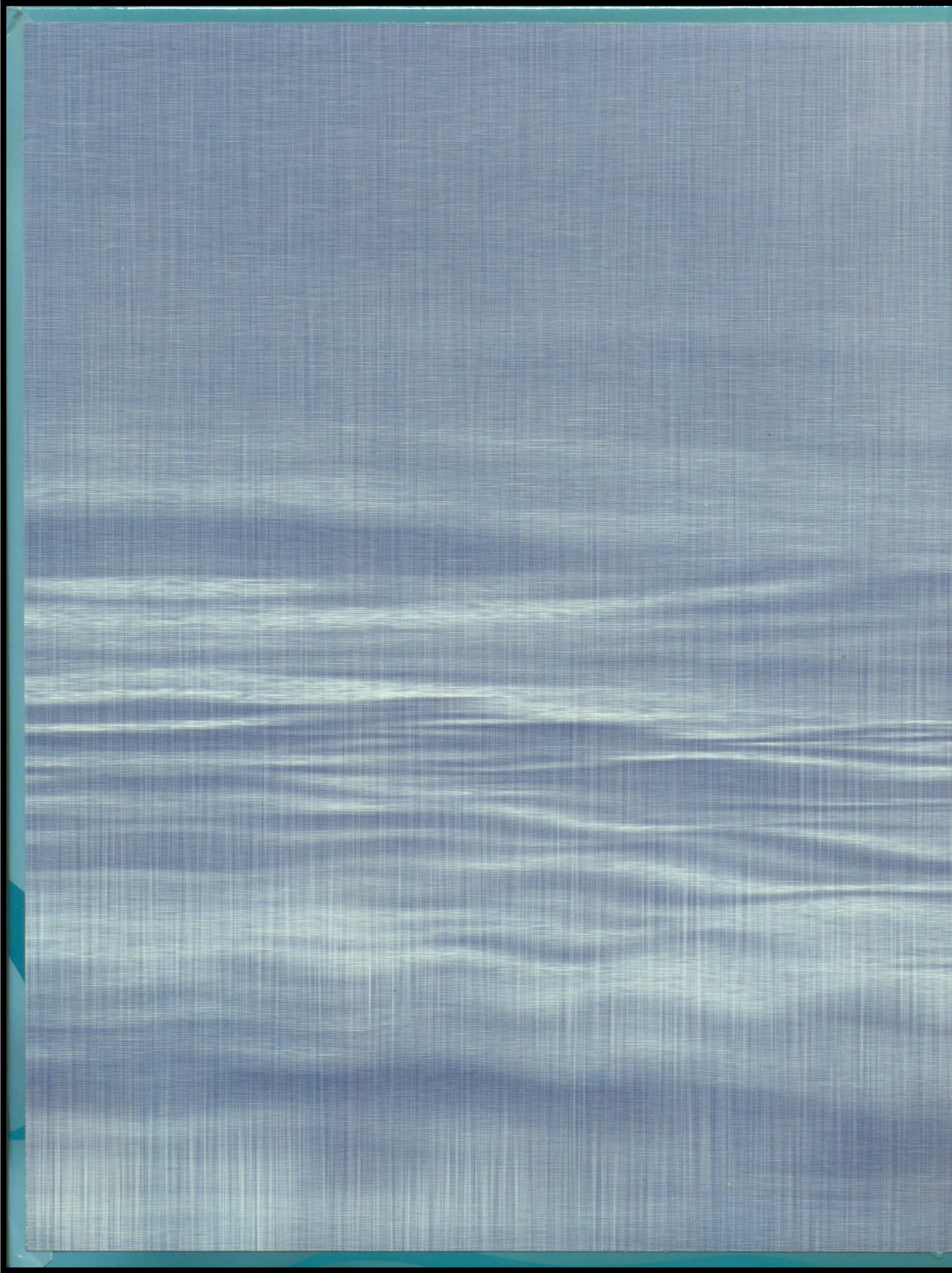


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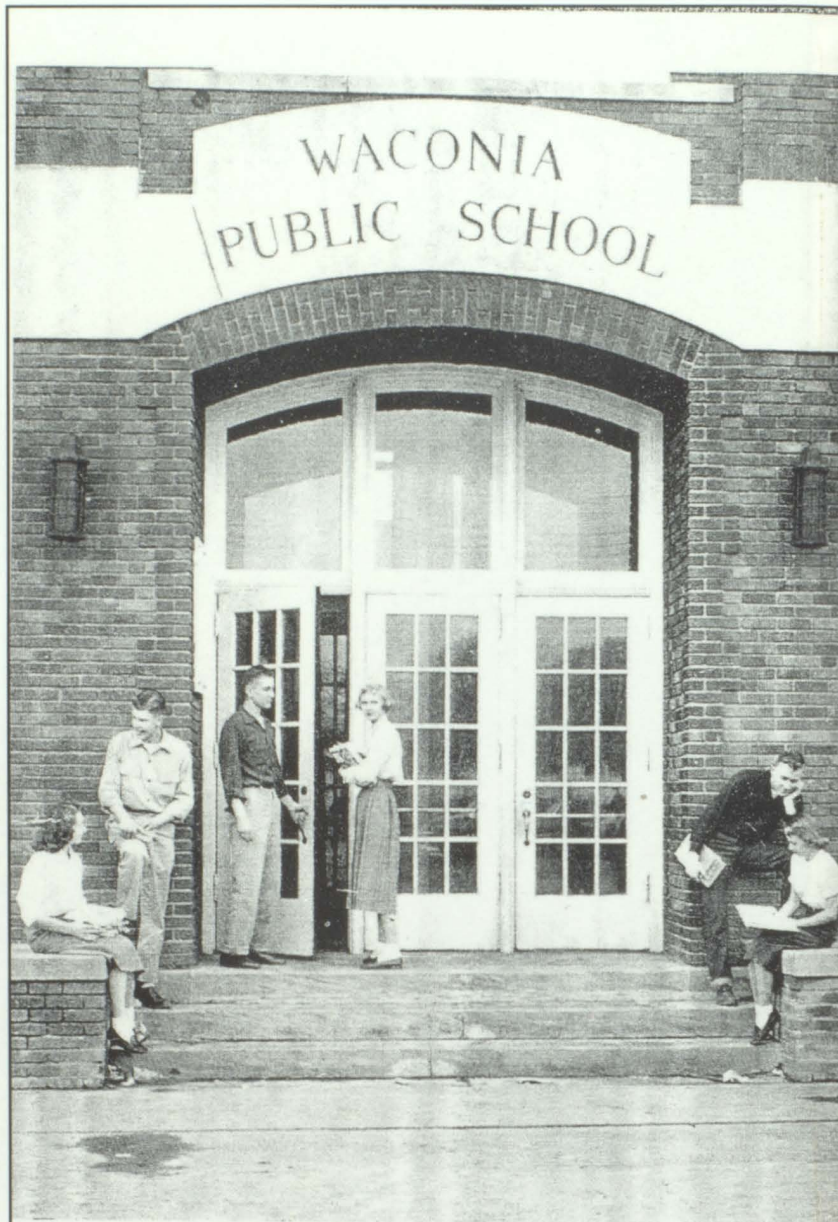
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Reflections: Looking Back, Moving Forward



Where Were They Then?

What was Waconia like long ago? What was the school like? Waconia has a very interesting past. The styles of people back then are so different than the styles of today. The people did their hair differently and wore different clothing. Waconia students sure have changed since that time!

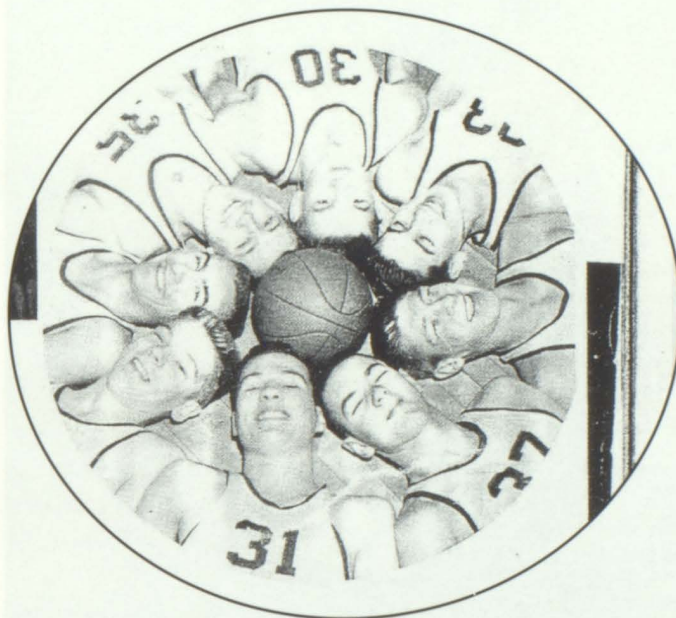


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Waconia, Minnesota

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Above Left: Waconia High School students; Megan VanEyll, Ellie Goenner, Sarah Feerhusen and Julie Dalbec stand in front of the old high school doors, now Bayview Elementary. Above: A picture featuring the doors to Waconia High school, the year was 1954.

Below: Jackie Hennen, Jenna Ely and Louise Klingelhutz gather in front of the old high school. Middle Row, Below: A group of girls gather in front of the school before school, in 1954. Bottom: An aerial view of the old Waconia High School in 1973. Right: This year's Basketball team poses for a picture. Middle Row, Right: Basketball team members from '54 show their camaraderie.

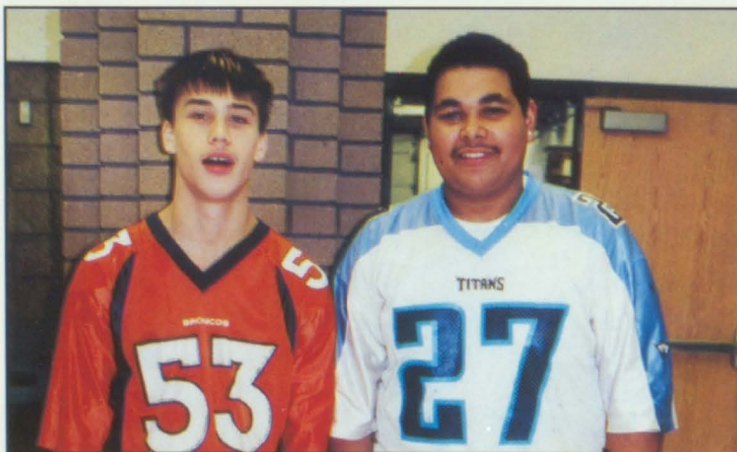


Reflecting on the Current Status

As you *move ahead* in your life, you will *look back* and realize that high school has taught you so much. You learned the meaning of a *true friend*. You learned that sports aren't just about winning the game, but working as a team to *achieve a goal*. You learned *not to judge* a person based on clothes and appearance. You found out that some of the *niciest people* are the ones you never thought you would talk to. You realized that you *actually learned* when you passed that impossible test. You

cultivated talents in the artwork you designed and the stories you wrote, and you were *proud*. You learned to get along with teachers to pass classes. You learned to *work hard* and *persevere*. When you *look back* and *reflect* on these years, you will realize that *high school* didn't teach you about English, math and science nearly as well as it *taught you about life*. - Katie Rajewsky

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Above: Trendier than ever are wool sweaters! Seniors Jessie Falk, Jake Edlund, and Sarah Meier all stay warm in sweaters.

Top left: With her sparkling tank top, denim skirt, and chunky silver bracelet, junior Franny Gustafson displays many current trends at once.

Bottom left: Sophomore friends Chris Newman and Nate Turner wear the jerseys of their favorite football teams.



Top left: Ryan Rosin, Matt Hentges, and David Powers shop at the popular store Abercrombie and Fitch.

Top right: Abby Welch and Jenny Sorensen wear wool sweaters, while Megan Sterner wears a new trendy long sweater, and Alicia Ertl displays her jean jacket.

Center right: Sophomore Jeremy Robb and freshman Brian Lenzen share a similar and trendy haircut.

Bottom right: Senior Cara Hendrickson shows off her tattoo and eyebrow piercing.

Teens Reflect on the Road Ahead

Sarah Gibbs - Grade 12

Q: What do you plan to accomplish by your 10-year high school reunion?

A: Started career, fluent in at least one other language, want to travel - mostly in Europe.

Q: What will be the strongest pressures facing teens in future, in your opinion?

A: To be encouraged to be in sports from parents and to do well in school.

Q: What will your generation most be remembered by?

A: I think it may be remembered for further advancements in technology. Also, cloning and other experimental procedures will hopefully lead to improvements in fighting diseases.



Evan Johnson - Grade 11

Q: What are your plans after high school?

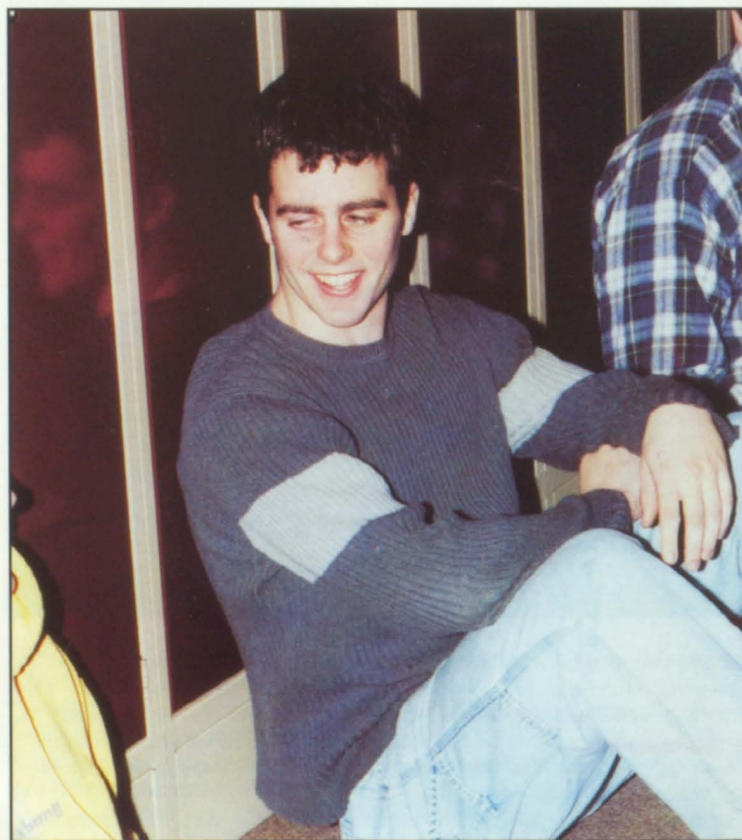
A: I plan to attend a four year college and get a degree in a subject of my interest. Then I plan to step into the real world, get a steady job, get married, and live a happy lifestyle which I would enjoy. In this lifestyle, I will be doing a lot of traveling.

Q: What issue do you think will face our nation in the future?

A: I believe that overpopulation will pose a problem to our nation, probably in the near future. This will not only be a problem for our nation, but also for European and Asian countries.

Q: What will your generation most be remembered by?

A: We will be known as the computer/technology generation. This is what we run our lives with.





David Deering - Grade 10

Q: What are your plans for the future?

A: I want to go to St. Thomas and get a Business degree.

Q: What do you plan to accomplish by your 10-year high school reunion?

A: Have a family, be married with two kids, and work for a big company where I get to travel a lot.

Q: How do you think Waconia/District 110 will change in the future?

A: Waconia is going to turn into a city, because everyone wants to move here.

Megan Fredericksen - Grade 9

Q: What do you plan to accomplish by your 10-year high school reunion?

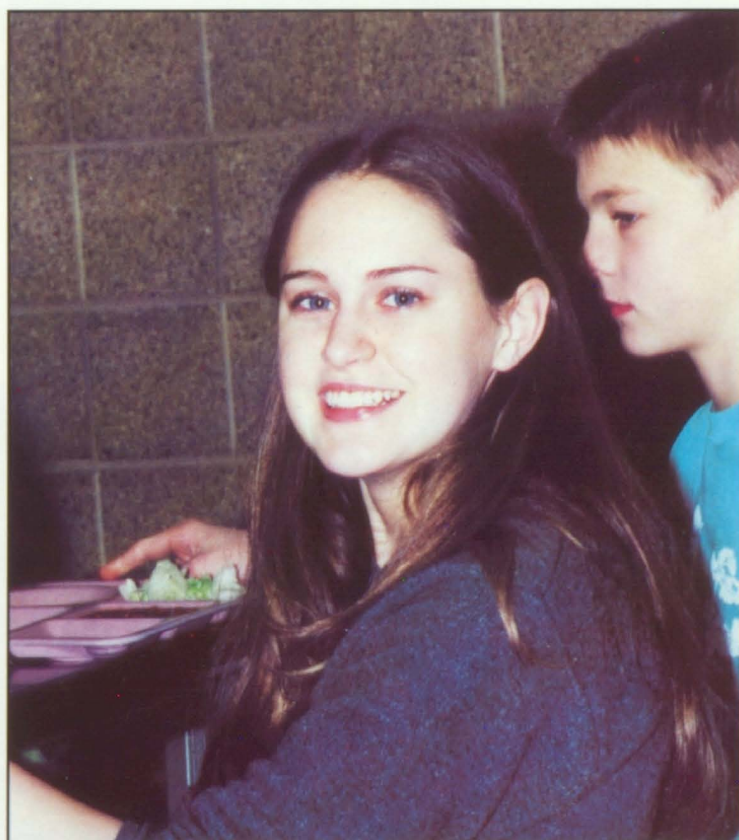
A: I want to have a job, own my own home, and maybe have a family.

Q: How do you think Waconia/District 110 will change in the future?

A: In time, I am sure the community will grow larger and bigger schools will need to be built.

Q: What will your generation most be remembered by?

A: Probably the war and terrorism.





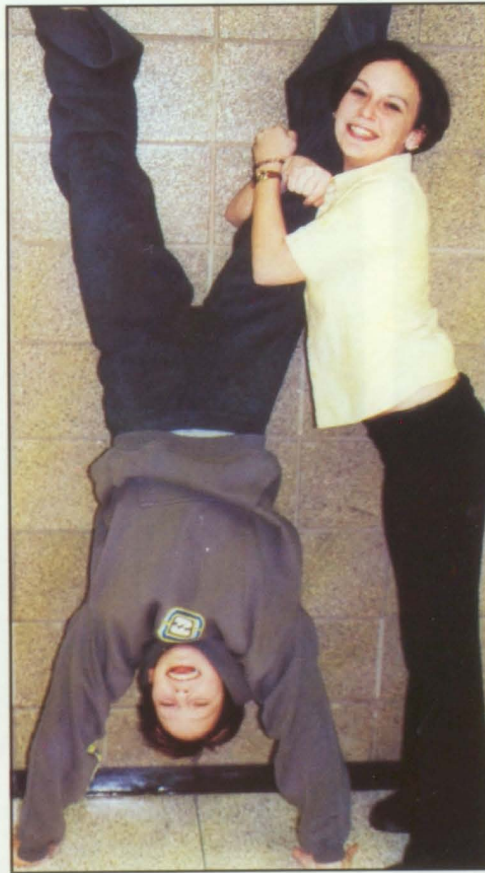
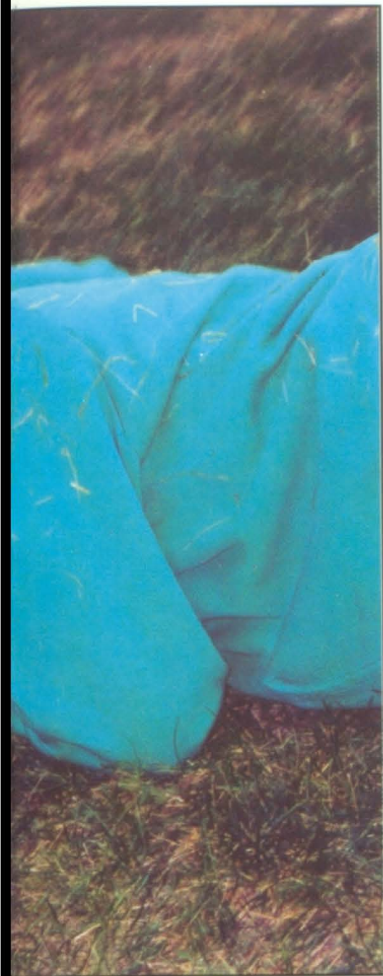
Top Right: Marc Ellingson gets thrown in the trash can by Ernie Flemig and Matt Heger.

Above: Lucy Gunness gleefully rolls down the grassy knoll.

Top Left: Leanne Tanguay and Lori Ledoux and Ernie Flemig show off their best faces to the camera.

Bottom Right: Julie Dalbec and Jenny Sorenson give "Dennis Rodman" (Molly Lenzen) a smooch.

What Is a Wildcat's Favorite Color? Purrrrrrrrrple!



Above: Baillie Miller poses as a natural born diva.

Left: Lacey Thompson spots Tara Nelson who is showing off

her gymnastics ability.

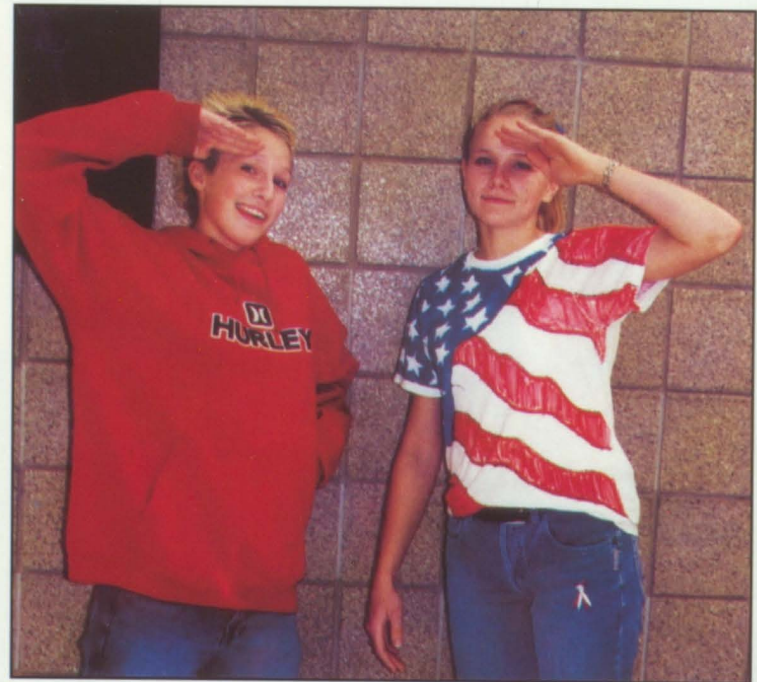
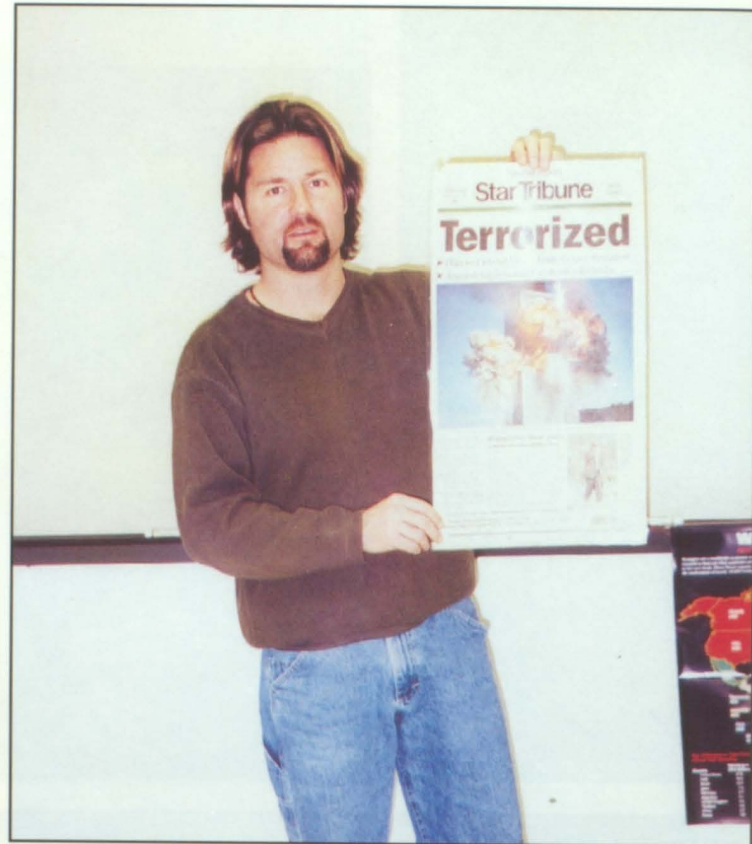
Top: Amanda Janzen and Jeremy Robb put their muscles on display.

Students Show Their Patriotism

Reflecting on September 11th

September 11th, 2001 was a day that America suffered an enormous loss due to terrorism. On the school front at WHS, students along with the community of Waconia and the

rest of America displayed patriotic colors for the mourning country. United and standing firm, students demonstrated the pride that comes with being a citizen of the United States of America.

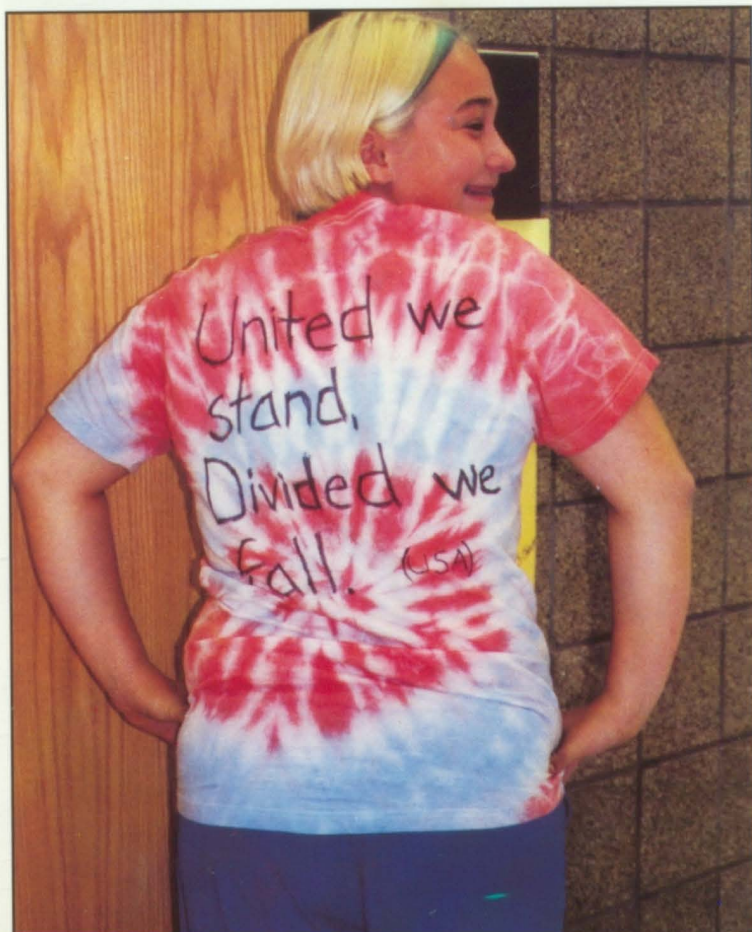


Top Left: Freshmen girls gather together to show of their red, white, and blue.

Top Right: Mr. Machtemes shows students the newspapers from the world trade centers attacks.

Bottom Left: Citizens of Waconia show how patriotic they can be.
Bottom Right: Tara Nelson and Alicia

Ertl Salute America in their patriotic outfits.

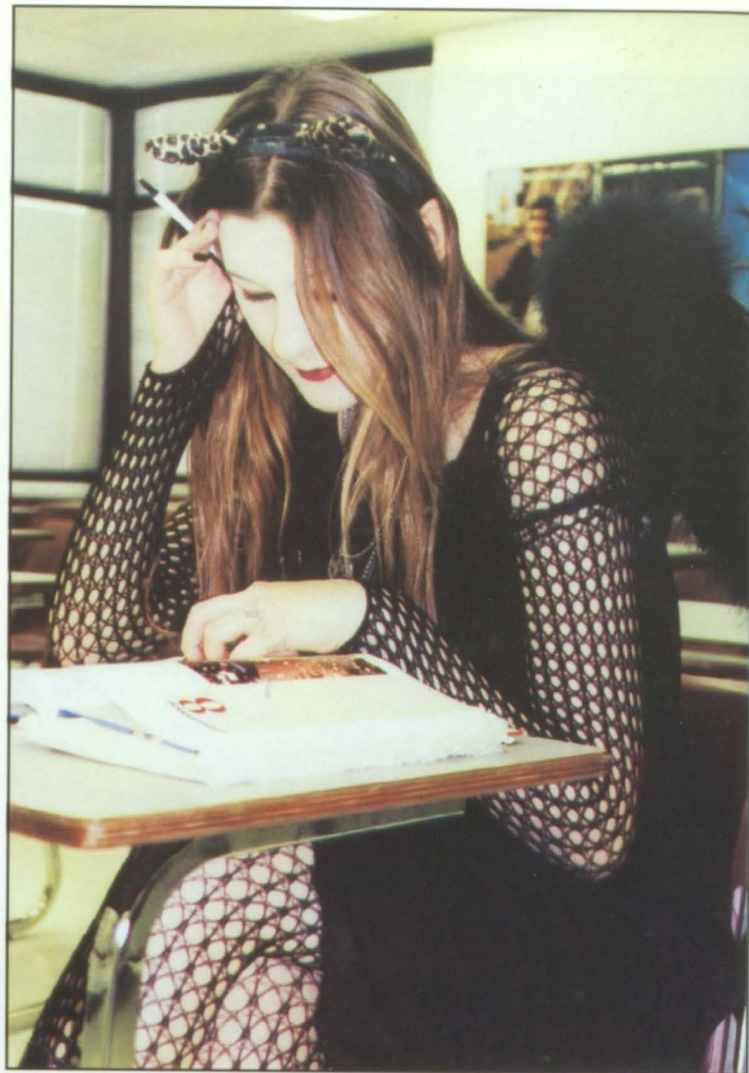


Top: Tim Niccum, Taylor Stangret, Luke Schiller, Jessie Falk, Marie Goguel, try to spread the peace.
Left: Katie Braun sports her homemade

patriotic shirt.
Right: A local gas station gives citizens of Waconia words of wisdom.

Waconia Students Work Hard

Students Work at School



Top Left: Jeremy Brandenburg works hard on his project for woods class.
Middle Left: Valene Zakashefski, Jeremy Gesinger, Adam Dalen, and Adam Schlagel work together on their project in Foods.

Left: Jacob Leshner concentrates on his writing project.
Top right: Anna Szczepanski focuses reading her book in economics.
Above: Sasha Landskov works on a worksheet in class.



Students Work after School



Top Left: Matt Wagener keeps up the good work at Mackenthun's grocery store.

Above: Megan Sterner, Akayla Stevens, and Sarah Meier work together at Snyder's Drug Store.

Top Left: At work, Amanda Allen gives Heather Webster her receipt.

Left: Katie Wachholz proudly displays a coffee cup at her place of work, Frost & Steam.





Students



Top: Seniors Jenny Sorensen and Sean Bailey.
 Above Right: Freshmen Kari Luce and Ali Lenzen.
 Above: Juniors Shelby Lenzen, Becky Mieseler, Alaina Caviness and Roxanne Mieseler.
 Right: Sophomores Reilly Schoo, Andy Bongard, Damon Laukala and Justin Ludwigson.
 Far Right: Senior Brittnei Talley, Junior Heidi Paulson, Sophomore David Deering, Senior Helene Hagenloch, Junior Megan Haberling, and Senior Sarah Gibbs.



Seniors

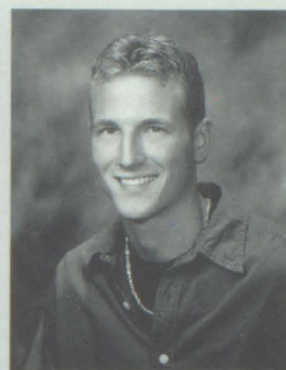
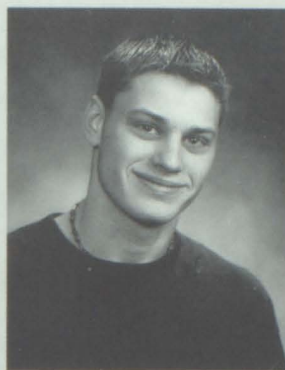


Above left: Good friends Heidi Keller and Emiley Lamberger pose for the camera.

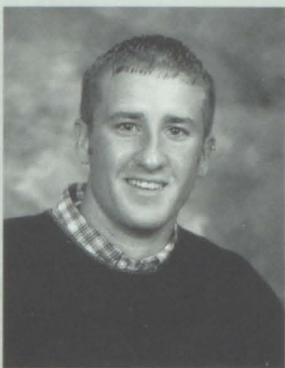
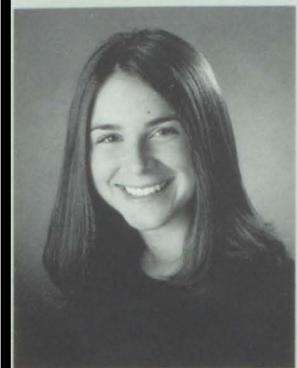
Left: David Powers and Maureen Ayers-Looby hang out during morning break in the Commons.

Above right: PSEO student Kelsey Day poses on the U of M campus.

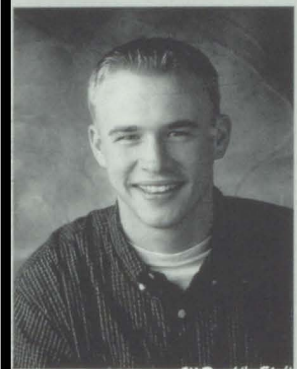
Above: Dylan Pforr, Bret Plocher, Michael Miller, Tina Pogatchnik and Tim Connor gather around during morning break.



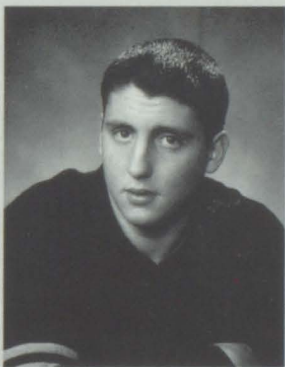
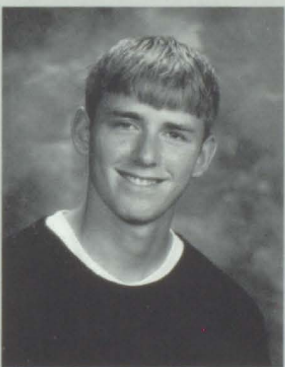
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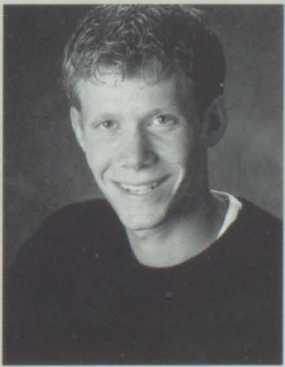
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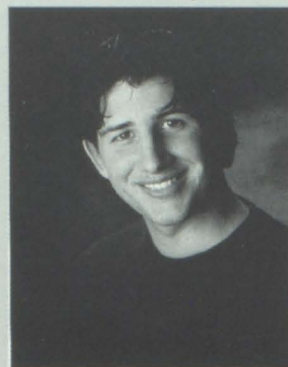


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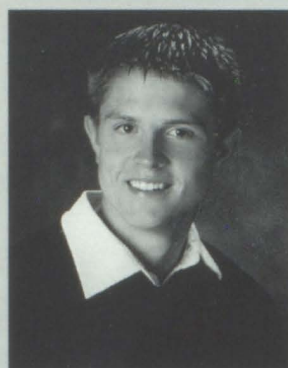


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Eric Ellingson
Marc Ellingson

Levi Engstrom
Alicia Ertl
Marshall Everhart
Jessica Falk



Gina Fanberg
Sarah Feerhusen
Ernie Flemig
Mackenzie Foley



Waconia High School Senior Favorites

Favorite Movie

Matrix
Tommy Boy
Office Space

Favorite Song

"Africa"
"Good Morning Beautiful"
"I Hope You Dance"

Favorite Place to

Hang-out
Frost N' Steam

Favorite Actor

Brad Pitt
Harrison Ford
Josh Harnett

Favorite Radio Station

B-96
93X
KDWB

Favorite Sport

Football

Favorite Actress

Julia Roberts
Julia Stiles
Jennifer Anistan

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor

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Kevin Garnett

Favorite Store

Target

Favorite Magazine

Cosmopolotain

Favorite Band

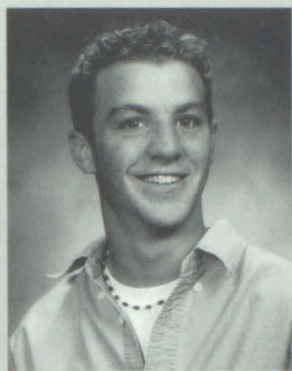
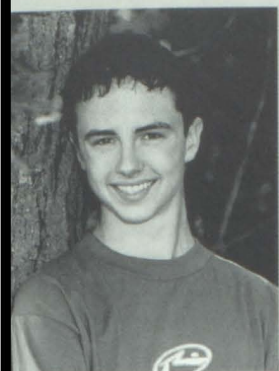
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Favorite Restaurant

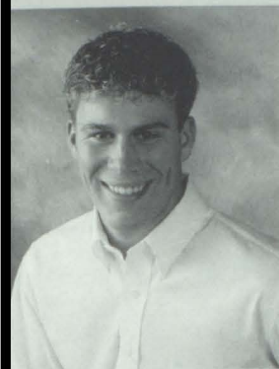
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Favorite Vacation Place

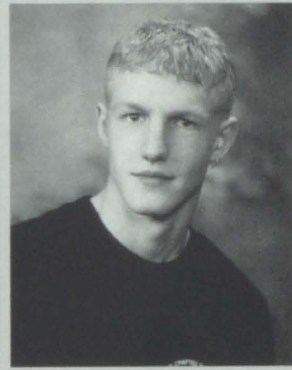
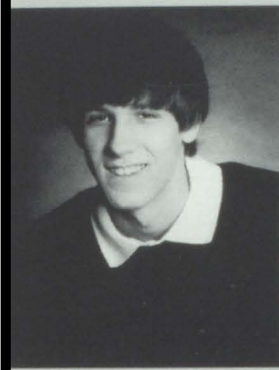
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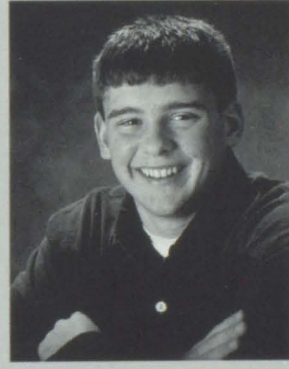
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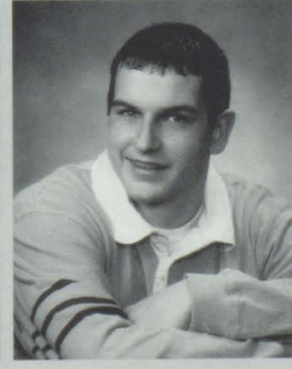
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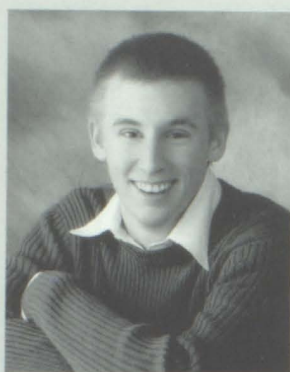


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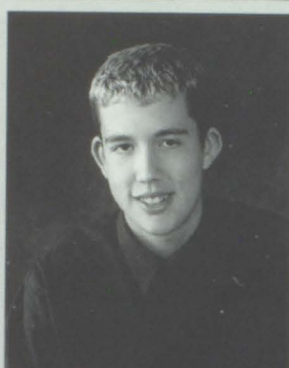
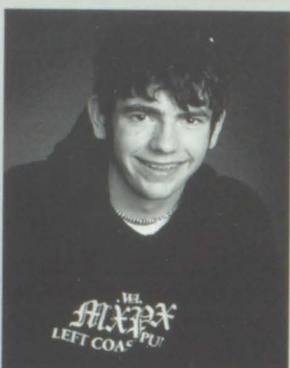


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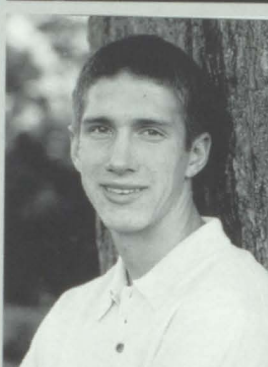
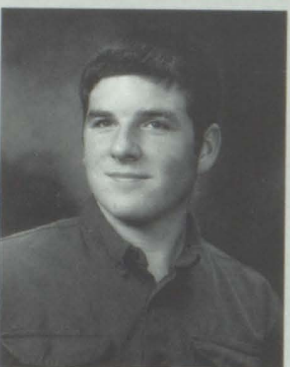
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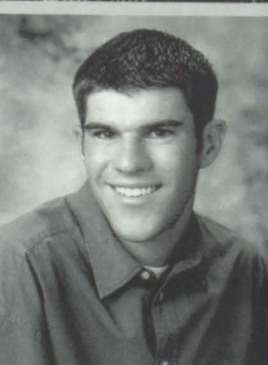
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Anton Klein



Rory Klug
Lisa Koehler
Cal Kosieracki
Alex Kranz



Exciting Plans after High School

"Mankato State"
- Justin Davis

"Become a House Dad."
- Matt Heger

"NDSU College"
- Caleb Jetto



"Minnesota State University-
Mankato (Secondary Education)"
- Amanda Hedtke

"Winona State University
(Nursing)"
- Alicia Ertl



"Normandale for a year, then
transfer to a four-year college."
- Megan Rasmussen



"University of St. Andrews,
Scotland-International Relations"
- Leah Indrelie

Most Memorable Moments

"Sitting in first block and turning
the T.V. on to see the attack on
the World Trade Buildings. And
being shocked that such a thing
could happen in the United States.
The sadness that spread
throughout the world is something
no one could ever forget."
- Jessie Bammert



"Having fun with friends in
activities."
- Sarah Gibbs



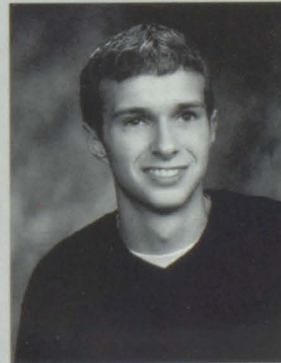
"Sitting with friends during
morning break."
- Emiley Lamberger



"All the situations we have gone
through together-the good times!"
- Dylan Pforr

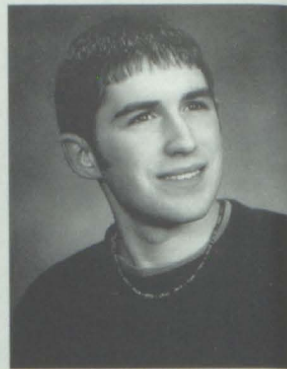


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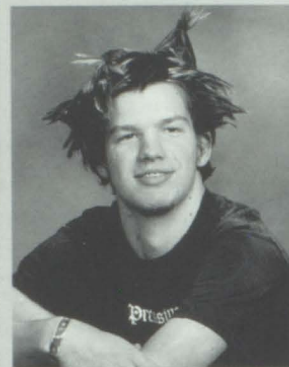


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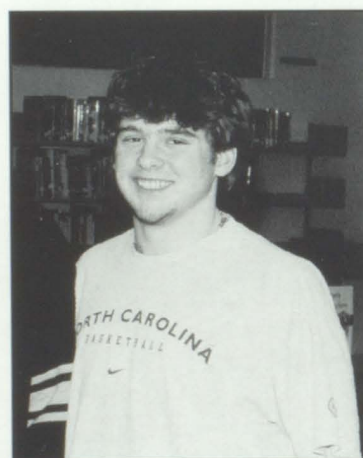


Seniors Know Best...Advice from the Class of 2002



"These are the fastest four years of your life. Don't miss one minute, try for **ANYTHING!**"

- Jenny Sorensen

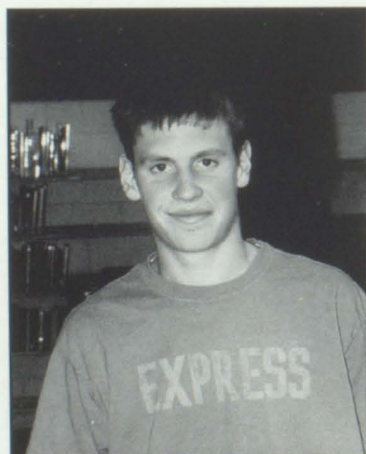


"Don't slack because it gets you nowhere!"

