 are required to read and test over a total of eight books of their choice over the school year.



Third-grader Megan Heidenreich looks through her English papers to find an assignment.



# Beyond Words...

Students in Mrs. Nora Groff's journalism class can expect to know a thing or two about journalistic skills by the end of the year. Journalism students spend their time writing stories, selling ads and taking quizzes over proper journalistic style.

"Journalism students learn to write, edit and produce on a deadline. They learn to work together, and they learn that when someone does not do his or her share of the work, someone else must do it. Journalism students learn that their mistakes are seen by the entire community and that they will be criticized publicly for making errors. These are life skills and lessons that will serve them well in the real world," Groff said.

Sophomore newspaper editor Kara Fischbach organizes the students, assigning stories and photography opportunities. However, sometimes the job can be rather stressful.

"The most challenging aspect of being the newspaper editor is getting everyone to hand their stories in on time. Creating all the layouts is easy, but it takes a lot of time. Overall, I



4. Sophomores Hilary Frericks and Kara Fischbach work on the newspaper.

5. Juniors Zach Wood, Jessie Sitter and Michelle TwoHearts take a Stylebook quiz in Journalism.

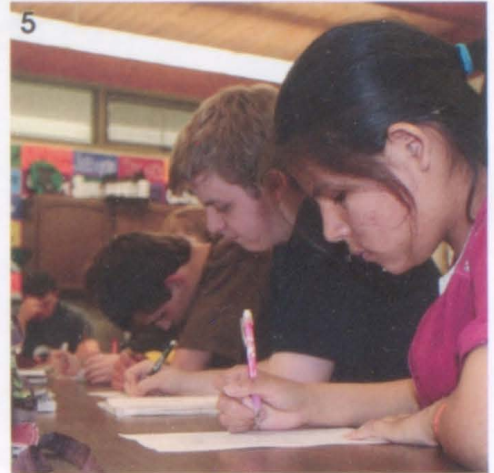
6. Senior Maggie Clemensen takes a picture for the yearbook during a football game.

really enjoy my job and responsibilities; I get a lot of input on the paper," Fischbach said.

The class puts out the school newspaper, *The Scratchin' Post*, at the beginning of every month. The sly students in journalism even put out a fake newspaper on April Fools' Day as a joke. *The Litter Box* pokes fun at different activities or occurrences around the school.

In addition to the newspaper, the journalism class creates the yearbook, but this endeavor is usually reserved for Journalism II and III students. As co-editors, seniors Maggie Clemensen and Shari Fischbach spent most of their time designing layouts, taking pictures and writing stories for the yearbook.

"I have really enjoyed working on the yearbook. With the implementation of color this year, we could do so much more with the layout of the book," Clemensen said.



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What is your job in journalism class?



"I am in charge of getting the money from sales over the year in order and selling businesses advertising. I also help make the sports programs," junior Ty Brown said.



"I have to write whatever stories Kara gives me. I also take pictures and help send out the newspaper," sophomore Alyssa Morgan said.



Juniors Landon Gab, Brock Penfield, Grasen Lechner and Evan Morgan fold newspapers. The newspaper is entirely student-run; the students write and edit the stories, create the layout, fold the newspapers and mail them.





1. Seniors Thomas Morgan and Laura Bade drag senior Stephanie Mastel off the stage to meet her fate.

2. Junior Anysia Reed and sophomore Alyssa Morgan discuss their suspicions about the murders during the spring play.

3. Senior Laura Bade performs at the local oral interp contest.



## Memorable quotes...

1. "I'm no doctor, sir, but a quick count shows thirty-two bullet wounds to the head and chest and a fleshwound to his left thumb. The odds are not in his favor," sophomore Alyssa Morgan as Smalls the butler said.

2. "I'll have you know, Miss, most people say I don't look nearly as stupid as I am," senior Stephanie Mastel as Detective Fickey said.

3. "Were you born stupid, or did you have to go to a special school?" junior Anysia Reed as Mable the maid said.

4. "Us Taurans don't believe in astrology," senior Thomas Morgan as Sir Malcolm said.



Sophomore Dalton Franck and senior Laura Bade speak of their forbidden love during the Northwestern drama club's performance of the play "The Lady and the Tiger." Bade played the princess, and Franck played a pauper in love with the princess.



# Beyond Acting...

As the curtain comes up and the lights flood the stage, the audience quiets down and the play begins. The actors' nerves fizzle up into the air as they say their first lines.

"I love that nervous feeling. It almost becomes an addiction," junior Anysia Reed said.

This year's drama club performed *Hello...Is Any Body There?* for the spring play and *The Lady and the Tiger* for the one-act play. *Hello...Is Any Body There?* was a comedic murder-mystery that provided some interaction with the audience. During the evening performance of this play, the cast also served a meal consisting of chili, salad, bread and desserts to the audience.

*The Lady and the Tiger* de-



4. Junior Anysia Reed dusts junior Jessie Sitter as he plays a living statue during the spring play.

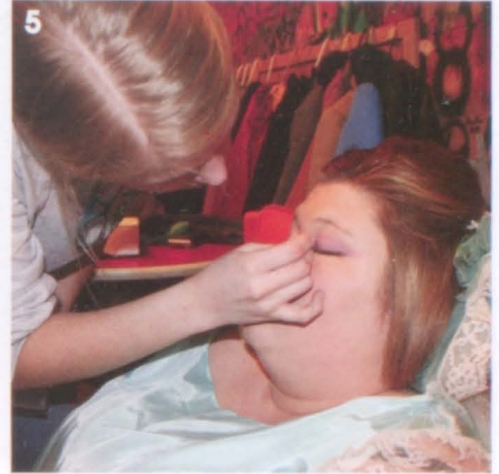
5. Senior Steph Mastel applies junior Anysia Reed's make-up before the one-act play.

6. Freshman Annie Lutter displays great emotion as she performs her oral interp piece.

picted forbidden love and its consequences. Bade played the princess who fell in love with a pauper, played by sophomore Dalton Franck. The play ended as a cliff-hanger because the audience had no idea what happened to Franck's character after he chose his door of fate.

"This year was a great year for drama because we performed two plays. I love drama because I can express myself in many different ways," Reed said.

Some of the members of the drama club also performed in oral interp. Seniors Laura Bade and Thomas Morgan and sophomore Rachel Finley performed their oral interp pieces at the state level, and Bade received a superior for her efforts.



What is your favorite memory from being in drama club?



"Last year making it to state for play is my favorite memory. Everyone was so excited and it was great to see all of our hard work pay off," senior Caitlyn DeWitte said.



"Laughing hysterically at the funny plays at State One-Acts," senior Thomas Morgan said.



Seniors Thomas Morgan and Laura Bade contemplate what to do with the dead body of Mr. Vic Tim played by freshman Kathy Stuck. Many of the characters were murdered throughout the play by the prompt, played by senior Shari Fischbach. At the end, however, all the characters are killed by a mysterious hand, leaving the audience in suspense.





H. WETZLER



A. CASS

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J. TUSCHERER

1. Freshman Haley Wetzler takes off out of the starting blocks as freshman Katrina Frericks holds them in place in the 400-meter relay.

2. Senior Auggie Cass anchors the 400-meter relay at the Warner Quad track meet.

3. Freshman Jussy Tuscherer gets second place in the 400-meter dash at Regions.

## Schedule

Northern State University Indoor Track Meet @ NSU

Hitchcock-Tulare Early Bird Meet @ Redfield

Miller Central Dakota Meet @ Miller

Groton Invite @ Groton

Warner Quad @ Warner

Redfield Relays @ Redfield

Ipswich Relays @ Ipswich

Groton Kiwanis @ Groton

Lake Region Conference Meet @ Ipswich

Four Star/Hub City Invite @ Swisher Field

Miller Invite @ Miller

Hamlin Last Chance @ Hayti

Region 1B @ Groton

Spring

State Meet @ Rapid City



Junior Nona Hawley throws shot put at the regional meet in Groton. At Regions, Hawley placed first, which qualified her for the state meet held in Rapid City.



# Beyond Running...



4. Junior Megan Peterson sails over the high jump bar at 4'8" at Regions.

Excitement. Nervousness. Anxiety. Happiness. Apathy. Track instills many different feelings in its participants. Northwestern's track team, however, fought through these emotions.

After a rough start weather-wise, the track season really picked up as the temperatures rose. The track team attended 13 track meets, even traveling as far as Miller and Hayti.

Up until the Region track meet, only two students had qualified for the State Meet. After Regions, however, 10 NW athletes qualified for State. Junior Nona Hawley qualified in shot put; Freshman Jussy Tuscherer qualified in high jump, the 400-meter dash and the 800-meter run; junior Megan Peterson qualified in high jump and sophomore Ethan Steward

qualified in the 3,200-meter run. Two relay teams also qualified for the state meet. The boys' medley relay placed second at Regions, earning them a spot at state; this relay consisted of senior Auggie Cass and sophomore Josh Clemens, Michael Smith and Jeremiah Serfling.

"It was great helping the relay team make it to state. I hope I taught them as much as I learned from upper classmen and wish them luck in the future," Cass said.

The girls' 1600-meter relay, consisting of Peterson, Tuscherer, freshman Haley Wetzler and freshman Mariah Taylor, also qualified for the Region meet.

At the State meet, Tuscherer placed eighth in the 400-meter dash and in the 800-meter run.

