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ONCE IN A
THOUSAND YEARS



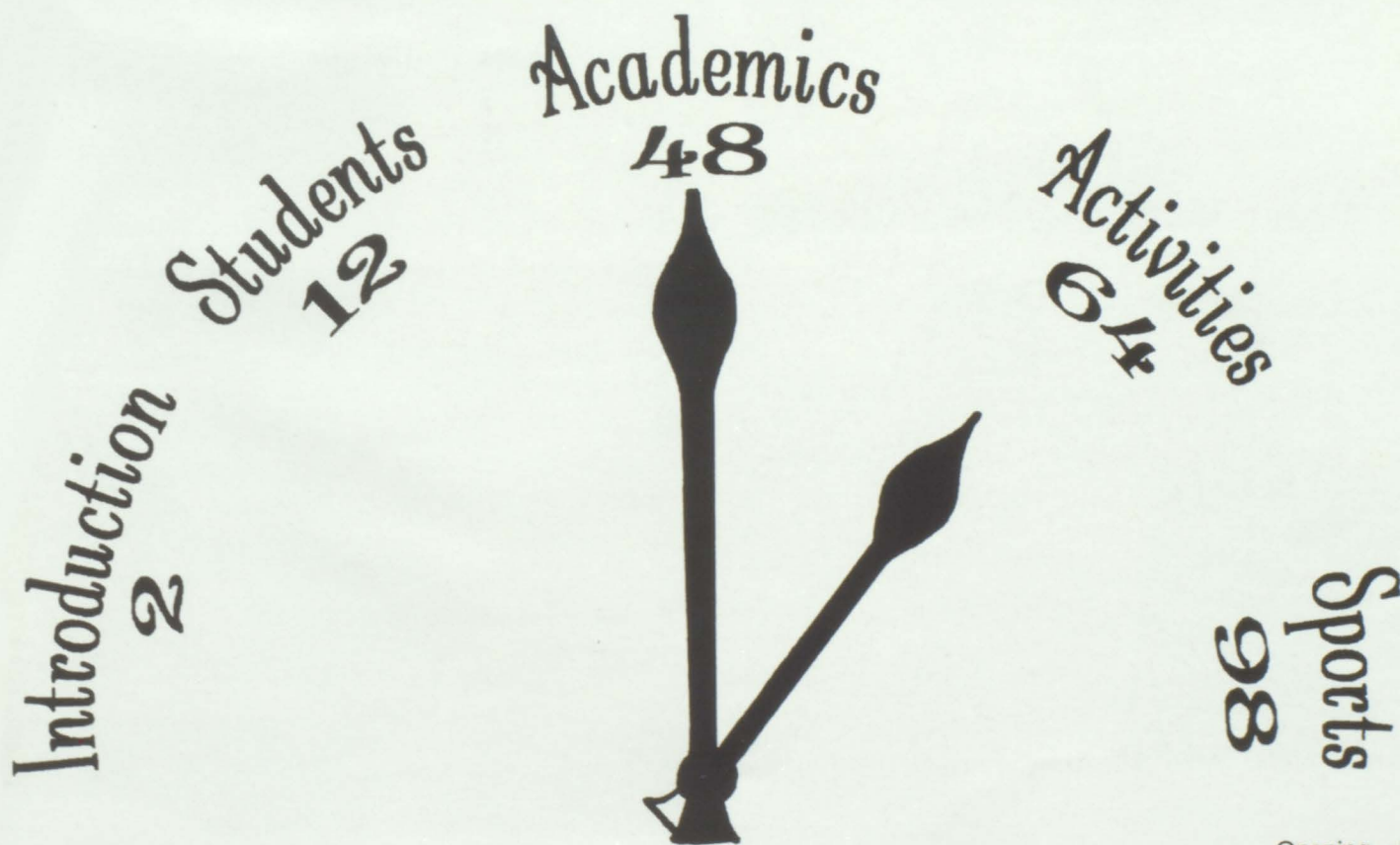




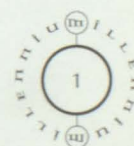
Once in a Lifetime

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Once in a lifetime — we have heard this saying a lot. The new millennium is something that will happen only once in our lives, and not everyone experiences such an event. So often we forget to realize that everything that occurs in our life will happen only once. The classes we have shared, our friendships and our new experiences are all “once in a lifetime” occurrences. Let’s take a look at the new things that happened in 2000!



Opening



Once in a Lifetime

As the new millennium began during the 1999-2000 school year, it seemed appropriate to focus on "Once in a Lifetime" moments. As our lives go by, we treasure many moments, both happy and sad. Pictures are a way of freezing these moments in time, each in its own way unique and irreplaceable. Throughout high school we experience many moments that are otherwise non-existent. Things like prom, home sporting events, graduation, winning that game or getting that grade are all precious high school memories. That best friend, the game winning shot, and the first date happen just once. As one century ends and another begins, we cherish these moments for a lifetime.

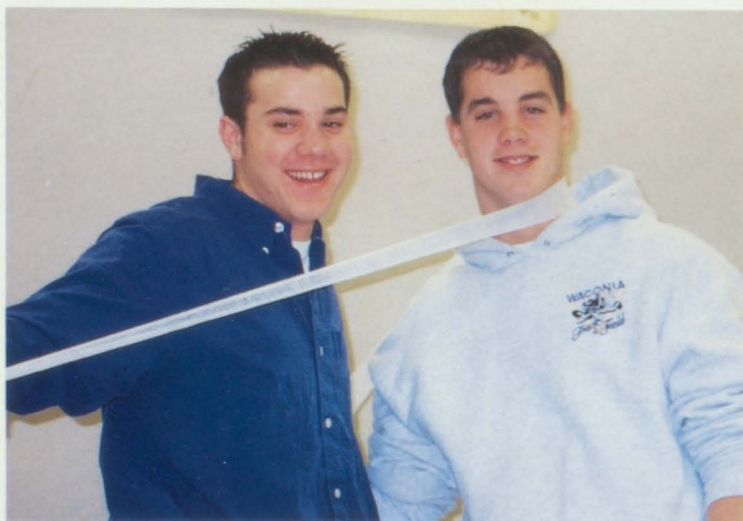
Right. The Wildcat cheerleaders pose with Willie during their final football game.

Below. Jeff Klein, Greg Hoppenrath and David Powers work together in Spanish class.

Below right. On Millennium Day, Courtney Hanson dresses to show that this new year is "Once in a Lifetime."

Bottom left. Trent Klein and Mike Staber share their time (and gauze from Medical Emergencies!) during their last year at WHS.

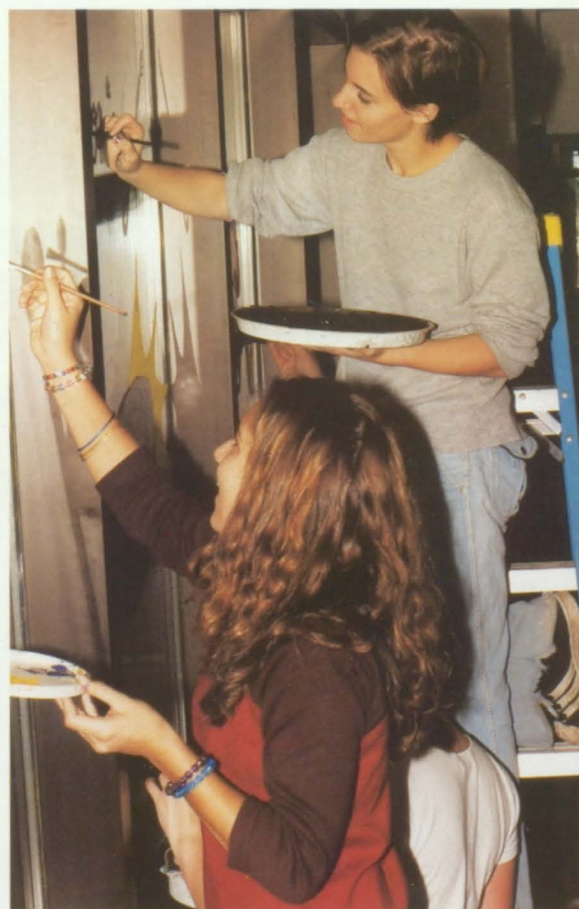
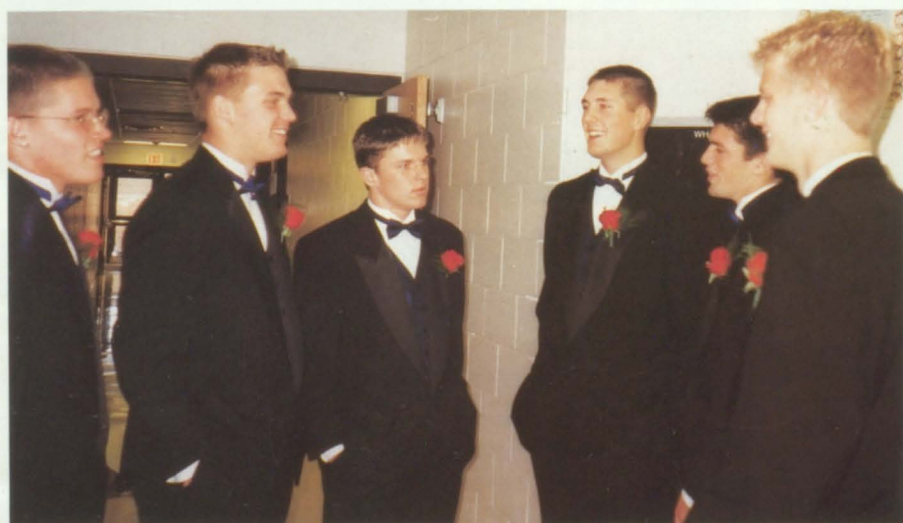
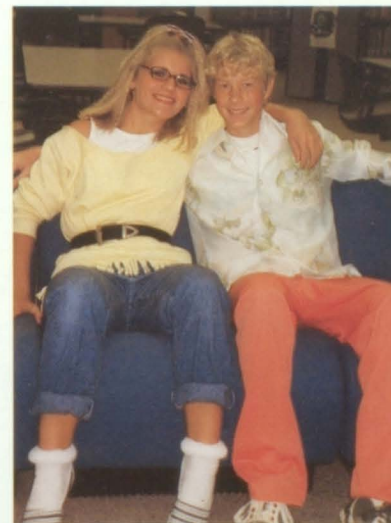
Bottom right. Melissa Ittel soars through the air as she performs at a gymnastics meet.





Left. Amanda Hagen, Marilyn Spiess, Lisa Smestad and Shaina Zupke wave as they make this year's homecoming one to remember.

Below. Molly Lenzen and Tim Held dress in clothes that their parents wore in their lifetime.



Above left. Brady Bussler, Matt Bergmann, Erik Sorensen, Andy Eischens, Jesse Timm and Joe Masurka anticipate the crowning of the homecoming king at the 1999 coronation.

Above. Erin Fenske and Megan Turek paint the windows for the last homecoming celebration of the millennium.

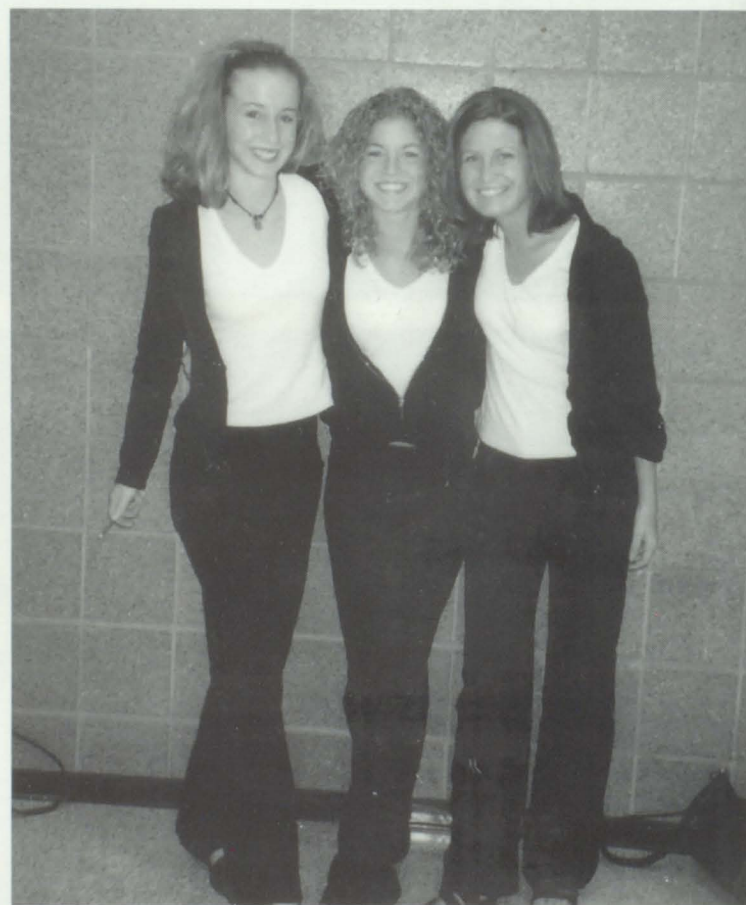
Left. Tony Swenson, Wes Anderson, Andy Lenzen and Tim Held prepare food for once in their life during Spanish class.

Friends Share Their Memories Together

Once our high school years are over, most of us will remember our friends more than anything else about our high school days. Our friends laugh with us, confide in us, comfort us, and share experiences with us. As time goes by, we will reflect on our friendships and the memories that we have shared.

"A friend is one who knows all about you and likes you anyway."

Christi Mary Warner

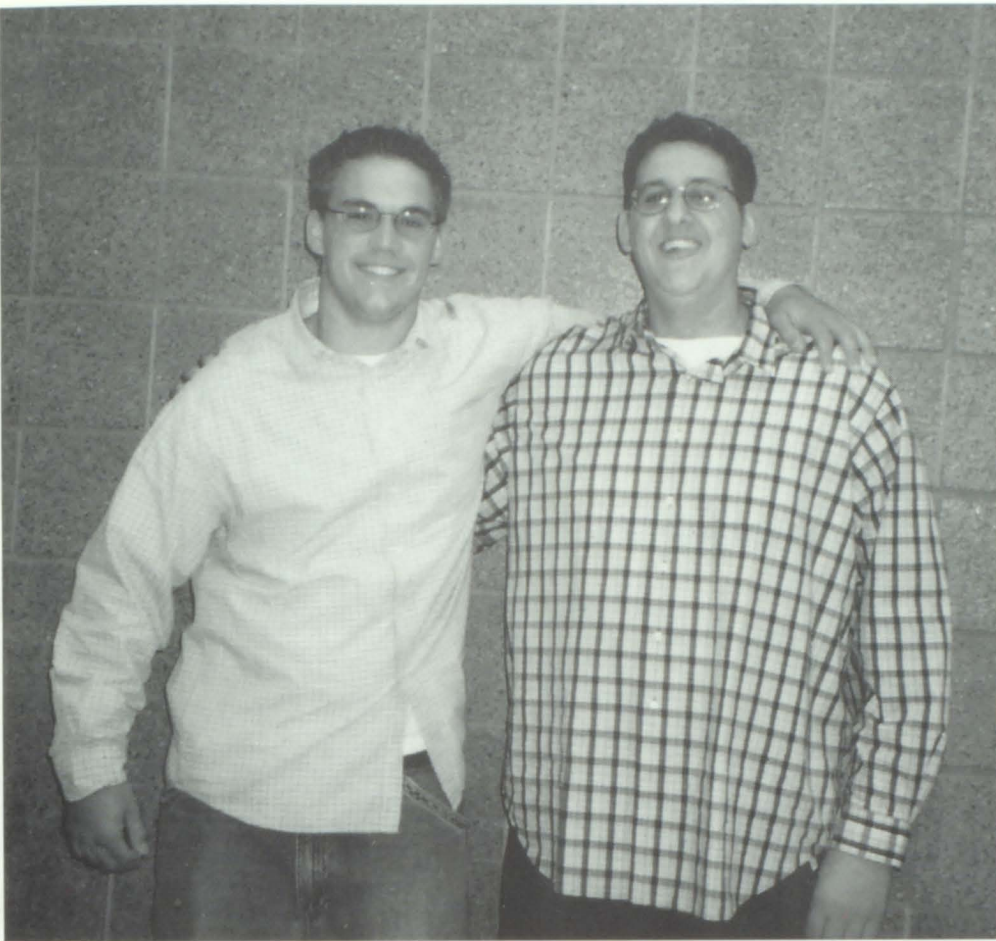


Top right. Sophomores Tim Held, Nick Furman, Alex Kranz, Ryan Wood, Tim Connor and Justin Pawela have fun "climbing" their way through school with each other.

Top left. Juniors Charity Zabel and Leah Gjertson smile big on Decade Day during homecoming week.

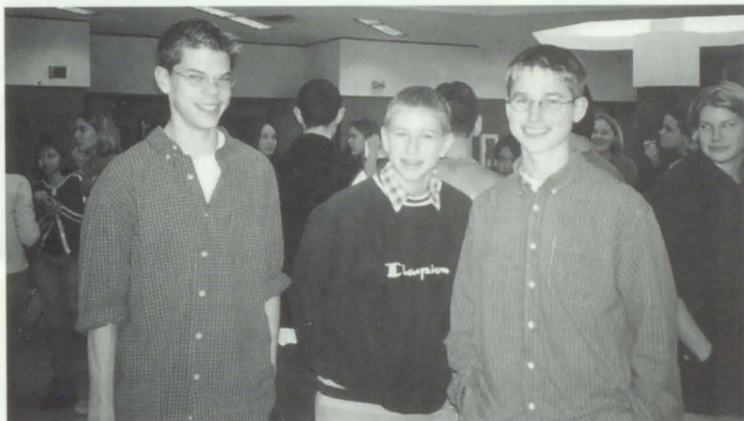
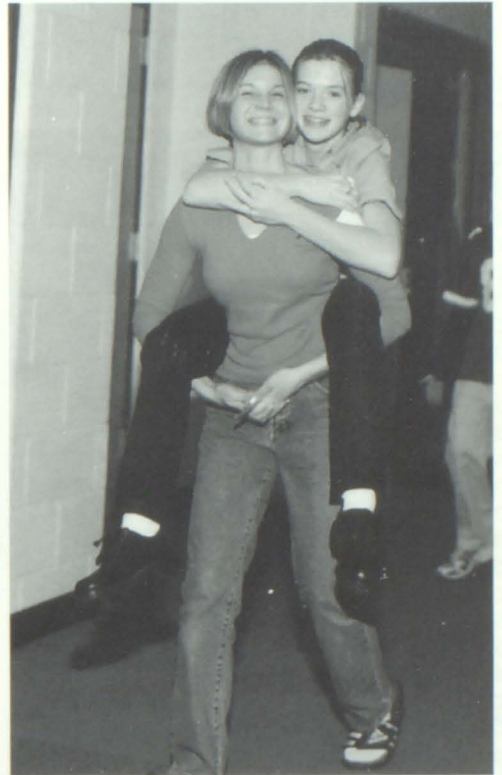
Above. Sarah Feerhusen, Tanya Clemensen, Alicia Ertl and Kelsey Dake come to school ready for bed.

Right. Friends Gina Meuwissen, Becky Frank and Heather Anquist have grown up together and now begin to prepare for their futures.



Left. Friends Matt Bergmann and Matt Stuewe pose while waiting in the lunch line together.

Below. Jessica Bammert gives Abby Welch a piggy-back ride through the halls.



Above. Brady Bussler and Joe Masurka play it cool for Twins Day.

Above left. Alex Krukowski, Nate Laulainen and Mike Anderson spend their morning break talking about their first hour class.

Left. Freshmen Amanda Lemke, Molly Anquist, Sonja Ellingson and Morgan Berndt gather together for a picture so they can remember this year for a lifetime.



A Sign of the Times

The past decades can be well remembered by their unique fashion rights and wrongs. Clothing styles and hairdos have changed over the years. The "Jackie Kennedy look" and beehives were common in the 60's. The 70's were filled with bell bottoms and signs of peace and love. And nothing better describes the 80's than tight rolled jeans, big hair, shoulder pads and bright pink. The 90's also has a look and style of its own. This style, although unique, has not forgotten its roots. Bell bottom jeans have made a comeback along with flipped hair and thick healed shoes.

Natural and comfortable are words that seem to describe best our choices of style. For girls hair is worn curly or straight, up or down, but without loads of hairspray and large bangs. Guys, on the other hand, can be seen with shaved heads, or with gel helping their hair stand on end. Abercrombie and Old Navy are commonly seen on sweatshirts and T-shirts. Fleece tech vests are also a new style. Shoes are selected for their thick soles and appeal. Doc Martens sandals can be seen even on chilling fall days. But when the snow begins to fall, hiking and platform boots are more commonly seen. The styles worn by WHS students are definitely "once in a lifetime."

Top. Travis Frank, Drew Gulden, Donnie Arndt and David Philp sport plaid apparel which is commonly seen among Waconia High School students.

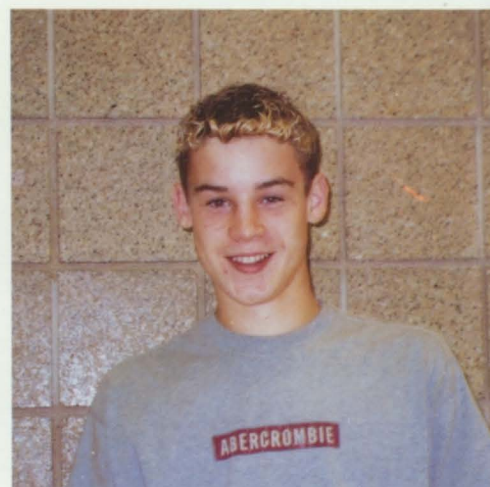
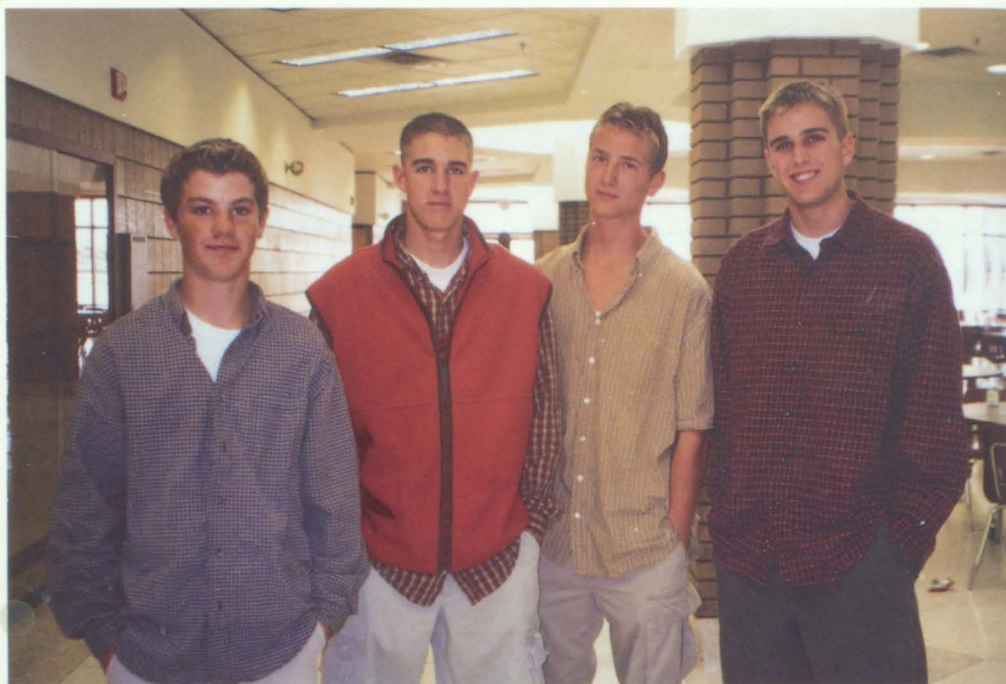
Right. Angelle Timm, talking with Tiffany Johnston, is styling by wearing pants with large legs and pockets.

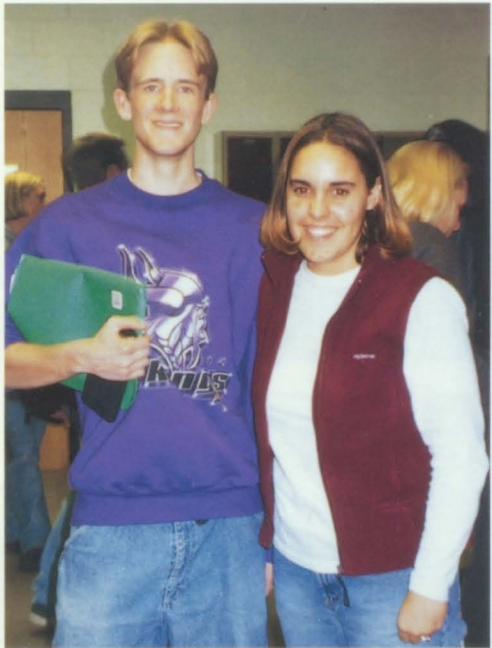
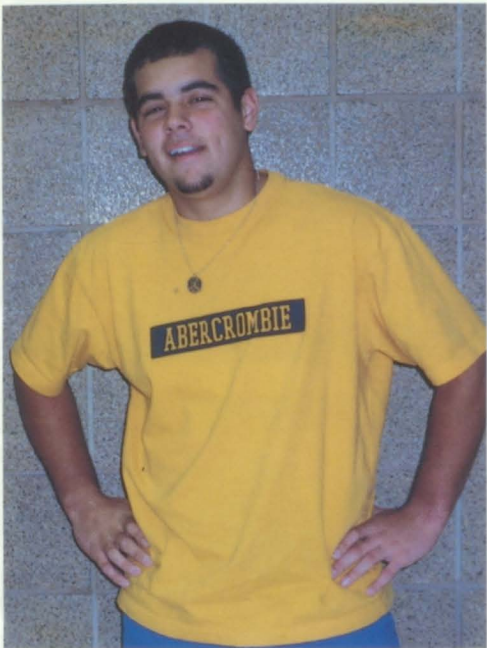
Far right. At the break of dawn, Erik Smestad, along with many others, molds his hair to stand on end.

Below. Amanda Templin uses colorful butterfly clips to secure her hair. Many other students use these clips or barrettes to match their styling clothing.

Below center. Lisa Smestad pulls her red locks up with a leather hair fastener.

Below right. Travis Roush highlights the top of his head to sport a new style among many high school guys.





Top left. Caitlyn Klosterman and Cristy Jensen pose in American Eagle apparel.
Center left. Andy Acosta sports an Abercrombie and Fitch T-shirt — the biggest name brand currently out there.
Center right. Dave Myers shows his Viking support while Amy Kortissis shows off her vest, a new trend this year.
Bottom. Lisa Walters and Lisa Kirsch wear Tommy Hilfiger.
Top to bottom, far right. Platform boots are a style seen among many high school girls. Casual shoes offer comfort and are the choice of many males at WHS. Doc Martens is a name brand shoe that is a must have among teens. Five-inch heels are appealing, but not always comfortable.

Times Are Changing as Area Experiences Growing Pains

The community of Waconia has exploded in the last ten years. Not only are empty desks in the schools hard to find, the community businesses are overwhelmed with patrons, and the construction crews work nonstop. Pain is experienced by drivers as cars line up on Highway 5 every morning, and then honk their way home in the afternoon.

The housing developments in Waconia are large and plentiful. They surround what is left of downtown Waconia. Because of this growth, the community voted to build a new middle school, and with the ever expanding size of the area, they found it necessary to build a community center, also. Both are scheduled to open in 2001. Times have changed and this is proven by the increasing population and school enrollment.

Top. The bleachers are full of students due to the increasing class sizes and the number of new students joining the school.

Right. The parking lot fills up early in the morning because of an increasing number of students with cars.

Bottom right. Construction of the new middle school and community center next door to the high school begins in 1999 and is expected to be completed by 2001.

Below. New construction in the area adds up to crowded hallways and classrooms at WHS.





Q & A

What are the disadvantages or benefits of larger classes?

"Disadvantage — less flexibility with larger groups, harder to manage, less personable. Advantage — more students to advance to upper level classes." **Pam Melchert**

"Not enough equipment; less money to teach all units." **Bob Lindemann**

"Students are more intimidated in large classes. Not as much attention to each student; not as much student accountability." **Katie Kalina**

How do larger classes affect your teaching?

"More stress, more time in preparation; less chance to get all questions answered." **Dave Aeling**

"Classes tend to move slower when they are large. More grading. The room can feel crowded with 34-35 desks and bodies." **Heidi Degener**

Growth Statistics

School Enrollment

Waconia High School

1994 — 436 students

2000 — 597 students

District Enrollment

1994 — 1,389 students

2000 — 2,015 students

Projected district enrollment in

2005 — 2,620 students

School Employees

1994 — 160 employees

2000 — 250 employees

Top. Lines of houses are a common sight in Waconia and the surrounding towns. The new developments are too numerous to count.

Above center. The high school commons fills up with people during morning break. Some are left standing because of a shortage of chairs.

Above left. The population of Waconia continues to rise as new families move into the area.

Above right. This is one of only a few cornfields left in the Waconia area. Houses are starting to invade farmland from all directions.

Left. Students try to push through the doors to avoid getting trampled in the hallway.

Fall Highlights

The 1999-2000 school year overflowed with unforgettable memories. Good times and achievements could be seen everywhere.

The girls' cross country team brought us pride once again with their outstanding efforts at sections and state. The football team showed their strength by defeating the section champ. Homecom-

ing week was ruled by the seniors girls and brought crowns to the heads of Jesse Timm and Heather Anquist. The fall musical *State Fair* packed the house for three consecutive nights. Staff and students gave a fond farewell to Superintendent Ric Dressen. These events, along with many others, provided us with many "Once in a Lifetime" memories.

Below left. The Waconia football team beats the number one team in Section 3A, giving Delano their first loss.

Below right. The Student Council sponsored blood drive collects enough blood to save 174 lives. Audra Lehrke comforts blood donor Cody Anderson.

Bottom right. The senior powder puff team comes out with a victory during homecoming week.

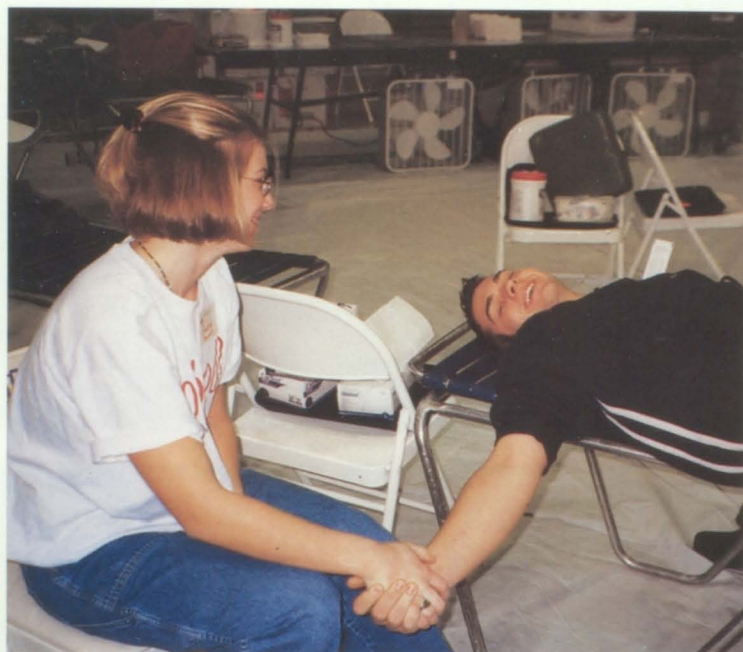
OPPOSITE PAGE.

Top left. Jesse Timm and Heather Anquist glow in the spotlight as they are picked for homecoming king and queen 1999.

Top right. The Scary Guy, with help from sophomore Jim Olson, entertains the school during an assembly.

Center right. Rachel Minzel, Jennifer Capaul, Mandy Templin, Rachel Knickerbocker, Jennifer Mochinski, Jolene John, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Nicole Krautbauer, Lisa Smestad and Angie Morris visit Calgary during a "Once in a Lifetime" marching band trip.

Bottom right. Megan Turek and Dave Philp perform in the musical *State Fair*.



Above. After Superintendent Ric Dressen resigned this year, a new scholarship offered to seniors will continue his legacy.





Above. The girls' cross country team attends state competition for the second consecutive year. From left: Jenny Schnobrich, Kittie Peterson, Kristin Pletsch, Kaylee Rasmussen, Cristy Jensen, Sonja Ellingson, Tabitha Deleeuw, Natalie Timmers, Morgan Berndt.

Once in a Lifetime: Students

With all the change going about and with the start of a new millennium, the students at WHS continue on with their lives. At Waconia High School, there is a variety of personalities, classes, and activities. All students show their individuality in what they participate in and what classes they take. Every day, the students at WHS create memories in the classroom and also with friends in order to make "once in a lifetime" moments here at WHS.

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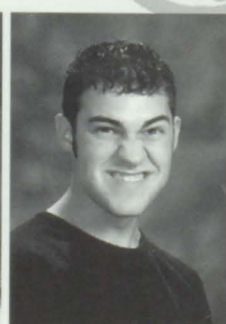
Top left. Maureen Ayers-Looby and Kelsey Dake dress up as their fathers for Halloween in hopes of getting lots of candy.

Top right. Seniors Justin Sorensen and Lisa Walters take a break from class.

Right. Freshmen Stephanie Roepke, David Hoff, Laura Anderson, Tia Oakman, Stephanie Capaul, Carly Brown, Ashley Artmann, Tiffany Johnston and Kayla Menth chat at their lunch table.

Below. Crystal Braunwarth and Natalie Orth express their friendship by dressing alike on Twins Day.

Below right. Seniors Katie Wasness, Joe Masurka, Jenny Menth and Cody Anderson don't take picture day very seriously!





Top left. Cal Kosieracki, Sarah Feerhusen, Kelsey Dake, Heather Webster, Brooke Simonson, Juliet Hong, Allie Fagerness, Jenny Sorensen, Amber Krause, Megan Rasmussen, Jackie Pitts and Molly Lenzen bunch together for a picture.
Top right. Ted Keefe dresses up for Decades Day.
Center right. Ryan Rosin and Matt Hennen relax in the media center on pictures day.
Above left. Seniors Kyle Rambow, Kyle Ague, Matt Bergmann, Brady Bussler and Scot Rewerts spend their carefree senior days together.
Above. Sarah Gibbs and Mackenzie Foley give the peace sign to match their 70's clothing.
Left. Josh Jorgensen, Wes Anderson and Jeff Buckingham express surprise at a yearbook photo as they wait to get their school pictures taken.

