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MAY 19: While patrolling the Persian

Struck by Iraq

I do, I do England celebrates the royal wedding of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson.





How many frequent-flyer miles is that?

Traveling around the world, non-stop and unrefueled, Dick Rutan and Jeanna Yeager make aviation history aboard the slow but sure **Voyager** aircraft.



G'bye to G'day FEB 3: Dennis Conner and Stars and Stripes bring home the America's Cup from Australia after sweeping Kookabura III in four races. Let's talk Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev discuss arms in Iceland.

And yet another hostage

The landing was a little rough Eugene Hasenfus is shot down over Nicaragua while flying arms to the contras. Tried and convicted, he was later released to the U.S.



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James Cagney, 86 Marlin Perkins, 81 Cary Grant, 82 Perry Ellis, 46 Benny Goodman, 77 Liberace, 67 Rock Hudson, 60 Andy Warhol, 58

ALBUMS OF 1986

- 1 Whitney Houston, Whitney Houston
- 2 Heart, Heart
- 3 Scarecrow, John Cougar Mellencamp
- 4 Afterburner, ZZ Top
- 5 Brothers in Arms, Dire Straits
- 6 Control, Janet Jackson7 Welcome to the Real World
- 8 Promise, Sade
- 9 No Jacket Required, Phil Co
- 10 Primitive Love, Miami Soun







MAY: Amid allegations of moral

mismanagement, former PTL leaders Jim and Tammy Bakker grieve over

misconduct and fiscal

lead by Jerry Falwell.

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MAY: Democratic Presidential candidate Gary Hart withdraws his



JUNE 19, JUNE 27: Cocaine claims the lives of Maryland basketball standout Len Bias and Cleveland Brown running back Carl Rogers.



But officer, I was only going 90. APRIL 15: Congess passes new highway laws which include an increase in the maximum speed limit to 65 m.p.h..



And where it stops, nobody knows

The congressional investigation into Iran-Contra Arms scandal continues to reveal new facts into the summer of 1987.



TOP MOVIES OF 1986

1 Top Gun

- 2 Karate Kid II
- 3 Crocodile Dundee 4 Star Trek IV
- 5 Aliens
 - (contd. from 1985)
- 6 The Color Purple Back to School 8 Golden Child 9 Ruthless People 10 Out of Africa



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- "Baby on Board" signs "Lazer Tag" The Love Connection Rap Music
- Hard Rock Cafe T-shirts The Far Side



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FAREWELL Respected Principal Brook Peterson Dies at Age 50

Senior high principal, Mr. Brook J. Peterson, died on September 18, 1986, in his home after battling cancer for over a year.

A chapel service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on September 20 and a memorial service took place on the 21st. Both services were filled with students, alumni, teachers, faculty members, friends, neighbors and many others whose lives were touched by this very special man.

Mr. Peterson began teaching at Waconia in 1959. In 1960 he was named Minnesota Teacher of the Year and was one of nine finalists for National Teacher of the Year. The next year, in 1961, he was featured in *Look* magazine along with seven other teachers, all selected as outstanding teachers. He was also cited for his work toward raising teachers' salaries and standards. Later that same year, he became principal of Waconia High School.

Mr. Peterson was also a concerned member of many community groups. Family too was a high priority for Mr. Peterson. He took great pride in his children — Kristen, Jon, Mary and Matt, all of whom graduated from Waconia High School.

Above all, Mr. Peterson had a unique gift for dealing with people. He was able to communicate with a variety of people, each on his or her own level. It was clear that he understood people's needs and really cared about each individual. Superintendent Mr. Allen Frazier said in an interview in the Waconia *Patriot*, "We all need in our life heroes and if you want to pick one, he wouldn't be a bad one." Mr. Peterson will serve as an example to all, both in his life and in his death.







This page. Top left. Mr. Peterson and daughter Mary sail off the coast of Norway. Middle right. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, prom chaperons for 1986.

Bottom left. Mr. Peterson looks up from work in his office. Opposite page. The Peterson family in the summer of 1986. L-R Mary, Kristen, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Peterson, Matthew and Jonathan.











HIGH LIGHTS OF THE YEAR

The highlights of the 1986-87 year were much the same as other school years. Events remembered best included homecoming, the fall musical, International Days, prom, and of course, graduation. The memories of these events are colored by each student's participation. Homecoming royalty have special memories of Oct. 6, coronation night, and most students recall the weird costumes of Spirit Week. Oklahoma cast and crew members are reminded of rehearsals, learning lines, and building sets - all leading up to the final performances Nov. 6 and 7. All students recall being introduced to foreign exchange students staying in the Twin Cities area and getting to know them better as they visited classes. Spring highlights (for juniors and seniors) included prom night, held May 23 at the Lafayette Club. Most students recall the expenses and planning involved in getting ready for the prom. Graduation was the culmination of twelve years of schooling for the seniors, but for the juniors, it meant becoming the oldest class at WHS. Graduation for the class of 1987 took place June 7.



Opposite Page. Top. Newly graduated Peggy Steinhagen and Brian Carlson enjoy their success.

Opposite Page. Bottom. Krista Hellekson spends time with Rotary students; Christina Holberg, Ulrika Berg, Katrine Hess and Miriam Ensor.

Large Picture. Laurey (Missy Paul) and Curly (Eric Makela) sing "Surrey with a Fringe on Top" from the musical Oklahoma!

This Page. Top. Holly Bentz and Janelle Fink discuss prom plans.

plans. This Page. Middle. Aunt Eller (Sara Larson) tells the cast of Oklahoma about "The Farmer and the Cowman."

This Page. Bottom. Dressed in Homecoming attire, David Gray and Jim Gustafson watch the pep fest activities.



STUDENT LIFE

























The Leaders of the Pack

Every school has a certain group of students with the ability to lead, and Waconia High School is no exception. Whether it is the Student Council, the Homecoming royalty, or a person or a group of persons chosen to lead and organize an extra curricular group, the class leaders have an ability to organize people and time to obtain the group's goals. For example, the Student Council sponsors fun-filled social activities. Band council organizes band competitions and fruit sales, while the danceline captain is responsible for getting the entire group prepared for a performance.

The student leaders at Waconia High School are very respected and looked up to by the entire student body. **Top left.** Junior class president Jodi Bednar has a major responsibility in planning the juniorsenior prom.

Top right. Danceline captain Beth Johnson teaches an arm movement to the rest of the line. Next in charge to the coaches, Beth assumes many responsibilities in practice and in competitions.

Bottom left. Catherine Kirsch, senior class president, plays a major role in planning homecoming.

Bottom right. Band council members Sara Larson, Andrew Gilbert, Sherry Wagener, Cheryl Heckmann, Shelly Hilgers, Chris Heagle, Brian Carlson, and Kristene Johnson meet to select contests for the band.









Left. Reigning queen Karyn Otto and king Matt Peterson lead the school through Homecoming activities.

Below. Krista Hellekson, junior-senior Student Council president, leads a discussion at a meeting. Student Council plans and organizes many activities and deals with student problems, such as open lunch.





Above. Andrea Fulkerson, yearbook and newspaper editor, oversees the work of staff members Kathy Howe and Jenny Roeser. **Left.** Mr. Dennis Bjorklund, adviser, poses with FFA officers Russ Storms, Jason Neuman, Mike Samuelson, Vicki Mechtel, and Denise Traver. The officers organize contests, conventions and plan the FFA 11 banquet.

The Bear-able Winter of '86-87

Bears were everywhere during the holiday season, most offered inexpensively by stores eager for customers. The most prominent was Dayton's Santabear, purchased by over 2,000,000 shoppers.

The winter of 1986-87 was bear-able weather-wise also. Very light snow and relatively few sub-zero days affected students' outdoor activities. Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling were nearly impossible, but an early cold spell made ice fishing possible very early in the season. In some cases, students found it necessary to travel quite a distance in search of good downhill ski slopes.

However, students did benefit from the lack of snow and cold. They did not often awaken to cars buried under several inches of snow or face many days of frozen cars refusing to start. Cabin fever was less of a problem, too, because students could get around quite easily most of the time.

On the few days that normal Minnesota weather surfaced, students eagerly made snowballs, got out their skis, or headed for the broomball rinks.

Top. SantaBear was the "hot" item this winter.

Right. Students enjoy a fast-paced game of broomball.







Left. Paul Eveslage is an avid three-wheeling kind of guy. Below left. Sarah Johnson and Wen-dy Biddle decorate Mr. Torborg's room for the holiday season. Below center. Ed Bierlein and Brad Noeldner take advantage of a light snowfall to toss a few snowballs. Below bottom. Devoted skiers Krista Hellekson Heather Delin Tom

Hellekson, Heather Delin, Tom Wempner, and Beth Johnson travel to Indian Head, Michigan, for a weekend of downhill skiing.









Worn in the U.S.A.

The students at Waconia High School are very aware of all the latest fashion trends. However, most of the students have their own style of dress. Many of the students are into casual wear such as jeans and sweaters, while others prefer dress slacks and dress shirts. One of the trends that has become popular is wearing black bulky clothes and if not black, some other dark color, army green, or rust.







Top left. Jim Gustafson, Lisa Sudheimer, Bob Deardorff, and Bobby Roeser model the latest trendy apparel. **Below left.** Dark colors are favored by Gretchen Salzl, Joey Fritz, and Karla Storms. **Top right.** Levis, Guess, Girbaud, and Big John's jeans are worn by Mike Widmer, Jean Deardorff, Andrea Fulkerson and Eric Strong.

Below right. Skateboarding is a favorite pastime of Jason Rech











To Each His Own

Some of the trends of the 1986-87 school year have been boots - from combat boots to granny boots to riding boots. Also, an old trend that has been revived from the 60's is hoop earrings. A trend that has been around for a couple of years still flourishes in Waconia; male students are piercing their left ear. A new trend for the year is a hair comb that pulls the hair together in the back of the head to give a pony tail appearance. All of these new trends help to complete each person's individual fashion statement.

Top. The newest fashions are modeled by Lisa Fischer, Libby Deardorff, John Kunze, Erika Lehman, and Matt Cole. Middle left. High leather boots are worn by Cady Connery. Middle right. Jenny Roeser wears

fashionable hoop earrings.

Bottom left. Jenny Theis wears the latest hair accessory, hairclips.

Bottom right. A masculine earring in the left ear is worn by junior Eric Johnson.

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Exchange Students Adjust to America

Misaho:

This year at Waconia Misaho Kakehi was one of the new kids in town. She was the foreign exchange student from the Land of the Rising Sun — Japan. The thing that Misaho liked best about America was the "big farm lands." The thing she found least appealing about the United States was the fact that "you can't do anything without the use of a car."

School for Misaho in Japan was very different than it was here in Waconia. Upon entering the 12th grade in Japan a student must drop all of his activities so that more time can be devoted to preparing for college entrance examinations.

While in Japan Misaho could be found in bookstores reading detec

Claes:

Claes Singheimer was a 17-year old Rotary Club exchange student from Sweden. The Rotary arranged it so that he stayed with three different families — the Van Horn's, the Tollefsrud's, and the Lehmann's.

The thing that Claes liked most about America was the parties. His favorite food was the Skor candy bar, and his favorite television show was the Smurfs. Claes said that he enjoyed American life, but at times he felt homesick.

Schooling is a bit different here than in Sweden. After Claes returned home he would be enrolled in gymnasia, which is the Swedish equivalent to high school. Claes felt that schooling is stricter here and felt that his biggest obstacle was taking notes at a fast enough pace. tive stories and comic books, but since there are no book stores in Waconia, she could be found in Dueber's buying candy bars, which also happened to be her favorite food in America. Like the majority of Americans, Misaho's favorite TV show was "The Cosby Show."

When asked how America is different from what she thought it might be, she said, "I couldn't imagine that people actually speak English in daily life. I believed America must have been a wonderful and also a fearful place. Now, I think everything is basically the same as my homeland." Misaho said that the most difficult obstacle that she had to overcome in America was the English language.





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MONDAY IS A A Student Talks About Her Experience With Mondays.

