





Yesterday's Wishes

ineteen ninety-nine — the end of a historical millennium. So many things happened up till '99 that it would be impossible to remember everything. However, many people tend to remember their own high school days or college life, while most high school students are looking ahead.

Our high school lives are filled with so many memories, dreams, and hopes that it would take a million books to record them all. These dreams, these memories and hopes are what make us who we are or determine who we will become.

Right now it's time to remember one of many years gone by. Let's take a look at 1999.



P. Lacey Ahlbrecht and Jennifer Mochincelebrate their bond of friendship on ins Day.

nter. Waconia High School stands bud and strong.

ght. Senior friends Krystle Weinzierl, nny Meuwissen, Desiree Schesso and chelle Rosin make one of thousands of emories while taking senior photos.

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Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

"We must remember our past in order to make our future." Author unknown

S ince 1999 marks the end of the century/millennium, the yearbook staff didn't want to focus only on the future, but also on the past. In our mind's eye, "Our futures lie before us, precious, perfect, and pure."

We all have an idea of what we want in the future and see ourselves achieving those goals. "Yet our memories of the past remain in our minds, forever." Even while we look forward to our futures, we can't help but reminisce about our pasts. The friends, family and fun times we shared help to make up these precious memories. Nineteen ninety-nine was a year for both remembrance and expectations of the future.



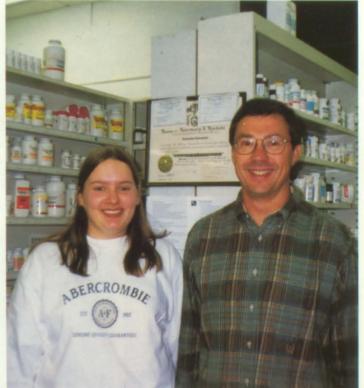




"When I look at the future it's so bright it burns my eyes." Oprah Winfrey

Opposite page, top. The class of 1999 forms a "W" as they plan their futures away from Waconia High School. **Opposite page, bottom left.** Wildcat cheerleaders have the time of their lives in the homecoming parade.

Opposite page, bottom right. Standing tall, strong and brave, "Willie the Wildcat" is definitely something to remember.



Top. Future basketball stars Andy Acosta and Chris Schmitz show us thier pre-pro talents.

Center left. Friends Andrea Drapcho, Bria Welch, Jenny Menth and Angelie Timm share each other's hopes, dreams, and memories. **Above.** Future pharmacist Heidi Meier

Above. Future pharmacist Heidi Meier learns about her possible career from her mentor Scott Marsden at Marsden's Drug.

sden's Drug. Left. Lori Wirtz, Dan Schnobrich, Angie Schuler and Kelly Hedtke, in the mentorship program at Ridgeview Medical Center, anticipate their bright futures in medical fields.



Academic

From a Teacher's Perspective

Q uestion: How has high school changed since you were a student? What was your class rank in high school?

"Fewer kids drove cars to school. More athletic opportunities for girls now." **Jill Engeswick**, upper 10% in a class of 547, Alexander Ramsey H.S., Roseville

"Less involvement in school activiites. (There's more stress on money and jobs today.) **Sue Ann Hartwig**, graduated 2 out of a class of 25

"It seems like the school spirit has decreased overall," **Mark Elsenpeter**, 17 in a class of 52

"All too often, students have little insight into the importance of an education. The traditional roles of teachers are expanding with this unfortunate trend." **Scott Doran**, 100 in a class of 760 (disappointed about being in triple digits) Throughout high school, some students excel in certain areas. Many do this in sports or in the arts or industrial tech classes. But the most unrecognized by the community are the academic excellers. These students have worked hard through four years of high school to remain in the head of the class.



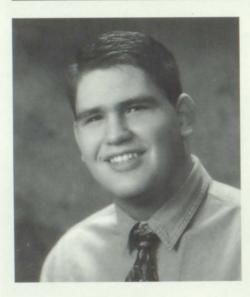
Molly Schrupp College: Purdue University Major: Pre-Med



Heidi Meier College: Gustavus Adolphus or St. Scholastica Major: Pre-Pharmacy



Jessica Schmidt College: St. Cloud State University Major: Accounting



Stuart Radde College: U of M Morris



Kristin Kiefert College: Hennepin Tech in Eden Prairie Major: Mechanical Design

All-Stars

Some of these students began their academic success back in middle school or even elementary school. The top ten students of Waconia High School's senior class deserve recognition for their efforts and future aspirations. (Note: The students pictured here ranked in the top 10 at the end of first semester, 1998-99.)



JoAnna Meuwissen College: U of M Twin Cities Major: Business

Krystle Weinzierl

College: U of M

Twin Cities

Major: Biology/Pre-Med



Rachelle Rosin College: U of M Duluth Major: Biology Minor: Music



Kelly Hedtke College: Gustavus Adolphus Major: Business



From a Teacher's Perspective

uestion: How has high school changed since you were a student? What was your class rank in high school?

"Students had less money to spend on entertainment and recreation." **Gordon Winter**, upper half in Hopkins High School class of 250 students

"School dances used to be a lot of fun when I was in high school and everyone got involved." **Katie Tietz**, top 15% in a class of 185

"You would not see girls in industrial tech classes nor boys in home ec (family consumer science)." Marie Erickson, top 25% in a class of 86

"Students have less respect for adults and equipment." **Dave Aeling,** 33 in a class of 335 students



Dan Schnobrich College: Undecided Major: Chemistry/Biology

Frozen in Time

quote is very accurate. A lot of the things involved in our futures — like our careers, relationships, friends, and even our personal styles - are related directly or indirectly to our pasts and

ur futures are erected the past of our families and of our from our pasts." This country. The yearbook staff decided to take a look at past styles of the twentieth century. While looking at these representations of styles gone by, it is possible to see the resemblance in today's fashions.











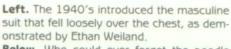
Top left. Katrin Weiss adds a touch of elegance with her turn of the century dress. **Top right.** Beginning in 1910 was a decade

of the simple all-black dress as modeled by Megan Turek.

Far left. As the "flappers" made their appearance in the 1920's, so does Katie Wozniak on Decades Day.

Left. The 1930's brought about a more conservative style including two-button suit coats and hats pulled down in front, as Dylan Schesso demonstrates.

Above. Doing her best Marilyn Monroe pose, Marilyn Spiess imitates the woman who made a huge impact on fashion during the 1940's.



Below. Who could ever forget the poodle skirts of the 1950's? Together Lisa Hammer

and Molly Lenzen charmingly pose on Decades Day.

Below. The 1950's "greaser" look is demonstrated by Joe Grengs' cool pose.





Above. Nona Lehrke and Natalie Timmers appear ready to hit the clubs in the controversial 1960's Go Go outfits.

Right center. Junior friends show their unique 1970's styles ranging from hippie and flower child to disco fever.

Right. Rolled pant legs and off the shoulder sweaters were introduced in the 1980's, as modeled by senior Emily Christianson.



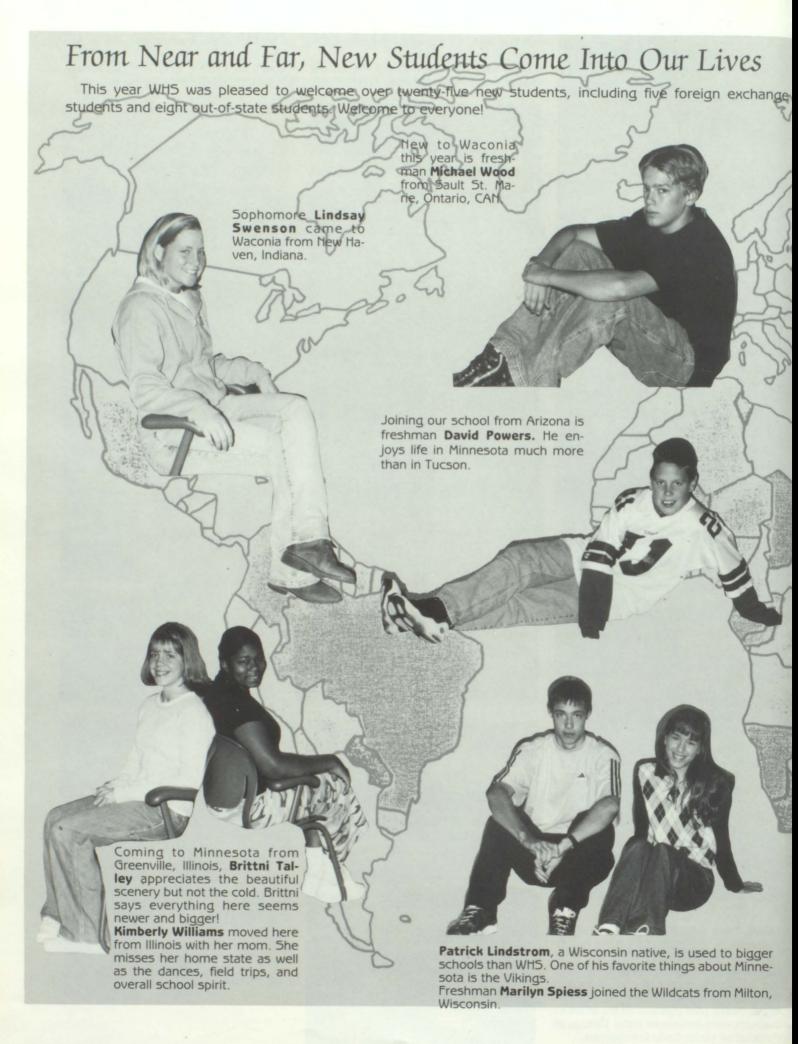
1900's - The Edwardian Age 1910's - The Modern Age of Change 1920's - The Roaring Twenties 1930's — The Prohibition Era

1940's - The Jazz Age 1950's - The Rock 'n Roll Era 1960's — The Swinging Sixties 1970's — The Disco Era 1980's - Retro Fever

1900's







Joining us from Finland is **Sanni Maria Hynynen**. Although the U.S. differs from her homeland, there are many things she likes about Mfl. After leaving this school, she will return to Finland to repeat her junior year. Junior **Louise Knudsen** traveled from Denmark to spend a year at WHS. **Karim Hanachi**, an exchange student from France, plans to study at a university to become a lawyer after he graduates. Karim would also like to be involved in associations against drug usage and racism.

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Moving here from south Utah, **Katie Gadbaw** is a senior this year. Although Waconia is not as large as she would like, she is appreciative for what she has.

Journeying here from Germany, **Katrin Weiss**, is enjoying her foreign exchange. After returning home, she plans to finish her last three years of school and then on to more schooling at a designer school.

Also from Germany, **Markus Mambrey** looks at his student exchange as a very intense and unique experience. After his year in the U.S. is over, Markus will return to Germany to join the army.

Never Ending Memories

R all. Time for so many things to begin. School started with a bang this year! Academic achievements were recognized. Homecoming week brought a lot of excitement. Senior powderpuff players won the game for their second year, Monday's coronation gave the school a new king and queen, and at Friday's big game the football team beat Watertown! The fall's romantic comedy Anything Goes entertained many. Kicked off by a dynamic guest speaker, Chemical Health Week was a great success. Student council organized a coat drive which raised 1,151 coats, and girls' cross country went to state for the first time! Filled with memories for the future, WHS truly is a place to remember! Below left. Queen candidates Katie Scholla, Rachelle Rosin, Destiny Bren, Molly Schrupp, Linnea Mohn, Becky Diers and JoAnna Meuwissen take time to pose for the camera before the big event.

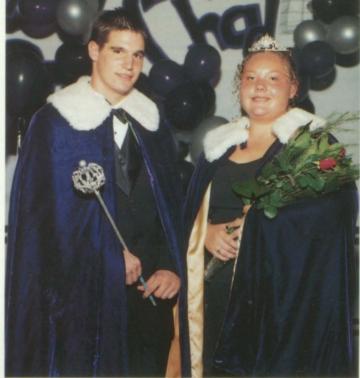
Below. King Andy Gongoll and Queen Becky Diers are chosen to reign over Homecoming 1998.

Bottom left. On one school day fourteen lives are taken by drunk drivers as demonstrated by WHS students on Ghost Out Day. **Bottom right.** Sir Evelyn (Chad Kosieracki) kisses Reno (Linnea Mohn) in the romantic fall musical Anything Goes.



Referendum Results

This year's September 15 school referendum passed not only a new \$14 million middle school, but also a community eight-lane pool and the funds to operate the pool. The vote talleys follow: New Middle School Yes — 1,800 No — 1,144; New Pool Yes — 1,580 No — 1,331.

















Top left. The WHS student council collects over a thousand coats for tote-a-coat. Waconia placed first among neighboring schools in the number of coats collected based on the school's student population.

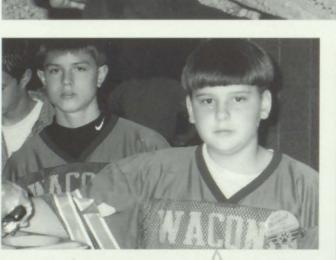
Top right. Guest speaker Mark Scharenbroich kicks off Chemical Health Week with an entertaining and motivational speech.

Above left. Senior JoAnna Meuwissen smiles after scoring one of the winning touchdowns for the powderpuff ame.

Above. Mr. Fredericksen congratulates Dan Schnobrich on being a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Left. The girls' cross country team prepares to compete at state competition. Left to right: Sonja Ellingson, Morgan Berndt, Kristin Pletsch, Jenny Schnobrich, Leslie Litfin, Cristy Jensen, Natalie Timmers.

Young at Heart

Proven though the twentieth century is coming to a close, WHS students remain young at heart. With all their activities, homework and responsibilities, today's students seem to grow up all too fast. But WHS students know how to have fun with their friends and enjoy acting like children and still be grown up in their own individual ways.



Top. Eva Mohn and Cassandra Gaddo engage in a HUGE HUG to improve their day.

Above. Freshmen Ernie Flemig's and Matt Hagen's stunned expressions are caught by the camera during lunch. **Right.** Cory Schlagel relaxes while talking on the phone during morning break.



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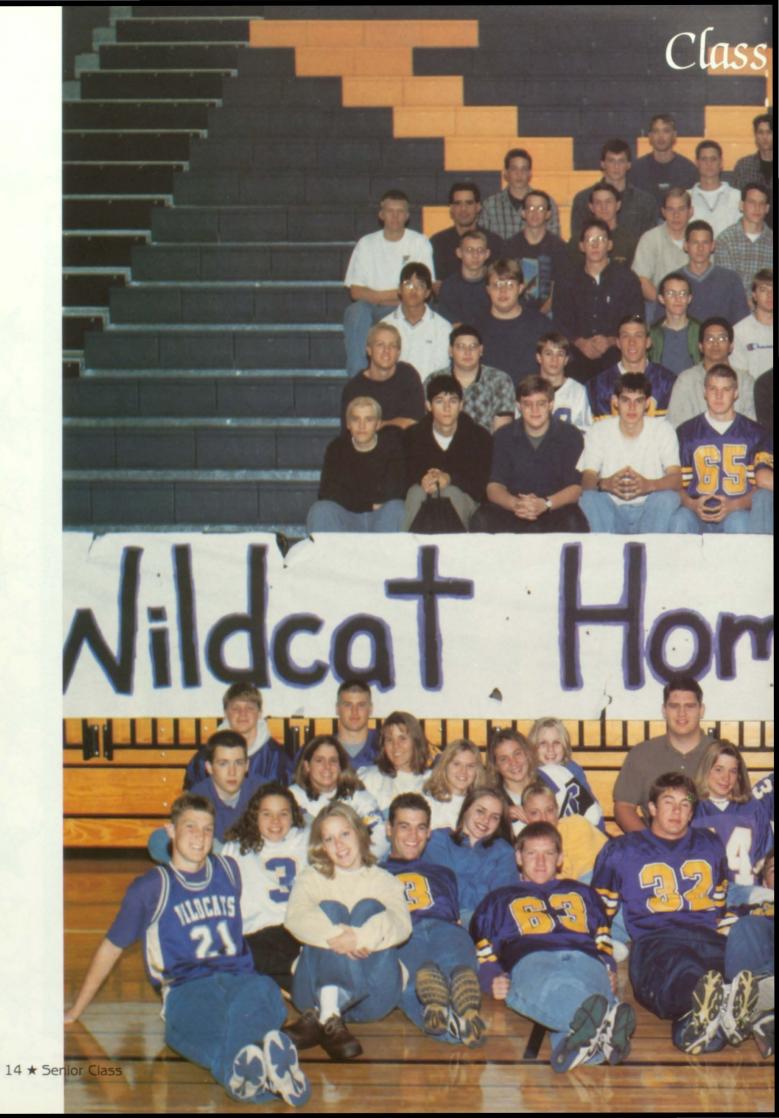


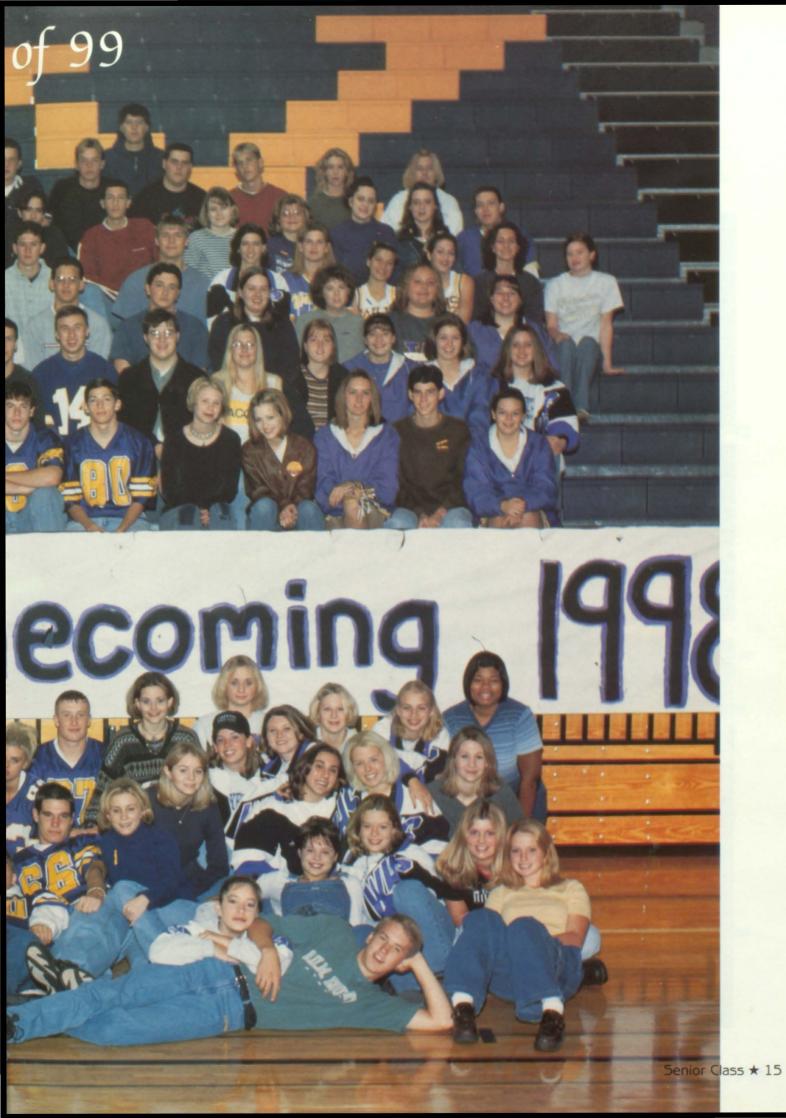


Far left. Linnea Mohn smiles and waves while running to her next class. Left. Nerds Ben Pauly and Sam Maiser strike a pose with Megan Turek on Halloween. Below. Halloween-ready, Amanda Hamer poses with Cat Woman (Lisa Kirsch) for a quick pic.



Center left. Senior Chuck Machtemes checks his voice mail during lunch. Above center. On Twins Day, Becky Frank and Gina Meuwissen smile and bear the wrath of Mr. Torborg's camera. Left. Jenny Schmakel glows with anticipation of the day ahead.





SENIORS

Clockwise, from top right. Seniors on powderpuff day, Josh Imholtz, Kellie Worm, Amanda Hamer, Shawn Davis, Ethan Weiland, Kevin Mielke, Emily Christianson, Kelly Hedtke.







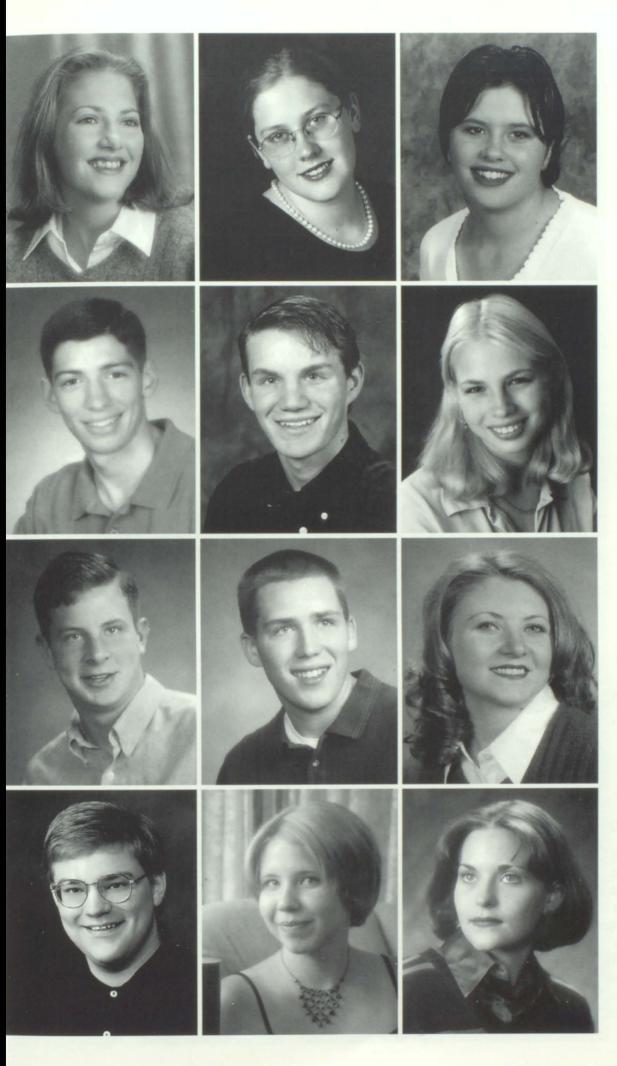












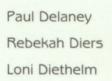
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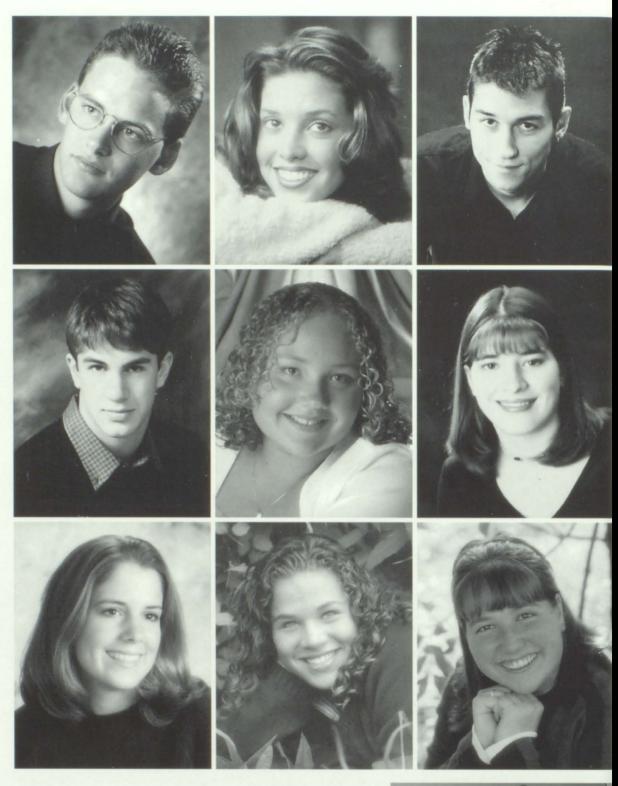
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Nathan Brockpahler Justin Brunelle Jessica Buesgens

Dan Bush Emily Christianson April Cole

Casey Coulson Tiffany Dalbec Shawn Davis





Sarah Doyscher Sarah Dreier Annie Dressen

Seniors' Most Popular College & Career Choices

- 10. Winona State
- 9. Luther Collelge
- 8. U. of M. Morris
- 7. Crown College
- 6. Gustavus Adolphus
- 5. Mankato State
- 4. U. of Wisconsin
- 3. U. of M. Twin Cities
- 2. U. of M. Duluth
- 1. Hennepin Tech (Top Choice)

- 10. Truck Driver
- 9. Machine Tool and Die
- 8. Cosmetologist
- 7. Child Development
- 6. Architect
- 5. Auto Mechanics
- 4. Nursing
- 3. Doctor
- 2. Education
- 1. Business (Top Choice)



Above. Future nurse Becky Diers works ha in class to achieve her dreams.







