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### Dedication...



The Class of 2000 would like to dedicate this yearbook to a very special teacher, Mrs. Linda Hefty. She gave most of us a great start in our school when she became our kindergarten teacher. Her first year was ours as well. We would like to thank her for all that she provided us in that first year as our minds were still being developed. Thank you for being so patient as we struggled with tying shoes, counting, writing (although drawing in the little bug did help), and so many other things. Thank you for teaching us that glue was not the sixth food group and that the people we were sharing our cubbies with were actually our AM or PM friends. Thank you for helping us make other friends by assigning us to

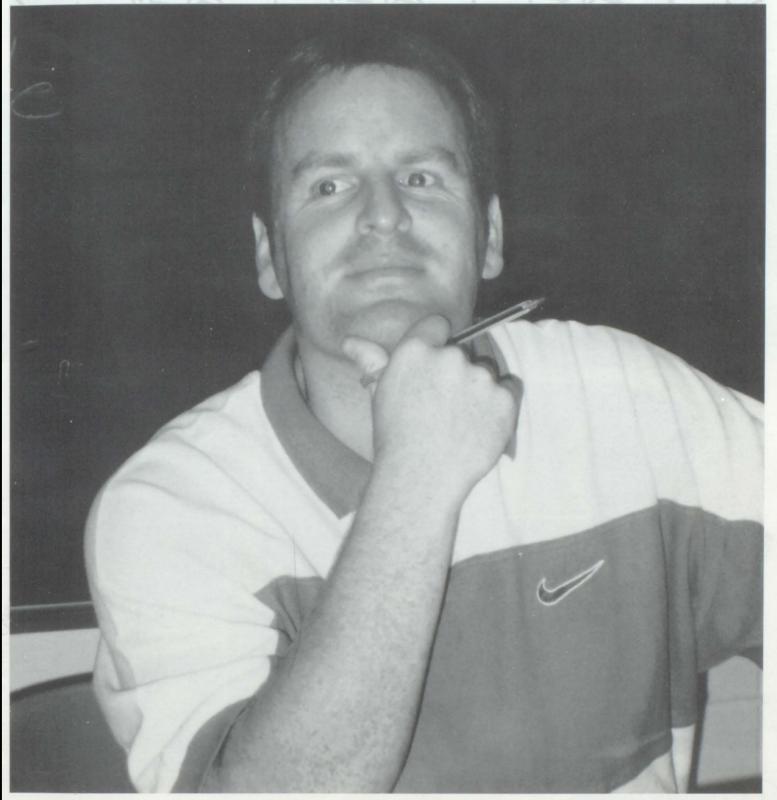
the giraffe or bear table and supplying us with a tree house and other things to play with. Thank you for making us all feel important by giving us the chance to be the VIP for a week and keeping the myth alive during the holidays by dressing us up and hiding cookies. Thank you for introducing us to saltine and graham crackers with our milk during the break and helping us to stand patiently in line to get them. Thank you for remembering our faces and greeting us even though you have had so many other students pass through your doors. Thank you for being there and being our teacher. No other person could have done what you have done for us. We will never forget you.



I n loving memory of Steven Larson. In 1990 our class lost a very special student. Steven was killed by a tragic car accident on his way home after participating in one of his favorite childhood activities, baseball, the summer of our second grade. Not many of us had the time to really get to know him, though we all wish that we had. We will always hold him dear to our hearts and think of him often.



# Staff





### Administration

Faced with numerous decisions that had the potential to disrupt the norm, the administration dealt with a myriad of school district issues. Imagine the responsibility one must take to do such a task, for in every organization there is at least one who does not agree with the decisions made. Dealing with issues such as the lunch controversy, new policies, and the drug dog inspection was quite a chore. Being the new principal at the high school was a feat in itself for Mr. William Clouse. But at the same time, handling debatable topics in accordance with this transition is noteworthy. Although these positions are often underappreciated, they do not go unnoticed because of their substantial importance.

School Board Members: Back Row: Richard Berg, Garnet Shong, Roger Hahm. Front Row: James Beesley, Beth Anderson.





Principal William Clouse



Superintendent Frederick Brown



Guidance Counselor Jean Christenson



Sponsored by Administration













Clark, Karen Crossman, Gloria Crowe, Kris Crowe, Tom Damrau, Jeff Dekan, Judy













Diehl, Larea Eide, John Forseth, Chuck Gerhardt, Amy Graham, Joel Hadorn, Jeff

# Fearless Faculty

Prestigious and insurmountable, the teaching staff was abundant with seasoned veterans and included a few rookies, such as Mr. John Eide, Mrs. Sara Koller, Mrs. Jennifer Lippert, and Ms. Deidra Powell. In addition, the new authority of Mr. William Clouse helped the faculty achieve the assignment of "Breaking the Mold." Enforcing the latest school policies, particularly the prohibition of water bottles, jackets, and school bags, were just some of the extra duties for the teachers. Despite these regulations, the goal of these fearless leaders stayed the same. The rewards of reaching out to a child are immeasurable - and so goes the motto of the 1999-2000 Augusta High School faculty.





Holm, Karen Johnson, Roger





Johnson-Smith, Terry Koller, Sara

































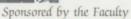








Stensen, Cindy Stutzman, Randy Thorpe, Kari Tweed, Paul Vance, Bonnie Zastrow, Kelli





Support Staff







 ${\cal W}$  ho is it that cleans the gym floors? Who would save our lives if we were ever to fall into the pool? Who saves our assignments by fixing the computers? All of these wonderful things would fall to the credit of the support staff, along with many other things as well. What are those "other things" that you talk of, you might ask? Well, allow us to explain! With the addition of Tom Puchalla came a little less confusion in the computer area. Mrs. Christenson once again fixed faulty schedules and helped students get college applications in on time. Lifeguards once again went to work keeping everyone safe in the pool. The janitors did a great job cleaning up after our messes and helping us get into locked areas. Office personnel helped all with passes to late classes, those handy dandy lunch slips, and almost anything else you could imagine. Bus drivers got us everywhere we needed to go on time. Our wonderful cooks put up with all of our boycotting and still provided us with our meals. All of the students and faculty would agree that this school would not run without our extraordinary support staff!



Picture 1: Bus Drivers: Diane Walker, Theresa Seifzer, Dayle Sell, Ron Bowe, Don Gerike, Dave Balliett, Dean Place, Bill Englesby, Dean VonHaden. Picture 2: Technology Coordinator Tom Puchalla. Picture 3: Library Assistant Marjorie Pettis. Picture 4: Lifeguards: Back Row: Supervisor Peggy Anderson, Alexis Dickinsen, Chloe Gabler, Kara Kangas, Margaret Guntner. Front Row: Jennifer Lange, Zachary Stensen, Jeremy Gerdes, Jed Stutzman, Molly Cousin. Missing: Julie Crowe. Picture 5 & 6: Secretaries Lori Logterman, Brenda Pettis. Picture 7: Cafeteria Ladies: Lisa Bohl, Pam Stubbe-Madden, Laurie Dehnke. Missing: Penny Evenson, Kim Johnson, Carol Watenphul. Picture 8: Night Janitors: Gary Eckel, Lori Norton, Harvey Schwoch. Picture 7: Day Janitors: Ed Mayer, Bill LeBarron.





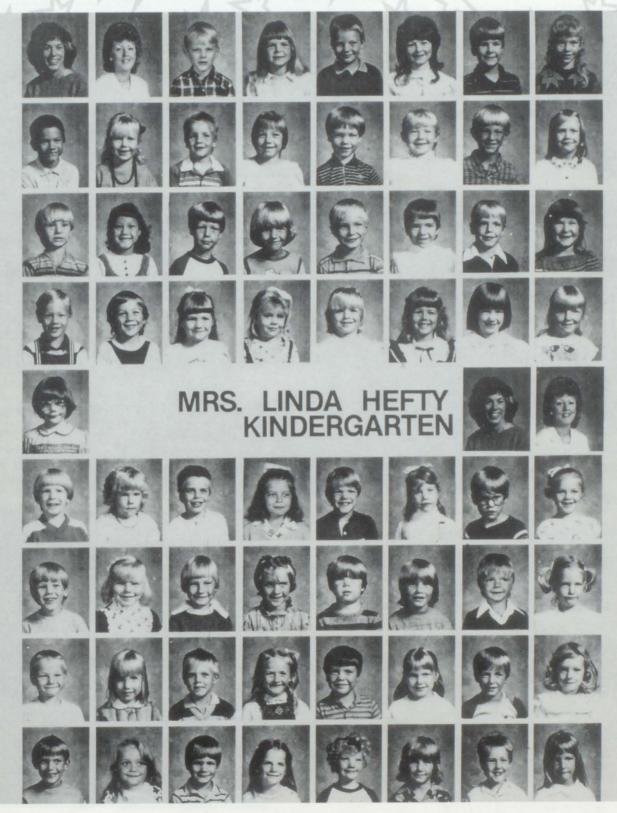








# Seniors



## Remember When...

#### Kindergarten

#### First Grade

#### Second Grade

- On St. Patrick's Day we came back to find the room was a mess because of the Leprechaun.
- All the boys fighting over the flat legos.
- The "Star of the Week."
- Being assigned to the Giraffe table.
- Meeting all of our new friends from A.M. or P.M. kindergarten.
- The first time I saw Lacey she had to put my earring back on for me.
- Lindsey Sacket moved away.

- Mrs. Richard's tree house.
- The turtles and the hamsters!
- Kevin, Evan, Molly and I all ate cold funch together.

#### Third Grade

- Kara's dad dressed up like Chase Hampton for her birthday.
- Playing "Around the World" in Mr. McIlquham's math class.
- Hearing Mrs. Lundberg yell at Derrick from all the way on the other side of the school.

#### Fourth Grade

- Damien Scivally crying when Evan squished a spider.
- Molly laughed so hard at break that milk came out of her nose.
- Collecting pop tabs for the Ronald Mc-Donald House.

#### Fifth Grade

- When I borrowed Andy's Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle watch and I broke it, so I never gave it back but I told him that I did and he believed
- Watching Channel 1 after recess.
- Branden V., Nick C., and Lacey playing with Kleenex and the heater.

#### Sixth Grade

- Murphy and House from WAXX came to The leniency of Mr. Skifstad. school
- Challenging Mrs. Madsen during math for we were the "Smashing Guitars". Twizzlers and Jolly Ranchers.
- The word "Bodacious!"
- The candy fiasco and handwriting samples.

#### Seventh Grade

- The math contest in Mrs. Kresser's class —
- —Wayne Parker and Justin Osborn telling "your mamma's so fat" jokes with Mr. Skifstad.

#### Eighth Grade

- Mrs. Maenner made us sing, "A minus is the same as a plus a minus."
- John and Lacey convincing Nick C. that aquarium rocks were nerds.
- Our kick-butt Medieval Fair!!

#### Freshman

- The construction mess at the end of the year.
- Making Bubba Bo Bob Kite in Mr. Barrett's class.
- Selling magazines.

#### Sophomore

- Getting drivers' licences, class rings, and lettermen jackets.
- Reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" and going to Minnesota to see the play.
- Getting lost in our remodeled school.

#### **Junior**

- Planning for senior year by ordering invitations and taking ACTs, SATs, etc.
- Making flowers for days, cutting down trees for weeks, and stringing lights for hours for prom.
- Having the beatnik poetry readings in Mrs. Crowe's room.



# Top 10... and Then Some



 $\mathbf{F}$  or four LONG years these ten special seniors have strived to do their best academically. Through long hours of studying, participating in class, and the great accomplishment of staying awake in class, the top ten ranked seniors worked hard to gain this esteem. However, not only the students in the top ten are to be commended. The senior class had many hard-working brains among them. In fact, this senior class had the most people on the Honors list since before 1976. It was quite an accomplishment to break a record that stood for almost a quarter of a century. These kids also set a good example for the younger kids. At academic assemblies when the honor rolls for the seniors were announced and a whole herd poured onto the gym floor to get their ice cream tickets, the substantial number of kids could barely go unnoticed.









Picture 1: Top Ten: Back Row: #1 Molly Cousin, #2 Julie Crowe, #3 Kevin Ives. Row 2: #4 John Rugotzke, #5 Scott Dickinsen, #6 Christine Honadel, #7 Alexis Dickinsen. Front Row: #8 Rita Koch, #9 Kara Kangas, #10 Alicia Sylvester. Picture 2: Honor Students: Back Row: Christina Von Haden, Alexis Dickinsen, Joni Hill, Paula Hahn, John Rugotzke, Tisha Bonick, April Marion. Row 2: Molly Cousin, Christine Honadel, Natalie Gabler, Lacey Risberg. Row 3: Rita Koch, Julie Crowe, Chanda Baader, Margaret Guntner, Katie Pieper. Front Row: Kristi Buse, Shana Welter, Nicholas Gray, Jamie Zempel, Scott Dickinsen, Kara Kangas.

Picture 3: Valedictorian Molly Cousin, Salutatorian Julie Crowe.



# Most Likely...



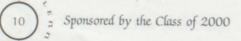
Coolest Personality: Julie Crowe, Jacob Johnson.



Teachers Pet: Paula Hahn, Kevin Ives.



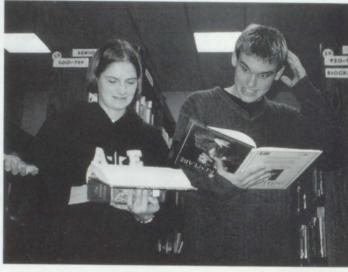
Class Clowns: Nicholas Canaday, Nicholas Gray.



Y2K Compliant: Lacey Risberg, Scott Dickinsen, Kevin Ives.



To Be Confused: Jewel Bergman, Nicholas Canaday



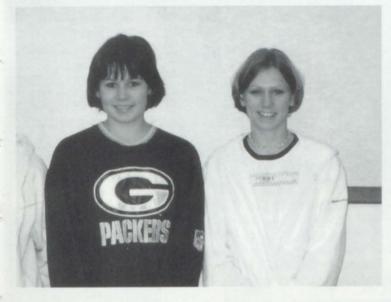
Quietest: Tisha Bonick, Michael Heath, Christina Von Haden. Not Pictured: April Marion.







Least Changed: William Shulz, Tisha Bonick.
Not Pictured: Christina Von Haden.



Prettiest Smile: Jessica Weiss, Alicia Sylvester.





Most Changed: Joni Hill, Derrick Pettis.



Nicest Cars: Top: Kristi Buse Bottom: Evan Mazur



Most Likely...

To Strike It Rich: Molly Cousin, Scott Dickinsen.

To Get Divorced: Kara Kangas, Kelsey Lee.

To Break the Law: Chanda Baader, Brian White.

Most Athletic: Alicia Sylvester, John Rugotzke, Kevin Ives.

Most Artistic: Kristi Buse, Scott Gerike.

Most Musical: Christine Honadel, Nicholas Gray.

Best Body: Alexis Dickinsen, Scott Dickinsen.

Best Dressed: Julie Crowe, Brian White.

Biggest Flirt: Shana Welter, Evan Mazur.

Biggest Procrastinator: Rita Koch, Nick Gray.

Worst Drivers: Leatha Buttke, Kara Kangas, Richard Gilbert.

Most Argumentative: Joni Hill, Dustin Yule.

Funniest Laugh: Rita Koch, John Rugotzke.

Loveliest Eyes: Jessica Weiss, Bradley Veenendall.

Biggest Party Animal: Chanda Baader, Brian White.

Loudest Mouth: Jewel Bergman, Leatha Buttke.





Paula Pooh.

Congratulations to our very special daughter who is successful and self-confident without losing her ability to be understanding and compassionate.

> We love you! Mom & Dad

Scott.

Thanks for a wonderful 18 years. It has been a joy to watch you grow, share in your accomplishments and help you through your disappointments. We are very proud of you and what you have done. Continue to strive for your lofty goals and remember that we will always be here for you.

> Love you always, Mom & Dad



Kevin.

For your future, we'll give you just one more clue: Do what you enjoy and enjoy what you do. Your life will be full of happiness, it all depends entirely on you. Congratulations and God bless. Remember, quitters never win and winners never quit.

> Love, Mom & Kenny



Kara Dearest,

Move off into the future with courage and clear thinking. Be free to take a path with strength and wisdom. Take your faith, values and our love with you.

> With love, Mom & Dad



Nick, congratulations! Your first journey in life is over. The next is just beginning. We know that you will succeed in whatever goals you set for yourself. Keep your dreams and standards set high. You know that we love you and will always stand behind you.

> Love, Mom & Dad





Evan, congratulations. I am truly proud of you. I know that you can accomplish anything that you set your heart and mind to. You are unique. You are an individual and you will find your purpose in life.

> With great respect and love, Mom



Lace.

You are an extremely creative, intelligent, interesting, and talented individual. Know that the only "limits" to what you can be or do in your life are the limits you set for yourself. So dream HUGE! And good luck at college.

> Love ya always, Mom, Dad, & Riley



Christine Louise,

When you graduated from preschool, we thought we all had a long path to travel before you were ready to graduate as a young lady, ready to leave us behind and enter the adult world. Now, it seems like it's only been the blink of an eye and those years are gone. Good luck on your journey. We are so proud of the young lady you've become.

> Love always, Mom & Dad



Molly,

Always find comfort and joy in having grown up on a small farm in Wisconsin. You have enriched our lives and made it a fun experience for us.

Love, Mom, Dad, Anna & Gus



Joni, you always did want to make your own fashion statement! May you never lose your unique and special personality. We will hate to see our little girl leave for college, but we know you are ready for whatever lies ahead. You may be miles away but will always be close in our hearts.

> Love you! Mom & Dad



We are proud of you, Katie, and the person you are becoming. We have enjoyed your "precious little girl days." We feel lucky to be your parents. We will all miss you as your journey into the real world begins. We always wish you the best in all you do.

God bless you. Love.

Dad, Mom, Kara and Allison





If you always give 100% there is no such thing as failure. There are no words to express how proud we are of you and all you have accomplished.

> Love, Mom, Dad, & Paula

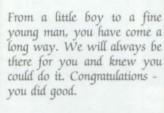


Anni,

You have lived in our house for 10 months, but will live in hearts forever. We wish you the best of luck in the future. Thanks for the memories!

> Love always, Wanda, John, Missy, & Joni

Bradley,







a dynamic personality. Thanks for all the entertainment little sister.

> Love, Jill, Joy, & Doug

Jessica,

How can it be? We were rocking you yesterday, reading stories, playing games and singing our favorite songs. What a beautiful woman you turned out to be, inside and out. You have the courage, strength, determination, and most sensitive heart to achieve whatever you want in life. Go for it!! We'll be in your heart forever and waiting with open arms whenever you need us.

> With Love Forever, Mom & Dad



Leatha,

We have watched you grow from our "Little Bud" to a beautiful young woman. We know that your hard work and dedication will pay off as you venture into the world. Whatever you do, do your best and remember we are so proud of you and will always be there for you!

> We love you! Mom & Dad



Bill.

You made it! We're so proud of you. Always remember to do the best you can, and you can accomplish anything. Enjoy the years ahead of you.

> Love. Mom & Dad

Margaret, it's been wonderful watching you blossom from a shy, quiet little girl into the independent, beautiful young woman you are now. As you travel along lifes many paths we hope that you will find all the love and happiness you truly deserve. You have made us so proud of you. You are our Wisconsin sweetheart.

Love, Mom & Dad, Phil, Tom, Steve, Dan, Paul, Leanne, Vicki, & Andy



Our little fisherman has grown up. You have the patience to fish you also will have the patience to achieve your goals in life. Work hard and don't forget to go fishing. We are very proud of you.

> Love, Mom, Dad, & Kami



ME & CHRISTINE

We look nothing alike, yet we've more than one bond. (Chrissy's brunette, Anita is blonde.)

Athletes, musicians, we write and we read. Both born on the 18th, true sisters indeed.