5. Freshman Shelby Peterson winds up as she throws the discus in the finals at Regions.



K. Fischer  
S. Serfling  
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S. Peterson



NW Varsity Track Team (First Row) Mariah Taylor, Carly Peterson, Megan Peterson, Haley Wetzler, Alyssa Harmon, Gabby Morgan. (Second Row) Laken Frericks, Kara Fischbach, Amanda Finley, Beth Hinners, April Alumbaugh, Kimberly Miles. (Third Row) Jussy Tuscherer, Shelby Peterson, Coach Scott Boone, statistician Caitlyn DeWitte, Coach Wade Rozell, Joni Boekelheide, Nona Hawley. (Fourth Row) Casey Bade, Michael Smith, Dalton Clemens, Landon Gab, Jeremiah Serfling, Ethan Steward, Dalton Franck, Cory Oberfoell.



Freshman Haley Wetzler hands off to eighth-grader Kimberly Miles during the 400-meter relay at the region track meet. The relay consists of Wetzler, Miles, junior Megan Peterson and freshman Gabby Morgan.





1. Senior Derek Miles gives his parents flowers and a hug during the graduation ceremony.



2. Senior Thomas Morgan becomes distracted by the past as he gives his speech about distractions.



3. Senior Caitlyn DeWitte hugs her older sister in the receiving line after the ceremony.



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## Fast Facts About the Class of 2009

There are only **5** boys and **14** girls.

Class colors were **green** and **gold**.

Class flower was the **gerber daisy**.

**Five** graduated with highest honors and **three** with honors.

### Class Motto:

*Behind us are memories,  
beside us are friends,  
before us are dreams that  
will never end*



Senior Morghan Groft is all smiles as she receives her diploma from School Board Chair Mary Mielke. Groft will attend South Dakota State University in Brookings.



# Beyond Northwestern...

Northwestern's class of 2009 carried out its final ceremony at Northwestern at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. After speeches from three of the graduates, School Board Chair Mary Mielke presented the certificates of graduation. With tears in many parents' eyes, the 24 graduates accepted their diplomas and stepped off the stage to face the future.

"I think that every graduation it's tough to see the seniors go, but you are excited for them and all the opportunities that await them," Mr. Rich Osborn said.

In addition to the 19 members of the NW senior class, five students from the nearby Hutterite colony also participated in the graduation ceremony. Susanna

Waldner, a student from the Hutterite school, even volunteered to speak at the commencement exercises.

The students of the class of 2009 will move and work toward many different goals including attending universities, colleges, or technical schools or entering the work force. No matter the final destination, the individuals in this class will always share a common origin: Northwestern High School.

"Without my experiences at Northwestern, I would not be the person that I am today. All of my activities, teachers and friends helped to shape my personality while I went to school. I owe all of my future success to all of them," senior Laura Bade said.



4. Juniors Carly Peterson and Betsey Borchard step forward to assume their honor guard duties.  
5. Seniors Shari Fischbach and Kevin Ford smile as they walk toward the stage at the beginning of the ceremony.  
6. Senior Maggie Clemensen receives her diploma.

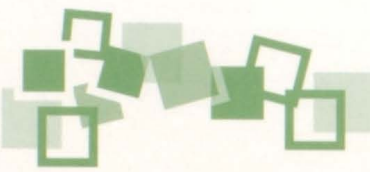


Class of 2009... (First Row) Laura Bade, Lacey Powell, Erica Lerew, Shari Fischbach, Maggie Clemensen, Alexz Metzinger and Desaray Schnoor. (Second Row) Caryn Johnson, Stephanie Mastel, Caitlyn DeWitte, LiChee Wang, Alli Hawley, Morgan Groff and Beth Hinners. (Third Row) Auggie Cass, Saven Lechner, Derek Miles, Kevin Ford and Thomas Morgan.



Seniors Stephanie Mastel and Laura Bade raise their hands in victory after the graduation ceremony. Bade will attend North Dakota State University in Fargo, and Mastel will attend Presentation College in Aberdeen.





# Beyond Support...

"I can play the piano while blind-folded," sophomore Dalton Franck said.



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"I had my appendix out on Christmas day in the fifth grade," sophomore Kara Fischbach said.



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"I am very outgoing with a sarcastic and funny personality," senior Desaray Schnoor said..

"I always have wild, fun-colored hair," senior Allii Hawley said.

"The most interesting thing about me is my bubbly personality," sophomore Kelsey Eth said.





"I like to watch ESPN and Sportscenter a lot," junior Grasen Lechner said.

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"I am a window shopper," Junior Jalen Dieede said.

"I lived in Spain and speak German, English and Spanish fluently and am also learning Japanese," junior Laura Ulbrich said.

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"I always like to do everything ahead of everybody else and see competition as my life," sophomore Anna Romandash said.

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"I have attended the International Science and Engineering Fair two years in a row," sophomore Amanda Finley said.

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"I am a very happy person who is always working," sophomore April Alumbaugh said.

"I have trichotillomania," senior Shari Fischbach said.

"I like to write country-western songs," junior Michelle TwoHearts said.



"I make some mean quesadillas," junior Landon Gab said.

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"I have extensive knowledge of military devices and tactics," sophomore Ethan Steward said.



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"I have a lot of blonde moments," sophomore Alyssa Morgan said.



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"The most interesting thing about me is my long, beautiful, luscious blond hair and my deep hazel eyes," senior Thomas Morgan said.

"I was at school a total of two hours a day this year," senior Alex Metzinger.

"I'm tall (6'3")," junior Megan Peterson said.



# Beyond Names...



Senior Class



Freshman Jussy Tuscherer placed eighth in the 800-meter run at state.



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 Ashalintubbi, Jordan 5, 12  
 Ashalintubbi, Tyler 15



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Preschool and Junior Kindergarten



Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball Team



Junior High Football Team



Kindergarten





First Grade



Freshman Shelby Peterson plays the trap set during band.



Junior High Volleyball Team



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- Diede, Jalen 8, 28, 40, 46
- Dieter, Shauna 16
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- Duncan, Doug 16, 24
- Duncan, Ezekiel 14, 20, 31
- Duncan, Jeanna 11
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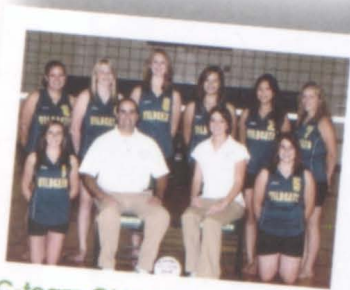


Junior High Boys' Basketball



Fourth Grade





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Mrs. Vicki Mitchell, as Mother Goose, reads to the kindergarten class.

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Junior High Basketball Cheerleaders



Fifth Grade





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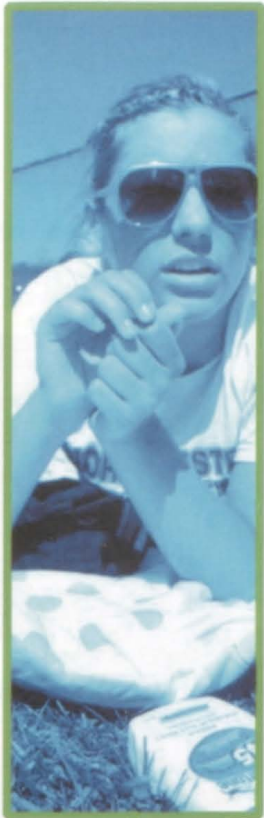
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# Beyond A School...



## Beyond Ordinary...

Throughout the 2008-2009 school year, the students at Northwestern exhibited their extraordinary talents and skills by attending international science fairs, placing in state tournaments and traveling abroad for various activities. In the years to come, the students at NW will continue to accomplish tasks that are beyond ordinary...



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Seventh-grader Nathan Palmer enjoys a hot dog on the last day of school.

Junior Cory Oberfoell points at a classmate during prom set-up in the gym.

Third-graders Jaidyn Kramp, Megan Heidenreich and Sadie VanderWal let their feet hang out of the tunnel on the playground.

Senior Thomas Morgan smiles proudly next to his science project at the regional science fair.

Junior Carly Peterson basks in the sun at one of the high school track meets.

Junior Tristen Waller concentrates as she paints a poster for the junior-senior prom.



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*Beyond Dreaming...* Sophomore Rachel Finley day-dreams during her voed class at the end of the year.