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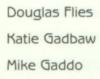












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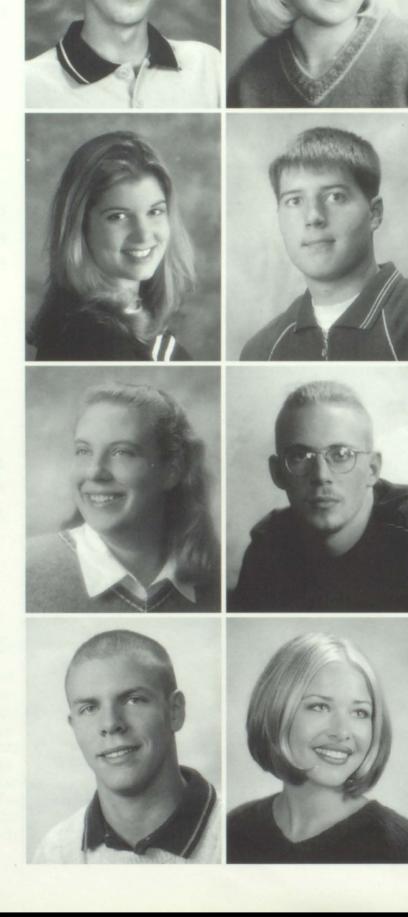
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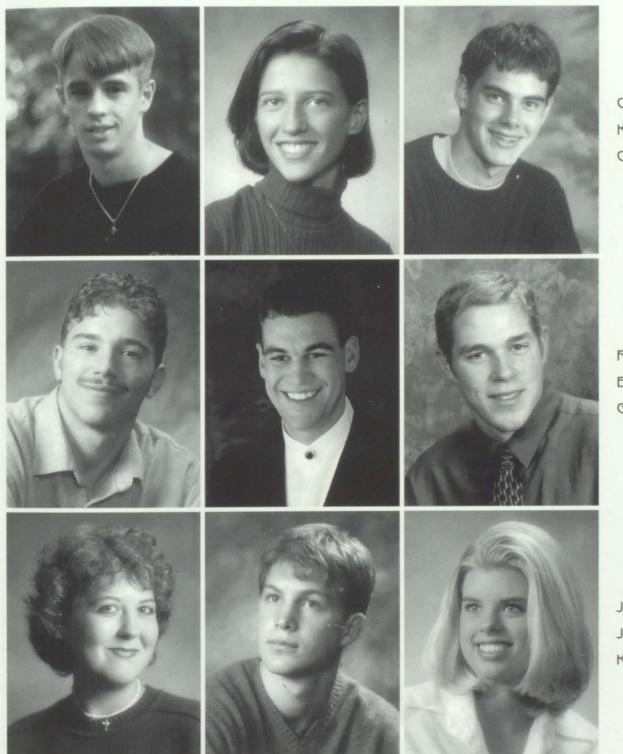




Senior Survey Results

Seniors Say Good-bye with Words of Advice

Have fun, Get involved, Don't do things to make others look down on you, Live each day to its fullest — it goes by fast, Prepare for your future, Find yourself and then Be yourself, Keep your grades up, Be patient and positive, Don't slack too much or too early, Apply to colleges early, Take the ACT as soon as you can, Don't fall behind — it's hard to get caught up, Make a lot of everlasting memories, Laugh a lot and cry a little, Cherish your friendships, and Most importantly, Don't take your high school years for granted — once you graduate it's all over.



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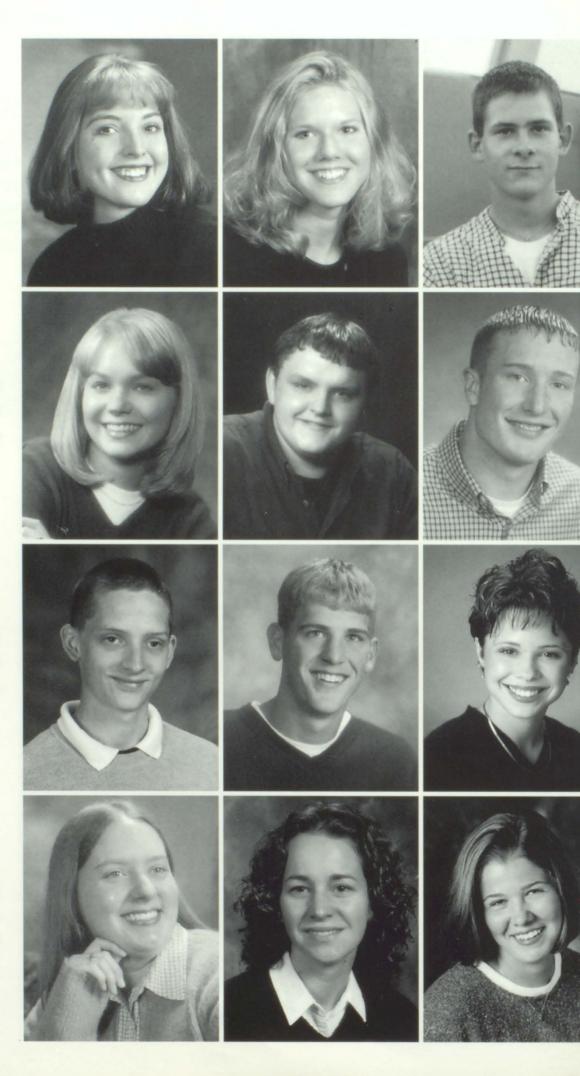
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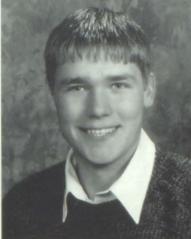
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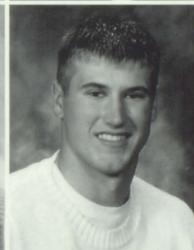
Annette Olson Christina Olson William Oswall

Benjamin Pauly Crystal Pfeifer Jennifer Pickart











Class of 1999 ★ 23

What Will You Miss Most After Graduation?

- 1. Friends
- 2. Sports
- 3. Slacking off
- 4. Mr. Aeling and Mr. Lindemann arguing
- 5. Activities
- 6. Mrs. Cooley's smiling face
- 7. Teachers
- 8. Pass'm over, pass'm up
- 9. Morning break
- 10. Mr. Zender



Jeffrey Pieper Nate Pieper Stuart Radde

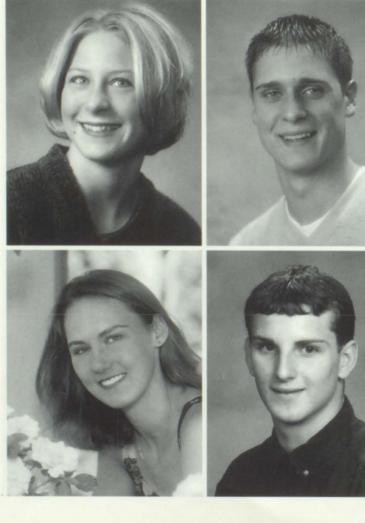






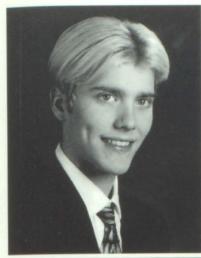
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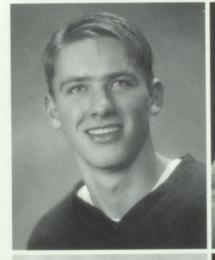


























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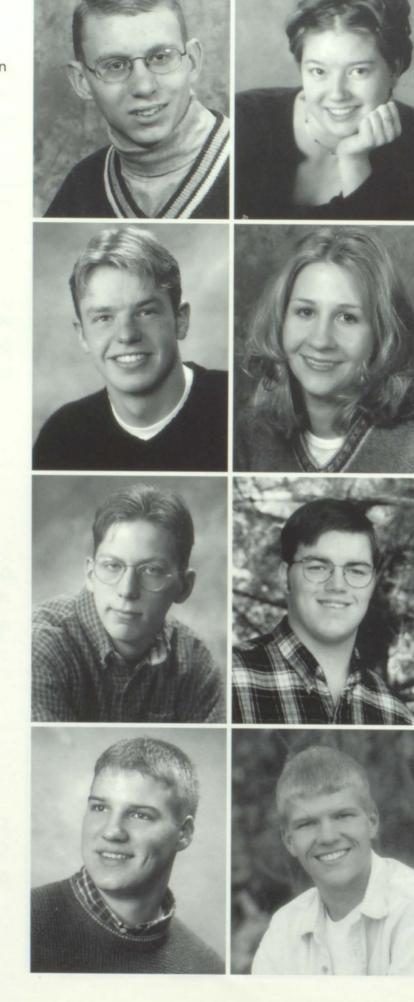
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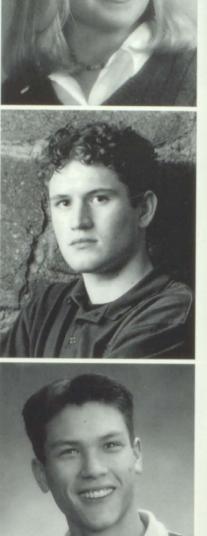
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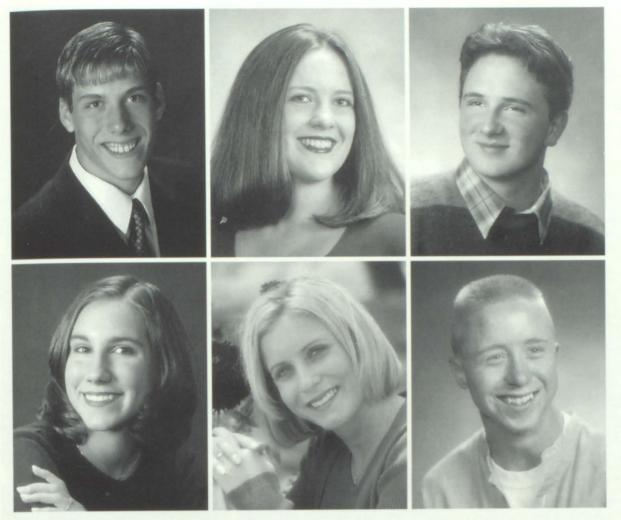
Bill Vanderlinde Joshua Venske Jeffrey Volby

John Wabbe Chad Wagener Jesse Waletich









Ethan Weiland Krystle Weinzierl Joseph Widmer

Lori Wirtz Kellie Worm Jimmy Young

Not Pictured: Nicole Biskey Jason Mechtel Douglas Meyer Cory Phillips Justin Polo Brian Sandeen

Brilliant Advice from Brilliant Teachers



Above. Teachers Marie Erickson, Bob Lindemann and Lydia Thometz offer seniors helpful advice for living.

- * "Never stop believing in your dreams." Bob Lindemann
- * "Always be flexible in your thinking, be willing to accept change and most important, Be Happy."
 Lydia Thometz
- You may not know the burdens of others; therefore, treat each other with great kindness." Jill Engeswick
- * "Be flexible. Be ready to accept change, adjust and move on." Barbara Danger
- * "Follow direction and know there is a time and place for for everything; the older you get the better you understand this." Dave Aeling
- * "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.' Mark Twain. The class of '99 will leave a mark here — one of honor! Thank you." Kathy Fontes
- * "This is the time in your life to look out for yourself. Let nothing hold you back; let nothing stand in your way. The world is waiting for you!!" Scott Doran
- * "You choose how to live your life." Marie Erickson
- * "Every one of you can succeed at whatever you put your mind to. So dream big and don't let anyone tell you that you won't succeed." Kristi Berlin

Forever Young

E ven as young children, some of us have always known what we wanted to be. As we grew up, we began to realize those dreams and begin the long journey of achieving them. When looking into the eyes of these children, one can see their hopes, dreams, and aspirations for the future and things to come. Life is a journey that has already begun.















Clockwise from top right. Tiffany Dalbec, Kris Kiefert, Holly Barnes, Loni Diethelm, Jami Neisen, Nona Lehrke, Ross Hoffman, Emily Hipp, Kellie Worm, Katie Scholla.













Clockwise from top left. Joe Grengs, Sarah Dreier, Dan Schnobrich, Destiny Bren, Amanda Hamer, Ben Pauly, Crystal Pfeiffer, Krystle Weinzierl, Emily Christianson, Heather Anderson, Justin Brunelle.















Best Actor: Chad Kosieracki and Linnea Mohn Best Musician: Shawn Davis and Linnea Mohn



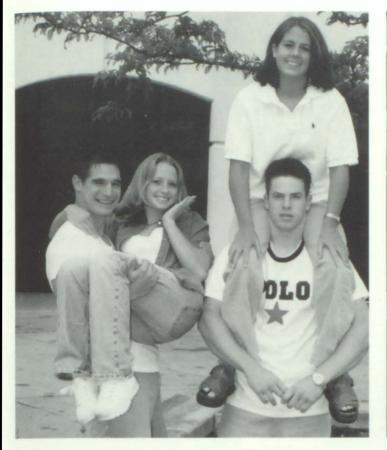
Cutest Smile: Jeff Volby and Lynzy Kast Prettiest Eyes: BJ Oswall and Danielle Hoekstra



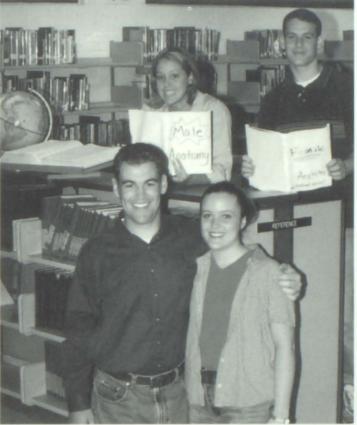
Class Clown: Kevin Raether and Kelly Staber Most Likely to Visit Mr. Fredericksen's Office: Daryl Lueck and Kendra McCandless



Most Talkative: Andy Gongoll and Annie Dressen Quietest: Bill Bedford and Marla Stevens



Biggest Flirt: Andy Gongoll and JoAnna Meuwissen **Best Dressed:** Pete Geyen and Sarah Doyscher



Most Studious: Dan Schnobrich and Katie Scholla Teacher's Pet: Eliott Kranz and Krystle Weinzierl

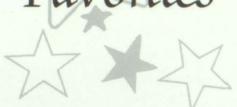


Friendliest: John Wabbe and Emily Hipp Most Athletic: BJ Oswall and Molly Schrupp



Craziest Laugh: Nate Brockpahler and Annie Dressen Worst Joke Teller: Joe Widmer and Jenna Kunkel

Senior Favorites





Musician 1. Offspring

- 2. Garth Brooks
- 3. Goo Goo
- Dolls

Restaurant

- 1. Perkins
- 2. Applebees
- 3. Olive Garden

Magazine

- 1. YM 2. People
- 3. Sports Illustrated

Actor

- 1. Matt Damon
- 2. Bruce Willis
- 3. Ben Affleck

Song	
1. "Party	Like
lt's 199	99''
2. "Save	
Tonight	
3. "Ange	· · ·

Candy

- 1. Snickers
- 2. M& M's
- 3. Reese's Peanut

Butter Cups

Actress

- 1. Meg Ryan
- 2. Julia Roberts
- 3. Sarah Michelle Geller

Teacher

- 1. Mr. Zender
- 2. Mrs. Hartwig
- 3. Mr. Luebke

<u>Radio Station</u> 1. 104.1 2. 101.3 3. 938

Pop

Sport

1. Football

Store

1. Target

2. Duebers

3. Old Navy

- 2. Basketball
- 3. Danceline



Movie

- 1. Something About Mary
- 2. Armageddon
- 3. Varsity Blues

Center left. WHS's favorite teachers include Mrs. Hartwig, Mr. Luebke, and Mr. Zender. Thanks for making learning fun!

Center right. Mountain Dew is the drink of choice as demonstrated by Justin Brunelle, Nate Kerkhoff, Nona Lehrke and Erin Indrelie.



Above. Ethan Weiland, Jenny Meuwissen, Heather Anderson, Becky Diers, Erin Indrelie, Annie Dressen, Jackie Menth, Kristin Erickson and Ben Pauly love their Chevy truck, as well as the majority of the seniors.

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Chevy truck Mustang convertible Volkswagen bug	1. Blue 2. Purple 3. Green
<u>Cologne</u>	<u>Perfume</u>

- 1. Cool Water 1. Tommy Girl
- 2. Tommy 3. Eternity

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2. Cool Water

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3. Lady Stetson

32 * Senior Favorites

s 1. Mountain 5 Dew 5 2. Dr. Pepper 3. Pepsi



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news







Russian Economy

Political and social crises grip Russia as the economy tumbles. The value of the ruble drops by half, banks close and the stock market crashes.

Embassy Bombings

Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, are ripped apart by terrorists' bombs that explode almost simultaneously. U.S. officials suspect renegade Saudi billionaire Osama bin Laden in the attacks.



North Ireland Peace Accords

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and British Prime **Minister Tony Blair shake** hands after signing a historic peace agreement between Britain and Northern Ireland.

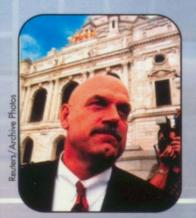
Peace in the Middle East

In a deal brokered by President **Bill Clinton and the late King** Hussein of Jordan, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sign the Wye River Memorandum, the first step toward a permanent peace in the Middle East.



Hurricane Mitch

Hurricane Mitch cuts a wide path of destruction through Mexico and **Central America, causing millions** of dollars in damage and leaving millions homeless.



Jesse Ventura

Former professional wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura is elected governor of Minnesota in a stunning come-from-behind victory.

farewell & goodbye



Phil Hartman Florence Griffith Joyner Lawton Chiles Flip Wilson Alan Shephard Jr. Frank Sinatra

Roy Rogers Gene Autry Tammy Wynette George Wallace Barry Goldwater King Hussein I



War over Iraq

United Nations weapons inspectors arrive at the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad. After Iraq's refusal to cooperate with the inspectors, Allied planes and missiles were launched against Iraqi targets in Operation Desert Fox.



Crisis in the White House

Scandal rocks the White House as President Bill Clinton is accused of perjury and obstruction of justice. In an impeachment trial before the U.S. Senate, President Clinton is acquitted of the charges.

International Space Station

Space Shuttle *Endeavour*, shown in this NASA graphic, works on the International Space Station as it orbits the Earth during its 12-day mission.

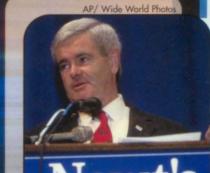


Swiss Air Flight III

Swiss Air flight 111, en route from New York City to Geneva, Switzerland, crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia just over an hour after taking off. None of the 229 passengers on board survived.

John Glenn

Thirty-six years after being the first American in orbit, retired U.S. Senator John Glenn returned to space aboard Space Shuttle *Endeavour.* At the age of 77, he became the oldest astronaut in space.



Newt's

Newt Gingrich

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., resigns after Republicans lose ground in the fall congressional elections.

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Enemy of the State

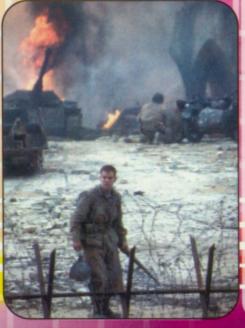
A chance encounter with a friend has Will Smith framed for murder and running for his life in the action thriller *Enemy of the State*.



Antz and A Bug's Life

The box office was covered in insects as Dreamworks released *Antz* while Disney and Pixar released *A Bug's Life*.

Reuters/Archive Photos





The Waterboy

Adam Sandler returns to the screen in the hit movie *The Waterboy.* Sandler plays Bobby Boucher, a 31-year-old college freshman who turns years of aggression into success on the football field.



Dr. Dolittle

Eddie Murphy stars as Dr. Dolittle, a physician who is able to talk to animals in this remake of the 1967 classic.

Saving Private Ryan

Tom Hanks leads a squad of soldiers on a dangerous mission in the World War II movie *Saving Private Ryan.* The critically acclaimed film also stars Matt Damon, Edward Burns and Tom Sizemore.

Top Ten Movies

- 1. Armageddon
- 2. Saving Private Ryan
- 3. Something About Mary
- 4. The Waterboy
- 5. A Bug's Life
- 6. Dr. Dolittle
- 7. Deep Impact
- 8. Rush Hour
- 9. Godzilla
- 10. Lethal Weapon 4





Touchstone Pictures blasts Bruce Willis and a band of oil-drilling misfits into space on a mission to destroy an earthbound asteroid in the fast-paced action thriller *Armageddon*.



Shakespeare in Love

In *Shakespeare in Love*, Joseph Fiennes stars as the young playwright Will Shakespeare. Suffering from writer's block, he is unable to make any progress with his latest work until he meets the lovely Viola, played by Gwyneth Paltrow.





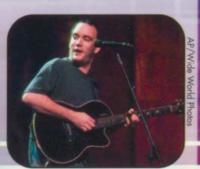
Alanis Morisette

Canadian bad girl Alanis Morisette releases *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, the highly anticipated follow-up to her multiplatinum debut, *Jaqged Little Pill*.



Beastie Boys

The Beastie Boys blast back onto the scene with *Hello Nasty*.



Dave Matthews

Dave Matthews and guitarist Tim Reynolds release *Live at Luther College* to critical acclaim.





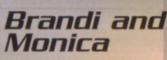
Garth Brooks

His newest album, *Double Live*, sells over one million copies in its first week of release.



Mariah Carey

Mariah Carey fans get a double dose as Mariah releases #1's and appears on VH1: Divas Live with Aretha Franklin, Shania Twain, Celine Dion and Gloria Estefan.



Brandi and Monica spend 13 weeks at number one with *The Boy is Mine.*



Dixie Chicks

Their major label debut, *Wide Open Spaces*, shoots to number one on the country music charts.

Top Five Albums

- 1. VARIOUS ARTISTS: Titanic Soundtrack
- 2. BACKSTREET BOYS: Backstreet Boys
- 3. CELINE DION: Let's Talk About Love
- 4. SHANIA TWAIN: Come On Over
- 5. "N SYNC *'N Sync*

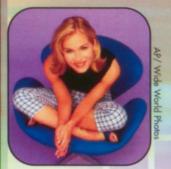
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Dawson's Creek

Set in the small town of Capeside, Massachusetts, *Dawson's Creek* follows the lives of four teenagers trying to make sense of their future and the world around them.



Jessie Christina Applegate sheds her ditzy Kelly Bundy image by starring in the hit show Jessie.



Drew Carey

Wednesday night has doubled the laughter as ABC's hit *The Drew Carey Show* is followed by Carey's new show, *Whose Line is it Anyway*?

Felicity

WB launched another hit show in the fall of 1998 with the college drama *Felicity*. Keri Russell stars as Felicity Porter, a young pre-med student who leaves home to face life in New York City.



Friends

The cast of *Friends* continues to amuse audiences with a fresh approach to comedy and hilarious stories of everyday life.



Ally McBeal

The hottest show on television stars Calista Flockhart as the lovable Ally McBeal, a young lawyer who is constantly entangling herself in humorous and touching problems that showcase the acting abilities of a first-rate ensemble cast.



AP/ Wide World Photos



Spin City

Spin City's Michael J. Fox once again proves he has the "spin" on things by winning the Golden Globe's Award for Best Actor in a Television Series - Musical or Comedy.



SportsCenter

With one-liners, funny commercials and total sports coverage, ESPN's *SportsCenter* has changed the way people get their sports information. From slam dunks to sports bloopers, *SportsCenter* gets the information out before the morning newspapers are off the presses.



Super Bowl XXXIII

Quarterback John Elway shows his excitement as the Denver Broncos defeat the Atlanta Falcons to win back-to-back Super Bowls.



Jana Novotna

Jana Novotna hugs her Wimbledon trophy after defeating France's Nathalie Tauziat in the women's singles final.

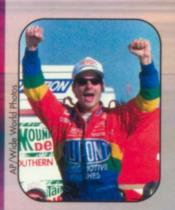


NBA Lockout

NBA Players Association Executive Director Billy Hunter and NBA Commissioner David Stern shake hands at a news conference in New York City, announcing a collective bargaining agreement to end the 191-day NBA player lockout.

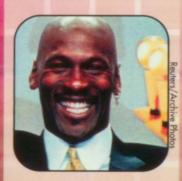
Mark McGwire

St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits 70 home runs and breaks the single season home run record previously held by Roger Maris for 37 years.



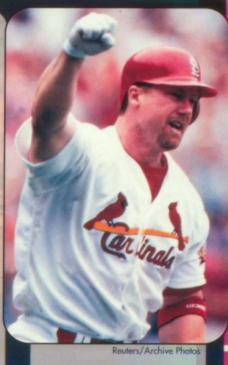
Jeff Gordon

Jeff Gordon wins the 1999 Daytona 500. With three championships under his belt and a new video game, *Jeff Gordon XS Racing*, Gordon remains NASCAR's most popular driver.



Michael Jordan

After great success with the Chicago Bulls, Michael Jordan announces his 99.9% retirement from basketball.



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World Series

The New York Yankees celebrate after winning the 1998 World Series. The win marked the team's 24th World Series title.



World Cup

France defeats Brazil in a 3-0 upset victory in the World Cup Finals in July. France was the first host nation to win in 20 years.

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Furby, the hottest new toy of the year, has six built-in sensors that allow it to respond to touch, light, sound, motion, or its horizontal or vertical positioning. It speaks its own language known as "Furbish," but can also be taught English as well as other tricks.

Furby



iMac

In the fall of 1998 Apple released its new, affordable iMac computer. With multi-colored shells, easy setup and quick access to the Internet, the iMac quickly became the best-selling computer in 1998.

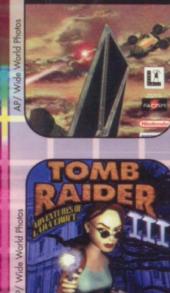
Jesse Camp

Jesse Camp won MTV's Become a VJ contest and cashed in on the \$25,000 prize. He became one of the most popular personalities and host of his own show, Lunch with Jesse.



