

## Once Upon Our Year

dedicated to the students and staff of Waconia High School

# **Chieftain 1992**

Waconia High School

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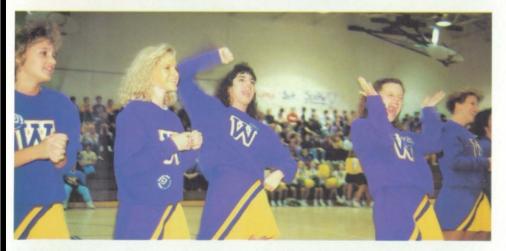
"Once Upon Our Year," the theme of the 1992 **Chieftain**, tells the story of the events and characters that made up the 1991-92 WHS school year. The settings varied from classrooms to athletic fields to theatrical stages, and the participants varied by event. Complications arose as students faced competition for good grades, athletes faced the challenge of their opponents, music groups and other organizations entered contests to compete for awards based on their abilities and talent. Outside events also colored the school year, from snowstorms to World Series games to major global events.













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## Student Life

Sleeping, late night studying, and participating in extracurricular activities are just a few things that describe the lives of Waconia High School students during the week. But when the weekend rolls around, you'll find students letting loose and just plain having fun.





Above. The volleyball team fires up during the pepfest before their big game against their rivals, Watertown-Mayer.





Left. The pages and escorts stand excitedly as the special night continues. Below left. Stacie Boll and Derek Wolter pose during the float decorating.



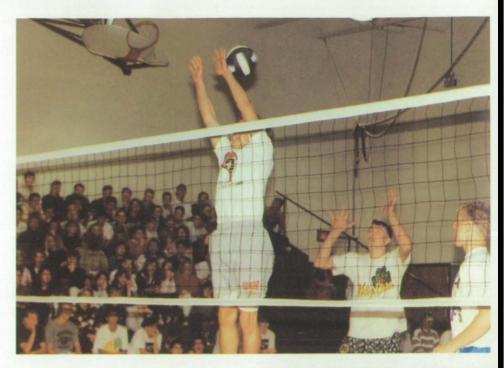




Above. Corey Templin shows his enthusiasm during the senior photo session.

sion. Left. Cindy Buesgens and Stephanie Kerkhoff enjoy their nutritious meal provided by the school.

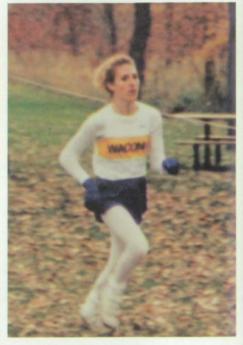




**Right.** Senior Bryan Schuler leaps to block the volleyball hit by guest Bob Holmes, who challenges high school teams all over the country.

the country. Below right. Cross country runner Julie Plocher advances to state competition.





**Above.** Seniors show their enthusiasm during the parade as they win first place for their homecoming float.

**Right.** Students and faculty of Waconia High School get together to show their spirit for the 1991 World Champs, the Minnesota Twins.



Highlights





## Unique Events Highlight "Our Year"

"Our Year" at WHS was kept alive by a series of events that highlighted the 1991-92 school year. The addition of the homecoming parade made the whole special week more memorable. Sports played an important part of the school year, too, as students celebrated the Twins' World Series victory, and classmates applauded the accomplishments of cross country runner Julie Plocher and the entire volleyball team as they advanced to the regions. The Halloween blizzard, which resulted in a snow day for students and staff, was only the beginning of an unusually snowy winter for the metro area.



Top. King Jeff Oscarson and Queen Anne Wiebe walk happily out of the auditorium right after being crowned. Above. Student council member Carly Coul-

son shows that cleaning up the highway is a dirty job, but someone's got to do it. **Left.** Students anxiously board their buses on

Left. Students anxiously board their buses on Halloween '91, as the 28+", 3-day blizzard begins.





### Twins, Blizzards, Iraq, and Soviet Union Dominate News

In Minnesota, one of the biggest stories of the year was the Twins' World Series victory against the Atlanta Braves. It was their second win in 5 years. Also in Minnesota, a relentlessly snowy winter frequently made headlines, as the total inches of snowfall reached a new record.

Nationally, the death of television actor Michael Landon stunned everyone, and fans of the Dr. Seuss books mourned the death of the famous children's author. In November of 1991, news that Magic Johnson had contracted the AIDS virus and was retiring from basketball shocked the sports world.

Internationally, the Persian Gulf

War and events in the Soviet Union dominated the news. Although Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was not victorious, he remained in power and caused the deaths of thousands of Kurdish refugees fleeing Iraq. In addition, the Kuwaiti oil well fires set during the war continued to rage.

Even though an attempt to oust Mikhail Gorbachev as president of the Soviet Union failed, the break up of the USSR continued until the Soviet Union, as it had been known, was declared dead. In its place were independent states and an attempt to reunify the remaining soviet states into some form of union. Below. Basketball player Magic Johnson announced on November 7, 1991, that he had tested positive for the AIDS virus and was retiring.

Bottom. The Minnesota Twins celebrate after winning the 1991 World Series against the Atlanta Braves.

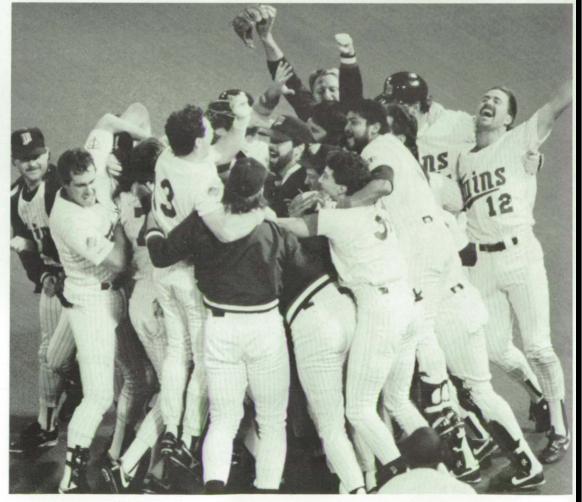






**Top.** Television actor Michael Landon died at age 54.

Above. Dr. Seuss, author of children's book, also died.



World News



**Below.** The statue of Lenin was toppled while thousands of Muscovites watched, leaving freedom to the Soviet Union.







Above center. Convoys of Soviet tanks moved into Moscow, less than two miles from the Kremlin during an attempted coup.

Above. At an economic summit, leaders of seven countries focused on aid to the Soviet Union.

Photos by Associated Press.



Above. During the seven-month occupation of Kuwait, more than 730 oil wells were damaged or set ablaze.



**Top.** In June of 1991, Desert Storm Commander General H. Norman Schwarzkopf gave a thumbs up to the crowd during a welcome home parade.

Above. The aftermath of the Persian Gulf War left 6,700 of the Iraqi Kurdish refugees dead while fleeing to the Turkish border. **Top center.** Freshmen Jason Wirtz and Teri Lind show a typical look worn by many Waconia students.

**Right.** Junior Amy Peitz gives the comfortable look, wearing her dress pants and sweater.

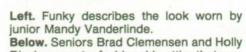
Below left. Sophomore Ryan Hartung, wearing his button-down shirt and Girbaud jeans, shows a casual look.

jeans, shows a casual look. **Below right.** Wearing the dressy look, freshman Jenna Elling shows another style for Waconia High School.



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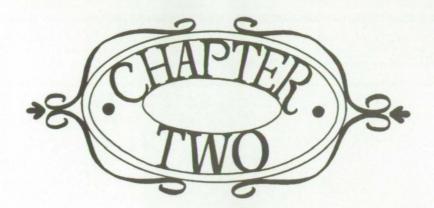


**Below.** Seniors Brad Clemensen and Holly Rieck present a fashionable attire that represents many seniors.

Bottom center. Sophomore Amy Anquist relaxes in her jeans and sweatshirt worn for those "lazy days."

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## Students

What makes up the high school in Waconia? The students do. One can find the various students at WHS academically, athletically, and socially involved. Some students work hard at their studies to

obtain a high GPA, others work out every day after school to perform in a sport, while others are just out to have a good time. Still others achieve all three.





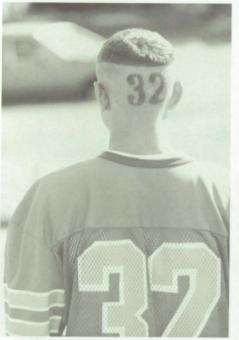
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Above. Sophomores get rowdy during a pepfest.





Left. Seniors Kristin Plocher, Jenny Kunze, T.J. Sterner, and John Cebulla are sup-posedly studying in the library. Below left. Chris Kappes shows his spirit by shaving his head.







Above center. Jodi LaValle favors the year she graduates.

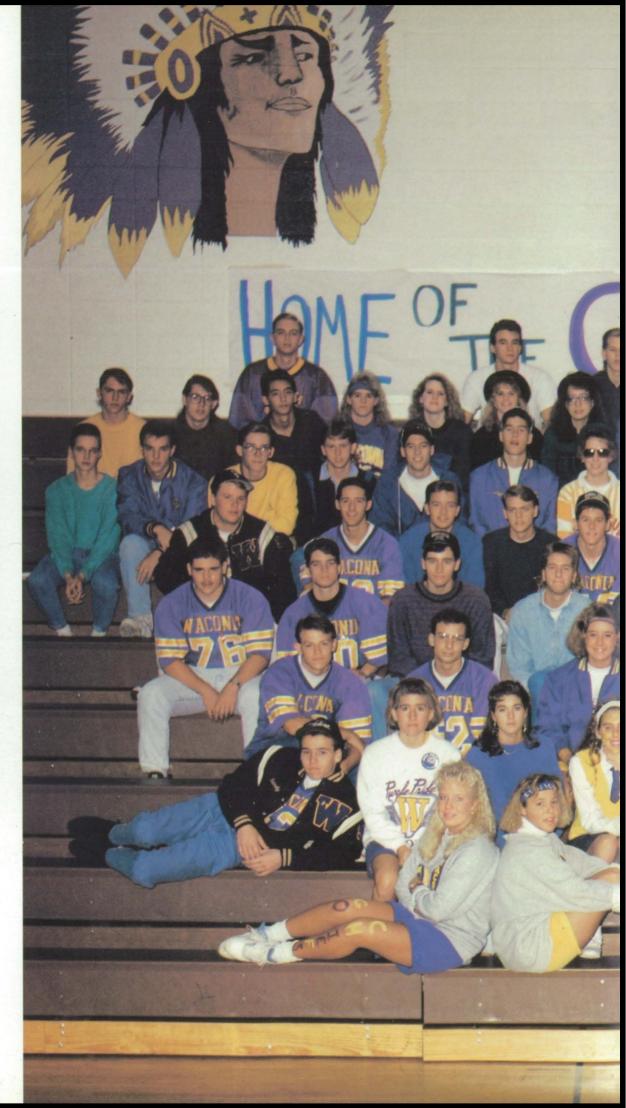
Above. Freshmen Keleigh Casper, Jenny Olson, and Jackie Boll paint their faces to

show school spirit. Left. What naughty thing did seniors Dana Bollmann and Anne Wiebe do?

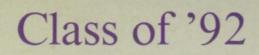


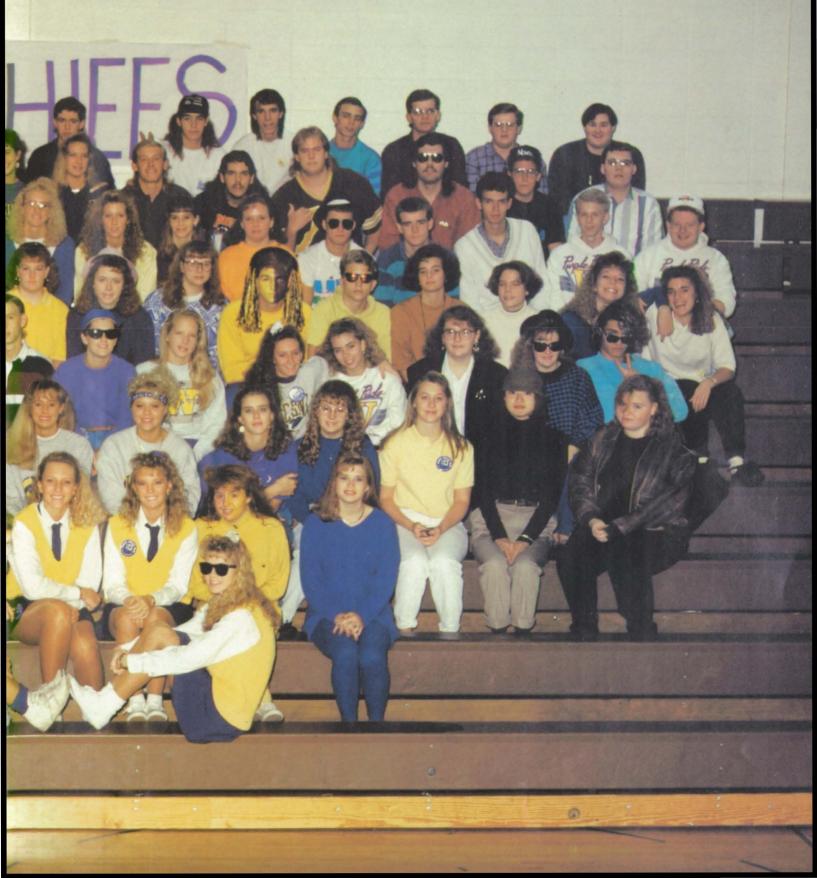


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Seniors











#### Top. Jill Plocher daydreams in Social 12. Middle. Justin Hilgers takes a break from working on the senior float. Bottom. Nicole Cardinal shows spirit at a pepfest. Right. On class color day, the seniors show their dark

## Seniors

Тор 12

Favorites

For 12

#### Q: What's your favorite car?

- I. Corvette
- 2. Rob's Bug
- 3. Mercedes Benz
- 4. Mustang
- 5. Nissan
- 6. Loehr's car
- 7. Accord
- 8. 2-24
- 9. Cavalier
- 10. Ford
- 11. Murphy's AMC 12. Nicole's truck









Top. LeAnn Gutzke would rather look at the camera than read her social packet. Middle. Belinda **Buesgens** looks confused. Bottom. Remko deKoning from Holland pauses for the camera.

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Rhonda Ambuehl Conrad Anderson Derrick Bloom



Stacie Boll Dana Bollmann Angela Brown

Belinda Buesgens Nicole Cardinal John Cebulla

Heather Christenson Josie Clasen Bradley Clemensen

Seniors

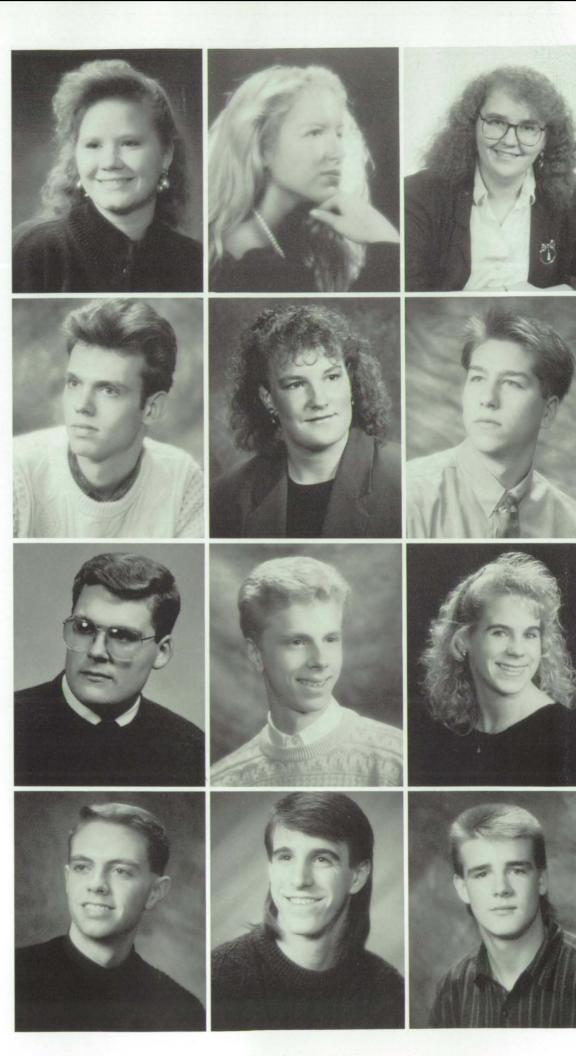


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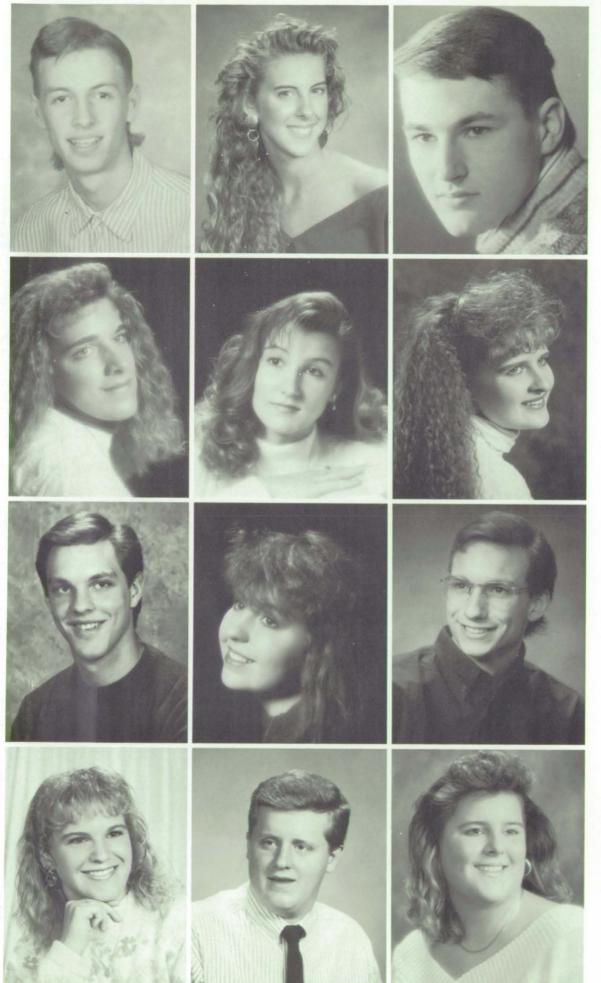
Remko deKoning Ann Docken Chad Dressel