Class of



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As the seniors reach the end of their last school year at Waconia High School, they take a look back on their past. They realize how much they have grown and accomplished. They take time to remember their friendships, hardships, and relationships, but also to prepare to move on to their futures. Most already have plans for their years following high school. They realize that time flies and as the year 2000 rolls around, their high school years will be "once in a lifetime" memories.



Turning Back

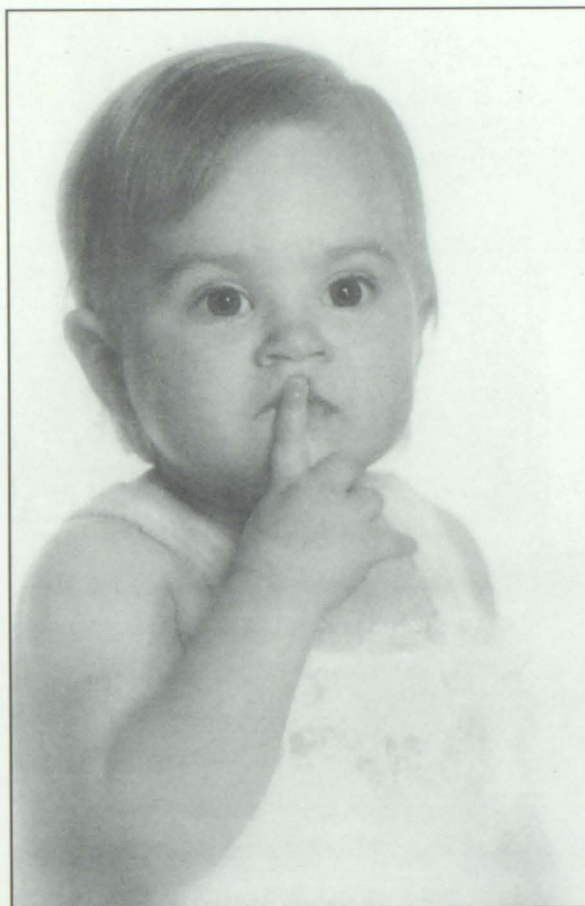


Clockwise from top left. Kristen McCune, Alex Schmid, Lisa Kirsch, David Myers, Amanda Hagen, Kate Eder, Kathryn Gentz, Mindy Ramm, Courtney Hanson, Melissa Ittel, Sam Maiser, Melanie Hoggarth.





Time



Clockwise from top left. Lisa Walters, Terry Klaers, Crystal Braunwarth, Crystal Zancig, Megan Turek, Lori Kelly, Katie Wasness, Brenda Johnson, Rachel Stenger, Shaina Zuppke, Cristy Jensen, Karyn Laulainen, Leslie Litfin.



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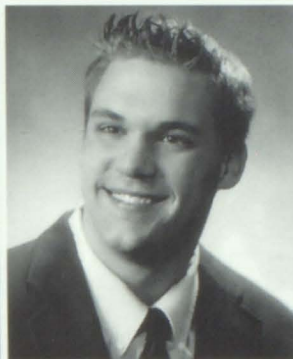
Clockwise from top right. Kara Dake, Melissa Ditsch, Kelly Beckfeld, Joe Masurka, Ryan Murphy, Brady Bussler, Dave Philp, Anthony Smith, Joe Ansell, Bria Welch, Andrea Drapcho, Rachel Stenger, Tegen Oakman, Erin Fenske, Courtney Hanson, Terry Klaers, seniors on Class Color Day.



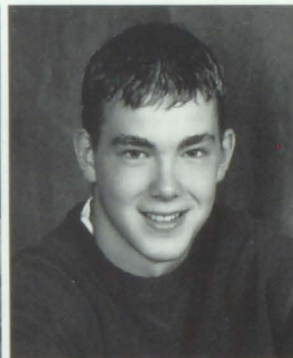
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Kyle Ague
Cody Anderson
Heather Anquist
Joseph Ansell



Timothy Austin
Sammantha Becklund
Matthew Bergmann
Benjamin Berndt



Kent Boll
Darren Bollmann
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Amber Brandmire
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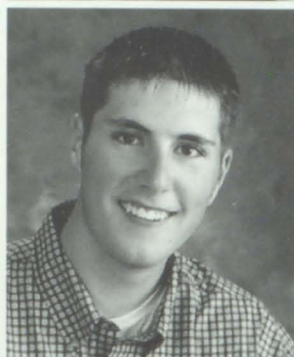


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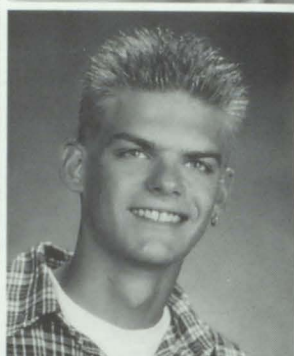
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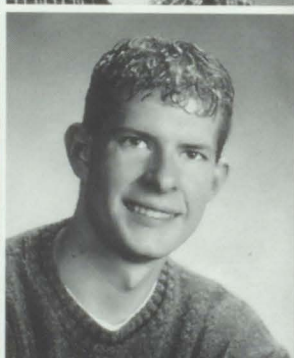
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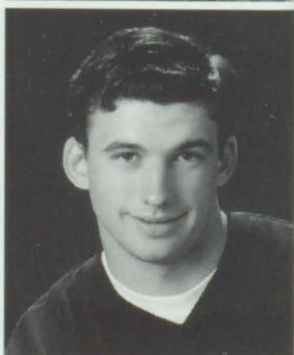
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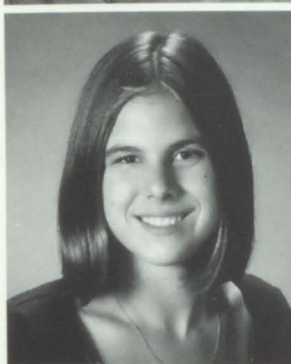




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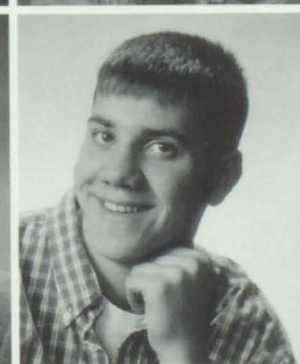
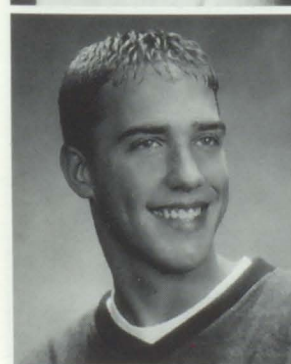
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Jessica Kamrath



Lori Kelly
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Julia Kes
Lisa Kirsch



Terry Klaers
Travis Klein
Trent Klein
Kevin Koester

Top Ten Schools

1. Hennepin Technical College
2. Minnesota State University Mankato
3. U of Minnesota Twin Cities
4. St. John's/St. Benedict's
5. U. of Wisconsin LaCrosse
6. Minnesota State University St. Cloud
7. U of Minnesota Duluth
8. Dunwoody Institute
9. Normandale Community College
10. Gustavus Adolphus

Top 10 Majors

1. Pre-Med
2. Engineering
3. Science
4. Business
5. Cosmetology
6. Theatre
7. Child Development
8. Psychology
9. Dentistry
10. Pre-Law

Seniors Give Advice

"Don't take high school for granted because one day you will realize it is all gone and you will be happy knowing you've accomplished your goals."

Anthony Smith

"To have fun and make time to be with your friends because this is all you have left before you get into the real world."

Sammantha Becklund

"Live for today and not tomorrow. Life is still a road that never ends. You get what you put in and people get what they deserve."

Ryan Murphy

"Make sure you keep up on your schoolwork because a B- as a freshman could mean some big \$ in scholarships."

Dave Philp

"Shoot for the stars. Don't ever underestimate your potential."

Leslie Litfin

"Times change and things get tough, but always remember who your real friends are."

Jesse Timm

"This is the best time of your life. Try to realize it."

Tessa Dussart

"Apply for college scholarships early. Don't give in to senioritis."

Kristen McCune

"Cover your mouth when you yawn, and in the presence of a danceliner or danceline superfan, never say it's not a sport."

Kari Scheuble

"Learn things and don't wear shorts, it's cold."

Erin Fenske

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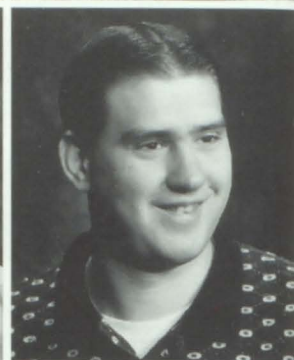
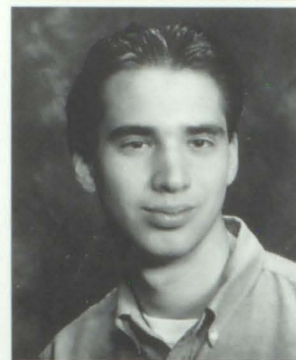
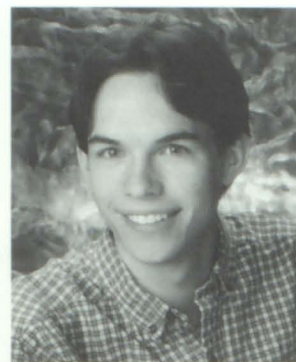
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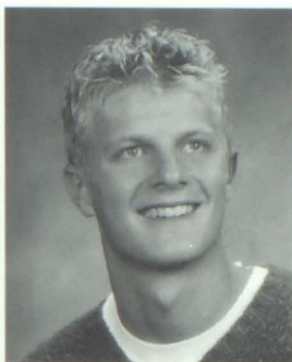
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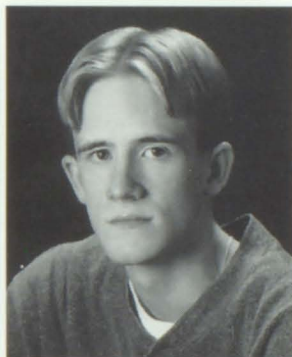
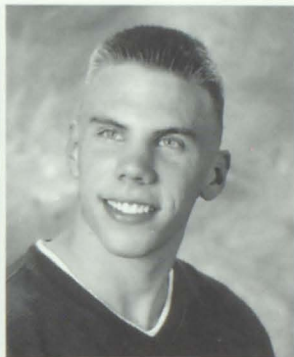
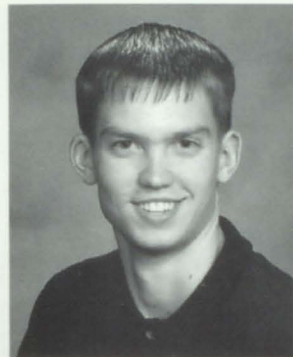




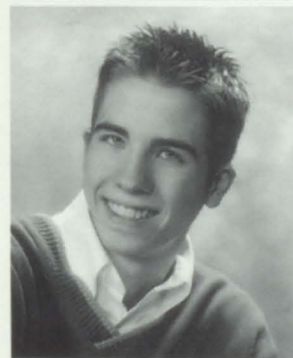
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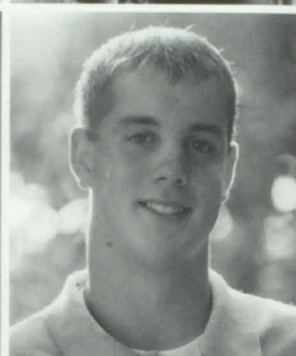
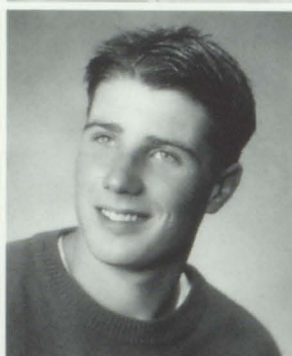
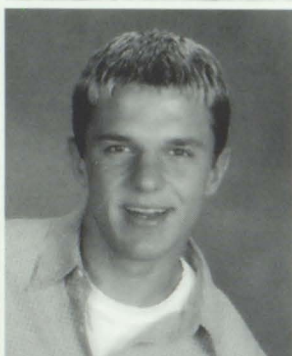
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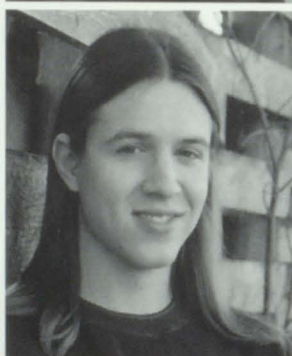
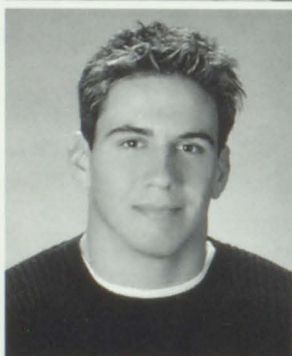
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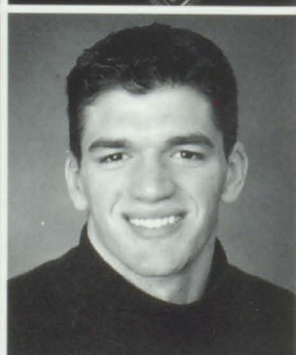
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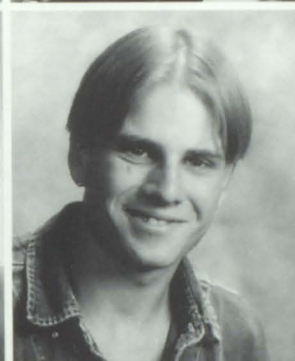
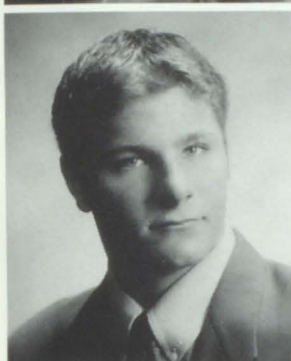




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Eric Tetreault

Crystal Wenaas
Jennifer Widmer

*A tear slowly slides from my face
thinking of memories of her
makes me smile.
She is looking down on us from heaven
telling us not to cry —
don't even sigh,
because she's okay.
To only think of the
wonderful memories of her and you —
And one day — yeah one day
when the time is right
you two will be together again
at last —
Laughing, joking, remembering...
'til then she is with us
watching, smiling, and protecting us
from the skies above.*

Jenny Gothmann

Shannon Olson ~ Sept. 28, 1981 — Dec. 11, 1999

A member of the class of 2000 was killed in a car accident on December



11, 1999. For all of us who knew Shannon Olson, there was something very special about her. Shannon was very friendly, kindhearted, and showed dedication to her friends and family. She was also known for her strong character and sense of humor.

Shannon moved to Waconia in eighth grade. She enjoyed spending time with her many friends, working at Billy's Restaurant, and taking care of her son Damien, born in December of 1998.

Shannon's legacy will live on through Damien as well as the memories we all share. Although she is not with us, the thoughts of her will last a lifetime. May Shannon Olson always be in our hearts.

SENIOR CLASS POLL



Prettiest Eyes: Samm Becklund, Josh Brandenburg.
Best Hair: Jenny Gothmann, Kevin Koester.



Best Cars: Rachel Stenger, Joe Masurka.
Most Athletic: Cristy Jensen, Erik Sorensen.



Best Friends: Alex Schmid, Sam Maiser.
Cutest Couple: Karyn Laulainen, Andy Eischens.
Friendliest: Becky Frank, Matt Bergmann.



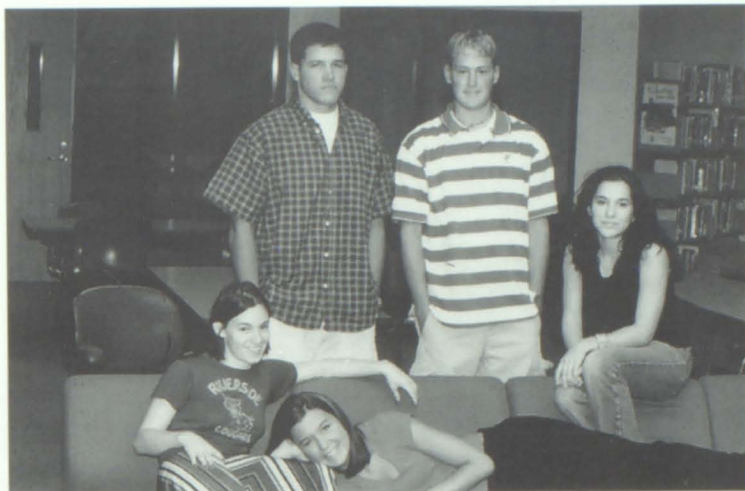
Most Likely to Succeed/Most Studious: Cristy Jensen, Sam Maiser.
Teacher's Pet: Katie Wasness, Dave Philp.



Quietest: Laura Johnson, Chris Kratzke.
Most Talkative: Jenny Menth, Trent Klein.
Biggest Flirt: Jenny Menth, Cody Anderson.



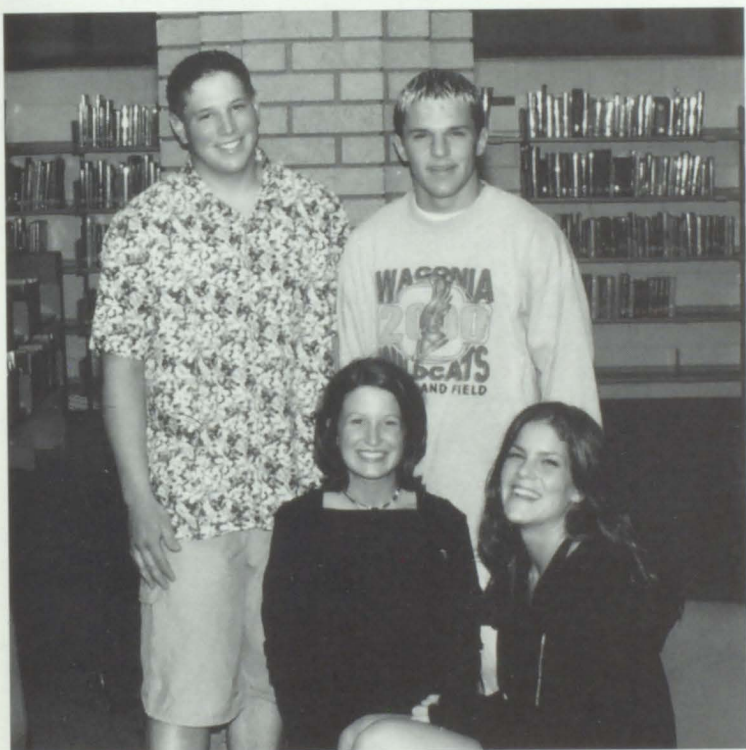
Best Actor: Megan Turek, Aaron Linton.
Best Musician: Angelie Timm, Matt Bergmann.
Best Artist: Crystal Zancig, Adam St. John.



Best Dressed: Jenny Gothmann, Scot Rewerts.
Most Unique Style: Erin Fenske, Alex Schmid.
Best Piercing: Megan Turek, Brady Bussler.



Worst Joke Teller: Lisa Kirsch, Cody Anderson.
Class Clown: Crystal Braunwarth, Zach Pieper.



Best Smile: Heather Anquist, Joe Ansell.
Best Laugh: Jenny Menth, Erik Sorensen.



Most Spirited: Crystal Zancig, Mike Weiland.
Most Likely to Visit Mr. Frederickson's Office:
 Melissa Schuler, Darren Bollmann.

CLASS of 2000

Senior Favorites

Cologne or Perfume

1. Tommy
2. Giorgio Armani
Aqua di Gio
3. Abercrombie
and Fitch

Clothing Store

1. Old Navy
2. Gap
3. Structure

Music Group

1. 2 Pac
2. Metallica
3. Blink 182

Hangout

1. Frost 'n Steam
2. Friends' houses
3. Fish houses

Pop

1. Mountain Dew
2. Coke
3. Sprite



Sports Team

1. Vikings
2. Timberwolves
3. Wildcats

Class

1. Art
2. Health
3. Work experience

Radio Station

1. 93.7
2. 104.1
3. 101.3

TV Show

1. Friends
2. Simpsons
3. X-Files

Teachers

1. Mr. Zender
2. Mr. Aeling
3. Mr. Arman

Actress

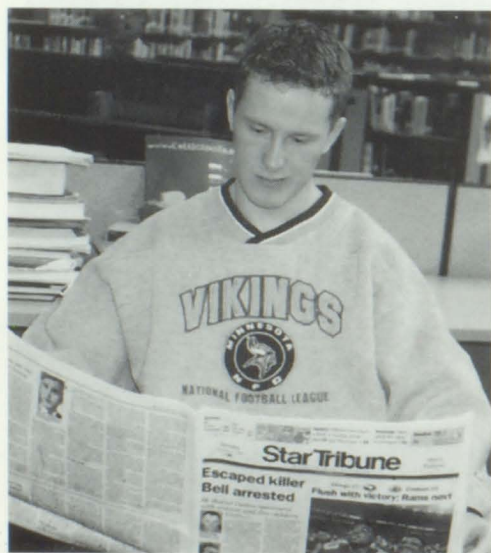
1. Julia Roberts
2. Cameron Diaz
3. Drew Barrymore

Actor

1. Adam Sandler
2. Mike Myers
3. Keanu Reeves

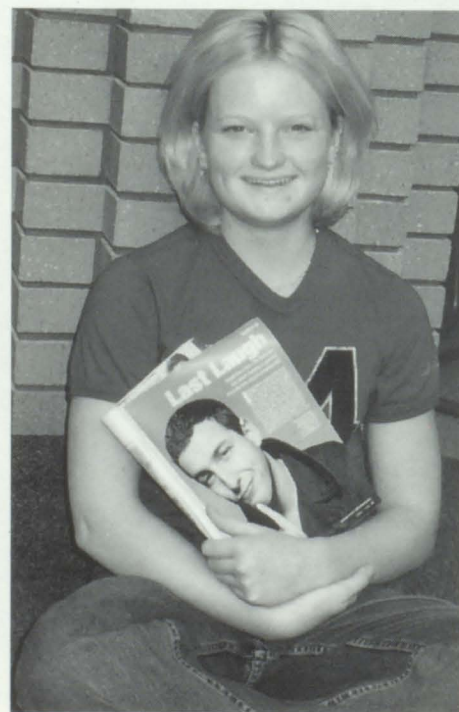
Movie

1. The Matrix
2. Austin Powers: The Spy Who
Shagged Me
3. Tommy Boy



Top. Melissa Ditsch enjoys an ice cold Mountain Dew, while Angie Loehrs prefers Coke.
Above. Mike Weiland reads up on his favorite sports team, the VIKINGS!

Right. Jessica Kamrath embraces Adam Sandler's photo after reading a recent magazine article about him.





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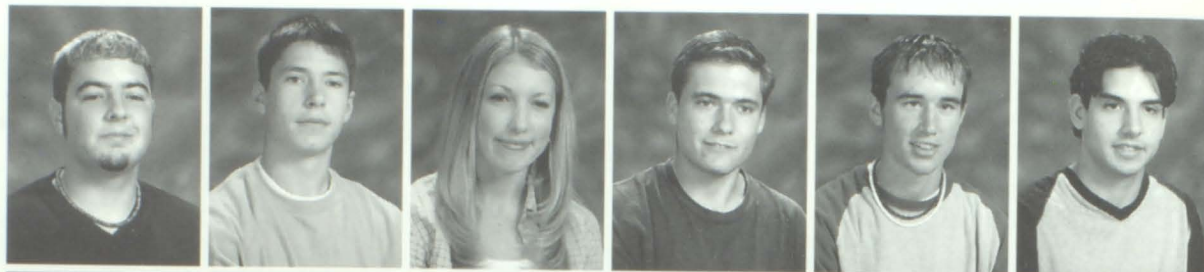
Clockwise from top left. Maren Delaney, Holly Olson, Mark Anderson, Andrew Bergstrand, Andy Acosta, Joe Gast; the juniors on Class Color Day; Rhea Lenzen, Sarah Domoradzki, Jessica Williams, Charity Zabel, the junior homecoming float, Kelli Pletsch, Eric Janzen, Megan Schmaltz.



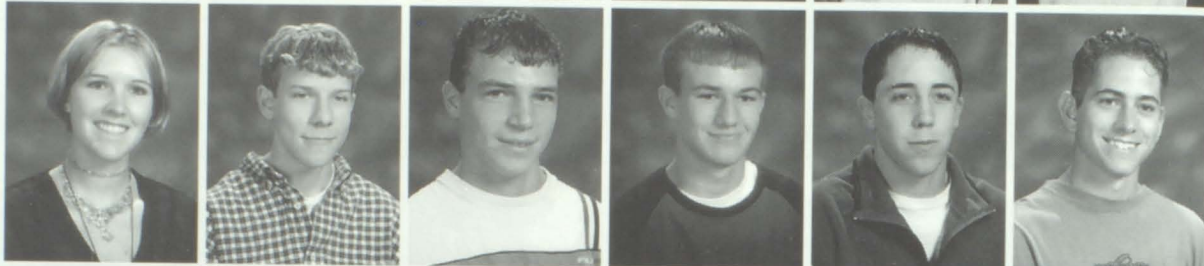
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Juniors Division

Andy Acosta
Paul Ague
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Matthew Anderson



Michelle Anderson
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Andrew Bergstrand
Jason Biskey
Bryan Bracken



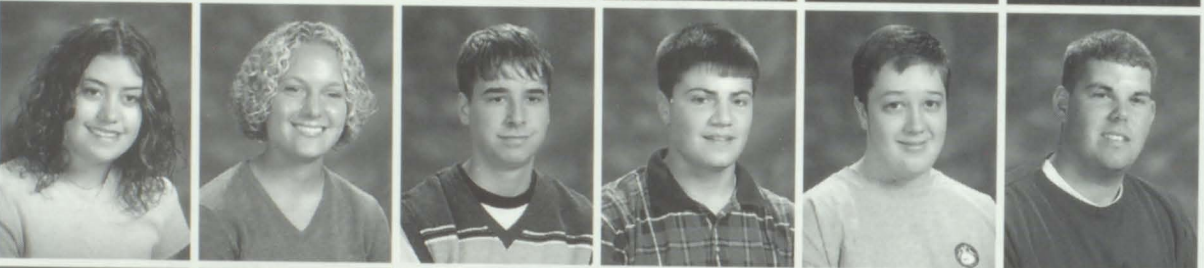
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Joseph Dimler



Sarah Domoradzki
Megan Doyscher
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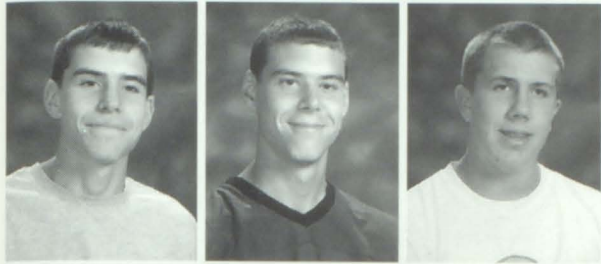


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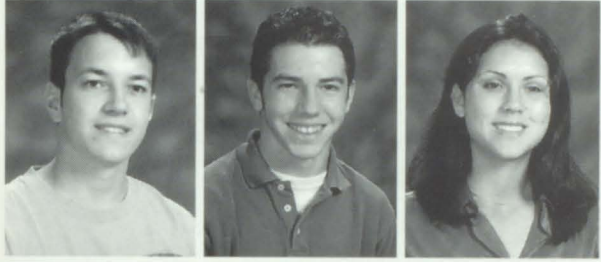
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Christopher Hendren
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Michael Hilliard



Roy Hoops
Gregory Hoppenrath
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Eric Janzen
Joshua Jetto
Jolene John



Patrick Johnson
Ryan Johnson
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Joe Johnston
Ted Keefe
Bradley Kelzer



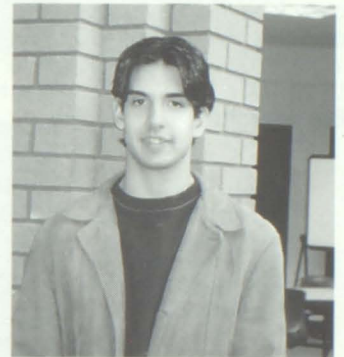
Aaron Kleid
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Q & A

What do you wish your future would hold?



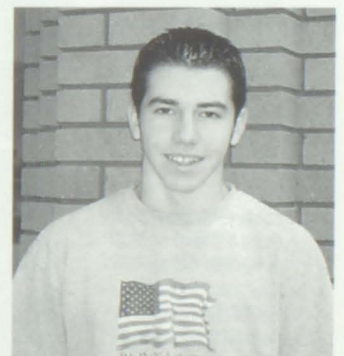
"I hope and plan for my future to hold success, fun, and basketball." **Lacy Skoog**



"I would like to be a trapeze artist or a speedo designer."
Matt Anderson



"I hope I'm happy and successful in whatever I'm doing. I also hope the world doesn't continue in its downward spiral of morals and violence."
Cassie Gaddo



"A career as a cartoon character."
Josh Jetto

Q & A

Which of the following could you live without and why — television, phone, computer, CD player, radio? Which would be the hardest to give up?



"I could live without a computer. I don't have one and could care less if I never get one. I couldn't give up the CD player in my truck. If I couldn't listen to music, I'd die." **Rich Barfknecht**



"I could live without television. I don't ever watch TV, but I couldn't live without a CD player or radio, because I need music." **Rachel Minzel**



"I could give up the radio because it's not as good as listening to CD's. TV would be the hardest because I wouldn't know what was going on in the world." **Scott Stein**



"I could never live without my radio. I listen to music more than I watch TV, talk on the phone, and internet COMBINED!" **Lacey Ahlbrecht**

Robert Kolar
Thomas Kortisses
Karl Kranz
Nicole Krautbauer
Holly Kunkel
Kevin Kuphal



Zach Lamberger
Joseph Laumann
Nicholas Leffler
Audra Lehrke
Lindsey Lindemeier
Patrick Lindstrom



Jennifer Litfin
Lea Massengale
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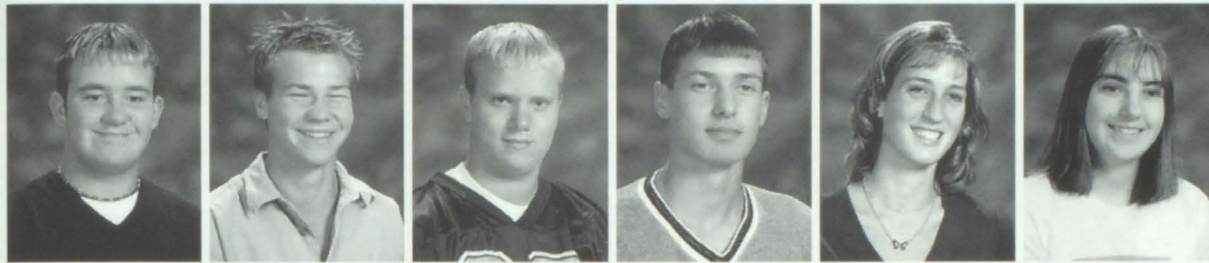




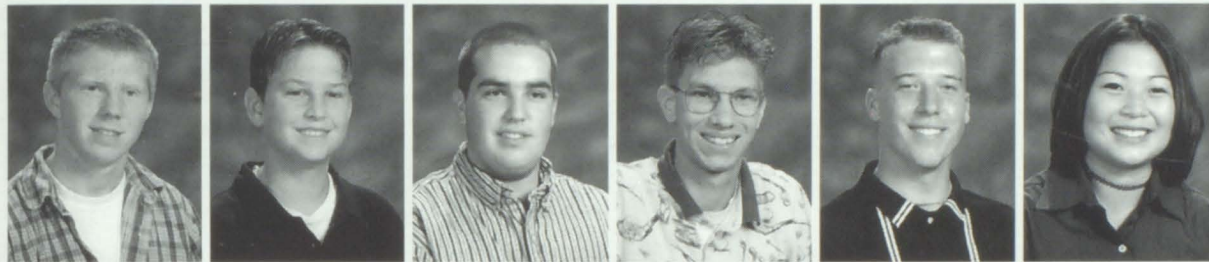
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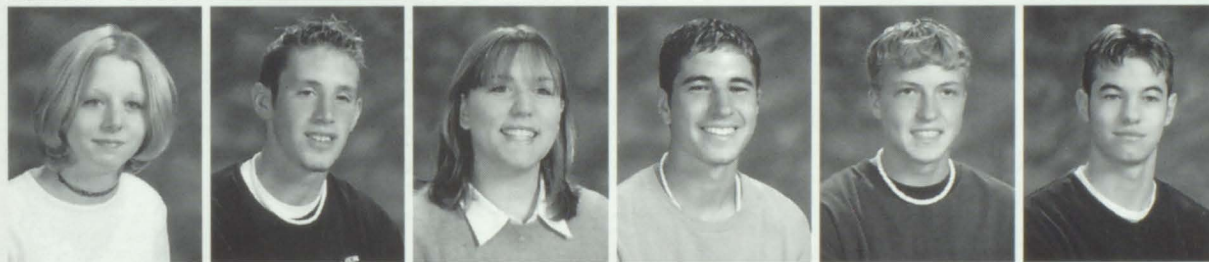
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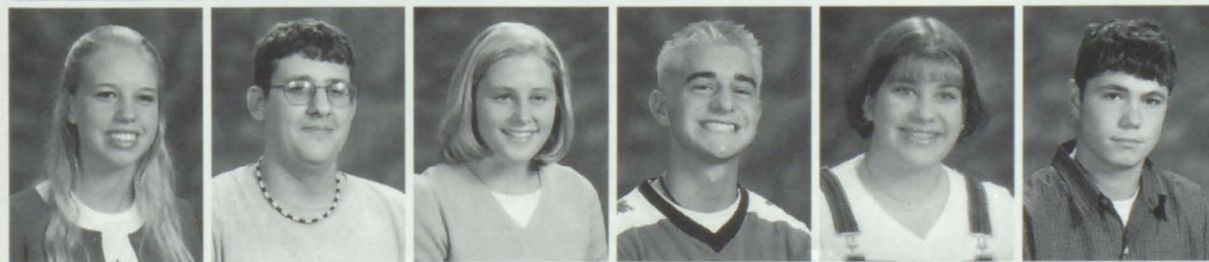
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Erik Schultz
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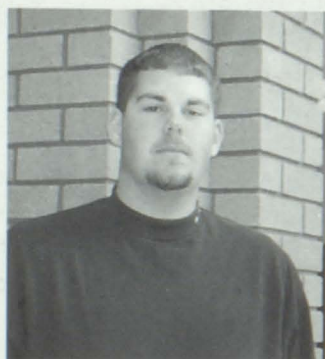
Where does all your money go? Indicate what things eat up most of your money.