I'm double her age, yet the gen gap is small. She's the best sis to have when I need someone to call.

She's pretty, she's smart, she reviews the big screen. A prettier smile is not often seen.

Thousands of miles can't keep us apart. Because she's a gem with a generous heart.

> Love, Anita



You have grown into a beautiful, intelligent young lady. We are so very proud of you. With God's help we are confident you will fulfill your dreams. We love you.

God bless you! Mom, Dad, Shannan, & Shawn



Natalie,

The road to success begins with a great leader. You have opened new doors and blazed new trails for all of us. You will always be #1 with us.

> Love, Grant, Trent, Zach, Kate, Trevor, & Emily

Shana,



Alexis,

We thank God that he gave us a healthy, beautiful baby girl eighteen years ago. We have tried to quide, encourage, and support you as you grew into the special person you are today. You have given us many fond memories and proud moments to cherish forever. Use your work ethic, the values learned from family, and knowledge of God as you approach every new day of the rest of your life.

> Love. Mom, Dad, Brady & Brittany



Charity,

Through broken bones, hair washing, and jelly beans, you have finally made it. You have grown into a very nice young lady. We are very proud of you.

> Love, Mom & Dad



You are the uplifts when I'm down. The hugs when I need them. The joy of my life. MY VERY BEST FRIEND.

> Love, Mom



You are my midnight confidant and the one who has seen my tears. You are the greatest sister I could hope for to make me laugh and sooth my fears. It is hard to imagine that in a short time you will be so many miles away. And I wish so much that you could stay. But on that painful day I will put on a smile and remember the past 10 months that are so close to my heart. And right there you will stay forver and we will never part.

Joni





Dear Runt, everything you've undertaken you've done your very best at and

came out on top. You've always had your own opinion of things. This picture proves that.

Mom & Dad



Farrin.

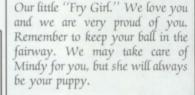
You finally made it. Good luck in the future and congratulations.

> Love, Grandma

Tofun.

"Macte nova virtute, puer, sic itur ad astra. — Virgil

With unconditional love forever, Mom & Dad



Erin, you are the light of our life. Congratulations.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Love. Mom & Dad



"It's the fire in your eyes, And the flash of your teeth, The swing in your waist And the joy at your feet You're a woman Phenomenally, Phenomenal woman That's you!"

You're a young woman with a style that can never be duplicated. We'll miss your humor and love on a daily basis, but we'll enjoy watching your success.

> Love, Mom, Dad, Jessie & Andy





Dustin, my "little man" has now

become a man. Words cannot ex-

press what a joy it has been to watch

you grow into the fine young man

you've become. Keep it together, my

son, and you'll go far in this world.

All my love, Mom

Scott.

Josh,

Here is our little re-

guess that should

do it. Drive careful!

Love you,

Dad & Mom

pairman at work.

Even though we've had our differences through the years as brothers do, you've showed us how hard work and dedication pays off. We'll miss you when you're away at college, but at least we'll have the chance to use the computer!!

Love. Andy, Brennan, & Matthew



Jaclyn Marie,

We have waited 18 years for this moment. Unfortunately, we still aren't ready for this day. Don't ever lose sight of your dreams. We will always be here for you as you continue your wonderful journey through life.

> Love you, Mom & Dad

P.S. William will miss you more than you can imagine when you go off to college.



Leatha,

It seems like only yesterday when we were getting ready for elementary school together. Now look at us, both in high school and now you are graduating. You are not only my cousin, but one of my closest friends. I know you will do well with the rest of your life, because you are a fun and good-hearted person to be around. Friends may come and go, but you will always have your cousin.

> Love you, Cassie



Joni (Baby Sister),

You are above and beyond unique and you surpass being one-of-akind. I admire your courage, your style, and vision of life. I will be here for you always and forever. And one more thing, "Are you online?

> Love ya, Missy

> > Derrick.

future.



Justin,

You've "motored" your way to where you are -Wow!

And made us so proud, you're a graduate now.

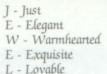
You grew up so fast, the time flew right by, Went from 23" to 6'4" high!

The rest of your life is ahead of you son, There'll be time for work and time for fun.

Whatever you do and wherever you go, We'll be there for you always, with more love than you know!

Congratulations Justin!

Love, Mom, Rick, Dusty & Jake Dad & Bonnie



Jewel, you are what your name stands for and more. We Love You and May God Bless You!

> Love, Mom & Dad

We are all proud of you. Wish-

ing you the best of luck in your

Mom, Dad, Richard, & Chris

Congratulations to my little sister, Christine. You are one of the most

important people in my life and I

cherish every moment we get to spend together. Thanks for all of

the laughs over the past 18 years and I look forward to many more

years of fun times ahead. You are

not only my sister but my friend.

Love always,

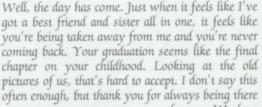
Love.



Kristi, you have grown up to be quite a young lady. You have and can accomplish anything you set your mind to. You have brought a lot of sunshine to our hearts and many others. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Mom, Dad, Jimmy, & Kathy

Jessica,



for me. We love you so much.





Angela & Sarah



Where has the time gone? Seems

like just yesterday you were off to

kindergarten. You've been through

some tough times but with your

strong will and determination,

you've come out ahead. You'll go

far, just keep your goals in mind.

You've grown to be a young man

any parent would be proud to have.

Love,

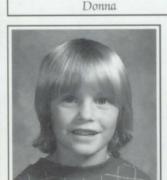
Mom

I love you very much!

Kelsev,

Congratulations to our sis. It's been great having your around to pick on. Good luck in whatever you choose to do. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow is your future.

> Love, Jesse & Justin



Dear April,

I don't think there is anything you can't do, once you put your mind to it. This will serve you well in the future. We are proud of you and love you very much.

Your family, Mom & Dad Thunder, Amber, & Trevor



Dear Tisha,

It's hard to believe that you are graduating from high school. Dad and I remember your first day of kindergarten when you got on the bus. Time passes quickly. We love you. Good luck in the future.

> Love, Mom & Dad



Jessica, from those first baby steps to the walk of commencement: The stepping stones of life. We are proud to have you for a daughter. You have a long life ahead of you. Make the best you possibly can of it.

> Contratulations! Mom, Dad, Brothers, & Sis



Saving the Best for Last



"Yesterday is but today's memory, and tomorrow is today's dream."

Kahlil Gibran

#### Class Flower:

Blue-Tipped White Rose

#### Class Colors:

Midnight Blue and Silver



Class Officers: President: John Rugotzke, Vice President: Molly Cousin, Secretary: Christine Honadel, Treasurer: Paula Hahn.





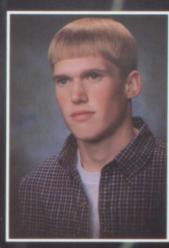
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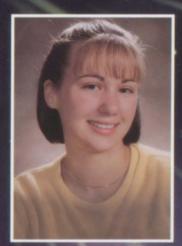
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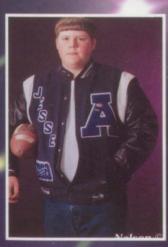
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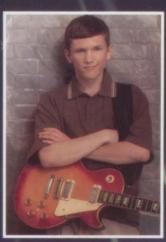
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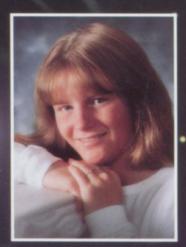
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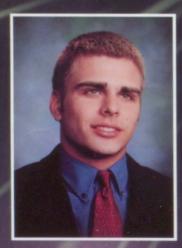
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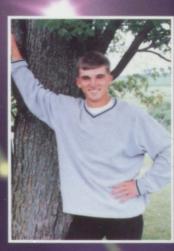
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Not Pictured: Michael Alan Heath Peter Pederson Steven Alan Telisczak Annika Schniewind from Germany stayed with the Matt Gabler family until October 30, 1999. Seeing the other side of the ocean, improving her English, and learning another culture were some of the goals she met during her short stay. In her spare time she hung out with friends, helped on the family farm, shopped, swam, played volleyball, and went to the high school football games. When asked what she liked best about the U.S.A, she said, "The people are so friendly! The Gabler Farm and the big malls!"





"I decided being a foreign exchange student because I'm interested in other cultures, meeting people, getting to know other school systems, getting experiences for my life, traveling and getting to know me better," said Andrea Katja Kruhn, who was from Germany. During her ten-month stay with the Hill family, she took part in volleyball, softball, and forensics. When not involved in those, she loved going out with friends, seeing the country, going to movies, and shopping. She especially liked chocolate chip cookies!



# Around the World

an you imagine getting on a plane, leaving behind your family, friends, and everything else you are accustomed to, just to stay in another country for over three months? These six girls could. They came, they saw, and they conquered. Curious and adventurous, they gained new friends and experiences that can never be replaced.





Elina Kaanna Taikina-Aho visited us from Finland to better her English, travel, and learn the American culture. She stayed with Jim and Lesley Turner for ten months, realizing she really liked the nice people and different lifestyles in the U.S.A. "Have fun with my friends!" was her favorite thing to do in her spare time.

Also with Jim and Lesley Turner was Michele Becker from Germany. "I wanted to learn a new culture, meet new people and improve my English." This was what she wanted to accomplish in her ten-month stay. During that time she took part in basketball and softball in school, attended athletic events, went out with friends, and saw places around the Augusta area.

Andrea Michele de Godov from Brazil, who lived with the Francels for 11 months, wanted to learn a new culture, make new friends, enlarge her horizons, and improve her English. During her stay she was involved in crosscountry and basketball. She spent her spare time going to athletic events and meeting her new friends. This is what she liked best about the States: "Well, I love my host family because they are very nice to me and I love this school, too. Everybody is very nice and I already have many



friends and I have a lot of fun here with my classes, going to the games and practice..."



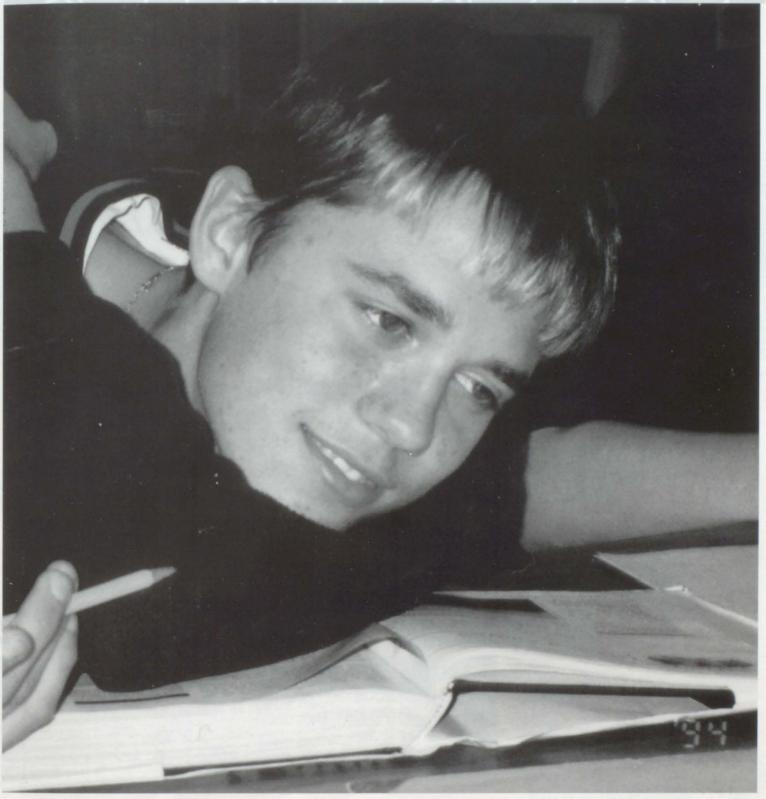
Renata Christina Margues Maia, who was here for five months with the Berg family, enjoyed watching fall



sports, reading, listening to music, and talking to friends. She came here to learn better English and learn the American culture. This is what she liked best about the United States: "Safety. Here we don't need to care if is it dark or not and we can walk alone during the night. But what I really like best here is my host family." She commented on how much she liked the Augusta community, talking about Augusta's beautiful country scenes and how she couldn't wait to see snow.



# Underclassmen



Aichele, Conrad Bailey, Kevin Bergman, Lacey Berry, Michelle Bohl, Kendra Borchert, Jason

























## Juniors

While in the past juniors were overlooked, the Class of '01 proved that junior year was the time to shine. Although ACTs and other college preparatory activities were starting, taking it easy while they still could seemed to be the main idea. This was proven

during Homecoming week when a couch was brought in as part of their hall decorations! This was just a taste of what was to come for the rest of the year.

Led by a faithful President Jamie Kaeding,

Junior Class Officers: Back Row: Erin Lewis, Jamie Kaeding, Brooke Erdman. Front Row: Jacob Flick.

Flick, Jacob Forde, Emily Gabler, Chloe Gerdes, Jeremy Hahn, Amy Herrick, John



































































Pettis, Nicholas Pfeiffer, Barry Schmitt, Paige Schulte, Jessica Seichter, Jade Severson, Jennifer



of Mrs. Crowe's ABC books, Mrs. Deihl's CPR certification, Mr. Tweed's Bunsen burners, and Mrs. Maenner's graphic calculators. Not to mention, many gave a tearful good-bye to gym class. In the end, though, most felt satisfied with their accomplishments and looked forward to an even better senior year.

Jessica Shulte concentrates hard on her accounting.













Spores, Jennifer Spores, Samantha Steele, Kathryn Stubbe, Denver Stutzman, Jed Sudbrink, Joseph











Waggoner, Heather Warner, Cody Wiese, Aimee Williamson, Scott Zank, Abbie

Aichele, Amanda Anderson, Marilyn Anderson, Susan Bailey, Kimberly











Bergman, Trinia Boettcher, Stephanie Bogart, Amy Bogart, Richard Burgey, Jamie Buss, Michael



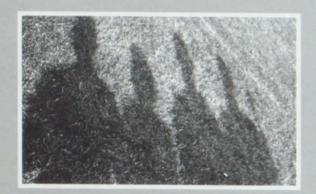












# Sophomores

s the bell rang, so began a day in the life of A sophomore. Floating from class to class as underclassmen, but feeling not quite as young as in past memory, these "studs" and "studettes" roamed the halls from English to History to lunch and back again. Daydreams of lettermen's jackets, class rings, and

driver's licenses drifted through their minds. Along with the daydreams came the nightmares of homework overload and difficult classes.

These sophomores were not exactly typical, though. This was proven during Homecoming

Only the shadows know the Sophmore Class Officers: Grant Gabler, Teri Shulz, Nick Jacobs, Zach Watenphul.

Buttke, Cassandra Buttke, Kenneth Dickinsen, Andrew Eklof, Andrew Fitzmaurice, Roberta Gabler, Grant









































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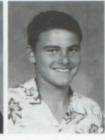














Poirier, Dustin Price, Ashley Price, Richard Raney, Daniel Rouleau, Jared Sauers, Benjamin



week when a winning skit swept the stage. Nick Jacobs posed as Alex Trebec to host three other sophomores while they mocked everything from gimpy seniors to the Star Spangled Banner. This, along with some other witty characters, paved the way for the sophomores to start forming their own identities.

> One key factor to any successful group is a good president, and Zach Waten-

Amy LeBarron smiles for the camera.

phul filled the shoes well. Discussing and fighting issues that students bring up is an achievement for an upper classman, but having a sophomore do the dirty work was inspiring. Not only were these kids active in school, but extra curricular activities were filled with smiling sophomore faces. Football, volleyball, one-act play, and every other possible interest area were overflowing with this classes' pride.











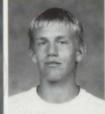






























Trescher, Amanda Watenphul, Zachary Weltzin, Scott Wiese, Matthew Williamson, Brian Zellmer, Jesse

Anderson, Lucas Arndt, Andrew Becker, Nicole Bergman, Dusty Boettcher, Christian Bohl, Jonathon

Borchert, Nathan Brandt, Hope Brunner, Anna Buttke, Matthew Dickinsen, Brady Erdman, Steven























### Freshmen

T he Class of '03 stuck together through thick and thin, bad science grades, public pantsings, (you know who you are) and broken bones.

Starting high school left them thinking, "What am I going to wear?" and, "I want to

sleep." They didn't expect sleep shortly after their first science test, and they soon learned that studying DOES help. Alas, they got their grades on the right track and quickly noticed that there were numerous high school activities to partake in.

Freshman Class Officers: Back Row: Elizabeth Hinojosa, Katie Zank. Front Row: Brady Dickinsen, Adam Papierniak.

Floyd, Ashley Geiger, Kristofer Gibson, Brodi Guntner, Tricia Hawkins, Camile Heller, Joshua























































Papierniak, Adam Peck, Kenneth Peck, Lee Pedersen, Lindsey Pfeiffer, Ashley Piel, Krystal













Plamp, Melissa Powers, Jennifer Santa Cruz, Brandy Schroeder, Joshua Selz, Bradley Shilts, Jodi



Those who participated in the eighth grade play found another opportunity to be on the stage in, "The Taming of LaRue," the One-Act Play. But the best memory was, of course, Homecoming and the dance entitled Starry Night. There they got their first real chance to boogie with the big kids, and loved every second of it.

Matt Buttke, never missing a day in FACE.













Starck, Joshua Stoel, Nathan Stotts, Deneshia Stubbe, Carson Taylor, Shane Walker, Stephanie

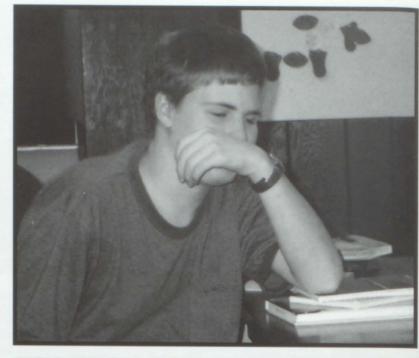






Weiss, Angela Zank, Kathleen Zimbauer, David









Picture 1: Junior, Paula Johnson, making a coil pot.

Picture 2: Andrew Eklof laughing in the Business Ed. room.

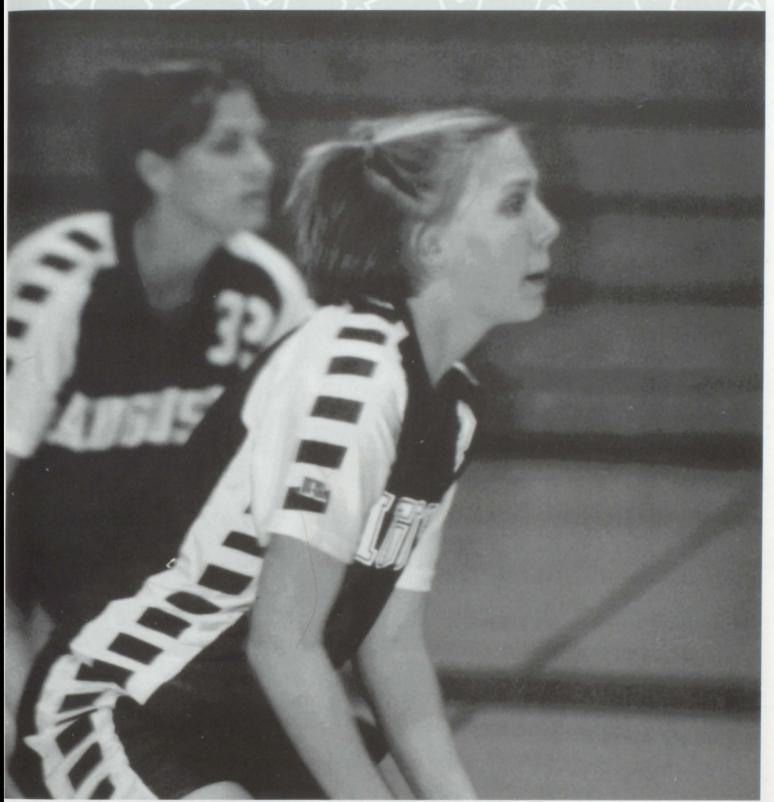
Picture 3: Jennifer Squires getting help in Sophomore English.