Randy Eiden Christopher Ekdahl Heidi Ertl

Gregory Gerding Jesse Gongoll Patrick Gongoll







Brandon Gothmann Kelly Gray Lee Gregg

LeAnn Gutzke Christy Haasken Korina Hackert

John Hagel Stephanie Hague Timothy Hart

Dawn Hartung Michael Hartwig Laura Heitz

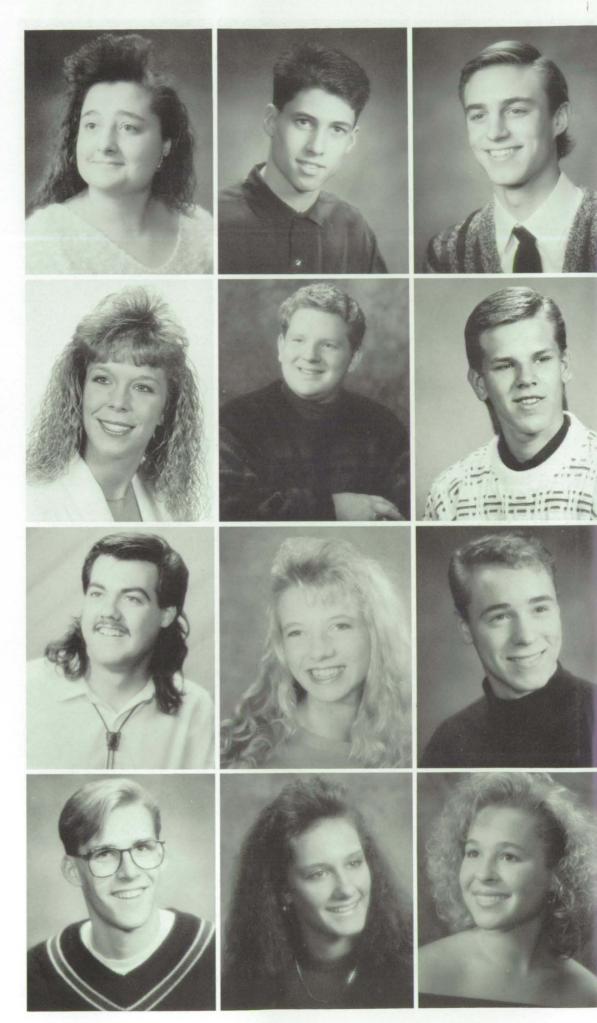


Julie Hilgers Justin Hilgers James Hoen

Lisa Hucky Troy Iddings Chris Ische



Skip Karjala Kara Jo Knutson Jennifer Kunze









Michael Laabs Jason Lee Eric Lenzen



Susan Mason Jessica Mattson Timothy Melchert

Nicole Molnau Kevin Murphy Andrew Nelson

Seniors











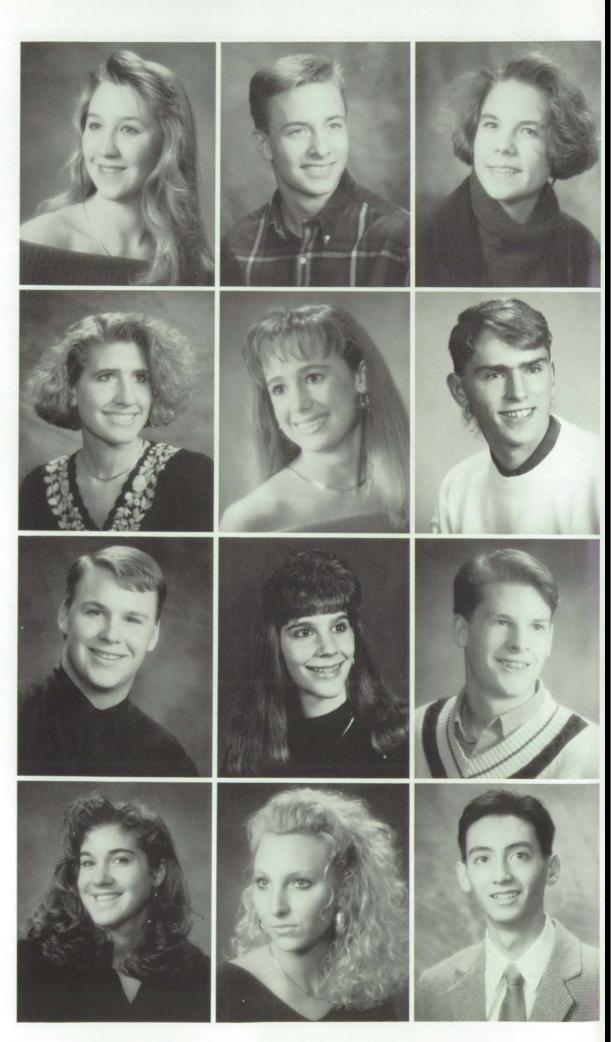


Laura Norman Jeffrey Oscarson Ulla Paeper

Jill Plocher Kristin Plocher Jason Radel

Donald Rademacher Jodi Rademacher Todd Riebe

Holly Rieck Jacqueline Rosckes Chad Schmid



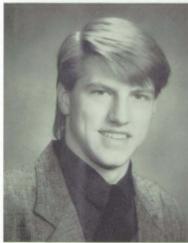






Jonathan Schmidt Angela Schramm Bryan Schuler











Jeffrey Schulz Hiroko Shimizu Suzanne Smetana



Troy Smrecek Robert Stanton Chad Stender

Timothy Sterner Chad Vanderlinde Kelly Vanderlinde

Seniors



Eric Vos Shauna Waldera Michelle Wegener

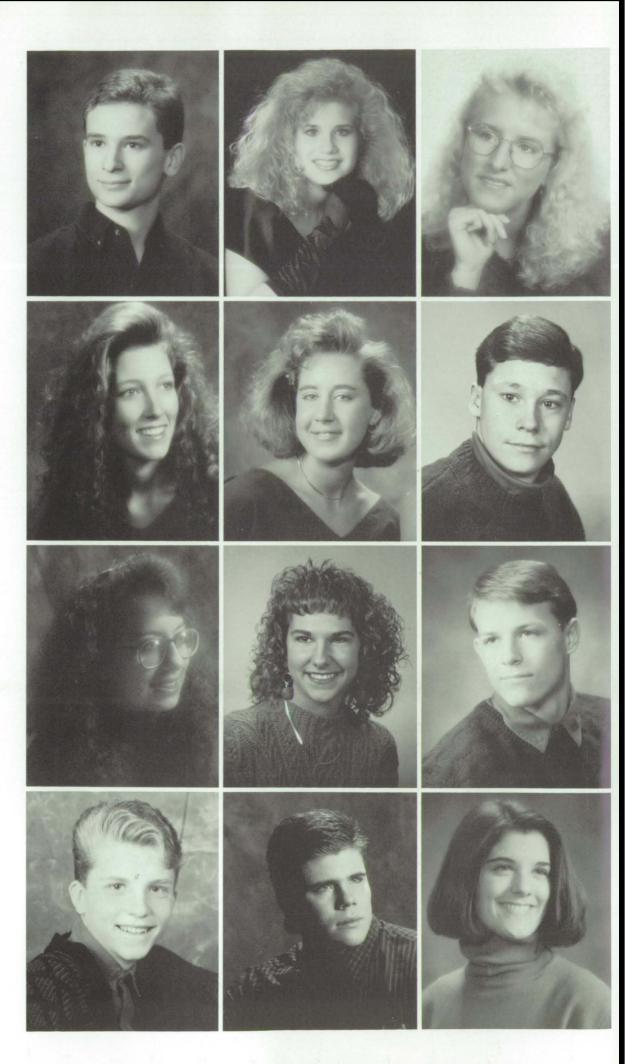
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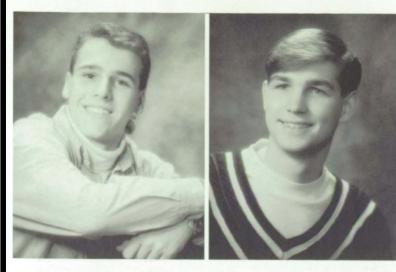
Michelle Winkler Julie Wirtz Derek Wolter

Kory Wyant Allen Yates Kelly Yetzer









Randall Young

Jason Ziermann

#### **Not Pictured**

Jenny Glasscock Jeff Johnson Adam Long Jennifer Olson Jenny Raether Jade Swenson Tom Von Holtum

## **Off-Campus Programs Give Options to Seniors**







There are other options Waconia students have besides the ordinary classroom. Glen Jensen, pictured below, attended the Graphic Communications class at the Chaska Coop where he worked with MacIntosh computers, shot camera negatives and positives, and learned other graphic-related skills. He will be attending Brown Institute for 24 months in the advertising design field.

Shauna Waldera, pictured far left, took a totally different turn to high school education by attending Normandale Community College. There she took courses that earned her both high school and college credits.

Kelly Vanderlinde, pictured at left with her mentor, was involved in the Mentor Connection program which offers juniors and seniors community-based independent learning experiences in partnership with mentors knowledgeable in their fields. Kelly worked with a mentor from Minneapolis, and created a book that involved illustration and graphic arts. Students who successfully complete the program earn grades and graduation credits.



### Favorite Class

- 1. Social
- 2. Study Hall
- 3. T & I

#### Favorite Pop

- 1. Mountain Dew
- 2. Pepsi
- 3. Dr. Pepper

#### Favorite TV Show

- 1. Beverly Hill 90210
- 2. Cheers
- 3. In Living Color



Favorite Radio Station

1. 92.5 2. 101.3 3. K102.1





#### Favorite Restaurant

- 1. Ciatti's
- 2. Subway
- 3. Perkins

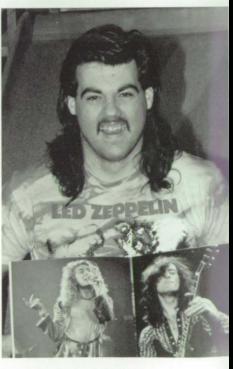
#### **Favorite** Movie

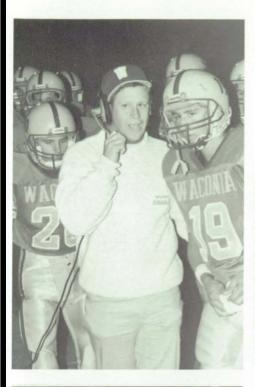
- 1. The Last Boy Scout
- 2. Robin Hood
- 3. Young Guns



#### Favorite Band

- 1. Led Zeppelin
- 2. Johnny Holmes
- 3. Garth Brooks





#### **Favorite Sport**

- 1. Football
- 2. Basketball
- 3. Softball

#### **Favorite Saying**

- 1. "That ain't no good"
- 2. "Whatever"
- 3. "Not"

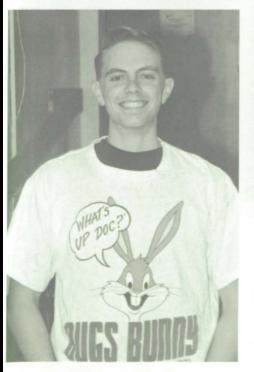
#### Favorite Hangout

- 1. Fishhouses
- 2. Jack and Jill's
- 3. Vos's cabin



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- 1. Friends in Low Places
- 2. Love of a Lifetime
- 3. Fishin' in the Dark





#### **Favorite** Cartoon

- 1. Bugs Bunny
- 2. Bart Simpson
- 3. Elmer Fudd

#### Favorite Teacher

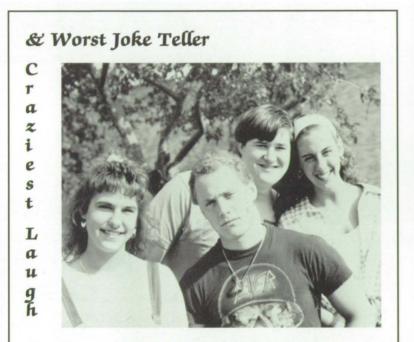
- 1. Mr. Zender
- 2. Mr. Luebke
- 3. Mr. Aeling

#### **Favorite** Pastime

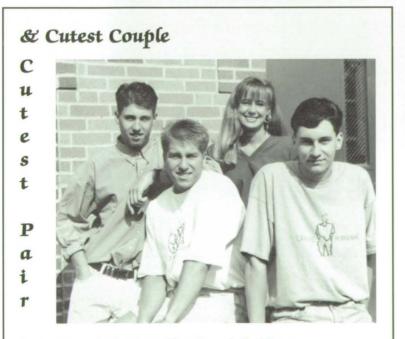
- 1. Partying
- 2. Hanging out with friends 3. Shopping



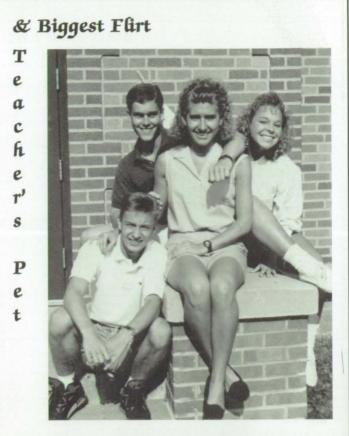
## Senior Poll '92



Julie Wirtz, John Cebulla, Mike Laabs, Kelly Gray.

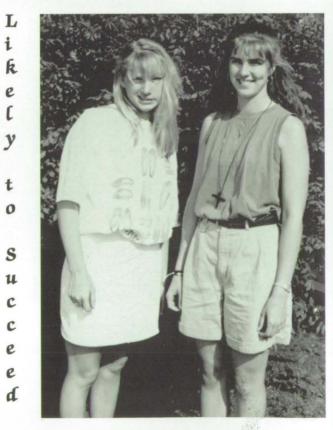


Justin Hilgers, Kristin Plocher, Chad Dressel, Chad Stender.

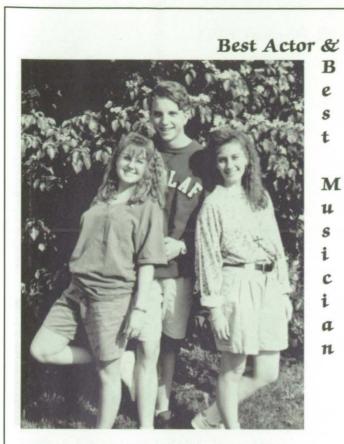


Jeff Oscarson, Jill Plocher, Chris Luedtke, Jenny Kunze.

#### & Most Studious



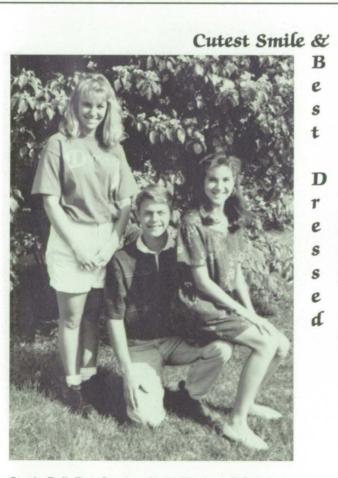
Carly Coulson, Angela Schramm, Bryan Schuler (not pictured)



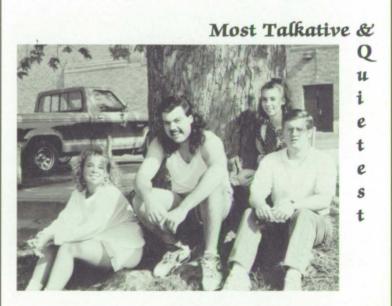
Heather Christenson, Kory Wyant, Kara Knutson



Justin Hilgers, Anne Wiebe, Jeff Oscarson



Stacie Boll, Rob Stanton, Holly Rieck, Jeff Schulz



Jenny Kunze, Glen Jensen, Nicole Molnau, Mike Hartwig





## Juniors

Тор 11

Favorites

For 11

Q: What's your favorite fragrance?

