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Some Start to talk About

welcoming heat. Frigid classrooms. Room numbers. Believe it or not, these were the three most talked about topics as we reluctantly started the school year, too darn early. Too early in the morning, too early in the year. For nearly all of us, 7:45 a.m. on Aug. 17 was just short of a shock.

It shouldn't have been. After all, we had plenty of warning. We had gotten our homeroom assignments in the mail, the "Welcome Back" newsletter had arrived and last year's yearbooks had been distributed.

We knew the day was coming. In fact we had even prepared. We headed to Oak View and Crossroads to get school clothes. We dashed over to Target and Walmart to get our 3-ring binders, mechanical pencils and ball-point pens. Some of us even went to Baker's and Hy-Vee to stock up on sack lunch food. You know, the essentials like Chips Ahoy and Pringles.

We had even made those new-year resolutions that since school would be starting soon, we would try to go to bed earlier and start to climb out of bed before lunch.

By Abby Rogers

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Showing their school spirit, seniors Krissy Barsness and Mike Dworak march with their homeroom in the first annual Homeroom Homecoming Parade. (photo by Mark Ward)



Scoping the crowd, sophomore Jackie Hill tries to make a sale at the Black and Gold football game. Many cheerleaders sold seat cushions for a fund raiser. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



School supplies in hand, freshman Victor Chapman is ready for the first day of the year. Students arrived in buses, cars and by foot. (photo by Cherie Connors)





Some Start to talk About

Sweat poured down our faces as we trekked up the front steps towards school that first day. Opening up the door, we felt a refreshing wave of cool air. Unfortunately, by the time we made it to the vivarium to say "hi" to Sasha and Monty we were in danger of having frostbite.

Over the summer, most of us had forgotten that dressing for success meant dressing in layers. One thing we didn't forget was where to meet before homeroom. Except for the freshmen, it was almost like we had never left. As if on autopilot, we headed to the top of the main stairs, the cafeteria or the bathroom--the same places we had used as a meeting place the year before.

We talked about the same things, too. What we had done the day before, where we would meet after homeroom and who was doing what on Friday. Even though it was the first day of school, most of us were talking about whether or not we would get out of school for a heat day.

With only five minutes of our 180-day year under our belts, we felt we needed, no, we deserved, a break.

By Abby Rogers

Some ³Start

Sizing up the competition, seniors Herman Shields, Latrina Collier and Katie Jones get down to the music during the dance contest which was held at the Homecoming Pep Rally. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Stadium lights illuminate the field as junior David Edmonds plays his mellophone in the Star Wars halftime show. After 12 years the band got new uniforms. (photo by Marc May)



Surfing the Net, senior Greg Norris takes advantage of the new technology available because of the \$400,000 technology grant the school received. (photo by Abby Rogers)





Some Start to talk About

So we didn't get the break we wanted the first day, but we really shouldn't have complained. Before Labor Day got here, we'd had four heat days.

It took some of us a while to adjust to the reality that we were here for the duration. Covering too-thick books, listening for warning bells and doing homework were things not easily put back into our routines.

Even though we got some unscheduled days off, almost daily we heard someone saying something along the lines of, "Can you believe it's only Aug. 30, and we've already been in school for two weeks?"

We weren't the only ones talking about the early start and oppressive heat. Hoping to avoid a repeat of the heat, the school board decided to move future start dates to late August.

By the end of August, most of us had settled into a some sort of a routine. Our talk turned to Homecoming and who was going with whom, the struggles of the Varsity Football team, the \$400,000 technology grant, and how many days until our next day off.

By Abby Rogers

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pending time with friends. Going to the game. Finding a date. It was all just part of our life away from school.

Even though the most talked about events of our lives happened away from school, these were the same times we spent most of our time in school talking and thinking about.

If we weren't talking about last weekend's basketball game, we were probably trying to work around next weekend's work schedules.

Getting ready to go out, even it was just to the school musical took a lot of preparations. From what to wear, to who was driving, there was a lot to talk about.

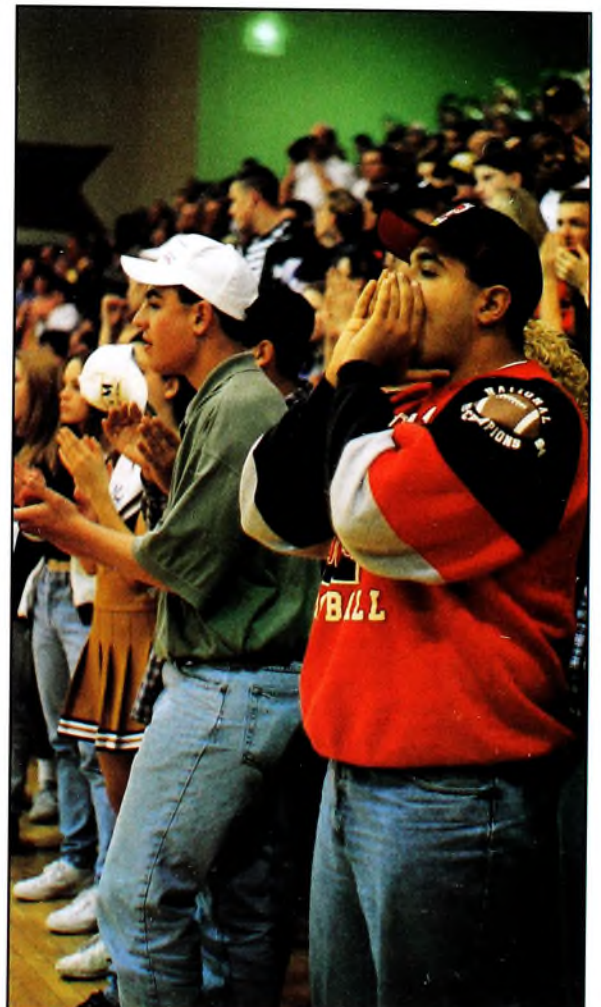
After our plans were set, the talk could turn to important topics like what happened on *Friends* and *ER*, or maybe even what was on the news.





Soaping down a truck, freshman diver Sara Delashmutt helps out with the swimming and diving carwash. When the weather was nice, students would do anything to get outside with friends. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Shouting encouragement to the team, seniors Yasser Abounasr and Jason Epstein hope for a Bulldog victory. Going to games was a popular weekend activity. (photo by Cherie Connors)



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by **Clint Osler**

Like Pavlov's dogs, when that bell rang, we were ready. Ready to get outside and do something. Anything.

"I run a lot when I have free time," junior Joe Kasel said. Hitting the open roads gave many students a chance to clear their minds before hitting the books.

"I like to go running in Miller Park to think to my self," freshman Tanea Lewis said.

If running wasn't their thing, walking or playing pick-up games with friends was an option.

"I like to shoot hoops in the driveway," senior Steve Coe said. Coe, who was a co-captain of the Varsity football team said he liked to get outside after being cooped up all day.

"I like to go on walks," junior Brooke Glassman said. "It just gives me time to think."

A little less physical, but still relaxing options included sunning, fishing, and even washing the car.

Junior Jamie Sing said she and her boyfriend often headed outside to spend some quiet time together.

"I like to go fishing at Zorinsky Lake with my boyfriend. It's a lot of fun, and we even catch some nice fish."

For many, nice weather triggered a lot of outdoor time. There was nothing like a sunny day to bring us outside.

The water was a draw when it was warm enough. "My friends and I love to hang out at my pool," said freshman Mark Meisenbach, who was lucky enough to have a pool in his backyard.

Some of us, who weren't lucky enough to have a pool, had to settle for the sprinklers. Washing the car, cleaning out the garage, and even spraying off the driveway were almost fun after a long, cold winter.

If it was cold enough for snow, Crescent and NebrasSki, were options for the sled-weary that were a lot more fun than shoveling.





Getting some air off a jump at Crescent, freshman Derrick Lindeman prepares for his landing. Mt. Crescent was a popular alternative for those who couldn't make it to Colorado. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Taking advantage of a warmer than usual summer, senior Jackie Six and her brother Ryan take a lap around Woodcliff Lake. Many students headed to pools and lakes to get some relief from the excessive summer heat. (photo courtesy of Jackie Six)



After a stressful day of school, junior Maria Haag practices her slam dunk with a little help from junior Jeff Nace. Shooting around was a good excuse to get outside and put off homework. (photo by Clint Olser)

While practicing a routine for the football season, Varsity Cheerleaders catch some rays and escape from the building's freezing air conditioning. During the summer, cheerleaders practiced many mornings. (photo by Abby Rogers)



While cheering on Southern Cal at the College World Series, juniors Amy Hildreth and Laura Bockelman catch some rays. The World Series is one of the first major events of the summer. (photo by Katie Sevensing)

The Burke Marching Band leads the Homecoming Parade down the Boulevard. (photo by Laurie Epstein)



Dressed as clowns, the sophomore class shows its school spirit. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Fighting the wind, seniors Sarah Baker, Tammy Cruz and Lisa Goodwin finish their pirate ship. (photo by Anna Basso)

At their first Homecoming Parade, freshmen ride next to a giant toilet. Their "Flush 'Em" theme helped them win first place. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Seniors smile for the camera right before they join the Homecoming Parade. The seniors worked on completing their pirate ship most of Thursday night. (photo by Cherie Connors)





Flag Corps members lead the way at the Parade. The squad also performed at that night's game. (photo by Cherie Connors)



During the first annual Homeroom Homecoming Parade, junior Clint Osler cruises down the hall in his cardboard car. Most Homerooms participated by making floats and posters. (photo by Cherie Connors)

STUDENTS KICK OFF BIG WEEKEND

It all started with the 2:02 bell Thursday. The cheerleaders used their 8th-hour class to start decorating the school. By 5 p.m. anyone could tell something major was about to take place.

For weeks we had been getting ready: working on our floats, looking for that perfect dress, asking the right date.

Everything started happening Thursday after school. With streamers, masking tape and window paint in hand, the cheerleaders and pompon squad set out to turn the sterile halls into a sea of black and gold, encouraging the Dawgs to trounce the

Thunderbirds. "It was a lot of fun and hard work," JV Cheerleader junior Janelle Stevens said. "I

stayed after school until 5."

Friday morning got off to an unorthodox start thanks to Amy Houston and Nancy Burkhart. The two family and consumer science teachers organized a homeroom homecoming parade. Box-car floats, wagons, pompons and trikes all made an appearance at the parade, which was held during an extended homeroom.

"We were trying to build community in our homeroom so the students would get closer," Houston explained.

During 8th hour students headed for the gym for the pep rally. Hall of Fame members were introduced, along with members of the fall teams. Despite a few technical difficulties with the new \$31,500 sound system, the cheerleaders performed and the crowd was entertained by the dance contest participants.

Freezing temperatures and gusty winds didn't scare away parade-goers. At 5 p.m. the parade left the parking lot and began the neighborhood tour. As tradition would have it, the Freshman float won the contest with the theme "Flush 'Em."

Then at 7 it was time for the game. Even though the Thunderbirds took a bite out of the Bulldogs, the game was still a chance for everyone to get together and cheer on their friends. It was also one last chance to finalize plans for the rest of the big weekend.

BY CLINT OSLER

Before heading off to dinner, senior Kristine Komrofske pins a boutonniere on senior Nick Suhr from Northwest. (photo courtesy of Kristine Komrofske)



Members of the junior Homecoming Court pose for a picture after the winners are announced. The junior prince and princess were Mark Kratina and Shelli Martin. (photo courtesy Shelli Martin)



Receiving instructions from his mother, senior Chris Gilmore adjusts senior Jenny Rowedder's corsage. The two have gone to the dance together for four years. (photo by JoAnn Rowedder)



Senior Beth Simpson and her date dine on Burger King after waiting several hours for a table at the Neon Goose. (photo courtesy of Beth Simpson)



After being crowned king and queen by former graduates, seniors Victor Ebong and Candice Youngblood sit on their throne. Elections were held to vote for the royalty. (photo courtesy of Shelli Martin)



With their flowers pinned on, juniors Jason Livermore, Ashley Larsen and Kelley Horbach get ready to head to dinner. Groups usually met to take pictures before dinner. (photo courtesy of Laura Bockelman)



COUPLES REVISIT PAST TIMES

A crisp fall night with girls in short, sequined dresses, guys in tuxes or suits and restaurants packed with high school students could mean only two things: Homecoming and a night of memories.

Sleeping in was not an option for many who planned to be at the homecoming dance Saturday night.

Student Government members had to be at Burke at 7:30 a.m. to transform the halls and the gym from school rooms to representations of the '50s, '60s and '70s to go with the theme Lost in Time.

"I painted the silhouettes of the '60's hippies that were in the gym and the front hallway," sophomore student

government member Katie Bonniwell said. "I think the theme turned out well, it was something different and kind of fun."

To get everything done, students had to start early. Finding a restaurant seemed like an easy enough thing to do, but for some it ended up being a difficult task.

"I thought if I made the reservations a week ahead of time, it would be fine," junior Lindsay Kemnitz said. "I ended up calling like 20 places before I found one that wasn't full."

By the time Saturday afternoon rolled around, most students, especially the girls, were busy getting ready.

"I started getting ready at 9 a.m.," sophomore Megan Lien said. "I had to get my nails done, and I wanted them to dry. At 2, we went and got our hair done, then at 3:30 we had facials."

After getting dressed and being photographed, it was time to head to dinner and the dance.

Coronation of royalty began at 10 p.m. Seniors Victor Ebong and Candice Youngblood were named king and queen. Senior prince and princess were Mike Sortino and Angie Urosevich. Junior prince and princess were Mark Kratina and Shelli Martin. Underclass court members were sophomores Amy Elson, Bob Murphy, Krista Knicely and Jake Stone, and freshmen Eric Chandler and Jill Distefano.

BY JILL GOOSSEN

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No matter if we headed to Cancun or the neighborhood pool, everyone agreed that any place was better than the climate-controlled classrooms of school.

Those who just couldn't get enough learning in those 180 days of school sometimes opted for educational trips.

"I spent the summer in Israel on a youth group trip and had the most memorable time of my life," junior Lance Palikov said. "We explored all parts of Israel and learned a lot. It definitely beat the Big-O!"

When sophomore Nilly Tarrahan took a trip to Italy and Iran with her family, she had found the trip had two distinct advantages. "The best part of my vacation was getting to relax and going sightseeing. It was especially neat to see the Pisa Tower."

Even vacations that included mom and dad were fun. Especially if friends got to go along, too.

"My parents took me and about five other friends to the Ozarks for a week. We rented a boat and skied and just had a great time," junior Jill Peterson explained.

Sometimes the best times were planned after jumping in the car.

"I took a mini-road trip through parts of Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and Oklahoma. It was a great experience. Summer is a great time to explore!" senior Tim Belmont said.

Some trips required only a short time in the car. State parks like Mahoney, Ponca and Platte River, provided a relaxing place close to home. With swimming pools, paddle boats and miniature golf, the parks were like Nebraska's resorts.

"Mahoney was one of my family's favorite retreats. We probably pitched a tent there at least five times," freshman Julie Truent said.

Whether with friends, family or solo, vacations were usually an adventure.

While relaxing at Boji Bay, seniors Abby Rogers and Jenny Rowedder take a ride in the wave pool. Okoboji was a popular get away spot for students. (photo by Denny Rowedder)



While vacationing in Minnesota, junior Lindsay Votava and senior Dana Votava enjoy a boat ride. (photo by Joan Votava)

In search of the perfect pumpkin, senior Rachel Warne and former Burke student Jill Harrington's walk through Vala's Pumpkin Patch. (photo by Abby Rogers)





Over Winter Break, junior Laura Bockelman enjoys the sun, sand and waves while vacationing in the Cayman Islands. (photo by Ashley Larsen)

At Sea World, senior Bethany Simpson takes time to pet a dolphin while on summer vacation. Simpson was in San Diego for a College Board meeting. (photo courtesy of Beth Simpson)



While at Nationals, the JV Cheerleading Squad enjoys their ride on the Opryland river taxi to downtown Nashville. Once downtown, the girls went to the Hard Rock Cafe. (photo by Kathy Martin)

Before the kickoff, Jessie Morgan and her family pose for a quick picture. The Morgan family along with many others traveled to Tempe, Ariz., to watch the Huskers take another National Championship. (photo by Shelli Martin)

While waiting around, sophomore Brad Smith and freshman Nick Fonseca argue about where the hostess could be. (photo by Cherie Connors)



As senior Tom Laird rushes upstairs to check on the wounded host, senior Stephanie Tidmore comforts senior Hayley Morinelli, and senior Laurie Epstein checks out the decorations. (photo by Cherie Connors)



On the phone with the doctor, senior Hayley Morinelli tries to keep her cool and convince him that the situation is under control. Morinelli played a lawyer. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Sophomore Brad Smith asks senior Julie Abrahamson what's wrong. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Seniors Stephanie Tidmore and Tom Laird argue about driving. (photo by Cherie Connors)





HOW THE RUMORS GOT STARTED

A gunshot wound to the ear and a hostess who disappears set the stage for the 11-person cast in the hilarious fall play.

It wasn't exactly the social event of the decade. Instead of welcoming her guests at the door and serving hors d'oeuvres while they mingled, the hostess was gone, the host shot himself in the ear, and the party never began.

Such was the dilemma faced by the characters in the fall play *Rumors*. A hilarious Neil Simon comedy, the play required a great deal from its actors.

"It was a complex play," director Greg Doty said. "It relied on timing between the ac-

tors."

Actors agreed timing and delivery were essential to successful performances.

"If the lines weren't on time the jokes would be totally missed," senior Emily Greibel said. "If the doorbell rang too late, a whole line could be messed up." Greibel played the police officer who reported to the party when the neighbors called about the gunshots.

The play had a small cast of only 11 members.

"The nice thing about working with a small cast is that you can work one on one with students," Doty said. "You can get more accomplished."

The small cast also meant the actors got to know one another well.

"It was a really funny group of people," senior Hayley Morinelli, who played a contracts lawyer, said. "The entire cast got along. We all wanted everyone to succeed and I believe this feeling of comradery came across on stage to help make a successful performance."

One of the strong points of the play was the diverse group of characters. Their professions ranged from deputy mayor to host of a cooking show.

The play, which was performed Nov. 9 and 10 was well received by the students.

"I thought the fall play was really funny," Kristine Komrofske said. "The acting was great."

BY JENNY ERICKSEN
& JANELLE FAY

Senior Tom Laird, as the peddler, tries to lure Ado Annie, played by senior Emily Griebel, into going to the dance with him. (photo by Cherie Connors)



During a break in "Kansas City," senior Geoff Carlson jokes with senior Hayley Morinelli and junior Justin Riddle. (photo by Cherie Connors)





In the first act, senior Scott Fortkamp and junior Justin Riddle entertain the audience with a dance number, "Kansas City." (photo by Cherie Connors)



Trying to woo Laurie, played by senior Becky Bell, curly, played by senior Jeff Nogg, sings about the beautiful morning. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Kicking up their heels, sophomore Krista Knicely and junior Dave Edmunds finish the Farmer Dance near the beginning of Act II. *Oklahoma* featured many fast-paced dances. (photo by Cherie Connors)

MUSICAL'S FINE, NOT JUST O-K!

A girl who can't say no, well-known songs, showy dancing and realistic sets all combine to make the spring musical memorable for cast and audience.

"Oh what a beautiful morning! Oh what a beautiful day!"

After seeing the spring musical, many students were heard whistling, humming, or even singing the catchy tunes from *Oklahoma*.

"The play was really great. All our leads were far beyond talented! Everyone had great attitudes which made the play so fun to watch," junior Gina Guerrero, a dancer/chorus

member said. "My dad and my brother actually stayed awake!"

There were a few prob-

lems the cast had to deal with. Uncontrollable things like running out of time at the matinee. Since time was short, the scene when Judd was killed was cut.

And during the elementary school matinee, the fog machine exploded, leaving the stage sopping wet.

"I was on one of the corners, so I had to dance in the water," junior dancer Shelli Martin said.

Building sets provided the cast with some stories, too.

"When we were doing some set building," senior Becky Bell, who played the lead roll of Laurie, recalled, "the big wooden roof fell off the house. It was awfully close to me."

Mastering the accents was challenging for most cast members. Senior Tom Laird, who played the Parisian peddler, said he struggled with his accent.

"I spent hours going over my lines, trying to get the accent down right," Laird said.

Senior Emily Greibel, who played Ado Annie, said she would always remember her hair. For her role, she wore a hair extension piece that turned her short auburn hair into long corkscrew curls.

Despite a few memorable near-setbacks, the cast was pleased with the show.

"It was great to perform in front of such huge crowds," senior Scott Fortkamp said.

BY CLINT OSLER

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by Janelle Fay

Making the \$148 car payment, paying \$15 for a tank of gas, spending \$250 on back-to-school clothes, saving something for college, going out to a \$5 movie on the weekend.

Most students had part-time jobs to at least help cover these and other basic expenses of high school.

"I spend my check on clothes and other necessities," senior Heather Svanda said. Svanda worked about 20-25 hours each week at the Eagle Run Baker's as a display designer.

Fast food establishments were home to many students who needed cash. Senior Brenda Poulsen, a Taco Bell cashier, said that hers wasn't exactly a labor of love.

"I really hate my job," she said. "But I need the money to pay for my car and the insurance." In fact, expenses related to cars ate up most student's paychecks quickly.

Telemarketing was another area where many students found fairly high paying jobs.

Saving for big ticket items like college or trips was incentive to enter the work force for many, especially seniors.

Senior Julie Abrahamson, a sales associate at Homer's Record Store, said she was disciplined when it came to her checks.

"I put half in the bank, and I spend the other half on myself," she said.

Trying to reach a long-term goal, like the long road to Padre Island over spring break, was often easier to save for than college.

Many students worked so they could take advantage of the foreign language department's spring break trip to Spain.

"I've been working since April to pay for my trip to Spain," junior Alyssa Arends said. "I've saved every paycheck with the exception of \$10 gas money each week, and I still don't have enough money. For as much as I work, I hope Spain will be worth it!"



Searching for the exact change, junior Amy Hildreth buys a bagel from junior Cori Schiemann at Bruegger's. The bagel bakery was a popular place for students to work and spend time. (photo by Laura Bokelman)





On a busy Sunday afternoon, sophomores Jason Dolland and Jenny Jaderborg "Make it your way, right away" while working at Burger King. Fast food restaurants provided good jobs for students. (photo by Laura Bockelman)

Before heading back to the reservation desk, junior Nicole Violet makes a stop to answer the phone. Violet was a receptionist at Grisanti's restaurant. (photo courtesy Nicole Violet)



Working together, juniors Mike Lerner and Shelli Martin make their daily calls at Gallup. Telemarketing and survey jobs were easy and paid well. (Laura Bokelman)



After collecting carts from the parking lot, junior Joe Pitzl deposits the carts into the holding area as part of his duty for his job at SuperTarget. (photo by Laura Bokelman)

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"Go to your room!"

It used to be a punishment. Not anymore.

Bedrooms were places loaded with high-tech gadgets and were often more luxurious than a five-star hotel room. TVs (with cable of course), VCRs, CD players, large stereos and phones were just the beginning of high-tech living.

"I practically live in my room," sophomore John Heieck said. Heieck's room included a comfortable bed, sports posters and memorabilia, and a CD/tape player.

Having a place to kick back and hang out was important to most high school students.

"I don't watch TV," freshman Lauren Pascale said. "I have my CDs and books. I don't have a phone in my room. I don't even have a phone jack in my room! I think it's essential to have a big down comforter to cuddle up in."

For most teens, a telephone was almost as essential as a bed.

"I get on the phone, then turn on the television and I look in the closet to plan what I'm wearing the next day," sophomore Keele Hanner said.

Music equipment was also a bedroom necessity for many teens.

"My stereo is my favorite thing about my room because I like music," sophomore Kathy Miller said.

Something nearly everyone thought would be a great bedroom addition, but few had was a refrigerator. Sophomore Paul Dye said he thought a refrigerator would be especially good because he was "addicted to pop."

Freshman Tony Esterbrooks had a unique idea.

"I would add a recording studio because my band needs a place to play," he said.

When we wanted to be alone, listen to our music, finish up a report, or talk to friends, we headed to our rooms and to our space.

Making weekend plans, junior Laura Bockelman watches TV while she rests and talks on the phone. (photo by Amy Hildreth)



Getting ready for Homecoming, Robbie Jo Haagenson paints a wall decoration in Joe Basso's basement. Sometimes our rooms just weren't big enough and we spread into other areas of the house. (photo by Anna Basso)



Getting ready for a night out, senior Stacy Domanish curls senior Bethany Simpson's hair. (photo by Deb Simpson)



After a football game, Mt. Michael junior Cody Wickhan and junior Brent Geissinger hang out and talk. (photo by Laura Bockelman)

Looking for his wallet, junior Joe Kasel tries not to get frustrated. Like many high school students, Kasel's room was not picture perfect. (photo by Clint Osler)



Waiting for the gang to arrive, junior Amy Hildreth looks through the

stuff on Laura Bockelman's floor. (photo by Laura Bockelman)

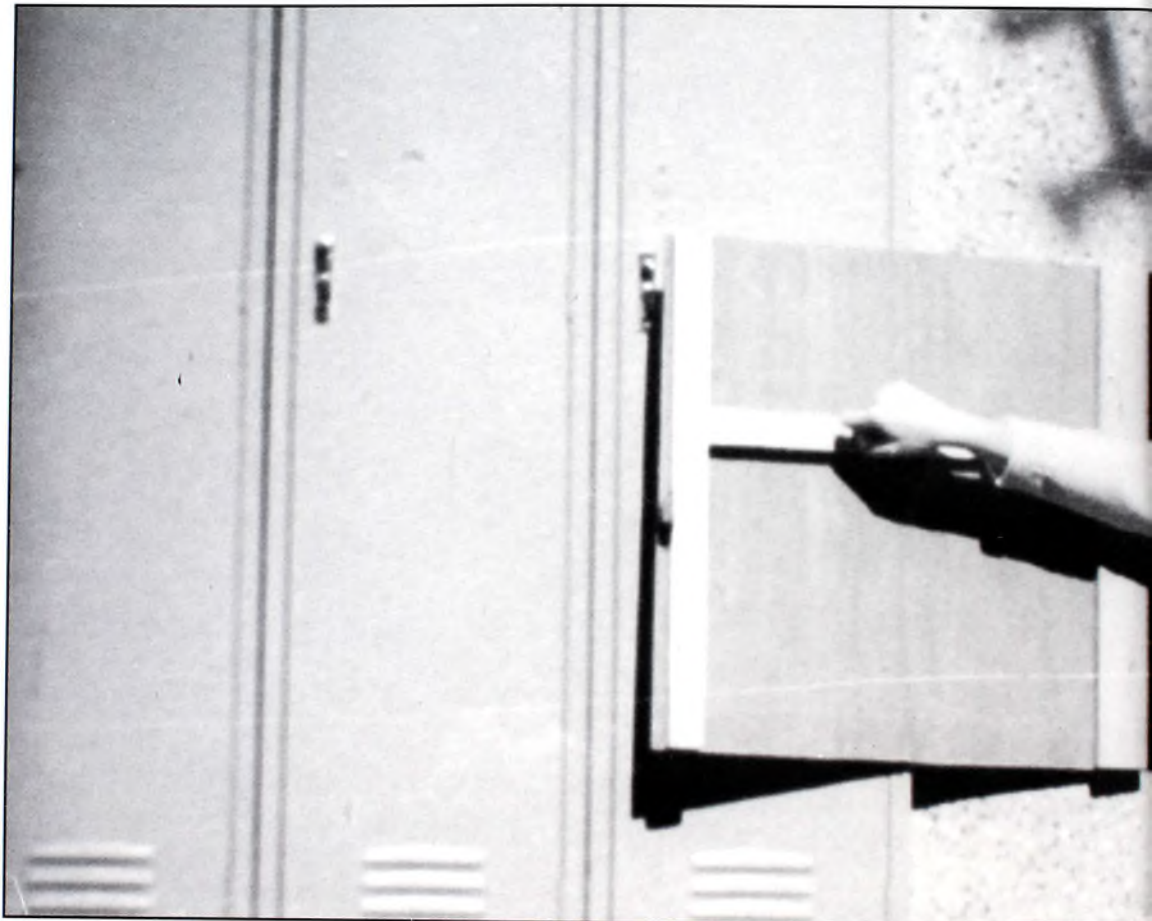
Watching TV and catching up on the latest, juniors Ashley Larsen, Missy Morrissey, Jessie Morgan and Terese Jung hang out in Laura Bockelman's basement. (photo by Laura Bockelman)

While waiting for Beth Simpson to get ready, seniors Lori Weiss and Casie Lindeman sit on her bed and look through her photos. (photo by Bethany Simpson)

Offering a suggestion, sophomore Mindi Struck pops out of a locker. *Up the Down Staircase* reminded many students of the movie *Dangerous Minds*. (photo by Wade Parkins)

In the role of an administrator, junior Andy DeBoer lectures a troubled student played by freshman Nick Fonseca. (photo by Wade Parkins)

One of Miss Barret's strongest supporters, senior Emily Griebel, playing a student, encourages Miss Barret to not give up. (photo by Wade Parkins)



Trying to get the class' attention, senior Hayley Morinelli, in the role of a first year teacher, struggles to get through the first day of school. (photo Wade Parkins)





Silvia Barret, played by senior Hayley Morinelli, tells the principal, played by junior Andy DeBoer, that Joe's story is true. Joe was played by freshman Nick Fonseca. (photo by Wade Parkins)



Playing a member of the faculty, freshman Matt DeBoer complains about the kids, teachers and graffiti. Throughout the play, students and administrators popped out of lockers and doors. (photo by Wade Parkins)

LOOK AT SCHOOL'S UPS & DOWNS

Struggles of first-year teacher Miss Barret and one of her special students make for some light-hearted moments.

No one said teaching would be easy, but Miss Sylvia Barret had more than her share of challenges. In fact, one of her biggest challenges is keeping her students from dropping out of school. *Up the Down Staircase* was a light-hearted comedy circling around the struggle of first-year teacher Miss Barret, who was played by senior Hayley Morinelli, and one of her students Joe Ferone, who was played by freshman Nick Fonseca. The play reminded many students of the popular movie *Dangerous Minds*.

"The acting was pretty good, but I thought it was really similar to *Dangerous Minds*," senior Casie Lindeman said. "The play had some really funny scenes, but what I like most was seeing all the seniors up there enjoying their last production at Burke."

For many cast members, *Up the Down Staircase* served as their finale on the Burke stage.

"During the whole run of the show, the seniors knew it was to be our last and there was a bittersweet feeling among us," Morinelli said. "We cried during and after the final show because it signified not only our last time of performing together, but also the end of our four years growing and maturing together on the stage."

One of the reasons the show was selected because it required a large cast.

"It was great working with such a large cast," senior Emily Griebel said. "It gave a lot of people some exposure and was just so fun to have so many involved."

The cast had some funny moments, too.

"The funniest thing that happened during the show was when we forgot our lines or entered late and had to improvise," junior Lindsey Kemnits said. "We got pretty creative sometimes."

BY JON BRODER & JANELLE FAY

Spring Play

Before heading to dinner, a group of seniors arrive at Tabby Pegler's house to take pictures. (photo courtesy of Tabby Pegler)

A large group of junior and senior friends gather for a formal picture. (photo by JR Bryant)

Mom Candy Schuettner videotapes the seniors who gathered at Scott Fortkamp's house before heading to prom. (photo by Mike Ruback)



Royalty await the announcement of King and Queen. (photo by Gary Lerner)

At Post Prom, students line up to win tickets at the games area so they could try to win prizes. (photo by Abby Rogers)





In between dances, senior Natalie Nichols and her date visit with friends. (photo by Kris Ward)

Before leaving for dinner, Karnell Perkins, '95, adjusts senior Susan Coggs's corsage. (photo by Joanne Rowedder)



Senior Tanisha Avery waits in line to purchase a prom picture package. Prom pictures were taken by Rick Billings. (photo by Kris Ward)

BIG CITY SPARKLE BIG TOP FUN

Since our prom was one of the last in the city, it was all we talked about for months. Even though we had lots of time to prepare, most of us spent Saturday frantically taking care of last-minute details.

Dinner reservations were made, flowers and tuxes ordered, and dresses were bought. After weeks of preparation, the big day, May 4, had finally arrived.

"My friends and I couldn't wait for Prom," senior Kristine Komrofske said. "We all got together and began getting ready really early Saturday. We were so excited."

After getting ready, taking millions of photos and eating dinner, most couples headed to Aksarben for the

dance. Transforming Aksarben into an array of blue, silver and iridescent colors took many hours.

"I thought the decorating looked good," junior Cody Mann said. "The colors and New York skyline gave it a nice touch."

Coronation began at 10 p.m. Junior Prince and Princess were Mark Kratina and Lindsay Votava. Senior Princess was Alyssa Wedemeyer. Because of a tie, two kings were crowned: seniors John Distefano and Mike Sortino. Prom Queen was senior Val Cook.

After Prom, students could go to the Post Prom Party which was held at Burke. The school was transformed into a circus to go along with the theme Under the Big Top. Students could play in the casino, dance, watch the comedians and the hypnotist, or register to win prizes.

"The hypnotist was hilarious," senior Casie Lindeman said. "The way some of the students reacted was so funny. My friends and I were laughing really hard."

As Prom night came to an end, the memories didn't. It was a night filled with fun that juniors and seniors would remember forever.

"Prom was everything I thought it would be," junior Jessi Doty said. "It was one of the most exciting and memorable days of my life."

BY JILL GOOSSEN

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Free time. It was something we all needed to survive the school year, and unfortunately there was never enough of it. Between school, homework and part-time jobs, most students just wanted to sleep when they finally got home.

When that 2:50 bell rang on Friday afternoon, the school was deserted within minutes. It was time to do everything we hadn't had enough time to do during the week.

"Me and my friends like to go to the mall and hang out at each other's houses," sophomore Kaleigh Steere said. "After a while it gets old and then we try to think of new things to do."

Of course there were the basics: shopping, movies, games and parties. Actually, we didn't really care what we did, as long as we were with our friends.

"As long as I'm with friends, it just doesn't matter what we do, we always have fun," senior Amy Schiffbauer said. "A lot of times we just hang out at each other's houses."

When claustrophobia set in and we needed to get out, we could usually find a gathering.

"Parties are always fun," junior Makayla Monico said. "It's a good way to meet new people and hang out with friends at the same time."

Many agreed that the Old Market was a great place to go for something different.

"I like looking in all the stores," freshman Susie Harris said. "My friends and I like to go down there just to see what's going on."

When there was nothing to do and nowhere to go, many students went cruising to find fun. There was always something going on at one of Omaha's many intersections.

"When there is nothing going on, me and my friends just drive around," senior Michelle Jurena said. "We can always find something to laugh at or someone to talk to."

Hanging out with Casey, junior Terese Jung relaxes in Bockelman's basement. (photo by Laura Bockelman)

Senior Jackie Six spends some free time volunteering at Camp Munroe. (photo by Bethany Simpson)



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by Jill Goossen



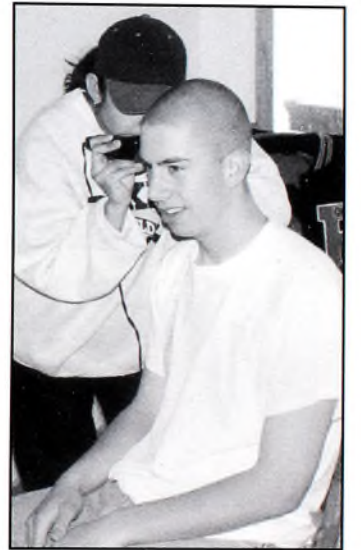
On the weekend, senior Stephanie Gardella gives herself a new look. (photo by Bethany Simpson)

"Guess who's coming to our house?" senior Sarah Baker asks her Sunday School class. Baker completed community service hours on weekends. (photo by Mark Ward)



Filling water jugs for a soon-to-be-thirsty football team, senior Dan Reagan gets ready for the Varsity football game. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

While vacationing in Tijuana, Mexico, senior Bethany Simpson checks out the buys at the Guess? Outlet. (photo by Leslie Burr)



Junior Maria Haag spends her Saturday afternoon giving junior Jeff Nace a new haircut. (photo by Clint Osler)

As her classmates listen, senior Jaime Ross delivers her speech. Seniors Victor Ebong, Tammy Cruz and Anna Basso also spoke at the ceremony. (photo by Mark Ward)

At the Senior Banquet, senior Terrell Anderson speaks about the different paths the graduates would take. The banquet was held at Crown Hall. (photo by Molly Witzenburg)



At the Honors Day Assembly, counselor Gaye Lannan announces the scholarships her counselees received. (photo by Mark Ward)

Get a hair cut! Captain Dana Spaccarotella jokes with senior Josh Close at Honors Day. Close was accepted to the Air Force Academy. (photo by Mark Ward)





Placing his cap under his arm, senior Richard Nettles prepares to receive his diploma.

The first to graduate, Senior Class President Becky Bell shakes Supt. Schuerman's hand. (photos by Mark Ward)



Before heading into the auditorium, senior Jenny Knihal buttons senior Kamren Holbert's gown. (photo by Mark Ward)

Graduate Chris Beasley uses her gown to shield herself against the rain. (photo by Mark Ward)

MISSION POSSIBLE OPENS IN GYM

When lightening and rain forced Class of '96 to move graduation to the gym, they knew they'd be remembered as one of the few who didn't have commencement in the stadium.

Severe thunderstorm warnings, tornado watches, and flood warnings interrupted every TV show Wednesday evening. The lightening and rain made it inevitable.

The Class of '96 had to face the harsh reality that they would be one of the few classes ever to graduate in the gym, not in the stadium.

Our parents panicked. Which tickets got you where? Even though we had told them a gazillion times that the gold tickets were the ones that got them into the gym, the place they wanted to be, most parents seemed a little lost.

Over 2000 relatives and friends crammed into the gym to watch the 304 graduates, with others watching TV in the cafeteria and auditorium. At 8 p.m., the soon-to-be graduates filed into the gym and began searching for their wildly waving family members.

Presided over by Class President Becky Bell, the ceremony included speeches by Anna Basso, Victor Ebong, Tammy Cruz, and Jaime Ross that addressed the theme Finding My Way. Principal Karen Burmood talked about the opening of the movie *Mission Impossible* and Supt. Norbert Schuerman encouraged the graduates to make a positive difference in the world.

It was totally different than the previous night when we celebrated at the Senior Banquet. Held at Crown Hall, the banquet lasted nearly two hours. The announcement of Senior Superlatives was the most anticipated part of the banquet. Following superlatives, we got our first look at the Senior Slide Show.

The next morning, bright eyed and bushy tailed (not really), we gathered for the 8:30 Honors Day Assembly for what we thought would be our last gathering in the gym. After one and one-half hours of listening to our classmates' accomplishments, it was time to practice.

It was sprinkling. We started anticipating the evening and making plans.

When the night was over, diploma cover in hand, the finality of it all started to sink in. Never again would we be sitting in the gym or walking down the halls as students. From now on we were alums.

BY RACHEL WARNE

Senior Superlatives

Best Dressed

Steve Coe

Dana Votava

Most Likely to Succeed

Greg Norris

Becky Bell

Biggest Comedian

Kyle Mann

Leigh Wehner

Prettiest Eyes

Aaron Shefren

Shannon Horbach

Biggest Gossip

Mike Ruback

Beth Davidson

Most Talkative

Khader Abou-nasr

Laurie Epstein

First to be Famous

Victor Ebong

Hayley Morinelli

Couple that should have dated, but didn't

Matt Saathoff

Tanisha Avery

Best Personality

Tom Laird

Amanda Bae

Most Handsome/Prettiest

Jon Distefano

Val Co

Mr. Casanova/Ms. Flirtatious

Trevor Putnam

Angie Urosev

Prettiest Smile

Dusty Weiss

Alyssa Wedeme

Most Changed

Jon Broder

Amy Isaac

Biggest Slacker

Jon Eichhorn

Chris Beas

Funniest Laugh

Ben Forrest

LaJoyce Hur

Most Unforgettable

Khader Abou-nasr

Arina Wo

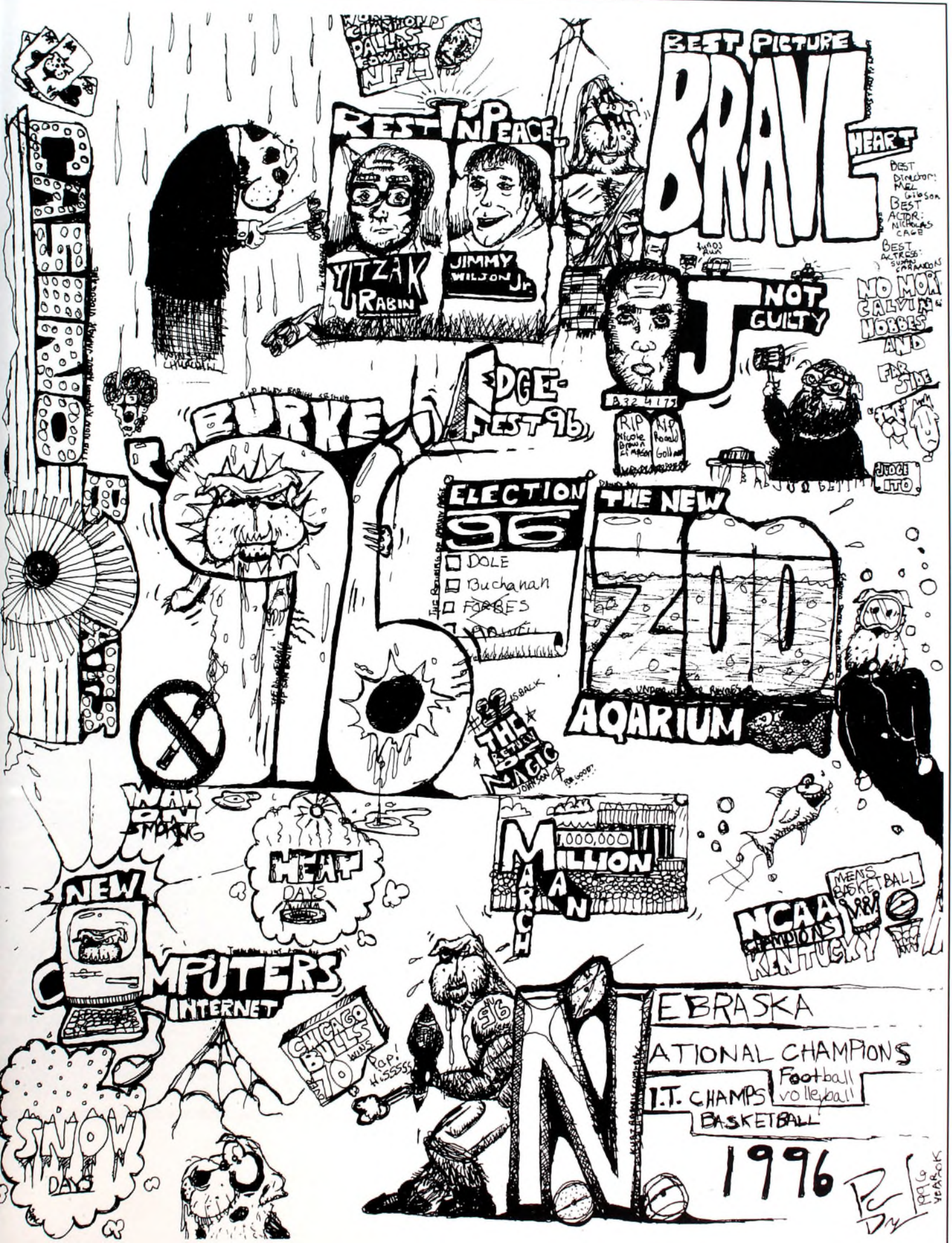
Late Arrivals...

Rasmus Beyer
Paul R. Chatmon
Cherie Nath
Philip J. Smith
Michelle Vankat



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"For breakfast, I have Kool-Aid and a package of Pez."

Dan Titus
junior



"Sometimes my mom makes me grits, eggs and bacon. I was raised on it."

Sarah Todd
sophomore



"For breakfast I have Lucky Charms, my favorite cereal (I like the marshmallows) and a raspberry Nutri Grain bar, and a glass of milk."

Jill Pace
freshman



In character, senior Teresa Seina rehearses her lines for the Playhouse's production of *Glory Years*. Between acting and school, Sienna's schedule was filled. (photo courtesy of the Omaha Community Playhouse)

SCHEDULE COMING & GOING

GETTING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR FUTURES, HELPING OTHERS FILL STUDENTS' TIME

"You're never home!" our parents complained, and it was true. We were constantly on the way to somewhere: to the library to do research, to the hospital to do volunteer work, to school for practice.

"I was productions manager of my Junior Achievement group," sophomore Anthony Nauden said. "We operated like a business to create and market products."

JA met weekly and took

about three hours.

"I worked at St. Joseph Hospital, and I watched a couple surgeries," senior Heather Frick said. "It was a great experience!"

Being part of a youth group required a time commitment, too.

"I served the homeless at a shelter with my youth group," sophomore Cortney VanCleave, who went to Christ Community Church, said.

Having a volunteer job could even be fun.

"As part of my job at American Heart Association, my friends and I dressed up as famous movie actors," freshman Garnet Griebel said.

To help keep so sense of unity, so families had mandated "Family Day" or "Family Meals."

"We always go to church together," sophomore Erin Swanson said. "It's one of the few times, volleyball and school that we are all together."

--Ryan O'Brien

Free day

by Ryan Olesh

Sometimes it was hard to view high school anything but one long stretch of studying, retaking and reading, with only two-day uses in between to help maintain our sanity. Saturday mornings were always long-awaited opportunities to take a break, no matter what we did to fill the day.

Working was a good way to get rid of some of our bills. "I have to go to work at ten o'clock at Taco Bell to pay off my Escort GT," junior Brenda Poulsen said.

Saturdays were good days to get caught up on homework and on sleeping. "On Saturday mornings I sleep. It's the only time I get during the week," sophomore Kristin Mahone said.

Other students made commitments to help others. "It all depends on the Saturday, but I've been volunteering at the Hattie B. Monroe Center, working with disabled children," junior Stephanie Diamantis said.

Attending sporting events, or even playing sports, were popular ways to pass away that extra time. "Sometimes I go watch soccer games at Tranquility Park or play soccer with West Omaha Cruzeiro," junior Justin Middle said.

Since some religions considered Saturday the day of worship, students attended services.

They go to services at synagogue to celebrate religion. It's a time to socialize and be inspired," senior Aaron Shefren said.

Sleep

by Katie Bonniwell

For many it was a vicious cycle. Day in and day out repeating the same hectic schedule of homework, classes and work, and struggling to get to bed.

"I barely get any sleep during the week because of school and work," junior David Bogue said. "I wait until the weekends to sleep."

Bogue was like most of us whose main priority on weekends was trying to catch up on much-needed sleep.



Working on her English theme, senior Julie Lund works to get her homework done before the midnight hour. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

From the
FRONT PAGES

Mentoring Program's Success Makes Burke

Senior Proud *World-Herald*, Jan. 30, 1996

Time Spent on School Buses Adds Up

World-Herald, Mar. 14, 1996

Volunteers and Neighborhoods Join City

for Big Spring Cleanup *World-Herald*, Mar. 20, 1996



Discussing their day, freshman Andy Bertelson and a friend wait for their rides home. Freshmen usually had to be driven everywhere. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

NO WHEELS

Becoming a freshman meant a lot. New curfews, an exciting social life and of course, romances with upperclassmen. Unfortunately, being a freshman still meant having mom or pops as a chauffeur.

"I remember when my parents had to drive me around," sophomore Libby Lind said. "I couldn't wait to be 16."

"Getting toted around by my parents isn't all that bad," freshman Rachel Riekes said. "They're pretty cool about everything."

--Jon Broder

A: Twenty-four percent said 10 a.m.

Q: What time do you get up on Saturday morning?

Out of Bed

Sleeping in on the weekends was a priority. Fifty students were surveyed and other responses included: 18%-9:30, 16%-10:30, 14%-11, 10%-9 or 11:30 and 8%-noon or later.



"My favorite place to go is Valley. My friends and I hang out on a riverbank."

Allison Gutnik
senior



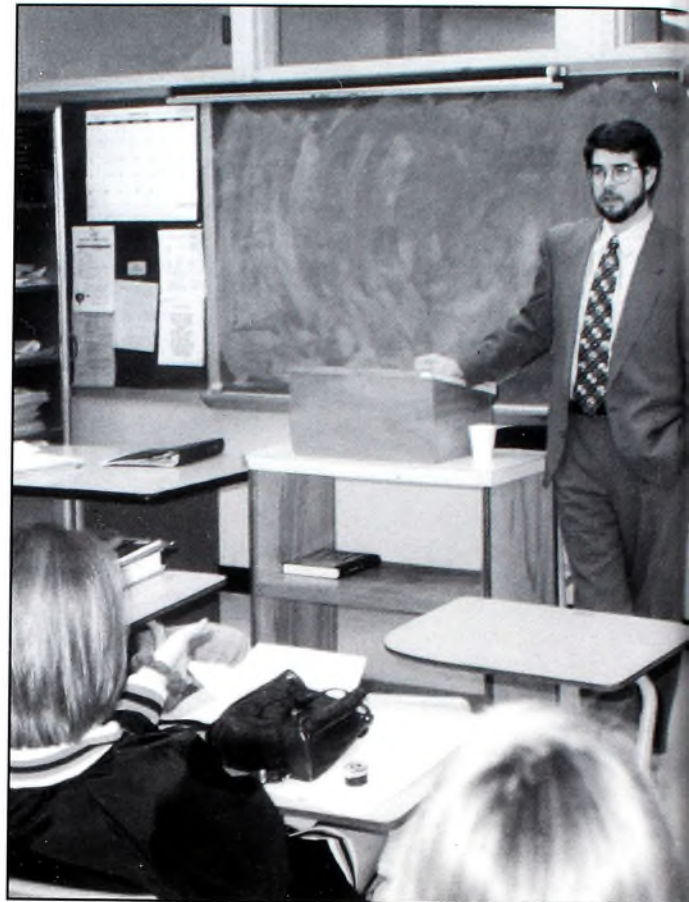
"I like the unpredictable weather in Nebraska. The hot summers and cold winters keep you on your feet."

Clint Louderback
junior



"My favorite place to go in Nebraska is Beaver Lake to fish, boat, and ice skate. It's a home away from home."

Cori Schiemann
junior



Sharing his political expertise, City Councilman Lee Terry talks with AP World History students during a visit to Burke. Leaders in the community frequently gave talks to students which made current events more relevant to their lives. (photo by Wade Parkins)

LOCAL NAMES & FACES

UPCOMING ELECTIONS, NEW TRASH PROGRAM, PROPOSED TEEN CURFEW

People who complained that nothing ever happened in Omaha must have been sleeping or out of town a lot.

The summer brought with it the opening of the Henry Doorly Zoo's Aquarium. Pictures of penguins and sharks were everywhere.

Tragic moments, including the shooting of police officer Jimmy Wilson and his trial caught everyone's at-

tention,

Sen. James Exon (D) announced he would not seek re-election and speculation about Gov. Ben Nelson running for his seat started.

The new year brought with it a new trash program. Gone were the blue bags, here were the green bins.

The weather in January also made an impact on our lives. Little did we know that our

Winter Break would continue on into February with snow or cold days coming at least once a week.

In the spring, Peoria Park was demolished and Ak-sar-ben officials announced the end to horse racing.

Gambling still was far from our lives though. Thousands of people made the trip to Council Bluffs to vote on the new casino boat in January.

School Daze

by Rosie Mellion

If you would have asked any student or teacher, they would have told you that starting school in mid-August was way too early. It turned out that a lot of people, including the school board agreed.

After four heat days, many complaints and several school board committee meetings later, the OPS calendar committee decided that the early start had to go. It was decided to alter the school calendar for the 1996 year, school would start Aug. 28 and end June 5.

Weather contributed to the change this year," school board member Nancy Kratky said. "I heard from 35 people, all complaining about the school year starting so early." Although most students really liked having the semester end before Winter Break, they were willing to compromise for a later start post-break semester end.

In fact, 74 percent of the students in a non-scientific survey said they would prefer an earlier-Labor Day start and a before Memorial Day end with fewer holidays.

As soon as the heat controversy died down, snow, ice, and bad road conditions brought on Friday, Nov. 10, brought the taste of winter-driving. Because of ice, it took everyone at least twice the normal time to get home.

Of course, no matter how early we got out how often school was cancelled, it was never enough for most students (and teachers).

If it weren't for the surprise breaks, most students wouldn't have survived the year.