Picture 4: Junior, Dan Marcheske, kneading clay in art class.

Picture 5: David Zimbauer with a friend's pet iguana in study hall.



# Sports



### Wild Ride

"Hi" is said in a voice so high it approaches a sound that only dogs could hear, and resembles a combination of a dying mouse and a squeaky screen door. Track was sometimes an unsteady balance between goofing off and working hard. Coming up with new catch phrases to go with "Hi", naming their implements, like Joey, Hunyak and Goldie the shot puts, and wrestling on the pole vault mats filled some of the less-serious moments. But, when the dedicated athlete in each team member came to the surface, track was about sweaty sprint drills, distance runs around town, and medicine ball workouts for the weightmen and weightwomen.

Practices started indoors before the snow was even off the ground, and consisted of running "circuits" around the halls of the school and stretching in the gym. The first meet was an indoor at UWEC, and was a good place to see what they could do and where to set their goals for the rest of the season. Scott Dickinsen had an especially good showing with his sprints. The rest of the season was a blur of meets and long nights at practice. The first couple of outdoor meets were triangulars against such teams as Eleva-Strum and Whitehall, which were more warmups for the real challenge yet to come in invitational meets.

The season really picked up steam with the big meets. Our own invitational, the Hoyme, had to be held at Osseo's Ward Field because of the terrible condition of our own track. Another big meet in Osseo was their invitational, the Chieftain, which is notorious for the outrageously high number of teams in attendance. It wasn't as crowded as in past years, but still was not such a happy night when the boys' 4x100 meter relay team dropped the baton in the handoff from Jed Stutzman to Jason Pettis. The meet at Eau Claire Regis was miserable, with a constant cold rain soaking everyone and everything. The track was so wet some jumping and sprinting events had to be cancelled and many runners experienced falls or near-falls while competing. The team was resourceful, while a little audacious, in taking over Regis' equipment shed to stay out of the elements, not entirely to the approval of Regis staff. Also at this meet, Jacob Flick did a "rain dance" through four laps of running the mile-for all of the team members who wanted their events rained out. A bit of an eyesore at this meet was Mr. Tweed's sky blue rain suit, but many of the track members would have taken Gore-Tex in any color on a night like that. The meet at Elk Mound was when the term "Hi" became the greeting of choice, and yelling it at people from the top of the bleachers brought on many funny looks. The weekly spitting contests for both distance and accuracy began at the top of Elk Mound's bleachers as well. One of the last invitationals of the season was in Áltoona when Jed Stutzman sported his squeezy cheese hair accessory for the first half hour at least. The resulting squeezy cheese and water war was not all fun and games, getting a little nasty at times, but is something few team members will ever forget.

All practical jokes and silliness had to be put aside, well mostly, for crunch time—Regionals. This meet in Fall Creek could have been for each athlete the end of their season or the beginning of their glory. The road to State started there. Regionals were marked by the heartbreaking fourth place picture finish of the boys'  $4 \times 100$  relay that ended their season, the impressive come-from-behind third place finish in the 300 meter low hurdles for Shana Welter. "There was no way I was going to lose," states Shana of her determination in that race. The girls'  $4 \times 800$  meter relay faced extreme disappointment when they were abandoned by a member at the last second and could not run in a race that would have guaranteed they would go to the next level. Also, junior Rita Koch took first place in discus and second place in shot put.

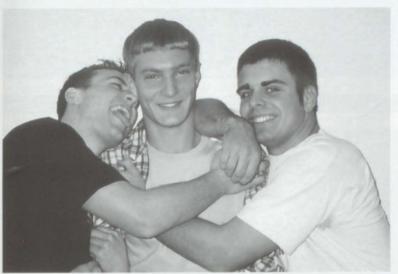
Those who conquered Regionals were honored with the nearly three-hour crowded van ride to Boscobel and Sectionals. Among these esteemed athletes were Scott Dickinsen in the 100 meter, Jason Pettis in the 110 meter high hurdles, Shana Welter in the 300 meter low hurdles, Zach Stensen, Wade Brost, Greg Hazard, and Grant Gabler in the 4x800 meter relay, and Rita Koch in shot and disc. The joke on that trip was Grant's bottomless lunch bag matched by his bottomless stomach. Every athlete who went on gave it their all at this meet, but none placed high enough to move on to State. It was an equally long van ride home and a bit less fun with disappointment weighing on some minds, but they had many fun and wild memories from their track season.







Opposite Page, Picture 1: Sam Spores awaits the gun at the Chieftain Invitational. Picture 2: Scott Dickinsen running the 100 meter dash at Sectionals. This Page, Picture 1, Team Picture: Back Row: Coach Chuck Forseth, Jeremy Gerdes, Dustin Yule, Greg Hazard, Denver Stubbe, Jacob Flick, Casey Jo Tripp, Andrew Dick-insen, Coach Paul Tweed. Second Row: Jordan Sell, Zachary Stensen, Scott Dickinsen, Natalie Gabler, Jason Pettis, John Rugotzke, Molly Cousin. Third Row: Jason Brantner, Grant Gabler, Richard Bogart, Bradley Veenendall, Andrew Potts, Rita Koch. Fourth Row: April Peterson, Samantha Spores, Jessica Klatt, Shana Welter. Front Row: Coach Mike Barrett, Amanda Moseley, Chris Jones, Trinia Bergman, Leslie Motzko, Matthew Wiese.





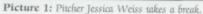


Picture 2: Dustin Yule, Scott Dickinsen, and John Rugotzke show team camaraderie. Picture 3: Loyal girls' team members. Back Row: Natalie Gabler, Molly Cousin, Shana Welter. Front Row: Jessica Klatt, Rita Koch. Picture 4: Senior Jason Pettis running the 110 meter high hurdles at Sectionals in Boscobel. Picture 5: Zachary Stensen running the 4x800 meter relay in Boscobel.



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Picture 2: Seniors: Back Row: Jessica Weiss and Alicia Sylvester. Front Row: Christine Honadel, Chanda Baader, Kara Kanqas.

Picture 3: Katria Kangas, Christine Honadel, Melissa Korger, Sarah Forcier and Kia Bauch joking around in the duqout.





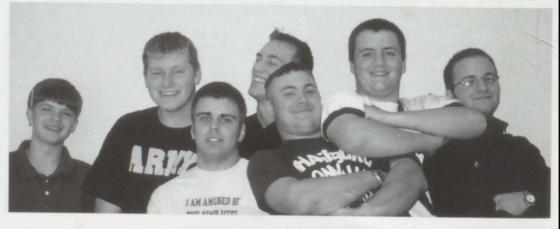
#### Out of This World

Long, sunny days and cool summer nights would be the perfect setting for a baseball game. These boys, though, put up with muggy afternoons and bug-filled evenings to learn a lot about themselves and the sport they loved. Although some team expectations were not met, and the ten-run rule came into play more than once, most would say that the season was enjoyed. Under the new direction of Matt Korger and Jan Krueger, many of the players realized that winning wasn't everything in the world, but playing their hardest was. Coaches Korger and Krueger tried a new technique rotating the pitching position between five selected players. "They weren't the best in the conference, but they were still fun to watch," said a fan who was cheerfully explaining their 3-15 record.

Team Picture: Back Row: Kelsey Lee, Daniel Marcheske, Nicholas Jacobs, John Rugotzke, Kevin Ives, Jake Krueger, Alan Smith, Kacy Warner. Front Row: Branden Strauch, Doug Bergman, Nicholas Gray, Joshua Berlin, Dustin Yule, Zachary Watenphul, Adam Brown. Not Pictured: Derrick Pettis and Richard Gilbert. Seniors: Nicholas Gray, Richard Gilbert, John Rugotzke, Dustin Yule, Kelsey Lee, Kevin Ives,

Derrick Pettis





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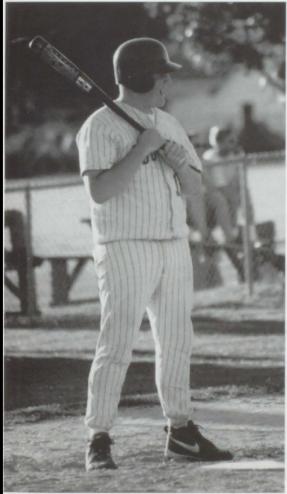


In the first conference game with Fall Creek, the new softball team (without Osseo-Fairchild) overcame a 4-2 deficit in the final innings by scoring 7 runs to win 10-4. Five extremely disappointing losses later, which included a 12-11 battle against former teammates from O-F, the girls faced the Crickets. A single in the seventh broke the 10-10 tie leaving another win over Fall Creek. After falling short to Gilman and undefeated Altoona, meeting with Cadott was a wake-up call. But even after their win against the Hornets, they fell short to Thorp and Stanley-Boyd. The rollercoaster season seemed like it would never let up as they entered the playoffs with a 7-13 record. The stormy weather in Cadott didn't drench the highspirited players, who ended the game 16-9, giving another brawling invitation to Fall Creek. Ambitious for a win, the rivals went head to head, only to conclude with the final loss leaving their record 8-14.

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Cornell	4	14
Lake Holcombe	13	4
Independence	10	9
Regis	13	19
Fall Creek	10	4
Gilman	4	16
Cadott	1	14
Thorp	3	12
Osseo-Fairchild	11	12
Stanley-Boyd	1	4
Fall Creek	12	11
Altoona	2	12
Whitehall	14	2
G.E.T.	5	4
Thorp	8	14
Stanley-Boyd	2	12
Cadott	4	2
Osseo-Fairchild	4	3
Altoona	1	5
Cadott	16	9
Fall Creek	2	3
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Varsity: Back Row: Christine Honadel, Jessica Weiss, Alicia Sylvester, Coach Jeff Damrau, Coach John Eide, Katria Kangas, Chanda Baader, Sarah Forcier. Front Row: Mary Lund, Kara Kangas, Kimberly Steele, Melissa Korger, Kia Bauch, Kristie Wiese.

Junior Varsity: Back Row: Coach John Eide, Chloe Gabler, Roberta Fitzmaurice, Cassandra Buttke, Kimberly Bailey, Amanda Trescher. Front Row: Teri Schulz, Jennifer Becker, Ashley Schiller, Emily Horrell, Jessica King.











Picture 3: Kevin Ives ready at bat.
Picture 4: Zach Watenphul winds up.

Picture 5: Kelsey Lee keeps his eye on the ball.

Picture 6: Nick Jacobs ready for anything at shortstop.

Picture 7: Catcher John Rugotzke guarding home plate.

#### Slicing Greens

// T ore!" "Swish!" "Whack!" These were the warning sounds many bystanders heard as these golfers practiced their swings. Fortunately, everyone seemed to observe these warnings and no one was injured. Meanwhile, the boys' golf team practiced hard and became one of the best in history. This says a lot considering there was no "home field advantage." A couple of nights a week these boys could be found swinging their stuff at nearby courses and driving ranges. This didn't seem to bother most and this was shown with a record number of participants. The growing interest in the sport was gladly accepted by head coach Rod Anderson, who thought this team had a lot of potential.



Boys Golf Team. Back Row: Coach Rod Anderson, Richard Gilbert, Jake Krueger, Kevin Ives, Nicholas Jacobs, Andrew Kapitz, Jed Stutzman. Row Two: Alan Smith, Randy Klatt, Derrick Pettis, Jesse Zellmer, Josh Schroeder. Front Row: Nick Gray, Adam Brown, Brandon Strauch, Matthew Schroeder.



Jamie Zempel, Ashley Campbell, and Katie Steele were happy to be honored as girls golfers during the Homecoming assembly.

 $\mathbf{F}$  all, leaves scattered on the tired green grass...a beautiful scene for the girls golf season. They were small, but these strong-willed girls put their hearts into playing a game that was, for many, a new experience. Several nights were spent at Dick's Divots, a popular driving range for these swingers. Being only the third year for the club, some tricks of the trade were beginning to settle in. Several of these girls had been with the group for the whole trip and were proud to be founding members. Coached by John Eide, these girls tried their hardest and set team records by placing in several matches along with reaching personal goals.



Jamie Zempel and Molly Cousin both practice their swings.



Senior Golfers. Back Row: Kara Kangas, Margaret Guntner. Front Row: Jamie Zempel.



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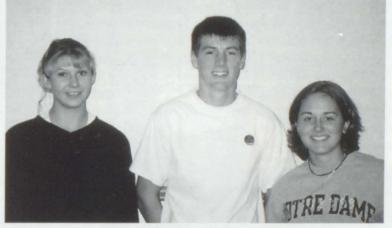


# Tearing the Tape

ission: to run the extra mile. The students on the team did their best to finish the season strong. All of them improved steadily in each race and had fun doing it. The girls had a full team and proudly proved their worth. With some of them in two sports, it was difficult to balance things out and try too many strategies. However, they managed rather well. Meanwhile, the boys team had to pull themselves along with only two members. They managed magnificantly, as it turned out, and stuck it out with the top half of their racing opponents. All together, both the boys and the girls did well reaching their goals and retaining a determined and cheerful spirit both during and away from the races. Practices were faced with both dread and excitement. A sense of membership was slowly achieved by group activities like dying team shirts and spaghetti dinners. Everyone was applauded for their efforts in the races as well as at practice and congratulated on their placings. The season ended at sectionals, but everyone is set on making a roaring comeback with a strong, cheerful will and good sportsmanship to those they leave in the dust. Mission accomplished.



Picture 1: Top Row: Jeremy Gerdes, William Schulz. Row 2: Cody Warner, Kara Kangas. Bottom Row: Andrea Godoy, Jamie Kaeding, Samantha Spores, Coach Mike Barrett. Picture 2: Run Kara Kangas, nun! Picture 3: William Schulz, Grant Gabler, Jeremy Gerdes, and Jed Stutzman try to warm up at a meet. Picture 4: Seniors: Natalie Gabler, William Shulz, Kara Kangas. Picture 5: Sam Spores and Jamie Kaeding listen intently. Picture 6: Willaim Shulz, Natalie Gabler, Jamie Kaeding, Jeremy Gerdes, Coach Barrett, Cody Warner, Kara Kangas, and Sam Spores show some school spirit after running the game ball to the field.





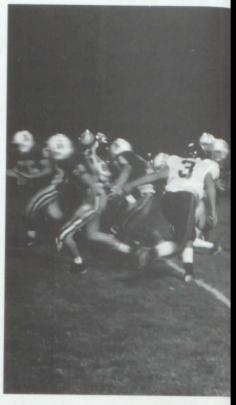
# Just for the Love of the Game

I ntensity is the nature of football. It crackles through the air during a coach's pregame speech, drifts through the thin mist over the field in the seconds before the first kick-off, and is infused in the hearts and minds of the players throughout the game. The football team never lost their intensity through three months of grueling practices and games. Through all of the hardships and disappointments, they never gave up.

The first game of the season was home versus Arcadia on a sweltering, humid night. The team was plagued with cramps and exhaustion because of the conditions. The Arcadia Raiders ran away with the game, gaining 411 yards compared to Augusta's 170. The Beavers next faced Osseo-Fairchild away in their last non-conference battle. They had to play this and the next game without team captain John Rugotzke, who was benched by a knee injury. Augusta lost 39-20, a defeat that was especially hard to swallow when it came from a rival like Osseo. The Beavers came back home to play their first conference game against the Loyal Greyhounds but, unfortunately, were defeated 10-0. The following week was Homecoming against the Fall Creek Crickets, and despite distractions involving vandalism, the Beavers were ready to play. This game was all about defense, with the Beavers getting 11 tackles for a loss resulting in 35 total lost yards. Neither team scored in regulation, and it went to overtime. Augusta came within 3 inches of scoring in their possession but were stopped. The Crickets kicked a 21-yard field goal to win the game by a heartbreaking three points.

The Beavers were on the road for the next three weeks—the first stop being Thorp. John Rugotzke scored three touchdowns in regulation, and when the clock struck 00:00 the teams were tied at 22-22. In the first overtime, the Beavers' defense stopped Thorp from scoring, but Kevin Ives' field goal kick was blocked, sending the game into a second overtime. Augusta had the ball first and scored on a touchdown pass from Kelsey Lee to Scott Dickinsen followed by a failed two-point conversion. In Thorp's possession, Jeff Flashinski scored and the extra point was blocked. Everyone was expecting a third overtime when a roughing the kicker penalty was called and Thorp had another chance. Flashinski ran in the two-point conversion for the win 30-28. Playoff hopes for the Beavers were dashed the next week with 45-0 loss to Greenwood. But the Beavers kept fighting, staying neck and neck with Gilman the next game only to watch them pull away in the fourth to win by a touchdown.

For the last game of the season, the Beavers faced Small Cloverbelt conference champions, the Owen-Withee Blackhawks. Though down 28-0 at the half, the Beavers made a fight out of it in the second half. Joe Sudbrink scored a touchdown, then Nick Jacobs ran 91 yards for another score. Unfortunately, due to an infuriating inadvertant whistle call, Jacobs' touchdown was brought back. The Beavers were forced to punt, but the snap was dropped and punter Andy Potts was tackled for a safety. That frustrating, momentum-ending series was symbolic of the whole season. As Coach Stutzman would put it, the team was "snakebit" by mental mistakes, bad calls, and injuries. The ending record of 0-8 marked the first winless season for the Beavers in 42 years. But, through all of the discouraging defeats, the team stuck together and made practice fun every night. They finished the season not for a record or for a playoff spot, but just for the love of the game.

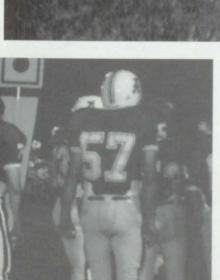












Picture 1: Team Picture: Back Row: Coach Randy Stutzman, Coach Tom Crowe, Coach Rod Anderson. Second Row: Jordan Sell, Branden Strauch, Joshua Schroeder, Jesse Zellmer, Kristopher Geiger, Andrew Dickinsen, Matthew Schroeder, Brady Dickinsen. Third Row: Nicholas Jacobs, Matthew Wiese, Zachary Watenphul, Doug Bergman, Richard Bogart, Grant Gabler, Joshua Heller, Craig Koch, Jonathon Bohl. Fourth Row: Nick Pettis, Rita Koch, Conrad Aichele, Jason Borchert, Matthew McMahon, Joseph Sudbrink, Jed Stutzman, Randall Klatt, Zachary Stensen, Jared Rouleau, Joshua Berlin. Front Row: Andrew Potts, Bradley Veenendall, Jacob Johnson, Kelsey Lee, Scott Gerike, Scott Dickinsen, John Rugotzke, Kevin Ives, Jesse Luedtke, Dustin Yule.

Opponent	We	They
Arcadia	6	29
Osseo-Fairchild	20	39
Loyal	0	10
Fall Creek	0	3 (OT)
Thorp	28	30 (2 OT)
Greenwood	0	45 000
Gilman	12	18
Owen-Withee	14	28
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The first girl to play high school football in Augusta, Rita Koch, strapped on her shoulder pads this season. When asked what she thought of her gridiron experience, she replied, "It was the hardest thing I've ever done, but there are so many great moments that I'll never forget. I'm proud I made it."

Opposite Page: Picture 1: Senior John Rugotzke in his last game as an Augusta Beaver. Picture 2: Sophomore stud Branden Strauch at the Homecoming pep rully. Picture 3: Taking a freather on the sidelines: #22 Andrew Dickinsen, #58 Randall Klatt, #50 Jordan Sell, #62 Nicholas Pettis, #80 Andrew Potts, #30 Nicholas Jacobs, #60 Kevin Bailey, #88 Brian Nelson, #72 Kristopher Geiger, #33 Brady Dickinsen, #57 Jacob Johnson, #53 Doug Bergman. This Page: Picture 2: Jed Stutzman and Branden Strauch gang-tackle Owen-Withee's Jeff Tolzmann at Parents' Night.