- 1. Drakkar
- 2. Liz Claiborne
- 3. Benetton
- 4. Obsession
- 5. Potpourri
- 6. Eternity
- 7. Polo
- 8. Exlamation
- 9. Safari
- 10. Escape
- 11. Babysoft







Top. Jill Machtemes takes a quick glimpse into the hallway. Center. Tracy Lehrke smiles at the camera. Bottom. Brock Stoldt takes a break from his studies to see what others are doing. Right. Some of the junior class members pose in white on class color day.

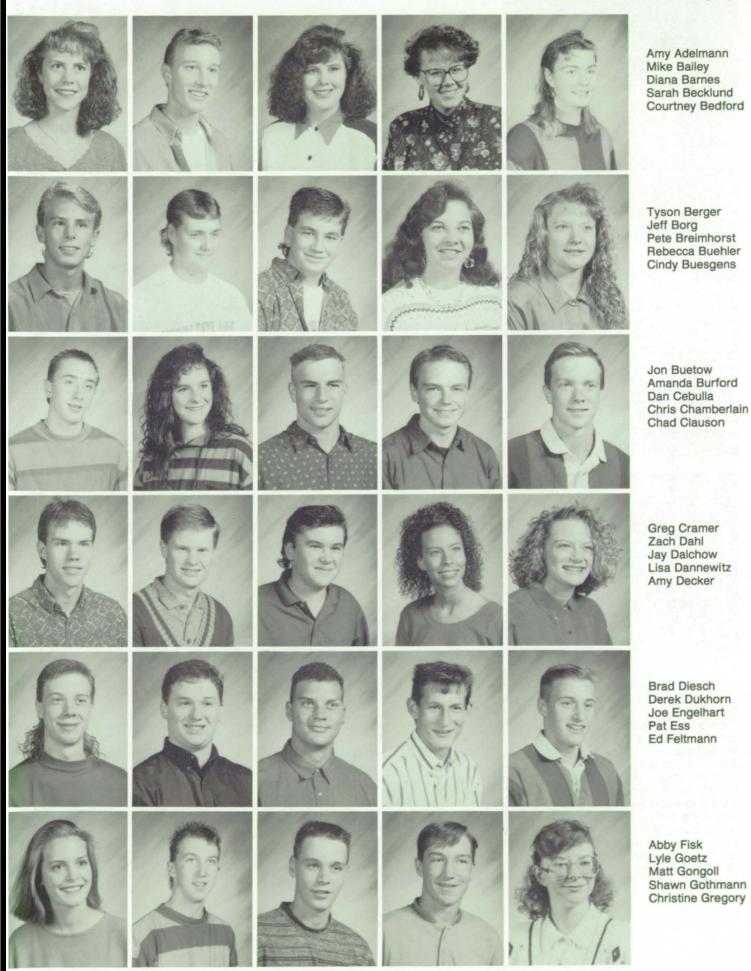


Top. Stephanie Kerkhoff sits in the art room thinking about the evening ahead. Center. Brenda Schmitt takes a mo-

ment to smile before eating lunch. Bottom. Cindy

Buesgens laughs at a funny joke told by a friend.

#### JUNIORS Adelmann — Gregory





#### JUNIORS Grengs — Meuwissen

Jeff Grengs Jon Hanson Alison Happ Jennifer Hartung Sara Heger

Robert Herling Bill Hoen Nate Hoese Jessica Houg Shelly Howe

Tobin Iddings Brenda Jacobs Chris Kappes James Keaveny Karen Kelly

Kim Kelzer Steph Kerkhoff Kelly Kirsch Gary Klein Andrea Knodel

Bobbie Koecheler Robin Lafrenz Angie Laugerman Jodi LaValle Tracy Lehrke

Angie Lepley Jill Machtemes Angie McCune Kim McNeill Brandon Meuwissen







Emily Miller Kim Miller Ryan Moonen Josh Moonen Andy Morton

Brandon Noeldner Matt Oscarson Anne Osterkamp Brian Otto Scott Passentino



## Candid Camera

During the course of a normal school day, students encounter many situations which bring about unique and unusual responses. The yearbook's roving photographer caught all of these students off guard as they reacted to the sudden appearance of a camera.

**Top left.** Chad Dressel appears dazed as he tries to think of more to type on the computer.

Center left. Jenny Kunze stops reading the paper for a quick glimpse of the camera.

Bottom left. Jenny Olson smirks at a nearby classmate. Below left. Pat Lemke takes a break from his work.

Below right. Ed Feltmann says "What?" after calculating a math problem.

Bottom right. Jenny Irwin looks perplexed while working on her class float.

**Middle right.** Andy Nelson prefers to look at the camera than at the computer.

Top right. Brenda Schmitt wants to take a break from math.















### JUNIORS Paulson - Reimer

Tonya Paulson Amy Peitz Juan Pinera Julie Plocher Mike Poppler

Emily Posselt Darryl Rademacher Jara Raisbeck Randy Razidlo Chris Reimer





Above. Anne Loxtercamp's locker is full of monster feet and tiny little monsters.

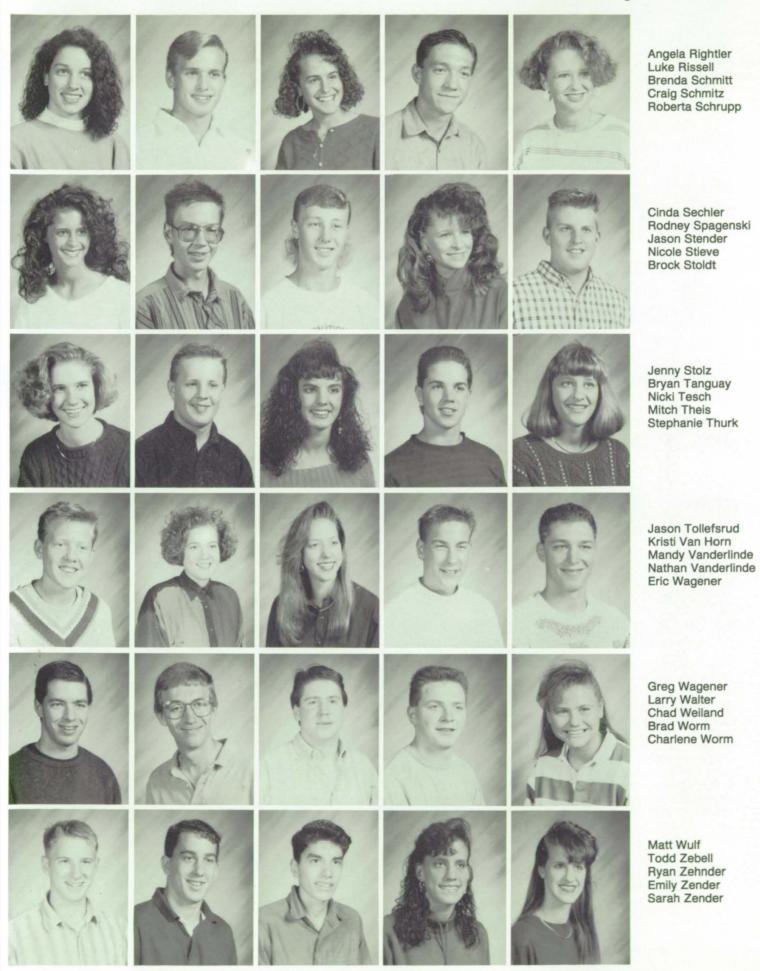
## Locker Lunacy

Decorating lockers is something students do every year to make them more interesting and to make their day at school more enjoyable. They also put things in their lockers that they want to see or use every day. Students put pictures, mirrors, magnets, organizers, and sometimes even food and pop in their lockers. Students' lockers become a place to socialize before school and between classes.

When asked what she keeps in her locker, junior Emily Miller indicated that she has family photos, toy cars, and a wooden game, which attracts the attention of her classmates. She also keeps a tin of hard candy available in her locker.



Above. Jodi LaValle decorates her locker with her volleyball posters from this season.

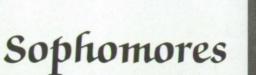








Top. Angie Plihal sticks out her tongue at the photographer. Center. Ryan Kirsch secretly looks at a friend's paper. Bottom. Eric Gallus pretends to do his homework in English. Right. Some sophomores pose in their red clothes on class color day.



Top 10 Favorites

For 10

Q: What's your favorite brand name?

- 1. Girbaud
- 2. Levis
- 3. GAP
- 4. Duebers
- 5. Generra
- 6. Nike
- 7. Contempo
- 8. Lee 9. B.V.M.
- 10. Guess







Top. Bridgett Wagener waits anxiously to get her picture taken. Center. Erika Hamer and Dawn Symanietz get all geared up for the big game. Bottom. Jenny Irwin stretches out

Irwin stretches out after a long day of hard work.

Sophomores

#### SOPHOMORES Anderson — Johnson





Cory Anderson Amy Anquist Ben Arndt Jeff Berger Boyd Birdsill

Corrie Bodahl Dana Boll Jason Boll Allison Christenson Michelle Ditsch

Jason Dukes Matt Ebert Joyce Eiden Corbin Ekdahl Erin Fogerty

Jessica Free Dustin Froyum Jessica Furman Eric Gallus Christian Gilbert

Noel Glasscock Sherie Goetz Cindy Hagel Erika Hamer Ryan Hartung

Jason Hill Jason Hubbard Jenny Irwin Kristi Jensen Erin Johnson



Class of 1994















### SOPHOMORES Kamrath — Poirier

Jason Kamrath Jo Kim Jason Kirsch Ryan Kirsch Kris Klaers

Matt Kusilek Ranee Latzig Lori Laumann Jeremy Lehrke Pat Lemke

Jamie Lubitz Leah Maiser Ben Mase Travis Mathwig Karla McCall

Brenda McEnelly Kari Melby John Menzel David Meyer Sam Meyer

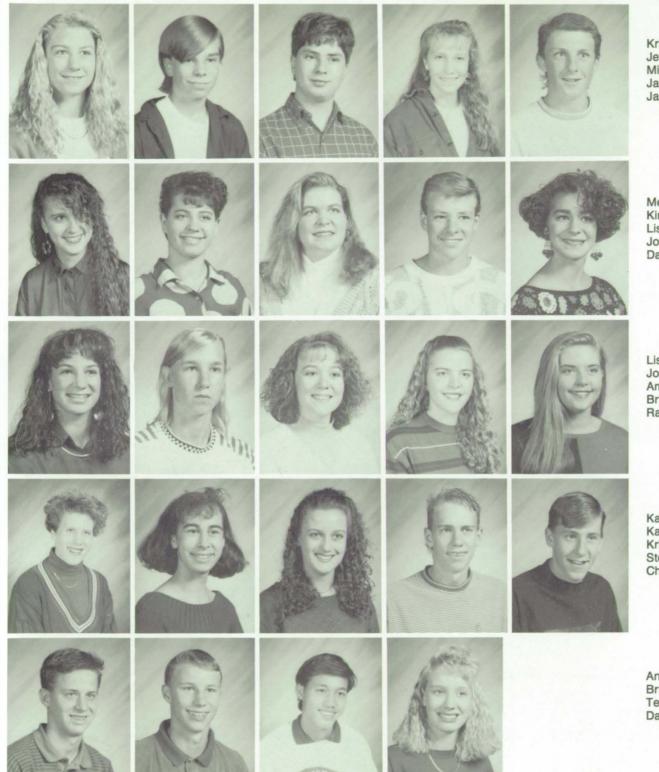
Dan Mielke Jesse Molnau Dawn Myers Beth Nagy Dustin Newman

Heather Norman George Peoples Jamie Plekkenpol Angie Plihal Shawn Poirier





## SOPHOMORES Rademacher — Zieroth



Kristi Rademacher Jesse Randolph Mike Roi Janeen Rosckes Jamie Schlechter

Melanie Schramm Kim Sicheneder Lisa Smith Josh Swedlund Dawn Symanietz

Lisa Trout Josh Volkenant Amy Vos Bridgett Wagener Rachael Wagener

Katie Weiland Kari Weinzierl Kristina Weinzierl Steve Weinzierl Chris Wellman

Andy Werner Bruce Wilson Teng Yang Dawn Zieroth







Top. Stacy Hague looks tired at lunch. Center. Teri Lind waves to the camera while making the freshman float. Above. Jessica Radde looks for what to do while making a poster for the freshman float. Right. The freshman class favors blue on Class Colors Day.

Freshmen

Favorites

Q: What's your favorite TV show?

2. Fresh Prince
3. Cheers
4. MTV

7. McGyver

9. Night Court

5. Saturday Night Live 6. Northern Exposure

8. Married w/Children

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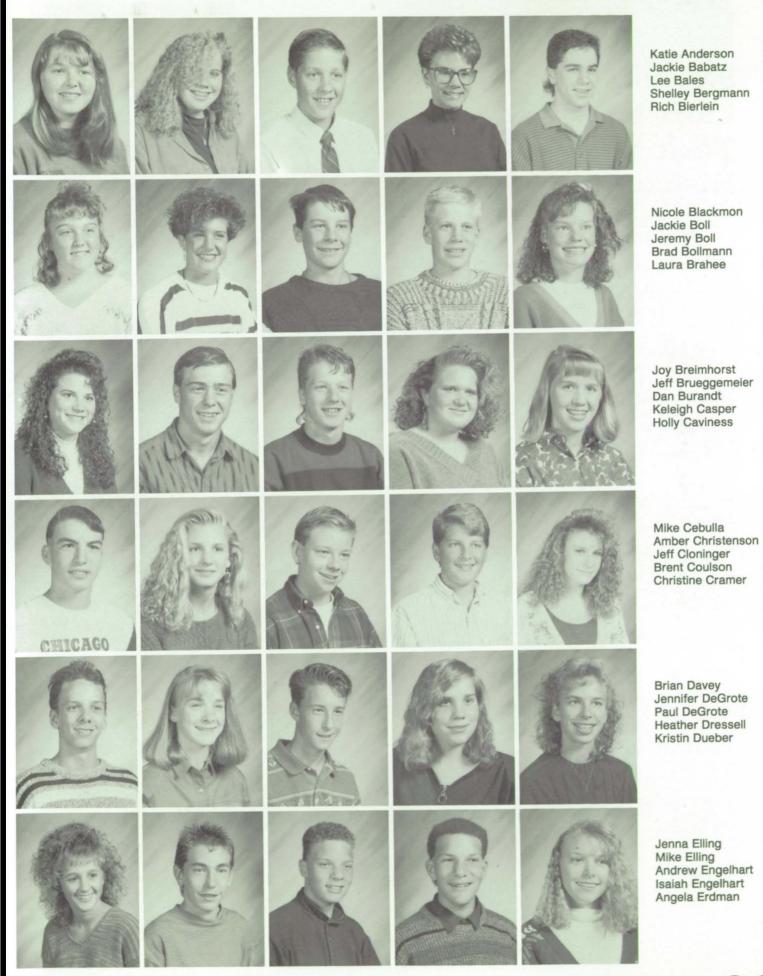


**Top.** Angie Salonek waits patiently for her turn in gym class.

**Center.** Jesse Roush makes the peace sign to the camera.

Above. Jesse Roush and Jenny Oscarson wave to the camera while riding in the parade.







## Students with Curly Hair Air Their Likes, Dislikes

Several WHS students with naturally curly hair were polled about the pros and cons of living with this inherited trait. Junior Lisa Dannewitz and freshman Sarah Meuleners were glad not to have to spend money on perms. How-ever, both found their hair difficult to manage; Lisa indicated that "it's a real pain to take care of."

Freshmen twins Andrew and Isaiah Engelhart differed in their views of having curly hair. Isaiah liked nothing about it, but Andrew enjoyed "the many ways I can wear it." They both said that it does have management problems, one of which is snarls.

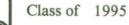


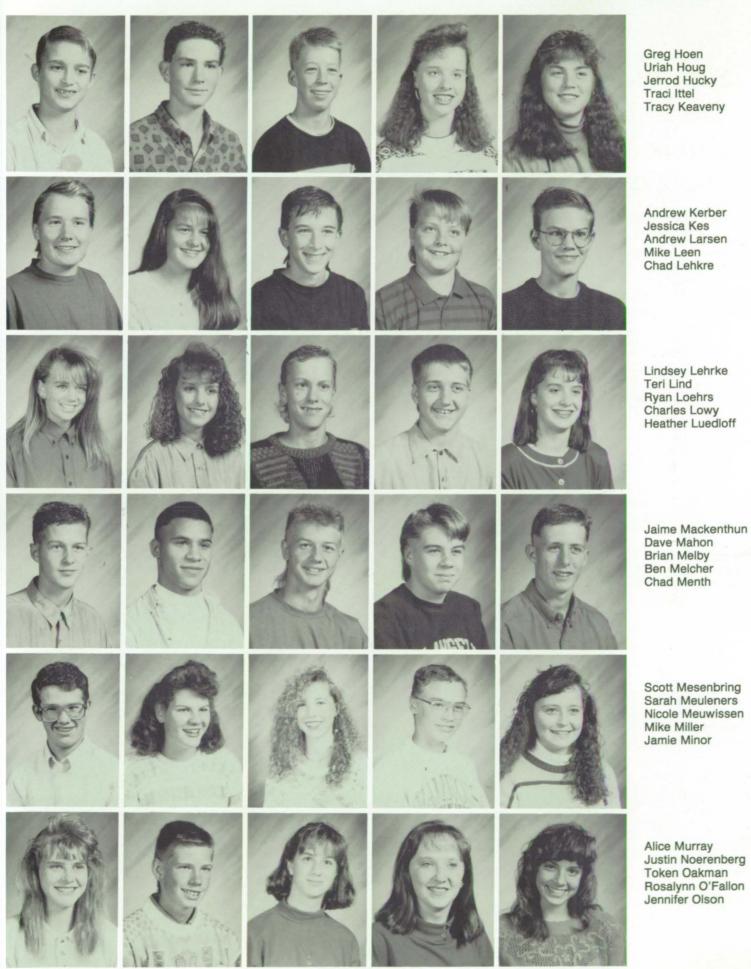
Above. Sarah Meuleners, Lisa Dannewitz, Andrew Engelhart, Isaiah Engelhart.