Surfing

by Rosie Mellion

\$400,000 got a lot of us surfing. The net, at least. In the summer, BHS was awarded a grant from the state lottery money to further the technology goals of the school.

Besides providing for teacher training, more student work stations and a powerful server, the grant also benefitted our feeder schools.

Students had direct access to many WWW sites and the latest information sources.



While in the library, sophomore Ben Koziol surfs the net looking for material for a research project. Students could also use the Computer Lab. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

From the
FRONT PAGES

Speed Limit of 75 (Not 76) Gets Panel OK

World-Herald, Feb. 7, 1996

Nebraska Recovering From Ferocious Storm

World-Herald, Jan. 1, 1996

Buffett: I Wouldn't Buy Berkshire at Today's Price

World-Herald, Feb. 18, 1996



Shannen Doherty, in Omaha to shoot a made-for-TV movie, gets ready to head back to the set. (photo by Cherie Connors)

HOLLYWOOD

In honor of all the stars who showed up in our fair city, some joked that the Old Market should start a walk of fame.

Shannen Doherty (of *90210* fame), Dixie Carter (*Designing Women*), Kevin Dillion (*No Escape*) and Ed Asner (*Mary Tyler Moore Show*) were all in Omaha to film *Gone in the Night*, a TV mini-series.

To *Wong Fu*, *Thanks for everything*, *Julie Newmar* brought Patrick Swayze (*Ghost*), Wesley Snipes (*Demolition Man*) and John Leguizamo (*House of Buggin'*).

--Rosie Mellion

A: Thirty percent said attending social activities of some sort.
Q: What is your favorite thing to do in Omaha?

Local fun

Fifty students were asked about how they spent their time. Other responses included: 24% - hang out, 18% - coffee shops, 10% - bowling, 10% - sleep, and 8% - Old Market.



"I watch Martin. Martin Lawrence is funny and I like Jerome."

Tabitha Davis
junior



"I really like *New York Undercover* because it's dramatic and action-packed."

Arina Woods
senior



"*Friends* is my favorite show because I like Jennifer Aniston's hair and funny facial expressions."

Stephanie Baum
freshman



Relaxing after a hectic day at school, seniors Julie Lund and Lori Weis watch a movie on TV. Renting movies was a good way to spend time with friends. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

ENTERTAINMENT SIGHTS & SOUND

WIDE VARIETY OF OFFERINGS DRAW STUDENTS TO BOX OFFICE, RECORD STORE

Diversity was the name of the game when it came to movies and music. There was a little bit of everything, from futuristic to historical reflections from politics to cartoons.

Among the top box office draws were *Broken Arrow*, *Apollo 13*, *Nixon*, *American President* and Disney's *Pocahontas*.

Students flocked to *Happy Gilmore*, *Up*

Close and Personal, *Waiting to Exhale*, and *Mr. Holland's Opus*.

Some of the year's most popular tunes came from soundtracks. "Gangster's Paradise" from *Dangerous Minds* and Vanessa Williams' "Color of the Wind" from *Pocahontas* were running through our heads.

Students shelled out big bucks for tickets to Presidents of the

United States concert and flocked to Lincoln to see Bush.

Local bands filled Ranch Bowl with students who had a variety of interests.

"I loved going to Ranch Bowl to see Turtle Moon and Moon Ghetto," said Pat Woodman said.

American Pie's club atmosphere provided fun for 15-to-

year-olds.

-Jamie Simunaci & Jon

Watch it!

by Shelli Martin

It was 7 p.m., and homework was the last thing on your mind. It was Thursday night: the best night to watch TV on NBC. With *Friends*, *Seinfeld*, and *ER*, Thursday night had to be spent on the couch staring at the TV.

"I look forward to Thursday nights," senior Stephanie Vainunis said. "*Friends* is one of my favorite shows."

Fox had its own "must-see TV night" - Wednesday. *Party of Five* had a dedicated following and a few even admitted to still watching *Beverly Hills 90210*.

Students also loved to relax watching cable shows. The E! channel provided the latest entertainment news.

"I love watching *Talk Soup* on E!," senior Sabrina Baker said.

TV was always good for watching videos, but the channel also aired some popular shows. *Singled Out* was on twice daily for students who were too busy to catch it the next time.

The show did get mixed reviews, though. Some students thought the show was a waste of time because of its sexist views. Others thought it was fun to see couples acting like fools.

Believe it not, a new channel made its debut with the new year. KXVO Warner Brothers Channel 15's most popular show was *Sabrina*, a mix between *Dallas* and *Melrose Place*.

Books

by Tara Tidwell

Bookstores would never be the same. When Barnes & Noble opened by Oak View Mall, students noticed not only the many titles on the shelves but also the thousands of CD's, the cafe and the comfy chairs.

"It's cool they have coffee," sophomore John Nye said.

Soon after Barnes & Noble opened, Borders Books went up at 132nd and Maple Street. The store sold books, tapes and had a cafe.



Checking out one of the best sellers, sophomore Kara Biven takes advantage of the chairs located around the store. (photo by Wade Parkins)

From the FRONT PAGES

Gamblers Christen Ameristar Casino Boat

World-Herald, Jan. 19, 1996

Arenas Put Fun on Ice *World-Herald*, Feb. 19, 1996

Omaha Site of TV Movie *World-Herald*, Oct. 7, 1996

Canadian V-chip Experiment Has Lessons

for U.S. TV Networks *USA Today*, Mar. 14, 1996



Taking a break from the mosh pit, juniors Dan Titus, Elkhorn student Chris Weber and Ian Jonhson enjoy the music at the first-annual Edgefest. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Edgefest

Crowds of people headed to Aksarben to see some of their favorite bands at Edgefest. Featured bands were 311 and Violent Femmes.

"It was fun," junior Mindee Rolles said. "We mainly went to see 311 and they were good."

Fans sat on blankets, picnicked and socialized the mid-September Saturday away.

Booths were set up to sell food, beverages, T-shirts and even body piercing.

--Jamie Simunaci

A: 101.9 The Edge is the best station according to 32 percent of those surveyed.

Q: What station do you listen to in your car?

Radio Stations

Seventy students were asked about their listening preferences. Other responses included: 13% - Sweet 98; 8.5% - 103.7 Country; 7% - 93.3 K-ROCK; 4.2% - Lite 96; 4.2% - 94.1 WOW Country.



"Basketball is my favorite sport to watch. There is non-stop action."

Ann Mulligan
junior



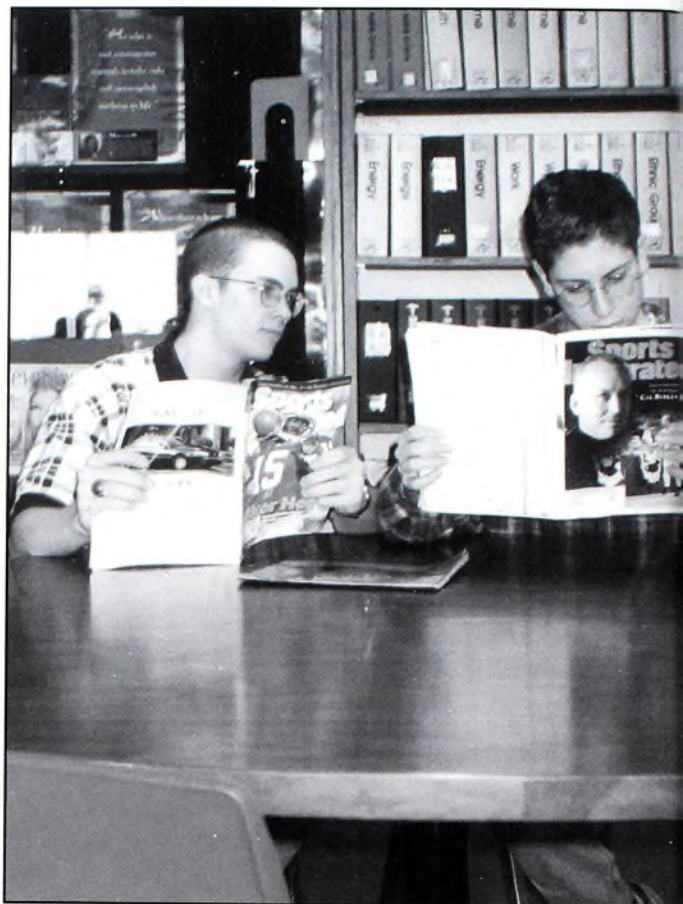
"I like watching basketball. There are so many amazing plays."

Nick Johnson
senior



"I like watching football. It's fun watching the guys go all out in the game."

Jeff Anderson
junior



Making good use of their time in the library, senior Pat Woodman and sophomore Ryan Olesh read more about two of the year's sports record-breakers, the Cornhusker football team and baseball's Cal Ripken. (photo by Wade Parkins)

SPORTS HITS & MISSES

LONG-STANDING RECORDS FALL, HEROES DIE, RETIREES MAKE GREAT COMEBACKS

With the return of great athletes, the death of a hero, and the shattering of a record, the sports world had an eventful year.

Great comebacks included Mike Tyson fighting again after his release from prison, Monica Seles after being stabbed two years ago, Magic Johnson deciding to play basketball again and Michael Jordan re-

turning to basketball after his short stay in minor league baseball.

Four famous athletes returned; one more passed. Former New York Yankee Mickey Mantle died after his long bout with cancer.

While baseball had one tragic loss, one player was able to break a long-standing record. Cal Ripken turned many heads in his quest to shatter Lou Gehrig's consecutive

game streak.

Many fans were to forget about the strike that had paralyzed most players greedy.

"Cal finally did what nobody thought could be done," senior E Reynolds said. "We have to respect his work ethic and durability."

The year was definitely filled with many unforgettable events

--Michael Rub

Tranquility

by Jon Broder & Erin Swanson

For all the ice skating enthusiasts in West Valley, Tranquility Sports Complex's new rink was a dream come true. The Complex served as a complement to the older Benson and Hitchcock ice arenas when it opened on Dec. 1. One big draw to the rink was the convenience.

"I love to ice skate, but it's such a hassle to drive all the way to Benson," senior Aaron Brennan said. "I was glad when they finally opened Tranquility."

The rink also provided a great alternative activity for those of us who were sick of all the same old things to do and for those who, as Brennan said, "There's nothing to do in West Valley!"

Tranquility is a really fun place to go to hang out with a bunch of friends when there is nothing really to do," senior Tammy Cruz said. "Some of us even saw visiting the rink as an opportunity to meet people."

"It's a great place to meet girls," freshman Chad Chandler said.

The facility consisted of two rinks, a large commons area, two party rooms, and even a lounge room. In addition to public skating, the rink was used for birthday parties, lessons, skating and skating practice. Birthday parties cost only \$7 per person. Lessons were offered for people ages 2 and up. To rent skates, we only had to hand over \$3.

The rink was also used for hockey tournaments and figure skating.

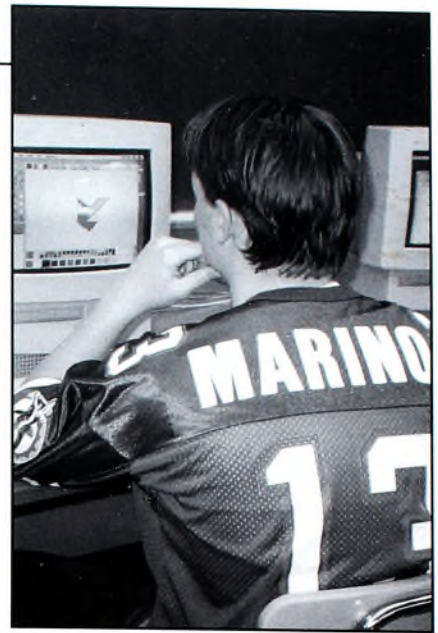
Teams

by Michael Ruback

The NFL welcomed the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Carolina Panthers, the NBA, the Toronto Raptors and the Vancouver Grizzlies. The Tampa Bay Lightning and Colorado Avalanche joined the NHL. All six teams were part of a new trend in professional sports: expansion teams.

To attract a team, cities offered packages that often included new stadiums and guaranteed ticket sales.

"Expansion teams allow more fans to attend games," senior Scott Fortkamp said.



Sporting his NFL jersey, freshman Matt Biggs works on his math assignment in the computer lab. (photo by Jamie Simunaci)

From the
FRONT PAGES

NBA Suspends Abdul-Rauf For Sitting During Anthem *World-Herald*, Mar. 13, 1996

Burke Track Relays A Send-Off Party For Longtime Coach *World-Herald*, Mar. 14, 1996

Fans Embrace Record-Breaking Cal Ripken *World-Herald*, Sept. 7, 1995

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After overcoming many off-the-field problems, the Nebraska Cornhuskers won their second consecutive national championship with a 62-24 victory over the second-ranked Florida Gators in the Fiesta Bowl. It was one of the most lopsided games between the top-two ranked teams in history.

On the way to the national title, the Cornhuskers beat Florida, Kansas, Colorado, Kansas State, four of the top-10 teams in the AP rankings.

--Mike Ruback



Since the #1-ranked Huskers were battling the Florida Gators for the national title, the Fiesta Bowl was one of the most watched games. (photo courtesy of Jessi Morgan)

A: Forty-six percent would pay \$100 to \$200.

Q: How much would you pay for a ticket to the Fiesta Bowl?

Tickets

Cheering on the Cornhuskers was worth parting with some money according to the 50 students surveyed. Other responses included: 26% - \$401-\$1000, 14% - more than \$1000, 8% - \$201-\$400, 3% - less than \$100.



"I think body piercing--other than the ear--is the weirdest trend ever."

Rob Sherrick
junior



"One of the strangest things people do is pierce their noses and belly-buttons."

Dr. Charlene Leivsfeld
Student Success Center



"I think it's weird when people dress their friends up on their birthdays. They make them look ridiculous."

Robbie-Jo Haagenon
senior

On their way to a journalism convention, junior Mark Kratina, senior Tammy Cruz, and senior Tabby Pegler show off their ability to mix and match clothes of all sorts of styles. Students found many styles they liked at stores like GAP, Structure, Limited and Express. (photo by Mark Ward)



FASHION

MIX & MATCH

SHORT SKIRTS, DOC MARTENS IN --BIG, POOFY HAIR, STICK-OUT COLLARS OUT

Crop tops with short plaid skirts. Crop tops with GAP jeans. Crop tops with denim shorts. Plaid shirts with chinos. Plaid shirts with jeans.

This was the year to mix and match. Favorite items like corduroy pants, Doc Martens and Nikes showed up with in a variety of combinations.

Other hot trends for the girls included layered hair (like Jennifer

Aniston's on *Friends*), wrap-around skirts (short or long, denim or wool), high-heeled loafers (like mom's old platform shoes, only cooler).

Accessories also took on a new look. Thumb rings, mini-back packs and wallet purses were must-haves.

Even the guys got into accessorizing their looks. Gold necklaces, earrings, and Air Jordan's or Chris

Webber's made it in most guys' closets.

The fade was the year's hottest cut for guys. With the lo went hood sweatshirts, team jerseys and workboots.

For a completely different look, both guys and girls added color to their hair using Kool-Aid. Purple, green, you name it, someone's hair was probably that color.

--Sarah Ba

Shopping

by Sarah Baker

Depending on the statement you wanted to make with your clothes, there were a variety of shops to pick from.

Those who sought the alternative look usually headed to the Goodwill, Salvation Army or the Old Market's Retro.

"I like shopping at the Goodwill because it provides a variety of styles that interest me at a low price," junior Kristianne Vieregger said. Those who were into the trendy, more mainstream looks headed to the GAP, the Limited, the Buckle, Express and Structure. These stores all featured moderate to high-priced clothes for a more collegiate look.

If you wanted to look rugged, or have that outdoorsy look you probably headed to the Banana Republic, Eddie Bauer, or Abercrombie & Fitch for your chinos, wool pants, flannel shirts and wool socks.

Those looking for ultra-trendy items like leather cap belts, hip T-shirts, license-plate key chains or funky platforms shopped at boutiques in Oak View or Retro in the Old Market.

Those who were on a budget or just careful shoppers usually hit the outlet malls, or stores like TJ Maxx or Marshall's. Sometimes even the Half-Price Store had that special item you just had to have at less than full price.

Of course there were always VonMaur, Walgreens, Younkers, Penny's or Lerner's at the mall.

Chain

by Jon Broder

Sick of all the trendy styles from the GAP? Some students who were, opted for a more alternative look: the look with the chains!

"I wear my chain so when I skate my money and house keys don't fall out," sophomore Dan D'Louhy said.

Students found chains at Retro and Way Out in the Old Market. Some even made their own.

Those who wore the chains hoped the general population would not catch on.



On his way to class, sophomore Dan D'Louhy talks to sophomore Rosie Mellion. Tired of preppy, some students opted for an alternative look. (photo by Abby Rogers)

From the
FRONT PAGES

Nike, 'Friends' Hot in High Schools

World-Herald, Nov. 14, 1995

Want to Look Your Best? Try a Vest

World-Herald, Nov. 9, 1995

Navel Approach *World-Herald*, Mar. 14, 1996



With their backs near-by, juniors Jay Lewis and Dan Powers work on homework together. Students carried a variety of bags. (photo by Laura Bockelman)

BACKPACK

They were a necessity considering we were in school. But just because we had to have something to carry our books in, didn't mean our bags had to be ugly.

"I had a JanSport backpack," freshman Kevin Kobs said. "I used it to carry my books, pencils, a calculator and rubber bands."

In fact, some girls even used mini-backpacks to carry as purses.

"I liked using my backpack purse because I could fit everything from my hair brush to my wallet," senior Anna Basso said.

A: Forty-six percent of the students surveyed said between \$50 & \$75.

Q: How much did you spend on your last pair of tennis shoes?

Shoes

Fifty students were asked about the cost of their last pair of shoes. Other responses included: 38%- over \$75., 10%- \$31-\$49, 6%- less than \$30.



"I'd meet Kato Kalin. He was confused during the whole trial, so I'd want to see what he'd do in response to everything that was going on around him."

Adam Banks
sophomore



"I'd ask Rosa Lopez, 'Did you see the Bronco?'"

Katy Jones
senior



"I want to meet Rosa Lopez because I like her spunk and her accent."

John Knicely
freshman

Checking out the news in the *World-Herald*, sophomores Leslie Simmons and Danisha Gresham use study hall time to catch up on their national current events. Students kept track of news events for classes and for their own use. (photo by Mark Ward)



WORLD

HERE & THERE

TRIALS, PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS AMONG EVENTS TO CAPTURE OUR ATTENTION

From murder trials to peace keeping efforts, national and international headlines covered a variety of events.

After nearly 16 months of hearings, former football star O.J. Simpson was found not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.

President Bill Clinton made international headlines when he made the decision to

send 38,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia and neighboring countries to help NATO in peace-keeping.

Clinton also declared war against a problem within the nation. At the end of the summer, the president launched his "War against Smoking" to help teenagers end their abuse of tobacco products.

The capital city was in the news when Louis Farrakhan led the

"Million-Man March" across the Mall. Nearly one million black men gathered to represent a call for unity within the African-American community.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had just received the Nobel Peace Prize for efforts in peace-keeping when he was assassinated after a peace rally in Israel. His funeral brought world leaders together.

—Ryan Olson

Extremes

by Ryan Olesh

It was a year of extremes. Extreme cold, extreme heat, extreme precipitation. About the only good thing associated with the weather were the early out days in August and the slow days of January.

All those snow days helped January go by much faster," senior Chris Gilmore said. "I had the days off to sleep and go sledding." But we didn't get the worst of it. In Chicago, hundreds died from the oppressive heat and humidity. Especially hard hit were the elderly and poor.

When snow hit the east coast, it seemed like it never stopped. In New York alone, clean up costs were estimated to be in the billions of dollars.

The blizzard postponed the reopening of government offices, which had been closed because the budget hadn't been approved by the Senate.

Just when we thought we had seen it all, February, March, and April brought you together. Typical were a Friday with snow, ice and windchills of -33 and a Sunday with snow in the 50s.

With all the weather changes, I never know what to wear. One day I came to school without a coat, and by fifth hour everyone was talking about getting a snow day!" junior Melissa Fishell said.

The best snow day of all came on Monday, March 25. Because of conferences the preceding Thursday, we all had a 4-day weekend.

Quilt

by Abby Rogers

Approximately 80 Human Growth and Development students got to see the part of the AIDS quilt on display at the Civic Auditorium in mid-October.

"I couldn't stay for more than a half hour," junior Kristianne Vieregger said. "It was so sad it gave me a sick feeling. I was surprised at the reaction that I had--it was so powerful."

Each quilt panel represented someone who had died from AIDS.



Students take in the AIDS Quilt when it was displayed in the Civic Auditorium. Human Growth classes visited the exhibit. (photo by Wade Parkins)

From the
FRONT PAGES

Dole Tightens Grip on Nomination

World-Herald, Mar. 18, 1996

4-State Area Is Reeling From Opal

World-Herald, Oct. 6, 1995

Computer Revolution Beckons

World-Herald, Dec. 4, 1995

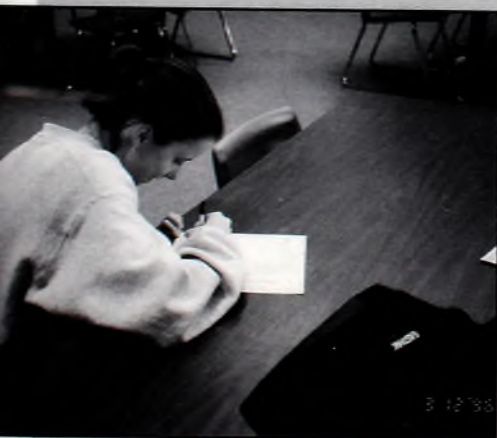
ELECTIONS

There was much going on in the political ring locally and in Washington. About one year before the presidential elections, talk already turned to who would run.

After much speculation, Gen. Colin Powell decided he would not run.

But Gov. Ben Nelson, Don Stenberg and Chuck Hagel all announced that they would run for the Senate seat from our district. Jon Christensen and James Martin Davis ran for the House.

—Ryan Olesh



Taking advantage of the Election Commissioner's visit to Burke, junior Danielle Soby registers to vote. (photo by Abby Rogers)

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A: Twenty-six percent said Colin Powell.
Q: Who should be the next president?

President

Choosing the next president was a controversial subject. Other responses given by the 50 students surveyed included: 30% -Bill Clinton., 22% -Bob Dole, 16% -Unsure, 6% - No opinion.



"I'll never tell my kids, 'Wipe out the shower when you're done.'"

Katie Fischer
freshman



"When I'm a parent, I'm not going to have the rule that you have to be home before the street lights come on."

Mike Chandler
sophomore



"I'll let my kids eat out more than I do, especially on the weekends."

Lance Larsen
senior



While in Colorado on a family trip, freshman Derrick and senior Casie Lindeman pose with their parents. Traveling with the whole family brought much wheelin' and dealin'. (photo courtesy of Casie Lindeman)

FAMILY WHEELIN' & DEALIN'

CURFEWS, CHORES, ALLOWANCES, BARGAINING WITH FAMILY ALL TOOK OUR T

We couldn't help it. No matter how much we might have avoided it, we had to deal with our parents and siblings. Between arguments about who would get the car and what time to be home, we had our bargaining cut out for us.

"My dad and I argue about me being on the phone," junior Ryan Samuels said. "He can't believe how much I talk on it every day."

Chores also became a sore spot, especially when they hadn't gotten done. Punishments ranged from being grounded to being given more jobs.

"One time I didn't get my chores done and my parents made me stay home on a Saturday night!" junior Yananta Baker said.

Sometimes doing chores and just being a good kid meant getting allowances. Allow-

ances were crucial for those of us without another source of money.

"If I don't get my allowance, I can't get a skateboard," freshman Eric Kampa said.

Sharing living space with siblings meant making an occasional bargain with them.

"I didn't want to wash the dishes, so I told my brother I would let him do it!" senior Katy Jones said.

--Shelly Dut

Traveling

Abby Rogers

Planning the trip, packing the bags, and piloting the car usually all meant one thing: it was family vacation time! That wonderful time of the year when the entire family spent time all together.

Last summer my family and I went to Colorado," freshman Nancy Frederickson said. "I had a lot of fun spending time in the mountains."

Depending on where we went, taking family trips even made our friends green with envy.

My family went to Phoenix over Spring break," sophomore Krista Knicely said. "It was nice to get back and be tanner than everyone else who had to stay in Omaha!"

A great deal of planning usually went into family trips, but usually something went wrong to make the trip memorable.

My family went on vacation to Kansas City and I left me behind," junior Michael Bryant said. "Then they realized what they did and I had to go back to get me."

In the end, family vacations weren't that bad. Besides having fun and visiting new places, we found out that a little family bonding doesn't hurt.

I had a lot of fun spending time with my family," sophomore Dave Keber commented. "I was gone for a few weeks but the time spent driving gave us time together which we haven't had since my sister started col-

Dinner

by Abby Rogers

What better way to get a meal than to dine with our parents.

"Usually we eat out once a week," freshman Lindsey Bergh said. "No matter where we go, my little brother and sister will only eat grilled cheese or chicken fingers."

Siblings also managed to embarrass us at restaurants.

"We stopped to eat on our way from Iowa City. My sister threw a fit because my dad tasted her dinner," freshman Jamie Thiessen said.



Waiting for their table, Nicole Violett poses with her younger siblings before eating at the Hard Rock on vacation. (photo courtesy of Nicole Violett)

From the
FRONT PAGES

Boys Town Class Helps Parents Cope With Kids *World-Herald*, Mar. 18, 1996

Black Men's Group Seeks To Better Lives of Youths *World-Herald*, Oct. 30, 1995

Typical Marrying Age Is 26.7 Years for Men, 24.5 Years for Women *World-Herald*, Mar. 13, 1996



During the holiday season, junior Lindsey Votava helps out by watching her three younger cousins. Being older usually meant helping out. (photo by Joan Votava)

BABYSITTING

It was Friday night and time to go out. But our parents had other ideas. They thought it was our duty as the older siblings to stay home to watch our younger and less mature sisters and brothers.

The entertainment possibilities were usually endless.

"I have seen every movie ever made by Disney," senior Walter Wright commented.

Even though we liked our siblings, it was hard to admit that it was fun to watch them.

--Pat Woodman

A: Fifty-two percent said between 11:30 & 12:30.
Q: What is your weekend curfew?

Curfews

Fifty students were asked about their curfews. Other responses included: 24%- 10:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.; 10%- 12:30 - 1 a.m.; 10% - after 1 a.m.; 4%- no curfew.

People to talk

by Abby
Rogers

About

You'll never
believe
whose
locker is
right
next to
mine!

Scholars, athletes, musicians
and artists. People were al-
ways talking about the stu-
dents at Burke High School.
With 1696 students, it was
hard not to notice us.

For one thing, we were al-
ways being talked about in
the local media.

Whether it was homeroom
students raising money for
the Open Door Mission or
writers' works being featured
on the *World-Herald's* Youth
Page, it seemed like some-
body was always doing some-
thing that was getting talked
about.

But some of us did things
that didn't get talked about,
like volunteering, spending
Saturday mornings working
on projects or tutoring el-
ementary students.

With all our diversity, we
couldn't help being talked
about.





Sophomore English teacher Ken Brueggeman acts the part of the soothsayer as he tells his class to "Beware the Ides of March." Teachers often resorted to creative techniques to inspire their students. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Shaking her pompons, senior Jill Krelle cheers with the Varsity cheerleaders during a Boys Varsity Basketball game. Cheerleaders often found friends within their squad. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Khader Abou-nasr
Yasser Abou-nasr
Julie Abrahamson
Bruno Acquarone
Fariha Ahmed



Steve Aken
Kristina Aldinger
Beth Anderson
Terrell Anderson
Nick Arling



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Michael Dworak



Victor Ebong
Jon Eichorn
Anne Enenbach
Brian Enenbach
Jason Epstein

Yasser and Khader Abou-nasr were often mistaken for twins. Both brothers were in many activities including NHS. (photo by Rick Billings)



Abou-nasrs adjust to life in U.S.

By Rachel Warne & Sarah Baker

They may have looked like twins, they may have acted like twins, but as most of us knew, Khader and Yasser Abou-nasr were definitely not twins.

"We are 11 months apart," Khader said. "Our birthdays are close enough that we ended up in the same grade."

The Abou-nasrs moved to the United States in 1982. "We had visited a few times before we moved here," Khader said. "Originally we bought our house as a vacation home. In 1993 we got the green card."

Life at home was not run-of-the-mill. "At home we are only allowed to speak Arabic, and we only eat Arabic food," Yasser said.

Both seniors were active, playing football and participating in the Arab American Heritage Society. Khader, German Club president, was also in NHS and International Club. He planned to pursue a career in medicine. Yasser, who leaned toward engineering, was also in NHS.

You Did It!

Out the door at 2:01, Emily Olesen and Heather Frick head for their cars. Only seniors were allowed to have early release passes. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Leading Dawgs

by Sarah Kirke

Getting your name out, making posters, trying to recruit people to vote for you, and finally the election. The seniors who ran for Senate faced all of this.

The 12 seniors who were elected to Senate planned many activities including Senior Banquet, Junior/Senior Prom, Senior Slob Week, Senior Class T-shirts, Honors Day and Commencement.

"The primary goals of Senate are to work diligently on senior activities and to make those great ideas a reality," President Becky Bell said.

Other officers included Vice President Shannon Robson, Secretary Karen Tate, Treasurer Greg Norris, Sergeant-at-Arms Brad Reynolds and Parliamentarian Mike Sortino.



As the early release crowd leaves, Treasurer Greg Norris sells Senior Class t-shirts. (photo by Cherie Connors)

NUMBERS

\$250 to \$500 for Senior Pictures. \$25 for college applications. \$250 for a class ring. \$18 for the ACT. \$75 for graduation announcements. It added up!

The hardest part of senior year is college applications. Basically trying to find time to work in all the AP classes and finish college applications.

Greg Norris

The hardest part of senior year is staying focused. You tend to get restless and lazy because of the anticipation of graduating and going off to college.

Missy Bradley

The hardest part of senior year is trying to get everything done. You have a lot of homework and a ton to do with college applications and stuff.

Sydney Graham

The hardest part of senior year is balancing time between school, job, and college stuff. It's hard to keep going.

Terrell Anderson

I think the hardest thing about being a senior is trying to keep doing my homework. I have to constantly remind myself that I haven't graduated yet.

Matt Belmont

SENIORS GO WITH THE FLOW

Dealing with changes such as new room numbers, no junior early release and homeroom were just the beginning of the challenges for the class of '96.

"At first I thought I'd be totally confused by the new numbers," senior Kari Wolf said, "but in the

end, they were simpler."

Other changes seniors faced while in high school were the addition of a required Freshman Seminar, the elimination of the Homecoming bonfire and picture IDs for Activity Cards.

--by *Jamie Simunaci*



Driving a John Deere, Scott Craven leads the main floor's Homeroom Homecoming Parade. Many homerooms decorated floats and some homerooms elected their own royalty. (photo by Cherie Connors)

TAKE NOTE

by *Bethany Simpson*

There were few people who did not know her, and even fewer people who could say they had never heard her voice.

During her four years at Burke, Arina Woods' main involvement was Gospel Choir.

"Taking over the Gospel Choir was one of the highlights of my time at Burke," Woods said.

Besides Gospel Choir, Woods was a Burke Ambassador, a member of marching band and president of Latin Club.

One of Woods' goals as a high school student was to impact other student's lives. She tried to be outgoing and friendly towards everyone.

Woods hoped to attend Dana College, major in biological sciences and continue on to medical school.

"I want to become a cardiologist and open a physical therapy or trauma center," she said.



photo by *Wade Parkins*

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Janelle Fay



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Benjamin Forrest



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Heather Frick
Katherine Fullmer
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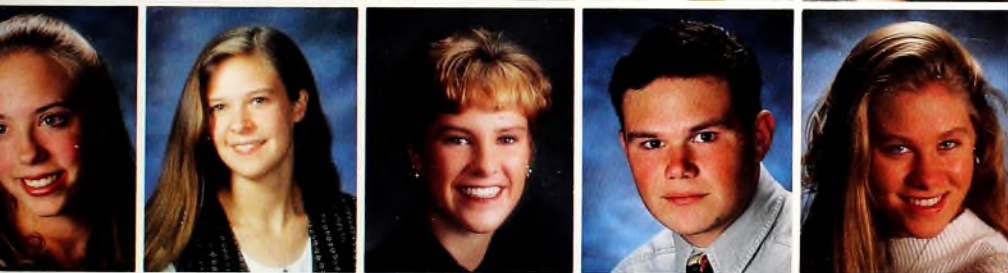
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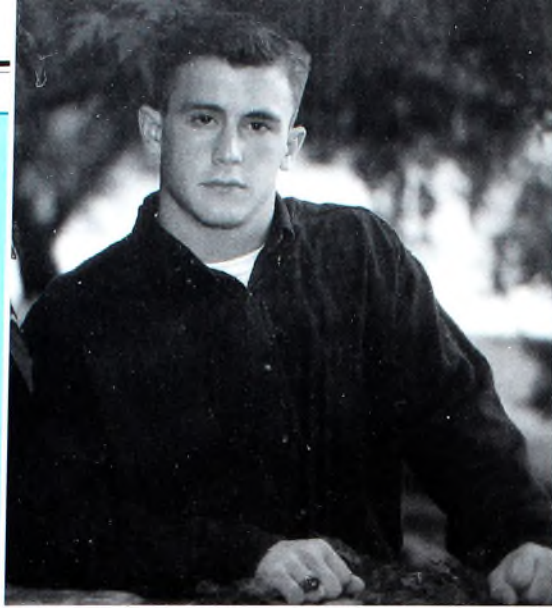


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Sports, school, and a part-time job kept Brad Reynolds busy. (photo by Rick Billings)



Commitments motivate senior

By Bethany Simpsons

Between school, work, homework, wrestling and baseball practice, Senior Senate meetings and other club meetings, Brad Reynolds' senior year was a juggling act.

"I always want to be involved," Reynolds said. And involved he was. Reynolds played baseball and wrestled during his four years of high school. He was a member of NHS, student council and Senior Senate, where he served as sergeant-at-arms. Yet he was still able to maintain his grades and hold a part-time job at Hauff's Sporting Goods.

"Knowing that all of my hard work has paid off and will help me in the future, keeps me going," Reynolds said.

Reynolds planned to attend UN-Kearney to study physical therapy or sports medicine.

You
Did
It!

Jammin' at the dance contest, senior Jaime Ross gets into the music. The contest, which was sponsored by the cheerleaders, was held during the Homecoming Pep Rally. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Make it happen

by Rachel Warne

A soccer complex, a new softball field and a high tech sound system were just three of the major projects members of the class of '96 helped to make happen.

It took almost \$100,000 to finance the three projects.

To raise money, groups of students and parents organized activities like the Field of Dreams Golf tournament, which was sponsored by the softball teams and raised over \$13,000. The soccer teams collected \$30,000 towards their \$45,000 field in just one year.

Nearly the whole school was involved in raising money for the new sound systems in the gym and auditorium. Bidfest and a pancake feed were two events that raised money for the new equipment.



Varsity Baseball players Mike Ruback and Mike Sortino rake the newly renovated baseball field. (photo by Cherie Connors)

NUMBERS

A BK combo meal was \$3.18. At Taco Bell you could grab a bean burrito with nachos for \$1.26. Five Arby's roast beef sandwiches set you back \$5.

In 20 years, I can see myself living somewhere down south. I will own my own business or be a co-owner of a corporation.

Jaime Ross

In 20 years I see myself working with big animals and becoming a veterinarian.

Effie Winkelmann

I see myself living on my own acreage in Arizona, having about three kids, being married and having my own franchise.

John Distefano

In 20 years I imagine being married with at least two kids, with a successful career in graphic arts and maybe living in Missouri.

Beth Anderson

I plan on having a family, and doing something like owning my own business.

Andre Williams

In 20 years I want to be a single doctor, but in reality I'll probably be a married housewife with five kids.

Allison Lidolph

PASSING TIME WITH FRIENDS

Although we thought the final bell would never ring on Friday, it always did and we bolted.

"It's important to spend as much time as possible with our friends this year," Alyssa Wedemeyer said. "We're all going to be going our separate ways next year."

Often, the same group of friends went out together every weekend, even for formal occasions.

"For Homecoming, six of us girls went stag with eight guys who went stag. It was a blast," Kelli Melia said.

--by Bethany Simpson



Dressed for their Brady Bunch routine, Pom Squad members hang out at the Homecoming Pep Rally. (photo by Cherie Connors)

AIM HIGH

by Mike Lerner

He rose above all as he walked through the hallways of the school. He did this not only because of his size, a towering 6-foot 7-inches, but through his actions. He was senior Victor Ebong.

Ebong, who had played Varsity basketball since he was a sophomore, was also involved with many school activities including Vocal Ensemble, Academic Decathlon team, and Spanish Club.

"Going to the state basketball tournament as a sophomore and a junior was the greatest thrill," he said. Ebong signed a letter of intent to play basketball at North Carolina-Wilmington.

There weren't many people Ebong had to look up to, but one person who he always had was his older brother Ben, '94. "Ben paved the way for me," he said. "I don't know if I would have gotten started without him."

Ebong planned to study pre-law in college.

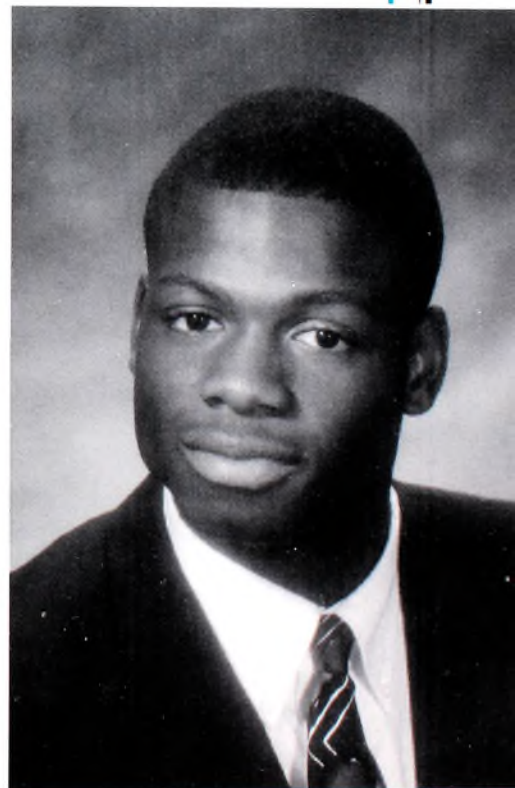


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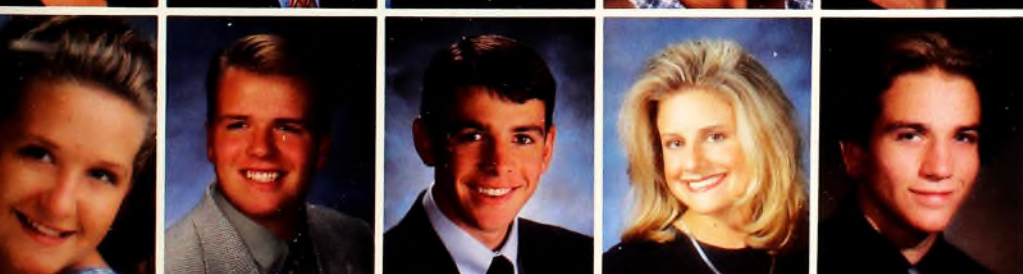
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As part of Student Government, Anna Basso finishes up some posters for the Homecoming dance. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Basso balances time, beats odds

By Sarah Baker

Cheerleading, Student Government, newspaper, Senior Senate and creative writing club. Between her activities and her school work, Anna Basso was one senior who was tough to get a hold of.

"I've enjoyed my four years at Burke," Basso said. "I've made some great friends and enjoyed a lot of fun times. Some of my best memories include being named production editor of the *Beat*, winning two creative writing contests, attending homecoming all four years, and going to prom."

Student Government was the source of other fond memories.

"We've done many projects that have benefitted school, and Mrs. Whitmore and Mr. Knickman were wonderful."

After graduation Basso planned to major in journalism or secondary education at either KU or UNL.

You Did It!

Chanting "Seniors, ahoy!" to the crowd, members of the Class of '99 enjoy their last Homecoming parade. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Full schedules

by Shelly Dutcher

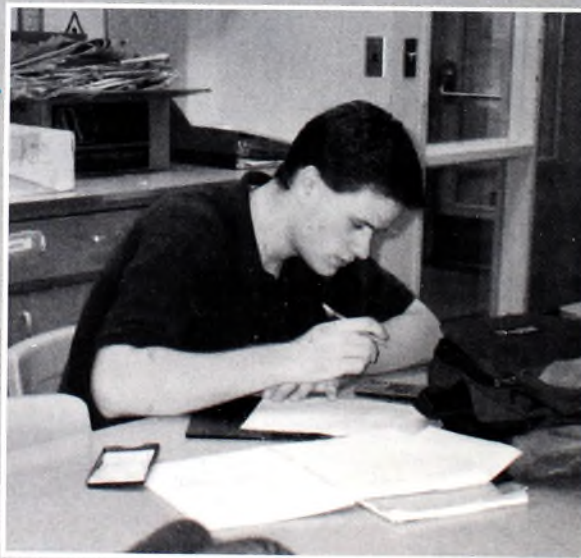
After spending about eight hours at school, we usually ended our day with more to accomplish. With everything there was to do, most of us had no time to do it all.

Seniors found their lists full of time-consumers: homework, jobs, volunteer work, shopping, and significant others.

"I spend all my time in school, at work, and doing extra-curricular activities," senior Tammy Cruz said.

Of course, holding a job could be tricky, but usually it had to be worked into our days. "I work 20 hours a week, besides going to school," senior DeAmber Coleman said.

Having a full schedule meant staying focused. "I have to motivate myself to get everything done," senior Kerry Schmidt said.



Taking advantage of some time at the end of class, Chris Gillogly finishes his math homework. Seniors used all available time to get everything done. (photo by Cherie Connors)

NUMBERS

Taking a date to the movies meant shell-
ing out at
least \$6.
Filling up the
gas cost
\$12. Filling
up on
Valentino's
buffet cost
\$6.99.

I won't be able to leave home without my cross-trainers because I will have to be able to tromp to class and run to the rec center.

Amanda Baeder

I will not be able to leave home without my piano.

Ann Waugh

My prize winning butterfly collection will leave home with me.

Richard Nettles

I'll never be able to leave home without my dog because I got it right after spring break last year. Actually, I'll have to leave it at home, but I don't know how I'll survive.

Teresa Seina

When I leave for college I can not forget my sponge mattress pad. I get the best sleep every night because of it.

Stephanie Vainiunas

I definitely can not leave home without all the pictures I've taken over the years so that I can remember all the fun we had.

Cherie Connors

FEEDING OUR FACES

Before school, during school and after school. Before we went out, while we were out, and even when we got home. We ate constantly.

"Sometimes after school me and my friends go grab some food at Taco Bell," senior Mary Becker

said. "We aren't necessarily hungry, but it sounds good, so we go."

We even reached a point when we expected food during class. Doughnuts, bagels and brownies were brought to celebrate special occasions, like Fridays.

--by *Bethany Simpson*



After a full day of school, Katie Carpender joins her friends from North High School for a Runza snack at the Westroads Food Court. Eating was a popular activity for many seniors. (photo by Cherie Connors)

DRAMATIC

by *Bethany Simpson*

Between rehearsals and performances, it was difficult to find Geoff Carlson doing nothing. As a member of Ensemble and Concert Choir, Carlson managed to keep busy.

"My experiences in the choirs and in the All-State Music Festival," Carlson said, "have taught me a lot and improved my voice."

His interests were not limited to music. He also enjoyed acting, participated in 13 shows at Burke and won numerous acting awards.

"The highlight of my acting career at Burke was probably getting the lead in *The Diary of Anne Frank* my freshman year," Carlson said. "I also earned 'Best Actor' that year."

Carlson was also very active in his church, traveling all over the world on missionary trips.

"My relationship with God and my friends are probably what kept me going these four years at Burke."



Deep in concentration, Geoff Carlson takes part in the Fall play *Rumors*. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Mikkail Shekhtman
 Jason Shockley
 Justin Short
 Bethany Simpson
 Jamie Simunaci



Jaclyn Six
 Sara Skeans
 Laura Slack
 Michael Sortino
 Tony Smilley



Sarah Smith
 Amée Snyder
 Nick Spath
 Laurie Speers
 Lewis Stapp



Lawanda Stennis
 Shauntel Stennis
 John Stevens
 Greg Stock
 Clayton Stukey



Heather Svanda
 Jonathan Swanson
 Kerin Tate
 Tonisha Thorpe
 Stephanie Tidmore



Tracy Tompkins
 Cora Travers
 Daniel Underwood
 Angie Urosevich
 Stephanie Vainiunas



Jeremy Vance
 Sarah Vanderloo
 Tony Vanderpool
 Melinda Vaughan
 Janae Veltri





Kim Vincent
Dana Votava
Jessica Walkup
Rachel Warne
Ann Waugh



Kevin Weale
Alyssa Wedemeyer
Leigh Wehner
Dusty Weiss
Andy Wells



Natasha Wellwood
Laura White
Heather Wickes
Molly Wickham
Ryan Wiebe



Lori Wies
Andre Williams
Angela Williams
Carrie Wilson
Effie Winkelmann



Douglas Woleben
Kari Wolf
Rob Wood
Patrick Woodman
Arina Woods



Mike Wormley
Walter Wright
Mike Byrd
Latasha Collar
Roar Heggdal

Jodi Abbott - 11
 Jared Adams - 10
 Tyler Adamson - 11
 Annie Aldinger - 10
 Tracy Alford - 9
 Heather Allgood - 11
 Jonathan Alvarado - 11
 Kristi Andersen - 11



Dennis Anderson - 10
 Dianna Anderson - 9
 Jeffrey Anderson - 11
 Meghan Anderson - 10
 Nicholas Anderson - 11
 Kenya Andrews - 11
 Lesley Andrlik - 10
 Lindsay Andrlik - 10



Christine Anstey - 10
 Antony Scott - 11
 Sheena Appel - 11
 Donald Arant - 10
 Alyssa Arends - 11
 Katie Argersinger - 11
 Angela Arling - 10
 Justin Armsbury - 11



Brian Arnold - 9
 Michael Arnold - 9
 Carrie Ausdemore - 11
 Corinne Ausdemore - 9
 Joseph Baca - 10
 Azad Badakhsh - 10
 Orode Badakhsh - 11
 Depanjali Bagchi - 9



Spencer Baggiani - 9
 Jennifer Bailey - 10
 Jessica Bailey - 10
 James Baker - 9
 Adam Banks - 10
 Timothy Barajas - 10
 Tarrence Barlow - 9
 Rafael Barlowe - 11



Yvonne Barnes - 10
 Amber Barr - 11
 Melanie Bartlett - 11
 Thomas Bartlett - 9
 Joshua Bashara - 10
 Andrew Bassett - 11
 Nicholas Bassett - 9
 Joseph Basso - 11



Angela Batchelder - 11
 Jennifer Baum - 10
 Stephanie Baum - 9
 Antwan Beaugard - 10
 Bradon Beber - 9
 Brett Bechaz - 10
 Regina Bechtold - 10
 Rachel Beck - 11



Andrew Beckenhauer - 11
 Melissa Beckerle - 10
 John Bedlion - 9
 Branden Beine - 9
 Andrea Bell - 10
 Daniel Benda - 11
 Joseph Benson - 10
 Lindsey Bergh - 9



Lucas Bergman - 10
 Lisa Bergt - 10
 Tanisha Berry - 10
 Andrew Bertelsen - 9
 Victoria Berthelsen - 10
 Justin Beversdorf - 10
 Michael Biddle - 11
 Michelle Biers - 11



Matthew Biggs - 9
 Jennifer Bird - 9
 Franklin Birdine - 11
 Ashia Birge - 10
 Bradley Birge - 11
 Kara Biven - 10
 Jaime Bizzarri - 11
 Tira Blakey - 9



For some they were a joy, but for others they were nothing but a nightmare. Some had the basic bash: cake, ice cream, friends, and presents.

"For my birthday, I usually get all my friends together and have a big party," junior Kate Casari said.

Others were more creative. Over the years, students came up with many ideas for celebrating birthdays. Some decorated lockers with balloons and posters, others kidnapped their friends early in the morning and dressed them up.

"Last year my friends kidnapped me at 6 o'clock in the morning," sophomore Amy Elson said. "They dressed me up in the ugliest clothes they could find, then dragged me to school. I looked really funny."

For those turning 16, that magical birthday was the best day of their lives. Turning 16 meant freedom to drive any place, anytime.

"My best birthday was when I turned 16 and got my license," junior Ted Waters said. "I picked up all my friends, and we drove around the town."

Cake, candles and good friends all added up to memorable birthday celebrations.



On the morning of her 16th birthday, sophomore Jessie Vallier shows off the clothes her friends dressed her in. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Big day

Bonniwell



Alisha Bloebaum-9
Dustin Bloomquist-9
Jessica Blumkin-9
Laura Bockelman-11
Michael Bogue-10
Jeremy Boldt-10
George Boll-11
Katie Bonniwell-10

Jeremy Bowman-9
Rasmus Boyer-11
Erick Bradley-11
Tawny Bradley-10
David Brice-9
Brandon Bridgeford-10
Jayme Bridie-10
Sidney Britt-9

Brandy Broadway-10
Cherie Brooks-11
Kimberly Brothers-11
Andrew Broussard-10
Ashley Brown-10
Jermale Brown-10
Krystal Brown-9
Lawrence Brown-9

Michelle Brown-9
Brian Bruggeman-11
Michelle Bruggeman-10
Nicholas Bruno-10
Adonna Bryant-9
Shannon Buick-9
Caleb Buland-9
Brooke Bunger-9

David Butler-9
Terena Butler-9
Marlene Butler-10
Angelina Buzzello-10
Timothy Calabro-10
Christina Camden-11
Jacqueline Camden-9
Melissa Caniglia-11

Kimberly Carder-9
 Jerrick Carter-9
 Lee Cary-11
 Noel Cary-10
 Amanda Casados-11
 Jennifer Casterline-9
 Stephanie Cates-10
 Eric Catlin-11
 Christopher Cattlett-11
 Kelli Cattlett-9
 Amber Chamberlain-10
 Tyce Chambers-10
 Eric Chandler-9
 June Chandler-10
 Michael Chandler-10
 Victor Chapman-9
 Shaundra Chatman-10
 Paul Chatmon-11
 Laquela Chism-10
 Leondra Chism-10
 Tom Choe-9
 Jesse Chollar-9
 Wendy Christensen-11
 Kimberly Christopherson-10
 Eric Cieciora-9
 Michael Cieciora-11
 Kurtis Cisar-10
 Lorinda Cistrunk-9
 Abigail Clark-10
 Christy Clark-11
 Shawna Clark-9
 Dawny Clausen-9
 Deidra Clausen-9
 Samuel Clinch-9
 Nathan Clute-10
 Michael Cohn-10
 Chad Colburn-10
 Carrie Collins-9
 Courtney Collins-10
 Tamara Collins-11
 Matthew Colnar-11
 Ryan Conn-11
 Benjamin Conner-11
 Devon Conner-10
 Shaun Conner-9
 Kristen Connor-10
 Kelly Cook-10
 James Cooke-11
 Amber Cotton-11
 Taneiya Cousin-10
 Heather Cousins-11
 Alena Coy-10
 Amie Coy-11
 Benjamin Coyne-9
 Jordan Cramm-11
 Grant Craver-11
 Rielle Creighton-9
 Emily Crim-11
 Nathan Croom-11
 Quantisha Cross-9
 Quotis Cross-9
 Michelle Cruell-11
 Thomas Cudd-9
 Sarah Curry-11
 Ray Curtis-9
 Angela Cwach-10
 Sarah Daccio-9
 Dan Dallmann-9
 Stephanie Danner-11
 Ryan Davenport-10
 Antwain Davis-10
 Jennifer Davis-11
 Ronald Davis-10
 Tamiko Davis-11
 Tania Davis-10
 Tara Davis-10
 Nicole Davison-11
 Michael Dean-11
 Ethan Deas-11
 Andrew Deboer-11



reetings my good man. How are things transpiring for you this fine morning? Translation: Hi! What's up? Many high school English students were assigned novels that seemed way too hard to understand. In desperation they made a mad rush to the bookstore to buy the famous Cliffs Notes.

Cliffs Notes put books or stories in simple terms that everyone could understand.

"I definitely needed the Cliffs Notes for *Huckleberry Finn*," junior Carrie Ausdemore said. "The Cliffs Notes translated Huck's uneducated dialect to words that everybody could understand."