#### Ravenous Rollercoaster Ride





Picture 1: Varsity: Back Row: Paula Hahn, Chloe Gabler, Christine Honadel, Coach Chuck Forseth, Jewel Bergman, Jessica Weiss, Chanda Baader. Row 2: Jade Seichter, Abbie Zank, Julie Crowe, Shana Welter, Alicia Sylvester. Front Row: Annika Schniewind, Alexis Dickinsen, Steffaine Poettker.

 ${\it III}$  n good, out bad!" This simple, yet remarkably effective, phrase and others like it were heard time and again from an eager Coach Chuck Forseth at the intense four-hour-a-day practices that started the season. Many moans and groans were heard in the beginning, but soon the week-long pre-season became a time of inspiration and bonding. Led by ambitious senior leaders, everyone made the most out of the situation.

The freshmen, sparked by returning Coach Jean Radovich, showed extreme potential and won the majority of their games. Not only were they a great team, they were a great team with only seven girls! Five of these girls were setters thanks to their coach, who just happened to be a setter herself.

While the Junior Varsity was not quite as dynamic as their younger peers, they proved that they could play. With so many girls, there was a lot of competition for playing time. Although there were a couple of rough spots along the way, they pulled through with the help of an excited coach, Sue Maenner, to win some challenging matches and ended up feeling pretty good about themselves and what they had accomplished. They were definitely entertaining, if nothing else. Bus rides home consisted of Teri Schulz's Hair Studio and Brooke Erdman's Karaoke.

At the top of any volleyball pecking order comes the Varsity. Things started out pretty mediocre with several tournaments and little conference action. This was their chance to grow and experience the game. They beat some of the best teams in the area and lost to some of the worst. This up-and-down journey seemed to stop when conference play began with a win over Osseo-Fairchild and highly-rated Altoona. All too soon, though, the winning streak was over and things started to look cloudy in the Cloverbelt Conference. Spirits were lifted, however, when the girls took second place at an exciting tournament in Gilman. The season seemed to end all too soon with a tearful loss to Whitehall.

With the season completed, they had nothing else to do but reminisce. This was done at a pizza party hosted by Coach Forseth. Here memories were brought back about knee-padless  $\sqrt{m}$ , Julie Crowe, Jewel "I-can't-get-low" Bergman, and hard-hitting Jessica Weiss.



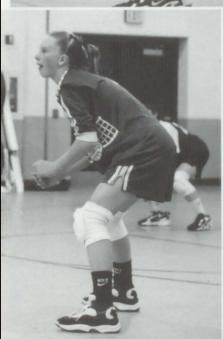
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Opponent	We	They
Elk Mound	L	W
Blair-Taylor	W	L
Osseo-Fairchild	W	L
Stanley-Boyd	L	W
Altoona	W	L
Eau Claire Immanuel	L	W
Fall Creek	L	W
Gilman	L	W
Cadott	L	W
Whitehall	L	W

Opposite Page: Picture 2: Jessica Weiss goes after a close ball. Picture 3: Alicia Sylvester prepares for a block. This Page: Picture 1: Katie Zank gets ready to play. Picture 2: Junior Varsity. Back Row: Andrea Kruhn, Amber Marion, Kendra Bohl, Cassandra Buttke, Jennifer Lange, Stephanie Boettcher, Nicole Torres. Row Two: Emily Horrell, Teri Schulz, Lacey Bergman, Katria Kangas, Trinia Bergman. Front Row: Amy LeBarron, Jennifer Parker, Jessica King. Picture 3: Nicole Torres prepares for the serve. Picture 4: Freshman: Coach Jean Radovich, Brandy Santa Cruz, Katie Zank, Brodi Gibson, Jennifer Powers, Elizabeth Hinojosa. Picture 5: Brodi Gibson anticipates the

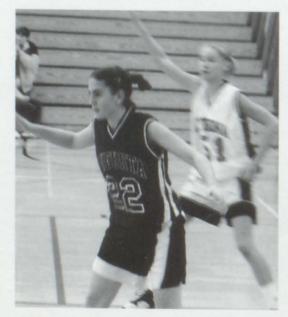
#### 1000th in 2000

A lthough injuries and vacations cut into some of these girls' hopes for a winning season, they pulled together when it counted and won some close games. They upset Osseo, who was a contender for the Cloverbelt championship, and also beat Whitehall in the first round of the play offs. These helped make the season more enjoyable, but the best part of the season was experiencing each other in a team atmosphere.

On the other hand, injuries and sickness took over. Both Kara Kangas and Jamie Kaeding took time off due to painful injuries. Jamie only missed one, but Kara was lucky to make it back for the last couple of games. Natalie Gabler also missed out when she became ill. This didn't stop her from playing her best, however, and she was able to score her 1000th point of the season. She was also named All-Conference along with Jamie Kaeding.

With a new coach, there was a lot to learn in a little time. A new offense and coaching style meant spending a little more time than usual in the gym. These girls worked hard, though, to pull it off and really looked like a team. When asked how she felt about her new coach, Kara Kangas said, "It took a little time, but we got used to him and soon enjoyed the change." Most of the others felt the same and took the opportunity to learn something new.

Senior Basketball Players: Back Row: Kana Kangas, Andrea Godoy, Michele Becker, Elina Taikina-Aho. Front Row: Alicia Sylvester, Jewel Bergman, Paula Hahn, Natalie Gabler. Picture 2: The girls get pumped up during a time out. Picture 3: Callie Nelson gets ready to defend the competition. Picture 4: Water is a welcome sight after a tough game.

















Opponent 9	We	They
Elk Mound	48	63
New Auburn	60 6	8
E.C. Immanuel	53	42
Gilman - AND	49	79
Neillsville	44	48
Fall Creek	35	10 57
Osseo-Fairchild	57	48
Greenwood	43	71,
Elmwood	55	46
Stanley-Boyd	37	58
Cadott	51	59
Altoona	46	66
Gilman	50	71
Fall Creek	32	0 71
Osseo-Fairchild	41	55
Stanley-Boyd	37	52
Cadott	55	68
Altoona	55	87
Independence	51	46
Colby O	70	71
Whitehall Whitehall	0 56	47
Glimanton	944	2 76

Picture 1: Varsity: Back Row: Alicia Sylvester, Callie Nelson, Jenny Lange, Jamie Kaeding, Cassandra Buttke, Natalie Gabler, Jewel Bergman, Paula Hahn. Front Row: Coach Jeff Damrau, Kara Kangas, Erin Lewis, Cody Warner, Brodi Gibson, Coach John Eide. Picture 2: Junior Varsity: Back Row: Coach John Eide, Elizabeth Hinojosa, Amber Marion, Jennifer Lange, Cassandra Buttke, Heather Waggoner, Jodi Shilts. Front Row: Brodi Gibson, Trinia Bergman, Katria Kangas, Nicole Torres, Sheena Stensen, Jessica Schulte, Kathleen Zank. Picture 3: Junior Varsity B: Back Row: Andrea Godoy, Elizabeth Hinojosa, Deneshia Stotts, Brodi Gibson, Kathleen Zank, Jodi Shilts. Front Row: Elina Taikina-Aho, Kimberly Bailey, Amanda Trescher, Michele Becker. Picture 4: Jewel Bergman protects the ball.

Sponsored by Girls' Basketball

# Loyalty

L oyalty is a large part of a successful team structure. Sadly, loyalty was a problem for the Boys' Basketball program. The team had enough to struggle through without the added stress of members jumping ship or questioning the worth of putting all they had into a losing season.

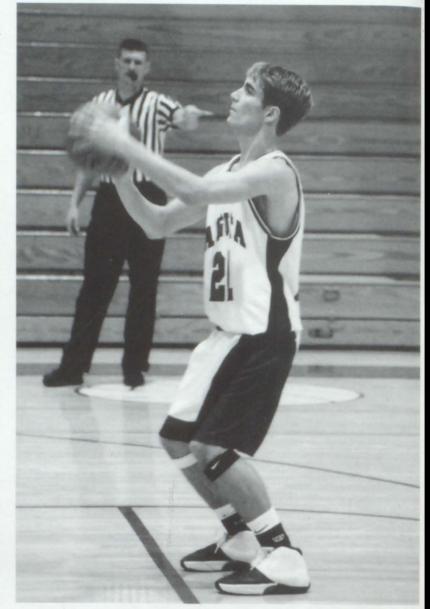
The season began with an authoritative victory versus New Auburn. But, sailing was not as smooth from there on out. Osseo-Fairchild, a powerful presence in the area, routed them at a home game. Cadott also hung us out to dry 37-74, but without much class, as their hotshot dunk attempts were seen as unsportsmanlike. When we made the short trip to Osseo, we looked less-thansportsmanlike ourselves with three technical fouls in one game. There were a lot of hurdles for the team, such as numerous injuries. To name a few examples, Kelsey Lee suffered a sprained ankle around the middle of the season and Nick Jacobs had knee surgery and returned in the game against Stanley-Boyd. Basketball is not meant to be full-contact, but it can get rough. The monster from Colby threw some elbows and fouled Matt Wiese as he drove to the basket, which was not called. "Was not called" was the name of the game with Colby where they let them play just a little too much.

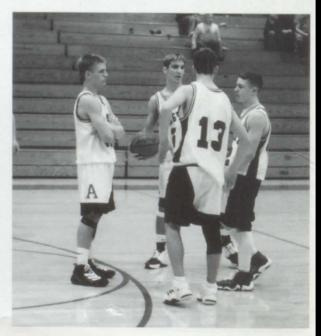
But, the players who were loyal through the season were loyal to the end, with a good fight against Whitehall in the first round of the playoffs. We led through most of the first half with the help of some rowdy cheering by female fans. The second half saw more of a struggle as Whitehall kept ahead by around ten for the rest of the game. Andy Dickinsen made most of his free throws which was helpful in keeping us close, but Whitehall held us at arms length long enough to win 61-51.

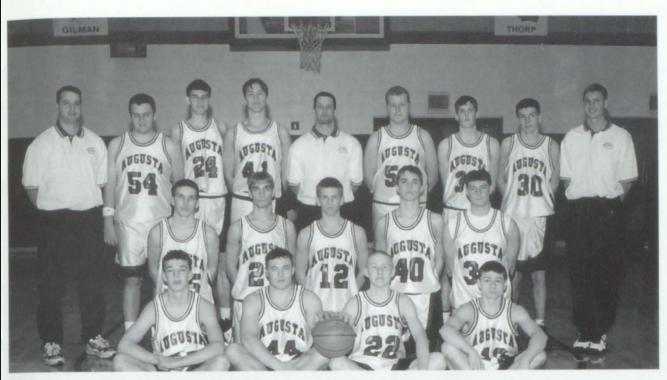
This season did not see a lot of wins, but it saw a lot of effort. The guys did the best they could with a young starting squad and very few veterans to lead them. Every shot that didn't fall chipped away at the spirit, but the loyal few hung on to try their best, and for many, gain experience to use when they play another day.

Picture 1: Andy Dickinsen lines up a free throw. Picture 2: Sophomore Studs Branden Strauch, Andy Dickinsen, Nick Jacobs, and Matt Wiese. Picture 3: Senior Stars: Kelsey Lee, Bill Schulz, Justin Groth, Rick Gilbert, Kevin Ives, Josh Berlin. Opposite Page: Picture 3: The JV team listens intently to coach John Kelly. Left to right: Bill Schulz, Scott Weltzin, Zachary Watenphul, Kristofer Geiger, Josh Berlin, Rick Gilbert, Kelsey Lee, Branden Strauch, Brad Selz. Picture 4: Kelsey Lee and Jesse Zellmer warming up before taking on Stanley-Boyd.









Picture 1: Varsity Team: Back Row: Coach John Kelly, Kevin Ives, Justin Groth, Denver Stubbe, Coach Steve Petznick, Richard Gilbert, Joshua Berlin, William Schulz, Coach Bill O'Connell. Row 2: Jonathan Horrell, Andrew Dickinsen, Branden Strauch, Jesse Zellmer, Jed Stutzman. Front Row: Nicholas Jacobs, Kelsey Lee, Zachary Watenphul, Matthew Wiese.

Picture 2: Junior Varsity Team: Back Row: Coach Bill O'Connell, Jed Stutzman, Joshua Heller, Denver Stubbe, Kristofer Geiger, Jesse Zellmer. Front Row: Zachary Watenphul, Brady Dickinsen, Scott Weltzin, Bradley Selz.





Opponent	) We	They
New Auburn	38	26
Loyal D Q	22	48
C.F. McDonell	28	0 37 (3)
Osseo-Fairchild	40	173 8
Altoona	33	59
New Auburn	43	34
Cadott	37	74
Gilman D	Ø 43	271
Stanley-Boyd	56	71
Eleva-Strum	9 40	44
E.C. Immanuel	45	42
Fall Creek	33	55
Osseo-Fairchild	50	83
Altoona O	34	- 640
Cadott 9	43	73
Gilman	54	62
Stanley-Boyd	(60)	650
Melrose-Mindoro	41	44
Fall Creek	38	246 9
Colby	10 37	42
Whitehall	51	61
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#### Strength Without Numbers

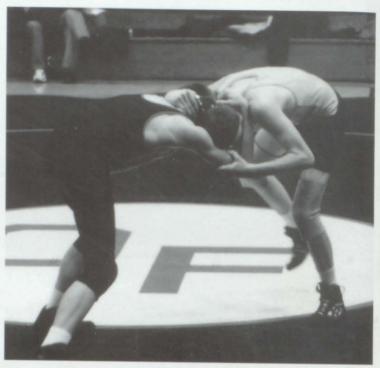
"One is the loneliest number...." sang Grant Gabler on those lonely van trips toward Osseo for another night of practice with boys from the next town over. Occasionally, Derrick Pettis and/or Doug Bergman would join him, but for the most part Grant was the pride and joy of the Augusta portion of the Co-op wrestling team.

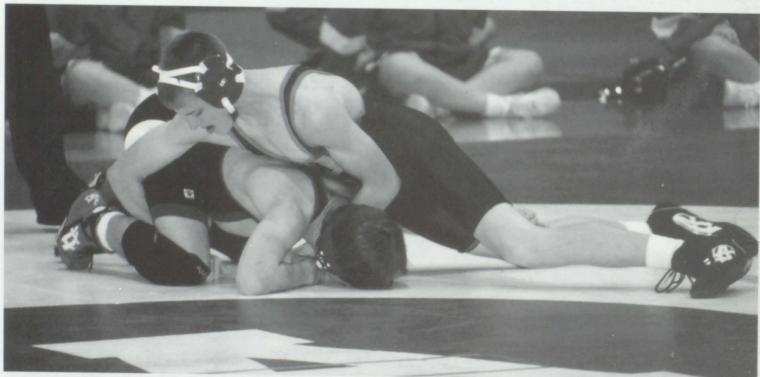
While Grant was the only non-Osseo member, plenty of time was spent on his home turf. The pool seemed to be a hot spot for these guys. It gave them the chance to relax a little, playing games like tag in-between workouts. For the less experienced swimmers, jogging with a floating belt was preferred. Either way, they got a good workout and had a lot of fun doing it (even if they ended up harassing the lifeguard along the way).

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Another exciting event that took place at Augusta High for the first time was a wrestling meet. With the recently purchased mats, the gym (usually utilized for basketball and volleyball) was transformed into a wrestling wonderland. Everyone seemed to enjoy the night, making the recurrence of another meet likely.

As for Grant, everyone gave this trooper a lot of credit for sticking the season out. Perhaps in the future, Augusta's presence won't be so one-sided.







# Organizations



#### Shattering All Comparisons

How do you make a yearbook? Just slap some pictures in a layout, add some captions and maybe some copy and call it a day, right? Well if this is your line of thinking, I have one word to say for you — WRONG! The yearbook involves a lot more than that. Making a yearbook is a massive time commitment for all involved with long nights after school and fitting work nights into already crammed schedules.

Because of such negative factors, there has to be some incentive to keep on coming back, often found in the form of food. Though there was less culinary creativity than in previous years, the staff kept their dill pickle and waxy chocolate donut supplies full. There was also the trusty (and cheap) IGA pop to keep often sick staff members' like co-editor Chrissy Honadel and adviser Gloria Crossman's sore throats soothed.

The numbers were not there as in the past, with an entirely senior staff left at the end of the year. It was the dedication of these few proud souls that allowed this book to be produced. It also allowed a unique sort of camaraderie to develop because they were part of a small and elite goup. There were also some awards acquired at the LIWEC Journalism Conference at the beginning of the year, including a bronze award for last year's yearbook and an honorable mention award for Rita Koch's copy writing on the football page.

But, great food aside, the annual staff faced more than their fair share of hardship. When it rained, it poured, especially at deadline time. No one will forget when mere hours before the first deadline had to be mailed out it was discovered that more than 200 pictures had to be re-trimmed. Or when the tension made tempers short and frustrations high. But, hey, what do you hold in your hand right now? That's right, the 2000 Augusta High School Yearbook, "Breaking the Mold." So, that's what really matters. It got done. And we're very proud of what we have accomplished.

Picture 1: Co-Editors: Lacey Risberg and Christine Honadel. Picture 2: Annual Staff: Back Row: Adviser Mrs. Gloria Crossman, Rita Koch, Alicia Sylvester, Christine Honadel, Lacey Risberg, Anna Pelkey. Front Row: Jaclyn Pettis, Shana Welter, Julie Crowe, Christina Von Haden. Picture 3: Copy Editor: Rita Koch. Picture 4: Business Editors: Julie Crowe, Alicia Sylvester (not pictured).











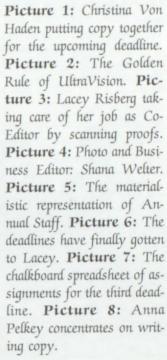


















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## Signature of Success

Following the theme "Signature of Success," the FFA took on the world with important community service projects, participation in sports and judging competitions, and fun trips and activities. The organization of all of these projects began at an officers' overnight retreat at a lakeside cabin where the officers both bonded and planned the upcoming year. In the fall, there was a trip to the World Dairy Expo in Madison where many members participated in judging contests like forage and dairy. Right on its heels was the Sectional Leadership Conference at Eau Claire Memorial. In October, a small group of FFA members traveled all the way to Louisville, Kentucky, for the unforgettable National FFA Convention. Another fun activity was the sledding party in the bitter January cold.

The FFA members also donated some of their time to worthwhile community service projects. The Corn Drive in October raised over \$1000 for the Augusta Foundation and Steven Erdman sold over \$1600 in the annual fruit sale. Around the same time, a handful of FFA members went to the elementary school to teach Halloween safety to some of the tykes.

So, the FFA left their signature with a very active and positive year. With strong leadership and creative ideas, they made it a year to remember for the many members involved.