My social life has got to maintain some type of control. I was up last night until 12:00 doing my homework. Homework that I could have done in a couple of hours Saturday afternoon, but of course, I needed to go shopping. Now it's 6:00 a.m. Monday morning and it's time to get up. I can't face another day at the greatest learning institute known as Waconia High School. As I walk through the front doors I silently whisper to myself "I can't believe that I'm here, back to the old grind again." After 2 whole days of rest and relaxation, sitting here is a total shock to my system to be back here again. The first bell rings, I walk to my first period class, sit down on my chair, and put my head down on my desk and think "only five more days until Friday." Monday is a drag!

Top left. Mari Melby finds Mondays easier to cope with by not looking up.

Top right. Jenny Kellor discovers that she can get through this Monday easily by sleeping in the upright, sitting position.

Bottom left. Chin in hand, Jackie O'Day waits for the bell to save her.

Bottom right. Marnie O'Neil and fellow student choose to simply sleep this Monday off.







Senior/Freshman Swap.

WHERE TO GO. WHAT TO SEE. WHO TO BE. GRADUATION POSES BIG DECISIONS FOR SENIORS.

The yearbook staff took a survey of the future plans for WHS seniors. Of those who responded, 53% are collegebound. The University of Minnesota was the most popular choice with 14% of the 53%. Out-of-state prospects for some students are Notre Dame in Indiana, Williams and Harvard in Mass., Princeton in New Jersey, The University of New Hampshire and Oberlin in Ohio. 25% of the seniors will be attending a vocational school and 14% will be working, with 5% undecided. Other plans include going into the service and marriage.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

University of Minnesota. 14%
St. Cloud
Mankato State 8%
Normandale 5%
St. Thomas 5%
St. Olaf 2%
Hamline University 2%
North Dakota State U 2%
Winona State 1%
Gustavus Adolphus 1%
Luther College 1%
St. Paul Bible 1%
U. of Wisc. — Madison 1%
Williams Col. — Mass 1%

OTHER PLANS

Vocational Centers 25%
Work14%
Service
Marriage 1%
Undecided 5%

Freshman finds differences, Senior finds nightmares.

Picture this. You are 18 years old, but today, you are (long pause) a FRESHMAN!

For Missy Giesen this was not a nightmare, this was reality! Screaming, short freshmen were everywhere. Permeating from every corner of the hallway. Scurrying here and scuttling there, trying to make it to class in four minutes. Missy dodged the running freshmen and slipped unobtrusively as possible into 9th grade social. This was something the yearbook staff forced her to do (dramatic background music). In Social 9 with Mr. Zender, the senior in question got 2 out of 4 right (gasp!) on a quiz. Missy commented after her ordeal that social gets a lot more interesting after you learn the basics and are then able to express your own opinion. (deep!)

In English with Mr. Torborg, studying grammar made Missy remember how much she disliked it. Missy also remembered the wonderful phrases and rhymes Mr. Torborg uses with his students. Such as, "The Three Hairy Verbals, because you see. They're a lot like gerbils; they're small and tricky and have little tails. The three verbals are what, boys and germs? Gerund, Participle, Infinitive." (No comment.)

Fortunately for Missy, this ordeal was only an infliction that lasted a day, much like the 24-hour flu.



When you were in ninth grade, did you ever wonder what



it would be like to be a "Big Senior"? For Julie Siegle, a freshman, this thought became reality as she traded places with Missy Giesen, a senior, for two classes — World Literature with Mr. Benson and Psychology with Mr. Theobald.

Julie said, "I felt kind of dumb at first, sitting in a class with seniors. The class was informal compared to our English class." She also said the class was much more difficult. Julie said that in "English 9 we are talking about the protagonist and antagonist, but in World Literature the class tries to get to the real meaning of the stories they read." The similarities that Julie spotted in the freshman and senior English classes were that the students get along with each other and with the teacher and that the teachers make the classes.

In the Psychology class Julie said, "I felt a lot more uncomfortable." She said, "It was a lot different from Social 9 where we are talking about government and citizenship." In Psychology the subjects discussed were psychoanalytic theories which she knew nothing about. She said that Psychology was much more difficult than Social 9.

As a result of this experiment, one freshman's dream of becoming a senior for a day was fulfilled.





Spring Break was a memorable time for many seniors who headed for the warm sunshine of Florida and Arizona, and to the snowy ski slopes of Colorado and Nevada.

The excitement began on March 20 as students anx-

iously left school knowing that all they had ahead of them was relaxation and fun. For a whole week there would be no books, no teachers, and no homework!

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The majority of students headed for South Florida and Arizona. Lying in the sun was the priority of the day, but visiting Disneyworld, Wet N' Wild, Epcot Center, Busch Gardens, and other tourist attractions also became important. When the weather got a little drab, shopping became the excitement for the day. Shell rings and shell bracelets were popular souvenirs brought home.

For a few others who were desperate for some snow and the adventures of skiing, Colorado and Nevada became the places to go. Besides skiing, the things to do included snowboarding, hottubbing, and relaxing.

Wherever the students chose to go, it is obvious that it was a well-deserved "Spring Break."



Top. Stuart Grote and John Kunze enjoy a ride on the tram at Disney World.

Center. Tami Stahlke and Karyn Otto hug one of the chipmunks at Disney World in Florida.

Far left. Andrea Glasmann catches some sun in Florida. Left. Chris Heagle visits the Kennedy Space Center in

Florida.

TEACHERS: Life On the Other Side.

Is there life after school? Most students know that there is, but most don't realize that for the teachers there is also that mysterious "life after school." We have decided to lift the shroud of mist surrounding the teachers' "after school" hours. What do they do with those elusive after school and summer hours? Do they hibernate? Nope. (Well, some said they do.) Do they go to teacher heaven? Nope. Do they live at school? Nope. Well, what do they do? Let's look on and see!

- MARY EMOND (Pre-Cal, Calculus, Computers) — enjoys hockey, tennis, running, biking, skiing, reading books on medicine, biology, education, philosophy and religion. Also likes to meet people from around the world.
- LOIS LIEN (Physical Eduction) — enjoys boating, waterskiing, sailing, swimming, fishing and picnics. Also likes to travel and spend time with family members.
- MARIE ERICKSON (Special Educ.) — As mother of 2 preschoolers, busy with dance and swimming lessons, likes racquetball. Just finished Master's. Sews, gardens, travels, takes family trips to cabin in Canada.
- TOM TRIPLETT (Mathematics) — Enjoys gardening, hiking, canoeing, fishing, oil painting, skating, X-C skiing, archery, cooking, photography, mountain hiking.
- MEL ANDERSON (English, Phy. Ed.) — Teaches swimming lessons, will coach football at S.P.B.C.
- BERGETTA MASON (Art) Takes night classes through Mankato towards licensure in Spec. Ed. Draws, paints, works with clay, knits, quilts, repairs antique dolls, X-C Skis, spends time with family and with 3rd exchange student, attempts to bowl. In summer, travels, gardens, wind surfing remains a challenge.
- CORINNE DULGAR (Spanish) — Taking Spanish students to Spain summer 1987; camping,

boating, waterskiing, taking kids to lessons.

- BARBARA DANGER (Librarian) — Travel to Spain summer 1987, to Europe/Russia, the Carribbean, and in U.S. in the past. Enjoys reading, shopping, basset hound; takes 1-2 classes in the media field each year.
- SKIP ANDERSON (Band) In summers backpacks, canoes, goes to Chicago for Chicago Symphony at Ravina Festival, attends Minnesota Symposium on Instrumental Conducting, grad courses at U. of M., reads, sleeps, may go to Belgium, directs marching band. After school, attends concerts, listens to music, cooks, directs a St. Paul Church choir, composes.
- SUE KIRLEY (Speech Therapist) — Cares for 2 children, reads, does needlepoint. In summer swims and does flower gardening.
- JEANNE ANDERSON (Health) — Walks, reads; in summers takes workshops pertaining to health, takes trips, spends time with grandchildren and pets.
- DICK WEGEHAUPT (Spec. Ed.) — Drives daughter to gymnastics, officiates at basketball games, cuts wood, jogs, golfs, travels. Owns sealcoat and asphalt repair business. Likes water sports.
- BOB LINDEMANN (Ind. Arts) — Coaches wrestling and girls' tennis, helps with track meets. Repairs machinery, takes college courses, fishes, involved in Comm. Ed. tennis.
- PAUL THEOBALD (Social) Runs hobby farm in Western MN, enjoys reading Rolvaag, Corey, Cather. Writes. Both he and wife are deeply involved in finding ways to help farmers cope with the farm crisis.
- JOAN BALL (Spec. Ed.) Has taught summer school, practicum in E/BD at Hennepin County Home School summer of 86. Hopes to travel to East Coast and Canada this summer.
- AL BLANSHAN (Phy Ed., Drivers' Ed) — Works year round as a bouncer at T. Wright's. Enjoys motorcycling in warm weather, traveling.

- KIM BENSON (English) Is working on Master's degree, enjoys family trips, family time, reading, seeing that his children are getting the best possible education.
- RICK HILBER (English) Directs student activities (plays, etc.) spends time doing homework, with family, as a volunteer ambulance worker, church council and Sunday school.



Art teacher, Mrs. Mason, looks up from a recent drawing.

COST OF LIVING. HOW MUCH DOES IT REALLY COST TO BE A STUDENT

Have you ever really sat down and thought about how much money it costs to be the average student at WHS? Well, these are the types of things that your yearbook staff thinks about nonstop. Here is just a quick rundown on the approximate prices of goods that every student needs just to survive.

— a bag of Doritos \$2.98
— pop, 16 oz
— candy bar
— cassette tape 9.00
- concerts 15.00
and up
— renting a movie 2.00
— going to a movie
— tanning (session) 5.00
— sweater 45.00
— pants: Levis 25.00
Guess 50.00
and up
— hair cut 15.00
When you are a senior you must add other things to
this large expense list, such as:
- Hann and Kastian

And if that isn't enough, the end of the school year brings prom and of course, more expenses:

-	prom tickets .					 	25.00 each
_	prom dress					 	.110.00 up
-	tux rental					 	50.00 up
Ca	march time a view	1-00	100	Lin	afar	 orin	

So next time you're looking for money in your purse or wallet and are unable to find any, maybe you'll have a better idea of where it went.

Top. Tricia Jones sells Prom tickets to Cathy Geisinger and Diane Fadden, at a cost of \$25.00 per ticket.

Center. Jerry Senechal fills up his gas tank at Q.

Right. Lindsey Sanocki buys food during open lunch.

Far right. Shawn Plocher takes advantage of open lunch to make a purchase.









OUR WORLD THE IN'S AND OUT'S OF WHAT CAME AND WENT IN 87

Drugs; The Enemy Within

Like a drunk waking up from a 20-year binge with a massive hangover, America is bitter, remorseful, and full of resolution. Though the new drug epidemic, cocaine, appears to have peaked, drug abuse remains unacceptably high, and its highly addictive form — crack — addiction seems to be spreading. This is not America's first drug crisis nor is it likely to be its last. Prominent figures known to be involved with cocaine and crack include Dwight Gooden and Len Bias.

TV Evangelism: Is It Right or Wrong?

America's TV preachers were in an uproar with rivals trading charges of sexual misconduct, greed and lust for power. Evangelist Jim Bakker, whose tryst with a Long Island woman had already lost him his TV empire, said his accuser, Jimmy Swaggert, was plotting a hostile takeover. People around the country were choosing sides as to the credibility of evangelism. And more questionable televangelist practices included Oral Roberts holding himself up for ransom (\$8 million) and Pat Robertson entering the Presidential race.

Sex, Politics, and the Press

A defiant Gary Hart (formerly Hartpence) ended his campaign amid a scandal about an affair with actress Donna Rice and a raging debate about whether the media drove him from the race. But even members of his own staff thought Hart sowed the seeds of his own political destruction. His withdrawal scrambled the stunned Democratic field and left "undecided" as the front runner.

I-Ran-Amok

The nation was shocked in early November by the revelation that the U.S. had over a two-year period sent shipments of armaments to Iran in an ill-fated

attempt to win the release of Americans held hostage in Lebanon by radical Shiite Muslims. With the further disclosure that some profits from the deal had been diverted to the Contras in Nicaragua during a period when official U.S. assistance was prohibited by law, many called for a full-scale investigation. Thus, with President Reagan firm in his insistence that he knew nothing about this diversion to the Contras (it was, according to Mr. Reagan, the idea of the now well-know Lt. Col Oliver North), Congressional hearings into the whole affair, which was given such memorable names as "Iranamok" and "Irangate," began in April.