"Now one half to my French trip to France, and the other half to my clothes, makeup, and CD's. Most of it goes on clothes."
Lisa Smestad

"Whenever I get a paycheck, I go straight to TAR-GET! I spend it on things I really don't need."

Holly Kunkel



"Car accidents or in the bank."
Jeff Elliot

"What money?"
Emily Tongen



Kevin Thompson
Natalie Timmers
Emily Tongen



Kay Trittabaugh
Tanya U'Ren
Kenneth VanEyll



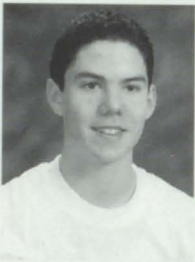
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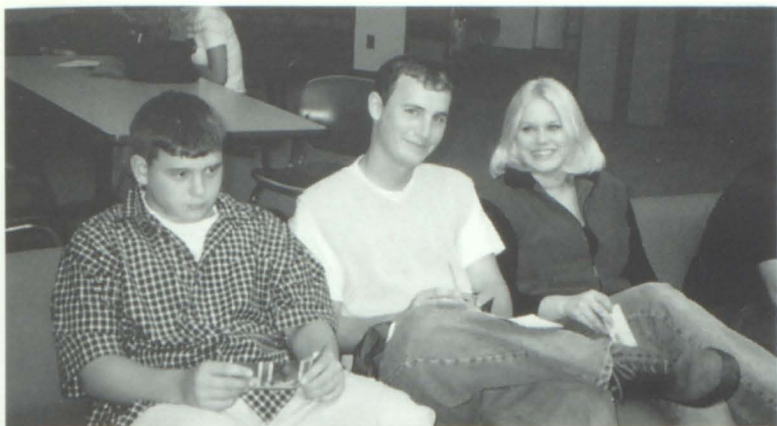
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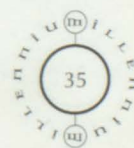
2000 SOPHOMORES

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Sophomores Division



Gabriel Acosta
Amanda Allen
Matthew Anderson
Wesley Anderson
Donald Arndt
Maureen Ayers-Looby



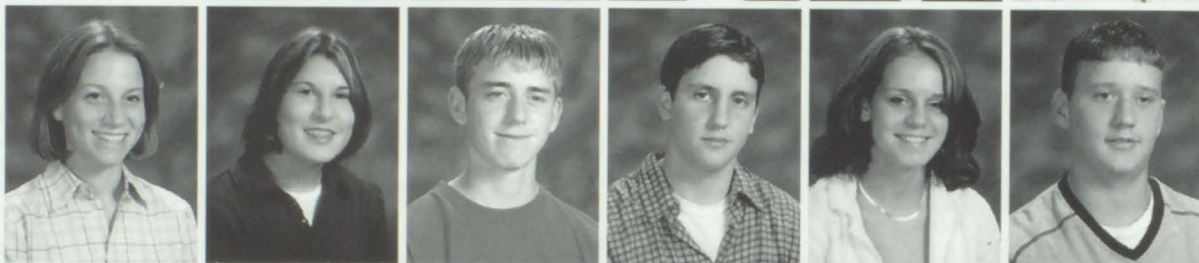
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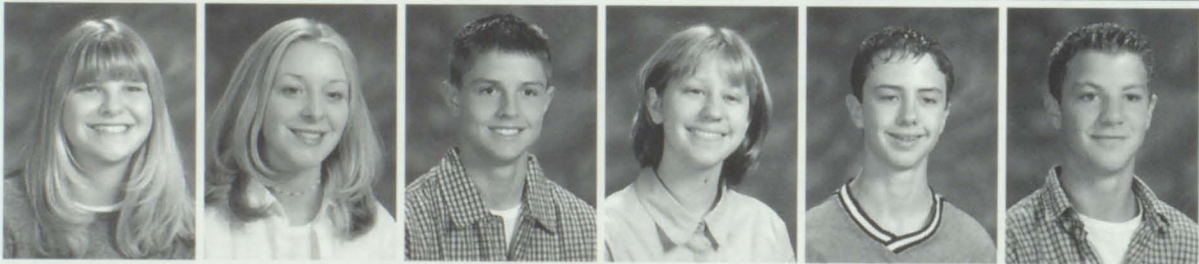
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Allison Fagerness



Jessica Falk
Sarah Feerhusen
Ernie Flemig
Mackenzie Foley
Jeffrey Foust
Travis Frank



Nickolas Furman
Lisa Gedden
Dustin Gesinger
Sarah Gibbs
Angela Goodwin
Cole Hackbarth



Q & A How would you describe a really bad day for you?



"Forget homework at home, be late for school, take a test and fail it."

Nick Furman



"Well, today stunk. I woke up, felt like you know, and went to school. Then I have to work. I don't have any money. Girl-friend. Nothing. This sucks."

Austin Bodahl



"Waking up at 7:00, missing the bus, realizing I don't match. Then my hair dries all frizzy. Oh, there's more, but this is bad enough."

Brooke Simonson



"When I get beat up more than one time that day."

David Powers



Adam Hagen
Lisa Hammer
Eric Hassel
Adam Hastings
Amanda Hedtke
Matthew Heger



Timothy Held
Cara Hendrickson
Matthew Hennen
Christopher Hennes
Matthew Hentges
Charles Herman



Jennifer Hilgers
Bryan Hill
Haemin Hong
Amanda Hoops
Benjamin Horner
Leah Indrelie



Graham Irving
Kurtis Jenkins
Jason Jenneke
Meghan Jereczek
Caleb Jetto
Brian Johnson

Q & A

What drives you crazy?



"Working at Mackenthun's with the German polka and yodeling music."
Adam Schlagel

"When people tell me how to drive. I wouldn't have gotten my license if I didn't know how."

Tanya Clemensen



"When people breathe loud. Then I forget to breathe or I breathe too hard and get the hickups."
Luke Schiller

"When Mr. Olson sings in his high girl voice."

Abby Welch



Shanen Johnson
Miranda Johnston
Joshua Jorgensen



Shaun Kamann
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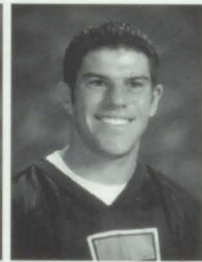
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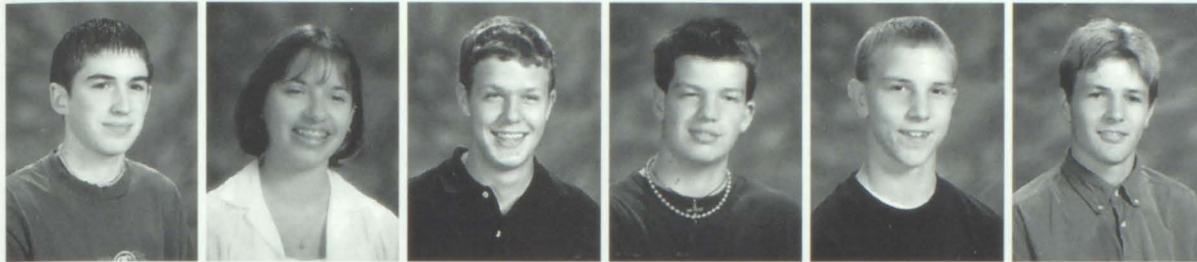


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Adam Meuwissen
Michael Miller
Garrett Morgan
Nathan Morse



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Amanda Neil
Chad Nelson
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Megan Rasmussen
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Melissa Rogers
Ryan Rosin



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Jennifer Schnobrich
Brooke Simonson

Q & A What do you miss most about being a child?



"Being able to get away with anything because 'she's too young to understand'."

Shanan Johnson



"FREEDOM! I miss not having to worry about anything. Life was so much easier."

Mackenzie Foley



"Being able to get out of any mess I got myself into."

Sarah Meier



"I miss being able to act like a child. If anyone acts immature in high school they will get teased."

Becky Luedloff

Jennifer Sorensen
Marilyn Spiess
Murphy Steiner
Megan Sterner
Jodi Storms
Anthony Swenson



Laura Swift
Anna Szczepanski
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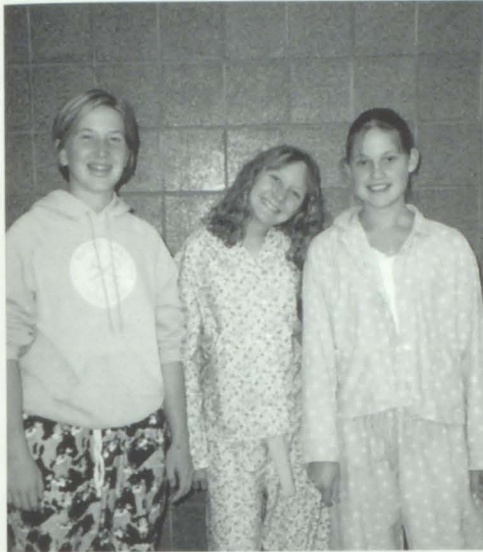
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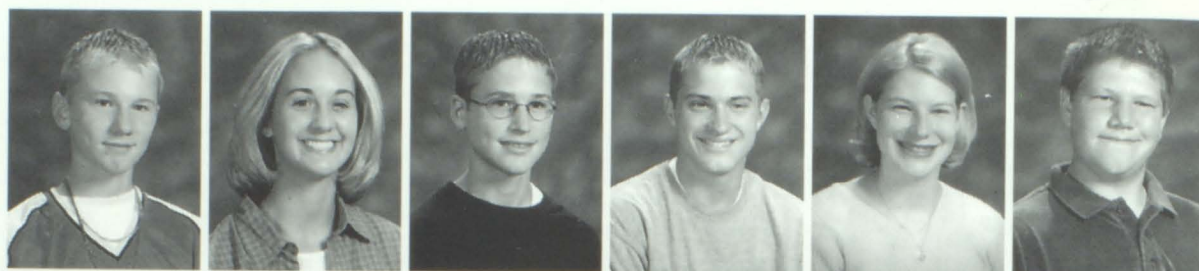
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Freshmen Division

Evan Abrahamson
 Laura Anderson
 Michael Anderson
 Michael Anquist
 Molly Anquist
 John Ansell



Jeremy Armstrong
 Ashley Artmann
 Makenzie Bakken
 Summer Becklund
 Morgan Berndt
 Danielle Bernier



Matthew Biskey
 Kienan Bjorklund
 Benjamin Boughton
 Alyssa Braun
 Jedd Braunwarth
 Carly Brown



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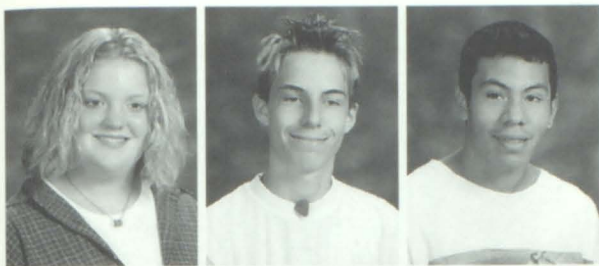


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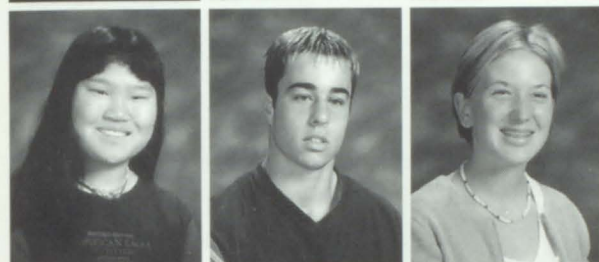
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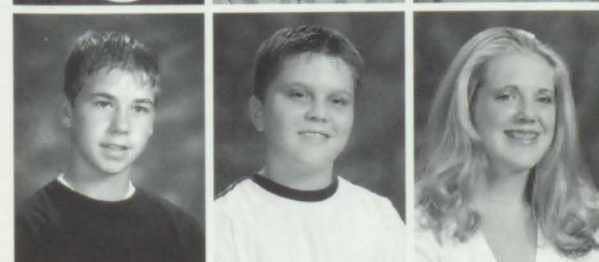
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Michael Hartung
Michael Hennes



Russel Herman
Timothy Hetherington
Margaret Hilliard

Q & A

What was your worst fear when coming to WHS? Did the worst happen?



"That I would walk into the wrong room. The first day I did. I was supposed to be in French, but ended up in Calculus!" **Ashley Hagman**

"Not being able to see my friends because I barely had any classes with them, but I got to see them at morning break and sometimes between classes."

Katie Dean



"That the 90 minute classes would be too long, but it goes fast and the day is over before you know it."

Chris Rueben

"My worst fear was getting lost. When you look at the map, the school looks big and confusing, but when you're here, the school's not that big, and not at all confusing."

Lenore Kolar



Q & A

Do you find the block schedule easier or more difficult?



"Easier, not as much homework, but my tuckus falls asleep sitting for so long." **Martha Saunders**

"Yes and no because you only have four classes, but some go on forever." **John Keefe**

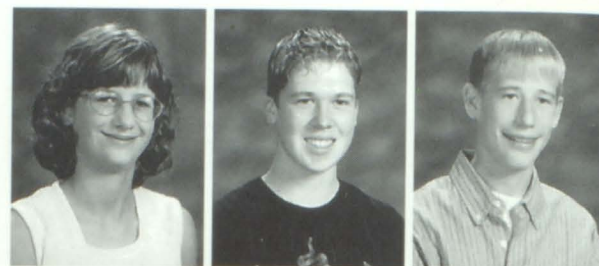


"It's easier, the day goes fast and you only have four classes to concentrate on." **Amber Rogney**

"Both. It is easier because you have more time to get homework done, but the hour and a half classes seem really long when your teacher is boring." **Anna Carrigan**



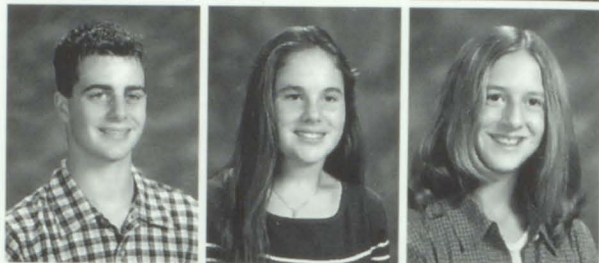
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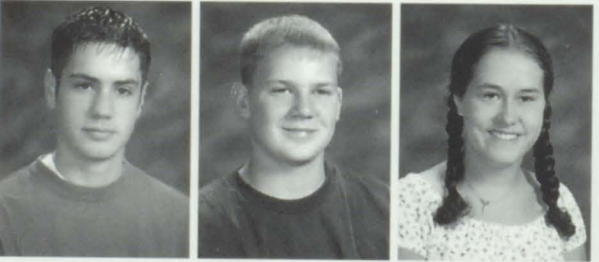
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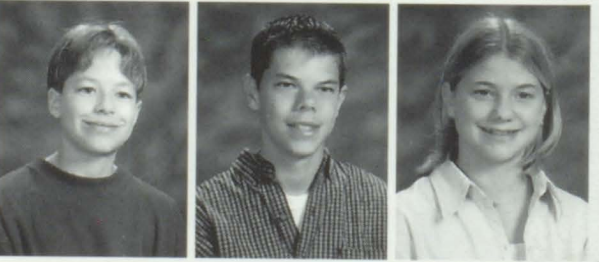
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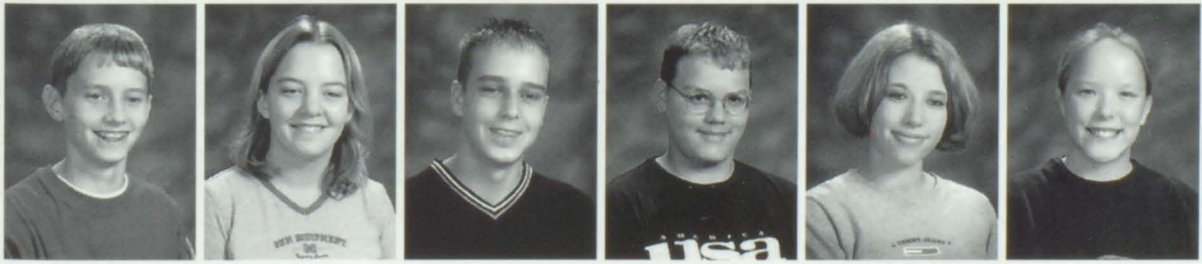
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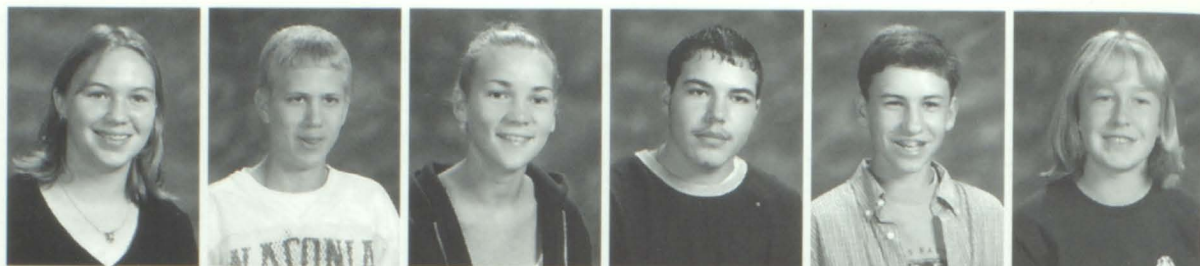


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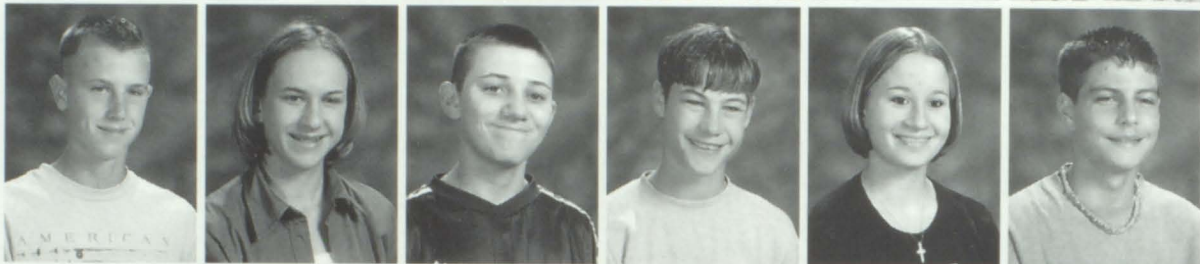
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Lance Schilling
Sarah Schmakiel
Curtis Schmidt



Laura Schmidt
Blake Schulz
Emily Sims
Rhonda Skraba
Erik Smestad
Taylor Stangret



Bradley Steinhagen
Katie Sterner
September Storms
Nicole Sullivan
Summer Sutalo
Jacob Sutherland



Carl Szczepanski
Jamie Ta
Leanne Tanguay
Jenna Taylor
Cory Tellers
Melissa Tetrault



John Tietz
Emily VanKirk
David Wabbe
Alyssa Wegener
Dennis Westlund
James Wilber





Benjamin Wilkening
 Brittany Willborg
 Tracy Winkler
 Micah Young
 Catherine Zancig
 Janelle Zimmerman
 Not pictured:
 Trisha Ptacek

Q & A What do you see yourself doing in twenty years?



"Living in a van down
 by the river."
Cory Tellers



"Being Super Woman!"
Katie Zancig



"I'll be in a band or working
 with graphics designs."
Ryan Fenske



"Hopefully acting. I want
 to be an actress."
Kenzie Bakken

Q & A What is the one thing you'd want to have with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?



"A cell phone or
 a hot male supermodel
with a cell phone!"
Steph Capaul



"Twinkies."
Lori Ledoux



"A couple of jugs of water,
 comb, and hair gel,
 and clean underwear."
Buddy Reimer



"Abercrombie and Fitch
 male models."
Jackie Olson

Once in a Lifetime: Academics

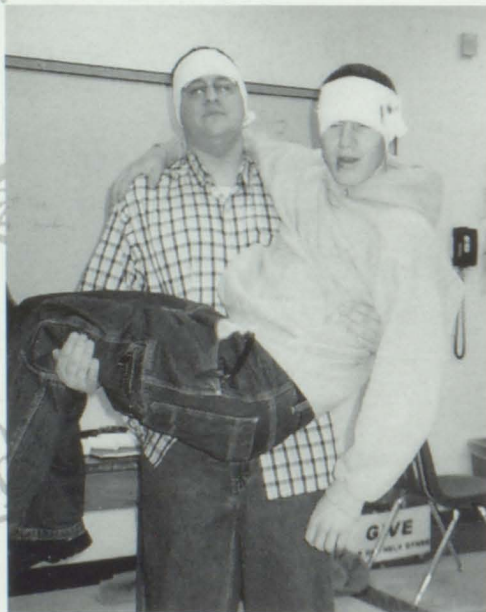
The end of the 20th century held many technological advances along with an explosion of information. The knowledge to create these advances begins in school. At WHS, students gain knowledge and educational experiences from their teachers through different teaching techniques. New resources, such as the Internet, allow students to learn and study academics in different ways. Students also can study many different subjects through the information available. The knowledge we obtain through academics now will be used in the future to make further advances in our world.

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Above right. The calculus class uses Mr. Sauer's "Spring Swing" in an experiment.

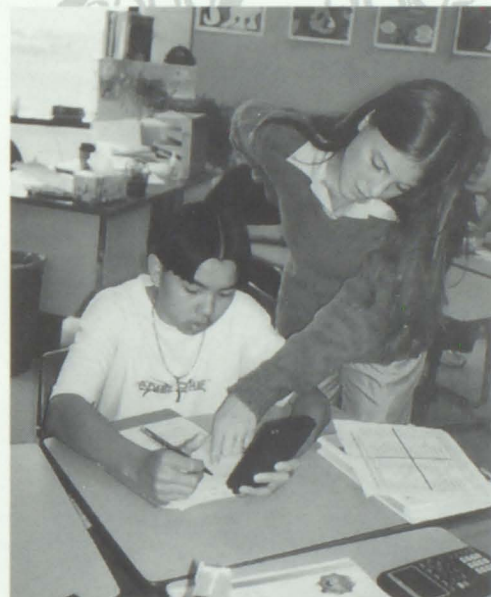
Right. Josh Jetto, Mrs. Melchert, Jessica Williams, Holly Kunkel, Jennifer Harter, Cassie Olson, Heidi Paulson, Angie Massengale, Jennifer Capaul, Emiley Lamberger, Amanda Neil, Mark Hagel, Lisa Hammer, Bob Samuelson and Jeff Foust practice carols to sing to the students of WHS.

Bottom right. Donny Arndt, Dustin Gesinger and Sean Bailey work together in Auto Maintenance.



Above. Matt Stuewe and Zach Pieper practice bandaging in Medical Emergencies class.





Top left. Kym Mehus uses her artistic talents in an elective art class.

Top right. In drama class, Anthony Smith consoles Jenny Sorensen in their own production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Center right. Karl Kranz assists Bud Redinger in Intro to Weights class.

Center left. Erin Fenske puts forth academic efforts in an English class.

Left. Tony Klein works on a project in Industrial Tech class.

Far left. Kate Eder films the homecoming parade for Video Productions.

Above. Phoungon Khonkhanmy gets assistance from Cara Steffen in math class.

School, District Cope with Growing Enrollment



Superintendent Ric Dressen Resigns

In the fall of 1999, Supt. Ric Dressen resigned his position in the Waconia Public Schools to become superintendent of the Alexandria schools.

Dr. Dressen began his career as an elementary teacher and went on to become the principal of Southview Elementary in 1986. His favorite memory of his Southview years was the team effort by staff, parents, and community members to build the playground for the kids.

As superintendent from 1992 to 1999, he gained the respect of teachers, students, and community members as he built the District 110 Team, "teachers, support staff, and administrators that excel in providing quality education." The most pleasurable part of his job was handing out diplomas to graduates.

Although he will miss the many relationships he made in the community, he will be deeply missed by the faculty, staff, community members, and students that he cared so much about.



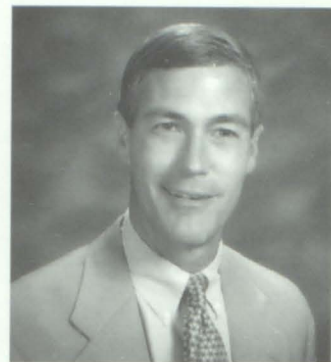
Dr. Dressen addresses the audience at the opening of the new Waconia High School in 1994.

Mr. Fredericksen had many thoughts on how Waconia High School is growing and changing. This year, there were eight new teachers in the building and about fifty more students. Mr. Fredericksen said that the hallways are seeming more crowded than in past years, and there is less of a rural feeling in the building. "But overall, the students are very respectful of the place," he said.

In response to the school violence that has occurred in the United States in the past few years, teachers now wear name badges and there is more attention to the front entrance to the building. Mr. Fredericksen hopes that no extreme measures will need to be taken.

New to the curriculum this year was a program called "Writing Across the Curriculum." Teachers of all subject areas were encouraged to incorporate writing into their teaching so that students improve their writing skills.

New to WHS this year was Mr. James Bettcher, administrative dean and guidance counselor. His previous position was in a K-12 school in Lester Prairie. He began his career teaching English and physical education in St. Cloud after completing his Bachelor's degree in River Falls, Wisconsin. "The atmosphere at WHS is exemplary. Look at the cleanliness of the building, the smiles of students and faculty, and the emphasis on academics and you'll see what I mean," Mr. Bettcher described the school.



Dr. Ric Dressen,
Superintendent

Mr. Mark Fredericksen,
Principal



Faculty in Specialized Areas, Professional Staff

Joan Ball,
Special Education
Dennis Bjorklund,
Agriculture
Barbara Danger,
Media Specialist
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
Linda Scholla,
Special Education
Sandy Wasness,
Learning Lab





James Bettcher,
Guidance Services



Kathy Fontes,
Guidance Services



Wayne Mortensen,
Activities Director

District 110 School Board. Back: David Falk, Theresa Pesch, Bob Hiben, Joel Hentges. Front: Superintendent Ric Dressen, Scott Jensen, Bryan Pawela. Not pictured: Ronda Leivermann



Secretaries, Clerical and Management Aides



Dianne Anderson,
Guidance Secretary
Sue Halverson,
Lunch, Clerical Aide
Deb Heuer,
Management Aide
Kathy Hoese,
Media, Guidance
Aide



Elaine Karg,
Faculty Clerical Aide
Lori Lenzen,
Management Aide
Sue Melichar,
Principal's Secretary
Donna Passentino,
Tech Assistant



Judy Rademacher,
Attendance,
Receptionist
Cara Steffen,
Management Aide
Mary Ellen Timmers,
Activities Office
Secretary

Survey: What was your favorite item of clothing/outfit when you were in high school?

"A pair of light blue wide leg bell bottom jeans that I had embroidered on. Any T-shirt and my great aunt's navy blue tailored suit jacket from the 1940's." **Sandy Wasness**

"My favorite outfit was my navy mini-peasant dress that I wore to my 1973 graduation. It cost a whopping \$35.00, which was a ton of money back then. I also had blue suede platform shoes to match. Of course, I still have that dress." **Mary Ellen Timmers**

"Wool bermuda shorts with wool matching sweater and knee socks. Wool bench warmer jacket. The three popular colors were navy, burgundy or loden green. We froze at football games, but thought we were 'real cool.'" **Kathy Hoese**

"Considering I attended an 'ALL' girls' Catholic high school — anything but my uniform was great. I do have fond memories of a white wool blazer." **Donna Passentino**



Mr. Aeling and Mrs. Timmers take a trip down memory lane.

English Curriculum Includes Many Electives

English classes at WHS add variety for students interested in subjects ranging from writing, to theatre, to journalism, and to speech. Half of the English courses are required, while the remainder are electives. Required classes emphasize grammar, basic writing, and reading samples of various literary types and literature from different periods of history. Many students choose to take classes like Video Productions and Theatre to expand their knowledge and to learn about topics that interest them. All English classes prepare students for the future and teach them the skills that they will use throughout their lifetime.

Right. Junior Eva Mohn creates a mask as part of her drama and theatre class.

Below right. Senior Mike Weiland gives a speech on football and his own personal strategy during speech class.

Bottom left. Paul Ague and Katelin Murphy, supported by Eric Ellingson and Kelsey Dake, put on a production during Theatre class.

Bottom right. Sammantha Becklund completes her Comp 12 homework.



Kim Benson



Heidi Degener



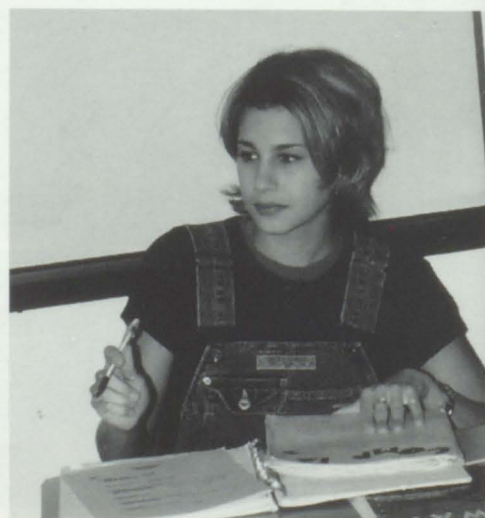
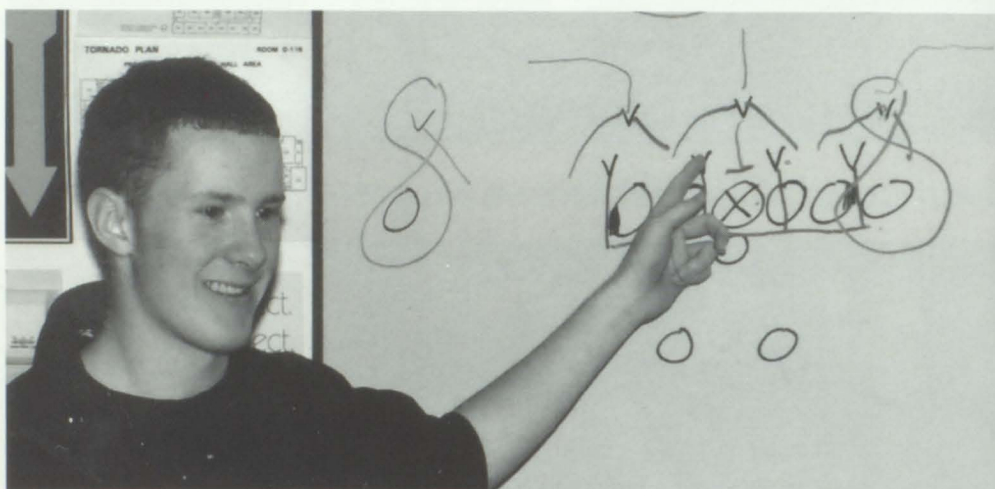
Megan Gregor



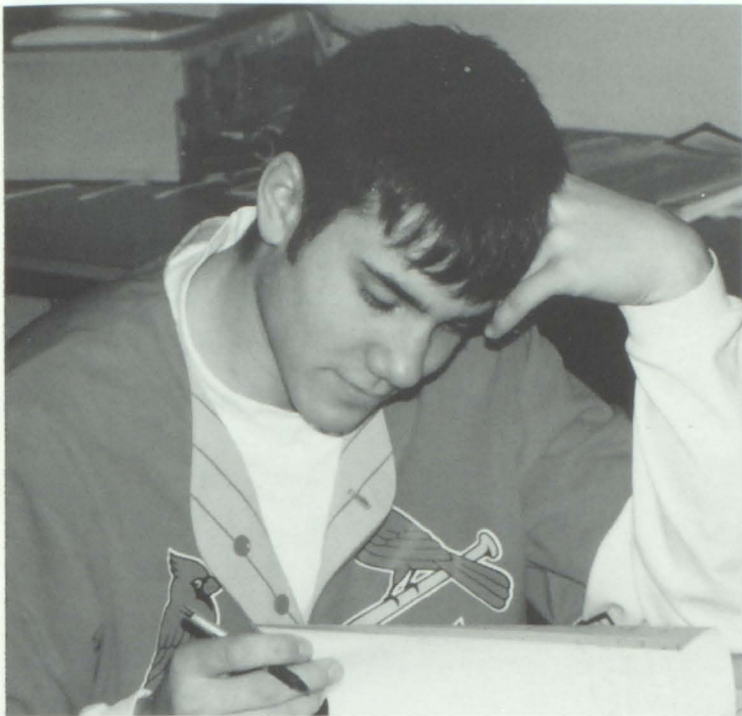
Stephanie Kappel



Mark Torborg
English



Social Classes Deal with the Past, Present, Future



Social studies classes teach students about our past, present, and future. Many social classes expand students' knowledge on different wars, cultures, and current happenings. Classes dealing with specific wars teach in depth the events and critical moments in the wars of our past. Contemporary Social Issues deals with conflicts in our society today, and classes like Economics teach about things we will need to know in our future.



Eric Herrmann



Steve Hullander



Clark Machtemes



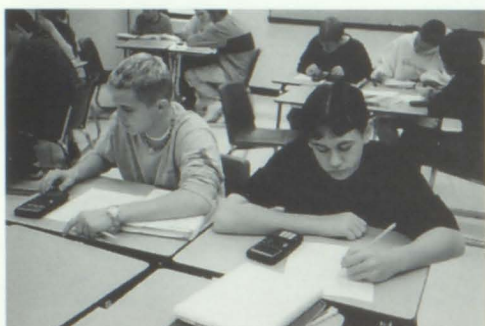
Mike Zender

Top right. Janelle Zimmerman sits back and relaxes while she reads the next chapter in her civics book. **Top left.** Senior Travis Klein studies hard before a Political Science test.

Left center. Kurtis Jenkins, Jenny Sorensen and Tessa Dussart work on a U.S. History project in the media center.

Left. Geography class is full of students who want to learn about the world through the daily newspaper.

Mathematics classes expand the mind to work out problems using mathematical techniques. Many math problems are related to real-life situations, and the math skills students learn will be beneficial in solving many everyday tasks. WHS allows students to take math courses as advanced as AP Calculus. Since math classes are also electives, students can choose how far they wish to advance. Math is a subject that will be used throughout a student's entire life, and the skills learned in high school are the ones to remember forever.



MATHEMATICS



Mark Grundhofer



Roxanne Kuerschner



Kathy Kurtz



Dan Meier

Right center. Cal Kosieracki works on his Algebra II homework before class.