While good ol' Huck was on many students' lists, Shakespeare appeared many times as well. Freshman Heather Woodruff said, "As soon as I heard that we had to read *Romeo and Juliet*, I rushed to the bookstore and bought the last Cliffs Notes on the shelf."

Parting is such sweet sorrow and I can't bear to be apart from you! Translation: See ya' later.

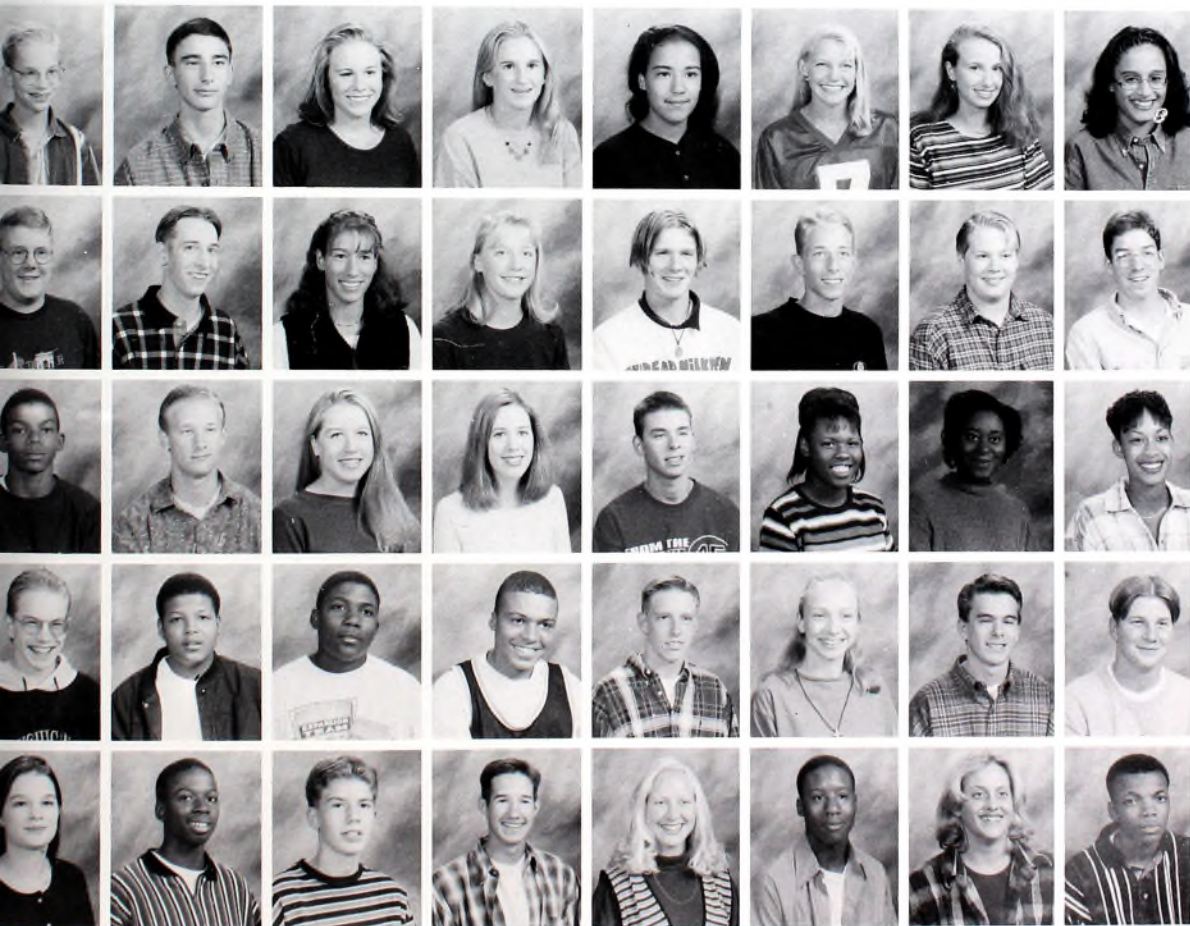
Confused by multi-syllable haughty vocabulary, we reached for our yellow and black friends.



With book and Cliffs Notes in hand, sophomore Amy Fuchs works on her Honors English Shakespeare assignment. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Insight

Woodman



Matthew Deboer-9
Jason Decker-9
Lisa Delashmutt-11
Sara Delashmutt-9
Erika Delgado-9
Diana Dennis-10
Nicole Deroin-9
Dialaht Desangles-9

Andrew Devault-10
Ryan Dewaele-11
Stephanie Diamantis-11
Julie Dierberger-10
Daniel Dlouhy-10
Christopher Doering-10
David Dolfay-10
Jason Doll-10

Phillip Doolittle-10
Matthew Dorman-10
Elizabeth Doty-10
Jessica Doty-11
Troy Doion-10
Alisha Draine-10
Fara Nita Dunbar-11
Demetria Duncan-10

Jeremy Duncan-10
Markelle Dungey-10
Corey Dunn-9
Michael Durpee-9
Adam Dusatko-10
Linda Dyczek-10
Paul Dye-10
Bradley Eakin-11

Beth Eberhardt-10
Francis Ebong-10
Zebulen Eckermann-10
David Edmonds-11
Annette Eden-11
Jeremiah Edwards-9
Jana Eichorn-10
Kelven Elem-10

Erin Elliott-11
 Jean Ellis-10
 Amy Elson-10
 Lynne Emanuel-10
 Jennifer Epstein-10
 Jennette Ericksen-10
 Brian Ervin-9
 Janaun Erwin-9
 Jasmine Esch-10
 Anthony Esterbrooks-9
 Brian Eure-11
 Michaela Evanich-10
 Corey Evans-10
 Scott Evans-11
 Alicia Everett-9
 Keyunte Everett-11
 Janice Eyman-9
 George Falkner-10
 Jill Faraci-11
 Latisa Fears-11
 Adam Fellows-11
 Ryan Fellows-9
 Eric Femmer-10
 Chad Femrite-11
 Dana Fester-11
 Emily Fine-10
 Steven Finley-10
 Katie Fischer-9
 Matthew Fisher-10
 Richard Fitzekam-10
 Jerrilynn Flakes-9
 Nicole Flatowicz-9
 Travis Flodine-11
 Jacqueline Follette-11
 Nick Fonseca-9
 Alisha Ford-9
 Scott Forman-11
 Mark Fortkamp-9
 Jeremy Foster-11
 Deedward Fountain-10
 David Franklin-9
 Nancy Fredrickson-9
 Timothy Fry-10
 Amy Fuchs-10
 Michael Gabb-10
 Rhiannon Gabriel-10
 Jamie Gahl-9
 Stephanie Garman-10
 Aaron Garsombke-9
 Nathan Gaskill-10
 Christopher Gasper-9
 Brent Geissing-11
 Lindsay Geopfort-9
 Rebecca George-9
 Gregory Gibilisco-11
 Trisha Gilbert-11
 Eryk Gilinsky-9
 Shaley Gilinsky-9
 Rebekha Gillogly-9
 Elayne Ginsburg-9
 Brooke Glassman-11
 Jason Glissman-9
 Lisa Goblirsch-10
 Eric Goeken-9
 Daniel Goessling-9
 Vernon Goff-11
 Eric Goodman-9
 Jill Goossen-11
 Allison Gordon-11
 Mary Kathleen Gordon-10
 David Gorman-9
 Jeremy Gotto-11
 Travis Gourley-10
 Teisha Graham-10
 Elijah Granger-11
 Seth Gray-10
 Christopher Green-11
 Adam Greenwald-9
 Derek Greer-11
 James Greer-9



Where did we come from? If you were talking about feeder schools, the answer was that 79 percent of us were from either Beveridge Junior High or Morton Junior High.

"One of the main reasons I went to Burke was that most of my friends from Morton were planning to go here," freshman Nick Warne said.

Going to the same school as your friends was a popular reason for choosing a high school. Other common reasons were that older siblings had attended a particular school and that it was close to home.

"I chose Burke because my sister goes to Burke and I have always been familiar with the school," freshman Jackie Camden said. "I think it's a good school."

The 21 percent of us who weren't from Beveridge or Morton primarily came from six junior highs: Lewis & Clark, McMillian, Monroe, Nathan Hale, King Science Center and Bryan.

Panthers,
Trail
Blazers,
Bears,
Patriots,
Monarchs
and
Wildcats all
became
Bulldogs.



On her first day in high school, freshman Holly Miller fills out her information cards. Miller moved to Omaha from Kansas. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

New School

Foodman



Amelie Greiner-10
Garnet Griebel-9
Darrielle Gresham-9
Georgia Griffin-11
Nicholas Grimt-10
Kevin Grosse-10
Miranda Grosse-9
Nathan Grosse-11

Kelly Grundy-11
Erika Guetersloh-10
Gina Guerrero-11
Brian Gunn-11
Jennifer Gunn-11
Jason Gurney-11
David Gustafson-10
Jeffrey Guthmiller-10

Andi Gutnik-11
Maria Haag-11
Destiny Haas-10
Dristin Haas-11
Jonathan Haas-9
Scott Haas-9
Lindsay Hagan-10
Pat Hagood-11

Kimberly Haley-11
Kari Hall-10
Mary Hall-9
Eric Hamburg-9
Shelley Hancock-11
Keele Hanner-10
Bonnie Hanselman-9
Brenda Hanselman-9

Jacob Hansen-11
Jennifer Hansen-9
Mikayla Hansen-10
Trista Hanson-9
Michael Hargens-9
Michaela Hargens-11
Alexis Harriman-9
Cherita Harris-9

While most of us were racing towards Burke Boulevard when the 2:50 bell finally rang, some of us hurried downstairs to Room 054. It wasn't for a club meeting or even for a team practice. It was detention.

"I got detention for having too many detentions," junior Ryan Lee said. "I had to be quiet and stay in my seat."

Truancy was one of the most popular reasons for spending time in Room 054. Other reasons for being confined included talking back to teachers, tardies, and misbehaving while in detention.

"I got detention for skipping," junior April Lambert said. "If there's people you know in detention it's fun, but if not, it's boring."

The 40-minutes after school were not remembered too fondly by most. To pass the time, many even resorted to studying.

"I got detention for tardies," junior Katie Argersinger said. "I had to sit and do my homework while I was in there."

Confined to a cell-like, windowless basement room for 40 minutes while the rest of the student body was home was pure torture.



While serving her detention, junior April Lambert waits for the bell to ring. Students often serve detentions for tardies. (photo by Wade Parkin)

Trapped

by
Becky Hughes

Cherita Harris-9
Susie Harris-9
Tilynn Harris-9
Michelle Harrison-10
Seneca Harrison-10
Brent Hassenstab-9
Jason Hautzinger-9
Beau Haynes-9



Tanika Haynes-9
Travis Haynes-10
James Hayworth-10
Thomas Hearst-9
John Heieck-10
Bradley Hein-10
Joshua Hendricksen-9
Matthew Hendrickson-10



Damian Henry-9
Angela Herde-10
Ryan Henrichs-10
Laura Herfindahl-10
Michael Hergert-9
Daniel Herrera-10
Dave Herrera-10
Charles Herschlag-11



Dale Herschlag-11
Matthew Heston-9
Chenell Hickey-11
Jermaine Hickman-9
Brian Hightower-9
Amy Hildreth-11
Derrick Hill-9
Jacqueline Hill-10



Lakisha Hill-11
Lisa Hill-10
Maura Hiner-11
Khanh Hoang-10
Scott Hobza-9
Brian Hodges-10
Melissa Hoenshell-11
Andrea Hoffart-10





Amy Hoffman-10
 Julie Hoffman-10
 Amber Hoge-9
 Charles Holcomb-11
 Megan Holcomb-9
 Angela Holdren-9
 Travis Holland-9
 Jeffrey Hollingsworth-11

Ryan Holm-10
 Kristen Holmes-11
 Lee Patrick Holmes-11
 Brent Holmquist-11
 Kelley Horbach-11
 Julie Horgan-10
 Natalie Hornig-9
 Jodielle Hruska-9

Nicholle Hruska-11
 Quincy Hudson-9
 Russell Hughell-11
 Rebecca Hughes-11
 Shannon Huxtable-9
 Darrel Hurston-11
 Lucy Igbo-9
 Samuel Ingram-10

Tina Ingram-9
 Travis Ingram-9
 Robert Inness-11
 Shelli Inness-9
 Andrew Itkin-11
 Cory Itkin-11
 Maala Jackman-10
 Corey Jackson-9

Damion Jackson-11
 Danielle Jacobs-9
 Phillip Jacobs-10
 Jason Jaderborg-11
 Jennifer Jaderborg-10
 Franklin Jefferson-9
 Crystal Jelken-11
 Bryan Jensen-10

Joshua Jensen-9
 Kerry Jensen-11
 Margarita Jeregui-11
 Kyle Jerve-9
 Brian Joerz-10
 Anthony Johnson-10
 Anisah Johnson-10
 Erik Johnson-10

Ian Johnson-11
 Joseph Johnson-9
 Kathleen Johnson-11
 Kelly Johnson-9
 Kristie Johnson-10
 Kyle Johnson-9
 Leanna Johnson-9
 Matthew Johnson-11

Michael Johnson-10
 Molly Johnson-9
 Nicholas Johnson-11
 Olivia Johnson-10
 Yolanda Johnson-9
 David Jones-10
 James Jones-10
 Monique Jones-9

Heidi Judson-9
 Ashlea Juergens-9
 Nicole Juergens-11
 Katherine Juhl-10
 Terese Jung-11
 David Kadavy-11
 Kelly Kalin-11
 Erin Kampa-9

Christopher Kane-10
 Aledia Kartchner-11
 Joseph Kasel-11
 David Kass-10
 Bret Katelman-11
 Rachel Katskee-10
 James Kealy-9
 David Keber-10

Although they never commanded the spotlight, even at peak performances, the underclassmen who worked as managers proved to be assets to athletic teams.

The four girls who managed the Varsity Volleyball team committed long hours preparing the players for upcoming matches.

"Some days the hardest part was just staying awake when I was setting drills," sophomore Stephanie Garman recalled.

Other common duties of team managers included taking stats, getting balls, and running favors for the coaches.

Despite all of the hard work, managers thought it was worthwhile.

"I like volleyball a lot," Garman commented. "Just being able to work with the team is enough, we're just like one big happy family."

Whether it was the less prestigious services or psyching up the team, managers helped set the pace for the competition.

Behind all athletic teams is another set of students who help to make the team what it is.



Keeping track of the stats, sophomore Aadland watches the Girls Varsity Basketball closely. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Help out

by
Pat Woodman

- Daniel Keim-11
- Matt Keller-9
- Melissa Kelly-10
- Tara Kelley-11
- Kenneth Kelly-9
- Shane Kelly-11
- Shannon Kelly-10
- Amanda Kelpin-11
- Lindsay Kemnitz-11
- Elizabeth Kersten-10
- Caroline Ketzler-9
- Brian Key-11
- Santoya Kilgore-9
- Brooke Kingsbury-9
- Emily Kirke-10
- Autumn Klabunde-10
- Jeanne Klinek-11
- Eieatia Knave-9
- John Knicely-9
- Krista Knicely-10
- Kerry Knight-11
- Brian Knihal-9
- Ryan Knihal-9
- Allison Knox-9
- Kevin Kobs-9
- Adam Kohn-9
- Roger Kolb-10
- Miranda Kosel-9
- Cheryl Kotan-11
- Benjamin Koziol-10
- Rachel Koziol-9
- Christyne Kraay-9
- Kara Kramer-11
- Mark Kratina-11
- Beth Krelle-9
- Michael Kricsfeld-11
- Justin Kuchs-10
- Anna Kuehl-9
- Megan Kurtz-9
- Katya Kuzmina-9





John Laferla-11
 Anne Laird-9
 Matt Lally-9
 Matthew Lalley-9
 April Lambert-11
 Holly Lang-10
 Amy Larsen-9
 Ashley Larsen-11

Ryan Larson-11
 Alethea Latin-10
 Tana Lauritsen-11
 Tabitha Lave-11
 Jodie Leach-10
 Justin Leach-11
 Chad Leahy-11
 Brian Lee-11

Kevin Lee-9
 Stephanie Lee-9
 Enos Legon-10
 Daniel Leland-10
 Christie Lenox-11
 Jodi Lerner-11
 Michael Lerner-11
 Michelle Lessard-10

Jay Lewis-11
 Tanea Lewis-9
 C.J. Lickert-11
 Megan Lien-10
 Patricia Lilyhorn-10
 Michaela Lincoln-10
 Elisabeth Lind-10
 Derrick Lindeman-9

Justin Lingerfelt-10
 Tyler Link-11
 Ryan Linn-10
 Danielle Lively-9
 John Livermore-11
 Jessica Locke-10
 Quinton Lockett-10
 Brandon Long-10

Christina Lorsch-10
 Clinton Louderback-11
 Chad Loveless-11
 Scott Loveless-9
 Jennifer Lowe-11
 Genetta Lucas-9
 Laronda Lucas-9
 Lindsay Lucey-10

Missy Lucht-9
 Jeff Luedtke-11
 Rebecca Luethge-9
 Alice Lugo-9
 Steven Lukaszewicz-9
 Andrew Lund-9
 Jennifer Lund-9
 Seph Luttig-9

Ben Maas-9
 Sara Mabrey-9
 Tedell Mabry-10
 Jenny Mack-10
 Megan Mackie-10
 Natalie Mackiel-10
 Kristen Mahone-10
 Ryan Malashock-9

Paul Malcherek-11
 John Malek-10
 Ryan Maliszewski-11
 Wayne Mangan-9
 Michael Maniscalco-11
 Robin Manley-9
 Cody Mann-11
 Rachel Manners-9

Matthew Maresch-11
 Channelle Marion-9
 Jovanda Marion-10
 Kristy Marsden-10
 Shelly Martin-11
 Stacy Martin-10
 Emily Maschka-10
 Allison Mashek-9

Coming here, as in school, was a challenge. For some the challenge was in getting out of bed, for others it was finding time for breakfast. A quick stop at the drive-thru window satisfied many students. "I get picked up by my neighbor Joe Olsen," junior Missy Morrissey said. "We usually go to Burger King, it just depends on what time he picks me up."

For all of the non-drivers, the biggest challenge of the morning was lining up transportation.

"My brother and I get a ride to school with our cousin Brian," freshman Kevin Lee said. "Usually he's on time."

Time was a major consideration for most of us. Trying to balance the need for those few extra minutes of sleep with the need to get to homeroom by 7:45 and get a good parking spot. Some students avoided the morning rush in the parking lot.

"I'd probably have a hard time finding a parking spot if I didn't have to be here for zero hour," junior Kritianne Vieregger said.

Making it to homeroom before the bell meant surviving the early morning rush.



For some students getting to school meant bus. Busing was provided for those students who lived out of the area. (photo by Cherie Cor...

Arriving

by
Tana Lauritsen

- Jason Mashek-11
- Kira Matteson-10
- Tarah Matthews-9
- Michael Mattsen-9
- Jamario Mayhue-9
- Ricky McAlister-10
- Jason McCartin-10
- Daniel McCrillis-9
- Matthew McElligott-9
- Tiffany McGary-9
- Evan McKean-10
- Paio McMahan-10
- Devon Mehuron-10
- Adam Meier-10
- Mark Meisenbach-9
- Stephen Melkus-10
- Rose Mellion-10
- Kimberly Melonis-9
- Joseph Mendiola-10
- Marcia Mendlick-9
- Nicholas Merriman-9
- Mary J. Mertz-10
- Mary K. Mertz-10
- Janina Metro-11
- Stefan Metro-9
- Bryan Meyer-12
- Martin Mildrexler-10
- Deborah Millan-10
- Holly Miller-9
- Jennifer Miller-9
- Katherine Miller-10
- Mathew Miller-9
- Meg Miller-11
- Ryan Miller-10
- Reginald Mellsaps-9
- Adrial Mitchell-11
- Latisha Mitchell-9
- Ryan Moehring-9
- Leslie Mollak-9
- Makayla Monico-11





Carliss Moore-11
 Daniell Moore-9
 Rocio Moore-11
 Eric Mooss-10
 Kelly Moran-9
 Jessica Morgan-11
 Lacie Morgan-9
 Melissa Morrissey-11

Kyle Mortensen-9
 Jason Mortenson-11
 Kyre Morton-11
 Barry Moss-11
 Ann Mulligan-11
 Kelly Mulligan-9
 Michael Murillo-11
 Ciaran Murphy-11

Robert Murphy-10
 Michael Murray-10
 Mindy Mutz-10
 Paul Nabity-11
 Jeff Nace-11
 Joe Nagel-9
 Jacob Nahlen-11
 Sebastiano Nastasi-9

Anthony Nauden-10
 Seth Nauslar-10
 Robertson Ndegwa-10
 Joshua Neal-11
 Daniel Nelson-10
 Latrena Nelson-10
 Toka Nelson-9
 Jeffrey Nemetz-9

Mary Newbury-9
 Joel Nickerson-9
 Jeffrey Nicolaisen-11
 David Nielsen-10
 Jennifer Nielsen-9
 Amy Nilsson-10
 Megan Nock-9
 Anne Nogg-9

Tammi Nolan-11
 Carrie Norris-10
 Kris Norton-11
 Andrew Novak-9
 Phillip Novotny-11
 John Nye-10
 Shannon Oddo-10
 Hugh Odonnell-9

Megan Odowd-9
 Tara Odowd-11
 David Olander-11
 Ryan Olds-10
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 Ryan Olesh-10
 Janelle Olsen-10
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 Scott Orcutt-10
 Justin Orr-9
 McCalla Orso-10
 Sonja Orso-9

Clinton Osler-11
 Thomas Ostronic-11
 David Otto-9
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 Jessica Overman-10
 Lauren Owens-10
 Matthew Owens-9
 Kerri Paasch-9

Jill Pace-9
 Emily Pandzik-11
 Lance Papillon-10
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 Douglas Parker-9
 Jeffrey Parker-10
 Quinette Parker-10
 Wade Parkins-10

Jessica Parsons-9
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 Jeffrey Paskach-11
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 Thomas Pedersen-9
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 Andrew Penke-10
 Andrea Penney-9
 Michael Perkins-10
 Calvin Peters-11
 Heather Peters-9
 Kelly Peters-9
 Andrea Petersen-11
 Kristen Petersen-9

 Brander Peterson-10
 Jennifer Peterson-9
 Jill Peterson-11
 Joshua Peterson-11
 Patricia Peterson-9
 Lance Phillips-11
 Tiara Phillips-9
 Carlos Philmon-10

 Eric Piper-9
 Ryan Piper-9
 Jaime Pisci-9
 Lisa Pitlor-10
 Bradley Pittack-10
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 Kevin Popken-9
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 Michael Poulsen-10
 Christy Powers-10
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 Ronald Powers-11
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 Christopher Privitere-9
 David Proksel-11

 Bryan Purdy-9
 Mahliqah Qasimyar-9
 Kimberly Rainwater-10
 Joseph Raper-9
 Ralph Rauso-10
 Gina Ray-9
 Travis Ream-9
 Terrell Reed-9

 Angela Reimers-11
 Jason Reinders-11
 Emily Reiss-9
 Randi Reuter-10
 Patrick Rewinkel-9
 Tiffany Reyes-10
 Marissa Reynolds-10
 Meghan Reynolds-9

 Christopher Rezac-10
 Adam Rich-9
 Justin Riddle-11
 Rachel Riekes-9
 Gregory Rishoi-10
 June Rittenback-9
 Justin Riviera-11
 Crystal Robbins-9

 Madie Robbins-9
 Heidi Roberts-10
 Sara Roberts-11
 Terry Roberts-9
 Andrew Robinson-10
 Todd Robinson-9
 Krista Roffman-11
 Jeff Rogers-11



Even the best made plans sometimes didn't turn out, especially when it came to dating. First evenings with someone new were always nerve-racking.

"We went on a blind double date," junior Chris Swenson said. "Neither of our dates talked, so Jill Peterson and I spent the entire night just talking to each other."

Even major dating events like homecoming and prom sometimes were disasters.

"I took a girl out to this great dinner and to the Homecoming dance," junior Joey Basso recalled. "At the end of the night I saw her kissing another guy."

Sometimes bad date experiences were more or less our own fault.

"While I had a boyfriend, I started talking to this boy I really liked," junior April Lambert said. "So I accepted his invitation to go the movies and told my boyfriend I couldn't go out that night because I was grounded and we ran into him at the movies."

We planned the perfect evening: a romantic dinner for two, a movie and walk around the lake under a full moon. But disaster still struck.



Ice skating at Tranquility, juniors Jen Davis and Dan Titus enjoy a night out. The couple started dating in the fall. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Disasters

Hughes



Lindsay Rogers-10
Tristan Roland-11
Floraine Rollerson-9
Markisa Rollerson-10
Mindee Rolles-11
Nikki Romanik-9
Jennifer Romano-9
Justin Rose-9

Reah Rose-9
Dara Rosenberg-10
Jennifer Ross-10
Warren Rubin-10
Travis Rush-9
Genise Russ-9
Tirrell Russ-10
Cynthia Rutledge-11

Ryan Rutledge-11
Melissa Samms-10
Marlin Sams-11
Ryan Samuels-11
Sean Sanchez-9
Maurice Sands-10
Katie Saroka-10
David Saylor-11

Narissa Scales-11
Abby Scharton-10
Sarah Scheer-11
Stacy Scheer-9
Cori Schiemann-11
Susan Schinker-9
James Schlueter-10
Christian Schmidt-10

Jeffrey Schmidt-10
Lindsay Schmidt-11
Stephanie Schnabel-10
Brandon Scholtes-9
Nicholas Schonlau-10
Steven Schonlau-10
Karla Schorle-10
Jennifer Schrage-9

Michael Schroeder-11
 Kimberly Schuettner-10
 Amanda Schuman-10
 Christopher Scott-9
 James Scott-10
 Jeffrey Scott-9
 Lisa Scott-10
 Sean Scott-11
 Bettina Scurlock-10
 Justin Sebeck-10
 Adam Sedlack-10
 Matthew Seil-10
 Jennifer Seip-11
 Steve Seither-10
 Jacquelyn Serflaten-10
 Lisa Setlack-10
 Katie Sevensing-11
 Jeffrey Seymour-11
 Yeami Shaheed-11
 Amy Shanahan-9
 Kelly Shannon-10
 Jeffrey Shapiro-11
 Melissa Shapiro-9
 Jill Sherman-10
 Allyson Sherrick-9
 Rob Sherrick-11
 John Shuminski-11
 Todd Sierer-10
 Amy Simkins-11
 Leslie Simmons-10
 Carmalita Simpson-11
 James Simpson-9
 Daniel Sindelar-11
 Jamie Sing-11
 Mindy Siskin-9
 Jillian Sisson-10
 Ryan Six-9
 Anna Skeans-9
 Andrew Smart-10
 Bradley Smith-11
 Chaley Smith-9
 Christopher Smith-9
 Erin Smith-9
 Kelli Smith-10
 Morgan Smith-10
 Rachel Smith-10
 Russa Smith-11
 Russel Smith-11
 Tracie Smith-9
 Travis Smith-10
 Zachary Snyder-10
 Benjamin Soby-9
 Danielle Soby-11
 Natasha Soby-10
 Theresa Soby-11
 Tyler Sohns-11
 Arik Solberg-10
 Michelle Spagnuolo-11
 Chris Speers-11
 Blake Spencer-9
 Julia Spencer-9
 Jonathon Spiller-11
 Tony Spinharney-9
 Tara Staiert-10
 Zachary Stalder-11
 Philip Stalnaker-10
 Dequisha Stanfield-9
 Kaleigh Steere-10
 Michael Steimer-11
 Patrick Steimer-11
 Daniel Stein-9
 Skyler Steinke-11
 Travis Steinke-10
 Janell Stevens-11
 Joseph Stevens-9
 Cleveland Stevenson-10
 Joyneeda Stevenson-11
 Isa Stewart-10
 Alicia Stice-10
 Sarah Stick-11



The first time on the road without parental supervision was memorable. You turned 16, you got the car, and you headed. . . where?

"The first time I drove by myself, my friends and I drove all over Omaha," junior Jeff Anderson said. "I put over 100 miles on my car and used a full tank of gas."

There were tons of different spots people headed to for that first solo drive. Some just drove around, got something to eat, or stopped at a friend's house.

"I drove my mom's car to her work, got on the interstate and drove back home," junior Jamie Sing recalled. "Then I went to Hardee's and forgot my change and backed up right into a truck behind me."

Sophomore Janelle Olsen had a rather negative experience on her first solo trip. "I turned a corner on ice and ran into a gutter," she said. "It cost \$500."

No matter where we went or what happened on the way, for most of us, having a set of keys to call our own had been long-anticipated.

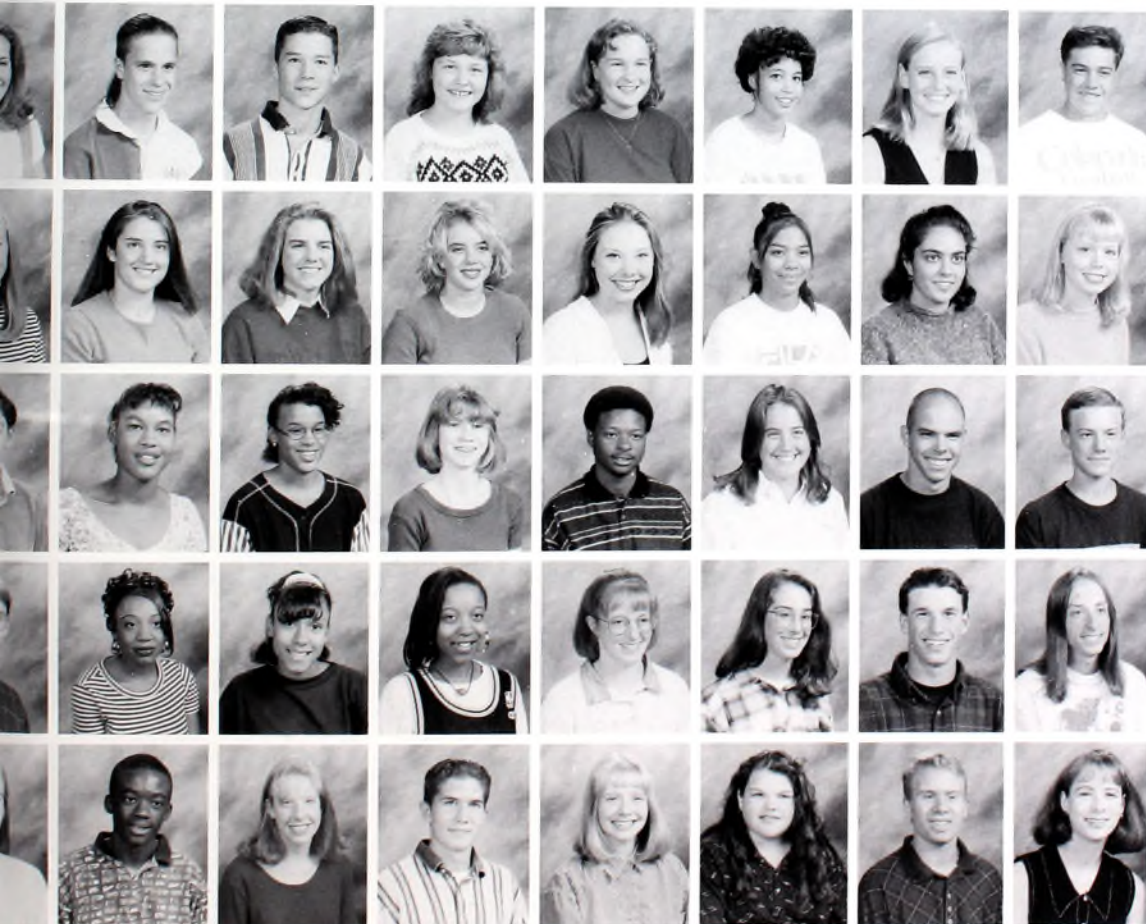
Keys in hand, license in pocket, and gas in the tank were the key ingredients for that first time out.



Anxious to pass her driving test, sophomore Dara Rosenberg gets in some extra practice. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Hit the road

on Livermore
an Vlach



Traci Stick-11
Jeffrey Stock-11
Jacob Stone-10
Jennifer Stone-11
Sarah Stone-10
April Strobe-11
Mindi Struck-10
Nicholas Stuto-9

Bridget Sullivan-11
Kathryn Sup-10
Erin Swanson-10
Mindy Swanson-11
Jennifer Swenson-9
Keira Tabanera-9
Nilly Tamahan-10
Nicole Tank-10

Nicholas Tarbox-9
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Katulani Taylor-9
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Christina Tesar-11
David Teten-11
Chad Tettenborn-9

Neil Thiltgen-11
Shafonda Thomas-10
Janie Thompson-10
Latina Thompson-10
Sarah Tidblom-10
Tara Tidwell-10
Jason Tierney-11
Daniel Titus-11

Sarah Todd-10
Tyree Tolbert-9
Amanda Tollefson-11
Jason Tompsett-10
Megan Torau-10
Loree Travers-10
David Treat-11
Janelle Treat-11

Jason Triplett-9
 Christopher Triptow-10
 Wyatt Tuell-11
 Christopher Turner-9
 Tiffany Tyler-9
 David Underwood-10
 Micah Uram-9



Mitchell Urosevich-9
 Brekke Valerio-10
 Jessica Vallier-10
 Sarah Vanbecelaere-9
 Rusty Vance-11
 Cortney VanCleave-10
 Timothy Vanderpool-11



Adam Vangrud-9
 Marcus Venable-9
 Kristianne Vieregger-11
 Jason Villone-9
 Nicole Violett-11
 Katie Vitukinas-10
 Daniel Vlach-11



James Vobejda-11
 Thomas Vobejda-10
 Andy Vondra-11
 Lindsay Votava-11
 Jeremy Vuagniaz-11
 Jessica Wagner-10
 Brian Wajda-10



Laura Walding-10
 Lonnie Walker-9
 Nikka Walker-9
 Jereme Wallis-9
 Michelle Walton-10
 Nicholas Warne-9
 Jeremy Wasco-10



Kimilee Washburn-10
 Ivina Washington-9
 Theodore Waters-11
 Courtney Watkins-11
 Stephanie Watkins-9
 Melissa Watson-9
 Sean Watson-11



Brian Watters-9
 Justin Watters-9
 Joshua Wees-10
 Brian Wegehaupt-11
 Janel Wegehaupt-9
 Jace Wegge-11
 Heather Weiler-10



Jared Weinman-10
 Lena Weinman-11
 Thomas Weis-11
 Ann Weiss-9
 Holly Welchert-10
 Matthew Wells-9
 Termaine Wells-11
 Marc West-9



James Wheelock-10
 Dustin White-10
 Troy Whitmarsh-11
 William Wickes-9
 Timothy Wiebe-10
 Nicholas Wieser-9
 Matthew Wilcox-10
 Jaime Wilkinson-9



Kendra William-9
 Angela Williams-9
 Cammie Williams-10
 Jason Williams-10
 Marcie Williams-10
 Ramsey Williams-11
 Katrina Willig-9
 Colin Wills-10



45. Any school day. The scene was the same. We gathered in our homerooms, the room that would be the start of our day for our entire existence at Burke High School.

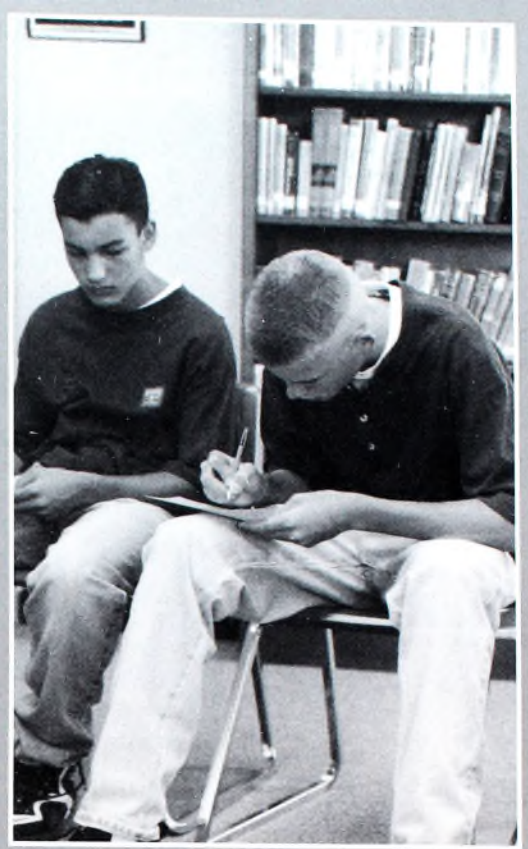
After attendance and announcements were read (the lunch menu was the really important part), then the question was "What would we do next?"

Bonding was the answer. Homerooms participated in homeroom volleyball, the homecoming homeroom parade, and bubble-gum blowing contests. If they could stay awake, most students got involved with the activities.

"We visited other homerooms, made food, and played balloon volleyball," junior Jill Goossen said.

Homerooms worked together to help with various causes. The first goal was to raise money for the Open Door Mission through the Thanksgiving Homeroom Challenge. Homerooms also collected coats for the Salvation Army and gifts for Toys for Tots.

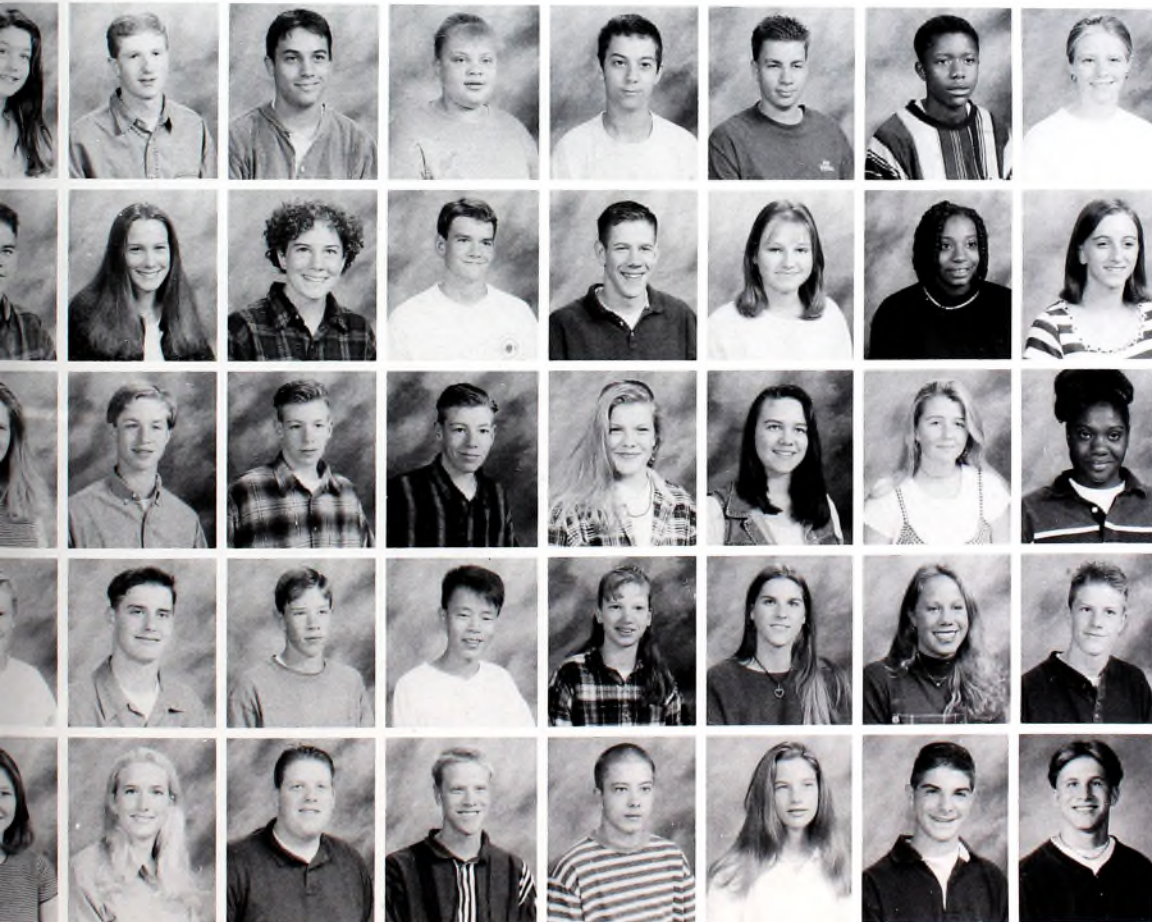
Each day, in fact each year began with the calming familiarity of homeroom.



As part of first-day-of-school homeroom activities, freshmen Nick Bassett and Corey Jackson fill out their counselor cards. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Bonding

e Rolles



Briona Willson-9
Timothy Willson-10
Anthony Wilson-10
Connie Wilson-9
Greg Wilson-9
Joseph Wilson-10
Michael Wilson-9
Mindy Winkelmann-9

Curry Wittrock-11
Lisa Wixon-10
Anna Wolcott-11
Ryan Wolken-11
Curtis Wollen-11
Cara Wolters-10
Eboney Wood-10
Katie Woodhead-9

Heather Woodruff-9
Chris Workman-9
Jeremy Workman-9
Justin Workman-9
Holly Worthington-11
Jolene Wostrel-11
Natasha Wright-9
Nicole Wright-11

Shane Wurdeman-9
Nicholas Wurth-10
Thomas Yahnke-10
Hyong Yi-9
Nicole Young-9
Cathy Younger-11
Jessie Zahn-11
Justin Zahn-9

Kara Zaiman-10
Rebecca Ziegler-10
Steven Ziemba-10
Brian Zimmerman-11
Justin Zimmerman-9
Jessie Zonker-9
Jonathan Zoob-9
Michael Bryant-11

Mike Antrim
Math, Science, & Technology
Curriculum Specialist
Ken Armsbury
AP Amer. Hist., Amer. Hist., Key Club
Glenda Bahr
Spanish 3-4, Hon. Spanish 5-6,
International Club, Chess Club



Regina Bates
Keyboard/Type
Nancy Burkhart
Teen Parent, Fam. Liv., Human
Growth, Fash. Mark., MESA, BAD
Mark Bowder
Eng. Tech., CAD 1-2, Indust. Mat.
Proc., Hobb./Crafts, Ind.Tech. Club



Rod Brakke
Counseling Department Head
Mike Braun
Team Sports, Wrestling
Ken Bruggemann
English 1-2, 3-4, Computer Lab, World
Wide Webber



Karen Burmood
Principal
Diane Caldwell
Assistant Principal
Tom Canarsky
Chemistry, Physical Science, SEA



Deanne Carr
Study Skills, Testing, DRC, Phys. Sci.
Fund., BAD
Karene Christenson
Interpreter
Vivienne Cuadrado
AP Spanish, Hon. Span. 7-8, 9-10



Glen Dahlkoetter
AP Calculus BC, Algebra 3-4
Barb Daughton
Special Ed. Dept. Head, Basic Math
Denise Debban
Hon. Physics, Algebra 1-2, Future
Teachers, Math & Sci. Competitions



Linda Dechant
Nurse
Pat Frederick
Wrkg. Dev. Child., Creat. Text., Const.
Bas., Fresh. Sem., Parent., Key Club
Jeff Flagg
Military Sci. Dept. Head, ROTC 3-4,
Marksmanship



Lisa Gatzemeyer
English 1-2, Hon. Eng. 3-4, Future
Teachers



Roger Gehrig
Government
Pat Gehringer
Beg. Marks., ROTC 1-2, 5-6,
Newcomers Club

Lori Godbolt
Phys. Ed., Aerobics, Club B
Gary Graner
World History, Dean of Students, Boys
Varsity Basketball
Dave Haar
AP Govt, Mock Trial, Hon. Govt.,
Amer. Hist., History Club



As the seniors of the Class of '96 made their way down the stage, everyone cheered them to success and their life ahead. But who really made Graduation so successful? The teachers were behind this and other events through their involvement in committees.

Teachers were required to be on one committee, and encouraged to be on two. Committees varied from everything from the Commencement Committee to The Drug Team.

Committees had many different functions. English teacher Joan Hobart, member of the Achievement and Commencement committees said, "Both of these committees have functions of finding out what more people think about those activities, so it's not the same people making decisions all of the time."

Some committees try to educate students. History teacher Ken Armsbury said, "We (The Drug Team) are in charge of BAD and Clowns, and we try to educate students on the negatives of drug abuse."

Comm

by Sarah Kirke

Making note of the last play, Volleyball coach Lori Godbolt keeps track of stats for the Boys Reserve Basketball team. (photo by Abby Rogers)





Sponsors Ann Grill and Carol Nickerson show off their Statue of Liberty costumes promoting Academic Decathlon's trip to New York City. (photo courtesy Rick Billings)

At the first annual Pancake feed, Karen Spencer-May and Karen Owens serve pancakes hot off the griddle. (photo by Abby Rogers)



Marion Hannell
Accounting 1-2, Hon. Acct. 3-4
Nancy Haverman
DRC, Testing, Bio. Fund., Study Skills,
Burke Alumni Association
Debra Hernandez
Interpreter



Mel Hodges
Spanish 1-2, 3-4, Bowling, French Club
Marilyn Holcomb
Hon. Eng. 3-4, Eng. 5-6
Lillie Holmes
Hon. English 1-2, English 1-2,
Freshman Seminar



Rich Hood
Assistant Principal, Senior Senate
Sharon Hostler
Hon. Algebra 3-4, Pre-Calc,
Enrichment Math, Math Compet.
Amy Houston
Human Growth, CAD Basics, Fash. &
Hous., Fam. Liv., MESA, Stud. Govt.



Lois Hynek
Office Personnel
Carol Jackson
Counselor, African-American
Achievers
Lee Johnson
Geography, Fresh. Sem., Geography
Club, International Club



Rebecca Kadel
Chemistry, World Wide Webber
Resa Kelly
Chemistry, AP Chemistry, JETS
Judy Kerkhoff
International Foods, German 1-2, 3-4,
German Club



Gaye Lannan
Counselor
Mary Kay Leatherman
English 5-6, Creative Writing, Creative
Writing Club
Charlene Liesveld
Student Success Center, NHS



Marv Lodes
CAD 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Cindy Long
Interpreter
Melissa Lucas
AP English, Hon. English 1-2, Debate,
Future Teachers, Drama Club



Gary Lundeen
American History
Nancy Mangiameli
Japanese 3-4, 5-6, Hon. French 3-4,
French Club
Catherine McIntosh
App. Math, Geometry



Jim McKean
Algebra 1-2, Bowling, Math
Competitions, Chess Club, Wrestling
Judy Messerschmidt
Biology, Phys. Sci., Future Teachers,
BAD, Newcomers Club, PPC
Diane Meyer
Interpreter

Mike Mingo
SAT, Business/Cons. Law, Pers. Finance,
Fash. Mark., O-Club, Boys X-Country
D. Moritz
Counselor, African-American Achievers
Elisabeth Mulherrin
Vivarium, Biology, Hon. Biology, SEA



Michael O'Donnell
English 3-4, Fres. Seminar, Writing Skills,
Newcomers Club
Jack Oholendt
Physical Education, Weight Training,
Varsity Football
Pat Otto
Phys. Ed., Ind. Sports, Fresh. Sem., Club B



Greg Pavlik
Sci. Seminar, Earth Science, Astronomy,
Astr. Club, Boys Fresh. Basketball
Charles Peterson
Amer. Hist. SAT, Human Growth, Fresh.
Sem. Coord., Amer. Cultures, Key Club
Michaela Reilly
Interpreter



Patty Reitz
Interpreter, Deaf Culture
Mary Roeser
Latin 1-2, AP Latin, Latin Club
Sue Rosenthal
Fresh. Sem., Hum. Growth, Adv. Aquatics,
Phys. Ed., NHS, Boys & Girls Swimming



Alan Rowch
Counselor
Marina Sadofsky
Russian 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
William Scarborough
Physical Education, Weight Training



Dennis Scheer
Car Care, Build. Constr., Auto Fund.,
Home Maint., Small Engines
David Schmelzer
Interpreter
De Schmierer
Office Personnel



Caroline Schmitz
Creative Textiles, Pottery, Art Club
Jayne Schmitz
Interpreter
Enid Shonewise
Geography, Geography Club



Brett Schwartz
Business Tech., Inter. Bus., Keyboard,
Desktop Publ., Office Intern., FBLA
Krista Sesker
Spanish 1-2, 3-4, New. Club, Spanish Club
Larry Seitz
Weight Training, Phys. Ed., Lt. Weight
Training, Girls Varsity Basketball



Kenyon Sharp
Wld. Hist., Afr.-Amer. Hist., Afr.-Amer.
Ach., Chess Club, Boys JV Basketball
Wayne Slotsve
Geography, Academic Hallmark



Jerry Steele
American & World History, History Club

They hit Burke Boulevard on the run. Whether it was off to pick up their kids, to the store for dinner supplies or to the TAC Building for a meeting, teachers usually found that their day was barely half over when they finished eight periods of teaching.

History teacher Mike Young finds himself in the grocery store every night after school. "My wife always discovers something that she forgot to get. I have to run to the store almost every night," he said.

A few teachers found eight hours of teaching just wasn't enough and taught night school or volunteered to supervise school events.

Math teacher Sharon Hostler taught night school at Metro. "After a whole day of teaching and then teaching night school, I am asleep before my head even touches my pillow," she said.

It was tough grading papers, making dinner, and taking care of children all in one breath. By the time our teachers found time for themselves, they were way too tired to make the best of it.

With keys hanging from her hand, she runs to the store to pick up her kids. After school...

Running

by Pat Woodman

Taking advantage of her time off, math teacher Molly Witzenburg shows her new baby, Maggie, to Kris Ward. (photo by Mark Ward)





Family and Consumer Sciences teacher Amy Houston does her part to help out by selling tickets at a football game. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Racing on a Big Wheel, English teacher Mary Kay Leatherman takes part in the Homeroom Parade. (photo by Mark Ward)



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Ken Swartz
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Lynette Thomas
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Debi Ward
Adv. Yearbook, News, Prod., Beg. Journ. & Yearbook, Minority Journalism Prep., Quill & Scroll



Marilyn Warner
Information Specialist, English 5-6, Student Government
Charles Watt
AP & Honors Biology
Peg Whitmore
Hon. Spanish 5-6, Span. 3-4, Newcomers Club, Student Government, Spanish Club



Holly Willert
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Cherry Witham
Counselor, Ambassadors
Bonnie Woodard
Office Personnel



Kelvin Young
Phys. Ed., Dev. Phys. Ed., Team Sports, Afr.-Amer. Ach., Boys Fresh. B. Basketball
Michael Young
Social Studies Dept. Head, AP Amer. & World History, Social Studies Comp., History Club

Teachers Not Pictured: Tom Allison (Counseling Center), Connie Banks (Foreign Language), Jackie Brink (Business), Greg Doty (Drama), Jim Engelhart (Special Education), Nancy Faber (Assistant Principal), Maybell Galusha (Family and Consumer Science), Chris Gehringer (English), Ken Graham (Math), Ann Grill (Social Studies), Jeff Gustafson (Business), Dreanna Hadash (Art), Mitch Hansen (English), Rosemary Haverkamp (English), Joan Hobart (English), Loma Howard (Special Education), Paul Jensen (Math), Sharon Kelly (English), John Knickman (Social Studies), Jayne Kolterman (Art), Merlin Lawrence (Physical Education), Delo Lee (Science), Merlin Lempke (Music), Marilyn Meurrens (English), Murl Mickey (Music), Carol Nickerson (Information Center), Karen Owens (English), Dave Ross (Social Studies), Karen Schuett (Math), Robert Shirk (Science), Fred Sorenson (Science), Dave Stodola (Math), Roy Stutheit (English), Alan Thomas (Art), Barry Timanus (Science), Dan Turek (Math), Bryan Watkins (Foreign Language), Molly Witzenburg (Math)

Classes to talk

by Abby
Rogers

About

Help me!
I've got a
test next
hour and
I can't
do this
triangular
method!

Studying or sleeping, depending on your style, took up most of our weekday time. Getting ready for school, being at school, and talking about school pretty much was it.

Of course, some of us took school more seriously than others. There were those who sat with calculator in hand refiguring their grade after every class discussion, and then there those who, after a full semester, still got lost on the way to PRT2.

The first-ever school-wide two-hour comprehensive semester finals caught everyone's attention, as did the first-ever advanced multi-media computer lab.