Jamie Grabow Nathan Gregg Dan Hackert Stacy Hague Jennifer Hart

Michelle Hartmann Augie Herling Nicole Heuer Peter Hilgers Jerry Hocutt







### FRESHMEN Olson - Stark

Paul Olson Sarah Orth Jenny Oscarson Amanda Oswall Deedee Peterson

Angela Pruden Cara Radde Fred Radde Jessica Radde Nate Rademacher

Sheila Rademacher Zach Randolph Brad Reichenberger Mark Rissell Mary Roebke

Jeremy Rosckes Jesse Roush Angie Salonek Jason Schmidt Tim Schroeder

Angie Schuette Ryan Schultz Jeff Smith Dan Sorensen Melissa Stark

Jenny Stender Amy Stevens Brenda Stevenson Kris Stradinger Jake Streeter





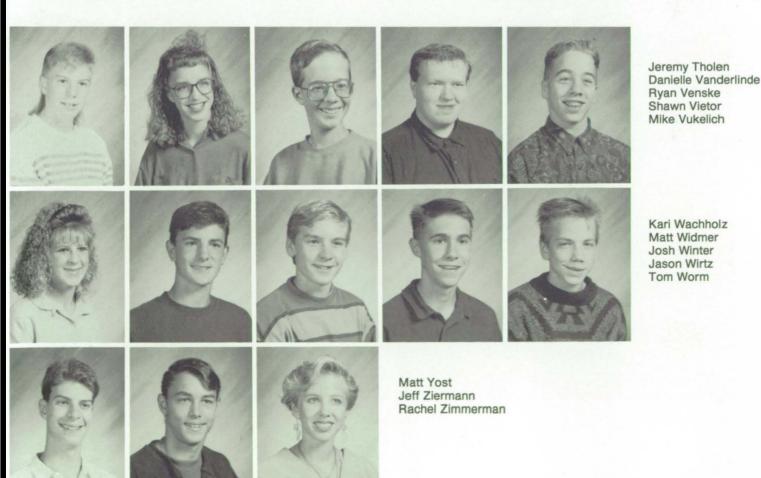
Above. Cinda Sechler constantly applies lotion to her hands.

## Students Reveal Annoying Habits

Most people have habits, and WHS students are no exception. Even though most habits are harmless to other people, some students find the habits of their classmates annoying. Tapping pencils on their desks, fiddling with everything they come in contact with, cracking their knuckles, whistling, or pulling their gum are habits that can be especially irritating to others. Non-stop talking is also an annoying habit that may interfere with others' education. Less annoying habits are nail biting, hair twirling, gum chewing, or constantly looking at themselves in the mirror.



Above. Kari Melby has a habit of pulling her gum.





# Academics

What is academics? Academics is the reason why students attend Waconia High School. Throughout the years students progress and broaden their knowledge and skills.

But learning information from books isn't the only way students gain knowledge. Other ways include field trips, speakers, special projects, and hands-on experiences.





Above. Seniors Kristin Plocher and Carrie Weringa create a map of Spain to be hung up near the Spanish classroom.

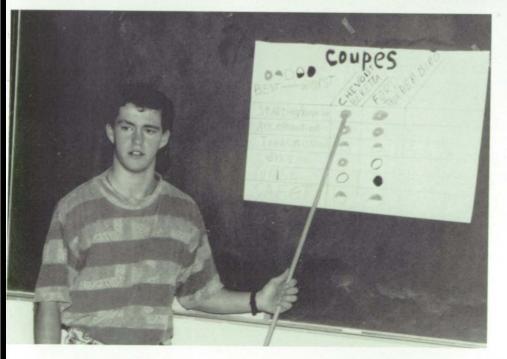




Left. Chad Clauson, Bryan Tanguay, and Chrisy Gregory enthusiastically study their grammar. Below left. Senior Lee Gregg uses what he has learned in Video Production.







Above. Brent Coulson, Andy Engelhart, Jeff Brueggemeier, and Dan Hackert find information by using the library's card cat-

alog. Left. Troy Loehrs points to his visual aid in speech class.





# **Referendum Permits Continuation of Programs**

On November 5, 1991, a referendum was voted on and passed. According to Superintendent Allen Frazier, if it had not passed, the Waconia school district would have had a large cut in spending money. This cut would have caused an increase in class size, a reduction in low enrollment classes, most if not all extracurricular activities dropped including sports, and fewer faculty members. These cuts would have

**Board of Education.** Back: Superintendent Allen Frazier, Chairperson David Grandy, Regena Dueber, Clerk Gail Berger, John Marsden. Front: Treasurer Dan Steinhagen, Marilyn Hilliard, Vice Chairperson Roger Sauerbrey.



Mr. Allen Frazier Superintendent

occurred gradually and by 1993, they would have been in full effect. The fact that the referendum passed is a relief for the school district to be able to keep its educational program improving through the future.

According to Mr. Frazier, the Waconia school district keeps on changing for improvement. In the past, schools gave out tons of information and facts; now schools teach students not only information, but also how to find it, what to do with it, and how to think critically once one has it. Schools are also becoming more involved with society through parent support programs, health issues, and social problems likes AIDS. Time involvement has increased to help accommodate these additions. Mr. Frazier believes that schools will change in the future based on future needs and expectations.





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Jon Luebke: Social 11; Clark Machtemes : Social 9, History 7; Dennis Maki: Trade and Industry; Connie Manuel: Physical Education 7-12.

Bergetta Mason: Art 7-12; George Oftelie : Science 9; Kim Ryan: Special Education, Physical Education 7-8; Tim Sauer: Physics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus.

Polly Schellack: English 11; Leo Schlumpberger: Algebra I and II; Sharon Singsaas: Algebra I, Geometry; Lydia Thometz : Computers, Typing.

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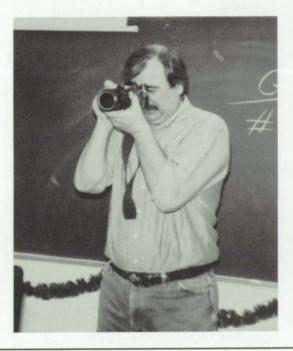




# **TEACHER**

## The Man Behind the Camera

Almost all Waconia students have seen Mr. Torborg with a camera, capturing school events or activities on film. When they do, they either smile nicely or run for cover. Mr. Torborg has taught English and speech at WHS for 22 years, and for 19 of those years he has taken pictures for the yearbook. He is a self-taught photographer. He says he enjoys beside of the caming on the right era.



## WHS's Own Music Man

year as a history teacher at WHS.

Now in his third Mr. Machtemes shares his interest in music with his



he was a student at WHS, he played the trumpet in band and sang in the choir. At the present he focuses his interests on singing and playing the guitar. He now uses his musical talents in class when he discusses the history of music. He also performs in a band and at other special events, such as pepfests and assemblies.

students. When

Students may often wonder what teachers do besides teach. The yearbook staff thought we'd answer that question by asking a few teachers about their out-of-school interests and activities.

## **Gunnery Sergeant** Zender, USMCR

Mr. Zender has been teaching social studies at Waconia for 15 years. In the year 1991, he was called to active duty during the Gulf War. It disrupted his life as anyone would expect, but he says, "It was something my family and I had planned for." The separation from his family was difficult, and he missed going to the games and other school events. He also missed "teaching the seniors."

Although being part of the military has had its down side, Mr. Zender states how fortunate he has been to travel and see many different places throughout the world. He says he has "tremendous respect for the military and the way they discipline." He is glad he had the opportunity to travel, because it has given him a "greater appreciation for the American way of life."



**Teacher Features** 

# FEATURES



## Interest in Art Extensive

Mrs. Mason, who has taught art at WHS for 17 years, spends some of her free time practicing what she teaches. She collects and repairs dolls by fixing them with clay and repainting their chipped faces.

Although she teaches many different varieties of art classes, her favorites are watercolor and ink. She has refined her techniques and expanded her interests by learning from her students as well as by teaching them.

## **Oil Painting Fills Free Time**

Not only is Mr. Triplett a WHS math teacher, but he is also an artist. He has loved art his whole life. When he was younger, he had a chance to take art lessons from a friend. Now he does oil paintings as a hobby.

to paint full time when he retires from teaching. He does occasionally sell his artwork to make room for his new works. His themes are turn of the century scenes, wildlife, and landscapes. Mr. Triplett's love of art radiates to anyone who talks to him.

In his 26th year at WHS, Mr. Triplett plans





## Foreign Travel a Priority

Would you like to travel to a foreign country? Most people would love to have that chance. Mrs. Dulgar, WHS Spanish teacher for 8 years, has had the chance to take four trips to foreign countries with her students. She has gone to Spain three times and to Mexico once.

These trips have had a great impact on both Mrs. Dulgar

and her students. She looks forward to each trip because she always learns new things even when she travels to the same places. Her students have a chance to see a new culture, and these trips also "wet their appetites" for wanting to learn and travel more. (Pictured with Andrea Knodel, Laura Norman, Chrisy Gregory.)



**Right.** While concentrating on her charcoal drawing, Carly Coulson is briefly distracted by the photographer. **Below.** The relaxing job of being a library aide comes naturally to Shelly Howe. **Below center.** Bryan Schuler faces another troubling homework problem in study ball

hall.



Above right. Rob Stanton has determina-tion when it comes to pre-calculus. Right. Angie Plihal is wide awake in geometry class. Far right. Hiroko Shimizu shows us how

much she enjoys American schools.











# Expressions Convey Many Unspoken Feelings

A facial expression is a look that conveys a meaning or a feeling. It often tells us how someone feels about something before his or her feeling is stated.

Classroom situations cause many different expressions for students. The looks on students' faces may be caused by what one person does to another, by difficulty in understanding a teacher's explanation, by facing a test or a grade on a paper, or just by what one is thinking at the time.



**Top.** Jesse Molnau takes a breather during lab.

Above. Making discoveries in biology lab definitely seems exciting to Dawn Symanietz.

Left. Tim Hart and Tim Melchert are anxious to learn more about English.



Below. Tyson Berger seems pleased with the progress of his water color painting.

**Right.** Rob Stanton is uplifted in physics as he rides Mr. Sauer's floating physics toy. **Bottom.** Julie Plocher and Jodi LaValle concentrate on a chemistry experiment.









## Hands-On Experience An Essential Part of Learning

Classes such as ceramics, speech, painting, industrial arts, and physics not only involve creativity and the use of one's brain, but these classes also involve "hands-on" learning.

Creating something from raw materials is the goal of students in art and industrial technology classes. Students take clay, paint, or wood to create works of art or useful pieces of furniture. Science classes employ hands-on labs so that students can gain firsthand knowledge of the principles they have learned in textbooks.

In many classes, hands-on experience is an essential part of learning. Students who enjoy working with their hands find these classes especially interesting and enlightening.





**Top.** Stephanie Kerkhoff shapes her vase on the potter's wheel.

Above left. In speech class Bill Hoen demonstrates the use of the 35mm camera.

Above. T.J. Sterner and Nathan Vanderlinde are in sync in construction at Vo-Tech.

Left. Mr. Sauer shows some students a physics demonstration involving nuclearlike reactions of ping pong balls set off by mousetraps.





## **Computer Skills Valuable Beyond Class Time**

When you join a computers, typing, or keyboarding class, you expect to learn what the machine does and how to use it. Today students are using these tools outside the classroom as well. The instruction they get in class is used when they have to do homework. Many students are seen writing reports and essays for English and for other classes. Using their word processing skills, students write letters or prepare work for college applications. The computer goes faster and makes work much easier.

Sudents are just now starting to realize how valuable these computers are going to be in the future. So everyone's getting the courses now to help them not only

in their school work, but also in the their future.







Above. Kelly Kirsch flashes her dreamy smile in computers class.

**Top.** The typing class begins its day with a five-minute warm-up typing session.

Above. Bruce Wilson concentrates on the keyboard.



Left. A computer nightmare begins for Angie Laugerman as paper begins to shoot out of the printer.

Below. Stacie Boll appears relaxed with her keyboard.

Below left. Gregg Cramer finds a moveable keyboard helpful as he tries to read and type at the same time.







Above. Another English assignment is almost done for Chad Stender.



**Right.** An interruption causes Kim Miller to look away from her work on the computer. **Below.** Amy Peitz completes yet another sociology article.

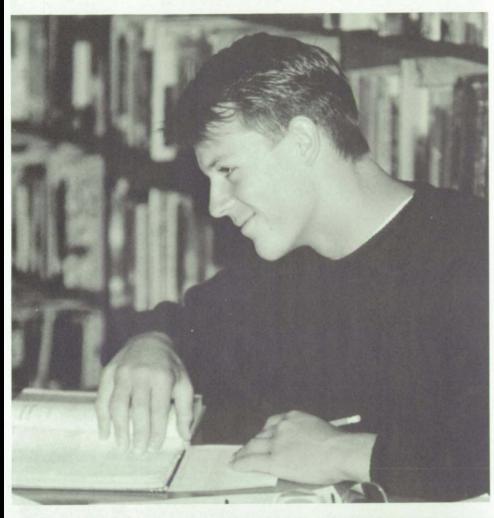




Above right. Bruce Wilson prays for the answers to come. Right. Michelle Wegener attempts studying by osmosis.







## Studying and Understanding: What School Is All About

There are many different ways to study and prepare for tests. One very popular method of studying is to cram the night before a test. Most students hope to break this bad habit before they begin college. The best students usually find some time to study every day. And finally there are always a few who do not study at all. This phenomenon happens to everyone once in awhile.



Top. Derek Wolter is happy about completing his World Lit. assignment.

Above. A freshman group learns how to use the library during English class.



Above. Which stock to purchase is a big decision for Nicole Molnau in Economics.

Below. Cinda Sechler swings for a homer in phy. ed.

Right. Lyle Goetz glues the face frame of his woods project.



Above. Troy Smrecek cuts balsa wood in Tech Concepts class.



Left. Mike Poppler blocks another shot in phy. ed.

Below. Brenda McEnelly adds spice to foods class.



## Students Have Curriculum Choices Beyond the Basics

There is more to school than the 3 R's of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Waconia High School offers a wide variety of classes for the college-bound and for vocational students.

These classes go beyond the normal boundaries of academics, and allow students to develop other skills that will allow them the opportunity to become better prepared in fields such as art, foods, woods, drafting, and technology. Some classes also allow students the chance to learn more about their favorite areas, such as physical education and life skills.





Left. T. J. Sterner makes a bowl on the lathe in Cabinet Furniture class.

Above. Char Worm dreams of putting her feet up on the new coffee table she built.



# Sports

Cheering, whistling, balls bouncing, and points scored all represent the sounds heard while watching a Waconia team perform. Students use their talents and hard work to provide the

school with a sense of pride. Students strive to be the best with the sports that are offered at Waconia High School, and long lasting memories are made with teammates and friends.





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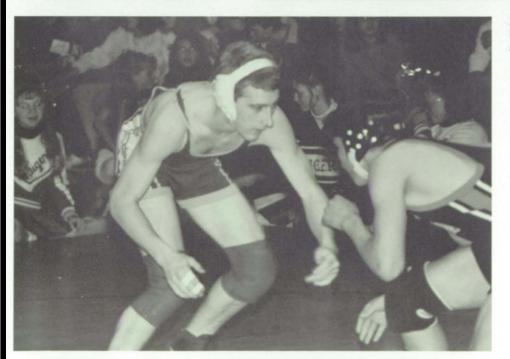
Sports Division





Left. Angie Brown keeps her eye on the ball. Below left. Emily Zender attempts to clear the high jump bar.





Above. Jackie Boll puts the ball in its place. Left. Mike Poppler attempts his strategies against his opponent.



# **Team Has Impressive Season**

It was a surprising season for the WHS football team. With only one returning starter, there were some doubts before the season started, but the players' motivation came through. What they lacked in size, they made up for in speed. Not having any points scored upon the home field with six shut outs, the Chiefs had high hopes in the playoffs. Unfortunately, their hopes were crushed, and their home field was scored upon in the first playoff game. Even with the injury of Mike Bailey, the team played with determination, but under the circumstances, they still lost.