Right. Curtis Schmidt concentrates on getting his work done before class is over!

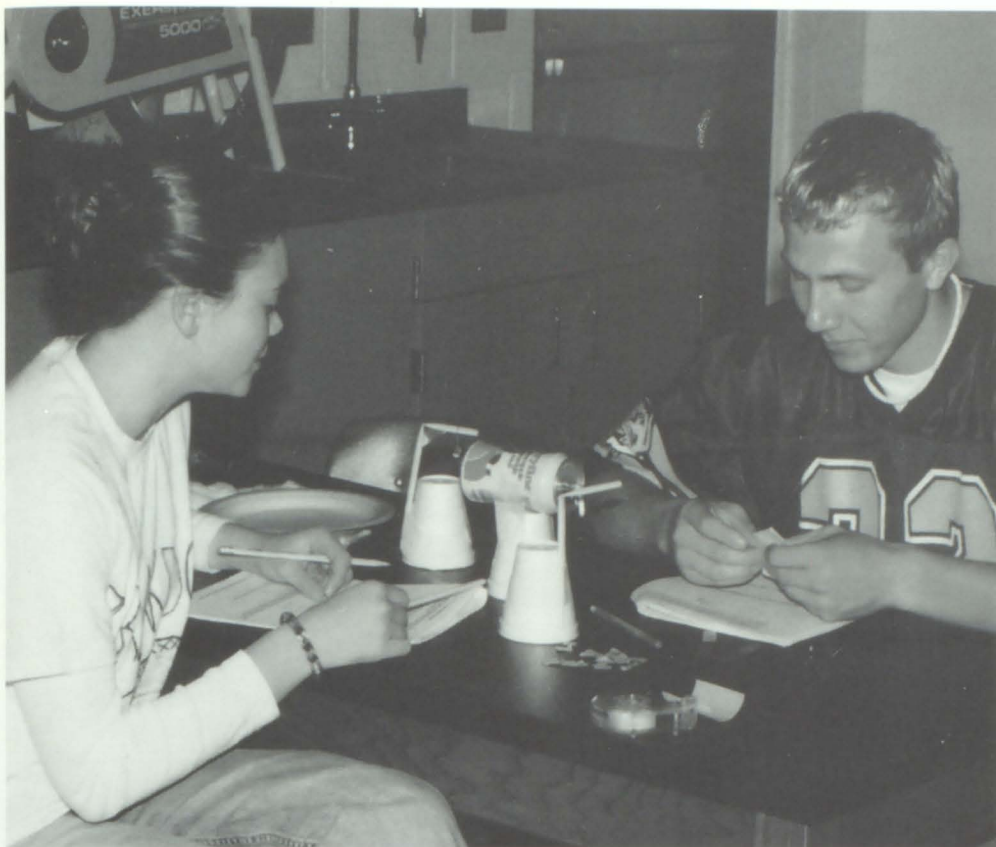


Top. Sarah Feerhusen calculates a problem during math.

Top left. Mike Anquist and Nathan Dixon solve problems together.

Above. Kristal Luedloff graphs an assignment on her TI-82 calculator.





Science classes study a variety of topics. Physics is the study of motion, and along with many other science classes, it combines mathematics to solve questions such as how fast something is traveling. Science also studies the elements and life forms. Biology teaches about the all types of living organisms, while chemistry teaches about matter and the different elements of the earth. Science is required for freshmen, and students must take an additional class to graduate. Many continue to take science courses to enhance their knowledge and prepare for life.



SCIENCES

Top. Seniors Bria Welch and Kyle Rambow work on a lab project in physics.

Above. Ashley Artmann completes an experiment in freshman physical science.



Darrell Arman



Mel Berg



Katie Kalina



Tim Sauer

Far left. Becky Frank volunteers to be shocked in a physics project dealing with electricity.

Left. Chemistry student Caleb Jetto works on an experiment involving chemicals.

French Students Enjoy Cultural Activities

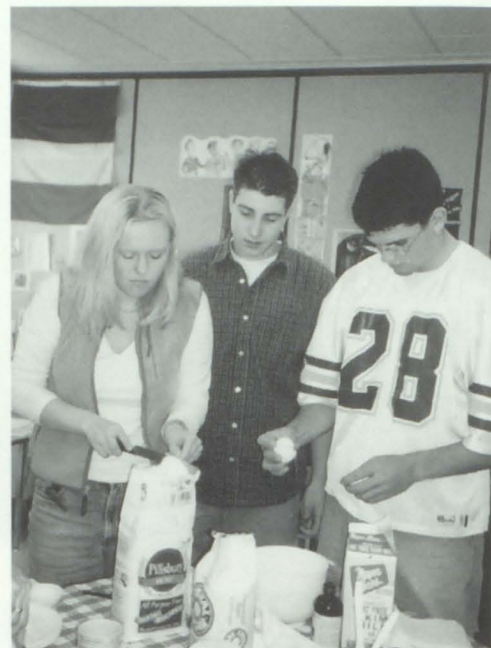
Many fun activities took place in the French classroom this year. Mme. Melchert planned a field trip to the Guthrie Theatre to be entertained by the musical *Mar-*

tin Guerre. The trip included a French brunch at Nancy's Landing in Waconia.

Cooking was also an enjoyable experience for the students who made and tasted a variety of French foods, including

crepes and many different fondues.

Both French I and French II were offered to WHS students, and both classes focused on conversation, grammar, and French culture.



Pam Melchert

MANGEONS!

Top left. Lacey Ahlbrecht, Kelsey Dake, Meghan Jercezek and Ryan Hammer enjoy their French fondues.

Top right. Karyn Laulainen, Justin Sorensen and Jesse Timm prepare French crepes.

Right. French students pose outside the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis.

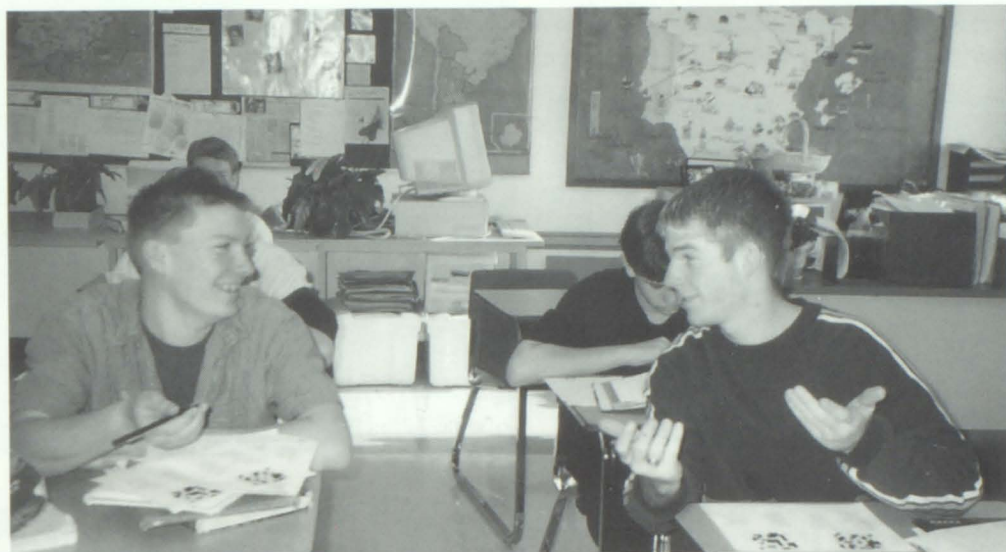
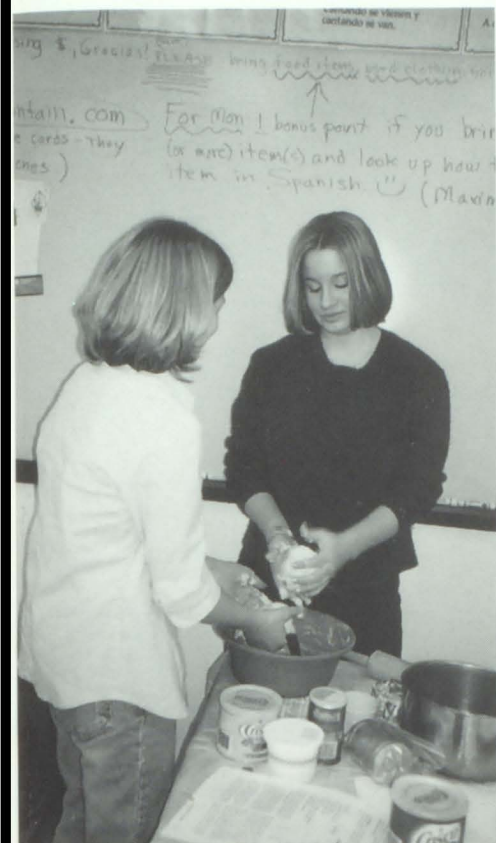


Number Studying Spanish Increases in 2000

Because of the number of students signed up to take Spanish classes in 1999-2000, an additional teacher was added to the Spanish Department. New faculty member Tom Erickson taught one section of beginning Spanish all year, while Mrs. Corinne Dulgar taught Spanish I, II, and III.

Students in Spanish enjoyed various cultural activities throughout the year. They learned to cook Spanish foods and also had the opportunity to attend a Flamenco show in Minneapolis, followed by lunch at either Machu Picchu or El Meson Restaurant.

Below. Jake Edlund and Garret Chadek discuss possible answers on their Spanish crossword puzzle.



Corinne Dulgar



Tom Erickson

Top left. Sarah Schminkel and Tracy Kuphal experience making soppapillas, fried biscuits.

Left. Spanish students enjoy a field trip that includes lunch at Machu Picchu.

Industrial technology offers students the chance to learn things that will be important in real life. Classes such as Intro to Woods and Woodworking Technology allow students to build furniture and create pieces they can take home. In Small Engines and Auto Maintenance, students learn about their cars and how to take care of them. Students have an opportunity to weld in Metals along with constructing projects by using different techniques. All classes offered in this field are elective courses which supply students with the knowledge to solve many everyday problems.



Dave Aeling



Bob Lindemann



INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY



Above. Brian Cook works on his project in woods class.

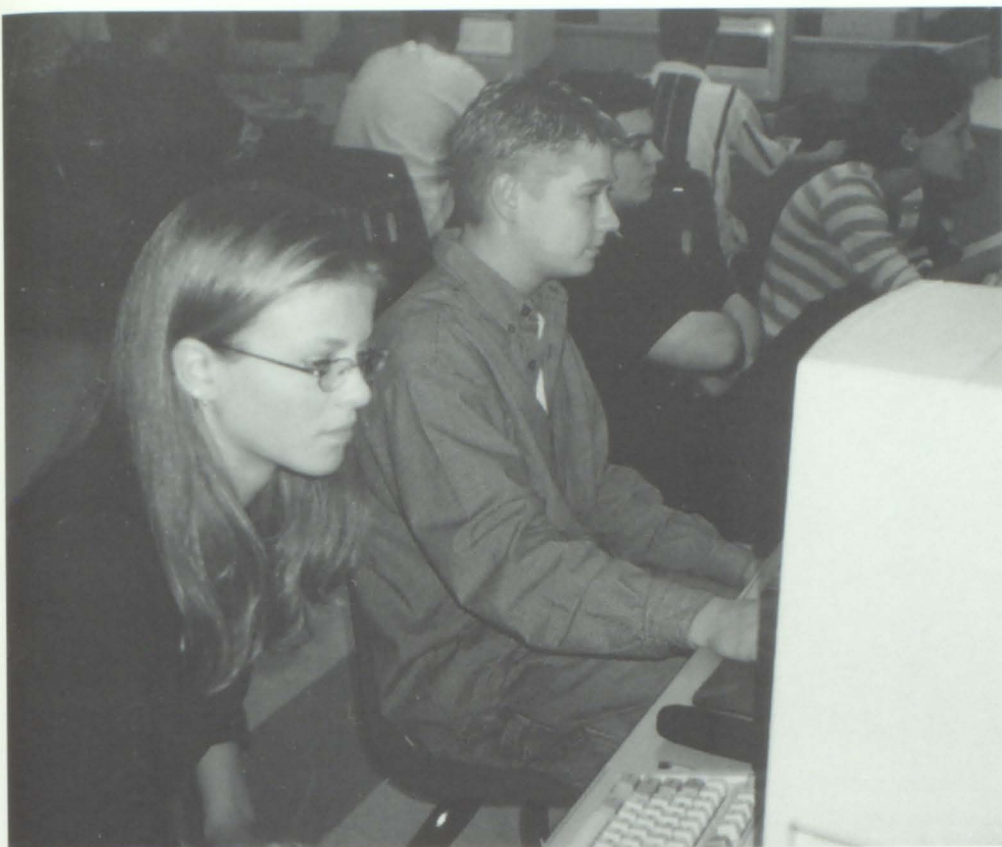
Above right. Brian Johnson makes sure he's getting exact measurements on his woods project.

Right. Mr. Lindemann demonstrates how to operate the band saw to Mike Groschen and Clayton Kaymeyer.



Top. Ian Lalich works with Curtis Schmidt in Small Engines class.

Above. Mike Anderson and Alex Krukowski concentrate on getting their projects done in woods class.



Business and computers are the way of the future. Waconia High School students prepare for a life in the electronic world through the computer and business classes offered. Classes such as keyboarding are mandatory, while many students elect to take other computer classes that will prepare them for life. Students also have opportunities to learn important business skills. Classes like accounting, finance, and business connections help prepare students who are interested in the business field.

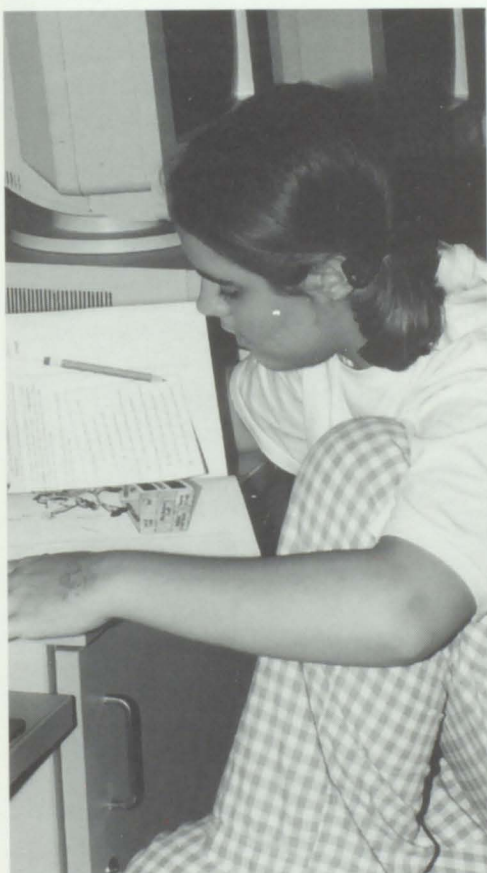
Left. Amber Goetze and Justin Pawela work attentively on their word processing project.

Bottom left. Amy Kortisses comfortably studies for her class before entering any data on the computer.

Below center. Natalie Orth is puzzled about the homework assignment.

Bottom right. Kristal Luedloff finds something interesting on her computer screen.

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS



Kristi Berlin



Jim Lee



Lydia Thometz,
Computer
Coordinator

Phy Ed, Health Encourage Fitness of Body, Mind

The physical education classes at WHS allow students to keep in shape and have fun doing it. By participating in such activities as volleyball, basketball, hockey, and soccer, students learn teamwork, good sportsmanship, and fair play.

In health classes, students learn how the human body works and how the environment affects it. Some interesting topics brought up include the effects of drinking and smoking, balancing physical and mental health, and eating disorders.

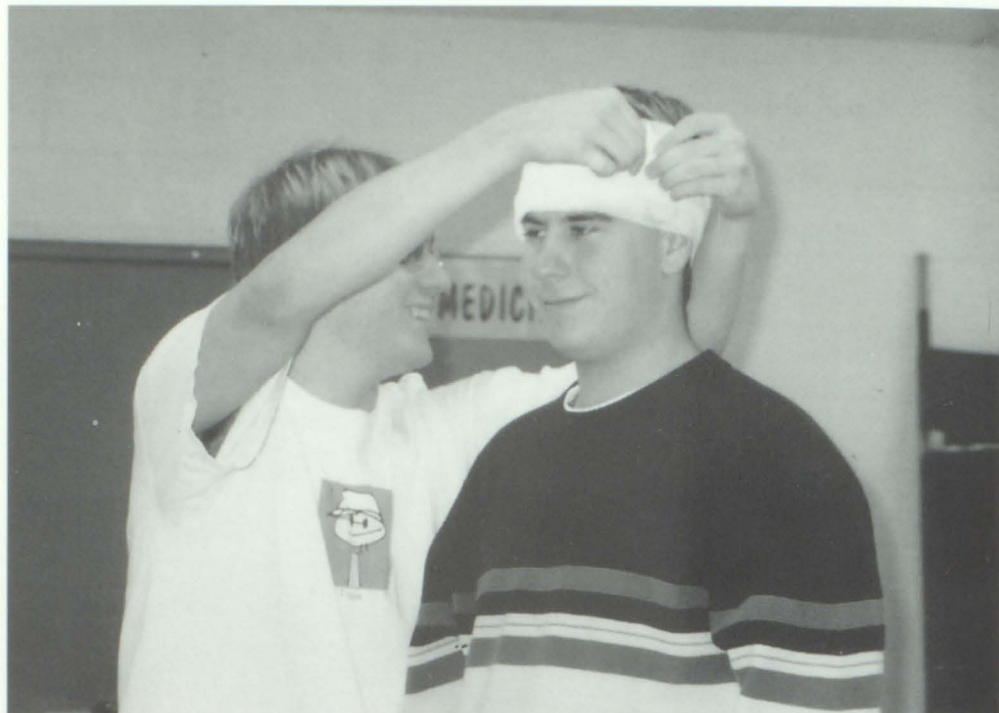
Right. Aaron Linton and Kyle Ague learn lessons in a health class.

Below right. In Medical Emergencies, Chad Smith, Matt Stuewe, Aaron Sorensen and Tom Kortisses practice moving victim Mark Wilson out of a dangerous situation.

Bottom left. Katie Sterner and Meghan Menssen show their volleyball spirit.

Bottom center. Austin Bodahl, Chuck Wagner and Natalie Ristow are ready for anything that comes their way.

Bottom right. Observers Joe Gast and Kristin Pletsch give weight lifter Andy Acosta encouragement.



Mark Elsenpeter



Pat Foley



Connie Manuel

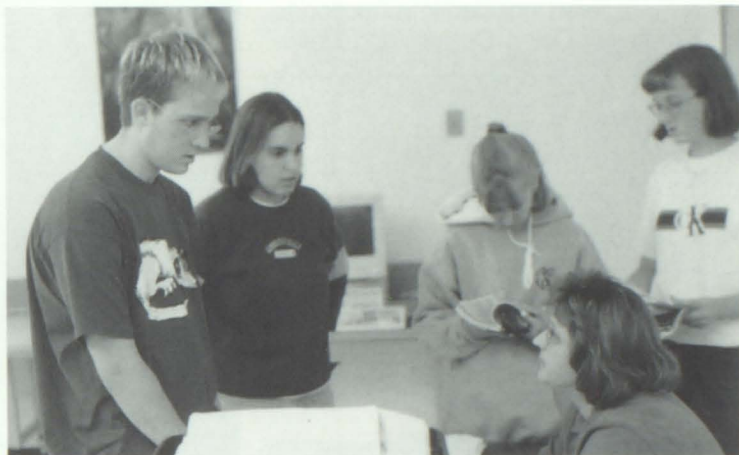


FACS Classes Emphasize Practical Skills for Life



In the Family and Consumer Sciences Department, students have a chance to learn practical life skills for the future. Foods classes teach students to handle, prepare, and serve food.

The child development class offers students a chance to learn about and experience the life of a parent. Other classes in the FACS department offer life management skills and social skills that will help out in later life.



Sue Ann Hartwig

Top left. Mark Plocher shows his talent as a chef.

Top right. Aaron Linton asks Mrs. Hartwig a question about an assignment.

Center. Melissa Ittel, Lori Kelly and Amy Kortissies work on a designing project for Housing and Interior Design.



Left. Kevin Koester, Angie Harter, Eric Hassel, JaeBo Ward, Mrs. Hartwig, Nicole Ristow and Beth Jacobson can't wait to see how their recipe turned out.

Above. Sara Mauk and Mike Weiland learn to care for an infant in Child Development.

Art Curriculum Offers Wide Variety of Classes, Mediums for Aspiring Artists

Many different art courses were experienced this past year by a large number of students. The courses offered included Introduction to Art; Ceramics; Color, Design, and Drawing; Crafts; Studio Arts I and II; and Commercial Art. All the classes created a variety of different projects and used many different mediums. Clay, chalk, oil paint, watercolor, pencil, and ink were all used to create works of art.

In cooperation with Advanced Placement Literature, the CDD class painted pictures to interpret poems written by the English class students. In addition, ten students took part in the Castle Art Conference at the Arboretum, held in March.



Amy Fischer



Above. Eric Ellingson works efficiently on his mask for drama.



Above. Andy Acosta works on the pottery wheel in ceramics class.

Top. Courtney Hanson enjoys painting in the art room.

Music Classes Prepare Young Musicians to Perform



Concert band, symphonic band, concert choir and varsity choir all met for half of one block throughout the school year. Concert band and concert choir were primarily made up of juniors and seniors, while symphonic band and varsity choir members were freshmen and sophomores.

The band classes were under the direction of Mr. Don Schultz. During class time, the bands worked hard at reading music and playing with accuracy. Individual lessons were also scheduled during the year.

The vocal music classes were directed by Mr. Aaron Olson. During class, choir members worked to sing in tune and together to create beautiful music.

Left. Trumpeters Marc Ellingson, Aaron Petersen and trombonist Matt Masurka give their full attention to director Don Schultz.



Aaron Olson



Don Schultz



Above. Sophomore Mackenzie Foley plays the xylophone for concert band.



Above. Members of the concert choir practice vowel unity in preparation for an upcoming choir concert.

Once in a Lifetime: Activities

One of the most memorable experiences that students at WHS will cherish are the activities in which they participated. Organizations such as FLA, mock trial, yearbook, and pep band are all ways that students stay involved. Homecoming and Winterfest provide many opportunities for the whole student body to participate together. Activities promote leadership, friendship, cooperation, and creativity. They allow for students to have fun doing things they enjoy. These activities create new experiences for many and will be memorable for a lifetime.

2000



Top. Fairtones Mackenzie Foley, Crystal Zancig and Taylor Stangret entertain fair goers and the audience in *State Fair*.

Above. Brady Bussler and Dan Philp play the drums for pep band in hopes of more crowd involvement.

Above right. Rachel Stenger, Andrea Drapcho and Jenny Menth smile as they notice that Heather Anquist is crowned homecoming queen.

Right. Sam Maiser marches to the beat during the Lake Waconia Band Festival.

Far right. Angelie Timm sings a solo in the fall musical.





Top left. The Wildcat show choir is in smiles at the end of their performance, "Feet to Fame."

Top right. The juniors tug their way to a victory during Winterfest.

Center right. Mr. Legs, Ethan Miller, and Ms. Lips, Angelie Timm, pose for a picture soon after being crowned.

Center left. Andrew Tongen accepts his plaque from Mr. Fredericksen during the 1999 NHS banquet.

Left. Sophomores Amber Krause and Jackie Pitts show their spirit during homecoming week.

Far left. Kory Rambow and Kyle Rambow show their sheep for FFA.

Above. Brenda Johnson, Amanda Hagen, and Liza Huckenpoehler represent WHS's FLA during an open house.

WHS Marching Band Stampedes through Calgary on Canadian Tour

The 1999 marching band season was one to remember. Under the direction of Don Schultz, the WHS Marching Band completed one of their best seasons on record. Band and color guard members began breaking records with a first place victory in Glencoe, only the second parade of the season. From there they went on to capture Grand Champion titles at six of nine competition parades. They also captured a second place victory at the Vikingland Band Festival in Alexandria.

Besides the victorious season, 1999 also brought the first annual Lake

Waconia Band Festival to the city of Waconia. Besides touring throughout Minnesota, the band took a week and a half long trip to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. There they marched in the Calgary Stampede, Canada's largest parade, in which they received the Grand Champion award.

Below. The marching band stops for a well deserved break in Banff, Canada.

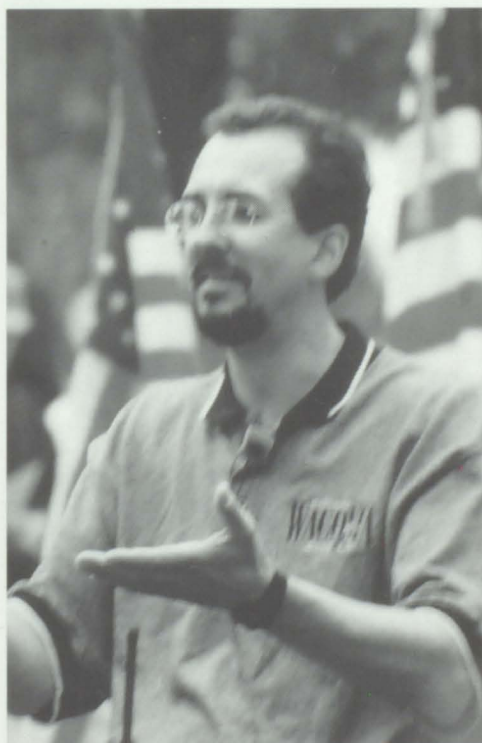
Below right. Commander Wendy Ahlbrecht remains stern as the band plays on.

Bottom left. Flag members of the color guard prepare to salute.

Bottom right. Drumline members "get the beat" at the WHS Parade of Bands

Below. Angie Morris and Kate Eder perform for their hometown crowd during a parade.





Above. Don Schultz, director of the award winning WHS Marching Band, talks to the band members in Calgary.

WHS MARCHING BAND.

AM SQUAD:

Amber Morgan
Mallory Hanson
Nick Anderson
Scott Connor
Mathias Weinzierl

COLOR GUARD:

Lacey Ahlbrecht
Jolene John
Emily Eder
Emiley Lamberger
Anna Warnes
Melissa Diethelm
Ashley Hagman
Martha Saunders
Leah Gjertson
Karyn Laulainen
Tanya Clemensen
Heidi Keller
Lori Kelly
Lisa Kirsch
Lisa Walters
Crystal Zancig
Charity Zabel

COMMANDERS:

Wendy Ahlbrecht
Jesse Timm
Jennifer Mochinski

FLUTE:

Kerstin Palm
Laura Johnson

Jennifer Menth
Lisa Smestad
Megan Sterner
Kelly Westlund
Tim Connor
Maggie Hilliard
Chrissi Nelson
Jessie Falk
Amanda Templin
Angelie Timm

CLARINET:

Rachel Minzel
Desiree Cox
Kate Eder
Amanda Hagen
Julia Kes
Rachel Knickerbocker
Nona Lehrke
Jessie Bammert
Sarah Gibbs
Vance Kerber
Angela Morris
Katie Sterner

BASS CLARINET:

Nicole Krautbauer
Jennifer Capaul

ALTO SAXOPHONE:

Nathan Hendren
Cristy Jensen
Morgan Berndt
Matt Jensen
Alex Krukowski
Maureen Ayers Looby

Dylan Pforr
Janelle Zimmerman
Justin Pawela
Natalie Timmers

BARITONE CLARINET:

Ernie Flemig

TRUMPET:

Chris Hendren
Terry Klaers
Nate Laulainen
Leslie Litfin
Lucas Meyer
David Philp
Justin Sorensen
Emily Tongen
Michael Anderson
Laura Anderson
Eric Ellingson
Marc Ellingson
Hannah Hjelsand
Anna Jonas
Kevin Ketcher
Audra Lehrke
Scott Peterson
Dylan Schesso
Stephanie Capaul

HORN:

Tiffany Johnston

TROMBONE:

Benjamin Berndt
Courtney Hanson
Matt Masurka

Ryan Mortensen
Mark Wilson
Garrett Hoppenrath
Philip Litfin

BARITONE:

Matt Heger
Ted Keefe

TUBA:

Matt Anderson
Aaron Sorensen
Brian Falk
Sam Maiser
Robert Pesch

PERCUSSION:

Danny Philp
Matt Bergmann
Brady Bussler
Holly Kunkel
Scot Rewerts
Brent Rolf
Adam Hagen
Brian Johnson
Jennifer Schnobrich
Andrew Tongen
Abby Welch
Matt Stuewe
Sonja Ellingson
Kirstin Klason
Lisa Hammer
Luke Schiller

Concert Band Entertains Many throughout School Year

This year's concert band had an amazing seventy members, most of whom were juniors or seniors.

The band performed at four concerts throughout the year, including the fall's Parade of Bands and the Yuletide Festival, a combination of all the school's musical groups.

The members of the concert band participated in many other band related activities. These included various jazz groups, pep band, solo and ensemble competition, and also marching band.

Below left. Junior baritones Matt Stuewe and Chris Schmitz groove to the music.

Below. Seniors Brady Bussler and Matt Bergmann give a tribal shout while they lay out the rhythm.

Right. Junior Jolene John adds melody to the piece with her flute.



Concert Band. Back: Matt Masurka, Mark Wilson, Courtney Hanson, Kyle Rambow, Ben Berndt, Ryan Mortensen, Mackenzie Foley, Holly Kunkel, Scot Rewerts, Brady Bussler, Matt Bergmann, Andrew Tongen, Brent Rolf, Drew Gustafson. 4th Row: Marc Ellingson, Terry Klaers, Matt Priess, Aaron Petersen, Justin Sorensen, Leslie Litfin, Matt Stuewe, Mark Anderson, Ted Keefe, Chris Schmitz, Anna Warnes, Nicole Krautbauer, Joe Reitsma, Sam Maiser, Jennifer Capaul, Ben Weaver, Jesse Timm, Aaron Sorensen, Jeff Elliot. 3rd Row: James Dressen, Dylan Schesso, Emily Tongen, Audra Lehrke, Lucas Meyer, Chris Hendren, Eric Ellingson, Eric Janzen, Alex Kranz, Leah Gjertson, Karyn Laulainen, Bria Welch, Cristy Jensen, Holly Olson, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Nate Hendren, Natalie Timmers. 2nd Row: Kay Trittbaugh, Jessi Williams, Amanda Templin, Jolene John, Cassie Gaddo, Lisa Smestad, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Angelie Timm, Jenny Menth, Kelly Westlund, Brenda Johnson, Eva Mohn, Rachel Minzel. Front: Rachel Knickerbocker, Luke Schiller, Jennifer Mochinski, Jennifer Litfin, Melissa Diethelm, Amanda Hagen, Kate Eder.



Concert Choir Sings with Unity

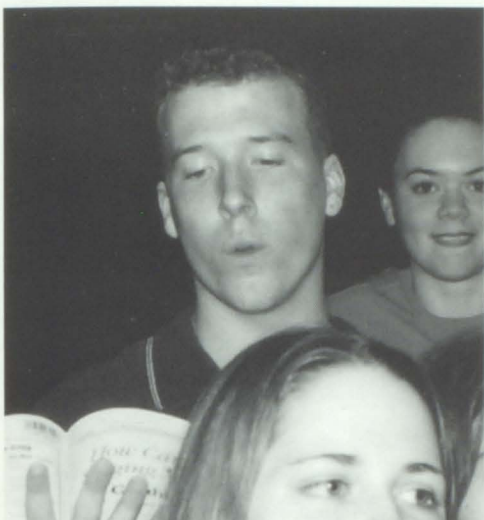
Concert choir is primarily made up of juniors and seniors. The concert choir performed at four concerts throughout the year. This group of students sings more advanced songs to offer challenges. Many members have the opportunity to letter by participating in other activities that are offered through choir. Some use their singing talents to attend solo and ensem-

ble competition as well as different auditions for various choirs. This year's concert choir provided students with techniques and experience to use in the future.

Far left. Junior Karl Kranz reaches the depths of the bass clef.

Center left. Junior Dylan Schesso adds an upper bass line to the piece.

Below. Junior sopranos Holly Kunkel, Kristi Wagener and Holly Olson sing a beautiful melody.



Concert Choir. Back: Luke Schiller, Jesse Timm, Aaron Linton, Alex Kranz, Kyle Ague, Eric Ellingson, Marc Ellingson, Ben Berndt, Sam Maiser, Mark Wilson. 3rd Row: John Ta, Dylan Schesso, Karl Kranz, Drew Gulden, Karyn Laulainen, Crystal Zancig, Leah Gjertson, Alex Schmid, Holly Olson, Sara Meyer, Aaron Petersen. 2nd Row: Lea Massengale, Mindy Ramm, Jolene John, Courtney Hanson, Lisa Walters, Desiree Cox, Kristi Wagener, Katie Whittaker, Leslie Litfin, Katie Wasness, Matt Anderson. Front: Holly Kunkel, Kathryn Gentz, Michelle Anderson, Emily Tongen, Megan Turek, Tanya U'Ren, Mackenzie Foley, Crystal Wenaas, Nicole Krautbauer, Lisa Kirsch, Lindsey Hatz.

Over Eighty Underclassmen Play in Symphonic Band

The symphonic band is available to freshmen and sophomores. Students may participate without going through an audition process. Throughout the year the students prepare music for the four concerts in which they participate. Their first concert of the year is the fall's Parade of Bands.

Right. Sophomore Juliet Hong heads the woodwinds section.

Below. Freshman Alex Krukowski and sophomores Justin Pawela and Dylan Pforr play attentively.

Below right. Freshmen Meghan Menssen and Sonja Ellingson take a break between songs.



Symphonic Band. Front: Jennie Novellino, Rita Johnson, Julie Kelzer, Emily Eder, Ashley Hagman, Katie Sterner, Meghan Menssen, Sonja Ellingson. 2nd Row: Kirstin Klason, Lisa Hammer, Emiley Lamberger, Tim Connor, Kerstin Palm, Maggie Hilliard, Chrissy Nelson, Megan Sterner, Brooke Simonson, Brittany Willborg, Vance Kerber, Kayla Menth. 3rd Row: Lucy Gunness, Hannah Hjelands, Stephanie Capaul, Carrie Peterson, Lisa Gedden, Adam Schlagel, Kevin Ketcher, Amanda Lemke, Anna Jonas, Laura Anderson, Ryan Rosin, Martha Saunders, Juliet Hong, Morgan Berndt, Jessica Falk, Sarah Gibbs, Brittnei Talley, Jessie Bammert. 4th Row: Scott Peterson, Nate Laulainen, Michael Anderson, Carl Szczepanski, Andrew Fredericksen, Kienan Bjorklund, Philip Litfin, Emily Cousin, John Keefe, David Powers, Jeff Foust, Murphy Steiner, Matt Hentges, Adam Hastings, Ernie Flemig, Jackie Olson, Tiffany Johnston, Chris McKeever, Janelle Zimmerman, Micah Linehan, Jennifer Olson, Lori Ledoux, Matt Jensen, Alex Krukowski, Lindsey Lano, Justin Pawela, Dylan Pforr. Back: Cal Kosieracki, Garrett Morgan, Kory Rambow, Rob Pesch, Nate McKinney, Erik Smestad, John Ansell, Megan Haberling, Abby Welch, Jenny Schnobrich, Brian Johnson, Dan Philp, Jodi Storms, Franny Gustafson, Adam Hagen, J.P. Savaryn.