- Matt Heger

"Don't upset the seniors and respect the teachers."

-David Powers



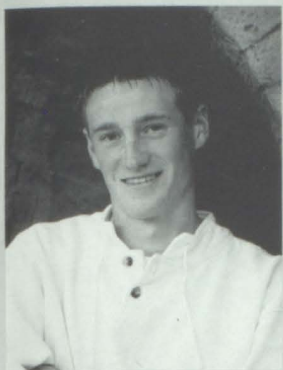
"LIVE IT UP
DAWG!"

- Luke Schiller

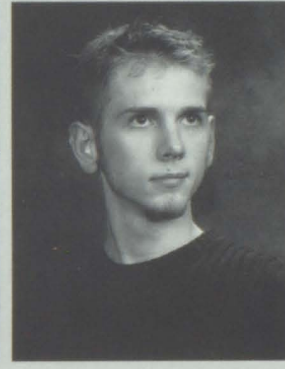
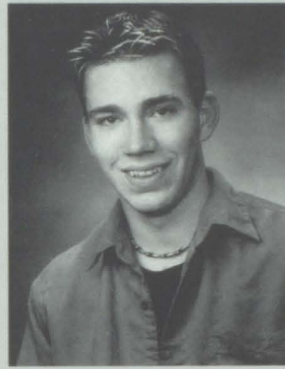




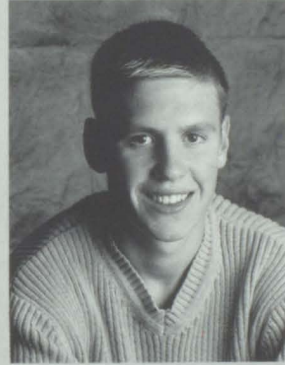
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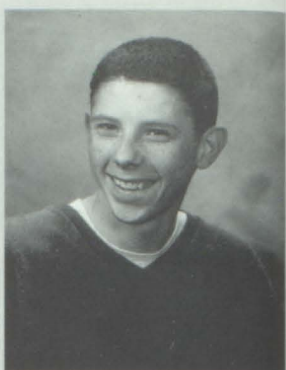
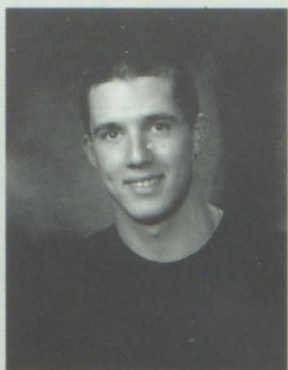
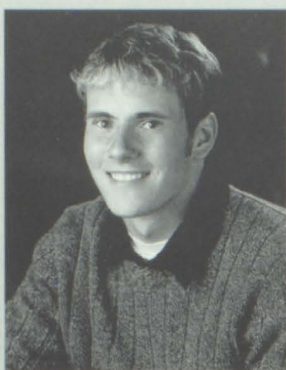


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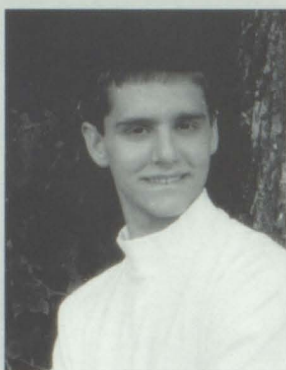


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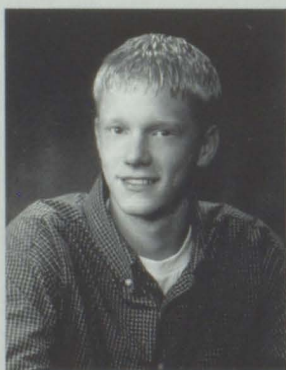
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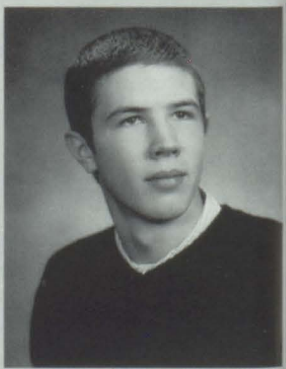
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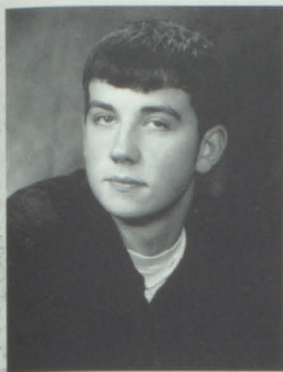


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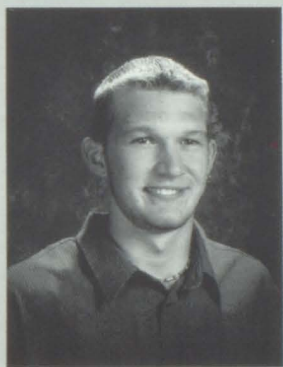
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Michelle Weiland



Abby Welch
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Michael Wood
Ryan Wood

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Randal Redinger

Below left: Tanya Clemensen
and Travis Frank display their
senior smiles.

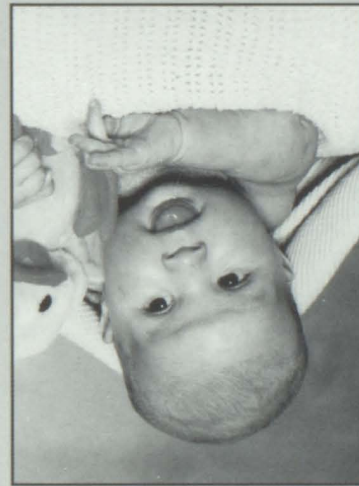


Christopher Zakashefski
Sara Zane

Below right: Seniors show their Homecoming spirit: Back row -
Bob Samuelson, Chad Nelson, Heather Webster, Justin Davis,
Nick Furman, Cole Hackbarth, Shaun Kaumann; Middle row -
Abby Welch, Sarah Meier, Stephanie Benedix, Heather Colton,
Kirstin Klason, Alex Kranz; Front row - Katie Rademacher,
Amber Krause, Katelin Murphy, Dustin Gesinger, and Matt Turek.



Top Row, Left to Right: Eric and Marc Ellingson, Adam Meuwissen, Lisa Koehler; Second Row: Molly Lenzen, Julie Dalbec; Third Row: Jenny Schnobrich, Christopher Zakashefsk, Kirstin Klason, Heidi Keller; Bottom Row: David Powers, Maureen Ayers Looby, Mackenzie Foley, Sarah Meier.



Guess



Top Row, Left to Right: Adam Hastings, Jake Edlund, Mathew Heger; Second Row: Luke Schiller, Tanya Clemensen; Third Row: Jessica Bammert, Megan Rasmussen, Amanda Hedtke, Tina Pogatchnik; Bottom Row: Sarah Gibbs, Amanda Allen, Dusty Gesinger, Emiley Lamberger.



Who?



Juniors

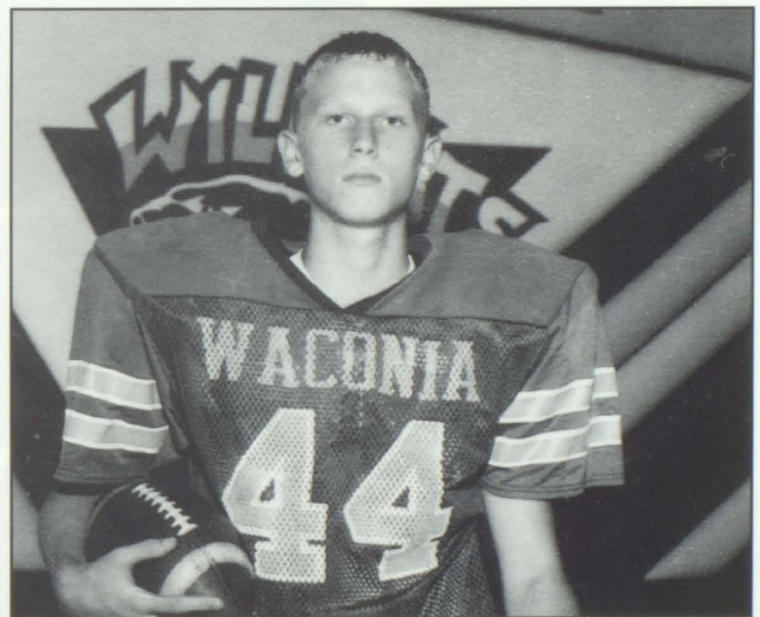


Clockwise from Upper Left: Lori Ledoux; Baillie Miller and Shelby Lenzen; Evan Johnson and Amber Rogne; Chrissi Nelson, Maggie Hilliard and Jenna Taylor



Left: Franny Gustafson,
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Hagman

Chris Rueben 1985 - 2001

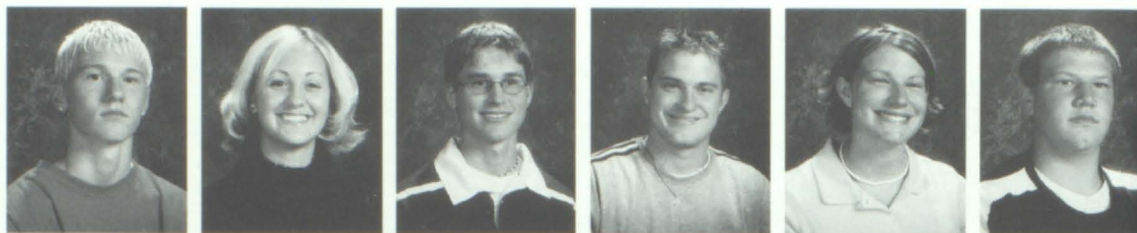


CHRISTOPHER

You were more than a Brother,
you were my best friend.
I love you more than the world,
you and me until forever's end....
For I believe that you are resting
in heaven's bed,

You will be in my mind,
heart and soul....
In my eyes, you are resting in
peace. I will never forget that
horrible day. I love you, Chris.
So in heaven, go play.
- John Rueben

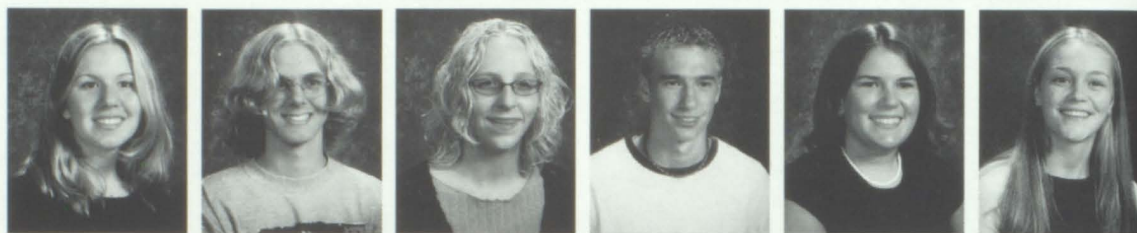
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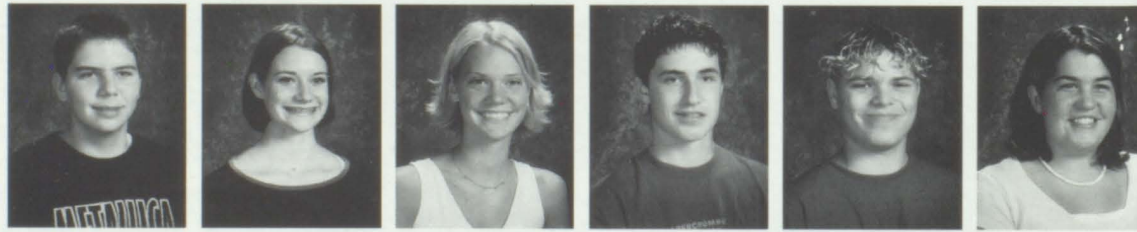
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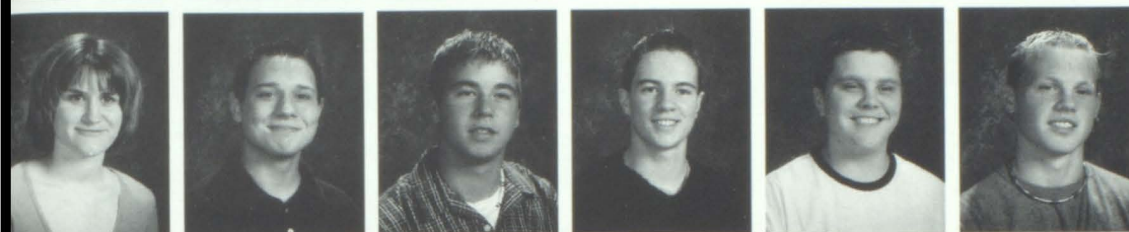


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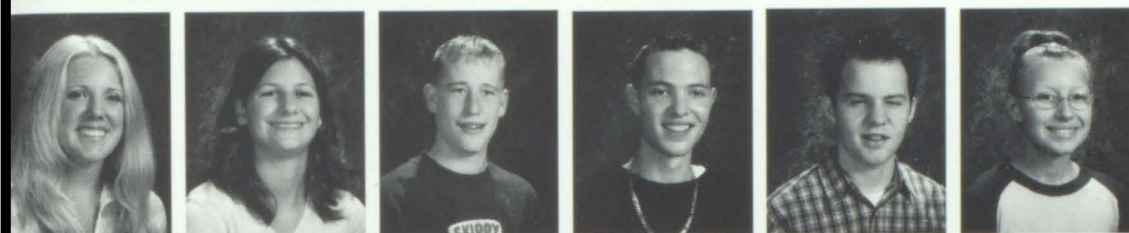




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Dustin Huepenbecker
Jason Ingolfsson
Elizabeth Jacobson



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Evan Johnson
Rita Johnson
Tiffany Johnston
Anna Jonas
Nicole Joyce



"Personally, I bring markers and crayons and doodle with them!"

- Tracy Kuphal

"I play with my hair."

- Leanne Tanguay



"I make elephant noises with Megan Sterner...I do the arm gesture and everything."

- Jenny Grier

"Sometimes I take out my strawberry kiwi comet chapstick and smell it for a long time...but sometimes I just sit there."

- Lori Ledoux



What do you do when you're daydreaming in class?

What habits do you have that annoy people?



"I talk too much!"

- Baillie Miller

"Umm...I'm not sure,
but I hope there's
none."

- Janelle Nelson



"Biting my nails and
snorting when I
laugh."

- Rhonda Skraba



Clayton Kahmeyer
John Keefe
Phoungoun Khonkhammy
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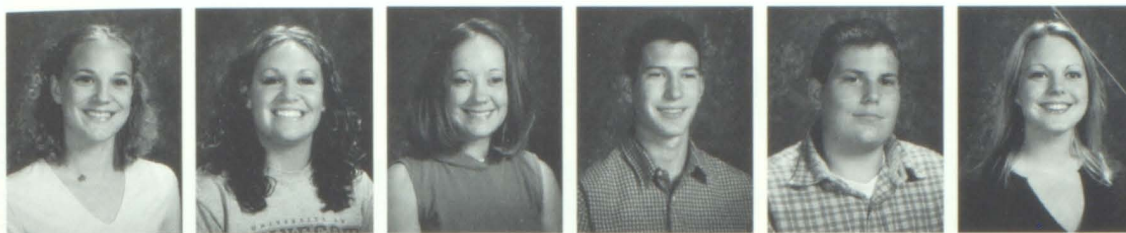


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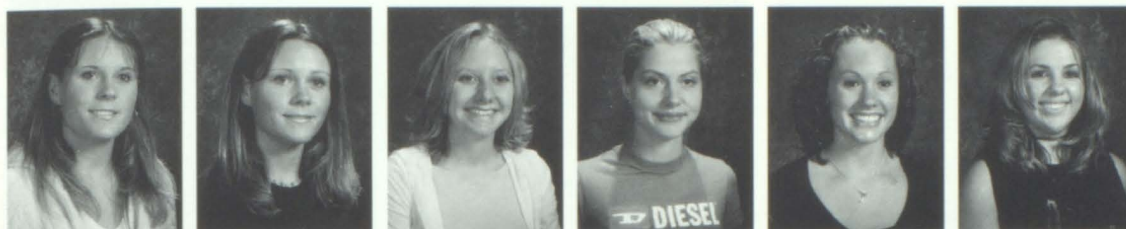


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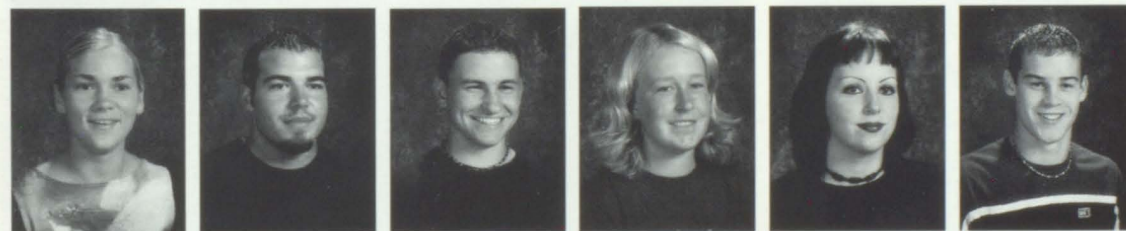
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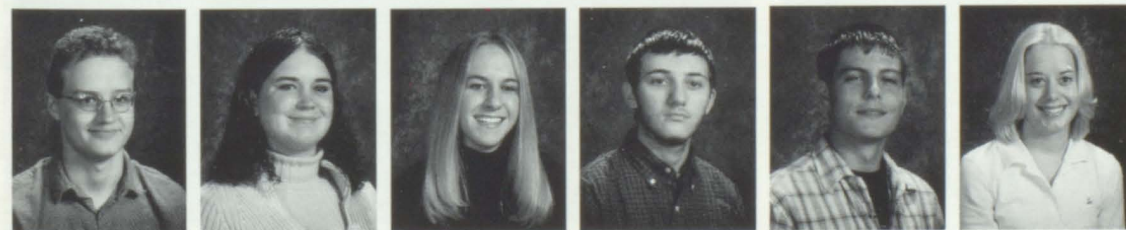
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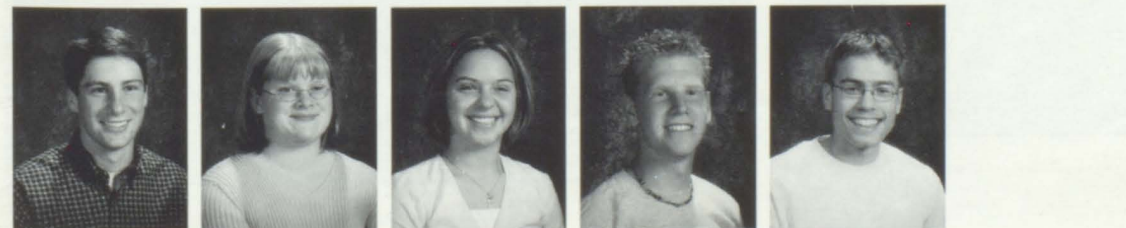
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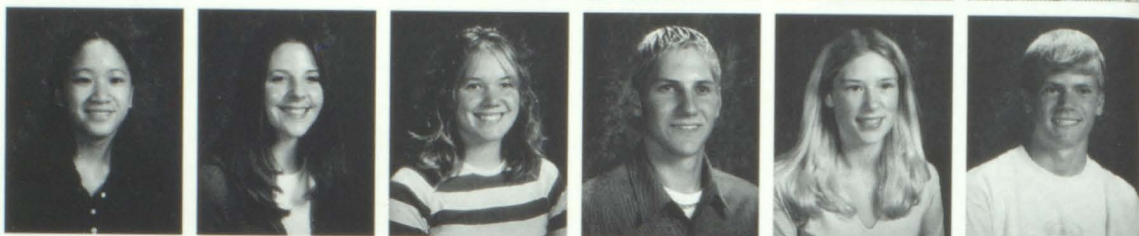


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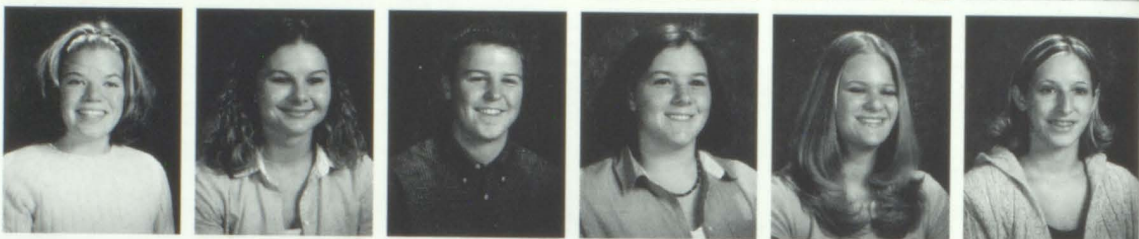
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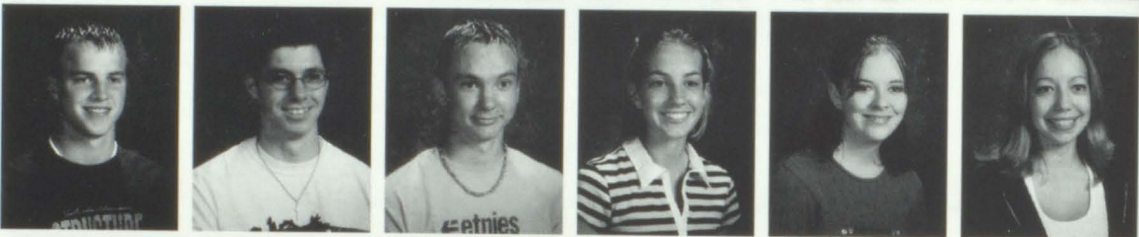
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Dennis Westlund
James Wilber
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Peter Wollan
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Janelle Zimmerman



Right: Janelle Zimmerman and Lori Ledoux show their twin spirit.

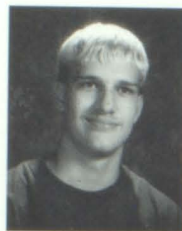


Sophomores



Clockwise from Top: Jennifer Bostic, Suzie Harvat, Megan Bailey, Dana Sudheimer and Megan Van Eyll; Katie Braun and Jamie Asp; Lindsay Fischbach and Mallory Hanson; Scott Conner

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Jacklyn Anderson
Nickolas Anderson
Jamie Asp
Megan Bailey
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Kyle Beilby
James Berg
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Katherine Braun
Brady Brink
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What are you looking forward to about getting your license?



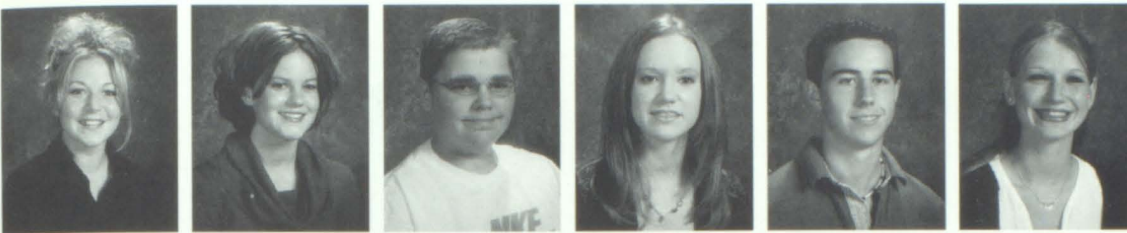
"To go places without my parents."

- Carly Moore

"Never going home."

- Sue Bush

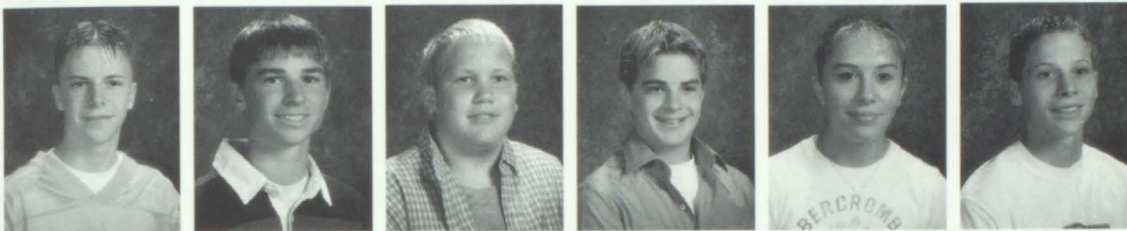




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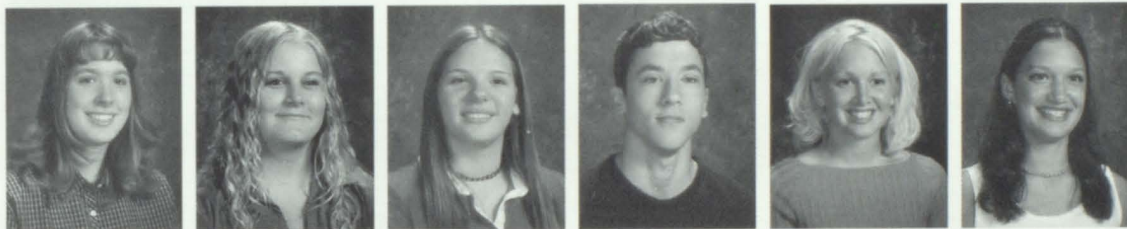
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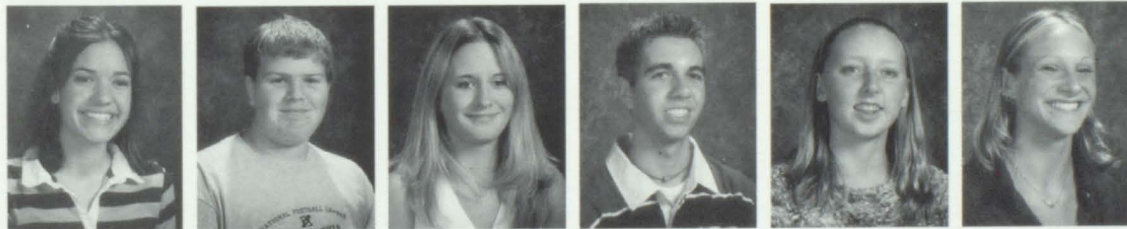
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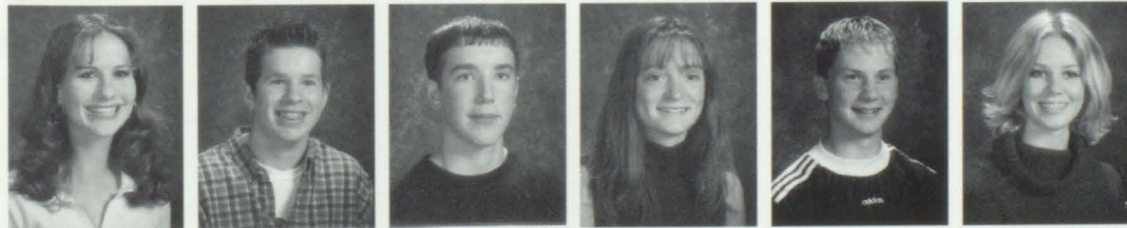
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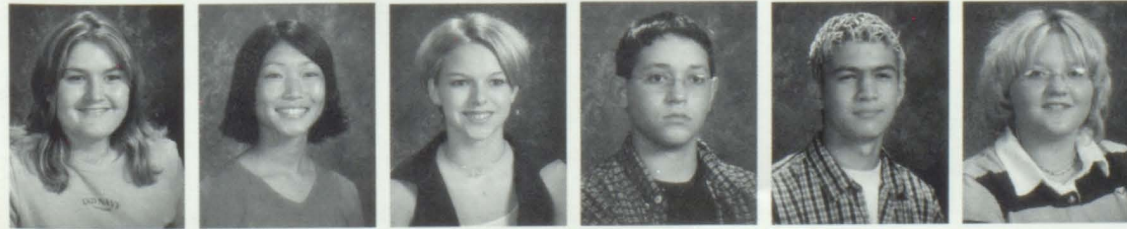
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McKinzie Hubbard-Rossberg
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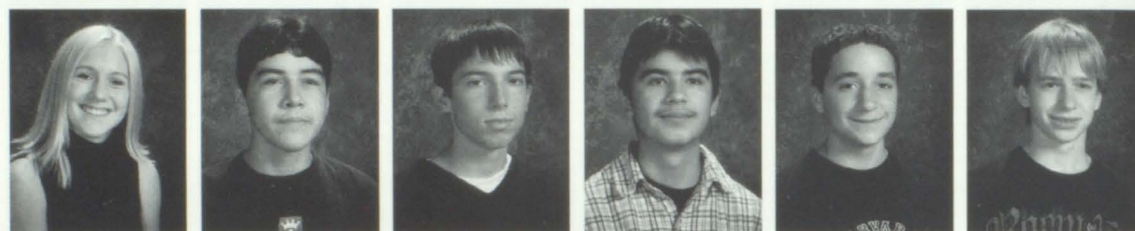
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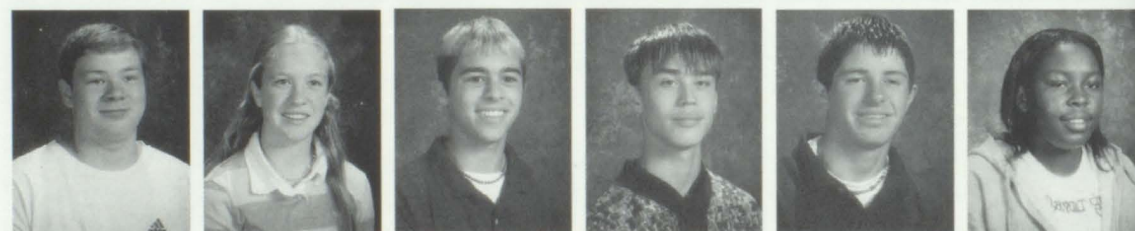
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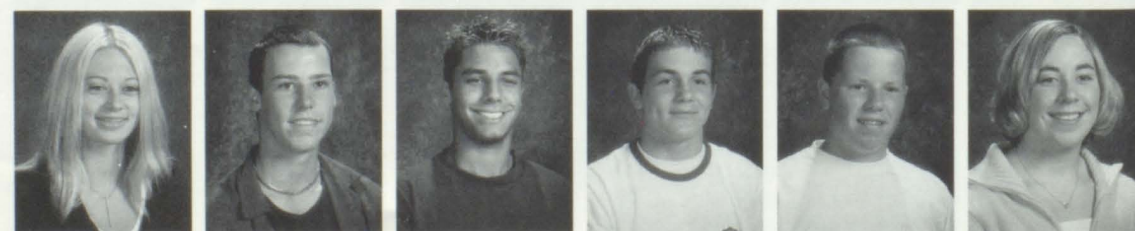
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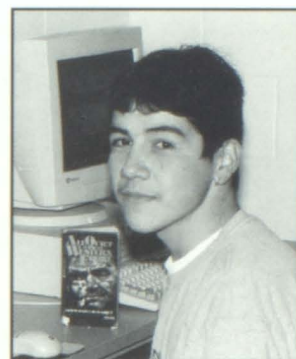
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What slang word do you hear or use on a daily basis?

"Tight."

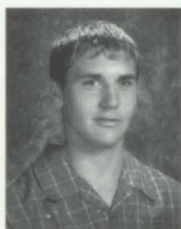
- Chris Lopez



What do you never leave your house without?

"Clothes--I couldn't put up with the embarrassment of being naked."

- Malerie Stevens



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Justin Reich
Justin Reitsma
Birgitte Rifley



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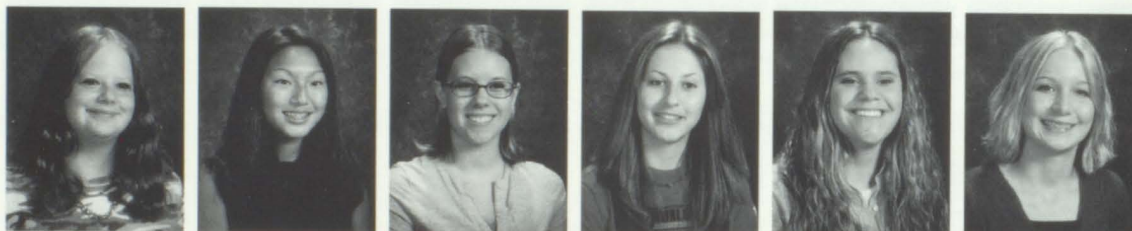


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Miriam Schwochow
Charlie Skogstad
Dillon Sletten
Benjamin Smothers

Right: Akayla Stevens and
Amanda Janzen pose in their
pajamas.



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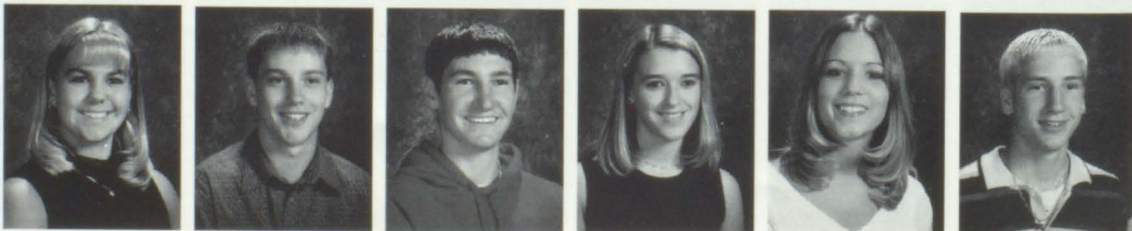
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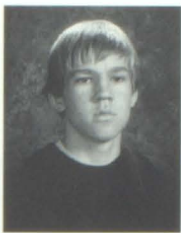


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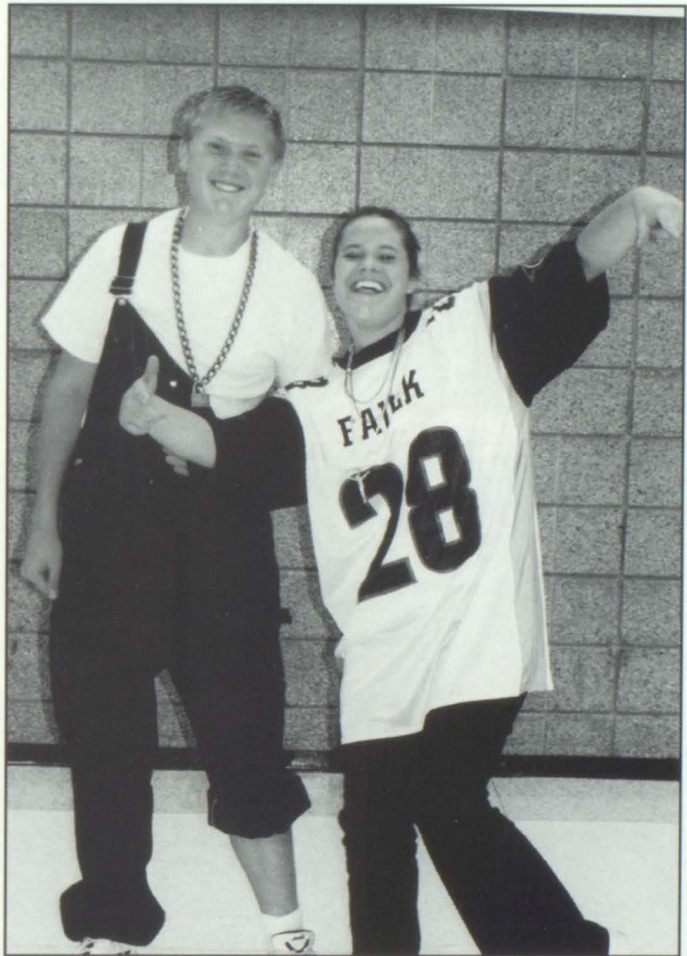




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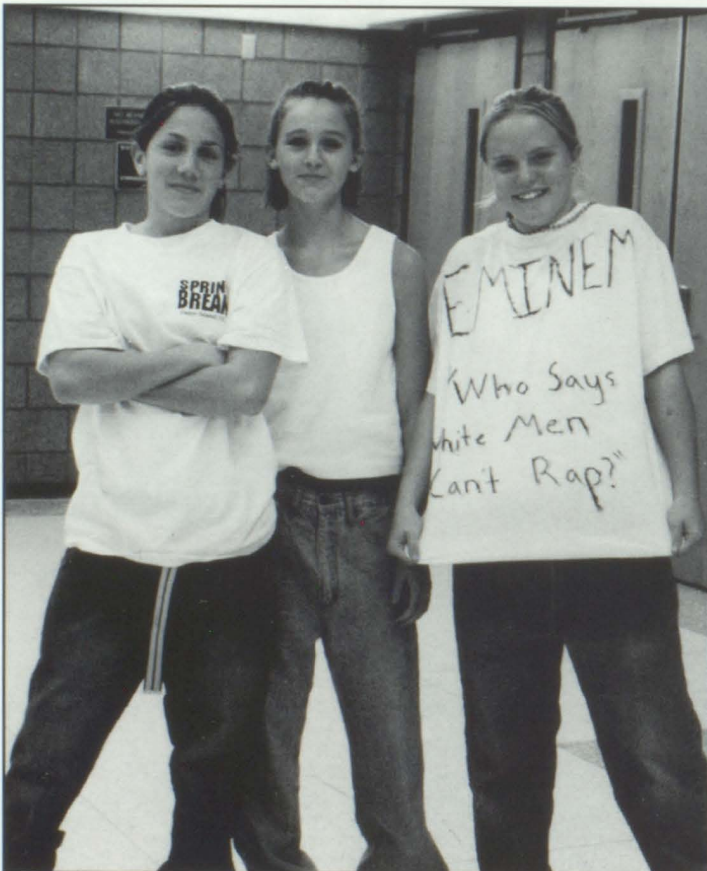


Top: Amanda Thaemert, Amanda
Wedding, Sarah Menth, Carly Moore.