Jewelry

Jewelry designers saw a boost in sales when jewelry designed in the form of flowers and animals became the latest accessory rage.





Raider III

Nintendo's Star Wars: Roque Squadron and Lara Croft's newest adventure, Tomb Raider III, became the hottest-selling games of the Christmas season.



WWJD? What Would Jesus Do? jewelry, clothing and posters became a hit with teens in 1998.



Cargo Pants

Comfort and style is what society demanded. The fashion industry responded with cargo pants, the hottest-selling style of the year.

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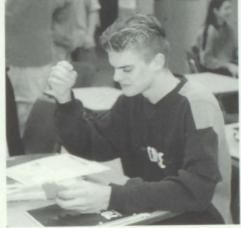
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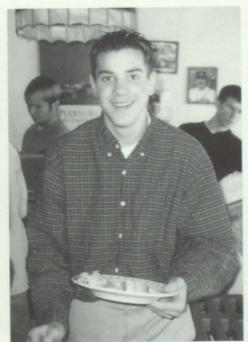
















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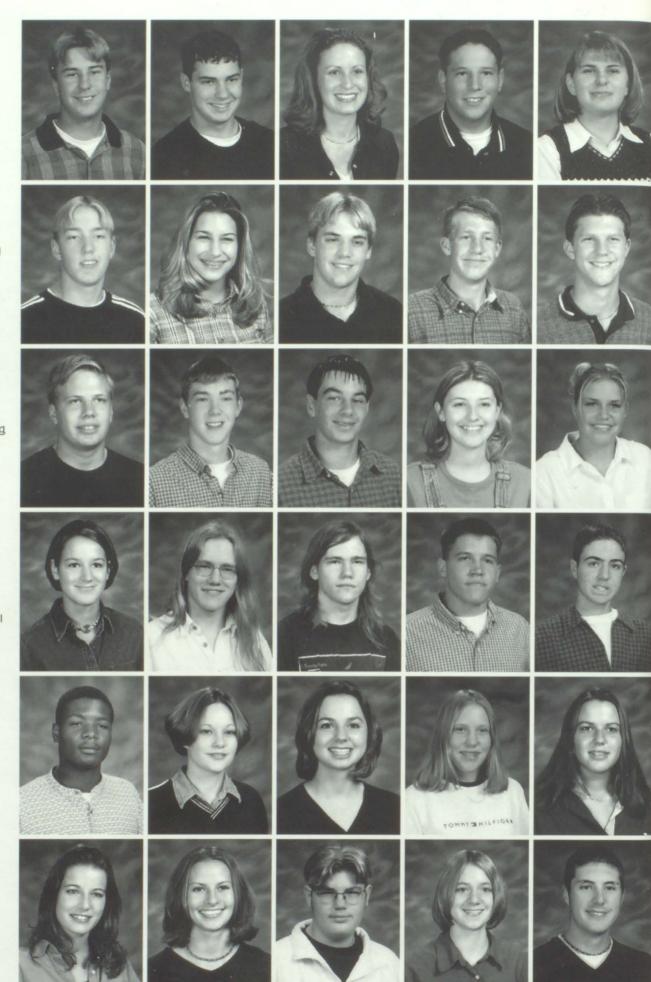
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Kiddrick Code Desiree Cox Kara Dake Melissa Diethelm Melissa Ditsch

Trude Ditsch Andrea Drapcho Jarrod Dukes Kate Eder Andrew Eischens



Juestion: What do you see yourself doing for a future occupation?



Melissa Ditsch (right): "Dentistry or travel agent. I just think they'd be a fun sort of job to do the rest of my life."

Lisa Kirsch (left): "A floral designer. I have always loved flowers and art and a florist combines the two."



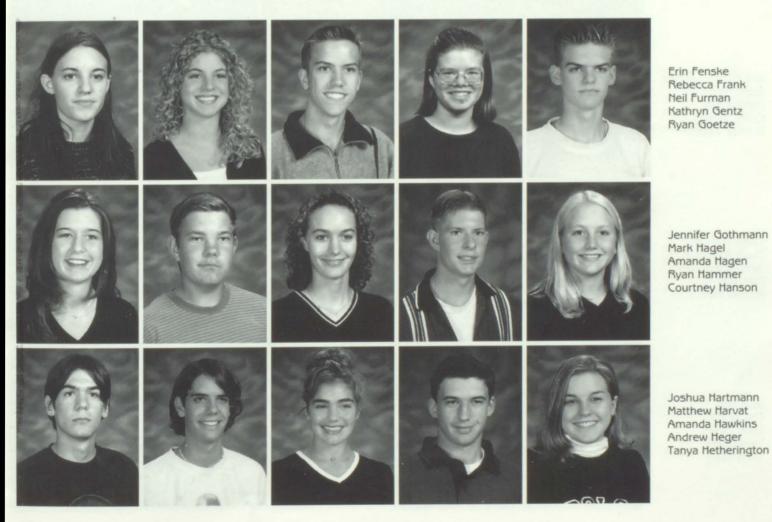
Brenda Johnson (right): "I would like to get in to natural resources or conservation. I have always had a passion for the outdoors."



"I'm going to replace Bob Barker when he retires on the Price is Right."

Matt Bergmann (left):





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m Juestion: Who has had the most influence on your plans for the future?



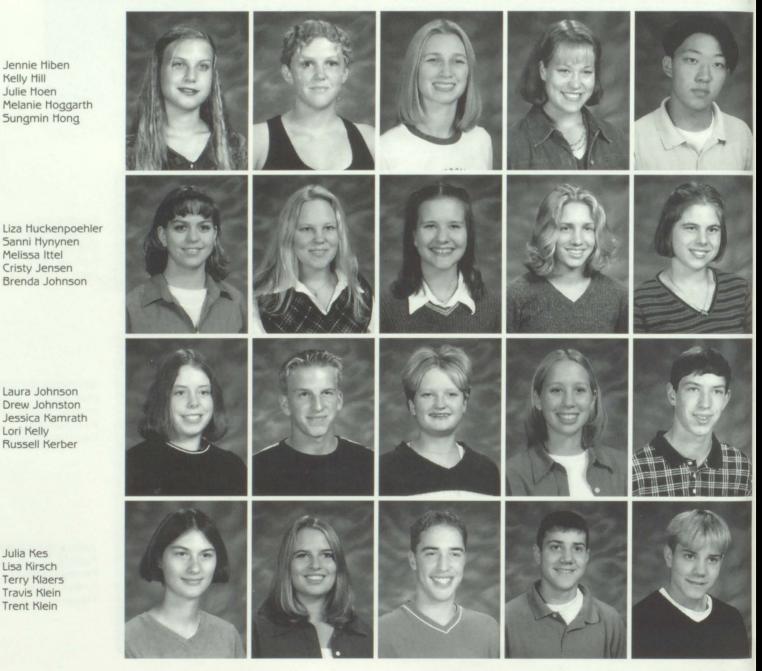
Adam St. John: "The teachers that make and shape us into young adults. They try to prepare us on what's out there in the vast unknown."

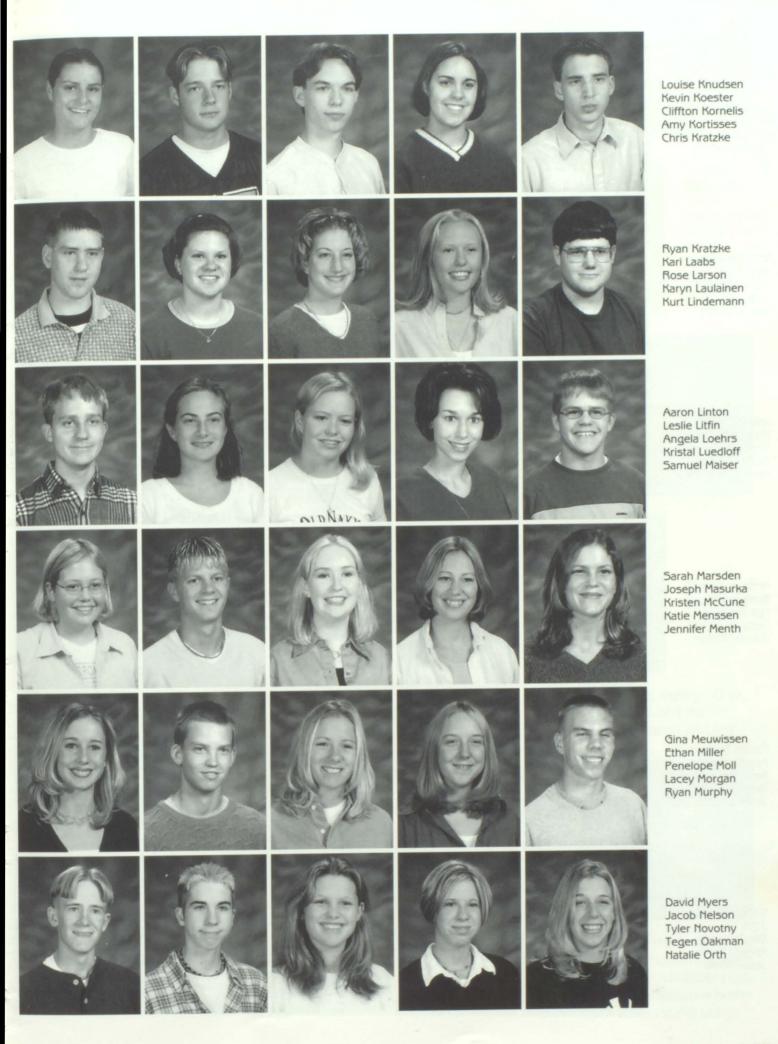


Joe Masurka: "My parents, because they helped me to realize which plans would be realistic."



Andrew Heger: "Family and friends. Those are the people I spend the most time with."





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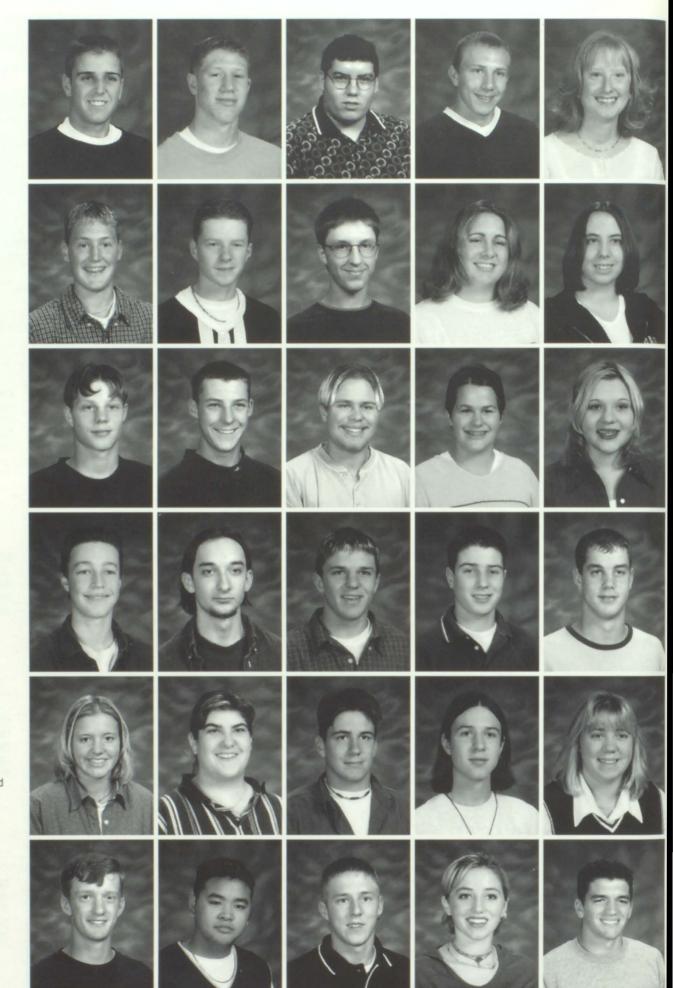
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Andrew Tongen Megan Turek Kristi Wachholz

Lisa Walters

Katie Wasness

Michael Weiland

uestion: As a member of the class of 2000, what will you remember most about the 1990's?



Tegen Oakman: ''How

everyone has always made such a huge deal out of us being the class of 2000."







Katrin Weiss Bria Welch Kelly Westlund

Leslie Litfin: "The Bill Clinton `crisis'''









Crystal Zancig Shaina Zuppke

Jennifer Widmer Nathan Wood Charles Young





"My parents always saying, 'O ya, we are in the 90's,' and the reoccuring bell bottoms and the Beatle cut."

Tiffany Sampson



"The friends I had is what I will remember most! They were supportive of whatever I did. They helped me better understand things."



SOPHOMORES

Clockwise from top right. The sophomore class on Class Color Day, Audra Lehrke, Nick Gee, Lucas Meyer, Josh Jetto, Mark Anderson, Paul Ague, Megan Doyscher, Scott Stein, Kelli Pletsch, Amanda Miller.

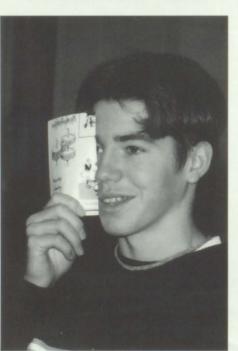






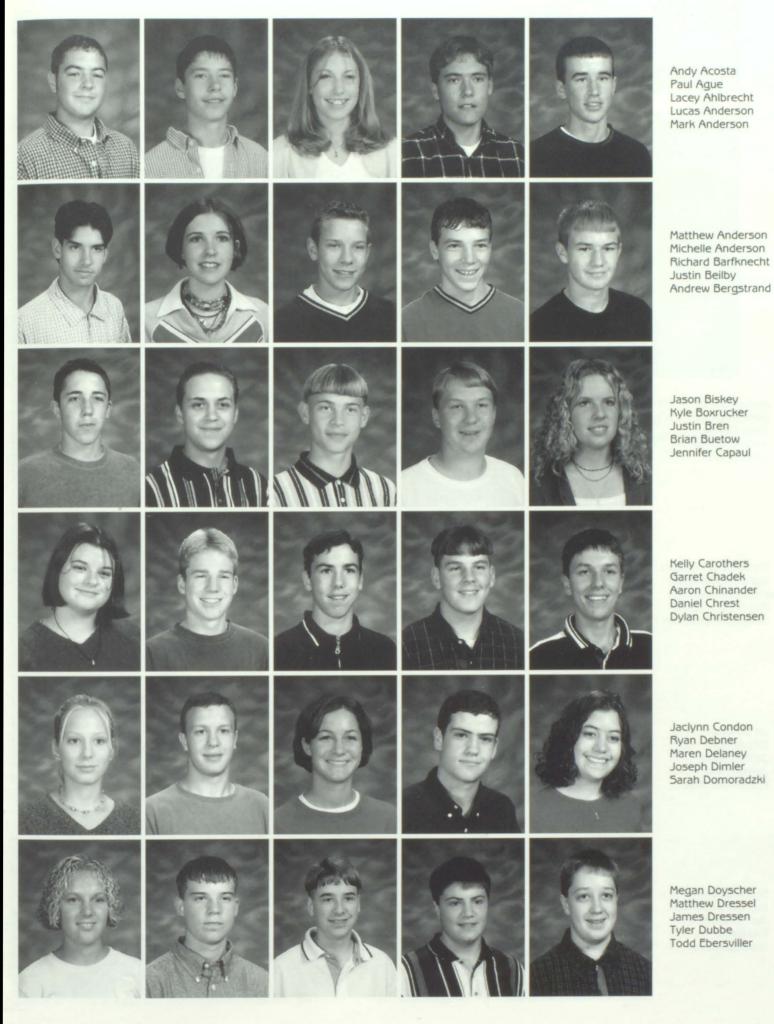












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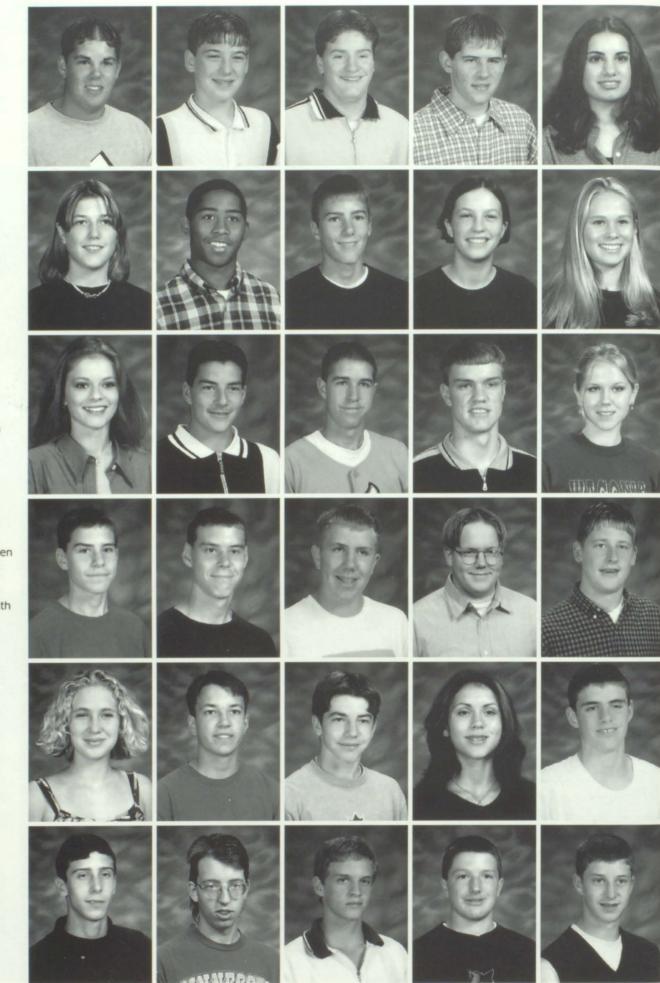
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Juestion: What was the funniest or most memorable moment you recall while you were in middle school?



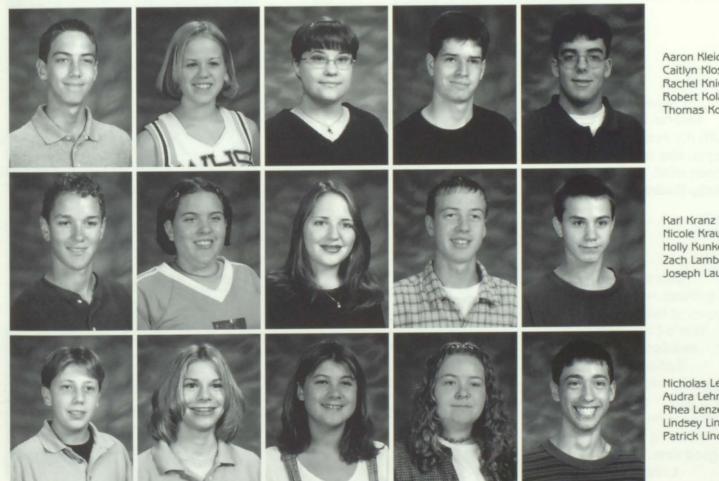
Aaron Petersen: "The muffin fight of '97. Valentine's Day. The entire 8th grade was throwing muffins at the entire 7th grade, and vice versa."



Ted Keefe: "The riot in music class."



Eva Mohn: "During rec time we always used to crawl under the bleachers and I once got caught by the back of my pants on a corner and they tore."



Aaron Kleid Caitlyn Klosterman Rachel Knickerbocker Robert Kolar Thomas Kortisses

Nicole Krautbauer Holly Kunkel Zach Lamberger Joseph Laumann

Nicholas Leffler Audra Lehrke Rhea Lenzen Lindsey Lindemeier Patrick Lindstrom

Question: How do you plan to observe the beginning of the 2000's?

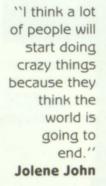
"Preparing to start a career, what to do for college, and preparing for the new millennium." **Aaron** Sorensen



Jennifer Litfin Ryan Marshall

Lea Massengale Matthew Masurka

Sara Mauk Matthew McGowan





"I would observe it with my eyes open and an open mind." Holly Kunkel

"Lots of pictures tapes of New Year's Eve and Day. Getting together with

a bunch of

friends and having a good time."

Lacey



Lucas Meyer Sara Meyer

Nate Mechtel Jacob Meyer

Amanda Miller Rachel Minzel









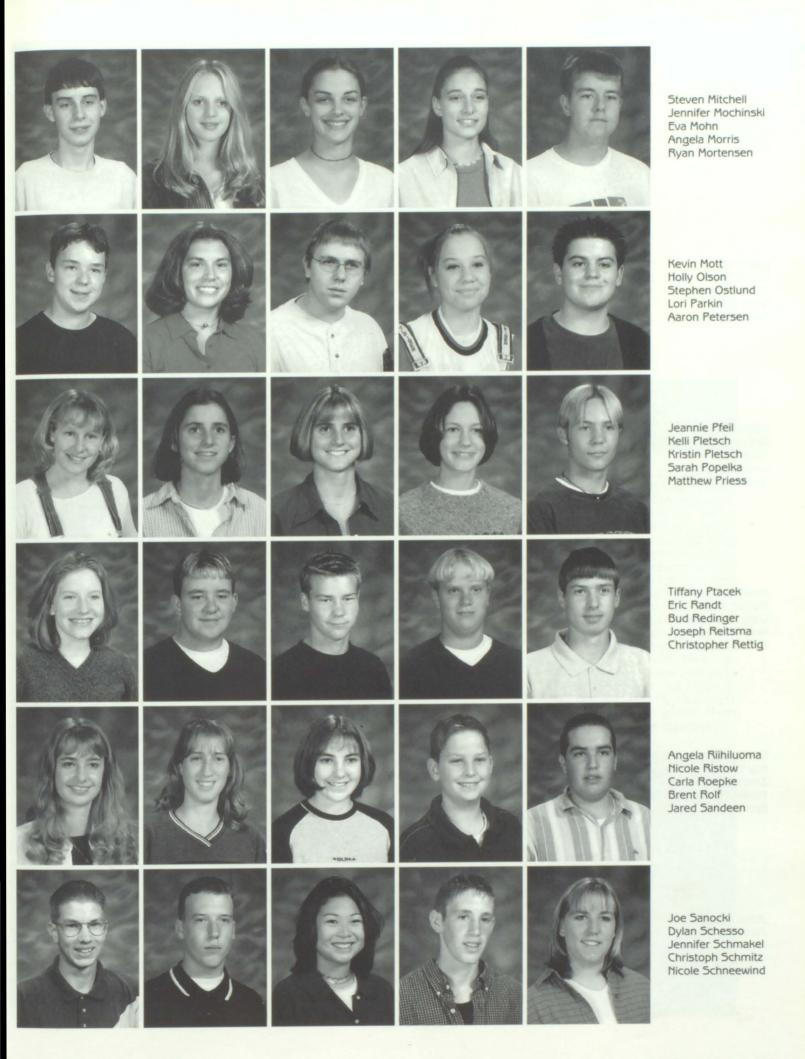












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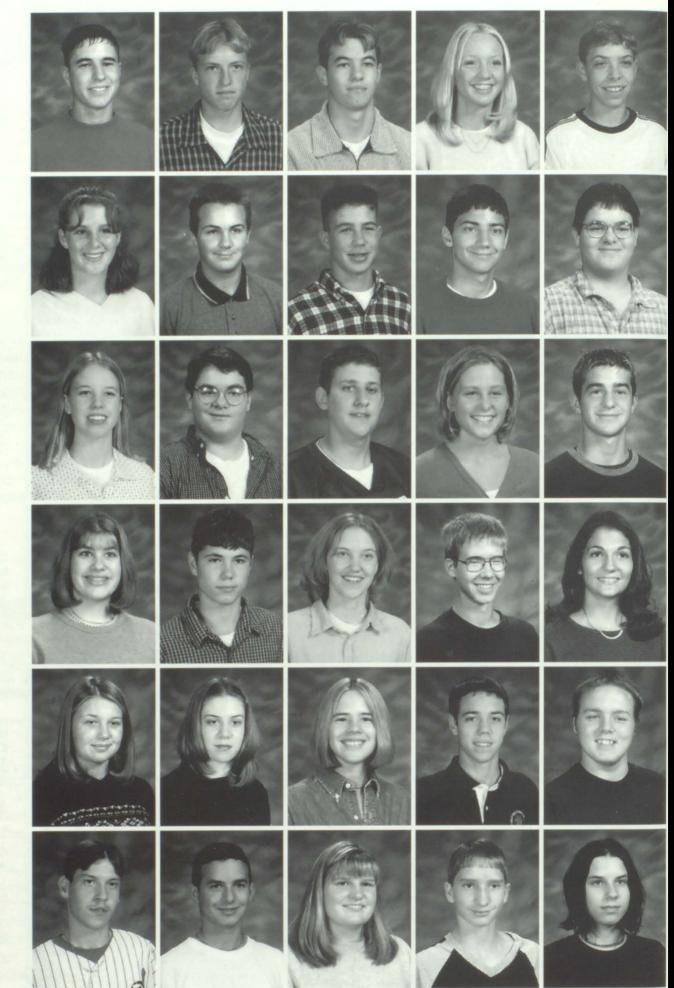
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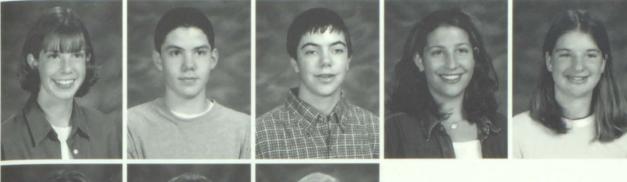
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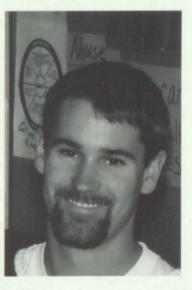


Jessica Williams Mark Wilson Charity Zabel

Question: What is the funniest/most memorable moment you can recall from your high school years?