Varsity Choir Open to Freshmen and Sophomores

Varsity choir is open to ninth and tenth grade students and does not require auditions. Among the fifty-five students in choir, they are divided into soprano, alto, tenor, and bass sections. In preparation for their three concerts each year, they sing a variety of musical pieces from religious to classical.

Left. Hannah Hjelsand, Becky Mieseler and Roxanne Mieseler concentrate on their sight reading.

Below left. Jenny Evans and Nancy Lopez reach their favorite part of the piece.

Below. The choir members closely follow the music as they practice for an upcoming concert.



Varsity Choir. Front: Laura Villanueva, Heather Diethelm, Nicole Joyce, Anna Carrigan, Jen Olson, Beth Jacobson, Jamie Ta, Rita Johnson, Michelle Weiland, Abby Welch, Sarah Gibbs, Antonia Maistrova, Morgan Berndt, Roxanne Mieseler, Becky Mieseler, Lisa Koehler. Center: Alaina Caviness, Shelby Lenzen, Baillie Miller, Katie Wozniak, Lindsey Debner, Amanda Lemke, Alex Krukowski, Andrew Fredericksen, Philip Litfin, Jessie Falk, Megan Sterner, Kirstin Klason, Anna Jonas, Hannah Hjelsand, Lenore Kolar, Katie Dean, Shanen Johnson. Back: Jennifer Evans, Emiley Lamberger, Brittany Willborg, Kerstin Palm, Heidi Paulson, Franny Gustafson, Jeremy Gesinger, Chris McKeever, Mike Miller, Tim Niccum, David Powers, Tina Pogatchnik, Leanne Tanguay, Katie Sterner, Taylor Stangret, Katie Zancig, Stacy Tollefson, Emily Sims.

Jazz I, Jazz Gold Offer Dazzling Performances

Symphonic and concert band members may also participate in WHS's two jazz groups. Jazz Gold consists of members from every grade. They participate in the annual jazz concert held every April.

Jazz I consists of members from every grade. Members of Jazz I attain their positions through the audition process. Jazz I also participates at the annual Jazz Festival at the University of Minnesota Morris campus, which is held in April. A jazz concert is held every year in which Jazz I is featured.



Top. Clarinetists senior Amanda Hagen and freshman Lori Ledoux stay focused on their parts.

Center left. Jazz Band members in concert include Courtney Hanson, Philip Litfin, Justin Pawela, Cristy Jensen, Nathan Hendren, Ernie Flemig.

Above. Mark Wilson plays the trombone with style.



Jazz Band. Back: Matt Anderson, Brent Rolf, Matt Bergmann, Ben Berndt, Terry Klaers, Justin Sorensen, Chris Hendren, Nate Hendren, Matt Masurka. Center: Adam Hagen, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Ernie Flemig, Lucas Meyer. Front: Justin Pawela, Philip Litfin, Jodi Storms, Cristy Jensen, Leslie Litfin, Courtney Hanson, Aaron Petersen, Mark Wilson. Center front: Mr. Don Schultz.

Women's Ensemble—Back in Full Swing

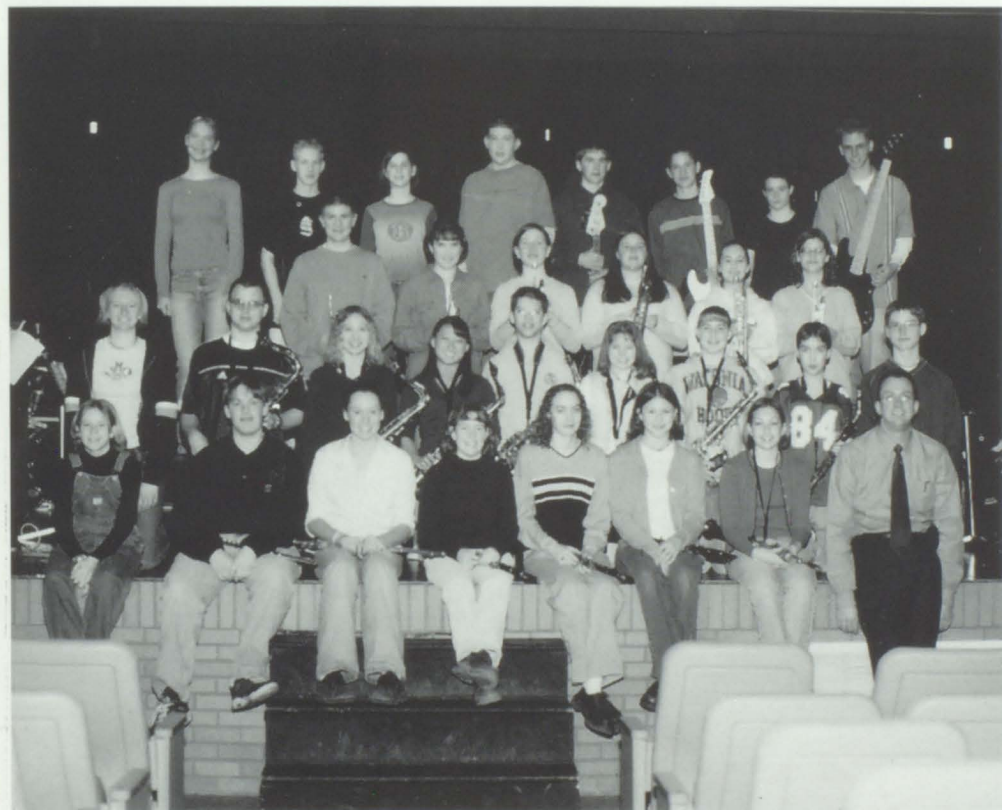
The Women's Ensemble is a new group started this year. It consists of choir students who enjoy singing.

Women's Ensemble met every Wednesday morning, and sang classical music

as well as different show tunes. They performed for audiences at various choir concerts.

Below. Women's Ensemble. Back: Mackenzie Foley, Marilyn Spiess, Nicole Krautbauer, Holly Kunkel, Tina Pogatchnik. Front: Jessica Falk, Sarah Gibbs, Lisa Kirsch, Katie Wasness, Lea Massengale.

Below left. Members of the Women's Ensemble anticipate the beginning of a rehearsal.



Jazz Gold. Back: Sonja Ellingson, Adam Hagen, Jenny Schnobrich, Brian Johnson, Nathan McKinney, Cal Kosieracki, Emily Eder, Ben Boughton. 3rd Row: Kevin Ketcher, Lisa Gedden, Lucy Gunness, Stephanie Capaul, Laura Anderson, Hannah Hjelsand. 2nd Row: Kerstin Palm, Chris Kveene, Janelle Zimmerman, Morgan Berndt, Alex Krukowski, Jenny Olson, Lindsey Lano, Micah Young, Michael Anderson. Front: Mackenzie Foley, Tim Connor, Crissy Nelson, Sarah Gibbs, Amanda Hagen, Lori Ledoux, Brittany Willborg, Mr. Schultz.



Above. Justin Pawela practices for an upcoming performance.

Jazz Bands, Women' Ensemble

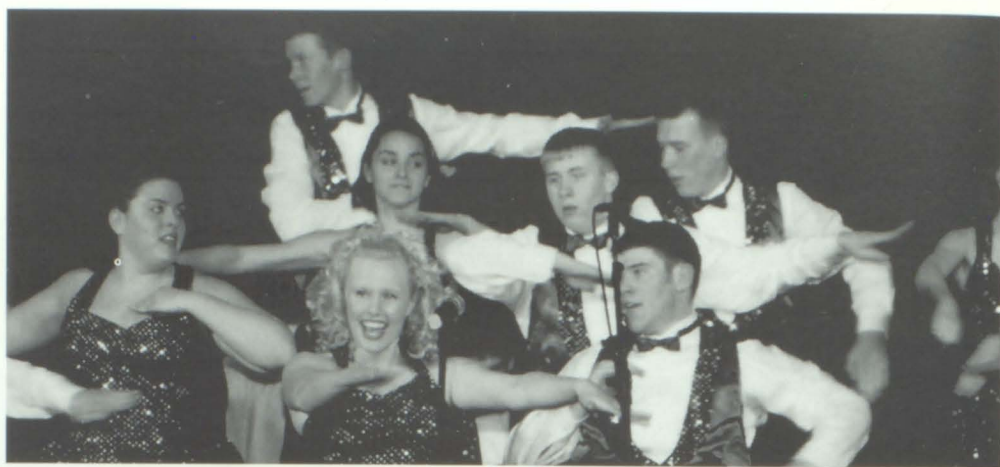
Show Choir Competes Feet to Fame

The 1999-2000 Waconia Show Choir got started in August and spent many hours working on their show. This year was the first year that the choir competed. They had many out of state appearances, and they finished first in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Their hard efforts were rewarded by every audience's appreciation of their lively program.

Top right The show choir shows off their bright and cheery attitudes while performing at Davenport, IA.

Right. As the choir reaches their finale, the audience is thrilled!

Below. Leslie Litfin and Sam Maiser sing to the music of "Footloose."



Above. Sophomore Luke Schiller, among others, dazzles the crowd at the Winterfest pepfest.

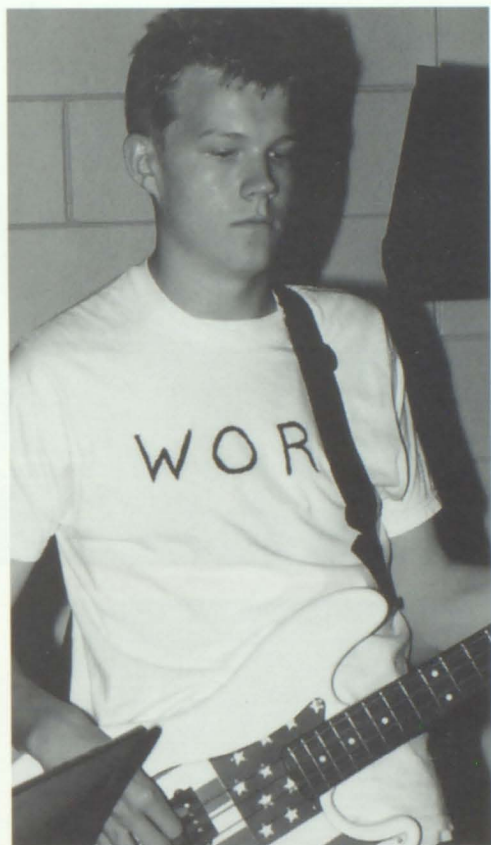
WHS Show Choir. Clockwise from lower left. Alex Schmid, Sam Maiser, Kelsey Dake, Marc Ellingson, Cristy Jensen, Courtney Hanson, Aaron Linton, Taylor Stangret, Mark Wilson, Eric Ellingson, Alex Krukowski, Matt Anderson, Aaron Petersen, Dylan Schesso, Mike Erickson, Emily Tongen, Marilyn Spiess, Karyn Laulainen, Nicole Krautbauer, Crystal Zancig, Tina Pogatchnik, Leslie Litfin, Mackenzie Foley, Alex Kranz, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Jesse Timm, Luke Schiller, Tanya U'Ren, Dave Philp, Charity Zabel.

Pep Band Keeps Fans Entertained at Games

The Waconia High School pep band proudly supported all WHS sporting events. This past school year, they not only played for football and basketball games, but also for wrestling and gymnastics. During pepfests the band enjoyed leading "The Rowser" in support of all WHS athletes.

Left. The 1999-2000 pep band faithfully supports a WHS basketball game.

Below. Junior Matt Masurka lays down a PHAT bass line.



Above. The woodwind section provides a little melody for the pep band.

Right. Director Don Schultz keeps the pep band inspired.



All's Fun at the State Fair!

Many students participated in this year's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's version of *State Fair* which was presented November 11-13, 1999. The action took place over five days in August of 1946 at the Frake farm in Iowa and at the Iowa State Fair. The play focused on the relationships of the Frake children as they met new people at the fair. Both the Frake parents left the fair with first place awards.

Preparations for the production took many long hours from the beginning of October all the way up to the first performance. Both the cast and the audiences enjoyed each performance.

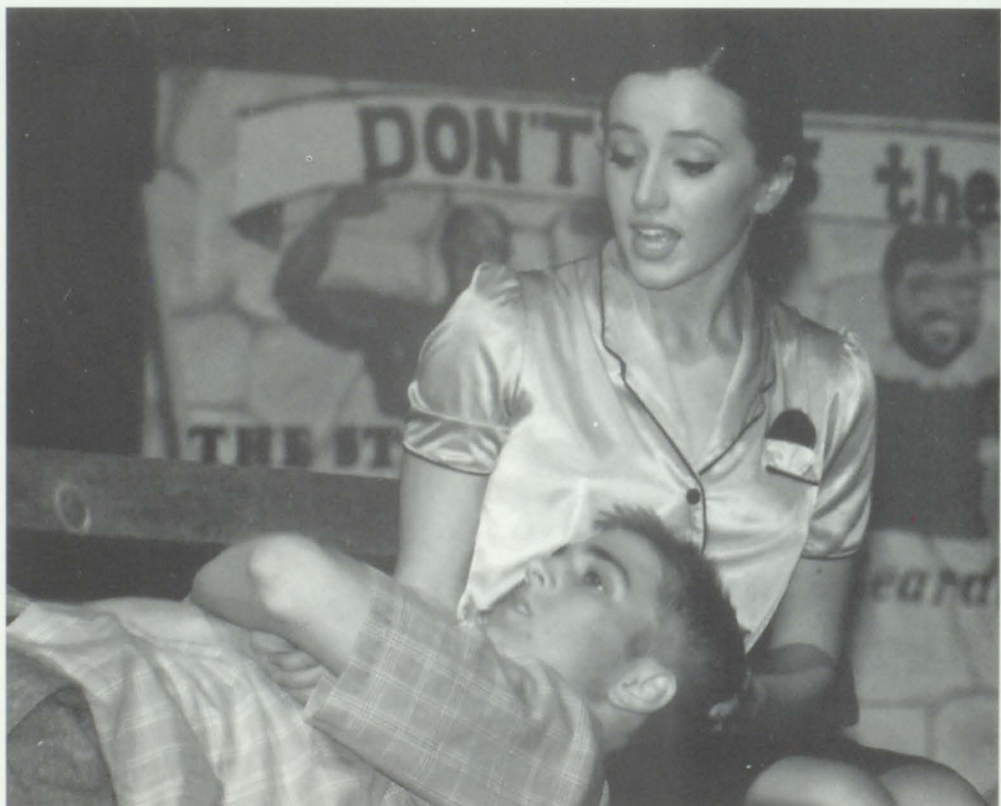
Right. The Fairtones. Back: Mackenzie Foley, Karyn Laulainen, Leslie Litfin, Crystal Zancig, Taylor Stangret, Anna Jonas. Front: Jenny Menth, Angelie Timm, Eva Mohn.
Below. The pit orchestra. Back: Mrs. Werdahl, Julianne Marcsisak, Lucas Meyer, Chris Hendren, Justin Sorensen, Mr. Schultz. Center: Virginia Miller, Amanda Hagen, Jennifer Mochinski, Justin Pawela, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Courtney Hanson, Anna Warnes. Front: Adam Hagen, Juliet Hong, Matt Masurka, Matt Anderson.



Center right. Megan Turek, Karyn Laulainen, David Philp and Marilyn Spiess have fun at a hoedown at the Iowa State Fair.

Above. Megan Turek, in her portrayal of Margy Frake, longs for her new acquaintance, Pat Gilbert, to arrive.

Right. Emily Arden (Angelie Timm) reassures Wayne Frake (David Philp) in her song that everything will be okay.





Cast of State Fair

Abel Frake	.....	Aaron Linton
Gus	.....	Aaron Peterson
Margy Frake	.....	Megan Turek
Melissa Frake	.....	Marilyn Spiess
Wayne Frake	.....	David Philp
Dave Miller	.....	Ethan Miller
Eleanor	.....	Karyn Laulainen
Harry	.....	Sam Maiser
The Fair Announcer	.....	Alex Kranz
The Hoop-La Barker	.....	Crystal Zancig
Emily Arden	.....	Angelie Timm
The Astounding Stralenko	.....	Alex Krukowski
Vivian, a cooch dancer	.....	Jenny Menth
Jeanne, a cooch dancer	.....	Eva Mohn
Pat Gilbert	.....	Jesse Timm
Charlie	.....	Aaron Petersen
Lem	.....	Marc Ellingson
Clay	.....	Alex Kranz
Hank Munson	.....	Alex Schmid
Chief of Police	.....	Philip Litfin
Violet	.....	Jackie Olson
The Fairtones	.....	Mackenzie Foley,
		Anna Jonas, Eva Mohn
		Leslie Litfin, Karyn Laulainen
		Jenny Menth, Crystal Zancig
		Taylor Stangret
Judge Heppenstahl		Leslie Litfin
Mrs. Edwin Metcalf	.....	Cassandra Gaddo
Roustabouts	.....	Nicole Krautbauer,
		Cassandra Gaddo
Vendor	.....	Ben Weaver
Judges	.....	Jenny Olson, Janelle Zimmerman
Assistants	.....	Alex Schmid, Cristy Jensen
Vendor	.....	Marc Ellingson
Uncle Sam	.....	Jesse Timm
Blue Boy	.....	Katie Wasness
The Cow	.....	Kerstin Palm
Vendor/Bartender	.....	Nicole Krautbauer
Violet's Friend	.....	Leah Gjertson
Artistic Director	.....	Kim Benson
Music Director	.....	Aaron Olson
Orchestra Conductor	.....	Don Schultz
Accompanist	.....	Kari Werdahl



Above left. Crystal Zancig and Aaron Petersen get caught up in the dance.

Above. Jenny Menth and Eva Mohn sing along with Jesse Timm as they stroll down memory lane.

Left. Jesse Timm, Alex Kranz and Alex Schmid are full of joy for their friend, Aaron Linton, whose pig (Katie Wasness) just won a blue ribbon at the state fair.

Final Royalty of the Millennium Are Chosen

The last coronation before the new millennium was held in the high school gymnasium on Thursday, September 30, 1999. This was a change from the traditional Monday night event. The evening's activities were hosted by juniors Kristin Pletsch and Chris Schmitz, who introduced the many parts of the program.

To begin the evening, "Time after Time" was performed by Angelie Timm and Eva Mohn. Other musical numbers included a performance by the Jazz Ensemble and a duet, "Written in Stars," by Nicole Krautbauer and Marilyn Spiess. Every performance was spectacular. The coaches of all the fall sports gave pep talks.

Finally came the long awaited moment, the crowning of the king and queen. The excitement rose as Heather Anquist was crowned queen; she in turn awarded the scepter to King Jesse Timm.

On Friday, students showed their school spirit by either being part of the homecoming parade or by cheering from the sidelines.

Top. The volleyball players show much enthusiasm during the homecoming parade.

Right. Freshman, sophomore, and junior pages and escorts wait for coronation to begin. From left: Julie Kelzer, Andrew Frederickson, Luke Schiller, Molly Lenzen, Kelli Pletsch, Eric Janzen.

Below. Seniors Andrea Drapcho and Joe Masurka wave from the homecoming parade.

Below right. Homecoming queen Heather Anquist tantalizes the homecoming king candidates with the scepter.





Left. The newly elected homecoming king, Jesse Timm, smiles in appreciation.



Below. Chris Schmitz and Kristin Pletsch are the host and hostess for the coronation ceremony.



Above. The senior class homecoming royalty is all smiles. Back: Jenny Menth, Matt Bergmann, Angelie Timm, Andy Eischens, Andrea Drapcho, Joe Masurka. Front: Brady Bussler, Becky Frank, Rachel Stenger, Erik Sorensen. Seated: King Jesse Timm and Queen Heather Anquist.

Wildcats Have Spirit!

During the week's festivities, WHS students showed off their spirit. Monday was a lazy day as many students arrived dressed in pajamas, carrying stuffed animals, and wearing huge slippers. Tuesday was Twins Day, which left everyone seeing double. On Wednesday, Decade Day, students took us back in time as far as they desired. Thursday was the day that each student showed pride in their grade as they dressed in the class color. In the evening the seniors and juniors battled it out in the annual powder puff game. As usual, the seniors won. Students followed the purple and gold brick road to victory on Friday night at the homecoming game.



Top. On Decades Day, Ashley Hagman and Emily Eder capture the look of "natural born flower children."

Above center. Scott Stein argues with ref Eric Herrmann's calls.

Above. Seniors exhibit true Wildcat spirit during the homecoming parade.

Right. Seniors Julie Hoen and Melissa Ditsch hope and pray they will win the game.



Top right. Alex Schmid and Megan Turek get caught up in the moment.

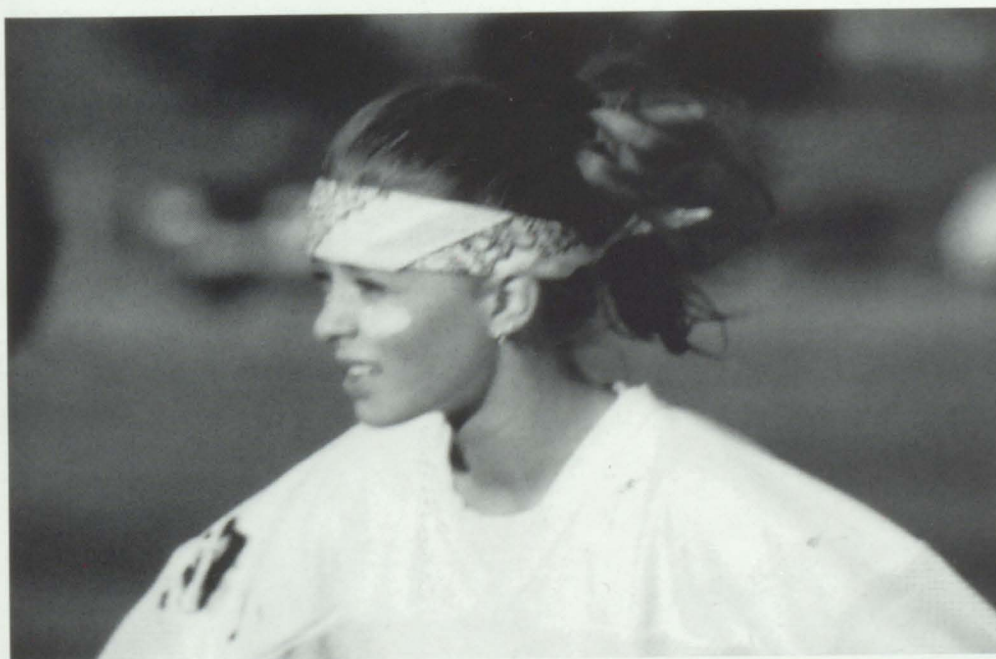
Center left. Audra Lehrke's all decked out in her 1970's threads, complete with headband and bell bottoms.

Center. Elmo accompanies pajama-clad Katie Wassen in her morning hours.

Center right. Molly Lenzen and Kelsey Dake take advantage of Twins Day to dress alike from head to toe.

Left. Junior Amber Goetze pays close attention to the action in the annual powerpuff game.

Above. Julie Dalbec and Heather Webster show off their similarities on Twins Day.



National Honor Society Welcomes New Members

The National Honor Society banquet was held on Monday, October 25, 1999. Thirty-five new members were inducted into the honorary society. Catered by D'Vinci's, the dinner was followed by a speech by Dr. Ellen Kerber on "What You Do Today Matters." NHS members Cristy Jensen, Lisa Kirsch, Jesse Timm, Courtney Han-

son, and Leslie Litfin explained the four parts of being involved in NHS. Afterwards, the students received their awards. Sophomores and juniors were awarded pins or certificates, and the seniors received plaques. Overall, the evening was a success.

Students elected to NHS must have a 3.333 grade point average, must perform

15 hours of community service, participate in at least two activities, and demonstrate good character.

Below left. Leslie Litfin lights the candle of leadership at the NHS banquet.

Below. Karyn Laulainen and Andy Eischens stop for a laugh during the NHS banquet.

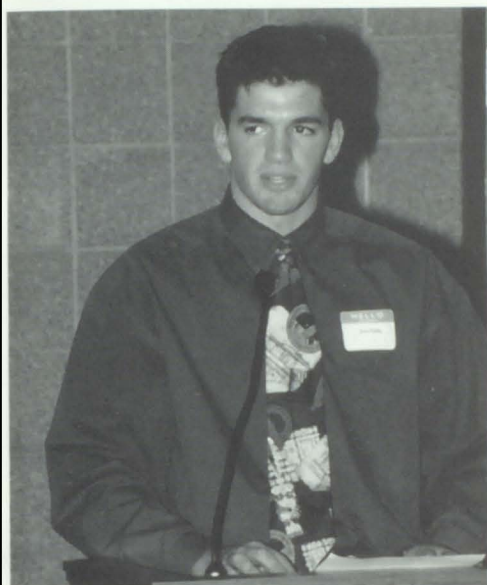
Bottom. Juliet Hong accepts her award from Mr. Fredericksen.





Seniors in NHS. Back: Leslie Litfin, Courtney Hanson, Katie Wasness, Melanie Hoggarth, Russell Strahota. 4th Row: Kate Eder, Sarah Marsden, Jessica Sutherland, Crystal Zancig, Justin Sorensen. 3rd Row: Kristen McCune, Melissa Ittel, Cristy Jensen, Karyn Laulainen, Andrew Eischens. 2nd Row: Bria Welch, Andrea Drapcho, Rachel Stenger, Kyle Rambow, Jesse Timm. Front: Tegen Oakman, Joseph Masurka, Brady Bussler, Andrew Tongen, Lisa Kirsch.

Below. Natalie Timmers receives congratulations from Mr. Fredericksen.



Center left. Jesse Timm talks about one aspect of National Honor Society at the annual banquet.

Juniors in NHS. Back: Nate Hendren, Jessica Williams, Charity Zabel, Jennifer Mochinski. 4th Row: Josh Jetto, Dylan Schesso, Jeff Elliot, Drew Gustafson, Matt Anderson. 3rd Row: Emily Tongen, Natalie Timmers, Leah Gjertson, Anna Warnes, Matt Masurka. 2nd Row: Joseph Dimler, Ted Keefe, Daniel Chrest, Mark Anderson, Mike Hilliard, Mark Wilson. Front: Megan Doyscher, Matt Priess, Lacy Skoog, Nick Waletich, Audra Lehrke.

Sophomores in NHS. Back: Vance Kerber, Bret Plocher, Matthew Hentges, Ernie Flemig, Scott Loscheider. 3rd Row: Marc Ellingson, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Alex Kranz, Sarah Meier, Kirstin Klason. 2nd Row: Justin Pawela, Jennifer Schnobrich, Brittnei Talley, Rebecca Luedloff, Marilyn Spiess, Juliet Hong. Front: Eric Ellingson, Jodi Storms, Mackenzie Foley, Sarah Gibbs, Abby Welch, Molly Lenzen.



FLA Receives State Chapter of Excellence Award

The Waconia FLA chapter was one of six schools in the state of Minnesota to be awarded the Chapter of Excellence Award. At regional competition this year, all thirty members of the Waconia FLA chapter won gold at Farmington on February 15. In addition, Katie Wasness served as State FLA president, and Beth Jacobson served as Region 4 secretary.

Each individual group of the Star Events had their own individual projects, such as presenting research reports to the Foods II class or reading to children in the hospital. Kate Eder, Kerstin Palm and Shaina Zuppke worked as peer educators.

Students in FLA are required to maintain an active membership throughout the year. Business meetings of all members are held once a month, with small groups meeting as needed according to their activities.

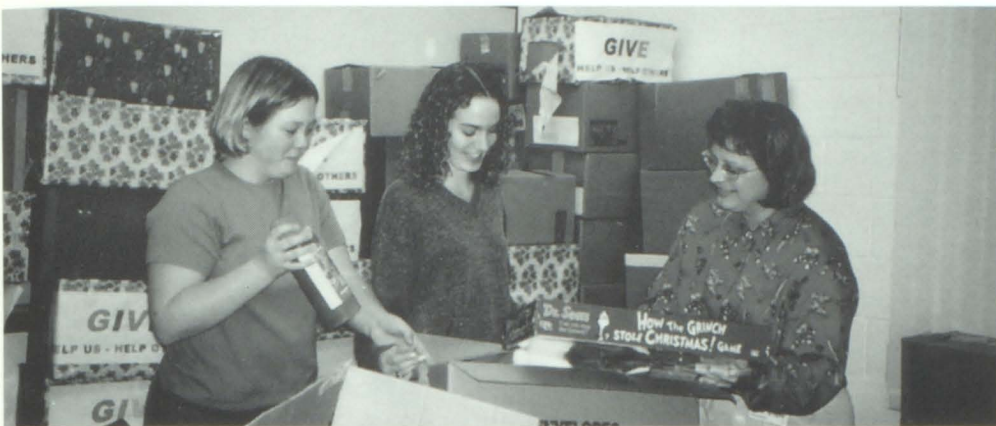
FLA worked with student council and Target this year to plan the Winterfest activities, which included penny wars, tug of war contests, Mr. Legs and Ms. Lips contest, and an all-school dance. The group also spearheaded an all-school clothing and toy drive for needy families.



Top. In her second year as state president, Katie Wasness gives a speech on teamwork at an FLA workshop.

Above. 1999-2000 FLA Senior Officers. Back: Katie Wasness, Sarah Marsden, Amanda Hagen. Front: Kate Eder, Shaina Zuppke.

FLA Members, Grades 9-11. Front: Liz Bush, Katie Dean, Bret Plocher, Marilyn Spiess, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Amanda Neil, Lisa Hammer, Nancy Lopez. 2nd Row: Lenore Kolar, Heather Diethelm, Rita Johnson, Beth Jacobson, Melanie Butler, Ellie Goenner, Janelle Zimmerman, Lori Ledoux. 3rd Row: Danielle Sampson, Leanne Tanguay, Kerstin Palm, Amber Rogney, Cassandra Schaffer, Tracy Winkler, Jena Niesen, Katie Rajewsky. Back: Justin Pawela, Matt Jensen, Alex Krukowski, Philip Litfin, Evan Johnson, Dan Philp, Scott Peterson, Michael Anderson, Kayla Menth.



Left. Sarah Marsden, Amanda Hagen and Mrs. Hartwig help box the many clothes and toys given in the CAPS gift drive.

Center left. Brenda Johnson prepares for the FLA Open House at WHS.

Center right. Janelle Zimmerman and Lori Ledoux listen to Katie Wasness's speech on teamwork.



Young LifeSmarts Team Gains Experience

The main activity of the Waconia LifeSmarts team was the study of the following five areas of consumer competition — health and safety, personal finance, the environment, rights and responsibilities, and technology. The group competed in Bloomington on February 14, 2000, for regional competition and placed sixth out of twenty-seven teams. Waconia's team was the only sophomore group in the competition.



Seniors in FLA. Front: Cristy Jensen, Amanda Hagen, Kate Eder, Liza Huckenpoehler, Katie Wasness, Andrew Tongen. 2nd Row: Sarah Marsden, Brenda Johnson, Alex Schmid, Leslie Litfin, Mark Anderson. 3rd Row: Kathryn Gentz, Sara Mauk, Sam Maiser, Matt Bergmann, Mike Weiland. Back: Melinda Ramm, Lindsey Lindemeier, Shaina Zuppke, Joe Masurka, Joe Reitsma, Ted Keefe.



LifeSmarts Team. Back: Justin Pawela, Bret Plocher. Front: Amanda Neil, Lisa Hammer, Mackenzie Foley.

Mock Trial Team Argues Daycare Center Case

The mock trial team had an interesting case this year. An employee of a daycare center supposedly smoked around a child who had a severe case of asthma. The plaintiff tried to prove that the employee smoked around the child; the smoke caused an attack and that in turn caused brain damage. The team members were prepared as witnesses, attorneys and bailiffs for competition.

The team competed at two sites — Hennepin County Courthouse and the Scott County Courthouse. At these competitions the team members argued their cases against Centennial High School and Apple Valley High School respectively.

Top. Mock Trial Members. Back: Justin Pawela, Sam Maiser, Alex Schmid, Steve Ostlund, Dylan Christensen. Front: Maureen Ayers-Looby, Tina Pogatchnik, Marilyn Spiess, Eva Mohn.

Right. Eva Mohn, Sam Maiser and Steve Ostlund pose for a quick pic in front of the jurors' box.



Above. Sophomore Justin Pawela displays his professionalism in front of the bench.

Right. Senior mock trial members, Sam Maiser and Alex Schmid, pause during cross-examination.





Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' Comes to Life

This year's production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* was set during the fifteenth century. The play, which consisted of twenty-five cast members who played such diverse roles as trees, was presented in the WHS auditorium on May 4-5, 2000. The cast added their own style and flair to the play. *As You Like It* is one of Shakespeare's comedies that takes the audience on a journey from Duke Frederick's court to the forest of Arden. After several complications and the use of disguise, the two central characters, Rosalind and Orlando, finally declare their love for each other. In fact, love is the absorbing interest of all the characters in the play.



Top. Oliver (Dylan Christensen) is held by his younger brother Orlando (Sam Maiser).

Above left. John Ansell as Charles the wrestler looks over his competition.

Above center. Cast members Ethan Miller and Brenda Johnson debate which opponent will win.

Above. Senior Megan Turek (Rosalind) and sophomore Marilyn Spiess (Celia) mock the jester.

Left. Cast of *As You Like It*: Front: Brenda Johnson, Shaina Zuppke, Kerstin Palm. 2nd Row: Anna Warnes, Marilyn Spiess, Dylan Christensen, Matt Bergmann, Anthony Smith, Michael Miller, Jennie Hiben. 3rd Row: Eva Mohn, Sam Maiser, Mike Weiland, Megan Turek, Cassie Gaddo, Ethan Miller, Kate Eder. Back: Amanda Templin, Jacki Condon, Ben Weaver, Andrew Tongen, Pat Lindstrom, Mr. Benson, Nicole Krautbauer, Brian Johnson, Lisa Hammer.