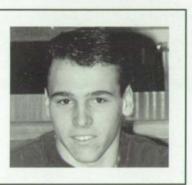
Ending the season as All-Conference were Mike Bailey, Bryan Schuler, Jeff Schulz, Derek Wolter, and Don Rademacher. Named most improved was Todd Zebell; Bryan Schuler, Mr. Hustle; Don Rademacher, best defense; Mike Bailey, best offense.

The Waconia Chiefs football record for the 1991 season was the best since 1985, and the team is believed to be the second best team in the past 25 years. These facts made for an exciting season.

# Q:

## Do you plan to pursue your football career in college?

"If a college offers me a scholarship and if it's the right school, then I will probably play football for them." **Randy Young** 







Above. Mike Bailey leaves the competition in the dust. Right. The Chiefs dive for the ball.



Key Word: POWER

Football



Left. Bryan Schuler strives for yardage. Below. Jeff Schulz perfects his punt.



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Minnehaha Ac	23	0
Dassel-Cokato	6	12
Watertown	20	0
Rockford	0	21
Howard Lake	32	0
Glencoe	26	0
Annandale	21	0
St. Michael	20	0
Playoffs Delano	14	19

Varsity Football. Back: Tim Hart, Don Rademacher, Randy Young, Bryan Schuler, Derek Wolter, Jeff Schulz, Allen Yates, Jason Lee, Chad Vanderlinde. 3rd: Coach Foley, Todd Zebell, Shawn Gothmann, Brock Stoldt, Brad Worm, Bryan Tanguay, Ed Feltmann, Mitch Theis, Chris Chamberlain, Craig Schmitz, Greg Cramer, Dan Cebulla, Coach Froyum. 2nd: Coach Olson, Pat Ess, Zach Dahl, Randy Razidlo, Chris Kappes, Joe Engelhart, Josh Moonen, Mike Bailey, Eric Wagener, Darryl Rademacher, Brandon Noeldner, Matt Ebert. Front: David Meyer, Ben Arndt, Chris Wellman, Corbin Ekdahl, Steve Weinzierl, Dusty Froyum, Jeremy Lehrke, Noel Glasscock, George Peoples, Dustin Newman, Andy Werner, Sam Meyer, Coach Hullander.



Left. Jodi LaValle returns the ball with a mighty bump.

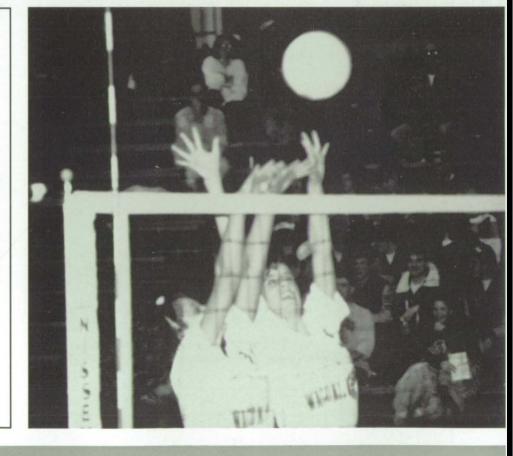
Below. Tracy Lehrke concentrates on her serve.

Bottom. Emily Zender and Kari Melby display teamwork as they go up for the block. Opposite page. Anne Wiebe tips the ball over the net as the girls volleyball team tries to defeat visiting player Bob Holmes.



## Did you expect more of the team after going to state last year?

"We weren't expected to do very well this season because we lost 5 seniors. But the team really surprised everyone by making it to region finals. The team surprised me also by going that far." **Anne Wiebe** 



Key Word: TEAMWORK



### Season Ends With Second in Regions

Although this year's volleyball team did not fare as well as last year's, they still did well, accomplishing a 17-12 record. In October, they made it to conference and got fifth place. Then they became first place champions in sub-section 2A, and completed the season as runners-up in regions.

The team held an awards banquet in December. Among the awards handed out were Most Valuable Player, awarded to senior and co-captain Anne Wiebe; Most Improved Player to Emily Zender; Most Spirited award to senior and co-captain Dana Bollmann; and All Conference picks to Anne Wiebe and freshman Jackie Boll.



Varsity Volleyball. Front: Jackie Boll, Kristi Van Horn, Tracy Lehrke, Coach Bonie Sedio, Coach Connie Manuel, Shelly Howe, Kari Melby, Emily Zender. Back: Lisa Trout, Kristin Plocher, Anne Wiebe, Dana Bollmann, Jodi LaValle.

Opponent	WHS	OPP	
Mound Westonka	3	0	
Buffalo	0	3	
Glencoe	3	1	
Delano	0	3	
Shakopee	1	3	
Annandale	2	3	
St. Michael	0	3	
Rockford	3	2	
Dassel-Cokato	3	2	
Howard Lake	3	0	
Watertown	0	3	
Mayer Lutheran	3	1	
Stewartville	1	3	
Mound	3	0	
Holy Angels	3	2	
Mayer Lutheran	3	0	
St. Bernard's	3	1	
Concordia Acad.	0	3	

### **Cross Country Returns with Record Season**

For the first year at Waconia High School, the cross country team surprised everyone by having a great year. The girls received fourth and the guys eighth at conferences and went on to regions. There the girls took eighth out of 21, and the guys took 16th out of 21.

Junior Julie Plocher shattered school records throughout the

season. Her record breaking time was 11:45 at state competition. There she took eighth out of 140. Many other runners had a great year. Junior Lee Longworth had his best time at 19:29.

Although it has been 14 years since cross country was part of Waconia's athletic program, it appears to be back with a vengeance. Below. The runners stretch out before a meet.



#### Did you expect to go to state during cross country's first year at Waconia?

"No, I didn't. As a first year runner I didn't know what to expect. All I wanted to do was to go out and have the best season possible and have fun. There are a lot of excellent runners and competition is tough." Julie Plocher





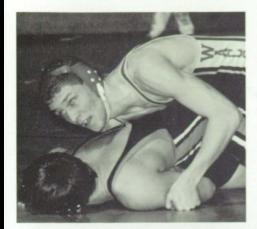
Above. Lee Longworth, Paul DeGrote, and Julie Plocher easily run six miles from St. Boni before the homecoming game.



**Cross Country.** Front: Heather Dressel, Amber Christenson, Mary Roebke, Shelly Bergmann. 2nd: Scott Passentino, Carly Coulson, Lee Longworth, Jenny DeGrote, Kory Wyant. Third:Paul DeGrote, Julie Plocher, Josh Winter, Stephanie Hague, coach Clark Machtemes.



**Cross Country** 



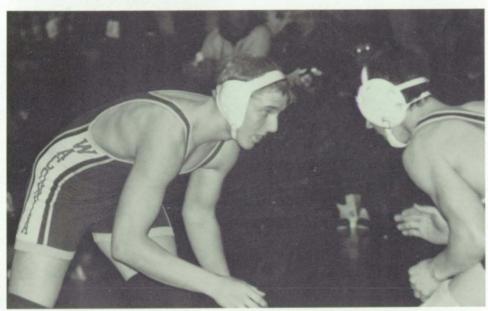
### Wrestlers Send 3 to Regions

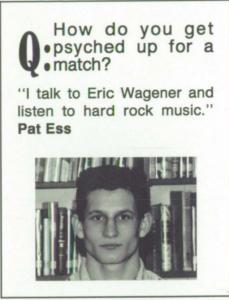
The wrestling team ended their season with a 4-17 record. With no seniors on the team, the young team still showed improvement.

The best individual record was earned by freshman Jeff Ziermann with 25-11, followed by juniors Brandon Noeldner with 16-13, Pat Ess with 16-14, and Eric Wagener with 15-11. Three wrestlers went on to regions. Jeff Ziermann at 160 placed 4th, and Eric Wagener at 152 was injured during the 1st round. The only sophomore, Jason Dukes at 189, did not place at regions.

Left. Eric Wagener takes down an Orono wrestler.

Below left. Brandon Noeldner faces off his opponent.







Opponent	WHS	OPP
Eden Prairie	30	42
Southwest	36	40
Cosmos	40	29
Scott-West	15	56
Brownton	27	45
Dawson Boyd	15	56
Rockford	33	36
Annandale	10	64
Dassel-Cokato	36	34
S.T.M.A.	6	67
Mound	19	54
Brownton	31	41
Howard Lake	54	18
Silver Lake	39	27
Goodhue	0	71
Farmington	26	46
Bloom, Ken,	15	53
Delano	12	54
Orono	48	27
Norwood	18	47
Watertown	31	35

VARSITY WRESTLING. Back: Coach Kelly Wagener, Brandon Noeldner, Jeff Ziermann, Greg Wagener, Eric Wagener, Pat Ess, coach Tom Neaton, coach Bob Lindemann. Front: Manager Kristi Rademacher, Mike Rademacher, Andy Steinhagen, Steve Buser, Jerrod Hucky, Shawn Wagener, Mike Poppler, Tony Ertl, manager Leah Maiser.

#### Key Word: ENDURANCE



# Boys Basketball Makes Strides during Year

The 1991-92 boys basketball season ended with a 10-13 season record. Two of the most exciting games were a close 61-59 win over Rockford, and a 76-60



win over Howard Lake/Waverly.

According to Coach Doug Sayles, the team played better during the second half of the season than during the first half.

Most Improved award went to junior Dan Cebulla, Defensive Stopper was Mike Bailey, and co-

Left. Dan Cebulla goes for the shot. Bottom left. Todd Zebell dribbles down the court. captain Justin Hilgers received both Most Valuable Player and All-Conference awards. Co-captain Greg Gerding was given the Hustle award, and got All-Conference honorable mention along with Todd Zebell and Mike Bailey.

**Bottom.** Lee Longworth and Mike Bailey present some powerful opposition for the Dassel-Cokato Chargers.

#### What was the most memorable event for you this season?

"With four games left, I probably have to say winning at Rockford. We were behind the whole game, but pulled it out in the final minutes." **Greg Gerding** 

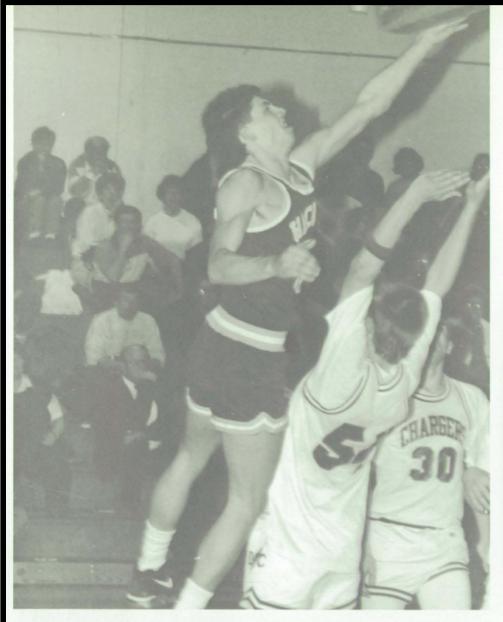






**Key Word: IMPROVEMENT** 

Boys Basketball



Left. With the look of determination, Justin Hilgers soars for the ball. Below. Brad Worm shoots a three-pointer.





Varsity Basketball. Back: Dan Cebulla, Lee Longworth, Mike Bailey, Brad Worm, Andy Morton, Todd Zebell, Jamie Keaveny. Front: Zach Dahl, John Hagel, Justin Hilgers, Coach Sayles, Greg Gerding, Chris Luedtke, Matt Wulf.

Opponent	WHS	OPP
Annandale	63	84
Rockford	61	59
Glencoe	54	57
Proctor	47	57
Mountain Iron	54	37
East Central	71	67
Watertown	71	66
Dassel-Cokato	45	53
Orono	67	54
STMA	59	60
Howard Lake	65	44
Delano	58	65
Annandale	63	77
Mound	70	51
Rockford	54	52
Glencoe	41	49
Dassel-Cokato	60	50
Watertown	50	58
Howard Lake	76	60
STMA	51	74
Delano	59	62
Jordan	69	71
Orono	48	50

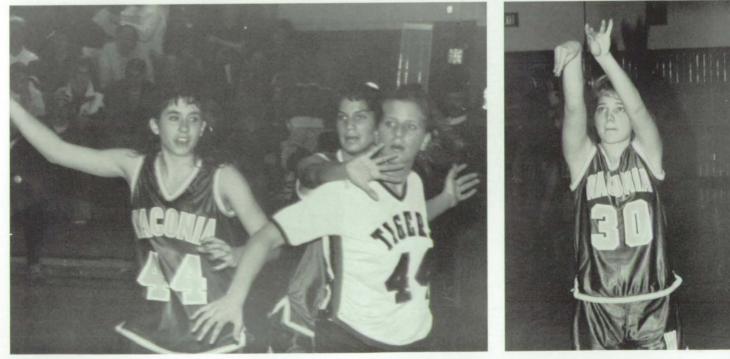
Right. Coach Pudlitzke gives last minute pointers during a time out. Below. Lisa Trout guards the basket. Bottom left. Jodi LaValle strives to find an

opening.

Bottom right. Tracy Lehrke concentrates on her form during a free throw.

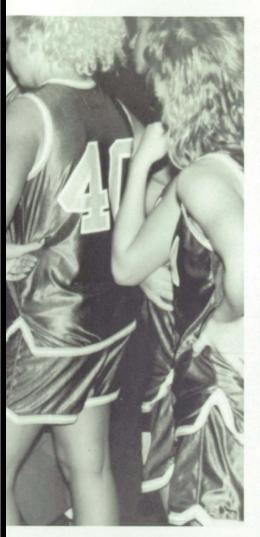






Key Word: PERSISTENCE

Girls Basketball



# Girls' Wins Offset by Losses

The girls basketball team had a season filled with ups and downs. It seemed for every win, there was a loss. But with persistence and determination, they had a record of 8-8 in the conference and 12-11 overall.

Anne Wiebe led the team in almost every category. She averaged 15.2 points a game and had 55 steals. Jodi Rademacher led the team with 60 assists. The Chiefs played good defense this season, ending up with 302 steals while the opponents stole only 203. The Chiefs led the conference at the free throw line with a 55 percent average.

Those receiving awards at the end of the season included Anne Wiebe, All Conference and Most Valuable Player; Jodi LaValle and Lisa Trout received honorable mention All Conference. Tracy Lehrke was awarded Miss Hustle, Lisa Trout was Best Defense, and Amanda Trout was Most Improved.





Girls Varsity Basketball. Back: Tonya Paulson, Amanda Trout, Jara Raisbeck, Emily Zender, Kari Melby, Lisa Trout, Amy Decker, Alison Happ. Front: Jodi LaValle, Tracy Lehrke, Shelly Howe, Coach Pudlitzke, Dana Bollmann, Anne Wiebe, Jodi Rademacher.

Opponent	WHS	OPP
Orono	57	56
Delano	45	47
Rockford	67	32
Glencoe	40	61
Mayer	32	28
Central	37	66
Glencoe	44	60
Belle Plaine	42	37
Watertown	69	56
Dassel-Cokato	46	58
STMA	52	45
Howard Lake	58	42
Delano	45	53
Jordan	58	50
Annandale	58	50
Annandale	30	57
Rockford	28	55
Glencoe	39	63
Dassel-Cokato	50	65
Watertown	59	42
STMA	68	51
Howard Lake	56	30
Minnehaha	48	57

# Offense the Strong Point of Baseball Season

The Waconia Chiefs baseball team had a good season, mainly for the offensive players. Of these offensive players, John Hagel, Chris Luedtke, Jeff Schulz, Bryan Schuler, Lee Gregg, Derek Wolter, and Randy Razidlo — all hit over .300.

According to Coach Hullander, the season was marked by two things — one good and one bad. In Mr. Hullander's words, "The bad news is errors. The good

**Right.** John Hagel strives for the run. **Below center.** Brandon Noeldner reaches for a grounder.

Below right. Derek Wolter eagerly awaits the throw.

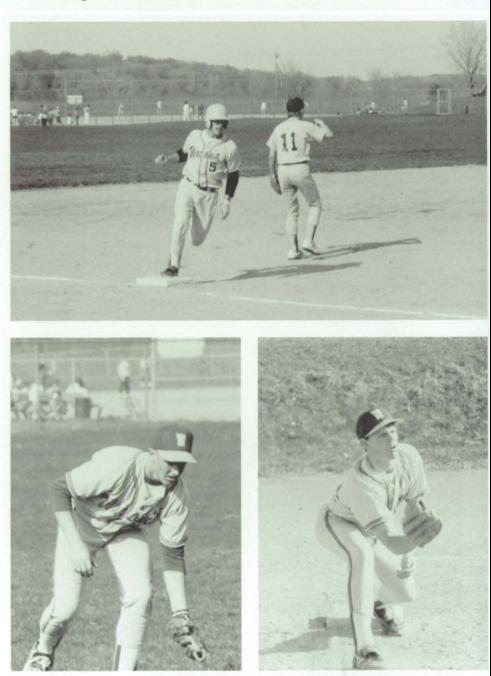
To what major league team would you compare the WHS team?