N ew teacher Katie Tietz has no difficulty remembering her high school days. "I had a senior all girls slumber party at my house. The boys in our grade just couldn't stand to be away from us so they took those big orange pumpkin bags that you fill with leaves during the Halloween season and put them all over the cars parked outside my house. Of course, we girls retaliated and put them in their cars! They were kind of mad but it was a lot of fun.'



earning lab teacher Scott Doran recalls, "It was a cold and rainy Saturday night. Some friends of mine decided to use over 60 rolls of toilet paper to blanket my house and trees. My parents woke up in time to see who they were. By chance, a glove and hat were left behind. On the way to the next Friday's football game, my mom reached into her pocket and said, 'Here, Jason, I think these belong to you!' Busted. For those of you who met Mr. Dempster (psychologist intern) from last year, that was him!"

D ifficult as this may be to believe, industrial tech teacher **Dave Aeling** has this memory of high school: "Getting caught in the equipment room with the coach's daughter!"



n your sixteenth birthday, Pam Melchert recalls, your friends would arrange with your parents to 'kidnap' you. They'd sneak to your house and dress you in funny clothes and take you to Perkins for breakfast. You'd have to wear a funny sign (Look at me I'm sweet 16) and walk around school like a goon all day. This was the thing to do our sophomore year and while you felt a little foolish, you'd be disappointed if it didn't happen to you.



FRESHMEN

Clockwise from top right. Kenzie Foley, Michelle Weiland, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Sarah Gibbs, Cal Kosieracki, Gabe Acosta, Sarah Meier, Kelsey Dake, Abby Welch, Molly Lenzen, Angie Goodwin, Melissa Wenzel, Matt Wagener, Jake Edlund, Molly Lenzen, Tim Held.

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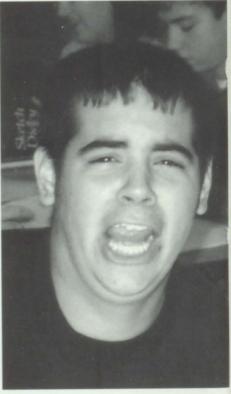


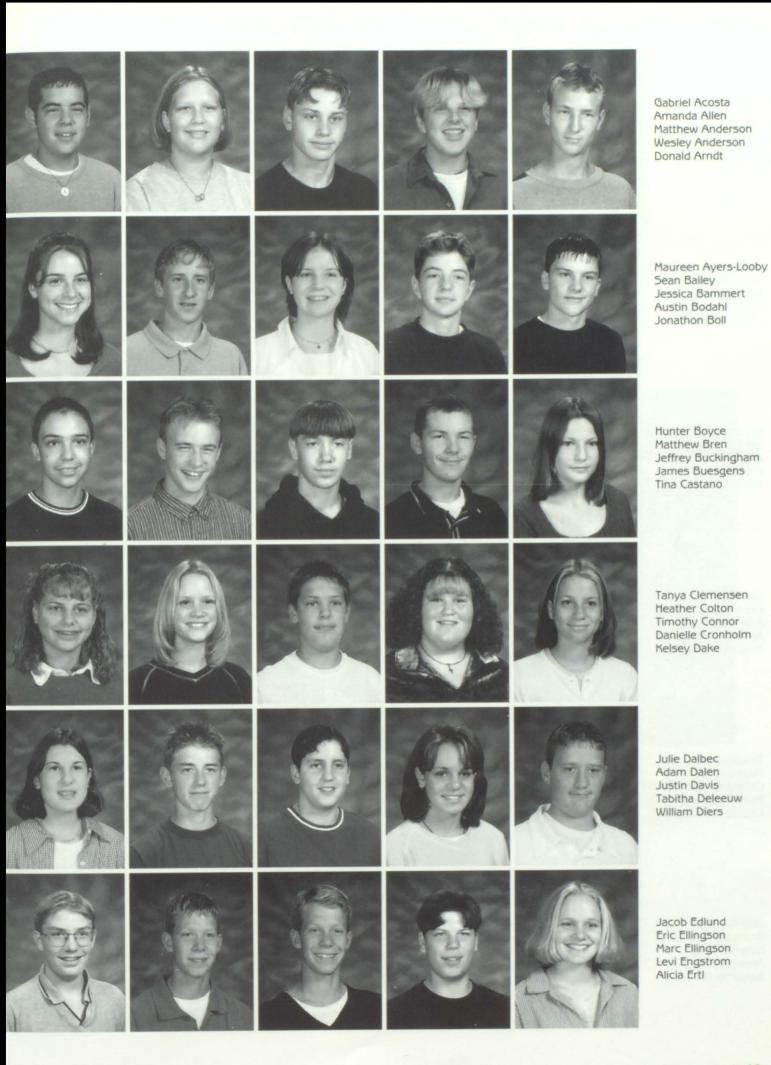












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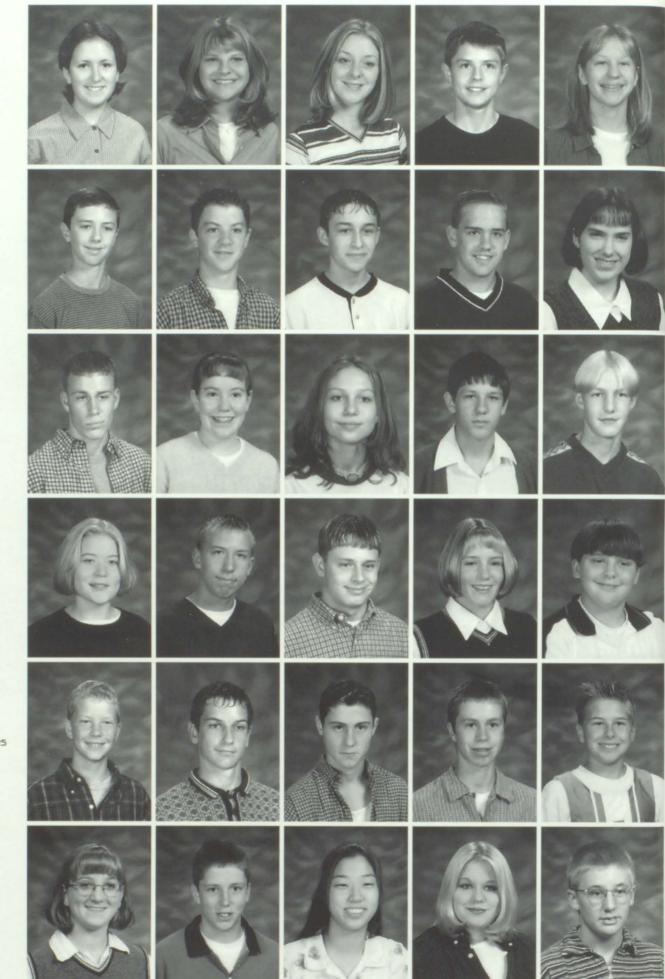
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Jennifer Hilgers Bryan Hill Haemin Hong Amanda Hoops Benjamin Horner





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Brian Johnson Miranda Johnston Joshua Jorgensen Shaun Kamann Heidi Keller

uestion: What do you think the next ten years will bring in technology, in society, in the world?



Meghan Jereczek (above): "I think technology will change our everyday lives in many ways. I think that as a society we'll become too dependent on technology." **Lisa Gedden** (below): "I think that in ten years we will all have laptop computers. The world will continue to progress in technology. It will be important that everyone knows how to set up web pages and use the Internet."





Justin Davis (above): "I think that in ten years it will be totally computerized. It will be hard to separate people from computers."

The Top 5 Things Freshmen Were Scared Of

When the freshman class was surveyed, the following fears showed up most frequently in their responses to the question, "What was your greatest fear as you started school as a freshman at WHS?"

> Getting lost
> Getting beat up
> Walking into the wrong classroom
> Dumpster diving
> Having your books knocked out of your hands



Above. After being shoved in the dumpster, Luke Schiller escapes with help from Sarah Meier.

Vance Kerber Francis Kerkhoff



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Anton Klein Lisa Koehler

Kevin Ketcher Kirstin Klason

Crystal Koepp Cal Kosieracki





Alex Kranz Amber Krause

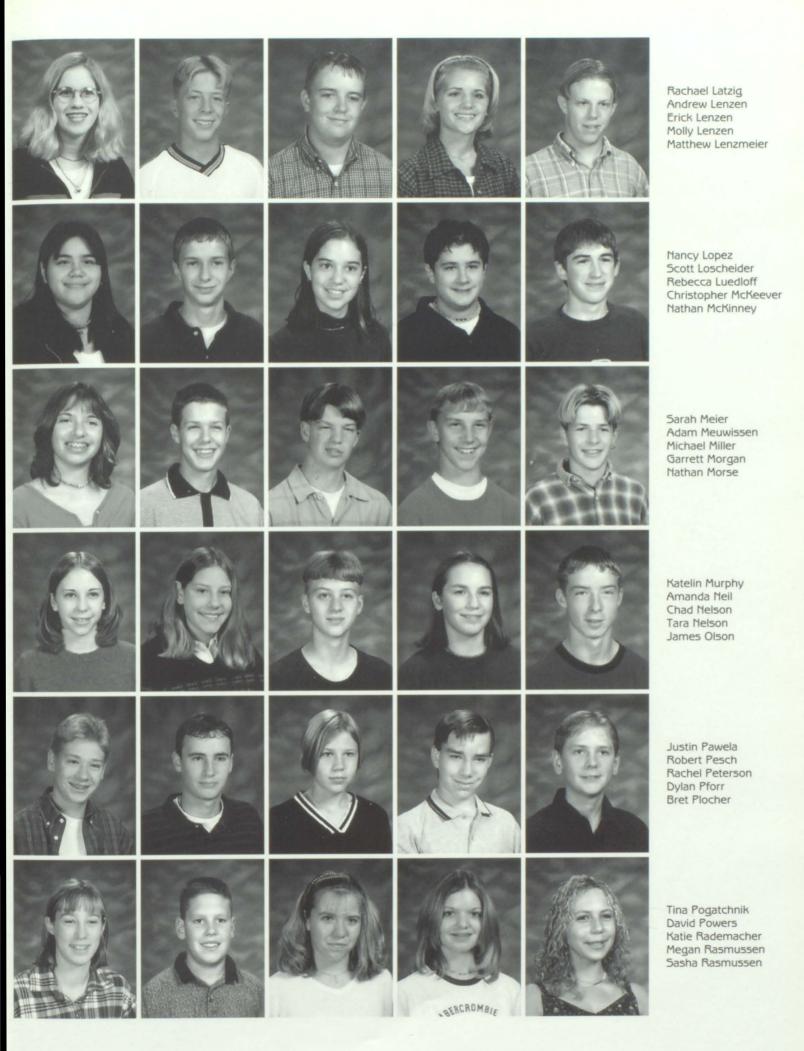
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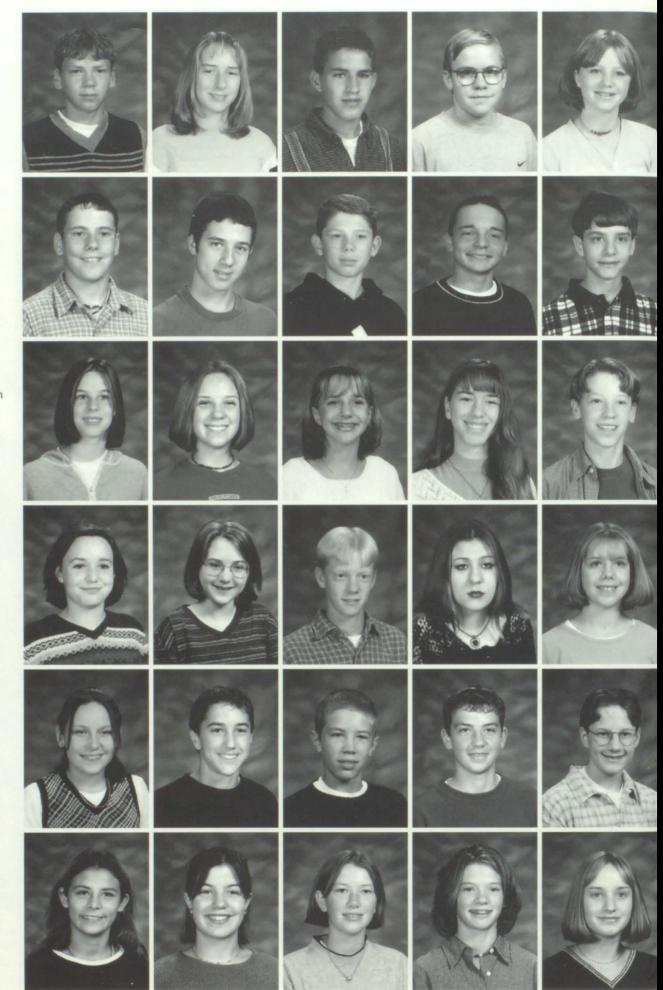
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Zachary Wilson Michael Wood Ryan Wood Kathryn Wozniak

uestion: What was the funniest/most memorable moment you recall while you were in elementary school?





Allie Fagerness (left): ''I remember in elementary school, we used to go to the fence and there was shack on the other side and we used to think an old lady lived there. So everyday we'd go out and pretend we saw her, so we'd go scream, 'We saw Bloody Mary!'''

Molly Lenzen: (right) "I remember in first grade Nate McKinney was pretending his desk was a space ship. He would rock his desk and say, 'Space ship, take off, space ship, take off.' All of a sudden his whole desk flipped and all of his books fell on him. He hit his head on the other desk, but I thought it was so funny."

Heather Colton: (left) "In the morning it would be cold and everyone would push themselves in the tunnel slide and we'd fit about ten or fifteen people in there."

Chuck Wagner: (right) "Well, in elementary school, 2nd grade, to be exact, I was sitting in time out and I had a pair of scissors. Down to my hand was a light socket. I thought about what would happen if I stuck my scissors in the light socket. So I did and I electrocuted myself. After the brief, but intense, shock my scissors were fried and I had lots of static in my clothes. That's my most memorable moment."





Some Things Never Change

cademics. A word that strikes fear into the hearts of thousands of students every fall. It's that part of school that teens seem to dread. The learning process. But in reality, where would we end up without our teachers and academics? Throughout all of history and in the future, one thing will never change: everyone must learn. Without knowledge and education a future would seem bleak and unclear. But with the encouragement and gentle shoves of our teachers, our mentors, we learn life's lessons, and of course, gain some academic knowledge!



Top. It's one of those days! Jacki Condon strains to keep her eyes open.

Above. Megan Turek and Jordan Everhart portray Romeo and Juliet in a production of the Theatre class offered second quarter.

Right. Freshmen Gabe Acosta and Molly Lenzen concentrate while experimenting in the lab.







Far left. No, Brian Johnson doesn't enjoy playing with Barbie. It's all part of Physical Science.

Left. What a work of art! Erin Fenske shows her talent through pottery. Below. Actor Ross Hoffman gets a taste of show biz in a movie produced by the Video Productions class.



Center. Katie Scholla learns the correct way to perform CPR during Medical Emergency class. **Left.** Mrs. Timmers rebels back to her wild years!





Graduation Standards Are Implemented at WHS



Dr. Ric Dressen Superintendent

The yearbook staff interviewed Principal Mark Fredericksen about the new grad standards implemented by the state of Minnesota. Graduation standards are now being enforced; the standards are a series of tests in basic reading, writing, and math skills that every student should know before graduating from high school. A student should be able to know, understand, and perform the contents in the test, and to pass must score 75% or above. Once the student has passed, he or she won't have to take it again. However, if the test isn't passed, the student must continue to retry up until graduation and must have passed in order to graduate.



Mr. Mark Fredericksen Principal

Faculty in Specialized Areas, Professional Staff



Joan Ball Special Education



Dennis Bjorklund Agriculture



Barbara Danger Media Specialist



Scott Doran Learning Lab



Jill Engeswick Learning Lab



Marie Erickson Special Education



Julie Karnes Liaison Officer



Mary Klehr School Nurse



Sue Kirley Speech Therapy



Kathy Oliphant Curriculum Coordinator



Arlyce Rieck Unique Learner Coordinator



John Walsh Special Education

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Sue Halverson Lunch/Clerical Aide



Kathy Hoese Media Center, Guidance Aide



Elaine Karg Faculty Clerical Aide



Lori Lenzen Management Aide



Sue Melichar Principal's Secretary



Donna Passentino Tech Assistant



Judy Rademacher Attendance, Receptionist



Mary Ellen Timmers Activities Director's Secretary

Administrative Staff and School Board



Gordon Winter Guidance Services



Kathy Fontes Guidance Services



Wayne Mortensen Activities Director





Art Ablaze!

Crayons. A child's favorite art tool. Some children enjoy art more than others, and as they mature, they find a growing talent for it.

Waconia High School is full of artistic and very talented art students. These pages provide a view of the artwork of some of WHS's budding artists.

Twelve WHS students were selected to have their work shown at a special high school art show at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. These people's artistic fires are burning bright today and into tomorrow.

Right. Lisa Smestad and Jacki Condon take a clay impression of an unidentified student's face as part of a mask-making project.

Below. Junior Mindy Ramm begins working her clay on the potter's wheel.





Amy Fischer

Kristin Hoff







Ben Pauly, whose work was selected for the Minnetonka Center for the Arts, shows off two ceramic works, a vase of flowers and a larger pot.



Crystal Zancig shows three samples of her work — a ceramics mask, a vase, and a pencil drawing. Her work was exhibited at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts.

Aaron Petersen shows one of his ceramic pieces. Aaron's work was selected to show at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts.





Kelly Hill (above) exhibits several of her ceramic pieces. The two in the back are ceramic impressions of Van Gogh's paintings.

Lynzy Kast (below) works in a variety of mediums. She shows off pencil drawings, an oil painting, and several ceramic works.





Russ Strahota (above) shows a sample of his work, which was selected by the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. A pencil drawing and several ceramic works are shown here, including a dragon and chess pieces.



Erica Rademacher (above) usually expresses her talent through painting and drawing. Her works are shown close up, to the right; the painting to the far right was exhibited at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts.



Instrumental and Choral Music Classes Inspire Students to Lifelong Appreciation of Music

Every year the fifth grade class is in turmoil as they begin to choose instruments and learn how to play them. As the years go by, those students who stick with the band program become more and more advanced and are soon experienced concert band members. In daily classes, students work on 1-2 compositions a day to prepare for concerts.

Choral music classes begin with warmup exercises, followed by practicing the musical selections for upcoming concerts.





Music teachers **Aaron Olson** and **Don Schultz** were unable to select one or two students who excel above the rest. In their words, every member of the band or choir are *****stars***** who contribute to the overall sound of the group. **Top.** Justin Sorensen concentrates on his trumpet music in concert band.

Center. Bria Welch, Courtney Hanson, Sanni Hynynen, Lisa Walters and Heather Anderson express their emotions as they practice a song in concert choir.

Bottom. Kristin Kiefert, Jesse Timm, Alex Schmid, Dave Philp and Ben Berndt sing beautifully to the music in concert choir.





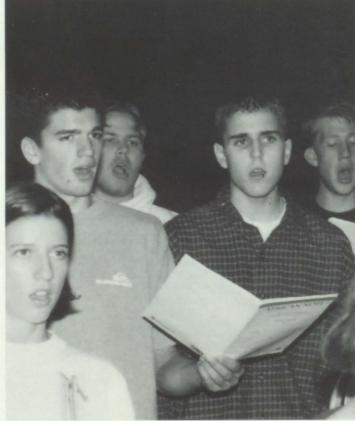




Don Schultz



Mary Lechelt Accompanist





Corinne Dulgar



Pam Melchert



Lynn Mercer

Below. Matt Priess seems pleased with the food selections at El Meson on a Spanish field trip

Below right. After seeing the play Cyrano, French students gather in front of the New French Cafe in Minneapolis.

Bottom Following a theatrical presentation at the Mixed Blood Theatre, Spanish students enjoy their Latin America style lunch.



Spanish, French Students Learn Language, Culture

This year three levels of Spanish and two levels of French were offered to students. Both language classes experienced field trips, enjoying the food and culture of Spain and France. The French class attended the play Cyrano and enjoyed a quaint lunch at Le Nouveau Cafe Francais in Minneapolis. The Spanish II students attended a presentation of a Spanishlanguage performance at the Mixed Blood Theatre, followed by a Latin American lunch at El Meson in Minneapolis.

A highlight for the French students was a trip to France in the spring, during which they had first hand experience with the people and customs they learned about in the classroom. Spanish students had an opportunity to travel to Spain in the summer of 1999.



★★Star Students★★



The three language teachers each selected one student who consistently does outstanding work in French or Spanish and who sets a good example for their peers. They are Jenna Kunkel, Sam Maiser, Kate Eder.

FACS Classes Prepare Students to Become Independent Adults, Responsible Consumers

The Family and Consumer Science Department provides students with classes that will be useful to them throughout their lives. Foods classes teach cooking skills and guidelines that provide a healthy diet. For those who want to learn more about the responsibilities and decisions involved in parenting, the Child Development class proves helpful to future parents. Some of the other classes offered provide information on the skills needed to fulfill a job in business or social work, or careers in housing or fashion.



Sue Hartwig



Above. Pat Johnson and Garret Chadek work hard on rolling bread dough to make bread sticks.

Right. Mrs. Hartwig talks with Amanda Hagen, Lisa Walters and Melissa Diethelm as they enjoy the appetizers they prepared.



★★Star Students★★

Selected by their teacher as students who really try to do an outstanding job in their subject and set a positive example for their classmates are Amanda Hamer, Emily Streeter, Angie Schuler and Kristen Mc-Cune.





Above. Ted Keefe excitedly points to his nicely prepared pitas on a platter.



Kristi Berlin



Jim Lee



Lydia Thometz Right. Markus Mamorey and Katrin Veiss type their proects for class.



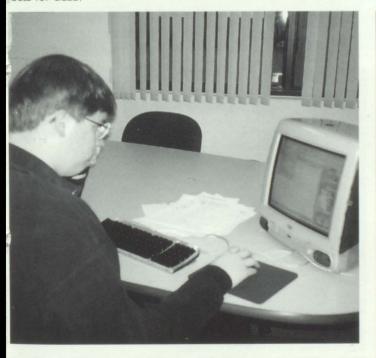
Computer Skills Essential for Tomorrow's Jobs

The computer and business classes at WH5 keep getting more diverse as the years go by. Technology keeps advancing, and with that, jobs today have more requirements. Students need these computer skills to be prepared for future careers.

WHS offers many useful electives that are very interesting and vital for future job hunting. Some of this year's electives included Finances, Keyboarding, Business Connections, Personal Law, Intro to Windows, Desktop Publishing, and Accounting.

Left. Tim Held makes good use of his time in keyboarding class. **Below right.** Ryan Mortensen is sworn in by bailiff Justin Brunelle in a mock trial in Personal Law.





Above. Senior Dan Bush works on the District 110 web page on the new I-Mac computer.

★★Star Student★★



Unanimously selected by the Business Department teachers, senior **Jessica Schmidt** exemplifies the qualities of a star student, one who works hard and sets a good example. Jessica plans a career in accounting.

Industrial Tech Classes Prepare Students for World of Work

The Industrial Technology Department provided classes dealing with woods, drafting, metals, auto maintenance, small engines, and other specialized subjects. Some of



the many opportunities offered to the students included building their own woods projects, repairing cars, studying drafting, and finishing the 1998-99 shed project. Students used drawings, computers, and hands-on work to get involved in these classes. Students not only gained skills through these classes, but also they developed pride in their achievements.

Left. Scott Loscheider works diligently on spot welding his tool box. **Below.** Aaron Kleid and Joe Gast discuss their drafting project for Intro to Drafting.







Dave Aeling Bo

Bob Lindemann



★★Star Students★★



Selected by their teachers as students who try to do an outstanding job in their subject area and are a positive example to their peers, **Leslie Litfin**, **Joe Grengs** (pictured above), **Heidi Keller** and **Andy Eischens** (not pictured) represent the Tech Education Department as Star Students.



Center right. Chris Rettig and James Dressen carefully make a punch on the lathe in Intro to Metals. **Above.** James Gomez, Sean Bailey and Eric Lenzen braze conduit to sheet metal for their class project.



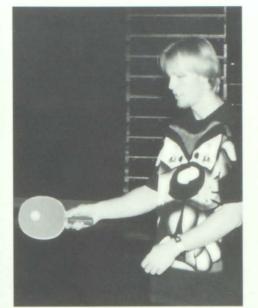
Mark Elsenpeter



Pat Foley



Connie Manuel Top. Joe Grengs paddles the ball in a phy ed class. Right. Dave Philp shows his strength in weight training. Far right. Sarah Dreier gets ready to throw a dart.



Health, Phy Ed Emphasize Importance of Fitness

This year in health class, students had fun learning different things about their bodies and how to keep them healthy. The class hit on topics such as the bodily effects and dangers of smoking and drinking, the importance of eating right, ways to maintain good physical and mental health, and ways to deal with teen pregnancy and STD's.