Picture 1: Brenda Dowiasch, Jordan Sell, and Christine Honadel celebrate the end of a monthly meeting by devouring ice cream. Picture 2: FFA Sentor High Members: Back Row: Jamie Kaeding, Jordan Sell, Kent Swatzina, Bradley Veenendall, Sheena Stensen, Nicholas Pettis, Brian Williamson, Dusty Bergman. Row 2: Chloe Gabler, Stacey Dowiasch, Sarah Mock, Rita Koch, Steven Erdman, Brady Dickinsen, Jodi Shilts, Jonathon Bohl, Angela Weiss, Derrick Pettis. Row 3: Melissa Dickinsen,



Amy Hafin, John Rugotzke, Richard Gilbert, Jed Stutzman, Joshua Weltzin, Brandi Pettis, Kenneth Buttke, Matthew Buttke. Front Row: Molly Cousin, Brenda Dowiasch, Jessica Weiss, Natalie Gabler, Jaclyn Pettis, Brooke Endman, Scott Gerike. Picture 3: Officers: Back Row: Treasurer Brenda Dowiasch, President Jessica Weiss, Vice President Natalie Gabler, Reporter Scott Gerike. Front Row: Secretary Molly Cousin, Parlimentarian Jaclyn Pettis, Sentinel Brooke Endman. Picture 4: FFA Middle School Members: Back Row: Trent Gabler, Jeremia Cole, Trisha Buttke, Joshua Restad, Sara Quick, Kenneth Johnston, Savannah Vesely, Stevie Herrick, Megan Anderson. Row 2: Mark Trakas, Hannah Haddeman, April LeBarron, Amber Bergman, Reggie Horel, Beth Fugett, Hannah Cole, Brandi Gilbertson, Samantha Bonick, Ellen Forde. Row 3: Nathan Goss, Matt Smith, Roben Lone, Shaun Flick, Nicole Endsley, Alesha Pecha, Amanda Whaley, Nathan Buttke, Kyle Grimm. Front Row: Sharon Donley, Charlie Waskiewicz, Santana Villegas. Picture 5: "Put a smile on your face!" Says Beth Fugett to Mrs. Gerhardt. Picture 6: Angela Weiss with her prize-winning sheep. Picture 7: Katie Pieper showing during the fair. Picture 8: Derrick Pettis, Billie Jo Bohl, Jessica Weiss, and Christine Honadel schmoozing with Miss Wisconsin during State Convention in Madison.













#### Molding Character









F CCLA, what's that? Why, it's the new name for FHA, of course! The former Future Home Makers of America has now turned into the Family Career and Community Leaders of America. This metamorphisis is an attempt to get rid of the stereotype that FHA is a "girl thing" and bring light to the fact that this organization is for everyone who plans to have a future. Speaking of future, this group got together to provide a youth with a brighter tomorrow. Everyone pitched in to help children in need with things like clothing, education, and health. Each child selected was from a country off the "emergency list", a list of countries that are in dire need of food and other vital necessities. One member was quoted as saying, "I think that it's a great idea. Everyone hears about the poor kids in needy countries, but we don't generally get the chance to help them." But they didn't stop there! As in past years, those interested in getting pen pals took part in the Military Mail Call program.

Members could exchange letters with those people enlisted in branches of the military. This group was even recognized as the second organization in Wisconsin and twelfth in the nation for putting together Christmas packages sent to American troops stationed overseas. Also much planning went into things like FCCLA week, the March of Dimes, Halloween parties, and the senior breakfast. One thing is for sure, these future community leaders are certain to make it a better place.



Picture 1: FCCLA Members: Back Row: John Herrick, Callie Nelson, Jewel Berman, Amanda Aichele, Cody Warner. Fitzmaurice, Sara Kapitz,

Richard Bogart. Row 3: Adviser Mrs. Kari Thorpe, Brian Williamson, Joshua Weltzin, Tisha Bonick, Charity Hadorn, Derrick Pettis, Jessica Klatt, Ashley Campbell, Emily Forde. Front Row: Ashley Pfieffer, Amy Bogart, April Marion, Amber Marion, Erin Crawford. Picture 2: Tisha Bonick, Charity Hadorn, and Jewel Bergman work together on decorations for the Halloween party. Picture 3: FCCLA Officers: Back Row: Reporter Amber Marion, Secretary Amanda Aichele, Vice President Jessica Klatt, Historian Charity Hadorn. Front Row: Treasurer Jewel Bergman, President Cody Warner. Picture 4: Erin Crawford grabs for the Guesstures card before it drops. Picture 5: "Read my lips, I am Roberta Fitzmaurice!" Picture 6: Charity Hadorn is all smiles at an FCCLA meeting.



## Breaking the Silence

O ne of the most terrible feelings in the world is to feel lonely and to have no one to talk to. It can mean a lot just to know you have somewhere to turn with a problem or just to talk. That was the mission of the Peer Helpers; to be there for kids who needed a friendly ear.

But, to be good listeners, the Peer Helpers had to learn to listen. A great place to work on these skills as well as discuss problems and concerns for high school students with other rookie Peer Helpers is the Beaver Creek Natural Helpers Conference. Four beginners, Kris Geiger, Krystal Piel, Jennifer Powers, and Stephanie Walker, went there to train with other Peer Helpers from around the area. The two days of discussion were spiced up with a night-time hike on the trails behind the youth camp and with group games.

The Peer Helpers gave special attention to new students with a donut and bismark brunch for new middle school kids and a pizza lunch for high schoolers in January. There were also game days when Peer Helpers would gather with junior high kids to play board games and just hang out. They also were available for mediation of arguments between students. Working concessions was a fun activity with the hot chocolate arguments and, of course, a lot of hard work. Though low on male numbers, the Peer Helpers worked hard to . . . well, help.

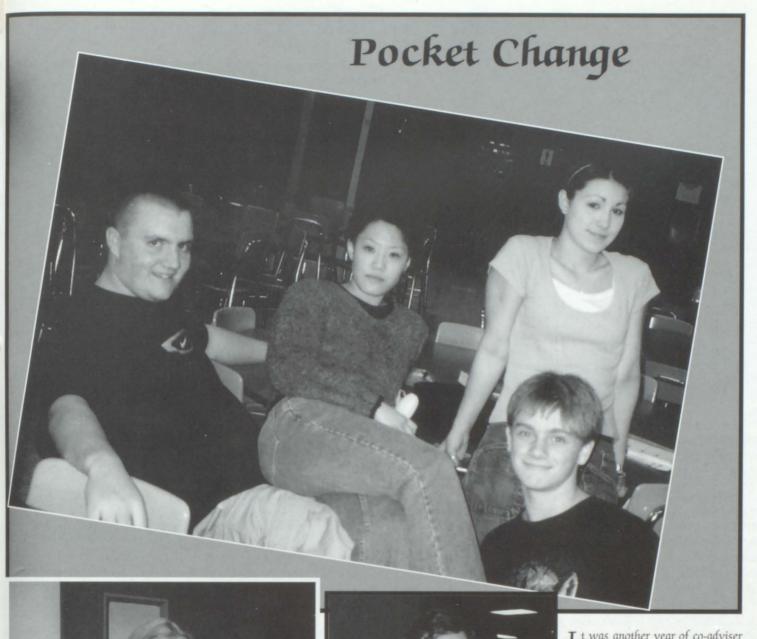








Picture 1: Krystal Piel is all smiles at Beaver Creek Reserve. Picture 2: Kris Geiger, Mrs. Christenson, Nicole Becker, Jennifer Powers, and Krystal Piel at the Beaver Creek Reserve Natural Helpers Conference. Picture 3: Jennifer Becker, Brooke Endman, and veteran Peer Helper Julie Crowe pose after a meeting. Picture 4: Back Row: Cassandra Buttke, Ashley Price, Jennifer Becker. Row 2: Deneshia Stotts, Christina Moseley, Stephanie Walker, Rita Koch, Emily Horrell, Julie Crowe. Front Row:Krystal Piel, Jennifer Powers, Kris Geiger, Brooke Endman, Katria Kangas.





Picture 1: Group: Kevin Ives, Shana Welter, Jennifer Parker, Caleb Gerdes. Not pictured: Samantha Johnson, Anna Kruschke, Windy Santa Cruz. Picture 2: Kendra Bohl ends her sweet tooth craving by purchasing some candy. Picture 3: Steven Telisczak comes in for a quick caffeine pick-me-up.

I t was another year of co-adviser Mrs. Crowe's monthly spending binges that allowed the store to have the variety of products that made the students happy. Without the help of the gracious Middle School volunteers, advisers Mrs. Crowe and Mrs. Crossman would have been left with the load that the High School members dropped on them. The new 15-minute break between first and second hour helped out sales and the students who needed the quick caffeine pickme-up. This was the first year that the store used their profits for a scholarship to a senior student. "I really like the idea of using our school store profits to help out another student go on to college," commented Shana Welter, member of the school store personnel.

#### Leaders of the Pack

A the head of any group or organization is a board or committee that leads everything. Student Government does this and then some. Organizing Homecoming was the first main task this group took on. Separate committees were organized to prepare for the week, and everyone did their assigned jobs. Everything went off without a hitch and left them feeling pretty darn good about themselves.

The following months after Homecoming were filled with handling the little problems that came up in day-to-day life. Some of these included computer abuse, having a break during the day versus homeroom, and deciding on a new Beaver logo to display in the gym. These issues and more bombarded these kids at every meeting, and with each obstacle came a solution (most of the time)!

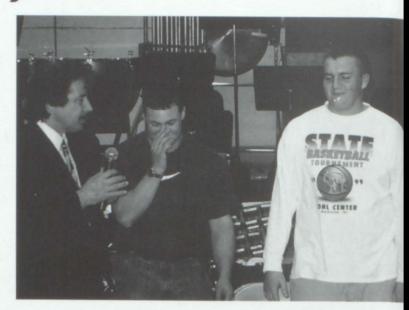
Another highlight of being part of Student Government was the annual Leadership Conference held in Eau Claire. Here, everyone learned a little more about other schools and what they do differently. Also, this was a great opportunity to learn some new songs, such as "Beaver One, Beaver All" and "Brown Squirrel." The entire trip proved valuable when they were able to perform these songs for the student body. Staying up until the early morning hours watching Star Wars seemed to also be a plus, but having to go the entire day on no sleep was much harder than expected.

With everything that Student Government did, the most rewarding aspect was providing services for the rest of the student body. This included all of the Homecoming traditions, but also some new and exciting activities that had never been done. One of these included bringing in an anger management counselor for the day. Another included bringing in John Ivan Palmer who entertained the school using hypnotism. Everyone took a break from lectures and homework to laugh hysterically as their peers were put under a hypnotic spell. Even weeks after the event people were talking about Kevin falling off of his chair imitating a washing machine and anxiously rowing to the nudist colony.

These and other activities provided to the students were all funded by the wonderful pop machines which were filled weekly by dedicated Student Government members. Thanks to these funds and the monies raised from various dances, everyone was able to enjoy the long school year a little more while creating unforgettable memories.

Picture 1: "Absolutely!" Exclaims Kevin Ives while Kelsey Lee and Hypnotist John Ivan Palmer enjoy a good chuckle. Picture 2: Student Government Officers: Treasurer Katie Steele, President Julie Crowe, Vice President Alicia Sylvester, Secretary Katria Kangas. Picture 3: Student Government Members: Back Row: Zachary Watenphul, Brady Dickinsen, Kevin Ives. Second Row: Katria Kangas, Kara Kangas, Angela Weiss, Alicia Sylvester, Jewel Bergman. Front Row: Kathryn Steele, John Rugotzke, Jaclyn Pettis, Julie Crowe, Jamie Kaeding. Picture 4: Zach Watenphul ready to put in his two cents worth. Picture 5: Under hypnosis, Kelsey Lee, Kevin Ives, and Julie Crowe do the hula dance. umi,











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# High Visibility









Picture 1: Alexis Dickinsen drifting off a little at one of the early morning meetings. Picture 2: Back Row: Alicia Sylvester, Molly Cousin, Paula Hahn, Christine Honadel, Alexis Dickinsen, Chloe Gabler, Jamie Kaeding, Samantha Spores. Not Pictured: Scott Dickinsen, Natalie Gabler, Margaret Guntner, Kevin Ives, Kara Kangas, Evan Mazur, Lacey Risberg, Adam Brown, Jennifer Lange, Erin Lewis. Front Row: Rita Koch, John Rugotzke, Shana Welter, Julie Crowe. Picture 3: John Rugotzke in profile. Picture 4: Paula Hahn at a meeting to discuss the club trip.

While in past years they have been virtually non-existent, National Honor Society members have finally made themselves seen. Connie Karow, the recently acquired advisor, decided that being part of NHS should consist of more than being on a list of honor roll students. Instead, these students raised money through concessions and other fundraisers and then met to decide how to spend it.

The first step in this new experience was organizing meetings. With the advisor being an elementary teacher, most meetings took place at that school. Also, with all of the activities that everyone was participating in, the only free time was mornings. This scared several members off, but a few brave souls ventured out and were rewarded with food made by Mrs. Karow.

It was at these meetings where officers were chosen. Molly Cousin and Kara Kangas became president and vice president. Shana Welter was voted treasurer/secretary, but later shared the duties with Christine Honadel who took over the job of secretary.

While money was needed for some of the projects, the most important part of any group is the service it provides. This was evident when several National Honor Society members volunteered their time to after-school study hall. Here, they were able to help younger students academically and got to know some different people. This actually expanded to the rest of the student body and really got a lot of people involved.

During the evenings these kids also provided a service to parents. A couple times a month, parents were able to drop their children off for a night of free babysitting. While the parents were relaxing, the kids were enjoying a night of crafts and movies. Old and young got together to enjoy a evening of fun.

#### The Taming of LaRue

 $oldsymbol{1}$ n a perfect world, benches wouldn't break, piano keys wouldn't stick, and there would be more than two weeks to prepare a play. Unfortunately, this isn't a perfect world and those things do happen. Three weeks before the first performance was scheduled for the One-Act Play competition, students interested had given up because of the absence of a director. At the last minute, Mrs. Sue Maenner and Mrs. Kris Sell teamed up to be the heroic leaders. Auditions were held and, with quite the effort by the directors, parts were assigned to "The Taming of LaRue." The following week practice began which, through the long and grueling hours (as verified by Chloe Gabler's psychic time-telling), made the team flourish. At district in Spencer, the judges dispensed ideas for improvement as the team began planning for sectionals in Baldwin-Woodville. Inevitably, there was more practice, more fun, and more difficulties. But in light of the team's accomplishments, everyone worked on adding extra comedy. It soon turned into something more hilarious than they thought possible, with Zach Watenphul falling in love with tasty peppermint candy sticks, Nick Gray tumbling off the bench in disbelief, Carson Stubbe struggling with an uncompromising sign, and many other antics. It was all fun

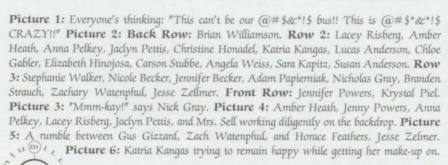
and games until the real problems began. The cursed set, which had caused enough trouble already, struck again, as well as students' grades. The help of the resourceful custodians and the addition of some cast and crew soon solved these dilemmas. At sectionals, the group did an outstanding job and received the exclusive invitation to State competition at the University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse. State was nothing short of awesome - except for the mode of transportation. Fitting three people to a seat in a half-size bus was quite the experience. Once they finally found the Holiday Inn. everyone tumbled out of the bus and enjoyed the luxuries of the hotel by relaxing in the pool or ordering pay-per-view movies. The next morning most actors went onstage with very little sleep and empty stomachs. But like they say, "The show must go on." And so it did, although the cast and crew were only seven seconds away from being disqualified. While worrying about their performance kept them busy for the majority of the time, watching other plays, attending workshops, and spending quality time with friends also were part of the hectic agenda. An enjoyable attraction at State was the extraordinary production of "Wizard of Oz" by LaCrosse Logan and a play-acting company, which included an adorably amusing Toto. In the end, all would agree that going to State was well worth endless practices, leaving this group with unforgettable memories.















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#### Cutting Loose







"To ractice makes perfect!" I'm sure all of you have heard this phrase at least once in your life. If you happened to be in forensics, this took on a whole new meaning. A lot of hard work had to be put into writing and memorizing introductions and transitions, and sometimes even memorizing the entire piece. Then came practice, practice, and more practice. But all in all, it was a lot of fun. Where else could you cut loose and be a totally different person if you chose to? True, you do have to get up in front of a room full of strangers and speak, but that didn't seem to bother these students (and hey, look on the plus side — chances are they never would see those people again anyway). And in the end, the work really paid off. All seven of the participating students made it past Sub-District (where they needed to get two scores of at least 16 out of 25) and on to District. From there, those who got two scores of at least 20 went on to State competition in Madison.

Though this year got off to kind of a rough start with only two meets before Sub-District, the new coaches Koller and Lippert did their best to

help get everyone prepared. Considering neither had done anything like that before, they did a smashing job! They worked around everyone else's busy schedule, as well as their own, to make sure that everyone had enough practice to do their best at the meets. Though the beginning was a bit confusing for all, it ended on a great note.





Picture 1: Back Row: Katie Zank, Elizabeth Hinojosa, Joni Hill, Leatha Buttke, Lacey Risberg, Anna Pelkey, Julie Crowe, Christina Von Haden. Front Row: Alexis Dickinsen. Not Pictured: Chloe Gabler, Rita Koch. Picture 2: Lexi Dickinsen thinking about her next performance. Picture 3: Katie Zank and Julie Crowe enjoying themselves a little too much. Picture 4: Elizabeth Hinojosa on her way to practice. Picture 5: Interesting selection, Lacey Risberg?

#### Team Not Disturbed



M hile many consider spending a day at the courthouse an implication of criminal actions, these kids were not on trial for stealing a car or anything even remotely illegal. Instead, they were spending a day as if they were the lawyers themselves, business suits and all. The Mock Trial case involved a disturbed student, played by Branden Strauch, who stabbed another student in the mythical school of Clearwater. Jed Stuztman, Rita Koch, and Julie Crowe acted as attorneys on both sides of the case and worked hard to sway the judges in every trial. Susan Anderson, Jordan Sell, Jennifer Becker, and Andy Eklof also worked hard as they portrayed witnesses on both the defense and prosecution.

The best part of the entire process was, of course, the actual competition, but without all of the hard work put in after school this day would have been miserable. When February 12 came, these kids were well prepared as well as excited and proved this by walking away from the day winning three of the four cases they tried.

Mock Trial: Picture 1: Back Row: Coach Randall Stutzman, Branden Strauch, Scott Weltzin, Jed Stutzman, Julie Crowe, Jordan Sell, Attorney Coach Mike O'Brian. Front Row: Rita Koch, Susan Anderson, Jennifer Becker, Andy Eklof. Picture 2: Rita smiles after a trial. Picture 3: Julie relaxes in between rounds. Picture 4: Branden loosens his tie. Picture 5: Susan and Jenni let loose after all the stress of competition.









#### Touring Twirlers









Picture 1: Flag Twirlers: Leslie Motzko, Natalie Gabler, Alexis Dickinsen, Jewel Bergman, Margaret Guntner, Julie Crowe, Kara Kangas, Katie Steele Picture 2: Natalie Gabler and Jewel Bergman concentrate on their routine during a parade. Picture 3: Alexis Dickinsen marches in between songs. Picture 4: Margaret Guntner prepares to turn a corner. Picture 5: The flag twirlers take time to pose for a picture before a parade. Picture 6: Julie Crowe and Margaret Guntner enjoying the summer sun. Picture 7: Leslie Motzko takes a break from the flag.

A fter a summer of parades and hot, sweaty practices, these girls started out great by surprising everyone when they performed for the first home football game. While they did work harder than any flag group in recent history, they also enjoyed themselves immensely. With practices often held at Lexi's house, a great deal of the time was spent gabbing about gossip. These meetings paid off, though, with the girls taking second place in a parade.

When school started practice times were another story. Between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday, Thursday, and sometimes Friday for several weeks at a time you could find them twirling in the dimmed gymnasium. Sounds of poles hitting the ground and Mrs. Zastrow's counting filled the morning silence.

As their second performance of the year neared, nerves started to act up; but most were confident that all of those early morning practices were worthwhile. They wowed the crowd at the Homecoming assembly by performing a self-choreographed piece called "Mambo Number 5." They were both proud and relieved to be finished, only to learn that Parents' night was four weeks away, meaning another month of hard work.

Their final performance of the football season was sad, yet exciting, and many had adrenaline pumping before the half time walk onto the field. All went well and several compliments were passed out from friends and family in the audience.

The season was far from over, though, when the girls did something that had never been done and performed at a basketball game. This new tradition was fun and lengthened the all too-short-flag twirling season. Routines from football games and parades were brought back to entertain at several halftime shows. They were a success and added a little spark to different sporting events.