Left: Jamie Asp, Shayanne Roth,
Mathias Weinzierl, David Deering,
Cassie Williams; Seated: Dennis
Gieser, Ross Weinzierl, Josh Peterson,
Justin Reitsma, Cortney Bongard, Sasha
Landskov, Alisha Klason, Jennifer
Bostic; Standing: Paula Hilgers, Sarah
Cook, Cynthia Ratsabouth, Tegan
Lingbeck, Mallory Hanson, Cutis
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Wallace.

Above: Nick Anderson and Kate
Stuewe pose on rapper day.

Freshmen



Above left: Jacquelin Geffre and Ashly Schmaltz.

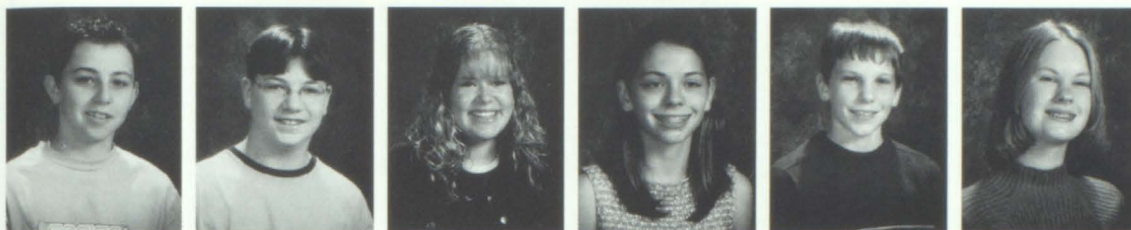
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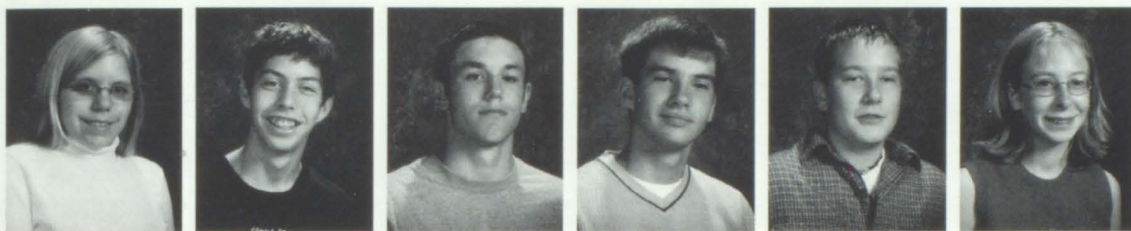
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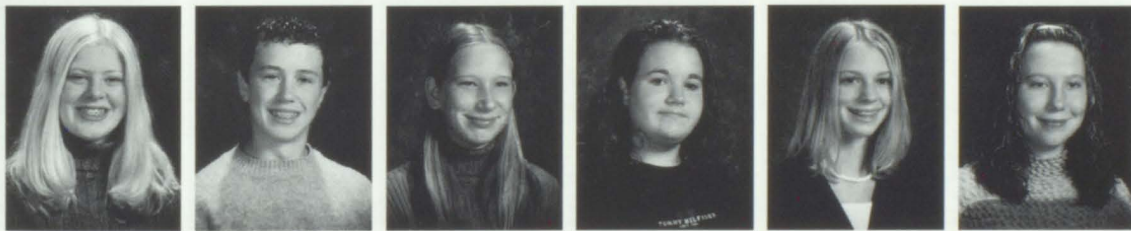
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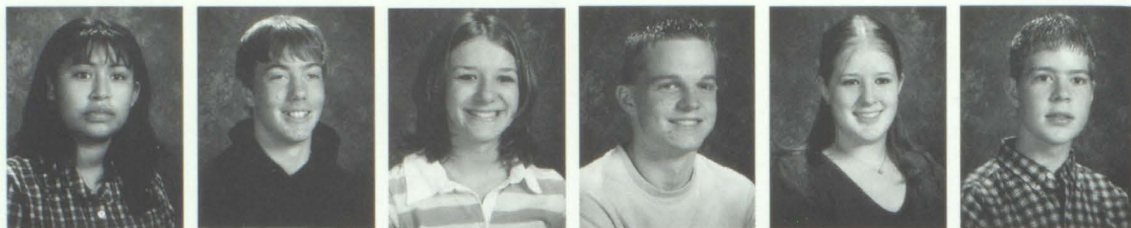


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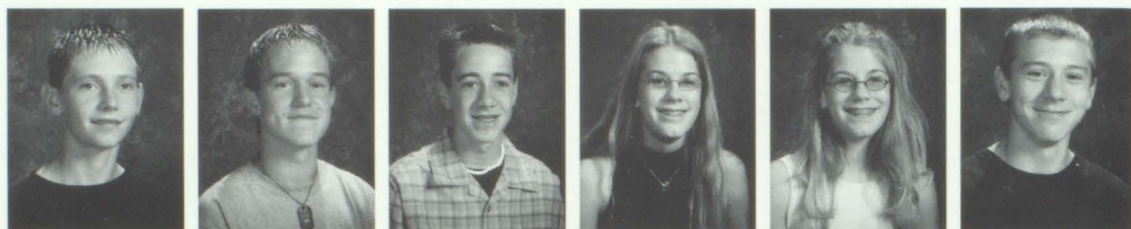
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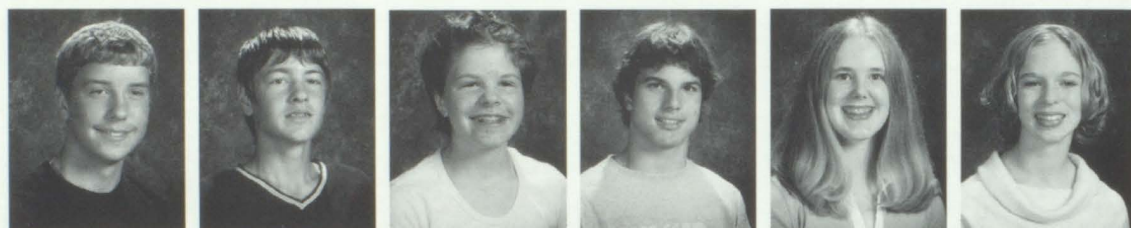
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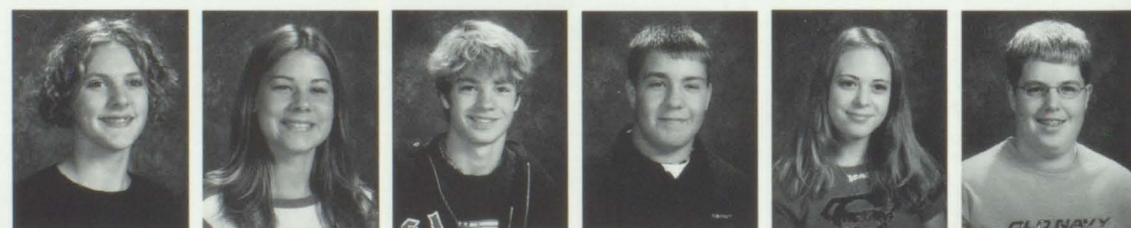
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What is the dumbest question you've asked in class?

"What class is this?"

- Tyler Stahn



"I don't ask dumb questions."

- Mike Anderson



"If it has to be in cursive or normal print."

- Jacob Buetow



"How do you get Roman numerals on your computer?"

- Ayla Stangret



Isai Luna
Natalie Maiser
Nicholas Marxen
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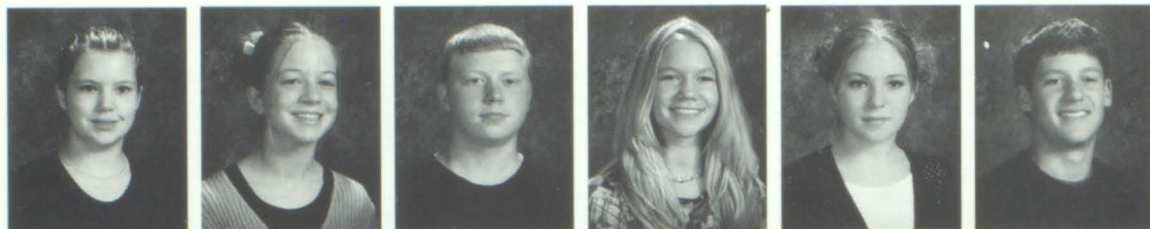


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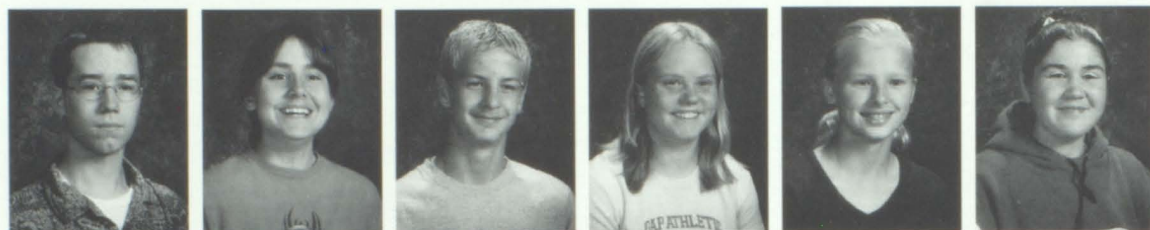


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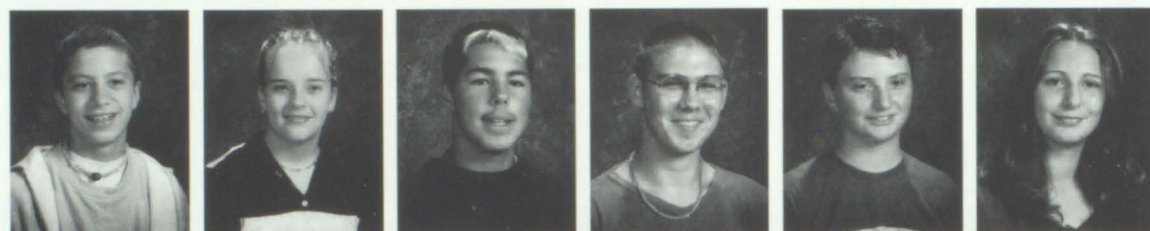
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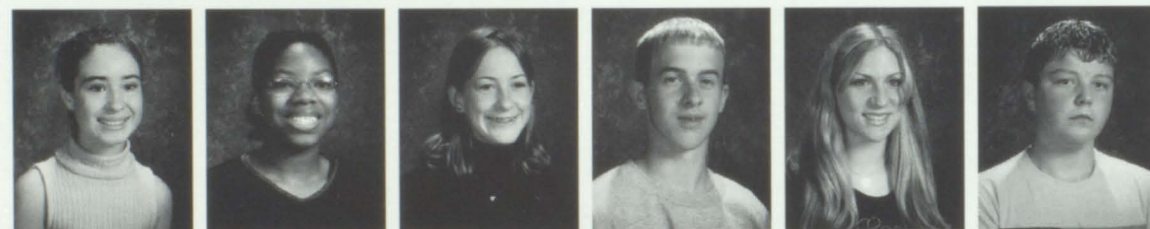
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Sean Stein
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Darby Steiner
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"Only four classes and morning break."

- Jackie Jensen



"Food. Good Food."

- Joe Niesen



"Chemistry, I hope to become a Chemistry professor."

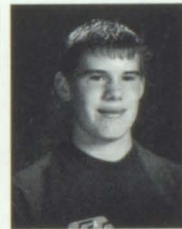
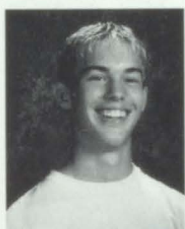
- Mark Schulz



"It goes by fast, and I get to hang out with a variety of people. All the sports involve more competition."

- Toni Mochinski

What is the best part of high school to you?



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William Szczepanski
James Thorne
Benjamin Timm
Jeff Vanderlinde



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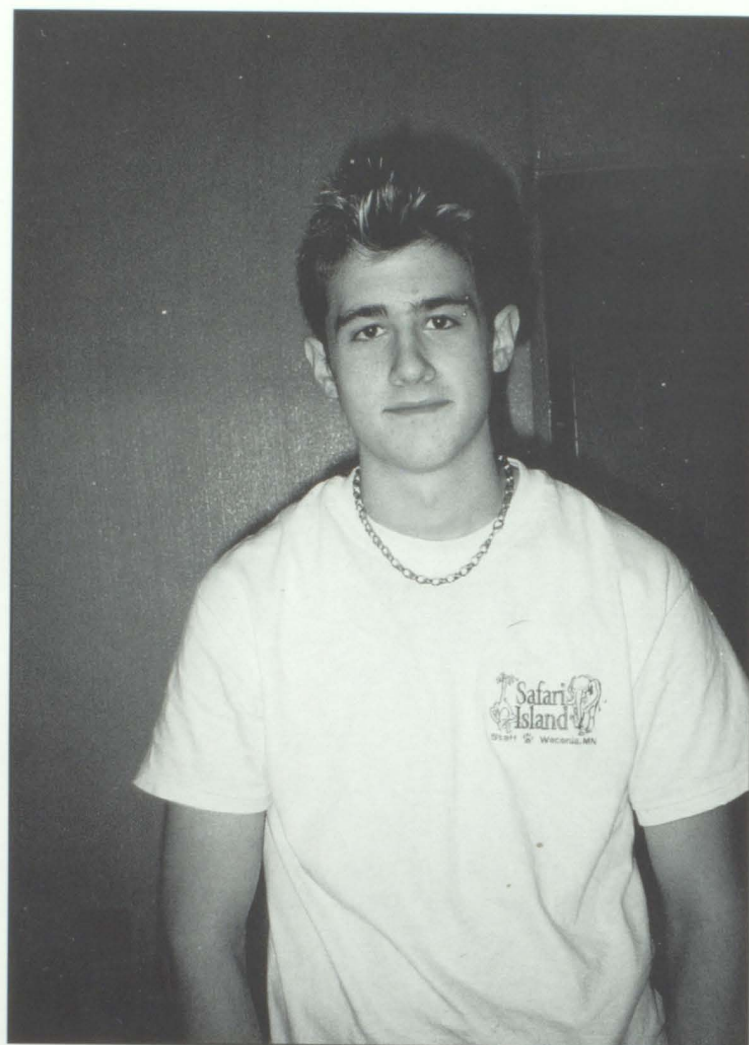
Safari Island Benefits the Community

New to Waconia this past year was Safari Island, the community center connected to Clearwater Middle School. It has been a great success and a popular recreational and fitness facility for people of all ages. Just in its first year of business, Safari Island had almost a thousand more members join than originally expected. Some of the community center's features in the aquatics area include

an eight lane lap pool, a leisure pool with several fountains, a waterslide, and a spa. Safari Island also has a running track, a gym, a workout area, and a large play area for children called the "Lion's Den." The gym and the lap pool at the community center are shared with the middle school during the school day. This facility became a fabulous asset to our community.



Above: Baillie Miller is an efficient worker at the Safari Island front desk.



Top Right: Chris McKeever poses in his lifeguard uniform in the aquatics area.



Right: Safari Island is a great addition to Waconia for the entire family.



Bayview Elementary School Meet Mr. Anderson

This year elementary school students were split up into two different schools. The yearbook staff talked to Mr. Anderson, who is the principal of Bayview Elementary about the split, the changes in the former middle school, and what's ahead for District 110.

Q: Why was the elementary school split needed?

A: The former elementary school was of the largest in the state. At Southview there were about 800 students. Now at Southview there are about 505, and at Bayview there are about 320.

Q: What good things did the split bring to the district?

A: There are fewer kids so we can have smaller class sizes. That gives the kids more of a personal learning experience.

Q: What changes were made to the former middle school to accommodate elementary school students?

A: For Minnesota state code, we had to add sprinklers everywhere. We tore out interior lab room walls and added common areas. The band room turned into the music room, we leveled the floor. The bleachers were taken out of the gym, and the floor was redone. The library was redone, some high school kids helped with that. There was a new indoor playground put in.

Q: What is in the future for District 110?

A: The district will keep growing, a lot more houses will be going up in St. Bonifacius alone. We have a huge wooden castle playground going in. This playground will be designed and built by the community. With the growth in this district, we will be offering more programs for everyone in the future.

New Principal at Southview Meet Mrs. DeVaan

In 2001 Khuzana DeVaan became the new principal at Southview Elementary. As a bright new addition to District 110, she brought many new ideas to the school. The yearbook staff interviewed Mrs. DeVaan, and we talked about her past, how she felt about working in Waconia, and her plans for Southview Elementary.

Q: How many years have you been a principal?

A: Five years, four years in Sioux City, Iowa and this is my first year at Waconia.

Q: Where else have you worked besides Waconia?

A: I worked in the Cleveland Public School District and in the Minneapolis School District.

Q: Why do you feel District 110 is a good place to work?

A: The people, the students, staff, and parents make it enjoyable.

Q: What are some of your highlights/achievements from the 2001-2002 school year?

A: Everyday I get to work with a strong, professional staff. The parents are warm and caring. Everyone is committed in the kids doing well; it makes it an exciting place to work.

Q: What are your goals for Southview Elementary in year ahead?

A: We will continue to have a strong academic emphasis and a positive caring environment.



Academics



Top: Marshall Everhart and Laura Swift talk in French class.
 Above: Amanda Lemke and Jonathan Priess.
 Right: Amanda Dirks and Lisa Hammer.
 Far Right: Sarah Meier, Matt Hentges, Jake Edlund, Amanda Hedtke, and Ryan Rosin.



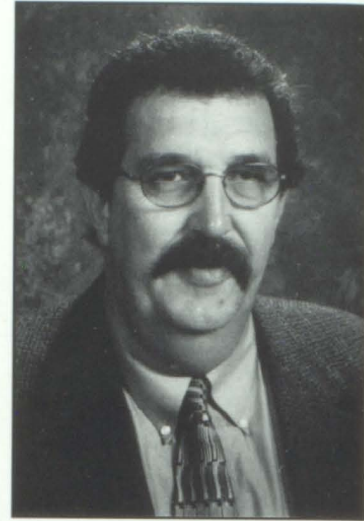
Administration



Mark Fredericksen
Principal

"There seems to be a greater sense among students of where they want to go and what they want to do after high school. While there are some who are just 'putting in time,' the great majority of students are motivated to work for success in whatever they do," said Mr. Fredericksen when asked about the most dramatic changes over the years at Waconia High School. He continued to say that students' involvement in activities positively affects them, providing students with great benefits. Extra-curricular activities and sports help provide balance between academics

and outside activities. They are a great way to broaden students' view of the world. Additional growth was the only thing that he thought would change in the future at WHS. He explained that the high school is already pinched for space. One of the strengths of WHS was that it was still a great small school in which everyone knew each other and students could be involved in many different activities. One of the disadvantages of a smaller sized school was that administration was not always able to offer the entire curriculum they would have liked to offer at WHS.



Dr. Jerry Kjergaard
Superintendent



Jeff Jeska
Asst. Principal/A.D.



Kathy Fontes
Guidance Services



James Bettcher
Guidance Services



Spotlight on Mr. Jeska

Student management and supervision of extracurricular activities were the jobs that Mr. Jeska ably performed at Waconia High School. Mr. Jeska came to work at Waconia High School in the fall of 2001. When asked about what was so different about Waconia compared to other schools, he said, "The school district is a combination of a rural and suburban areas; other schools have either one or the other."

As a new administrator, he said that he had not gotten a chance to view a lot of the

classrooms yet, but he would like to in the future. He liked working with kids in extra-curriculars because sports and activities provided a very positive experience for both adults and students. As a committed Activities Director, Jeska tried to make all of the home games. The best advice he gave about participating in sports was for kids to just have fun, which is, after all, the purpose of being in a sport. Looking into the future, the one sport that Waconia didn't currently have and that he wanted to offer was shuffleboard.



Board of Education - Front: Dave Falk, Teresa Pesch, Joel Hentges. Back: Scott Moats, Scott Jensen, Bryan Pawela.

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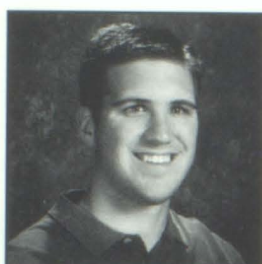
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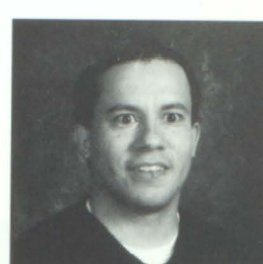
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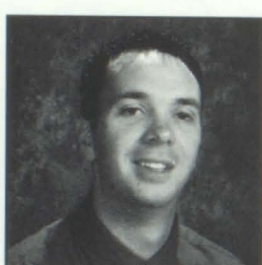
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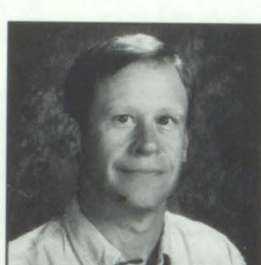
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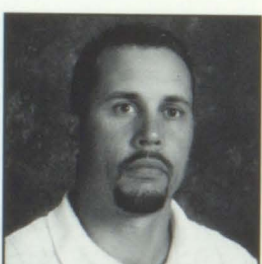
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English



Mark Grundhofer
Math



Sue Hartwig
FACS



Eric Herrmann
Social Studies



Lauren Herzfeldt
Math

What makes you come back to WHS each day?

"I leave candy in my drawer" - Mr. Zaske

Tell us your best joke:

"Did you hear about the Norwegian who drowned while trying to fix the leak in the basement of his icehouse?"
- Mr. Benson

If you could be any animal, what would you be?

"Human being - it uses its brain to almost full capacity"
- Mr. Sauer

"Probably a cheetah because of my cat-like speed and reflexes"
- Mr. Erickson

Teachers: In Their Own Words

What made you become a high school teacher?

"I taught for a year at a middle school, that was plenty!"

- Mrs. Berlin

"I enjoy working with the kids. They are awesome!"

- Mr. Schultz

What is your earliest memory of WHS?

"Where is it?" (before the interview) "What a lovely community!" (after the interview) - Mrs. Dulgar

"Competing against Waconia at state danceline; they always won." - Mrs. Berlin



Steve Hullander
Social Studies



Stephanie Kappel
English



Roxanne Kuerschner
Math, Science



Kathy Kurtz
Math



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Business Education



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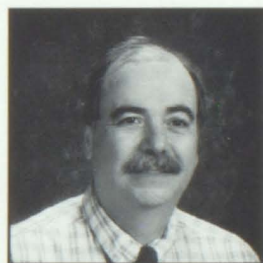
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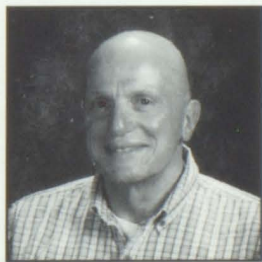
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Learning Lab



Melissa Weinand
Media Specialist



Mike Zaske
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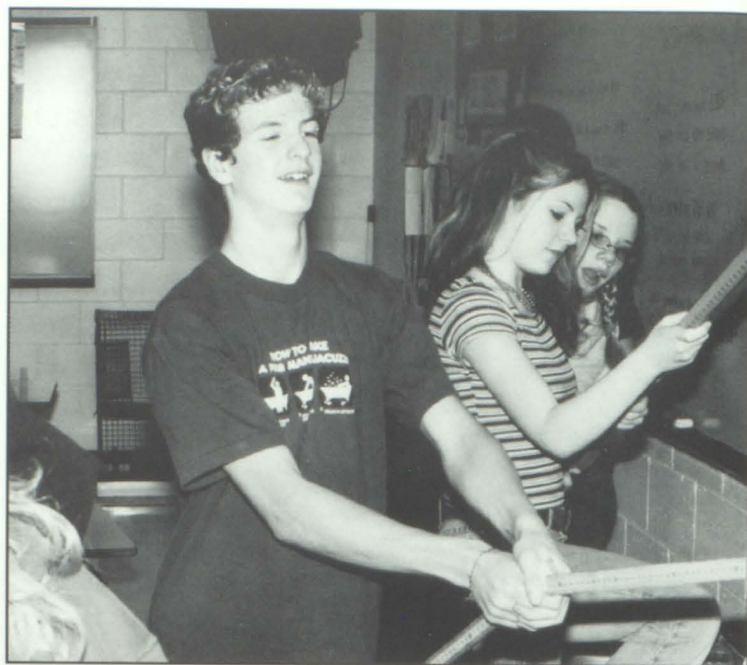
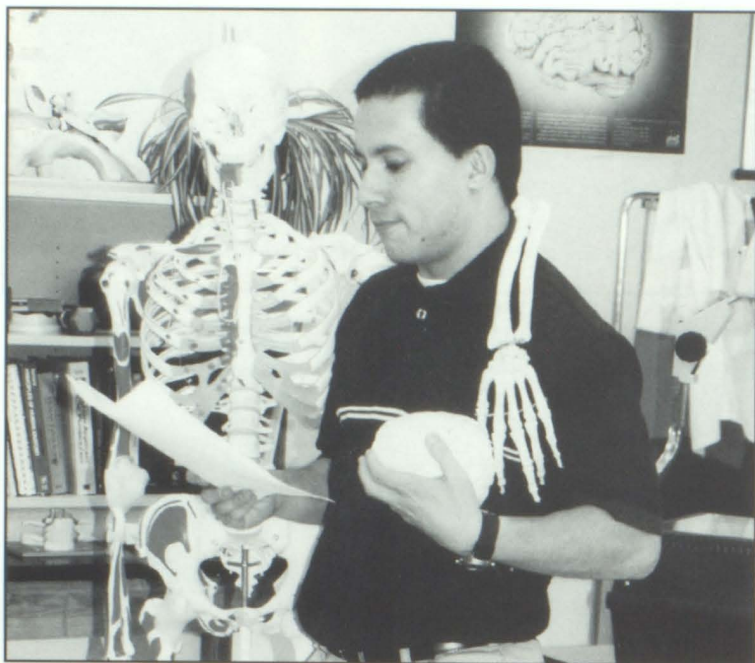


Mike Zender
Social Studies

Another joke:

"A horse walks into a bar, the bartender looks at him and says, 'Hey, why the long face?'"

- Mr. Zaske and
Mr. Erickson



Activity Classes Engage Students

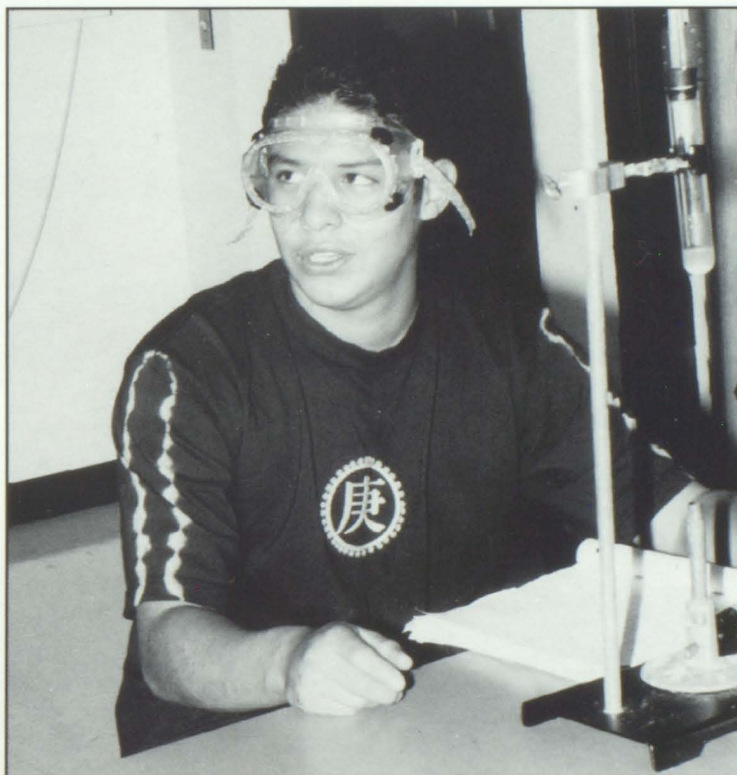
Students had many opportunities to participate in Science, Health, and Physical Education classes, which were lots of fun and required hands-on experiences. Physics students had many opportunities to be involved in labs, contests, or to watch demonstrations that study motion. In Physical Science 9, freshmen received introductions to chemistry and physics through classroom and lab experiences. Physical Education allowed students to keep active in a wide selection of sports and exercises. Health classes taught students First Aid and how to handle medical emergencies. In Biology, students participated in labs that examined both plants and animals.



Above Left: Mr. Berg teaches with his friend.

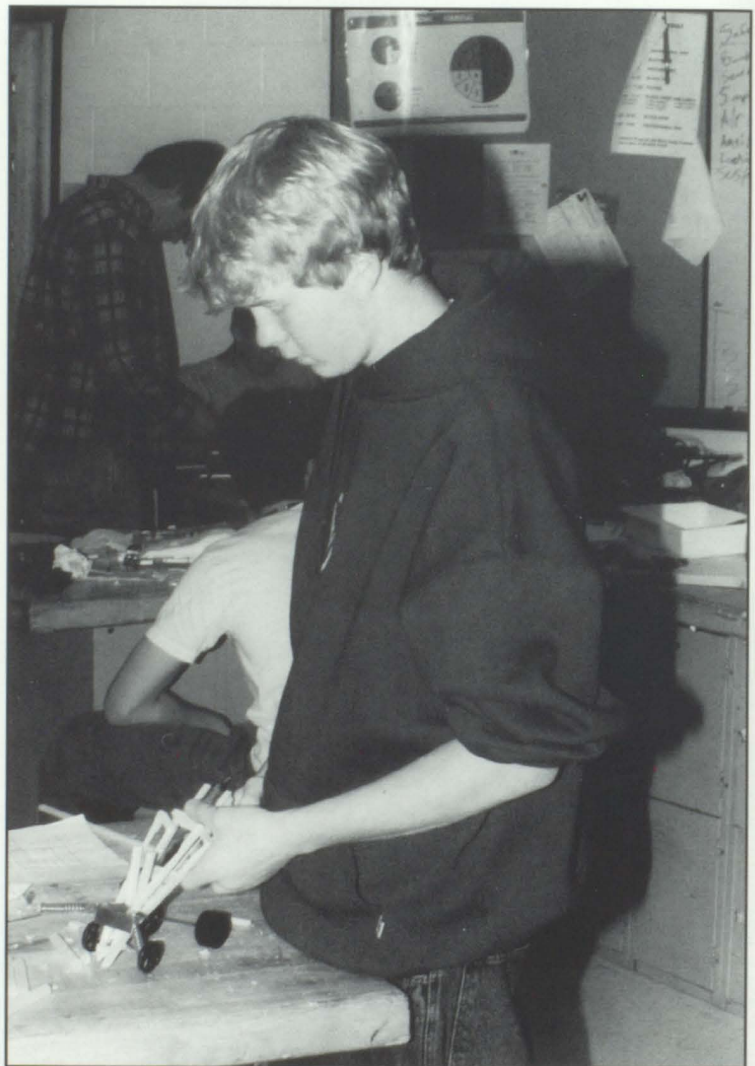
Above Right: Zak Precht, Jenna Pemberton, and Madelyn Sims work on their science projects.

Right: Scott Loscheider, Megan Sterner and Tracy Winkler work on their Physics homework.



Left: Calvin St. John and Shane Syverson work on a lab activity.
Top Left: Brittany Bammert and Regan Bjorklund work on their disease project.

Top Right: Tegan Lingbeck and Amanda Janzen work on their dissection. Above: Isai Luna works on his lab assignment.



Top: Molly Anquist works on feeding a baby in the Child Development class.
Above: Dr. Sauer measures Rod Brink's arm for a class activity.

Top Right: Jackie Anderson checks the oven in Foods class.

Right: Tim Held works on his wood project.

Far Right, Top: Eric Roberts works on a machine.

Far Right, on Left: Katie Rademacher refines her computer skills.

Far Right, on Right: Baillie Miller and Tracy Kuphal prepare a project in FACS.

Waconia Students Gain Practical Skills



Practical skills included classes in Math, Business Education, Industrial Technology and Family and Consumer Science. Required classes included Math Connections I and II, as well as Keyboarding. Many electives, such as Personal Law, Calculus, and Intro to Windows were also offered. Some Industrial Technology classes included Intro to Drafting, Mechanical and Architectural Drafting Maintenance, Small Engines, Woodworking Technology. While taking these classes, students gained skills in construction, welding, and wiring, and learned how to operate and repair small engines and automobiles. Family and Consumer Science (FACS) classes included Housing and Interior Design, Child Development, Foods I and II, and Gourmet Foods. In these classes, students learned basic to advanced food preparation, how children develop and how to care for them. The skills students learned in practical skill classes are ones that they can use throughout their entire lives.





The Arts Inspire and Teach

The arts included all of the art, music, and theater classes Waconia High has offered. These classes allowed students to express themselves. Band, choir, music theory, and music appreciation were offered for students interested in music. Band was offered for all levels of players, the purple band was for less experienced players, the gold band was for the more experienced players, and the concert band was for the most experienced players. The choir had the same options. Some of the art electives were Drawing and Painting, Ceramics, Introduction to Art, Studio Art, and AP Art. These classes were a treat for students with all levels of artistic talent. For students interested in acting, a theater and drama class was offered, this class taught students all the elements of putting on a play. In this class students performed the play *Romeo and Juliet* and practiced acting out short scenes from television shows.

Right: Chelsea Haugen works in Intro to Art.

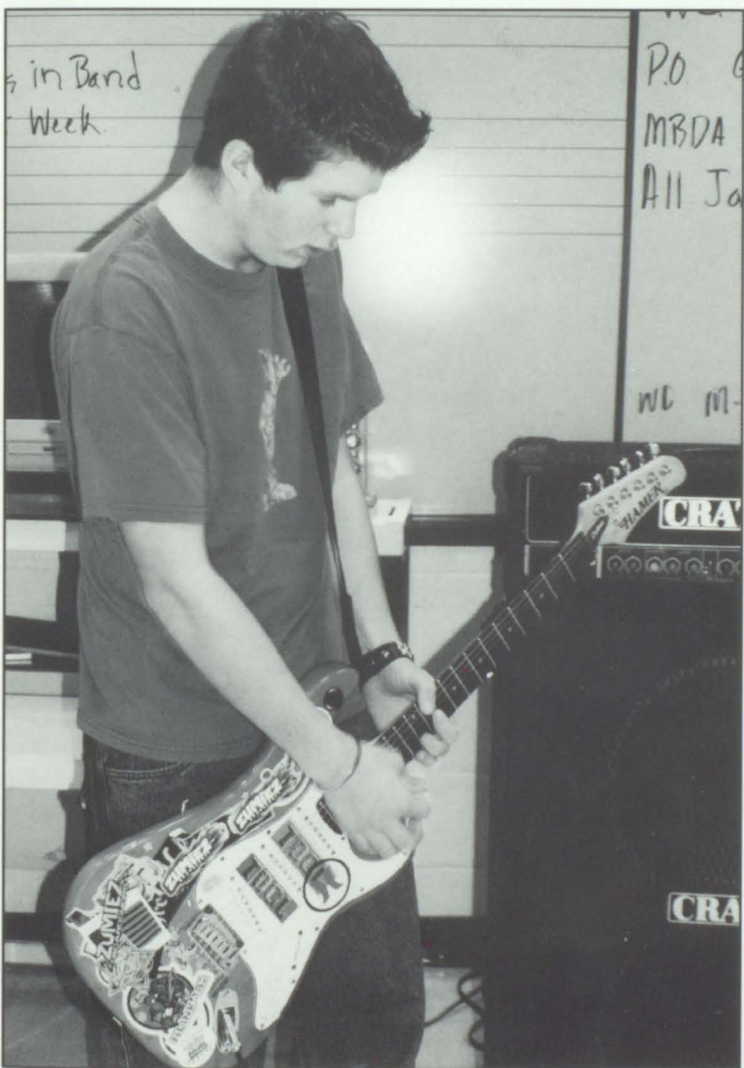
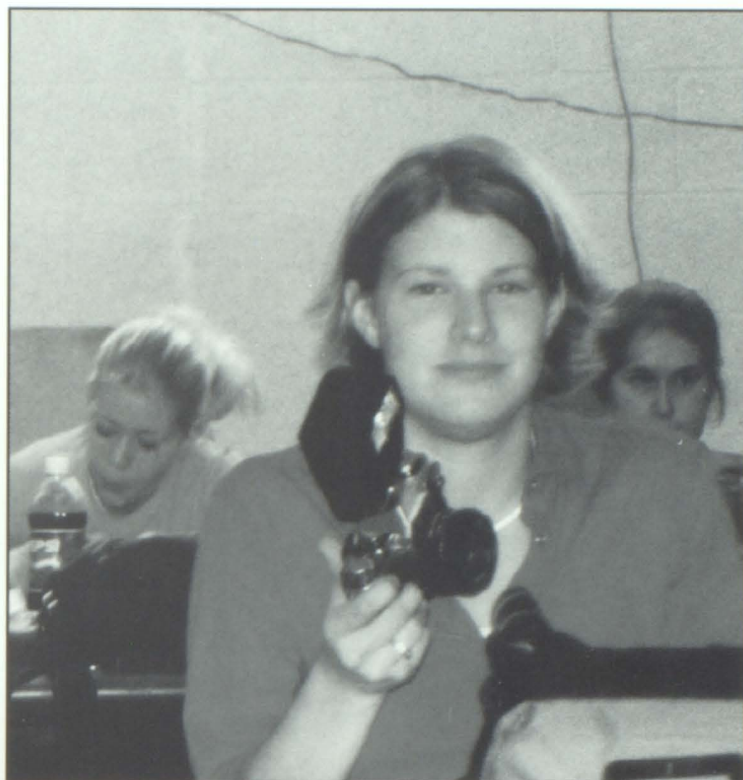


Far left: Shelby Lenzen concentrates on painting her sculpture in ceramics class.