In phy ed classes, students enjoyed soccer, football, volleyball, dancing, floor hockey, and speedball. They also participated in fitness day. In addition, students could elect to take such advanced classes as Medical Emergencies, Lifetime Physical Fitness, and Advanced Physical Education.

Overall, these classes provided ample opportunity to ensure that students go on to lead healthy, long lives.







Above. Ms. Manuel assists Sungmin Hong in a cooperative project with Mrs. Hartwig's class on the subject of nutrition.



Above. In Medical Emergencies, Cristy Jensen practices the techniques of CPR.

English Classes Focus on Language and Literature

In English classes, students studied many types of literature, learning the elements of various genres and analyzing the meanings of specific poems and novels. Students also learned more about grammar and sentence structure, and they used their skills in writing assignments.

In addition to the required classes, the English Department offered a variety of related electives, including Theatre, Video Productions, Journalism, and Writing for Enjoyment.

Even though the basic curriculum hasn't changed a great deal, the classes seem to produce the same results: students with wider and enhanced language capabilities, along with preparation in writing and literature. English is a valuable asset to anyone who is going to pursue a place in the professional world.





Kim Benson



Mary Kolb

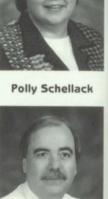




Above. Megan Turek and Jordan Everhart act out *Romeo and Juliet* in Theatre class.







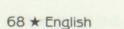
Mark Torborg

Top. Justin Symanietz works on one of Mr. Torborg's fun sheets in English 10.

Center left. Stuart Radde asks for assistance from Mr. Benson in AP Lit.

Center right. Concentrating hard on the subject at hand, sophomore Melissa Stevens learns more and more about English in Mr. Torborg's class.

Left. Vance Kerber concentrates on his work in Mrs. Kolb's class.





Eric Herrmann



Steve Hullander



Jon Luebke



Mike Zender

Top. Samantha Becklund and Mike Weiland study a map in geography.

Center left. Don Arndt and Zach Wilson explore their career options on the MCIS program in freshman social.

Center right. Sophomores Matt Anderson and Eva Mohn delight in their history research.

Right. Cassie Gaddo gets slightly startled in Honors History.

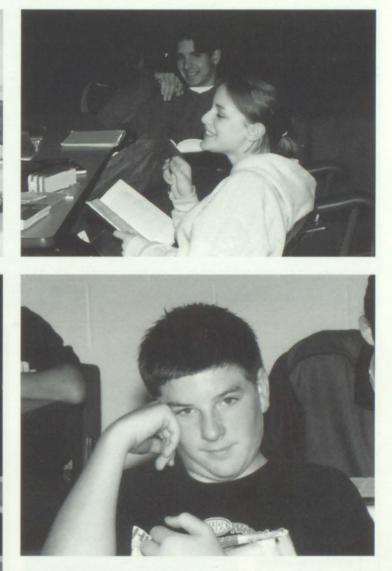


Social Dept. Offers Wide Variety of Classes, Electives

The Social Studies Department studies society the history, geography, and psychology of it. Students engage in a variety of individual and group activities that lead to a better understanding of the topics being covered.

Freshmen study the branches of the government and do career exploration. Sophomores study 20th century U.S. history, while juniors study the geography of the United States and the culture and economics of the Western hemisphere. Seniors study political science, economics, and psychology.

Some of the electives available included Criminal Justice, World War I and II and the Holocaust, Survey of the Civil War, Sports in American Society, and Contemporary Social Issues.



Above. Shaun Kamann sits back and prepares to learn in Mr. Herrmann's class.

Math Classes Challenge Students' Problem Solving and Reasoning Abilities

Waconia High School offers many math classes to help prepare students for the future. Courses range from Algebra I all the way up to AP Calculus, but only two years of math are required to graduate.

A new addition to many math classes this year was the inclusion of graduation standards as part of the curriculum. WHS now has projects that must be completed to meet the graduation standards.





Mark Grundhofer



Kathy Kurtz



★★Star Students★★

Selected by their teachers for doing a good job in math and setting a good example are Andrew Tongen, Dan Schnobrich, Cristy Jensen, Nate Hendren, Katie Wasness.







Sharon Singsaas



Sandy Wasness

Top. Peter Geyen and Molly Schrupp work together on a project in AP Calculus.

Center. Freshman Becky Luedloff utilizes a very large compass in geometry.

Left. Matt Heger diigently works on a geometry puzzle.



Darrell Arman



Mel Berg



Tim Sauer



Katie Tietz

Top. Tanya Clemensen works on a lab assignment for Physical Science. Center. Joe Gast, Scott Stein and Matt McGowan dissect a cow's eye in tenth grade biology. **Right.** Junior Dylan Bruzenak performs an experiment in physics class.



Science Classes Introduce Students to the Principles of Life, Matter, and Motion

From studying the human body to hands-on lab work, science students experience exciting and memorable learning endeavors. All students are required to take Physical Science 9 and one more year of science. Many students choose to take Biology I.

More advanced classes include Biology II, Chemistry I and II, Anatomy/Physiology, and physics. These classes challenge students through experiments, lab work, and research projects.





★★Star Students★★



Selected by their teachers as students who really try to do an outstanding job in science and are a positive example to their peers are (back) Becky Diers, Stuart Radde, **Cliff Kornelis** and (front)Dan Bush, Dan Schnobrich, Kate Eder.

Restless Youth

ne of the most memorable parts of most high school students' lives is the activities they're in! WHS students participate in activities from drama to music and Mock Trial to FLA, as well as take part in homecoming activities, special winter events, the junior-senior prom, and graduation ceremonies. When we look back at our high school years, we will undoubtedly remember these activities most.

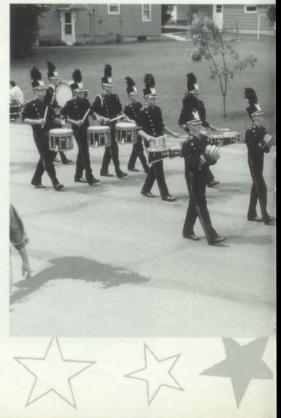




Top. Yearbook staff members Karyn Laulainen and Andy Eischens work hard to make the sports section the best possible.

Above. Although the seniors didn't win the tug-of-war contest against the teachers, they did get a laugh as they let go of the rope.

Right. The drumline and the horn section bring up the end of the marching band.



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Top left. Pep band provides the music that helps keep the teams' spirits high.

Top right. One-act play members perform "The Ugly Duckling" in competition.From left: Lynzy Kast, Jordan Everhart, Chad Kosieracki, Annie Dressen, Megan Turek, Katie Wasness, Markus Mambrey, **Center left.** The Show Choir

Center left. The Show Choir lights up the stage during their spring show.

Center. Freshman Luke Schiller celebrates Winterfest by dressing up for Tropical Day. Center right. This year's musical, Anything Goes, is a success!

Left. Senior Josh Venske sings his heart out at choir practice.



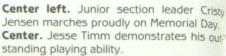


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Marching Band Finishes with Grand Champion Title

ontinuing their tradition of excellence, the marching band finished an outstanding season in 1998. With practices starting in April, they again went to a four-day long camp at the U of Wisconsin-River Falls. The band performed the music of John Rutter, including "Gloria," "As the Bridegroom to His Chosen" and "Oh, Be Joyful in the Lord."

Continually scoring well, they finished their season with a Grand Champion title from Litchfield.



Center right. The cymbals stand in perfect alignment to show the band's discipline. **Bottom left.** The trumpet section crosssteps, showing one of the most difficult maneuvers of the season.



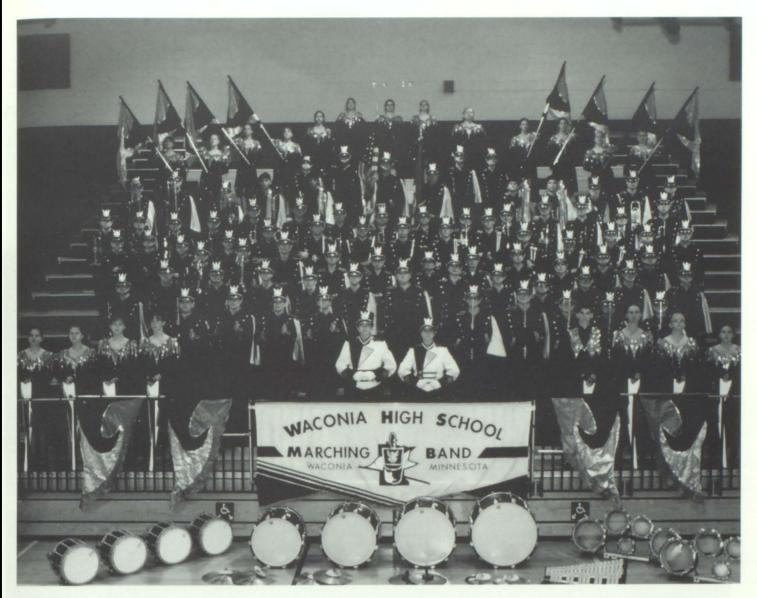








Above. Courtney Hanson performs at the Bayview Marching Band Show.



Commander Wendy Ahlbrecht

Flute

Laura Johnson Jennifer Menth Lisa Smestad Amanda Templin Kelly Westlund Tim Connor Lisa Hammer Megan Sterner

Clarinet

Rachel Minzel Jennifer Capaul Desiree Cox Melissa Diethelm Kate Eder Amanda Hagen Julia Kes Rachel Knickerbocker Nicole Krautbauer Nona Lehrke Jennifer Mochinski Dylan Schesso Natalie Timmers Jessie Bammert Sarah Gibbs Vance Kerber Angela Morris Luke Schiller

Alto Saxophone

Nate Hendren Cristy Jensen Maureen Ayers-Looby Morgan Berndt Ernie Flemig

Trumpet

Jackie Menth Chris Hendren Terry Klaers Karyn Laulainen Leslie Litfin Kelly Leen Lucas Meyer Dave Philp Justin Sorensen Emily Tongen Sandy Asp Eric Ellingson Marc Ellingson Kevin Ketcher Audra Lehrke

Horn

Eric Janzen Bria Welch

Trombone

Nick Geller Ben Berndt Courtney Hanson Mark Wilson

Euphonium

Cal Kosieracki Matt Heger

Tuba Aaron Sorensen Sam Maiser Robert Pesch Jesse Timm

Percussion

Erin Indrelie Matt Bergmann Brady Bussler Holly Kunkel Scot Rewerts Brent Rolf Adam Hagen Brian Johnson Jennifer Schnobrich Andrew Tongen Abby Welch

Am Squad

Ryan Mortensen John Ta Matt Anderson

Color Guard

Leah Gjertson **Becky Diers** Kristin Kiefert Jolene John Heidi Keller Lori Kelly Lisa Kirsch Jenna Kunkel Krystle Weinzierl Jenny Meuwissen Lisa Walters Crystal Zancig **Desiree Schesso** Lacey Ahlbrecht Anna Warnes Ben Pauly Kristin Erickson **Rachelle Rosin** Emiley Lamberger

New Choir Director Brings Changes to Music Dept.; Both Band, Choir Continue Tradition of Excellence

he new choir director, Mr. Olson, has brought a new view into the music department. Show Choir, Men's Chorus, and Eclectic Society are among the changes the choral department has seen. The Concert Choir competed in a St. Cloud festival and the Show Choir performed in several festivals as well, including Eau Claire. In addition, they have continued their tradition

of excellence.

Directed by Don Schultz, the Concert Band had a very full and exciting year. The holiday season had the band performing a joint concert, the Yuleltide Festival, with the choirs. Many ensembles also performed at this concert.

In mid-January the Concert Band was visited by the CSB/SJU Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band. These groups joined the band for rehearsal, directed by the guest directors of C5B/SJU. In addition, the WHS Concert Band took a short tour in the spring, performing at several colleges/high schools.

Center left. Juniors Jenny Menth and Desiree Cox sing their hearts out during a rehearsal.

Center right. Senior Kelly Staber, sophomore Leah Gjertson, juniors Louise Knudsen, Crystal Zancig and senior Heidi Iddings prepare a Christmas piece for the Yuletide Festival.



Concert Choir. Back: Desiree Cox, Katie Scholla, Courtney Hanson, Bria Welch, Chad Kosieracki, Terry Klaers, Ross Hoffman, Kevin Mielke, Eliott Kranz, Josh Venske, Alex Schmid, Ben Berndt, Justin Sorensen, Kristin Kiefert, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Julia Kes, Kelly Staber, Kari Laabs. 3rd Row: Karyn Laulainen, Rachelle Rosin, Kelly Leen, Linnea Mohn, Lisa Walters, Ben Pauly, Aaron Linton, Kyle Ague, Dave Philp, Jesse Timm, Jenny Meuwissen, Desiree Schesso, Lisa Kirsch, Leslie Liffin, Leah Gjertson, Crystal Zancig. 2nd Row: Jenny Menth, Amanda Hawkins, Nicole Schrupp, Heather Anderson, Crystal Pfeifer, John Ta, Doug Meyer, Sam Maiser, Josh Brandenburg, Katie Wasness, Krystle Weinzierl, Annie Dressen, Heidi Iddings. Front: Kathryn Gentz, Mindy Ramm, April Stevens, Sanni Hynynen, April Cole, Tina Buesgens, Emily Christianson, Louise Knudsen, Sarah Dreier. **Concert Band.** Front: Amanda Hagen, Melissa Diethelm, Kate Eder, Julia Kes, Desiree Cox, Kristin Erickson. 2nd Row: Laura Johnson, Kelly Westlund, Kari Laabs, Melanie Hoggarth, Kristin Kiefert, Jenny Menth, Angelie Timm. 3rd Row: Leslie Litfin, Jackie Menth, Kelly Leen, Bill Bedford, Ben Berndt, Leah Gjertson, Karyn Laulainen, Bria Welch, Eliott Kranz. 4th Row: Wendy Ahlbrecht, Cristy Jensen, Nate Hendren, Brady Bussler, Matt Bergmann, Erin Indrelie, Scot Rewerts, Andrew Tongen. Back: Chad Kosieracki, Courtney Hanson, Kyle Rambow, Dave Philp, Terry Klaers, Matt Stuewe, Sam Maiser, Jesse Timm, Krystle Weinzierl, Anna Warnes, Desiree Schesso, Jenna Kunkel. Not pictured: Justin Sorensen, Nona Lehrke, Rachelle Rosin, Becky Diers.











Center left. Junior Dave Philp takes part in the experience of working with the St. John's/St. Ben's concert band. **Above.** Sophomore Leah Gjertson plays one of the many band's pieces with confidence. **Far left.** Senior Desiree Schesso listens intently to Mr. Schultz's instructions. **Left.** Junior trombone player Kyle Rambow plays with accuracy and precision.

Growth Seen in 9th, 10th Band, Choir Below. Sara Meyer and Kristi Wa pare for their upcoming concert.

Below left. Brass players Garret Morgan and Matt Heger warm up. **Below.** Sara Meyer and Kristi Wagener prepare for their upcoming concert.

he musical students of ninth and tenth grade at WHS participated in Varsity Choir or Symphonic Band. They performed in several concerts throughout the year, with over 80 students participating in band and almost 60 in choir.

The groups rehearsed during second block for 45 minutes each day. The talented students performed many diverse types of music, including marches, classical, contemporary, and gospel music.

Right. Varsity Choir. Back: Maureen Ayers-Looby, Eva Mohn, Marilyn Spiess, Émily Tongen, Charity Zabel, Lindsay Swenson, Angie Riihiluoma , Marc Ellingson, Eric Ellingson, Mike Hilliard, Mark Wilson, Mike Er-ickson, Nick Waletich, David Powers, Amanda Templin, Nicole Krautbauer, Jennifer Capaul, Lindsey Hatz, Lisa Hammer. 3rd Row: Tanya U'Ren, Nicole Latham , Katie Wozniak, Jolene John, Dylan Schesso, Ryan Wood, Drew Gulden, Robert Stevens, Bret Plocher, Hunter Boyce, Jessie Falk, Holly Olson, Sarah Meier, Kristi Wagener. 2nd Row: Emiley Lamberger, Lea Massengale, Heidi Keller, Danielle Cronholm, Luke Schiller, Alex Kranz, Karl Kranz, Matt Anderson, Brian Johnson, Josh Jetto, Rachel Minzel, Mackenzie Foley, Abby Welch, Sarah Gibbs, Rachel Knickerbocker. Front: Laura Villanueva, Cassie Gaddo, Kirstin Klason, Holly Kunkel, Tina Pogatchnik, Lisa Koehler, Michelle Weiland, Amanda Neil.

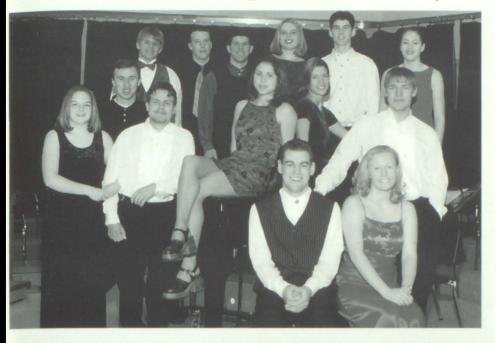






Symphonic Band. Back: Matt Masurka, Mark Wilson, David Powers, Jeffrey Foust, Adam Hastings, Matt Hentges, Murphy Steiner, Matt Anderson, Jeff Eliott, Aaron Sorensen, Nathan McKinney, Alex Kranz, Rob Pesch, Aaron Petersen, Lucas Meyer, Chris Hendren, Josh Jetto, Matt Priess, Emily Tongen, Audra Lehrke, Marc Ellingson, Dylan Schesso. 4th Row: Carrie Peterson, Matt Heger, Cal Kosieracki, Mark Anderson, Ted Keefe, Chris Schmitz, Ernie Flemig, Eric Janzen, Anna Szczepanski, Jessie Falk, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Holly Olson, Ben Weaver, Justin Pawela, Zach Lamberger, Dylan Pforr, Juliet Hong, James Dressen. 3rd Row: Adam Schlagel, Lisa Gedden, Jennifer Capaul, Nicole Krautbauer, Rachel Minzel, Amanda Templin, Kay Trittabaugh, Cassie Gaddo, Jolene John, Lisa Smestad, Jessie Williams, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Lisa Hammer, Kirstin Klason, Brooke Simonson, Megan Sterner, Tim Connor, Emiley Lamberger. 2nd Row: Eric Ellingson, Luke Schiller, Vance Kerber, Brad Kelzer, Brittni Talley, Jessica Bammert, Sarah Gibbs, Angela Morris, Jenny Litfin, Rachel Knickerbocker, Katie Whittaker, Jennifer Mochinski, Natalie Timmers. Front: Holly Kunkel, Adam Hagen, Brian Johnson, Jenny Schnobrich, Abby Welch, Mackenzie Foley, Jodi Storms, Leah Indrelie, Greg Hoppenrath, Brent Rolf, Drew Gustafson.

New Choral Groups Add Variety to Music Offerings



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The Men's Chorus was a new group formed this year. Made up of dedicated men, either choir members or non-choir members, the group sang a variety of songs and performed at the holiday and winter concerts.

Left. Eclectic Society. Back: Sam Maiser, Dylan Schesso, Alex Kranz, Lisa Kirsch, Ben Pauly, Wendy Ahlbrecht. Center: Desiree Schesso, Ross Hoffman, Alex Schmid, Jolene John, Kristin Kiefert, Kevin Mielke. Front: Eliott Kranz, Karyn Laulainen. Not pictured: Eva Mohn.

Below left and below. Eclectic Society members perform with their hearts.







Men's Chorus: Back: Eliott Kranz, Mike Erickson, Ethan Miller, Mark Wilson. Center: Jesse Timm, David Philp, Kevin Ketcher, Bret Plocher, David Powers, Alex Kranz, Ross Hoffman. Front: Mark Plocher, Nathaniel Miller, Alex Schmid, Ben Pauly, Aaron Linton, Drew Gulden.

Above. Lisa Kirsch performs "You're Still the One" at the '99 Pop Show.

Show Choir Dazzles Fans

U nder the direction of new faculty member Aaron Olson, the traditional Pop Group became the Show Choir. Although the name changed, not much else did. They still had the best performers, lively routines, great songs, and hours of practice. The group did most of their own choreography with the leadership of Linnea Mohn and Angelie Timm. The Show Choir proved to be a bright group of students with inspiring talents!



Top. Alex Kranz, Luke Schiller, Marc Ellingson and Eric Ellingson wanna be your teddy bear.

Right. Not only does the Show Choir let the sunshine in, but they know how to feel it! **Below.** "Our Favorite Son" was one of the Show Choir's favorites.









Show Choir.Back: Karyn Laulainen, Dylan Schesso, Marc Ellingson, Mackenzie Foley, Desiree Schesso, Eric Ellingson, Chad Kosieracki, Angelie Timm. Center: Ross Hoffman, Alex Schmid, Katie Wozniak, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Jesse Timm, Eliott Kranz, Juliet Hong, Rachelle Rosin, Marilyn Spiess, Sam Maiser, Linnea Mohn, Aaron Linton. Front: Leslie Litfin, Luke Schiller, Crystal Zancig, Alex Kranz.

Above. The Show Choir ``swings'' to ``Jump, Jive, 'n Wail!''

The Beat Goes On As the Pep Band Performs at Games



he WHS pep band performs at all home football games during the fall. The members also add music to both the boys' and girls' basketball games during the winter. For the first time ever, the pep band attended a gymnastics meet to help cheer on the gymnasts. The band performs a variety of upbeat music, and all instruments are included. The pep band occasionally travels to boys' and girls' away basketball games during tournament season.

Left. Bass guitarists Matt Masurka and Kelly Leen contribute to the music of the pep band.







Center left. The winter pep band performs at the wrestling pep fest. **Above.** The brass and woodwind sections of the band help to encourage the team.

Center right. Clarinet players Desiree Cox and Melissa Diethelm add to the upbeat music at a basketball game.



Above. Sophomore Amanda Templin plays the flute to boost the team spirit.

Anything Goes Cruises Back to the 1930's

Presented on November 12, 13, and 14, the fall musical *Anything* Goes was new choir director Aaron Olson's first musical at Waconia High School.

The play opened with passengers boarding a trans-Atlantic liner bound for England. The entourage included Sir Evelyn Oakleigh and his young American fiance, Miss Hope Harcourt. Complicating Mrs. Harcourt's plans of an upscale marriage for her daughter was the last-minute presence of Billy Crocker, who was in love with Hope and stowed away to try to prevent her impending union with Sir Evelyn.

Adding zest to the ship's company were evangelist/night club singer Reno Sweeney and her four Angels. Reno agreed to help her friend Billy and found herself very attracted to Sir Evelyn. True to its 1930's setting, a small-time gangster, Moonface Martin, was fleeing America in disguise, aided and abetted by his sidekick Bonnie. The romantic entanglements and mistaken identities provided the comedic setting of the play.

Right. Sir Evelyn Oakleigh (Chad Kosieracki) and Reno Sweeney (Linnea Mohn) find themselves attracted to one another on the ship. **Below right.** The entire cast performs "Anything Goes." **Bottom right.** To get near Hope, Billy poses as an old woman. Left

to right: Katie Scholla, Eliott Kranz, Rachelle Rosin, Chad Kosieracki.



Above. Pit Orchestra. Back: Jennifer Capaul, Kristin Kiefert, Nathan Hendren, Terry Klaers, Justin Sorensen, Courtney Hanson. Center: accompanist Kathleen Young, Julian Marcsisak, Virginia Miller, Amanda Hagen, Kristin Erickson, Jen Mochinski, Cristy Jensen, Jodi Storms. Front: Don Schultz, Jackie Menth, Matt Bergmann, Wendy Ahlbrecht.











Anything Goes Cast

Billy Crocker Eliott Kranz
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Moonface Martin Benjamin Pauly
Reno Sweeney
Sir Evelyn Oakleigh Chad Kosieracki
Hope Harcourt
Mrs. Harcourt Katie Scholla
Bonnie Angelie Timm
Elisha J. Whitney Ross Hoffman
Captain Jesse Timm
Purser David Philp
Reporter
Cameraman Aaron Petersen
Bishop Henry T. Dobson Ethan Miller
Steward Leslie Litfin
Ling
Ching Alex Schmid
Angels Megan Turek, Crystal Zancig
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Lynzy Kast, Jenny Menth
Tap Dancers Kelly Leen, Angelie Timm

Eva Mohn Chorus Emily Christianson, Danielle Cronholm, Becky Diers, Annie Dressen, Marc Ellingson, Mackenzie Foley, Cassie Gaddo, Jolene John, Katie Wozniak, Julia Kes, Alex Kranz, Nicole Krautbauer, Karyn Laulainen, Kelly Leen, Aaron Linton, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Sam Maiser, Jenny Menth, Ethan Miller, Michael Miller, Eva Mohn, Aman-da Neil, David Powers, Alex Schmid, Marilyn da Neil, David Powers, Alex Schmid, Marilyn Spiess, Amanda Templin

Musical Director Aaron Olsor	1
Stage Director	i
Conductor	2
Accompanist	J
Choreographer Marcia Santo	
Crew Members Pictured John Ta, Melissa	3
Diethelm, Jenny Meuwissen, Krystle	
Weinzierl, Lisa Walters, Pat Lindstrom, Mat	t
Anderson	

Top. Bonnie (Angelie Timm) sings of "Heaven Hop." **Left.** Billy (Eliott Kranz), Ling (Sam Maiser), Ching (Alex Schmid), and Moonface (Ben Pauly) play a game of strip poker.