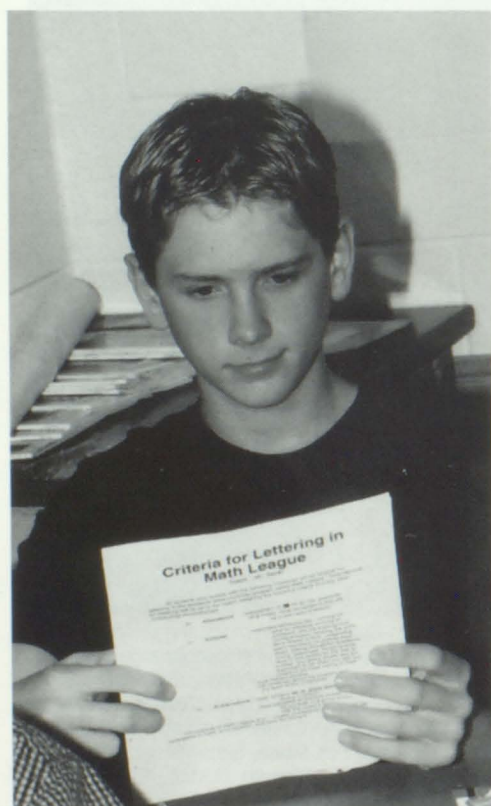
Science Club, Math League Work to Expand the Mind!

Science Club is a fun and exciting activity for any high school students looking to challenge their minds. Science Club meets once a week after school in preparation for the Regional Science Olympiad and also for the Science Knowledge Bowl, held in February of each year. The WHS Science Club's projects included the construction of a Rube Goldberg machine and a "Tower of Power."

WHS's Math League practiced once a week during their winter competition season. They competed individually and as teams against eight schools in four categories — algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and pre-calculus.

Top. Juniors Drew Gustafson and Lindsey Hatz receive their briefing for their next assignment.

Right. Math League. Back: Mr. Sauer, Andrew Tongen, Josh Jetto, Katie Wasness, Nick Gee. Center: Mike Hilliard, Dylan Pforr, Caleb Jetto, Kevin Ketcher, Nathan Hendren. Front: Justin Pawela, Bret Plocher.



Above. Sophomore Bret Plocher reads over Math League regulations.



Above. Science Club. Back: Russ Kerber, Nick Waletich, Mr. Berg. Front: Mike Hilliard, Lindsey Hatz, Kevin Ketcher, Dylan Pforr.

FFA Members Compete; Helpers Make School Enjoyable



FFA members competed against thirty other schools in their FFA region in various skills contests. Awards were given based on projects and leadership skills of the members. Many FFA members also showed dairy cattle and sheep at the county fair and at the Minnesota State Fair. The Crops Judging team placed first in regions. Several members also attended the National FFA convention in Louisville, Kentucky, where they toured Churchill Downs and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Students helpers is a group of dedicated students who help to make school a more enjoyable place. In 1999-2000, the group set up special days like VIP Day, Chemical Health Week, and also Violence Awareness Day. They also helped introduce new students to the high school.



Top. FFA. Front: Summer Becklund, Shelby Lenzen, Rhea Lenzen, Eddie Laumann. 2nd Row: Kristi Wachholz, Melissa Ditsch, Julie Hoen, Samantha Becklund, Zach Pieper, Joey Laumann. 3rd Row: Shaina Zuppke, Jenny Hiben, Brenda Johnson, Kelly Westlund, Sarah Domoradzki, Erick Lenzen, Cory Tellers. Back: Mr. Bjorklund, Brian Buetow, Dennis Westlund, Kory Rambow, Dustin Gesinger, Tony Klein, Chris Buetow.

Center left. Various Waconia and Chaska FFA members sit quite contentedly while listening to a speaker at the Churchill Downs Racetrack, where the Kentucky Derby is held.

Above. Kelly Westlund looks toward her brother Dennis Westlund as he shovels corn into the conveyor or belt for the FFA corn drive.



Above. Student Helpers. Front: Melissa Ittel, Crystal Zancig, Lisa Kirsch, Karyn Laulainen, Andy Eischens. 2nd Row: Heather Anquist, Matt Stuewe, Holly Kunkel, Sara Meyer, Sarah Meier, Kelsey Dake. Back: Cassie Olson, Amanda Hagen.

Yearbook Staff Welcomes New Millennium

This year's yearbook staff met weekly on Tuesdays after school to put together a "Once in a Lifetime" book of memories. Editor Lisa Kirsch and assistant editor Karyn Laulainen selected the theme because of the beginning of the new millennium, something that happens only once in a lifetime. The yearbook staff put together the students, activities, academics, and the sports sections of the book at the meetings. Ms. Barbara Danger advised the yearbook staff and helped move the sections along to produce a hopefully award-winning yearbook.



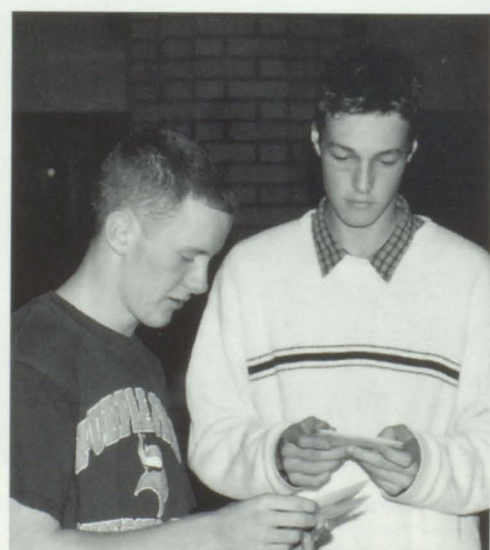
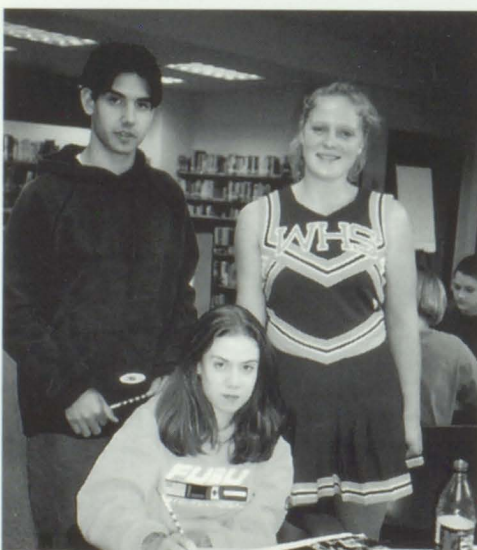
Top. Yearbook Staff. Back: Michelle Weiland, Amanda Neil. 3rd Row: Jenny Evans, Ashley Hagman, Anna Carrigan, Lindsey Debner, Erica Christenson, Emily Eder. 2nd Row: Baillie Miller, Rebecca Luedloff, Emiley Lamberger, Heidi Keller, Meghan Jereczek, Lisa Hammer, Julie Dalbec. Front: Katie Zancig, Karyn Laulainen, Lisa Kirsch, Katelin Murphy, Sarah Meier. Not pictured: Matt Anderson, Crystal Zancig, Kay Trittabaugh, Sarah Domoradzki, Mike Weiland, Anthony Smith.

Above. Erica Christenson, Emily Eder, Anna Carrigan and Ashley Hagman are busy bees working on the students section.

Above right. Assistant editor Karyn Laulainen and editor Lisa Kirsch are proud of the 1999 yearbook's award. Both girls worked on the winning book.

Right. Matt Anderson, Kay Trittabaugh and Crystal Zancig work on the activities section of the yearbook.

Far right. Mike Weiland and Anthony Smith decide which sports photos to use in their section.



Student Council. Back: Anna Warnes, Jesse Timm, Terry Klaers, Justin Sorensen, Andy Eischens. 3rd Row: Matt Bergmann, Audra Lehrke, Emily VanKirk, Natalie Timmers, Josh Jetto, Ernie Flemig. 2nd Row: Lacy Skoog, Leah Gjertson, Kelsey Dake, Sarah Gibbs, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Luke Schiller, Matt Heger. Front: Laura Anderson, Taylor Stangret, Jackie Olson, Philip Litfin.



Student Council Provides Services, Fun for Students

The student council of WHS organized many service projects and fun activities for students this year. Their service projects included a roadside cleanup, the annual blood drive in December, the CAPS holiday project, and the Millennium Day service project. In the spring, the group provided an appreciation breakfast for the faculty of Waconia High School. Activities that involved students included homecoming week, candy grams, turkey bingo, Winterfest, and the data match.

Council members were elected in the fall (ninth grade) or the previous spring (grades 10-12) by their respective class. The council attended a leadership workshop in the fall to meet with councils from around the state to share ideas.



Center left. Sophomore Jodi Storms practices gobbling in hopes of winning at turkey bingo.

Center. John Ansell celebrates over his win in the annual turkey bingo game.

Above. Student Council member Sarah Gibbs gives a hand in explaining the details to blood donor Jay Lenz.

Center right. Turkey bingo takes on a new spin this year with a live broadcast by announcers Anna Warnes and Matt Bergmann.

Above. Kari Laabs anticipates that the blood she is giving will go to someone in need.

Activities Make Winter Memorable

Instead of a normal cold winter, WHS students experienced something much better. Warm weather in February and March saw the wrestling team send five individuals to state. The girls' basketball team brought home a second place subsection trophy, and the show choir competed in many competitions and captured first at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The most unique addition to winter was the first annual Mr. Legs and Ms. Lips contest during Winterfest week. Dance-line went to state in February and took ninth in Class AA, competing against much larger schools.

This winter was exceptional and will be one to go down in the books with warm temps and once in a lifetime memories.

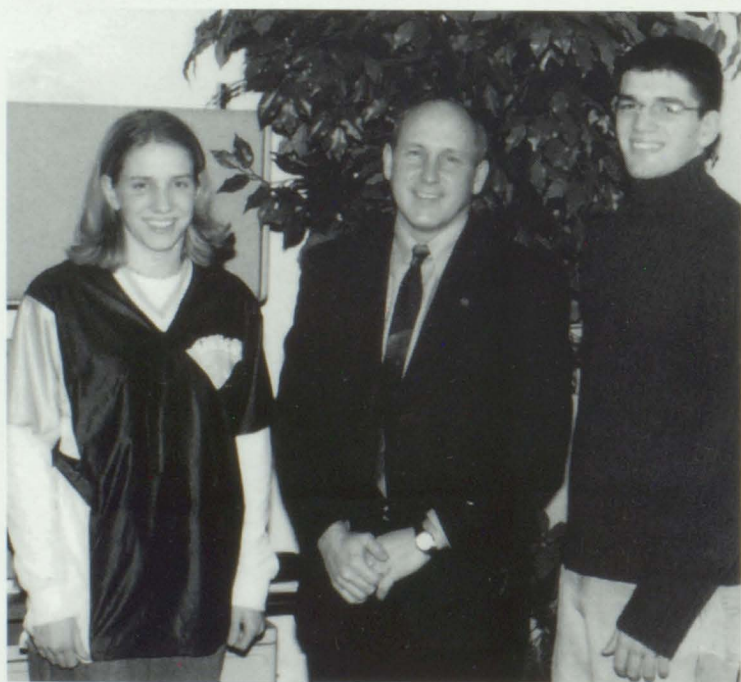
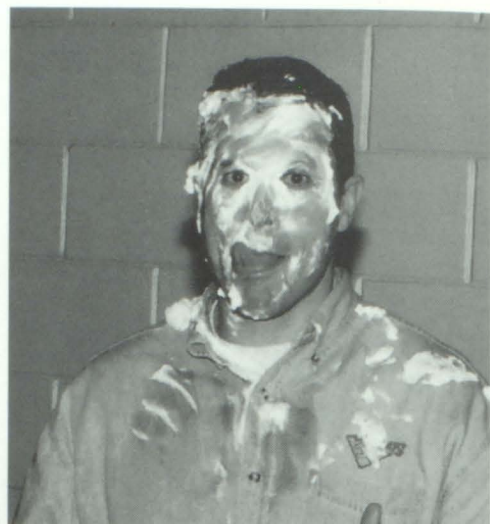
Right. As a consequence of the faculty loss in the tug of war, Mr. Grundhofer gets hit with a pie in the face by one of the winning juniors.

Below left. Dizzy student JR Kerkhoff spins in circles while participating in the obstacle course at the Winterfest pep rally.

Below. Tanya U'Ren and Mike Erickson and other members of the show choir dance to "Footloose" at the pep fest.

Bottom left. Cristy Jensen and Jesse Timm pose with Mr. Frederickson for receiving the Triple A Award for their achievements in the arts, academics and athletics.

Bottom right. Basketball players Jessica Williams and Nicole Ristow pay attention during a time out.





Top. Wrestlers who advance to state include Scott Stein, Matt McGowan, Matt Turek, Dennis Westlund and Josh Jorgensen.

Above. Cassie Gaddo, Kay Trittabaugh and Lindsey Hatz paint the winning Winterfest window painting, pictured top right.

Center left. To select Winterfest king and queen, WHS chooses an unconventional way by having a "Mr. Legs and Ms. Lips" contest.

Left. Chosen by his studly legs, Ethan Miller crowns Angelle Timm as "Ms. Lips."

Winter Highlights

Prom 2000 Makes "Magic"

Prom 2000 was definitely a "Magic Moment" to be remembered. The day, May 20, was filled with preparations, fancy rides, pictures, and sunshine. Five musical groups shared their outstanding vocal and instrumental talent as a prelude to the Grand March. Over three hundred prom goers strolled under the stars in the audience-filled gym before heading to Hazeltine for dinner and dancing. Most attendees chose to while away the night at the Mermaid in Moundview. There was plenty of cosmic bowling, music, food and prizes for everyone. The hypnotist once again dazzled his audience and caused them to roll with laughter. All in all, the night was a success and "This Magic Moment" lived up to its title.

Right. Dancers Melanie Hoggarth, Lori Kelly, Jenny Litfin and Melissa Ittel enjoy the music at prom.

Far right. Jenny Gothmann and Roy Hoops wait for the Grand March to begin.

Below left. Scott Stein, Anthony Smith and Angelle Timm huddle to keep warm after the hypnotist tells them it is fifty degrees below zero.

Below right. Lisa Kirsch, Dennis Swenson and Jessica Sutherland dissolve in hysteria during hypnosis at post-prom.

Bottom row of four photos, left to right. Jenny Capaul and Jarrod Dukes; Darren Bollmann and Amber Brandmire; Drew Johnston and Becky Frank; Melissa Ittel and Sungmin Hong.





Left. Matt Harvat, Sarah Popelka, Eric Tetreault and Heather Anquist anxiously await dinner at Hazeltime.

Below. Foreign exchange students Clarisse Fernandes from Brazil and Tessa Dussart from France enjoy their first American prom.

Center left. Prom goers enjoy the dinner at Hazeltime Golf Club.

Center right. Greg Hoppenrath enjoys the attentions of Jacki Condon and Amanda Miller.

Bottom four photos, left to right. Mark Plocher and Tiffany Sampson; Kevin Koester and Trude Ditsch; Jenny Christopherson and Matt Boyum; Chuck Young, Stacy Tollefson, Josh Salden, Emiley Lamberger.



Class of 2000

Graduates Anticipate Bright Future

Graduation ceremonies were held on a rainy June 4, 2000. The class of 2000 made their final procession into a gym full of friends and family. A total of 124 students received their diplomas; a remarkable 50 of those students graduated with honors. Valedictorian Cristy Jensen and salutatorian Sam Maiser, as well as

Mr. Fredericksen, gave words of encouragement to the class. For the first time, a musical selection was included, sung by Angelie and Jesse Timm. Many scholarships were awarded, and then the big moment arrived. The diplomas were given out to the graduating class of 2000, and caps were thrown in celebration.



Class Colors: Purple, Black,
Gold

Class Flower: Daisy

Class Song: "Time of Your
Life"

Class Motto: "The future
belongs to those who believe in
the beauty of their dreams."

Top. Russell Kerber and Cliff Kornelis discuss their future plans before commencement begins.

Center right. The newly graduated seniors throw their caps as they are finally finished with high school.

Below. Soon-to-be graduates gather for a photo. Back: Nicole Schrupp, Tanya Hetherington, Rose Larson, Amanda Hawkins, Lacey Morgan. Front: Julie Hoen, Melissa Ditsch, Angie Loehrs, Kristal Luedloff.

Bottom right. The class of 2000's valedictorian Cristy Jensen and salutatorian Sam Maiser.





Left. Anthony Smith, Joe Ansell, Brady Bussler, Dennis Swenson, Dave Myers and Andrew Heger say their goodbyes on graduation day.

Center left. Ryan Kratzke and Chris Kratzke are congratulated by Mr. Bettcher.

Center right. Russell Strahota is thankful it is finally over.

Bottom. Ryan Goetze, Drew Johnston, Neil Furman, Zach Pieper, TJ Austin, Matt Boyum and Cody Anderson spend their last minutes of being seniors together.



Once in a Lifetime: Sports

The 1999-2000 Wildcats sports seasons at WHS were filled with fun and excitement for both the players and the fans. The fall season saw the girls' cross country team finish seventh at state and the football team beat #1 ranked Delano. In the winter, the girls' basketball team had a good season, and four wrestlers qualified for state. Spring sports were spared the soggy weather of recent years, making for great fan viewing. As always, the cheerleaders cheered on the dedicated fans and parents, making the 2000's sports enjoyable for all.



Top. The dance team poses following a competition in Northfield.

Above left. The WHS football cheerleaders keep up the spirit of the crowd and team during one of their home games.

Above right. Andrew Fredericksen works to avoid getting pinned by his opponent.

Right. Joe Masurka winds up a pitch while playing on the home field.

Far right. Andrea Drapcho guards a Watertown player during one of their encounters.





Top left. J.R. Kerkhoff defies gravity while doing the high jump.
Top right. Erik Sorensen tries to evade a player from Holy Angels on a kickoff return.
Center right. Senior Julie Hoen takes a chance as she slides into home.
Above left. Cristy Jensen and Natalie Timmers make a break for the finish line.
Left. Rachel Stenger "sets" a teammate up for a spike.
Above. Ryan Murphy nearly gets rim on a layup.
Far left. Senior Sarah Marsden, part of the winning girls' golf team, executes a shot.

Wildcats Complete Season with Fifth Place in Wright County

The Wildcats ended the regular season with four wins and four losses, placing fifth in the Wright County Conference. Despite losing the first three games of a tough conference, the Wildcats bounced back to win their next three games. Coach Foley said that the biggest accomplishment of the season was when the Wildcats beat the #1 ranked team in Class 3a, the Delano Tigers. The Wildcats met both their goals this season by hosting a home playoff game and winning it with style.

Many Wildcats won awards, including Eric Sorensen, Adam St. John and Kyle Rambow receiving All-Conference honors. Kyle was also picked the Wright County Back of the Year. Receiving All-Conference Honorable Mention were Jesse Timm, Joe Ansell, Kyle Ague, Brady Bussler, Matt Bergmann, Andrew Tongen, Dave Philp, and Josh Brandenburg. Awards voted by teammates included Josh Brandenburg, Most Improved Player; Mike Weiland, Mr. Hustle; Joe Ansell, Most Valuable Lineman; Kyle Rambow, Best Offense for the third consecu-

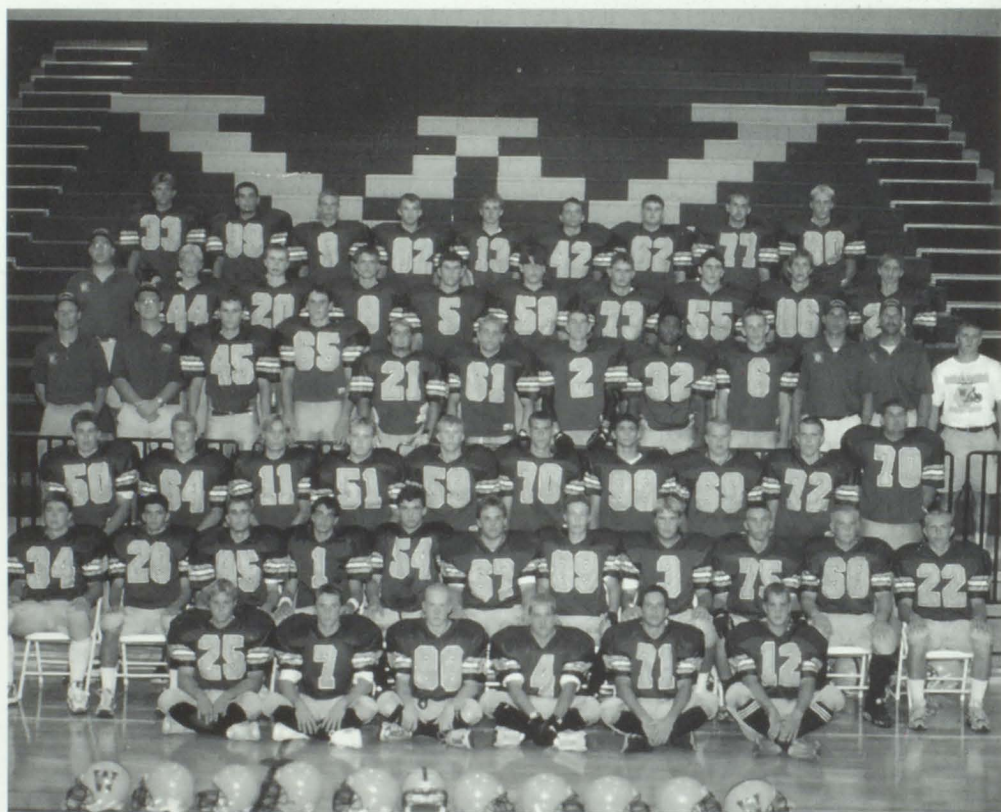
tive year; and Adam St. John, Best Defensive Player. Adam led the team with 100 tackles, 5 1/2 sacks, and two fumble recoveries.

Below. Andrew Heger gets pumped before a home game.

Center left. Josh Brandenburg looks to find an open receiver against St. Croix Lutheran.



Above. Dave Philp struggles to get extra yards in the first game of the season.



Varsity Football Team. Front: Nate Wood, Erik Sorensen, Mike Weiland, Brady Bussler, Adam St. John, Mike Staber. 2nd Row: Andrew Tongen, Jesse Timm, Dave Philp, Josh Brandenburg, Andrew Heger, Matt Bergmann, Anthony Smith, Kyle Ague, Ryan Murphy, Joe Ansell, Kyle Rambow. 3rd Row: Aaron Sorensen, Dylan Schesso, Matt Priess, Eric Randt, Mark Wilson, Nate Hendren, Scott Stein, Joe Reitsma, Mike Hilliard, Jeff Elliot. 4th Row: Coach Pat Foley, Jesse Malsom, Rob Pesch, Ryan Rosin, Andy Acosta, Jake Meyer, Drew Gulden, Joe Gast, Chris Schmitz, Coach Mark Grundhofer, Coach Jim Olsen, Coach Mark Elsenpeter. 5th Row: Coach Eric Herrmann, Tim Held, Matt Hentges, Ernie Flemig, Alex Kranz, Levi Engstrom, Adam Hastings, Justin Davis, Vance Kerber, Nick Waletich. Back: Graham Irving, Gabe Acosta, Brad VanEyll, Josh Jorgensen, Sean Bailey, Luke Schiller, Matt Heger, Nate Furman.

Interview with the Captains



Which college or professional athlete do you most admire?

"Peyton Manning. He stayed in school until his senior year when he could have made a lot of money his junior year." **Kyle Rambow**

"Dat Nguyen. He isn't the biggest or the strongest, but when he hits people, he does it to punish them."

Adam St. John

Do you expect to continue to play football in college or as an adult?

"I plan to play in college somewhere. After that, who knows? I would like to find a league to play in after college."

Kyle Rambow

"Yeah, I hope to attend and play for a small Division II school."

Adam St. John

Varsity Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
42	St. Croix Lutheran	14
16	Glencoe	20
0	Becker	30
9	Dassel Cokato	16
34	Annandale	6
36	Watertown	18
23	Delano	20
20	STMA	48
34	Watertown	7
7	Holy Angels	50

Top. Kyle Ague concentrates on the ball while kicking the game-winning field goal versus Delano.

Center. The Wildcat offensive line gets set for war against the Holy Angels.

Far left. Andrew Heger and Joe Ansell listen intently to Coach Olsen during a timeout.

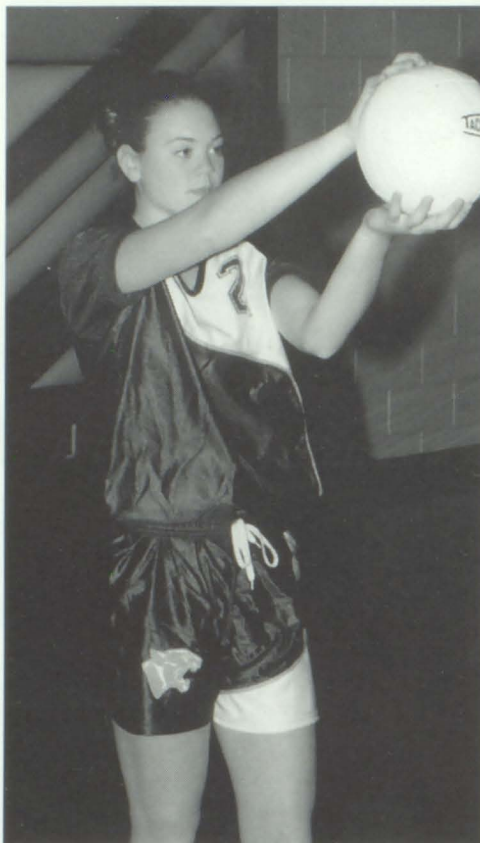
Left. Erik Sorensen turns on his speed in hopes of burning the Crusader defense.

Volleyball Team Rallies at End of Season

After a slow start in the beginning of the 1999 Wildcat volleyball season, the team managed to turn it around and finish strong. For Coach Lee, the highlight of the season was beating the sixth ranked team, Belle Plaine, who made it to state. The Wildcats had hopes of competing in regions, but were upset by Watertown in the playoffs.

Coach Lee explained that the team's greatest strengths were their great offense and their attitude toward the game.

Outstanding players included Rachel Stenger, who tied the season and career serving percentage (96.6%), and Andrea Drapcho, who was named Offensive Most Valuable Player for the third year in a row. Other awards included Most Improved, Rachel Stenger; Blocker and Wildcat Award, Bria Welch; All Conference Honorable Mention — Bria Welch and Tegen Oakman; All Conference — Andrea Drapcho and Rachel Stenger; Academic All Conference, Andrea Drapcho; Academic All State — Andrea Drapcho and Tegen Oakman; All State, Andrea Drapcho.



Below left. Senior Bria Welch looks confident as she prepares to serve the ball to the opponent.
Below. Rachel Stenger concentrates on the net as she gets ready to serve.



Above. Junior Holly Olson and sophomore Amanda Hedtke practice blocking.



J-V Volleyball Team. Front: Meghan Menssen, Kirstin Klason, Jessie Bammert, Lisa Koehler, Alicia Ertl. Center: Amanda Hedtke, Sarah Gibbs, Coach Judy Shuman. Back: Tina Pogatchnik, Natalie Ristow, Kelsey Dake.



Interview with the Captains



Question: How do you deal with defeat?

"It's easier to deal with defeat when I know that I have played my best and the team as a whole did well. But no matter the win or the loss, we all know that we have to put it behind us and concentrate on our next game."

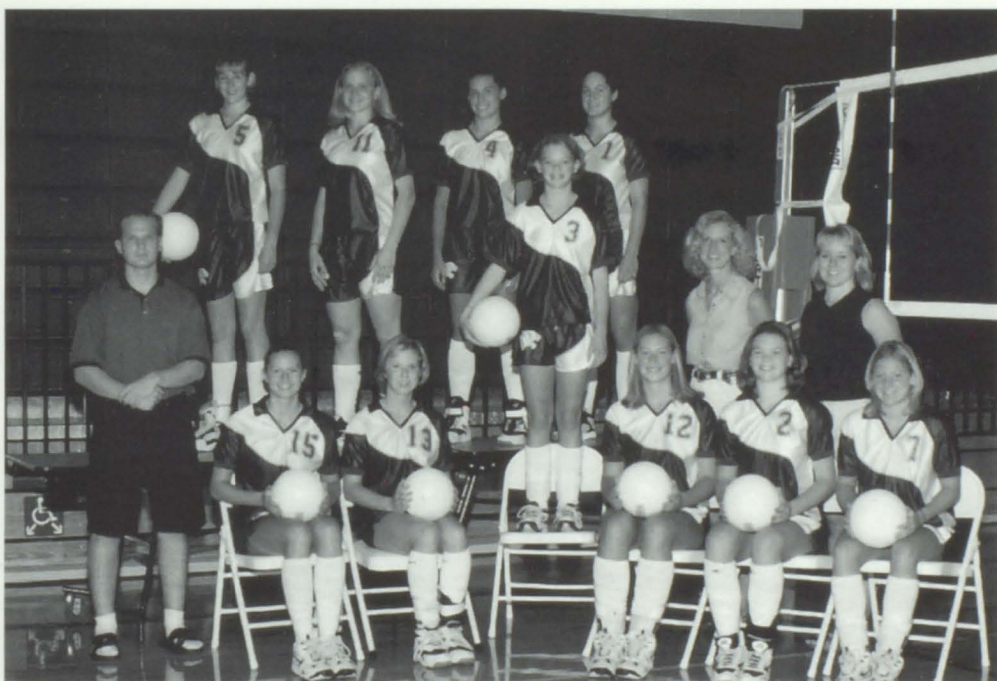
Rachel Stenger

"When a team beats us, I try to think what that team did differently than us to make them win. Then I try working on those skills to beat the next team."

Andrea Drapcho

"Think about what went wrong and change it for the next match."

Bria Welch



Varsity Volleyball. Front: Coach Jim Lee, Andrea Drapcho, Tegen Oakman, Katie Menssen, Bria Welch, Rachel Stenger. Back: Amanda Hedtke, Alicia Ertl, Holly Olson, Abby Welch, Maren Delaney, Coach Judy Shuman, Coach Kathy Young.

Varsity Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
3	Mound Westonka	1
0	Annandale	3
0	Dassel Cokato	3
1	Mayer Lutheran	3
3	Becker	1
3	Bloomington	0
	Kennedy	
2	Delano	3
3	Belle Plaine	2
3	Watertown	0
0	Windon	3
3	Glencoe	0
3	Orono	1
1	STMA	3
3	Brooklyn Center	0
1	Watertown	3

Top. Tegen Oakman waits anxiously to pass the oncoming serve.

Girls' Team Finishes Seventh at State; Cristy, Natalie Place 7th, 20th

After last season's exceptional performance by the girls' cross country team, the girls did even better this year! The team finished second in the conference and in the region, making it to state and finishing seventh in state competition, seven spots ahead of last

year. The girls' team also had two individual representatives in the state meet — senior Cristy Jensen and junior Natalie Timmers. Cristy was named to Waconia's Cross Country Hall of Fame.

The boys finished third in the conference and in the region, just missing a trip

to state. Marc Ellingson, a sophomore, broke the school record with a time of 16:40, and senior Ben Berndt was named to Waconia's Cross Country Hall of Fame.

According to Coach Machtemes, the team met their goals this season; they planned to have fun and be competitive.



Top left. Sonja Ellingson appears exhausted at the end of the race.

Top right. Philip Litfin, Eric Ellingson, Ben Berndt, Aaron Chinander and Marc Ellingson are pumped for the competition.

Above. Senior Ben Berndt gains speed as he sees the finish line.

Girls' Cross Country. Front: Morgan Berndt, Makenzie Bakken, Jenny Schnobrich, Molly Lenzen, Megan Bailey, Marilyn Spiess, Jolene John, Nicole Ristow, Ann Geyen. Center: Leslie Litfin, Megan Doyscher, Audra Lehrke, Tabitha Deleeuw, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Sonja Ellingson, Cristy Jensen, Emily Tongen, Kittie Peterson. Back: Coach Sandy Wasness, Kaylee Rasmussen, Dana Sudheimer, Natalie Timmers, Katie Wasness, Anna Warnes, Kristin Pletsch, Danielle Chinander, Malory Tevis, Clark Machtemes.

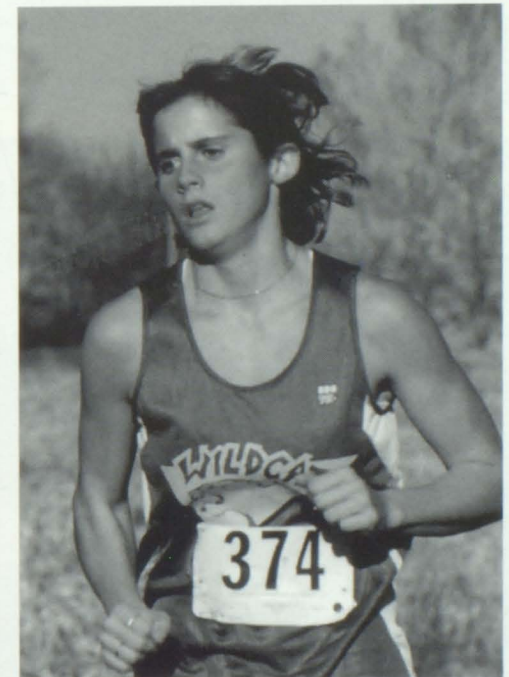


Left. Natalie Timmers and Cristy Jensen finish strong. Both qualified for individual competition at state. (Photo courtesy of *Waconia Patriot*.)

Below. Marc Ellingson and Eric Ellingson keep up the pace.



Boys' Cross Country. Front: Ted Keefe, Scott Loscheider, Nate Laulainen, Erik Schultz, Mark Anderson, Scott Peterson, Zach Johnson, Aaron Chinander, Ben Berndt. Center: Matt Masurka, John Keefe, Matt Turek, Andy Frank, Eric Ellingson, Philip Litfin, Scot Rewerts, Marc Ellingson. Back: Coaches Don Skerik, Sandy Wasness, Clark Machtemes, Evan Johnson, Matt Jensen, Alex Krukowski, Matt Hennen, Travis Roush, Mike Anderson, Russ Herman.



Center right. Tabitha Deleeuw tears up the path on the way toward the finish line.

Above. Kristin Pletsch fights the fatigue factor to finish the race.