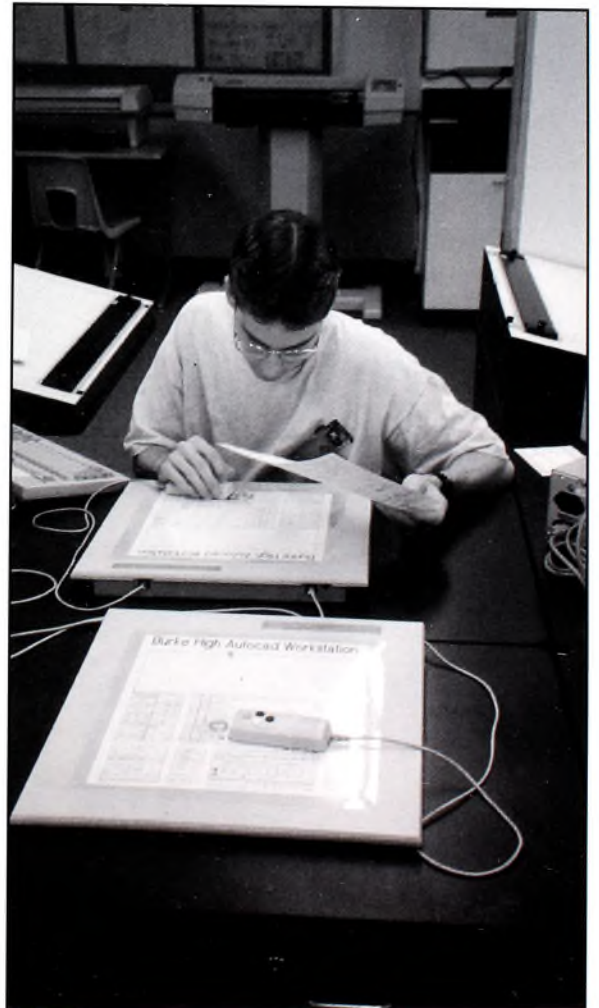
Whatever the motivation, what kept us going was knowing an end was in sight, whether that end was graduation or summer school.





Semester final in hand, sophomore Nicole Tank finishes the editing section of her Beginning Journalism test. Students and teachers had to adjust to the new finals schedule. (photo by Mark Ward)

Selecting the right tool, junior Niel Thiltgen works on his design project for his CAD class. The CAD lab is one of over 10 computer labs in the school. (photo by Abby Rogers)



Minute managers

Grabbing a quick bite to eat, meeting friends to catch up on the gossip, picking up needed supplies and fighting the traffic to get to your destination on time. It was tough squeezing a social life into a four-minute passing period, but most students quickly became experts at it.

"Even though I usually don't have very far to go, it's really annoying to get stopped every three seconds by a group of people talking," junior Amy Hildreth said.

Talking with friends was often the top priority for students during passing period.

"Most of the passing periods I usually stop and talk to my friends," junior Jessie Zahn said, "but if I talk too long, I have to run to get to my next class on time."

Being late wasn't the only problem that some students had during their passing periods.

"I hate it when my locker gets stuck and I have to wait for a custodian to come and get it open," senior Val Cook said. "That is such a pain."

Many students found passing periods useful for other things, too.

"During passing period, I like to go check if there are any scholarships that I want to pick up," senior Becky

Rubin said.

Other passing period activities ranged from getting a drink of water to stopping by the Career Center to take a look at the Dawg Digest.

"I think it is really nice that they post the Dawg Digest on the window of the Career Center," senior Kari Wolf said.

"Especially when I don't get a chance to see it in homeroom."

The time before homeroom was another chance that students had to take care of their business.

"Whenever I need to make up a missed quiz or get homework help from a teacher, I always try to get it done before homeroom, that way I don't have to worry about doing it later," sophomore Katie Sup said.

For many students, the time before homeroom was also a time to stop by the bookstore.

"If I need to pick up some school supplies or buy a ticket for the matinee, I go to the Bookstore before school because I know that

it will be open," senior Susan Cogswell said.

Although passing periods were only four minutes long, students usually found a way to get to their class on time, especially with the warning bell signaling one minute left.

What's going on here



Junior Greg Gibilisco uses homeroom time to participate in the Turkey Bowl. (photo by Kristina Ward)

--26 drinking fountains were located in the building

--32 minutes were used for passing periods

by Laura Bochelma

Before heading to class, sophomore Michelle Bruggeman and junior Paul Waters grab a quick soda. Students could only use the pop machines before 7:40 and after 2:50. (photo by Kristina Ward)

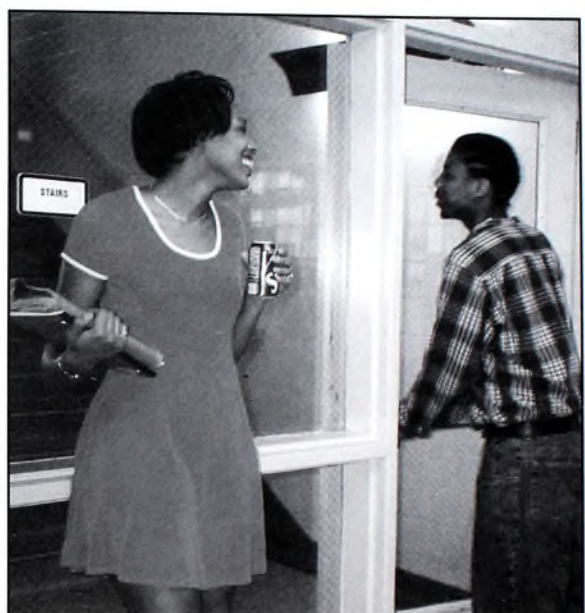




In the few minutes before homeroom, students buy activity cards. (photo by Marilyn Kumpke)



Friends gather by the cafeteria. The warning bell rang at 7:40. (photo by Kristina Ward)



On her way to homeroom, senior Lamashya Briggs finishes her soda and talks to a friend. Passing periods were a good time to socialize. (photo by Kristina Ward)

Before the one-minute warning bells rings, senior Emily Griebel talks to friends. The warning bell was helpful in making it to class on time. (photo by Sarah Baker)

While some students finish up homework during homeroom, junior Narissa Scales catches up on her sleep. (photo by Kristina Ward)

Getting all the

facts
Your fingers moved quickly; the time flew by. The deadlines seemed to creep up on you faster than you could even think. You kept wondering, "How could my history teacher make this research paper due so soon?" Your next thought was usually, "Why didn't I start this sooner?"

Throughout the year, students found different ways to complete research for their more difficult classes. Some chose to use new technology such as computer libraries, while others stuck with the old familiar--books.

"I definitely like to use computers more than books for research," junior Ethan Deas said. "I can get tons of articles off computers easier than I can from books."

Deas said he spent many hours in the library doing research for his AP Biology class. "Especially when researching topics like bacterial antibiotic resistance and Ebola virus, using the Internet is much faster and more efficient."

Junior year meant hitting the library. One class that many juniors agreed required a lot of library hours was AP History.

"I must have spent at least four

hours in the library gathering materials for papers," junior Ryan Larson said.

Junior year, known as the year of the research paper, was when most students tackled a full-fledged research paper for their English class.

"I did my research on Chinese culture," junior Bridget Sullivan said. "I used a variety of methods including books, Internet, and CD-Rom."

Surfing the 'Net was a fun way to browse through materials to get a sense of what was available. Many teachers brought their classes down to the Computer Lab to introduce their students to what was available.

"When Mrs. C u a d r a d o brought us to the lab to show us how to use the Internet/Web I learned lots of new multimedia ways," junior Jessie Morgan said.

Seniors were often required to compose longer papers that required outside

sources.

"For AP Psychology I have to do a research paper," senior Shannon Robson said. "We can use CD-Rom, but with my busy schedule, I find it easier just to check out books."

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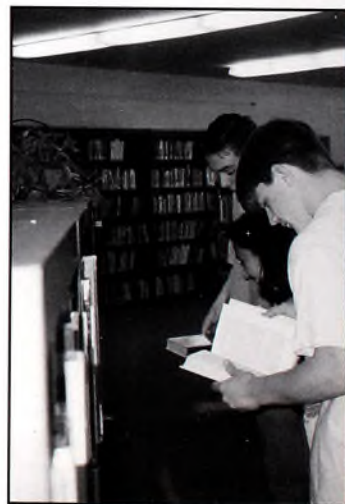


During a study hall, seniors Tracy Tompkins, Lindsey Daubman, junior Erin Elliott and senior Molly Wicham use the library to gather research. (photo by Sarah Baker)

-5 Internet passes were handed out every hour.

-English teachers graded 13,000 themes.

Making use of scissors and glue, senior Brad Reynolds finishes up his Creative Writing project. The project included both library and Internet research. (photo by Abby Rogers)



After using the electronic card catalog, juniors Matt Maresch, Maria Haag and Jim Vobejda help each other find the right books for their English projects. Junior English students were required to write research papers. (photo by Jason Livermore)

by Shelli Martin



Working on her English project, senior Laura White searches for an article for her research paper. Students made good use of the new computers in the Information and Instructional Center. (photo by Abby Rogers)

During their lab, sophomores Kelly Cook, Dave Keber, Jackie Hill and Francis Ebong try to light the burner. Students in Chemistry conducted experiments to learn about chemicals. (photo by Cherie Connors)



In front of the class, sophomores Brian Wadja, Dianna Dennis, Jana Eichhorn and Ryan Olesh present their heraldry project to their Honors English class. The groups had to spend numerous hours researching. (photo by Lindsay Rogers)

Get basic training

Knowing when to put oil in your car, balancing your checkbook, getting the spaghetti stain out of your carpet, and knowing how to dress a baby. These basic life skills were just the beginning of the material that students learned in classes like Auto Fundamentals and Family Living.

Teen Parenting helped young adults learn basic parenting skills and time management.

"The class is basically for those who are parents," teacher Nancy Burkhart said. "I try to keep the girls in school and help them to be successful at parenting."

Junior Heather Allgood said the class has helped her a lot. "Teen Parenting helped me learn responsibility," she said.

Students who did not want to be at the mercy of their neighborhood mechanic, could have taken Auto Fundamentals. In the class, students covered such basics as detailing your car from the inside out and careers.

"I thought the best thing about Auto Fundamentals was learning to take care of my car," senior Jennifer Aussicker said.

Car Care was another class that taught students basics. "We learned how to change oil and how the en-

gine works," said junior Justin Riddle. "I enjoyed making simple repairs on my car."

Entertaining With Food gave students an opportunity to learn how to cook well-balanced meals.

"I took the class because I wanted to learn how to prepare different foods," sophomore Meghan Anderson said. "Now I can do more than just throw something in the microwave."

Human Growth and Development, a required class, taught students about the human body and behaviors.

"The class will help me deal with situations in life," junior Rachel Beck said. "I can definitely see how important the class is."

Personal Finance students learned how to manage their money.

"Learning how to manage money is important to me in the future," said junior Dave Olander. "I could get into a lot of trouble if I don't keep track of my finances."

Business and Consumer Law was a popular elective. "Business and Consumer Law helped me prepare and learn about the legal system," sophomore Don Arant said. "It's a great class."

What's going on here



Ready to make healthy cookies, senior Michelle Juena carefully measures her supplies. (photo by Sarah Baker)

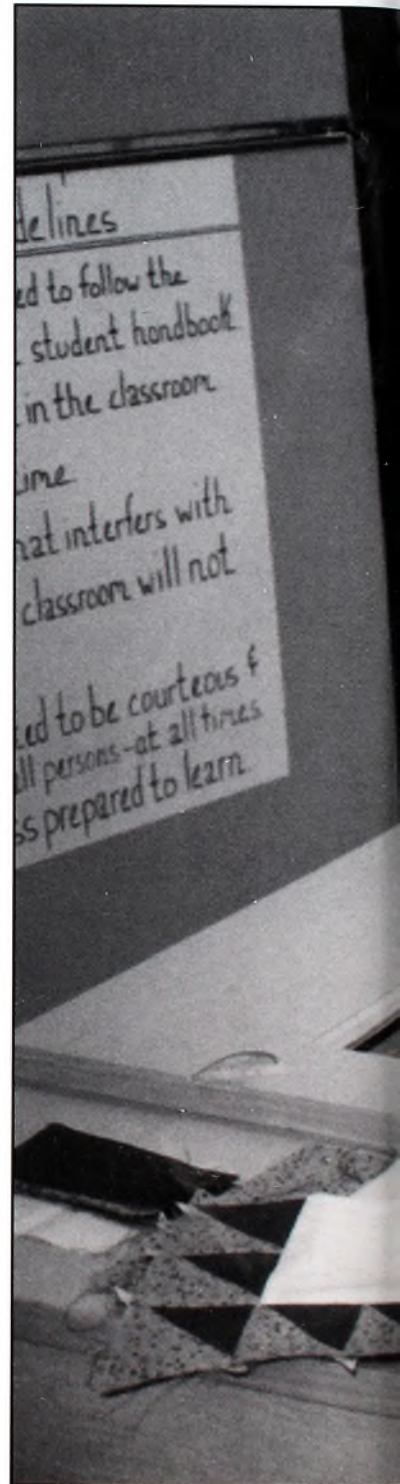
--50 students had marketing internships

--\$1,000 was spent on food for cooking classes

With aid from art teacher Carolyn Schmitz, seniors Jessica Walkup and Angela Williams work on a project. (photo by Shelly Dutcher)



Finishing up her quilt, senior Nederah Ross concentrates on making a straight seam. (photo by Shelly Dutcher)



by Beth Anderson



Gaining a helpful life skill, junior Rocio Moore learns how to rag paint a wall dur-

ing her Home Maintenance class with Amy Houston. (photo by Abby Rogers)



Teen parenting students discuss the responsibilities they have while taking care of their fish babies.

After receiving their fish babies, sophomore Jenny Baum and junior Kim Hayley decide on names. (photos by Dan Vlach)



During a panel discussion in teen parenting, Jeff Gustafson talks about how having a baby has affected his life. Teen parenting dealt directly with building good parenting skills. (photo by Mark Ward)

Computer friendly

They were everywhere. There was no avoiding them. In almost every class we took, computers were part of the routine.

Spanish classes reviewed vocabulary and made Hyperstudio projects. Geometry students discovered theorems. Journalism students designed publications and wrote stories. English classes composed themes. Science students got lab results.

Many classes used computers to find or to report research.

"My favorite thing to do in the lab is work with Hypercard," junior Maura Hiner said. "We made stacks about plate tectonics when we were studying the earth's movement in Earth Science."

Students who were tackling research projects got to use the lab to hunt for sources.

"It was interesting when we searched the Internet for marketing," junior Chad Loveless said. "We had to turn in current events weekly and it was a lot more fun to pull the articles off the Internet."

Making mundane, unavoidable tasks more fun was one of the most common praises of computers. Even

typing was more enjoyable.

"Typing papers in the lab is better than typing them at home because we have more access to things," junior Justin Riddle said. "It's easier to make corrections and to look up additional sources."

Of course, saving time was a big benefit of using computers.

"Our Creative Writing class uses the computer lab to save time on our papers," junior Kate Casari said. "Instead of writing things out, we just go right to the computers and start typing. Then we go back and make changes."

Some classes did more creative projects in the lab.

"In Spanish we had fun when we went to the computer lab to make Valentine's Day cards," junior Ryan Lee said.

Students in Beginning Newspaper and Beginning Yearbook spent a lot of class time in front of the computer. Students learned how to design ad-

vertisements and headlines and also created page layouts.

"My favorite thing we did was creating ads using Pagemaker," sophomore Kelle Hanner said. "It was fun learning how to use different fonts."

What's going on here



Freshman Christopher Bussard works on Hyperstudio. (photo by Sarah Baker)

-14 computer labs were available

-\$400,000 was used for new computer equipment

During his study hall, freshman Jason McGuire works on his English theme. Students were required to write 10 themes per year for English. (photo by Kristina Ward)



Freshmen Mark Fortkamp and Sam Clinch use one of the science computer labs to finish an Honors Biology lab. All classes were required to use computers at least once a year. (photo by Abby Rogers)

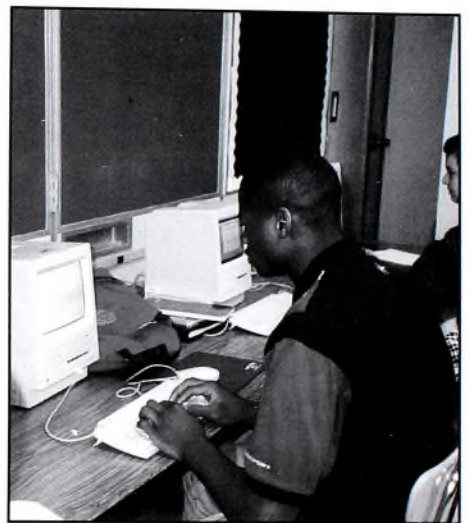
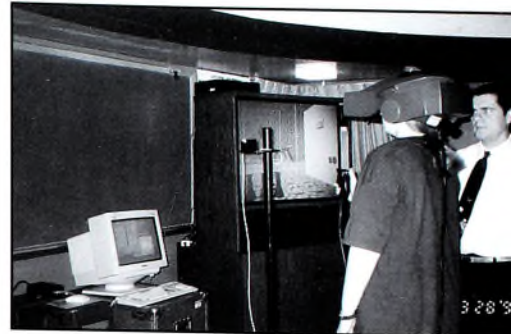
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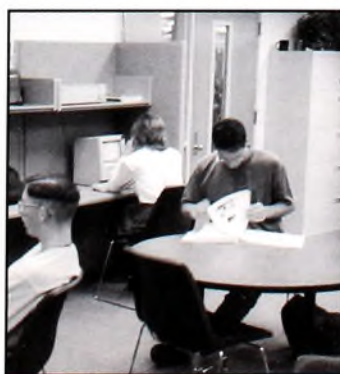
Engineering technology teacher Mark Bowder supervises seniors Doug Woleben and Casey Hansen as they work on their 3-D studio project. The class curriculum revolved around computer technology. (photo by Kristina Ward)

Before printing, sophomore Lindsay Rogers looks over her headline design one last time. Beginning Yearbook students spent a lot of time creating pages on the computer. (photo by Jason Livermore)

During her science class, sophomore Kristen Connor experiences Virtual Reality. Science students had the opportunity to experiment with the equipment. (photo by Sarah Baker)



In the Language Lab, senior Victor Ebong finishes up a grammar exercise during his Spanish class. (photo by Bethany Simpson)



While senior Katie Fullmer uses the computer college search, senior Mike Dworak flips through college magazines. The College-Career Center helped students plan for their futures using the latest technology. (photo by Kristina Ward)

Out of your seat

Up and out of his seat to give his 3-minute prepared speech. Up on the stage to rehearse her lines for a one act play. Up on the risers to go over the song for that night's program one last time.

For students who didn't like to be confined to a desk, there were lots of alternatives. In fact, in classes like speech, drama, music, marksmanship and debate students hardly got a chance to sit down.

"Speech is a fun class where we learn how to give speeches and to be confident in front of groups," senior Stephanie Vanunius said.

Students learned how to give "how to" speeches, informative speeches, and even practiced impromptu speeches.

"My favorite thing in speech class is going to the tournaments," junior Jeff Nicolaisen said. "My speech was on pros from *All the King's Men*. I really like *Advanced* speech."

Debators discussed US foreign relations and policy.

Another class where kids were constantly on their feet was drama. With different levels of drama class student could find where they fit in and were able to progress.

"I'm in Honors Drama 5-6," senior Laurie Epstein said. "I think it's been a great opportunity to direct a one-act play. It's given me a lot of experience for college."

Junior Lance Polikov also enjoyed drama.

"It's fun to do many different scenes whether it's comedy, serious, or a tragedy. I think it's a great stress reliever."

Students who liked working with lighting and sound were involved with Stagecraft. In this class students were up and at 'em helping to build the sets for the theater productions.

Students were always up and moving in music classes.

"We don't learn just how to sing the music, we learn how to comprehend and know what we're singing," senior Geoff Carlson said.

Senior Kerin Tate, who planned to continue singing after high school, said, "I hope to keep singing in

the choir in college and I think this class has prepared me well."

"My favorite thing in marksmanship is the overall competitions," junior Justin Armsbury said. "I really enjoy the orienteering meets and the map reading competitions."

What's going on here



Juliet and the nurse finish their scene during a presentation for freshman English students. (photo by Shelli Martin)

--378 freshmen watched professionals perform *Romeo and Juliet*

--3 concerts were held

In debate, freshman Jessie Overman presents her research. (photo by Erin Swanson)



Junior English student Amie Coy presents her research paper to the class. Speeches were required in all English classes. (photo by Mark Ward)



Getting ready for their one-act in drama class, sophomores Kaleigh Steere and Libby Lind practice their lines. Drama students studied a wide variety of works, from Shakespeare to Woody Allen. (photo by Abby Rogers)

by Shelli Martin



AP English students act out one of the scenes from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. AP students studied many works of British literature. (photo by Cherie Connors)

During Sophomore Honors English, Sara Pearson uses a model of a castle to explain her speech topic. (photo by Abby Rogers)



ate with your

Supposedly there were only two things we could count on in life: **learn and pass.** There was one other thing, though, that all of us were almost guaranteed--homework.

"Every night, unless we had a test, I had homework in American history," junior Brian Zimmerman said. Zimmerman said he spent, on the average, three to four hours on homework each night.

Some classes required more homework than others and students quickly figured out the best time and place to get their homework done.

"Human Growth, Pottery and Spanish took about two or three hours a night for me to finish," junior Jim Vobejda said.

After a while, students slipped into a homework routine, knowing what to expect from each class.

"I always had more than enough homework in American history," junior Amie Coy commented. "German was not much better, but I only spent about two hours finishing my worksheets and reading."

Because of the sometimes excessive amount of homework in certain classes, many students had the misconception that teachers plotted

against them to have all of their tests and major projects due on the same day.

"It seems that my social studies teacher and my English teacher always plan tests for the same day," junior Janelle Treat said. "If it's not that, it is always something else."

Another problem that many students suffered from was not understanding their homework, sometimes because of absences.

"If you don't understand something one day, then you are lost for the rest of the unit," junior Brett Clure said.

Missing a day was often most damaging in a math class, where it seemed like every day brought a new theorem or concept, as well as more homework.

"If I don't understand my homework, I usually go in either before or after school and have my teacher help me with it," junior Jeff Luedtke said.

Despite being overwhelmed at times, some students were able to take a philosophical approach to the homework dilemma.

"You have to take your work home in the business world to keep up with your competition," junior Chad Loveless said. "I guess we're just getting a head start."

What's going on here?



Seniors Sydney Graham and Lori Weis work together on Calculus. (photo by Sarah Baker)

-Science Seminar students spent nearly 77 hours on their projects

-AP English students spent about 3 hours studying for a test

Algebra 3-4 students listen as Molly Witzenburg goes over their homework problems. (photo by Shelli Martin)



Junior Paul Nabity uses passing period to finish up his math assignment. Math students could expect homework nightly. (photo by Mark Ward)



Sophomore Shameka Tate takes advantage of a few minutes at the end of class to start her American government assignment. (photo by Shelli Martin)

During a study hall, Doreen Munoz gets help from Success Center facilitator junior Tara Kelley on her math. (photo by Abby Rogers)

by Joe Barro



Juniors in American history work together on a World War II discussion guide. (photo by Shelli Martin)

With only a few minutes of class left, juniors Cory Itkin and Melissa Caniglia work to wrap up their AP Biology tests. (photo by Jon Broder)



After missing a day of class, junior Angie Batchelder makes up an English test. Most students had English readings to complete every night. (photo by Mark Ward)

Going high tech

Students who signed up for classes like Desktop Publishing, Computer Programming and CAD knew they would be spending a lot of time in front of a computer, but those who were in Family and Consumer Science classes, Keyboarding and Physics were sometimes surprised at how much of their class time was spent with a computer keyboard.

Whether headed to college or off to the business world, many students opted for a keyboarding class, where students used IBMs to master word processing basics.

"Taking Keyboarding will help me in college," junior Kerry Knight said. "The teacher shows us good techniques to use on the computers."

Instead of using paper, colored pencils and press type, family and consumer science students used the computer a great deal.

In MAC CAD/Design, students used the computers to create their own fashions and complete interior decorating projects. Some students even took design workshop where they actually got a chance to make the creations they had designed.

Physics students used computers to complete all of their labs. Everything

from measuring velocity to graphing data was done using the Physics Computer Lab.

"I took Physics because I am good with math," senior Mike Sortino said. "I was surprised how much we use the computers. They are a big part of the class."

AP Biology students also took advantage of the technology to compute and analyze data.

"The computers are a vital part of the class," said senior Brad Reynolds. "Our labs are all done using the computers."

Students in CAD learned to design buildings using the latest computer software.

"The best thing about CAD is that I can design my own dream home," junior Ryan Malizewski said.

Sophomore Jeremy Wasco said he planned to become an architect and thought CAD was helping him prepare for his future career.

In Computer Graphics class, art students

worked almost exclusively on computers.

"I have to put my drawing in details and then use the computer to make my piece realistic," junior Michaela Hargins said. "Computer Graphics is something I really love doing."

What's going on here



Checking her typing book, freshman Natasha Wright confirms that she is following the correct format. (photo by Sarah Baker)

-200 computers were available for word processing

-The Family and Consumer Sciences Lab had 12 computers

Looking at the results of their lab, seniors Mikhail Shekhtman and Eugene Kulik use the Physics Computer Lab to analyze their data. (photo by Abby Rogers)



by Beth Anderson



Seniors Khader and Yasser Abounasr work on their AP Physics problems together. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Sophomore Amanda Shoeman uses the Business Lab to finish her typing assignment. (photo by Abby Rogers)



In the Family and Consumer Science Lab, sophomore Tabitha Davis works on her Parenting Issues vocabulary words. Students used the computers in nearly all Family and Consumer classes. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Using the AutoCad Lab, sophomore Michaela Hansen finishes her architecture project. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Hands on experience

The student sat isolated, completely focused on the canvas in front of him. In the room directly beneath him, another student intently stared at her computer screen as she finished up her floor plan.

Hands-on experiences were an every day occurrence in many classes, especially art and industrial technology classes.

"I like pottery. It's different from my other classes," junior *A n g e l a* Batchelder said. "It's a change in the day."

Pottery students worked on many projects throughout the year. Some of the favorites were making personalized boxes and working on the wheel.

Studio Art was another popular elective for art students.

"In Studio Art, I direct them by giving the students a problem or a concept," teacher Jayne Kolterman said. "After I give them the concept, they work through it on their own. Many of the art classes are linking between high school and college because the students are coming up with their own ideas."

Coming up with their own ideas was also part of drafting.

"The reason I took drafting was because I want to be an architect," senior *Jessie Moore* said. "It's been the best class I have taken at Burke."

Drawing Principles and Design was not only a popular class for its creative projects, but also because it was a prerequisite for other classes.

One of the favorite projects was the colorful mandolas.

"I've always drawn. It's something fun to do," senior *Trevor Putnum* said. "Art is one of my favorite classes."

Printmaking, Sculpture, and Oil Painting were fun classes among art students. Painting techniques and creativity were emphasized in these classes. "I really like taking art," freshman *Kristen Petersen* said. "My favorite thing is painting."

Applied Design consisted of one semester of basic jewelry making, and one semester of fiber related art.

"This class was really fun because we got to use our imagination and make our own designs," junior *Bridget Sullivan* said.

Building Construction was another class where the students were always busy working. Students built things like cabinets and storage sheds.

What's going on here



Junior *Jessica Doty* works on her charcoal portrait. (photo by *Sarah Baker*)

-Pottery students paid a \$10.50 clay fee each semester

-12 bird houses were donated by Building Construction students

As senior *Derek Cohn* and sophomore *Brandon Bridgeford* put the finishing touches on a bird house, sophomore *Matt Hendrickson* looks on. The class donated 12 houses and 12 feeders to *Fontenelle Forest*. (photo by *Laura Bockelman*)

Using the wheel, junior *Lindsay Votava* works to create a pot. Students learned various techniques that could be used to make pottery. (photo by *Shelli Martin*)

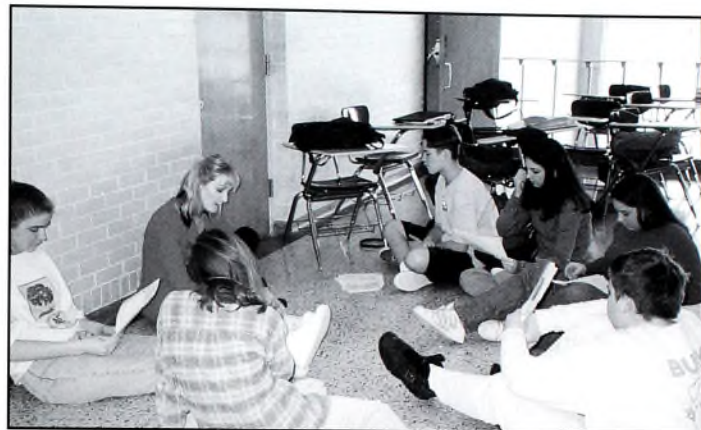


by *Beth Anderson*



Beginning Yearbook students freshman Nicole Flatowicz and sophomore LaQuela Chism look through magazines for type samples. (photo by Jason Livermore)

During Shakespeare Upbound, freshmen in Honors English go over a scene from *Romeo and Juliet* to be performed at the end of the week. (photo by Abby Rogers)



Car Care students listen as their teacher introduces the day's lesson. Many students took the class hoping to avoid huge auto repair bills. (photo by Shelli Martin)



In Advanced Drawing, sophomore Kelvin Elem works on his sketch. The class was taught by Dreanna Hadash. (photo by Shelli Martin)

Healthy choices

Eating right and keeping fit. We all knew it was important to make healthy choices, but for students who typically headed to the Coke and candy machines to grab their breakfast on the way homeroom, making the lessons a reality took effort.

The importance of good eating habits was stressed in Sports Nutrition and Cooking Today.

"In Cooking Today we learn how to prepare food," junior Kerry Knight said. "We make a lot of different dishes. I'm glad I took it because when I'm on my own I won't have to rely on macaroni and cheese."

Life-time fitness was the focus of many physical education classes.

"In Aquatics, we take one day each week for fitness day," teacher Sue Rosenthal said. "We work with fitness because life guards and swim instructors have to be in good shape."

Aerobics was another class that encouraged a healthy lifestyle and taught regular exercise programs that could be done throughout one's life.

"We do a lot of different aerobic programs that make exercise more fun,"

said sophomore Jackie Hill. "Since we have aerobics everyday, exercising has become part of my routine and I'm sure I'll always be fitness conscious."

Students who liked exercise, but wanted to combine sweat with socializing often opted for Team Sports. In the class, students played games like basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball.

"People who enjoy more active sports and like a more relaxed atmosphere for gym class would really like Team Sports," sophomore Steve Finley said.

"Basketball was the best because it was really competitive, but still fun," he explained.

Judo was another choice students had after taking one year of general physical education.

"We go to competitions against other schools," sophomore Erika Gueterslosh said. "I took Judo because I've always been interested in it and it was a change instead of

taking regular gym class. We learn different moves and techniques. It's fun."

Students could also opt for ROTC classes when fulfilling graduation requirements.

What's going on here



Junior Dinita Haynes measures a teaspoon of baking soda. (photo by Sarah Baker)

--25% of students took more than two years of PE

--20% of FACS students were male

Physical Education students work to cut their times on the mile run. (photo by Jason Livermore)



In Teen Parenting class, freshman Janaun Erwin practices proper techniques for infant CPR. (photo by Nicole Violet)



by Laura Bockelman

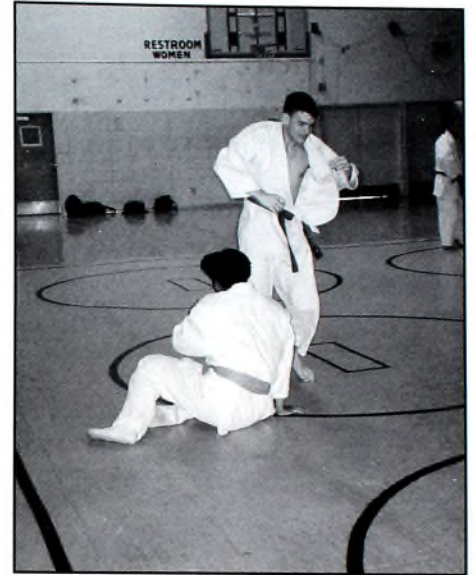


Preparing a meal for his cooking class, junior Kenya

Andrews browns meat. (photo by Abby Rogers)



Physical Education students play basketball. (photo by Laura Bockelman)



In Judo, junior Ryan Wolken practices his moves on a classmate. Students aimed for black belt status. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Senior Julie Lund stirs as senior Lori Weis, junior Kerry Knight and senior Tony Smiley look on. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Break from class

Every day we went to the same classes with the same people, but every once in a while there was a break in the routine of notetaking, tests, quizzes and group work.

"I look forward to lunch," junior Missy Morrissey said. "I get to talk to all of my friends and just relax."

Even though our classes were always exciting, many students complained of being tired. Some were even able to catch a few zz's in study hall before the teacher interrupted.

"If I don't have any homework to do, I like to catch up on my sleep in study hall," sophomore Adam Meir said.

Unexpected interruptions from class were always appreciated. Even though teachers hated having their classes interrupted by fire drills, most students were more than willing to make the sacrifice for safety's sake.

"Fire drills are a great chance to talk to your friends, and they are also good when the weather outside is nice," senior Anna Basso said.

Even planned breaks were a relief. Assemblies, like the one for Martin Luther King, Jr., were a welcome alternative to class.

"Assemblies are a nice break from class," junior Jason Tierney said. "At the Martin Luther King, Jr., assembly I had the chance to learn about an important person in history."

Juniors and seniors found that when college representatives came to speak it was a good way to check out colleges and get a break in the day.

"I visited the Creighton University representative when he was here," senior Lori Weis said. "It was convenient to get the information I needed while I was at school."

Career Day, a day when seniors reported to a job instead of school, was a change from the hectic school day.

"I went to the WOWT news station," senior Karin Tate said. "My career day experience was successful because I got to watch a live taping of the Channel 6 news. It was as close to hands-on experience as possible."

Field trips were another change of pace for students. All the honors English students got

to see *A Midsummer Nights Dream* at the Omaha Community Playhouse.

"I really liked having the chance to see the play," senior Greg Norris said. "It was a nice break from English class, and I also thought the play was good."

What's going on here



Counselor Holly Willert discusses next year's scheduling options with junior Jeff Anderson. (photo by Sarah Baker)

--30 to 40 students used the library each hour

--Counselors saw an average of 70 students daily

DRC teacher Nancy Haverman helps one of her students strategize a way to get all of her work done. (photo by Mark Ward)



During study hall, senior Tracy Tompkins finishes typing her English paper. The computer lab provided students with a word processing lab for typing assignments. (photo by Abby Rogers)



by Laura Bochelmann



During their study hall, sophomore Brandon Bridgeford, seniors

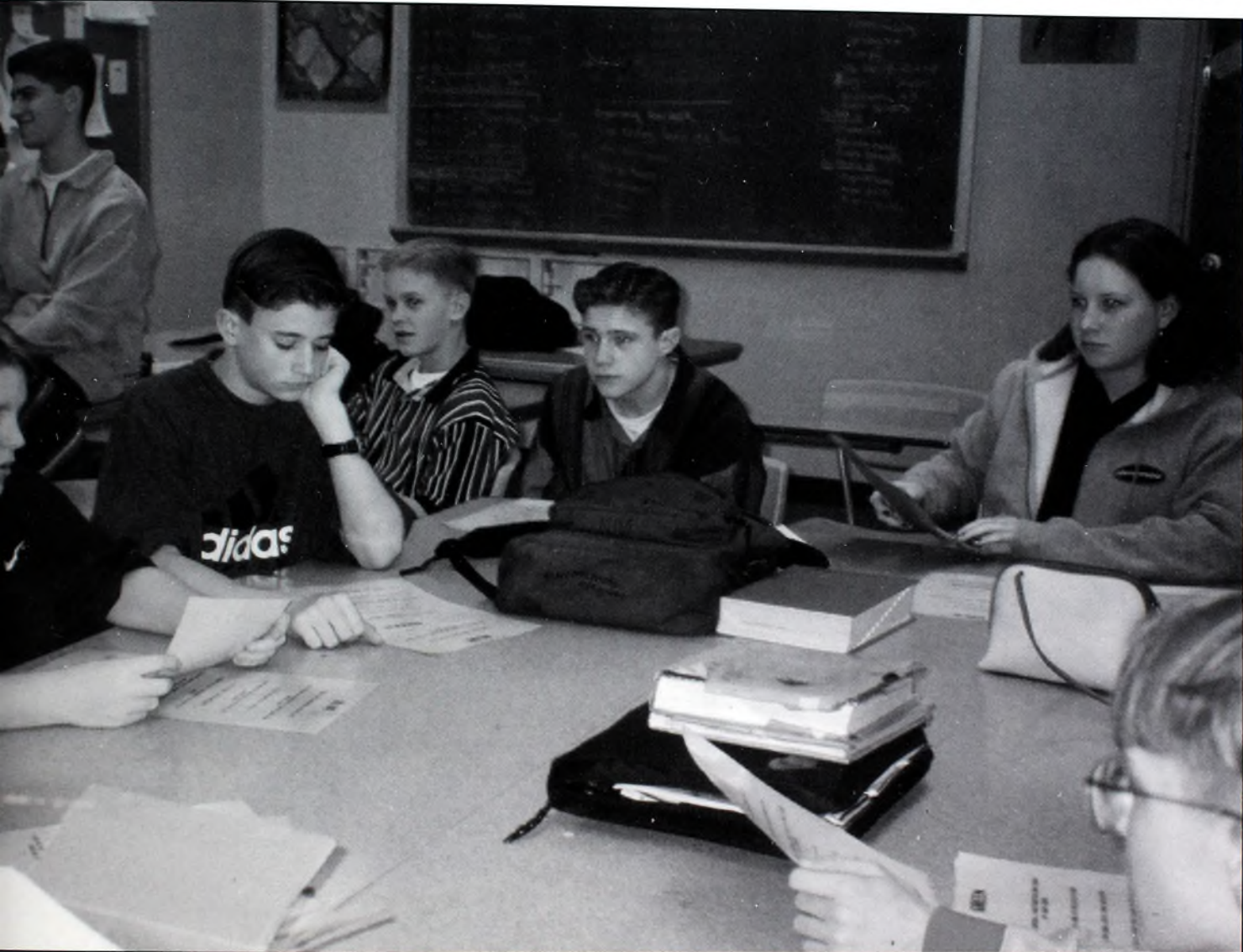
Katy Jones and Candace Youngblood work on last-minute

details for their assignments. (photo by Mike Humphry)



The Ensemble performs at the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly. (photo by Wade Parkins)

Freshman Humanities students learn their true colors with some help from guidance counselor D. Moritz. (photo by Molly Witzenburg)



Study hall students wait for their teacher so they can sign out. Students made good use of their free 45 minutes. (photo by Marilyn Kumpke)

ever-ending

Nearly everyone experienced it at least once in high school, that feeling like there were needles in the tips of your fingers. Gradually the pain trickled to the back of your hand, and up your entire arm, incapacitating you. No longer able to hold a pen, let alone write, you tried shaking your hand and even pounding it

our desk, all to no avail. But still the teacher droned on, gleefully flipping on a new overhead sheet covered with barely legible notes. Social studies, science and English were the subjects students most often complained about taking notes in. Usually the notes students managed to get on paper, however, were essential to the class later on.

"I know that whatever Ms. Kelly says will be on the test, so I always try to write everything down, and if miss something I ask for someone else's notes," junior Allison Gordon said. "It's sometimes hard to get everything."

Sometimes missing notes or not understanding the teacher meant catching up later.

"I take the most notes in World History. I also read the textbook and try to understand it," senior Brian

Janky said.

Hearing students often thought it would be great to not have to take notes, and were often surprised to discover there were many drawbacks to not taking your own notes.

"I usually take about five pages of notes a week or one page a day in Algebra," junior Ryan Malizewski, who is hearing impaired, said. "The teacher asked me if I wanted a notetaker, but I usually don't want one because I can't always read the other person's handwriting."

Notetakers typically found it beneficial to take notes with someone else in mind.

"I took notes for a hearing impaired student in my Human Growth class," senior Jenny Rowedder said. "I used carbon paper so I could give him a copy. I think it actually helped me because I had to pay really close attention and take careful notes."

Most students developed tricks and short cuts to help them cut down on some of

the writing.

"I use tricks to help me take notes in my classes," sophomore Jeremy Wasco said. "I abbreviate the words so I don't write every single word. It really helps when the teachers use the overhead. Then I can just copy it."

What's going on here

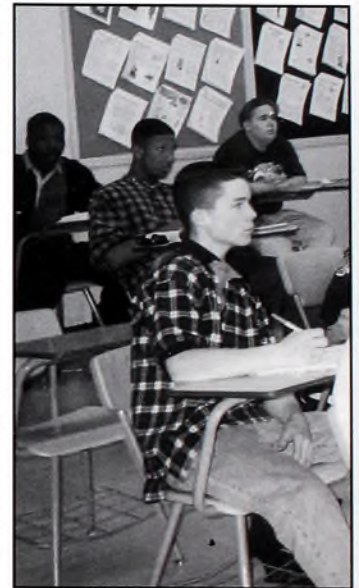
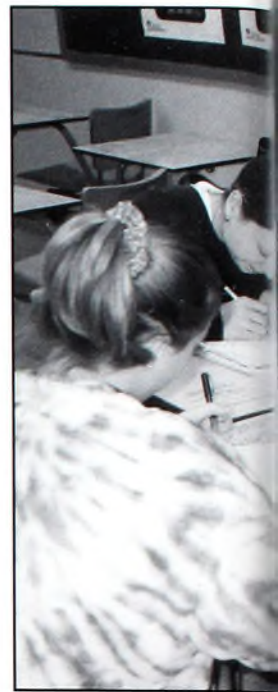


Junior Erik Johnson takes notes during Spanish class. (photo by Sarah Baker)

--The average student used 13 spiral notebooks during the year

--A pen at the bookstore costs 50 cents

After taking notes over the lesson, Pre-Calculus students work together on an enrichment activity. (photo by Abby Rogers)



Sophomore Jake Stone takes notes as he listens to teacher Karen Owen's lecture on *Oliver Twist*. (photo by Shelli Martin)

Before watching *Apocalypse Now*, AP English students take notes over the book *Heart of Darkness*. AP students found themselves constantly taking notes. (photo by Abby Rogers)

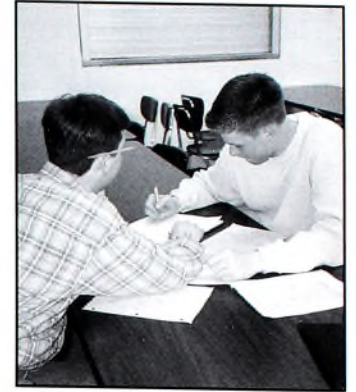
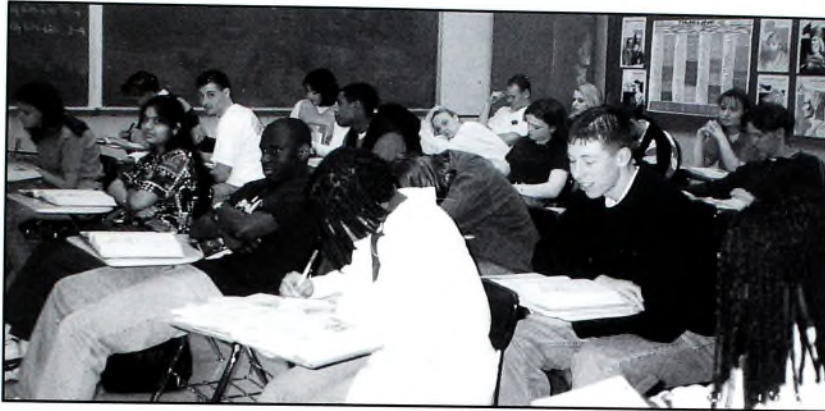
by Beth Anderson



Preparing for a press conference, freshman Jamie Thiessen, Corrine Ausdemore and Leanna Johnson record notes. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Paying close attention to the lecture, American history students take careful notes over the lesson. (photo by Shelli Martin)

During study hall, juniors Ethan Deas and Ben Connor look over their biology notes. Science classes combined lab activities and notes. (photo by Abby Rogers)



Winning awards

Students received numerous awards and honors during the year. Before school even began, sophomore Nathan Clute placed first in the State Fair Social Studies Competition.

The awards just kept coming our way. In the Colonial Dames Essay Competition, junior David Proksel was a winner both at the state and national level.

Senior Jennifer Aussicker was named Outstanding Secondary Student by the Metro American Society for Deaf Children and seniors Anna Basso and Shannon Robson won the First Bank Award.

Art students honored with Nebraska Scholastic Art Awards included Lea Hill, Thomas Laird, Nederah Ross, Amanda Tolleson, Termaine Wells, Eric Goeken, Kelly Johnson, Sydney Graham, Hayley Morinelli and Laura White. In the Bellevue University Art Show, Graham, Effie Winkelmann and Krissy Barsness received awards in the Ceramic division.

At the District Play Production Contest, drama students earned a first place.

Journalism students brought back several awards. Students who won

contests for their writing, layout or photography included Sarah Baker, Anna Basso, Cherie Connors, Nicole Davison, Paul Dye, Scott Fortkamp, Mark Kratina, Rosie Mellion, Abby Rogers, Tara Tidwell, Rachel Warne. The 1995 Yearbook also won a Cornhusker Award.

The ninth grade Knowledge Master

Team, setting a new Burke record, received the top Nebraska score in the fall Knowledge Masters Competition.

Science students won a lot of recognition, too. Fariha Ahmed, Ryan Denniston, Brad Holmes and Ann Waugh had four of the five projects selected to advance to the state competition at the Metropolitan Junior Academy of Science. At the Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair at UNO, the following students won: Lindsay Rogers, Brad Holmes, Ann Waugh, Ahmed, and Brad Holmes.

Academic Decathlon member Tara O'Dowd was named the Top Honors Scorer of All Schools at the State contest.

Students picked up many honors at the State History Day Competition held in Lincoln. Winners included Nicole Young, Jessica Moore and Kerin Tate.

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Senior Jenny Rowedder walks across the stage to accept her gold braid. (photo by JoAnn Rowedder)

--7 journalists qualified for the State contest

--9 Decathlon students competed at State

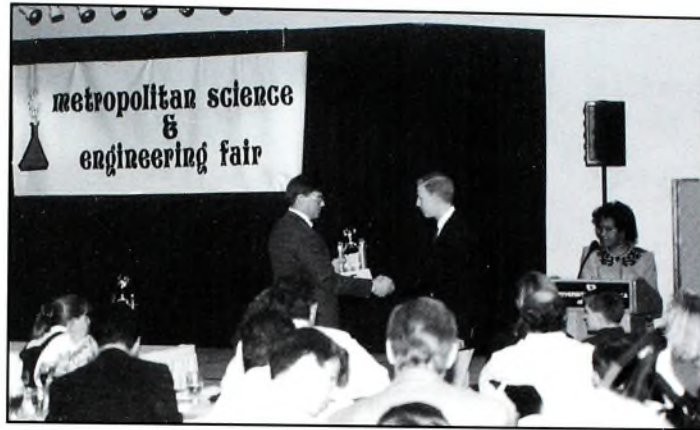
At the State DECA conference, junior Jessie Zahn displays her campaigning board. Zahn competed for vice president and won the position. (photo by Jeff Gustafson)



by Bethany Simpson



At the Quill & Scroll holiday get-together, seniors Abby Rogers and Sarah Baker and sophomore Tara Tidwell enjoy their fast food. All three journalism students won awards for their entries into various contests. (photo by Mark Ward)



Walking across the stage, senior Brad Holmes accepts his first place trophy at the Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair. The fair is one of three that Science Seminar students enter annually. (photo by Greg Pavlik)



As two judges listen carefully, senior Ann Waugh explains her Science Seminar project. In her second year as a seminar student, Waugh placed first at State, earning a spot at Nationals. (photo by Greg Pavlik)

At the Optimist Club, juniors Paul Nabity and Andrew Beckenhauer, English department head Joan Hobart and junior Dave Saylor pose with their plaque. (photo courtesy Joan Hobart)

Plans to talk

by Abby
Rogers

About

I only have
five more
candy bars

to sell!

Is the
meeting
on the
balcony or
in the
cafeteria?

Selling: candy bars, M&Ms, T-shirts, frozen pies, steaks, pizza, gift wrap, raffle tickets. If you wanted something, chances were pretty good that someone was selling it to raise money for their club.

Money was nearly always essential for clubs to carry out their big plans. Club B needed paints and markers to decorate the school, Marching Band members needed money for new uniforms and journalism students needed money for their publications.

But not everything required money. Some plans just took a lot of time. Time to talk about what to do, how to do it and then following through.

Homecoming, the Sack-the-Principal Drive and collecting cans didn't just happen. We had to make it happen.





Struggling to keep her team from crossing the line, senior Tanisha Avery gives it her all in the tug-of-war at Oak Valley's Motion Explosion. Several NHS students volunteered to help with the event. (photo by Charlene Liesveld)

Spanish Club members get into the spirit of things on their Homecoming float. Many clubs sponsored floats in the parade. (photo by Cherie Connors)



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Survival skills and empowerment for success were the emphasis of **African American Achievers**.

Academic Decathlon members prepared for academic contests.

Art Club members painted murals for our Adopt-A-School partners.

Ambassadors toured and helped orient new students to Burke.



ACADEMIC DECATHLON Front row: Jeff Shapiro, Jason Mashek, Lisa Delashmatt, Lance Polikov, Jay Lewis, Lisa Pittor, Amy Elson, Jill Faraci. Row 2: Don Gilpin, Ryan Larson, Stephanie Diamantis, Cory Itkin, Michael Kricksfeld, Brent Holmquist, Paul Nabity, Tara O'Dowd. Row 3: Matt Pelowski, Brett Olson, Kristianne Vieregger, Orde Badaksh, Courtney Schuettner, Farha Ahmed. Back row: Jeff Nichalison, Andy Itkin, Greg Norris, Carl Schroeder, Victor Ebong, Ted Heieck, Michael Sortino. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVERS Front row: Adarryl Terrell, Angela Scranton, Katy Jones, Tasha Collar, Jaime Ross, LaQuela Chism, Kristen Mahone, Joyneeda Stevens, Alisha Drainé, Leslie Simmons, Kaushan Richardson. Row 2: Marlin Sams, Omar Henderson, Shandra Chatman, Camekia Evans, Tonisha Thorpe, Mary Gordon, Keele Hanter, Brandy Broadway, Missy Bradley, Becky Bell, Adrienne Moore, Candace Martin, Quinette Parker, Teisha Graham, Ron Davis. Row 3: Nick Johnson, Matt Igbo, Brian Hodges, Johnny Flye, Kahail Shaheed, LaJoyce Hunter, Starla Sanders, Adrial Mitchell, Nicole Wright, Samantha Johnson, Kyre Norton, Taneya Cousin, Francis Ebong. Back row: Corey Evans, Jay Saunders, Montice Griggs, LaTroy Cole, Terrell Anderson, Jason Gaskin, Lisa Hill, Antwang Beatigard, Victor Ebong, Tanisha Avery, Chanell Hickey, Richard Nettles, Carlos Moore, Kathy Miller, Damion Ross, Damion Crucee, Travis Hays. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



ART CLUB Front row: Linda Dysek, Heather Otto, Jodi Lerner, Stephanie Danner, Carolyn Schmitz (sponsor). Back row: Shannon Kelly, Wyatt Tuell, Paul Nabity, Amanda Tolefson. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



BURKE AMBASSADORS Front row: Cathy Younger, Cherie Nath, Anna Wolcott, Matt Johnson, Katie Fullmer, Lisa Goodwin, Jessie Moore, Charles Novotny. Row 2: Starla Sanders, Jason Mortensen, Jat Lewis, Mike Kricksfeld, Cory Itkin, Missy Bradley, Arina Woods, Jim Cooke, Scott Craven. Row 3: Andt Bassett, Jeremy Wright, Alyssa Arends, Cherie Connors, Sydney Graham, Becky Bell, Ann Waugh, Maria Gorelova. Back row: Troy Pollard, Mark Kratina, Troy Whitmarsh, Angie Scranton, non-member, Tanisha Avery, Ryan Wolken, Damion Ross, Marlin Sams, Terrell Anderson. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Studio)

Senior Julie Kinkennon and juniors Kathy Younger, Melanie Bartlett and Yvonne Winbush work at Motion Explosion. (photo by Charlene Leivsfeld)



Academic Decathlon members pose for a picture before they hop the ferry to Staten Island. (photo by Kris Vieregger)



MIND GAMES

Brain power needed for competitions



At Motion Explosion, seniors Brad Reynolds and Jason Epstein help a competitor win his race. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Mock Trial participants sophomores Rosie Mellion and Amy Nilsson get some last minute advice from their attorney, John Murray. Murray's team competed in two trials at the Douglas County courthouse. (photo by Irene Mellion)

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat weren't reserved for the athletes of the school. Many students were involved in groups that required them to use their minds in competitions.