Left: Brian Lenzen and Jordan Peters play their trumpets.

Right: Molly Anquist gets ready for her class at the Chaska Co-op.

Below: Lacey Jorgensen and Amber Morgan glaze their projects in art.



Above: Brooke Simonson focuses on the object she is drawing.

Left: Nick Hentges tunes his electric guitar before he plays in pep band.

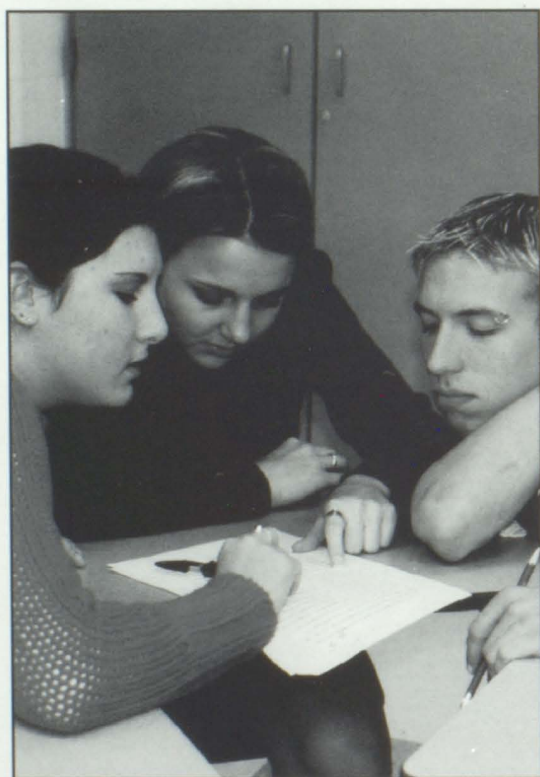
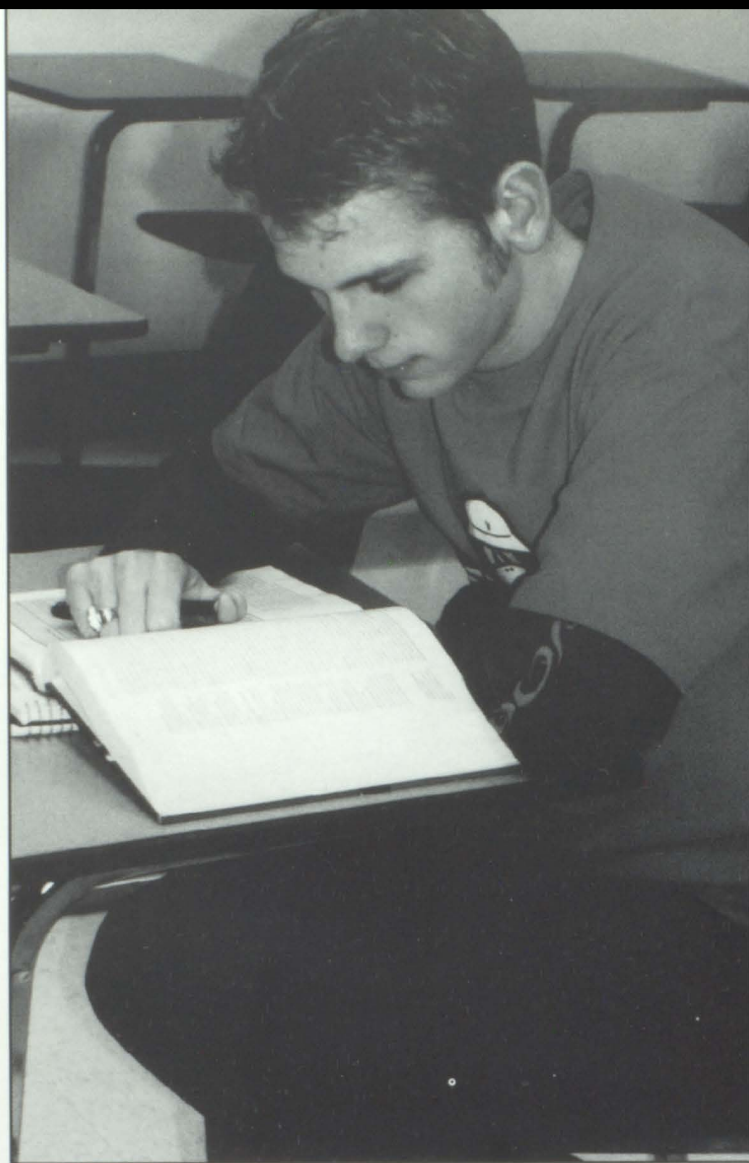
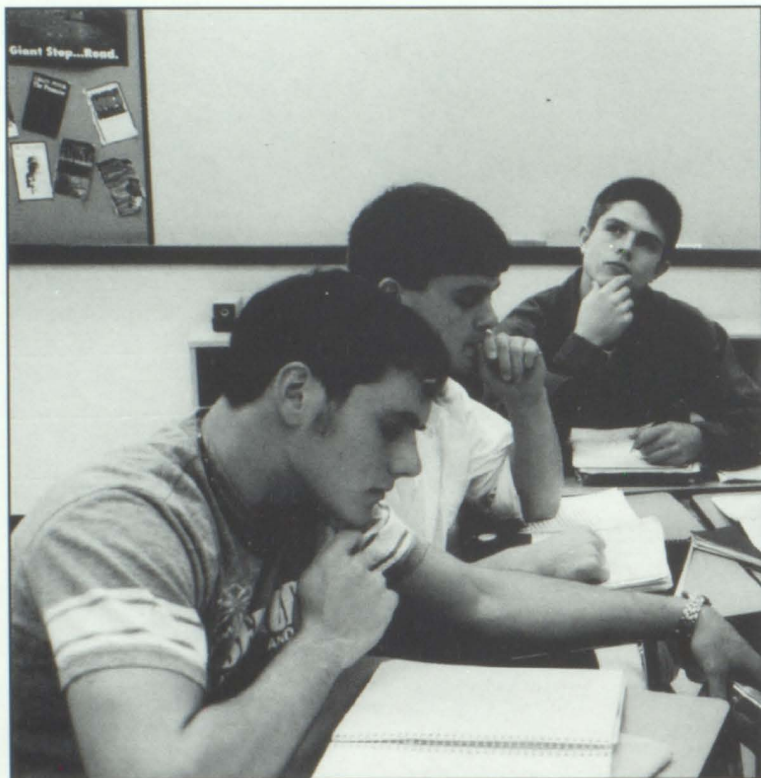
Above: Krista Anderson plays the snare drum in band.

Top Left: Ryan Rosin, Matt Heger and Ernie Flemig ponder in Advanced Writing.

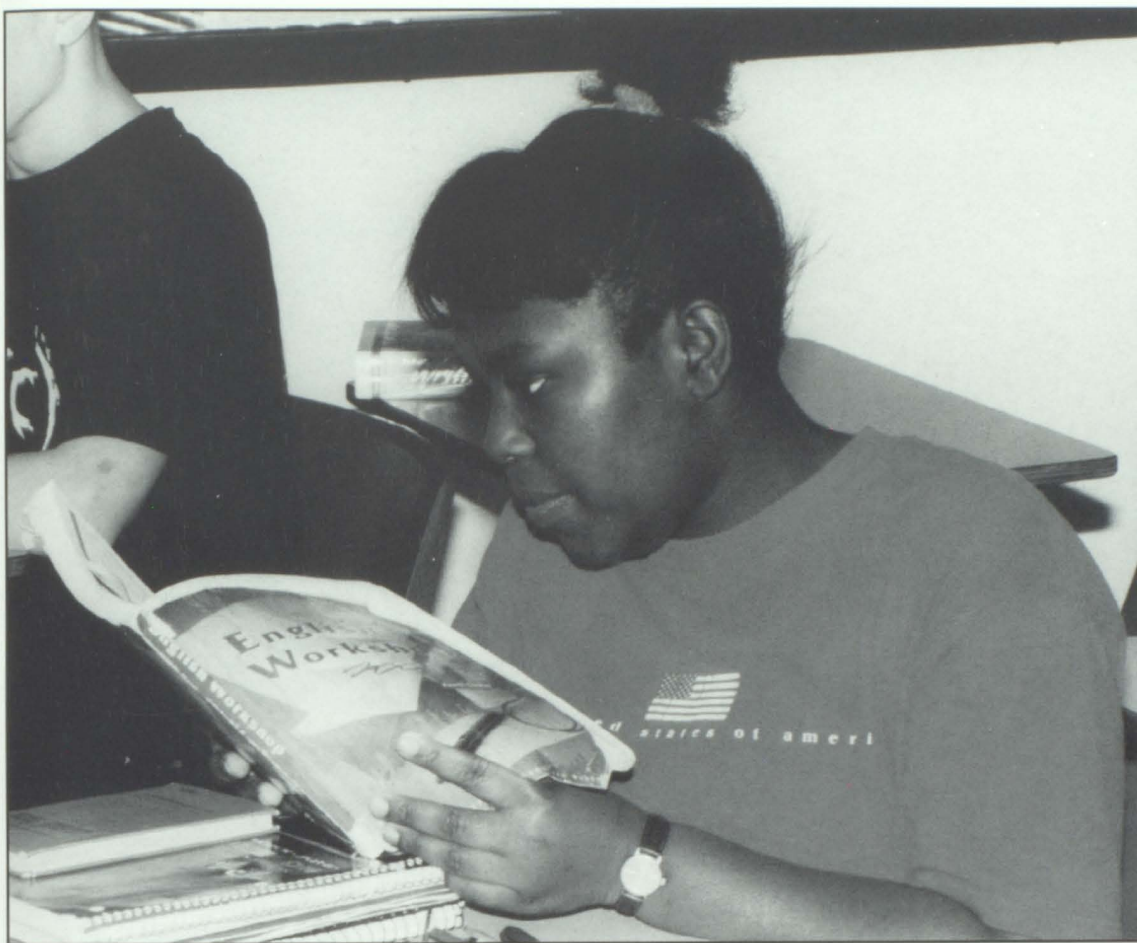
Bottom Left: Julie Dalbec, Jenny Sorenson and Eric Hassel read over a paper.

Top Right: Bret Plocher studies to get another good grade.

Bottom Right: Adam Schlager and Marilyn Spiess point out a city in Spain.



Humanities Classes Study the World



Humanities courses encompassed a variety of subjects, from English and literature, to world languages, to Social Studies and culture. English courses began for freshmen as mostly the vital grammar and a basic introduction to literature, and progressed to very advanced studies of literature, in-depth research and writing.

Many students elected to take at least one level of a World Language. Both Spanish and French offer a cultural experience along with language. Spanish students took a field trip this year to see *Don Quixote*.

Classes in Social Studies teach students about the past, present, and future of the world. These classes cover History, World Culture, Geography, Government, and Psychology.

Left: Lydia Ombati studies her tenth grade English Workbook. **Below Left:** Danielle Mazon is from Brazil, Fanny Jaurequi is from Bolivia and Helene Hagenloch is from Germany. **Below Right:** Marie Goguel is from France, Christine Muschalik is from Germany, and Sara Zane is from Italy.

International Students Come to Waconia



Activities



Opposite Page: In Fiddler on the Roof, Jackie Olson is carried away on her wedding day.

Above: Maureen Ayers Looby playfully smirks while helping at the blood drive.

Right: Jenna Pemberton and Michelle Blegen dress up as rock stars for the Halloween dance.

Top: Luke Schiller and Alex Kranz perform their show choir routine excitingly.



Thirty Years of Tradition Still Hold Strong

For over thirty years, the Waconia High School Marching Band has upheld a strong tradition of excellence. This was made possible by the outstanding leadership skills shown by the 2000 - 2001 commanders, Jennifer Mochinski, Sarah Gibbs, Luke Schiller, and Rob Pesch. Perhaps Marching Band's greatest strength is that people continue to participate because they enjoy being a part of such a great tradition.

This past summer, the

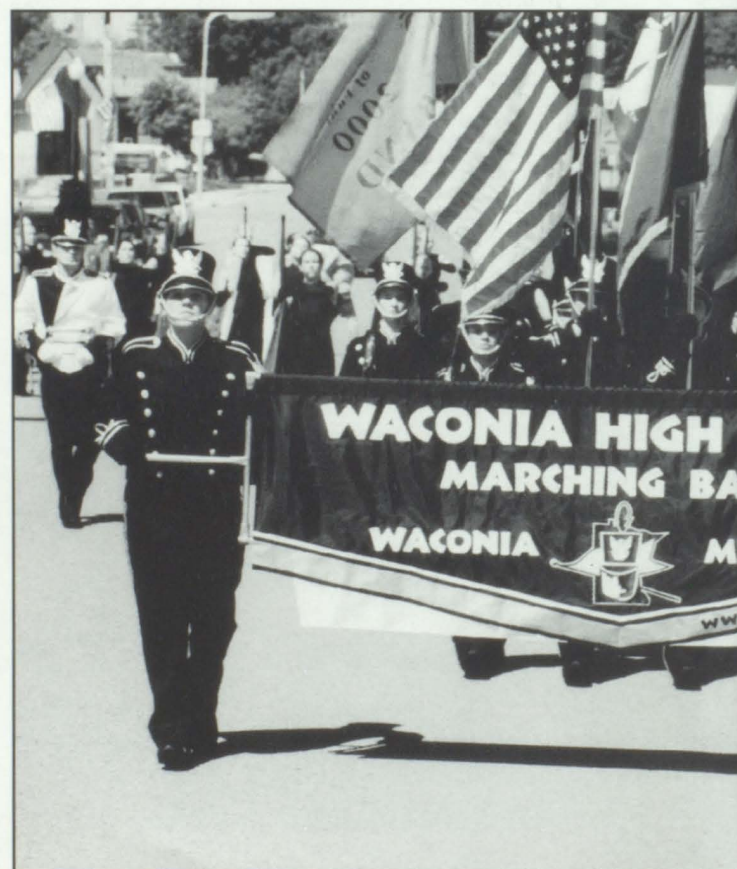
band competed in ten parades and won two Grand Champions and five first place awards. Going to St. Louis, Missouri and marching in the National VP Parade was a major highlight for the band. Don Schultz, the director of the band, hoped to continue this tradition and urged his members to follow these strong words, "Allow yourself to be inspired. Allow yourself to succeed. Dare to excel."

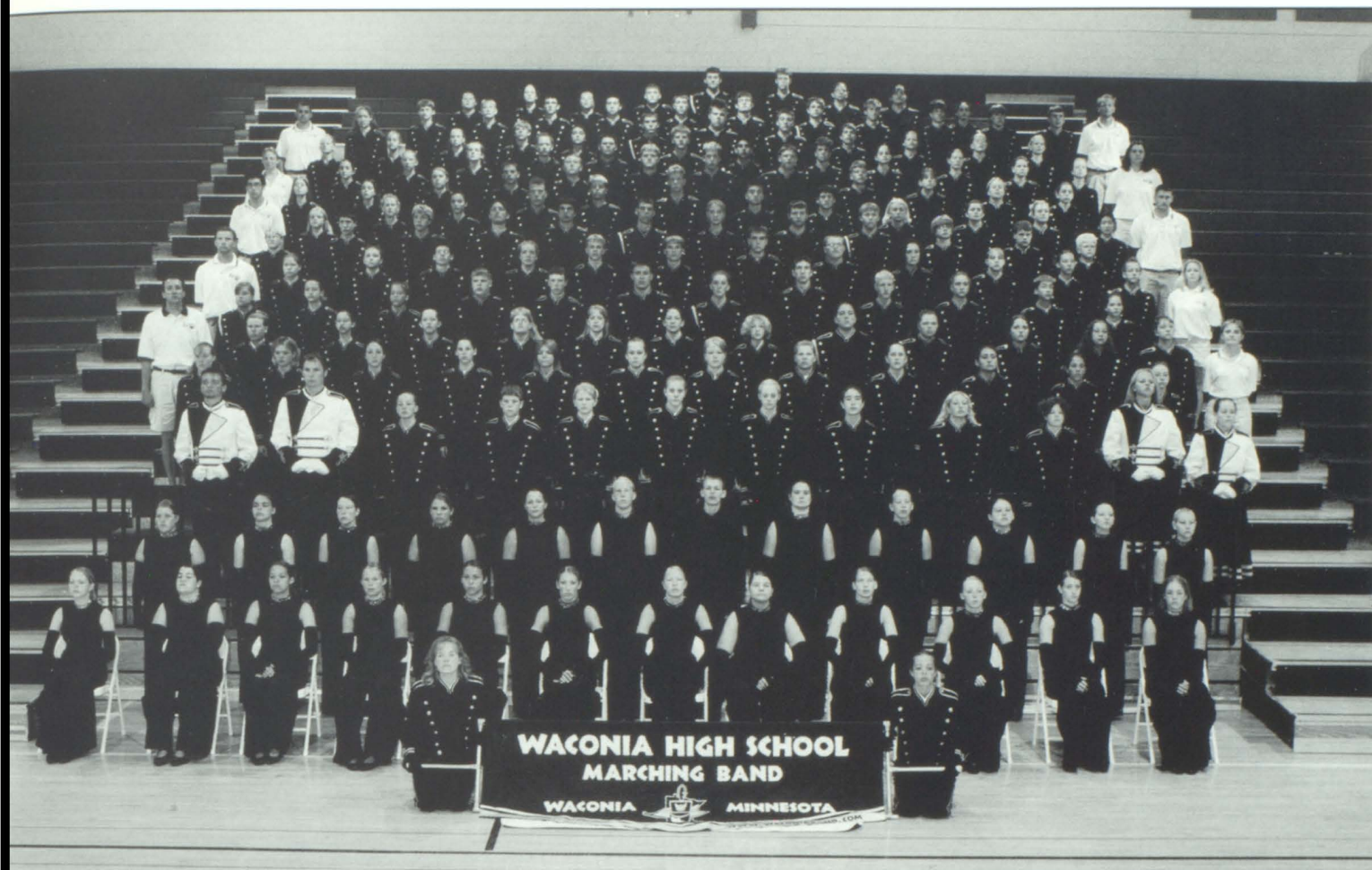
Below: The Waconia Marching Band Colorguard.



Above: Drumline Members Simon Gustafson, Jenny Schnobrich, Abby Welch and Brian Johnson.

Right: Banner Carriers Jenna Taylor and Katie Hedstrom.





Commanders

Jennifer Mochinski
Sarah Gibbs
Luke Schiller
Robert Pesch

Am Squad

Ashly Schmaltz
Courtney Wallace
Elisa Kelsey
Jenna Talyor
Katherine Jonas
Katie Hedstrom
Kayla DeBoer
Kevin Deering
Aaron Templin
Allison Johnson
Emma Denbrook
Jacky Geffre
Kathryn Laulainen
Meridith Lamberger
Amanda Mortenson

Colorguard

Katie Clinch
Tasha Lindemann
Marissa Held
Kristina Domjahn
Jamie Asp
Baillie Miller
Jenny Erickson
Bethany Wall
Ashley Hagman

Nicole Sampson
Martha Saunders
Carrie Hagman
Shayanne Roth
Estelle Denbrook
Leah Gjertson
Jolene John
Emily Eder
Katie Zancig
Lacey Ahlbrect
Heidi Keller
Janelle Nelson
Scott Connor
Emiley Lamberger

Flute

Amanda Templin
Lisa Smestad
Chrissi Nelson
Tim Connor
Samantha Foust
Carly Moore
Julie Neborak
Anna Overson
Cherie Seaman
Stephanie Bruesehoff
Lauren Hackbarth
Claire Salverson

Clarinet

Rachel Minzel
Katie Herling
Kathryn Hilliard

Brianna Johnson
Samantha Konrardy
Kari Luce
Mallory O'Neil
Rachel Knickerbocker
Lori Ledoux
Micah Linehan
Jessica Bammert
Ali Klason
Katie Sterner
Lindsay Fischbach
Nathan Hendren
Amanda Gaddo
Mallory Hanson
Alex Krukowski
Lindsey Lano
Janelle Zimmerman

Tenor Saxophone

David Deering
Josh Peterson
Joey Hiben
Brady Gibbs

Baritone Saxophone

Ernie Flemig
Sasha Landskov

Trumpet

David Flemig
Daniel Gjertson
Jackie Jensen
Maggie Klason

Brian Lenzen
Bridget Ayers-Looby
Ted Moore
Jordan Peters
Chris Hendren
Nate Laulainen
Lucas Meyer
Aaron Peterson
Michael Anderson
Laura Anderson
Stephanie Capaul
Eric Ellingson
Marc Ellingson
Jenna Ely
Lucy Gunness
Hannah Hjelsand
Amanda Janzen
Scott Peterson
Dylan Schesso

Horn

Carrie Bly
Gretchen Saunders
Tiffany Johnston
Jackie Olson

Trombone

Adam Fisel
Darby Steiner
Tess Surat
Matt Masurka
Ryan Mortensen
Mark Wilson

Nick Anderson
Philip Litfin
Mathias Weinzierl
Garrett Hoppenrath

Drumline

Krista Anderson
Danielle Chinander
Pat Deering
Matt Eiden
Sonja Ellingson
Jessica Falk
Simon Gustafson
Megan Haberling
Dan Held
Maggie Hilliard
Sam Holtberg
Brian Johnson
Kirstin Klason
Daniel Klingelhutz
Louise Klingelhutz
Holly Kunkel
Martha Lemke
Natalie Maiser
Jordan Meyer
Toni Mochinski
Daniel Philp
Jennifer Schnobrich
Matt Stuewe
Katelyn Waletich
Dan Wallace
Abby Welch

Concert, Gold and Purple Bands Showcase Talent

This was a very exciting year for the Waconia band program. A new plan for the division of the students into bands was put into place. In the past there were only two different bands, but this year students were separated into three performance groups. Ambitious freshman and sophomores had the opportunity to try out for the

Gold band. They could be placed in the Gold band or the Purple band. Those who chose not to audition joined the Purple band. The highest band, the Concert band, was made up of juniors and seniors. All members in these bands performed in several concerts including fall, holiday, mid-winter, and spring concerts.

New this year was an all band festival that was hosted here in Waconia. Several bands from the area were invited to perform and be critiqued by professional judges. This school year was the beginning of a revolution within the Waconia band program, starting with a change in the way students are graded and a new

program giving all students the opportunity to participate in private music lessons. These new programs tested this year are sure to bring band members success in the future.



CONCERT BAND: Back row - Jeff Foust, Philip Litfin, Murphy Steiner, Matthew Hentges, Adam Hastings, David Powers, Ernie Flemig, Cal Kosieracki, John Keefe, Abby Welch, Dan Philp, Brian Johnson; Standing - Stephanie Capaul, Lucy Gunness, Adam Schlager, Kevin Ketcher, Marc Ellingson, Laura Anderson, Janelle Zimmerman, Alex Krukowski, Vance Kerber, Jessica Falk, Nathan McKinney, Brian Falk, Eric Smestad, John Ansell, Jenny Schnobrich; Kneeling - Alex Kranz, Jackie Olson, Brittany Willborg, Dylan Pforr, Justin Pawela, Maureen Ayers - Looby, Lindsey Lano, Matthew Jensen, Jennifer Olson, Hannah Hjelsand, Carrie Peterson, Michael Anderson, Nathan Laulainen, Anna Jonas, Franny Gustafson, Megan Haberling; Front row - Katie Sterner, Lori Ledoux, Ashley Hagman, Micah Linehan, Luke Schiller, Sarah Gibbs, Jessica Bammert, Katie Rajewsky, Rita Johnson, Kerstin Palm, Chrissi Nelson, Maggie Hilliard, Jenna Taylor, Emily Eder, Timothy Connor, Kirstin Klason, Jennifer Bostic.

GOLD BAND: Back row - Dillon Sletten, Matt Eiden, Pat Deering, Bridget Ayers Looby, Dan Klingelutz, Amanda Janzen, Brant Douville, Ted Moore, Nick Hentges, Fourth Row: Natalie Maiser, Krista Anderson, Estelle Denbrook, Nicole Klaustermeier, Nate Ring, Tess Surat, Darby Steiner, Adam Fisel, Katie Braun, Nick Anderson, Mathias Weinzierl, Tony Schilling, David Flemig, Joey Hiben, Third Row: Danielle Chinander, Gretchen Saunders, Carrie Bly, Val Zakashefski, Shayanne Roth, Amanda Gaddo, Mallory Hanson, Amber Storms, Megan Fredericksen, Kate Solheim, Martha Lemke, Ayla Stangret, Brady Gibbs, Sasha Landskov, David Deering, Second Row: Jordan Meyer, Julie Neborak, Simon Gustafson, Anna Overson, Samantha Foust, Cherie Seaman, Jamie Asp, Katie Herling, Samantha Konrardy, Misti Hecksel-Read, Lauren Petersen, Amber Morgan, Akayla Stevens, Lindsay Fischbach, Cassie Williams, Ali Klason, Jackie Jensen, Front row: Lauren Hackbarth, Jackie Anderson, Regan Bjorklund, Carly Moore, Claire Salvesson, Louise Klingelutz, Katie Clinch, Kate Munson, Brianna Johnson, Mallory O'Neil, Jenna Ely, Maggie Klason.



PURPLE BAND: Back row - Mike Krahulec, Dan Wallace, Dan Held, Amanda Scheff, Kate Stuewe, Allison Johnson, Katelyn Waletich, Toni Mochinski, Fourth row - Ashlee Hackbarth, Jackie Geffre, Kari Wickenhauser, Karl Palm, Scott Connor, Josh Peterson, Eric Butteris, Ben Timm, Justin Reitsma, Jeff Chrest, Jake Condon, Third Row - Laura Christensen, Justine Gilbertson, Chris Bullis, Kari Luce, Kathryn Hilliard, Jessica Mathwig, Bill Szczepanski, Jordan Peters, Blake Willborg, Patrick Timmers, James Dammann, Front row - Marissa Held, Amanda Hecksel-Read, Britany Christenson, Stephanie Bruesehoff, Ashly Schmaltz, Ashley Wuksinich, Jared May, Jeff Gedden, Jimmy Thorne, Ed Szczepanski, Brian Lenzen, Dan Gjertson.

Waconia Jazz Jives

The Waconia Jazz Ensemble is comprised of 18 members. The Jazz band rehearses on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings. This year's music repertoire included Brass Roots, which has a rock style, and five swing pieces, including "In the Mood." This spring, the Jazz ensemble participated in a weekend jazz festival at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The trip was very educational, largely because of the professional musicians putting on the clinics. The Jazz Ensemble performed at various locations this year including one performance in at St. Joseph's church.

The jazz program at WHS also includes a group called Jazz Platinum, made up of the younger aspiring musicians.



JAZZ EMSEMBLE: (Top) Back Row- Justin Pawela, Ernie Flemig, Dan Klingelutz, Nick Anderson. Middle Row- Maureen Ayers-Looby, Sonja Ellingson, Alex Krukowski, Lucy Gunness, Marc Ellingson, Tess Surat. Front Row- Sasha Landskov, Nick Hentges, Murphy Steiner, Laura Anderson.

JAZZ PLATINUM: (Bottom) Back Row- Cassie Williams, Dillon Sletten, Matt Eiden, Ted Moore, Adam Fisel, David Flemig, Brady Gibbs. Second Row- Laura Christensen, Akayla Stevens, Lindsay Fischbach, Hannah Hjelmsand, Bridget Ayers-Looby, Darby Steiner, Jackie Jensen, Amanda Janzen, Michael Krahulec, Abby Corson, Mallory Hanson, Chris Bullis, Kate Solheim, Katie Herling, David Deering, Katelyn Waletich.



Left: Ashley Hagman and Sarah Gibbs are ready to wait on their clarinets.
Below: Kate Stuewe loves playing with the drumline at pep band.



Pep Band Rouses the Crowd



The Waconia High School Pep Band performed at home football games in the fall, along with at boys and girls basketball games during the winter. The band was always a great source of energy and spirit at sporting events, both inspiring team members and exciting fans.

Bottom: The Pep Band plays "Livin' on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi, a favorite song among band members.

Waconia Choirs Soar

It was the year 2002 and the number of Waconia High School students participating in the choral program is higher than ever. This year 165 students were involved in one of WHS's three choirs, led

by choral director Aaron Olson. Purple Choir was made up of freshmen as well as sophomores, while Gold Choir was comprised of sophomores and a handful of freshmen, finally Concert Chori

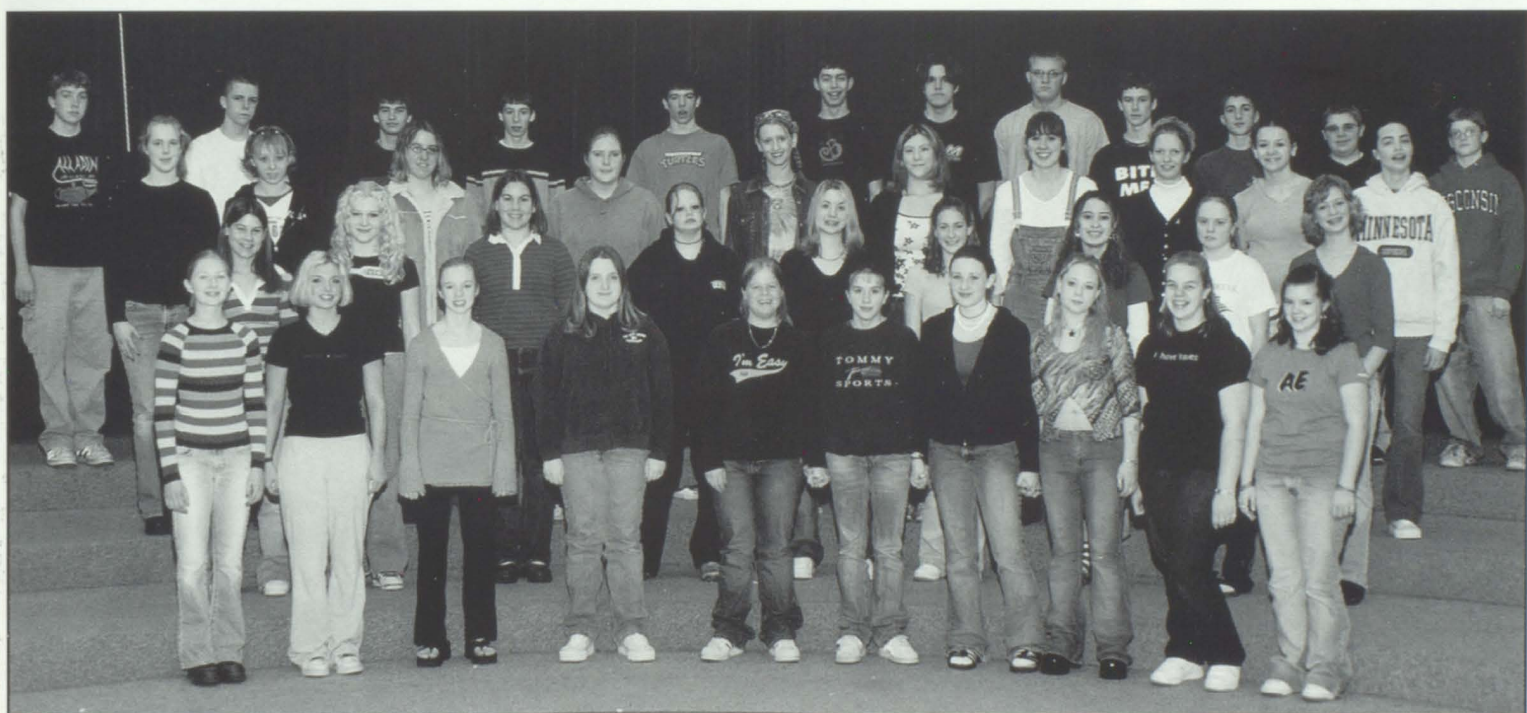
was made up of seniors, juniors and selected sophomores. All three choirs performed together in fall, winter and spring concerts, all held in the Waconia High School auditorium. With opportunities to

letter, solo competitions, as well as additional choral groups to join, choir members were constantly being challenged and provided with new experiences.



CONCERT CHOIR: Fourth row (back) - Luke Schiller, Alex Kranz, Joey Pogatchnik, Alex Krukowski, Andrew Fredericksen, Philip Litfin, Jonothon McKee, Nathan Laulainen, Eric Ellingson, Marc Ellingson, Bret Plocher, Michael Miller, Timothy Niccum, Matt Parris, Justin Rosckes, Brian Falk, Aaron Salo; Third row - Shelby Lenzen, Baillie Miller, Jennifer Bostic, Marilyn Spiess, Franny Gustafson, Heidi Paulson, Sonja Ellingson, Angie Massengale, Eric Christenson, Katie Zancig, Leanne Tanguay, Hannah Hjelsand, Katie Sterner, Anna Carrigan; Second row - Rita Johnson, Jessica Bammert, Abby Welch, Lindsey Debner, Jackie Olson, Tia Oakman, Nicole Donnel, Taylor Stangret, Brittany Willborg, Roxanne Miesler, Janelle Zimmerman, Tina Pogatchnik, Danielle Mazon, Lucy Gunness; Front row - Jennifer Olson, Laura Anderson, Elizabeth Jacobson, Jamie Ta, Christine Muschalik, Kirstin Klason, Mackenzie Foley, Stephanie Capaul, Tiffany Johnson, Mackenzie Bakken, Sarah Gibbs, Becky Miesler, Lisa McGee, Andrea Dalen.

GOLD CHOIR: Back row - Simon Gustafson, Pat Deering, Joey Hiben, Brady Gibbs, Reid Larsen, David Flemig, Joe Morimoto, Jordan Meyer, Sean Stein; third row Megan Fredericksen, Lauren Petersen, Tasha Lindemann, Kelsey Paulson, Katie Groschen, Tess Surat, Estelle Denbrook, Rachel Boughton, Carly Moore, Martha Lemke, Maggie Klason; second row Sarah Menth, Nicol West, Anna Overson, Sara Kelzer, Jenna Ely, Brittany Bammert, Misti Hecksel-Read, Bethany Slice, Melanie Linehan, Natalie Maiser, Ayla Stangret, Brianna Johnson; first row - Stacy Niestrom, Jackie Hennen, Amanda Thaemert, Ali Klason, Regan Bjorklund, Emily Goede, Cherie Seaman, Amanda Wenning, Katie Herling, Miriam Schwochow, Julie Neborak, Bridget Ayers-Looby.

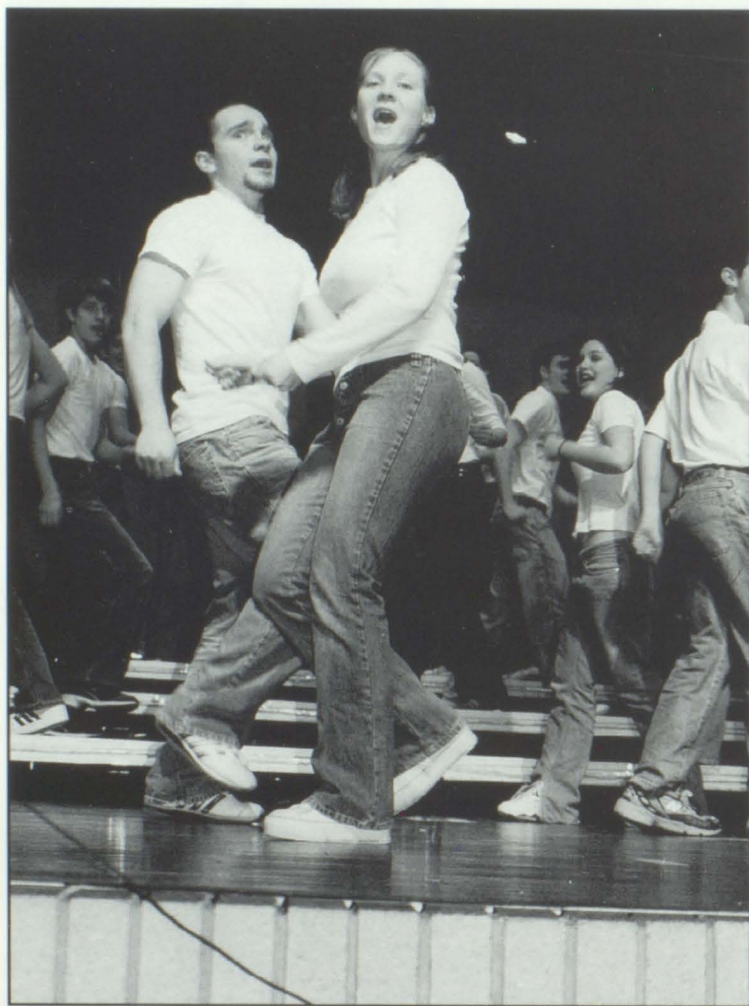


PURPLE CHOIR: Back row - Dan Held, Dan Emanuelson, David Carrier, Aaron Cook, Ben Timm, Eric Butteris, Josh Wagner, Cody Edlund, Josh Breyer, Blake Willborg, James Dammann, Dan Gjertson; third row - Kathryn Hilliard, Jessica Mathwig, Kari Wickenhauser, Sara Gee, Toni Mochinski, Jessica McCullough, Jennifer Glashan, Laura Wold, Ashlee Hackbarth, Jen Brandenburg; second row: Ali Lenzen, Birgitte Rifley, Johanna Lee, Katie Stairs, Heather Nelson, Allison Schmitt, Ashly Schmaltz, Lindsey Rague, Allison Johnson; Front row - Justine Gilbertson, Lauren Sopkowiak, Kellie Hoen, Anna Willems, Alaina Caviness, Alyssa Loeffler, Jamie Leslie, Tiffany Steinborn, Tara Ostlie.

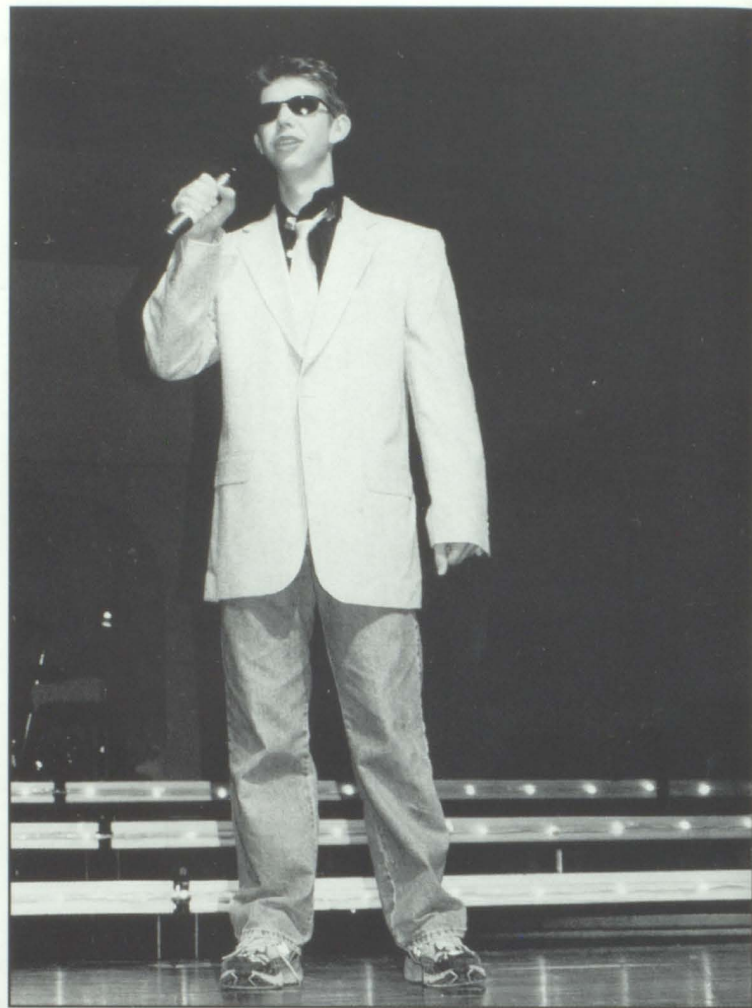
Power Company Energizes

The Waconia Power Company performed very well this past season. The group practiced every Tuesday and Thursday starting in the fall and ending just before spring. Power Company traveled very far for their competitions. This year they traveled to Milton, WI; Eau Claire, WI; LaCrosse, WI; and Davenport, IA. They competed against some of the best show choirs in the country, and yet, they still manage to place in the top three for every competition but one. This past

year, Power Company also hosted its first ACDA show choir festival. One of the group's major accomplishments included taking second place at the Milton Competition, when just a few years ago they finished second to last. In Milton, the Waconia show choir also received best stage crew and best vocals, another major accomplishment for the group. The show choir had a great year, and now Power Company is becoming a known name among the show choir community.