"The Cleveland Indians because I can't remember the last time we won a conference title. Actually, the Twins because we look great at times and then not so good the next time, but the talent was there to be good." Jeff Schulz

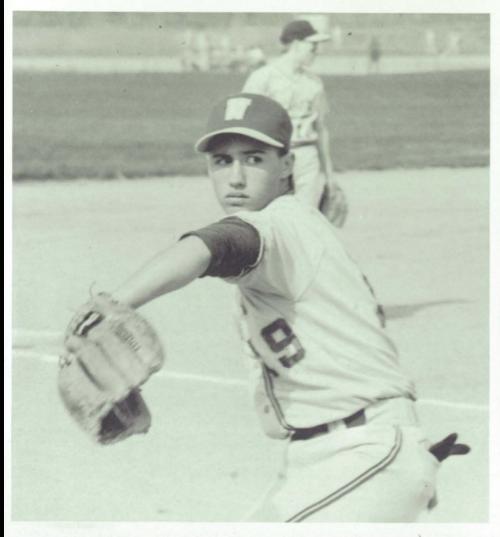


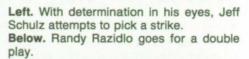
news has been our offense."

A few highlights of the season were Randy Razidlo's one-hitter against Howard Lake-Waverly, and also the Chiefs' offensive ourburst against Chaska. The Chiefs completed their season with four wins out of eight in conference play, and three wins out of eight in non-conference games.



Key Word: OFFENSE









Varsity Baseball. Back: Coach Steve Hullander, Lee Gregg, Chris Luedtke, Bryan Schuler, Jeff Schulz, Derek Wolter, John Hagel, Don Rademacher, Tim Hart, Coach Steve Bohn. Front: Lyle Goetz, Matt Wulf, Pat Ess, Randy Razidlo, Darryl Rademacher, Todd Zebell, Zach Dahl, Brandon Noeldner.

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# Up and Down Describes Softball Season

"Up and down" is the way Coach Pat Foley described the 1992 softball season. The team was limited in their success due to numerous injuries. Starting pitcher Erika Hamer was out at the end of the season due to an injury. The Chiefs completed the year with a record of 10 wins and 9 losses.

The highlight of the team's season was the first game of the subregion against Lester Prairie. Tracy Lehrke pitched a no-hitter, and the Chiefs won 5-0.

Some of the outstanding players this year were seniors Anne

Right. Anne Wiebe appears to be amused as she fields the ball. Far right. Carrie Weringa makes the catch.

Below right. Erika Hamer warms up before the game.

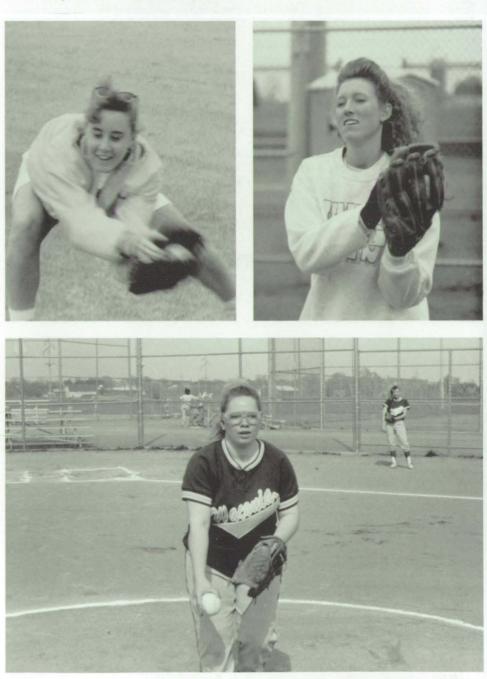
"This year's team played pretty good. We all played to our best ability. What I think was the key to our performance was our great team spirit that we had at every

game." Jenny Kunze

How do you feel about the performance of this year's team? Wiebe, Angie Brown, Holly Rieck, Jenny Kunze, Dana Bollmann, Becky Johnson, Stephanie Hague, and junior Tracy Lehrke.

Next year the Chiefs softball

team will be rebuilding because there will be only three starters returning to the team.



#### Key Word: DETERMINATION

Softball



Left. Charlene Worm smiles confidently as she steps up to bat. Below. Dana Bollmann's ready to play.





Varsity Softball. Back: Erika Hamer, Tracy Lehrke, Angie Brown, Stephanie Hague, Holly Rieck, Heidi Ertl, Charlene Worm, Jackie Boll, Coach Foley. Front: Jenny Kunze, Dana Bollmann, Carrie Weringa, Anne Wiebe, Becky Johnson, Jara Raisbeck.

Opponent	WHS	OPP
Belle Plaine	12	10
Shakopee	5	15
Glencoe	13	9
Silver Lake	12	2
Delano	0	11
Dassel-Cokato	0	16
Mayer	10	15
STMA	18	6
Central	13	4
Watertown	5	14
Rockford	7	0
Lester Prairie	8	11
Howard Lake	5	0
Lester Prairie	13	11
STMA	2	7
Annandale	1	2
Blake	8	1
Lester Prairie	5	0

# Boys, Girls Tracksters Advance to Regions

"The girls continue to prove why they are considered a powerhouse in track," said Coach Connie Manuel. The girls placed 1st at districts for the 3rd season in a row, and didn't place any lower than 2nd in any meets. Kelly Gray, Amy Decker, Julie Plocher, Emily Zender, Tonya Paulson, Jamie Lubitz, and Kristi Rademacher advanced to regions. The breaking of many records added more excitement to the season.

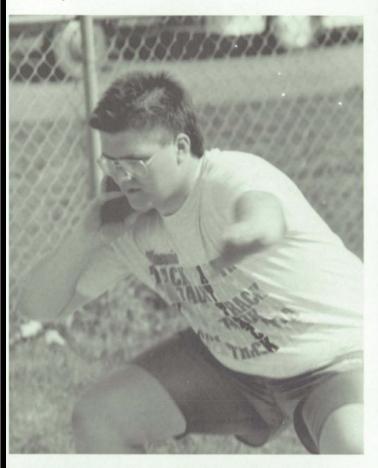
The boys track team showed much improvement from last year. Experienced runners came back, and strong new runners made the boys team strong in field events and in the short and long distances. The members of the  $4 \times 100$  relay that went to regions included Mike Bailey, Lee Longworth, Ryan Moonen, and Craig Schmitz. Bailey and Longworth also went for their sprints and field events.



Right. Freshman Jesse Rousch and Matt Widmer quickly hand off the baton.

Below. Concentrating, Josh Moonen gets ready to throw the shot. Below right. Bryan Tanguay soars over the hurdles.

Opposite page, top left. Jamie Lubitz flies over the high jump bar. Opposite page, top right. Amy Decker pushes herself to the limit. Opposite page, bottom. Emily Zender races toward the finish line for a first place.











Girls Track. Front: Julie Plocher, Tonya Paulson, Amy Decker, Kristina Weinzierl, Katie Weiland, Mary Roebke, Heather Dressel. Back: Kristi Rademacher, Jamie Lubitz, Kelly Gray, Emily Zender, Jessica Kes, Sarah Meuleners, Laura Brahee, Coach Connie Manuel.

**Boys Track.** Front: Jesse Rousch, Jake Streeter. Center: Clark Machtemes, Brad Worm, Andy Werner, Uriah Houg, Mike Elling, Mike Cebulla, Matt Widmer, Jeremy Tholen, Scott Passentino, Dave Aeling. Back: Ed Feltmann, Craig Schmitz, Bryan Tanguay, Josh Moonen, Greg Gerding, Brock Stoldt, Mike Bailey, Ryan Moonen, Lee Longworth.

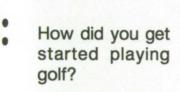




### Boys, Girls Golf Teams End Seasons Successfully

The Waconia boys and girls golf teams both had good seasons this year. For the second year in a row, the boys brought home the first place trophy in the Wright County Conference, and only finished less than first once.

The girls golf team ended up third overall in the conference, and showed great improvement, according to Coach Donna Moonen.



"My father got me started on golf when I was really young, and over the years I have really practiced hard, and now I feel I have the right to say I'm awesome." Chad Schmid







Boys Golf. Back: Paul DeGrote, Mitch Theis, Justin Hilgers, Jason Tollefsrud, Doug Sayles. Front: Tyson Berger, Rob Stanton, Chad Schmid, Jon Schmidt.

Key Word: FORE!

Golf



**Opposite page.** Jenny DeGrote takes a swing on the golf course. **Left.** Eyeing the ball, Kristin Dueber takes a swing.

**Below.** Tracy Theis, Brenda McEnelly, Rayna Schmid, Karla McCall, and Kari Melby practice their putts.





Girls Golf. Front: Kari Melby, Karla McCall. 2nd Row: Rayna Schmid, Brenda McEnelly, Tracy Theis, Kristin Dueber, Jenny DeGrote, Cadee Burau. Back: Leah Dressel, Kelly Sletten, Mariah Davis.

What made you start playing golf? just grown up playing it!

"I've just grown up playing it! My whole family was involved in it ever since I can remember!!" Brenda McEnelly



### **Busy Season for Lakettes**

The Waconia Lakettes had another jam-packed season. They started out the season competing at Columbia Heights, and placed second. Then they hosted the first danceline home show, "Get Up, Get Down, Get Funky." It turned out to be very successful. Also, for the first time the Lakettes competed in the Novelty section of a competition by performing a light show.

They also competed at the Minnesota Winter Carnival, making it into the finals. Many of the danceline members performed at the



**Top.** The danceline performs at the homecoming coronation.

**Above.** Nicole Meuwissen and Jessica Houg learn there's a lot of practice involved in being a danceline member.

**Right center.** After losing a bet with the football team, the Lakettes had to perform blindfolded at a pepfest.

**Right. Danceline Members.** Front: Christine Cramer, Lisa Dannewitz, Kelly Kirsch, Amy Peitz. 2nd: Angie McCune, coach Dawn Swiers, Jamie Grabow, Stacie Boll. 3rd: Jackie Rosckes, Stacy Hague, Cinda Sechler, Nicole Meuwissen. 4th: Kelly Gray, Kim Miller. Back: Becky Johnson, Jamie Lubitz, Amy Anquist, Angie Plihal, Jessica Houg. Superbowl pre-game and halftime shows, while the rest of the line danced at Sasha's Bar and Grill, cheering on the Redskins.

The Lakettes' final event of the season was competing at state, where they achieved 3rd place.





Key Word: GRACEFUL

Danceline





### Spirit. . . Spirit. . . Spirit

Spirit was the number one priority of the cheerleaders. The girls put in hours of planning on the fall pepfests. Having a new football cheerleading coach was a change for the girls, but the adjustment proved to be successful. The basketball cheerleading squad expanded by adding senior Jessica Mattson. The wrestling cheerleaders got to cheer on the Buffalo Bills at Sasha's Bar and Grill on Superbowl Sunday, which turned out to be an exciting day.

Below. Jenna Elling, Angie Schuette, Nicki Tesch, and Katie Weiland show their patriotism at a home volleyball game. Bottom. Katie Weiland, Dawn Symanietz, and Nicki Tesch cheer on the wrestlers.

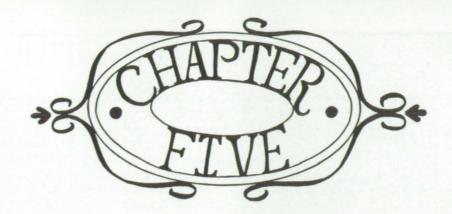




Top. Fall Cheerleaders. Jara Raisbeck, Dawn Symanietz, Katie Weiland, Angie Schuette, Nicki Tesch, Jenna Elling. Center left. Wrestling Cheerleaders. Angie Schuette, Katie Wei-land, Dawn Symanietz, Nicki Tesch, Jenna Elling. Left. Basketball Cheerleaders. Sarah Becklund, Stephanie

Kerkhoff, Janeen Rosckes, Dana Boll, Jenny Olson. Not pictured: Jessica Mattson.

Key Word: SPIRIT

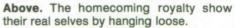


### Activities

Students spend their time out of the classroom doing many different activities, such as homecoming and prom, that make the school year memorable. Students also spend hours a week prac-

ticing in a sport or in a play, while others are hard at work raising money or providing community service. And still other students choose to make money on their own at a work place.







Activities Division



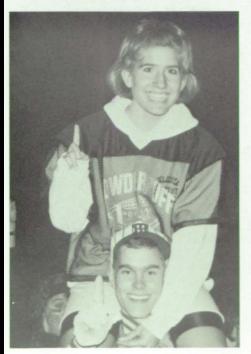


Left. Carly Coulson takes time to save a life by giving blood during the Student Council sponsored blood drive.

Below left. Sarah Zender speaks about service before the induction of students into the National Honor Society.









Above. Jessica Houg and Brenda McEnelly sort through fruit for the marching band's sale.

Far left. Jill Plocher and Chris Luedtke show that the seniors were victorious in the powder puff game. Left. Nicki Tesch and Brandon Noeldner

Left. Nicki Tesch and Brandon Noeldner prepare to board the bus for the prom at Blaisdell Manor.





#### Once Upon Our Year, Spirit Reigns on Coronation Night

Coronation was an exciting time, and extremely nervewracking for the king and queen candidates. The program began with several coaches making speeches and introducing the teams. The cheerleaders and danceline members were introduced and both had a routine to perform. Some senior, junior, and sophomore football players had a

Coronation was an exciting tricycle race, which the juniors me, and extremely nerve- won.

Jara Raisbeck and Ed Feltmann introduced the homecoming royalty and the 1990 king Jason Wagener and queen Jenny Boll. The crowd in the auditorium grew silent as Jeff Oscarson was handed the scepter and Anne Wiebe was crowned queen.







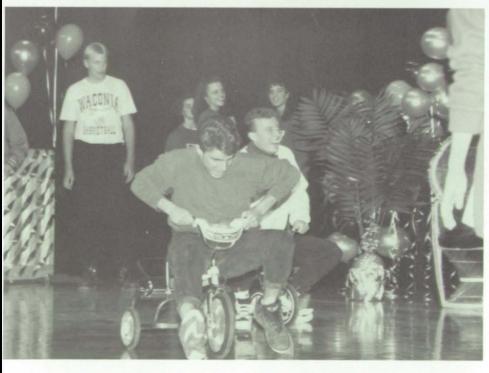
Homecoming Royalty. Front: Jenny Oscarson, Lisa Trout, Lisa Dannewitz, Jeff Oscarson, Anne Wiebe, Stacie Boll, Kristin Plocher, Jenny Kunze. Top: Jesse Roush, Boyd Birdsill, Tyson Berger, Randy Young, Kelly Gray, Justin Hilgers, Bryan Schuler, Jeff Schulz, Don Rademacher. Not pictured: Angie Brown.

Coronation









Above. Senior Chad Vanderlinde races en-thusiastically to the finish line during a trike race.

**Top left.** The newly crowned king and queen, Jeff Oscarson and Anne Wiebe, smile for their subjects.

Top. Jenny Kunze, Kelly Gray, Anne Wiebe, Kristin Plocher, and Stacie Boll all wait in suspense as Jenny Boll prepares to

Above. Jason Wagener passes on the scepter to the new king, Jeff Oscarson. Opposite page, far left. Jara Raisbeck and Ed Feltmann announce the activities for

coronation night. Opposite page, center. Queen candidate Kelly Gray sings "The Rose" with much emotion.

### Spirit Week

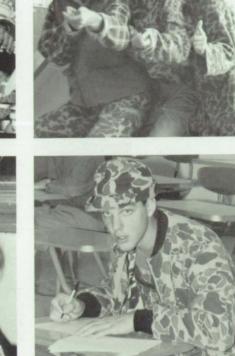
Once upon our year, the students of Waconia High School showed their enthusiasm during Spirit Week. The week consisted of inside-out day on Monday, pajama day on Tuesday, camouflage day on Wednesday, and class color day on Thursday. Also on Thursday, the powder puff football game was played, with the seniors defeating the juniors. Purple/gold/hat/shades/ribbons day on Friday completed the week, ending with a spirited pepfest on Friday afternoon.



#### Inside-Out Day

Above. Senior Dana Bollmann models her unusual style on inside-out day.





#### Camouflage Day

**Top.** Lisa Trout, Melanie Schramm, and Dawn Symanietz pretend to shoot at the camera on camouflage day. **Above.** Camouflaged John Hagel looks up

from his work. Below. Emily Zender looks at her computer with contentment.



Pajama Day

Top. Lisa Dannewitz and Amy Decker smile with excitement as they get their

Above. Leah Maiser cuddles up to her dog

Below. Alli Christenson reads to Shelly Howe before naptime.

lunch.

Sunny on Pajama Day.







#### Hats/Shades Day

Above. Karen Kelly is hidden with purple

and gold stripes. Below. Hiding behind their shades, soph-omores Lisa Trout and Jamie Lubitz await their turn in the lunch line.

Bottom. With a painted face, shades, and hat, Lyle Goetz awaits an assignment.

#### PEPFEST

Below. Kory Wyant, Scott Passentino, Julie Plocher, and Lee Longworth rap for cross country.

Center. Bryan Schuler and Jeff Schulz es-cort Jenny Kunze into the pepfest. Bottom. Lakette Kelly Kirsch dances blindfolded.