1. Junior Laura Ullbrich and senior Li Chee Wang were two of Northwestern's foreign exchange students.

2. The volleyball team gets excited on the bench during the championship match against Phillip.

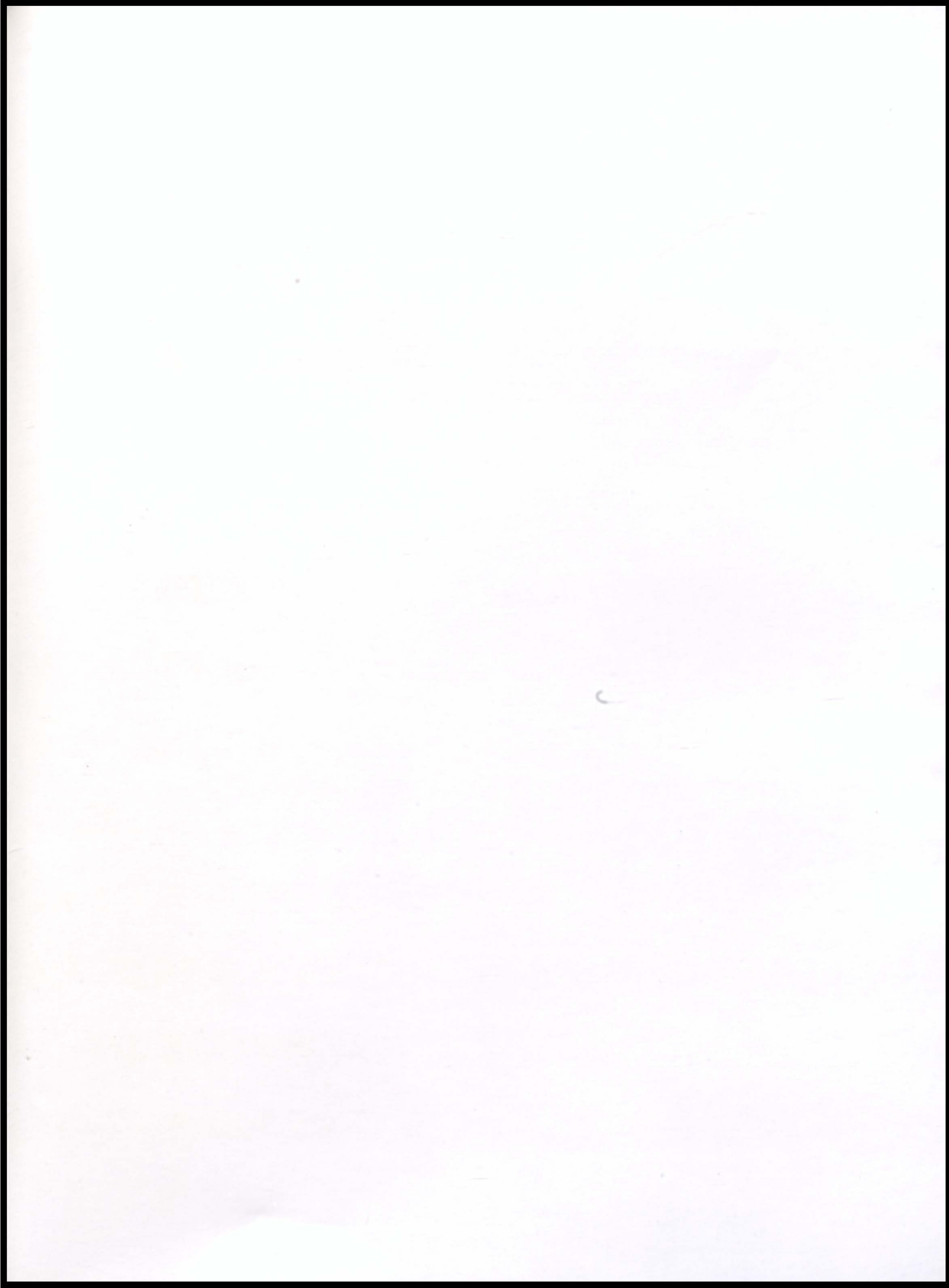
3. The sneaky seniors in the Tech English class pull out their cell phones when Mrs. Nora Groft steps out of the room.

Colophon...

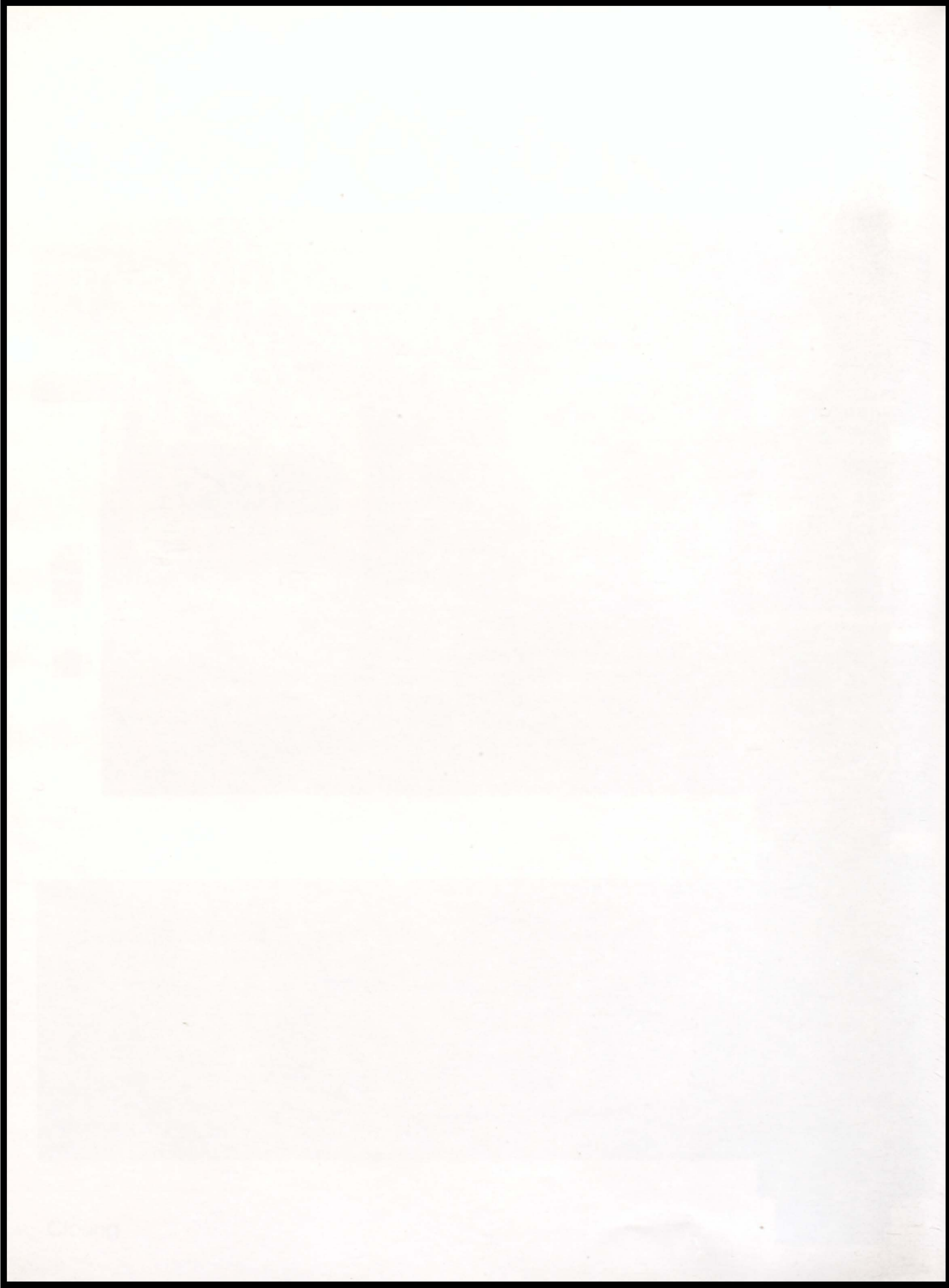
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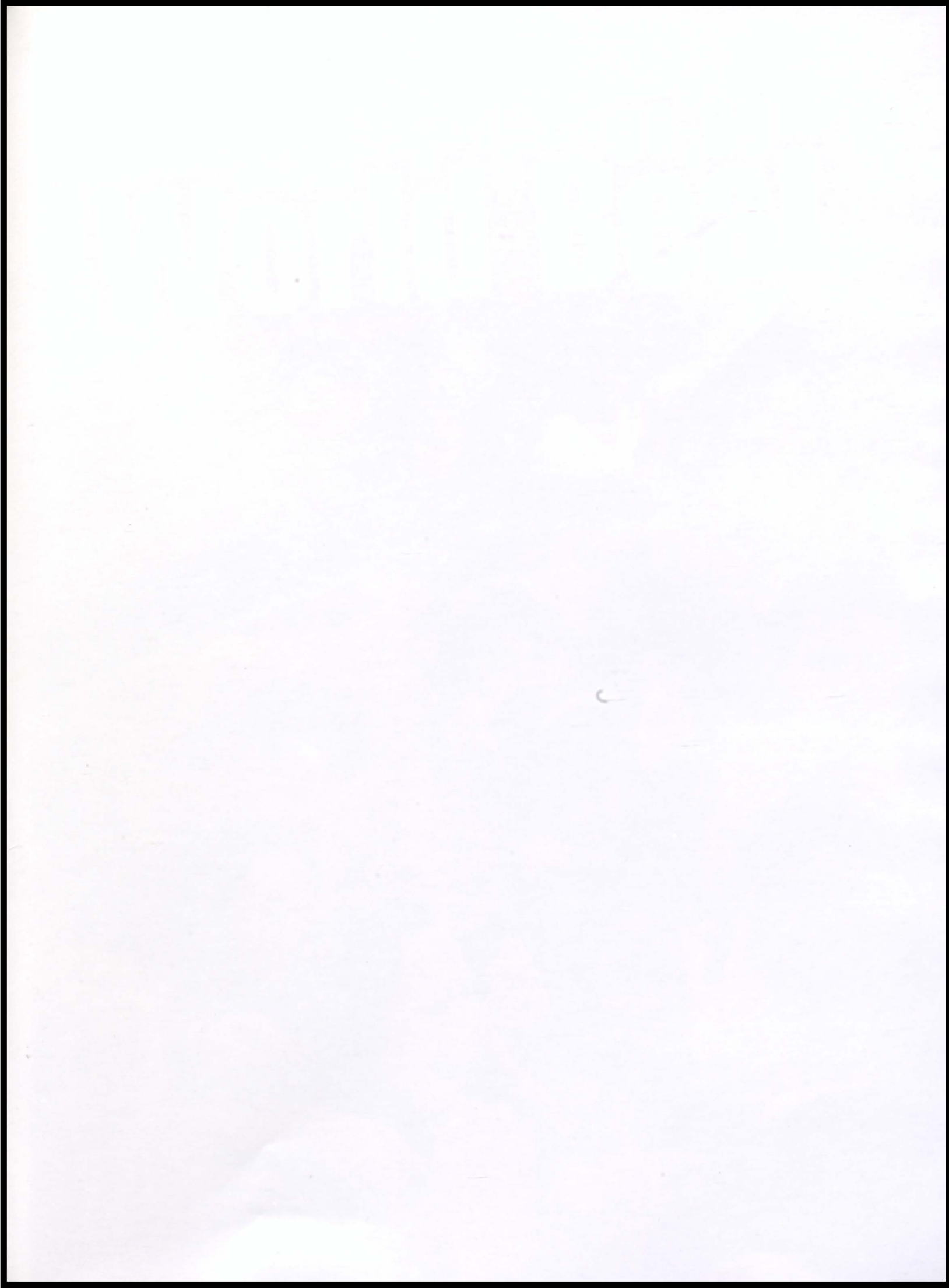