The High Cost of College

In the 1980's, the price of a college education has risen by twice the rate of inflation and the upward spiral will almost surely continue. With much of the increase going for building and administrative costs instead of genuine improvements in education, students and their families are now wondering whether they're getting their money's worth.

U2's; The Band of the 80's

Their latest album hit number 1; their concert tour was one of the hottest tickets in town. These four musicians from Ireland also draw crowds with their lyrical insistence that rock and social commitment are inseparable. As one of their songs put it, there are "new dreams tonight."

Platoon; Vietnam As It Really Was

Twenty years after it tore apart the nation's conscience, the Vietnam War reaches the screen with searing power and immediacy. Oliver Stone's *Platoon* has earned raves from the critics and long lines at the box office. It has brought a firestorm of memories and debate about the U.S. fighting man in the jungles of Southeast Asia.

AIDS; The Big Chill

As AIDS spread, both heterosexuals and homosexuals must face the facts of the deadly disease. The disease has moved beyond the homosexual world, forcing many American men and women to surrender the sexual practices of the past two decades in favor of a more cautious and monogamous lifestyle. As the number of victims climbs, comparisons between AIDS and the great epidemics in history become obvious.

Japan vs. U.S.

This year's U.S. trade market was very concerned with the growing impact of high-quality, cheaply priced Japanese products flowing into the market, causing the value of U.S. goods to plummet. This caused the U.S. to take action and impose heavy taxes on the Japanese products coming in the U.S.

Wall Street

In late February, three prominent members of Wall Street were arrested with the help of an informant. These arrests triggered an entire string of arrests in the financial community. All arrests were for insider-trading, in which the stock traders profited on tips for stocks before they hit the market.

Spies Like U.S.

The Marine spy scandal in Moscow began with the arrests of a Marine and his partner, charged with allowing Soviet agents to prowl the U.S.Embassy's (in Moscow) most sensitive areas in a sex for secrets style exchange. Several weeks later, a third Marine was arrested on similar charges in Moscow, and a fourth, stationed at the Brazilia embassy was taken into custody. The spy ring continued to widen as several more Marine guards were recalled from Vienna.

ANDREA JUREK — HEADED FOR AUSTRALIA

Andrea Jurek, a sophomore, had always dreamed of seeing other countries. When Andrea saw an opportunity to be an exchange student through the local Rotary organization, she took it. She applied in October at the local level, and in November, Andrea had an interview at the District level. Then, two days before Christmas, she got a letter of acceptance, telling her she would be traveling to Australia, to live for a year. Andrea, when interviewed, said, "When I first found out that I had been accepted, I was ecstatic, but after everyone asks you a lot of questions, you get a little tired of it . . . I'm still really excited about it, though."

Andrea will be leaving on August 14, 1987, for Geralton, Australia. Geralton is a fishing port of the West Coast on the Indian Ocean. She will spend seven months studying in Geralton, and then travel for three months, seeing places like Sydney, Melbourne, and Canberra. Andrea will return during June 1988 to attend Waconia High School her senior year.







Top. Jenny Roeser cleans an office. **Above.** Tom Wempner runs "the cage" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre.

Working for a Living.

Many of the students at Waconia High School have jobs. Student jobs are needed to pay for the Student Cost of Living (SCL) and as you know, it's a very high price indeed. Students get their income from such places as the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, Dairy Queen, Waconia State Bank, Matson's, and Beck's. However, some students have a taste for more bizarre jobs like cleaning offices, working in the hospital cafeteria, servicing docks, and one student even owns his own car wash service. It doesn't really matter where you work, just as long as you get paid.

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Bill Koppi: ALL-STAR PLAYER

Bill Koppi, Senior, has been selected to participate in the Lions' All-Star Baseball game. Bill will represent the Minnesota area and will be playing against the Minnesota All-Stars. Bill earned the selection by hitting .380 over three years and by being the best catcher in the Suburban-West Conference.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Elected Speakers for Commencement.

The Commencement speakers for 1987 were Valedictorian Brian Carlson and Salutatorian Krista Hellekson. Brian spoke on Freedom and Responsibility, while Krista chose a theme of Past, Present and Future.

Krista is planning to attend the

University of Minnesota, Institute of Technology, working towards a degree in Engineering. Brian is planning on attending Williams College in Massachusetts and eventually hopes to get into International Relations.





Student Wins \$400 In Contest

In April, Tricia Jones won first place in the local competition of the Rotary Essay Contest, of which the theme was "Peace: A Renewable Vision". She received \$150 for her efforts. Then in May, Tricia went on the district level competition, taking third place and winning \$300.

Other contestants at the local level included Sara Larson, second place, and Brian Carlson, third place.







THINK OF ME

Today I found an old picture of you From a time when we had no worries. I thought of all the things we'd been

through The faded image of a child's memory.

There was nothing we couldn't fix to-gether

From broken toys to broken hearts. We thought of love and laughter here for-

ever In a world that we'd set apart.

Now the times have changed and years

gone by, Bringing new dreams and new friends too. But still echoes every laugh and every tear we cried;

Nothing is as special as these years spent with you.

So when you're looking back on yesterday Whatever may have happened, wherever you may be,

Think of all the joys that were along the way

And most of all think of me. Andrea Jurek

Clockwise, from top left: Krista Hellekson, Beth Johnson/Missy Paul, Mike Beck/Lisa Sudheimer, Missy Giesen/Stuart Grote, Jason Eveslage/Marnie O'Neil, Jodi Bednar, Traci Wilson/Vanessa Mathwig, Kari Rademacher/Missy Paul, Sherry Wagener, Ann Stelten, Katrina Veff, Roxanne Walter, Lisa Hamann/Tina Karels, Dianne Storms/Mike Beck, Paul Larson, Bonnie Burandt, Chris Heagle, Shawn Riebe/Danielle Koosman, Todd Bailey.







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Seniors — Breaking a Twelve Year Habit









Andrew James Amrhein

Gina Kay Aresto

Mike Beck

Holly Jo Bentz



Michelle Biddle



Edward Bierlein



Darin Bjerke



Jodi Lee Borg



Lynn Ann Broeckert



Lynn M. Bruno



Brian Daniel Carlson



James P. Clancy









Michael Clarke

Cady Connery

Sheila R. Cooley

Jean M. Deardorff



Lisa Dressen



Jeff Erkenbrack



Jason Eveslage



Donna L. Falk



Kenneth O Felt, Jr.



Janelle Fink

Jill Elizabeth Finney



Nancy L. Geiger



Lynn M. Fortwengler

Andrea Fulkerson



Melissa L. Giesen

Andrea Glasmann

Tony Goetz

Keith Allen Goetz



Grant Gorres



Brent A. Grabow



David J. Gray

Stuart Grote






Christopher Hanson



Richard A. Happ

Kurt Edwin Gunn

Jim Gustafson



Mike Heimerl



Krista Hellekson



Mark J. Hilgers



Kathleen Howe



Troy Robert Ische





Elizabeth Ellen Johnson

Kristin M. Johnson



Lisa Johnson

Tricia A. Jones

Misaho Kakehi

Kristen M. Kellor



Catherine Kirsch



Paul Kirsch



Jane Louise Klaseus



Jason A. Klaustermeier



Steven Michael Klitzke



Rob Koehnen



William Koppi



John Kunze



Dean Kutzke

Gary Laabs

Sara E. Larson

Erin R. Lehrke



Mark C. Logelin

Steven Lorenz







Jody Maas



Vanessa Jo Mathwig



Scott Melichar



Tracy Menth

Troy Menth



Heidi Meyer

Josh A. Mortensen

Bradley Noeldner

Jayson Novotny



Karyn L. Otto

Chris Parpart



Melissa Lynn Paul

Christine Pearson



Matthew Peterson



Bradley Popelka



Heidi Ann Pretzel

David W. Priebe









Kari Ann Rademacher

Matthew J. Rissell

Jennifer Roeser

Donna Mae Rolf







Michael J. Samuelson

Leah Sandbo

Bob Schmitz

LeAnn Schultz



Ronald Schwendinger



Gerald Senechal



Brian K. Shupe

Claes Singheimer



Chad Sorenson

Chimene Spike

Tami Stahlke

Peggy Steinhagen



Mark L. Stender



Bryan David Storms



Eric Strong

Lisa L. Sudheimer



Jenny L. Theis



Stephanie Tice



Cheryl Van Horn



Diane Van Keulen









Julie Weinzierl

Rachel Wright

Thomas R. Wempner

Daniel Joseph Zieroth

Corey Wertish

Sheri L. Worm



"Within our reach lies every path we ever dream of taking. Within our power lies every step we ever dream of making. Within our range lies every joy we ever dream of seeing. Within ourselves lies everything we ever dream of being."

CLASS COLORS/FLOWER — Royal Blue and Ivory — Ivory Rose

CLASS SONG - "Life's Been Good"







BANDS

Bon Jovi AC/DC Boston ZZ Top



Doritos Pizza Chips Pretzels/Twinkies



Fishhouse (Johnny's) Lakeside Mackenthun's Parking Lot Hardee's



RESTAURANTS

ChiChi's Hardee's DaVinci's Perkins CARS

Jody's Camaro Noeldner's Nova TransAm Ken's Camaro

CLASSES

Study Hall Sociology Foods Psychology

Senior Favorites



RADIO STATIONS

KQ 92 101 KDWB 99½ WLOL KMOJ

MOVIES

Platoon Top Gun Golden Child Stand By Me/Maximum Overdrive



TEACHERS

Mr. Blassey Mr. Benson Mrs. Mason Mr. Westermann





LOCAL BANDS

Johnny Holm Slave Raider Shaw Limited Warranty

TV SHOWS

Cosby Show Knots Landing Moonlighting Alf

SONGS

"Life's Been Good to Me So Far" "You Gotta Fight for Your Right to Party" "Living on a Prayer" "You Give Love a Bad Name"

Cutest Smile

John Kunze Karyn Otto

Biggest Flirt

Tami Stahlke Josh Mortensen

Cutest Couple

Cheryl Van Horn Jason Eveslage

Most Athletic

Bill Koppi Catherine Kirsch

Teacher's Pets

Holly Bentz Matt Peterson

Best Musicians

Sara Larson Mike Beck

Best Actor / Actress

Missy Paul Tom Wempner













Ed Bierlien Gina Aresto

Quietest

Chris Pearson Tony Johnson

Most Likely to Succeed

> Krista Hellekson Brian Carlson

Class Clowns

Grant Gorres Cady Connery

Craziest Laugh

Matt Peterson Gina Aresto

Best Dressed

Tom Wempner Jean Deardorff Jenny Theis

Friendliest

Karyn Otto Matt Peterson





JUNIORS









Expressions Change Daily

Throughout the week many juniors experience a change of emotions. On Monday Jim Wessbecker shows the perfect emotion ... tiredness. On Tuesday Daniela Pagani shows a normal activity for the day. On Wednesday Amy Reilly shows a common expression ... utter boredom. On Thursday Lori Lizakowski shows true happiness because the week's almost over. Then David Kirsch shows how happy he is that it's Friday.







Schedule Problems

Over the past years there have been many different kinds of classes offered in Waconia High School, and with the large variety of classes come scheduling problems. The office may place a student in a class schedule that seems perfect for him or her, but once the student sees it, he might not think it's so perfect. This means he must go to the office and fill out a new schedule so that he's in some classes with his friends. The office must then approve these classes. This process is then over until the next quarter when new classes and different schedules must be considered.