Afternoon Homecoming Coronation Replaces Traditional Evening Event

H omecoming week was exciting for all students at WH5. Coronation was held on Monday afternoon during school, which was a change from the traditional evening ceremony.

Prior to the coronation, freshman Maureen Ayers-Looby sang "One Moment in Time," and a trio made up of Linnea Mohn, Eva Mohn, and Angelie Timm sang "Angel." The queen candidates were each given a box containing either a white or a red rose. Becky Diers held the box containing the winning red rose and was crowned queen. In the traditional manner, Becky crowned Andy Gongoll as king.

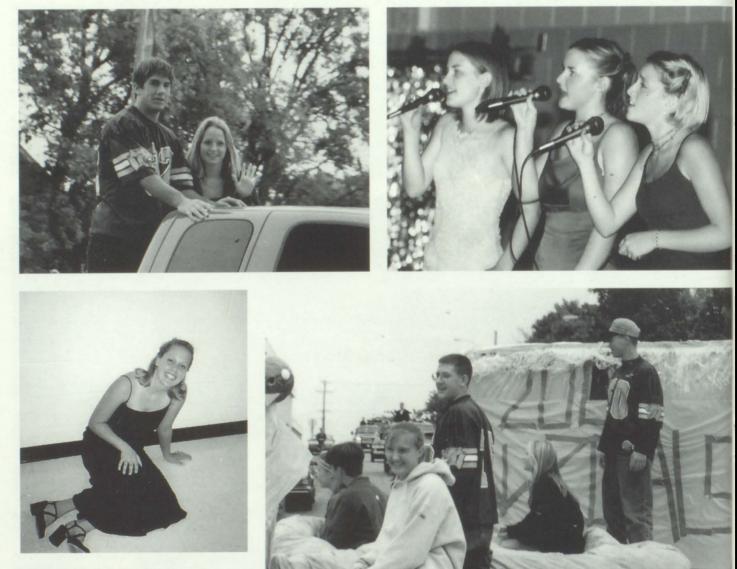
Following Friday's pepfest, a parade proceeded through town. The parade included the royalty, class floats, fire engines carrying the cheerleaders and danceline, and the jazz band.

Below left. Senior royalty candidates Paul Delaney and JoAnna Meuwissen wave as they pass through the parade route.

Below right. Eva Mohn, Linnea Mohn and Angelie Timm provide entertainment for the crowd during coronation.

Below. Freshman page Kelsey Dake and escort Austin Bodahl pose for a photo after the crowning.





Above. Katie Scholla patiently waits in the hallway for coronation to begin. **Right.** The class of 2001 ride on their float during the homecoming parade.

Homecoming Royalty. Back: Linnea Mohn, Chad Kosieracki, Destiny Bren, Ross Hoffman, Katie Scholla, Eliott Kranz, JoAnna Meuwissen, Paul Delaney, Molly Schrupp, BJ Oswall, Rachelle Rosin, Ben Pauly. Front: Austin Bodahl, Kelsey Dake, Chris Schmitz, Kristin Pletsch, King Andy Gongoll, Queen Becky Diers, Samantha Becklund, Drew Johnston.





Above. The queen candidates quickly unwrap their roses in anticipation of being chosen homecoming queen.



Above. Homecoming king Andy Gongoll is congratulated after being crowned.

Spirit Week 1998

During Spirit Week, there were many opportunities for students to show their pride in their school. The dress-up days this year included Pajama Day on Monday, Decades Day on Tuesday, Twins Day on Wednesday, Class Color Day on Thursday, and the traditional ribbons/purple and gold day on Friday. This year the girls wore the ribbons. There were other opportunities during the week to decorate the class halls, build the floats, decorate for coronation, and paint the windows.





Below left. Juniors Karyn Laulainen and Crystal Zancig show their spirit by dressing up for Pajama Day.

Below. Heidi Meier and Heather Anquist represent the 50's on Decades Day.

Bottom left. During powerpuff, the juniors prepare for an offensive play.

Bottom right. The victorious seniors carry out a defensive play.











Top. The Women in Black show who's boss. **Center left.** The danceline, with junior Kristen McCune in front, dances to "Jessie's Girl" during the homecoming pepfest. **Above.** The uncanny resemblance between Mr. Olson and Josh Venske becomes more obvious on Twins Day.



Center right. Tiffany Dalbec and Kelly Staber decorate the senior hallway. **Above.** Willy the Wildcat and Jen Mochinski help to get the crowd excited for the game.

National Honor Society Members Believe "The Present Will Always Contribute to the Building of the Futures."

The quote by Frantz Fanon expresses the spirit of NHS. The National Honor Society banquet was held on October 26, 1998. Twentythree new members were inducted into NHS. Following the dinner, speaker Joe Mayne enlightened both students and parents with his speech. Afterwards, students received their awards — juniors and sophomores were awarded pins or a certificate and seniors received plaques.

Students elected to National Honor Society must have a 3.33 grade point average, must perform fifteen hours of community servce, participate in at least two activities, and demonstrate good character.





Top. Jackie Menth lights the NHS candle as part of the ceremony.

Above center. Senior Heidi Meier accepts her plaque from Mr. Fredericksen.

Above. Newly inducted sophomores Natalie Timmers, Emily Tongen and Leah Gjertson are proud to be members of NH5.

Right. Audra Lehrke, Megan Doyscher and Cortney Sletten recite the NHS pledge.







Left. Sophomore National Honor Society Members. Back: Dylan Schesso, Matt Masurka, Nick Waletich, Nate Hendren. Center: Audra Lehrke, Mike Hilliard, Chris Hendren, Josh Jetto, Natalie Timmers, Emily Tongen. Front: Leah Gjertson, Anna Warnes, Megan Doyscher, Matt Priess, Jessica Williams, Lacy Skoog.

Below. Junior National Honor Society Members. Back: Kyle Rambow, Brady Bussler, Andrew Tongen, Jesse Timm, Joe Masurka, Justin Sorensen, Russell Strahota. Center: Jessica Sutherland, Cliffton Kornelis, Andrea Drapcho, Bria Welch, Amanda Hawkins, Lisa Walters, Karyn Laulainen, Crystal Zancig, Cristy Jensen. Front: Lisa Kirsch, Kara Dake, Leslie Litfin, Sarah Marsden, Courtney Hanson, Melanie Hoggarth, Katie Wasness, Kate Eder. Seated: Kristen Mc-Cune, Melissa Ittel.







Center left. NHS secretary Eliott Kranz speaks on character at the banquet.

Senior National Honor Society Members. Back: Jesse Waletich, Greg Kranz, Chad Kosieracki, Ben Pauly, Dan Schnobrich. Center: Becky Diers, Sarah Doyscher, Sarah Dreier, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Desiree Schesso, Jessica Schmidt, Kristin Kiefert, Kelly Hedtke, Rachelle Rosin. Front: Molly Schrupp, Cortney Sletten, Heidi Meier, Kelly Leen, Eliott Kranz, JoAnna Meuwissen, Doug Flies, Katie Scholla. Seated: Nona Lehrke, Jackie Menth, Krystle Weinzierl, Kristin Erickson.



FLA Earns State Chapter of Excellence Award

R LA participated in many worthwhile events this year. A toy, food, and clothing drive was held to collect items for the homeless. Along with the New Student Helpers, FLA sponsored Chemical Health Week, and with Student Council, they cosponsored Winterfest activities.

Members attended regional, state and national competitions. The entire chapter was awarded a state Chapter of Excellence Award. Katie Wasness was elected to the office of State President-Elect, and the junior parli team advanced to national competition. Brenda Johnson spent a month in Japan in an FLA sponsored exchange program.

The group met twice a month as a large group, but individuals met on a more regular basis. FLA once again upheld their tradition of excellence.





Top. What a success! Many high school students donated food, toys, and clothing to this year's FLA food drive. Helping sort through everything are Sandy Asp, Kate Eder and Amanda Hagen.

Center right. Katie Wasness, FLA presidentelect on the state level, organizes many of the FLA's activities.

FLA Members. Above Front: Heidi Meier, Becky Diers, Jessica Schmidt, Lindsey Lindemeier, Sarah Domoradzki. Center: Sarah Mock, Amanda Neil, Rachel Peterson, Mackenzie Foley, Marilyn Spiess, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Lindsey Hatz, Kay Trittabaugh. Back: Joe Reitsma, Ted Keefe, Erik Schultz, Mark Anderson, Joe Gast, Justin Pawela, Bret Plocher.

FLA Members. Right. Front: Kate Eder, Dave Philp, Joe Masurka, Alex Schmid, Sam Maiser, Cristy Jensen. Center: Shaina Zuppke, Kelly Westlund, Kari Laabs, Brenda Johnson, Amanda Hagen, Sarah Marsden, Courtney Hanson, Leslie Litfin, Lisa Walters, Melissa Diethelm. Back: Tiffany Sampson, Mark Plocher, Katie Wasness, Sarah Weinzierl, Trent Klein, Matt Bergmann.



LifeSmarts Team Competes at State

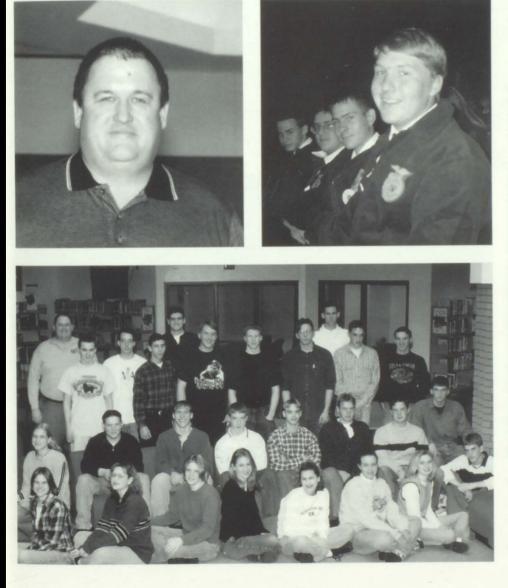


 ifeSmarts is a state-sponsored program that enourages the
 next generation of consumers to learn about important is-

sues such as buying a car, managing credit cards, using today's technology, eating right, and keeping themselves and others safe. Life-Smarts is advised by FLA adviser Sue Hartwig. Almost 100 teams participated in the LifeSmarts competitions this year, with the best 27 teams competing at state.

The LifeSmarts team of **Katie Wasness**, **Becky Diers**, **Heidi Meier and Jessica Schmidt** not only competed at state this year, but also were interviewed on KARE-TV on the day of the competition.

FFA Continues Tradition of Competition, Service



FA not only attended the national convention in Kansas City this year, but they also did well in competition. The FFA's Crop

Judging Team competed at regional competition and placed first. Individually, Nolan Lenzen placed first, Joe Laumann third, and Joe Dimler tenth. In the Farm Business Management competition, Tony Steinhagen placed eighth. Nick Hartwig and Nolan Lenzen won State Proficiency Awards, and six FFA members won Regional FFA Proficiency Awards. The team also designed a butterfly garden for the Minnesota State Fair Landscape Design booth.

Above left. Ag teacher Dennis Bjorklund advises the WHS FFA team

Above right. Joe Laumann, Matt Stuewe, Nolan Lenzen and Brian Buetow are pictured at the FFA Convention in Kansas City.

FFA. Front: Brenda Johnson, Tina Buesgens, Kelly Westlund, Heidi Tellers, Samantha Becklund, Melissa Ditsch, Julie Hoen, Scott Marsden. 2nd Row: Jenny Hiben, Joe Ansell, Ethan Weiland, Jim Olson, Jeff Pieper, Ryan Sudheimer, Nate Brockpahler, Aaron Dubbe. 3rd Row: Joe Laumann, Zach Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Buetow, Zach Pieper, Bill Vanderlinde, Brian Sandeen, Ryan Brandenburg. Back: Mr. Bjorklund, Drew Dimler, Nolan Lenzen.

Student Council, Helpers Promote Traditional and Service Activities

The Waconia High School student council sponsored many worthwhile activities this year. Participating in the KDWB/Subway Tote-A-Coat contest, WHS won with nearly 2,000 coats collected by the school and community. A new activity was the all-school Penny War, which raised \$649.00 to provide for three local families at Christmas. Student council members also sponsored homecoming activities, the annual blood drive, and winterfest events.

The student helpers held activities throughout the year to help orient new students to WH5. In August, an orientation was held to introduce new students to the building and to staff and faculty. The helpers also sponsored Chemical Health Week and Career Day.

Top. Student Helpers. Back: Amanda Hawkins, Ryan Hammer, Lisa Kirsch, Shaina Zuppke, Destiny Bren. Center: Amanda Hamer, Lauren Bresnahan, Kelly Staber, Kara Dake, April Stevens, Sandy Asp, Heidi Meier, Becky Diers. Front: Heather Anderson, Crystal Zancig, Katie Wasness, Andy Eischens, Karyn Laulainen.









Above. Tiffany Dalbec and Sandy Asp collect coats for the Tote-A-Coat contest.

Center left. Lauren Bresnahan collects pennies for a penny war to raise money for needy families in the community. **Center right.** Jimmy Young gives blood for

the student council blood drive.



Student Council. Back: Leah Gjertson, Natalie Timmers, Lacy Skoog, Anna Warnes, Josh Jetto, Andy Eischens. 3rd Row: Lauren Bresnahan, Matt Bergmann, Jesse Timm, Tegen Oakman. 2nd Row: Amanda Hamer, Tiffany Dalbec, Nona Lehrke, Krystle Weinzierl, Desiree Schesso, Katie Scholla, Molly Schrupp. Front: Sarah Meier, Becky Luedloff, Matt Heger, Luke Schiller, Ernie Flemig.



Yearbook Staff Aims for Excellence

he 1998-99 yearbook staff was divided into five sections — editors, activities, academics, sports, and students. Meeting every Tuesday after school, the sections got together and decided on layouts for the yearbook. With adviser Barbara Danger, the staff worked hard to produce another ireat yearbook. The 1998 Pawpris, "Putting the Pieces Together," Jas awarded silver by the Journal m Educators of Minnesota for exce ence in design, photography, writing, theme development and coverage. The total score was only one point shy of winning gold/All-State honors.





Above. Yearbook Staff. Back: Matt Anderson, Crystal Zancig, Katie Whittaker, Amanda Neil, Sarah Meier, Becky Luedloff, Lisa Kirsch, Michelle Anderson, Lindsey Hatz, Sarah Domoradzki, Karyn Laulainen. Center: Kelly Leen, Jackie Menth, Annie Dressen, Kristin Erickson, Jenny Meuwissen, Jenna Kunkel, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Heidi Meier, Katie Gadbaw. Front: Editors Jessica Schmidt and Becky Diers. Not pictured: Kay Trittabaugh, Andy Eischens, Desiree Schesso, Jessica Sutherland, Lea Massengale.





Top. Seniors Jenna Kunkel and Kelly Leen work on a spectacular layout for the '99 *Pawprints* yearbook.

Center left. Academics section staffers Michelle Anderson, Lea Massengale and Lindsey Hatz decide how to make their section interesting.

Center right. Freshman section editors Amanda Neil, Becky Luedloff and Sarah Meier work on their feature articles.

Above. Pawprints 98-99 editors Jessica Schmidt and Becky Diers show off the 1998 yearbook's award.

Science Club and Math League Challenge Academic Abilities

he Science Club and Math League of Waconia High School were successful this year in their competitions. Math League met twice a week

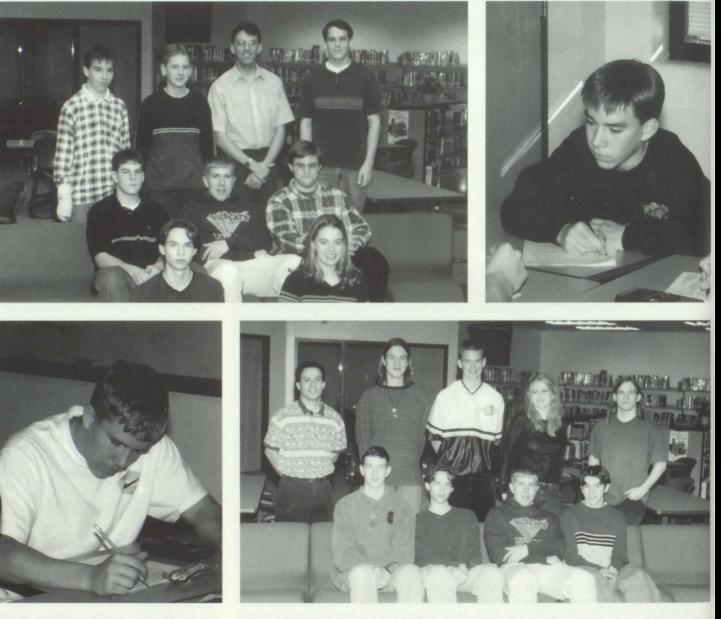
and, instructed by Mr. Sauer, competed against other schools.

Advised by Mr. Berg, Science Club members attended science competitions, which involved teamwork in the Quiz Bowl contest. They also participated in the Science Olympiad meet and constructed mechanical devices at the Mankato State Technology Challenge.

Right. Justin Pawela attentively takes notes on the day's math enigma.

Below. Math League. Front: Cliff Kornelis, Katie Wasness. Center: Dan Chrest, Mike Hilliard, Dan Bush. Back: Dylan Pforr, Justin Pawela, Mr. Sauer, Dan Schnobrich. Below right. Dylan Pforr attempts to solve the mind-boggling problems that Mr. Sauer has presented to him.





Above. Sophomore Mike Hilliard contemplates the answer to his math problems.

Above. Science Club. Back: Mr. Berg, Russell Strahota, Ethan Miller, Lindsey Hatz, Dylan Bruzenak. Front: Russell Kerber, Cliff Kornelis, Mike Hilliard, Josh Jetto.

Mock Trial Team Members Experience Legal Setting

The mock trial team members worked on a case this year in which a 14-year-old boy had committed arson that killed a man. The main question was whether or not the juvenile should be tried as an adult. Mock trial members took on the

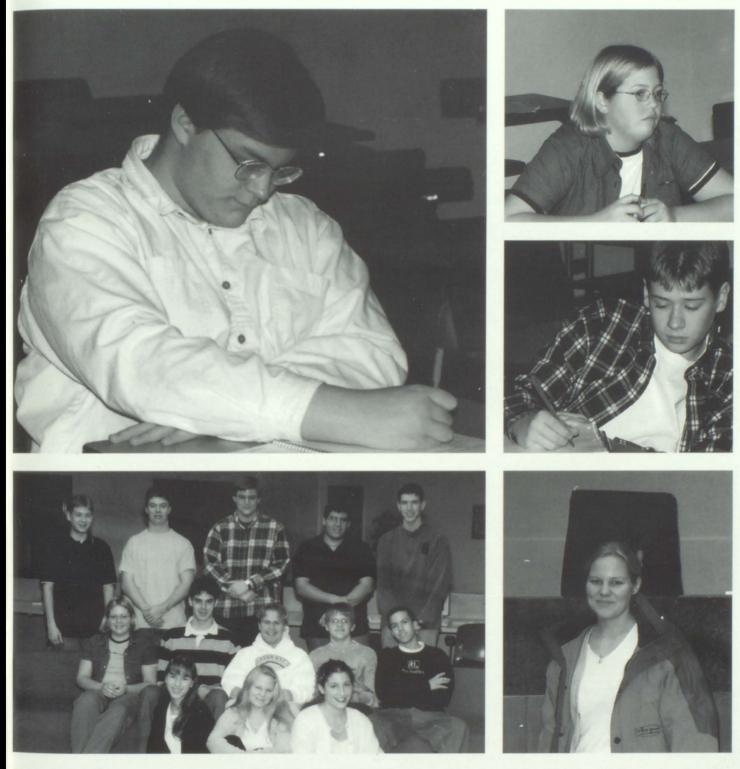
roles of lawyers and witnesses to prove their side of the case. Three of the five returning team members had had experience as lawyers in a previous year.

The team participated in two scrimmages, one with Eden Prairie and one with Watertown, two major competitions at the Hennepin County Courthouse, and regions as a team.

Below left. Dan Bush plans his strategy as a lawyer for the defense.

Below.Sarah Marsden listens intently to the testimony from the witnesses.

Below center. Justin Pawela outlines his argument for the case.



Above. Mock Trial. Front: Marilyn Spiess, Sanni Hynynen, Sarah Weinzierl. Center: Sarah Marsden, Chad Kosieracki, Alex Schmid, Sam Maiser, Neil Furman. Back: Justin Pawela, Andrew Tongen, Dan Bush, Mark Plocher, Russell Kerber.

Above. Finnish exchange student Sanni Hynynen experiences the American legal system as she poses before the bench at the Hennepin County Courthouse.

Jazz I, Jazz Also Give Fans Winning Performances

he WHS jazz groups include Jazz I and Jazz Also. Jazz I traveled to Morris, Minnesota, in April to participate in an overnight jazz festival. The successful groups performed in two concerts and at numerous other events in and outside of school. The groups performed several different varieties of jazz, including rock, funk, and swing.

Jazz I practiced every Monday night from 7 to 9 p.m, and every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. Jazz Also rehearsed on Thursday mornings at 7 a.m.

Right. Trumpets Aaron Peterson and Kelly Leen add to the high brass sound of the tune "In the Mood."

Below right. Jazz Also. Back: Eric Ellingson, Marc Ellingson, Matt Priess, Chris Hendren, Lucas Meyer, Aaron Sorensen, Kelly Leen. Center: Jenny Schnobrich, Jodi Storms, Nate McKinney, Cal Kosieracki. Front: Adam Hagen, Brian Johnson, Nicole Krautbauer, Sarah Gibbs, Brittni Talley, Angie Morris.









Jazz I. Back: Leslie Litfin, Terry Klaers, Jackie Menth, Kelly Leen, Aaron Peterson, Aaron Sorensen. Center: Matt Anderson, Matt Bergmann, Brent Rolf, Kris Kiefert, Mark Wilson, Courtney Hanson, Ben Berndt, Matt Masurka. Front: Jen Mochinski, Juliet Hong, Jodi Storms, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Cristy Jensen, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Nate Hendren, Ernie Flemig.

Center left. Sophomore Matt Mass switches between trombone and bass g during a rehearsal.

Above. Cristy Jensen plays saxophone morning practice in preparation for an coming concert.

Below. Play Cast. Back: Chad Kosieracki, Annie Dressen, Linnea Mohn, Becky Diers, Ben Pauly, Jennifer Mochinski, Desiree Schesso, Cassie Gaddo. Row 4: Lindsey Hatz, Louise Knudsen, Shaina Zuppke, Ross Hoffman, Mark Plocher, Anna Warnes, Aaron Linton, Eva Mohn, Erin Fenske, Mike Miller, Matt Bergmann. Row 3: Amanda Templin, Brenda Johnson, Matt Anderson, Ben Weaver, Megan Turek, Julia Kes, Kristin Kiefert, Ethan Miller, Sam Maiser. Row 2: Nicole Krautbauer, Katie Wasness, Aaron Petersen, Crystal Zancig, Angela Morris, Brittni Talley, Marilyn Spiess, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Dylan Christensen. Front: Lisa Hammer, Amanda Neil.



Greek Tragedy 'Agamemnon' Comes to Life

n the nights of April 29 and 30, WHS presented Agamemnon, Aeschylus' classic Greek tragedy of seduction, murder, and survival. Since this was director Kathy Jo Strei's last production with WHS students, she wanted it to be a memorable one. Complete with a Greek chorus and sinister makeup, Ms. Strei's production achieved her goal.

Below far left. The serving girls (Brittney Talley, Amanda Neil, Marilyn Spiess) watch intently as the plot of the play unfolds.
Below left. Megan Turek gives a stunning performance as the ill-fated Cassandra.
Below right. Anna Warnes expresses great despair after her master is killed.
Bottom left. Linnea Mohn as Clytaemnestra admits killing Agamemnon and Cassandra.
Bottom right. The chorus adds a sinister effect to the already dark Greek tragedy.











More Never Ending Memories

inter. A time when it seems that everything is happening so fast. Once school started, everything started to

snowball! Not only was the school on a roll, but so was the state. Former pro-wrestler Jesse Ventura was elected the governor of Minnesota. For the first time, WHS hosted a Yuletide Festival which incorporated choirs and bands, caroling, and small groups. The Target group hosted two Target parties where students could karaoke, sumo wrestle, enjoy open gym and have free food! During the infamous Winterfest, students dressed up on each day - the most enjoyable being Oddball Day. The Winterfest dance was in its second year and had an outstanding turnout by both upper and lower classmen. Dan Schnobrich was announced a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship, and both Eliott Kranz and Nona Lehrke won the Triple A award for academics, athletics, and the arts.

Two of the biggest highlights involved danceline and wrestling. The Lakettes took first place in jazz funk state competition for the first time as well as taking second in high kick! For the first time in WH5's history, the entire wrestling team made it to state competition along with four individuals. What a memorable season!

Below. Yuletide Festival carolers withstand the cold with high spirits.

Right. Adam Hastings and Amanda Hedtke spend a wonderful evening together at the Winterfest semi-formal dance.

Below. VFW members donate flags for ever classroom in the high school.