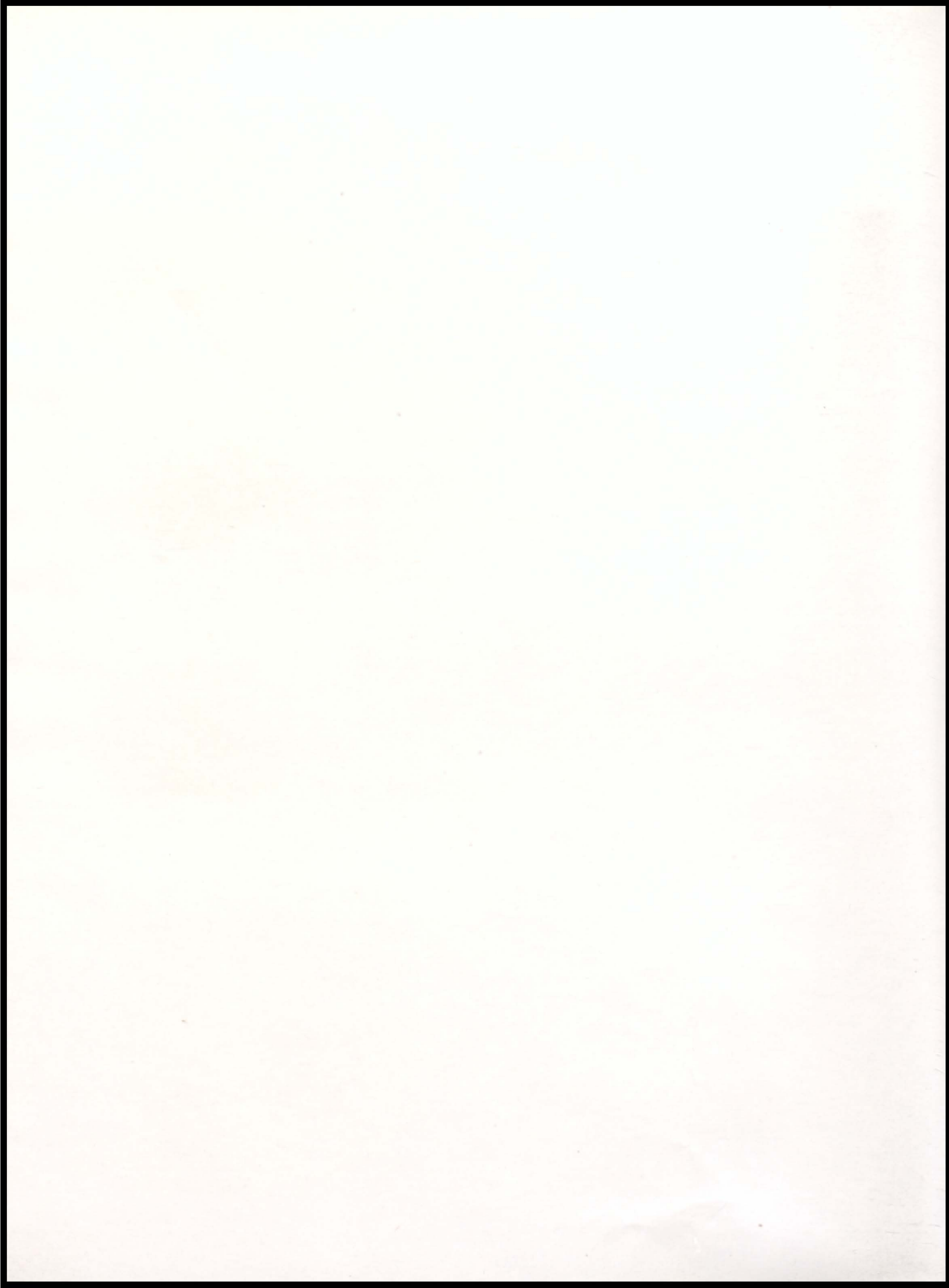














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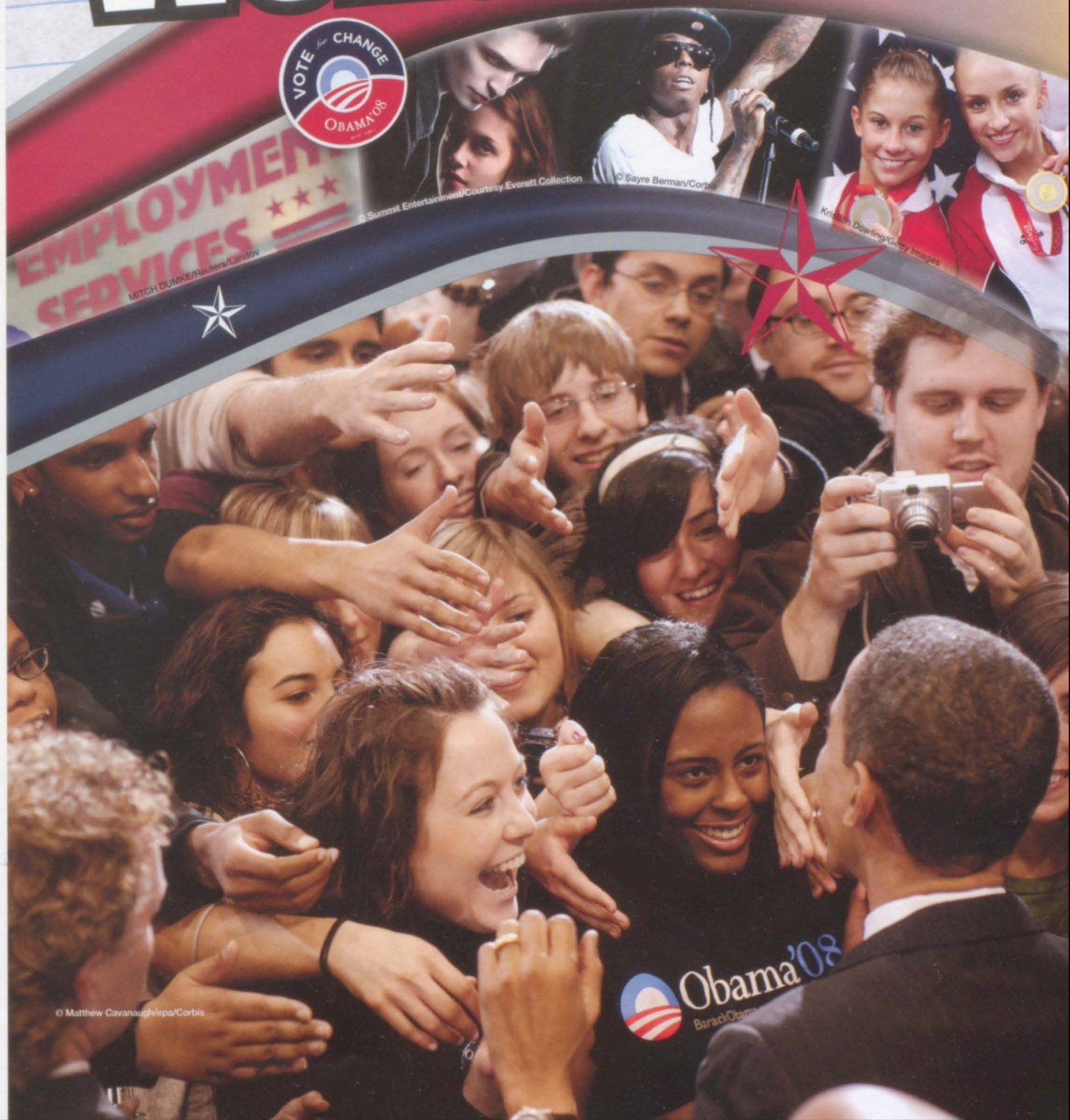
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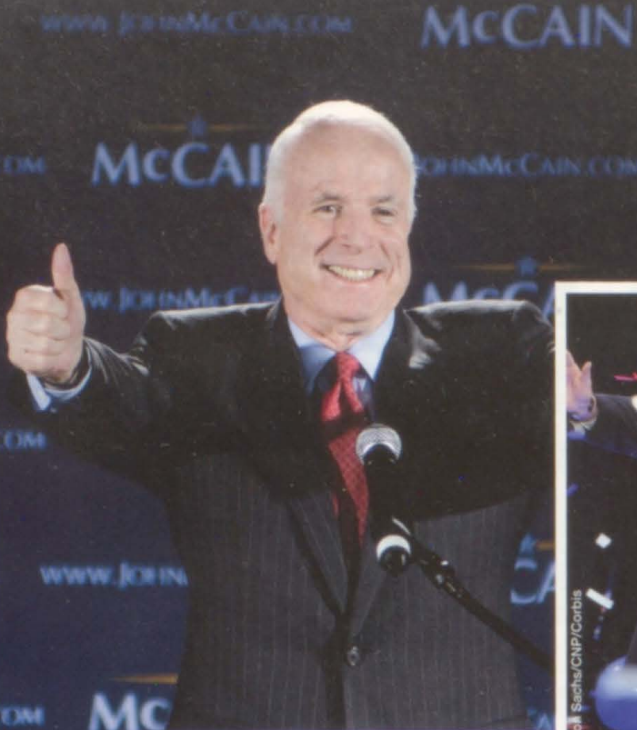
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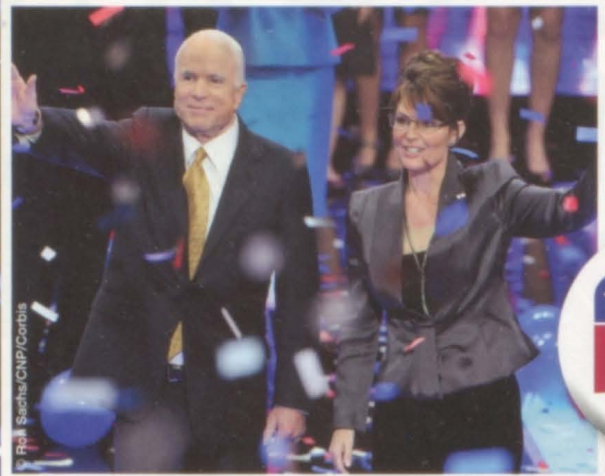