Brad Grimm Lisa Hamann Deana Hanson-Speak Jennifer Harms Jon Hartmann

Thor Haugen Chris Heagle Jason Heinen Brad Heyer Jason Hilgers

Jim Huckenpoehler Kelli Ittel Paul Jacobsen Annie Johansen Eric Johnson

Kristene Johnson Tina Karels Missy Kelzer Paul Kelzer David Kirsch





John Rademacher Jon Rauen Brian Reichenberger Amy Reilly Shawn Riebe

Tim Rissell Clyde Roberts Tony Roi Kevin Salden Gretchen Salzl

Ann Sauerbrey Matt Schaffer Tammy Schauer Brian Scheuble Cathy Schmieg

John Schuette Jason Smrecek Brian Stacken Connie Steinborn Ann Stelten

Bob Stelten Stacy Stender Dianne Storms John Storms Karla Storms

Russ Storms Paul Strommers Cindy Thurk Becky Titera Denise Traver





Mike Van Horn Trina Veff Jeff Wagener Sherry Wagener Roxanne Walter

Mike Weber Todd Wellnitz Kevin Wessale Jim Wessbecker Bridget Westveer

Larry Wickenhauser Lori Wickenhauser Mike Widmer Patricia Willems Traci Wilson



Student Nightmares

- You know you should have slept in when...
- you have a test in English that you forgot about.
- you find yourself face down at the bottom of the stairs.
- you arrive to school wearing purple pants and an orange shirt.
- Mr. Lind catches you for skipping.
- you grab the shaving cream instead of the toothpaste.
- they cancel open lunch.
- you get to class and you forget your homework.
- you put your underwear on backwards.
- a teacher calls on you.
- you are sitting in sociology and you hear "people."
- teachers wear loud clothing and expect you to concentrate.
- you start your day off by running a red light during your drivers test.
- you have a fight with your boyfriend/girlfriend.









Faces Reveal Emotion

A week in the life of a sophomore contains a wide range of events and drastic changes in emotion. Expressions and actions can be captured to create whole ideas without using words. Whether they have just made the basketball team or failed a test, their expressions can tell exactly what they're feeling. Monday mornings usually bring the postweekend blahs, as Donna Farrell shows. Kelly Wagener finds that the library is the best place to spend a laid-back Tuesday afternoon. By Wednesday sophomores, like Bobbie Jo Leivermann, decide it's time to get down to business and start working. Eric Makela casually makes his way through Thursday and by Friday afternoon Jeff Rieck, as well as many other sophomores, is relieved to find that he has made it through yet another week of school.







Class Rings: A Sophomore Tradition

Ordering class rings has been a popular event for the sophomore classes in the past few years, but this year a new twist was added. Not only were students wearing their own class rings and their boyfriend's or girlfriend's rings, but a few could be seen wearing their parents' class rings. As most students concentrated on choosing the perfect ring from the Josten's company, some decided to wear class rings from the 50's and 60's as well. Fashion repeated itself this year as the tradition of class rings continues.



Greg Goetz Greg Gongoll April Grams Jason Grengs Paul Haas Sally Hanson Iason Hartmann Sara Hawkinson **Cheryl Heckmann** Lora Heimerl Laura Hell Mike Henkel **Tony Hentges** Shelly Hilgers David Hilk Char Hoen Steve Hubbard Steve Jensen Nicole Jereczek Marcus Johnson



Shelly Johnson Nancy Johnson Tracy Johnson Andrea Jurek Todd Karels

Tanya Kauder Jenny Kellor Robby Kirsch Bruce Kleman David Knauer

Danielle Koosman Erica Kuchowicz David Kuntz Heidi Lafrenz David LaValle

Bobbi Jo Leivermann Nathan Lindner Missy Linton Tracy Logelin Stacy Machtemes

Eric Makela Vicky Mechtel Mari Melby Dan Miller Marcy Molstad

Jenny Myers Kelly Neuman Kevin Palmersheim Susan Peitz Dan Popelka

Dan Precht Tonya Quast Brian Rademacher Cindy Rademacher Debbie Reichenberger

Jeff Rieck Cathy Roepke Bob Roeser Wendy Ruchti Lindsey Sanocki

Kim Scheuble Sarah Schlumpberger Julie Schmakel Sherrie Schmitt Jayson Schultz

Mark Schwendinger Danielle Shupe Sandy Smetana Jodi Stahlke Kim Stangret

Melanie Steinborn Jeff Steinhagen Jody Stender Andrew Strong Cindy Sudheimer

Jason Theis Eric Thompson Mike Tollefsrud Doug Trittabaugh Kris Van Keulen









Lynn Wessale Brad Willemsen Matt Williams Cris Worm Staci Worm





Sophomores **Gain Freedom** With Licenses

What do students consider the most important event of their sophomore year? Asked this question, most sophomores would agree that it is getting their driver's license. After countless hours in the classroom and behind the wheel, they are anxious to finally drive on their own. It isn't uncommon for morning absences on a sophomore's birthday, and a return to school usually signifies a successful driver's test. After passing the driver's test, the newly licensed drivers face a new obstacle convincing their parents to let them use the family car.

Top. Elaine Foss, Matt Williams, Todd Bailey look on as Crissy Worm checks the oil in her car. Left. A sophomore's prized possessions.







New Year Brings Challenges

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At Waconia High School, the freshman year is a big step up from the junior high. Along with the new privileges come many new responsibilities. One of these changes is that this year's credits will count toward graduation. Doug Guettler and Sarah Johnson find that it takes careful planning to choose their classes. Freshmen, like DeAnn Menth, must also report to Mrs. Rademacher for all passes. Beth Ann Ratzlaff studies Spanish with sophomores, juniors, and seniors in one of the mixed grade

FRESHMEN

classes. Mr. Gustafson still handles most of the questions and discussions, as he does with Mike Bartholow. One other major change this year was the addition of the freshman class to the senior high yearbook. Dale Dahl shows his school spirit by ordering a yearbook from a yearbook staff member. Even though freshmen had to face any new challenges and responsibilities, they still found time to catch up with the latest events around the school.







"The Truth?"

Sometimes students get a little carried away and cross that thin line between creative and unbelievable when explaining why they failed to complete class assignments. Some of the most memorable excuses include:

It was so good that someone else used it.

It's somewhere between here and L.A.

I had to babysit and I ran out of diapers.

It was either I visit my grandma in the hospital or write an essay on my opinion of the U.S. economic state.

I had a gym test to study for. You want THE TRUTH?







Bret McEnelly Beth Mendiola DeAnn Menth Doug Meyer Steven Mielke

Jeff Mortensen Michael Murphy Shannon Novotny Jackie O'Day Brian Olver

Dan Osterkamp Teresa Otto Shawn Palmersheim Benjamin Parpart Mala Phouybanhdyt

Jennifer Plihal Shawn Plocher Jennifer Powell Craig Rademacher Bethann Ratzlaff

Crissy Jo Reinke Jeff Roby Paul Ruchti Allen Sauerbrey Jeremy Schelitzche

Rebecca Schneewind Chad Schuler Jacqueline Schultz Brenda Schulz Jeff Schwendinger

Derek Segner Julie Siegle Amy Stauffer Jonathon Steinhagen Stephanie Stolz

Donna Storms Susan Storms David Traver Sarah Vanderlinde Vicki Vialle

Julie Volby Kevin Wagener Sara Wakefield Michelle Weiland Shauna Werner





Randy Wessbecker Katy Winter Jim Wright Tom Wymer

A Freshman View

Having a senior brother or sister can have its advantages and disadvantages for a freshman. In a survey distributed to freshmen with senior brothers or sisters included the following: "Older brothers and sisters are like experimental animals that are used for lab tests. I can see my parents' reactions to what he does and know if I can get away with it." Another girl wrote, "My sister tells me what classes to take and which ones I should avoid in the school year," and another student indicated, "I get to meet a lot of different people."

Some of the disadvantages included the following response: "She doesn't spend a lot of time at home so I get to do her work and mine." Another person said, "We are always being compared to each other." Another freshman said, "He gets to do more stuff because he's older."

Even though there are many other disadvantages — arguing, getting blamed for what they did, being treated as a second-class citizen — the advantages of having an older brother or sister will almost always outweigh the disadvantages.

Top. Senior Josh Mortensen teaches freshman Jeff how to pose for a picture. **Left.** Senior David and freshman Jill Gray mug for the camera.





THE YEAR IN

ACTIVITIES

























Traditions Thrive **During Spirit** Week

WHS's 1986 Spirit Week took place October 6-10. The week started off with Monday as Toga Day. Most students wore their favorite sheets to school.

Two days that were added to Spirit Week traditions were Tuesday, Pajama Day, for those who had a long night of coronation, and Wednesday, Jock Imitation Day. Students dressed up as their favorite jock or cheerleader.

Thursday was the classic Nerd Day.

Winding down the week was Friday, the classic Purple and Gold and Hat and Shades Day.

Another new attraction was the hall decorating contest between the freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Toga Day TUESDAY Pajama Day Wednesday **Jock Imitation** Day

MONDAY

THURSDAY

Nerd Day

FRIDAY

Purple, Gold Hat, Shades Day

Right. Juniors Tim Devins and Paul Jacobson decorated their faces instead of the halls. Middle. Chris Parpart gives us the Hollywood look.









Left. Bryan Storms and David Gray model the fashions most students wore on Monday. Right. Jodi Stahlke gives new meaning to the word *toga*. Far right. Homecoming's ghostly hall monitor says, "Go Toga, Toga, Toga!"





Left. Seniors Holly Bentz, Karyn Otto and Tami Stahlke show their idea of sleepwear. Right. Beth Johnson and Heather Delin bring a lit-tle friend from home.

Far right. Senior Jean Deardorff catches up on some lost sleep during Foods class.







Far left. Artists David Gray and Grant Gorres add some color to the senior hallway. Left. Junior Neil Otto dressed as a WHS cheerleader. Right. Choir members show their support by dressing as their favorite jock or jockette.



Left. The junior class showed their spirit with a balloon archway. Right. Some members of the choir pulled out their best clother for Nord Day best clothes for Nerd Day. Far right. Nerd Carl Radde takes a break from his studies.









Left. Seniors welcome visitors to their hallway during the decorating contest. Above. A little added attraction in the junior hall.



Picture This . . . Coronation

On October 6, 1986, twelve Homecoming royalty candidates anxiously awaited the coronation festivities to begin, as the cheerleaders and danceline added to the excitement.

The coronation activities opened with Jodi Bednar and Neil Otto remarking about last year's speakers.

As everyone waited with anticipation, Tony Kunze dubbed Matt Peterson king and Shelly Giesen crowned Karyn Otto queen.

Top. Karyn Otto and Matt Peterson take a new stand as Waconia High School's new king and queen.

Right. Homecoming king candidates Bill Koppi, John Kunze, Jason Eveslage, Stuart Grote and Mike Clarke congratulate new king Matt Peterson.







Top. 1985 Homecoming queen Shelly Giesen (hidden) gives Karyn Otto her congratulations as she gives up her crown to the new WHS queen. **Middle left.** Page Missy Kelzer and

Middle left. Page Missy Kelzer and escort Steve Bredeson show a touch of class for all juniors.

Middle right. Freshman page Sara Vanderlinde and escort Todd Machtemes enjoy a moment of glee.

Bottom. WHS'S 1986 Homecoming Royalty: L to R: Freshman page Sara Vanderlinde and escort Todd Machtemes, sophomore page Crissy Worm and escort Todd Bailey, junior page Missy Kelzer and escort Steve Bredeson, Queen Karyn Otto, King Matt Peterson, Tami Stahlke, Stuart Grote, Holly Bentz, John Kunze, Catherine Kirsch, Mike Clarke, Jenny Theis, Billy Koppi, Jody Maas, and Jason Eveslage.





Oklahoma Hits WHS Stage

On November 5 and 6, Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical *Oklahoma* was presented on the WHS stage. The play is set in Oklahoma in the early 1900's. The main characters are Laurey, a farm girl, and Curly, a cowboy, whose love for each other is challenged by Jud Fry, a farmhand who tries to take Laurey away from Curly. The story revolves around this conflict, with a subplot involving a love triangle between Ado Annie, Will Parker, and Ali Hakim.

Top. Laurey (Missy Paul) and Curly (Eric Makela) dance and sing the leads in *Oklahoma*.

Center. Dancehall girls Catherine Kirsch, Jean Deardorff, and Cady Connery strut their stuff.

Right. Will Parker (Tom Wempner) frets over his fickle love Ado Annie (Jennifer Harms).










CAST

Drama Director . Mr. Rick Hilber Music Director. . Mr. Ron Larson Accompanists. . Kathie Pedersen Karin Werdahl

Top. Jud Fry (Mark LaValle) and Curly (Eric Makela) will do anything for Laurey's love. Center. Andy Buik, Brian Eiden, and Andrew Gilbert attend the picnic. Far left. Aunt Eller (Sara Larson) sings "Kansas

City" to the boys. Left. Ali Hakim (Chris Heagle) tells the townspeople about his wares.