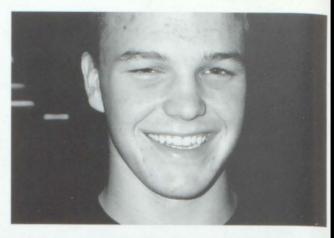
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#### Soul at Sunrise

Where is it that you can hear a not-too-shabby, more jazzy version of great songs from the past? That would be at a performance of the Jazz Band, of course. And they didn't just magically receive these jazzy talents out of thin air. It took many early Wednesday morning practices to master each and every one of their musical talents. Although the group was supposed to meet and have their instruments warm by 7:15am, most stumbled in by 7:30 at the latest (and you know who you are).

A favorite song was the hopping, "Route 66," while other well-known hits set with a jazz touch were the rocking, "Soul Man," and the slow ballad, "Just the Way You Are." All performed songs had the sometimes intimidating solos packed in for the veteran members to tackle. In the end, the shaky segments were straightened out in time for the concert and made the soloist's spotlight shine.

If any of these members questioned if it was really worth losing beauty sleep in order to participate in this organization, all would agree it was. Jazz Band has the potential to expand the horizons of those who participate and has a special quality that makes the morning sunrise a little brighter...everyone was up and awake to see it at least!











Picture 1: How can Jordan Sell be so perky at 7:15am? Picture 2: Aimee Wiese questions Jessica Weiss if the trumpet players should be standing up, while Andrew Arndt ponders off to the side. Picture 3: Jazz Band: Back Row: Mrs. Kelli Zastrow, Lucas Anderson, Aimee Wiese, Andrew Amdt, Ms. Karen Melby. Row 2: Julie Crowe, Chloe Gabler, Christine Honadel, Jordan Sell, Christopher Geiger. Front Row: Natalie Gabler, Kara Kangas, Angela Weiss, Jaclyn Pettis. Picture 4: "Bonehead," Chloe Gabler. Picture 5: Aimee Wiese and Jessica Weiss warm-up on "Route 66." Picture 6: Jessica, were you at Jazz Band, or did you "accidentally" sleep in?



# Shattering the Sound Barrier

O dop da! Tu lu lu!" No, these were not the sounds of exotic birds or the lyrics to a foreign children's song, but they were part of the fun and excitement that made up band class. Whether Nick Jacobs and Zach Watenphul were reading poems or Carson Stubbe had a joke for the day, every class brought something exciting and unpredictable. Oh yeah, and then there was the music aspect. These kids worked hard to put on four great concerts and perform at Large Group Festival with three other schools. Relentless practice went into perfecting every last note. One memorable Christmas song had Nick Gray reading about Santa Claus. The Pops Concert was filled with recognizable pieces taken from the big screen

and the Spring Concert had everyone a little emotional as the Seniors performed together for the final time.

Those who couldn't make it for the concerts could easily find these young musicians in a little different setting. They weren't all playing the same instruments, but were still making music as a pep band. Practically all home sporting events began with loud, entertaining beats to good old rock and roll. This was the place where funky trumpet, saxophone, and drum solos made everyone want to get up and dance. Most had to be careful, though, with people like Jed Stuzman belting out trombone melodies there was always that fear of deafness.









Picture 1: Woodwind Section: Back Row: Kristopher Geiger, Natalie Gabler, Denver Stubbe, Zachary Watenphul. Row 2: Kevin Bailey, Paula Hahn, Jaclyn Pettis, Margaret Guntner, Kathryn Steele. Row 3: Jennifer Powers, Susan Anderson, Jessica King, Brenda Dowiasch, Roberta Fitzmaurice, Christine Honadel. Row 4: Marilyn Anderson, Ashley Price, Cassandra Buttke, Jamie Zempel, Angela Weiss, Camille Hawkins, Carson Stubbe. Row 5: Julie Crowe, Kara Kangas, Alexis Dickinsen. Picture 2: Brass Section: Back Row: Brodi Gibson, Leslie Motzko, Stephanie Boettcher. Row 2: Aimee Wiese, Jennifer Lange, Chloe Gabler, Jessica Weiss. Front Row: Jordan Sell, Jeremy Gerdes, Jed Stutzman, Andrew Arndt. Picture 3: Percussion: Back Row: Samantha Spores. Row 2: Bradley Selz, Lucas Anderson. Front Row: Nicholas Jacobs, Nicholas Gray, Jewel Bergman. Picture 4: The Bassoon Queens, Lexi Dickinsen and Julie Crowe. Picture 5: Seniors: Back Row: Natalie Gabler, Jacki Pettis, Nick Gray, Margaret Guntner. Row 2: Jamie Zempel, Paula Hahn, Christine Honadel, Jessica Weiss. Front Row: Kara Kangas, Julie Crowe, Lexi Dickinsen, Brenda Dowiasch, Jewel Bergman.



#### It Was an Honor

The few, the proud, the honored. Being part of band or choir gives people that sense of talent and accomplishment, but being being part of honors groups is truly that - an honor. All-Conference Band and Choir students were some of the best musicians in the area. While most think that giving up a Saturday sitting in a gym practicing a musical instrument or singing the same line over and over sounds dull, these kids found that the rewards made the time spent well worth it. The day began at 9:00am on January 15, 2000, with two very long practice sessions before lunch. Two more followed before dinner. Finally, the day was topped off with an amazing concert at 7:00pm. The choir performed first singing patriotic songs mixed with a little African culture. The band followed with a march that also seemed to have a patriotic theme. Finally, combining the efforts of the band and choir, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was played and sung. When asked how she enjoyed the day, Lexi Dickinsen said, "I was really surprised how much I could learn in just one day. I came out of the experience being a much better musician." Most of the others felt the same way. Jed Stutzman, who was an honors choir student commented, "The director was really interesting. He made us sound great and we sang some really cool songs. The concert was very rewarding, and I felt proud to be part of something that sounded so good."

While several students were able to attend All-Conference Band and Choir, only two very talented girls were chosen to perform with the Indianhead Honors Band on November 6, 1999, at Gantner Concert Hall at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. Jessica Weiss and Christine Honadel spent an entire Saturday practicing both individually and with a group to perfect their music for an evening concert. The girls were accompanied by their faithful teacher, Mrs. Zastrow, who was very proud when the day was over. Everything seemed to go off without a hitch as the girls, along with the rest of the area's honored musicians, created some spectacular music.



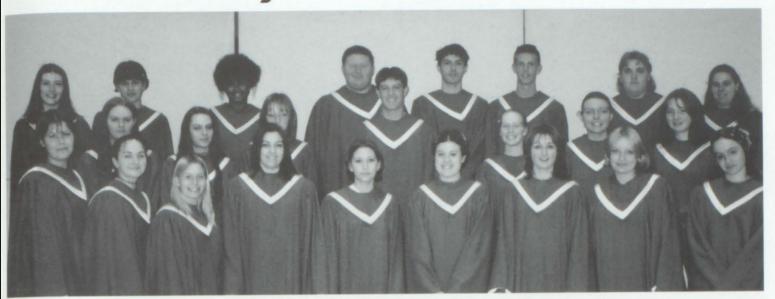




Picture 1: Cloverbelt All-Conference Band Members: Back Row: Aimee Wiese, Jaclyn Pettis, Christine Honadel, Jessica Weiss. Front Row: Kara Kangas, Julie Crowe, Alexis Dickinsen, Chloe Gabler. Picture 2: Cloverbelt All-Conference Choir Members: Back Row: Katie Pieper, Deneshia Stotts, Jed Stutzman, Kevin Bailey. Front Row: Erin Crawford, Stacy Dowiasch. Picture 3: Indianhead Honors Band: Christine Honadel, Jessica Weiss.



# "Oh, Say Can You See. . . ."







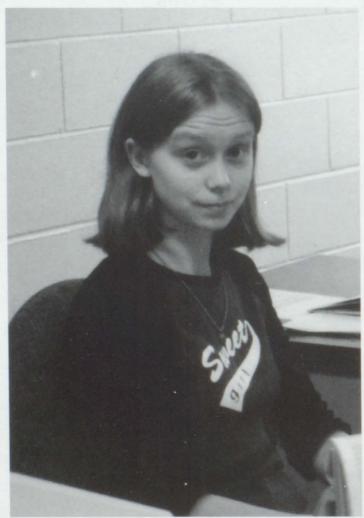


If  $\bigcap$  h, say can you see?" This phrase seemed to be unknown to choirs of the past, but several students gave the Star Spangled Banner a whirl at home sporting events and impressed many crowds. Whether solo or in a small group, several kids decided to put their ability to the test and perform for a group of people who happen to be known for harassing referees or taunting the opposing team. These students only got praised for their efforts, however, and were a welcome sight for spectators. Of course, those singing for sporting events were only a small portion of the talent that this club carried. While not extremely large, they seemed to make up for their lack of numbers with a good number of students being strong enough singers to carry solos. These made for especially entertaining concerts. Along with some slower ballads and gospel tunes, their own renditions of "Grease" and "Fly Like an Eagle" were performed. With the addition of new director, Diedra Powell, everyone seemed to like the idea of trying things a little differently. Julie Crowe, who watched several performances said, "Ms. Powell seemed to add dimension to a program that was losing commitment and put the kids in a spotlight for people to see and that should be commended. I really think some were starting to forget a choir even existed until they started making themselves heard."



Picture 1: Senior High Choir: Back Row: Brandi Pettis, Stacy Dowiasch, Deneshia Stotts, Shane Taylor, lason Brantner, Kenneth Buttke, Amanda Moseley, Erin Crawford. Row 2: Nicole Becker, Kaleena Robinson, Corina Moldrem, Jed Stutzman, Melissa Dickinsen, Amanda Trescher, Katie Pieper. Front Row: Kimberly Bailey, Jennifer Becker, Jenny Kinser, Jessica Klatt, Kristie Klatt, Katie Zank, Ashley Schiller, Leslie Motzko, Susan Anderson. Picture 2: The choir relaxes between songs. Picture 3: Katie Zank smiles pretty. Picture 4: Brandi Pettis must be singing internally. Picture 5: Choir member, Katie Pieper.







Picture 1: Alexis Dickinsen getting ready for her lifeguarding session. Picture 2: Surprise, Stephanie Walker! Picture 3: Lindsey Peterson concentrating on her studies.





# Activities



#### The Secret Garden



B eautiful handmade flowers, accompanied by live planted trees adomed with white sparkling lights, could only mean one thing — magic. That is exactly what the night of Prom turned out to be. A great deal of planning from the junior class, with a little assistance from advisors Kris Crowe and Marty Rugotzke, made for an unforgettable evening.

The process began with the making of over 200 tissue paper flowers. Because of the tedious nature of this process, this meant that several hours after school in the library weeks in advance were necessary. Others volunteered their time to emboss and tie ribbons on programs designed by the junior class themselves. Meanwhile, some students worked on the difficult task of cutting down trees and placing them in white buckets. The average tree reached a height of 15 feet! Also, over 20 strings of white lights were brought in and strung thoughout the trees. Finally, the time came to put all of these props into their proper places. A few park benches, borrowed from area merchants, were brought in for the finishing touch. After a long day of hard work, everyone felt accomplished to look at their interpretation of a secret garden.

After all of that work, everyone was eager to spend the night of Prom gettn' jiggy wit it. The night slowed down around 10:00 when King Brian White and Queen Alicia Sylvester were crowned. Everyone joined in to dance with the court to "Wonderful Tonight" by Eric Clapton. Other popular tunes of the night included "No Scrubs" by TLC and "The Grease Mega Mix". While the night seemed to fly, the juniors seemed happy that all of their work paid off and definitely made for a wonderful night.



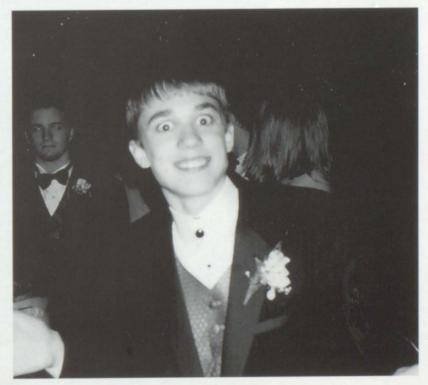








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# Stars on the Field and the Dance Floor

11) hen can you get away with coming to school dressed like a hippie, blast loud music in the hallways, and poke fun at teachers in front of the whole student body? Homecoming Week, of course! Homecoming seemed to sneak up on us, occurring very early in the fall due to the football schedule. The week included, as always, dress-up days, with some creative new ideas tried for the first time. There was "What I Wanna Be Day" that turned out everything from surgeons to cowboys to Nick Jacobs' funny hat and ambition to be "an old man who sits in a barber shop and talks about boxing."

A tradition that has become a staple in Augusta's celebrations is the much-anticipated eating contest. Students stuffed their faces with caramel apples, pickles, and cereal. When all of these were consumed, the seniors ended up the winners, overcoming the adversity of pickle juice soaked floors that caused near-food-eating-contest-career-ending falls taken by the likes of John Rugotzke. Hall decorating was given special attention by the juniors, whose disco-themed hallway was really something. The 45s hanging over the entrance drifted in the breeze as the kids danced in the hall to the massive stereo system or lounged on the couch.

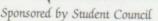
Homecoming excitement heightened at the pep rally meant to fire up the football players for that night's game. At the pep rally, the sophomores put on a hilarious skit about a game show that included the categories "Gimpy Seniors" and the questionable "Sophomore Studs." The overall spirit contest was won for the second year in a row by the Class of 2000. Homecoming Court was also announced, and King John Rugotzke got to present flowers to Queen Paula Hahn.

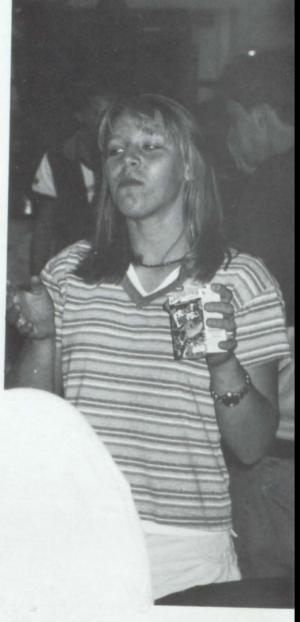
That night, the game was a nail-biter versus the Fall Creek Crickets that went scoreless for four quarters. In overtime, Fall Creek put it away with a 21-yard field goal to beat us 3-0. This was a very painful loss for the players and the students, but some did decide to go to the bonfire afterwards for a little socializing.

It is debatable whether the main event of Homecoming is the game or the dance, but the latter was more cheerful. The Student Council put a lot of work into the decorations for the theme of "Starry Night." Many students attended to dance that starry night away. Some of the more popular songs were "Mambo Number 5" by Lou Bega and the Homecoming song "Sway" by Bic Runga. Though the game was very discouraging, everyone had a great time at the dance and an unforgettable Homecoming Week.

Picture 1: Trinia Bergman pigs out on Fruit Loops at the eating contest. Picture 2: 1999 Homecoming Court. Back Row: Brandy Santa Cruz, Chloe Gabler, King John Rugotzke, Queen Paula Hahn, Princess Julie Crowe, Teri Schulz. Front Row: Craig Koch, Matt McMahon, Prince Jake Johnson, Branden



















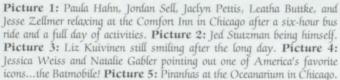
Picture 1: School spirit in full force on Arctic Day. Back Row: Christina Von Haden, Jaclyn Pettis, Cody Warner, Chanda Baader, Michelle Becker, Kara Kangas, Katria Kangas, John Rugotzke, Tisha Bonick, April Marion. Front Row: Erin Crawford, Renata Maia, Andrea de Godoy, Alicia Sylvester, Andrea Kruhn, and Joni Hill. Picture 2: Christina Von Haden all decked out for the dance. Picture 3: Seniors Leatha Buttke, Paula Hahn, and Joni Hill enjoying the Homecoming dance. Picture 4: 1999 Homecoming King John Rugotzke and Queen Paula Hahn. Picture 5: Rita Koch ready for the open range on "What I Wanna Be Day."

## Traveling Musicians









A, Chicago, the windy city. This was the destination of the dedicated band and choir members who sold many boxes of candy to pay for their \$100+ trip. This sleepy crew of kids met at the school at 2:00 in the morning to load onto two buses and start their journey. Six hours and many card games later, they finally reached their goal and got right down to having fun. A stop at the Oceanarium came first, where students had the opportunity to gaze at a variety of exotic sea creatures and watch playful dolphins do tricks. At this point, everyone was starting to hear the grumbles of hungry stomachs, so it was off to the local pizza place and shopping, until it was time to watch the play "Ragtime." After the play, the tired students were more than happy to go to their hotel rooms and relax. It didn't last too long, however. Early the next morning it was time to pack up and move on to Six Flags where they stayed for the next six hours, despite the rain. Although it was fun, most were glad to get home to sleep in their own beds.





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## Middle School



Anderson, Mallory Arndt, Amanneda Barhyte, Matthew Bergman, Amber Bogart, Jammie





























## 8th Grade

The Kings and Queens of the middle school may have been a more appropriate name for the class of '04. They handled their royalty well. Tougher classes and more homework didn't seem to phase them. They worked very hard to make their last year as a

Billy Trescher and Anthony Stotts say "Hi."

middle schooler worthwhile by going to dances and planning activities for the school day. All of this was made possible by the middle school student council which was led by two of their own, Nicole Brown and Venessa Dehnke. These girls didn't just plan fun and

Definke, Vanessa Donley, Sharon Endsley, Nicole Flick, Erin Gabler, Trent Gerdes, Caleb









































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Kuhn, Amanda LeBarron, April Lee, Min Joo Luedtke, Kami Luedtke, Kayla Luken, Jeremy













Markham, Trisha Meyer, Danielle Motzko, Alicia Olson, Eric Papierniak, Megan Peterson, Amie



games though, they worked hard to make school a better environment for their peers. This involved getting active with the high school to discuss issues about school lunch and other problems. Hard work seemed to carry over as these over achievers had outstanding numbers in every extracurricular activity. It was obvious that they weren't going to let any opportunity get away and succeeded at everything they tried.

Co-President Nicole Brown.



Pettis, Amanda



Pettis, Richard













Quick, Sara Raney, Shane Schiller, Shaunna Schulte, Kristin Seichter, Michael Sherman, Jaime



















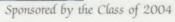








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Anderson, Megan Berg, Logan Bethke, Renee Bonick, Samantha Buttke, Nathan Buttke, Zachery























## 7th Grade

The summer was filled with fun in the sun, a blur of goofing around with friends, and questions about the next year of school. Moving from sixth grade to seventh grade was a big transition, what with new teachers and new ideas. Though it was a little

Jamison Irvine caught off guard.

bit scary to begin with, most students learned to like it. "It's pretty groovy," stated Sam Bonick. And, of course, moving up in grades also meant more privileges. According to Hannah Cole, "It's pretty cool that we get to have all these new privileges, and we aren't

Fugett, Beth Gilbertson, Brandi Gilbertson, Mariah Gilbertson, Troy Goss, Brandon Goss, Nathan

Grams, Kasey Gregor, Sarah Grimm, Kyle Hadom, Chad Harrison, Teri Hawkins, Clint























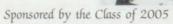


























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the babies in the school." As the millenium grew closer, so did the Class of 2005. Always early starters, the cliques already began to disappear. Even the teachers would agree that seventh grade was full of friendly kids who loved to have fun.

Just as it started, the year ended on a note of anticipation of things to come.

Stop typing Megan Anderson, it's time for a picture.

With the beginning of the new millenium will come the beginning of the reign of power over the Middle School for these eager Beavers. Judging from what has already happened, they will do a great job breaking into the new millenium.



