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▼ Arizona Senator John McCain wins the Republican nomination for president and names Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. Palin is the Republican Party's first female nominee for vice president.



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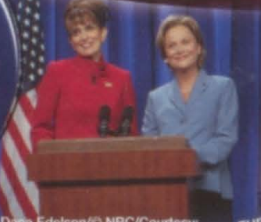
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# Waves of Change



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Politics in pop culture

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▼ Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware becomes the 47th vice president of the United States. A member of the Senate since 1973, Biden brings long-time Washington experience to the Obama administration.



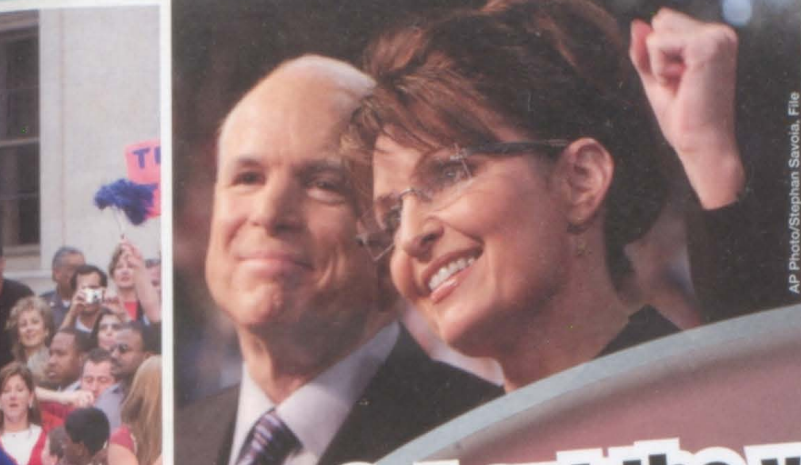
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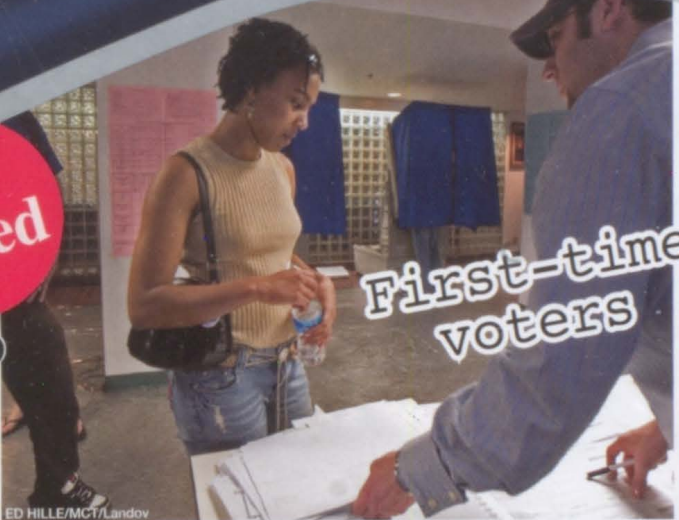
Campaign volunteers

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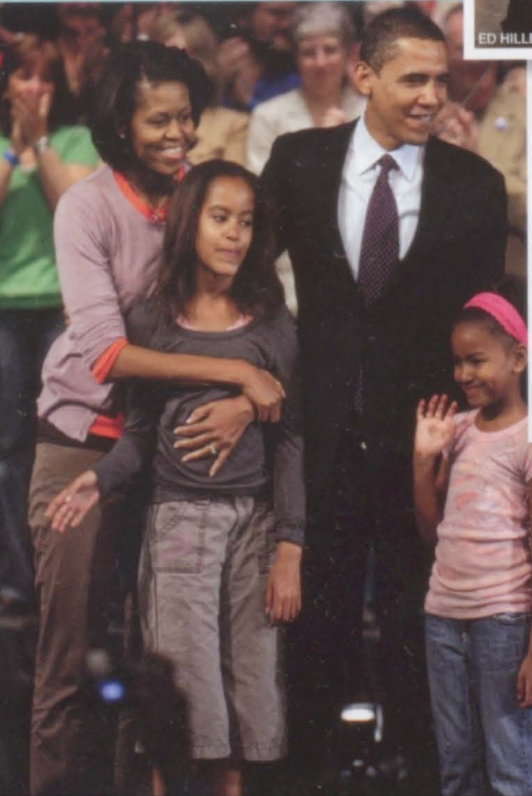


First-time voters



Obama's grassroots organization and innovative Web campaign is credited with inspiring young and first-time voters to participate heavily in the election.

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The values, fashion and personal vitality of the Obama family resonate with Americans. Public interest in the first family rivals that of the interest in the Kennedy family in the 1960s.

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Barack Obama makes history as the first African-American to win the presidency of the United States. The former Illinois senator promises an era of change that captures the imagination of voters nationwide.

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**Electoral Votes**

<b>Obama</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>McCain</b>	<b>173</b>



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# Obama Wins



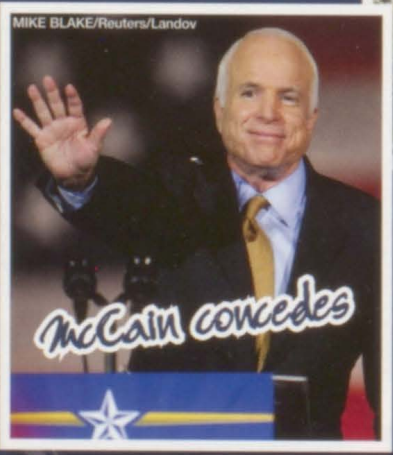
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McCain/Palin run a strong campaign, winning 22 states. But they are defeated 53 vs. 46 percent in the general election and by a substantial margin in the Electoral College.



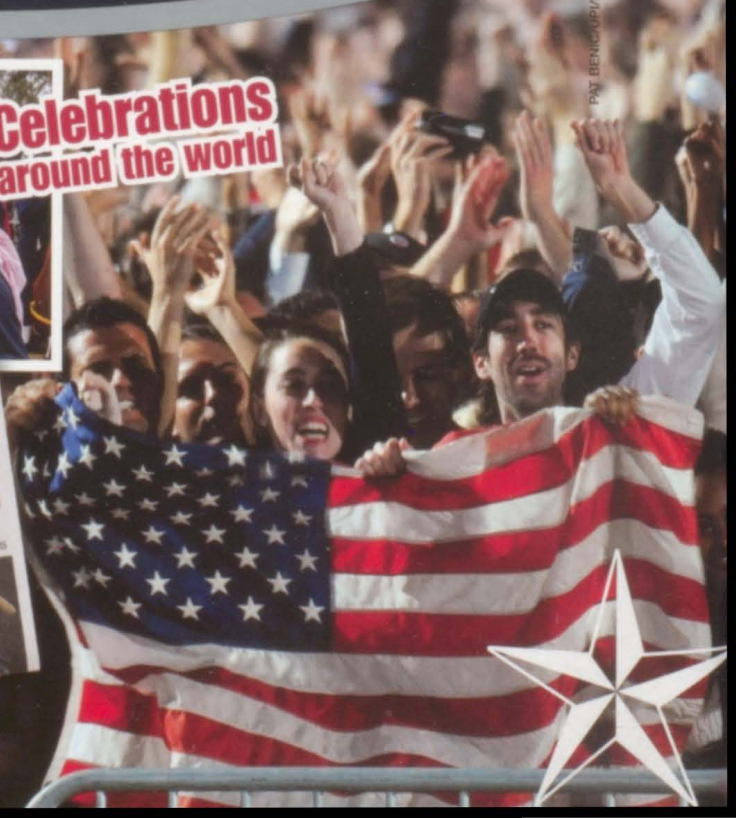
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**Celebrations around the world**

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# Obama's Cabinet nominations



In January 2009, president-elect Obama attends the ultimate power lunch in the White House, meeting and getting advice from President Bush as well as former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

# Getting prepared for office



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# The inaugural parade

# Souvenirs



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During the inauguration ceremony, Malia Obama captures the moment from a unique point of view.