Above. Who could miss these oddballs during Winterfest week? Anna Warness, Lisa Kirsch and Wendy Ahlbrecht make a fashion statement.



Above. At the Target party, Eric Sorensen is ready to do so serious sumo wrestling.



Winterfest Days

Monday Pajamas Day

<u>Tuesday</u> Oddball Day

Wednesday Tropical Day

Thursday Purple & Career Gold Day Day

Friday

Top. Danceline members enjoy their twomedal victory at state. The girls placed first in jazz funk, the first time they had ever entered the competition!

Bottom left. Thrilled at placing first in regional competition, the Waconia wrestlers can't wait to advance to state.

Below. Many are proudly displaying this message after Jesse Ventura took office as Minnesota's governor.





Prom '99, "A Walk in the Clouds," An Evening to Remember . . .

he 1999 prom theme, "A Walk in the Clouds," attracted over 250 students. The Grand March was organized by a group of juniors and parents. Following entertainment by WHS student musical groups, prom goers were introduced during the Grand March on Saturday, May 15. Afterwards, prom goers filled the buses to head for the dinner and dance at Hazeltine National Golf

Course. Students then took early buses back to school or headed off to Grand Slam in Eagan for post prom. Lazer tag, games, and an entertaining hypnotist kept students going into the early morning hours.

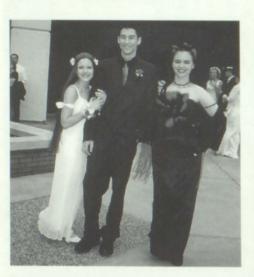
Below left. Lynzy Kast, Shawn Davis and Linnea Mohn model different styles of prom wear.

Below. Mark Plocher enjoys the evening with his good friends.

Bottom. A group of prom goers decide to arrive the old-fashioned way — by horse and carriage.

Below. Dustin Schrupp and JoAnna Meuwis sen pose outside the school prior to the Grand March.











Left. Laura Johnson, Desiree Cox, Christina Sievers and Amanda Hagen prepare for the Grand March. Below. Lacey Ahlbrecht, Justin Sorensen, Terry Klaers, Kristin Er-ickson, Aaron Sorensen and Lisa Walters pose for a picture at the Arboretum.









Above. Brady Bussler and Joe Masurka pause during a dance for a quick photo. Left. While hypnotized, Ethan Miller rides a pretend horse around the crowd.



Above. Bill Vanderlinde and his date Sarah Domoradzki arrive at the Grand March in

style. Center left. Aaron Petersen and Matt An-derson have fun dancing at prom at Hazel-tine Golf Course in Chaska.

Last Class of the Century Graduates, the Class of 1999

n May 30, the class of 1999 held their commencement exercises in the WHS gymnasium. One hundred twenty graduates marched in to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" march. Following remarks by Scott Jensen and Mark Fredericksen, salutatorian Jessica Schmidt and valedictorian Dan Schnobrich spoke to their classmates, family, and friends in

Senior Flower: Purple-tipped White Rose Senior Colors: Purple, Silver, and Black Senior Class Song: "1999" by Prince Senior Motto: The time has come to end our journey Thru thirteen years we have been together In good and bad we have seen it all We've seen classmates come and go But now it comes to something we all know Our lives have made a difference and our legacy Will live forever as the class of 1999! the packed gymnasium. After the graduates finally received their diplomas, they happily tossed their caps into the air before leaving Waconia High School for the last time.

Below. Erica Rademacher helps Jenny Pickart fix her cap before the ceremony.

Center photos, from left. Brad Roepke, Chad Wagener, Mike Gaddo, Tony Steinhagen, Lucas Tevis and Jeff Volby. Bottom. The caps fly as the class of 1999 graduates. **Below.** Valedictorian Dan Schnobrich and salutatorian Jessica Schmidt prepare to give their speeches during the commencement ceremonies.

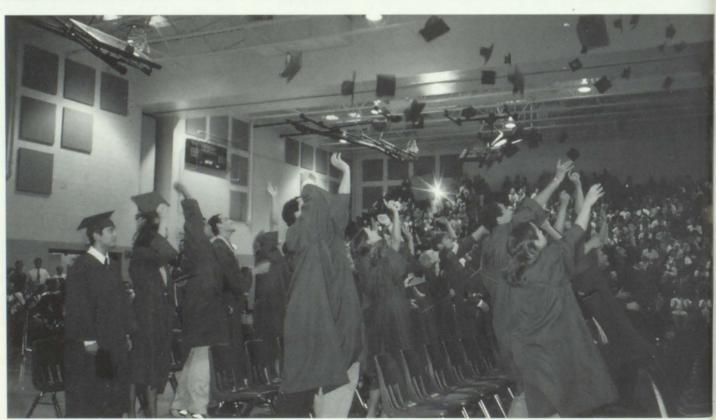














Left. Soon-to-be grads listen to instructions during graduation practice. Below. Friends Katie Larson and Emily

Streeter count down the minutes until they

graduate. Center left. Kellie Worm, Mark Hoelz, Ryan Kowalczyk, Angie Loscheider, Aaron Grams and Andy Gongoll are anxious to graduate.













Center right. Posing for a quick photo before becoming high school graduates are Jeremy Salden, Ryan Schmitt, Joe Grengs, Corey Joyce, Ross Hoffman, Bill Bedford, Eric Montgomery, Justin Polo, Ethan Weiland, Pat Keller and Chad Keuseman. **Above left.** Brian Sandeen, Jeff Pieper, Kevin Raether, Dustin Schrupp and Aaron Dubbe look a little nervous to walk out on stage. **Left.** Heidi Iddings, Tina Olson, Jami Niesen, Christina Sievers and Annette Olson smile for one last photo before graduation. **Above.** The proud graduates include Scott Marsden, Casey Coulson.

Above. The proud graduates include Scott Marsden, Casey Coulson, Greg Kranz, Bill Vanderlinde and Nate Pieper.

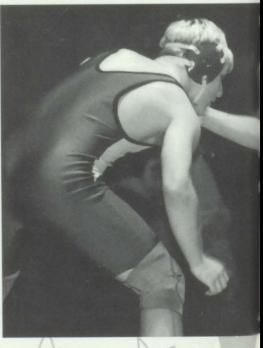
Building a Tradition

The wonderful world of sports. Entertaining. Invigorating, and to some, a way of life. Waconia's sports are highly recognized and encouraged by the community! Teens participate in football to volleyball, basketball to softball, golf to even swimming. In addition to ninth grade, JV, and varsity teams, there are also intramural sports. Of course, we can't forget the cheerleaders. Without them, the stands would be silent. With so much to do, it's no wonder WHS students keep so busy!



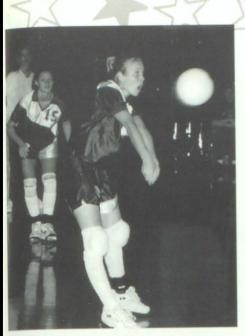


Top. The Wildcats practice hard at an afternoon scrimmage. **Above.** Freshman Jenny Sorensen puts everything into her long jump. **Right.** Aaron Sorensen concentrates on his match with state in mind.



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Top left. Cortney Sletten prepares for a "bump" at a home game.

Top right. Danceline members are pumped after performing Jazz/Funk at their first home show.

Center left. Sarah Doyscher dribbles down the court for a layup.

Center. Jeremy Salden hits for his team. Center right. Alli Fagerness

Center right. Alli Fagerness and Katelin Murphy take a breather during halftime at a home basketball game. **Left.** Desiree Schesso cheers

with pride and spirit at a pepfest!

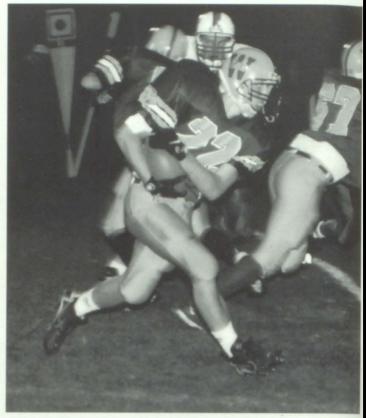
Wildcats' Consistent Best Efforts Lead to Playoffs

ineteen ninety-eight was an interesting year for Waconia Wildcats' football. Homecoming gave everyone a thrill when the Wildcats defeated Watertown-Mayer by a score of 35-7. Besides a great homecoming game, the Wildcats made the playoffs. But in the first round of playoffs, an injury sidelined Kyle Rambow, a very strong asset to the offense. Despite losing Kyle, the Wildcats won and advanced to the second round. Overall the team finished fifth in the conference and in sections.

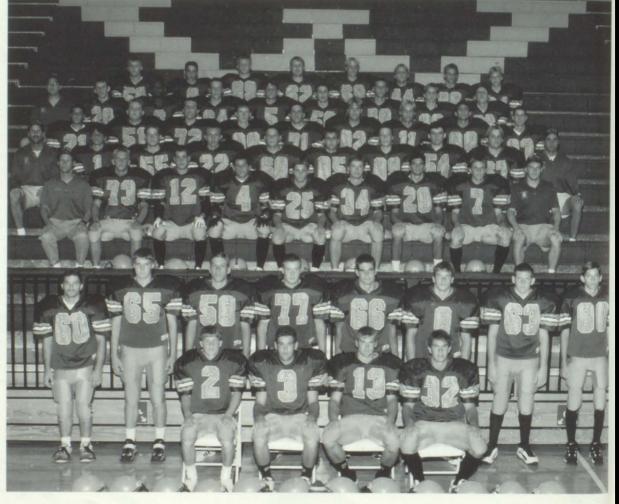
One unusual experience during the season, according to **Coach Pat Foley**, involved Erik Sorensen fumbling after catching a punt. Fortunately, there was a penalty on the play on Watertown, and later in the game Eric had a chance to return another punt and ran 62 yards for a touchdown.

The season was also filled with many players receiving special honors. Captain Paul Delaney and linebacker Adam St. John received All-Conference honors for best defense, and Kyle Rambow All-Conference for offense. Other Wildcats won Honorable Mention All-Conference honors — BJ Oswall, Andrew Tongen, Eliott Kranz, Peter Geyen, and Brady Bussler.

Over the season the Wildcats accomplished their primary goals. First of all, they reached the playoffs, and second they fought just as hard during the last minutes of the final game as they had in the very first game.



Varsity Football. Front: Jason Lahr, Eliott Kranz, BJ Oswall, Paul Delaney. 2nd Row: Rvan Kowalczyk, John Wabbe, Ethan Weiland, Chuck Machtemes, Andy Gongoll, Pete Geyen, Doug Flies, Bill Bedford. 3rd Row: Coach Foley, Drew Johnston, Mike Staber, Brady Bussler, Nate Wood, Andrew Tongen, Jesse Timm, Erik Sorensen, Coach Elsenpeter. 4th Row: Coach Olson, Josh Brandenburg, Kevin Koester, Kyle Rambow, Joe Ansell, David Philp, Anthony Smith, Andrew Heger, Matt Bergmann, Coach Grundhofer 5th Row: Andy Acosta, Eric Randt, Mike Hilliard, Mike Weiland, Adam St. John, Kyle Aque, Matt Priess, Scott Stein, Drew Gulden. 6th Row: Coach Herrmann, Chris Schmitz, Joe Gast, Dylan Schesso, Dan Chrest, Aaron Sorensen, Nathan Hendren, Nick Waletich, Matt Stuewe. Back: Mark Wilson, Jay Biskey, Matt McGowan, Brian Buetow, Joe Reitsma, Jake Meyer, Erik Schultz. Top. Cradling the ball, Kyle Rambow runs in for a touchdown.



Below. Senior Eliott Kranz punts that one clear into Lake Waconia. **Center left.** Junior Kyle Ague puts another three on the board.





Center right. Jesse Timm takes flight for the interception in a big homecoming victory.









A Blast from the Past!



As a high school student, **Coach Pat Foley** participated in football, basketball, and baseball. He was named captain of his Cambridge, MN, football and basketball teams, and played wide receiver and cornerback in football.

What Coach Foley loves most about coaching is the chance to watch sophomores change as they advance to the senior class and to help seniors make their last year their best.

Varsity Football Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
13	Brooklyn Center	25
0	Delano	44
10	St. Michael	34
30	Annandale	0
35	Watertown	7
17	Glencoe/5.L.	35
7	Dassel/Cokato	26
21	Gibbon/F/W	14
7	Holy Angels	21

Varsity Volleyball. Back: Katie Menssen, Bria Welch, Andrea Drapcho, Rachel Stenger. Center: Coach Pederson, Coach Lee, Tegen Oakman, Sarah Dreier. Front: Amanda Headrey, Nona Lehrke, Cortney Sletten, Sarah Doyscher, Carla Roepke, Coach Kathleen Young.

Below. Senior Sarah Doyscher goes up for a block.





Above. Senior Nona Lehrke gets ready for a pass to the setter.



Above. Senior Sarah Dreier passes the ball to the setter to set up for a play.



Above. Sophomore Carla Roepke backs up senior Cortney Sletten as she passes the ball to her teammate.

Strong Defense Helps Team Place Third in Conference



he 1998 volleyball team finished third in the conference. For Coach Lee, the game that was the highlight of the season was the Buf-

falo Tournament, where they beat Anoka, whose season finished at 21-9. The Wildcats also beat the defending section champion, Concordia Academy. Coach Lee said that the intense defense was the strength of the team this year. He had six girls with over 100 digs and three girls with over 200.

Cortney Sletten and Bria Welch were named All-Conference. Bria Welch was sixth in the metro area in blocks with 96, and Cortney Sletten set a new school record for digs in a season — 291.

One unusal experience for the team, according to **Coach Jim Lee**, happened before the season even started. Upon arrival for a scrimmage at Glencoe, they discovered that the scrimmage was actually scheduled for the following week. So Coach Lee took the team to the Dairy Queen!

Overall, it was a great season for the Waconia Wildcats' volleyball team.

Left. The varsity volleyball team goes in for a motivational huddle.

A Blast from the Past!



Coach Jim Lee participated in cross country, track, and basketball at Mesabi East High School. In cross country and in track, he was a distance runner, and in basketball, he was a point guard. He was also the captain of his cross country and track teams.

Coach Lee enjoys the intense strategy that must be used to put a team "over the top" in coaching high school volleyball.

Pictured at left, Jim Lee poses for his sophomore cross country photo at Mesabi East High School. The school included his hometown of Hoyt Lakes, MN.

Varsity Volleyball Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
3	Mound	1
	Westonka	
1	Orono	3
3	Dassel Cokato	1
1 3 3 3	Rockford	0 1
3	Concordia	1
	Acad.	
0	Delano	3 3
0 2	Mayer	3
	Lutheran	
0	Watertown	3
	Mayer	
0	Belle Plaine	3
0 3 3	Glencoe	3 1 2
3	Bloomington	2
	Kennedy	
3	STMA	2
1	Annandale	3
3	Rockford	0
3 1 3 3 0	Norwood YA	2 3 0 1 3
0	Mayer	3
	Lutheran	

Girls Earn 14th Place at State

henomenal best describes the 1998 cross country season! In a long list of highlights, this was the first year a boy has ever represented Waconia at the state cross country meet. Ben Berndt proudly takes that credit. Also in a year of firsts, the varsity girls' team took first at regions to advance to state. Cristy Jensen, Natalie Timmers, and Sonja Ellingson not only earned All-Conference honors, but had rankings high enough to send them individually to state. The girls' team pulled away with 14th place at state and was named All-Conference.

According to **Clark Machtemes**, a large group of intelligent kids dedicated to reaching their goals enabled the team to succeed.

At the conference meet, the girls' team received first place, and the boys placed third. Ben Berndt, Dan Schnobrich, Jenny Schnobrich and Anna Warnes earned Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Top left. Freshman Eric Ellingson keeps up the pace.

Right. Leslie Litfin runs with great confidence at the state meet.

Top Right. Emily Tongen tears up the course at the home meet at which the girls' team took first.

Far right. Captain Cristy Jensen finishes strong on the way to another WHS victory.











Cross Country Team. Back: Coach Ingrid Roberts, Mark Ellingson, Matt Masurka, Matt Anderson, Scot Rewerts, Paul Ague, Matt Dressel, Ken VanEyll, Marcus Tevis, Patrick Lindstrom, Dan Schnobrich, Evan Johnson, Eric Ellingson, Matt Hennen, Coach Clark Machtemes. 3rd Row: Coach Sandy Wasness, Scott Loscheider, Mark Anderson, J.R. Kerkhoff, Ted Keefe, Justin Symanietz, Ben Berndt, Philip Litfin, Aaron Chinander, Mike Anquist, manager Courtney Hanson. 2nd Row: Katie Wasness, Marilyn Spiess, Melissa Ditsch, Rose Larson, Louise Knudsen, Leslie Litfin, Molly Lenzen, Morgan Berndt, Mackenzie Bakken, manager Heather Anderson, manager Sarah Marsden. Front: Sonja Ellingson, Cristy Jensen, Jenny Schnobrich, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Kristin Pletsch, Danielle Chinander, Natalie Timmers, Anna Warnes, Leah Gjertson, Emily Tongen.





Top. The Waconia girls' cross country team leads the pack at the state cross country meet.

Above. Junior Ben Berndt is determined to finish the race.

Above center. Sophomore Kristin Pletsch easily closes in on the finish.

Above right. Senior captain Dan Schnobrich rushes the hill to the finish.

(Most photos on these pages are courtesy of the Waconia Patriot.)







A Blast from the Past!

As a high school student at WH5, **Coach Clark Machtemes** participated in cross country, wrestling, and track. He ran the distance whenever he could. As a wrestler, he weighed between 105 and 119 pounds and served as team captain.

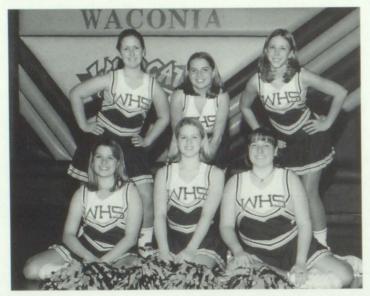
Coach Machtemes (pictured doing pushups at 5 months of age) enjoys getting to know the athletes while exercising outside of the classroom. But most of all he enjoys seeing kids have fun while achieving their goals.

Cheerleaders: Hard Workers Dedicated to Spirit in Sports

heerleading is a rigorous and exciting sport. It is split up into two seasons throughout the year. First is the fall season in which cheering is done for football and volleyball, and second is the winter season in which they cheer for basketball and wrestling.

Tryouts take place in the spring, and practices begin in August. Between tryouts and the start of practices, the cheerleaders attend UCA/UDA cheerleading camp to learn tumbling, dance, stunts, and cheers. Overall, cheerleading requires hard work, but the cheerleaders are well rewarded with excitement and spirit.

Right. Junior Crystal Zancig and seniors Wendy Ahlbrecht and Rachelle Rosin catch Jenny Meuwissen completing a basket toss. **Below. Basketball Cheerleaders.** Back: Alli Fagerness, Lisa Kirsch, Katelin Murphy. Front: Kristin Erickson, Caitlyn Klosterman, Annie Dressen.





A Blast from the Past!

Fall cheerleading adviser **Pam Melchert** performed in danceline at Rosemount High School and was a cheerleader and danceline member at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. She is pictured in her college freshman danceline uniform.





Above. Fall Cheerleaders. Back: Rachelle Rosin, Jen Mochinski, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Wendy Ahlbrecht. Center: Annie Dressen, Jenny Meuwissen, Crystal Zancig. Front: Kristin Erickson, Desiree Schesso, Caitlyn Klosterman, Lisa Kirsch.



Above. Seniors Kristin Erickson and Annie Dressen and junior Lisa Kirsch base Katelin Murphy into a chair.

Winter Guard '99 Carnival Makes Lasting Memories

gelow. Senior Winter Guard members Wendy Ahlbrecht, Jenny Meuwissen, Becky Diers, Rachelle Rosin, Jenna Kunkel, Kelly Leen.





F. Carnival was the '99 Winter Guard theme this season. This year's show consisted of bright uniforms, exciting music, harder work, and brilliant flags. This year's guard was made up of eleven members — six seniors, four freshmen and one eighth grader. With six members graduating this year, the Guard's future will be a challenge. The Guard completed the season with the highest score Waconia ever received in its five years on the circuit.

Left. Guard members concentrate during the pre-show ritual.

Below. With the show over and the audience applauding, the Guard members' chins are up with brilliant smiles.







bove. Freshman Becky Luedloff gives a layful smirk during one of the many flag latures.

Winter Guard. Back: Coach Sabrina Dunn, Emiley Lamberger, Becky Luedloff, Heidi Keller, Rachelle Rosin, Coach Carmen Kolb. Front: Amanda Neil, Beth Jacobson, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Kelly Leen, Jenna Kunkel, Jenny Meuwissen, Becky Diers, Martha Saunders.

Jazz Funk Places First, High Kick Second at State Competition!

anceline had an outstanding season! It was full of accomplished goals and many highlights. The nine strong seniors pushed the most out of the team. Their motivation, leadership, sharpness, attitude and style brought high kick and jazz funk to the top.

At state competition, the Lakettes showed off their kicks and turns. And the judges were impressed, awarding them with a tie for first in jazz funk and second in high kick.

Hard working adviser Kristi Berlin asked a man running their music at the state jazz funk competition how the team looked. "That — was awesome!" he said with a smile.

Right. The Lakettes perform their jazz funk routine during a pepfest at WHS.

Danceline Performance Season. Back: Coach Kristi Berlin, Megan Rasmussen, Amber Krause, Brooke Simonson, Sarah Feerhusen, Katie Rademacher, Katrin Weiss. 3rd Row: Jenni Schmakel, Lisa Smestad, Charity Zabel, Tiffany Ptacek. 2nd Row: Heather Anquist, Gina Meuwissen, Jessica Buesgens, Tiffany Dalbec, Emily Hipp, Lori Wirtz, Kristen McCune, Amanda Hawkins. Front: Krystle Weinzierl, Destiny Bren, Kelly Hedtke, Angie Schuler.







Danceline Competition Season. Back: Destiny Bren, Charity Zabel, Tiffany Dalbec, Kristin Kiefert, Lisa Smestad, Tiffany Ptacek. 3rd Row: Amanda Hawkins, Emily Hipp, Kelly Hedtke, Amber Krause, Angie Schuler, Lori Wirtz. 2nd Row: Katie Rademacher, Heather Anquist, Kristen McCune, Krystle Weinzierl, Jessica Buesgens. Front: Megan Rasmussen, Gina Meuwissen, Katrin Weiss, Jenni Schmakel, Brooke Simonson.

A Blast from the Past!



Coach **Kristi Berlin** was very involved at St. James High School with danceline, fall and winter cheerleading, and golf. She was a captain in cheering and dance. She loves being caught up in the Lakettes' fire and excitement. She is definitely an award-winning coach.

A Blast from the Past!



Amy Fischer, gymnastics coach at WH5, participated in cheerleading, track, and gymnastics in high school. Pictured above as a high school cheerleader at Milbank, SD, she enjoys coaching gymnastics because she gets to know the students in a positive, fun environment.



Gymnastics Springs into a Great Season

he WHS gymnasts had a thrilling season this year, due to a new addition to the team. This new addition

was the spring floor. Parents, gymnasts, and coaches got together for two evenings to construct the spring floor. The floor assisted the gymnasts in warmups and in floor exercise.

Even though the team didn't win often, Coach Fischer said many gymnasts improved a great deal. The team members learned new skills they might have been afraid to try in the past.

The team worked well together, with junior members Melissa Ittel, Lauren Bresnahan, Jessica Kamrath, Kari Laabs, and Crystal Zancig stepping up as leaders of the young team. Coach Fischer described her gymnasts: "We are a close team and have a great time!"

Left. Lacey Ahlbrecht jumps to great heights. Below left. Jolene John gracefully bends for her scale on beam.



Varsity Season

Opponent	OPP
Howard Lake	93.75
WEM	114.75
Rockford	109.65
Watertown	133.8
STMA	127.55
Delano	129.38
Annandale	126.75
Dassel	120.25
Glencoe	122.15
	Howard Lake WEM Rockford Watertown STMA Delano Annandale Dassel



Gymnastics Team. Back: Amanda Janzen, Jenny Litfin, Tyler Novotny, Jessica Kamrath, Rachel Peterson, Kittie Peterson, Ali Klason. Center: Coach Jake Kirchner, Kari Laabs, Erica Rademacher, Leah Gjertson, Jaebo Ward, Crystal Zancig, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Melissa Ittel, Morgan Berndt, Coach Amy Fischer, Coach Sandy Wasness. Front: Megan Heberling, Laura Schmidt, Rita Johnson, Angie Morris, Lauren Bresnahan, Molly Anquist, Danielle Sampson, Bethany Jetto, Ashley Artman, Jolene John. Not pictured: Kayla Menth.











Top left. Senior Sarah Drier defends the ball against Minnehaha.

Top right. Point guard Cristy Jensen looks for the pass.

Center left. Asking for the pass, Katie Scholla opens up down low.

Center. Andrea Drapcho shows off her vertical while contesting for the rebound.

Center right. Senior Kelly Staber adds height and strength to the team. Varsity Girls' Basketball. Right. Back:

Varsity Girls' Basketball. Right. Back: Coach Tom Doyscher, Megan Doyscher, Leslie Litfin, Andrea Drapcho, Holly Olson, Lacy Skoog, Cristy Jensen, Coach Leslie Dingman. Front: Sarah Doyscher, Cortney Sletten, Kelly Staber, Katie Scholla, Molly Schrupp, Sarah Dreier. Bottom: Willy the Wildcat.