Top. INTERNATIONAL WEEK PAR-TICIPANTS. Front: Kari Rademacher, Tami Stahlke, Myrian DeLazzer of Belgium, Katrin Hering of Germany, Janelle Fink, Christina Falster of Denmark, Madeleine Stenwreth of Sweden, Claes Singheimer. 2nd Row: Krista Hellekson, Beth Johnson, Ulrike Baum of Germany, Jenny Roeser, Tania Mader of Germany, Peggy Steinhagen, Heidi Meyer. Back: Yoshiko Akimoto of Japan, Maria Del Mar Perez of Spain, Nancy Geiger, Beatrice Delvenne, Cady Connery, Mako Kimura, Urika Berg, Heather Delin, Vanessa Mathwig, Petra Ahreos of Sweden, Lisa Sudheimer, Marie Dulrevil of France, Maria Gutierrez, Virpi Laitinen, Kathy Howe, Tom Wempner.

Right. Myriam from Belgium gladly sings a song to get everyone rallied up at the International Week program.







Int'l Week Introduces Foreign Students

During International Days, Jan. 29 to Feb. 1, Rotary students from Belgium, France, Japan, Germany, Spain, Ecuador, and Denmark introduced themselves to all WHS students in assembly programs and then visited classes during the day.

The group's main social activity was a progressive dinner that started at Tami Stahlke's, moved to Nancy Geiger's, and finished with dessert at Janelle Fink's. After the dinner, the Rotary students and their WHS hosts went to a dance at the high school.



Top. Rotary students talk about themselves and their countries to WHS students during the assembly. **Center.** Janelle Fink waits for introduc-

Center. Janelle Fink waits for introductions with her Rotary student guests during the all-school assembly.

Bottom. WHS students learn about France and its customs from Marie Dulrevil.

Above. During the assembly Mr. Blassey explains the coming events.



Waconia Choir Hits Florida!

This year the Waconia High School Choir took an interesting and fun trip to Florida. The choir performed at Walt Disney World, Old Town, and Sea World. They also visited the Kennedy Space Center, Epcot Center, Jetty Point Beach, and Wet-n-Wild, where they enjoyed the big slide and the wave

Top. The Waconia High School Choir says "Hi" from Epcot Center, Florida. **Center left.** The choir performs at Walt Disney World Village.

pool.

Epcot Center seemed to be the favorite place of most choir members, and the most popular ride at Disney World was Space Mountain.

The choir raised money for the Florida trip by selling pizza and candy bars and by holding a garage sale and benefit concert.

Center right. Lisa Dressen and Sherry Wagener keep each other company while at the airport.

Right. Chris Heagle, Val Loxtercamp, and Lisa Dressen visit the Kennedy Space Center.





Left. What did Paul Larson and Stu

Left. What did Paul Larson and Stu Grote do to deserve this? Center left. Disney world characters add special excitement to crowds at Disney World. Below. Kristy Kellor, Jenny Harms, and Dawn Dressel demonstrate Baby Shamu puppets, souvenirs of Sea World.



Far left. Mark LaValle attempts the slide at Wet-n-Wild. **Left.** Tom Wempner and Pluto enjoy the sun at Disney World.

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SENIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL, GRADES 11-12: Front: Jodi Bednar, Marnie O'Neil, John Kunze, Catherine Kirsch, Tami Stahlke. Back: Kristene Johnson, Traci Wilson, Neil Otto, Jason Hilgers, Mike Clarke, Bill Koppi, Krista Hellekson.





The 9-10 and the 11-12 Student Councils worked hard this year to bring new and different activities to WHS. Both Councils worked hard on Homecoming festivities and on activities to welcome the Rotary students during International Week.





STUDENT COUNCIL, GRADES 9-10: Front: Jill Gray, Susie Kelzer, Bobbi Eder. Middle: Kristi Clemenson, Andrea Jurek, Debbie Reichenberger, Sandy Smetana. Back: Sarah Vanderlinde, Jodi Stahlke, Angela Eastvold, Jackie O'Day, Matt Williams.

Above. Student Council members Marnie O'Neil and Jodi Bednar change the bulletin board in front of school on a regular basis.



Yearbook Chooses Magazine Format

The yearbook staff had six new members during the 1986-87 school year. Each brought in her own new ideas. Deciding on a magazine theme for the *Chieftain*, the staff tried to uphold the theme as much as possible by using graphics, many photos, and magazine-style layouts.

Left. YEARBOOK STAFF: Front: Kathy Howe, Andrea Fulkerson, Tom Wempner. Back: Cady Connery, Kim Stangret, Marnie O'Neil, Jodi Bednar, Andrea Jurek. Not Pictured: Holly Bentz, Jenny Roeser.

Center. Editor Andrea Fulkerson helps staff members Jodi Bednar, Marnie O'Neil, and Andrea Jurek.

Below. Andrea Fulkerson and photographer Tom Wempner offer suggestions to new staff members.









JUNIOR HIGH FFA: Back: Mr. Bjorklund, Steve Mielke, Vicki Mechtel, Tony Hentges. Front: Dave Traver, Allen Sauerbrey, Jason Grengs, Greg Goetz, Kelly Wagener.

JUNIOR HIGH FHA: Front: Susan Storms, Jackie Schultz, Teresa Otto, Jeff Schwendinger, Chad Koenen. Back: Shannon Cordell, Julie Cebulla, Paula Cooley, Charla Madewell, Darcy David, Cindy Buetow, Shannon Flusemann.

SENIOR HIGH FHA: Front: Kelly Neumann, Lynn Wessale, Kris Van Keulen, Patty Ebert, Missy Kelzer, Michele Quast, Ranee Buetow. Back: Tonya Quast, Cindy Rademacher, Kim Scheuble, Kathy Roepke, Joy Meuleners, Kim Carl, Shannon Ginalski, Wendy Ruchti, Katrina Veff.

SENIOR HIGH FFA: Front: Mike Samuelson, Jason Neumann, Denise Traver, Paul Kelzer, Scott Flusemann. Back: Larry Wickenhauser, Tony Johnson, Russ Storms, Steve Buetow, Mike Heimerl, Tony Goetz.





CURRENT MEMBERS, NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Back: Chris Heagle, Bob Stelten, Paul Kelzer, Andy Amrhein, Jason Eveslage, Brian Carlson, Mike Beck, Mark LaValle. Middle: Sara Larson, Roxanne Walter, Kelli Ittel, Heather Delin, Beth Johnson, Lisa Hamann. Front: Catherine Kirsch, Jennifer Peitz, Krista Hellekson, Tricia Jones.





FHA, FFA, NHS — WHS Future Leaders

The National Honor Society is made up of senior high students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Students are eligible based on their grade-point averages and then must fill out applications and be approved for membership by a faculty committee.

FHA, Future Homemakers of America, which is advised by Mrs. Phyllis Lehrke, is a group of students who prepare for state competitions and speeches. Membership in FHA/HERO at WHS has promoted individual and interpersonal growth related to teen interests and concerns. Twelve of the senior high members achieved high district and state recognition through Action Activity Events.

FFA, Future Farmers of America, which is advised by Mr. Dennis Bjorklund, is a group of students interested in agriculture. These students travel to conventions to learn new techniques and machinery of farming in the world today.

NEW MEMBERS, NHS: Back: Kristy Kellor, Nancy Geiger, David Hilk, Ryan Berger, Greg Vialle, Andrea Jurek, Kathy Howe. Front: Annette Cook, Erika Lehmann, Elaine Foss, Cindy Thurk, Diane Fadden.



Bands Bring Life to WHS

WHS's four senior high bands regularly rehearse for and perform at school events. The concert and the 9th grade bands perform at evening concerts throughout the school year.

At a 1986 summer band competition in Duluth, the WHS marching band placed 2nd over all. Under new director Sheldon Anderson, the band has continued its traditional fruit and magazine sales for trips and expenses.

Most of the pep band's performances were at football and basketball games where they contributed their spirit with the cheerleaders and danceline.

Top. The WHS Marching Band poses for a photo during competition in Duluth. **Center.** WHS marching band members start their parade during competition in Duluth.

Bottom. Junior Ann Stelten concentrates on her playing during the parade.











Top. WHS CONCERT BAND: Front: Stephanie Tice, Shelly Hilgers, Lynn Wessale, Becky Titera, Lynn Bruno, Tricia Jones, Elaine Foss, Jennifer Harms, Kristi Kellor. 2nd Row: Diane Fadden, Cheryl Heckmann, Kelly Murphy, Cindy Rademacher, Cris Van Keulen, Sara Larson, Karla Storms, Michelle Biddle, Ann Stelten, Keith Bluemke, Sherry Wagener, Andy Amrhein, Dana Bloom. Back: Chris Heagle, Brad Heyer, Matt Williams, Mike Tollefsrud, Brian Carlson, Andrew Gilbert, Bob Stelten, Brian Bluemke, Greg Goetz, Cindy Thurk, Dave Knauer, Jon Rauen, Kurt Gunn, Kristene Johnson, Dean Meyer, Marcus Johnson, Misaho Kakehi. **Left.** Senior Stephanie Tice completes the Pep Band sound.

Above. 9th GRADE BAND: Front: Rachelle Ische, Linda Deardorff, Jenny Powell, Vicki Vialle, Beth Mendiola, Sarah Johnson, Beth Ratzlaff. 2nd: Chad Jacobson, Shawn Farber, Robyn Johnson, Ann Johnson, Allen Sauerbrey, Jason Greenslit, Brad Kirsch, Jeff Mortensen. 3rd: Candy Borst, Allen Carlson, Jenny Plihal, Shelly Murray. Back: Brad Ess, Todd Machtemes.



Pop Group, Concert Choir Raise Funds for Florida Trip

By rehearsing Tuesday and Thursday after and before school, the WHS Pop Group put together many pop numbers, most of which were choreographed. During the 1986-87 school year they performed at the Lion's Club, at the winter concert, at their own Pop Show, and also at the benefit dinner for the choir.

The entire WHS choir went to Orlando, Florida, during spring break. During their trip, they performed at Disney World, Sea World, and Old Town. In order to make the trip, the choir had to raise \$35,000.00 from their candy bar, pizza, and garage sales.

Top. POP GROUP: Front: Andrea Glasmann, Tom Wempner, Kristy Kellor. Back: Sherry Wagener, Mike Beck, Sara Larson, Andrew Gilbert, Jon Rauen, Heather Delin, Eric Makela, Chris Heagle, Krista Hellekson, Mark LaValle, Beth Johnson. Not Pictured: Clyde Roberts and Missy Paul. Center. Beth Johnson and Chris Heagle rehearse for the winter concert. Right. Accompanists Jenny Harms, Shelly Hilgers, and Kurt Gunn add to the Pop





Group sound.





Above. WACONIA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR: Front: Jenny Kellor, Colleen Eiden, Jennifer Harms, Melissa Paul, Katrina Veff, Heather Delin, Andrea Glasmann, Stephanie Tice, Dana Bloom, Cindy Thurk, Lisa Hamann, Kristina Beck, Roxanne Walter, Dawn Dressel. 2nd Row: Michelle Biddle, Elaine Foss, Beth Johnson, Andrea Lindner, Lisa Dressen, Char Hoen, Sara Hawkinson, Shelly Johnson, Sarah Schlumpberger, Kristy Kellor, Susie Peitz, Stacy Stender, Shelly Hilgers. 3rd Row: Jenny Peitz, Bonnie Burandt, Robert Koehnen, David LaValle, Jon Rauen, Eric Makela, Greg Vialle, Clyde Roberts, Marcus Johnson, Robert Stelten, Andrew Gilbert, Krista Hellekson, Ann Stelten, Sherry Wagener. 4th Row: Missy Linton, Annette Cook, Jenny Meyers, Dan Mason, Mike Beck, Stuart Grote, Scott Arman, Andy Buik, Danny Miller, Chris Heagle, Tom Wempner, Shawn Riebe, Sara Larson, Sheila Doran.

Left. Choir members rehearse for their performances.



On May 23, the 1987 Junior-Senior Prom started out at 5:00 p.m. in the WHS auditorium with a Grand March, an old tradition brought back to Waconia. It then continued with everyone driving to the Lafayette Club to have a sit down dinner at 7:30. The dance started at 9:00 with music provided by Jamie Jenson.