# Inauguration 1-20-09



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Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States before millions in Washington, D.C. Obama's inaugural address calls for a "new era of responsibility" in the face of economic decline and a pledge to choose "hope over fear."



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"We have chosen hope over fear..."



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Stocks plummet as years of excess in the U.S. housing market and lax supervision of financial institutions contribute to the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.



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Unemployment rate hits 16-year high in January 2009



# Economic Crisis

With buying power declining in the consumer marketplace, companies nationwide are forced to lay off workers. The national unemployment rate hits 7.2 percent in December and is rising steadily. The hardest hit states are Michigan, Rhode Island, California and South Carolina.

# World News



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Specialty coffee sales drop

Credit cards

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# Housing Foreclosures



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Detroit's struggling "Big Three" automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, request and are eventually offered a bailout package of just over \$17 billion in December.





# GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

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Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.

## Teens work part-time

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## Gas prices up and down

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The world's "hot spots" center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.



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## Support our Troops

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## "Miracle on the Hudson"

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In January 2009, after both engines fail due to ingesting birds, US Airways Flight 1549 ditches in New York's Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger.







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**Reusable bags**



Environmentally conscious consumers use items such as reusable cloth shopping bags and Klean Kanteen water bottles that don't leak harmful chemicals like BPA.

# Changing our World

## PRIUS

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HYBRID SYNERGY DRIVE

What is your carbon footprint?



100g

CO2

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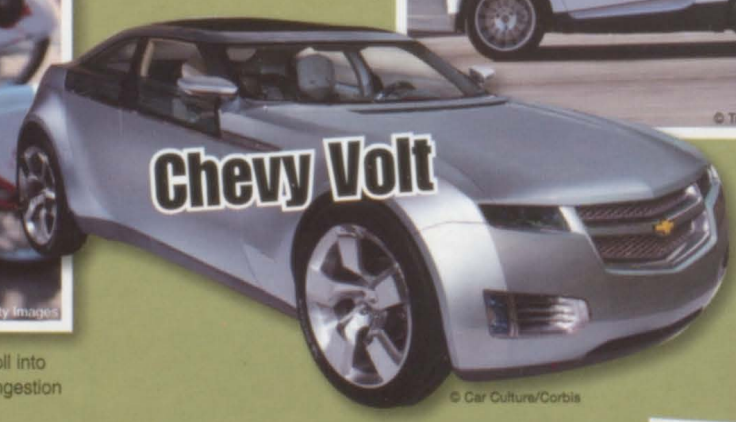


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Tight money and high gas prices push auto manufacturers to investigate super fuel-efficient and electric cars. The Chevrolet Volt is an early contender and the tiny "Smart" car is already on American roads.



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## Chevy Volt

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Public bicycle sharing systems, already popular in Europe, roll into American cities like Washington, D.C., to help fight traffic congestion and reduce pollution.





# CLEAN ENERGY

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◀ In September, Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies. Modernizing the national electric grid to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy will be an early priority.



**Environmentally friendly MacBooks**

Courtesy of Apple, Inc.



Youth Volunteering Youth Volunteering Youth Volunteering



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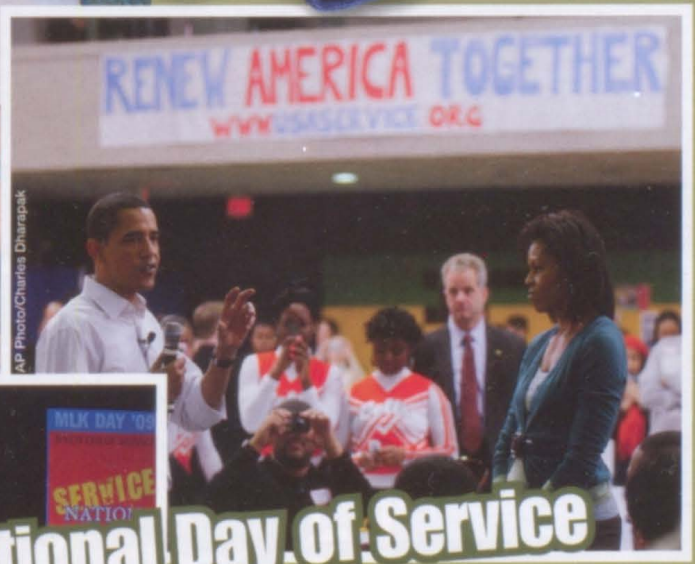
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▶ The green cleaning movement gains momentum nationally as environmentally safe non-toxic cleaning products are used in many homes, as well as state and city institutions.



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## National Day of Service

▶ Brad Pitt launches the "Make It Right" project to build 150 green-sensitive new homes in the New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Pitt contributes \$5 million to the project.

▶ President-elect Obama asks all Americans to volunteer their time on the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 19, and to continue throughout the year. More than 12,000 service projects take place across the country.

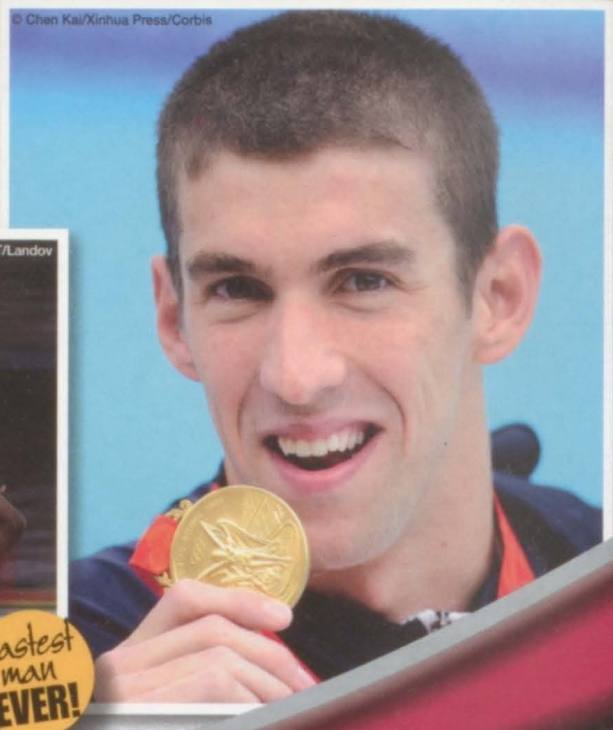


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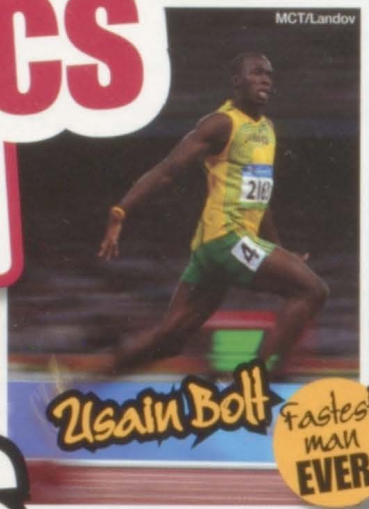
# Summer Olympics

The Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics showcase some of the most amazing performances in Olympic history.

▼ American swimmer Michael Phelps makes Olympic history with eight gold medals. Phelps sets three world records in his five individual wins.



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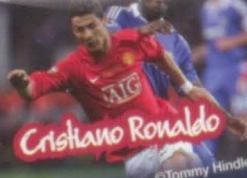
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**Usain Bolt** Fastest man EVER!

# Sports

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The Olympic Opening Ceremony



**Cristiano Ronaldo**

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**Tiger Woods**

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**Karen Jones**

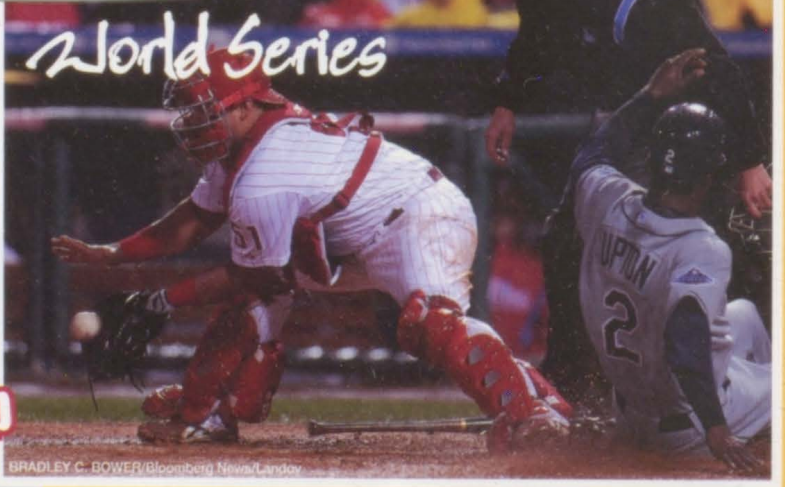
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**Red Wings win 2008 Stanley Cup**

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# World Series



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▲ The Philadelphia Phillies win their second World Series with a five game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The fifth game takes three days to complete after a rain delay.