It's All in the Family!



Varsity coach Tom Doyscher gives a pep talk to his team. Directly in front of him are his daughters, senior Sarah Doyscher and sophomore Megan Doyscher. Apparently, basketball is a family activity!





Girls Complete Successful Season

The Wildcats girls' basketball team completed another great year, finishing fifth in their conference and advancing to tournament competition. Led by senior captains Sarah Doyscher and Katie Scholla, they won their first tournament game at Brooklyn Center. Besides tournaments they had many exciting wins at home, including their games against Mayer Lutheran and Glencoe. A major highlight was their wins against local rival Watertown Mayer by scores of 52-45 and 53-46.

On top of a great season, five team members lettered for the third time, including Cortney Sletten, who received All-Conference honors. With a terrific season behind them, the team can only plan for another great one next year.

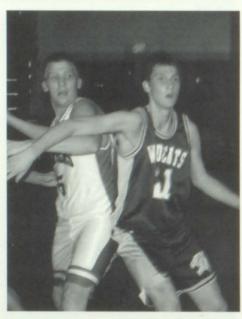
Top. Senior Cortney Sletten aggressively tries to earn the ball back.

Center. Sarah Doyscher continally brings the ball down the court successfully. **Bottom.** Molly Schrupp goes up for the two points.

	Varsity Scores					
WHS	Opponent	OPP				
42	Hudson	62				
47	Menomonie	58				
32	Orono	46				
49	Mound	45				
49	Mayer	48				
	Lutheran					
33	Minnehaha	49				
	Academy					
57	Delano	72				
40	STMA	59				
52	Watertown	45				
33	Sibley East	52				
33	Dassel	42				
35	Annandale	74				
56	Glencoe	42				
52	Delano	б1				
56	STMA	74				
53	Watertown	46				
50	Norwood	59				
60	Dassel	31				
36	Annandale	69				
53	BOLD	48				
50	Glencoe	47				
54	Brooklyn	53				
	Center					
39	Blake	73				









Top left. The team huddles for some last second wisdom.

Top right. Kyle Ague focuses on the task at hand.

Above. Senior Nate Kerkhoff awaits the pass to score.

Above right. Junior Kyle Rambow plays some tough defense.

Right. Varsity Basketball. Back: Coach Doug Sayles, Coach Eric Herrmann, Ryan Murphy, Eliott Kranz, Nate Kerkhoff, Doug Flies, Joe Masurka, Coach . Jim Olsen. Front: Dave Philp, Ethan Miller, Kyle Ague, Trent Klein, Erik Sorensen, Kyle Rambow, Travis Klein, Scot Rewerts. Seated: Willy and manager John Ta.





Wildcats Complete Competitive Season

he Waconia Wildcats basketball team played a very competitive season. They finished fifth in conference, with senior Nate Kerkhoff

finishing second in scoring and first in rebounding in the conference. They also defeated their big rival Watertown-Mayer at home with a score of 72-70, definitely a highlight of their season.

Most of all, the team loved to compete. They played hard and never gave up throughout the whole game and the season. Even through the sub-section finale at Minnehaha Academy, they played hard until the end.

Coach Sayles as well as fans thought they improved from a year ago and played even more competitive basketball.

Top. Scot Rewerts showcases his ball handling skills.

Center left. Senior Doug Flies protects the lane against Dassel.





Varsity Scores

WHS	Орр.	OPP
50	Orono	60
49	Mound	43
48	Chaska	62
52	Rockford	61
66	Warren	55
63	Hawley	67
48	Staples	64
45	STMA	59
72	Watertown	70
59	Dassel	61
44	Annandale	42
43	Glencoe	41
43	Minnehaha	46
	Acad.	
41	Sibley East	54
59	Delano	69
48	STMA	49
72	Watertown	92
72	Dassel	52
53	Annandale	62
50	Glencoe	41
59	BOLD	51
60	Delano	73
49	Minnehaha	52
	Acad.	

Left. The Wildcat varsity boys go in for a motivational huddle.

Wildcats Win Regions; Team, Four Individuals Advance to State

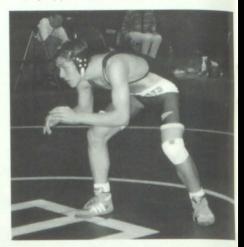
The fans of WHS wrestling received a wonderful surprise this year when the Waconia Wildcats team advanced to state competition. Besides state, the wrestling team had a terrific year. The team, led by senior Ethan Weiland with a school record-breaking 25 pins in a season, finished third in the conference and first in the region, then advanced to state. Individually, Nick Wischnack advanced to state for the third time and moved to fourth on the all-time win list. Junior Jesse

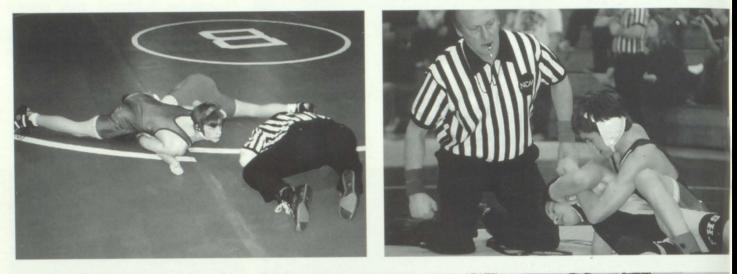
Timm advanced to state for the second time and finished with 31 wins. Sophomore Jason Biskey and eighth grader Dennis Westlund also gualified for state.

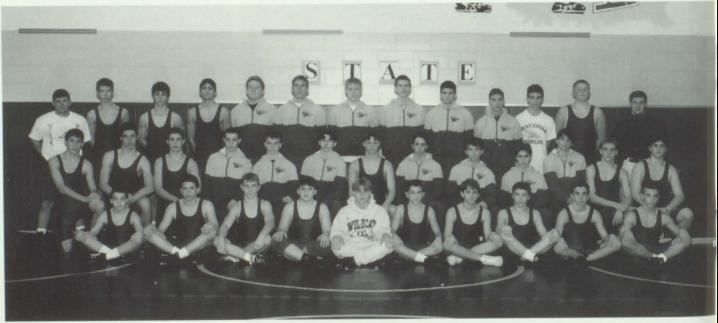
Through all the excitement of a great year, no one can forget the drastic change in all four coaches' styles. After qualifying for state, the wrestlers earned the right to shave all the coaches' heads.

Overall, the wrestlers achieved all their goals, improved their strengths and weaknesses, and in the meantime had some fun. Below. Senior Ethan Weiland sets up a shot at the beginning of a match against Benilde. Center left. Junior Josh Schilling goes for a pin.

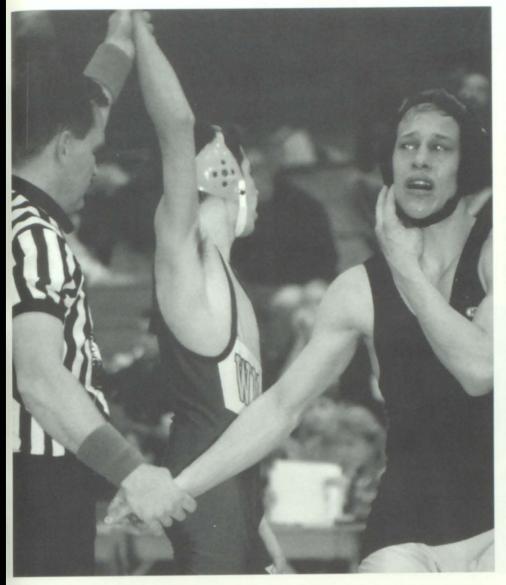
Center right. Matt Turek tries to turn his Fridley opponent.

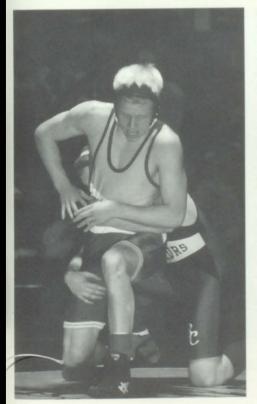


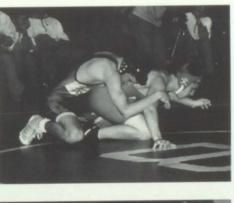




Varsity Wrestling. Back: Coach Kelly Wagener, Kevin Thompson, Mike Groschen, Scott Stein, Brent Walmsley, Ethan Weiland, Matt McGowan, Jeff Dierdorf, Jesse Timm, Nick Wischnack, Jason Beck, Dan Schuette, Coach Mark Elsenpeter. Center: Andrew Fredericksen, Bob Samuelson, Aaron Sorensen, Joey Laumann, Dennis Westlund, Josh Jetto, Josh Schilling, Jason Biskey, Josh Jorgensen, Matt Turek, Josh Brandenburg, Jake Meyer, Justin Davis. Front: Ed Laumann, Dan Pohl, Garret Morgan, Matt Heger, Matt Anderson, John Priess, Adam Schlagel, Danny Hoernemann, Aaron Chinander, Albert Kehn.









Left. Jay Biskey wins over his distraught Fridley opponent.

Bottom left. Matt McGowan tries for an escape from his Brooklyn Center opponent. **Center.** Jesse Timm rides his Benilde opponent.

Bottom center. The team celebrates their first place win at regions.

	Varsity Season	
WHS	Opponent STMA	OPP 55
6 4	Dassel	60
51	5P Arlington	24
68	Minnehaha	6
00	Acad.	
46	Glencoe	15
30	Kimball	33
13	St. Cloud Tech	51
13 42	Eastview	23
28	Meadow Creek	33 51 23 36 37
27	Lester Prairie	37
26	Rockford	30
52	Watertown	б
3	Hutchinson	54
36	Brainerd	21
34	Sauk Centre	24
30	Delano	21
45	Mound	21
26 52 36 34 30 45 53 60	Orono	10
60	Benilde	12
54	MplsWashburn	12
46	Cretin	19
50	Annandale	21 21 10 12 12 19 15 15
54	5P Arlington	15
30	Fridley	30
	(Cats Win 7-6)	
41	Brooklyn	29
	Center	

A Close Shave!



Mark Elsenpeter participated in many sports as a high school student, including football, cross country, wrestling, baseball, and track. Because he knows what it's like to be an athlete, Coach Elsenpeter enjoys seeing athletes set goals they feel are impossible and then seeing them reach those same goals.

Strong Pitching and Defense Leads to Second Place in Conference



ith a conference record of 8-3 and overall record of 14-5, the girls' softball team finished second in the

conference. Because many team members played summer ball, the team's pitching and defense were sharper than most other teams. One highlight of the season was the Watertown-Mayer game that went into eleven innings before the Wildcats were able to score the winning run. In that game, Molly Schrupp pitched all eleven innings, striking out seven and walking none. Holly Olson scored the winning run.

According to Coach Mark Elsenpeter, seniors Molly Schrupp, Emily Steeter, JoAnna Meuwissen and Nona Lehrke deserve special recognition for their great playing.

Right. Coach Mark Elsenpeter congratulates JoAnna Meuwissen on a good inning. **Below left.** Holly Olson snags the ball and

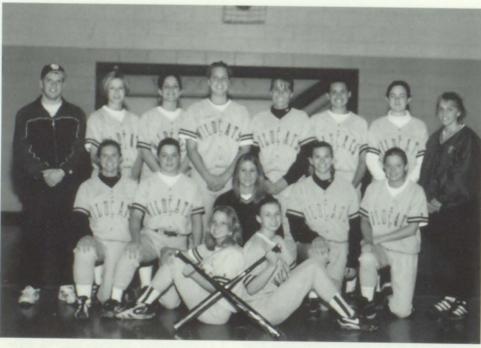
throws it to first base.

Below. Julie Hoen waits for the throw from Holly Olson.





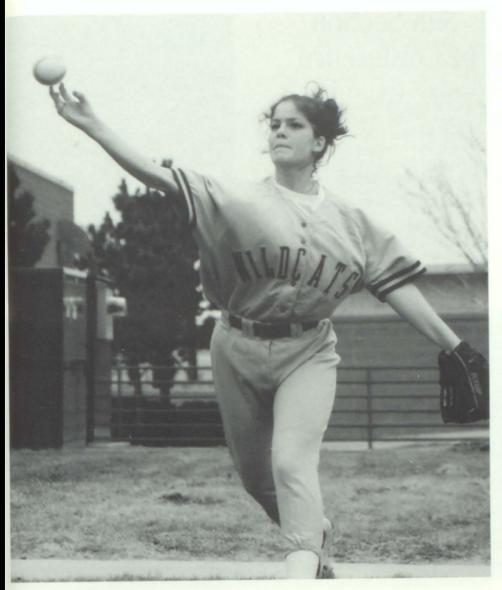






Varsity Softball. Back: Coach Mark Elsenpeter, Tegen Oakman, Jenny Menth, Kelly Staber, Molly Schrupp, Holly Olson, Leslie Litfin, Sue Goldschmidt. Center: Nona Lehrke, Emily Streeter, Heidi Tellers, Audra Lehrke, Rachel Stenger. Front: JoAnna Meuwissen, Julie Hoen.

Above. Senior third baseman Emily Streeter powerfully throws to first.





Above. Junior Tegen Oakman makes a sacrifice bunt to advance the runner to second.

Left. Jenny Menth reaches for the ball to put the batter out. (Photo courtesy of the *Waconia Patriot.*)

Waconia Patriot.) Below. Leading pitcher Molly Schrupp prepares to fire the ball across the plate.



Varsity Season

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WHS	Opponent	OPP
14	Mayer Lutheran	10
14	Belle Plaine	б
13	Dassel	5
3 1	Glencoe	0
1	Delano	6
12	STMA	1
17	Annandale	9
3	Watertown	2
9	Breck	1
1 5 1	Dassel	6
5	Brooklyn Ctr	1
1	Rockford	4
10	Cromwell	0
1	Annandale	0
1 1	Glencoe	0
0	Delano	4
2	Watertown	0
4	Mayer Lutheran	0
0	Rockford	8

Baseball Team Takes Sub-Section Championship, 2nd in Conference

The Wildcats baseball team tied for second in the Wright County Conference, after winning the subsection championship. After losing three of the first four games, the team ended the season with 8 conference wins and 4 losses. One highlight of the season was beating Glencoe/Silver Lake 7-6 in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Wildcats scored three runs in that inning, giving the team a chance to win the Wright County

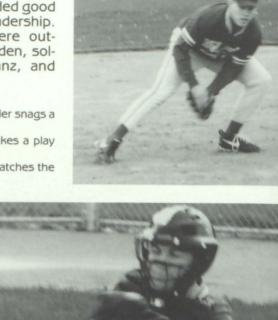
Conference title.

According to Coach Grundhofer, the team's strengths included good hitting and good senior leadership. Named All-Conference were outstanding hitter Jeremy Salden, solid defenseman Eliott Kranz, and great pitcher BJ Oswall.

Right. Third baseman Brady Bussler snags a ground ball.

Below left. Junior Kyle Ague makes a play at first.

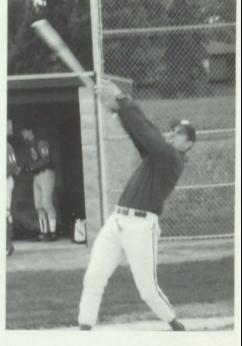
Below right. Senior Eliott Kranz catches the ball over the plate.





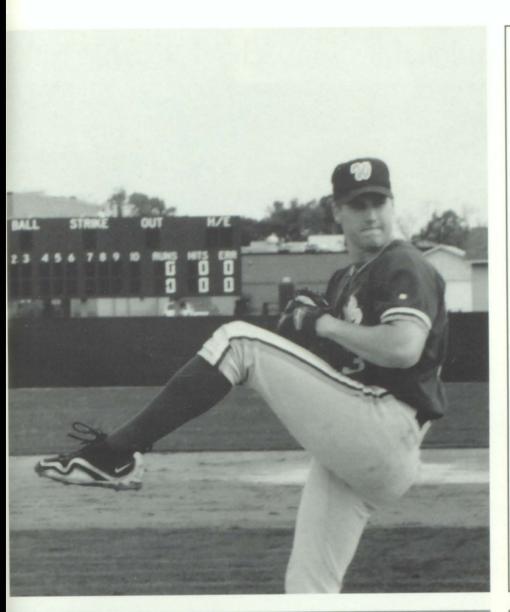






Varsity Baseball. Back: Coach Mark Grundhofer, Kyle Ague, Joe Masurka, Andy Eischens, Terry Klaers, BJ Oswall, John Ta. Center: Brady Bussler, Joe Ansel, Josh Brandenburg, Eliott Kranz, Jeremy Salden, Drew Gulden. Front: Corey Joyce, Nate Wood, Kevin Koester, Adam St. John.

Above. Coach Mark Grundhofer helps the team out at batting practice.







Coach Mark Grundhofer was involved in football, hockey, and baseball at Forest Lake High School. Captain of all three sports during his high school career, he played halfback and cornerback in football and shortstop and pitcher in baseball. As varsity baseball coach, he enjoys watching each player improve, after they have worked together on a part of the game.



Top. Senior and veteran pitcher BJ Oswall warms up before the game.

Above. First baseman Jeremy Salden reaches for a ball to put the batter out.

Varsity Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
9	Rockford	3
8	Orono	12
7	Dassel	5
9	Mayer Luth	11
2	Glencoe	7
4	Delano	9
6	STMA	17
9	Annandale	0
11	Watertown	1
14	Dassel	3
0	Breck	12
4	Jordan	7
12	Waterville	2
8	Annandale	0
7	Glencoe	6
6	Delano	3
7	STMA	10
0	Chaska	7
13	Watertown	5
7	Jordan	0

Wildcats Enjoy Exceptional Season; School Records Fall

xciting and successful" were the words Coach Connie Manuel used to describe both the boys' and the girls' track seasons. The boys' team placed third at sections; boys qualifying for state included Erik Sorensen, who won both the 100m and 200m dash at sections and was the anchor of the 4x200m relay, which also won first at sections. Other members of the relay team were Kyle Rambow, Dave Philp, Pete Geyen, and Jason Lahr. School records were broken by Dan Schnobrich in the 1600m run, Erik Sorensen in the 100m dash, the 4x200m relay team, and the 4x800m relay team.

The girls' team placed fifth at sections, with Cristy Jensen winning the 3200m run and Natalie Timmers taking second in the 800m run. Both girls qualified for state competition. A school record was broken by Lacey Ahlbrecht in the triple jump. Five boys and nine girls were named All-Conference.

Right. Senior Pete Geyen prepares to launch the shotput into orbit. **Below.** Sophomore Kenny Van Eyll soars to new heights in the pole vault.







Girls' Track. Back: Leah Gjertson, Carl Roepke, Lauren Bresnahan, Katie Menssen, Lacy Skoog, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Cristy Jensen, Natalie Timmers, Anna Warnes. Center: Jenny Schnobrich, Megan Sterner, Jessica Bammert, Tabitha DeLeeuw, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Jenny Sorensen, Molly Lenzen, Juliet Hong, Jolene John. Front: Sonja Ellingson, Angie Morris, Marilyn Spiess.









Boys' Track. Back: Sungmin Hong, Bill Bedford, Erik Sorensen, Zach Johnson, Kyle Rambow, Dave Philp, Jason Lahr. 3rd Row: Rob Pesch, Eric Ellingson, Brad Van Eyll, Graham Irving, Joe Johnston, Karim Hanachi, Marc Ellingson, Patrick Johnson. 2nd Row: Paul Delaney, Michael Hilliard, Drew Johnston, Pete Geyen, Eric Montgomery, Ben Berndt, Philip Litfin, Aaron Chinander. Front: Markus Mambrey, Ken Van Eyll, Mike Staber, JR Kerkhoff, Dustin Gesinger, Tim Austin, Dan Schnobrich.



Above left. Dan Schnobrich races for the finish.

Above center. Junior Dave Philp soars through the air with ease as he completes the long jump.

Above. Natalie Timmers begins her flight over the high jump bar.

Left. Lauren Bresnahan leaps over a hurdle on her way to victory.

A Blast from the Past!



Coach Connie Manuel was very active in sports at Bloomington Kennedy High School. She participated in volleyball, basketball, downhill ski racing, and track and field. A varsity letter winner all three years in each sport, Ms. Manuel was captain of volleyball, basketball, and track and field. She is pictured above with gymnast Cathy Rigby as she received Bloomington's prestigious Athena Award. At WHS she enjoys watching the athletes achieve their personal records in each of their track and field events.

Girls Win Section 4A, Conference; Boys Third in Conf.

he WHS girls' golf team won the Section 4A championship, qualifying the varsity team to compete in the state tournament. In addition, for the sixth consecutive year, the girls won the Wright County Conference championship. Named All-Conference were Cortney Sletten, Melanie Hoggarth, Sarah Doyscher, Brittany Willborg, and Sarah Dreier. Megan Doyscher was named All-Conference honorable mention.

The boys' golf team finished third in the conference. Finishing 12th overall in the conference, Justin Brunelle earned All-Conference honors, and Matt Priess, who took 15th, was named All-Conference honorable mention. Matt also qualified for sections. According to Coach Doug Sayles, Justin Brunelle, the only senior on the team, was a good leader who consistently played well.



Top. Senior Sarah Dreier finishes her stroke and watches the ball. **Above.** Senior Cortney Sletten prepares to send the ball flying.





Below. Girls' Golf. Back: Sanni Hynyen, Louise Knudsen, Melissa Ditsch. Center: Megan Doyscher, Melanie Hoggarth Brittany Willborg, Katrin Weiss. Front: Emily Van Kirk, Jackie Pitts, Sarah Doyscher, Cortney Sletten, Sarah Dreier, Sarah Marsden, Alli Fagerness.

elow. Senior Sarah Doyscher follows prough in a perfect swing.



Area Schools Swim Team Completes Undefeated Season





he Waconia swim team was made up of students from Delano, Watertown-Mayer, and Waconia. The team completed their regular season with an 11-0 record. Practicing and com-peting from August through November, the team was involved in individual competition and team relays. At sections, the team didn't win, but did their individual best.

Far left. Swim Team. Katelin Murphy, Jessi Williams, Shaina Zuppke. Left. The swimming buddies engage in a

group hug Below left. Shaina Zuppke warms up with a

kickboard

Below center. Jessi Williams checks her time as she completes an event.

Below right. Katelin Murphy catches a breath while completing the breast stroke.







Boys' Golf. Back: Joe Sanocki, Matt Priess, Justin Brunelle, Paul Ague, Matt Bergmann, Nate

Acosta, Andy
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Ague, Kyle 34, 76, 106, 107, 118, 124
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J-V Volleyball. Back: Alicia Ertl, Maren Delaney, Holly Olson, Angie Riihiluoma, Carla Roepke, Amanda Hedtke, Coach Missy Pedersen. Front: Megan Doyscher, Nicole Ristow, Abby Welch, Audra Lehrke.

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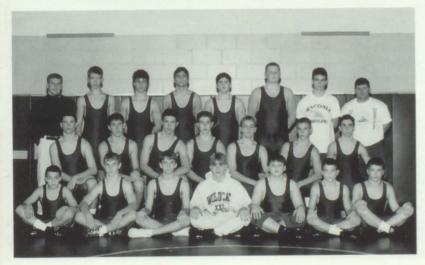
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J-V Wrestling. Back:

Coach Mark Elsenpeter, Kevin Thompson, Mike Groschen, Scott Stein, Justin Davis, Dan Schuette, Jason Beck, Coach Kelly Wagener. Center: Dan Pohl, Andrew Fredericksen, Bob Samuelson, Aaron Sorensen, Jake Meyer, Albert Kuehn, Aaron Chinander. Front: Ed Laumann, Garrett Morgan, Adam Schlagel, Matt Anderson, Matt Heger, John Priess, Dan Hoerneman.

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Back: Sue Goldschmidt, Emily Tongen, Lindsay Swenson, Maren Delaney, Lisa Smestad, Alicia Ertl. Center: Tanya U'Ren, Lisa Koehler, Nicole Ristow, Jessica Kamrath, Courtney Hanson. Front: Kristin Pletsch and Kelli Pletsch.

JV Baseball.

Back: Coach Pat Foley, Dylan Schesso, Mark Wilson, Jeff Elliot, Nick Gee, Scott Stein, Trent Klein. Center: Mike Weiland, Eric Janzen, Chris Schmitz, Garret Chadek, Dan Chrest, Andrew Bergstrand. Front: Karl Kranz, Jake Meyer, Andy Acosta, Joe Gast.



Writers' Group

In April, seven WHS students traveled to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for the River Valley Conference of Writers. After hearing speaker Jim Klobuchar's keynote address, they listened to professional writers critique their work. Pictured above are participants Dylan Bruzenak, Dustin Bruzenak, Cassie Gaddo, Annie Dressen, Kelly Leen, Jackie Menth, and Erin Fenske. Ms. Polly Schellack advised the group.





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Farewell, seniors and undergrads. Good luck with your futures.

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Farewell to Retiring Teachers

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Sharon Singsaas Math Teacher 1966-1999 Plans to use her new freedom to think about what she wants to do.

9th Grade Softball. Back: Coach Nancy Enger, Amber Krause, Tina Pogatchnik, Amanda Hedtke, Tanva Clemensen, Tara Nelson, Jessica Falk. Center: Kelsey Dake, Michelle Weiland, Kirstin Klason, Mackenzie Foley. Front: Sarah Gibbs, Natalie Ristow.

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