Top. Nancy Geiger has no problems finding a date, or two.

Right. Claes Singheimer and his date Madeline have a good time at the Lafayette.

Far right. Kristy Kellor and Tom Wempner walk through the arch during the Grand March.





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Top left. Krista Hellekson and Nate smile for the camera at Prom 87. **Bottom left.** Jennifer Harms and Chris Heagle pose at the Lafayette.

Top right. Andrea Glasmann, Heidi Meyer, Janelle Fink, and Jean Deardorff have a good time at Prom. **Bottom right.** Heather Delin and Paul Haas pose together at Prom.







Graduation Symbolizes A New Beginning

On June 7th at 1:00 p.m., the class of 1987 said goodbye to Waconia High School and hello to whatever the future holds for them.

The Senice Class Waconia Ligh School announces its Commencement Exercises Sunday afternoon, June seventh Nineleen hundred eighty-seven one o'clock High School Alkletic Field (Meuwissen Field)

Top. Ron Schwendinger and Lisa Johnson stop to pose for a picture in their caps and gowns.

Center. Who is this unknown graduate? **Bottom.** Mark Hilgers makes sure that Jane Klaseus has to work for her diploma.











"Graduation '87"

We seem to spend our lives
Planning for the "future"...
The word tomorrow is always in in our thoughts
And sometimes "yesterday" returns to haunt us.
Yet we try to hold on to those special moments which we hold near to our hearts...
The first time we wrote our name without any backward letters, or the time we played "kickball" during

recess . . . The classes we attended . . . the study halls we skipped . . . the open lunch we pushed for . . . and many other things.

Relationships don't always succeed . . .

- And friendships might change but no matter what happens remember . . . we had the time we spent together, the parties we attended . . .
- They will remain in our hearts Now and forever . . . Jodi Bednar

Top. Bob Schmitz and Heidi Meyer say goodbye to high school and hello to the future ahead.

Bottom. Heidi Pretzel and Sheila Cooley make last minute touch ups and adjustments to Jill Finney's cap.

THE YEAR IN

SPORTS



















FOOTBALL

Chiefs Show Outstanding Individuality

The football team faced challenges and changes during the 1986 season. Mr. Benson became head coach and some relatively inexperienced players assumed important roles on the teams.

The season ended with only one win, the Homecoming game against Chaska for the "brown jug." However, John Kunze and Billy Koppi were named allconference players as well as served as team captains.

The Iron Men for the year were John Kunze and Mike Clarke. Jason Eveslage had the most tackles with 105 and Mike Clarke had the second best with 100. The most interceptions were made by Stuart Grote.

WHS 15 6 19 6 12 13	Watertown @ Buffalo @ Glencoe Hutchinson @ Shakopee Chaska	Opp. 40 28 20 44 19
	Chaska	9
14	Orono	47



Above. Coach Benson has high expectations for his team.

Above right. The team plans their attack. **Right.** Billy Koppi gets the team ready for the snap.











Above. The team runs in for a half-time pep talk. Left. John Kunze and Mike Beck tackle a Buffalo player. Bottom left. Billy Koppi hands off to Steve Bredeson.

Chiefs Take 3rd in Districts

It's 3:00 p.m. The players are walking into the gym for practice. "Okay, ladies, let's get the net up," Raye Ann yells.

The first part of the season was disappointing for the volleyball players with a conference record of 16 and 2.

The Chiefs finished their season with a 3rd place in districts, taking a win over Blake.

CHIEFS' FACTS

Deana Speak — All Conference Tami Stahlke — Best Setter Deana Speak — Best Hitter Holly Bentz — Best Server/Passer

Top. Lisa Johnson shows good effort to pass the ball.

Far right. Kristene Johnson saves the ball. Right. Tami Stahlke illustrates her setting skills.

VOLLEYBALL

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L	Glencoe
L	@ Hutchinson
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L	Buffalo
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L	@ Glencoe
L	Hutchinson
L	@ Mound
W	@ Shakopee
L	Orono
	Districts
W	Mpls. Lutheran
W	Rockford
L	Delano
W	Blake
	DIAKC













Left. Holly Bentz passes the ball. Top. Cheryl Van Horn makes a dive for the ball. Above. Sheri Worm jumps to hit the ball.



Team Shows Improvement

The tennis team improved this year by going to summer camps and by playing during the summer. Coach Lindemann indicated that the extra practice contributed to the team's success. They completed the season with 2 wins, one tie, and 9 losses.

Top. Back: Kristy Kellor, Ann Johnson, Sarah Schlumpberger, Brenda Schulz. Front: Kristina Beck, Annie Johansen, Shawna Waldera, BethAnn Ratzlaff, Char Hoen, Dana Bloom, Donna Rolf, Sara Wakefield, Coach Lindemann, Jennifer Glasscock.

Far right. Ann Johnson eyes her opponent as she gets ready to serve. **Right.** Kristy Kellor returns a serve.











Young Team Shows Promise

According to Coach Lindemann, youth seemed to lead the wrestling team to their successes during the 1986-87 season. It was difficult with a young group because many of them were inexperienced in making their weight or actually wrestling with wrestlers their own weight.

Top. WRESTLING TEAM: Front: Rod Jensen, Brad Ess, Shawn Plocher, Kelly Wagener, Greg Vialle, Lorn Ackerson, Steve Mielke, Marcus Johnson. Back: Coach Lindemann, Larry Wickenhauser, Brian Scheuble, John Rademacher, Salvador Martinez, John Schuette, Jason Klaustermeier, Kevin Wagener, Jason Theis.

Center. Team members do calisthenics to warm up before a match.

Left. Brad Ess attempts a near cradle on opponent from Buffalo.

Chiefs Build for Future

"It was a hard season because we had only won four games and part of the problem was that we lost a few players at the beginning of the season and injuries were a problem. But the team was young with three juniors starting," said coach John Laulainen.

The 1986-87 season for the Chiefs was a building year and one in which the competition was very tough. The highlight of the year was when the Chiefs beat Hutchinson. Coach Laulainen said, "It was the best game of the season."

The Chiefs also had a couple of outstanding players, Mark Hilgers and Kevin Wessale. Kevin made the All-Conference team, and Mark was a KSMM athlete of the week.

Coach Laulainen expects that the team will be very strong next year because of strong players like Kevin Wessale, Steve Buetow, and many others.

BOYS' BASKETBALL SEASON

WAC			OPP
50	Shakopee	69	
41	@ Hutchinson	81	
61	@ Buffalo	68	
50	Mound	57	
54	Lester Prairie	62	
73	Mound Park	35	
61	Dawson Boyd	74	
57	Mpls. Lutheran	36	
43	@ Glencoe	61	
42	Orono	48	
35	@ Chaska	73	
46	Edison	44	
44	Hutchinson	41	
31	@ Shakopee	78	
53	Buffalo	56	
50	@ Watertown	70	
51	Glencoe	63	
45	@ Orono	58	
45	Chaska	78	
42	Delano	65	

Top. Steve Buetow puts up his best defense against a Hutch player. **Right.** Todd Bailey and Paul Eveslage show what a little teamwork can do.







Girls Capture Districts

"It was a colorful team. They enjoyed playing the game and they were enjoyable to watch," were some of the words Mr. Tisel used to describe his 1986-87 girls' basketball team.

The Chiefs came out of the season as District 17A champions with an impressive 52-38 win over Watertown and with a record of 11-11. The season was brought to a close by a defeat in the Region semifinals by St. Cloud Cathedral.

When asked for other thoughts on the season, Mr. Tisel said, "I really enjoyed working with the team. I was happy with the way the year went and I'm looking forward to next season."

Two outstanding players of the 1986-87 season were Catherine Kirsch and Tracy Johnson. Catherine was a four-year letter winner who led the team in points and rebounds. She was also voted Most Valuable Player. Other high points of the year for Catherine were being selected as All Conference and setting the school career point record at 916. Tracy Johnson was voted Best Defensive Player. She also had the most assists and most steals. Both girls were KSMM Players of the Week.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SEASON

WHS		OPP
48	@ Jordan	39
34	Hutchinson	82
28	@ Shakopee	75
50	Buffalo	45
35	@ Mound	50
45	@ Delano	38
29	Glencoe	42
52	@ Orono	28
52	Watertown	51
50	Chaska	60
48	St. Michael	34
36	@ Hutchinson	56
63	Shakopee	51
52	@ Buffalo	56
30	Mound	45
51	@ Chaska	66
53	Orono	34
33	@ Glencoe DISTRICTS	40
77	DeLa Salle	46
52	Regina	18
52	Watertown	38
33	St. Cloud Cath.	53

Top. Deana Speak, Cindy Buetow, and Catherine Kirsch set up a defense. **Center.** Cindy Buetow plays defense. **Bottom.** Deana Speak defends her team.

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Boys Baseball Comes Together

"All the players came together by mid-season and began to play good baseball," said Coach Hullander when asked about the highlights of the 1987 season. Another highlight of the season was beating Mount Westonka 3-1. Coach Hullander said that the whole team played well and filled their roles. Players singled out by Coach Hullander for their performance were Jim Gustafson pitching, Bill Koppi — hitting and catching, Chad Sorenson at 3rd base and hitting, Erin Lehrke — 1st base, Stuart Grote — left field and hitting, and John Kunze — center field and leadership.

Top. Jim Wessbecker throws the ball for an out.

Right. Erin Lehrke gets ready to catch the ball.

Far right. John Kunze catches the final out.

Bottom. Mike Clarke stretches for a ball.











Young Team Shows Improvement

The softball team experienced improvement during the 1987 season. The young team showed advancement in a strong conference. Two seniors, Tami Stanlke and Sheri Worm (four-year letter winners), provided excellent leadership and softball skills.

Top. Sheri Worm prepares to hit a home run. Far left. Cindy Buetow warms up her pitching arm. Left. Lori Wickenhauser warms up as catcher.

Girls Track Team Small But Strong

Even though the girls track team was limited in numbers this year, they broke records and succeeded in defeating Mound in a dual meet. Tracy Johnson broke two school records — the 100 meter hurdles in 15.9 and the 300 meter hurdles in 48.2. The track team also took 3rd place in the Lions relay. Competitively, Missy Kelzer and Cris Kolb were a strong combination in adding points to the team. Annette Cook also tied the school record for the high jump.

Top. Jill Gray races against her LHS opponent in the 100 meter hurdles. **Right.** Kelly Gray struggles for the lead

in the 4 x 1600 meter relay. Far right. Coach Emond watches the

runners in suspense.









Boys Track Team Has Consistent Year

The 1986-87 boys track team's performance was fairly consistent. They took many 2nd places, and in the Lions relays they took 3rd place. A high point of the year was Mark LaValle's breaking the school record in the 400 meter dash; his time was 51.3 seconds.

When asked who the outstanding athletes of the year were, Coach Benson said, "Anyone who went out for a sport and stayed out are outstanding athletes."

Top left. Mark LaValle runs to the finish in the mile relay.

Top right. Dan Mason prepares to clear the high jump.

Center. Paul Eveslage hurdles to win.

Bottom. Mike Bartholow, Bret McEnelly, Todd Bailey, and Steve Jensen pose for the camera.

Girls' Golf Captures First in Districts

Girls golf 1987 was a series of ups and downs. After finishing second in the Suburban West Conference, the team won the District 17A title, then placed 3rd in Region 5A. Led by senior Catherine Kirsch, the Conference medalist, and seniors Nancy Geiger and Lisa Johnson, the team completed a successful season.







Top left. Jenny Geiger concentrates before she drives her ball.

Top right. Susie Peitz drives one down the fairway. Right. Catherine Kirsch and Nancy Geiger

Right. Catherine Kirsch and Nancy Geiger laugh at Lisa Johnson's attempt to putt the ball.

Below. Sandy Smetana hopes her putt will go in.









Boys Golf 2nd in Districts

The 1986-87 boys golf team was ranked 5th in the Suburban West Conference. Also, the Chiefs looked tough at Districts when they placed 2nd behind Blake. When asked about the team, Mr. Tisel said, "They had good enthusiasm for the game and lots of potential. This year the team was young - no seniors."

Top left. Ryan Berger putts on the practice green.

Top right. Kyle Berger chips to get to the

green. Left. Nathan Lindner looks at his ball as it goes down the fairway.