Above: Kirstin Klason and Luke Schiller show off their dancing skills while singing "Footloose."



Above right: Matt Parris puts on a great show while he sings "You May Be Right."



Bottom right: Alex Krukowski and Jackie Olson sing a duet for the community.



Above: Power Company members Jackie Olson, Laura Anderson, Jen Olson, Nathan Laulainen, and Alex Krukowski back up Jen Bostic and Marc Ellingson as they sing "You're the One That I Want."



POWER COMPANY: Band - Emily Eder, Nick Anderson, Justin Rosckes, Kerstin Palm, Justin Pawela, Reid Larsen, Janelle Zimmerman, Nate Laulainen and Laura Anderson. **Show Choir, back row** - Alex Kranz, Philip Liftin, Bret Plocher, Joey Pogotchnick, Pat Deering, Ben Timm, Jordan Meyer, Eric Ellingson, Joe Morimoto, Marc Ellingson, Matt Parris, Jono McKee, Alex Krokowski, Sean Stein, David Flemig and Luke Schiller; **middle row:** Kirstin Klason, Andrea Dalen, Anna Overson, Megan Fredericksen, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Jen Bostic, Bethany Slice, Toni Mochinski, Taylor Stangret and Mackenzie Foley; **front row:** Tina Pogotchnick, Marilyn Spiess, Kelsey Paulson, Jen Olson, Jackie Olson, Katie Zancig, Sarah Gibbs, Brianna Johnson. **Crew members:** Josh Wagner, Matt Jensen, Bridget Ayers-Looby, Jessica Falk, Ayla Stangret, Michael Anderson, Jimmy Dammann.



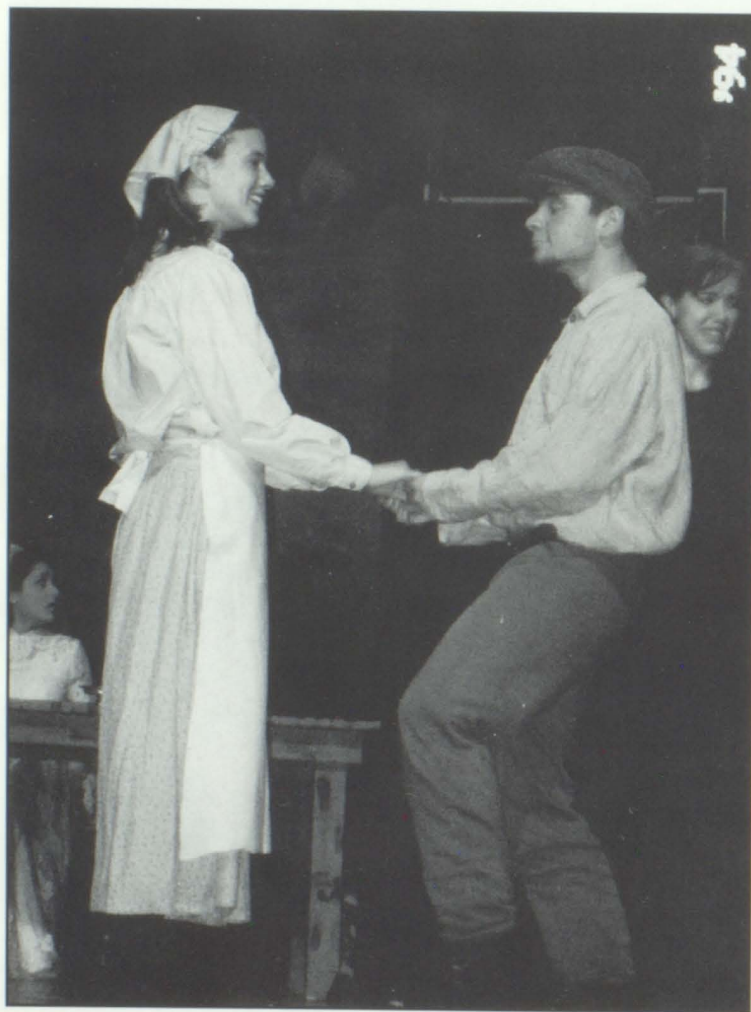
Left: Luke Schiller, Mackenzie Foley, Marc Ellingson, Marilyn Spiess, Eric Ellingson, Maureen Ayers-Looby and Alex Kranz sing a song from their freshmen year.

The Fiddler in Waconia

For the WHS fall musical of 2001 students put on a production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. *Fiddler on the Roof* is the story of a Jewish family living in the old fashioned town of Anatevka in 1905. The lead character and father of the family is Tevye, played by Philip Litfin. Other important characters include Tevye's wife Golde (Marilyn Spiess), Motel the tailor (Alex Krukowski), Perchik a scholar

(Luke Schiller), Yente the town matchmaker (Mackenzie Foley), the town butcher Lazar Wolfe (Sean Stein), and Tevye's five daughters. The action starts when Tevye's three eldest prepare to marry. Tzeitel, played by Jackie Olson, is the oldest of the five girls and the first to marry, but she does not want to be wed to Lazar Wolfe, the man her father struck a bargain with. The problems

continue with the two marriages of Model, played by Franny Gustafson, and Zhava, played by Maureen Ayers-Looby, Tevye's second and third oldest daughters. The play also includes exciting scenes with visits from the deceased! The play ends on a sad scene when Tevye and his family are forced out of their home by Russian soldiers.



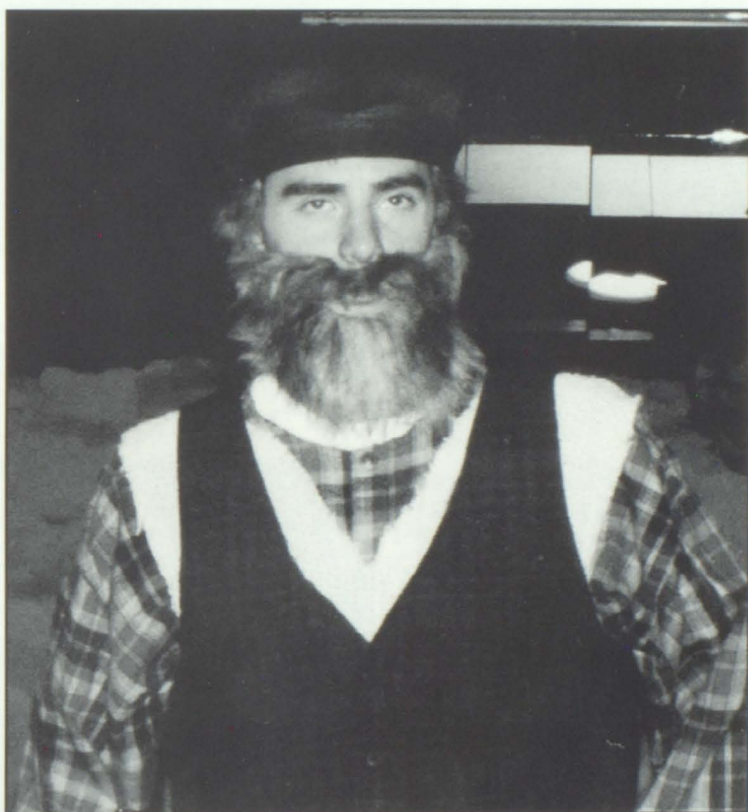
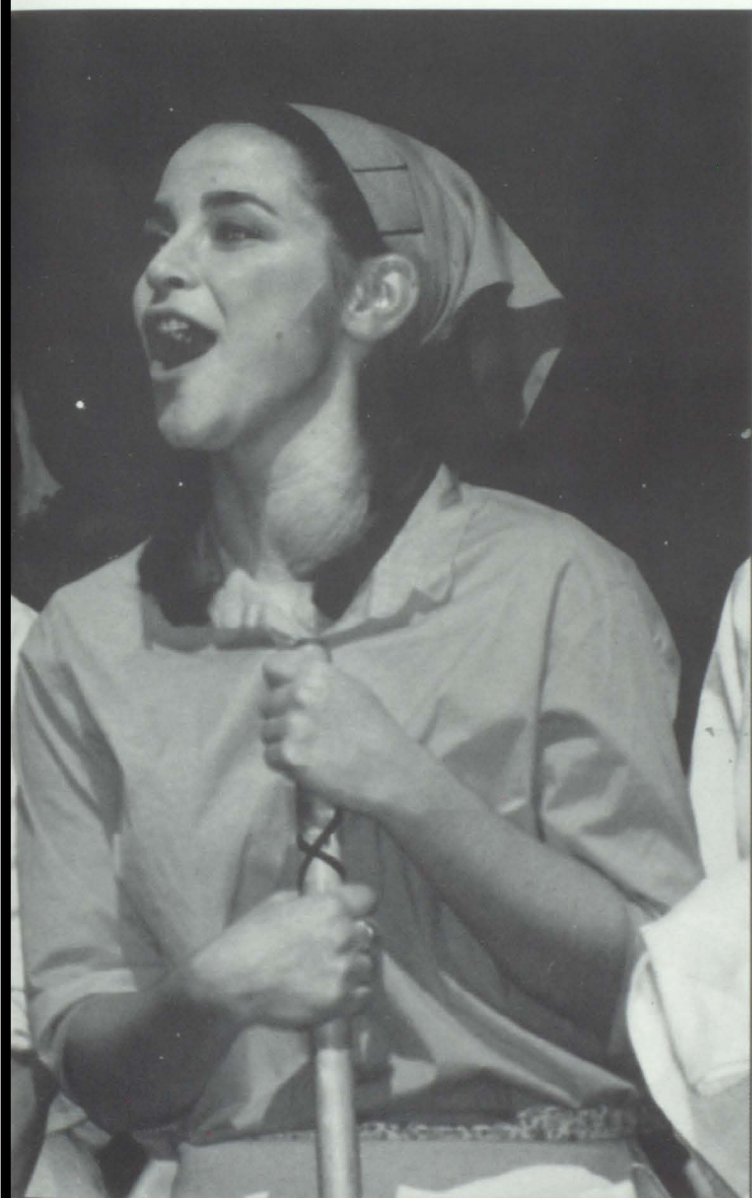
Above: Franny Gustafson dances with Luke Schiller.

At right: Maureen Ayers-Looby sings a solo.





Below: Taylor Stangret scares the cast.



FIDDLER CAST: Top left: Bottom row: Ayla Stangret, Bridget Ayers-Looby; Row 1: Jackie Olson, Brittany Willborg, Carly Moore; Row 2: Regan Bjorklund, Franny Gustafson, Birgitte Rifley; Row 3: Joseph Morimoto, Danielle Mazon, Makenzie Foley, Alex Krukowski, Janelle Zimmerman, Ashley Hagman, Luke Schiller, Johnny Johnson, Taylor Stangret, Sarah Gibbs, Maralyn Spiess; Row 4: Josh Wagner, Justin Pawela, Mareen Ayers-Looby, Sean Stein, Maggie Klason, Jenn Bostic, Philip

Litfin, Jenny Walker; Row 5: Matt Jensen, Vance Kerber.

Above: Philip Litfin (Tevye).

Hear Ye, Hear Ye: Mock Trial Is in Session

During the Mock Trial season, the students were able to act out a case. The case was about an office employee at a high school. She felt discriminated because she had an eating disorder. The school claims they never knew about it. Mr. Lee was the adviser and Tim Looby was the legal adviser.

The Mock Trial team competed at the county courthouse against other schools. A win against Lester Prairie was a highlight of the season for the team.

MOCK TRIAL: From the back: Tim Looby, Justin Ludwigson, Mr. Lee, Ryan Hayes, Patrick Ross, Jared May, Gabe Maravelas, Johanna Lee, Mallory Hanson, Lindsay Fischbach, Crystal Reese, and Miriam Schwowoch



Future Farmers of America

Future Farmers of America is a group organization that allowed students to participate in Agriculture and outdoor activities. FFA, for the past few years, helped raise money by participating in the annual Corn Drive. The money from that fund raiser went to Camp Courage, which helps children with special needs enjoy a summer camp experience. FFA members also competed in conventions, which judged dairy products, small animals, horticulture, and related skills.

Top right: Alicia Ertl and Cory Tellers clean out the back of a truck.

Right: Back row - Travis Frank and Alicia Ertl; Front row - Sean Bailey and Dustin Gesinger.



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA: Back row - Nate Koch, Eddie Laumann, Cory Tellers, Travis Frank; Middle row - Samuelson, Chris Buetow, Dustin Gesinger, Donnie Arndt, Sean Bailey, Matt Hennen, Nick Furman and Ronny Lenzen; Seated - Ali Lenzen, Karrie Linhoff, Kayla Menth, Summer Becklund, Shelby Lenzen; Front row - Katie Braun and Alicia Ertl.

Math League Is Always Being Challenged

Math League consisted of math topics from algebra through elementary analysis. The purpose of Math League was to master challenging math problems, be competitive in math, and work together, while having fun. Students who were in Math League thought it was fun because they competed against schools five times larger than Waconia and still defeated them. Math League competed in five total competitions and this year came in eighth place in their division.

MATH LEAGUE: Right: Back row - Bethany Jetto, Kevin Krautbauer, Dylan Pforr and Dr. Sauer; Front row - Jared Hammer, Tina Pagatchnik, Jacob Leshner, Brian Falk and Bret Plocher, lounging across his teammates' laps.



Science Team Is about Discovery and Teamwork

The Science Team is an academic program for students to "discover and learn scientific concepts through hands-on and 'minds-on' activities," according to Mr. Berg, the advisor. The team competed in two events; this year's results included a ninth place team finish at Mankato State University, a third place finish for Vance Kerber and Garrett Pforr in the "Boom Lever" event, and a third place finish for Dylan Pforr and Vance Kerber in the "Mission Impossible" event. The team's motto was "Showcasing excellence through scientific inquiry."

SCIENCE TEAM: Top Row- Mr. Berg, Dylan Pforr, Vance Kerber, Bret Plocher, Mark Schultz, Middle Row- Jacob Leshner, Jared Hammer, Garrett Pforr, Bottom Row- Rachel Mowry and Sasha Landskov.



Below: Justin Pawela addresses the National Honor Society audience.



At Right: Jenny Schnobrich shakes hands with Mr. Fredericksen.



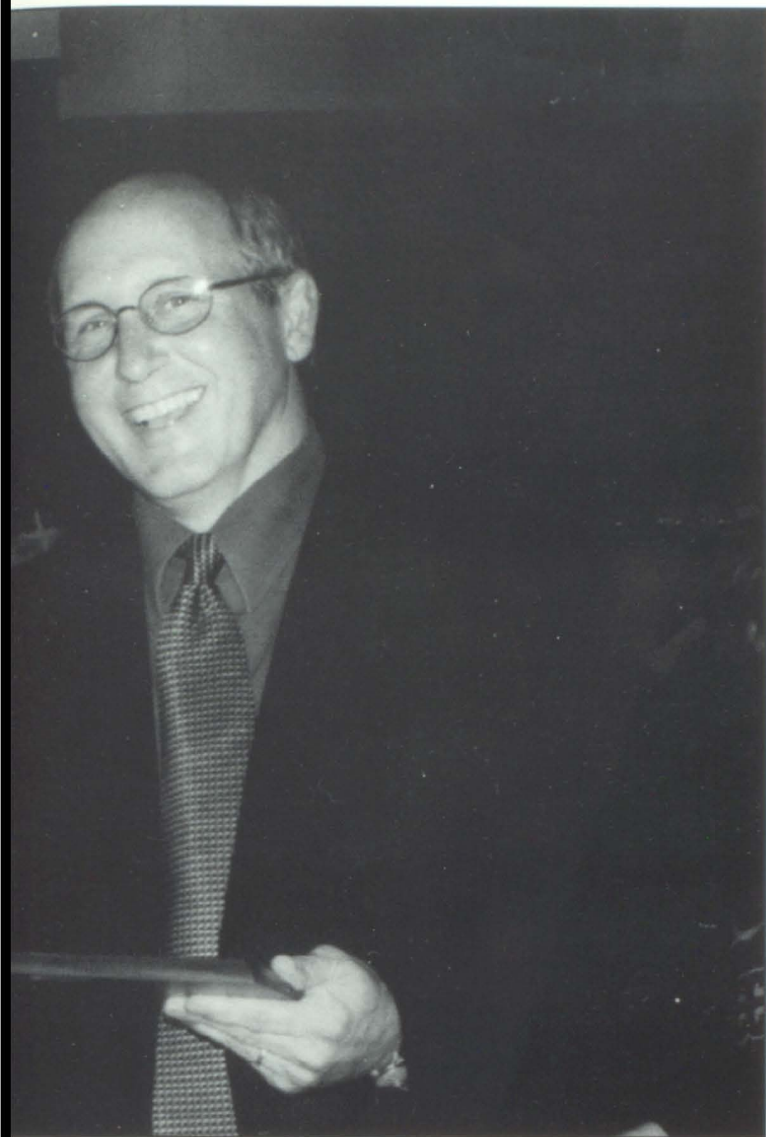
12th GRADE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Above - Back: Bret Plocher, Justin Pawela, Ernie Fernig, Matt Heger, Matt Hentges, Dylan Pflor; Third: Kevin Ketcher, Scott Loscheider, Maureen Ayers-Looby, Eric Ellingson, Marc Ellingson, Sarah Meier, Amanda Hedtke. Second: Tina Pogatchnik, Murphy Steiner, Sarah Gibbs, Jenny Schnobrich, Vance Kerber, Jessica Falk, Luke Schiller, Alex Kranz; First: Marilyn Spiess, Becky Luedloff, Abby Welch, Molly Lenzen, Haemin Hong, Kirsten Klason and Mackenzie Foley.



11th GRADE HONOR SOCIETY: Back: Phil Litfin, Evan Johnson, Matt Jensen, Alex Krukowski, Nate Laulainen, Dan Philp; Fourth: Anna Jonas, Amanda Lemke, Heidi Paulson, Sonja Ellingson, Jackie Olson, Ashley Hagman; Third: Megan Haberling, Chrissi Nelson, Lucy Gunness, Maggie Hilliard, Michael Anderson, Andrew Fredericksen, John Keefe; Second: Jen Olson, Kerstin Palm, Baillie Miller, Leanne Tanguay, Dennis Westlund, Emily Cousin; Front: Katie Zancig, Lindsay Lano, Laura Anderson, Emily Van Kirk, Taylor Stangret, Brittany Willborg, and Janelle Zimmerman.



10th GRADE HONOR SOCIETY: Back: Joe Pogatchnik, Jen Bostic, Jeremy Robb, Reid Larson, David Deering, Brant Douville, Patrick Timmers; Fourth: Mallory Hanson, Jacob Leshar, Brian Falk, Kevin Krautbauer, Tony Schilling, Amanda Gaddo, Aaron Salo, Nick Anderson; Third: Sarah Koch, Dayna Sudheimer, Andy Bongard, Lindsey Fishbach, Joanna Lee, Ben Smothers, Jamie Asp, Carly Moore; Second: Chris Bullis, Suzanne Harvat, Andrea Dalen, Kate Stuewe, Amanda Janzen, Courtney Bongard, Kaylee Rasmussen; Front: Courtney Buesgens, Claire Salveson, Jenna Ely, Ali Klason, Cassie Williams, Sara Kelzer, Jaci Hennen.



Below: Lucy Gunness shakes hands with Mr. Fredericksen.



What Does It Take to be Number One?

They were sometimes called the over-achievers, but in reality they were Waconia High School's leaders striving for a better future. The students who were a part of National Honor Society maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.33, performed twenty hours of community service, engaged in at least three extra-curricular activities, and

demonstrated superior character and leadership. This year, as those in the past, the National Honor Society held a banquet to acknowledge new members and award those who succeeded in achieving the program's highest standards. Their dedication to academics and commitment to leadership have indeed contributed to Waconia High School's success.

FCCLA Dominates Regional Competition

FCCLA had great achievements this year sending 23 members to state. FCCLA stands for Family Career and Community Leaders of America; it is a student organization that is focused on leadership development. Members worked as a team to plan local, region, state meetings and activities while working together with dedicated energy. The executive board included President Alex Krukowski, Vice President Kerstin Palm, Secretary Laura Anderson, Treasurer Nate

Laulainen, and Historian Matt Jensen. Some highlights of FCCLA this year included promotion workshops at Clearwater, two speakers for FCCLA week, the Jamaica Project at Clearwater, more active members this year than in previous years, and also many individual mentoring projects. According to Mrs. Hartwig, this year's FCCLA members were "positive, high energy, and refreshing."

Bottom right: Nick Anderson displays his star event on Pesticides.

Above right: FCCLA President Kerstin Palm represents the Waconia team.



FCCLA Group: Back row - Steve Kjergaard, Nate Laulainen, Matt Jensen, Alex Krukowski, Bret Plocher, Michael Anderson; Middle row - Leanne Tanguay, Heather Deithelm, Lenore Kolar, Beth Jacobson, Kayla Menth, Anna Corson; Seated - Evan Johnson, Lori Ledoux, Laura Anderson, Rita Johnson, Kerstin Palm; Front row - Dan Philp and Phil Litfin.

Left: Back row - Nick Anderson, Justine Gilbertson, Maggie Klason, Ted Moore, Megan Fredericksen, Mallory O'Neil; Middle row - Carly Moore, Jackie Jensen, Kate Solheim, Bridget Ayers Looby, Katherine Hilliard, Amber Storms; Front row - Danielle Chinander, Natalie Maiser, Allison Johnson, Abby Corson, Nicole Klaustermeier.



FCCLA Officers: Laura Anderson, Alex Krukowski, Kerstin Palm, Nate Laulainen, Matt Jensen.

America Reads Tutors Reach Out



America Reads is a program for ninth through twelve graders who have the opportunity to tutor children who need extra help in their school curriculum at Bayview, Clearwater, or St. Joes. The tutors have the option of tutoring before or after school for one-hour sessions. Although the tutoring program only has been continuing for two years, the number of high school students involved in the program has increased from sixteen to twenty-eight. Former president Bill Clinton created the America Reads program in order to help

children read strongly and independently by the time they finish third grade. Jennifer Ebert was a Literacy Coordinator at the Workforce Development Center in Chaska and organized America Reads. She helped the new tutors with the three-hour mandatory training and took a trip in September to Camp Ihduhapi for the tutors to learn leadership and teamwork skills. Through the America Reads program, younger students will be able to have confidence in reading and excel in their schoolwork.



Center Left: Amanda Janzen helps out the first graders with their writing assignments.

America Reads Tutors: Back row- Heidi Paulson, Jenna Ely, Danielle Chinander, Andy Bongard. Middle row- Anna Overson, Bethany Slice, Kate Solheim, Amber Storms, Megan Fredericksen, Kerstin Palm, Lindsay Fischbach, Megan Bailey. Front row- Jackie Hennen, Cortney Bongard, Kate Stuewe, Kaylee Rasmussen, Johanna Lee, Dayna Sudheimer.

Left: Kate Solheim reads with her new friend.

A Student Council with Vision and Goals

The Student Council is an organization that helps to improve the student body's school life. The student council of 2001-2002 was a voice for today's student body to make sure our surroundings were enjoyable. One of the highlights of this year that the Student Council planned was the CAPS

Holiday Project. Classes were challenged to raise fifty dollars to support a family in need. Our school had a final result of over 500 dollars. A new event that district #110 promoted, founded by Student Council, was the Dollars for Scholars phone-a-thon, which raised over 9,000 dollars to

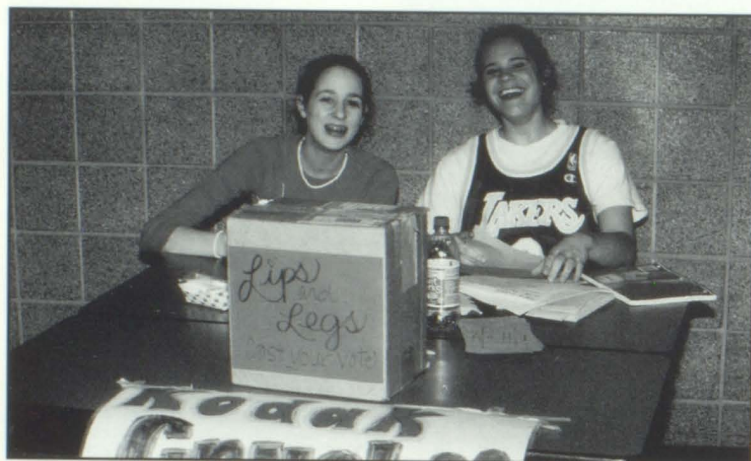
help seniors pay for college tuition.

Student Council also sponsored Winterfest, which is a week of dressing up, activities and more, with the hope for the students to gain school spirit. With the mix of fun activities, charitable events, including the annual blood drive, and leadership

promotion, Student Council is an excellent group to be a part of.

Below: Murphy Steiner gives a thumbs up as he gives blood for the Blood Drive.

Bottom Right: Jessica Falk and Kenzie Foley pose for a picture in their costumes at the Fall Halloween Dance.



Top: Courtney Buesgens and Kate Stuewe collect the ballots for the Lips and Legs contest during Winterfest.
Student Council: John Ansell, Ernie Flemig, Phil Litfin, Chrissi Nelson, Michael Anderson, Jackie Olson, Nick Anderson, Jenna Dibble, Estelle Denbrook, Kenzie Foley, Jessie Falk, Becky Luedloff, Paula Hilgers, Emily

Van Kirk, Kate Stuewe, Kerstin Palm, Amber Storms, Megan Fredericksen, Maureen Ayers Looby, Jenna Taylor, Taylor Strangret, Matt Heger, Luke Schiller, Sarah Gibbs, David Flemig, Justine Gilbertson, Bridget Ayers Looby, Laura Anderson, Mallory Hanson, Ali Klason, Amanda Janzen, Courtney Buesgens.



Student Helpers Assist School Leaders

Student Helpers was a group of outgoing individuals that helped students with problems and questions. They also organized a new student orientation at the beginning of the year to introduce the new pupils to our high school and its students.

The student helpers also organized many activity days throughout the year. They organized chemical health week. The week helped promote good health without the use of drugs and alcohol. During this week, there were prizes given out,

speakers on variety of subjects and exciting dress up days.

Student helpers were required to go above and beyond the call of duty to help their peers. Assisting new students in meeting friends and just being a confidant to someone were characteristics of a

student helper. The student helpers of Waconia High School helped out anyone in need.

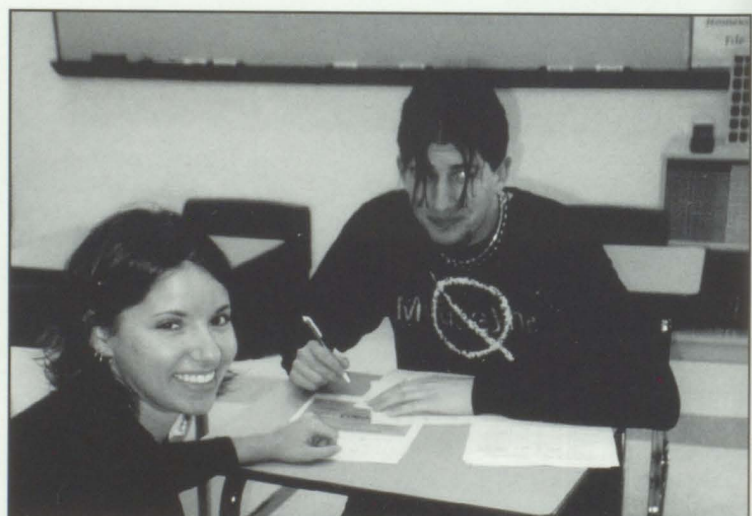
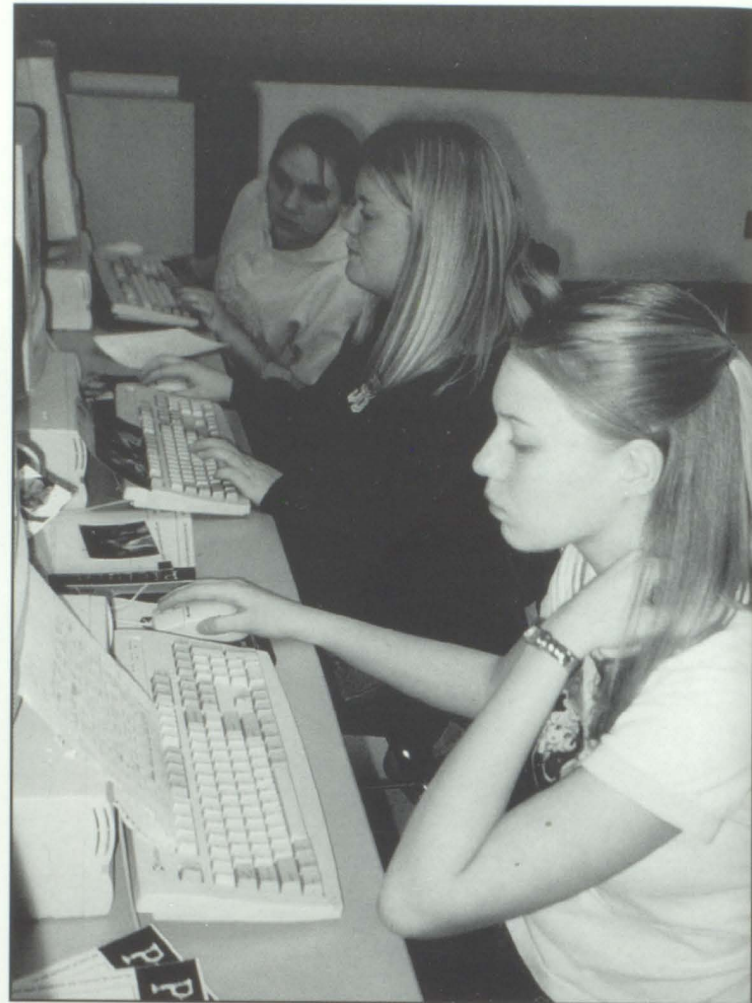
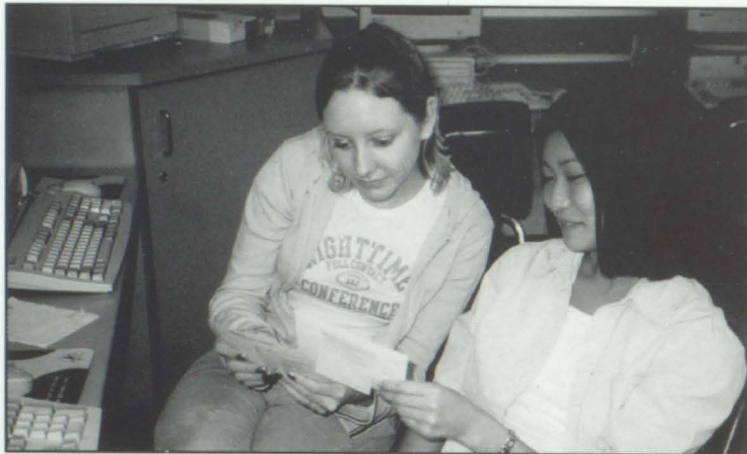


STUDENT HELPERS: Back row - Marilyn Spiess, Justin Pawela; Middle row - Emily Eder, Baillie Miller, Megan Haberling, Sarah Meier; Front row - Katie Braun and Nick Anderson.

Yearbook Staff Reflects Back and Moves Forward

A yearbook does not just appear from good intentions, it takes long hours of dedication from students and firm guidance. The production of the yearbook started when school began in September and ran through the end of the school year. The editors and section leaders were chosen at the beginning of the year and page layouts were assigned as the year continued. The staff took on a new approach this year by having students involved in all

aspects of the production of the yearbook. Business decisions were made as a staff, including marketing and sales; students also took some of the photographs themselves. All of the staff members worked together and showed a lot of determination to complete pages by the deadlines. The yearbook editors and staff members were proud to have completed this memoir, which will salute and commemorate Wildcat students for years to come.



Top Right: Katie Rajewsky, Jenny Evans and Katie Zancig work on the layout.

Top Left: Baillie Miller and Amanda

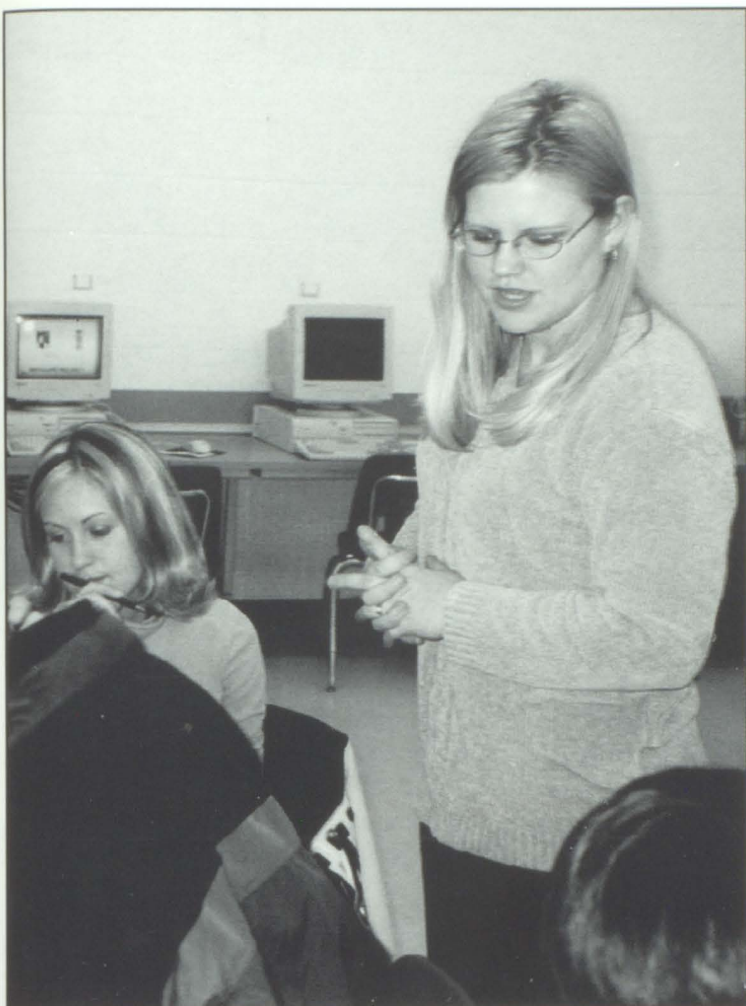
Janzen decide on pictures to put in the yearbook.

Bottom Right: Sarah Meier and Marshall Everhart work hard finishing a page for yearbook.

YEARBOOK STAFF: Top row- Amber Storms, Mallory O Neil, Jenny Evans, Katie Rajewsky, Ms. Degener, Middle-

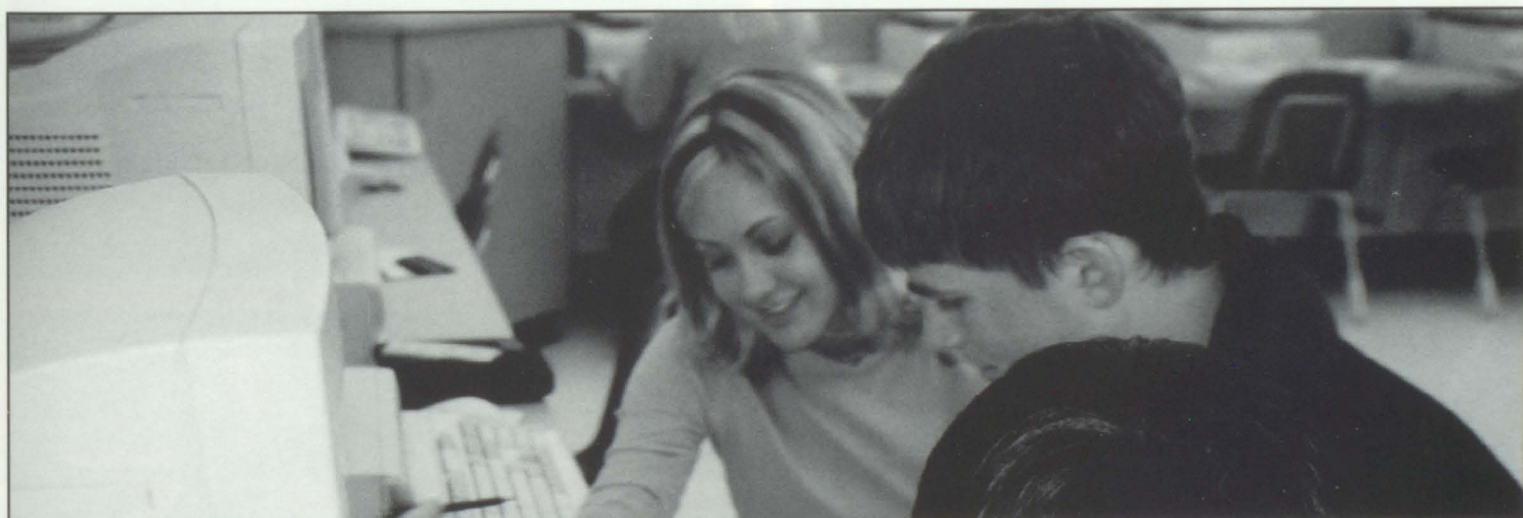
Eder, Katie Zancig, Sarah Meier, Bottom- Paula Hilgers, Val Zakashefski and Heidi Keller.

School Newspaper Provides a Student's Perspective



Waconia High School's newspaper, *Tracks*, has become a valuable news source on community, school and world events. The staff members were very dedicated and worked diligently to provide the school with a student's perspective on news and school events.

Restaurant and music reviews complimented the news focus. In compiling an issue, staff members chose topics, conducted interviews, drafted stories, took photos and completed layout. Laura Anderson, the editor-in-chief, played a key role in all phases of the newspaper's publication.



Top Left: Ms. Gregor guides the newspaper staff by helping them with their articles.

Bottom: Laura Anderson, Corey Erickson and Reid Larsen work together trying to finish an article.

NEWSPAPER STAFF: Top Row- Kate Solheim, Lindsey Rague, Reid Larsen, Ms. Gregor Bottom Row-Anna Szczpanski, Katie Rademacher, Jenny Sorenson and Laura Anderson.

Art and Literary Magazine Showcases Talent

The Waconia High School Art and Literary Magazine is a great way for students to show off their artistic talents. They can submit their art and creative writing to be a part of this publication. This year the third annual Art and

Literary magazine was published. Advisors Megan Gregor and Amy Fischer have tried to experiment with different formats for the magazine every year. Though these two spend a lot of time putting it together every year, the

students do most of the work on the magazine. Without the group of students who regularly volunteer their time to put it together, the Art and Literary Magazine would not be possible.

The annual Coffee House at

WHS took place in school in honor of the publication of the Art and Literary Magazine. This was a new idea when the magazine first came out three years ago, and since had become a popular event.



Above: Joe Morimoto entertains the Coffee House crowd with his comedy.
Top Right: Danielle Mazon and Mr. Machtemes perform a Brazilian song.



Middle Right: Kerstin Palm plays while Bethany Jetto turns pages.
Right: Jason Ingolfsland and his friend play some original songs.



Top Left: Justin Pawela is smitten with Marilyn Spiess.
Bottom Right: John Ansell masters his dramatic acting.

Center Right: Mike Miller and Marshall Everhart enjoy a drink on stage.
Middle Right: Sarah Gibbs plays Mrs. Hardcastle.

SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER CAST: Top Row- Adam Schlager, Bret Plocher, Justin Pawela, Marshall Everhart, Mr. Benson, Liz Bush, Jared Hammer, Michael Anderson, Mike Miller. Center Row- Marilyn Spiess, Sarah Gibbs, John Ansell, Dylan Pforr, Caleb Jetto. Front Row- Miriam Schwochow, Michelle Blegen, Kevin Ketcher, Carly Moore, Stefanie Gray.



3 Act Play Cast Conquers Waconia

She Stoops to Conquer, Waconia's spring production, was about Mrs. Hardcastle, played by Sarah Gibbs, who had plans for her stepson, Tony Lumpkin, played by Mike Miller, to marry her niece Constance Neville, played by Miriam Schwochow, so that the family jewels could stay in her family. Constance was not too

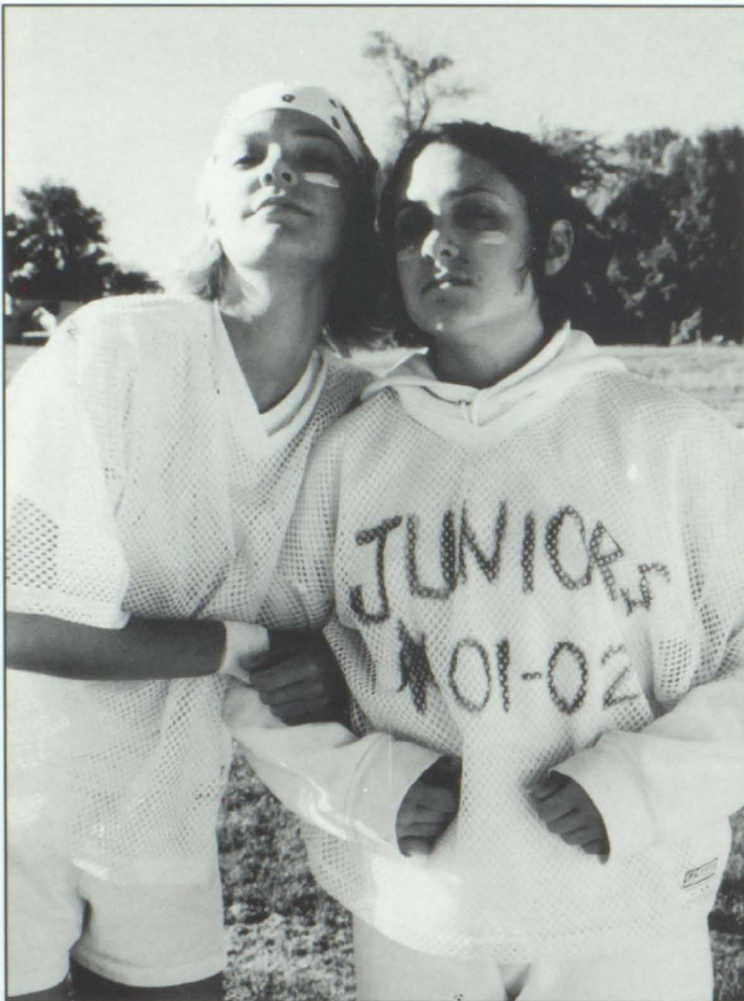
happy about this; she was in love with Hastings, played by Bret Plocher. Mr. Hardcastle, played by John Ansell, had plans for his daughter. He wished for her to marry Sir Charles Marlow's son, played by Marshall Everhart. Young Marlow, played by Justin Pawela, met Miss Hardcastle, played by Marilyn Spiess, and was

smitten with her. Eventually Constance and Hastings end up eloping with the help of Tony, and Miss Hardcastle and Young Marlow fall in love.

Liz Bush played the role of Maid, Ms. Pimple. Dylan Pforr played a Server/Jeremy. The four servants were played by Adam Schlager, Kevin Ketcher, Dylan

Pforr, and Caleb Jetto. Carly Moore was a bar maid. The student director: Liz Bush. Technical crew: Amy Fischer, Mary Ellen Timmers, Jared Hammer, Stefanie Gray, Mickey Blegen, Vance Kerber, Katie Zancig, Sara Gee, Mike Anderson, Troy Nelson, Leanne Tanguay, Brittany Willborg, Caleb Jetto, and Erica

Below: Sonja Ellingson and Jackie Olson prepare for the game.



Got Spirit?

During Homecoming Week, Wildcats showed their true colors. Grrr. Each day of Spirit Week students dressed up to show their class allegiance and school pride. Monday was Class Color Day. Seniors wore black, juniors dressed in white, sophomores sported blue, and freshmen displayed green. That evening many senior and junior girls competed in the Powder Puff game, with the seniors winning over the juniors.

On Tuesday, best friend necklaces were given away at lunch for some of the best looking twins on Twin Day. A new dress up day was created for Wednesday. Students, bringing out their "bling, bling," dressed up on Rapper Day. Always a hit, Pajama Day allowed students to get comfortable on Thursday. For the finale of Friday's purple and gold day, students showed off their school spirit by wearing the Wildcat colors.





Left: Jenny Sorenson, Sara Feerhusen, Julie Dalbec, Amanda Hedke and Leah Indrelie get tough for the game.

Below: David Fleming and Aaron Cook show their similarities on Twin Day.



Left: Cortney Bongard, Kaylee Rasmussen, Paula Hilgers, Andrea

Dalen Tegan Lingbeck and Sara Koch show their Wildcat spirit.

Below: Jonothon McKee and David Powers race to eat Jell-O at the pepfest.



Right: Homecoming Queen Jessica Bammert and King Luke Schiller survey their realm.



Above: Cheerleaders rouse the crowd's school spirit during the pepfest.

HOMECOMING COURT: Right - Back: Travis Roush, Nick Hentges, Matt

Heger, Tony Klein, Graham Irving, Marc Ellingson; Middle: Molly Anquist, Chad Luedloff, Abby Welch, Sarah Feerhusen, Jenny Sorenson, Alicia Erti; Seated: Luke Schiller and Jessica Bammert; Front: Kari Luce and Shayanne Roth.





Below: Marc Ellingson, Eric Ellingson, Luke Schiller and Alex Kranz entertain the crowd at the coronation.



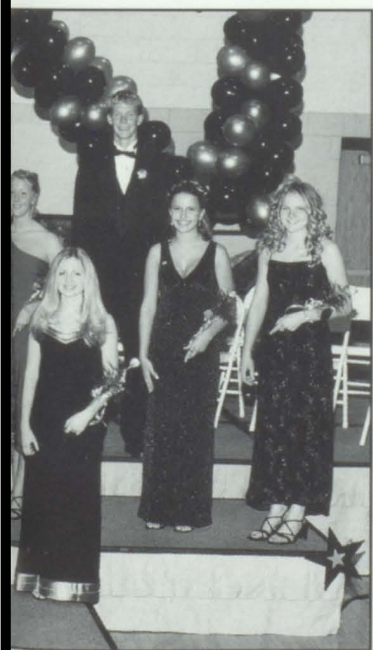
Wildcats Reflect on Homecoming Events

The 2001 Homecoming pepfest was a great success. The cheerleaders boosted up the students' spirit. The memorable pepfest included a Jell-O eating contest and a river-crossing event, which involved students racing across the gym floor on scooters using plungers. The varsity volleyball, football, and cross country team members were introduced, and each team revved

up the crowd with their cheers and season updates.

Coronation entertainment started off with the all-senior singing quartet of Eric Ellingson, Marc Ellingson, Luke Schiller, and Alex Kranz. To further enchant the crowd, Franny Gustafson, Alex Krukowski, Jackie Olson, Sarah Gibbs, Maureen Ayers-Looby and Taylor Stangret also sang at this special event. The homecoming

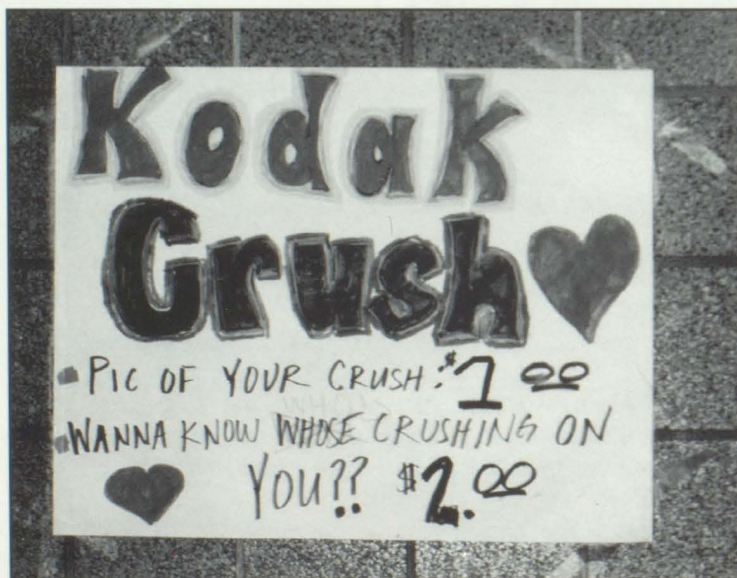
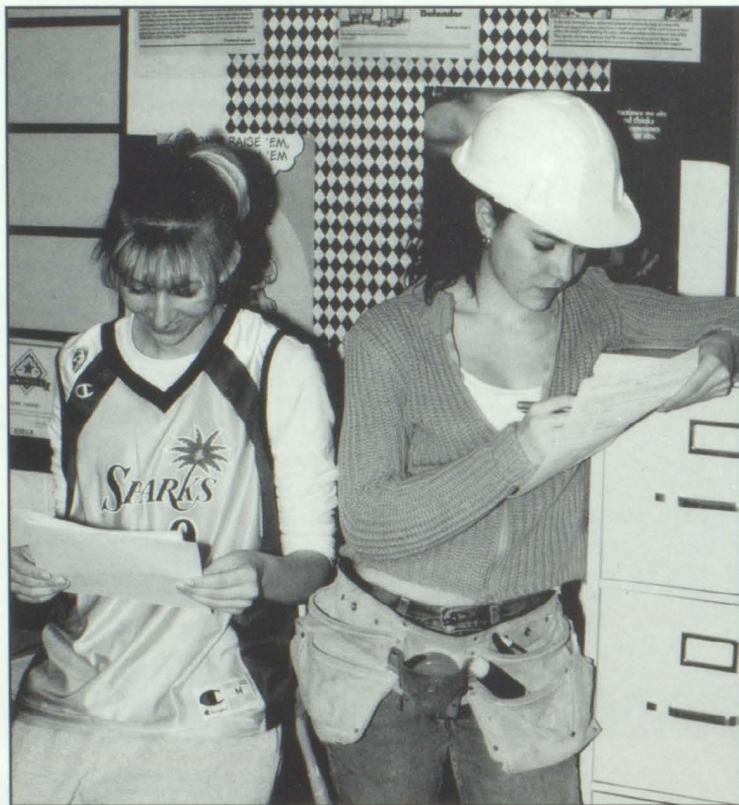
nominees included: Alicia Ertl, Sarah Feerhusen, Jessica Bammert, Jenny Sorenson, Abby Welch, Luke Schiller, Marc Ellingson, Matt Heger, Graham Irving, and Tony Klein. However, when the votes were counted, Queen Jessica Bammert and King Luke Schiller presided over the 2001 Waconia High School Homecoming.



Winterfest Entertains and Delights

Winterfest 2002 was full of chilly excitement. Students showed their school pride by participating in dress up days. Pajama day, career day, decade day, and celebrity day kept the students captivated. The annual lips and legs contest results were King Legs -

Marc Ellingson and Queen Lips - Marilyn Spiess. There was also a Medallion Hunt and the Kodak Crush. There were also two school assemblies, one on eating disorders and one on diversity awareness, featuring Hmong Boy. Candy grams finished up this fun week.

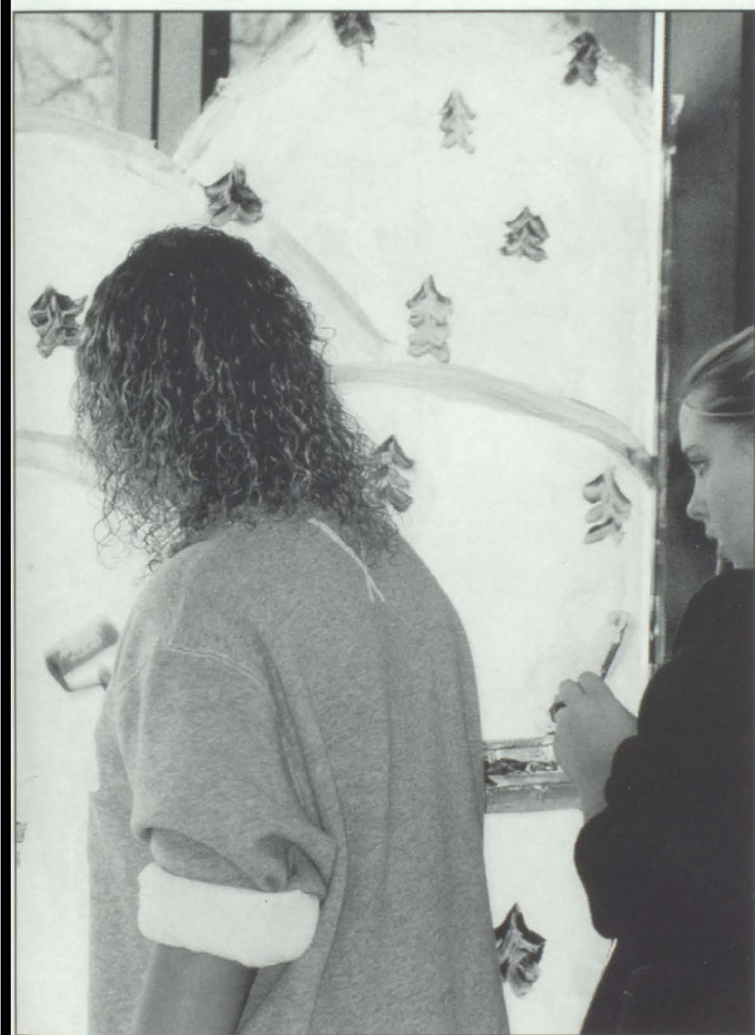
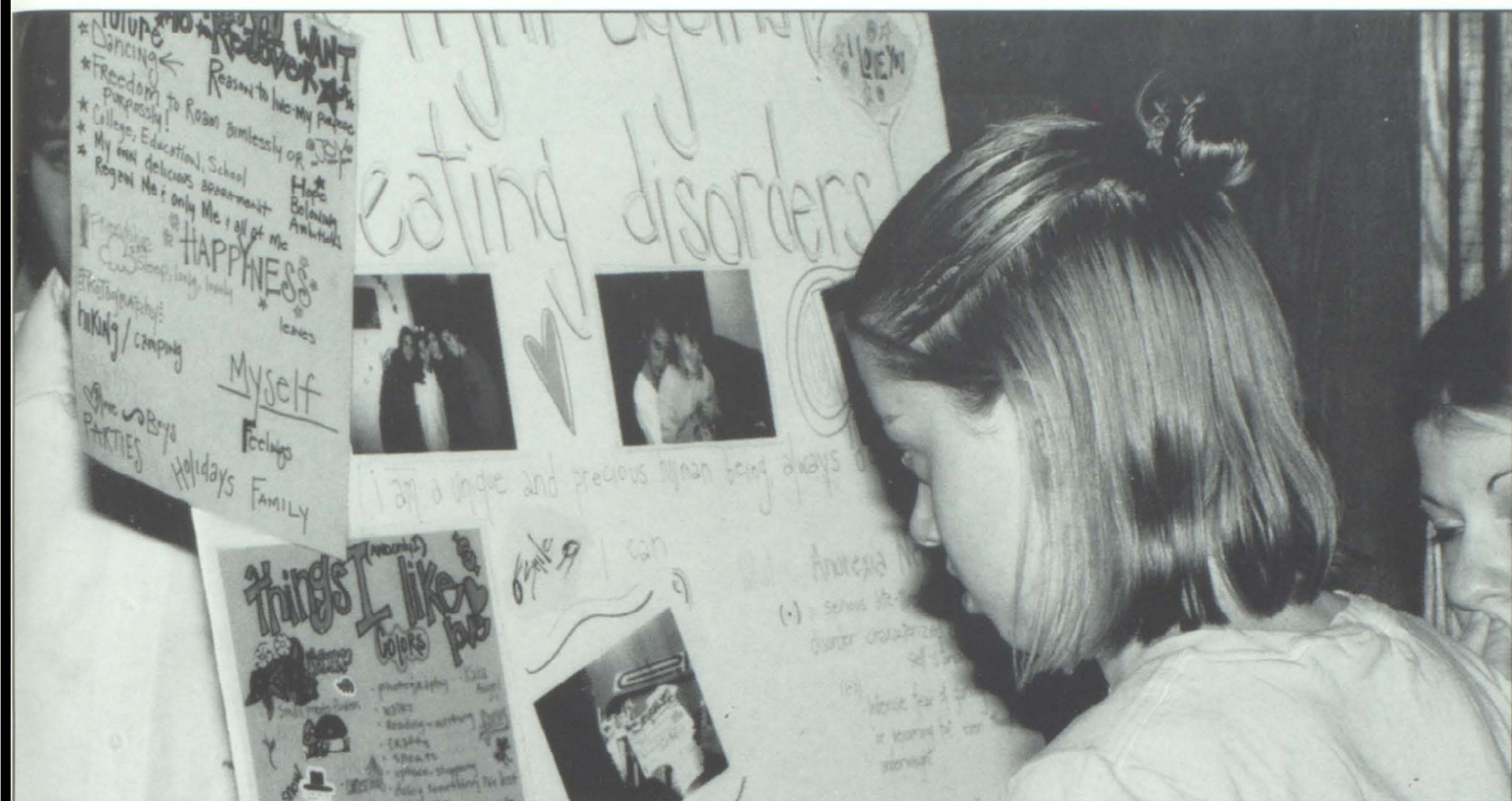


Upper Left: Cassie Williams and Danielle Chinander concentrate as they participate in career day.

Lower Left: Students had a chance to get a picture of their secret crush without them knowing.

Upper Right: Marc Ellingson and Marilyn Spiess win the Lips and Legs contest.

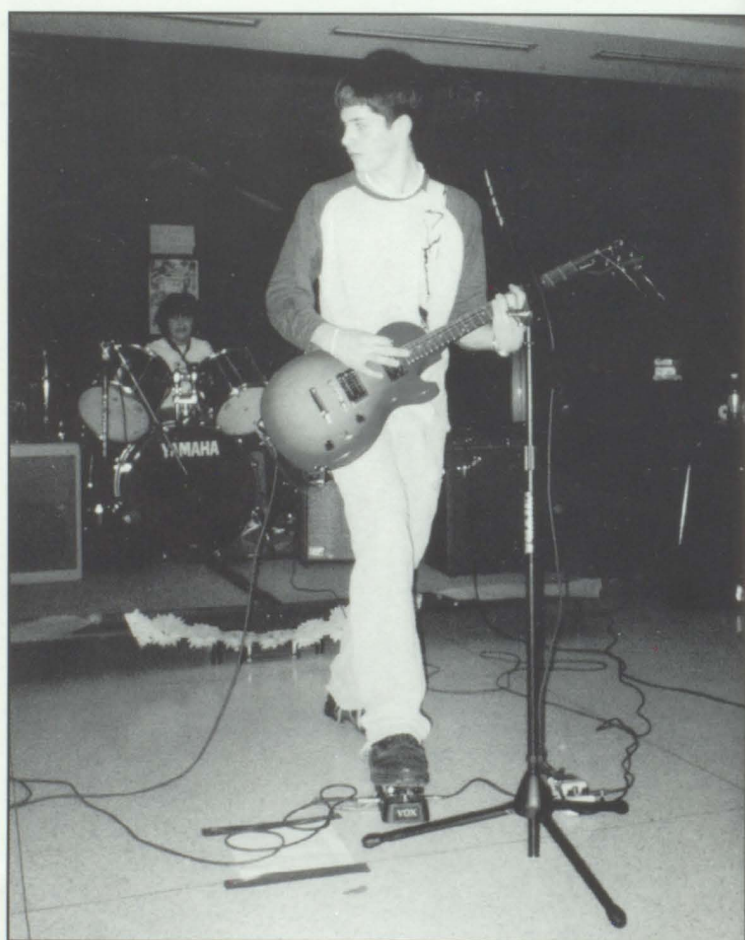
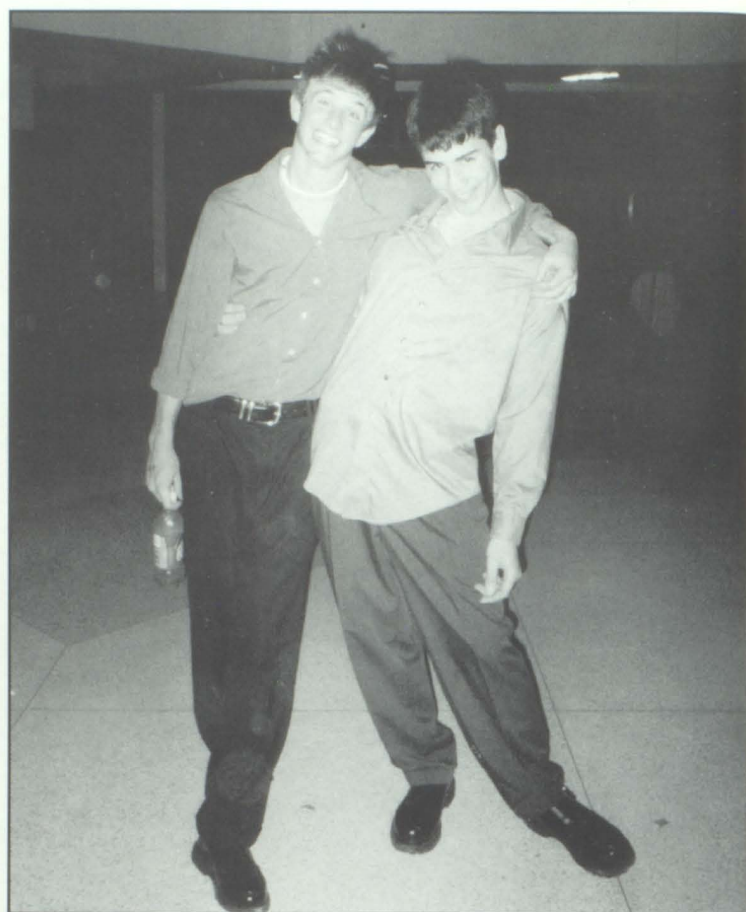
Lower Right: This speaker had a chance to speak out on diversity awareness at a school assembly.



Top Center: Laura Schmidt carefully views information obtained from the eating disorder assembly, held to inform students of the dangers of eating disorders.

Lower Left: Sasha Rasmussen and Anna Corson focus on painting the windows for Winterfest.

Lower Right: Student council members pose with the assembly speakers.



Top Left: Kevin Ketcher has a blast.
Above: Back- Jake Condon, Patrick Deering Middle- Megan Fredericksen, Martha Lemke, Amber Storms, Krista Anderson, Simon Gustafson, Jessica Mathwig, Christine Goergen, Anna Overson, Jennie Walker. Next row-

Allison Johnson, Natalie Maiser
Bottom- Amanda Scheff, Jackie Jensen, Mallory O'Neil.
Top right: Matt Jensen and Joe Morimoto act goofy at the dance.
Right: Reid Larsen and his band play at this year's Spring Fling dance.

Spring Fling Creates Spring Fever



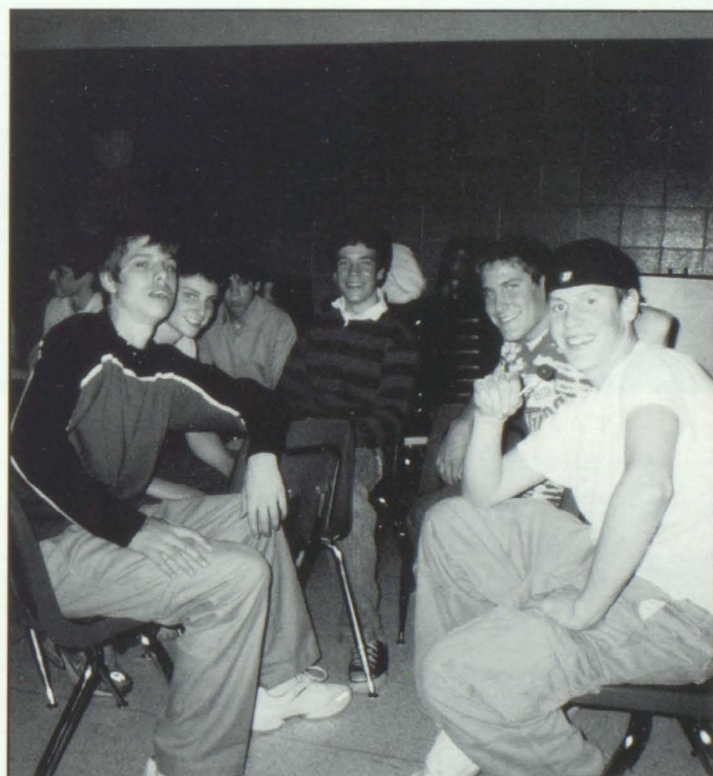
Spring Fling week was a success. Monday students wore their coolest college apparel for college day. Tuesday was tropical day. On this day students wore their favorite Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts. Formal day was on Wednesday. On this day students dressed up in prom dresses and other formal wear. Thursday was crazy hair day. Students had some wild and crazy do's on this day. Students wore their clothes inside out for Friday.

The week was topped out with a dance on Saturday night. Sophomore Reid Larsen and his band mates played for this special occasion. The dance was a hit. It was a place for everyone to be comfortable. Some students wore

fancy dresses and some wore a T-shirt and jeans. This week was fun for everyone.

Earth Day coincided with Spring Fling this year. For Earth Day this year the student council raised money to adopt a baby gorilla. To do this, they had a raffle. Students gave one dollar to have their name put into a drawing. The prize? Six lucky winners got a treat and front row "reserved" parking for a day. Six other winners got a treat for morning break.

All together the students raised \$51, which was enough to adopt one baby gorilla!



Top left: Allison Johnson, Jackie Jensen, Natalie Maiser hang out at the Spring Fling dance.

Left: Michael Anderson and Nathan

Laulainen get crazy during Spring Fling week.

Above: David Flemig, Ted Moore, Brady Gibbs, Andrew Fredericksen, and David Powers chill together.

2002 Senior Class Poll

Most Accident Prone

Jenny Hilgers and
Vance Kerber



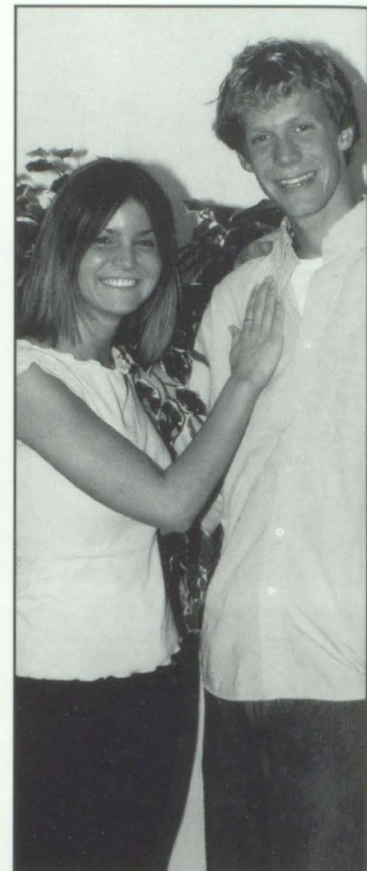
Prettiest Eyes

Abby Welch and Matt Hentges



Best Dressed

Jessie Bammert and
Marc Ellingson



Most Likely to Succeed

Sarah Gibbs and Justin Pawela



Best Sense of Humor

Molly Lenzen and Luke Schiller



Most Unpredictable

Molly Lenzen and David Powers



Best Car

Amber Krause and Murphy Steiner



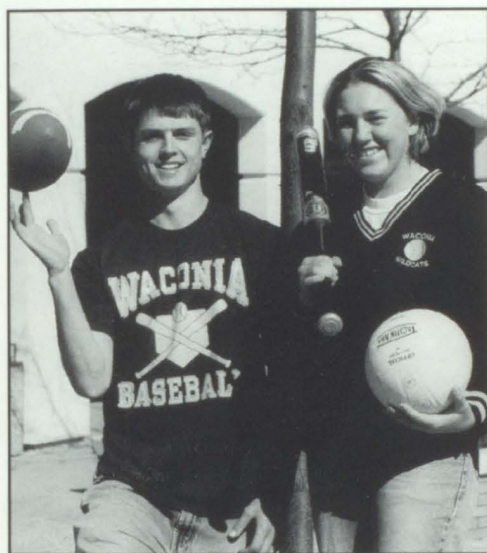
Most Changing Style

Tara Nelson and Marshall Everhart



Most Athletic

Lisa Koehler and Ernie Flemig



Best Friends

Tanya Clemensen & Alicia Ertl
Marc & Eric Ellingson



Best Smile

Alicia Ertl and Travis Frank



Cutest Couple

Julie Dalbec and Scott Loscheider



Craziest Laugh

Julie Dalbec and Luke Schiller



Monet's Garden: Prom Impressions

Prom this year was an exciting event for students at WHS. Prom started out with its annual grand march. The grand march consisted of musical acts followed by the procession of well-dressed couples. This year's theme was Monet's Garden, and the

colorful dresses perfectly complemented the fresh flowers and garden theme.

The dinner and dance was held at The Wilds, where mock gambling, a hypnotist, and a midnight buffet entertained students long into the night.



Top Left: Amanda Hedtke, David Powers, Adam Hastings, and Matt Wagener pose for a picture before grand march.



Left: Emily Eder and Chris McKeever relax while waiting for grand march to start.



Above Center: Shelby Lenzen and Baillie Miller place their bets as Becky Mieseler looks on.

Top Right: Everyone got in on some dancing at The Wilds.

Above: Jill Bunnell, Nick Furman, Sean

Bailey, Ryan Rosin, Amber Krause, Melissa Wenzel, Leah Indrelie, and Sarah Feerhusen prepare for grand march.



Top Left: Seniors Tim Held and Vance Kerber show off their unique style at prom.

Bottom Left: Makenzie Bakken, Jason Wagener, Tiffany Johnston, Tony Thurmer, Allie Meyerson, Anna

Carrigan, Josh Gjerdungun, Matt Hennen, Tia Oakman, Christine Muschalik, and Rob Pesch relax after grand march.

Top Right: Amber Krause, Jenny Grier, Matt Biskey, and Megan Sterner pose for a picture.

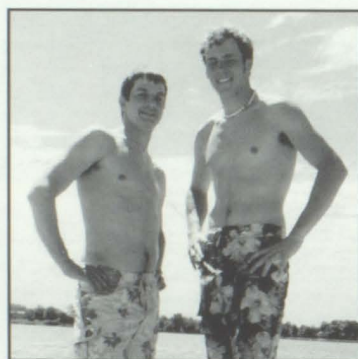
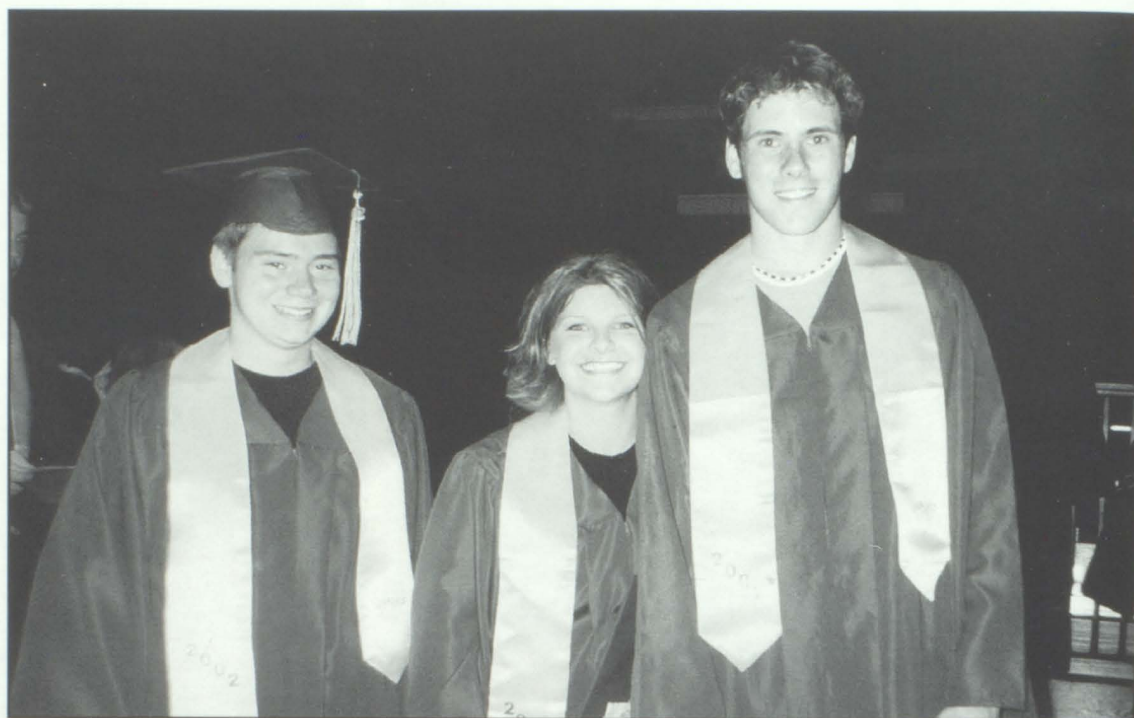
Center Right: Emily Cousin and Mackenzie Foley look almost symmetrical in their dresses with dates

Travis Roush and Dan Philp.

Bottom Right: The whole crowd is dancing.

Class of 2002: Graduates move on

On June 2nd, the class of 2002 celebrated the closing of their high school years and opening of their futures. The graduation ceremony took place in the afternoon, with the graduates arriving one half hour prior the ceremony to prepare for their big moment. The WHS gymnasium was full of spectators to wish the graduates luck in their future endeavors. Principal Mark Fredericksen along with valedictorians Justin Pawela, Sarah Gibbs and Alex Kranz gave speeches to the graduating class of 2002. Maureen Ayers-Looby had the honor of being salutatorian of the class of 2002. The ceremony ended with the graduates receiving their diplomas. Best of luck to the class of 2002!



Top: Rory Klug, Jessica Falk, and Ryan Rosin smile as new graduates.

Middle (left to right): Amber Krause takes a break in the shade; Matt Hennen and Ryan Rosin show off their new tans; Katelin Murphy and Lanesa Thompson relax in the sun at the senior picnic; Luke Schiller reflects back on his childhood playing in the sand.

Bottom: The class of 2002 toss their hats off in excitement.



... towards the Future!



Top left: Marc Ellingson shows his talent as he plays beach volleyball.
Top right: Alicia Ertl, Abby Welch, Megan Sterner, Katelin Murphy, and Brooke Simonson pose in excitement as they get ready to graduate.
Middle (left to right): Chad Nelson, Amanda Allen and Shaun Kamann are thrilled as they look toward their futures; Tim Held and Brooke Simonson take a break from swimming; Jeff Foust is proud to graduate; Brittini Talley, Mackenzie Foley, and Jessica Falk share a moment with each other as they prepare for graduation day.
Bottom: Heather Webster, Jenny Sorenson, Katelin Murphy and Tara Nelson get lined up for their big day.

Sports

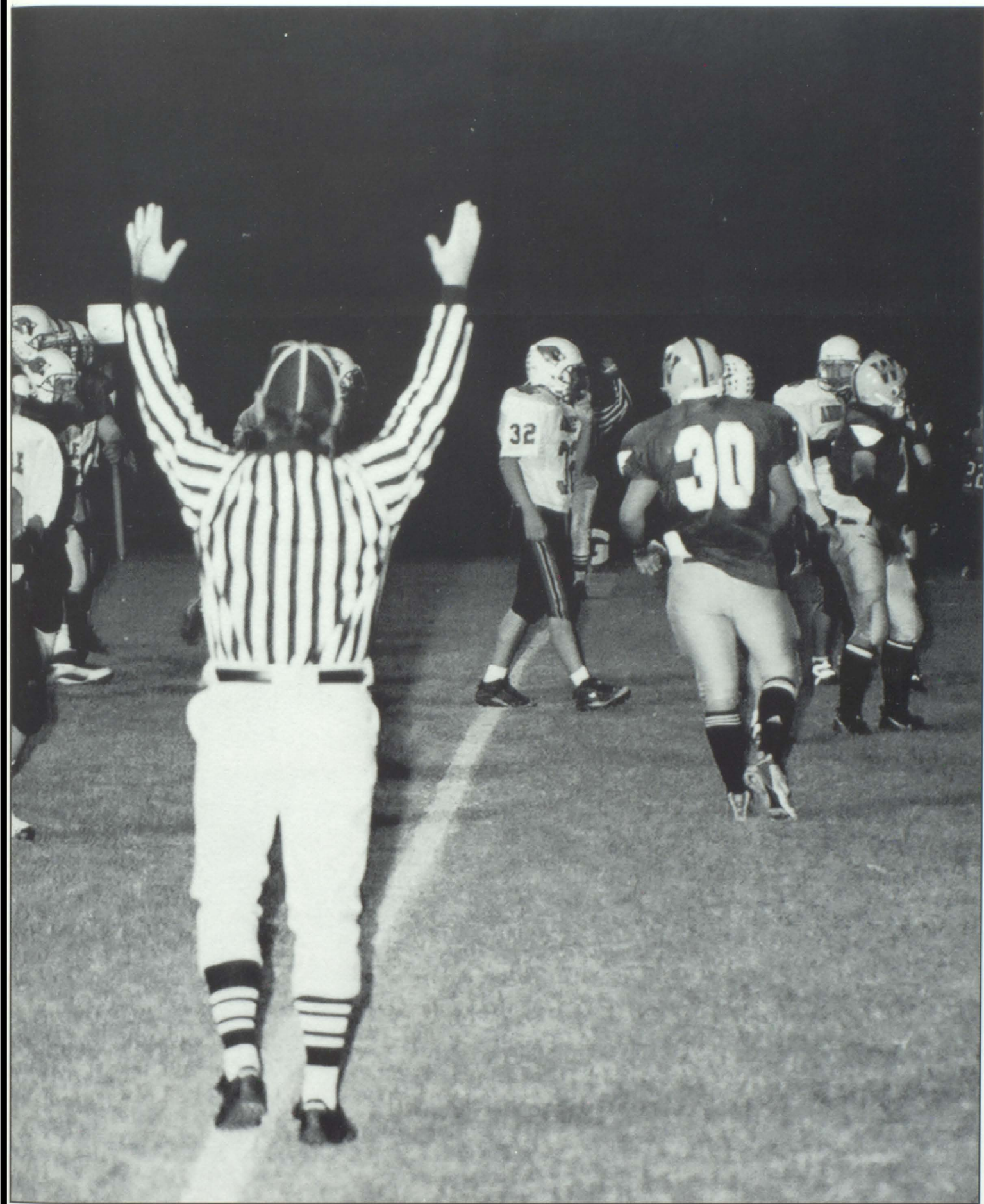


Top: Matt Hennen at bat on the Wildcat baseball team.

Above Left: Sonja Ellingson is a star of Waconia's cross country team.

Right: Becky Luedloff and Akayla Stevens do a stunt during the football cheerleading season.

Opposite Page: Waconia's football team scores a touchdown.