Sewell, Ashley Smith, Matt Solie, Alfred Spores, Heidi Jo Strauch, Brett Trakas, Mark













Villegas, Santana Waskiewicz, Charles Way, Valerie Whaley, Amanda Winters, Elizabeth Yule, Jordan

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Anderson, Chelsea Anderson, Monica Arndt, Hunter Baader, Garet Barhyte, Lisa Barka, Brandy

Bergman, Krista Bonick, Theodore Borchert, Kyle Brandt, Adam Brantner, Jonathon Carey, Amanda





## 6th Grade

new school, new teachers, and new experiences. What does all of this describe? Why, 6th grade, of course! New teachers were a scary enough experience, but when you added a completely new school onto the list, it's downright terrifying. Luckily for the youngsters of the school, the teachers

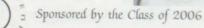
Jessica Vesely shows her soon-to-be pearly whites.

were more than helpful. In no time at all, the 6th graders changed from nervous nail biters to rambunctious rascals. It wasn't all fun and games, however. Not only did they have to learn to dodge the upper classmen, but much more work had to be put into assignments,

Conner, Andrew Evenson, Trent Floriana, Micahel Floyd, Breanna Forcier, Jamie Gabler, Conrad Grant, Philip Guntner, James Haddeman, Travis Hall, Aaron Harrison, Curtis Heath, Corey Heath, Misty Henke, Kirstin Herrick, Scott Ida, Melissa

Kendall, Alyssa

















Kmieciak, Jamie Kruschke, Anna Kunz, Amber Lee, Kassandra LeWallen, Christopher Liddell, Andy













Logterman, Gregory Marion, Trevor Messerschmidt, Kayla Meyer, Carrie Raney, Trista Robinson, Rebecca



and according to Travis Haddeman, there was a lot of them. However, there was clowning around as well. Some projects even required creativity to be at its peak as they recreated oceanic scenes in a shoebox.

Among the numerous fond memories floating around in the heads of sixth

"I didn't do it!" Travis Haddeman exclaims.

graders, the ones working their way to the top would probably have a connection to the variety of visits to Beaver Creek Reserve. Many hours were spent wandering the nature trails and gazing at the stars in the conservatory. Countless experiences were gained and much amusement was had.



























Stotts, Sephra Vesely, Jessica Wendt, Julia Wiese, Maranda Winters, Matthew Yule, Jacob





Picture 1: Maranda Wiese and Mandie Sieg have a little fun before watching the One-Act Play. Picture 2: Anna Horrell blows some notes on her trombone. Picture 3: Just doodling, James Guntner? Picture 4: Cat got your tongue, Adam Brandt? Picture 5: "Tadaaaa!!" say William Trescher and Megan Papierniak. Picture 6: Jamison Irvine enjoys a little lunch.











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## Breaking in Their Running Shoes



hat is the best way to spend your spring? Spring cleaning? Swimsuit shopping and tanning for the beach season? Well, a group of middle school students found a more constructive way to spend their spring - being members of the track team! Organization was not exactly the name of the game with the junior high track team. They did not have official uniforms or even t-shirts, and felt rather funny next to their Osseo-Fairchild counterparts who were in their nice blaze orange warm-up jackets and uniforms. There also was the unforgettable announcement by coach Jeff Hadorn at practice, "Ooops. I forgot we had an invitational in Fall Creek tonight." By that time it was too late to reserve a bus, and proposals by team members that they could pile into Mr. Hadorn's boat or the back of coach Paul Tweed's pickup were rejected. This missed meet was just one in a season of five meets, none being very far from home. All of the

home meets were smaller meets of two or three teams. One of the home triangulars was held on a miserable rainy afternoon where everyone just wanted to get done and go home. Another away meet was called off on account of rain.

Being in track gave many of these young athletes a chance to try something new. High jump and shot put were particularly popular events to try and enjoy. But while breaking in their running shoes and toning their bodies for the swimsuit season, these kids also had a chance to spend time with their friends and even make some new ones.

Picture 1: Steven Erdman throws shot put at a home dual meet versus Osseo-Fairchild. Picture 2: Craig Koch winning the 100-meter dash at the first track meet of the season. Picture 3: Team Picture: Back Row: Nicole Brown, William Trescher, Trent Gabler, Jaime Sherman, Erin Flick. Row 2: Megan Papierniak, Shaunna Schiller, Min Joo Lee, Sara Quick, Dan Carey. Row 3: Mallory Anderson, Jenna Sieg, Vanessa Dehnke, Kami Luedtke. Front Row: Caleb Gerdes. Picture 4: Mallory Anderson at practice.







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## Molding Their Talent



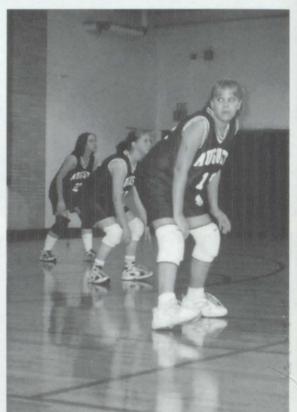


"They
were a fun
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work
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exclaimed
Middle
School
Volleyball
coach
Kris
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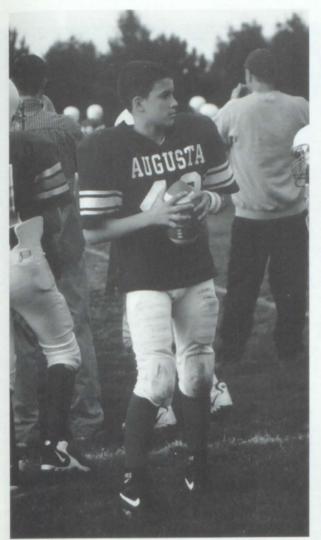
were not intimidated when 27 eager Beavers filled the gym ready for the drills, conditioning, and the opportunity to play. Some help was also given by the varsity volleyball players when they held a day-long training camp to teach technique. Inspired by the mentoring of the high school players, the 19 returning eighth graders took the inexperienced seventh graders under their wings, and introduced them to the strategies of an organized sport. They were taught well, ending with a better record than their "mentors" and even taking home a 2nd place title from the Altoona Tournament. Their impressive ending record was 8-2. The eighth grade, though, didn't do too badly with a season record of 6-4. The next step for them is to not worry so much about the score of the game, but to perfect the techniques that high school coaches will be expecting.

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Picture 1: Anna Horrell readys herself for the serve. Picture 2: Back Row: Amie Peterson, Jenna Seig, April LeBarron, Shauma Schiller, Megan Papierniak, Vanessa Definke, Amber Bergman, Kami Luedtke. Row 3: Alicia Motzko, Kristen Schulte, Hanna Haddeman, Savannah Vesely, Katie Schmitt, Danielle Meyer, Sam Quick. Row 2: Brittany Dickinsen, Renee Bethke, Megan Anderson, Kristen Kangas, Anna Horrell, Mandy Arndt, Sarah Selz, Jessie Stensen, Elizabeth Winters. Front: Nicole Brown. Picture 3: The group fuddles to figure out the next play. Picture 4: Are you ready Amie Peterson?

## A Starting Point



 $\mathcal{M}$  hat young boy doesn't dream of putting on an official NFL helmet with a capital "G", a silver star, or a lunging jaquar emblazoned across it and emerging from that tunnel into a stadium full of screaming fans? But, a 13-year-old can't be in the NFL, so they have to set their sights a bit lower. A great place to start down the road to football success is middle school football. The crew that put on their second-hand equipment and marched onto the field east of the school for practice was of modest numbers, but unlimited heart.

The seventh grade team at first had difficulty working together, but at the end of the season they had made great improvements in their cooperation and really pulled together. The seventh grade also experienced some success in raking in a couple of wins. Some ambitious seventh grade athletes also stepped up and gave their eighth grade counterparts a hand when they were low on numbers. After some injuries, the eighth grade team found themselves with exactly 11 players and some brave seventh grade souls whovolunteered to face an older and more experienced opponent.

The eighth grade team, though low on bodies, showed great improvement from their seventh grade year. They were more competitive and won one game. Another feather in the cap of the middle school football program was the low number of kids on the nomove list. This season was unique because two girls, Stevie Herrick and Mallory Anderson, joined the ranks with the eighth grade. Stevie was first approached by one of the boys on the team and encouraged to play because they had so few kids. Both girls worked very hard and held their own against the boys.

To the athletes, middle school football is all about learning the game and shaping their talent to grow into the honorable and successful players they all wish to be. Both grades showed progress in teamwork and skills not only from year to year, but within one short season. Their games may not be televised and viewed by millions in their homes, but whether in the NFL or a modest seventh grade practice, the ball is still the same.



Picture 1: Daniel Carey warms up at a home game versus Osseo. Picture 2: Team Picture. Back Row David Halvorson, Anthony Stotts, William Trescher, Travis Kaeding, Daniel Carey, Trent Gabler, Matthew King, Brandon Stensen. **Row Two:** Mark Berg, Chuckie Spangler, Shane Welter, Stevie Herrick, Mallory Anderson, Cody Indrebo, Christopher Degner. Row Three: Joshua Restad, Zachery Buttke, Nathan Goss, Courtney Sell, Jamison Irvine, Robbie Lone, William Pettis. Front Row: Kenneth Johnston, Korey Schroeder, Jordan Yule, Jordan Klingbeil, Alfred Solie, Jonathon Onarheim, Matt Smith. Picture 3: Defensive tackle Josh Restad waits for the snap. Picture 4: The 7th graders huddle up for a timeout.





## Golden Road





M ost aspiring athletes have a basketball hoop over the driveway where they first establish their skills. Playing HORSE with her younger brother or one-on-one with the neighbor girl was where many of these girls got their start. Now the stakes are higher with a full team to think of and cooperate with, practices every day, and many people watching your games. Quite an adjustment to make when you're just in junior high.

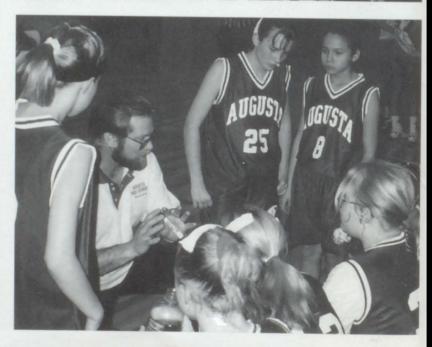
But, these girls handled the challenge with grace and poise. The seventh graders showed great hustle and enthusiasm. With an intense coach and a singing dinosaur mascot on their side, these girls were ready for the big time. They also learned many important lessons on the way, like the mechanics of basketball and how important free throws really are.

The eighth graders faced some first-game jitters, but also overcame adversity with admirable toughness. Kami Luedtke's intense defensive presence was an asset to the team as well as Jenna Sieg's skilled ball handling. Each member of the squad added her vital contribution to the spirit and competitiveness of the team.

So, from humble driveway beginnings, these girls are on the road to organized basketball involvement. If they stay committed, keep one eye on the State winner gold ball, and keep their hearts with the good of the team, they might bring that honor back to Augusta a few years down the road.

Picture 1: Jenna Sieg dribbles down for a lay-up. Picture 2: 8th Grade: Back Row: Nicole Brown, Jessie Stensen, Kristen Kangas, Mallory Anderson. Row 2: Vanessa Denke, Shaunna Schiller, Megan Papierniak, Savannah Vesely. Front Row: Jenna Sieg, Kami Luedtke. Picture 3: Amy Rosentreter, Megan Anderson, Kasey Grams, Katie Schmitt, Brittany Dickinsen. Front Row: Renee Bethke, Teri Harrison, Reggie Horel, Santana Villegas, Sarah Selz. Picture 4: Coach Dickinsen gathers the girls into a helpful huddle.





## First Squad







I n early winter, the middle school boys took to the court for an exciting and enlightening basketball season. Because of gym conflicts, the boys had to have their season early followed by the girls. Led by coaches Rick Berg and Dan Bauer, this promising group of young men worked hard. Many of them had been playing together in earlier years on elementary school teams. Now, they are approaching high school and warming up for the big time.

The seventh grade team came away with a good record of six wins, seven losses. They saved the best for last at their game against Cadott. Augusta was down by one with 8 seconds left in the game. Augusta inbounded the ball and Nathan Goss threw up a "prayer" on the buzzer. He made it to give Augusta a heart-stopping 34-33 victory.

Through such intense moments as that, the middle school boys gained memories they will have forever. Hopefully, the seventh and eighth graders will stick together as a team for the years to come.



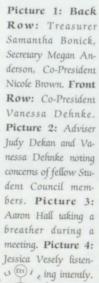
Picture 1, Back Row: Coach Rick Berg, Brett Strauch, Courtney Sell, Joshua Restad, Adam Klingbeil, Korey Schroeder. Front Row: Logan Berg, Jamison Irvine, Nathan Goss, Bradley Schmidt, Troy Gilbertson. Picture 2, Back Row: Cody Indrebo, Daniel Carey, Travis Kaeding, Matthew King, Marc Berg. Front Row: David Halvorson, Trent Gabler, Corey Honadel, Coach Dan Bauer, William Trescher, Anthony Stotts, Keith Gilbert. Picture 3: Robbie Lone protects the ball against an Osseo-Fairchild defender. Picture 4: Jamison Irvine looks on as Logan Berg shoots a free throw.

Molding Minds

W hat could we do to make the Middle School better? This was the question at hand for the members of the Middle School Student Council. Led by copresidents Vanessa Denke and Nicole Brown, they got together and planned everything from dances to dress-up days for Homecoming. They even tried to help the community by having the idea that any money made from their fundraisers could be donated to charities. When one of the annual staff members attended a meeting, it quickly became obvious that they were a great team. They worked together as one and used their creativity, in and out of their meetings, to come up with great ideas to better the student body. It is very apparent that they will be an assett as they move up into High School.







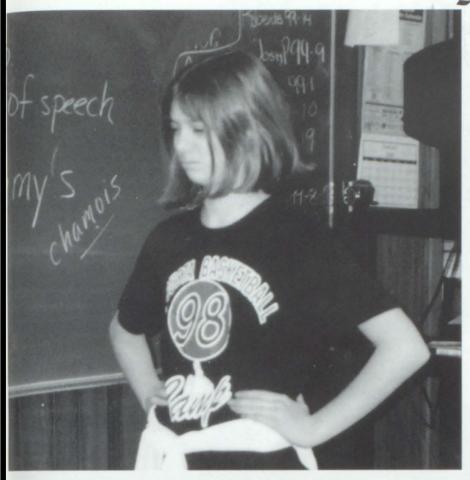
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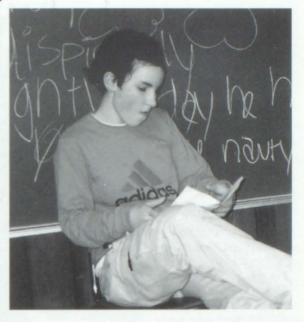
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## Center Stage









M iddle school forensics meets have everything the young adolescent needs. Pizza. Nachos. Lots of members of the opposite sex. The air is saturated with hormones and the minds are saturated with nervousness as these young performers give at least a little attention to the reason they are there — their acts.

At least twice a week the members of the middle school forensics team fit practice into their schedules before or after school. Most of the members were veteran eighth graders who dominated the group interpretation category. But some rookie seventh and sixth graders tried their hands at performing as well. Some other categories that the kids participated in included play acting, poetry, and storytelling.

After all of the practicing, ready or not, they were off to their first forensics meet. January 25, 2000, marked the start of bringing home first place ribbons, critique sheets, and lots of fun memories. One dedicated actress went in with a whole heart but came out with an empty stomach, as was displayed on the floor in the middle of a performance. The team came home tired after the sixhour meet, but the excitement of that first event was still burning within them. They were ready for more!

Picture 1: Sarah Selz stares down the competition. Picture 2: Anna Horrell takes a break to review some lines. Picture 3: Back Row: Jessie Stensen, Nicole Brown, Trent Gabler, Alicia Motzko, Anthony Stotts, William Trescher. Row 5: Kristin Schulte, Amie Peterson, Kristin Kangas. Row 6: Sephra Stotts, Sarah Selz, Brittany Dickinsen, Amy Rosentreter, Megan Anderson, Savannah Vesely, Danielle Meyer, Mallory Anderson, Travis Kaeding. Row 3: Hanna Haddeman, Megan Papierniak, Shauma Schiller, April LeBarron, Vanessa Dehnke, Trisha Buttke. Row 2: Anna Horrell, Christina Spores, Chelsea Anderson, Kassandra Lee, Amanda Carey. Front Row: Ellen Forde, Jessica Vesely, Mandie Sieg, Windy Santa Cruz, Jamie Forcier. Picture 4: Newscasters Sephra Stotts and Christina Spores give the lastest updates.

Wafting Notes

"A anachth agath anth agath with." This warm up could be heard wafting from the choir room during any school day. This time, not only did the students have a lot to learn, but the teacher did as well. Ms. Diedra Powell, a new addition to the staff, had a lot of work to do in addition to the normal teaching duties. She had to get to know the students and at the same time help them get to know her. Choir members seemed to take to her quite well and quickly went to work preparing songs for their first concert, in which they were a big hit. There was still much to learn, however, so they dug into their next concert pieces. It was one of the biggest concerts, the Christmas concert. Singing such songs as "Good Tidings We Sing," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," they again did well. It is obvious that these up and coming choir members will be a great asset to the choir.







Picture 1: Eighth Grade Choir: Back Row: Nicole Brown, Mandy Arndt, Amy Peterson, Keith Gilbert, Alicia Motzko, Trisha Buttke, Jammie Bogart. Row 2: Vanessa Denke, Jenna Seig, Min Joo Lee, Danielle Meyer, Anthony Stotts, William Trescher, Kristen Kangas, Megan Papierniak, Nicole Endsley. Front Row: Kristin Schulte, Heidi Spores, Erin Flick, Christopher Taylor, Shane Welter, Christopher Degner, Shaunna Schiller, Jessie Stensen. Picture 2: Seventh Grade Choir: Back Row: Elizabeth Winters, Heidi Spores, Anna Horrell, Amy Rosentreter, Charles Waskiewicz, Matthew Smith, Trevor Luedtke, Joshua Restad. Row 2: Katie Schmitt, Min Sung Lee, Renee Bethke, Brittany Dickinsen, Sarah Selz, Beth Fugett, Nathan Butke, Shaun Flick. Row 3: Alesha Pecha, Teri Harrison, Sarah Gregor, Zachery Buttke, Kenneth Joshnston. Front Row: Ellen Forde, Reggie Horel, Megan Anderson, Clint Hawkins, Robert Lone. Not Pictured: Logan Berg, Samantha Bonick, Hannah Cole, Adam Floyd, Brandon Goss, Kasey Grams, Chad Hadorn, Jeff Lighthizer, Amanda Whaley, Becca Hetke. Picture 3: Billy Trescher provides a comic relief before practicing a song. Picture 4: Sixth Grade Choir: Back Row. Carrie Meyer, Amanda Carey, Kassie Lee, Monica Anderson, Jacob Yule, Arron Solie. Row 2: Kayla Messerschmidt, James Guntner, Mandie Sieg, Gregory Logterman, Jessica Vesely, Hunter Arndt, Trevor Marion, Maranda Wiese, Brady Barka, Krista Bergman, Andrew Liddell, Chelsea Anderson. Row 3: Ted Bonick, Amber Kunz, Michael Stary, Corey Heath, Phillip Grant, Breanna Floyd, Curtis Harrison, Josh Vannigan, Scott Herrick, Lisa Barhyte, Kyle Borchett, Christopher Lewallen. Front Row: Samantha Johnson, Michael Floriana, Julia Wendt, Travis Haddenman, Amanda Schreiner, Misty Heath, Rebecca Robinson, Crystal Crouse.



Changing Keys



) kay everybody, cut time!" Any student in band would know the meaning behind these words - speed things up! Along with that, many other new concepts were learned as well. Such things as sixeight time and sixteenth notes were now appearing everywhere in the music. For some students, that would throw them off. Not for these dedicated middle schoolers, though! They stuck with it and tried their



hardest to do things right. Their perseverance shined and could be heard at concerts where they played songs like "Old Santa Fe" and "Trombones on the Rooftop." Though the year was sometimes frustruating, they kept with it and did wonderfully. Moving up a level in difficulty should be no problem with this group!