Lakettes Take 2nd in State

In the first three competitions of the year, the danceline took 3rd place at Brainerd, 3rd place at Wayzata, and 4th place at Apple Valley. The Lakettes ended their season with a controversial 2nd place in state competition. Below. WHS LAKETTES: Front: Katy Winter, Andrea Glasmann, Cady Connery, Sarah Johnson. Center: Kathy Howe, Beth Johnson, Danielle Koosmann, Kerri Felt, Debbie Reichenberger, Stacy Clauson, Dawn Dressel. Back: Vicki Weinzierl, Jenny Roeser, Jill Gray, Lisa Fischer, Krista Hellekson, Jody Maas, Leah Sandbo, Jenny Theis.

Right. Lisa Fischer, Kathy Howe, Krista Hellekson, Katy Winter perform at a pepfest.

Bottom left. Lisa Fischer, Krista Hellekson, Jody Maas, and Leah Sandbo show their confidence.















Top. Kathy Howe and Beth Johnson do walks at the game. Left. Jody Maas and Leah Sandbo show how fun danceline is. Above. Cady Connery shows poise at the basketball game.

VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS: Right. Janelle Fink, Jodi Bednar, Sara Kunze, Traci Wilson, Marnie O'Neill. VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS: Center left. Marnie

VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS: Center left. Marnie O'Neil, Janelle Fink, Lisa Dressen. Front: Sheila Cooley, Jodi Bednar, Missy Giesen.
 B-SQUAD FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS: Center right. Jodi Stahlke, Stacy Machtemes, Erica Kuchowicz, Shelly Johnson, Kristy Clemensen, Bobbi Jo Leivermann.
 WRESTLING CHEERLEADERS: Bottom left. Vanessa Mathwig, Sheila Cooley, Bonnie Burandt, Cindy Thurk, Becky Titera, Kari Rademacher.
 B-SQUAD BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS: Bottom right. Back: Kim Scheuble, Kristy Clemensen, Bobbi Jo Leivermann, Shelly Johnson. Front: Jodi Stahlke, Erica Kuchowicz.












VARSITY FOOTBALL: Front: Andrew Gilbert, Scott Arman, Bob Roeser, Kelly Wagener, Jason Theis, Steve Jensen, Dan Precht, Ryan Berger. 2nd Row: Coach Olsen, Cory Dalbec, Nathan Lindner, Todd Bailey, Terry Foley, Andy Buik, Brian Stacken, Chris Heagle, Grant Gorres, Dave Gray, Paul Eveslage, Paul Jacobson, Coach Jacobs. 3rd Row: Coach Benson, Jeff Steinhagen, Paul Haas, Dave Kuntz, Jeff Reick, Jon Rademacher, Jon Rauen, Brad Heyer, Dean Meyer, Chad Sorenson, Tim Brown, Steve Bredeson, Tim Devins, Kyle Berger, Jeff Wagener, Coach Hullander. Back: Jason Klaustermeier, Ron Schwendinger, Jerry Senechal, Mike Widmer, Chris Parpart, Dick Happ, Mike Beck, Josh Mortensen, Mike Clarke, Bill Koppi, Stuart Grote, Jim Gustafson, Jason Eveslage, John Kunze, Matt Peterson.

9th GRADE FOOTBALL: Front: Todd Machtemes, Mike Farrell, Kevin Wagener, Shawn Plocher, John Steinhagen. 2nd Row: Bob McCune, Brett McEnelly, Eric Hoese, Shawn Farber, Dale Dahl, Jeff Roby, Dave Happ. 3rd Row: Chad Koehnen, Jeff Mortensen, Coach Wegehaupt, Jason Greenslit, Mike Bartholow.

9th GRADE VOLLEYBALL: Front: Vicki Vialle, Julie Siegle, Sarah Karstens, Jenny Geiger, Vicki Card. Back: Amy Stauffer, Angela Eastvold, Shauna Werner, Stephanie Stoltz, Wendy Hamann, Julie Volby, Jackie O'Day, Wendy Biddle, Darcy David, Susan Kelzer, Donna Storms, Sarah Vanderlinde.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL Back: Holly Bentz, Nancy Geiger, Karyn Otto, Tami Stahlke. Center: Lisa Johnson, Cheryl Van Horn, Cindy Buetow, Kristene Johnson, Sheri Worm. Front: Annette Cook, Maddy Molnau, Deana Speak.



10TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL: Back: Andrea Jurek, Kim Stangret, Susie Peitz, Ranee Buetow, Krista Baumann, Donna Farrell, Beth Mendiola, Coach Rose Ann Coons. Front: Staci Worm, Cindy Rademacher, Vicki Moonen, Kim Scheuble, Crissy Worm, Melanie Steinborn.









VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL: Back: Mr. Tisel, Diane Fadden, Catherine Kirsch, Cindy Buetow, Deana Speak, Ranee Buetow, Cathy Schmieg, Sherri Wagener. Front: Julie Steinborn, Missy Kelzer, Roxanne Walters, Tami Stahlke, Traci Johnson, Lisa Hamann, Annette Cook.

10TH GIRLS BASKETBALL: Mr. Hullander, Heidi Lafrenz, Cindy Rademacher, Ranee Buetow, Sue Peitz, Mari Melby, Melanie Steinborn.



9TH BOYS BASKETBALL: Back: Doug Meyer, Chad Jacobson, John Steinhagen, Jeff Mortensen, Chad Koehnen, Derek Segner, David Happ, Scott Hilgers, Dan Haugen, David Harms. Front: Benjamin Parpart, Brad Kirsch, Craid Rademacher, Chad Schuler, Greg Happ, Tim Howe, Sara Karstens, Vicki Card. Not Pictured: Coach Jacobs and Bob McCune. BOYS TRACK: Back: Greg Happ, Marcus Johnson, Todd Machtemes, Greg Vialle, Tim Howe, Mike Beck. Middle: David LaValle, Steve Bredeson, Mike Bartholow, Paul Eveslage, Brett MacEnelly, Todd Bailey, Jason Eveslage, Andrew Gilbert. Front: Mark LaValle, Jeff Mortensen, Jason Greenslit, Dan Mason, David Knauer.



BOYS B-SQUAD BASKETBALL: Coach Mark Putlitzke, Nathan Lindner, Paul Eveslage, Andrew Gilbert, Todd Bailey, Jeff Rieck, Jeff Steinhagen, Ryan Berger.



BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL: Back: Mr. John Laulainen, Dan Mason, Steve Buetow, Mark Hilgers, Erin Lehrke, Jason Hilgers, Billy Koppi. Front: Tim Devins, Terry Graupmann, Jason Eveslage.





GIRLS TRACK: Back: Annette Cook, Kelly Gray, Tracy Johnson, Jenny Theis, Cris Kolb, Jill Gray. Front: BethAnn Ratzlaff, Sherrie Schmitz, Missy Kelzer, Shauna Werner, Melanie Steinborn.

GIRLS B-SQUAD SOFTBALL: Back: Andrea Segner, Patty Melchert, Connie Steinborn, Kathy Roepke, Tom Schmakel, Darcy David, Nancy Wagener, Kelly Murphy, Becky Johnson. Front: Char Holsworth, Brenda Schultz, Brenda Becklund, Sara Vanderlinde, Jenny Boll, Kim Scheuble, Sara Hawkinson, Vicki Card, Patty Ebert.



GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL: Back: Wendy Hamann, Cindy Rademacher, Kim Stangret, Cindy Buetow, Coach Lee Huls, Ranee Buetow, Sherry Wagener, Sheila Cooley. Front: Andrea Lindner, Lori Wickenhauser, Sheri Worm, Tami Stahlke, Lisa Hamann, Roxanne Walter.



VARSITY BASEBALL: Back: Coach Hullander, Chad Sorenson, Steve Bohn, Erin Lehrke, Stuart Grote, Bill Koppi, Jim Gustafson. Front: Shawn Koosman, Jim Wessbecker, John Rademacher, Bret McEnelly, Mike Clarke, John Kunze, Mark Ebert.

Waconia	SEBALL SEASO Opponent	Score
0	Shakopee	6
1	Mound	6
1	Buffalo	10
8	Rockford	5
3	Glencoe	2
1	Hutchinson	15
4	Chaska	10
6	Orono	1
1	Shakopee	14
3	Mound	1
4	Buffalo	5
4	Glencoe	3
2	Hutchinson	3
13	Chaska	14
3	Orono	2

B-SQUAD BASEBALL: Back: Dale Dahl, Paul Haas, Derek Segner, Randy Wessbecker. Front: Brad Kirsch, Brad Ess, Jayson Schultz, Chad Jacobson

9th GRADE BASEBALL: L to R: Chad Ittel, Ty Lehrke, Allen Carlson, Craig Bauman, Dan Haugen, Dale Dahl, Rod Jansen, Mike Farrell, Josh Goede.







GIRLS GOLF: Back: Vici Moonen, Sandy Smetana, Jenny Geiger. Front: Bobbi Jo Leivermann, Susie Peitz, Nancy Geiger, Lisa Johnson, Catherine Kirsch.



BOYS VARSITY GOLF: Coach Tisel, Kyle Berger, Ryan Berger, David Harms, Shawn Reibe, Jason Hilgers, Nathan Lindner.



BOYS B-SQUAD GOLF: Clyde Roberts, Brian Dueber, Brian Scheuble, Jason Theis, Bobby Roeser, Lee Tran.



ACADEMICS

























Administration

What aspects of your job interest you most?



Mr. Allen Frazier Superintendent

"I feel I'm doing something important important because it affects people and contributes to our society. The job has a lot of variety to it, deals with a lot of people and situations, is challenging, and certainly not boring."

"It's very busy — never boring. People oriented — enjoy working/ talking with students and staff. Observing students change and develop over their years here."



Mr. Robert Lind Principal



Ms. Rebecca Forde Administrative Assistant

"The challenge, variety, and potential for growth." "I enjoy the opportunity to meet with and observe students grow and mature in their decision making abilities relative to personal and career decisions."



Mr. Gordon Winter Guidance Counselor



Mr. Wayne Mortensen Comm. Ed/Athletic Director

"I enjoy seeing other people get a chance to take part in activities that they want to take part in. I enjoy people of all ages and my position allows me to work with all ages."

Board of Education

Gail Berger Frank Foss David Grandy Jerald Grote Roger Sauerbrey, Chairman Daniel Steinhagen John Zimmerman

Student Services



"I enjoy the one-to-one contact with students and the variety of subject areas with which my field allows me to work."



''I enjoy working with small

Special Education

students in mainstreamed classes, but also having the opportunity to work with them i n groups."



"My most important interest is working directly with the students individually or in groups."

Ms. Barbara Danger Librarian



"Working with a variety of people, abilities, and subjects."



Mrs. Sue Kirley **Speech Therapy**

"The challenge of meeting each student's individual needs to improve their expressive communication skills."



Ms. Wendy Anderson

Chemical Awareness

Mrs. Joan Ball **Special Education**

"Seeing just the smallest gains in learning and the smiles that go along with it."

Mr. John Walsh **Special Education**



SECRETARIES: Back L to R: Elizabeth Patterson,

Jo Gothmann, Suzanne Melichar. Front L to R: Joan Eder, Evelyn Naar, and Corda Hill.

AIDES:

L to R: Judy Rademacher, Mary Ellen Timmers, Lisa Goede, Donna Passentino, and Iean Hilber.

English Offers Variety for Students

Webster's Dictionary defines English as "the English language, literature, composition or a part thereof regarded as a field of study or teaching." WHS students are quite familiar with these areas since English courses are required throughout all four years of high school.

Students in Waconia may choose from a variety of English classes which fulfill these requirements. Their options range from the most basic concepts of the language to the more challenging college preparatory classes. Freshman and sophomore English classes begin with an introduction to Warriner's "bright, white grammar delight." The emphasis in these years is placed on basic sentence structure, punctuation, and grammar, with a brief introduction to literature.

In contrast, during the junior and senior year, classes focus on written English and literature. Students learn to prepare essays, write research papers, create their own literary works, and analyze novels. "You know you're a teacher when . . . "







Mrs. Mary Kolb

Mr. Mark Torborg



Mr. Mel Anderson

"You realize that each student is an individual with needs, but you know that you will never be able to meet the needs of all."