Wildcats Conclude Season with Integrity

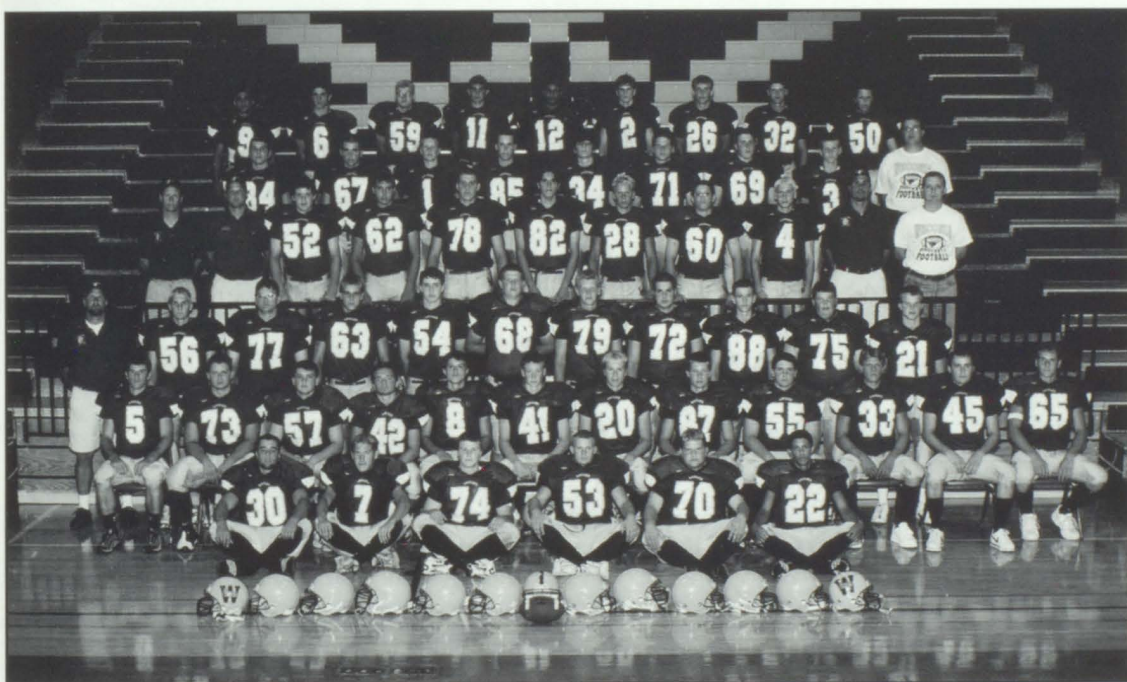
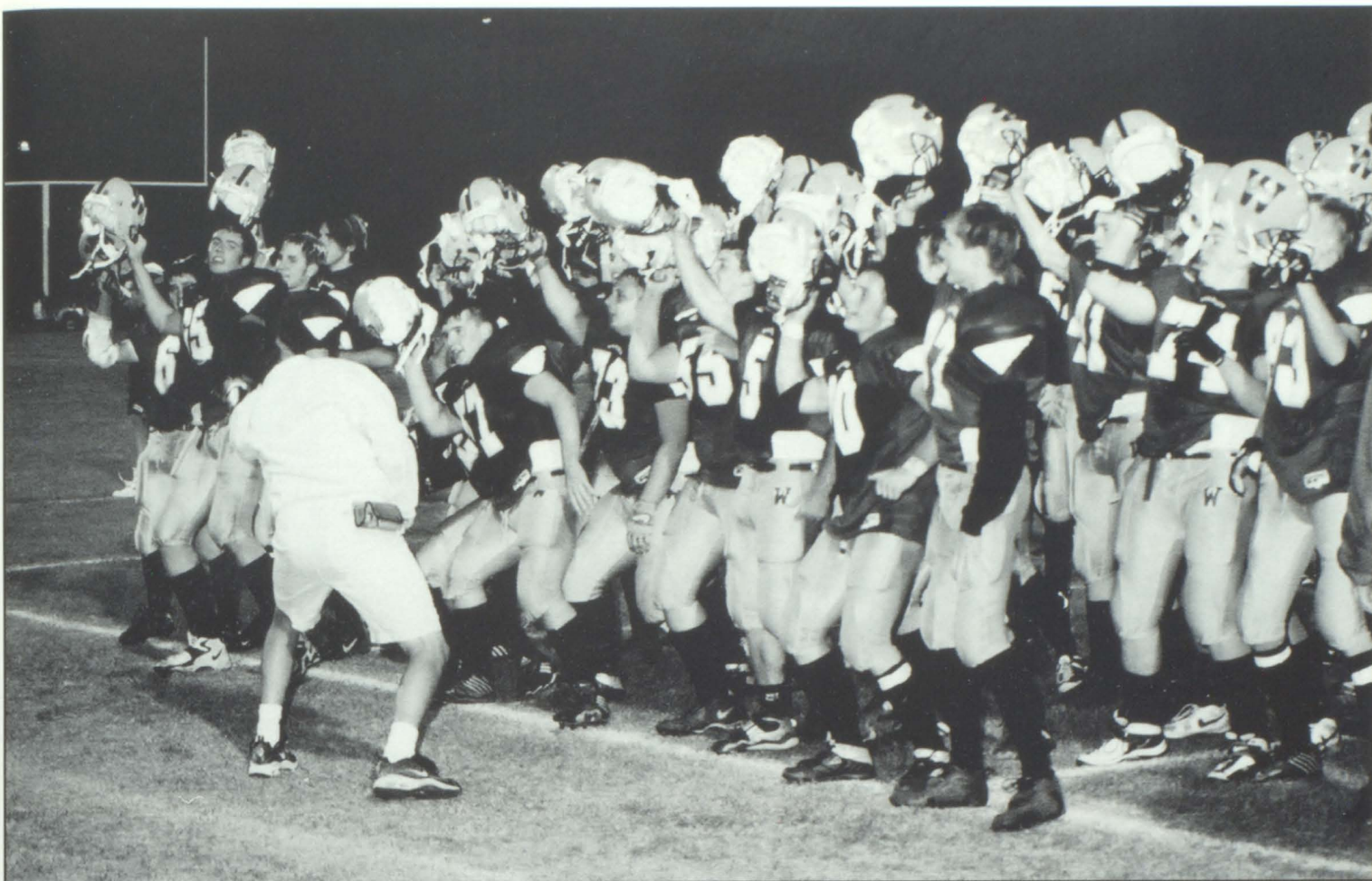
The Wildcat Varsity Football team finished the season with pride. The team had a very interesting season with nearly equal wins and losses. Perhaps their greatest victory came when they defeated Annandale. They were trailing 8-20 in the first half, but ended up winning the game 43-35. The WHS football team had a big conference win vs. Dassell Cokato, with a final score of 7-6. This year's co-captains and star players included Matt Hentges, Matt Heger, and Luke Schiller.

The All Conference players were Robert Pesch, Ernie Flemig, Matt Heger, Ryan Rosin, and Mike Groschen. The team worked hard despite some disappointing losses. As quoted by head coach Pat Foley, "It ain't over till it's over."

The season's highlights included: Most Improved was Jacob Leshar, Mr. Hustle was Luke Schiller, Best Lineman was Matt Heger, Best Offense was Andrew Fredericksen, and Best Defense was Mike Groschen.

Below left: Matt Hentges, Luke Schiller, and Matt Heger.





Varsity Football

WHS	Opponent	OPP
7	St. Croix Lutheran	0
20	STMA	40
6	Delano	15
7	Dassel/Cokato	6
13	Watertown	21
6	Becker	22

FOOTBALL TEAM: Front: Mike Groschen, Andrew Fredericksen, David Wabbe, Nathan Koch, Jacob Sutherland, Micah Young; Second: Alex Kranz, Adam Hastings, Matt Heger, Luke Schiller, Ernie Fleming, Ryan Ortberg, Matt Hentges, Rod Brink, Justin Davis, Graham Irving, Rob Pesch, Ryan Rosin; Third: Jim Olsen, Cory Tellers, Phillip Pieper, Dan Philp, Ryan England, John Ansell, Eric Smestad, Jeff Klein, Jonothon Mckee, Steve Kjergaard, Dennis Westlund; Fourth: Pat Foley, Coach Mhyre, Nate Ring, Wess Rasmussen, Jason Wagner, Johnny Johnson, Luke Wilhelm, Mark Grudhofer, David Grack; Fifth: John Priess, Cody Krause, Chris Bullis, Joe Pogatchnik, Patrick Timmers, Jacob Leshner, Eli Pieper, Dillon Sletten, Eric Herrmann; Back: Billy Cradick, Jim Berg, AJ Wozniak, Ben Smothers, Matt Polding, Jeff Chrest, Brad Douville, Riley Schoo, Brian Rademacher.

Right: Natalie Ristow, Abby Welch, Lisa Koehler and Amanda Hedtke.

Below: Amanda Lemke prepares to serve.



Below Left: Alicia Ertl lines up her serve.



Volleyball : Wildcats Win Conference Title

The Waconia High School Varsity Volleyball team finished another great season with the conference title. Three highlights that stood out from a winning season were defeating Delano, getting second place at the Simely Tournament, and defeating Waconia's rival Watertown-Mayer. The volleyball captains were Natalie Ristow, Amanda Hedtke, Lisa Koehler, and Abby Welch. Coach Lee was very proud of his team. He had this to say about their successful season, "Other teams may have looked at our season as Mission Impossible III. We saw it as a challenge."



Right: Amanda Lemke and Alicia Ertl get in on the action.



Varsity Volleyball

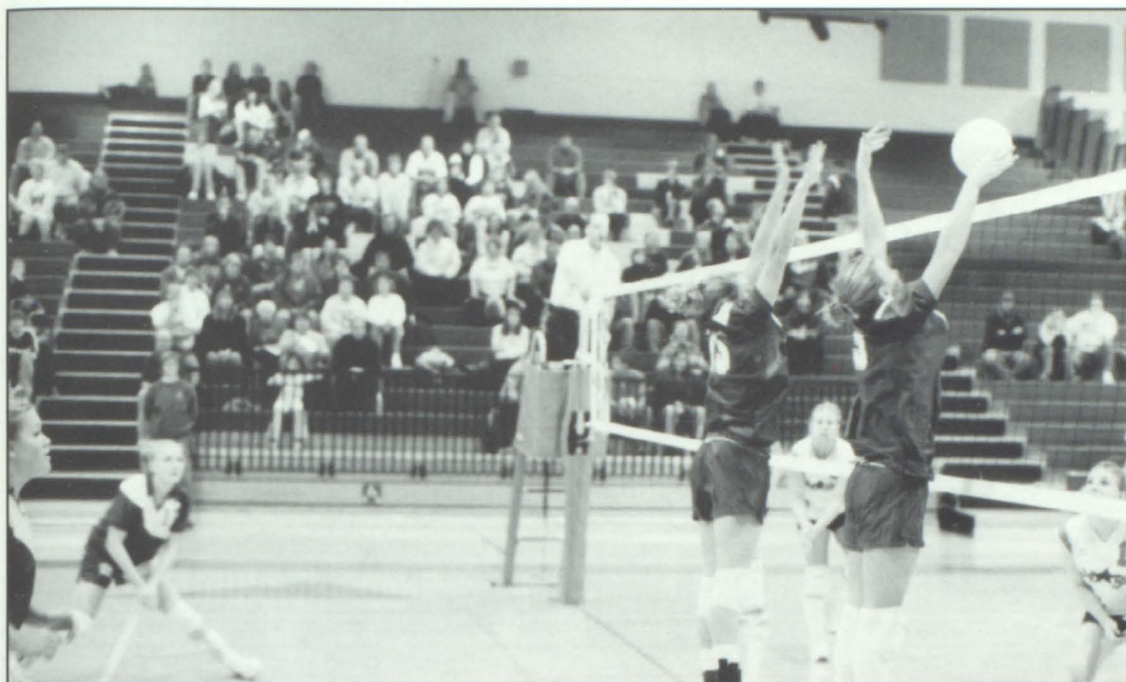
WHS	Opponent	OPP
3	Norwood	0
3	Mound-Westonka	0
3	Glencoe	0
2	Cloquet	1
2	St. Louis Park	1
2	Buffalo	0
0	Willmar	2
2	STMA	3
1	Eden Prairie	3
0	Mayer Lutheran	3
3	Delano	2
2	Simley	0
2	Visitation	0
2	Park Center	0
0	Cretin-Durham Hall	2
3	Shakopee	1
3	Dassel-Cokato	0
0	Belle Plaine	3
3	Becker	0
0	Martin County West	2
1	New Ulm	1
2	Southwest Stars	0
0	Blue Earth	2
1	Austin	1
2	Fairmont	0
2	Renville County West	3
3	Watertown-Mayer	2
3	Annandale	0
3	Litchfield	0
3	Monticello	0
1	Mankato West	3

Top: Abby Welch and Amanda Hedtke defend the net.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM: Top: Meghan Menssen, Anna Jonas, Emily

Cousin; Middle: Amanda Lemke, Heidi Paulson; Bottom: Natalie Ristow, Alicia

Ertl, Amanda Hedtke, Abby Welch and Lisa Koehler.





Top: Kerstin Palm, Jenna Ely and Megan Bailey run for the finish line.



Above: Jenny Schnobrich races against the competition.



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: Above - Back: Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Machtemes, Matt Turek, Scott Loscheider, Vance Kerber, Marc Ellingson, Chris Zakashefski, Eric Ellingson, Matt Hennen, Dylan Pforr, Justin Pawela, Mrs. Wasness and Adam Schlagel; Third: Corey Erickson, Don Skenk, Alex Krukowski, Matt Jensen, Nate Laulainen, John Keefe, Philip Litfin, Evan Johnson, Michael Anderson, Bret Plocher; Second: Mathias Weinzerl, Andy Neborak, Dan Wallace, Andy Bongard, Jeremy Robb, Reid Larson, Brady Brink; First: Ted Moore, Eric Butteris, Adam Erickson, Nate Waldvogel, Dan Klingelutz, Jacob Bongard, Jeff Gedden, and Blake Willborg.

Waconia's Cross Country Team Had a Winning Season

Both Boys and Girls Met with Conference Success

This year the Waconia Cross Country team had a very successful season. Boys Cross Country took the conference championship. The essential runners on the boys' team were Marc Ellingson, Eric Ellingson, and Scott Loscheider, who were also captains. Phil Litfin was also an essential member of the team. Marc and Eric Ellingson tied for the school record for 3.1 miles.

The girls also had a

strong season. Girls Cross Country took second in the conference. On the girls' team, the key runners were Sonja Ellingson, Jenny Schnobrich, Molly Lenzen, and Marilyn Spiess. Jenny, Molly, and Marilyn were also the team captains.

Mr. Machtemes was very proud of the Cross Country team. He said, "This group was not afraid of pushing their own personal limit."

Above Left: Matt Jensen beats the competition.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: Left - Back: Mr. Sherik, Mr. Gilbert, Marilyn Speiss, Kirsten Palm, Jenny Schnobrich, Sonja Ellingson, Molly Lenzen, Megan Rasmussen, and Mr. Machtemes; Middle: Mallory Tevis, Dayna Sudheimer, Louise Klingelhutz, Samantha Hoff, Jenna Ely, Mrs. Wasness; Front: Tegan Lingbeck, Megan Bailey, Kaylee Rasmussen, Jaci Hennen, Lindsay Schneewind, Kateline Waletich, Katie Herling.

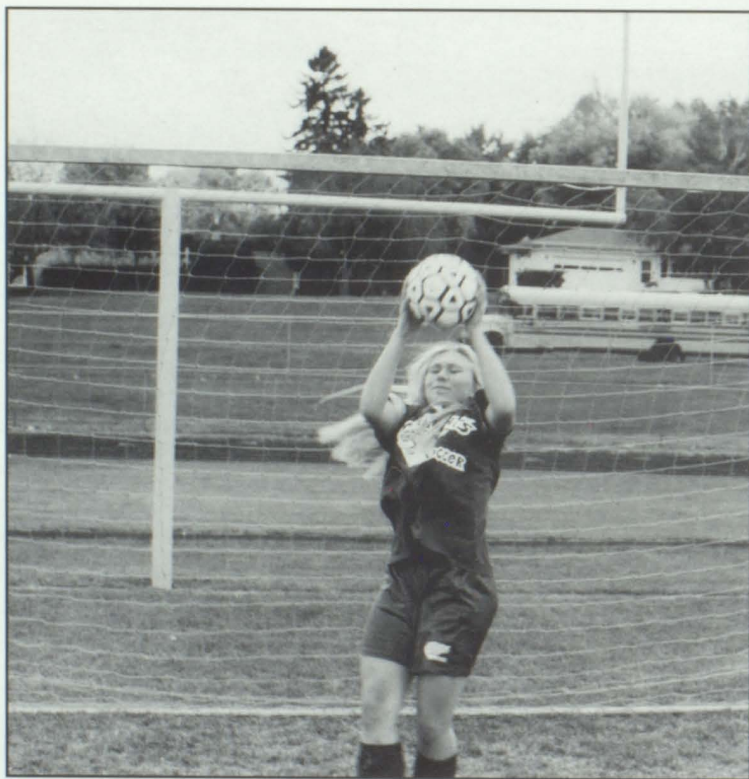
Waconia Soccer Born in 2001

Through the efforts of the school board and parents, Waconia added a Junior Varsity Soccer team. On the first practice over 50 girls showed up to play. Practice for the first few weeks proved to be tough. The girls found out that they needed to work hard to get to the top. The girls came out with a "never give up" attitude and had an awesome win against Rockford. In the last game the girls again played Mayer Lutheran. They put their hearts into the game and won. As the season ended, Coach Polding said, "With 45-50 girls and limited amounts of playing time to go around, the team had a great attitude and unity throughout the season. This team has a great future!"

GIRLS SOCCER - Row 1: Samantha Zipf, Courtney Dixon, Shelby Lenzen, Baillie Miller, Cassie Row, Michelle Gesinger; **Row 2:** Coach Carl Polding, Abby Corson, Taylor Melius, Danielle Peterson, Danielle Miller, Paige Vigil, Alyssa Leoffler, Krista Polding, Kerstin

Blegen, Gretchen Saunders, Carrie Bly, Kristine Kroells, Coach Stacy Schultz; **Row 3:** Julie Neborak, Jessica Mathwig, Mallory Hanson, Kari Luce, Crystal Kroells, Lindsey Rague, Bridget Ayers-Looby, Mallory O'Neil, Rachel Boughton; **Row 4:** Amanda Janzen,

Nicole Sampson, Brittany Bammert, Jenny Evans, Michelle Blegen, Jennifer Hunter, Hannah Strohta, Lauren Petersen, Ali Klason, Bethany Wall; **Row 5:** Lindsey Fichbach, Sarah Gee, Mary Deweese, Stephanie Gray

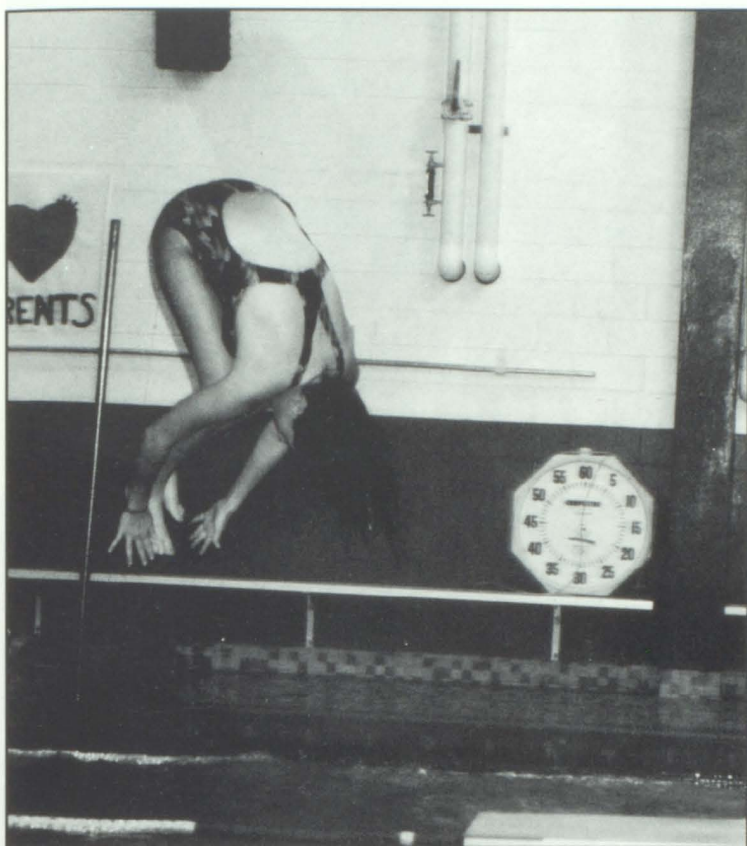


Above: Crystal Kroells saves a goal.



Right: Brittany Bammert really uses her head to make the play.

Girls Swimming and Diving



For the first time ever, the Waconia High School has had a Girls Swimming team. For their first year, the team did great. At the Royals Invitational, they received 9.5 points and ended in 7th place. In the Conference at Big Lake the team received 81 points and got 6th place, and at section 5A at the University of Minnesota they received 11th

place with 36 points. This season's high school swimmers were Chrissi Nelson, Jenna Taylor, and Suzanne Harvat. The high school divers were Christine Goergen, Jackie Jensen, and Samantha Foust. On November 26, 2001 the girls celebrated their first season with an annual awards banquet.



Top Left: Freshman Jackie Jensen dives into the water.

Top Right: Suzanne Harvat, Chrissi Nelson and Jenna Taylor show their team spirit with matching tattoos

GIRLS SWIM TEAM - Back to Front: Christine Goergen, Meghan Durkin, Suzanne Harvat, Stacy Seamen, Leah Moore, Leah Froeling, Jenny Nelson, Olivia Younkin, Jackie Jensen, Samantha Foust, Kimberly Rademacher, Chrissi Nelson, and Jenna Taylor.

GIRLS DIVING TEAM: Christine Goergen, Jackie Jensen, Samantha Foust, Stacy Seamen, and Kimberly Rademacher.

Let's Hear It for the Cheerleaders!

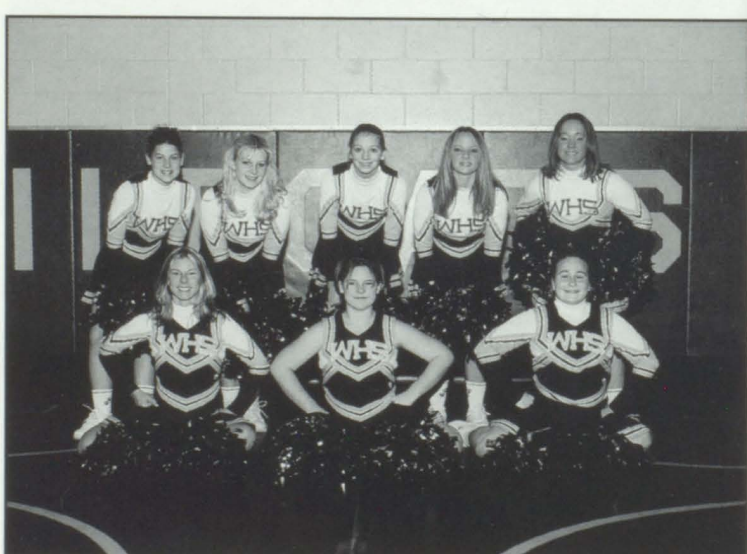
The cheerleaders worked very hard to promote school spirit. They started off their seasons with tryouts, which occurred the previous spring. During the summer, the cheerleaders attended a series of captain's practices, where they learn stunts and cheers. The dedicated cheerleaders also attended camp, where they worked on getting ready for school events. They cheered for football,

volleyball, cross country, basketball and wrestling. During the seasons, the cheerleaders worked on stunting. Over the 2001-2002 school year, they had accomplished many of their stunting goals, which included a ground-up liberty and a twist out toss. Way to go cheerleaders!

Right: Football cheerleaders huddle between plays.

BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS: Stacey Nystrom, Amanda Randt, Melanie Linehan, Akayla Stevens, Danielle

Sampson, Cassandra Shieffer, Jena Niesen, Laura Schmidt, Sarah Meier, Megan Haberling and Jenny Erickson.



Top Left: Jenny Erickson, Danielle Sampson, and Amanda Randt support Jena Niesen in a full extension.

Top Middle: Laura Schmidt is thrown in a basket toss.

FALL CHEERLEADERS: Emiley Lamberger, Sarah Meier, Becky Luedloff, Ali Fagerness, Danielle Sampson, Jenny Erickson, Katie Zancig, Laura Schmidt,

Megan Haberling, Melanie Linehan, Akayla Stevens, Stacey Neistrom, Kayla Menth, Kate Munson, Bethany Jetto, and Birgette Rifley.

WRESTLING CHEERLEADERS: Ali Lenzen, Birgette Rifley, Courtney Dixon, Ashley Artmann, Kayla Menth, Bethany Slice, Amber Morgan and Katie Braun.

Danceline Dances to State

The Danceline Team had a very successful and exciting year. They finished 8th in high kick and 7th in jazz at STATE! It was a huge accomplishment not only for the team, but also for the coach, Ms. Weiland. Coach Weiland stated that she liked working with the girls and would like to coach the Waconia Danceline Team in future seasons. One of her goals for next year was to enlarge the team by adding 7th

and 8th grade to the JV team, which would enhance the danceline program and enable more girls to participate. Coach Weiland was pleased with how cooperative the team was.

With the strong senior presence in the team, the girls were bound for success. Senior captions included: Megan Rasmussen, Katie Rademacher, and Brooke Simonson.



Top Right: The team shows their danceline spirit with thier synchronized moved and big smiles.

Top Left: The danceline excites the crowd during a basketball half-time show

Bottom Right: Seniors, Brooke Simonson, Julie Dalbec, Sarah Feerhusen, and Katie Rademacher demonstrate a Y-Scale.

DANCELINE: Jacklyn Hennen, Kim Rademacher, Sheri Weiland, Carly Moore, Louise Klingelhutz, Ellie Goenner, Megan VanEyll, Julie Dalbec, Jackie Pitts, Jenna Ely, Megan Rasmussen, Brooke Simonson, Melissa Wenzel, and Katie Rademacher.

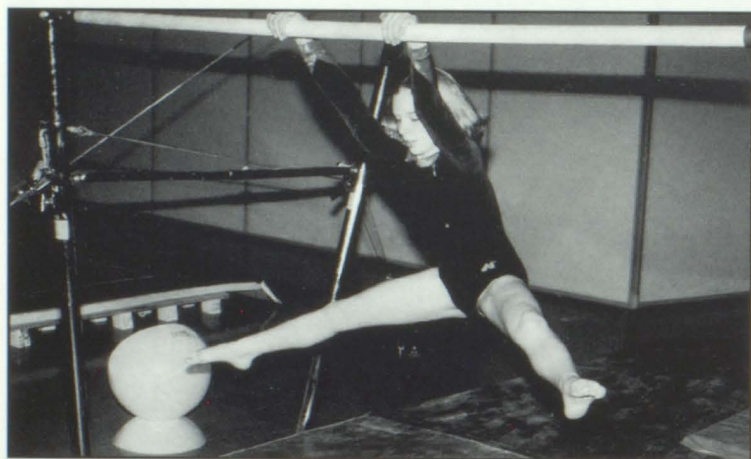


Floor, Beam, Vault and More!

Gymnastics is a sport that requires great skill and agility. The Waconia High School gymnastics team, coached by Jenny Trelstad and led by their captains Molly Anquist and Anna Carrigan, had a challenging season. Although the team was small, and was faced with many injuries, they broke the school record in a competition against Dassel Cokato. The varsity team's score was 121.875 with their competitors' scores just above it.

One of the team's goals was to compete in the 120's. They also strove to improve individual and team scores overall at every competition. Most individuals reached their goals for the season.

The team had goals that were not previously reached and are will always try to improve team scores. With these goals in mind, the gymnastics team will keep striving for excellence in the years to come.



Above Right: Captains Anna Carrigan and Molly Anquist pose for the camera on the uneven bars.

Above Left: Kellie Hoen hangs on the bars during her routine.

GYMNASTICS TEAM: Coach Trelstad, Ali Klason, Molly Anquist, Maddie Sims, Anna Carrigan, Lindsay Schneewind, Coach Keurschner, Jackie

Jensen, Kate Munson, Darby Steiner, Kerin Jetto, and Kellie Hoen.

Right: Ali Klason concentrates on her jump.



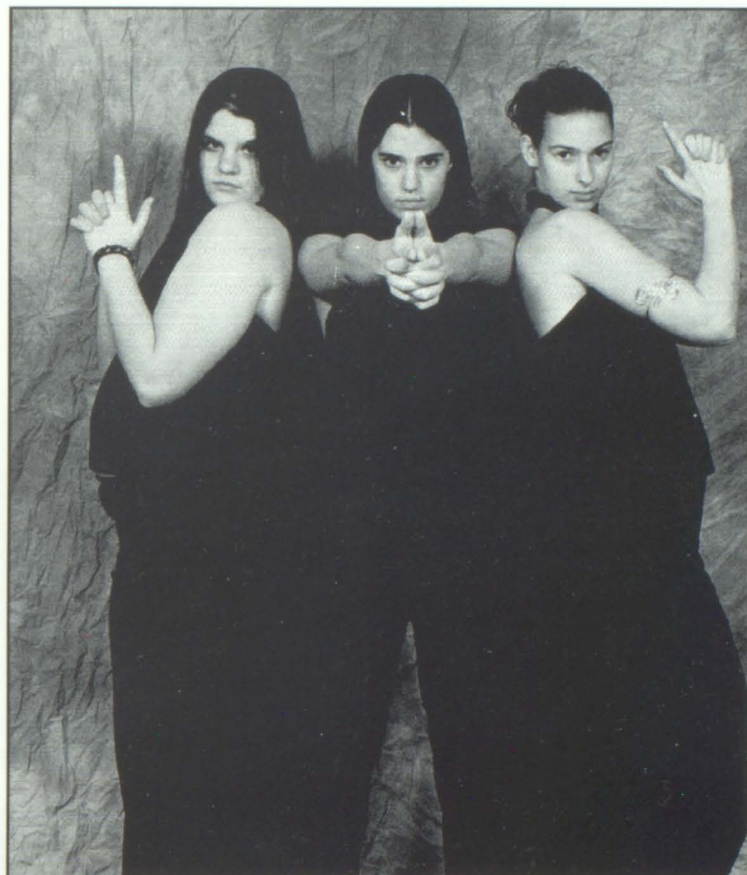
Epic Winterguard Looks to the Future

The 2001-2002 season Epic WinterGuard began in September and the guard practices consisted of Monday and Thursday evenings with Saturday practices. The guard had 13 members with three captains; these seniors have dedicated five years to Winterguard and will be missed. The seniors were Becky Leudloff, Heidi Keller, and Emily Lamberger. These

seniors were honored at a home competition for their great leadership and dedication to Winterguard. The instructors of the guard acquired a new instructor this year who brought challenging work for the members to complete. The guard had a successful season and will look to the future seasons for more challenges to overcome together.

Below Left: Epic Winter Guard members gather together in a stair well to conduct some "Group Bonding".

Below Right: Senior Captains Heidi Keller, Becky Luedloff and Emiley Lamberger give a Charlie's Angels' pose.



EPIC WINTERGUARD: Back row left to right: Bethany Wall, Becky Luedloff, Heidi Keller, Emiley Lamberger. Next row: Nicole Sampson, Meridith Lamberger, Gretchen Saunders, Valene Zakashefski. Next row: Katie Clinch, Jamie Asp, Tasha Lindemann, Marissa Held and Nicole Klaustermeier.

Waconia Girls Fire Up

In spite of a rocky start, the girls basketball team enjoyed a great season. The team captains were Lisa Koehler, Amanda Hedtke and Natalie Ristow. Triumphant over Watertown Mayer and St. Michael - Albertville were some of the highlights of this year's season. Coach Doyscher noticed a definite improvement in individual players

and execution of team systems. They overcame some early disappointments in the season and went on to win quite a few games. The team came very close to meeting their goal of placing higher in the conference. Next year, the girls hope to win their conference tournament and play in the sub-section finals.

Left: Nataile Ristow, Amanda Hedtke, and Lisa Koehler are all seniors and Captains of 2001-2002 basketball season.

Below: Nataile Ristow dribbles the ball down the court while Amanda Hedtke hussles right behind her. Right: Amanda Hedtke jumps over the opponents to get the ball.



GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM: Jackie Olson, Anna Jonas, Maggie Hilliard, Heidi Paulson, Emily VanKirk, Lindsey Lano; Front row - Lisa Koehler, Amanda Hedtke, and Natalie Ristow.



Left: Heidi Paulson dodges her opponent for the ball.

Above: Lindsey Lano plays great defense.

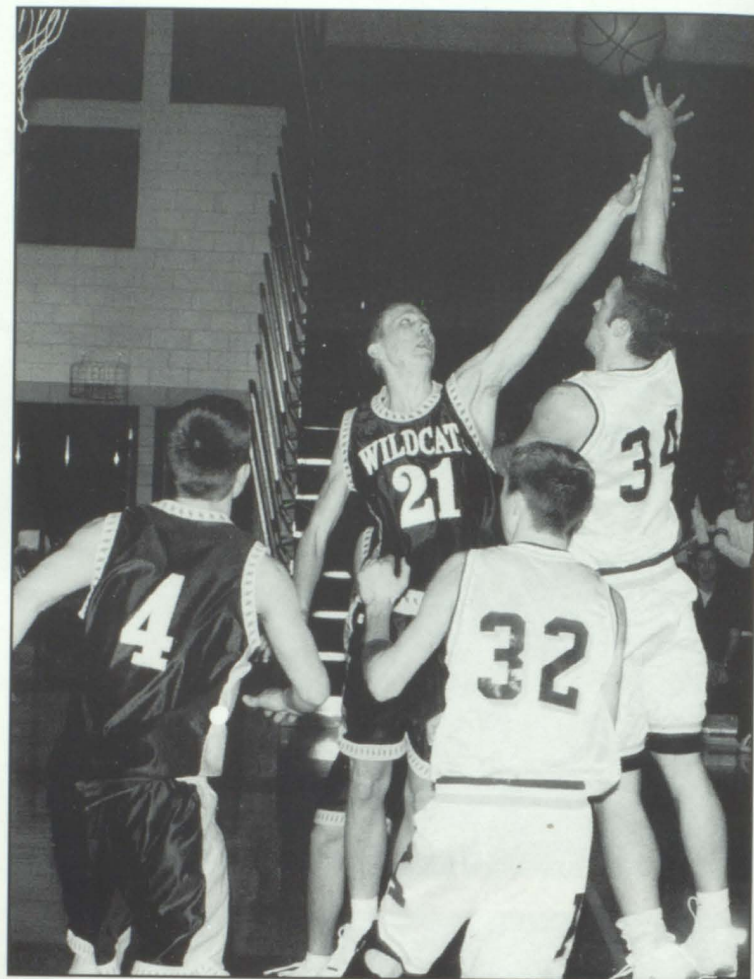
2001-2002 Girls Basketball Results

Opponent	Result	Score
Menomonie	Loss	33-46
Woodbury	Loss	35-65
Mound Westonka	Loss	51-57
Mayer Lutheran	Loss	42-51
Dassel - Cokato	Win	53-46
ACGC	Loss	40-58
Washburn	Loss	29-31
SW Christian	Win	60-20
St. Michael/Alb.	Win	43-38
Watertown-Mayer	Win	51-41
Delano	Loss	23-46
Becker	Win	45-34
Annandale	Loss	31-42
Dassel-Cokato	Win	62-35
NYA	Win	51-44
Glencoe - SL	Loss	50-61
St. Michael/Alb.	Loss	40-44
Watertown-Mayer	Loss	36-51
Delano	Loss	46-53
Belle Plaine	Win	59-44
Becker	Win	45-39
Annandale	Loss	46-47

Boys Basketball: It's about the Game

He shoots, he scores! The crowd goes wild! The 2001- 2002 Waconia Boys Basketball season was tough, with only four wins. The guys worked hard, but the competition was tough. The captains this year were the three seniors of the team, Rod Brink, Ernie Fleming, and Chris Zakashefski. The captains were

asked what the highlights of the season were, and they said their trip to Fargo, their first win against Becker, and playing at the Target Center. Even though the season was tough, the guys worked hard and stuck through the whole season with confidence. It will be exciting to see what Boys Basketball has for us in the future.



Top left: Junior John Keefe focuses to block the opponent from STMA.
Top right: Junior Kory Rambow gets height over his opponent. Above:

Senior captains, Ernie Flemig, Rod Brink and Chris Zakashefski
Right: Junior Dan Philp attempts to move around and steal the ball.





Opponent	Result	Score
Chaska	Loss	61-79
Orono	Loss	60-62
Hutchinson	Loss	45-59
Shakopee	Loss	50-75
Hawley	Loss	66-68
Pelican Rapids	Loss	54-58
Barnesville	Loss	61-64
St. Michael/Alb.	Loss	32-53
Watertown	Loss	43-59
Delano	Loss	45-71
Becker	Win	48-45
Annandale	Loss	51-60
Dassel Cokato	Win	58-52
NYA	Loss	46-65
Glencoe/SL	Loss	54-69
St. Michael/Alb.	Loss	45-70
Watertown	Loss	50-76
Delano	Loss	46-59
Becker	Win	59-58
Annandale	Win	61-58
Dassel Cokato	Loss	50-58
Sibley East	Loss	36-51
Glencoe/SL	Loss	45-72
Blake	Loss	45-48

Left: Senior Chris Zakashefski concentrates while waiting for the tip off at the Target Center.

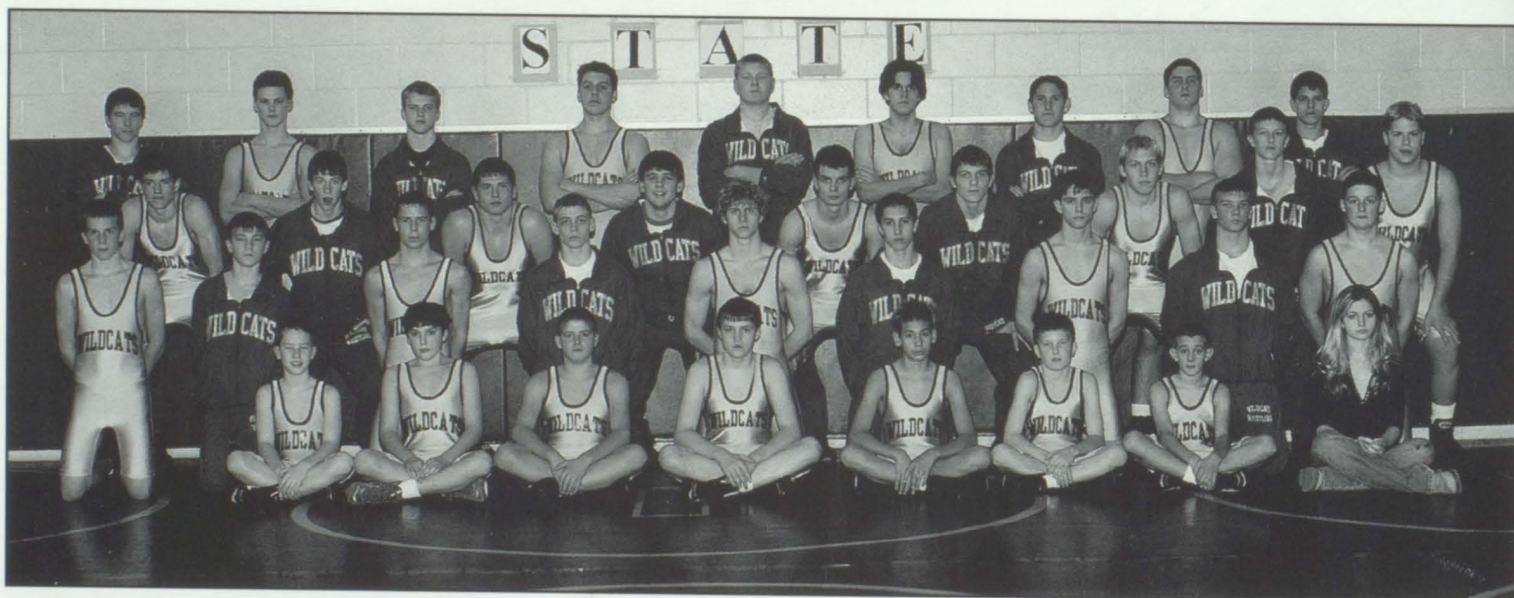


BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM: Front: Micah Young, Phillip Litfin, Evan Johnson, Ernie Flemig, John Keefe Middle: Steven Kjergaard, Jeff Klein, Chris Zakashefski, Rod Brink, Kory Rambow, Coach Doug Sayles Back: Coach Jim Olsen, Dan Philp, Travis Roush, Coach Tom Konrardy, Coach Steve Marsden

2001-2002 Wildcat Wrestling Season Results

Opponent	Result	Score
Orono	Win	63-3
Lacqui Parle	Win	32-21
St. James	Loss	19-29
Dassel Cokato	Loss	23-28
Annandale - ML	Win	34-21
Concordia Acad.	Win	75-0
Mound Westonka	Win	36-25
Belinde-St. Marg.	Win	69-3
Fridley	Win	69-3
Watertown	Win	38-12
St. Michael/Alb.	Loss	15-32
Albert Lea	Win	38-21
Cambridge/Isanti	Loss	12-43
Becker	Win	31-19
Delano	Win	49-13
NYA	Win	34-20
GSL	Win	48-16
St. Cloud Tech	Win	28-27
Benilde-St. Marg	Win	69-0
Mound Westonka	Win	49-13
St. Michael/Alb.	Loss	25-30

Right: Junior Dennis Westlund builds up the energy to escape a hold.