▶ The Chinese gymnasts take the team title, but Americans Shawn Johnson (floor exercise) and Nastia Liukin (all-around) take individual gold medals for the U.S.

# Gymnastics

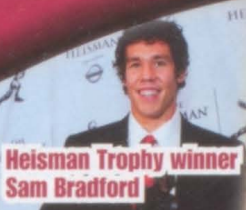


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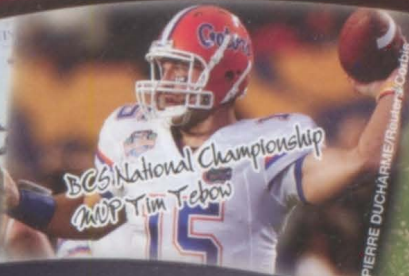
Venus and Serena Williams

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Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford

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BCS National Championship MVP Tim Tebow

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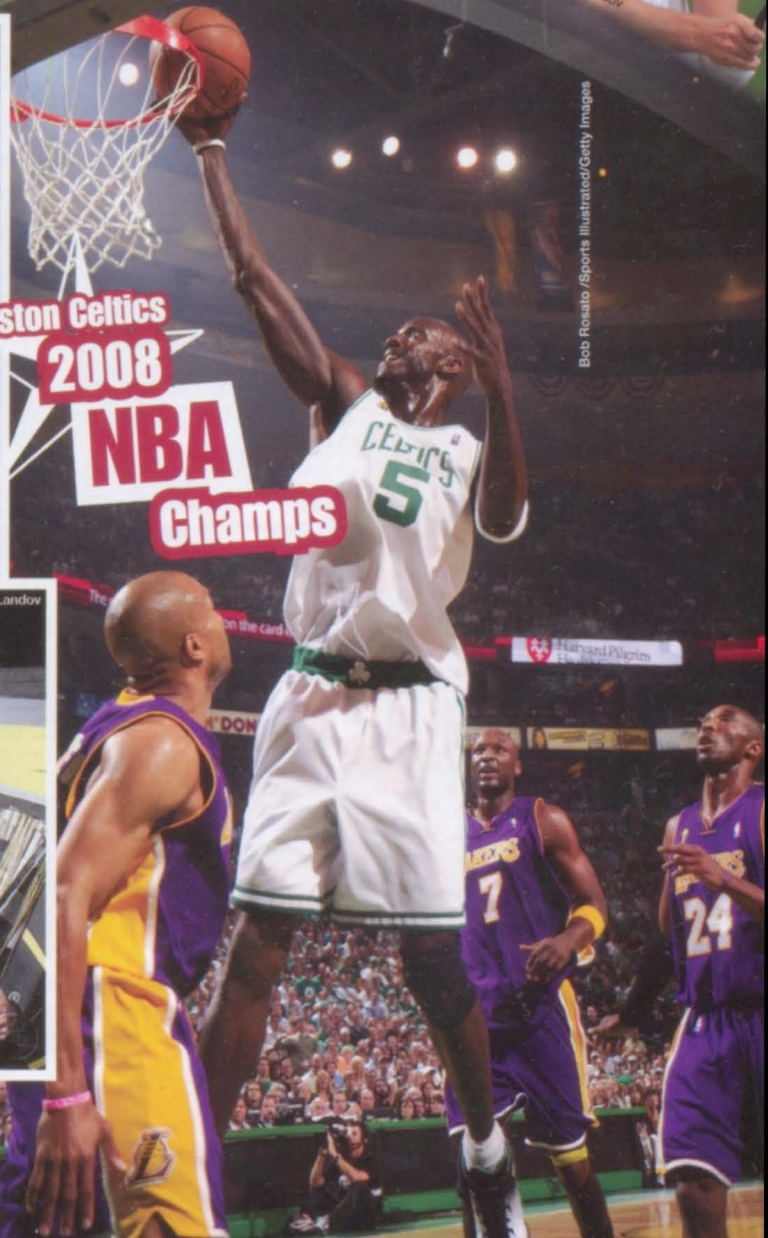


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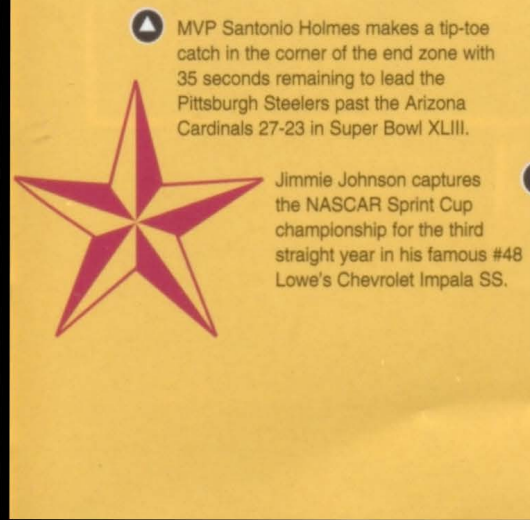
# Super Bowl XLIII

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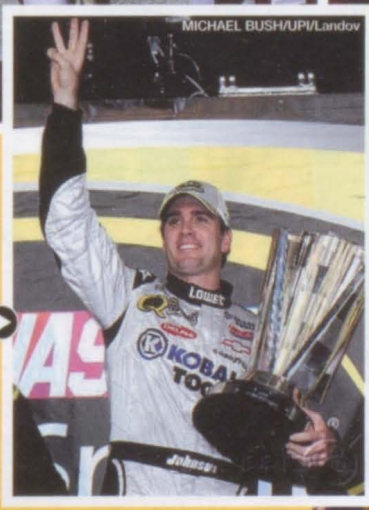
# Boston Celtics 2008 NBA Champs

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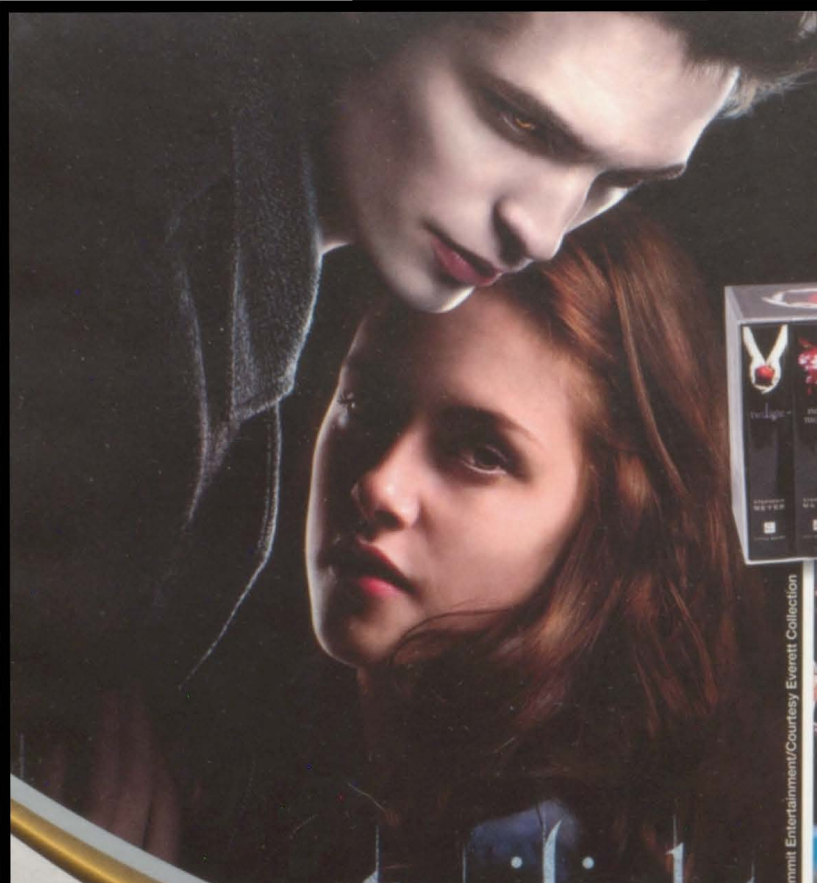
▶ MVP Santonio Holmes makes a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers past the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII.

▶ Jimmie Johnson captures the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the third straight year in his famous #48 Lowe's Chevrolet Impala SS.



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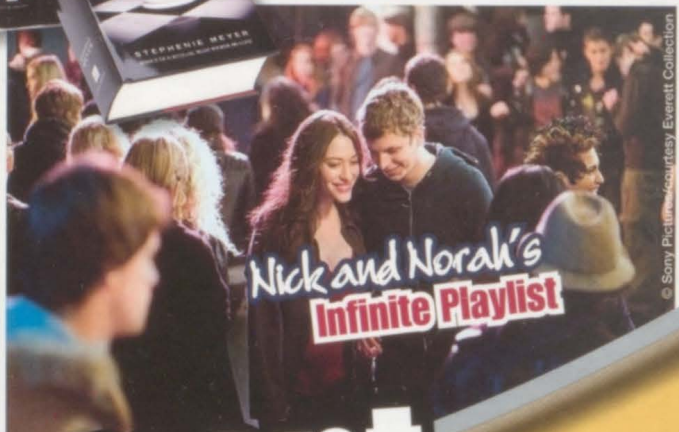
▶ Stephenie Meyer's runaway best-seller, *Twilight*, becomes a hit movie starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as Edward and Bella.