### **Class Colors Day**

**Fop.** Jill Machtemes and Jackie Rosckes wear contrasting colors. **Below.** Brenda McEnelly, Kim Sicheneder, Bridgett Wagener, and Alli Christenson wear red.

Bottom. Brad Reichenberger, Brian Melby, and Chad Lehrke are blue.









#### Homecoming Parade Offers Interesting Twist

A beautiful fall day allowed the first homecoming parade in many years to become a reality. Students helped construct the floats after the pepfest on Friday, September 27. In addition to the floats made by each class in grades 9-12, the danceline, student council, and pep band also entered floats in the parade. The procession began in the late afternoon and included convertibles carrying the homecoming king and queen, candidates, escorts, and pages.

The winning floats were displayed during halftime. The senior class won first place, and the sophomores took second.

The homecoming committee helped to coordinate all the activities of homecoming, including planning the program and decorating for coronation, coordinating the daily activities for Spirit Week, and organizing the parade.

**Right.** Erin Fogerty and Amy Decker, dressed as football players, are hyped for the defeat over the Lakers.

Below. The pep band float leads the floats and sets the beat for the parade.

**Below right.** Senior Jason Ziermann shows his Waconia spirit by helping design the senior float.









Left. Escort Tyson Berger and page Lisa Dannewitz smile for the crowd. Below. Boyd Birdsill and Jason Boll relax on the sophomore float, "Beach the Lakers."

Below left. Freshman Augie Herling shows off his purple and gold trimmed crutches.







Left. Homecoming Committee. Front: Jenny Kunze, Stacie Boll, Jodi Rademacher, Kelly Yetzer, Heather Christenson, Becky Johnson, Stephanie Thurk. 2nd Row: Kelly Gray, Kristin Plocher, Ed Feltmann, Amy Decker, Jill Plocher, Anne Wiebe, Kelly Vanderlinde, Julie Wirtz, Amy Peitz, Jara Raisbeck, Cinda Sechler. Back: Jeff Schulz, Justin Hilgers, Jeff Oscarson, Bryan Schuler, Dana Bollmann, Josie Clasen, Holly Rieck, Shelly Howe, Stephanie Kerkhoff, Tracy Lehrke, Cindy Buesgens, Julie Plocher, Angie Schramm, Nicki Tesch, Jodi LaValle, Kelly Kirsch, Angie McCune.





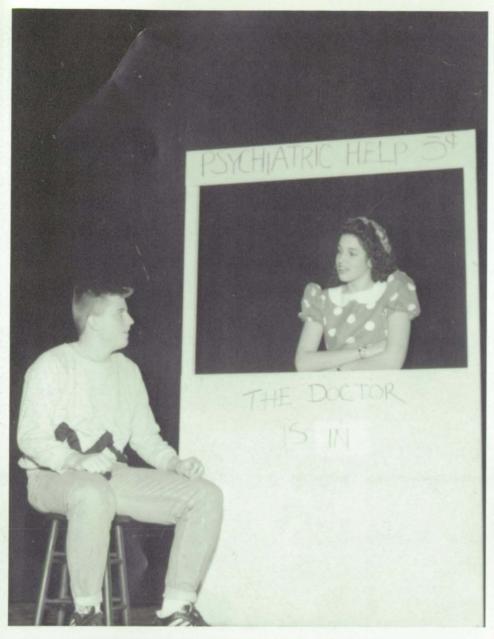
**Right.** Snoopy (Lisa Dannewitz) searches through the audience to find a rabbit. **Below left.** Patty (Kelly Gray) convinces Snoopy to hunt a rabbit.



**Above right.** Lucy (Angela Rightler) and Linus (Kory Wyant) watch TV after Lucy foresees her "queen"dom. **Right.** Lucy tries to persuade Schroeder (Mike Laabs) into marriage.









### Peanuts Gang Comes to Life

The musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" was presented on November 7-8, 1991. Charlie Brown has been letting his clumsiness and his awkwardness get the better of him. He tries and tries, but things always go wrong. In his attempt for help, Lucy tells him he's lucky to be himself and he should be glad of who he is. This advice helps Charlie Brown to gain some needed confidence.

Some of the other characters and stories in the play include Linus and his blanket, Lucy's quest for Schroeder's attention, and Snoopy's many activities with the Peanuts gang.

Left. Charlie Brown (Brock Stoldt) seeks psychiatric help from Lucy. Below. Pig Pen (Jeff Cloninger) watches the ball during a baseball game.



Charlie Brown Cast

Charlie Brown Brock Stoldt
Linus Kory Wyant
Schroeder Mike Laabs
Lucy Angela Rightler
Patty Kelly Gray
Snoopy Lisa Dannewitz
Frieda Corrie Bodahl
Sally Heather Christenson
Pig Pen Jeff Cloninger
Lucinda Korina Hackert
Karla Karla McCall
Marci Angie Schramm
Violet Dawn Symanietz
Shermy Matt Yost
Drama Director Bruce Rowan
Music Director Ron Larson

Musical



#### Pep, Jazz Bands Add Spirit to WHS

Pep band plays for the home football games, volleyball tournaments, and winter events, which include basketball and wrestling. The pep band usually practices an hour before the game and occasionally has additional sectionals and practices.

The jazz band starts in October and rehearses about three hours a week, morning or evening. The jazz band gives two concerts one in February and one in April. They attended the Lamberton Jazz Festival in March. There they were critiqued on their performance and got to work with nationally known jazz artists.



Top. Susan Mason, Jenny Stolz, and Jenny DeGrote strike up the beat to rev the crowd.

**Center.** The pep band gets into the spirit. **Above.** Augie Herling pumps up the crowd with the guads.

Jazz Band. Back: Jessica Kes, Brad Reichenberger, Jennifer DeGrote, Nicole Molnau, Paul DeGrote, Dusty Froyum, Courtney Bedford, Jenny Stolz. Middle: Sarah Orth, Josie Clasen, Jesse Molnau, Kris Froyum, Laura Brahee. Front: Ryan Schultz, Shelley Bergmann, Danny Reitsma, Paul Peterson.







Pep, Jazz Bands

#### **Marching Band Continues Winning Tradition**



The marching band practiced nearly every morning at 7 a.m. sharp to prepare for the summer competitions. Parents, friends, and spectators were there to cheer them on.

Awards won by the band in the summer of 1991 included 2nd place at Buffalo and Maple Grove. They took first in Willmar and Fairmont, as well as in Alexandria where they also won Best Percussion and Best Winds. In Annandale, they took first plus won the Best Drum Major award. They participated in the Aquatennial Grand Day Parade and took first, plus best commander award. The band was also named Grand Champion at Monticello, as well as winning the People's Choice award.



#### **Marching Band**

Director Mary Heideman **Director Lisa Sauer** Kurt Gunn, drumline Julie Siegel, colorguard Jenny Plihal, instructor Courtney Bedford Shelley Bergmann Nicole Blackmon Corrie Bodahl Stacie Boll Laura Brahee Wes Bruemmer **Belinda Buesgens** Amanda Burford Leia Christopher Josie Clasen Carly Coulson Gregg Cramer

Jenny DeGrote Paul DeGrote **Brian Dueber** Kristen Dueber Angie Erdmann Heidi Ertl Abby Fisk **Christian Gilbert** Augie Herling Jerry Hocutt Jessica Houg Dawn Hustad Robby Hustad Troy Iddings **Brenda Jacobs Tim Jones** Karen Kelly Jenny Kelzer Andy Kerber

Jessica Kes Kris Klaers Kara Knutson Jessica Kunkel Julie Lahr **Robin Lafrenz** Jill Lee Mike Leen Sarah Long Heather Luedloff Leah Maiser **Emily Miller** Kim Miller **Jamie Minor** Jesse Molnau Nicole Molnau Alesha Moonen **Dawn Myers** Token Oakman

Nikki Passentino Amy Peitz Paul Peterson Angie Plihal Derek Posselt Angel Pruden Cara Radde Brad Reichenberger Amanda Richardson Angela Rightler Jason Rightler Jon Rightler Mary Roebke Jill Roeser Chad Schmitz Craig Schmitz Angie Schramm Erin Schulz Kris Sjodin

Lisa Smith **Brock Stoldt Robin Stoldt** Jenny Stolz Mandy Vanderlinde Shawn Wagener Kari Weinzierl Kristina Weinzierl **Troy Williams** Tricia Wilson Michelle Winkler Julie Wirtz Darin Wyant Kory Wyant Matt Yost Jason Zimmerman **Rachel Zimmerman** 



#### Concert Band Strives for Perfection

The concert band works hard all year to prepare for their three concerts and one competition. The band members practice during second hour all year to be ready for the concerts, which are held in October, February, and May.

At the large group contest at Norwood, which was held in March, the concert band was critiqued on their performance. The band usually finishes their competition with a superior rating.

**Top.** Brad Reichenberger, Mandy Vanderlinde, Courtney Bedford, Dusty Froyum, and Jessica Houg practice their trumpets before the show.

Center left. Cara Radde's fingers fly during the performance.

Center right. Craig Schmitz warms up on his trombone.

**Concert Band.** Back: Jerry Hocutt, Brock Stoldt, Craig Schmitz, Laura Brahee, Brad Reichenberger, Mandy Vanderlinde, Courtney Bedford, Dusty Froyum, Jessica Houg, Paul DeGrote, Greg Cramer, Jenny Stolz, Christian Gilbert, Sue Mason, Jesse Molnau, Lisa Smith. 3rd Row: Erika Hamer, Sarah Orth, Corrie Bodahl, Josie Clasen, Kory Wyant. 2nd Row: Kris Klaers, Cara Radde, Leah Maiser, Angie Plihal, Dawn Myers, Kristina Weinzierl, Kim Miller. Front: Brenda Jacobs, Ulla Paeper, Heidi Ertl, Crisy Gregory, Angela Rightler, Nicole Molnau, Kara Knutson. Not pictured: Emily Miller.









Concert Band



#### Concert Choir Has A Vigorous Schedule

The Waconia Concert Choir again this year was directed by Ron Larson. The over 45-member strong choir gave three concerts in 1991-92, and participated in a choir contest in early spring. They also sang in a choir festival at Norwood in March, and performed at Bemidji State University in April.

In order to try out for concert choir, potential members must repeat a melody, must be able to repeat a musical pattern, and must be able to sight read music.







Concert Choir. Front: Emily Posselt, Angie Schramm, Angie Plihal, Korina Hackert, Kim Miller, Corrie Bodahl, Dawn Symanietz, Kara Knutson, Amy Decker, Amy Peitz, Heather Christenson, Nicole Molnau, Jara Raisbeck. 2nd: Kara McCall, Melanie Schramm, Kari Weinzierl, Dawn Myers, Lisa Dannewitz, Heather Norman, Kelly Kirsch, Joyce Eiden, Jill Plocher, Sara Heger, Jodi LaValle, Courtney Bedford. 3rd: Angela Rightler, Hiroko Shimizu, Kris Klaers, Jason Ziermann, Christian Gilbert, Jeff Berger, Robbie Herling, Mike Hartwig, Dustin Froyum, Mike Laabs, Kelly Yetzer, Abby Fisk, Kelly Gray. Back: Brock Stoldt, Kory Wyant, Troy Iddings, George Peoples, Zach Dahl, Jason Tollefsrud.

#### Pop Group Brightens Our Year

The WHS Pop group begins preparing for its six major programs in October. At first practices are held before school once a week, but closer to performance time as many as three rehearsals are scheduled per week, some in the evening. The Pop Group performs in the community during the holiday season, as well as at the regularly scheduled winter and spring choir concerts. The Pop Show, this year featuring "The Top 40," was performed April 9-10, 1992.

Students must perform a song and its accompanying choreography in order to audition for Pop Group. A panel of 4 judges chooses the members for the school year.





**POP GROUP.** Front: Jeff Berger, Angie Schramm, Kara Knutson, Abigail Fisk, Troy Iddings, Kelly Gray, Christian Gilbert. Back: Lisa Dannewitz, Randy Razidlo, Brock Stoldt, Courtney Bedford, Angela Rightler, Jason Ziermann, Emily Posselt, Jason Tollefsrud, Zach Dahl.





#### Mock Trial Cross Examines Opposition in Murder Case

The law and our legal system desribe what Mock Trial is all about. Waconia students participate by taking the roles of lawyers and witnesses to reenact a judicial case. The case for 1992 was a third degree murder case involving the cocaine-related death of a



#### newborn infant.

Mock Trial was guided by Mr. Blassey, their adviser, along with Mr. Tim Looby, a local attorney. The team practiced about 2-3 hours a week by preparing questions, studying the witnesses' statements, and actually conducting a practice trial.

In their competition, students receive points for good arguments and the team with the most points wins. Waconia's two teams each participated in three trials. In competition, one team won one and lost two trials; the other team won two and lost one trial.

**Top.** Janie Geyen shuffles through her papers for the key to win the case.

Left. Kim Kelzer and Josh Winter contemplate their next strategy.

Below. Mock Trial Members. Front: Amy Adelman, Kim Kelzer, Chrissy Gregory, Shelley Bergmann, Heather Dressel, Janie Geyen, Holly Caviness. Back: Adviser Mr. Mike Blassey, Sara Heger, Jeff Cloninger, Emily Posselt, Matt Yost, Josh Winter, Emily Miller, attorney Tim Looby.



### FLA Members Take Top Honors at All Levels

It was another successful year for FLA. At the end of the 1990-91 competition, Kory Wyant and Heather Christenson advanced to national competition in Washington, D.C., in July of 1991. Out of 3000 competitors in Minnesota, they were rated number one for their speech on child abuse, which also won a gold award for them at the national level.

"Take action; express yourself"

was the theme of FLA for this year. At the region 8 competition, there were 25 gold winners and 4 silver winners. The 17 FLA members in parliamentary procedures advanced to state for the third consecutive year. Heather Christenson and Josh Winter both got gold medals in the job interview category. Kory Wyant and Amy Vos received a gold award for their illustrated speech on image and self-esteem, and Michelle Winkler's entry in Bridging the Gap competition won her a gold award.

State competition was held on April 30 and May 1-2. All 25 gold winners at regions participated in the STAR events competition. STAR events are Students Taking Action for Recognition. These events introduce teens to new knowledge and opportunities.



Above right. Heather Christenson and Troy Iddings arrive at the regional competition in Glencoe with high hopes.

**Above.** Laura Brahee and Josh Winter show a poster from one of the speeches given at the regional meeting.

FLA Members. Back: Brad Reichenberger, Michelle Ditsch, Mike Laabs, Sarah Orth, Matt Geller. 3rd Row: Heather Christenson, Pat Lemke, Dawn Dressel, Troy Iddings, Corrie Bodahl, Michelle Winkler. 2nd Row: Brent Coulson, Paul DeGrote, Josh Winter, Jenny DeGrote, Kristin Dueber, Jeff Cloninger. Front: Laura Brahee, Shelley Bergmann, Amy Vos.



FLA



#### Council Provides Activities, Services to School, Community

The senior high Student Council is a group of individuals representing each grade 9-12. The Student Council organized the homecoming dance and made their own float for the parade. They also added to the spirit of the holidays by decorating a tree in the lunchroom and shoveling snow for senior citizens.

The Student Council also start-

ed something new; they began picking up litter on highway 284. Another service project they organized was the bloodmobile held at the school in February. They also helped purchase materials for the media center. The Student Council worked hard to provide fun activities for the students and to show their interest in the community.





Top. Bryan Schuler and Anne Wiebe share the task.

Above left. Allison Christenson lends a helping hand to Erin Fogerty.

Left. Student Council. Front: Amy Decker, Jara Raisbeck, Shelley Bergmann, Jenny Oscarson. 2nd: Carly Coulson, Anne Wiebe, Ed Feltmann, Allison Christenson, Amber Christenson, Bryan Schuler. Back: George Peoples, Kris Klaers, Matt Yost, Erin Fogerty, Zach Dahl, Becky Johnson. Not pictured: Kelly Vanderlinde.

Above. Student Council members clean up the highway — Amy Decker, Jara Raisbeck, Erin Fogerty, Allison Christenson, Carly Coulson, Bryan Schuler, Anne Wiebe, and adviser Mark Fredericksen.





#### **Exchange Students Share Cultures with WHS**

On January 27, 1992, WHS welcomed seventeen foreign exchange students for International Days.

Ón Thursday night, everyone gathered at Glen Jensen's home for a buffet-style dinner, followed by dessert at Christy Haasken's.

At Friday's assembly, the students introduced themselves, and then visited social classes to talk about their home countries. That night, they attended the varsity boys basketball game where they were introduced and presented with T-shirts.





**Top.** Three exchange students listen to the others during the assembly. **Above.** Juan Pinera makes a funny face at

Above. Juan Pinera makes a funny face at the camera after speaking to a social class. Above, center. Mina Tomita speaks to a social class about Japan

social class about Japan. **Above, right.** Harveen Sahni introduces herself to the student body at the assembly.