WRESTLING TEAM: T.J. Selvey, Zach Johnson, Alex Riner, Kyle Beilby, Brock Hegr, Kevin Bullis, Michael Jackles, Shayanne Roth 2nd row: Kyle Durkin,

Keagan Stangret, Mike Schuette, Jared Duske, Greg Deirdorf, Matt Turek, Adam Schlagel, Albert Kuehne, Melvin Haas 3rd row: Ben Timm, Aaron Cook,

Dan Pohl, Matt Heger, Jason Beck, Jon Priess, Matt Winters, Chris Bullis Back: Dan Hoernamann, Joe Nord, Dennis Westlund, Anthony Schilling, Dan

Schuette, Josh Wagner, Andrew Fredrickson, Justin Davis, David Flemig, Braedon Schmidt.

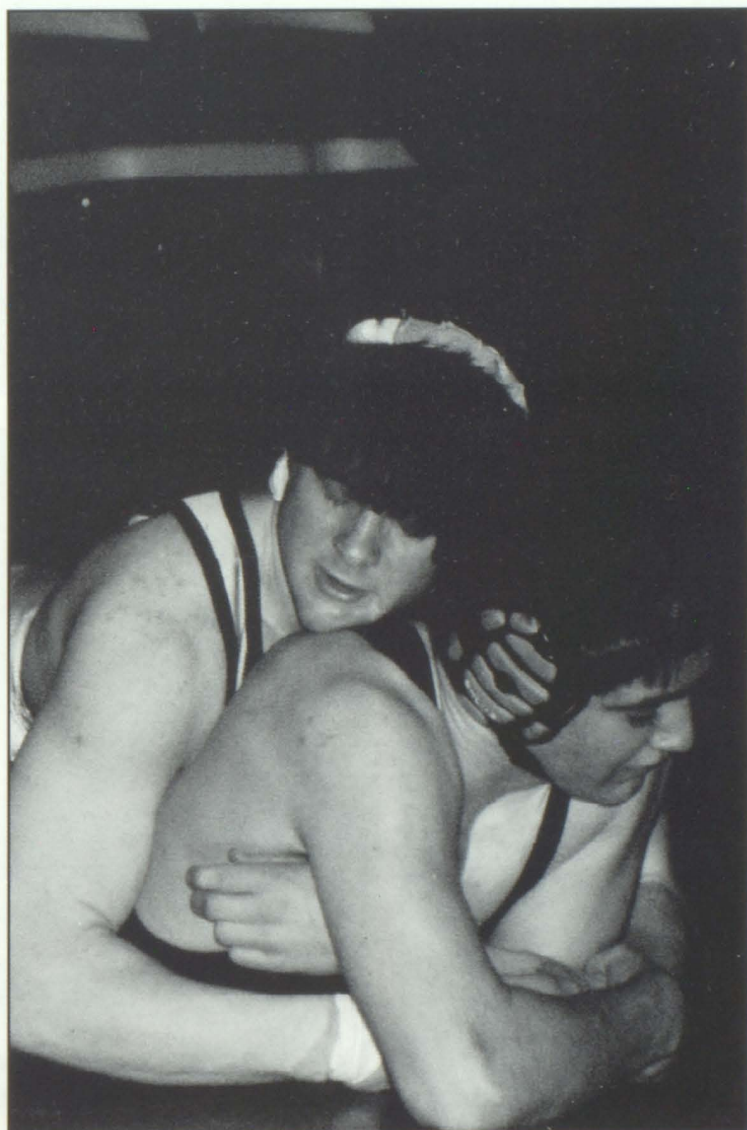
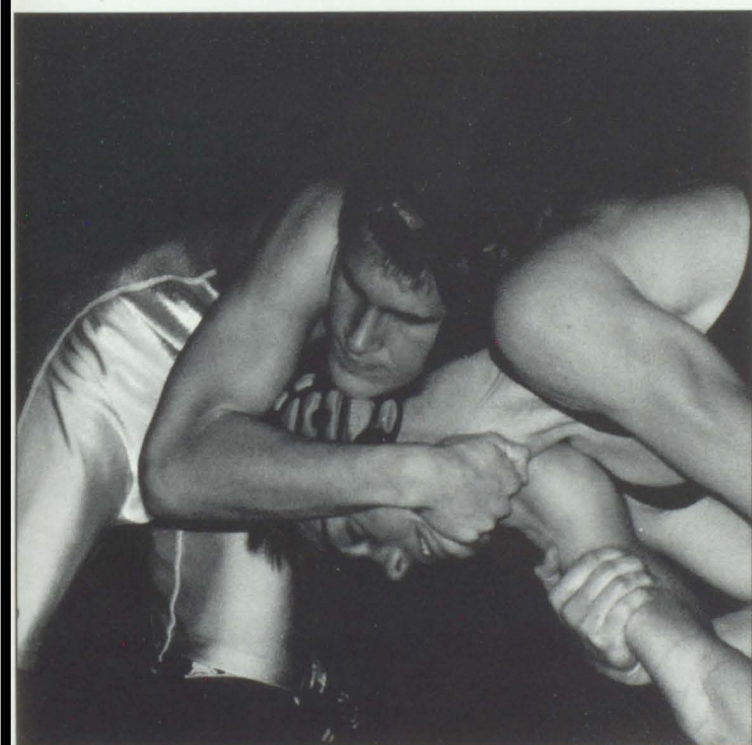
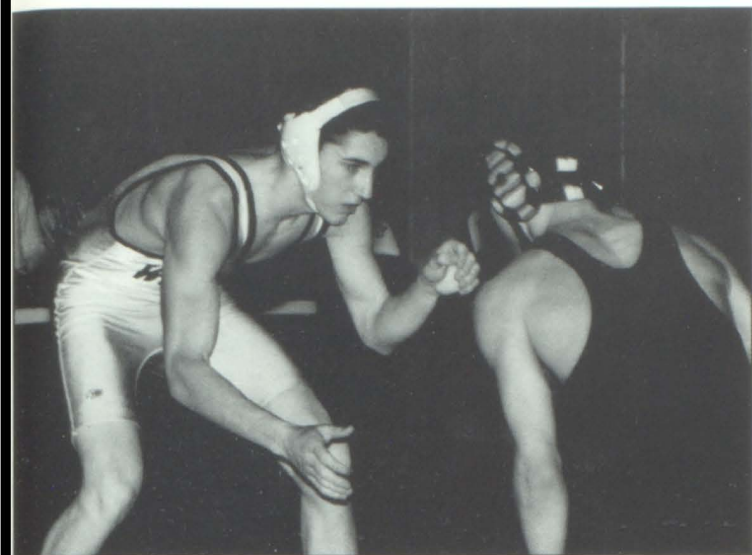
Wrestling Powers Its Way to State

Wildcat wrestling had a great season; "The best season in wildcat wrestling history!" proudly stated Coach Elsenpeter. The team was glad to have all thirteen wrestlers place in the top five at regions. They were also honored to say the team's average GPA was 3.55.

Some highlights of the season were beating St. Cloud Tech. 27-26, taking third at the Kiffmeyer

Duals, and winning the Mora and Delano Tournaments.

They had Aaron Cook, Jared Duske, Jon Priess, Dennis Westlund, Albert Kuehne, Matt Heger, and Dan Schuette go to state this season, and senior Matt Heger placed second over all. The wrestling team had an excellent year, and only hope to improve.



Upper Left: Senior Matt Turek contemplates his next move.

Middle Left: The nine Wildcat senior wrestlers.

Bottom Left: Junior Andrew Fredrickson has a tight hold on his opponent.

Above: Senior Matt Heger uses his strength to keep his opponent pinned.

VARSITY BASEBALL: Back- David Wabbe, Mr. Grundhofer, Andrew Fredericksen, Matthew Hennen, Ryan Rosin, David Powers, Ernie Flemig, Matt Heger, and Rob Hart
Middle- Buddy Reimer, Alex Kranz, Ben Smothers, Adam Hastings, Nate Koch, and Mike Groschen. Front- Luke Schiller and Jim Berg.



Opponent Win/Loss

Becker	Won
Annadale	Won
Watertown	Won
STMA	Loss
Dassel Cokato	Won
Delano	Won
Glencoe	Won
Becker	Loss
Jordan	Won
Waterville	Loss
Annandale	Won
STMA	Loss
Edina	Loss
Delano	Loss
Dassel Cokato	Loss
Watertown	Won
Orono	Won
Glencoe	Won
Norwood Young America	Won
Delano	Won



Above: The catcher, Jim Berg, waits for the ball.

Top Near Right: Chuck Wagner swings at the pitch.

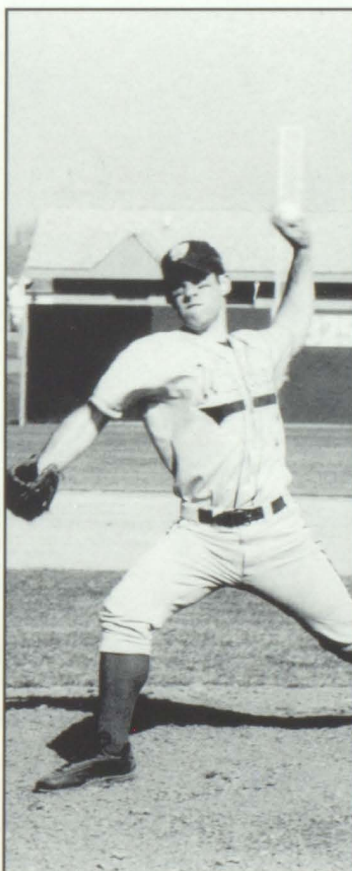
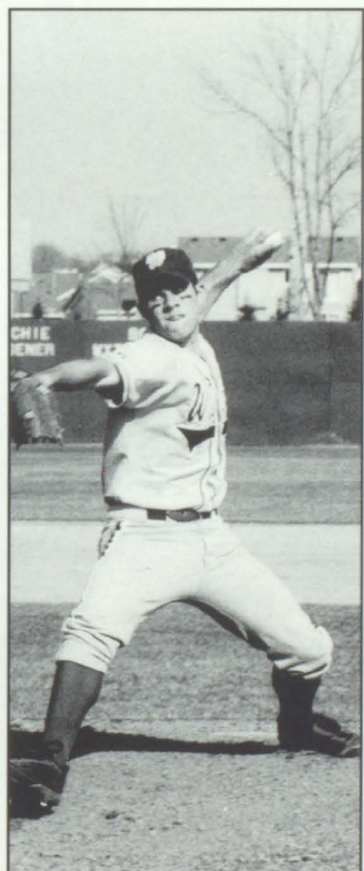
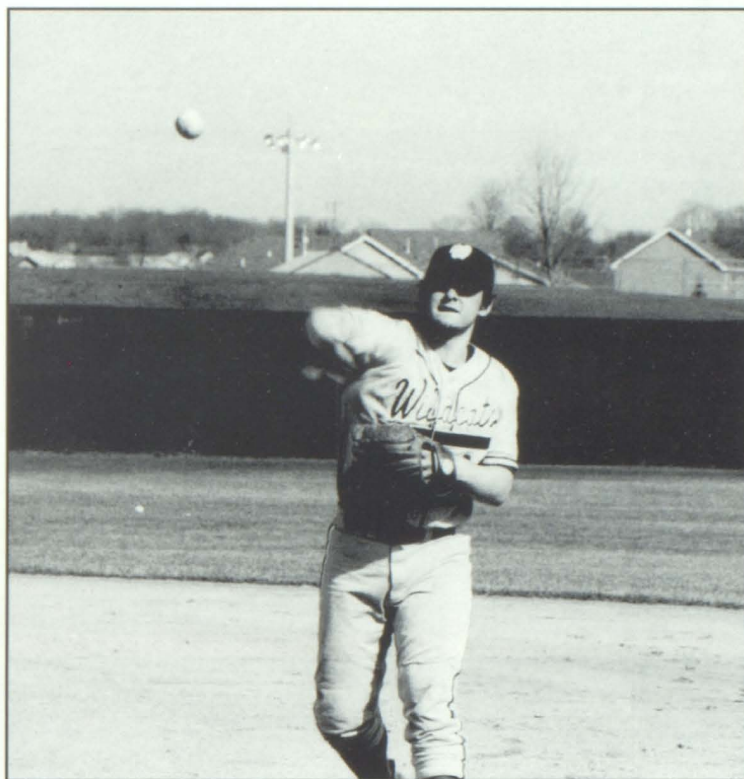
Top Far Right: Matt Heger throws the ball to the infield.

Right Bottom: The Alex Kranz four series round-up.

Baseball Team Ends Season on Top

This year was a great year for the Waconia High School Baseball team. According to Coach Grundhofer, the most exciting part of the year was watching the players improve each day and working together as a team. This year's players made it a goal to get better each game by not making the same mistakes over and over.

The team ended being in the top of our conference this year and proved that hard work and team unity make for a great season. All Conference players were Luke Schiller, Matt Hennen and Andrew Fredericksen. Honorable Mention players were Ryan Rosin, Alex Kranz, Jim Berg and Ben Smothers.



On to State We Go!

In 2002 Waconia had a wonderful softball team. Achieving all the goals they set for the year and getting along great, these girls made this year one of the best softball seasons ever. Their season culminated at the State Tournament.

The girls won the Section 5AA tournament and made the school's first trip ever to the state softball tournament. The team's goals this year were to win the Wright County Conference tournament and to go to the state tournament. The girls achieved both goals. In 2002 a huge improvement was made in the team's unity.

The captains were Lisa Koehler, Tina Pogatchnik, Amanda Hedtke, Alicia Ertl, and Tanya Clemensen. The coaches this year were Sue Goldschmidt and Mark Elsenpeter. When Coach Elsenpeter was asked how the season went, he replied, "Awesome! This team has overcome inexperience, injury, and poor decisions by former teammates to become champions. They should be very proud of themselves."

At the end of the season, Mr. Elsenpeter announced that he would be leaving the team. He hoped that the team's goals and spirit would remain the same.





<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Win/Loss</u>
Delano	Won
Becker	Won
Annandale	Won
Watertown	Won
Meadow Creek	Won
Sauk Rapids	Won
Brooklyn Center	Won
STMA	Won
Dassel Cokato	Won
Delano	Loss
Glencoe-Silver Lake	Won
Becker	Loss
NYA	Won
Annandale	Loss
STMA	Won
Glencoe-Silver Lake	Won
Dassel Cokato	Won
Watertown	Won
BOLD	Won
Sibley East	Won
NYA	Won
Annandale	Won
Rockford	Won

opposite Page Top: Tegan Lingbeck
 rows the ball infield.
 Left: Lisa Koehler pitches.
 Right: Tina Pogatchnik waits for the
 ball.

Top Right: Rachel Mowry pitches to the
 opponent.
 Top Left: Jackie Olson quickly runs
 home.

VARSITY SOFTBALL: Back Row- Coach Sue Goldschmidt, Jackie Olson, Anna Jonas,
 Chrissi Nelson, Amanda Lemke, Coach Mark Elsenpeter; **Middle Row-** Rachel
 Mowry, Amanda Hedtke, Alicia Ertl, Tanya Clemensen, Tegan Lingbeck; **Front Row-**
 Lisa Koehler, Tina Pogatchnik.

Girls and Boys Track and Field Athletes Achieve

The track and field season this year went exceptionally well. The boy's team was predicted to be strong and perform up to their potential. The girl's team struggled a little bit in the beginning but in the end made many personal improvements. The boy's team won the Wright County Conference Championships. The last time that Waconia won that honor was over twenty years ago. Jenn Bostic tied the record for high jump. Marc Ellingson broke the record for the 1600m run set by his brother

Eric. Phil Litfin, Alex Krukowski, Marc Ellingson, and Eric Ellingson broke the record for the 4x 800m relay three different times of the season.

Many outstanding athletes became athletes of the month: March - Dan Philp, Joe Hibben, Michelle Gesinger, and Emily Cousin; April - Alex Krukowski, Justin Reitsma, Jenn Bostic, and Krista Anderson; May - Jeremy Brandenburg, Jeremy Robb, Brittany Bammert, and Kelsey Paulson.



Top right: Freshman Joey Hibben hurdles his way to victory.

Top Left: Senior JR Kerkhoff dominates on the pole vault.

Above: Junior Nate Laulainen gives it his all in the race.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD: Back Row- JR Kerkhoff, Mitch Lahr, Jeremy Robb, Brad VanEyll, Micah Young, Kory Rambow, Dan Wallace, Jordan Peters, Karl Palm, Landon Rochat-Boeser; Third Row- Dan Gjertson, Nate Waldvogel, Chris McKeever, Tony Schilling, Justin Davis, Jeff Hayes, John Keefe, Dan Philp, Jakob Hermodsson, Justin Reitsma; Second Row- Brian Ziesmer, Wes Rasmussen, Jeremy Brandenburg, Kevin Krautbauer, Mathias Weinzerl, Joe Morimoto, Eric Ellingson, Phil Litfin, Marc Ellingson, Alex Krukowski, Nate Laulainen, Steven Kjergaard, Mr. Bailey; First Row- Andy Neborak, Jeff Foust, Evan Johnson, Matt Hentges, Ryan Ortberg, Josh Wagner, Dan Klingelutz, Joey Hibben, Ms. Manuel, Mary Beth Danelinger, Mr. Hullander.

Top Left: Junior Sonja Ellingson paces herself for a long race.

Top Right: Kari Luce concentrates for the upcoming race.



School Records set in 2002

Boys 4x800 Relay:
(8:20.74)

Phil Litfin
Alex Krukowski
Eric Ellingson
Marc Ellingson

1600m Run: (4:35)
Marc Ellingson

3200m Run:
(10:14.29)
Phil Litfin

High Jump: (5'4")
Jennifer Bostic

Pole Vault: (8'1")
Kelsey Paulson



GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD: First Row- Coach Manuel, Brittany Bammert, Lindsey Lano, Heidi Paulson, Jennifer Schnobrich, Sonja Ellingson, Emily Cousin, Coach Hullander; Second Row- Coach Mary Beth Danelinger, Krista Anderson, Jenna Ely, Louise Klingelutz, Meghan Menssen, Kaylee Rasmussen, Crystal Schmidt, Coach Bailey; Third Row- Michelle Gesinger, Ashley Schmaltz, Lindsay Schneewind, Katelyn Waletich, Samantha Foust, Kari Luce, Bethany Slice, Kelsey Paulson; Fourth Row- Bethany Jetto, Jen Brandenburg, Kate Stuewe, Jenn Bostic.



Above: Sophomore Jenn Bostic takes a leap in the long jump.

2002 Golf Team Drives to Success

Both boys and girls golf teams excelled in their 2002 seasons. Emily Van Kirk and Brittany Willborg participated at the state level, with Emily placing 41st and Brittany placing 25th. The girls team were Wright County champs and won Section 2AA second place. Brittany Willborg maintained the lowest stroke

average, and Laura Swift achieved the Most Improved award.

The boys team finished in fourth place in the conference, and 10th out of 16 in the section. Matt Jensen was awarded All Conference, finishing 3rd overall in the conference. Blake Willborg was awarded the Most Improved Award.



BOYS GOLF TEAM: Back Row- Joe Pogatchnik, Matt Jensen, Murphy Steiner, Dillon Sletten, Mr. Sales; Front Row- Patrick Ross, Blake Willborg, David Carrier.



Top Left: Kerin Jetto hits a ball.
Top Right: Sophomore Dillon Sletten is an important part of the boys golf team.
Bottom Right: Kate Solheim lines up her putt.



Top: Captains of the girls golf team, Brittany Willborg and Emily VanKirk are vital to the team.

Bottom Left: Murphy Steiner, captain of the boys golf team, is ready to hit a golf ball.



GIRLS GOLF TEAM: Jenny VanKirk, Kate Solheim, Emily VanKirk, Brittany Willborg, Laura Swift, Kerin Jetto, and Jackie Jensen.

Junior Varsity and Ninth Grade Teams



9TH GRADE FOOTBALL: Back Row- Mr. Grack, Adam Braun, Aaron Cook, Brian Lenzen, Calvin St. John, Dan Held, David Flemig, Josh Ruiz, Josh Breyer, Mr. Herrmann; Middle Row- Brady Gibbs, Adam Fisel, Jake Condon, Joey Hiben, Cody Edlund, Simon Gustafson, Ronnie Lenzen, Joe Morimoto; Front Row- Ryan Carlson, Brandon Engelen, David Schmitt, Ben Timm, Tyler Stahn, Jordan Peters.



9TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL: Back Row- Bethany Slice, Kate Solheim, Kelsey Paulson, Martha Lemke, Krista Anderson, Tess Surat; Front Row- Anna Overson, Estelle Denbrook, Ayla Stangret, Maggie Klason, Kathryn Hilliard, Megan Fredericksen.



JV VOLLEYBALL: Back Row- Andrea Dalen, Lindsay Lano, Amanda Clemensen, Courtney Buesgens; Middle Row- Coach, Hannah Hjelsand; Front Row- Cassie Williams, Leanne Tanguay, Nadine Ristow, Cortney Bongard, Amanda Randt, Jen Olson.



9TH GRADE BASEBALL: Back Row- Mr. Grack, Calvin St. John, Eric Salden, Jake Condon, Ben Lester, Ben Stanton, Josh Ruiz, Brady Gibbs; Middle Row- Andrew Ruscher, David Schmitt, Ted Moore, Mike Krahulec, David Flemig; Front Row- Aaron Cook, Jacob Bongard.



JV SOFTBALL: Back Row- Mrs. Kuershner, Amanda Gelhaye, Emily Sims, Cortney Bongard, Courtney Buesgens, Amanda Clemensen, Heather Schendel; Middle Row- Jaclynn Hennen, Sarah Menth, Carly Brown, Katie Wachholz, Sara Koch, Sara Kelzer, Jamie Ta; Front Row- Reka Dandliker, Lacey Jorgensen.



JV DANCELINE: Back Row- Dayna Sudheimer, Shauna Seivers, Kari Wickenhauser, Ashley Wuksinich; Middle Row- Allison Bernard, Katie Morimoto, Chelsea Engstrom; Front Row- Ashley Lacara, Samantha Tevis.



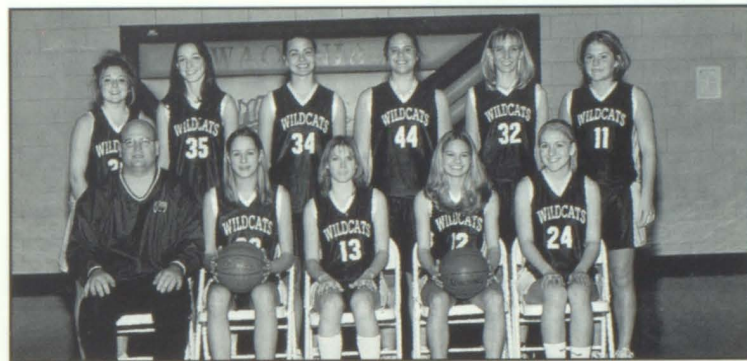
9TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL: Back Row- Tess Surat, Amanda Scheff, Toni Mochinski, Ashlee Hackbarth, Lindsey Rague; Front Row- Katie Groschen, Martha Lemke, Krista Anderson, Kelsey Paulson, Bridget Ayers-Looby.



9TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL: Back Row- Adam Fisel, Joe Morimoto, Pat Deering, Mike Krahulec; Middle Row- Mr. Grack, Joey Hiben, Jake Schieffer, Eric Butteris, Jordan Peters; Front Row- Josh Ruiz, Brady Gibbs, Adam Erickson, David Carrier, Nicholas Marxen, Brandon Engelen.



JV BOYS BASKETBALL: Back Row- Steve Kjergaard, David Deering, Coach Olson, Andy Meeks, Dillon Sletton, Mathias Weinzierl; Front Row- Luke Wilhelm, Justin Reitsma, Corey Erickson, Reid Larsen, Brady Brink.



JV GIRLS BASKETBALL: Andrea Dalen, Jenn Bostic, Jen Brandenburg, Kate Stuewe, Cassie Williams, Mallory Tevis, Courtney Buesgens, Nadine Ristow, Kaylee Rasmussen, and Tegan Lingbeck.



JV BASEBALL: Pat Foley, Brant Douville, Patrick Timmers, Chris Bullis, Blake Schultz, Ryan Engelen, Jono McKee, Dennis Gieser, Matt Parris, Jacob Leshner, Andy Bongard, Reilly Schoo, Ben Wagner, Jeff Chrest, Adam Lehrke.



JV GOLF: Don Skerik, Ayla Stangret, Lindsay Fischbach, Megan VanEyll, Cassie Williams, Johanna Lee, and Claire Salveson.



NINTH GRADE SOFTBALL: Back row: Katie Morimoto, Matha Lemke, Toni Mochinski, Jessica Mathwig, Katie Groschen. Middle row: Maggie Klason, Sara Kelzer, Kellie Hoen, Melissa Mowry, Ali Lenzon, Heather Schendel. Front row: Amanda Gelhay, Lacey Jorgensen.

To the Graduates with Love



Murphy

Remember where you came from,
Know where you want to go,
Chart your course wisely,
And walk steadfast toward your
dream.

We wish you the very best,
Dad, Mom, and Darby



Molly

Most likely to Make You Laugh-
from topless on the beach,
"mentally challenged" at Florida
State game, to most unusual "post-it"
notes! A good friend to our "Sue."

Ann and "Dad"



Adam,

You have changed and grown
in so many ways; we are so proud
of the man you have become. Our
wish for you is to be able to do what
you love, to always be happy and
keep smiling.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Congratulations Ryan...

You've
come a
long way!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Christopher Zakashefski

"You had me at Hi." Whatever your
journey in life brings....Remember
6'5" basketball is just a game,
blocked shots and rebounds. Think
positive-You Can Do It. One day
you will own a Hummer.

We love you forever -
Dad and Mom



Donnie Arndt

Your name means strong and
courageous and we are so proud to
know that you have made it to this
time of graduation. We have faith
in you to believe you will be all that
you were gifted to be.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Jessie Bammert

Where has the time gone? We
remember the day you were born
like yesterday. We have enjoyed
every minute of watching you grow
into the responsible young adult you
are today. We are very proud of
your accomplishments. Keep
smiling and be happy.
Love Mom and Dad



Dylan Aaron Pforr

Dylan= Faithful
Aaron= Enlightened
You live life true to your name.
Enjoy life, laugh a lot.
God's blessings continually.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Garrett



Sarah Gibbs

You are our shining star!
We are very proud of your
hard work, determination, and
positive attitude from kindergarten
through high school. You will
succeed in anything you choose to do.
Live your dreams!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Rod Brink

The difference between ordinary
and extraordinary is that little
'extra'-you've got what it takes and
'then some.' Time flies when
you're having fun, enjoy it to the
fullest. Wishing you all the best!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Weasel-Duck

You always met challenges and have grown into an excellent young man. I am very proud. You spent lots of special times on my shoulders when you were little. Always remember my shoulders are always there. Always be yourself.

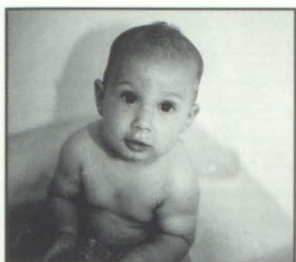
Hug You Back,
Dad



Ernie Flemig

Your smile and eyes say it all. You have brought so much joy into our lives with your carefree, wonderful way. We're so proud of what you've accomplished and we know you'll continue to chase your dreams.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Vance,

May you always have the charm you were born with.

All My Love,
Mom



Leah Aarsvold Indrelie

We wish you:

...joy in whatever you do
...love to always hold within your heart
...and peace as you follow your dreams.

We love you!
Dad and Mom



Dear David,

We have enjoyed watching you grow and mature, and look on with pride at who you have become. Look beyond the horizon and follow your dreams, whatever they may be.

Love,
Dad and Micky



Justin Pawela

"What did you learn in school today?"

"Nothing."



Abby Welch

You are a star! We are very proud of you and look forward to watching you pursue your dreams. Always remember the words of Leeann Wormack... "When you get the chance to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance, I hope you dance."

Love,
Mom and Tom, Dad and Mary



Nathan Morse

Your dad and I have watched you grow from a young boy into a wonderful man. We are so proud of you! Continue on your path of success. Congratulations!

Love,
Dad and Mom



Timothy W. Held

You did it! We are very proud of you! Now go for it!

Love Always,
Mom and Dad



Sweet Sarah Sue

You have given us years of smiles.

Love,
Mom and Dad

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Reflecting Back on a Great Year



Upper left: Sarah Gibbs, Brittni Talley, and Mackenzie Foley dress in their original costumes.

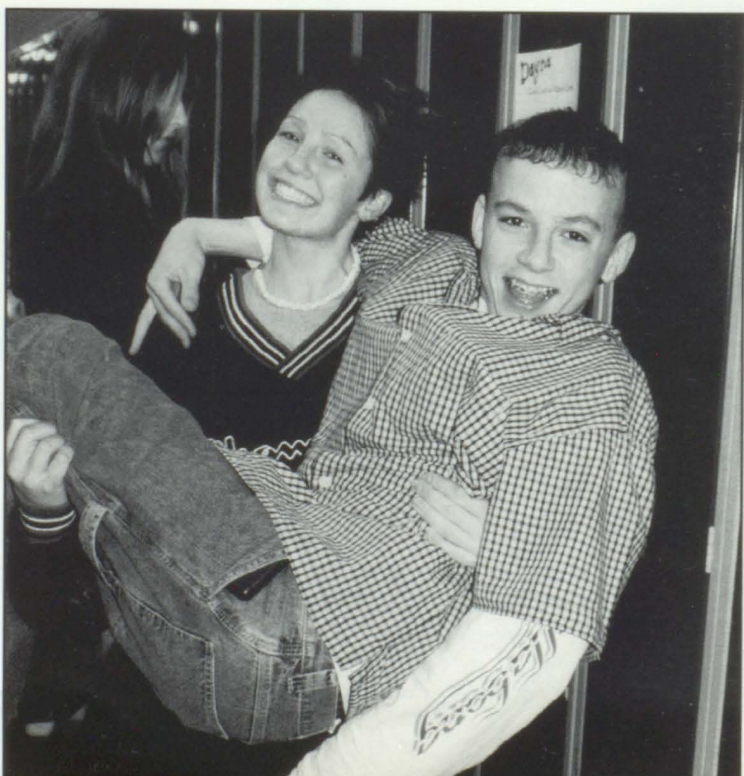
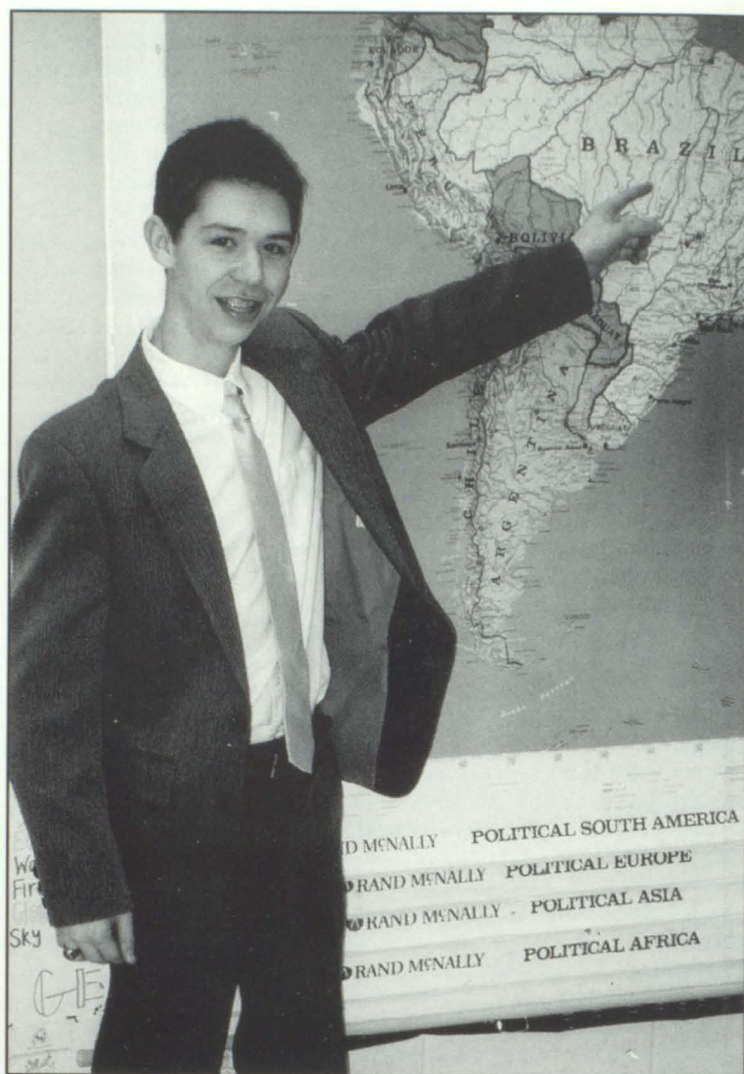
Middle left: Tia Oakman and Abby Welch relax on the floor during morning break.

Bottom left: Heidi Paulson and Sonja

Ellingson dress alike on twin day.

Upper right: Matt Parris shows his knowledge of the world in Mr. Machtemes' class.

Bottom right: Tara Nelson supports a good friend Ryder Thompson.





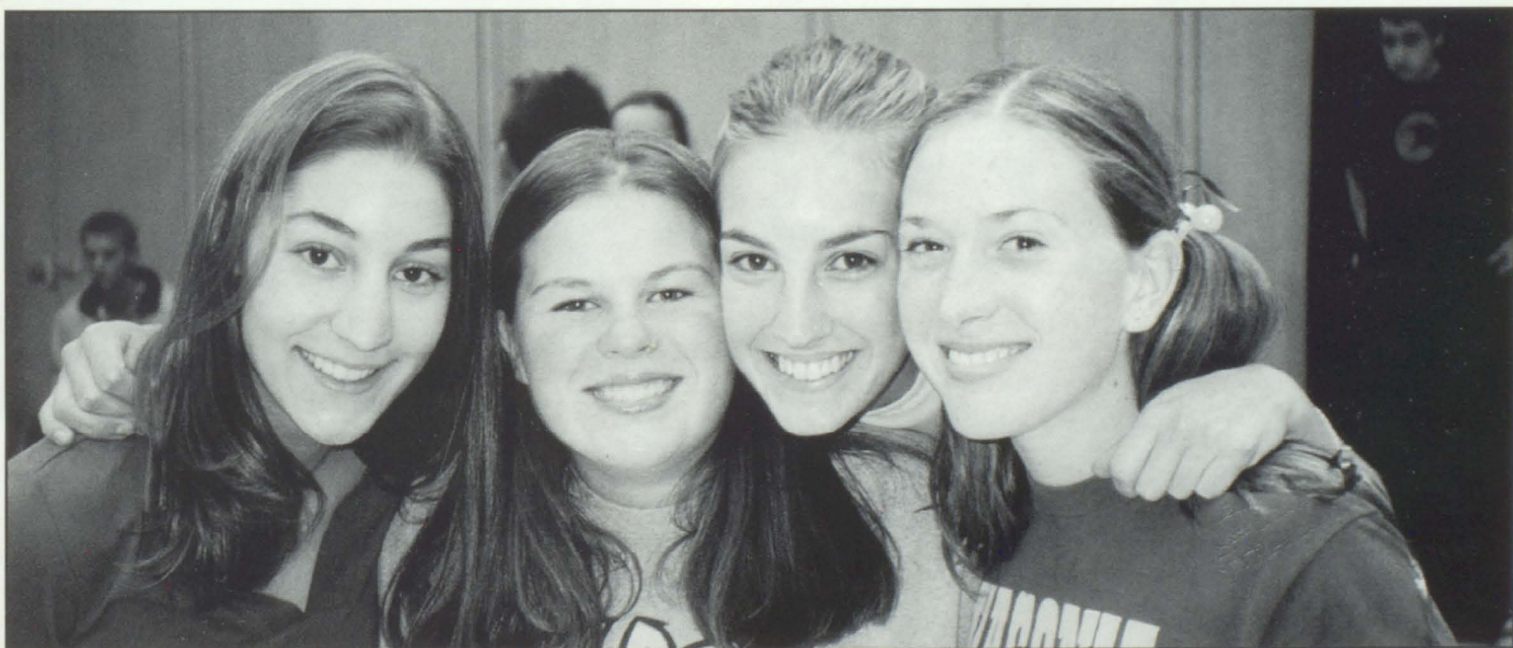
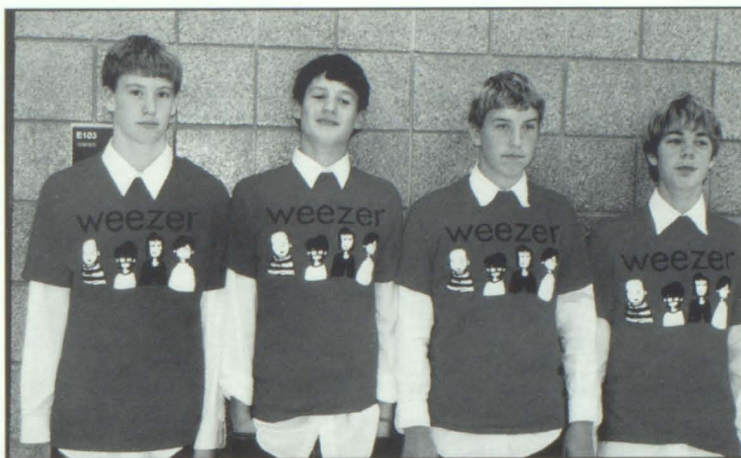
Left: Amber Rogne and Anna Szczepanski stop for a quick picture before leaving for the co-op.

Middle left: Mallory Stevens works hard playing Bingo in English.

Below: Jake Condon, Jordan Peters, Dan Held, and Brian Lenzen dress as their favorite band.

Middle below: Friends Martha Lemke and Krista Anderson pose for a picture in the freshmen hallway.

Bottom: Erica Christenson, Stephanie Capaul, Brittany Willborg, and Lucy Gunness smile for the camera on Wildcat pride day.



Editor's Note

Today is but a stepping stone towards our future, and we look to our past for guidance.

This book is a collection of the memories we made, and it will give us hope for the future. The theme of this year's Pawprints was a joint decision involving all yearbook staff members. The theme is meant to reflect on our past and present, and to prepare for our future. We visualized reflecting our years at WHS as a water droplet falling into the pool of the real world. For a few moments we were suspended



here in our safe surroundings, until we fell into the inevitable vast pool of life. I would like to thank the entire yearbook staff. They worked extremely hard and without their dedication nothing would have been possible. Also, to Mrs. Degener who took on the job of Yearbook Advisor, she has done an amazing job! Good luck to everyone in the years to come.

Always,
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