Students in Knowledge Masters worked as a team to compete against other schools. Students had to answer questions about a broad range of topics, everything from literature and grammar, to math and science.

"It was hard," junior Kristinanne Vieregger said. "I didn't know very many of the answers, but a lot of the team members knew more. It took a long time, and our brains were tired at the end, but it was fun."

Another group that competed against other schools was Academic Decathlon. The group focused on the United Nations and also covered math, science, speech, economics, and even *The Odyssey*.

The team placed 5th in state competition. Other team members who won medals included junior Tara O'Dowd who was the top honors scorer of all schools. O'Dowd also earned medals in social studies, economics, super quiz, fine arts, language and literature and interview.

Other medalists included senior Ted Heieck, junior Jason Mashek, junior Cory Itkin, senior Carl Schroeder, junior Jeff Shapiro, senior Don Gilpin, junior Zach Franklin, senior Fariha Ahmed, senior Victor Ebong and senior Greg Norris.

"Academic Decathlon is fun," senior Mike Sortino said. "It should prepare me well for my college courses next year."

Mock Trial also required its members to be on their toes. Students worked in teams to prepare a defense and prosecution for a case about an accidental shooting.

"Mock Trial was a great experience for me," junior Jill Peterson said. "I had fun doing it and being on the stand made me feel more comfortable speaking in front of a crowd."



Senior Sarah Kirke helps out with Motion Explosion for NHS. NHS members had to maintain a 3.5 GPA. (photo by Charlene Leisveld)



by Mike Ruback & Aaron Shefren

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The **Burke Beat** staff produced 6 regular issues and 2 special editions.

The **Burke Book** was named one of the top yearbooks in the state.

Freshman Cheerleaders had to learn 5 8-counts for football season.

Sophomore Cheerleaders won a spirit stick at camp.

JV Cheerleaders won 5th at Nationals.



BURKE BEAT Front row: Deb Ward (sponsor), Laurie Epstein, Anna Basso, Rachel Warne, Rose Mellion. Row 2: Jason Livermore, Alan DePorte, Jessie Zahn, Tammy Cruz, Megan Lien, Nicole Davison, Sarah Baker, Jenny Ericksen. Row 3: Mike Ruback, Aaron Shefren, Cherie Connors, Kristi Vieregger, Paul Nubity, Tara Tidwell, Casie Lindeman. Back row: Mark Kratina, Jason Epstein, Erin Swanson, Julie Ommen, Chris Gillogy, Ashley Brown, Wade Parkins, Ryan Olesh. Not pictured: Tabby Pegler, Scott Fortkamp, Paul Dye. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



BURKE BOOK Front row: Sarah Kirke, Jennie Sandberg, Rachel Warne, Laura Bockelman, Shelli Martin, Beth Anderson, Tana Lauritsen. Row 2: Jill Goossen, Sarah Baker, Bethany Simpson, Jamie Simunaci, Katie Bonniwell, Mindee Rolles. Row 3: Casie Lindeman, Clint Osler, Cherie Connors, Deb Ward (sponsor), Dana Votava, Nicole Violet, Ryan Olesh. Back row: Wade Parkins, Pat Woodman, Joe Basso, Mike Lerner, Jason Livermore, Dan Vlach, Eric Mooss. Not pictured: Abby Rogers (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS Front row: Jennifer Hansen, Dianna Anderson, Ann Weiss. Row 2: Allison Knox, Melissa Shapiro, Laynie Ginsburg, Kim Melonis. Back row: Amber Hoge, Brooke Bunger, Shannon O'Leary, Sarah D'Accio, Anne Nogg. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



SOPHOMORE CHEERLEADERS Front row: Alena Coy, Amy Elson, Autumn Klabunde. Row 2: Beth Doty, Amy Nilsson, Jenny Bailey, Krista Knicely. Back row: Andrea Hoffart, Natalie Mackiel, Kristen Mahone, Carrie Norris, Emily Maschka. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Studio)



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS Front row: Shelli Martin, Katie Sevensing, Lena Weinman. Row 2: Janel Stevens, Lindsay Votava, Jessica Morgan, Angela Batchelder. Row 3: Gina Guerrero, Anjie Coy, Jenna Lowe, Katie Argersinger. Back row: Tana Lauritsen, Jill Peterson, Jessie Zahn. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Studio)

After they received the underclass members of the *Burke Book* sort the name. (photo by Kris Ward)

Members of the newspaper staff work stories for the next issue of the *Beat*. (Mark Ward)



In the Journalism production lab, senior Sarah Baker and junior Clint Osler work on captions for the current events spread of the yearbook. The yearbook's purpose was to record events for students to look at later. (photo by Mark Ward)



SPREAD THE WORD

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ower of the pen becomes a reality



Students who liked to put their pen to paper or their fingers to a keyboard had a variety of clubs from which to choose. Newspaper, Yearbook, Quill & Scroll, and Creative Writing Club members all focused on getting their ideas known to others.

"Our biggest project was Little Shop of Lore," Creative Writing Club member senior Jon Broder said. "We organized a workshop for grade school students so that they could learn to enjoy and share their writing."

"Some of the things we did included writing poems and short stories, a little newspaper writing style, and making a publication that featured one sample of each student's writing," he said.

Naturally, the bulk of Newspaper and Yearbook time was spent producing their publications.

"Meeting deadlines was a big stress for us," Yearbook staff member sophomore Ryan Olesh said. "Around third quarter, everyone started running around like crazy trying to get everything done."

Being on Yearbook staff was generally looked upon as a fun experience.

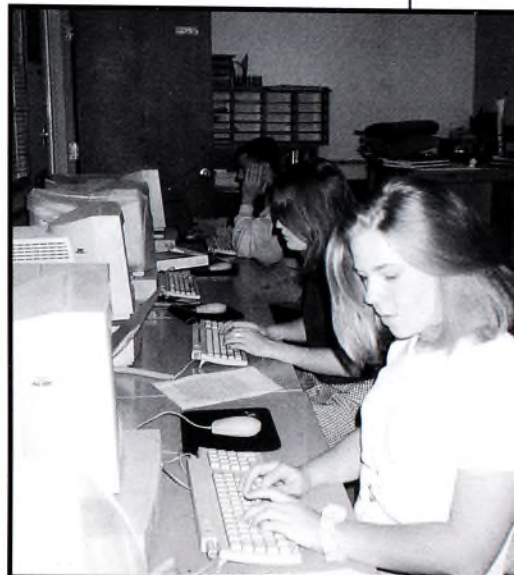
"It gave me the opportunity to capture students memories about their fear of entering high school, driving for the first time, and participating in school activities," senior Pat Woodman said.

Newspaper staff found deadlines hectic.

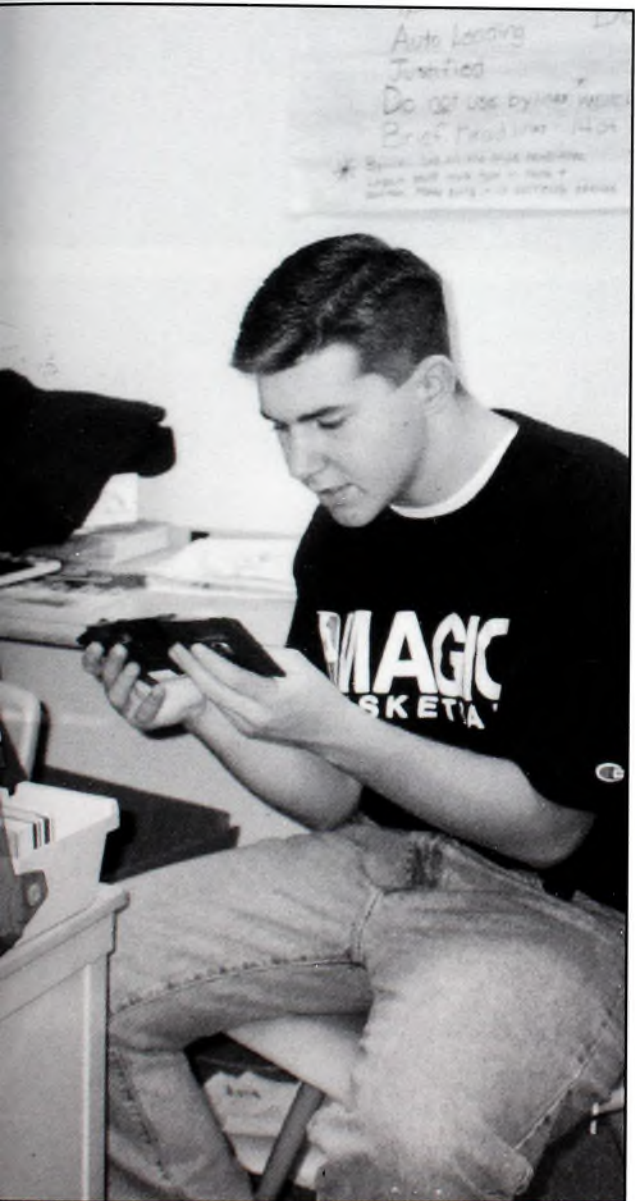
"Right before we had to take the layout boards to the printer we were always pulling our hair out, but newspaper is fun," senior newspaper layout editor Sarah Baker said. "You get to write a lot of stories that inform people."

To get invited to join Quill & Scroll students had to be a member in good standing on one of the publication staffs and they had to be in the top one-fourth of their class. Students who didn't qualify for official membership, could be associate members.

"The main purpose of Quill & Scroll was to organize social activities for the staff," social chairman junior Mark Kratina said. "We try to have two social activities each semester."



Working to complete their rough drafts, members of the *Burke Beat* staff type in the Journalism lab. The staff's job was to keep students informed. (photo by Kris Ward)



by Jamie Simunaci

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VARSITY CHEERLEADERS Front row: Lindsay Drahtman, Shannon Robson. Row 2: Christine Johnsen, Jennifer Rowicker, Valerie Cook, Missy Bradley. Row 3: Laurie Epstein, Anita Bassa, Stephanie Vainuunas. Robbie-Jo Haagenson. Back row: Alyssa Wedemeyer, Suzanne Blume, Becky Bell, Jill Krelle. (photo courtesy Arnold Clark Studio)



At camp, **Varsity Cheerleaders** placed first in their pom routine at camp.



VARSITY SPIRIT CHEERLEADERS Front row: Katie Sup, Tanisha Berry, Jackie Hill. Back row: Julie Horgan, Kim Rainwater, Diana Dennis, Heather Wetler, Jill Faraci, Laura Bockelman, Courtney VanCleave, Chris Swenson, Katie Juhl. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

Varsity Spirit Cheerleaders cheered at all wrestling meets.



CLUB B Front row: Michael Poulsen, Meghan Anderson, Ree Travers, Lindsay Andriik, Kaleigh Steere, Leshe Andriik, Jessie Zahn, Liz Kersten, Mindy Mutz, Missy Beckerle, Jean Ellis. Row 2: Christine Anstey, Josh Peterson, Jackie Newbury, Bettina Scurlock, Jamie Sing, Jolene Wostrel, Rose Mertz, Janelle Olsen, Kara Zamman, Stephanie Vainuunas, Robbie-Jo Haagenson, Katie Argersinger. Row 3: Nicole Juergens, Natalie Horning, Molly Johnson, Mikayla Hansen, Emily Firte, Jacque Serflator, Kimilee Washburn, Dara Rosenberg, Joy Mertz, Nicole Young, Cara Walters. Back row: Chad Leahy, Andy Broussard, Wade Parkins, Julie Ormnen, Jodi Hruska, Gina Bechtold, Becky George, Dan Lively, Tara Tidwell, Ashley Brown, Brooke Bunger. Not pictured: Gina Ray. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Studio)

Club B members made posters to support athletic teams.



FRESHMAN COLOR GUARD Brandon Scholtes, Meghan Kurtz, Shawna Clark, Ben Fundaburg. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Studio)

Color Guard members presented the colors at all home football and basketball games.



VARSITY COLOR GUARD Devin Flint, Justin Artushury, Tom Willmann, Tim Calabro, Jerry Foster. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



At Motion Explosion, National Honor Society students participate in a tug-of-war with elementary students from Oak Valley. (photo by Charlene Liesveld)



A CURRENT AFFAIR

Activities get students involved in community

A little reaching out to the community can have a big impact on people in need. Students worked together to promote an anti-drug message, collected food for needy people and encouraged environmental awareness.

Getting organized was a club's first obstacle.

"At first no one knew how to run the club," sophomore CLOWN member Kim Schuettner said, "but we met three times each month and it ended out working just fine."

Each member of the CLOWNs had to come up with a character.

"We totally clowned out," Schuettner explained. "I stuffed myself into a muscle man. As a group, we performed little skits at other schools."

Key Club members were active in the community, too. Every Wednesday, club members stocked supplies at the Food Bank, sewed belonging bags for the homeless and raised money for the Food Bank.

"Everything we do and every decision we made, we made as a group," sophomore Amy Hoffman said. "Being in Key Club is really fun. It makes me feel good when I help other people."

Students for Environmental Awareness kept busy raising money so they could buy a piece of the rain forest. Members sold T-shirts. Besides fundraising, club members also went on field trips or helped out at the zoo.

"I've always been interested in the environment," sophomore Rosie Mellion said. "Being in SEA gives me a chance to take an active role in preserving the earth's resources."

The group visited Fontenelle Forest and the Henry Doorly Zoo. PPC members tried to help each other cope with life's stresses.

"We work with people within the group who have problems or simple disagreements," sponsor Karen Owens said. "We talk about their own problems with issues like college plans, senioritis, drinking, divorce, poor attendance, and single-parent households."

by Ryan Olesh



Boxes and bags full of paper goods and toiletries fill Mrs. Burmood's office when homerooms took NHS's challenge to "sack the principal." (photo by Wade Parkins)



Getting ready at the Habitat for Humanity Haunted House, junior Brent Holmquist applies make-up to get the right effect. (photo by Charlene Liesveld)

At the BFO teen summit, sophomore Katie Sup listens carefully to Sean Cawley. (photo by Charlene Liesveld)

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The **Concert Choir** received four straight superior ratings at the District Music Competition.

Room 257 housed the **Honors Choir**.

Burke's first literary publication was produced by the **Creative Writing Club**.

Dawg Relief Bible Study was started to bring Christians together.



CONCERT CHOIR *Front row:* Brekke Valerio, Regina Bechtold, Allison Hughell, Jeff Nogg, Lisa Goodwin, Vicky Berthelsen, Mike Cohn, Lisa Pflor, Geoff Carlson, Charlie Brooks, Krittin Holmes, Troy Doyon, Laurie Speers, Katie Fullmer, Bret Katelman, Jamie Sing, Emily Kirke, Alicia Stice, Shelly Biers, Lindsay Kemnitz. *Row 2:* Tom Laird, Amy Hoffman, Shatricka Tate, Yvonne Winbush, Jed Adams, Autumn Klabunde, Olivia Johnson, Steve Finley, Hayley Morinelli, Tamara West, Beth Doty, Jackie Six, Jenny Bailey, Dennis Bright, Kerin Tate, Theresa Soby, Matt Hendrickson, Marissa Reynolds, Julie Linehan. *Row 3:* David Edmonds, Kara Zaiman, Andrea Hoffart, Laquela Chism, Spencer Baggiani, Leigh Wehner, Mike Gabb, Russia Smith, Julie Kinkennon, Brian Nogg, Lakesha Hill, Natalie Macdiel. *Row 4:* Kristi Vieregger, Justin Riddle, Erin Hortes, Emily Griebel, Tim Condon, Sarah Todd, Andi Gutnik, Erica Guetersloeh, Marcie Williams. *Back row:* Michelle Howe, Julie Lund, Melanie Bartlett, Andy DeBoer, Latina Thompson, Krista Roffman, Jessi Doty, Ryan Larson, Jeff Guthmiller, Jennifer Ross, Jennifer Mahone, Courtney Collins, Victor Ebong, Cassie Lindeman, Terrell Anderson, Janelle Olson, Sarah Stone, Jeanne Khmek, Jovanda Marion, Nick Grinitz, Justin Lingerfelt, Megan Mackie. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Studio)



HONORS CHOIR *Front row:* Brent Hassenstab, Joseph Raper, Antonio Berry, Jeremiah Edwards, Jeff Nemetz, Mark Fortkamp, Chris Privitere, Micah Uram, Victor Chapman. *Row 2:* Stephanie Cates, Jennifer Casterline, Cheryl Ingram, Jamie Thiessen, Andrea Penney, Connie Wilson, Heidi Judson, Leah Rose. *Row 3:* Tracie Smith, Monique Jones, Nikka Walker, Tira Blakey, Sara Mabrey, Robin Manley, Edmia McGary, Tiffany McGary. *Back row:* Caroline Ketzler, Madie Robbins, Tiffany Tyler, Ivina Washington, Tilynn Harris, Heather Peters, Danay Clausen, Rebecca Geogre, Miranda Grosse, Lucy Igbo. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Studio)



CREATIVE WRITING CLUB *Front row:* Devin Flint, Kelly Grundy, Mary Kay Leatherman (sponsor), Leigh Wehner, Sarah Baker, Kim Christopherson. *Row 2:* Jon Broder, Julie Abrahamson, Heather Wickes, Amber Cotton, Anna Basso, Kristianne Vieregger, Teresa Seina. *Back row:* Ryan Lercher, Paul Schoonover, Julie Ommen, Julene Wostrel, Anne Erenbach, Amy Schiffbauer. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



DAWG RELIEF BIBLE STUDY *Front row:* Jessie Vallier, Courtney VanCleeve, Krista Knicely, Heather Woodruff, Eric Chandler, Matt Malek, Becky Luethge. *Row 2:* Janelle Stevens, Alexis Harriman, Kim Meloins, Megan Holcomb, Tony Spivharney, Charlie Holcomb, Allison Hughell, Paul Jensen (sponsor). *Back row:* Jerry Ross, Scott Antony, Julie Ommen, Sarah Stone, Kimmlee Washburn, Phil Stalnaker, Jeremy Bowman, Travis Gourley. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Studio)

Academic Decathlon members senior Norris, Ted Heieck, and Victor Ebong, shirts during lunch. The group raised a trip to New York city. (photo by Mar Kumke)





National Honor Society members clown around for a picture at the Habitat for Humanity Haunted House. NHS members also volunteered at the Sienna Francis House and the Open Door Mission. (photo by Charlene Liesveld)

Trying to frighten the guests, juniors Allison Gordon and Jenna Lowe act out a coffin scene. NHS members had to maintain a 3.5 GPA. (photo by Charlene Liesveld)



Behind the scenes plans take time

Time. There just never seemed to be enough of it. Many club members found it hard to find the time to plan and organize their many activities.

Events like homecoming, National Honor Society's sack the principal drive and Senior Senate's Slob Week took many behind the scenes hours.

Student Government members started planning Homecoming long before school was out the previous year. Deciding on a theme and then coordinating colors and decorations took a lot longer than many expected.

"We started organizing for Homecoming in the summer," junior Shelli Martin said. "The morning of Homecoming, we were all here by 7 a.m., trying to get everything done"

Not all of their activities were quite as involved. Student Government also organized a blood drive with the Red Cross and a food drive for the Food Bank.

NHS members were on the go, too. Members volunteered for Honey Sunday, collected paper goods for Open Door Mission, and helped with holiday parties at Oak Valley.

"At Kidz Explore we got to work with little kids," junior Missy Morrissey. "My favorite thing was rollerblading with the little kids."

Senior Senate members kept busy planning and organizing major events like graduation, Prom and the Senior Banquet.

Key Club required a lot of time. Members spent hours doing volunteer work for the community. "Every week we went down to the Francis House to sort canned food," junior Mike Schroeder said.

Club B members devoted after-school time to decorating for games, dances, and upcoming events. "We met Tuesdays in the cafeteria and made posters," sophomore Ashley Brown said. "It was a lot of fun to be with friends and help the school at the same time."



Before the night begins at the Habitat for Humanity haunted house, senior NHS President Stacy Domnanish poses with another NHS member. (photo by Charlene Liesveld)

by Mindee Rolles

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DECA tried to establish contacts with the business community.

The **Speech and Debate** team had 19 competitions.

Auditions were used to determine **Ensemble** members.

Foreign Exchange students came from seven different countries.



DECA Front row: Stephanie Vainilmas, Stacey Hanselman, Katie Argeringer, Lindsay Votava, Angela Batchelder, Jamie Sing, Tana Lauritsen. Row 2: Tyler Sohns, Nate Croom, Jon Alvarado, Jason Livermore, Susan Coggsweil, Katie Sevening, Ashley Larsen, Melissa Morrissey, Keshia Bennamon, Courtney Watkins, Mindy Swanson. Row 3: Brian Moriarty, Matt Saathoff, Andy Bassett, Sharie Kelly, Trevor Fiala, Matt Maresch, Gina Guerrero, Jessie Zahn, Makayla Monico, Katie Carpenter, J.T. Savoie, Jon Swanson. Back row: Jeff Howard, Brett Clure, Jeff Fauman, Jason Tierney, Jon Etchorn, Chenell Hickey, Tim Vanderpool, Chris Beasley, Suzanne Freimuth, Krista Roffman, Luke Nelson, Chad Loveless. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Studio)



DEBATE/SPEECH TEAM Front row: Karla Schorle, Anna Koehl, Arii Waugh, Heather Woodruff, Heather Svanda. Row 2: Melissa Lucas (sponsor), Effie Winkelman, Nick Spath, Don Gilpin, Tara O'Dowd, Jessica Overman, Genise Russ. Back row: Mindy Winkelman, Cynthia Rutledge, Jeff Nicholaissen, Faranita Dunbar, Kim Christopherson, Loree Travers, Chad Fermitte. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



ENSEMBLE Front Row: Lisa Goodwin, Justin Riddle, Erin Horles, David Saylor, Andy DeBoer, Laura Speers. Standing: Jeff Carlson, Leigh Wehner, Kerin Tate, Brian Nogg, Terrell Anderson, Beth Doty, Tom Laird, Julie Linnehan, Jeff Nogg, Hayley Morinelli, Victor Ebong, Julie Kinkernon, Katie Fullmer, Brad Smith. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS Front row: Yoshihisaa Kawalami (Japan), Maria Gorelova (Russia), Jaspreet Bajwa (India). Back row: Roar Heggdal (Norway), Bruno Acquarone (Uruguay), Rasmus Beyer (Denmark), not pictured: Arne Pflingst (Germany). (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

At the State conference, DECA students discuss their agenda. (photo by Jessie Zahn)

Newspaper students stuff inserts into *Beat*. (photo by Mark Ward)



Campaigning for vice president, junior Jessie Zahn tells about herself at the State DECA conference. DECA was one club for students interested business. (photo courtesy Jessie Zahn)

Members of the JROTC Color Guard carry the colors in the Homecoming parade. The squad led the way at the parade. (photo by Laurie Epstein)



LOOKING AHEAD

Future careers explored

Many high school students began planning for their futures during high school. Several organizations were available for those students who were focused on their futures.

Through participation in clubs like Pen & Inc., Minority Engineering and Science Association, Junior Engineering and Technology Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Distributive Education Clubs of America and Future Teachers, students could spend time with other classmates who shared similar interests.

"In African American Achievers we had the opportunity to listen to speakers and their ideas on career planning and goal setting," said senior Becky Bell. "Hearing the speakers was of great assistance for me in creating my own life, career, and future goals and objectives."

Speakers were a popular activity for career-oriented clubs, but listening to experts talk wasn't the only activity in which members participated. Interesting and challenging activities, as well as informative field trips were also on the agenda.

"Pen & Inc has been an excellent learning experience," sophomore Keele Hanner said. "We got to listen to a lot of speakers and our trips to the advertising workshop and to UNL have really helped me plan for my future."

Students who were interested in experiencing life on the other side of the teacher's desk got involved in Future Teacher's Club. "It was fun and interesting to learn how the teaching system works," commented sophomore Rose Mertz. "I want to become a teacher, so I really enjoyed this club."

FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America, appealed to students with big goals in the business world.

"FBLA was a great experience for me, and as president for the 1996-97 school year I can practice my leadership skills also," said junior Annette Eden. "The inspiring speakers gave me a new perspective business in my life."

by Sarah Kirke



Members of the JROTC color guard present the colors at one of the home basketball games. ROTC students were prepared for their future. (photo by Cherie Connors)



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The goal of **FBLA** was to provide business leadership skills.

The **Flag Corps** performed at home Football games.

Members of **Future Teachers Club** shadowed teachers to see what it really was like.

Geography Club members took field trips to local sites in order to gain knowledge of area geography.



FBLA Front row: Shannon Robson, Courtney Schuettner, Lisa Goodwin, Tammy Cruz, Kerin Tate, Cara Walters, nonmember, Jessie Moore. Row 2: Annette Eden, Jenny Seip, Jenni Knihal, Lindsay Votava, Angela Batchelder, Jessie Zohi, Ryan Maliszewski. Row 3: nonmember, Yvonne Winbush, Alan Departe, Lance Larsen, Azad Badakhsh, John Stevens, Andy Licht. Back row: Carlos Pfulman, Latisha Mitchell, Khalil Shaheed, Brent Holmquist, Brett Schwartz (sponsor) (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



FLAG CORPS Front row: Janelle Fay, Heather Svanda, Katie Carpenter, Shauntel Stennis. Row 2: Sara Skeans, Brenda Poulsen, Julie Hoffman, Amy Hoffman, Michelle Walton. Row 3: Michelle Harrison, Kelly Peters, Shameka Tate. Back row: Angie Scranton, Lorie Travers, Stephanie Gardella, LaQuela Chism, Nederah Ross, Kelly Catlett. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



FRENCH CLUB Front row: Kate Woodhead, Rachel Katskee, Chris Privitere, Diana Dennis, Katie Juhl, Janina Metro. Row 2: Eric Mooss, Vicki Berthelsen, Lori Wies, Micheal Kriesfeld, Stephanie Diamantis, Brian Hightower. Back row: Jenny Ericksen, Nicole Violett, Jenni Ross, Rachel Smith, Nicole Young, Dave Gustafson. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



FUTURE TEACHERS Front row: Anna Skeans, Mindy Mutz, Brekke Valerio, Cara Walters, Missy Ebeckerle, Megan Mackie. Row 2: Molly Wickman, Trisha Gilbert, Angela Arling, Leigh Wehner, Rose Mertz, Alan Departe, Emily Kirke. Back row: Lisa Gatzmeyer (sponsor), Kristie Johnson, Joy Mertz, Courtney Pelowski, Anne Enenbach, Jackie Hill, Kara Zaiman. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)




GEOGRAPHY CLUB Front row: Bobby Inness, Mike Hayes, Lauren Owens. Row 2: Paul Nabity, Orode Badakhsh, Azad Badakhsh, Randi Reuter. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

At the start of the last home basketball game, Ensemble sings the national anthem. To be a member of the group students had to try out. (photo by Cherie Connors)



A LOT OF CLASS

School time eases students' pressures



Preparing for the mock student congress, sophomore Jessica Overman delivers her speech to her classmates. Speech students used class time to practice. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Taking a break from their cheering, cheerleaders use their 8th hour class to catch up on homework. Cheerleaders also used the time to prepare for Spirit Spectacular. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

We always needed it, but we usually were running short of it. Time was a major factor in organizing clubs. Some groups had an advantage because they got time during the school day.

The newspaper and yearbook staffs used the first four periods of the day to work on their publications.

"I like having yearbook as a class," junior Mindee Rolles said. "We get most of our work done during the day, rather than after school."

But staff members usually wound up working on Saturdays mornings and Thursday nights to meet deadlines.

"There were a lot of little details we had to check right before we mailed pages," senior Yearbook editor Abby Rogers said. "It was amazing how long it took to get just two pages finished."

Several clubs made use of the last period of the day to get everything done. Cheerleaders, Pom Squad, Flag Corp and Marching Band all had 8th hour class during first semester.

"Eighth period cheerleading class was very productive," sophomore Krista Knically said. "We were able to practice for Spirit Spectacular and the pep rally."

Even though Marching Band had 8th hour to practice, members found themselves putting in many after-school hours.

"We practiced after school until 3:30 every day," sophomore Marching Band member Tara Tidwell said. "On Tuesday and Thursday nights we practiced for about two hours during the fall to prepare for competition."

Flag Corp members also put in lots of hours. "It took lots of determination and patience to be on the Corp," sophomore Jennifer Jaderborg said. "With all the practices we had, by the time competitions got here, we were friends. It was worth all the effort."

Decathlon members used 5th hour everyday to prepare for their state and regional contests. Junior Paul Nabity said, "We had study groups that met outside of school, too."

by Jill Goosen & Abby Rogers



During study hall, freshman Chris Pollick and sophomore Jim Jones work in the Success Center. Students volunteered to tutor classmates. (photo by Jason Livermore)



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German Club members went on a hayrack ride for their fall activity.

Inspirational Choir sang at the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly.

The **International Club** met at Vala's Pumpkin Patch.

For the Bidfest auction, **Japanese Club** members donated their time to make a Japanese meal.



GERMAN CLUB Front row: Crystal Robbins, Connie Hanselman, Loree Travers, Sarah Mabrey, Lauren Owens, Tara O'Dowd, Beth Krelle, Phil Boll, Stephanie Lee, Nikki Flatowicz. Row 2: Connie Banks (sponsor), Kelly Grundy, Jenny Seip, Kelli Cattlett, Amelia Greiner, Lindsay Bergh, Brenda Hanselman, Emily Reiss, Kelly Peters, Kerin Tate, Jennifer Hanson. Row 3: Mindy Wmkelman, Jodi Lerner, Emily Maschka, Carrie Norris, Andrew Beckenhaur, Emily Fine, James Wheelock, John Heieck, Kristin Haas, Rasmus Beyer. Back row: Khader Aboumasr, Christina Camden, Aaron Garsombke, Nate Grosse, Skyler Steinke, Travis Flodme, Azad Badakhsh, Not pictured: Gina Ray, Judy Kerkhoff (sponsor). (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR Front row: Markisha Rollerson, Jana Bridgman, Dianna Anderson, Marcie Williams, Leondra Chismi, Bramon Bridgeford, Darisha Gresham, Cherie Brooks, Terena Butler, Ivina Washington. Row 2: Edmia McGary, Tiffany McGary, LaRhond Lucas, Becky Luethge, Tanea Lewis, Rasheen Chatmon, Davaine Griffen, Lauren Pascale, Javonda Mariun, Lillie Holmes (sponsor). Back row: Floraine Rollerson, LaTrena Nelson, Yanauta Baker, Tamka Davis, LaTisha Mitchell, Arina Woods, Latitia Thompson, Madie Robbins, Carliss Moore, Merlin Lempke (sponsor). (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



INTERNATIONAL CLUB Front row: Yoshihisa Kawakami, Cheryl Kotan, Jodi Lerner, Maria Gorelova, Julie Linehan, Sarah Mabrey, Ann Waugh. Row 2: Roar Heggdal, Mikhail Shekhtman, Bruno Acquarane, Eugene Kulik, Michelle Lessard, Lonia Howard (sponsor). Back row: Holly Willert (sponsor), Rasmus Beyer, Matt Igbo, Lucy Igbo, Glenda Bahr (sponsor), Leroy Johnson (sponsor). (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



JAPANESE CLUB Front row: Nancy Mangiameli (sponsor), Natasha Soby, Yoshihisa Kawakami, Dan Lugo. Back row: Jessie Zahn, Bryan Jensen, Scott Craven, Yananta Baker, Dan McDonald. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



Marching band members hit the boulevard as the Homecoming Parade begins. (photo by Cherie Connors)



DECA State officers, including junior Jessie Zahn, set goals at their retreat at Mahoney State Park. Zahn, in the middle, was elected vice president. (photo courtesy of Jessie Zahn)

Showing their spirit, Spanish Club members cheer on the Bulldogs. Spanish Club held frequent dinners at Mexican restaurants. (photo by Cherie Connors)



HITTING THE ROAD



Beat staff members take notes at Creighton University's editors' Round Table Workshop. The workshop required students to miss a day of school. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Road trips keep members on the go

Seeing the world, at least seeing things beyond the walls of Burke, was a goal some clubs had when members started planning the year's activities. Field trips and social events kept club members at the gas station filling their tanks.

"We went to Mutual of Omaha, to an elementary school and even to the zoo," sophomore Gospel Choir member Demetria Duncan said.

Gospel Choir rehearsed after school to prepare for performances throughout the city and at the school's Martin Luther King Assembly.

"I really liked the songs the Gospel Choir sang at the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly," sophomore Katie Bonniwell said.

Some groups left the building in order to spread the message about their club's goal. The CLOWNS visited elementary schools to tell kids about the dangers of drug use.

"I liked going to schools because I feel like I helped those kids see how bad drugs can be," sophomore Jessie Valier.

Junior Achievement was one group that met at night to get their work done. The students made products to sell. In the process the students conducted marketing research and got to travel the city.

"It was pretty cool," junior Chad Leahy said. "We had to sell products at Mutual of Omaha, and we invested in the stock market."

Spanish Club members headed out of the building in order to build unity.

"The best program we had was a bowling lock-in," president junior Lance Polikov. "Over 100 students from foreign language classes came to play pool and go bowling."

Quill & Scroll members were even able to pull themselves away from their computers long enough to celebrate.

"I thought it was a good idea to have a party for the end of the year," senior Sarah Baker said. "The superlatives were the best parts of the night!"



Members of the marching band drum line keep in time with the other members in the Homecoming Parade. The band traveled to many competitions. (photo by Mark Ward)



by Shelly Dutcher

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JETS

published a science magazine, *The S Files*.

Members of **Judo Club** competed in tournaments and attended clinics.

JROTC Drill Team

students had to have good marching skills.

Key Club members helped Santa write letters.

Latin Club

members held a Roman banquet.



JETS *Front row:* Orode Badakhshi, Paul Nabity, Bethany Sunspop, Sarah Kirke, Julie Lanehan. *Back row:* Azad Badakhshi, Mike Kricsfeld, non-member, Brent Holmquist, James Wheeler (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio).



JUDO CLUB *Front row:* Dara Rosenberg, Tom Weiss, Philip Noworoty, Charles Noworoty, Nick Arfing, Jason Brindley, Tamiu Metro. *Row 2:* Joshua Bishara, Erica Guetersloh, Mike Kricsfeld, Rear Heggala, Dan Darlidge, Sheena Appel, Amy Snyder, Dan Tager. *Back row:* Bryant Scott, Brad Smith, Jordan Gramin, Tom Dahl, Scott Foreman, Skyler Steinhoe, Scott Graver, Ryan Wulgen. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



JROTC DRILL TEAM *Front row:* Meghan Kurtz, Devin Flint, Shantel Sternis, Jeff Leanna, Tim Calabro, Shawna Clark. *Back row:* Jerry Foster, Tom Willman, Justin Armsbury, Jason Beacom, Ben Fundaburg. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



KEY CLUB *Front row:* Cathy Younger, Kevin Weale, Carl Schroeder, Julie Hoffman, Sarah Kirke, Nicole Davtson, Amy Hoffman, Cara Walters. *Row 2:* Jackie Six, Chris Privetere, Becky Luethege, Shelli Martin, non-member, Jessie Zahn, Yvonne Winbush, LaQuela Chisain, Jenny Davis. *Row 3:* Pat Frederick (sponsor), Michelle Walton, Lisa Setlak, Ryan Malzewski, Randi Reider, non-member, non-member, Sheena Appel, Gene Ellis. *Back row:* Ken Armsbury (sponsor), Jessica Locke, Courtney Pelowski, Greg Norris, Stephanie Gardella, Mike Schroeder, Troy Pollard, Cyndi Rutledge, Michelle Lessard. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



LATIN CLUB *Front row:* Rachel Warne, Dara Rosenberg, Sydney Graham, Anna Woods, Lucy Igbo. *Row 2:* Jason Gaskin, Lucas Brigman, Scott Antony, Carlie Collins, Jeremy Wasco, Suzy Stark. *Row 3:* Enos Logan, Travis Ream, Brian Watters, Bryant Scott, Kathy Miller, Mary Roeser (sponsor). (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

Dressed as the *Brady Bunch*, Pom squad members perform aisle routines at the Fall Pep Rally (photo by Nicole Violett)





Flag Corp members concentrate on their routine during the Homecoming Parade. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Pom squad members and cheerleaders seniors Jill Krelle, Steph Vainiunas and Allison Lidolph spend Thursday afternoon painting posters for Homecoming. (photo by Nicole Violett)



Action-packed groups kept members going

Being involved in a sport was not the only thing that required physical activity. Many clubs' whole reason for existence was to "do something."

Bowling Club members met every Tuesday at Cougar Lanes, 144th & Q Streets, to compete in teams of four.

"It was a blast because there were always a lot of people there," junior Jason Livermore said. "It was fun competing against friends from school."

Junior Jeff Anderson agreed. "It's fun," he said. "It gives me something to do, especially when it's too cold to go golfing."

Students involved in ROTC were also kept busy. Students practiced shooting, competed in meets, and even went on retreats.

Judo Club members also practiced for competitions. Members must be a part of the United States Judo Association and some members took judo class. One of the club's members, junior Skyler Steinke, was even named Nebraska Judo Champion.

"Judo is not only a sport but it teaches self-discipline and builds your self-esteem," Steinke said.

Cheerleaders and Pom Squad members focused on raising school spirit. Members met during their 8th hour class, before school and even on weekends to perfect their routines.

"During basketball season I cheered at the wrestling meets and had to go to all the basketball games," sophomore Varsity Spirit Cheerleader Cortney VanCleave said. "We were really busy."

The whole purpose of Ambassadors was to welcome new students to the school. Ambassadors gave up a study hall so they could be available at a moment's notice if a new student registered.

"Besides giving tours," sophomore Katie Bonniwell said, "we helped the counselors with their mailings, ran passes and even helped the college reps feel more comfortable."



A first place trophy at Spirit Spectacular was the reward for the JV cheerleading squad's hour of practice. The girls also competed at Nationals in Nashville. (photo by Kathy Martin)

by Mindee Rolles

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Madrigals practiced during zero hour every other day.

The goal of **MESA** was to encourage careers in math and science.

Mock Trial participants worked on producing arguments for the prosecutions and defense of a case.

Speech and Debate students could be in **National Forensics League**.



MADRIGALS *Front Row:* Sarah Stone, Janelle Olsen, Jennifer Ross, Lisa Goodwin, Regina Bechtold. *Row 2:* Julie Kinkennon, Michelle Howe, Erika Guetersloh. *Row 3:* Brad Smith, David Saylor, Matthew Biggs, Bret Katelman, Chris Smith, Matt DeBoer. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



MESA *Front row:* Camekia Evans, Darnetta Sanders, Alisha Draine, Brandy Broadway, Jana Bridgeman, Kristin Mahone, Joy Robbins, Markisha Rollerson, Tanisha Berry, Leslie Simmons. *Row 2:* Becky Bell, Tanisha Thorp, Starla Sanders, Jamie Ross, Carliss Moore, Missy Bradley, Angela Seranton, LaQuela Chism, Keshia Loflin. *Row 3:* Tasha Soby, David Underwood, Andre Williams, Brian Hodges, Kawilani Taylor, Katherine Miller, Arna Woods, Stephanie Gardella, Maria Haag. *Back Row:* Keely Hanner, Patrick Henderson, Terrell Anderson, J.R. Mandiola, Francis Ebang, Orode Badaksh, Erin Elliot, Tanisha Avery, Travis Haynes. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



MOCK TRIAL *Front row:* Emily Maschka, Sarah Todd, Kristin Mahone, Lindsay Rogers, Alena Coy. *Row 2:* Laura Herfindahl, Jessie Morgan, Terese Jung, Allison Gordon, Shelli Martin, Megan Mackie, Lisa Pflor, Heidi Roberts, Katie Juhl, Laynie Ginsburg, Kim Rainwater, Rosie Mellon, Lynne Emmanuel, Keele Hanner. *Row 3:* Emanuel Igbo, Heather Woodruff, Chris Privitere, Eric Goodrnan, Eric Hamburg, Cory Itkin, Lance Pohikov, Nikki Romanik, Rachel Riekes, Melissa Shapiro, Jenny Epstein, Emily Fine, Paul Nabity, Tara O'Dowd. *Row 4:* Dave Haar (sponsor), unidentified, Allison Knox, Kristen Connor, Phil Stalaker, Steve Finley, Brekke Valerto, Amelia Griener, Jessie Zahn, Liz Kersten, Jake Stobe, Michaela Lincoln, Krista Knicely, Jessie Vallier, Brent Holmquist, Mindy Struck. *Back row:* Jenny Lund, Jenny Swenson, unidentified, Mike Gabb, Jenny Ross, Karla Schorle, Kimilee Washburn, Sarah Stone, Vicky Berthelsen, Travis Smith, Kyle Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Eric Mooss, John Heieck, Greg Norris. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

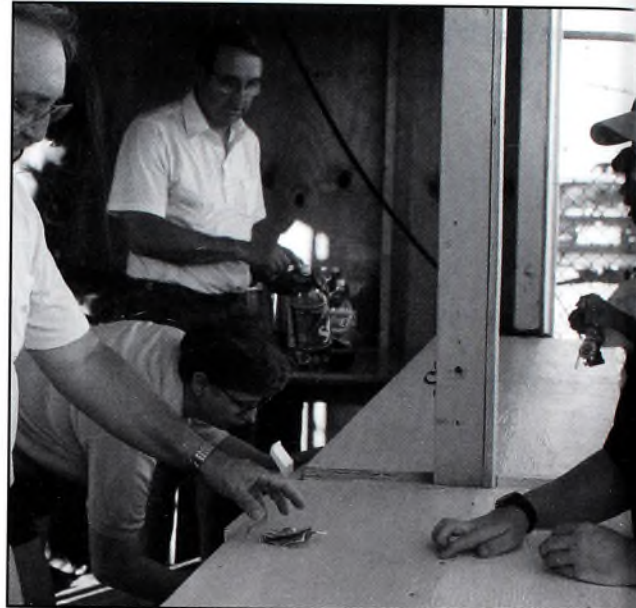


NATIONAL FORENSICS LEAGUE *Front row:* Karla Schorle, Effie Winkelman, Ann Vaughn, Faranita Dunbar, Tara O'Dowd. *Back row:* Don Gilpin, Nick Spath, Jeff Nicolaisen. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

Spirit Cheerleader sophomore Jackie Hill makes a sale. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



At the first football game, freshman Hugh O'Donnell buys some soda. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



SPARE CHANGE

Raising money keeps club members busy

Students looking for something new to wear, a candy bar to ~~hide them over until lunch~~ or paper to wrap a gift for a friend's birthday didn't even have to leave the building. To raise money for activities, club members sold everything from T-shirts to chocolate pies.

To raise money to get to Nashville, TN for Nationals, JV Cheerleaders sold a wide array of items.

"We sold Burke T-shirts, sweatshirts and frozen food," junior Shelli Martin said. "We worked hard because we had a lot of money to raise."

To get to Indianapolis for a convention DECA members had to raise \$500.

"We sold Pleasure Packs to raise money for the trip and entrance fee," junior Shane Kelly said. "It was hard, but the trip was fun."

French Club members had even higher dreams. With a goal of spending two weeks in France during summer break, the group tried to raise \$1695.

"Candy sales was our biggest money maker," junior Mike Kricsfeld said.

Some organizations like Student Government had only one major fund-raiser.

"Homecoming is our fund-raiser," senior Anna Basso said. "The money is used for conventions, workshops and shirts."

Car washes were another popular fund-raising activity. Debate and cheerleaders were two groups that grabbed water and buckets and used elbow grease to earn money.

Students weren't the only ones who got involved in fund-raising. Parents and faculty members worked at concessions stands to raise money for the sports programs. A pancake feed sponsored by Western Bank helped raise money for new band uniforms and the sound system.

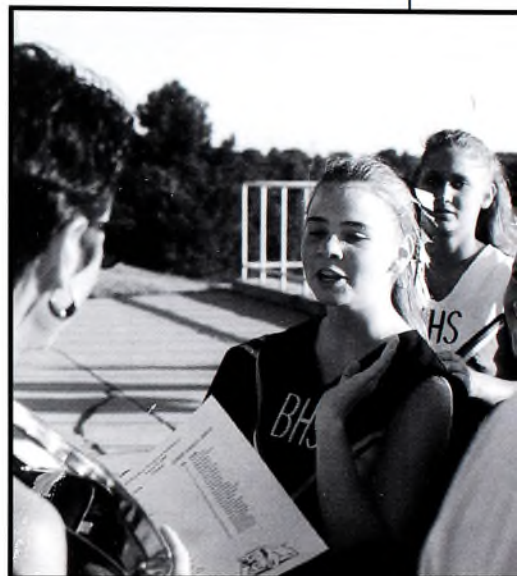
Almost every group was involved in raising money for the new sound systems in the auditorium and gym. Fundraising took three years and a lot of hard work and time put in by students, parents and faculty. Donations from three graduating classes and candy machine sales also helped.

by Nicole Violet



With only a few candy bars left, junior Kritianne Vierregger recounts her money. Many clubs ask members to help with fundraising. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Before school began, Girls Swim Team members wash cars to raise money for warmups. The wash was held at Hy-Vee at 132nd and Dodge streets. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



At the Black and Gold game, cheerleader sophomore Julie Horgan tries to sell a seat cushion. The funds helped with uniform and camp expenses. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



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NHS members completed many community service projects during the year.

Members of the **Orienteering Team** competed in contests.

Exposing students to communication careers was the goal of **Pen & Inc.**

Pom Squad members dressed like the Brady Bunch for the Fall Pep Rally.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Front row: Julie Abrahamson, Allison Lidolph, Nicole Violet, Laurie Epstein, Jessie Morgan. Row 2: Greg Norris, Sarah Kirke, Lena Weinman, Jill Krelle, Shannon Robson, Katie Sevening, Bridget Sullivan, Ann Mulligan, Lindsay Votava, Mike Sortino, Annette Eden. Row 3: Tyler Link, Mike Lerner, Jeff Shapfro, Stephanie Diamantis, Julie Lund, Jill Goossen, Rachel Warner, Sarah Baker, Maria Haag, Jill Faraci, Jenna Lowe, Ashley Larsen, Shelli Martin, Sydney Graham, Katie Fullmer, Courtney Schuetzner, Jessie Moore, Lisa Goodwin, Keru Tate, Lance Polikov, Jason Mashek, Rusty Hughell, Ryan Larsen. Row 4: Maybelle Galusha (sponsor), David Proksel, Clint Louderbeck, Travis Flodine, Lisa Delashmitt, Nicole Davison, Melissa Caraglia, Andy Itkin, CJ Lickert, Ryan Maliszewski, Andi Gutnik, Amy Hildreth, Melissa Morrissey, Allison Gordon, Jay Lewis, Mike Kriesfeld, Cory Itkin, Jamie Simunaci, Paul Nabity, Brad Smith, Brent Holmquist, Tim Koeler. Row 5: Dr. Charlene Liesveld (sponsor), Allison Hughell, Alan DePorte, Cathy Younger, Stacy Dommanish, Valerie Cook, Jenny Rowedder, Abby Rogers, Yasser Abounasr, Khader Abounasr, Jenny Seip, Jodi Lerner, Cheryl Kotan, Kelley Horbach, Stephanie Danner, Heather Otto, unidentified, Kristen Haas, Kristi Vieregger, Julie Kinkennon, Melissa Hoenshell, Ciaran Murphy, Nick Spath. Back row: Matt Belmont, Tim Belmont, Ryan Wiebe, Doug Woleben, Geoff Carlson, Leigh Wehner, Ted Heicke, Jon Leit, Alyssa Arends, Sarah Curry, Jaime Bizzari, Erin Elliot, Julie Ommeo, Tanisha Avery, Becky Bell, Chris Gillogly, Wyatt Tuell, Amanda Tolleison, Michelle Howe, Orde Badakhsh, Carl Schroeder, Brian Costanzo, Mike Schroeder, Andy DeBoer, Jeff Nicolaisen. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



ORIENTEERING Front row: Jerry Foster, Jeff Leanna, Devin Flint, Tim Calabro, Meghan Kurtz. Back row: Justin Armsbury, Jason Beacoin, Tom Willman, Nick Weiser, Shawna Clark. Not pictured: Dan McDonald. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

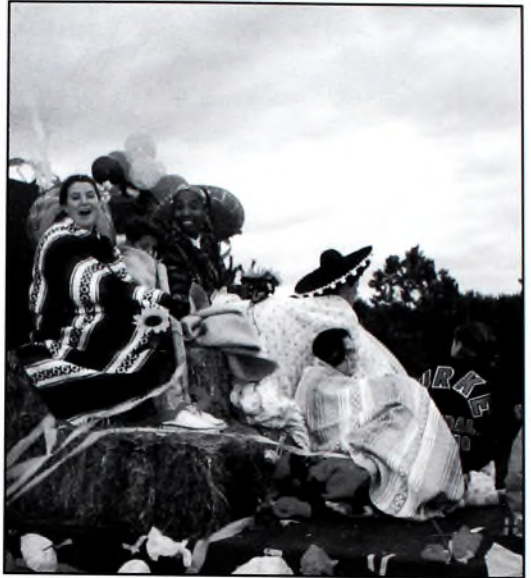


PEN & INC. Front row: Mahliha Qasimyer, Kristen Mahone, Tammy Cruz, Missy Bradley. Back row: Keele Hanner, Deb Ward (sponsor), Becky Bell, Faranita Dunbar, Christy Clark, Erin Smith. Not pictured: Marc West (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

POM SQUAD Front row: Allison Lidolph, Jenny Knihal, Krissy Barsness. Row 2: Nicole Violet, Lynne Emanuel, Kelli Melia, Beth Davidson, Kari Wolf. Row 3: Allison Gutnik, Kerry Schmidt, Angie Lirosevich, Kris Aldinger, Melissa Cozad. Back row: Annie Aldinger, Libb Lind, Angela Williams, Kaleigh Steere, Dana Votava, Aledia Kartchner, Amber Barr. (photo courtesy of Arnold Clark Studio)



Freezing temps bring Spanish Club members closer together during the Homecoming Parade. Spanish Club also had a lock-in. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Keeping in step, sophomore David Dolfay plays the percussion to *Star Trek: Generations*. Band practiced after school on Tuesday and Thursday nights. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Freshman Nikka Walker gets some math help from facilitator sophomore Todd Sierer. Being a facilitator was a chance to meet new people. (photo by Abby Rogers)



Japanese Club members mingle with foreign exchange students from the College of St. Mary. Language clubs sponsored many social activities. (photo by Jessie Zahn)

ICE BREAKERS

Friendships just one membership benefit

Being in a club was a great way to meet new people and build new friendships outside of the classroom. Many clubs' purpose was to make new people feel welcome. Newcomers club helped students adjust to their new surroundings. At the beginning of the year, Newcomers club held a tea so new students knew that they were not alone.

Ambassadors was another club that helped new students feel welcome. They devoted much of their time to helping out counselors as well.

"We help people fill out SAT and ACT forms, run passes for the counselors, and show new students around the school," said junior Ryan Wolken.

Being a member of a language club was also a good way to meet new people. There were clubs for Spanish, French, German, Latin, Russian and Japanese languages.

"Spanish Club is a neat co-curricular activity. We go out to dinner about once a month. Ms. Whitmore's favorite restaurant is Fernando's, so we usually go there. It's definitely a fun club," said junior Lena Weinman.

Spanish Club met every Tuesday after school to discuss upcoming events.

Junior Sarah Stick agreed that language clubs were not only a great way to meet people who shared a common interest, but also a lot of fun.

"In French Club we did fun things like going to the French Cafe and going ice-skating."

Being in Art Club was another way to get to know people who enjoyed the same things. "Art Club is a lot of fun," said junior Amanda Tollefson. "We tour museums and current exhibits. We also paint signs that are used around the community."

Many clubs created lasting friendships because members were around each other so much that they grew close. Cheerleaders and Pom squad members got to know people in other grades during summer camps and endless practices.



At Orientation, Ambassadors help new students find their classrooms. Ambassadors worked out of the Career/Counseling Center. (photo by Cherie Connors)



by Mindee Rolles

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Principal's Advisory Board met during school to discuss options for the student body.



PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY BOARD Front row: Jessica Parsons, Laynie Ginsburg, Jenny Kuthal, Kristen Mahone, Lisa Setlak, Shelli Martin. Row 2: Chad Tettenborn, Mark Fortkamp, Jaime Ross, Heather Woodruff, Amber Hoge, Lindsay Votava, Karen Burmood (sponsor). Row 3: Cheryl Ingram, Becky Bell, Anna Gray, Courtney VanCleave, Carrie Norris, Lindsey Rogers. Row 4: Jay Lewis, Mike Sortino, Terrell Anderson, Orde Badaksh, Mark Kratina. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



QUILL & SCROLL Front row: Laurie Epstein, Jennie Sandberg, Laura Bockelman, Rachel Warne, Anna Basso, Sarah Baker, Amy Fuchs, Rose Mellon. Row 2: Jill Goossen, Dana Votava, Deb Ward (sponsor), Shelli Martin, Jamie Simunaet, Abby Rogers, Nicole Davison, Tara Tidwell. Row 3: Jon Broder, Mike Lerner, Tabby Pegler, Cherie Connors, Mindee Rolles, Paul Nabity, Kristi Vieregger. Back row: David Saylor, Jason Livermore, Nicole Violett, Julie Orminen, Casie Lindeman, Jenni Eriksen, Joe Basso, Jessie Zahn. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

To take part in **Quill & Scroll** activities, students had to be on one of the journalism staffs.



FRESHMAN RIFLE PISTOL Brandon Schultes, J.J. Pedersen, J.R. Greer. Not pictured: Ryan Piper, Mike Marsden. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

Members of the **Freshman Rifle Pistol** prepared for Varsity Rifle Pistol.



VARSITY RIFLE PISTOL Front row: Devin Flint, Tom Weis, Jeff Leanna, Tim Calabro. Row 2: Brian Joerz, Jerry Foster, Tom Willmann, Justin Armsbury, Jason Beacom. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

Varsity Rifle Pistol practiced shooting targets.

At the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly, Inspirational Choir members have the spotlight. The group practiced after school. (photo by Wade Parkins)



During the Homecoming halftime show, junior Teresa Soby plays her flute. Soby was also a Varsity swimmer. (photo by Mark May)



Pom squad members prepare to perform at a home basketball game. (photo by Abby Rogers)



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Talented students enjoy performing

It took more than hard work to be in some clubs. Some organizations needed members with a lot of talent. Especially if that group was going to be in the spotlight, performing or creating in front of an audience.

Ensemble members spent many out-of-school hours performing at events like luncheons and parties. Members even got out of school, especially during the holiday season.

"Christmas time is the busiest because we go carolling a lot. During this time it's hard to keep up with homework and with finals at the end of the month," senior Leigh Wehner said.

It took hours of practice just to tryout to be a cheerleader or a pom squad member. For most of those trying out, the week before the big event was stressful and tiring.

"I'll never forget tryout week," sophomore Krista Knicely said. "It was really hectic trying to find time to do all my homework and practice the cheers."

Once they made the squad, the work was just beginning. Cheerleaders, Pom, Marching Band and Flag Corps members spent many summer hours learning routines. During football and basketball seasons members of all four groups said they felt like all they did was go to games.

Art club members' talents were showcased at Hy-Vee, 108th and Fort streets. Members painted banners which were hung throughout the store.

"It was really cool being able to see my cartoon of Garfield on display at Hy-Vee. Many of the employees gave good comments on the works of art," said junior Matt Pelowski.

The bands' talent was shown off at district and state competitions. The band works hard to bring back first place trophies to the school.

"The band practices on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and after school in the fall to be ready for the competitions we compete in," said senior Katie Liquori.



Academic Decathlon students pose for a photo at Mickey Mantle's restaurant. Students were chosen for Decathlon based on test scores. (photo by Kritianne Vieregger)

by Nicole Violet

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Russian club was started for students who took Russian class.



RUSSIAN CLUB Front row: Katya Kuznina, Maria Gorelova, Ryan Walken. Row 2: Andrew Mattson, Mrs. Sadofsky (sponsor), Ann Waugh, Skyler Steike. Back row: Chris Doering, Steve Ziemba, David Kass, Veltri Janiae. Not pictured: Sean Watson, Holly Welken, Dveon Meuron. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

Recycling cans was one of **Students for Environmental Awareness'** activities.



STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS Front row: Chris Privitera, Linda Dycck, Lauren Owens, Trista Hanse, Dara Rosenberg, Rose Mellion. Row 2: Kimberly Rainwater, Shannon Kelly, Amy fuchs, Cathy Younger, Jennifer Casterline, Nick Warnie. Back row: Kristie Johnson, Amy Nilsson, Lindsay Rogers, Dami Lively, Tara Tidwell. Not pictured: Elizabeth Mulkerin (sponsor). (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

Members of **Senior Senate** sold senior t-shirts and organized Prom.



SENIOR SENATE Front row: Karen Owens (sponsor), Lindsay Daubman, Shannon Robson, Rich Hood (sponsor). Row 2: Angie Urosevich, Kerin Tate, Jaime Ross, Becky Bell, Amanda Baeder. Back row: Mike Sortino, Anna Basso, Brad Reynolds, John Stevens, Greg Norris. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

A lock-in was held for **Spanish Club** members and Spanish students.



SPANISH CLUB Front row: Cory Itkin, Lance Poltkov, Jay Lewis. Row 2: Nikki Romanik, Krista Kntcely, Heather Woodruff, Courtney VanCleave, Melissa Caniglia, Maria Haag, Laynie Ginsburg, Melissa Shapiro, Anne Nogg. Row 3: Krista Sesker (sponsor), Rachel Ricketts, Danielle Soby, Laura Walding, Greg Norris, Tyler Link, Allison Gordon, Laurie Epstein, Stephanie Vainiomas, Rose Mellion. Row 4: Lena Weinman, Justin Rose, Kristie Johnson, Katie Sup, Mikayla Hansen, Patricia Peterson, Sara Delashmatt, Stephanie Cates, Brett Bechaz. Back row: Ben Coyne, Sam Clinch, Tony Johnson, Lisa Delashmatt, Erin Elliott, Jolene Wostrel, Matt Colnar, Thomas Cudd, Nick Warnie. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



Varsity cheerleaders show their support of the football team. Cheerleaders had to try out in the Spring. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Beat staff members seniors Jason Epstein and Tabby Pegler help stuff the next issue of the school paper. To be on staff students had to take Beginning Journalism. (photo by Abby Rogers)





At the first Annual Pancake Feed, the Jazz Band entertains. Money from the breakfast was used for technology and a sound system. (photo by Abby Rogers)

R requirements make students sweat

"New members always welcome." Although we heard that announcement frequently in the morning during homeroom, not all clubs welcomed all students. To be part of some organizations students had to meet certain requirements or prerequisites.

Holding tryouts was one way groups selected their members. For Ensemble tryouts prospective students had to learn a song and dance.

"I thought tryouts were a good way to choose the members of Ensemble," member senior Leigh Wehner said. "We only had a day to learn the dance and song."

Every year cheerleading and Pom tryouts were held in the spring. Senior members of the squads would choreograph a dance and teach it to the younger girls. The girls trying out would learn the dance and/or cheers during the week, and tryouts were Saturday morning.

"I loved making up the dance and cheers for the younger girls," senior Anna Basso said. "After trying out for the squad for four years it was fun to be on the other side."

Some clubs that met during class time had prerequisite class requirements. Yearbook and newspaper staffers had to take Beginning Journalism or Beginning Yearbook. After being on staff for one year, students had the option of taking the class for honors credit.

"Taking Beginning Journalism helped me know what was going once I got on staff," senior Rachel Warne said.

Applications were used to choose members of some clubs. To be on Principal's Advisory Board students applied with Principal Burmood.

"I was surprised when I found out I was picked for the Board," sophomore Lindsay Rogers said. "I am really glad I have a chance to discuss what's going at Burke."



Senior Scott Craven visits with a Japanese exchange student from the College of St. Mary's. Japanese class was taught via satellite. (photo by Jessi Zahn)



by Abby Rogers

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Elections were held to elect members to **Student Government**.

Student Success Center Facilitators helped students in several subjects from Spanish to Chemistry.

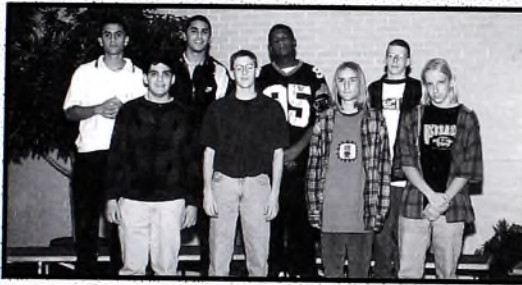
Technology Club members learned about new programs and web sites.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT *Front row:* Jessie Morgan, Jaime Ross, Robbie-Jo Haggenson, Jenny Knihal, Anna Basso, Kristin Mahone, Megan Mackie. *Row 2:* Shelli Martin, Angela Batchelder, Lindsay Votava, Heather Woodruff, Leigh Wehner, Anne Weiss, Nick Bassett. *Row 3:* Alyssa Wedemeyer, Mike Sortino, Laura Bockelman, Courtney VanCleave, Becky Preston, Krista Knicey, Katie Bonniwell, Ryan Malashock. *Back row:* Eric Chandler, Mark Kratina, Joe Olsen, Erin Elliott, Jana Eichhorn, Sarah Todd, Joe Basso, Andy Bassett, Nate Croom. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

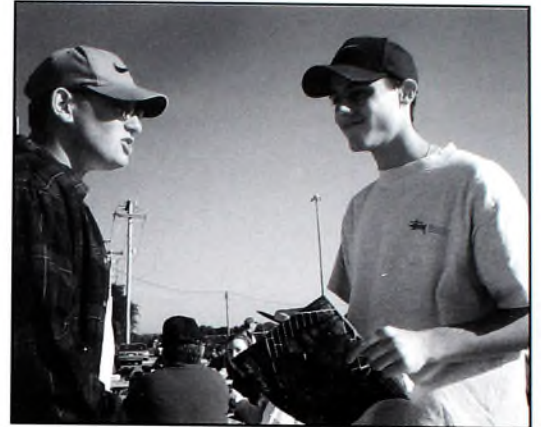


STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER FACILITATORS *Front row:* Dr. Charlene Liesveld (sponsor), Melissa Hoensheli, Sarah Kirke, Alhson Gordon, Emily Fine, Diana Dennis, Courtney Schaejtner. *Row 2:* Jeremy Gotto, Dan D'Louhy, Kristianne Vieregger, Nicole Davison, Steve Finley, Brent Holmquist, Matt Pelowski. *Back row:* Sarah Curry, Skyler Steirke, Erin Elliott, Stephanie Diamantis, Todd Siener, Michelle Howe, Jason Mashek, Kara Bivens. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



TECHNOLOGY CLUB *Front row:* Mike Kriesfeld, Paul Nabity, John Nye, Matt Seil, Azad Badakhsh, Orode Badakhsh, Carlos Philmon, Joel Nickerson. (photo-courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)

Junior Jay Lewis checks in with officer senior Jeff Nogg at the Pancake Feed. NHS members had to attend four activities each semester. (photo by Abby Rogers)



News editor Rosie Mellion looks over some copy for the *Beat*. Being an editor required careful proofreading skills. (photo by Abby Rogers)

Officers put in countless hours

Not content to just let things happen, many students decided to take charge. Whether elected or appointed, officers found it took a lot of time and effort to organize events and projects.

"I wanted Spanish club to be fun this year," Spanish Club President junior Lance Polikov said. "I ran for president because I wanted to organize programs that incorporated Spanish, like going to dinners, going to museums, or having lock-ins."

Junior Jessie Zahn, vice president of DECA, was also elected vice president at the state level of DECA.

"Being vice president takes a lot of time," she said. "I'm busy organizing activities for our chapter and for the state chapter. Scheduling events, being on time, going to every activity and meeting takes a lot of dedication on all the officers' parts."

Some of the bigger clubs set up a committee system and appointed students to head those select groups. For example, junior Mark Kratina was the secretary for National Honor Society's induction committee. The committee was set up within the larger group of all NHS members.

"I outline the meetings and try to make sure things are done in the right order," he said. "I also put everything about the meeting in perspective. It makes all the things that need to be done go smoothly."

Even the Publications staffs had a chain of command. The *Burke Book* staff used a unique system of an editor-in-chief, three managing editors and section editors.

"Having the managing editors made getting the book done easier," *Burke Book* editor-in-chief senior Abby Rogers said.

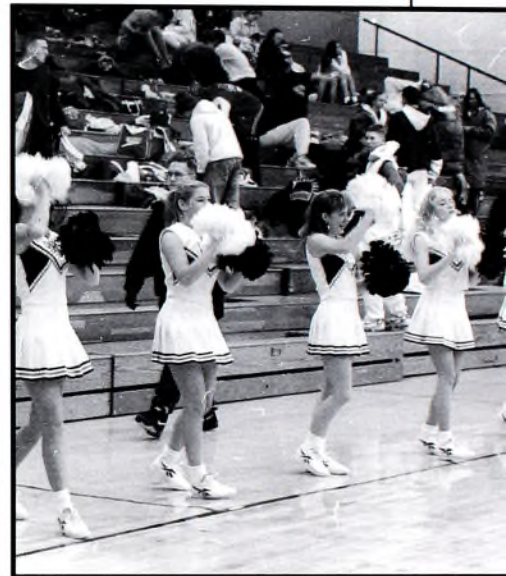
Sometimes being the one in charge was stressful. It was tough to have to be the one to keep everything under control.

"I needed to make sure that everyone was where they were supposed to be and on time," Pom Captain senior Krissy Barsness said. "I hated giving out demerits, but it had to be done."

by Nicole Violett



Before the Homecoming parade, NHS president senior Stacy Domnanish adjusts a poster on the NHS float. Domnanish was Junior Vice President when she was a junior. (photo by Charlene Liesveld)



Cheering with her squad, captain sophomore Andrea Hoffart leads the cheer. Each squad had two captains chosen by the sponsor. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Teams to talk

by Abby
Rogers

About

Do you
think we'll
make it to
State?

I can't
believe how
close that
game was!

State. No matter team what we were on, getting there was our goal. Winning state was our dream.

To reach our goals, we willingly put in uncountable hours practicing, watching films, reviewing tapes, and completing drills.

Yet despite all the work, some of us didn't have quite the season we wanted and had to learn from the disappointment.

Moments in the spotlight included beating Omaha South in the last football game of the season, Zach Stalder's repeat State wrestling title, Tasha Soby's gold medal for swimming, and the Boys Basketball Team winning another Metro Holiday Tourney.

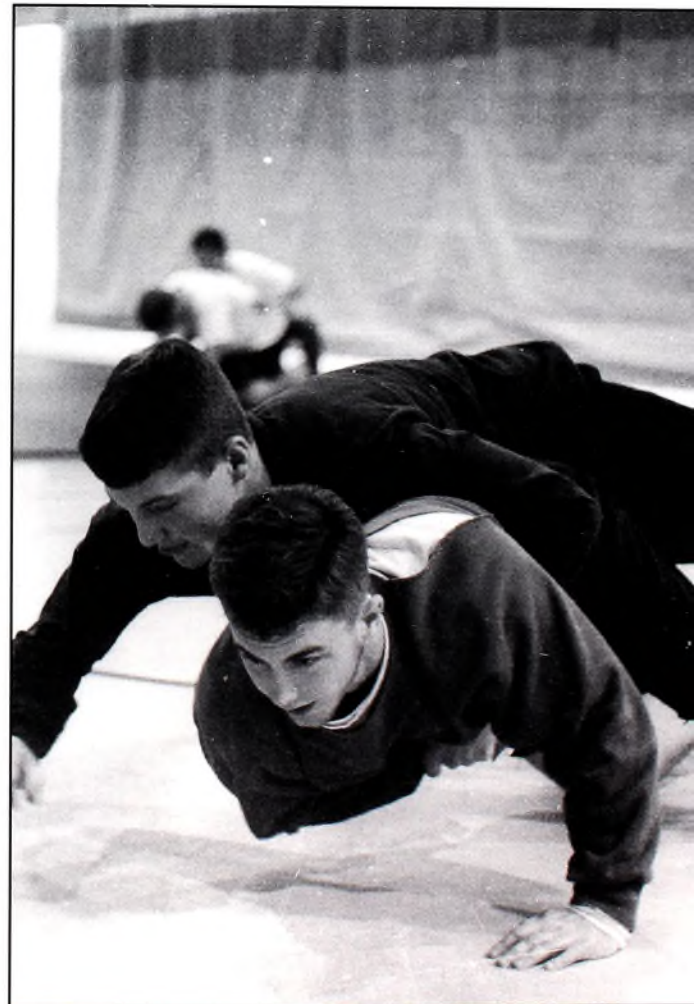
Win or lose, no matter how the season ended, we couldn't help talking about it.





Stopping the ball, junior Jason Tierney attempts to make a pass to a teammate. The Boys Soccer Team made its fourth straight appearance in the finals of the State Soccer Tournament. (photo by Cherie Connors)

State champion junior Zach Stalder practices his moves on senior Brad Reynolds. The team qualified seven wrestlers for the State Wrestling Tournament. (photo by Wade Parkins)



Season

rough

BY DAN VLACH

Winning wasn't everything for the young and inexperienced members of the Varsity Football team. It was a good thing, because the team's only win didn't come until the last game of the season.

"It was hard to keep practicing without a win to get you pumped up," senior Tim Belmont said. "We just tried to keep focused and take one game at a time."

Even though the team went 1-8, they never gave up during the season, entering each game certain that "this would be a victory."

That elusive victory came in an away game against South High in late October. It was the last game of the season.

"Although we didn't win games, I enjoyed the camaraderie of the sport," senior Khader Abou-naser said. "It was fun to celebrate after the South game instead of going home and being depressed."

The team had two "almost wins" against Benson and Westside.

"We struggled throughout the season, but the Westside game is when we started to turn things around. We started playing like a team that wanted to win," junior Jason Tierney said. "Against Benson we should have had a win, but things got out of hand."

This season was the first time in 26 years that the Bulldogs had been guided by someone other than Larry Jacobsen, who retired at the end of the 1994-95 school year.

Former South High coach Jack Oholendt tried to build for the future. The team, made up of mostly juniors and sophomores, began work in the weight room two weeks after school let out for the summer to get ready for the opener.

The season opener in Sioux City was a first in the school's football history.

"The highlight of the season was the competitive attitude that developed and began to show in the Westside and Benson games," Oholendt said.

Bulldogs senior Don Gilpin and junior Nate Croom charge onto the field, ready to take on the Bellevue West

Thunderbirds. The Bulldogs lost the game 40-8. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Making a break, senior Richard Nettles escapes a Creighton Prep defender. Nettles was one of the team captains and leading defensive players. (photo by Mike Humphry)

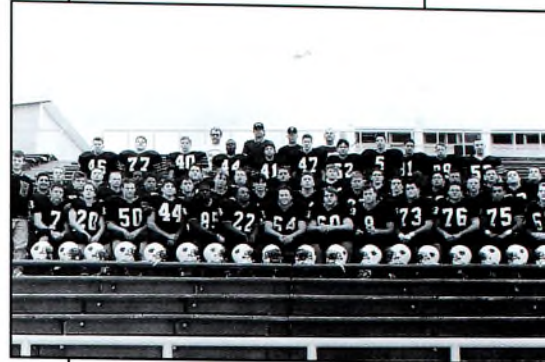
Dropping back to pass, quarterback junior Brett Clure is protected by guard senior Steve Coe. The Bulldogs went on to lose the game against Creighton Prep 34-0. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Know the score



Junior Jason Tierney rushes past the Bluejay defense for a first down. Tierney was among the best rushers in the state. (photo by Cherie Connors)



VARSITY FOOTBALL Front row: Manager Dan Regan, Don Gilpin, Josh Close, Troy Hays, Mike Ferber, Terrell Anderson, Richard Nettles, Steve Coe, Dusty Weiss, Travis Clark, Tim Belmont, Tim Koehler, Yasser Abounasr, Aaron Cubrich. Row 2: Khader Abounasr, Ryan Wiebe, Ryan Maliszewski, Curry Wittrock, Nate Croom, Josh Peterson, C.J. Lickert, Charlie Halcomb, Dave Saylor, Rusty Hughell, Colin Wills, Kelly Cook, Dan Vlach, Kyle Mann. Row 3: Ryan Larson, Joe Kasel, Montice Griggs, Steve Ziemba, Mike Steimer, Ryan Rutledge, Travis Flodine, Mike Murray, Kyre Morton, Vernon Goff, Brett Clure, Chad Colburn. Row 4: Clint Osler, Bob Murphy, Adam Dusatko, Robertson Ndegwa, Nate Croom, Curtis Wollen, Jay Lewis, Jason Tierney, Andy Bassett, Brian Gunn, Ryan Henrichs. Row 5: Assistant Coach Jim Engelhart, Assistant Coach Tom Wetzel, Varsity Coach Jack Oholendt, Assistant Bill James. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



FOOTBALL	VARSITY
Opponent	BHS/Opp.
Sioux City Heelan	6-28
Millard South	12-55
Creighton Prep	0-34
North	6-25
Northwest	7-28
Bellevue West	8-40
Westside	19-28
Benson	24-28
South	27-12
Season Record	1-8

Success *tasting*

BY MIKE LERNER

The sweet taste of victory was experienced by members of the JV and the Reserve Football teams. But for the JV players, winning was especially sweet.

Many of the players on the JV team had never won a football game while playing for a Burke team.

"It felt really great to win a couple games," junior defensive lineman Clint Osler said. "We had a lot of adversities to overcome, yet our competitive spirit brought us together."

The team's focus on individual improvement paid off.

"Coach Jim Engelhart and I were most happy with the improvement all the players showed throughout the season," JV Coach Tom Wetzel said. This was the first year Engelhart and Wetzel paired up to coach the JV team.

Obviously winning three games was a season highlight, but beating Papillion-LaVista was one of the most satisfying moments of the season.

"We weren't expected to win, and the weather was bad, but we came out and showed people what we were capable of doing," junior Joe Kasel said.

Those who played on the Reserve team experienced nothing but victory their entire season. Having a team go undefeated for the season was the highlight of the football program.

The amazing accomplishment of going 8-0 was not easy. The sophomores worked hard in practices, going against the Varsity team.

"Practicing against the older guys gave us a lot of experience," sophomore Adam Dusatko said. "We really played hard against them in practice and it paid off in games."

Many sophomores showed strong improvement over the season, and a number of players got some playing experience at the Varsity level.

Bulldog defenders juniors Ryan Larson and C.J. Lickert tackle a Millard South receiver. Burke lost the game 35-0. (photo by Mike Humphry)



Know the score



Junior Josh Peterson makes an effort to tackle a Millard South player. The JV players improved throughout the season. (photo by Mike Humphry)



RESERVE FOOTBALL Front row: Adam Dusatko, Robert Ndegwa, Mike Murray, Chad Colburn, Bob Murphy, Ryan Henrichs, Mike Cohn. Row 2: Dave Keber, Nick Wurth, Dan Leland, Jake Stone, Steve Melkus, Lucas Brigman. Row 3: Dave Underwood, Brian Hodges, Andy Devault, Chris Rezac, Omar Henderson. Row 4: Matt Dorman, Nate Gaskill, Antwan Beaugard, Sam Ingram, Brad Hein, Nick Gritmit, Morgan Smith, Coach Mike Piatkowski. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



Sophomore Nick Gritmit escapes the defensive pressure of junior Clint Osler. Gritmit was the quarterback of the undefeated sophomore team. (photo by Mike Humphry)

Quarterback sophomore Kelly Cook hands off to JV running back junior Nate Croom. Cook and Croom led the team offensively. (photo by Mike Humphry)



BOYS JV FOOTBALL Front row: Ryan Wiebe, Josh Close, Curry Wittrock, Don Gilpin, Jay Lewis, Kyre Morton, Josh Peterson, Pat Steimer. Row 2: Ryan Maliszewski, Khader Abounasr, Matt Belmont, C.J. Lickert, Ryan Rutledge, Travis Flodine, Vernon Goff. Row 3: Coach Jim Engelhart, Coach Tom Wetzal, Ryan Larson, Joe Kasel, Clint Osler, Nate Croom. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

FOOTBALL	JV	RESERVE
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	BHS/Opp.
Millard South	0-35	
Central	12-19	W
North	12-14	W
South	27-26	
Northwest	30-28	
Papillion-LaVista	44-21	W
Benson	7-14	
Creighton Prep	NG	W
Millard West	NG	W
Bellevue West	NG	W
Bryan	NG	W
Bellevue East	NG	W
Season Record	3-4	8-0

Know the score



GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL Front row: Lindsay Lucey, Tara Kelly, Melissa Caniglia, Alyssa Wedemeyer, Dianna Dennis, Katie Sup, Katie Bonniwell. Row 2: Jill Peterson, Angie Urosevich, MiKayla Hargens, Carrie Ausdemore, Amy Elson. Row 3: Sydney Graham, Emily Fine, Steph Schnabel, Coach Marty Torrez, Andrea Bell, Sara Roberts, Stacey Hanselman. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

Junior Sara Roberts follows through after hitting a line drive. Solid hits and strong defense made Roberts a key player. (photo by Cherie Connors)

The Lady Dawgs take a break between games at districts. Their season ended with two losses at districts. (photo by Katie Bonniwell)



GIRLS JV SOFTBALL Front row: Tara Kelly. Row 2: Lindsay Lucey, Tiffany Reyes, Ann Weiss. Row 3: Melissa Kelly, Anna Wolcott, Traci Stick, Robyn Manley. Row 4: Coach Deanne Carr, Holly Miller, Andrea Bell, Steph Schnabel, Jill Sisson, Annie Aldinger. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

GIRLS SOFTBALL	Varsity	JV
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	BHS/Opp.
Papillion	3:2	NG
Millard South	2:3	NG
Mercy	7:8	NG
Marion	1:11	NG
Northwest	0:1	1:13
Millard South	2:5	1:8
Benson	14:0	NG
Lincoln High	9:0	2:8
Bryan	4:1	12:2
Marion	8:4	6:6
Bryan	5:2	NG
Papillion	2:10	NG
Lincoln S.E.	1:3	15:2
North	7:2	4:5
Papillion	8:7	NG
Mercy	2:3	NG
Lincoln SE	5:0	NG
Ralston	3:4	NG
Lincoln East	11:0	13:0
Papillion	5:0	7:2
Bellevue West	10:0	28:0
Millard North	1:7	6:5
Omaha South	11:1	14:3
Central	9:7	9:7
Seward	13:1	NG
Lincoln SE	0:4	NG
Lincoln East	3:4	NG
Districts	4:0, 4:3	NG
Season Record	15:12	8:4:1



Preparing for a hit, sophomore Diana Dennis takes her position at third base. Dennis provided solid defense as well as consistent hitting. (photo by Mike Humphry)



After gathering together in a huddle, the team exchanges high fives. Gathering around the mound before each inning was a tradition for the infield players. (photo by Mike Humphry)

Senior Sydney Graham warms up pitching before a game. Graham pitched for the team for three years. (photo by Mike Humphry)



Short *falling*

BY KATIE BONNIWELL

Although falling short at districts, the Varsity Softball team had a great season. The Lady Dawgs had a winning 15-12 record and overpowered many teams with their strong defense.

"We really stuck together as a team," catcher junior Carrie Ausdemore said. "Everyone got a long really well."

The first game, against number-one ranked Papillion-LaVista, was one of the team's highlights. With the team's ambition they were able to beat the Monarchs 3-2 in eight innings. In fact, the team was able to beat the Monarchs three out of four times, which was a first for Burke softball.

"Our first game was the key," Varsity Coach Marty Torrez said. "Beating Papillion for the first time, not to mention three times. It was the greatest feeling ever."

The team, led by seniors co-captains Syd Graham and Stacey Hanselman, and Alyssa Wedemeyer and Angie Urosevich, accomplished most of its goals. Since the team was made of eight sophomores and five juniors, its future looked strong.

Unfortunately, their effort fell short at districts. The team lost two close games to Lincoln Southeast and Lincoln East.

Although the JV team started the year off with three consecutive losses, they came back to finish with a successful 8-4-1 record.

"Our never-say-die attitude was our biggest strength," Coach Deanne Carr said. "We scored many of our runs in the later innings of the game."

Team leaders sophomores Lindsay Lucey, Emily Fine, Annie Aldinger and Steph Schnabel had outstanding offense and consistent defense.

"Losing our first three games was tough," sophomore Andrea Bell said. "But it made us work even harder and want to win even more."

Know the score



GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL Front row: Ann Mulligan, Val Cook, Kelly Mulligan. Row 2: Stephanie Garman, Julie Dierberger, Jennifer Rowedder, Erin Swanson, Amanda Casados, Jodi Hruska. Row 3: Ryan Olds, Suzanne Freimuth, Shannon Odde, Coach Lori Godbolt, Kari Wolf, Megan Lien, Nikki Hruska. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL Front row: Sarah Curry, Maria Haag. Row 2: Kristen Connor, Kim Schuettner, Jana Eichhorn, Erin Elliott. Row 3: Jackie Serflaten, Cortney VanCleave, Jodi Westrol. Row 4: Jennifer Bailey, Marcia Mendlick, Autumn Klabunde. (photo courtesy Rick Billings Photography)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	Varsity	JV
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	BHS/Opp.
Belleuve Invite		
Kearney	5-15, 6-15	
Belleuve East	7-15, 7-15	
Lincoln East	2-15, 2-15	
Millard South	10-15, 11-15	
Ralston	15-4, 15-12	
Kearney	12-15, 15-9, 13-15	
Millard North	15-10, 6-15, 15-10	L
Gradaville Intive		
Central	15-10, 10-15, 15-2	W
Northwest	15-12, 15-13	
Bryan	8-15, 15-11, 8-15	L
Westside	6-15, 13-15	L
Benson	9-15, 15-7, 13-15	W
Marian	8-15, 6-15	W
Gross	15-3, 5-15, 15-5	
Duchesne	11-15, 15-9, 8-15	
Belleuve West	1-15, 2-15	L
Westside Invite		
Millard South	9-15, 8-15	
Belleuve East	15-13, 1-15, 13-15	
Abraham Lincoln	4-15, 4-15	
Papillion-LaVista	7-15, 5-15	
North	15-12, 15-17, 9-15	W
Belleuve East	8-15, 12-15	
South	15-5, 15-5	W
Metro		
Millard North	3-15, 9-15	
Districts		
Millard North	15-9, 6-15, 5-15	
Season Record	7-20	8-10



In a game against Millard North, senior Jennifer Rowedder spikes the ball. This was the first time the Bulldogs had beaten the Mustangs. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Up for the block, senior Val Cook and sophomore Julie Dieberger try to stop the ball. Cook was the captain of the team. (photo by Cherie Connors)

B *tough* Breaks

BY JOE BASSO

Despite some disappointing losses, the members of the Girls Varsity Volleyball team remained optimistic and focused right up to the end of their season.

To keep focused on the positive, first-year head coach Lori Godbolt had the team elect players of the week and home game fans vote for their favorite players.

"When we got to vote for the best player, it made it more entertaining, and more people came to the games," sophomore Kim Schuettner said.

The highlight of the season came early when the girls beat 8th-ranked Millard North for the first time.

"It was the first time we beat them. We did it by everyone contributing. It was our all-around best game of the season," senior captain Jennifer Rowedder said.

The young team had many stand-out players including seniors Val Cook, who collected 131 defensive dig saves, and Jenny Rowedder, who had 44 blocks during the season. Major contributions also came in from sophomores Erin Swanson, who made 159 kills, and Megan Lien, who was the best all-around player, Godbolt said.

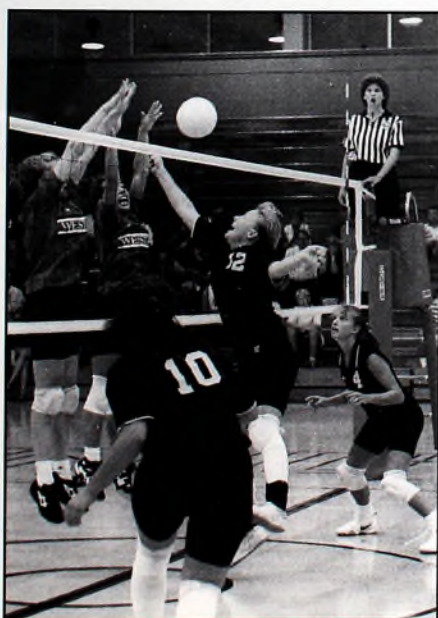
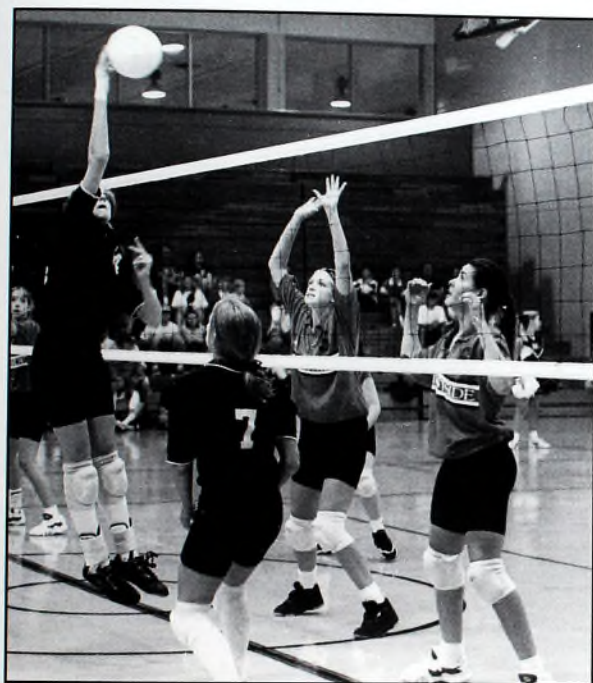
Junior Ann Mulligan, who was the team's most consistent server at 95 percent, helped the team achieve an 89 percent serving percentage.

Besides outstanding serving, the team also had solid service reception. They aimed to make an 85 percent reception average, and beat that goal, ending the season at 87.4 percent.

"We're a young team with plenty to build on," Godbolt said.

Building on individual skill levels was the primary focus of the JV Volleyball team. The girls won five regular season games, including a win over Marian.

Juniors Maria Haag and Sara Curry were elected captains of the team.



To win the game against Westside, sophomore Erin Swanson spikes the ball. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Sophomore Julie Dierberger attempts a spike as junior Ann Mulligan adds her assistance. (photo by Cherie Connors)

winning Starts

BY MIKE LERNER & JOE BASSO

Success was a great motivator for the members of the Freshman Volleyball and Freshman Football teams. Both teams got to know the thrill of victory.

First-year head coach Krista Sesker guided the Freshman Volleyball players to a nearly perfect season. The team lost only two games and finished with a record of 9-2. Players had a good feel for the game and an urge to improve themselves.

Teamwork was also part of the team's success.

"We worked really hard and played well together as a team," setter Jill Pace said.

Highlights of the season included taking second place at the Marian Tournament and beating Marian for the first time. Good leadership helped the team unite.

"Chaley Smith and Kerri Paasch were very strong leaders throughout the season," Sesker commented. "Team members looked up to them."

The Freshman Football team accomplished something that few teams had ever accomplished. They not only won two games, but also set and broke many records.

The team's goal was to win 50 percent of their games. They almost achieved this goal by coming within five points of Benson and four points of North.

Learning the system with new coaches was challenging. To overcome their adversities the team relied on a strong unity and met their challenges head on. The team was led by quarterback Eric Chandler, running back Tommy Chow, and linebacker Matt Miller.

The Dawg defense was the third best in freshman history. Defensive coach Brian Inselman was a strong motivator.

"Our coaches taught us a lot and made playing fun," cornerback Nick Bassett said.



The Burke offense lines up for a successful play. (photo courtesy of Jaosn Decker)

Practicing for a match, Leslie Mollack works on sets. (photo by Katie Bonniwell)



Know the score



As his teammates block the Central defenders, quarterback Eric Chandler tries to score a touchdown. Chandler was one of the team's leaders. (photo courtesy of Jason Decker)

During practice, Jessica Bailey bumps the ball for Kerri Paasch to set. Paasch's enthusiasm helped with the team's morale. (photo by Katie Bonniwell)



BOYS FRESHMAN FOOTBALL *Front row:* Michael Dupree, Scott Hobza, Nick Bassett, James Simpson, Mitch Urosevich, Ryan Malashock, Tommy Choe, Ben Maas, Joe Stevens, Chad Tettenborn, John Knicely, Terry Roberts, Dave Gorman. *Row 2:* Franklin Jefferson, Scott Haas, Mark Fortkamp, Shane Wurdeman, Mike Hergert, Jereme Wallis, Scott Loveless, Bryan Purdy, Kirklane Wise, Eric Goeken, Jeremy Workman, Tony Spinharny. *Row 3:* Nicholas Stuto, Jon Haas, Shaun Conner, Jim Baker, Ryan Piper, David Otto, Eric Piper, Justin Zahn, Derrick Lindeman, Hugh O'Donnell, Dan Stein, Matt Biggs, Justin Orr. *Row 4:* Ryan Moehring, Jason Decker, Adam Greenwald, Adam Sedlacek, Sean Sanchez, Jeff Scott, Brent Hassenstab, Ray Curtis, Mark Miesenbach, Corey Jackson, Eric Chandler, Matt Miller, JR Greer. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



Looking for a hole in the Central defensive line, Nick Bassett tries to run the ball for a touchdown. The group was the most successful freshman team in Burke's history. (photo courtesy of Jason Decker)



GIRLS FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL *Front row:* Bonnie Hanselman, Rachel Manners, Brenda Hanselman. *Row 2:* Patty Peterson, Melissa Watson, Jenny Schrage, Chaley Smith, Leslie Mallock. *Row 3:* Coach Krista Sesker, Angela Holdren, Kerri Paasch, Jill Pace, Sara Delashmutt, Andrea Penney, Jessica Bailey, Ms. Hobza. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

FOOTBALL/VOLLEYBALL Opponent	FRESHMAN BHS/Opp.	FRESHMAN BHS/Opp.
Lewis & Clark	38-14	15-8, 15-12
Millard North	0-31	15-0, 15-9
Northwest	22-0	15-6, 15-7
South		7-15, 15-12, 15-5
Central		11-15, 15-4, 15-7
Prep/Marian	0-32	15-3, 7-15, 15-3
Bryan		15-7, 11-15, 15-9
Benson	13-18	16-14, 10-15, 5-15
Millard South		15-4, 15-12
Millard West	0-28	15-4, 15-9
North	8-12	15-10, 10-15, 15-8

Rocky Roads

BY RACHEL WARNE

With young and inexperienced runners, both the girls and the boys cross country teams faced many obstacles on their road to State.

Starting the year with intense heat didn't stop the girls from running some of their best times. In fact, competition for the top seven spots was very close all year. Twelve of the 18 team members were in their first year of cross country, and 13 different girls ran Varsity at some point in the season.

"Teaching them the sport and getting them the experience they needed to compete was a real learning experience," Girls Varsity Cross Country coach Bill Scarborough said. "The bumps, bruises and pain were all a part of it."

Sophomore sensation Holly Lang ran number one all season and senior Tracy Tompkins was team captain.

A major strength of the team was unity. "They practiced well, they competed hard, and they took care of each other," Coach Bill Scarborough said. "They are great students and athletes."

The girls qualified for State as a team by finishing third at districts. Led by Lang and Nicole DeRoin, the girls finished 11th at State. At Metro the team placed fifth.

The boys team also had a season of learning with the loss of lead runner senior Matt Tippery. Despite Tippery's loss to injury, the team qualified for State with a third place run at districts.

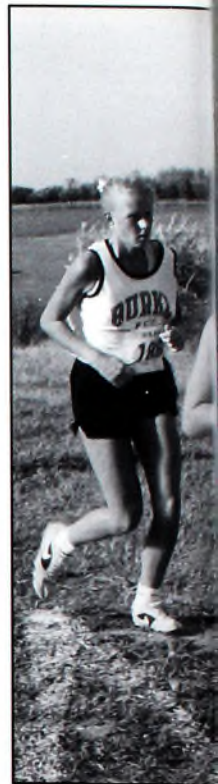
At Metro the team finished sixth, and at State they came in 12th.

Throughout the season the team, coached by Mike Mingo, was led by sophomores Arik Solberg, Tim Fry and Tom Yahnke.

Highlights of the season included a 6th place finish at Metro, making State for the second year in a row, and finishing in the top half of the teams at the Jayhawk Invitational held at the University of Kansas.

After a successful race, junior Stephanie Diamantis and sophomore Holly Lang walk away with their medals. (photo by Al Rowch)

At districts, senior Tracy Tompkins passes a Central runner. Her effort helped the team finish third at the meet. (photo by Al Rowch)



At the sound of the gun, the girls take off at State. The team qualified for the meet by finishing third at Districts. (photo by Al Rowch)

Keeping up with the pack, junior Eric Catlin finishes strong at Metro. Catlin was a two-year team member. (photo by Wade Parkins)



Know the score



GIRLS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY
Front row: Nicole DeRoin, Alice Lugo, Tracy Tompkins, Devon Conner. Row 2: Holly Lang, Janelle Treat, Jessica Zonker, Brooke Glassman, Amy Hoffman, Amy Shanahan, Rachel Kozoil, Becky Preston, Stephanie Diamantis. Row 3: Coach Kelvin Young, Shannon Kelly, Corrine Ausdemore, Andrea Petersen, Katie Fischer, Sara Pearson, Coach Bill Scarborough. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



BOYS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY
Front row: Kevin Grosse, Arne Pfingst, Brian Arnold, and Michael Bogue. Row 2: David Treat, Chris Doering, Arik Solberg, Eric Catlin, Tom Bizzarri, Rick Fitzekam, Ryan Olesh, and Tim Wiebe. Row 3: Jeremy Boldt, Dan Underwood, Tim Fry, Coach Mike Mingo, Dave Nielsen, Sean Watson, and Tom Yahnke. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

CROSS COUNTRY	GIRLS	BOYS
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	BHS/Opp.
NE Wesleyan Invite	5th	7th
Millard South Invite	5th	7th
Kansas Invite	10th	15th
Class of Metro	2nd	
Prep Invite		5th
Millard West	6th	6th
Metro	5th	6th
Districts	3rd	3rd
State	11th	12th

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Know the score



GIRLS GOLF Front row: Garnett Griebel, Jenny Seip, Amanda Baeder, Courtney Collins, Emily Griebel. Row 2: Coach Marv Lodes, Tarrah Mathews, Kim Rainwater, Noel Tesar, Jennifer Bird. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



BOYS VARSITY TENNIS Front row: Brian Key, Tony Smiley, John Zoob, Eric Mooss. Row 2: Coach Gary Lundeen, Ben Forrest, Chad Femrite, Ted Heieck, Paul Schoonover. Not pictured: John Heieck, Eric Hamburg, Adam Kohn, Jeff Shapiro, Tyler Link. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

	GOLF	TENNIS
Opponent	BHS/Opp	BHS/Opp.
Duchesne	243-197	
Bryan	188-228	9-0
Millard South	168-153	5-4
Marian	230-197	
North	157-136	5-4
Northwest	158-170	8-1
Bellevue West	238-309	6-3
Westside	245-221	2-7
Benson	164-217	8-1
South	203-224	cancelled
Millard North		2-7
Triangulars		
Prep-Fremont		2-9-7
East Southeast		1-9-8
Metro	5th	
Districts		
State		
Season Record	5-5	6-2

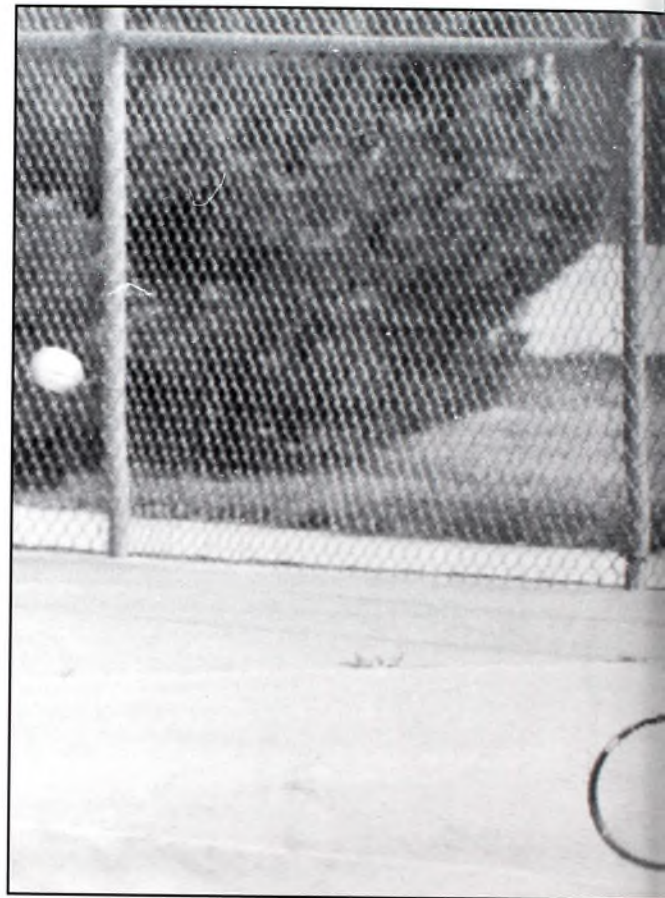
BOYS JV TENNIS Coach Resa Kelly, Jeremy Bowen, Matt Maresh, Mike Kricsfeld, John Pravner. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



During practice, sophomore Courtney Collins attempts a long putt. (photo by Marv Lodes)



Aiming for the hole, senior Stephanie Gardella concentrates on driving the ball. (photo by Marv Lodes)



While perfecting her form, sophomore Kim Rainwater practices her long drives. Rainwater was one of the leaders of the team. (photo by Marv Lodes)





Senior Paul Schoonover reaches to get a tough drop shot. Schoonover played an important leadership role. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Analyzing her set up, junior Jenny Seip lines up her shot. Seip was a second-year letterman. (photo by Marv Lodes)

Attempting to get to the ball, freshman Eric Hamburg prepares his backhand shot. Hamburg was one of three freshmen on the team. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

B *personal* BESTS

BY ERIC MOOSS

Individual improvement of the members of the Girls Golf and Boys Tennis teams made the season a success.

The girls finished the season with an impressive 5-5 record. At the onset of the season the girls set many goals including scoring in the top half at Metro and qualifying as a team for State.

The girls finished fifth at Metro, and overall, Coach Marv Lodes was very satisfied with the team's performance.

Junior Noel Tesar and sophomore Kim Rainwater led the young team. In fact, Tesar finished 10th at Metro.

"I just played to get the lowest score to benefit the team," Tesar said.

The girls had fun off the course also.

"The golf team was great; we had a blast. We built each other up throughout the entire season," Tesar added.

Like the Girls Golf team, the Boys Tennis team was young, and strongly relied on the leadership of four seniors. The team's main goals for the season included winning all their duel meets and doing well at the Metro and State tournaments. The team ended the season right about where Coach Gary Lundeen had expected.

"I expected us to finish where we did, maybe one place higher, but overall I was very pleased with the results."

The team finished its season with a 6-2 duel record and satisfying performances from all competitors at Metro and State. The performance of the number-one doubles team of Ted Heick and Ben Forrest was one of season's highlights.

"I had a lot of fun playing with Ben this year," Heick said. "We played very well all year."

The boys tennis team had high hopes for the future. With three sophomore and three freshmen lettermen Coach Lundeen was looking forward to a positive next few seasons full of many Metro and state titles.

Know the score



GIRLS GYMNASTICS *Front row:* Jamise Williams. *Row 2:* Linda Dyzcek, Rachel Katskee. *Row 3:* Nikki Gubi, Stacy Martin, Gina Guerrero, Beth Doty. *Back row:* Coach Marnie Simpson, Erin Horeis, Nikki Hutchinson, Coach Dave Ross. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

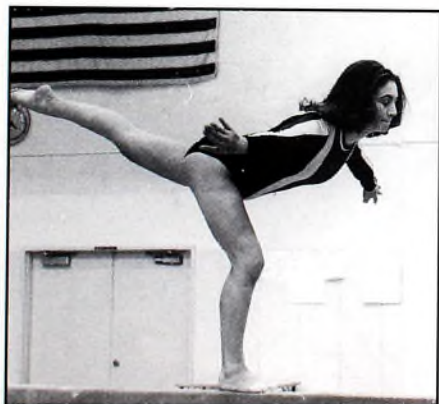
GIRLS GYMNASTICS	VARSIITY	
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	
Grand Island Invite	125.1	8th place
South	130.75-72.7	
Papillion	140.1-115.55	
Ralston	130.3-132.55	
North	127.5-119.5	
Millard North	142.55-144.35	
Millard South Invite	144.7	2nd place
Papillion Invite	137.95	3rd place
Metro	146.75	2nd place
Millard West	122.15-110.3	
Millard South	124.55-123.6	
State		
Day 1	144.2	
Day 2	143.8	3rd place
Season Record	5-2	

Showing her flexibility, junior Gina Guerrero does a Russian during her beam routine. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Senior Erin Horeis leaps while performing her routine. Horeis was one of two seniors on the team. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Sophomore Stacy Martin concentrates on her performance. Martin placed second in state. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Sophomore Rachel Katskee shows off her balance on the beam. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Breaking Records

BY JASON LIVERMORE

Determined was a good word to describe the gymnastics team. With four All-Americans on the team, it was tough for anyone to beat the Lady Dawgs.

The Dawgs finished third at State with strong performances from senior Nikki Hutchinson, junior Gina Guerrero, and sophomores Stacy Martin and Nikki Gubi.

"I thought we could have done better," Guerrero said. "We had a great team and we should have been first or second at State."

At State, Guerrero was the State champion on the balance beam with a 9.6 average and Martin came in second in the all-around competition with a score of 37.65.

Guerrero had been tough on top of the beam all season, and Martin was in the fight for the all-around.

Coming into the season the Lady Dawgs had high goals. They hoped to finish at least second in Metro and finish better than last year's fourth place finish at State. Both of the goals were accomplished.

At Metro the team finished in second place, missing first by only 0.6 points. Guerrero won first place on the beam, and Martin brought home the gold in bars and vault.

The team broke several school records during the season. Guerrero tied the school beam record with a 9.65 and Martin broke the vault, all-around and floor records. On the vault Martin had a 9.8. Her record-breaking all-around score was 31.75 and her floor record was 9.5.

"It was really hard to capture the record in the all-around as a sophomore," Martin said. "I couldn't believe it when I heard them say I had the record."

The team ended the season by setting a new school record of 146.75 points.

B *tough* Breaks

BY JASON LIVERMORE

The Boys Varsity Basketball team had a shortened season after losing to Fremont in the finals of district play.

Many expected the Dawgs to be the only Metro team to make it to the state tournament, but it was not to be. After winning the Metro Holiday Tournament, the Dawgs expected to have the momentum for the second half of the season. Instead, they dropped seven out of the final nine contests, falling out of the top 10.

"We always have a goal of going to the state tournament," Varsity Coach Gary Graner said. "Unfortunately, we came up a little short."

One of the goals that the Bulldogs did accomplish was winning the Metro Holiday Basketball Tournament for the second consecutive year. During this stretch, the Bulldog's defense gave up only an average of 46 points per game, while their offense produced an average of 62 points.

"The highlight of the season for me was definitely winning the Metro Tourney again," senior Victor Ebong said.