Mr. Kim Benson

"... you do grades ... a student gets an A ... a student says 'I understand' and does"



Mr. Richard Hilber

"Your students ask you a question that shows they were listening."

Top left. Lynn Wessale studies her gram-mar while Kim Scheuble looks on.

Bottom left. English students study a list of

spelling words. Opposite page. Seniors in Advanced Writing take notes in preparation for their 10-page research papers.

Social Classes Combine Elements of Past, Present, Future

Social classes at WHS enable students to explore the past, present, and future. Through classroom lectures, guest speakers, and individual or group projects, students develop an appreciation and understanding of not only our culture, but other cultures as well.

Students entering 9th or 10th grade begin the social program with the study of United States government and history. Freshmen and sophomores examine the development of the United States and the structure of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of our government.

In later years, juniors and seniors are introduced to the cultures of foreign nations. These students concentrate on the principles of sociology, geography, and psychology. In addition, a more intensified study of U.S. government is completed with an emphasis on the knowledge and understanding of current events. "You know you're a teacher when . . . "



ECIMANITIES





"You find yourself correcting your wife's grammar."

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ReCare, Spanish, Speech Prepare WHS Students for Future Situations

ReCare, Spanish, and speech courses equip students to deal more effectively with situations they may meet in the future. First, ReCare is an individualized program in which students build their vocabulary and improve their reading comprehension and study skills. Next, Spanish classes motivate students to develop oral and written communication proficiency in a foreign language while at the same time, explore an entirely different culture.

Lastly, speech classes offer practical and essential experience in public speaking, debates, and group discussion. The purpose of this required course is to teach students to communicate effectively in both formal and impromptu circumstances. "You know you're a teacher when . . . "



Mrs. Sharon Carlson

"your students are learning."





Mrs. Corinne Dulgar

"students write to you from college and express appreciation for your teaching."



Ms. Polly Schellack



Left. Richard Happ and Katrina Veff listen to headphones during ReCare. **Below.** Spanish students complete their final exams.





Above. Students in Spanish II focus on the new grammar chapter. Left. Ann Sauerbrey practices her reading comprehension skills. Opposite page. Todd Bailey delivers an introductory speech concerning Danielle Koosman.

Arts Expand Talents

The fine arts curriculum at Waconia High School presents students with the opportunity to participate in band, choir, and art classes. Through these courses, students may express their individuality while expanding their own unique interests and talents. First, band classes are designed not only to instruct students in the playing of an instrument but to develop a complete music education as well. Students involved in the band program perform at a variety of concerts throughout the year and compete in special contests and festivals.

Choir classes are intended to advance vocal music skills through singing and performing many different types of music. Several choir concerts are scheduled during the year in which students may display their talents through group performances, solos, and ensembles.

Art classes cater to both the novice as well as the advanced student. These classes range from a basic orientation class in which students are introduced to elements of shape, texture and color to advanced classes which encourage students to build upon past experiences and develop new techniques.





Top. The brass section of concert band tunes up for their next performance.

Above. Mala Phouybanhdyt, Shawn Palmersheim, and Eric Ehalt place the finishing touches on a unique art project. **Opposite**, top. Concert choir members sing in harmony.







Center. The pep band conducts a last minute practice.

Above. Daniela Pagani steps back to admire her artwork.

In what ways do the fine arts enrich the quality of a person's life?



Mr. Sheldon Anderson

"Participation in and an understanding of the fine arts can be a needed escape from the frustration, stress, and disappointments in contemporary society."



Mr. Ronald Larson

"The fine arts give a deeper meaning to life and a better understanding of oneself and the world around you."



Mrs. Bergetta Mason

"Art stimulates us visually. Through the eyes of another we can experience many things we alone would not have experienced."



Science Classes Explore Our Environment

Can you light a bunsen burner, identify the parts of a crayfish, or determine the steps involved in the electron transfer of a pyruvic acid molecule? The science department at our school offers learning experiences in these areas and a variety of others.

Science classes at WHS encourage students to explore their environment in order to gain a better understanding of the world around them. Through classroom discussions, filmstrips, laboratory experiments, and problem solving exercises, students develop an awareness of themselves, the natural world, and the growing technology in our society.

"What changes do you foresee for the year 2000?"



Mr. James Tisel

"I anticipate a growing awareness of the importance in our society of integrating science and technology with the environment."



Mr. Darrell Arman

"More technology — electronic gadgets and personal computers."

Right. Biology students focus their attention on an interesting specimen.





Left. Andy Buik and Marty Gray are amused by their examination of microscopic life.

Middle left. Students in Biology 10 listen to another interesting lecture.

Below. Eric Strong presents his opinions on the finer points of the crayfish.





Mr. Don Westermann



Mr. John Laulainen

"A tremendous change in Biotechnology and genetic engineering. A real lack of regard for our natural resources/environment and a greater depletion of quantity/quality of resources."



Mr. George Oftelie

"A more technology dependent society and, hopefully, a greater emphasis on more humanistic values and conscience in the application of our technology."

sciences

Computer Classes Emphasize Hands On Experience

What will life be like in the future? Although nobody knows for sure, with the rapid technological advances in our society, computers will certainly play an important role in our everyday lives. Computer classes at WHS attempt to prepare students for these changes with an emphasis on hands on experience and individual learning. These classes also provide students with the knowledge necessary to operate the computers widely used today in schools, businesses, and homes.

A variety of computer classes are available for interested students. Students may enroll in classes ranging from a basic Introduction to Computers to Computer Programming I and II which involve an in-depth study of computer languages and teach students to create their own computer programs.

Right. Eric Strong proofreads his computer printout for mistakes.

What changes do you foresee in the future for the year 2000?



Miss Mary Emond

"More ethical dilemmas directly involving life and death decisions. The amount of education received by each person will increase substantially."









Left. Kerri Felt finishes a data base project for a word processing class. Below. Heidi Lafrenz struggles with a com-puter program under the watchful eye of Miss Emond.



Center. Tim Rissell takes time out for a break while pondering the complexity of the Apple computer. **Left.** Mr. John Walsh lends advice to Scott Arman and Marcus Johnson.



Math Offers Program Choices

Can you factor an algebraic equation, prove congruency between two triangles, or differentiate and integrate 5X²? Math courses at WHS encompass these specific problems and various other topics.

The math curriculum at WHS consists of two distinct programs, the college preparatory program and the general exploratory program. First, college prep courses provide an in depth study of numbers, formulas, and problem solving operations.

General exploratory math courses are designed to instruct students in basic mathematic skills and practical everyday applications necessary for survival in today's world. Bottom. Eric Makela is hard at work on a geometry test.

Below. Students in Pre-Calculus work independently on a new assignment.





What changes do you foresee in the future for the year 2000?



classroom. Jobs will not be available without a high education."

Mr. Leo Schlumpberger



Ms. Sharon Singsaas







Mr. Thomas Triplett

"I see us becoming more conservative in our usage of world resources. There will be a movement toward simple lifestyles."



Mr. Ken Trnka

"... more use of computer based learning."

Above left. Kevin Palmersheim helps Jodi Bentz with a difficult math problem. Left. Students in Business Math review for a test.

Phys. Ed./Health Contribute to Students' Growth

As essential contributors to the physical, emotional, and personal growth of a student, Health and Phys. Ed. are required classes at WHS. First, health classes focus on mental health, chemical use, and human sexuality. A major part of the course is devoted to the study of first aid. Students develop valuable life saving techniques such as CPR with the help of "Annie," the CPR dummy.

Phys. Ed. is primarily a participation class. Students learn to cooperate and work together as a team in activities such as basketball, social dance, and volleyball. At the same time, students improve their coordination and learn the importance of physical fitness. What is your advice concerning staying healthy and physically fit?



Mrs. Jeanne Anderson

"Don't smoke. Eat right and exercise."





Mr. Albert Blanshan

"A person needs to be physically active and include a reasonable quantity of nutritious food to go along with the mass quantities of junk food."



Mrs. Lois Lien

"Eat right, exercise regularly — 3 times a week for 45 minutes, and get sufficient rest — 8 hours per night."











Opposite Page. Marci Molstad executes CPR techniques assisted by the dummy "Annie." Top left. Freshmen compete in an exciting game of team handball. Middle left. Students in health class gather notes on a chapter in their first aid manuals. Left. Cindy Buetow starts the volleyball game with an effective serve. Top right. Kevin Buehler tests his leaping ability in the standing broad jump. Above. Josh Goede prepares his strategy.

Special electives

Bus Ed/Vo Tech Build Skills Foundation

Students in Business Ed and Vocational training classes build a foundation of basic skills while at the same time, prepare for both the future job market and higher education.

First, WHS students may elect to take basic business classes including bookkeeping, typing, sales and marketing, and personal law. Through involvement in introductory classes, students learn fundamental skills such as typing a resume, balancing a checkbook, filing an income tax return, or understanding a legal contract. Those who hold strong interests in a businessrelated field may also choose to complete more advanced classes.

WHS also offers a vocational training program for those students who decide to focus on a specific trade or obtain on-the-job experience. Health Occupations, Food Occupations, Construction Trades, Auto Mechanics, and Model Office are among the options presented by this program. **Below.** Trade and Industry work study advisor, Dennis Maki gives advice to Mark Stender.

Bottom. Students in Business Machines class learn to use various business equipment through independent projects.











If you could give your students advice on choosing a career, what would it be?



Mr. Kenneth Gerding

"Go on and get more education. Courses of study would be in phases of business administration."



Ms. Lydia Thometz

"Choose a career that is predicted to have numerous openings through the 1990's, and with a certain amount of flexibility."

Top. Brian Stacken and Jim Brown put the finishing touches on a cabinet. **Center.** Ms. Thometz helps Heidi Meyer and Lisa Sudheimer with a difficult problem in Bookkeeping class. **Bottom.** Grant Gorres puts his creativity to use in Graphics class.

Special electives

Home Ec, Ind. Arts, Ag Satisfy Interests

What do Home Ec., Industrial Arts, and Agriculture classes have in common? All three are unique courses which students may select to satisfy their interests. First, Home Ec. incorporates the study of nutrition, meal planning, and manners. Students also receive "hands on" experience through participation in various food labs.

The Industrial Arts curriculum includes classes involving mechanical and architectural drafting, wood technology, and metals. Students in these courses focus on such skills as drawing blueprints for a house, welding, and constructing wood projects.

welding, and constructing wood projects. Agriculture classes emphasize farm management. Financial planning, salesmanship, chemicals, and electricity are among the ag-related topics this class explores.

What do you think is the one most important thing for students to learn during high school?

Right. Karyn Otto keeps an eye on the main dish while her partners prepare the rest of the meal.

Below. Pat Brose, Todd Fortwengler and Jason Menzel cut metal with a bandsaw.







Mr. Dennis Bjorklund

"How to solve problems that will come up after high school."



Mr. Robin Jacobs

"To deal with change and an understanding of how to approach and solve problems they are about to face throughout life."



Mrs. Phyllis Lehrke

"Education is an investment that no human being can take from you."



Mr. Robert Lindemann

"To learn values that will help them communicate in our society of today."





Top. Claes Singheimer demonstrates the proper technique for dicing ham.

Above. Paul Kirsch spot welds in his Industrial Arts class.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This book you now hold is the product of 1750 hours of work by the 10 members of the W.H.S. Yearbook staff. The staff consisted of a total of ten people, six of whom were first year staffers.

Along with the new people on the yearbook staff (which comes with every new year) this book also has new additions. First of all, we've added an eight page mini-mag on different stock paper than the white glossy paper in the rest of the book. In the mini-mag we have tried to write down the things that have happened in the world around us, the things that affected us all, in the past year. Ten years from now, you may look back at this edition and remember the price of gas, the AIDS epidemic, Iran-gate, and many other events of this past year that have taken a place in history.

Next we've added more features on students and their habits (or habitats). We've also added the freshman class to the book (they are now considered senior high students due to an administrative decision earlier this year.) Along with the freshmen came eight more pages, changing the total from 128 to 136. The eight extra pages were to accommodate the larger number of students included in the book.

The theme "The Year in Pictures" is also a new idea applied to the book. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then we hoped to capture the mood of the school year in the pictures that we have put both in the book and on the cover.

Joh Balman, Activities

Thomas Wen

































