Right. Front: Christy Haasken, Julie Wirtz, Nicole Cardinal, Laura Norman. 2nd: Stacie Boll, Justin Hilgers, Randy Young, Heather Christenson, Glen Jensen, Michelle Winkler, Kerstin Niemann, Anne Bjoner, Hiroko Shimizu, Harveen Sahni. 3rd: Teng Yang, Ulla Paeper, Andrea Bezerra, Stephanie Hague, Dear Kulachol, Dana Bollmann, Oliver Noel, Remko DeKonig, Olivia Morel, Jens Brodersen, Kory Wyant, Barish Muslu. 4th: Mina Tomita, Krissy Plocher, Anne Loxtercamp, Anne Wiebe, Ikuko Matsuo, Jill Plocher, Preedee Jetsadajin, Robert Kuback, Marita Hamel, Kelly Yetzer, Louisa Nilsson. 5th: Moe Asai, Juan Pinera, Carly Coulson, Ramiro Flores, Kelly Gray, Jenny Kunze, Guenaelle Gravier, Becky Johnson, Belinda Buesgens.







International Days

Below. President Bryan Schuler gives a speech.

Below. Josh Moonen accepts his certificate.





# NHS Honors High Achievers

National Honor Society is an organization composed of highachieving students. These students have an 8.5 GPA or higher, are involved in two or more extracurricular activities, and have spent time doing volunteer work. The NHS Advisory Board elected 2 seniors, 8 juniors, and 2 sophomores, who were inducted into membership on Nov. 12. Mr.Dale Froyum was guest speaker.

Left. Mr. Froyum, the guest speaker, demonstrates positive thinking during his speech. Below. Tracy Lehrke enjoys the meal.







Above. Senior NHS Members. Front: Laura Norman, Carly Coulson, Jason Radel, Stephanie Hague, Becky Johnson, Jodi Rademacher, Nicki Molnau. Back: Shauna Waldera, Kelly Vanderlinde, Derek Wolter, Anne Wiebe, Jill Plocher, Bryan Schuler, Angie Schramm, Kara Knutson, Heather Christenson.



Above. 10th & 11th Grade NHS Members. Front: Courtney Bedford, Kim Kelzer, Chrissy Gregory, Mitch Theis, Emily Miller, Kim Miller, Stephanie Thurk. Center: Brenda Jacobs, Abby Fisk, Tracy Lehrke, Ed Feltmann, Jodi LaValle, Angie McCune. Back: Dusty Froyum, Allison Christenson, Sarah Zender, Jenny Stolz, Josh Moonen, Nicki Tesch, Bryan Tanguay.

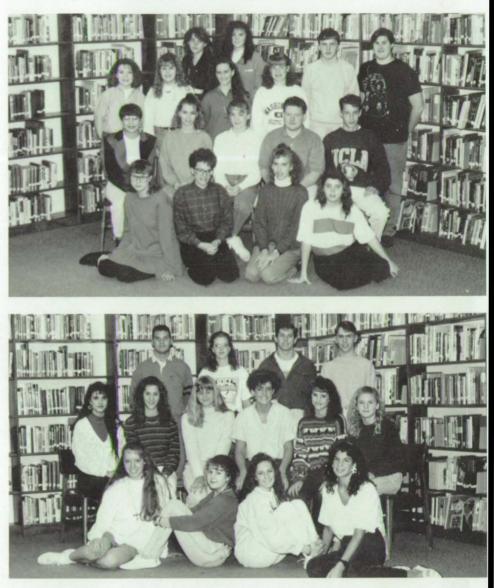
# Groups Offer Alternatives

Y.O.U. (Youth Opposing Using) and Peer Counselors are two groups advised by Maria Swanson.

Y.O.U. is open to grades 7-12 and provides a support group for students wishing to stay chemically free. The group tries to encourage activities as alternatives to drinking parties. They sponsored a chemically free after coronation party, and attended the Jan. 18, 1992, Timberwolves game on Chemically Free Recognition Night. In the spring they sponsored a lock-in at the Chaska Community Center, which included students from WHS, Central, and Watertown/Mayer. All the activities of Y.O.U. are student planned and student initiated.

The Peer Counselors program includes students in grades 8-12 who are chosen by their peers. These students are available to talk to about problems their classmates might be having. The peer counselors often refer the students to adults or agencies equipped to handle the problem.

Right. Peer Counselors. Front: Emily Posselt, Heather Christenson, Kara Knutson, Lisa Trout. Center: Melanie Schramm, Jamie Lubitz, Amanda Oswall, Jackie Boll, Teri Lind, Amber Christenson. Back: Joe Engelhart, Angie Schramm, Bryan Schuler, Jason Radel. Below. Y.O.U. Front: Rhonda Ambuehl, Shelley Bergmann, Kristin Dueber, Bobbi Jo Koecheler. 2nd: Ranee Latzig, Nicole Molnau, Jenny DeGrote, Troy Iddings, Paul DeGrote. 3rd: Amy Vos, Heather Christenson, Kara Knutson, Laura Brahee, Brad Reichenberger, Mike Laabs. Back: Beth Nagy, Amanda Burford.



## Prospective Writers Attend Conference

The River Valley Student Writers Conference is a new learning experience at WHS. On March 26 at the Arboretum, students with creative works met with professional writers in an all-day event, including speakers, discussions, and writing practicums. All the entries submitted by the students eventually were compiled into a book.



Above. Joe Engelhart, Kim Kelzer, Emily Miller, Miss Schellack, Jessica Kes, Jamie Minor. Not pictured: Lisa Dannewitz.

# Agriculture and Math Activities Available to Students through FFA and Math League

ganizations that permit students interested in agriculture and math

FFA and Math League are or- to participate in activities beyond the school day. Some activities of FFA mem-



bers include landscaping and maintaining the area in front of school, and entering a horticulture booth at the Minnesota State Fair. In the spring an awards banquet concludes the group's activities for the year.

Six FFA members traveled to the national convention in Kansas City where they heard President Bush speak. In addition, there were other speakers, agricultural exhibits and meetings.

Math League is headed by Mr. Tim Sauer. There are twelve students participating, but only eight can compete at one match. There are five matches a year which lead up to a state competition. The league meets twice a week.



Above. FFA. Front: Jessica Free, Jamie Lubitz, Kristi Rademacher. 2nd: Ryan Loehrs, Tony Ertl, Michelle Winkler, Dawn Hartung, Troy Loehrs, Dan Cebulla, Jason Lee. 3rd: Greg Hoen, Jeff Brueggemeier, Ben Arndt, Ryan Hartung, Jim Hoen, Kevin Murphy, Bill Hoen, Tim Melchert. Back: Dan Mielke, Randy Eiden, Eric Lenzen, Lyle Goetz, Paul Olson, John Cebulla.

Top. Math League. Back: Lee Longworth, Jeff Cloninger, Bryan Schuler, Angie Schramm, Toby Iddings, Mr. Sauer. 2nd: Abigail Fisk, Jara Raisbeck, Jill Plocher, Heather Luedloff. Front: Laura Brahee, Kim Kelzer, Kelly Yetzer.

Right. FFA Officers. Eric Lenzen, secretary; Dawn Hartung, treasurer; Lyle Goetz, sentinel; John Cebulla, vice-president; Jim Hoen, president.



# Actors & Egos Create Comedy

On March 20, 1992, Waconia High School presented "The Great All-American Musical Disaster." In this fast-paced comedy, film producer Junior Dover (played by Kory Wyant) hasn't made a picture since his last flop, "Zombies of the Stratosphere." However, his latest project has everything. He tailors scripts for major Hollywood actors and some hasbeens, so that each thinks he or she is the whole picture, and that the other stars are playing supporting roles. Naturally, all kinds of problems result for Junior.

Director Judy Janish indicated that the cast rehearsed for 8 weeks, with approximately one to three hours of rehearsal each day. Ms. Janish enjoyed working with students she had taught previously at Southview because she saw "kids grow in their talents and acting skills."





**Top.** Heather Norman, Gee-Gee Fontaine, gets ready for the play with help from her sister Laura.

Above. The stars of "The Great All-American Musical Disaster" watch the movie they just made.

Above right. Kari Weinzierl portrays Chuckles Lafoon, an egotistical comedian, and Shelly Bergmann portrays Baby Bernice Bumble, a spoiled child actress.

**Right. Cast and Crew.** Front: Karla Lindemann, Brenda Stevenson, Alesha Moonen, Heather Norman, Stacey Leen, Sara Fisk, Heather Luedloff, Sarah Orth, Shauna Waldera, Emily Clauson. Middle: Matt Maas, Robbie Herling, Jason Tollefsrud, Amy Vos, Carly Coulson, Kory Wyant, Josh Winter, Leah Maiser, Augie Herling, Cara Radde, Kari Weinzierl, Shelley Bergmann. Back: Jeff Cloninger, Sarah Worm, Sarah Long, Korina Hackert, Matt Yost, Mike Leen, Andy Engelhart, Colleen Johnson, Stina Johnson, Kristie Morton, Emily Posselt, Abby Fisk.



3-Act Play



Left. The main players in the cast pose for a photo.

**Below left.** Leah Maiser plays a Hollywood tourist who likes to watch the stars. **Below.** Leah Maiser, Augie Herling, and Cara Radde pose for the cast photo.







## "Rise and Shine"

"Rise and Shine," directed by Bruce Rowan, was WHS's entry in the one-act play competition this year. The play was performed at school on January 31 and in competition at Norwood-Young America on February 1.

The four characters in the play were played by Heather Christenson, Mike Laabs, Matt Yost, and Amy Vos. In a comic fashion, the play dealt with love between relatives after death.

**One-Act Play.** Mike Laabs, Heather Christenson, Matt Yost, Amy Vos, Troy Iddings, Korina Hackert.



# Newspaper Chronicles School Year Highlights

The **Chronicle** staff consisted of 8-14 staff members in grades 7-12. The staff met twice a week, both in the computer lab and in Mr. Hilber's classroom. They worked on their stories about twenty hours per week. Copies of the newspaper were distributed twice during the first quarter of the school year, and future issues were planned. Topics the staff covered included school activities, faculty and student news, sports events, and feature topics.

Right. Newspaper Staff. Back: Kim Kelzer, Laura Brahee. Center: Mr. Hilber, Katie Anderson, Holly Caviness, Jeff Cloninger, Brad Reichenberger. Front: Heather Norman, Emily Miller.





# Yearbook Staff Captures Our Memorable Year

The yearbook staff works hard to publish a prize winning yearbook. The staff attended the Minnesota High School Press Association Convention at the University of Minnesota where the 1991 yearbook was named an All-Minnesota yearbook, making the 1992 **Chieftain** an even greater challenge. The staff meets once a week on Tuesday for about an hour. In that hour they try to get done as much as they can so they can meet all their deadlines. The staff is divided up into specific sections and helped out by other members and from their adviser, Ms. Barbara Danger. Guided by editor Kelly Vanderlinde and assistant editor Julie Wirtz, the staff worked to create continuity of the traditional book theme chosen by the editors. The yearbook staff is dedicated to producing a fine and enjoyable book for all the students so they can always remember the fun times from the years they spent at Waconia High School.







**Opposite page, top.** Stephanie Thurk and Nicki Tesch find some of the sports photos amusing.

**Opposite page, center.** Laura Norman and Brenda Jacobs look at old yearbooks to plan their administration pages.

Above left. Leah Maiser and Kari Weinzierl decide which football pictures to use in the yearbook.

Above. Editor Kelly Vanderlinde and assistant editor Julie Wirtz plan the theme and cover of the Chieftain.

Left. Yearbook Staff. Back: Editor Kelly Vanderlinde, holding the 1991 yearbook's award at the University of Minnesota. Front: Dawn Hartung, Michelle Winkler, assistant editor Julie Wirtz, Laura Norman, Brenda Jacobs, Korina Hackert, Brenda Stevenson, Mandy Vanderlinde, Stephanie Thurk, Lori Laumann, Nicki Tesch, Sarah Zender. Not pictured: Kari Weinzierl, Leah Maiser.



## Once Upon an Unforgettable Night

Prom was truly an "unforgettable" evening. The night started at 5:30 p.m. with the Grand March in the WHS auditorium. The couples then boarded the coach buses for the trip to Blaisdell Manor in Minneapolis.

Starting off with a less than perfect meal, the evening improved rapidly. There was a dance, comedian, casino, computer pictures and much more to enjoy throughout the night. A bus left at 11:00 p.m. for those who didn't stay for post-prom.

At 1:00 a.m., the remaining prom-goers left for Island View for a candlelight breakfast and performance by a hypnotist.

Prom will never be forgotten by many as it was one of the highlights and most special evenings of the year.





Top. Ryan Moonen and Alison Happ board the bus for a fun-filled prom evening in Minneapolis. Above left. A group of friends sit and chat, enjoying the prom night-life. Above. Angie Laugerman and her date laugh the

night away at the post-prom party. Left. Eager for prom, the "boys" — Jon Buetow, Pat Gongoll, John Hoen, Larry Walters, Chris Ische, Troy Loehrs, and Ryan Hartung — line up for a picture.



**Top.** Eating, talking, and laughing are the major events at the beginning of the evening at Blaisdell Manor.

Above. The casino is a popular place for Anne Osterkamp, Jenny Glasscock and her date, Zach Dahl, and Matt Wulf.

Above. Tracy Lehrke, escorted by Jason Tollefsrud, is introduced at Grand March.



# Starting a New Future for the Class of 1992

On Sunday, June 7, at 1:00 p.m., over one hundred seniors gathered together at Meuwissen Field to receive their diplomas as they graduated from Waconia High School. Speeches were given by Bryan Schuler and Carly Coulson, both members of the class of 1992.

In honor of their academic achievement, several graduates were awarded scholarships by the American Legion and the VFW, as well as by other organizations.

The weeks preceding graduation were busy and hectic for some seniors, although they were not required to take final exams. The senior class picnic was held on June 3, 1992.

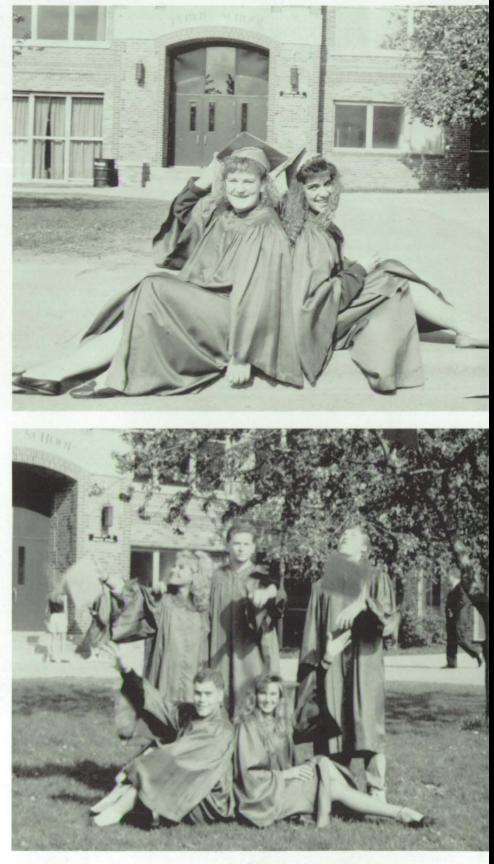
## CLASS COLORS: Ivory and Purple

### CLASS FLOWER: Ivory Rose

#### **CLASS MOTTO:**

Yesterday is only a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision, But today, well lived, can make every yesterday a dream of happiness, and Every tomorrow a vision of hope.

CLASS SONG: "Friends in Low Places"



**Top.** Friends Ann Docken and LeAnn Gutzke will always keep in touch as they begin their new lives.

Above. Angie Brown, Eric Vos, Kevin Murphy, Chris Luedtke, and Christy Haasken throw up their hats in triumph.



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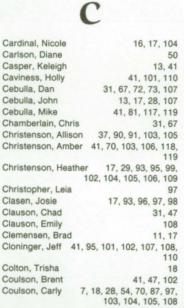
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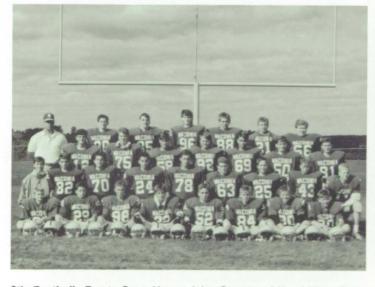
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J-V Basketball. Back: Noel Glasscock, Christian Gilbert, Bruce Wilson, Jeremy Lehrke, Sam Meyer, Andy Werner. Front: Jason Boll, Corbin Ekdahl, Steve Weinzierl, Dustin Newman, Ben Arndt.



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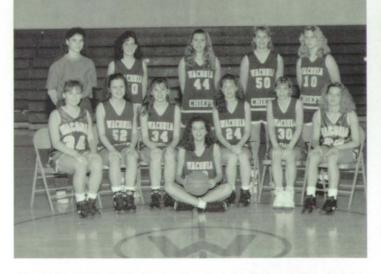
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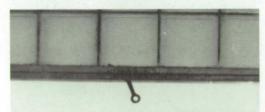
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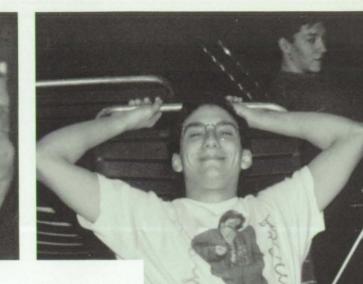


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