Cheerleaders Add Enthusiasm to Sports Teams and Fans

WHS cheerleaders show their support for their teams by cheering, jumping, and stunting. The cheerleaders' enthusiasm lasts throughout the school year. They cheer on the teams through wins and losses.

Above right. The football cheerleaders stunt during the game to get the fans involved.

Right. Basketball Cheerleaders. Front: Katie Zancig, Caitlyn Klosterman, Lisa Kirsch, Allison Fagerness. Back: Jenny Erickson, Sarah Meier, Laura Schmidt, Cassandra Schaffer, Jena Niesen.

Below. The wrestling cheerleaders bunch for a picture during a meet.



Above. Wrestling Cheerleaders. Front: Summer Sutalo, Kristi Wagener, Ashley Artmann. Center: Jenny Litfin, Rachel Knickerbocker, Rachel Minzel. Back: Jen Mochinski, Jennifer Capaul.

Fall Sports Cheerleaders. Front: Lisa Kirsch, Crystal Zancig. 2nd Row: Ellie Goenner, Jennifer Schmakel, Caitlyn Klosterman, Jackie Pitts, Allison Fagerness. 3rd Row: Becky Luedloff, Danielle Sampson, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Leah Gjertson, Laura Schmidt. Front: Megan Rasmussen, Charity Zabel, Willie, Megan Haberling, Juliet Hong.

Cheerleaders



Lakettes Move into Tougher AA Competition

The Waconia Lakettes met their goal of qualifying for state at the first ever Dance Team Sectional Tournament.

Even though the team moved up to AA and faced competition from much larger schools, they managed to place ninth at state.

With only nine returning dancers this year, the young team worked hard in and out of practice to meet their goals. With the strong leadership of captains Kristen McCune, Heather Anquist and Gina Meuwissen, the veterans worked with the rookies to build the team. Kristen McCune

spent many hours working on most of the choreography for the team's three dances.

According to Coach Kristi Berlin, "Dance Team in Minnesota is changing! This year was the first year of the changes and Waconia came out smiling with a ninth place finish in the state."

Far left. During performance season, Kristen McCune dances to the "Wild Wild West" program.

Below left. Enthusiastic danceline members Melissa Wenzel, Molly Anquist and Amber Krause perform at a pepfest.

Below. The high kick danceline finish their program, "Magic Melody."



Danceline. Front: Gina Meuwissen, Kristen McCune, Heather Anquist. 2nd Row: Coach Kristi Berlin, Tracy Winkler, Melanie Butler, Danielle Sampson, Molly Anquist, Ellie Goenner, Coach Amy Segner. 3rd Row: Jackie Pitts, Amanda Hoops, Sarah Feerhusen, Julie Dalbec, Jenny Sorensen, Brooke Simonson, Katie Rademacher. Back: Melissa Wenzel, Megan Rasmussen, Lisa Smestad, Charity Zabel, Amber Krause, Jenny Schmakel.



Above. Brooke Simonson shows real enthusiasm at a fall pepfest.

Gymnastics Team Members Meet Individual Goals Under New Coach

New gymnastics coach Jenny Trelsted described the 1999-2000 season as a "feel it out season. The girls were getting to know the coach, and the coach was doing the same with her gymnasts."

Although the team didn't quite make

their season goal of 115.00 for a team score, the girls did make their individual goals.

The greatest strength of the team was having two responsible and dedicated senior captains, Melissa Ittel and Crystal Zancig, who were excellent role models

for the younger team. Unfortunately, Melissa suffered an injury at the end of the season, putting an end to her performing.

At the sectionals finals at Watertown, the Wildcats placed seventh out of nine teams with a score of 110.45.



Gymnastics Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
95.385	Howard Lake	95.95
103.475	Waterville	99.95
110.9	Glencoe	115.00
101.45	Annandale	120.05
104.45	Becker	113.95
109.85	STMA	130.675
111.65	Rockford	127.85
108.45	Delano	130.425
106.275	Dassel	115.4
109.2	Watertown	133.65
Sections 7th out of 9		

Top right. Leah Gjertson soars to new heights as she executes her dive roll on beam.

Top left. Melissa Ittel dances to the music of Jerry Lee Lewis while executing her floor routine.



Gymnastics Team. Front: Allie Clauson. 2nd Row: Melissa Ittel, Crystal Zancig. 3rd Row: Kittie Peterson, Maddie Sims, Nicole Sampson, Kate Munson, Katie Haupt. 4th Row: Anna Carrigan, Jaebo Ward, Megan Haberling, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Leah Gjertson, Jolene John.

Interview with the Captains



What is the most difficult event in gymnastics for you? Why?

"The hardest apparatus in gymnastics for me is beam. You have only a few inches on which you are supposed to balance your weight. I don't have the balance and am scared of heights."

Crystal Zancig

"The uneven parallel bars are the most difficult because it's based a lot on timing. You may have a skill one day and have your timing thrown off the next day and not be able to do it. Also, your hands get ripped apart!"

Melissa Ittel



Above. Lacey Ahlbrecht begins her routine on the parallel bars.



Top. Emily Lamberger adds a little flair to the Major Flag feature.

Center. The show starts off with flags building up to rifles. From left: Becky Luedloff, Emily Lamberger, Heidi Keller, Martha Saunders.

Winter Guard Completes Fifth Year of Competition

The Waconia High School winter guard has been involved with the Northstar circuit for five years. This year's guard consisted of eight members in grades eight through ten. The guard was instructed by Kristin Kiefert with help from Rachelle Rosin and Sabrina Dunn. The music performed this year was "New Born Friend" by Seal. The group members helped contribute their thoughts and ideas to improve the show; the team had a successful season.

Above. Winter Guard. Front: Heidi Keller, Emily Lamberger, Amanda Neil, Becky Luedloff. Back: Coach Kristin Kiefert, Marissa Held, Scott Connor, Tasha Lindemann, Coach Sabrina Dunn.

Girls Place Second in Subsections

After four months of competing very hard, the WHS girls' basketball team played their best at tournament time. During subsections, they upset Brooklyn Center and Delano, and lost to Blake by only five points. Placing second in subsections was the highlight of their season.

Coach Tom Doyscher indicated that the team had met their goals for the tournament, but that they had hoped for more regular season wins. The team ended the season with eleven wins and fourteen losses.

Named All-Conference were senior Andrea Drapcho and junior Lacy Skoog.



Top right. Nicole Ristow gets tied up trying to get the ball from an Annandale player.

Center left. Coach Tom Doyscher instructs his team on their next moves.

Center right. Andrea Drapcho goes up for a wide open shot.

Above. Holly Olson puts on a ferocious defense.



Varsity Girls' Basketball Team. Front: Andrea Drapcho, Cristy Jensen. Center: Nicole Ristow, Lacy Skoog, Megan Doyscher, Holly Olson, Emily Tongen, Natalie Ristow. Back: Coach Tom Doyscher, Lisa Koehler, Natalie Timmers, Jessi Williams, Amanda Hedtke, Audra Lehrke, Coach Alison Thorson.



Interview with the Captains



What is the key to having a winning team?

"I think that teamwork is the key to having a winning team. All of the players must be willing to communicate with each other and there can be no feelings of animosity. A team with these characteristics will function better and win more games."

Cristy Jensen

"To have a winning team, you need to have a team that gets along well on and off the court, and plays together as a team."

Andrea Drapcho



J-V Basketball Team. Front: Jenny Hilgers, Lisa Koehler, Kirstin Klason, Natalie Ristow, Audra Lehrke. Back: Katelin Murphy, Emily Tongen, Natalie Timmers, Amanda Hedtke, Leah Indrelle, Coach Alison Thorson.

Girls' Basketball Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
47	Superior	41
47	Rhineland	42
44	Orono	54
46	Delano	57
41	Mayer Lutheran	43
49	Mound	45
38	Westonka	
	Minnehaha	68
	Acad.	
50	Becker	29
42	STMA	62
58	Watertown	43
41	Dassel	57
53	Norwood	51
46	Annandale	60
45	Glencoe	44
52	Becker	31
50	Delano	58
51	STMA	77
63	Watertown	41
41	Dassel	70
37	Annandale	49
20	Sibley East	35
55	Glencoe	62
52	Brooklyn Center	44
55	Delano	51
24	Blake	29

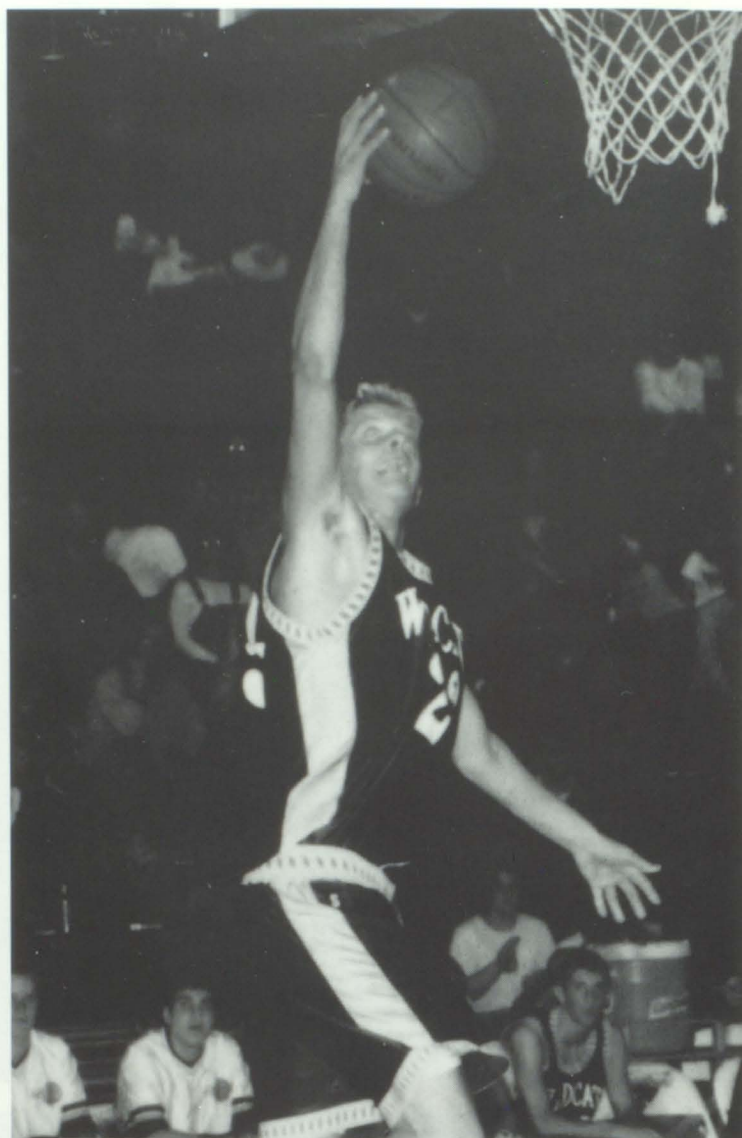
Top: Lacy Skoog jumps up for the rebound against the Watertown Royals.

Wildcats Unable to Maintain Consistency throughout the Season

Although the boys' basketball team started out the year playing well, the team had trouble maintaining consistency throughout the season. The team had hoped to do better in the conference and to go farther in the playoffs.

In addition to having nine seniors on the team, a major strength was that many of the players were very close in ability. Because of that, in a lot of games, five different players would be rotated every four minutes.

The team ended the season with nine wins and eleven losses. Three losses occurred in overtime, including the sub-section loss to Brooklyn Center.



Top right. Joe Masurka is left alone after driving past the defender for a layup.

Center left. Kyle Ague puts on a hard press defense against the offense.

Above. Number 25 Paul Ague adjusts his body to get the shot off against the Whitehawks.

Varsity Boys' Basketball. Back: Erik Sorensen, Scot Rewerts, Dave Philp, Ryan Murphy, Joe Masurka, Paul Ague. Center: Coach Sayles, Coach Herrmann, Ethan Miller, Kyle Ague, Kevin Kuphal, Chris Schmitz, Coach Conrady, Coach Meier. Front: Chris Rettig, Kyle Rambow, Andy Acosta, Trent Klein, Joe Reitsma, Travis Klein.

J-V Boys' Basketball. Front: Ernie Flemig, Alex Kranz, Rob Pesch, Matt Hentges. Center: Coach Herrmann, Matt Hennen, Adam Hastings. Back: Bill Diers, Ryan Rosin, Matt Wagener, JR Kerkhoff.



Below. Ryan Murphy puts on some showtime in an early game of the season.

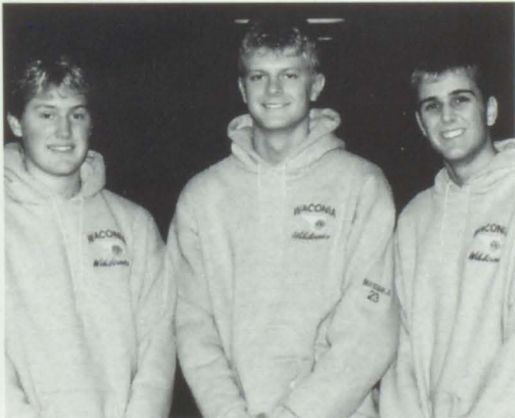


Boys' Basketball Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
42	Mound Westonka	56
63	Chaska	53
74	Orono	69
48	Minnehaha Acad.	42
53	STMA	44
76	Watertown	93
62	Dassel	36
53	Annandale	70
50	Glencoe	45
50	Becker	55
	(Overtime)	
57	Delano	79
52	STMA	58
	(Overtime)	
70	Sibley East	60
47	Watertown	72
48	Annandale	55
41	Glencoe	43
66	Becker	56
63	Dassel	52
55	Delano	72
60	Brooklyn Center	68
	(Overtime)	

Interview with the Basketball Captains

What is the key to having a winning team?



Senior basketball captains Scot Rewerts, Joe Masurka, and Dave Philp.

"To have a winning season, the first thing a team needs is fundamentals. After that there needs to be a certain level of trust among the players. Every member of the team has to play their hardest and play together. When these elements are present, winning is inevitable." **Joe Masurka**

"Playing together, having fun, being competitive; trying to balance these three is the key to a winning season in any sport."

Scot Rewerts

"Recognizing and utilizing team strengths." **Dave Philp**

Center left. Kyle Rambow uses his muscle to get off a tough shot.

Individuals Contribute to Team's Success — Twenty-Six Letter

The Wildcat wrestling team had another great year. Making it to the region finals, the team wrestled state runner-up St. Michael-Albertville tough in the finals, and five underclassmen — Scott Stein, Matt McGowan, Matt Turek, Dennis Westlund, Josh Jorgensen — qualified for the individual state tourney. One highlight of the season was upsetting state ranked Brooklyn Center in the region semi-finals.

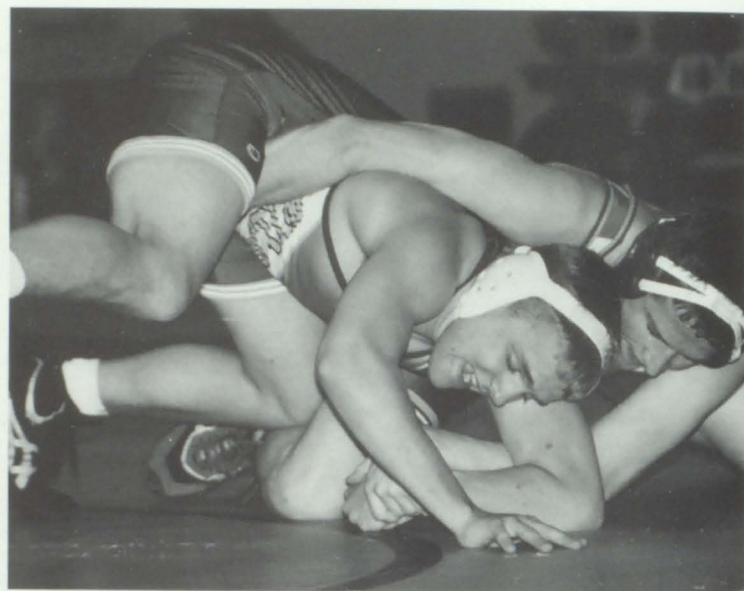
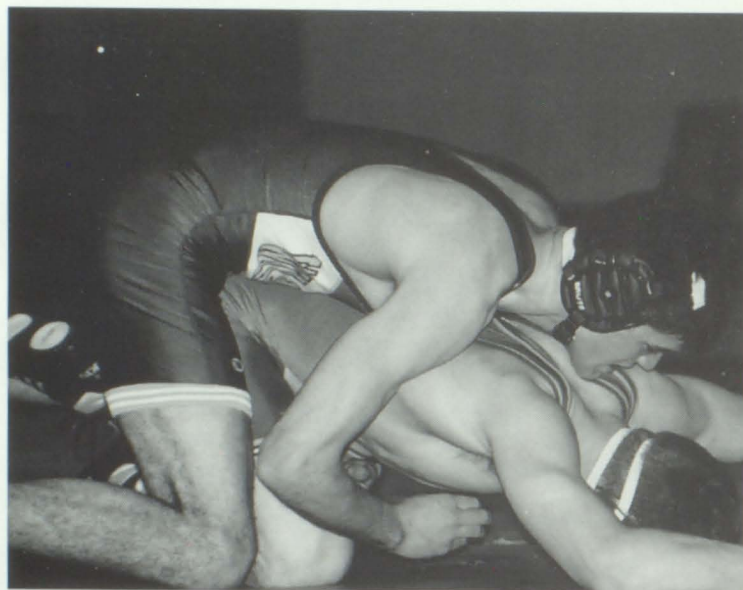
According to Coach Elsenpeter, "our strength was also our weakness." He indicated that the team was almost too

balanced and could have used a few individuals that would dominate and be sure-wins no matter what. "Our season was filled with ups and downs. Due to many circumstances, it was tough to get momentum going early but we peaked when we had to and finished on a good note," Coach Elsenpeter summarized the season.

Right. State qualifier Josh Jorgensen puts pressure on his opponent.

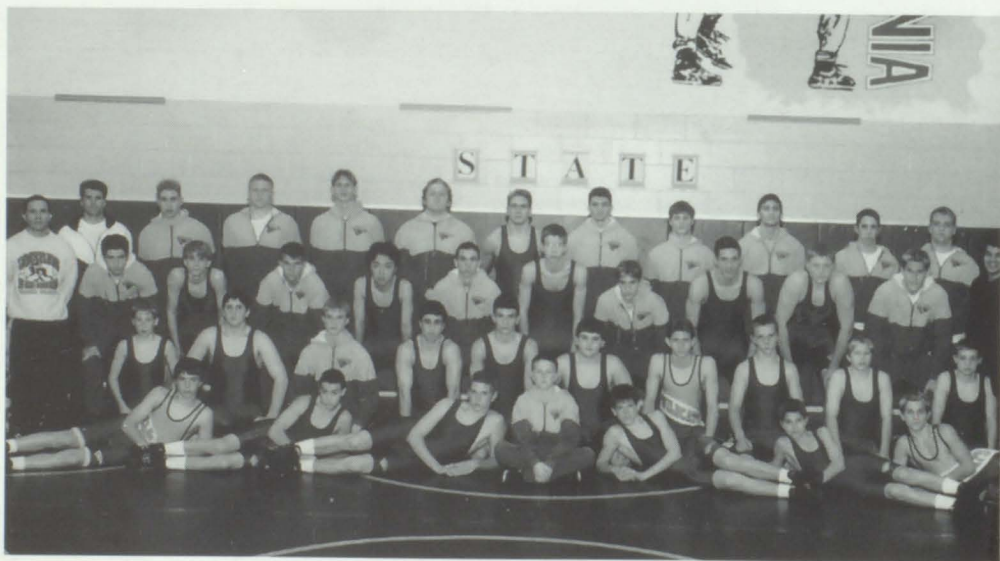
Below left. Jesse Timm puts the crunch on his opponent.

Below right. Jake Meyer uses his strength to wrestle against the STMA Knight.



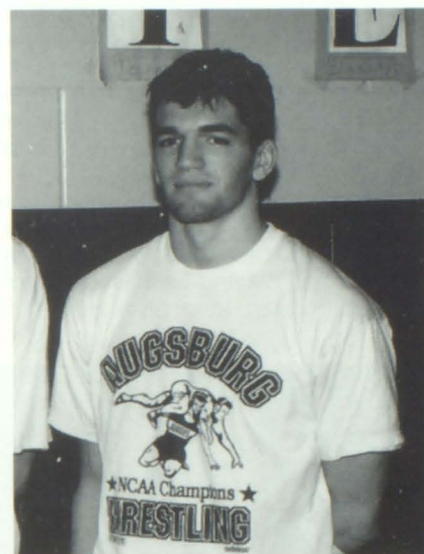
Wrestling Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
6	Dassel	53
42	Shakopee	24
43	Glencoe	15
39	Wayzata	18
10	Milaca	52
18	St. Cloud Tech	40
28	Becker	30
29	Lester Prairie	27
25	Norwood	38
45	Watertown	12
16	Elk River	36
27	Brainerd	31
33	Moorhead	32
47	Delano	15
69	DLS	6
27	Annandale	31
61	BSM	9
75	Washburn	0
44	CDH	18
18	STMA	44
45	Fridley	18
46	Orono	23
28	Brooklyn Center	25
12	STMA	47



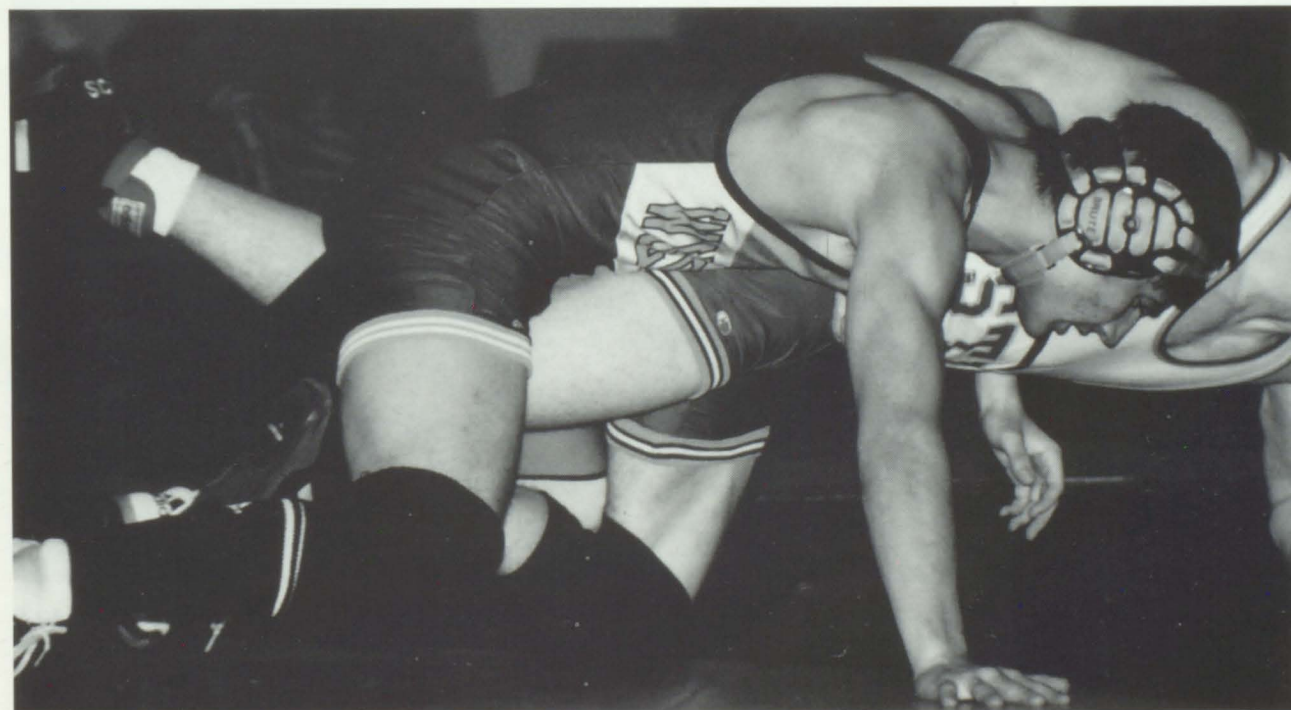
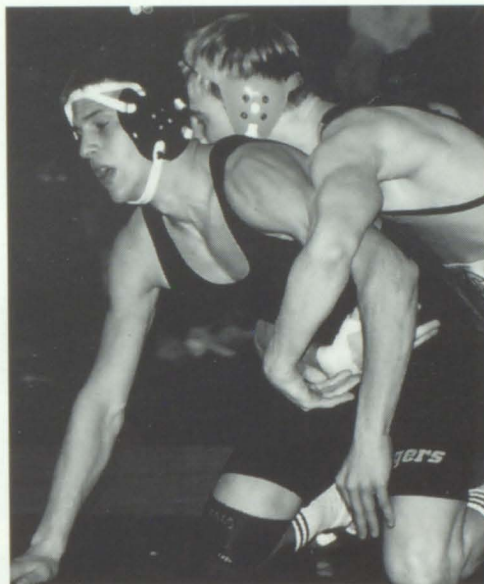
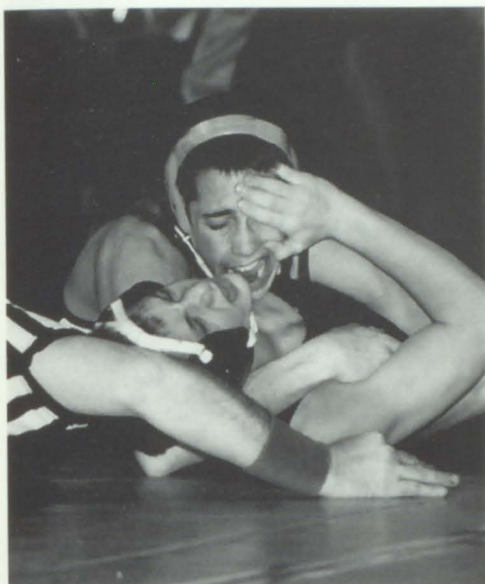
Wrestling Team. Front: Dan Hoernemann, Eddie Laumann, Dan Pohl, Chris Bullis, Ben Timm, David Flemig, Johnny Priess. 2nd Row: Brian Cook, Justin Davis, Dennis Westlund, Mike Groschen, Jason Beck, Matt Heger, Greg Dierdorf, Garrett Morgan, Sean Lewis, Phil Franklin, Coach Elsenpeter. 3rd Row: Coach Berg, Josh Jetto, Adam Schlagel, Josh Jorgensen, Hiroyaki Haraguchi, Aaron Chinander, Kevin Thompson, Matt Turek, Bob Samuelson, Dan Schuette, Andrew Fredericksen, Coach White, Coach Wagener. Back: Coach Pettit, Aaron Sorensen, Matt McGowan, Jeff Dierdorf, Brent Walmsley, Adam St. John, Jesse Timm, Josh Schilling, Scott Stein, Jason Biskey, Jake Meyer.

Interview with the Captain



What is your best memory since you started wrestling?

"The greatest memory of wrestling I have has to do with watching the team grow over the years. Then all of the hard work paying off in a trip to the state tournament. It was great to be a part of such a fun group of guys." **Jesse Timm**



Top. Andrew Fredericksen prepares to pin his opponent.

Center left. Jay Biskey expresses total determination to pin his Fridley opponent.

Center right. Dennis Westlund tries to tame a Delano Tiger.

Bottom. Junior Scott Stein has the will and determination to win.

Softball Team Proves Nearly Unstoppable!

The Wildcat softball team had an amazing season! They won the Wright County Conference and the subsection championship. At sections, the team came in second after a tough fight against Delano. The girls had a tremendous season and reached all of their goals, if not exceeded them.

The team was led by their pitcher, Lisa Koehler, who did an outstanding job. However, the entire team succeeded by scoring runs and playing well. Overall, the Wildcats played an awesome game of

softball and accomplished wonderful things and captured new records.

Coach Elsenpeter summarized the season, "This year Waconia came out of nowhere. Only the players, the coaches and some of the parents envisioned the team doing this well. The girls accomplished a lot when many in the area thought it would be a rebuilding year."

Right. Kelli Pletsch slides safely into third base.

Below right. Catcher Kristin Pletsch awaits the fast-ball from pitcher Lisa Koehler.



Center left. Senior Rachel Stenger hurries the throw to first after a diving play.

Above. Junior Holly Olson fires the ball to first after fielding the ball sharply.



Above. Varsity Softball. Front: Jenny Menth, Rachel Stenger, Julie Hoen. Center: Natalie Ristow, Kristin Pletsch, Audra Lehrke, Kelli Pletsch, Nicole Ristow. Back: Coach Elsenpeter, Holly Olson, Lisa Koehler, Maren Delaney, Amanda Hedtke, Amber Krause, Coach Goldschmidt.



Interview with the Captains



What were your team's greatest accomplishments this season?

"Our team's greatest accomplishment was winning the conference championship. This was the first time Waconia softball has ever achieved conference champs." **Rachel Stenger**

Besides winning the conference title, "Another big one is the teamwork that we have together. It's great and maybe it will earn us a trip to state." **Julie Hoen**

"We are all good friends off and on the field. That helped us win the conference with a 17-2 record and get first place at sub-sections against Delano. But most of all our greatest accomplishment will be when we win the state tournament." **Jenny Menth**

Left. Pitcher Lisa Koehler gets ready to deliver another strike to the opponent.



Above. J-V Softball. Front: Amanda Hedtke, Jessi Williams, Tanya U'Ren, Emily Tongen. Center: Tina Pogatchnik, Kirstin Klason, Sarah Gibbs, Megan Rasmussen, JaeBo Ward. Back: Coach Goldschmidt, Tara Nelson, Jessica Falk, Brooke Simonson, Jenny Hilgers, Tanya Clemensen.

Varsity Softball Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
8	Rockford	9
10	STMA	5
2	Delano	0
11	Dassel	0
14	Watertown	0
9	Annandale	1
8	Brooklyn Center	0
5	Minnehaha Acad.	0
13	Mpls Edison	1
8	Becker	0
5	STMA	0
0	Delano	1
4	Norwood	3
15	Dassel	5
7	Glencoe	1
5	Watertown	0
5	Annandale	2
8	Becker	3
7	Glencoe	2
6	Norwood	1
7	Delano	1
2	Dassel	0
4	Delano	5
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Baseball Team Completes Winning Season

The Wildcat baseball team had an exciting season. The team won a total of eleven games and were led by a great group of seniors. The team's highlight was beating Breck, who was ranked in state and who had knocked them out of the playoffs the year before.

The 2000 team was well balanced in all aspects of the game. Coach Grundhofer was very pleased with the season and

how the guys played. The team exceeded their goal of winning ten games when they won their eleventh against Watertown. Coach Grundhofer looks forward to next year, although he will have a hard time saying goodbye to this year's seniors because "I have known some of these young men since the eighth grade."

Right. Joe Ansell tries to intimidate the pitcher with his deadly stare.



Center left. Terry Klaers focuses on catching the ball to get the batter out.

Center right. Catcher Drew Gulden hurries to get the ball after blocking a wild pitch.

Above. Pitcher Joe Masurka gets ready to unleash a fast ball on the opposing batter.



Varsity Baseball. Front: Andy Acosta, Drew Gulden. Center: Trent Klein, Joe Gast, Dann Chrest, Adam St. John, Nate Wood, Brady Bussler. Back: Coach Grundhofer, Josh Brandenburg, Joe Masurka, Andy Eischens, Terry Klaers, Kyle Ague, Joe Ansell.



Interview with the Captains



What were the team's greatest accomplishments this season?

"I'll have to say our success in the post season; otherwise, our revenge on Breck."

Josh Brandenburg

"When we beat Breck 4-3 when they were ranked in state, and when we hit home runs against Becker."

Adam St. John

Besides beating Breck, "Five home runs vs. Becker and Joe Masurka's game winning home run vs. Glencoe."

Brady Bussler

Left. Senior Brady Bussler tries to get under the tag of the Watertown catcher.



J-V Baseball. Front: Travis Frank, Luke Schiller, David Powers. Center: Scott Loscheider, Chuck Wagner, Matt Heger, Adam Hastings, Alex Kranz, Karl Kranz. Back: Ernie Flemig, Billy Diers, Ryan Rosin, Matt Hennen, Justin Davis, Tony Klein.

Varsity Baseball Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
2	STMA	13
11	Orono	10
6	Delano	11
1	Dassel	3
12	Watertown	4
18	Annandale	7
4	Waterville	1
9	Jordan	10
4	Breck	3
20	Becker	7
6	STMA	8
9	Delano	2
0	Glencoe	7
2	Dassel	7
5	Glencoe	4
7	Annandale	8
5	Becker	2
2	Chaska	11
9	Mayer Luth.	1
7	Watertown	2
2	Rockford	16

Eight Individuals Qualify for State

The Wildcats completed another winning season, with eight individuals qualifying for state competition. The 4 x 200m relay team of Dave Philp, Erik Sorensen, Jesse Timm, and Kyle Rambow qualified, as well as the 4 x 800m relay team of Cristy Jensen, Natalie Timmers, Sonja Ellingson, and Kaylee Rasmussen. In addition, Erik Sorensen qualified in the 100m dash and the 200m dash, Dave Philp in the 110 hurdles, and Natalie Timmers in the 800m run. Erik Sorensen and Dave Philp were included on the *Star Tribune* Honor Roll.

The girls finished second in the conference; the boys, third. In sub-sections, the boys placed second; the girls third. At sections, both teams finished fifth.

Coach Connie Manuel described the season: "A great season, highlighted by large numbers to start with, lots of personal bests and individual achievements, and ending with eight individuals going on to state competition. Dedication and a willingness to work were shown by all." The returning state competitors provided excellent leadership throughout the year.

Top left. Senior Dave Philp takes flight during the long jump.

Top right. Junior Leah Gjertson stretches for distance.

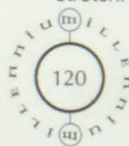


Center right. Emily Cousin completes the handoff to Jenny Sorensen.

Above. Kyle Rambow rings it around the home stretch.