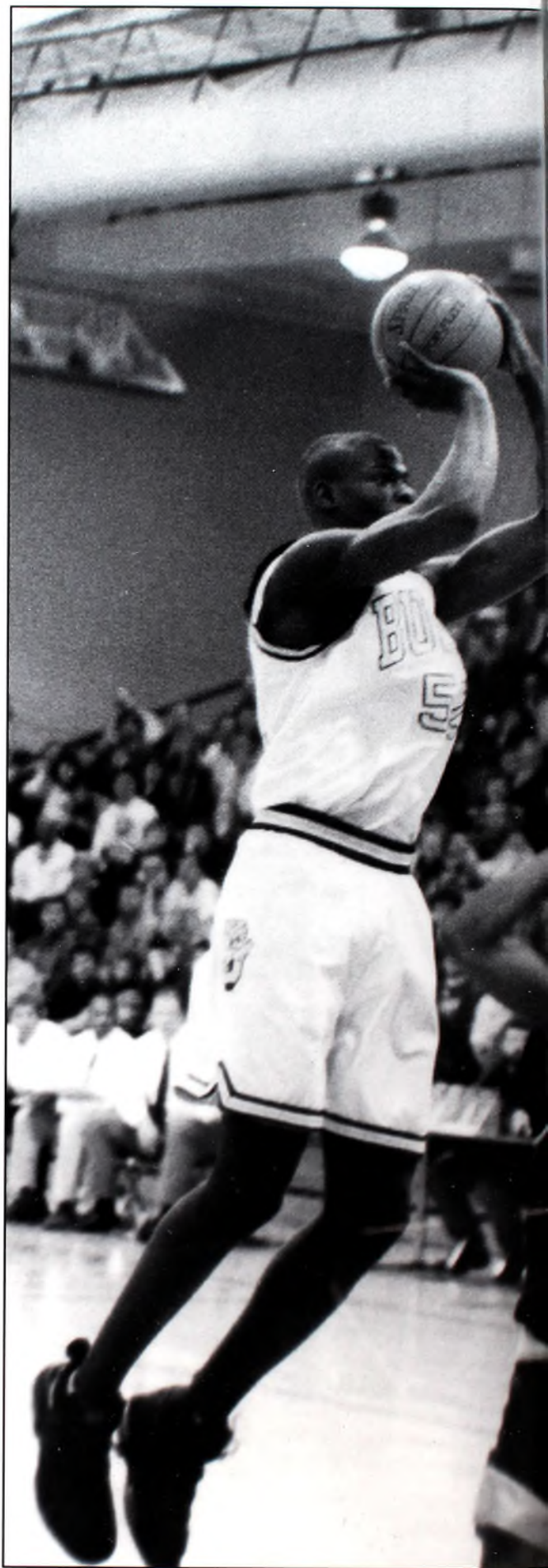
During the last nine games before districts, the Bulldogs allowed an average of 76 points, while only producing an average of 71 points.

"When we put it all together, we played great team defense," Graner said.

The Bulldogs worked all season long on playing good defense. When the team was successful defensively, the offense flourished.

"The strength of our team was definitely the defense," senior Jon Eichhorn said. "When we worked together, we could stop any team."

With only five seniors, the team looked for leadership from three-year letter winner Ebong. Ebong, the center, led the team in rebounds and points, and was named first team honorary captain of the All-Metro Basketball team.



Know the score



VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL Front row: Andy Bassett, Nick Johnson, Dan Regan, Evan McKean, Motice Griggs. Row 2: Coach Kenyon Sharp, Jason Tierney, Brett Clure, Andre Williams, Herman Shields, Andre Humphrey, Coach Wayman White. Back row: Coach Gary Graner, Coach Gary Holst, Jon Eichhorn, Kyle Mann, Victor Ebong, Joe Olson, Clint Louderback, Ryan Holmes, Coach Tom Wetzl. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



In his second year on Varsity, junior Clint Louderback goes up for 2 points. The Bulldogs were able to beat Prep in their first match-up at the Holiday Tournament, but they lost when they played the Bluejays at home. (photo by Cherie Connors)

As Prep defenders look on, senior Jon Eichhorn tries to recover the ball after a wild pass was made. The Bulldogs lost the game 58-72. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Going up strong to the basket, senior Victor Ebong attempts to score against the Bluejays. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Reaching for the basket, senior Jon Eichhorn goes up over two Prep defenders. (photo by Cherie Connors)

BOYS BASKETBALL	VARSITY
Opponent	BHS/Opp.
Millard South	64-71
Westside	49-48
Papillion-LaVista	58-56
Millard West	63-40
North	67-60
Holiday Tournament	
Millard West	59-33
Westside	75-57
Creighton Prep	57-44
Omaha South	58-50
Omaha Benson	87-78
Creighton Prep	58-72
Lincoln Southeast	63-77
Millard North	58-59
Omaha Bryan	65-48
Omaha Central	66-83
Bellevue West	62-61
Bellevue East	61-65 OT
Lincoln East	56-66 OT
Omaha South	63-72
Omaha Northwest	52-29
Districts	
Omaha Northwest	70-49
Fremont	48-64
Season Record	13-9

Team Triumph

BY MIKE LERNER

Chemistry played an important role in the success of the Boys and Girls JV Basketball teams. Love for the game and individual talents helped both teams compete and achieve their goals.

The boys set very high goals at the beginning of the season including trying to finish the season undefeated. They fell short of this goal by only two games, losing to Lincoln Southeast and to North. The team worked hard to improve and grow in each and every contest.

Despite having different lineups throughout the season, the boys managed to maintain team chemistry. Their great team play was nicely complemented with poise and confidence from experienced players. The team was led by juniors Mike Lerner, Andy Bassett, Brett Clure, Joe Olsen, and sophomore Ryan Holm.

According to Coach Sharp, "The highlight of the season was seeing a group of guys come together and play with great compassion, love, and respect for each other." The players were not only friends with each other but also friends with their coach.

The JV girls also had a successful season, winning 10 of 16 games. The biggest wins came against Millard North and Central. The win over the Mustangs was the first ever at the JV level and a last-second win over the Eagles brought the season to an exciting culmination. Coach Steve Moore had fun with the team that worked hard and wanted to play.

"They were great kids to have our underclassmen follow!" Coach Moore said.

Junior Sarah Curry said, "We came together and played as a team and were able to accomplish our goals."

Team unity played a big role in the girls' achievements. Junior captains Adrial Mitchell, Jamie Bizzarri, and Sarah Curry were a major reason for the team's success.

Under pressure from a Bellevue East defender, sophomore Emily Fine passes the ball.

Sophomore Katie Sup passes away from a guarded teammate. (photos by Casie Lindeman)

Driving past a Lincoln East defender, junior Andy Bassett goes for a basket.

The JV boys won the 68-49. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Junior Andre Humphrey soars for an easy layup. (photo by Cherie Connors)

In a game against Lincoln East, junior Joe Olsen drives for a layup. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Know the score



BOYS JV BASKETBALL Front row: Jay Saunders, Mike Lerner, Tom Ostronic, Andy Bassett, Brett Clure. Row 2: Coach Kenyon Sharp, Eric Chandler, David Jones, Joe Olsen, Ryan Holmes, Troy Pollard, Kevin Kobs (not pictured Rafael Barlowe). (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



GIRLS JV BASKETBALL Front row: Katie Sup, Kelly Mulligan, Adrial Mitchell, Lisa Goblirsch. Row 2: Sarah Curry, Stephanie Schnabel, Jenny Peterson, Andrea Bell, Emily Fine. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

JV BASKETBALL	BOYS	GIRLS
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	BHS/Opp.
Benson	57-47	39-35
Westside	61-53	24-48
Bellevue East	62-57	41-23
South	79-65	33-4
Prep/Marian	52-44	33-46
Millard South	56-52	30-52
Northwest	47-32	30-28
Lincoln Southeast	71-86	20-30
North	59-62	30-41
Papillion Lavista	78-53	36-30
Bryan	69-59	29-23
Bellevue West	71-54	65-17
Millard West	82-44	35-25
Lincoln East	68-49	26-26
Thomas Jefferson	74-69	NA
Central	64-45	33-32
Millard North	60-58	34-31
Season Record	15-1	10-5-1

Know the score



GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL Front row: Katie Sevensing, Kelly Mulligan, Ann Mulligan. Row 2: Suzanne Freimuth, Meghan Anderson, Jenny Rowedder, Val Cook. Row 3: Julie Dierberger, Julie Lund, Amanda Baeder, Erin Elliott, Missy Morrissey. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

GIRLS BASKETBALL	VARSITY
Opponent	BHS/Opp.
Millard South	63-50
Westside	46-34
Papillion-LaVista	36-22
Millard West	54-36
Holiday Tournament	
North	53-39
South	90-23
Millard North	38-47
Benson	53-55
Marian	54-59
Lincoln Southeast	48-60
Millard North	47-56
South	75-39
Bryan	53-49
Bellevue West	54-43
Central	38-22
Bellevue East	56-32
Lincoln East	45-46
Northwest	53-35
Districts	
Millard North	43-38
Marian	44-51
Season Record	13-7

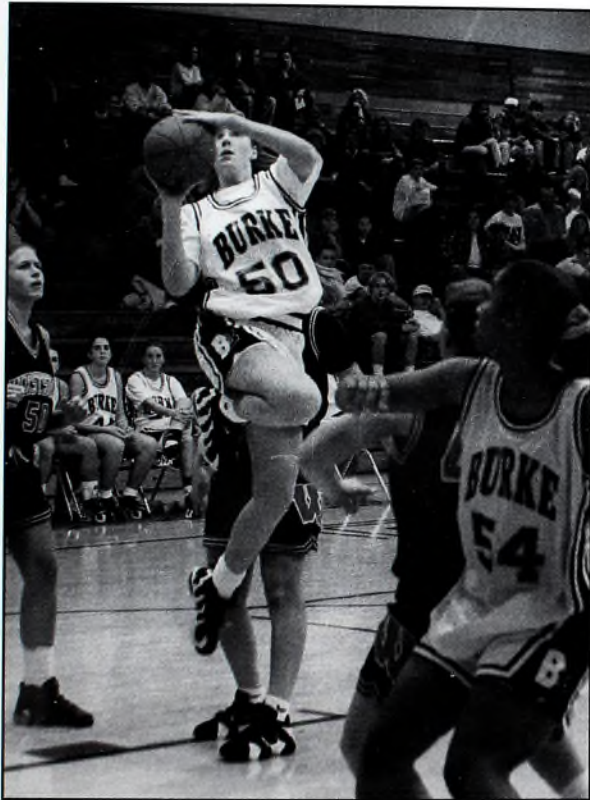
Under the watchful eye of sophomore Meghan Anderson, senior Val Cook shoots for two. Cook was named to the 1st team All-Metro by the Omaha World-Herald. (photo by Cherie Connors)





While battling against Bellevue West, sophomore Julie Dierberger aims for the hoop. This was Dierberger's first year on the Varsity Basketball team. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Going for a layup, senior Amanda Baeder concentrate during the game against Westside. The girls won the game 46-44. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Sophomore Meghan Anderson struggles over the ball with a Papillion-LaVista opponent. Anderson was a key player for the Dawgs. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Always Champs

BY KATIE BONNIWELL

Starting off the season strong with wins over Millard South and Omaha North, the Girls Varsity Basketball team had one goal in mind: making it to the state tournament. This goal almost became a reality, but their aspirations were cut short by 4 tenths of a point.

Although their dream never became a reality, the Lady Dawgs continued to hold their heads high. And they had every reason to, considering they had a 13-7 record.

"Even though we had a few bad games, we still had a winning season and a great year," sophomore Meghan Anderson said.

With strong team commitment and positive attitudes, the Lady Dawgs overpowered many teams. Winning their first six games gave the team a positive outlook, and although they lost their next five contests, the Lady Dawgs continued to strive hard.

"Everyone on the team got along really well, our attitudes really clicked, and that helped us to play to our highest potential," junior Ann Mulligan said.

In District finals, the Lady Dawgs played hard, but it wasn't quite enough to get past the Marian Crusaders. The 51-44 final score was a close one, and as the buzzer rang, nothing but disappointment was on the faces of the girls.

"It was a let down, not making it to state, especially since this was my last year, but we played our best," senior Jenny Rowedder said.

Senior Val Cook ended her high school basketball career on a high note, being named to the *Omaha World-Herald's* First Team All-Metro. Working hard as a Lady Dawg since she was a freshman, Cook had put in many long hours on the court.

"It was great ending the season with such an honor, it really shows that my hard work has paid off," Cook said.



BOYS RESERVE BASKETBALL Front row: Chris Triptow, Brian Hodges, Josh Weiss, James Wagner, Kelly Cook. Back Row: Coach Tom Wetzl, Adam Meier, Andy Braussard, Francis Ebong, Travis Smith, Chris Doering, Jeff McDonald. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



BOYS FRESHMAN "A" BASKETBALL Front row: Sylvester Porchia, John Zaob, Mitch Urosevich, Nick Basset, Chad Tettenborn, Tommy Choe. Row 2: Coach Greg Pavlik, Ryan Malashock, Dan McCrillis, Andy Lund, Kyle Johnson, Corey Jackson. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL Front row: Janel Wegehaupt, Ann Weiss, Diana Anderson. Row 2: Katie Witak, Patty Peterson, Brenda Hanselman, Jennifer Hansen. Row 3: Sylvia Porchia, Garnet Griebel, Jill Pace, Jenny Olsen, Bonnie Hanselman. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

BOYS BASKETBALL	RESERVE	FRESHMAN "A" (B)
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	BHS/Opp.
Westside	50-50	
Belleve East	90-63	
Creighton Prep	56-63	62-71 (L)
Fapillan	46-35	
Creighton Prep	51-56	
South	58-51	58-52
Millard South	46-60	71-52 (L)
North	71-45	68-67 (W)
Bryan	63-42	(W)
Belleve West	70-42	
Boys town	70-25	70-35
Central	72-56	73-50
Thomas Jefferson	64-28	
Millard North	39-47	60-44
Benson		50-63 (W)
Millard West		58-61 (L)
Lewis and Clark		58-26 (L)
Northwest		57-45
Skutt		(W)
LaVista Jr. High		(W)
North High Tournament		
PrepB		58-60
North		72-85
Prep Tournament		
Grass		74-71
Benson		65-70
Season Record	9-5	9-5(5-5)

GIRLS BASKETBALL	FRESHMAN
Scores not available	
Season Record	3-8

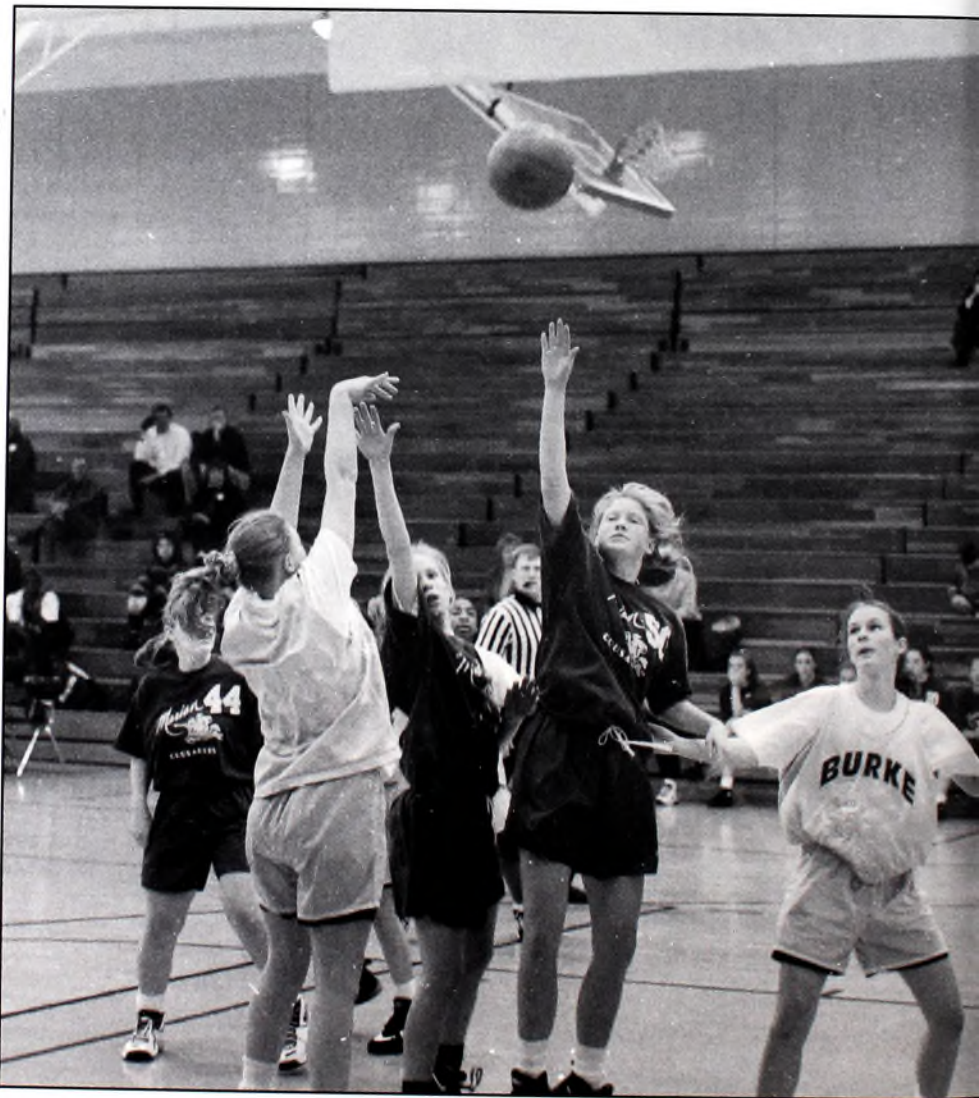
BOYS FRESHMAN "B" BASKETBALL Front row: Ken Kelly, Eric Hamburg. Row 2: Kyle Jurvey, Nick Gayman, Coach Kelvin Young, Ben Soby, John Knicely. Back row: Adam Rich, Dan Goessling, Joey Raper, Jason Glassman, Tommy Bartlett, Jimmy Baker. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



The Girls Freshman team fights to retain possession of the ball during a tough game against Marian. The girls were coached by Aime Noel. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



Members of the Boys Reserve Basketball team position themselves for the rebound. The team ended its season with a 9-5 record. (photo by Abby Rogers)



Skills *building*

BY KATIE BONNIWELL



Freshman Sylvia Porchia tries to tip the ball to her teammate. The girls had a 3-8 season. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



Freshman Garnet Greibel takes a shot, despite being double teamed. Throughout the season the girls developed new skills. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Sophomores Adam Meier, Travis Smith and Francis Ebong defend the goal against Millard South. (photo by Abby Rogers)

An emphasis on fundamentals was a common theme to all of the underclass basketball teams. Some players, like those on the Boys Reserve Basketball, got to learn the basics while having a winning season at the same time.

Winning eight games in a row and dominating the competition were just a couple of the highlights for the Boys Reserve Basketball team.

Team goals included learning to play as a team, improving as individuals, and working hard to enjoy the game.

"Major obstacles were improving their fundamentals and learning to play as a team," Reserve Basketball Coach Tom Wetzl said.

Team leaders included sophomores Francis Ebong, James Wheelock and Corey Evans.

Playing together, rebounding well and having a fine defensive team were all major strengths.

"I believe some of these guys will move on and help the JV and Varsity teams in the future," Wetzl added.

The Boys Freshman "A" team had a 9-6 season. They came back after a rough stretch in the middle of the season and proved their abilities. Working hard and strong team leadership were the keys to their success.

"Each year the guys have to gel as a team. Sometimes this is a slow process, but this year the team did a tremendous job of coming together as a unit," Coach Greg Pavlik said.

Making their way through their first season as Lady Dawgs, the Freshman Girls Basketball team made much improvement. The strength of the team was its chemistry, and the athleticism they possessed was a major asset.

"The skill level was not very high at the beginning of the season, but as we progressed, it became a lot better," Coach Amie Noel said.

reaching Goals

BY ERIC MOOSS

The Varsity Boys Swimming team was pleasantly surprised with a third place finish at state. For a team which had lost many experienced swimmers to graduation, the boys performed well at crunch time. The boys finished third behind Creighton Prep and Westside.

Burke's third place finish came down to the last race, the 400-yard relay. The Bulldogs overtook Lincoln Southeast by finishing first in the consolation heat. Then they wound up scoring more points in the race to overtake then third place Millard South.

"The highlight of the season was the ability of the team to know when it was time to buckle down and swim hard. They proved themselves throughout the ENTIRE season, especially at the State Championship," Coach Jeff Stalnaker said.

Outstanding performances at State were given by junior Pat Steimer, second in the 50 free; senior John Stevens and junior Neil Thiltgen placed fourth and fifth in the 100-back respectively, and senior Lance Larsen and junior Chad Loveless finished fourth and sixth in the 50 free.

The Dawg swimmers finished the regular season with a 5-4 record and also placed well in many invites. Also, the boys team finished a strong fourth at Metro.

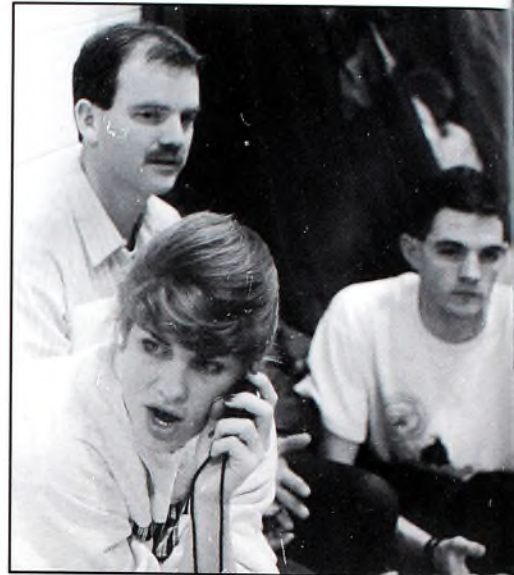
Team leaders Stevens, Thiltgen, Steimer, and Larsen had a tough job in keeping the reputation of being a number one team.

"The team really came together and made this year successful," Coach Sue Rosenthal said.

At the beginning of the season the team's goals were to function as a team and to have the boys continue to swim at their highest level.

"All these swimmers became a team and performed as one," Coach Stalnaker said.

Coach Sue Rosenthal watches the clock during State with a volunteer and assistant coach Jeff Stalnaker. Coaches put in many hours before and after school. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



Senior exchange student Roar Heggdal races for a strong finish at State. Heggdal was from Norway. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

At the Burke Invite, junior Pat Steimer perfects his butterfly. Steimer got second in the 50-free at the State Swimming Meet. (photo by Cherie Connors)





Senior exchange student Rasmus Biers patiently awaits the starting gun. Biers was from Denmark. (photo by Wade Parkins)

Teammates junior Pat Steimer and sophomore Mike Gabb cheer on their team at the State Swim Meet. The team finished in third place at State. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



Know the score



BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING *Front row:* Paul Dye, Roar Heggdal, Rasmus Biers, Andy Itkin, Joe Wilson, Mike Rubin, Jason Williams. *Row 2:* Phil Stalnaker, Lance Larsen, Chad Loveless, John Stevens, Pat Steimer, Wade Parkins, Neil Thiltgen, Mike Gabb, Jeff Stalnaker. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

BOYS SWIMMING	VARSAITY
Opponent	BHS/Opp.
Burke Invite	4th
Lincoln Southeast Invite	4th
Ram Relays	7th
Millard South Invite	4th
<i>Metro</i>	4th
<i>State</i>	3rd
<i>Dual Meet Record</i>	5-4
<i>Division Record</i>	5-2

T hanging Tough

BY JOE BASSO

The Girls Swim Team capped a roller-coaster season with a strong finish at both the Metro and State Swim Meets.

Having one state champion and finishing seventh overall in the state swimming meet were definitely the highlights of the season.

Sophomore stand-out Tasha Soby led the Bulldogs with Metro and State Championships in the 50-yard freestyle. Junior co-captain Terese Jung also swam well for the Dawgs. Jung said her goals for the season were to go to the State Swimming Meet and to swim her best time.

"It was great that I got my best time at State," Jung said. Jung finished third in the 200 Individual Medley.

Other team leaders included senior Casie Lindeman and junior Lisa Delashmutt.

Sophomore Tasha Soby said it was very gratifying to win a gold medal at state.

"I know I will have to work even harder next year to be at the top again," she commented.

The long season was not without some challenges for the girls, who were rather low on depth, Coach Sue Rosenthal said.

"The hardest part of the season was getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning to swim and then having to practice after school too," Soby said. But, Soby added, that kind of hard work is what it took to be successful in the pool.

Rosenthal said she was especially pleased with the team's unity and the strong leadership from the team's captains.

In addition to the unexpectedly strong team showing at State, the girls also did well at Metro, finishing in fourth place.

First-year swimmer senior Christine Johnson said Metro and State were two of the many experiences that she will never forget. "The atmosphere was unbelievable."



Aiming for the finish line, senior Christine Johnson takes a breath. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

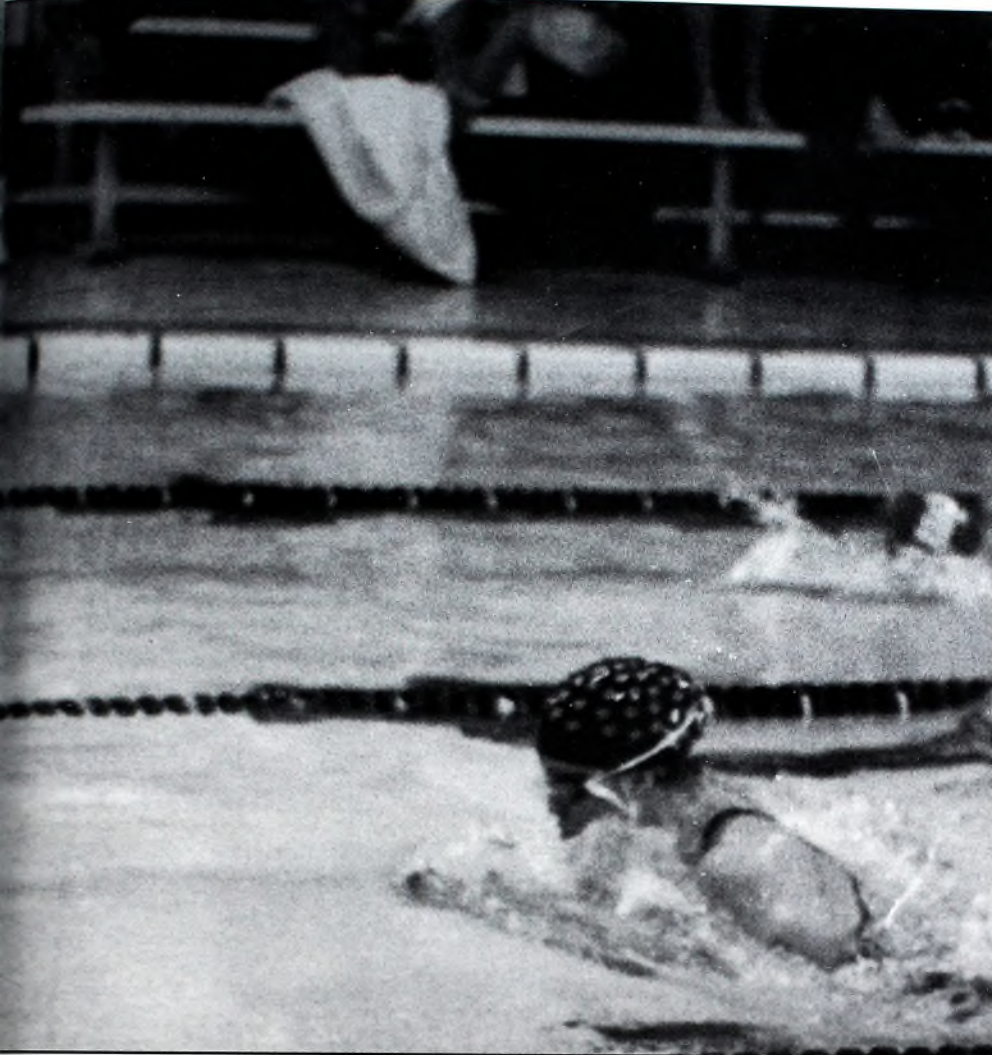
Johnson gets a quick start off the block in the 50 free. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



Know the score



GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING Front row: Danay Clausen, Rachel Beck, Heather Peters, Terese Jung, Melissa Hoenshell, Heather Wickes, Danielle Soby, Karla Schorle, Victoria Berthelsen, Kara Biven, Nicole Flatowicz. Row 2: Tasha Soby, Dani Lively, Christy Johnson, Nicole Young, Miranda Grosse, Kim Carder, Tabitha Love, Sara Stick. Row 3: Coach Sue Rosenthal, Lisa Delashmutt, Andrea Penny, Tara Tidwell, Casie Lindeman, Amanda Casados, Christine Johnson, Sara Delashmutt, Amanda Toliefson, Kelly Peters. Back row: Julie Spenar, Mandy Siskin, Dana Rosenberg, Kate Woodhead, Rachel Manners, Mindi Struck, Jean Ellis, Heidi Roberts, Jacque Serflaten, Therese Soby (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



GIRLS SWIMMING	VARSITY
Opponent	BHS/Opp.
Marian	92-93
South	50-40
Benson	132-39
Lincoln East	66-120
Belleuve West	107-79
North	88-98
Westside	105-125
Lincoln Southeast	120-66
Millard West	108-78
Invitationals	
Ram Relays	-
Burke Invite	4th
Lincoln Southeast Invite	7th
Millard North Invite	1st
Millard South Invite	-
Metro	4th
State	7th

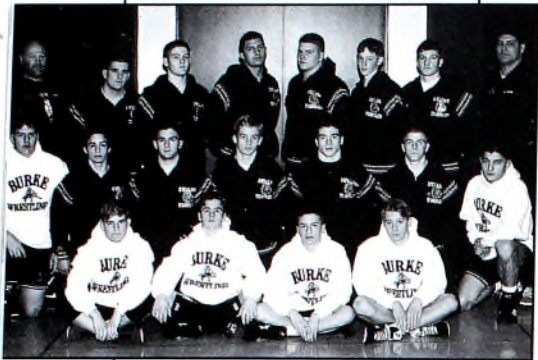


Junior Danielle Soby goes for a State qualifying time while swimming at the Burke Invite. (photo by Cherie Connors)

About to hit the water, sophomore Karla Schorle dives for a gold. The girls placed fourth overall in the Burke Invite. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

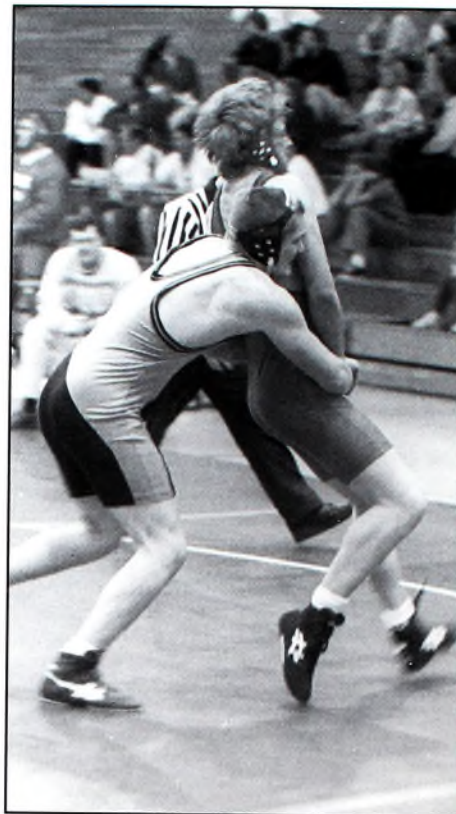
Sophomore Jean Ellis, freshman Heather Peters and freshman Andrea Penny cheer on their teammates during a meet. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Know the score



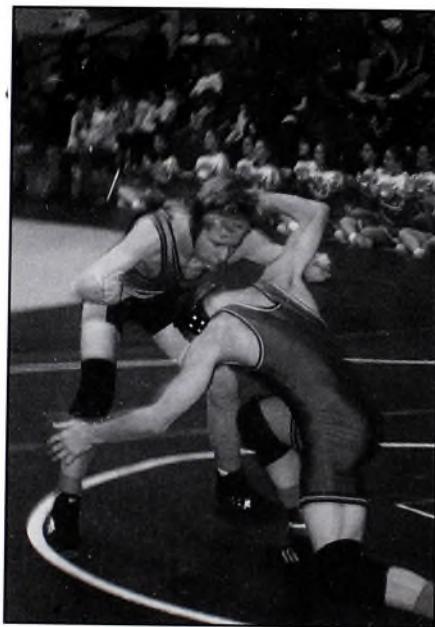
WRESTLING Front row: Brian Hightower, Jason Pryor, Ryan Six, Travis Gourley. Row 2: Matt Miller, Tony Vanderpool, Brad Reynolds, Scott Loveless, Rusty Hughell, Eric Catlin, Arne Pflingst. Row 3: Coach Jim McKean, Chad Colbern, Mike Murray, Colin Wills, Bob Murphy, Ricki Lindeman, Zach Stalder, Coach Mike Braun. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

WRESTLING	VARSITY
Opponent	BHS/Opp.
Benson	48-27
Westside	34-42
Bellevue West	57-18
Millard South	30-42
Bellevue East	37-42
Northwest	43-18
Prep	50-24
Millard West	36-39
Season Record	4-4

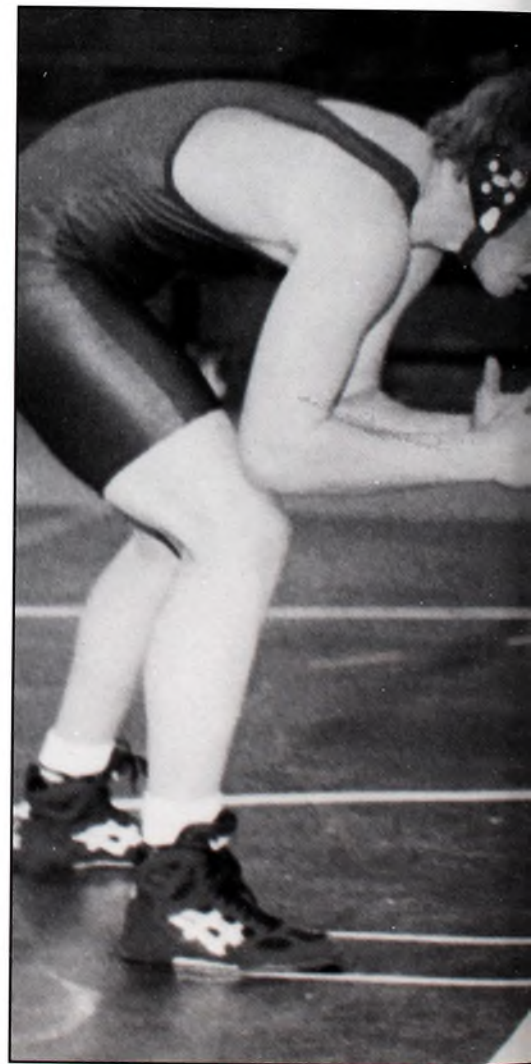


Trying to take down his opponent, sophomore Mike Murray competes at the Burke Invitational. Murray was a first year letterman. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Getting a feel for the tough competition at the Varsity level, freshman Scott Loveless gets taken down. The Burke Invitational was an annual event. (photo by Clint Osler)



At the beginning of the match, sophomore Mike Murray faces off his opponent. Murray wrestled at 171 lbs. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



During practice, senior Brad Reynolds and junior Zach Stalder prepare for their next meet. (photo by Wade Parkins)

Sophomore Bob Murphy works to turn his opponent. Murphy qualified for State in the Hwt. division. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

At the Burke Invitational, senior Tony Vanderpool cradles his North High opponent. Vanderpool wrestled on Varsity for four years. (photo by Clint Osler)

C*oming* close

BY DAN VLACH



Having seven state qualifiers was just the beginning of the highlights for the Varsity Wrestling team. Three of those who qualified for state placed, and one even brought home the gold.

Junior Zach Stalder, who wrestled at 152, had an undefeated season, bringing his record to 37-0. For the second year in a row, Stalder won the state title.

"I didn't think that I could win it again at a heavier weight, but through hard work and dedication, I was able to overcome this obstacle," Stalder said.

Two other juniors, Rusty Hughell, who wrestled at 160, and Eric Catlin, who wrestled at 112, brought home medals from the State Wrestling Tournament. Hughell placed fourth, and Catlin placed sixth.

"I am glad that I finished in fourth, but would rather have had the team place fourth instead of me," Hughell said.

Catlin agreed about his placement.

"I'm happy with my performance, but I wish I could have done better for the team," Catlin said. "But I know that I gave it my all."

Others who qualified for the state tournament included senior Tony Vanderpool (125), freshman Ricky Lindeman (130), senior Brad Reynolds (145) and sophomore Bob Murphy (Hwt).

Despite the team's success at state, they still fell short of finishing in the top 10.

"Even though we didn't reach our goal of being in the top 10, we were still close and stuck together as a team," team captain Reynolds said. Other team captains were Vanderpool and Stalder.

"We had wrestlers who developed and improved throughout the season," Varsity Coach Mike Braun said.

Sophomore Colin Wills added, "Even though it was my first year, we all stuck together as a team through the whole season. We gained more by learning to become more of a team."

Know the score

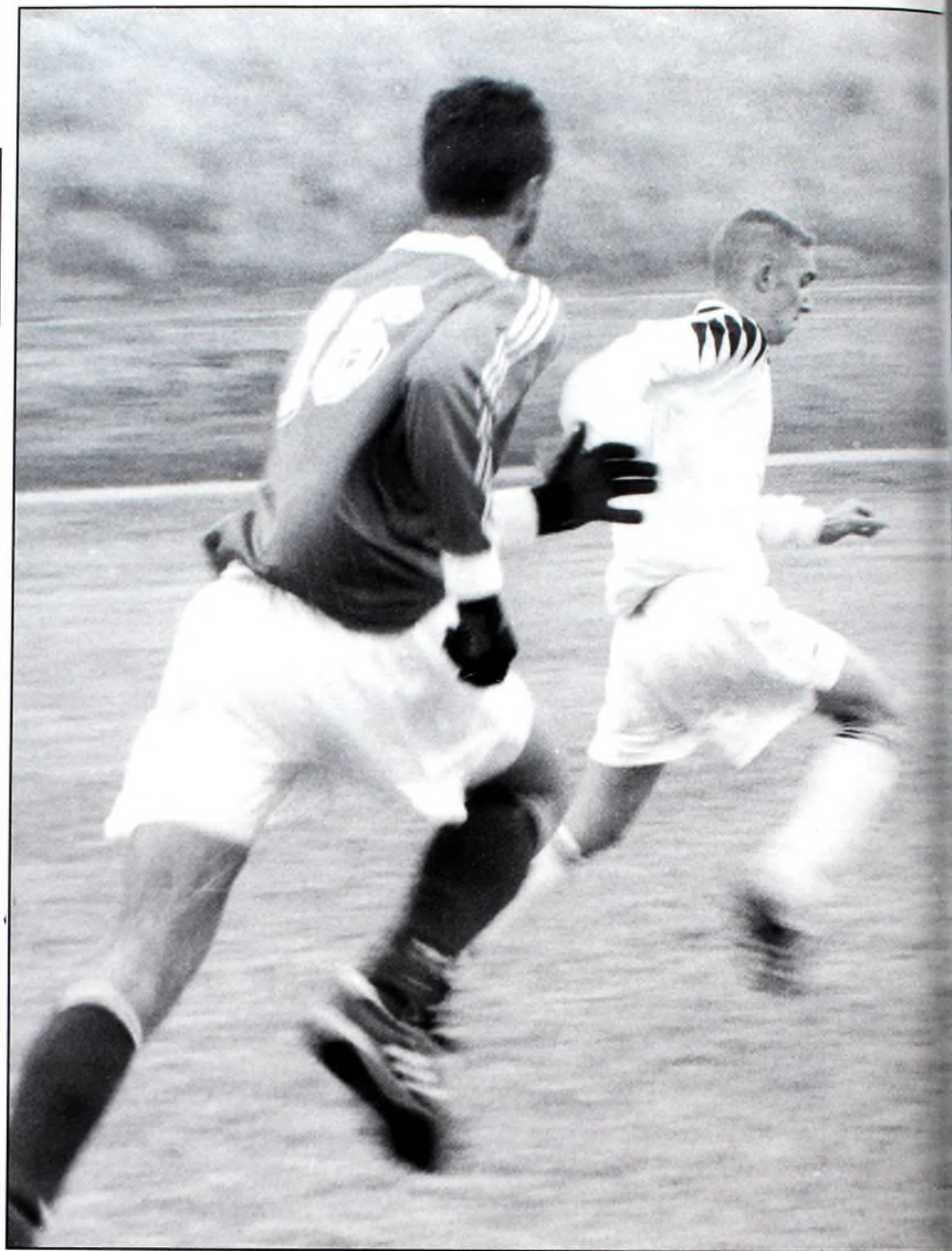


BOYS VARSITY SOCCER Front row: Mike Dean, Tom Vobejda, Dave Olander, Jeff Ludeke, Mike Preston, Mike Gabb, Joe Basso, Vern Goff, Jimmy Vobejda, Andy Vondra, Josh Neal, Dave Herrera. Back row: Coach Roland Munro, Nate Groose, Andrew Beckenhauer, Danny Benda, Jon Eichhorn, Jason Tierney, Brad Pittack, Justin Riddle, Jon Lien, Brian Key, Dan Herrera, Coach Mike Baily, Coach Jerry Ludwig. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Studio)



BOYS JV SOCCER Front row: Justin Watters, Hyong Yi, Mike Gabb, Justin Rose, Billy Wickes. Back row: Adam Dusatko, Matt Wells, Justin Sebeck, Chad Femrite, Bryan Arnold, Matt Heston, Michael Bryant, Coach Jerry Ludwig. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

BOYS SOCCER	VARSIITY	JV
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	BHS/Opp.
Millard West	1-0	JV Soccer statistics were not submitted to the yearbook by our deadlines.
Mt. Michael	1-0	
South	7-0	
Benson	13-1	
Bryan	5-0	
Thomas Jefferson	8-0	
North	6-1	
Northwest	9-0	
Central	2-1	
Bellevue West	5-0	
Millard South Invitational		
Prep	2-1	
Millard North	3-2	
Papillon/LaVista	1-2	
Bryan	5-0	
Prep	1-0	
Districts		
Gretna	12-0	
Elkhorn	3-2	
State		
Kearney	2-1	
Elkhorn	2-1	
Lincoln East	1-2	
Season Record	17-2	N/A



Junior Jim Vobejda advances the ball toward the goal. Vobejda lettered for the third year. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Reaching for a save, junior Joe Basso stops a goal. This was Basso's second year as starting goalie for the Varsity team. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Handling Defeat

BY JASON LIVERMORE



Dribbling towards the goal, senior Mike Preston outruns a defender. Preston was named to the All State Team as a junior and as a senior. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Senior Jon Lien chips the ball. Lien was one of three seniors on the team. (photo by Cherie Connors)

On the way to the goal, junior Vern Goff splits the defense. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Most of the state expected the Bulldogs to go home with the gold medal in soccer. But their expectations and the Bulldogs' dreams were stopped short in the state final against Lincoln East.

"It was really hard walking off the field with the silver medal," senior Mike Preston said. "We worked all year to win the State Championship. For us seniors, this was our last chance to win the gold."

When Dave Herrera received a red card 19 minutes into the game, the Bulldogs were left playing the rest of the game with only 10 players.

Junior Joe Basso played an inspired game, stopping all the shots during regulation. But in the sixth minute of the first half of overtime, Lincoln East scored, which proved to be the game-winning goal.

"It's been really hard making it to the State Finals the last two years and losing in the overtime period," junior Jim Vobejda said.

On their way to the State Finals, the Bulldogs won all games except one against Papillion in overtime.

The final game was delayed by six days.

"It seemed to take all the fun out of it when they cancelled the games," junior Jason Tierney said.

Finish

BY DAN VLACH

Playing in a tough district, the Girls Varsity Soccer team finished the season with an impressive 11-3 record.

The team was one game away from making it to state, but they lost to #1-ranked Marian in a game that ended 3-1. The Bulldogs' goal was the only one scored against Marian all season. Another great feat was beating Duchesne.

The girls' number one goal was to win districts and to make it to State.

"We tried really hard," freshman Jessie Parsons said. "We came so close to making it to State, but we couldn't pull out the victory in the end."

The team was led offensively by sophomore Meghan Anderson, who also led the state in goals scored. Team captains were seniors Christine Johnson, Allison Lidolph, Mary Becker, and Brooke Biene. Defensively, the team was led by sophomore Becky Preston.

"The strengths of the team were speed and the desire to play hard and practice hard," Moore said.

The team had to overcome major injuries to top players Johnson, Anderson, Lidolph, and Parsons.

The Bulldogs were in a district that included State Champion Marian and top-ranked Millard North, which put a damper on the team's outlook to make State. "We had one of the best seasons in the school history, but it was disappointing to lose in districts knowing we were one of the best teams in the state," Anderson said.

The Girls JV Soccer team had its best season with an undefeated record until they lost to Omaha Marian at the end of the season, 4-0. This was the first time that the JV team did not lose to Omaha Duchscene; they tied them 2-2.

"We played a really hard game, but our defense miscommunicated to force the second goal," sophomore Erin Swanson said.

As a Millard West player dribbles the ball, junior Bridget Sullivan and senior Allison Lidolph attempt to trap the ball. The Bulldogs won the game. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Going for the goal, senior Christine Johnson kicks the ball past a defender. Johnson was a four-year starter. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Know the score



In her second year on the Varsity team, sophomore Becky Preston clears the ball as junior Jamie Bizarri watches. Preston played sweeper. (photo by Cherie Connors)



GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER Front row: Andrea Bell. Row 2: Christie Lenox, Jenny Bailey, Becky Preston, Jessie Parsons, Janel Wegehaupt. Row 3: Marcia Mendlick, Kelly Mulligan, Allison Lidolph, Bidget Sullivan, Ann Mulligan, Mary Becker. Row 4: Meghan Anderson, Sarah Todd, Michaela Lincoln, Brooke Beine, Jamie Bizzarri, Christine Johnson. (photo by Coach Moore)



*The Girls JV Soccer picture was not turned in to the yearbook staff.

GIRLS SOCCER	VARSIY	J.V.
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	BHS/Opp.
Millard West	9-0	4-0
South	12-0	
Millard South	1-2	4-1
North	2-1	6-0
North	8-0	
Benson	8-0	12-0
Central	4-0	1-1
Northwest	7-0	3-0
Bryon	9-0	3-0
Duchesne	2-1	2-2
Papillion LaVista	1-0	4-2
Marian	1-3	0-4
Skutt	3-1	
Marian	1-3	
Bellevue West		3-0



Senior Allison Lidolph gets ready to pass the ball to a teammate in the game against Millard West.

As a teammate backs her up, senior Allison Lidolph runs to get to the loose ball. (photo by Cherie Connors)

Pitching Problems

BY KATIE BONNIWELL

The Varsity Baseball team had a tough season, but team spirit and unity held the team together. As the season progressed, the team showed improvement.

Having the highest team batting average since 1990 was a highlight of the season. The team had more than the usual number of left-handed batters and bunters, which was an asset to the team's offense.

Team leaders included seniors Mike Ruback and Mike Sortino, and juniors Brian Zimmerman and Mark Kratina. Their dedication and hard work provided more experience and help to the team.

Although their dream of winning districts and making it to the State tournament was cut short, they still managed to play to their fullest potential all year. The desire to play, and eagerness to learn helped the team to play their best.

"The lack of experienced pitching hurt, and occasional frozen brains didn't help, but our outlook for next year looks promising," Varsity Coach Mitch Hansen said.

Team unity, physical ability, and leadership helped the Boys JV Baseball team make its way through a winning 12-8 season. Their hard work on and off the field proved their athletic abilities.

They started off the season with a win against Bryan, and continued to play well by defeating Northwest by the 10-run rule on their home field. By playing as a team, and improving their style of play as the season progressed, they were able to have a successful season.

"This was one of the best teams that I've ever coached. Everyone was eager to learn, and always willing to listen," JV Coach Marty Torrez said.

The Reserve team, coached by first-year coach Tom Wetzal, had a winning season. The guys successfully mastered key elements of the Varsity mentality, and looked forward to moving up in coming years.

Senior Scott Fortkamp pitches the ball. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



During practice, junior Mark Kratina throws the ball. (photo by Cherie Connors)



In between innings, the Bulldogs discuss their strategy. The team's season record was 10-12. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



Know the score



Batter Kyle Johnson bends out of the way of the pitch. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Coach Mitch Hansen watches his team bat. (photo by Cherie Connors)



VARSITY BASEBALL Front row: Chad Leahy, Ryan Maliszewski, Tyler Adamson, Chad Tettenborn, Scott Forkkamp, Brad Reynolds. Row 2: Zach Stalder, Jason Epstein, Brett Clure, Mike Ruback, Mike Sortino, Jeremy Gatto, Jason Gurney. Row 3: Coach Mitch Hansen, Kevin Kabs, Tate Meier, Jeff Faiman, Brian Zimmerman, Matt Saathoff, Mark Kratina. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



JV BASEBALL Front row: Tyler Adamson. Row 2: Brandon Simpson, Chad Tettenborn, Mitch Urosevich, Scott Hobza, Tim Wilson. Row 3: Aaron Garsumpke, Adam Meier, Ryan Malashock, Jeff Guthmiller, Mike Murray, Chad Leahy, Tom Ostronic, Justin Armsbury, Jeff McDonald, Troy Whitmorsh, Coach Marty Torrez. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

BOYS BASEBALL	VARSITY	JV
Opponent	BHS/Opp.	BHS/Opp.
Bryan	5-0	14-2
Lincoln SE	2-4	6-7
Northwest	5-3	15-5
Millard South	11-14	5-7
Bellevue West	6-5	4-2
Millard West	5-13	12-1
North	8-1	6-4
Bellevue East	13-11	22-6
South	11-0	18-7
Millard North	4-13	3-5
Lincoln East	3-4	144/7-8
Papillion	4-10	6-3
Lincoln High	17-18	8-9
Westside	3-6/12-2	1-10/6-16
Skutt	4-14	NG
Creighton Prep	1-12	12-13
Benson	2-3	8-7
Roncalli	9-8	20-6
Valley	11-3	4-3
Season Record	10-12	12-8

RESERVE BASEBALL Front row: Joe Stevens, John Knicely, Justin Kucks, Steve Lukasiewicz. Row 2: Erik Johnson, Justin Orr, Terry Roberts, Scott Haas, Dave Gorman. Back row: Coach Tom Wetzel, Nick Wurth, Kyle Johnson, Mark Meisenbach, Corey Jackson, Matt Malek. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



As a Millard player prepares to steal the base, senior Jason Epstein gets ready to catch the ball. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

Senior Matt Saathoff pitches the ball. (photo by Cherie Connors)



Know the score

Junior Gina Guerrero finishes her long jump at Metro. Guerrero ran in the 400-meter relay that placed 3rd at State. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



In the 200-meter run, sophomore Chequetta Bearfield nears the finish line. At State, Bearfield got 3rd in the 200, 2nd in the 100 and 4th in the long jump. (photo by Al Thomas)



Despite the scorching temperatures at State, junior Jill Peterson puts the shot far enough to win third place. (photo by Al Thomas)



GIRLS TRACK Front row: Sara Mabrey, Krystal Brown, Jennifer Johnson, Jennifer Hansen, Chaley Smith, Melissa Watson, Kerri Paasch, Miranda Grasse, Maria Haag, Allison Gordon, Lena Weinman, Amy Shanahan. Row 2: Coach Chris Jensen, Patty Petersen, Katie Fischer, Corrine Ausdemore, Kara Kramer, Erin Horeis, Suzanne Freimuth, Katie McGowan, Cheaquetta Bearfield, Diana Anderson, Amy Nilsson, Cammie Williams, Nicole DeRoin, Shannon Kelly, Rachel Manners. Row 3: Deidra Clausen, Andrea Hoffart, Krista Knicely, Lindsay Andrlk, Melissa Caniglia, Alice Lugo, Sylvia Perchia, Jill Peterson, Holly Lang, Jenny Olsen, Traci Stick, Heather Woodruff, Megan Lien, Julie Hoffman, Amy Hoffman, Sara Pearson, Coach Maria Bang. Back row: Coach Roger Gehrig, Denay Clausen, Lisa Bergt, Jalene Wastrel, Coach Mike Mingo, Amanda Casados, Jenny Peterson, Megan Holcomb, Lesley Andrlk, Gina Guerrero, Gina Ray, Erin Elliott, Julie Lund, Janell Stevens, Janelle Treat, Coach Bill Scarborough, Coach Al Thomas. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



BOYS TRACK Front row: Morgan Smith, Tim Fry, Tom Yahnke, Wyatt Tuell, Kevin Grosse, Dan Underwood, Jon Barry, Jermale Brown. Row 2: Trevor Putnam, Matt Colnar, Chris Doering, Ryan Hendricks, Lucas Brigman, Charlie Holcomb, Chris Rezac. Row 3: Tommy Choe, Aric Solberg, Nate Croom, Brian Gunn, Rusty Hughell, Rick Fitzekam, Mike Ferber. Back row: Coach Merlin Lawrence, James Baker, Dusty Weiss, Travis Flodine, David Nielsen, Andy Lund, Joe Olsen, Jeff Nicholasen, Steve Ziemba, Mike Steimer. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



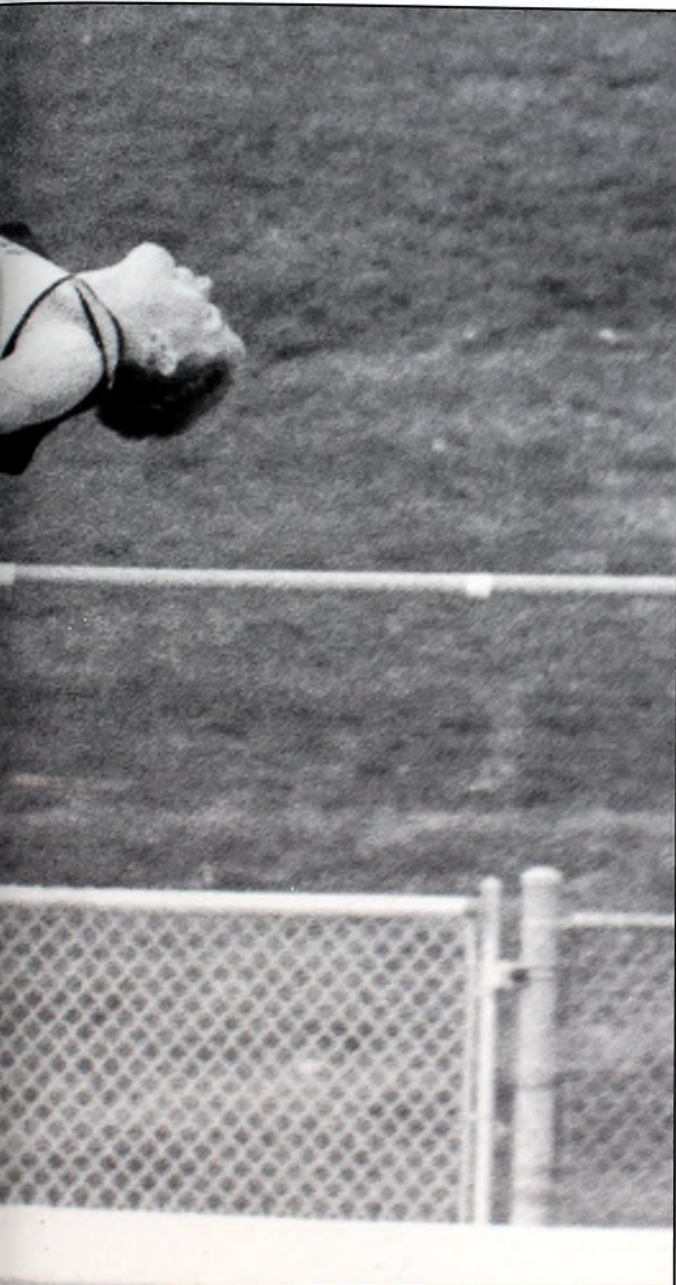
In the mile 1600-meter run, sophomore Megan Lien, #22, fights to move up in the pack. Lien ran in the 3200 relay, the 800, the 1600-meter relay and the 1600 at State. (photo by Al Thomas)

TRACK	GIRLS	BOYS
Opponent	Place	Place
Burke Relays	3rd	4th
Millard North Relays	3rd	-
North Platte Invite	-	6th
Millard South Invite	6th	7th
Central Invite	3rd	7th
Popillion Invite	2nd	4th
Metro	2nd	11th
Districts	1st	5th
State	3rd	18th



As the gun goes off, senior Erin Horeis takes off for the first hurdle. Horeis placed 6th in the low hurdles at the State Track Meet which was held at Burke. (photo by Casie Lindeman)

At Metro, junior Joe Olsen clears the high jump. Olsen qualified for State in the high jump and the triple jump, and placed in the triple. (photo by Casie Lindeman)



Ready to Compete

BY RACHEL WARNE & MIKE LERNER

Strong showings at Metro, district, and State meets were highlights of the boys and girls track season this year.