Tina Fey



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Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

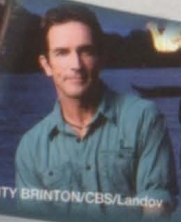
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Reality TV



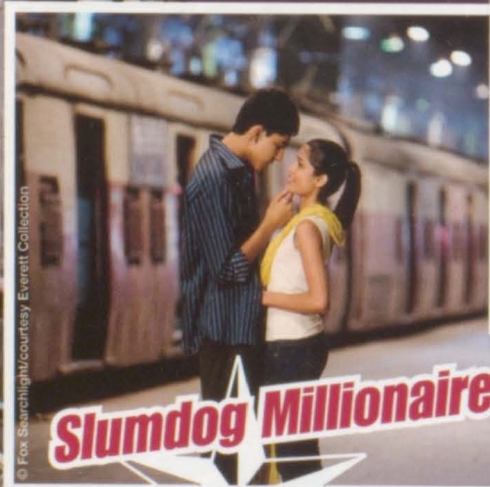
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Grey's Anatomy

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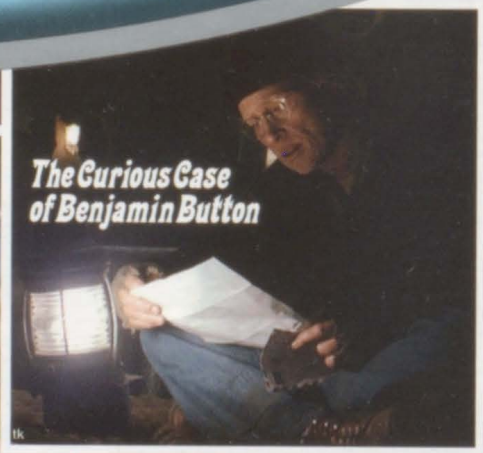


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Slumdog Millionaire



The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

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*Slumdog Millionaire*, a surprise entry from India about teen life in Mumbai, and Brad Pitt's *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, about a man who ages backwards, monopolize Academy Award nominations with a combined total of 23.





MTV/Jeff Lipsky

▶ MTV spins off the reality show *The Hills*, following Laguna Beach star Lauren Conrad and her friends to Los Angeles.

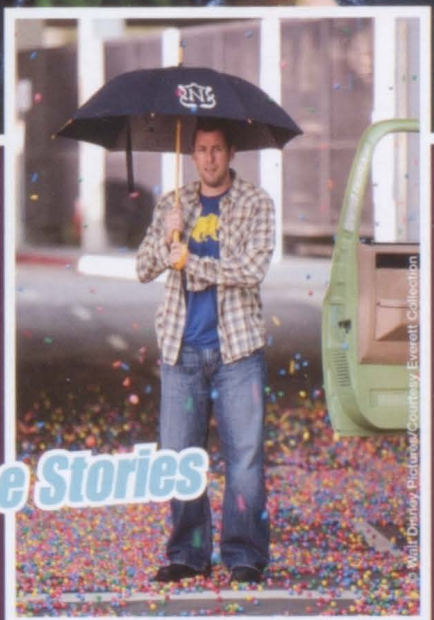


# Paul Blart: Mall Cop

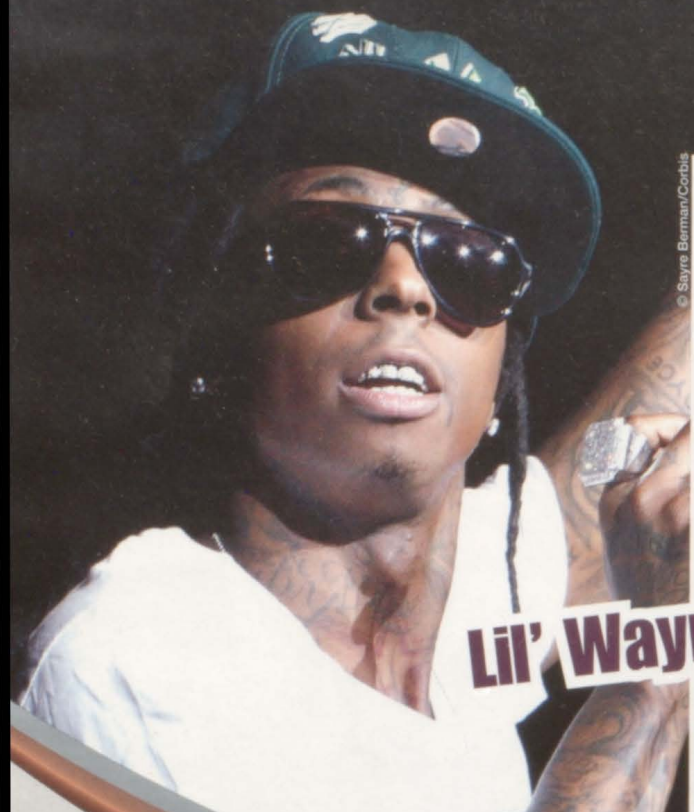


▶ Australian Heath Ledger, in his last film role as the Joker in the Batman epic *The Dark Knight*, wins a posthumous Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama.

# Bedtime Stories







Lil' Wayne

▶ Rapper Lil' Wayne takes home four Grammys, including Rap Album of the Year for *Tha Carter III* and Best Rap Song.



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# Music

▶ Due to low ratings, MTV's flagship show *Total Request Live* shuts down in November after a 10-year run.



Jordin Sparks

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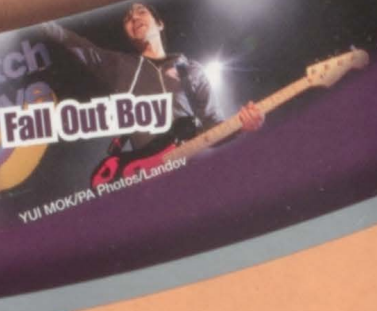
Bon Jovi

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Leona Lewis

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Fall Out Boy

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▶ Britney Spears rebounds from years of personal challenges with her fifth No. 1 album, *Circus*. She becomes the only act in Nielsen SoundScan history to have four albums that debut with 500,000 or more copies sold.



# Ne-Yo

▶ R&B singer/songwriter Ne-Yo brings out his third album, *Year of the Gentleman*, which debuts on the *Billboard* 200 at No. 2. The album garners six Grammy nominations.



# Beyonce

AP Photo/Peter Kramer





The video for Will.i.am's song "Yes We Can" garners more than 1.3 million hits on YouTube and becomes an anthem for young voters during the presidential campaign.

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# Classic Rock



Alicia Keys

Jonas Brothers

Pink

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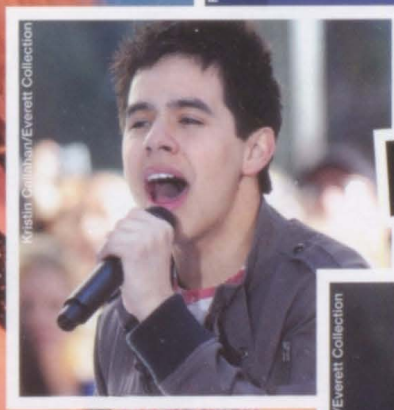
Fox's *American Idol* adds a fourth judge to the popular show. Grammy-nominated songwriter Kara DioGuardi joins regular panelists Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.



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# Taylor Swift



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# David vs. David



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Rocker David Cook, with 58 percent of the fan votes, beats balladeer David Archuleta in the 2008 finals of Fox's *American Idol*.

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◀ Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.



**Digital TV**

▲ The nation converts to all-digital TV in 2009. The Department of Commerce offers government coupons to make the conversion more affordable.



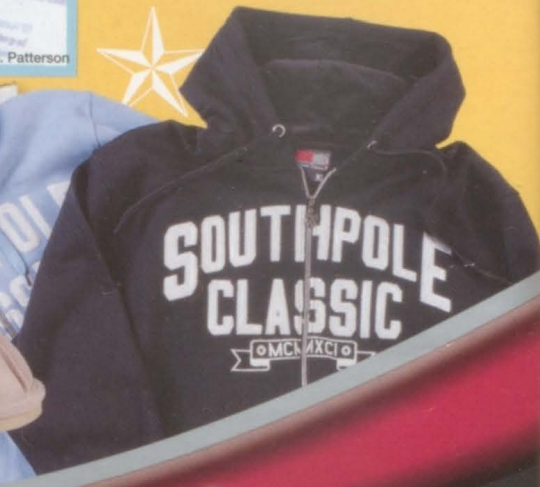
**Social Networking**

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# Lifestyle

*Slippers to wear every day*



**Argyle & Plaid**



THE CANADIAN PRESS/Andrew Vaughan/AP



**Designer Purses & Shoes**



**Big Sunglasses**

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◀ Top style trends this year include baggy pants, oversized sunglasses, designer purses, black nail polish and plaids.

**Black Nail Polish**



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