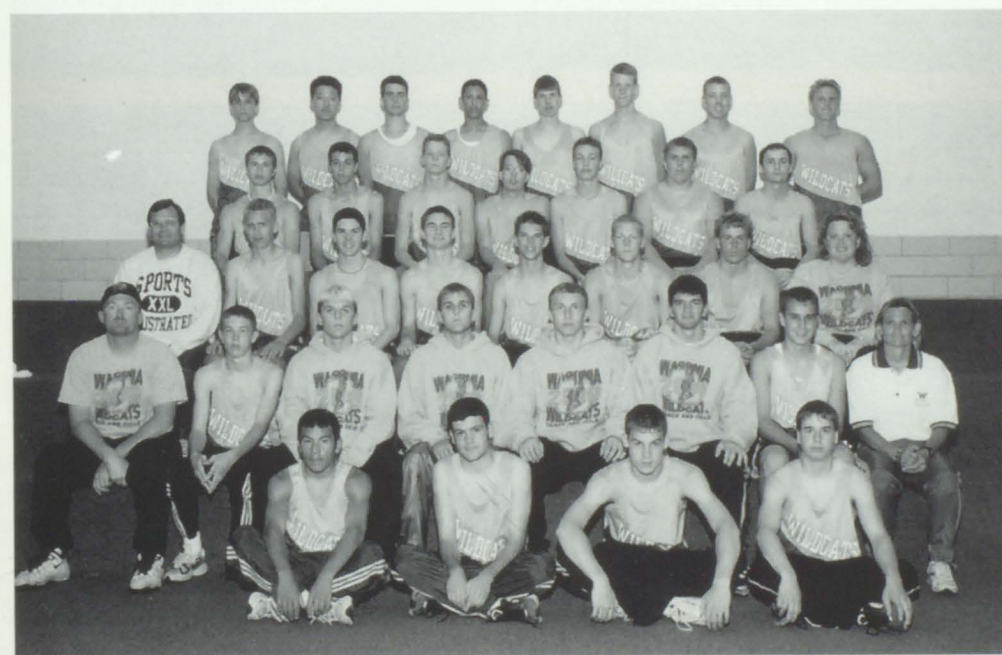
Above. Girls' Track. Front: Coach Grimsley, Coach Hullander, Coach Manuel, Coach Dondelinger. 2nd Row: Cristy Jensen, Natalie Timmers, Tabitha Deleeuw, Jenny Schnobrich, Lindsey Lano, Katie Rasmussen. 3rd Row: Kerstin Palm, Jolene John, Emily Cousin, Maggie Hilliard, Meghan Menssen, Amanda Lemke, Anna Carrigan, Kittie Peterson. Back: Sonja Ellingson, Leah Gjertson, Jenny Sorensen, Leslie Litfin, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Juliet Hong, Heidi Paulson.



Track



Left. Sophomore Tabitha Deleeuw hurdles to glory.
Below. Travis Roush manages to get over the bar during the high jump.



Above. Boys' Track. Front: Andy Frank, Joe Dimler, Travis Roush, James Dressen. 2nd Row: Coach Grimsley, Brad VanEyll, Erik Sorensen, Dave Philp, Kyle Rambow, Jesse Timm, Dan Philp, Coach Manuel. 3rd Row: Coach Hullander, Kory Rambow, Ben Weaver, Philip Litfin, Alex Krukowski, J.R. Kerkhoff, Dusty Gesinger, Coach Dondelinger. 4th Row: Matt Hughes, Ken VanEyll, Marc Ellingson, Zach Johnson, Anthony Smith, Mike Hilliard, Rob Pesch. Back: Adam Schlager, Sungmin Hong, Evan Johnson, Micah Young, Chris Rettig, Eric Ellingson, T.J. Austin, Drew Johnston.



Center right. Cristy Jensen uses her endurance to reach the end of the relay.

Above. Senior Erik Sorensen finishes ahead of the pack.

Girls Win Conference, Sub-Section, Section

The girls' golf team continued their winning ways in 2000 by taking first place at conference, winning sub-sections at Cannon Falls, and then winning the section 4A tournament at River Oaks in Hastings. Following these wins, the team advanced to the state tournament in St. Cloud. According to Coach Donna Moonen, the kids played great, especially Brittany Willborg, who tied for first at sections. Named All-Conference were Brittany Willborg, Megan Doyscher, and Melanie Hoggarth.

The boys' golf team had a very enjoya-

ble season. In their first match, they beat Annandale, and they also took first at Becker. The team was very well balanced and everyone was capable of shooting low scores. Matt Jensen, Matt Priess and Dylan Sletton received All-Conference honors, while Paul Ague and Murphy Steiner received Honorable Mention All-Conference. With no seniors on the team this year, they look forward to a great season next year.

Below. J-V Boys' Golf. Front: Joe Pogatchnik, Jacob Sutherland. Back: Ryan Wood, Eric Randt, Joe Sanocki, Lucas Meyer, Nate Hendren.



Top. Matt Priess follows through on a fairway shot. **Center right.** Junior Nate Hendren putts for a birdie. **Above.** Freshman Brittany Willborg goes for the green on a drive.



Girls' Golf. Front: Megan Doyscher, Melanie Hoggarth, Sarah Marsden, Brittany Willborg, Emily Van Kirk. Center: Laura Swift, Megan Sterner, Kerin Jetto, Kate Solheim, Jackie Jensen. Back: Jackie Pitts, Tess Surot.



Left. Senior Melanie Hoggarth drives down the fairway at Island View.

Below. Junior Joe Sanocki carefully lines up a putt.



Varsity Boys' Golf. Back: Joe Sanocki, Caleb Jetto, Paul Ague, Matt Priess, Josh Jetto, Murphy Steiner, Coach Sayles. Front: Matt Jensen, Dillon Sletten.



Above. Junior Megan Doyscher plots her way out of a sand trap.

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Swim Team Places First in Conference

The 1999 combined swim team from Waconia, Delano, and Watertown completed their regular season undefeated. They received first place in the Wright County Conference. Coached by Dave Nace, the team had three members from Waconia — Shaina Zuppke, co-captain; Chrissy Nelson; and Jessica Williams. The diving team, coached by Dan Jetto, had one member from Waconia — Martha Saunders.



Below left. Shaina Zuppke swims the freestyle at one of the team's meets.

Below. Chrissy Nelson beats out the competition while doing the breast stroke.



Waconia Swim Team. Below. Back: Shaina Zuppke. Front: Martha Saunders, Chrissy Nelson, Jessica Williams.



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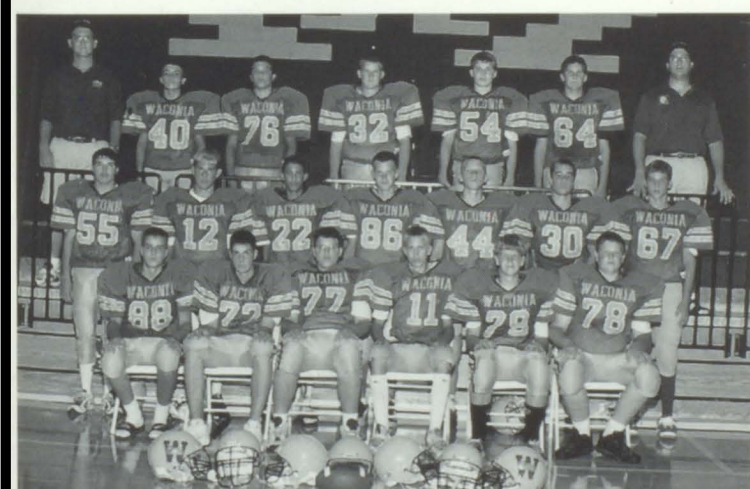
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We would like to extend our thanks to all those who helped make the production of this yearbook possible. Especially Ms. Danger, Mr. Torborg, Anne Mueller, the staff, and all you wonderful people who purchased this amazing book. The theme "Once in a Lifetime" was chosen because the millennium was something we will only experience once. Many small things that occur in our daily lives are "once in a lifetime" happenings, also, but we don't always acknowledge that they may never happen again.

We had a blast creating this book for you and hope you enjoy it also. Thanks again.



Karyn Laulainen and Lisa Kirsch



Daniel Joseph Condon ~ October 6, 1984-May 5, 2000

A freshman and friend, Dan Condon passed away in a recreational vehicle accident. Dan was friendly, fun-loving, and fearless. He had high spirits and spunk that left a lasting impression on those who knew him.

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Once in a Lifetime" was the theme picked for the 2000 Millennium edition of *Pawprints*. The book was published by Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas, Texas. Designed on UltraVision software, the 128-page book was printed on 80 lb. enamel paper, Smyth sewn, with a black Krinkle-grained embossed cover with Mylar-top gold foil stamping. The endsheets were Taylor-designed and printed in gold. The page size of the book was increased from 7 3/4" x 10 1/2" to 8 1/2" x 11." The body copy was 10 point Bern, the captions 8 point Bern. Each section had its own headline font. Introduction and Division Pages: Nouveau, Students: Finesse, Academics: Ballardvale, Activities: Genesis, Sports: Bodoni 2 Campanile. There were 420 books sold at \$40.00 each. The Taylor sales representative was Anne Mueller and the yearbook adviser was Barbara Danger.

Coffeehouse Spotlights Art and Literary Accomplishments

A coffeehouse was held in the media center on May 31, 2000, to introduce *Impressions*, the first art and literary magazine published by Waconia High School. The project was spearheaded by Ms. Gregor and Mrs. Fischer. The coffeehouse featured many talented artists and musical performers from the student body.

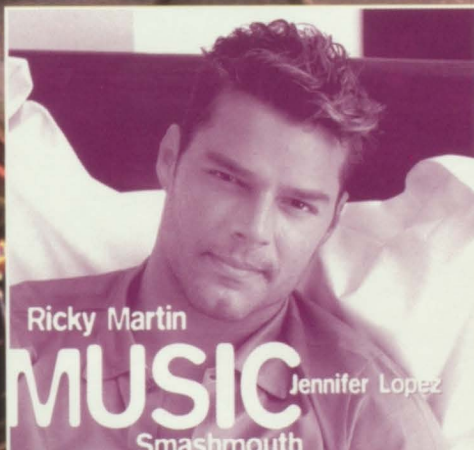


Above. An amazing number of students were attracted to the media center throughout the school day to listen to the musical entertainment.

Left. Junior Matt Anderson played his own musical compositions for coffeehouse visitors.

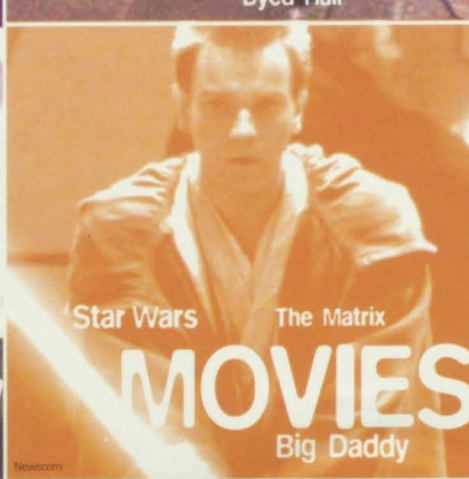
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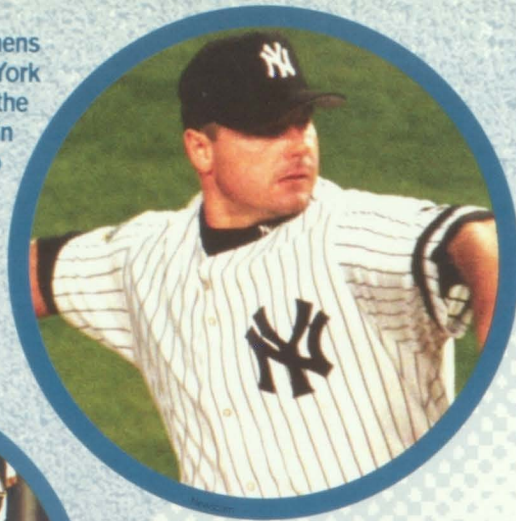


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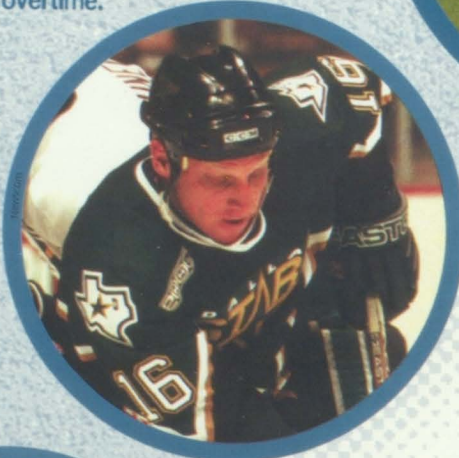


Dallas Stars
SPORTS
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NEWS

Roger Clemens helps the New York Yankees beat the Atlanta Braves in four games to win the 1999 World Series.

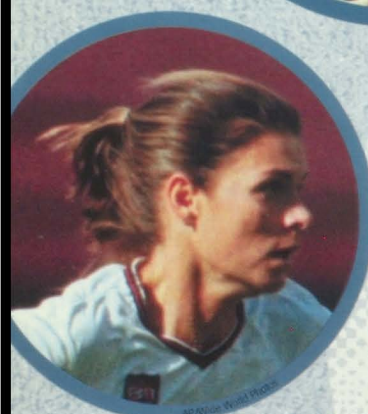


The Dallas Stars capture the Stanley Cup with Brett Hull's game-winning goal in triple overtime.



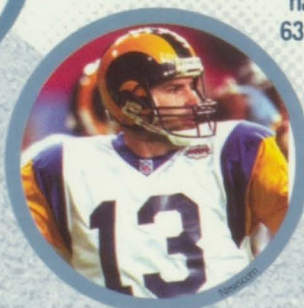
In sports, it was a year for firsts. Forty million viewers tuned in to watch the U.S. Women's Soccer Team triumph over China and Tiger Woods win six straight PGA tournaments. The Dallas Stars became the first team since the 1994 New York Rangers to win both the President's Trophy and the Stanley Cup in the same season. In addition, Lance Armstrong overcame a bout with cancer to win his first Tour de France.

Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain lead the team in a 5-4 narrow, penalty-kick victory over China to win the Women's World Cup.



Tiger Woods' PGA Tour winning streak comes to an end when he is beaten at the Buick Invitational.

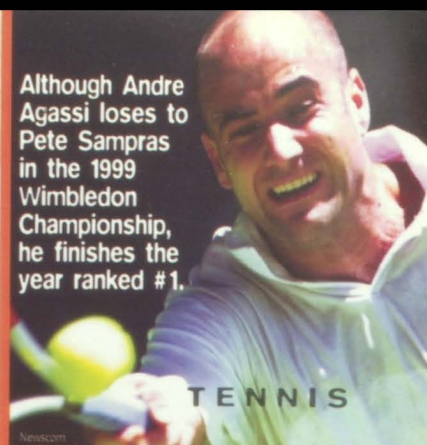
Chicago Cubs' right fielder Sammy Sosa hammered out a big 63 homeruns in 1999.



Quarterback Kurt Warner leads the Rams to a 23-16 victory over the Tennessee Titans in Super Bowl XXXIV.

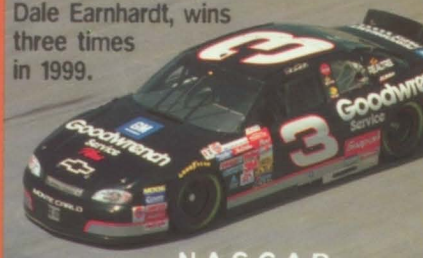


Although Andre Agassi loses to Pete Sampras in the 1999 Wimbledon Championship, he finishes the year ranked #1.



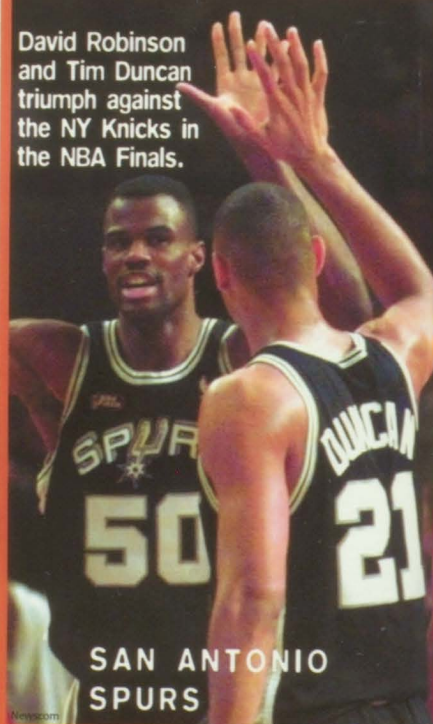
TENNIS

The Winston Cup Series Champion, Dale Earnhardt, wins three times in 1999.

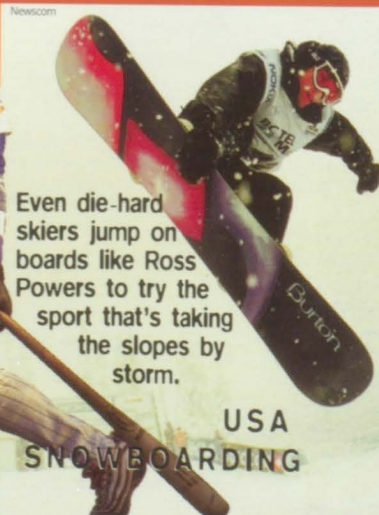


NASCAR

David Robinson and Tim Duncan triumph against the NY Knicks in the NBA Finals.



SAN ANTONIO SPURS

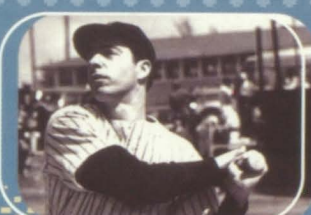
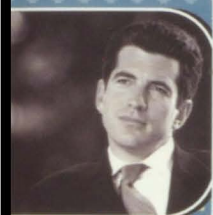
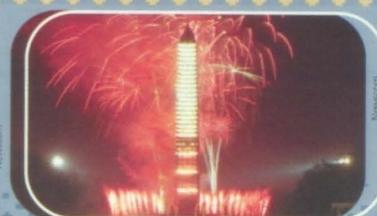
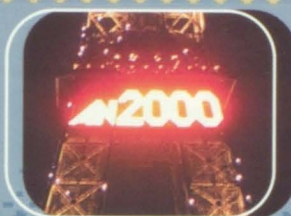


Even die-hard skiers jump on boards like Ross Powers to try the sport that's taking the slopes by storm.

USA SNOWBOARDING

SPORTS

The year 2000 was greeted with celebrations across the globe, including a fantastic fireworks display at the Eiffel Tower and religious ceremonies in Jerusalem. Looking back on 1999, we see a year filled with hope for the future, but also a year plagued by war and natural disaster. The conflict in Serbia kept the world on the edge of its seat, while earthquakes, tornadoes and winter storms focused our attention on international relief efforts. In 1999-2000, we also said goodbye to some of the world's most beloved celebrities including John F. Kennedy Jr., Walter Payton and Charles Schulz.



WEATHER

The century came to a close with an upsurge of natural disasters. Hurricane Floyd caused \$4.2 billion worth of damage on the East Coast while snowstorms crippled regions of the Northeast and Midwest. Internationally, earthquakes killed thousands in Turkey, Columbia and Taiwan.

MILLENNIUM

While some stockpiled Y2K supplies and safeguarded their computers against the "millennium bug," others rang in the new century with fireworks, parties and religious celebrations. While merchandise branding the date 01.01.00 filled stores, millennium countdown clocks were seen everywhere from billboards to post offices.

DISCOVERY

The Hubble Telescope, Earth's orbiting eye to the heavens beamed back pictures of new planets and nebulae, while kinks in the NASA Mars Polar Lander mission delayed hopes of discovering more about the mysterious red planet.

GOODBYE

As we said goodbye to the century, we also said goodbye to some of the world's most beloved celebrities. John F. Kennedy Jr. was killed in a private plane crash while Charles Schulz passed away on the night before his last "Peanuts" comic strip was to be published in Sunday papers around the world. Sports legends Walter Payton, Joe DiMaggio and Tom Landry also left us this year.

MUSIC

Alternative band SMASHMOUTH releases their much anticipated sophomore album "Astro Lounge."



BACKSTREET BOYS

The Backstreet Boys release their smash album "Millennium" and take home the 1999 American Music Award® for Favorite Pop/Rock Band/Duo/Group.



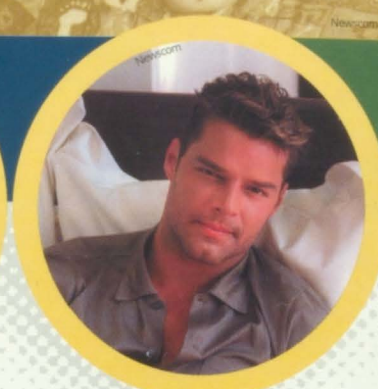
JENNIFER LOPEZ

Latina actress and singer Jennifer Lopez debuts her pop album "On the 6" scoring a dance hit with "If You Had My Love."



FAITH HILL/TIM MCGRAW

The country couple both receive nominations at the 1999 American Music Awards. Faith Hill's album "Breathe" debuts at #1 on the Billboard Top 200.



RICKY MARTIN

"Livin' La Vida Loca" and "She's All I Ever Had" take Ricky's first English album multi-platinum.

BRITNEY SPEARS

"Boy Bands" and Latin superstars lead the 1999-2000 music scene. 'N SYNC and Backstreet Boys keep fans screaming for their good looks and slick dance moves. Ex-Menudo vocalist Ricky Martin wows audiences with his first English album, and actress/singer Jennifer Lopez scores big with her own first album, "On the 6." The biggest success story of the year, however, is former Mouseketeer Britney Spears' meteoric rise to fame via her debut LP "...Baby One More Time."

These cool cowgirls continue to enjoy the success of their breakthrough album "Wide Open Spaces."

TLC returns to the hip-hop scene with "Fan Mail," featuring the singles "Come On Down" and "No Scrubs."



DIXIE CHICKS



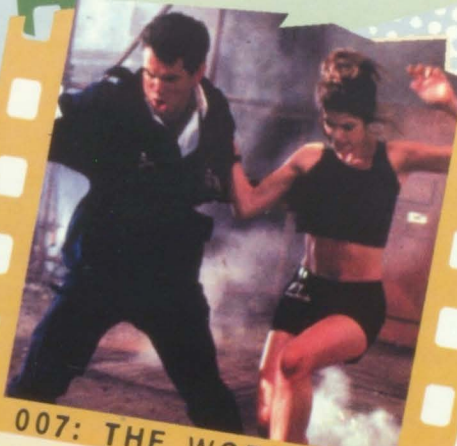
TLC





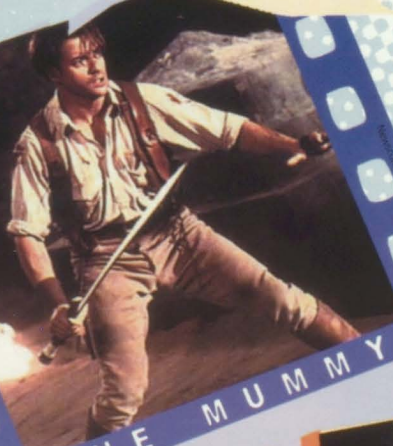
BIG DADDY

Comedian Adam Sandler tries his hand at parenting to impress Joey Lauren Adams. Co-stars include Cole and Dylan Sprouse and SNL buddy Rob Schneider.



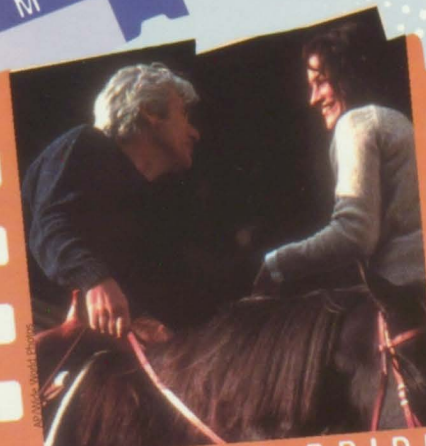
007: THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH

Returning as 007, Pierce Brosnan and beauty Denise Richards carry on the Bond legacy in this 19th installment of the films.



THE MUMMY

Brendan Fraser stars as a soldier in the Foreign Legion who helps unearth a wicked curse in turn-of-the-century Egypt.



RUNAWAY BRIDE

Richard Gere and Julia Roberts reunite in this heartwarming love story about a skittish bride-to-be.



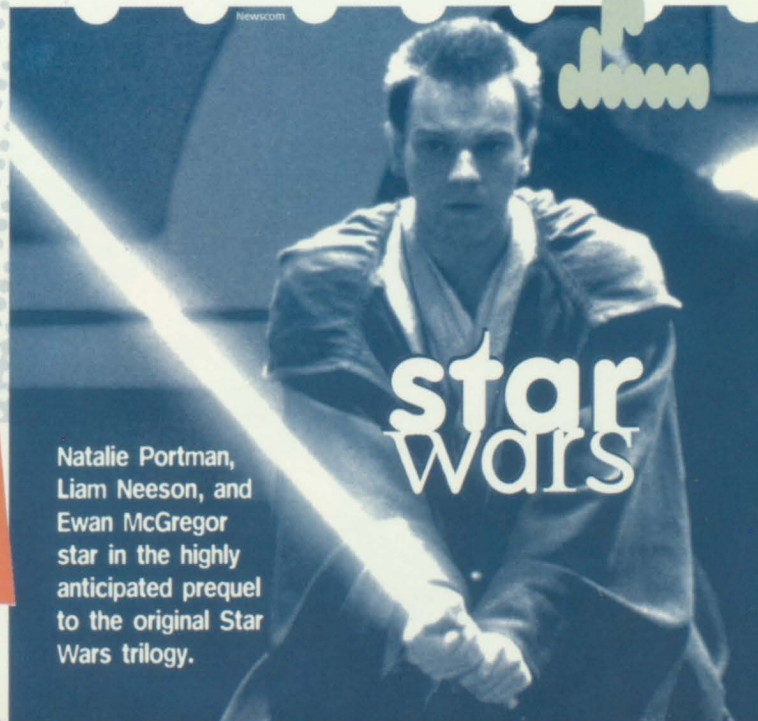
THE MATRIX

Incredible special effects and kung-fu fighting make this sci-fi thriller an instant classic. Keanu Reeves trained for months to pull off moves like this.

George Lucas makes history again with the 1999 release of "Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace." Star Wars fans waited in line days before the premiere in hopes of being one of the first to see the prequel.

"10 Things I Hate About You," a remake of *The Taming of the Shrew*, introduces newcomer Julia Stiles as a high school student who presents a challenge to her suitor Heath Ledger.

Keanu Reeves stars as a 21st century hacker in "The Matrix." This ground-breaking science fiction film excites audiences with computer-generated effects and superbly choreographed fight scenes.



star wars

Natalie Portman, Liam Neeson, and Ewan McGregor star in the highly anticipated prequel to the original Star Wars trilogy.



TIME OF YOUR LIFE

In a "Party of Five" spin-off, Jennifer Love Hewitt's character, Sara, moves from San Francisco to New York, striking out on her own in search of love, success and her estranged father.



E. R.

Julianna Margulies, winner of four consecutive Emmy nominations for her role as head nurse, Carol Hathaway, enjoys the fifth season, with the rest of the "E.R." cast.



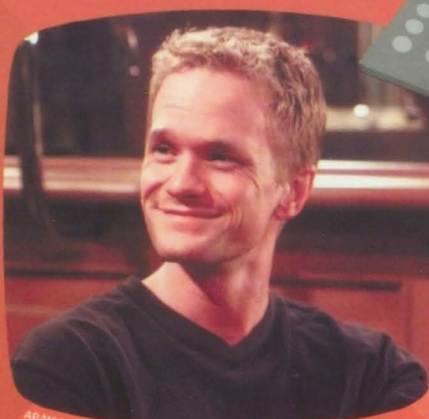
WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE

Contestants, chosen by a call-in selection process, compete to win increasing amounts of money up to \$1,000,000. Regis Philbin coins the phrase of the year with "Is that your final answer?"



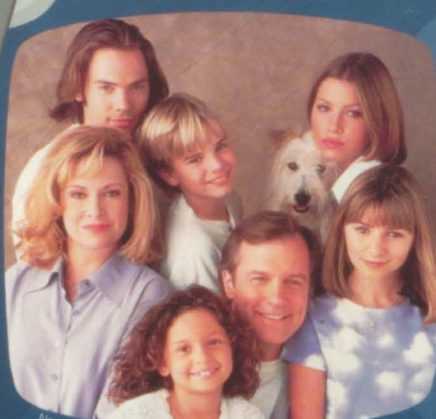
FRIENDS

As the leadoff series on NBC's "Must See TV" lineup, "Friends" continues to enjoy ratings success after six seasons, reaching an audience of 23.5 million people each week.



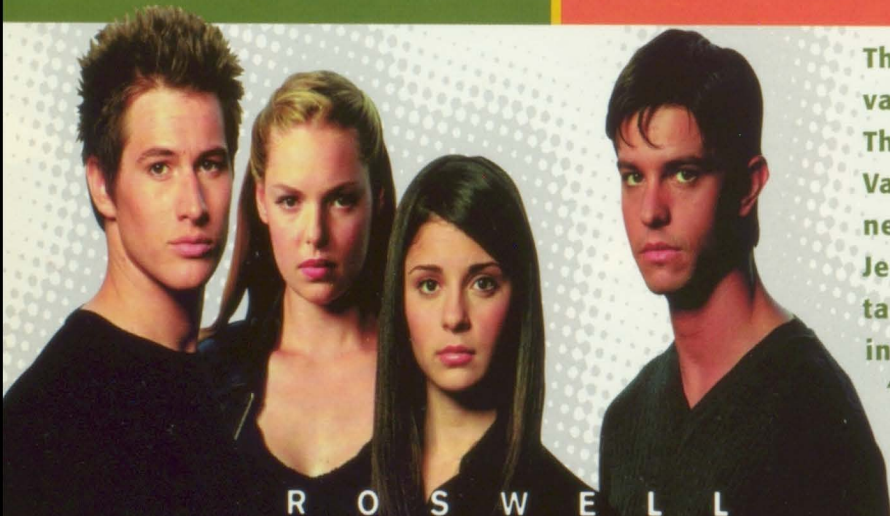
STARK RAVING MAD

Neil Patrick Harris (Doogie Howser, M.D.) stars as Henry McNeely, a young book editor who is thrust into the chaotic, and often hilarious, world of a bestselling horror writer.



7TH HEAVEN

Featuring cast members Jessica Biel and Barry Watson, the WB Network's wholesome "7th Heaven" continues to follow the trials and tribulations of the Camden family.



ROSWELL

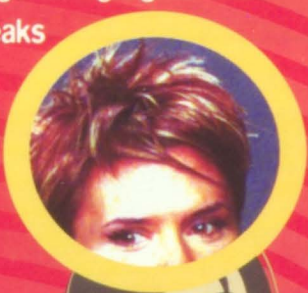
Starring Jason Behr and Shiri Appleby, this sci-fi drama centers around a group of aliens, posing as teenagers, who struggle to conceal their identities while discovering what it means to be human.

The networks presented us with a dazzling variety of shows, many of them teen-oriented. The WB Network led the way with "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Dawson's Creek" and newcomers, "Roswell" and "Popular." Jennifer Love Hewitt ventured out on her own, tackling the concrete jungle of New York City in "Time Of Your Life." Animated sitcom "The Simpsons" remained popular while cartoonist Matt Groening's newest series, "Futurama," gained a wider audience. Finally, talk show personality Regis Philbin crossed over to game shows asking the country, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"

TRENDS

HAIR COLOR:

Girls indulge in highlights and bright streaks



BASEBALL CAPS:

Caps top off the year as well as heads



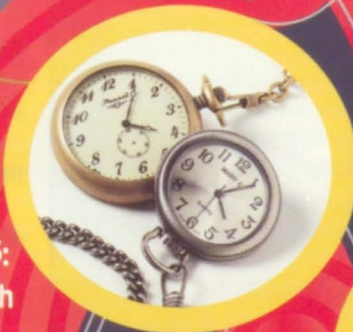
POWERBEADS:

These bracelets give you good karma, good luck and good looks



V-NECK:

Guys are showing their stuff in shirts from GAP® and Abercrombie & Fitch®



POCKET WATCHES:

Turn back time with vintage style watches from popular brands



DRAWSTRING PANTS:

These pants are loose and cool



CARGO PANTS:

Pants that can hold all your stuff



GIRL'S SHOES:

Girls stand tall in fashionable platform heels



BOY DOCS:


Chunky-soled boots by Dr. Martens® remain a favorite



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MUSIC



MP3 players allow music lovers to create their own CDs via downloadable files from the internet.

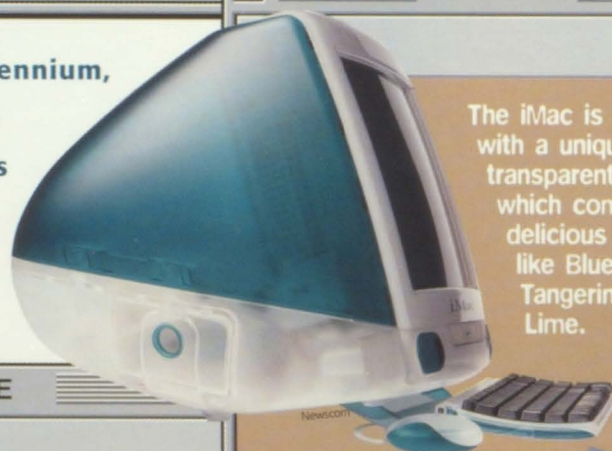
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GAMES



SEGA Dreamcast the 128-bit superconsole, with a built-in 56k modem, brings the most realistic video gameplay ever developed to consumers. Sony will be competing with the updated Playstation 2, due out later this year.


By the end of this millennium, 200 million people are online. E-mail becomes a quick and easy alternative to "snail mail."



The iMac is released with a unique transparent casing which comes in delicious colors like Blueberry, Tangerine and Lime.

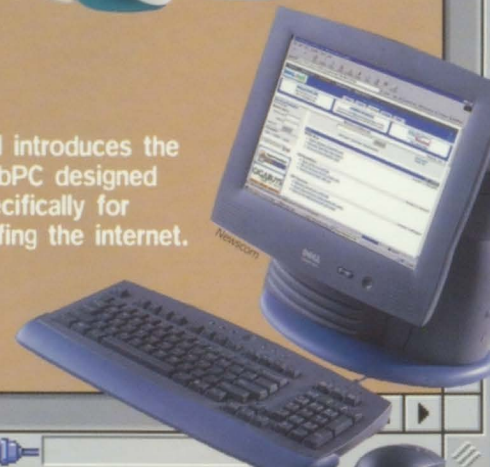
Personal DVD and MP3 players are more accessible; mobile phones are smaller; and Apple introduces a revolutionary new computer design.

PHONE



Mobile phones with features like games, text messaging, paging and caller I.D. are showing up in backpacks across the country, especially with NOKIA Xpress-on™ covers in the color of your choice.

INTERNET



Dell introduces the WebPC designed specifically for surfing the internet.