Goals were set high by the girls team and were easily met with top three finishes at at Metro, districts, and State.

"Our goals were to improve each week, to run more aggressively at State, and to learn the attitude of being a winner and competitor, not a participant," Varsity Girls Coach Bill Scarborough said.

Strengths of the team included its overall depth. The girls qualified for State in 12 of the 16 events and scored in 8 out of the 12 events.

"They needed to learn how to win! They needed to learn to compete, not participate," Scarborough said. "We went from a good team to a great team because they believed in themselves and in each other."

Team leaders this year included seniors Suzanne Freimuth and Erin Horeis, juniors Jill Peterson, Janelle Treat, and Gina Guerrero, sophomores Cheaquetta Bearfield, Megan Lien, Holly Lang, Andrea Hoffart, and Nicole DeRoin, and freshman Sylvia Porchia.

"I wasn't as nervous this year for State," Lien said. "I think I did pretty well at the meet in all my events."

Out of 26 letterwinners this season, 23 will be returning next year.

The Boys Varsity Track team had to overcome the major obstacle of inexperienced runners. Seniors John Barry and Dusty Weiss, and junior Joe Olsen led the dawgs this season with their skills in the hurdles, discus, and triple jump.

Team goals set were to improve as much as possible during the season and to do their best at State.

"My 20 years of coaching track at Burke is the highlight of my career," retiring Varsity Boys Coach Merlin Lawrence said.

Know the score



GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS Front row: Jessica Blumkin, Jennifer Gunther, Kelly Horbach, Lisa Pitlor. Row 2: Shannon Horbach, Ashley Larson, Amy Elson. Row 3: Coach Gary Lundeen, Stephanie Diamantis, Amanda Baeder, Amy Hildreth (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



BOYS VARSITY GOLF Front row: Dave Kadavy, Ryan Larson, Andy Ikin, Derek Lindeman, Adam Rich, Ryan Knihal. Back row: Coach Bob Shirck, Jeff Anderson, Matt Maresch, Carl Schroeder, Andy DeVault, Mike Schroeder, Eric Goodman. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)

Opponent	BOYS GOLF BHS/Opp.	GIRLS TENNIS BHS/Opp.
Fremont	NM	4-3
Southeast	NM	4-3
Bryan	155 (1st)	8-1
Westside	169 (2nd)	1-5
Lincoln East	NM	4-3
Bellevue West	173 (2nd)	7-2
Banson	170 (1st)	6-3
North	128 (1st)	9-0
South	170 (1st)	8-1
Northwest	165 (1st)	9-4
Prep JV	188 (2nd)	NM
Millard South	170 (2nd)	NM
<i>Invites</i>		
Ralston	NM	2nd
Fremont	NM	2nd
Westside	11th	NM
Central	6th	NM
WS & Rol.	3rd	NM
Hastings	9th	NM
Benson & Mill No. JV	1st	NM
Papio JV	6th	NM
Bell. Inv.	10th	NM
Burke Inv.	12th	NM
<i>Season Record</i>		
Metra	9th	2nd
Districts	6th	NM
State	-	2nd

GIRLS JV TENNIS Front row: Mary Hall, Reah Rose, Megan Toreau, Cara Walters, Jean Ellis. Row 2: Stephanie Baum, Caroline Ketzler, Coach Jim Engelhart, Allison Knox, Kristen Peterson. (photo courtesy of Rick Billings Photography)



Junior Mike Schroeder sinks a put at Districts. (photo by Bob Shirck)

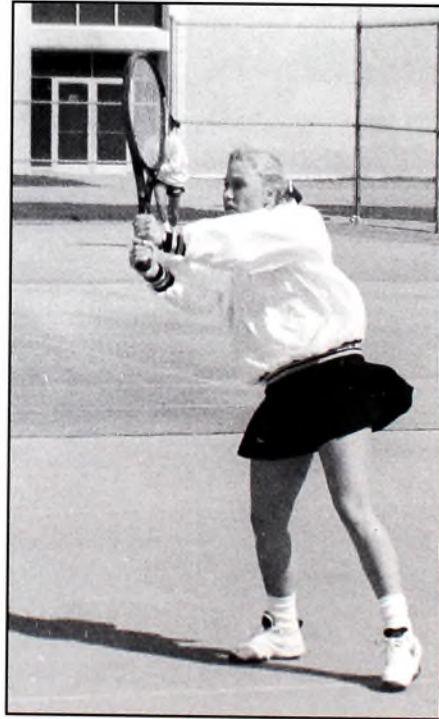


At the District Tournament, senior Carl Schroeder chips a shot onto the green. (photo by Bob Shirck)

The Girls Varsity Tennis team displays its State Runner-up trophy. (photo courtesy Gary Lundeen)



Junior Kelly Horbach returns the ball during a match. Horbach, along with her sister, won #1 doubles at State. (photo by Gary Lundeen)



Number 2 doubles state champion sophomore Amy Elson warms up for a match. Elson played with junior Ashley Larson. (photo by Wade Parkins)

Senior Shannon Horbach returns a serve. She and her sister Kelly were State Champions in number one doubles. (photo by Gary Lundeen)





Junior Jeff Anderson shows his disappointment during districts. Anderson led the team with an average of 42.3. (photo by Bob Shirck)



El battling elements

BY ERIC MOOSS

Rain, snow, and scalding heat didn't keep the members of the Boys Golf and Girls Tennis teams down. Despite less than ideal spring weather, both teams managed to have some impressive accomplishments.

In every tournament in which they played, the Girls Tennis team finished second. At both Metro and State, the girls were just one point short of first place.

Championships at Metro and State were won by the number one doubles team of senior Shannon and junior Kelley Horbach and the number two singles player sophomore Lisa Pitlor.

"We worked really hard for the entire season to get ready for State, and we are proud of our accomplishments," Pitlor said.

Another championship at State was won by the number two doubles team of junior Ashley Larsen and sophomore Amy Elson.

"What a great season," Coach Gary Lundeen said. "I'm just really proud of them and what they accomplished."

All six players were named to the All Metro Academic team. They not only showed leadership on the court, but off the court as well.

Character and integrity were the strengths of the Varsity Boys Golf team which was led by senior Carl Schroeder and juniors Mike Schroeder and Jeff Anderson.

"If everyone works really hard over the summer, we have a good chance of making State next spring," junior Mike Schroeder said.

The team met its goals of competing and playing as well as they could.

"Players competed hard and represented Burke High School well," Coach Bob Schirck said. "I was proud of the players' conduct, attitude, and character."

Bills to talk

by Abby
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About

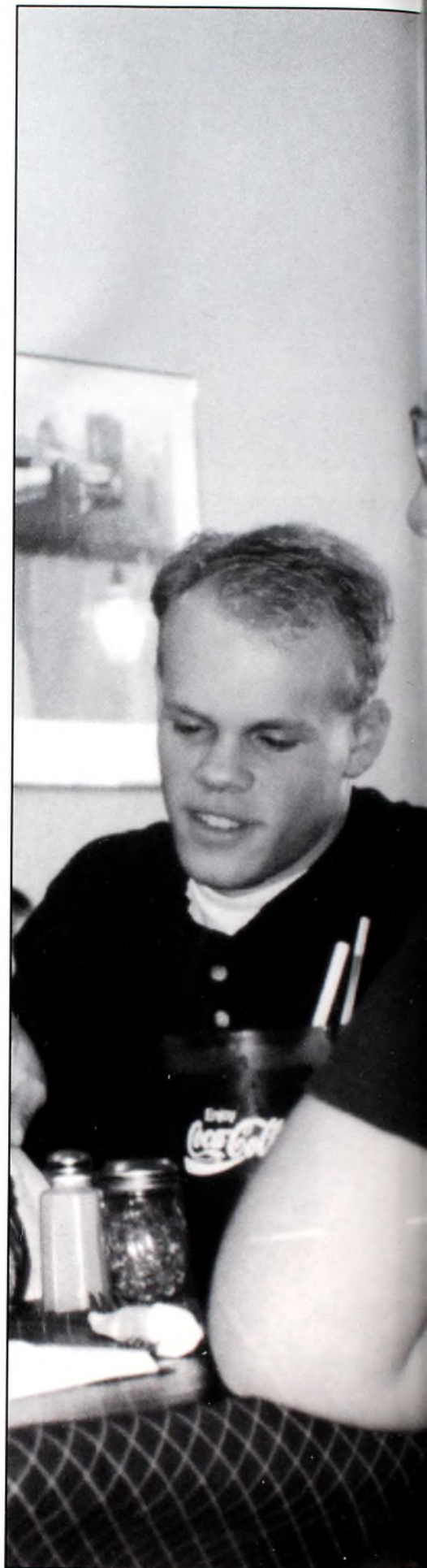
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Where did
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money go?

Saving money was the ultimate challenge for most of us. We had so many things we just had to have. Doc Marten sandals, tickets to the Boys State Soccer finals, and a Whopper after school were just the beginning of our nearly endless lists.

On top of all the essentials, some of us were even expected to save money for things like car insurance and college tuition.

To buy all the essentials of modern high school life, about 65 percent of us joined the ranks of the gainfully employed. We found jobs anywhere we could, from the drive-thru window at McDonald's to the cubicles at Gallup.

But no matter how cheap our night out was, someone was always talking about how they didn't have money.





Searching the menu, junior Mark Kratina and sophomore Tara Tidwell decide what kind of pizza to get at Zio's after a Journalism workshop. Most students found that their money often went towards food. (photo by Mark Ward)

Soda in hand, senior Jon Broder gets ready to head home after seventh hour. The new Coke machines brought a 5 cent increase in the price of soda at school. (photo by Cherie Connors)





Alyssa,

We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. Congratulations, and may your future be as rewarding and fulfilling as your first 18 years.

Alyssa Wedemeyer
All our Love,
Dad, Mom & Heidi

Kim,

Look ahead to your future with enthusiasm and joy, responsibility and respect. We are proud of who you've become and will always be here for you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad,
Chris & Todd



Kim Doering



Dear Kyle,

We are very grateful that the Lord sent you to our family seventeen years ago. When you were seven months old, we were even more grateful that He decided that we needed you more than He did. Thank you for all that you have added to our family.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Aaron

Kyle Mann

Piggies,

Congratulations on all your accomplishments. We are so proud of our special girl. May all of your dreams come true. God bless you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Nick



Rachel Warne



Doug,

As a baby you were a constant smiler, as a boy you were a deep thinker, as a young man you have the ability and integrity to make all your hopes and dreams come true. We are very proud of you. Stand tall, use your good judgement, and continue to reach for those high goals you have set for yourself. We support you all the way!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Sam

Doug Woleben

Kimber,

Seems like only yesterday we were sending you off to kindergarten. The years have passed too quickly and now you will be off again. We know you are ready. You have grown and matured into a beautiful young woman. We wish only the best for you in the future. You make us proud.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad & Shaun



Kim Vincent



Jennifer,

Congratulations and continued success as you move from one chapter of life on to the next. You have become a beautiful and caring young woman and your family is very proud of you. As you move on, remember to keep God in your heart. We will always love you!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Jennie Sandberg

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*J*rresistible
*C*lever
*H*onorable
*A*thletic
*E*ffervescent
*L*eaders

Just a few words to describe how wonderful you are. Your exceptional drive and ambition will take you far in all of your future endeavors. We love you.

Mom, Dad & Andy



Mike Ruback



John,

The sun is so bright but not as bright as your smile. The laughter you bring to our lives is more than we deserve. You are special, and we are proud of who you've become.

*John Distefano Love you Dearly,
Dad, Mom, Jillian, & Kelly*

Patrick,

You have always been the best son and big brother. Now it is time for you to be the best man you can be. We have always been proud of you and we always will be.

*All our love,
Dad, Mom, & Shawn*



Pat Woodman



Dusty,

Congratulations! What fun these last eighteen years have been. We wish you happiness and joy in all that you do.

*Dusty Weiss Love,
Mom, Dad & Ann*

Scott,

We are very proud of who you are and what you have become. Remember that success is not measured by accomplishments but by character. Our prayer is that you continue to find favor with God and man.

*Love,
Mom, Dad & Mark*



Scott Fortkamp



Mike,

Your energetic spirit, high standards, and determination have made you a star as a family member, athlete, student, and friend. You have rounded many bases with your accomplishments. You have caught many a fly ball while reaching for the stars. You have, indeed, stolen our hearts!

May you always bat 1000 down the road to success !!!

*Mike Sortino Congratulations and Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Randy & Sadie*

Cherie,

Congratulations! You have accomplished the first major milestone of your life. With your abilities and determination, you can make your dreams become reality. Good luck and always be proud of yourself.

*Love Always,
Mom, Dan, Cris & Cara*



Cherie Connors



Nick,

*You've waited a long time
But you made it !!
We're proud of you!*

*Nicholas Spath Love,
Mom & Dad*

Michelle,

Our little girl in pigtails has grown into a fine young lady. Congratulations on your graduation from high school. We wish you all life's best. May all your fondest wishes and dreams come true. Remember your family will always be there for you. We love you.

Mom, Dad, Billy & Nikki



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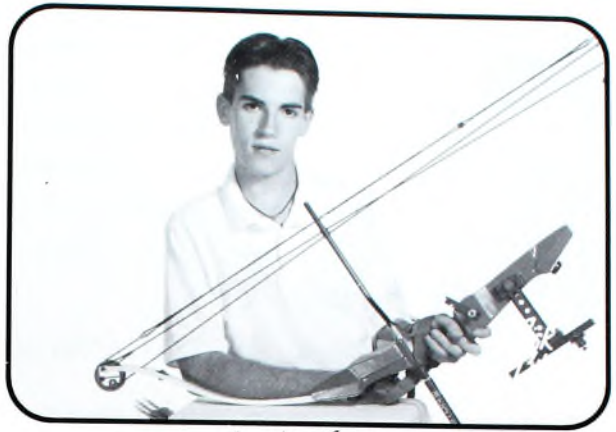


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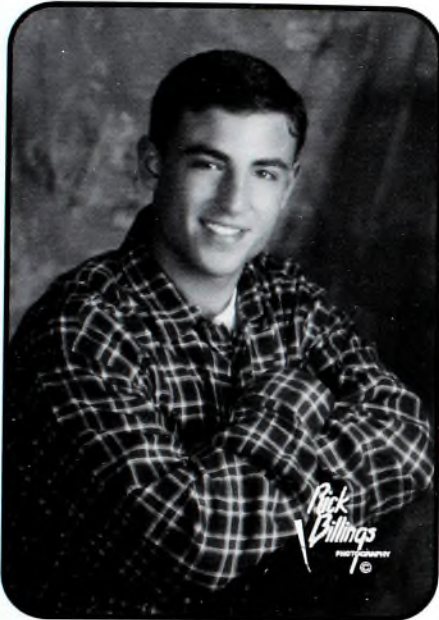
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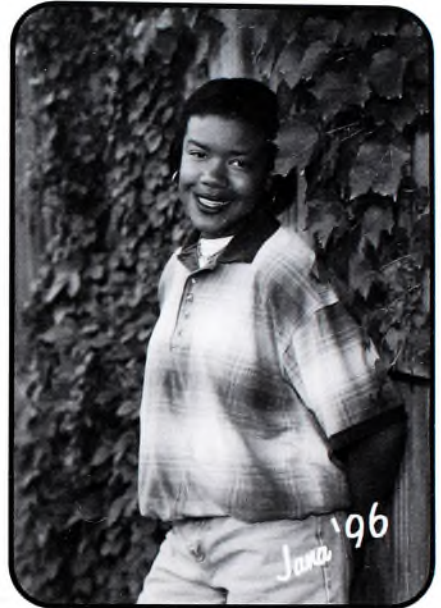
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Stacey,

You came along to "light up" our lives and that will only continue after graduation. We are so proud of you and look forward to sharing in your future winning decisions.

Stacey Hanselman Love, Mom & Dad

Lance,

Congratulations guy! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Good luck to you as you enter college. May you have much success and happiness throughout your life.

Love, Dad, Mom & Ashley Lance Larsen



Courtney,

"That isn't a Mushroom... it's a booger!"

From your loving sister,
Kim

Courtney Schuettner

Courtney,

"... and she hasn't stopped talking since!" Courtney, we love you and wish you the very best, always!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Courtney Schuettner



Jennifer,

From the second you were born, you always were determined to make it, no matter what life brought you. You are so precious and we are so very proud of you.

Jennifer Aussicker Love,
Your family and friends

Jeremy,

Congratulations on this very important milestone. We are all very proud of you. Remember to hold fast to your dreams, live life to it's fullest, and be the best you can be and you will accomplish your goals.

Love,
Mom, Rusty, Sherri,
and Alyssa

Jeremy Vance



Shelly,

Only a short time ago, I used to look down at you standing in your crib looking up smiling with both your little lips and with your eyes (There is a saying that your eyes are the mirror to your soul). Now I see that same smile a very beautiful young woman. I am very proud to be your father.

Shelly Dutcher With all my love,
DAD

Jariha (Furrie),

It's hard to believe that our funny, beautiful little "sweetheart" has grown into a very nice, intelligent, obedient, and caring young lady. WE watch with pride as you take the next step into your future. Thanks for caring and making us all proud of yourself.

With lots of love,
Ummie (Mom), Daddy,
Faisal, and Raheel



Jariha S. Ahmed



Lew,

It has been a joy watching you grow from a delightful little boy into a unique and very special young man. You have brought me much joy, laughter, and love. I wish you success and happiness in all that you do.

Lewis Stapp

*Love,
Mom*

Krissy,

Your smile... through all the moves, the good friends left behind, the new friends you worked to make, the honors you achieved... always your smile.

*We're proud as we can be. All our love,
Mom, Dad, Katie, and Jim*



Krissy Barsness

Nick,

Despite some bumps along the way, you made it, Nick! We're proud of you and wish you all the best as you venture into the rest of your life!

*All our love,
Mom, Dad, Natalie,
and Ben*

Nick Hornig

Sarah,

Congratulations! We're proud of all your accomplishments. Now you have the opportunity to make a difference in your world. Hold on to your dreams. We wish you love and happiness.

*Love,
Dad, Mom and Emily*



Sarah M. Kirke

Jamie,

You are as beautiful within as you are without. Keep going and growing. Congratulations!

*Love your family:
Dad, Mom, Janet, Ken,
Jeff, Jim, Steph, Jeanne,
Glenn, and Jake*

Jamie Simunaci

Stacy,

It's been an exciting and eventful eighteen years. You've given us many joyful moments and we hope for many more. We know you work hard and are proud of your achievements. May your success continue and bring you happiness always. Congratulations!

*All our love,
Mom and Dad*



Stacy Domnanish

Katie,

From an enjoyable little imp-- to a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of the way you have faced challenges with determination and courage. Our wish for you is a life filled with health, happiness, and love. You deserve the best.

*With all our love,
Dad, Mom, & Jonathan*

Katie McGowan

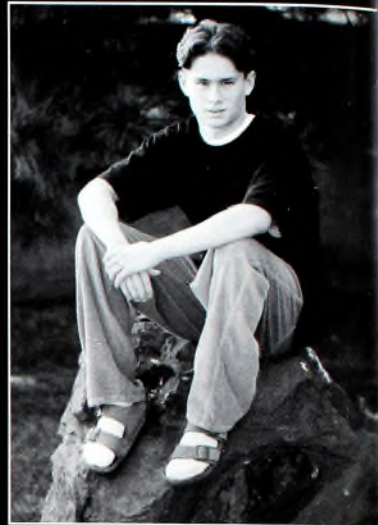
Jeff,

You have grown into such a kind, caring young man. Thank you for all the years you have entertained us with first your imagination and then all those baseball games. We are very proud of you and wish you a future of success and happiness. We love you very much.

Mom & Dad



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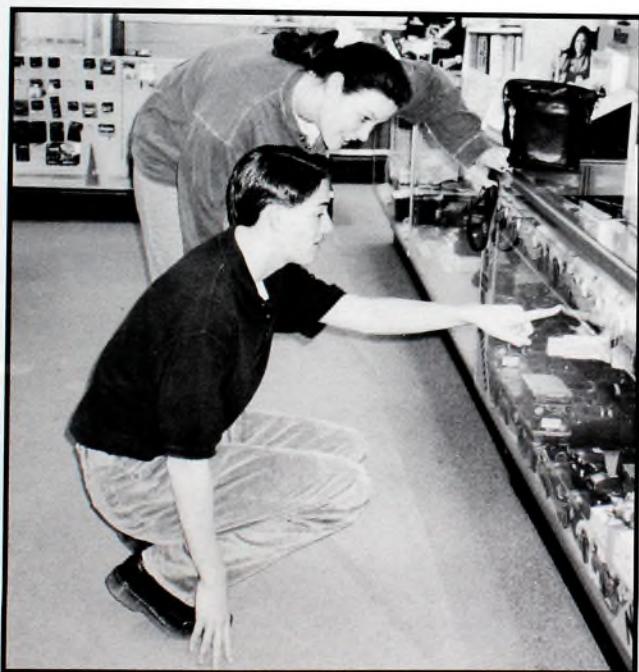
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Kari Wolf

Kari,
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Dad, Mom, Katie,
"Emmy" and "Louie"
AKA "Mr. Kitty"

Kari,
Looking back on the past 17 years,
I've shared both your joys and also your tears.
Laughing together, we've both faced our fears.
Secrets and gossip that passed through our ears
Information we could trust that no one else hears
Sisters forever till the end of our years.
Love, Katie



Kari Wolf



Steve Coe

Steve,
It's hard to believe that your senior year is already here. It seems like yestreday that we were teasing you about putting books on your head in order to stop you from growing up.
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments and we want to wish you much happiness and success in all your future endeavors. Always keep that wonderful smile.
Love, Mom, Dad & Lucy

Benjamin,
May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Matthew and Zachary



Ben Forrest



Tanisha Avery

Tanisha,
A gift from above forever to be loved. Congratulations, your family is very proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Stephanie,
This ad's been placed so we could say on your graduation day, With praise and cheers for your high school years, that went by so quickly.
Grow with character and self-esteem, meet your goals- dream your dreams.
For nothing remains but to take your brains and invest them in your future.
With love,
Your Family



Stephanie Gardella

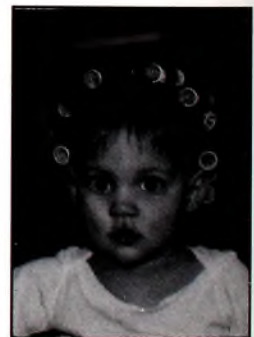


Tom Bizzari

Tom,
Congratulations! We are so proud of the wonderful young man you've become. You have a bright future and the ability to succeed at whatever you choose. Whatever you decide to do with your life, we are behind you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Carrie,
Jaime & Joe

Lisa,
Congratulations! Your past accomplishments are an indicator that your future will be bright and successful. Stay focused, as you always have. May your angel be with you always.
Love, Mom



Lisa Goodwin



Kris Aldinger

Kris,
Congratulations! "A journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step."

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Steph & Annie

Anna,

You have been a joy to us in all that you do.

We are so proud of your accomplishments. Your hard work, determination, and creativity will make whatever you dream a reality.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Joe



Anna Basso



Heather Frick

Heather,
What exciting possibilities lie ahead. May you make wise choices and enjoy the journey.

We will always love you,
Dad & Sally
Sarah, Hannah & Robert

Katie,

You have given us so much joy and laughter over the years. Keep your wonderful sense of humor. We are all very proud of you and wish you success in all that you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Christina
& Chuck



Katie Liquori



Molly Wickham

Molly,
Your determination and hard work have brought you many deserved rewards and will bring you success in life.

We're very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Cody & NaNa

Krissy,

Thank for all the joy and happiness you have added to our lives. We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. May you continue to grow and learn each day, and may your faith and inner strength help you as you travel along life's journey. We love you and wish you God's blessings in all your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Kristine Komrofske



Shannon Robson

Shannon,
You have been a special gift to our family. We feel very blessed! We are very proud of all that you are, and all that you have accomplished. Always set your goals high and be the best that you can be!

We love you!
Dad, Mom,
Jeremy & Kylee

Jill Marie,

For 18 years you have made our world a more beautiful place. You've warmed us with your smile, charmed us with your style, danced into our hearts, and cheered us through the sad parts. You've helped us each in a way no other ever could. You've been a best friend, big sister, and treasured daughter. Whatever the future holds for you, we know you will succeed because you have the spirit, spunk, and sense to make the best of any situation. We are all VERY PROUD of you.

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Sarah Baker

Donnie,

May you find all the happiness and success you deserve. We're very proud of all your accomplishments. Keep asking "WHY?"

Love,
Dad, Mom, Barb, Colleen, Magic, Spike & Ozzie



Donald Gilpin



Stephanie,
That wonderful smile has been a part of you since birth. It has brought laughter and happiness to all of us. You have matured into a caring, responsible young woman. We are very proud of you. Just remember to set your goals high and your determination will bring you success. Always stay true to yourself, WE LOVE YOU!! We wish you happiness and success.

Stephanie Keyser

Love,
Dad, Mom & Jen

Julie,

You've come a long way, Baby! We're so proud of you and all you've accomplished.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Julie Kinkennon



Valerie,
Where has the time gone? It seems we've watched our once little girl grow into a beautiful young woman in so little amount of time. We know your strong heart and determined mind will make you successful in the future.

Valerie Cook

We love you,
Dad, Mom, & Kelly

Jenny,

Congratulations on your graduation. We're blessed to have you as our daughter and sister and very proud of all your accomplishments.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Ryan & Brian



Jenny Knihal



Katie,
Congratulations!
You'll always be our special angel - we're very proud of you.

Katie Carpender

We Love You
Dad & Mom

Susan. (Suzy)

Whew--graduation already! It seems only yesterday when we found out we were going to have you. What a surprise! This was not in our plans! We had the perfect family- or so we thought. After all, Jimmy was 11 and Julie 8. But we had placed our lives in God's hands and knew this was his will for us. It wasn't long until we began to experience excitement over your pending birth. When you arrived it was love at first sight. You brought such joy into our family's life. How could we have ever felt our life was complete without you?

Now you our graduating and looking forward to college--a whole new world is opening up to you. We pray God will guide and direct you and keep you ever in his care.

Love,
Dad & Mom



Susan Cogswell



Sarah & Anna,
 You may not be sisters, but
 since first grade you have
 found something special in
 each other that we know will
 endure for a lifetime.

With much love and pride
 we wish you all the best,
 Your Families

Sarah Vanderloo
 & Anna Gray

Julie,

We were only blessed with one
 daughter, and what a special
 daughter you are. We have many
 wonderful memories from the past 18
 years.

Commitment, hard work and caring
 are traits that have served you well
 and are sure to bring you success.

We are very proud of you.

Mom & Dad
 Eddie, Andy, & Dan



Julie Lund



Geoff,
 You're a star in our program,
 A credit to your friends,
 A young leading man as you
 seek
 To follow the great Director.

Our applause and admiration,

Dad, Mom, Vince & Sean

Geoffrey Carlson

Brooke,

The best is yet to come!
 We love you!

Mom, Dad,
 Bretton & Brande



Brooke Beine



Mike,
 Though you may leave our
 home, you will never leave
 our hearts. The memories we
 share will always keep you
 close to us.

God bless you.

Love,
 Mom, Dad,
 Jim, Steve & Beckie

Michael Preston

Bethany,

The future is not a result of
 choices among alternative paths,
 But a place that is created first
 in mind and will,

Created next in activity.

You have the mind, you have
 shown the will...

Love,
 Mom & Dad



Bethany Simpson

John,

Congratulations! We
 are very proud of you.

With much love,
 Dad, Mom,
 Jennifer, Teresa,
 Emily & Joe



John Stevens

Julie,

Your high school years have
 flown by, and now it's time for
 you to graduate. You will
 always be our shining star.
 Good luck in college and always
 remember "...in spite of
 everything, I still believe, that
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Julie,
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Love,
 Mom, Dad & Lisa

Julie Linehan

Carl,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Look out world here he comes!!!!

Love,
 Mom, Dad & Mike



Carl Schroeder



Michelle,
 We've been through so much together. Always remember that we love you and will always be here for you. We're very proud that you have achieved this important milestone in your life. Congratulations and good luck in your future.

Love,
 Mom & Dad

Michelle Vankat

Brian,

We have watched with admiration as you have accomplished so many things over the years, only to realize the future holds so many challenges that you will continue to conquer.

Love,
 Mom, Dad & Sarah



Brian Costanzo



Allison,
 Only yesterday you went to Kindergarten, and this Fall you go off to college. Over the years, we've enjoyed watching our dimple-cheeked little girl grow into a beautiful young woman. We are very proud of you and we love you very much.

Love,
 Momi, Daddy, Julie,
 Andi & Macey

Allison Gutnik

Anne & Brian,

It seems like only yesterday
 When first we heard you cry.
 Day by day, we prayed and prayed.
 How you have grown, our Annabelle
 and Bri.

The years have flown by fast
 and soon we'll be alone
 With only memories of you to last
 until you come back home.

Whatever you do,
 wherever you go,
 we want you to know,
 We love you!

Mom, Dad & Matt



Anne Enenbach
 Brian Enenbach

Janelle,

You have grown into a very beautiful and caring person. We are very proud of you. We hope you achieve your goals in life as we are behind you in whatever you do.

May God Bless you.

Love,
 Mom, Dad and Jeremy



Janelle Jay & Kerry Schmidt

"God's Blessings to you as you move forward with learning, work, and life. Always look for joy & contentment. Congratulations, thank you for being you.

You are Loved,
 Dad, Mom, & Steve



Jiffer,
 You truly were & always will be our "Miracle Baby." You have brought such joy into our lives & we are so proud of you & your many honors & accomplishments. The years have gone by too quickly, but it's now time for the next chapter in your life. Remember, you are never alone & we will always be there for you. Keep Smiling!

Jenny Rowedder

Love, Mom & Dad

P.S. You are one good lookin' cheerleader!!

Chris,

"Be all you can be..."
 The future is yours,
 today, tomorrow, forever!

Love always,
 Mom & Dad



Chris Gilmore



Nick,
 What a kid! Designer wardrobe and all, you have been an absolute delight to raise. We were blessed with 2 great young men and some awfully proud moments. Remember, whatever you set your mind to - you can do! We believe in you!

Nick Randall

All our love,
 Dad & Mom

Tabby,

Congratulations!! We're so proud of you!! I am so sorry I couldn't find the pic of you in your pretty blue tights... You've been a wonderful help to us all and we thank you. Have a wonderful time at college and remember to come home once in a while to visit--at least to do your laundry! (If you don't, I'll show up to chaperon at Homecoming in my bell bottoms and tank top.) Kelsey and Michael will miss their "Babby" so much, but we'll come to visit often-- I know, not before noon on Saturday! You are a very, very special daughter and we all love you very much.

Much love always,
 Mom, Joe, Kelsey & Michael



Tabby Pegler



Jon,
 Watching you develop into a responsible young man has been both a joy and an adventure! Best wishes for all your future activities!

Jon Eichhorn

Love,
 Mom, Dad & Jana

Tracy,

Tracy Kay is #1.
 You will succeed in
 whatever you do.
 We love you.

Mom, Dad &
 Jennifer



Tracy Tompkins



Amanda,
 You'll always be our favorite lefty. Thanks for all the smiles.

Amanda Baeder

We love you,
 Mom & Dad
 Will & Anna

Jon,

You have made us very proud!
 May your persistence and hard work continue in all you do and wherever you go.
 Congratulations to a fine son and brother.

Love,
 Dad, Mom & Megan



Jon Lien



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Krissy & Kelli
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Kelli Melia

Kelli,

Like always, you have made us very proud. Thank you for your charm, sensitivity, beauty and wit you have brought into our lives. We wish you love, success and most of all, happiness. May all of your dreams come true! All our love and support in whatever you do in your bright future.

We love you,
Mom, Mike, & Michelle

Matt,

Congratulations!

Your future is only limited by the size of your dreams, never giving up, hard work and your attitude. Good luck and keep on smiling!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Matt Saathoff



Alan DePorte

Alan,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Thank you for being your unique, positive and supportive self. We wish you health, happiness and success for the rest of your life. Congratulations!

Love always,
Mom, Dad & Stephanie

Kerin,

We are so proud of you! As you embark on this new adventure in life, we know you'll keep "reaching for the stars."

Have fun!

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Shannon



Kerin Tate



Jessie Moore

Jessie,

You have brought tremendous joy and happiness to our family. We are very proud of all your accomplishments. Your intelligence, enthusiasm, and determination will enable you to accomplish any goals you set for yourself.

All our love,
Mom, Dad & Russell

Greg,

You have greatly enriched our lives as a special son. Your hard work and determination to succeed has resulted in many accomplishments. We wish you God's blessings as you approach the future.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Carrie



Greg Norris



Cindy Deaver

Cindy,

Cindy Sue, smallest member of the cat family. We've never been more proud!

Your family

Erin,

Surpassing all our expectations and dreams, you've grown to become a beautiful, intelligent and accomplished young lady. We pray God will continue to bless you. Keep your eyes on Him and He will make your path straight.

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Jen



Erin Horeis



Shannon,

You have been a joy to us since the day you were born. You have made us proud in so many ways, and we know you will succeed at whatever you choose to do in the future.

Love,

Shannon Horbach Mom, Dad, Anne, Ali, Kelley & Paddy

Angie Lee,

As the road ahead widens, follow your dreams, ask questions, live your beliefs, and be yourself.

Know what direction you are headed and strive to live each day to the fullest--challenge life!

Remember to expect miracles... because you are one.

Our Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Christy & Mitch



Angie Urosevich



Brian,

Congratulations and best wishes for happiness and success along life's journey. We're so proud of you!

Love,

Brian Johnson Mom, Dad & Kristin

Brenda,

Your SENIOR year, I can't believe it. My little tomboy all grown up into a beautiful young lady. Ready to meet whatever challenges life dishes out, WE are very proud of you and of all your accomplishments. We know you will continue to make us proud. CONGRATULATIONS!

With all our love
Mom, Dad, Kristi & Mike



Brenda Poulsen



Allison,

You've filled our lives with your music- God bless you as you continue "your symphony."

Love, Mom, Dad & Rusty

Allison Hughell

Beth,

You were such a beautiful little girl-Now, you are a beautiful young lady. Your high school years are behind you and you now have a new adventure ahead. My support, my best & my love always.

Mom



Beth Davidson



Abby,

Your confidence, determination, and humor have enabled you to accomplish the goals you have set for yourself.

Remain focused and leave time for fun.

We are so proud of you!

Love,

Dad & Mom
Lindsay & Mandi

Abby Rogers

Brad,

Congratulations!!! We are so very proud of you. You have grown into a wonderful young man. We wish you continued success and happiness. We are behind you 110%.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Brad Reynolds



Aaron,
 You are so very special
 We are your biggest fan,
 It seems in the snap of your fingers
 Our infant became a young man,
 We wish you a lifetime that's joyous
 That's filled with good health and
 success
 We love you, Aaron!
 You bring us happiness!

Aaron Shefren

Love,
 Mom, Dad & Andrew

Laurie,

We are so proud of all your
 accomplishments. We will miss
 you next year when you go
 away to college. Congratula-
 tions, you are a special young
 woman.

Love,
 Mom, Dad, Andy,
 David & Luke



Laurie Epstein



Kelly,
 You have become such a
 wonderful young lady. We
 are so very proud of you!

We love you alot!
 Mom, Dad, Kim, Jon
 & Satin

Kelly Broder

Jon,

You have done an incredibly
 fine job during your four years
 at Burke. We commend you on
 all of the efforts you have
 made and we are so very
 proud of the kind of young
 man you are. We love you a lot!

Mom, Dad, Kelly & Kim
 (and Satin, too)



Jon Broder



Jeff,
 You have filled our hearts
 with love and pride as we've
 watched you grow! Always
 hold your head high, do your
 personal best, enjoy what you
 are doing, and know that we
 stand behind you in whatever
 you do.

Jeff Nogg

With love always,
 Mom, Dad & Annie

Brian,

For eighteen years, you have
 brought us so much joy and
 pride! May you continue to find
 happiness and satisfaction in
 all that you do. Wherever you
 go and whatever you do, re-
 member that we love you and
 are always here for you.

With much love,
 Mom, Dad & Annie



Brian Nogg

Matt Guilfoyle & Jaydn Lombardi



Friends are
 Friends Forever.

Steph,

It's going to be awfully quiet
 around here without you--

No Ringing Phone ?!!!

We're so proud of your
 present accomplishments and
 wish for your continued
 success in your college and
 career choices.

Our Love Always,
 Mom, Dad & Stac

Stephanie Vainiunas





Leigh Wehner

Leigh,
I should have realized the first time I heard that laugh from the infant seat in the back of the car that you would bring great joy to our home!! Thank you for a compassionate spirit, your merciless sense of humor and the openness in which you share with us. There is nothing you could do to bring us more pride and love than you already have. Congratulations, honey! Love, Dad, Mom, Jill, Scott & Lynn

Casie,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Remember when...
-you lost that first tooth
-took that first step
-started the first day of school
-had to babysit your brothers
-smiled for your first picture
-drove a car
We do! It has been a pleasure watching you grow to become a beautiful young lady. We hope whatever you decide to do, you will always know your family is behind you all the way to achieve those dreams. We Love You. Keep smiling.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Derrick & Robby



Casie Lindeman

Allison,
Congratulations and Good Luck next year.
Dad, Mom, Dan, Adam & Ralph



Allison Lidolph

Dana,
"There was a star danced, and under that was I born."
-Shakespeare
Little Morning Star thank you for all the joy, laughter, sweetness and love you have brought to our lives. Follow your star and may all your dreams come true.
Love Always,
Dad, Mom, Lindsay & Whitney



Dana Votava

Michelle,
The road less traveled is the journey you began long ago. May God travel with you ALL WAYS.
Love,
- Mom, Dad & Crew
Colossians 3:1,2
Matthew 28:20
Romans 8:38,39



Michelle Alisia Howe

Suzanne,
We love you so very much. You have been a true inspiration and joy these past seventeen years. We wish you joy, health, peace, and lots of good times in the future. Go Q!!!
Love, Prayers, & Hugs,
Mom, Dad, Shaun, Scott & Sarah



Suzanne Friemuth

Lakeshia,
You have made us very proud.
Good luck in all you do!
We love you!
Mom & Dad



Lakeshia Bennamon

Kristina,
Keep smiling,
Keep shining,
Knowing you can always count on me
That's what friends are for!
Love
Scott
(Mom, Dad, Yo, Bo and Karma Jo, too!)



Kristina and Scott Ward

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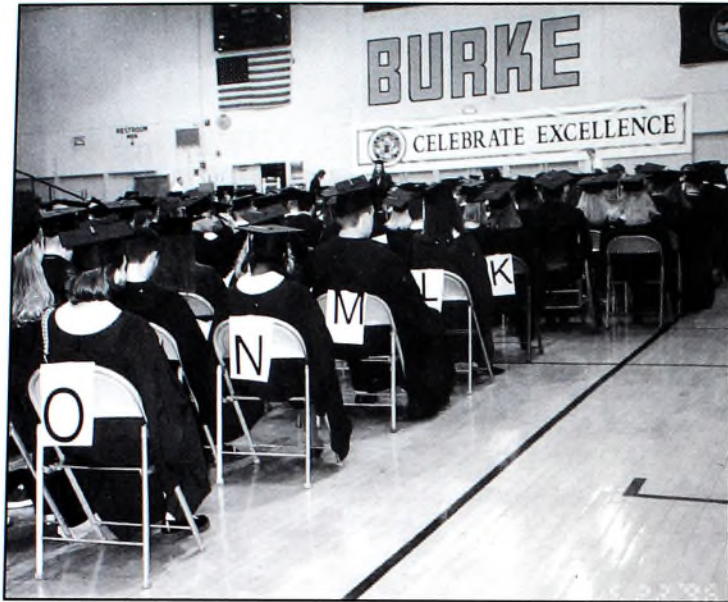
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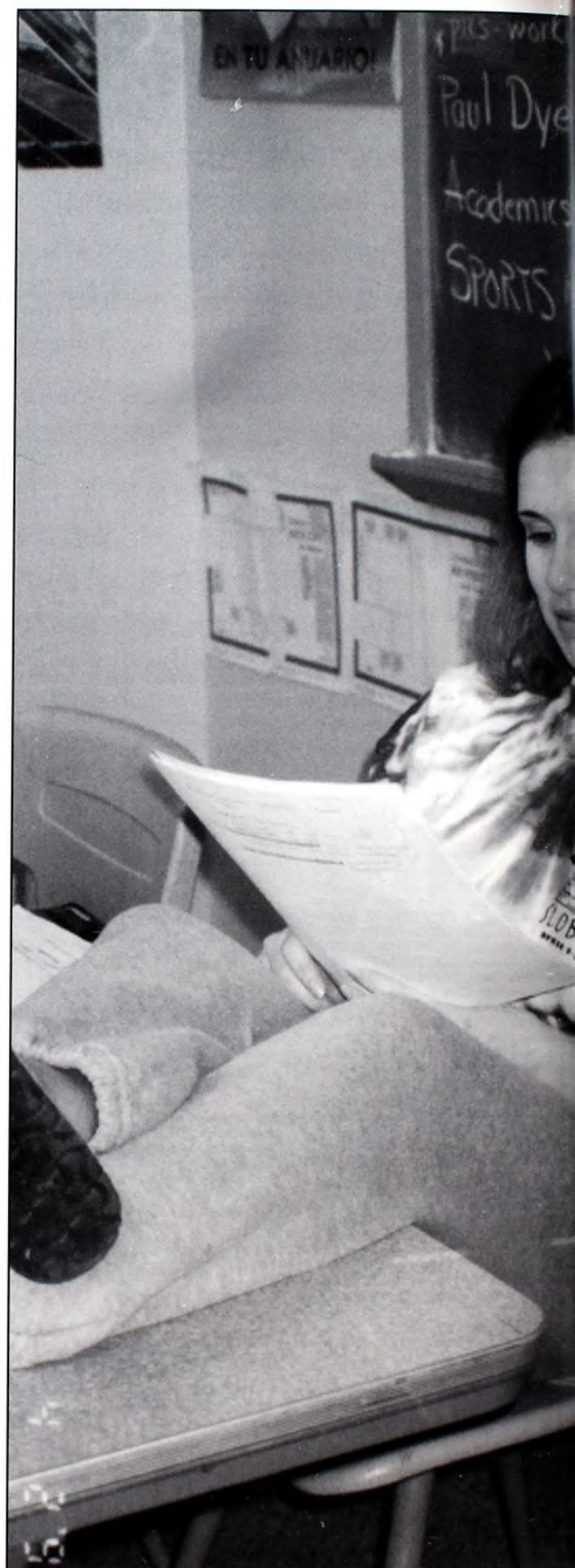
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Seated in the gym, the Class of '96 listens as NHS president senior Stacy Domnanish speaks at the Honors Assembly. After being short of seats at practice, the graduates were relieved when there was enough chairs. (photo by Mark Ward)



Skimming over her AP World History notes, senior Jamie Simunaci tries to get some last minute studying in before her next class. It had become a tradition to hold Senior Slob Week right before Spring Break. (photo by Mark Ward)



Screaming on their way down, sophomore Tim Wiebe, senior Nick Spath, and sophomores Nick Schonlau and Adam Banles brave the Orient Express while at Worlds of Fun with the Band. (photo courtesy Nick Spath)





Some Finale to talk About

itting in the gym wasn't exactly where we had planned to be May 22, but it was better than being struck by lightning or caught in a down pour.

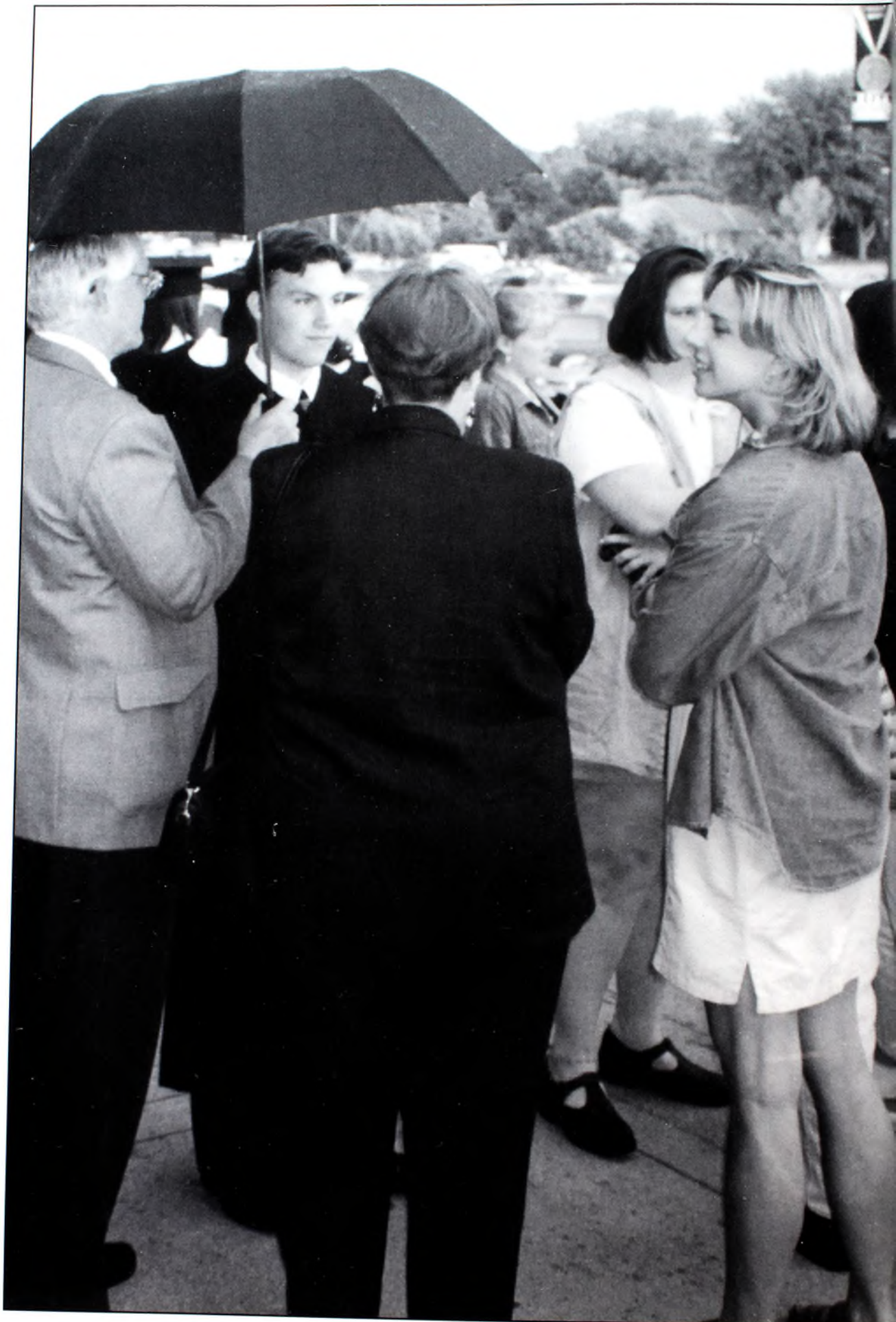
Moving graduation ceremonies from the stadium was just one of many setbacks and obstacles we had had to overcome during the year. Two-hour and two day final exams, last-minute semester projects, overflowing parking lots and wrong sized caps and gowns were just some of the things we talked about and then dealt with.

Spring fever was something most of us didn't have to deal with. Since we had very few days of spring-like weather, the end of the year snuck up on us. Suddenly the seniors were gone, the halls were quieter, the parking lot seemed spacious and juniors started making plans for how things were going to be when they were seniors.

As the countdown got into single digits, we recounted what a great year it had been, the almost state championships in Girls Tennis and Boys Soccer, the pre-winter break semester finals, and the record number of snow days. It would be a year that would be talked about for some time.

By Abby Rogers

Sharing some last minute advice with their soon-to-be graduate, senior Troy Hays and his parents visit before the ceremony. Because of lightening and predicted severe thunderstorms, graduation was moved from the stadium to the gym. (photo by Mark Ward)



Smiling for the camera, the Senior Class poses for a class photo after the first Senior meeting. (photo by Scholastic Photography)



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The cover used Bookman, Delphian, Onyx and University. Fonts used throughout the book were those available for Tpeystyler and Pagemaker 5.0.

The theme was created by Editor Abby Rogers and developed by Rogers and advisor Debi Ward during the summer of 1995. Managing Editor Rachel Warne attended camp at UNL, and brought back ideas used throughout the book.

In the fall the books were sold for \$25, \$23 with an activity card. The price went up to \$30 in the spring and \$35 after May 30.

Despite a new baby and a late start, the book was finished on time, May 24. Considering the book was completely disk-submitted for the first time, we had six snow days, and problems kept occurring with the organization of the organizations section, we were amazed to have accomplished the feat. It couldn't have been done without the few dedicated seniors who dragged themselves out of bed to work on the unfinished pages. Thursday nights were made easier thanks to the hidden appliances.

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