Picture 1: 6th Grade: Back Row: Conrad Gabler, Garet Baader, Mrs. Zastrow. Row 2: Carrie Meyer, Trent Evenson, Amanda Carey, Mandie Sieg, Jamie Forcier, Chelsea Anderson, Jessica Vesely, Aaron Hall, Andrew Connor, Trista Rainey. Front Row: Alyssa Kendall, Jeremy Lazar, Misty Heath, Kristin Henke, Melissa Ida, Windy Santa Cruz, Kassie Lee, Krista Bergman, Sephra Stotts, Kayla Messerschmidt. Picture 2: 7th & 8th Grade: Back Row: Ellen Forde, Alesha Pecha, Beth Fugett, Korey Schroeder, Mallory Anderson. Row 2: Santana Villegas, Savanna Vesely, Jenna Sieg, Kristin Schulte, Min Joo Lee. Row 3: Shaunna Schilller, Amber Bergmen, Crystal Kendall, Brandi Gilbertson, Valerie Way, Megan Papierniak. Front Row: Megan Anderson, Reggie Horel, Vanessa Dehnke, Min Sung Lee. Picture 3: Honors Band Members: Back Row: Danielle Meyer, Nicole Brown, Kristin Schulte. Front Row: David Halverson, Daniel Carey. Picture 4: 7th & 8th Grade: Back Row: Courtney Sell, Jessie Stensen, Nicole Brown. Row 2: Corey Honadel, Daniel Carey, Anna Horrell, Trent Gabler, Chris Degner. Row 3: David Halverson, Brittany Dickinsen, Kristen Kangas. Row 4: Stevie Herrick, Anthony Casanova, Renee Bethke, Hannah Cole, Amy Rosentreter, Casey Grams. Front Row: Sarah Selz, Danielle Meyer, April LeBarron, Amie Peterson, Hannah Alvin Fernald, Mayor for a Day

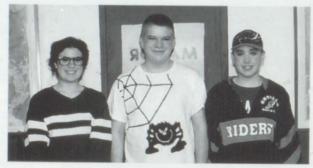
ne of the greatest memories of the freshman class would have to be the 8th Grade Play, in which they performed the comedy "Alvin Fernald, Mayor For A Day." The enthusiastic Mrs. Maenner directed this very upbeat play. The neatest thing about it was that everyone in the entire grade had something to do with it. Whether it was making props and advertising or acting the lead role everyone had a job. The people involved had to put in many, many hours to make the play a success. "Whether it was practices at the Community Center at seven o'clock in the morning or one night rehearsing until ten o'clock, it was definitely worth it," said Nicole Becker, who played the role of Irene Carner. Onstage the atmosphere sometimes got quite tense and the energy level skyrocketed, but they eventually worked their way through it. "One of the most memorable things that happened at the play would have to be the breaks and being able to lay on the couch in the back room and watch Saturday morning cartoons," said Jennifer Powers, who played the role of Winnie Shoemaker. Through all of their struggles, opening night finally came. With makeup on their faces (yes, even the guys) and dressed in their costumes, the actors were finally ready to start in front of a packed Community Center. In spite of broken props during the performance of the play, the crowd just loved it. Through all of the hardships and good times the play was definitely a big hit.

Picture 1: Melissa Plamp and Sara Kapitz get ready for their debut. Picture 2: The mayor, Brad Selz, and secretary, Nicole Becker, get into character. Picture 3: Back row: Candy Jones, Brad Selz, Carson Stubbe, Sara Kapitz, Steve Erdman. Row 2: Melissa Plamp, Jenny Powers, Angela Weiss, Katie Zank, Lucas Anderson, Nicole Becker. Front Row: Shane Taylor, Chris Boettcher, Krystal Piel, Elizabeth Hinojosa, Adam Papierniak. Picture 4: Katie Zank, Steve Erdman and Jenny Powers await their next cue. Picture 5: Carson Stubbe and Krystal Piel try to harness the "Dalmation" Joey Diehl. Picture 6: Angela Weiss presents Discimit prector Mrs. Sue Maenner with flowers.















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Words can never express how much your friendship means to me. You have been more than a friend - you are the sister I never had. Looking back over the years and all the memories we've shared, I'm very grateful we are friends. As we travel down the road of life, always remember friends are friends forever.

Love you always & forever, Jacki

#### Natalie & Jewel,

We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere. Being friends with the two of you has made life an even more pleasant experience. We've shared

many memorable times together that are all so unforgettable. We've helped each other through the tough times and through the good times. Soon we will watch each other move on to yet another stage of our lives. No matter what happens we will always be friends, so good luck in the future and always believe in yourself.



#### Steffaine,

You have had much pain, and have endured it becoming a much stronger and loving person. We love and admire you for all the things you have already accomplished and we know that you will go on to do great things, honey.

> With all of our love, Mom & Nicole



I always knew you got your musical talent from me. I'm proud to be your big sister. Congratulations and good luck.

> Love, Janet





Anna.

There is so much that I could say. I'll try to sum it all up. Thank you for always being there and for caring. Thank you for helping and understanding. Thank you for making me laugh when inside I felt like crying. Thanks for all the odd times (remember the truck-atthe-court-house incident or the bear tracking). Here's to the memories, past and future!

> Your partner in crime always, Lacey



Love, Lexi



Chris,

When you leave Augusta be sure to have fun. Also use your brains - yours will take you anywhere.

Gords



I will never forget the memories we've shared. Here are a few that only you and I will understand: "Bo-logna,"Animaniacs ("Would you like to take a survey?"), Mrs. Pip, "Uh-Oh" 3 on 3 Tournaments, "Come to My Locker," writing "Spring is Here" in 8th grade choir, situps in Phy. Ed., homemade videos for class projects "Prom 1959" for W.S. 1945), Bubba-Bo-Bob Kite, Summer Theater (Wayne x BoBo), being green/silver for days after "The Wizard of Oz" ("HeHeHe" - we loved Carolyn anyway), taking the SATs, touring the Elementary School, and last but not least, "Ree, Ree, Ree" (need I say more?). Good luck in the future and always keep in touch!

> Love, Chrissy



Paula,

From the beginning of time, the moon and stars have been the closest of friends. Every night they giggle and chat for hours. We've talked a lot, laughed a lot, and shared a lot. I'm glad I have you in my life, you are so special to me.

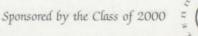
> Lots of love, Leatha



Tewel,

Watch out world, here we come! You're a great friend and sister. Good luck in all you do! Remember, I'll always be a phone call away.

> Love your big sis, Joy



April, you're not only my sister, but you're my best friend. I know we'll go our separate ways but whatever you do, don't lost touch. I'll always be there for you.

Love always, Amber



Tisha, it's going to be hard to watch you graduate. School won't be the same. Never lose sight of your dreams and never let anyone tell you can't do something. Stay in touch. Remember, you'll always be special to me.

Love always, Amber



Natalie & Brenda,

I'm so lucky to have two best friends like you. If I couldn't depend on both of you for support, I always had at least one by my side. Through many ups and downs (and there were quite a few!) we always have managed to survive them together. Now as we face our final challenge, graduation, I pray that we will never lose sight of each other down the crooked road ahead. May we always cherish the wonderful memories and hope for those yet to come. "God Must Have Spent A Little More Time On You!"

Friends always, ChristinE Farewell, My Friends

It seems like only yesterday we walked into kinder. garten, just a crowd of nameless faces. We watched each other shyly, waiting to learn a name. We were drawn together, branching into groups. For whatever reasons - sometimes it was simply taking someone's hand and innocently asking, "Will you be my friend?" We traveled through grade school swinging. holding hands, and singing rhymes. After seven years we entered the hallowed halls - lowest on the totem poll at Augusta High. This strange New World was opening before us - we had only each other for support. Then came the secrets whispered behind locked doors - our first crush. A class ring from someone special. And prom. Now on the threshold of life we cling to the few times we will have together. I will not say "Good-bye." For as we learned with each other, we learned of each other. No matter what we face in the future, we do not face it alone. These years together have left memories in our hearts that time and distance can't erase. I will say "farwell, for now" for I face my future with my friends forever. I love you girls!

> Lots of love, Leatha

Scott,

Congratulations. You always make life interesting. Stand up for what is right and never let anyone put you down. It seems like not long ago you couldn't wait to start school. Now the end of the road is here with many new directions to take. We know you will always pick the right one. Good luck in your future.

Mom, Dad, Steve & Kristina



Charity,
Congratulations!
You made it. I
hope you find all
your heart's desire in life. May
the Lord bless
you and give you
success.

Love, Mom





Joni, I got your back and you got mine, I'll help you out anytime. To see you furt to see you cry, makes me weep and wanna die. And if you agree to never fight, it wouldn't matter who's wrong or right. If a broken heart needs a mend, I'll be right there to the end. If your cheeks are wet from drops of tears, don't you worry, let go of your fears. Hand in hand love is sent, we'll be friends 'til the end.

Lots of love, Leatha



Chrissy,

Our last yearbook - my, how the time flies. It seems like not too long ago we were busy drawing acom people and trying not to keel over from paint fumes. Even though those times are drawing to a close, they'll always be remembered. Never forget that when you think you have no where else to turn, I'll be there.

Your friend, Lacey



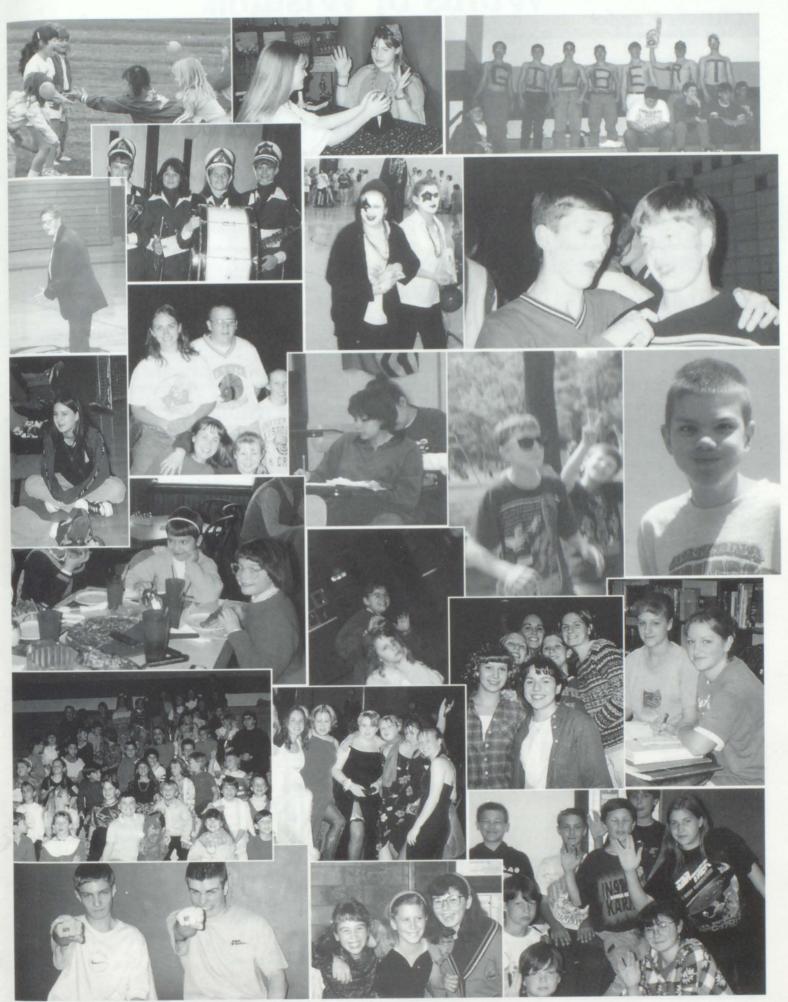
Dearest Kara K.,

We have had our share of "times," but we have always come out stronger. Next year will be strange! Who'll we ride with to away football games, spy on at movies, or pull tricks on in the wee hours of the morning? We will always have the memories and we will always love ya!

Love your sisters, Katria & Kristen



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#### Chanda Baader Red, Cheddar, Baaader

If the doors of perception were cleansed then everything would appear to man as it is, infinite.

- William Blake

#### Tisha Bonick

Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them.

-William Arthur Ward

#### Leatha Buttke

Genius does what it must, and talent does what it can.

-Owen Meredith

#### Nicholas Canaday

He who walks in another's tracks leaves no footprints.

-J.L. Brannon

#### Molly Cousin

Lord, grant that I might aspire to more than I can accomplish.

-Michelangelo

#### Julie Crowe

Our greatest glory is not in never failing but in rising each time we fall.

-Confucius

#### Alexis Dickinsen

I finally realized what matters, simply, is being alive. I feel very strongly that you have to accept the way you are, and if people don't like you, that's their problem, not yours.

-Sarah Ferguson

## Words of Wisdom

#### Scott Dickinsen

Scottie, Skeet, Scotty D.

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.

-Scott Dickinsen

#### Nicholas Gray Nick, Reetz, Chubby, Chubbyfatkins

I don't think that's a good idea.

-Nick Gray

#### Paula Hahn

I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something.

-Helen Keller

#### Joni Hill

I'm a pilgrim on the edge. On the edge of perception. We are travelers on the edge. We are always at the edge of our perception.

-Unknown

#### Christine Honadel

Chrissy, Chris

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

-William Jennings Bryan

#### Kevin Ives

In three words, I can sum up everthing I've learned about life: It goes on.

-Robert Frost

#### Jessica Klatt

Klatt, Queen, Gabby, Hoover, Chia

Success is failure turned inside out, the silver tint of the clouds of doubt, and you never can tell how close you are. It may be near when it seems so far, so stick to the fight when you're hardest hit, it's when things seem worse that you must quit.

-Unknown

#### Rita Koch Psycho, Weedwhacker

It's not the size of the dog in the

fight, but the size of the fight in the dog.

-Archie Griffen

#### Andrea Kruhn

People from Berlin are unfriendly, and inconsiderate, shaggy, and dogmatic. Berlin is repulsive, loud, dirty and grey. Building sites and the streets are constipated where you go and stand — but I feel sorry for all humans that can't live here!

-Anneliese Bodecker

#### April Marion

Don't wait for your ship to come in; swim out to meet it.

-Conrad Hilton

#### Evan Mazur

The road of life is rocky, and you may stumble too. And while you point your finger, someone else is judging you. Love your brother man.

-Bob Marley

#### Anna Pelkey

May God hold you in the palm of his hand until we meet again.

-Irish verse

#### Derrick Pettis

Git it where you can.

-Unknown

#### Katie Pieper Peeps, Katilynn, Katay

Do not compare yourself to others, for you are a unique and wonderful creation. Make your own beautiful footprints in the snow.

-Barbara Kimball

#### Steffaine Poettker

Limits exist only in the souls of those who do not dream.

-Unknown

#### Lacey Risberg

Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

-Albert Einstein

#### Christina Von Haden

You must do the things you think you cannot do.

-Eleanor Roosevelt

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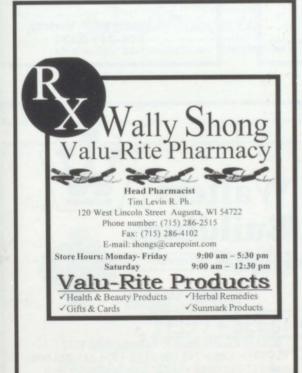


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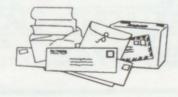
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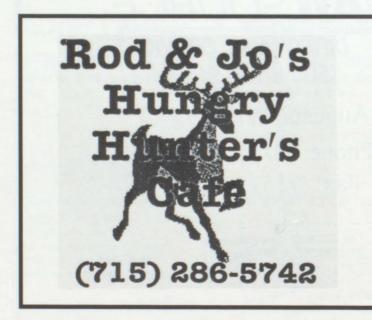


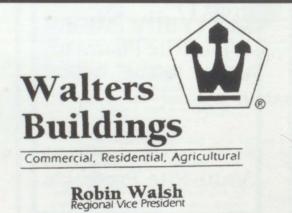








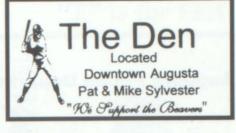




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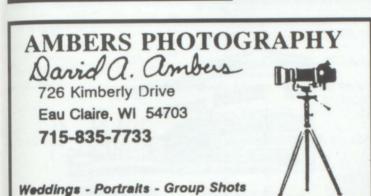


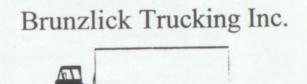




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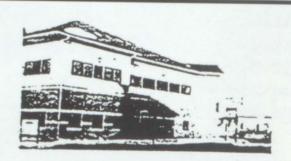
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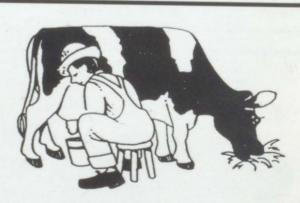
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After causing more than its fair share of gruelling work and headaches, the 93rd Volume of the Augusta High School Yearbook sits in your hands. This chronicle is 96 pages printed on 80 pound enamel paper and held together with smythe-type binding. The oh-so-pretty cover is TPC design #S69 and lithocote material. The foil embellishments are deep green. The endsheets are TPC design number 009 4/C. The high-quality literature throughout the book is expressed in the Embassy family of print styles. The layouts were arranged using Taylor Publishing Company's UltraVision desktop publishing program. After a good deal of nail-biting over selling enough copies, 200 books were ordered. They were ultimately produced at Taylor Publishing Company's main facility in the Lone Star State, specifically Dallas Texas. They made the long hike back here to the Cheesehead State where kids shelled out 30 dollars for their copy. Putting it together wasn't any small task and last-second cropping and trimming problems put a lot of staff members at risk for developing ulcers. But, for the most part, good fun and good food kept spirits and chins up. We're proud to

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

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



six straight PGA tournaments. The

since the 1994 New York Rangers to

Dallas Stars became the first team

win both the President's Trophy and

the Stanley Cup in the same season. In

addition, Lance Armstrong overcame a

bout with cancer to win his first

Tour de France.

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



Mia Hamm and

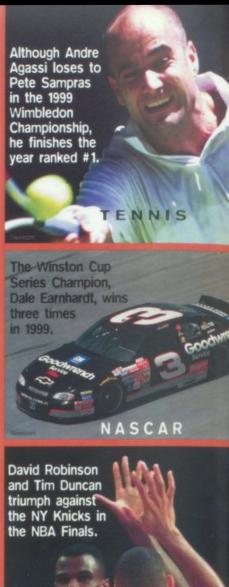


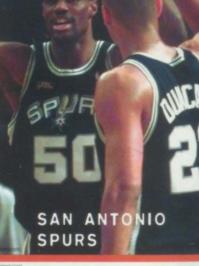
Tiger Woods'
PGA Tour winning
streak comes to
an end when he
is beaten at the
Buick Invitational.



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







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

SNOWBOARDING

### DISCOVERY: MILLENNIUM: GOODBYE: WEATHER:

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



#### WEATHER

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

#### MILLENNIUM

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

#### DISCOVERY

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

#### GOODBYE

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



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

Latina actress and singer Jennifer Lopez debuts her pop album "On the 6" scoring a dance hit with "If You Had My Love." The country couple both receive nominations at the 1999 American Music Awards. Faith Hill's album "Breathe" debuts at #1 on the Billboard Top 200. "Livin' La Vida Loca" and "She's All I Ever Had" take Ricky's first English album multi-platinum.

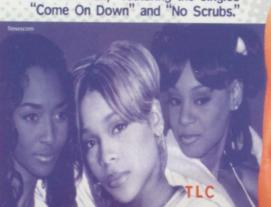
#### **BRITNEY SPEARS**

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

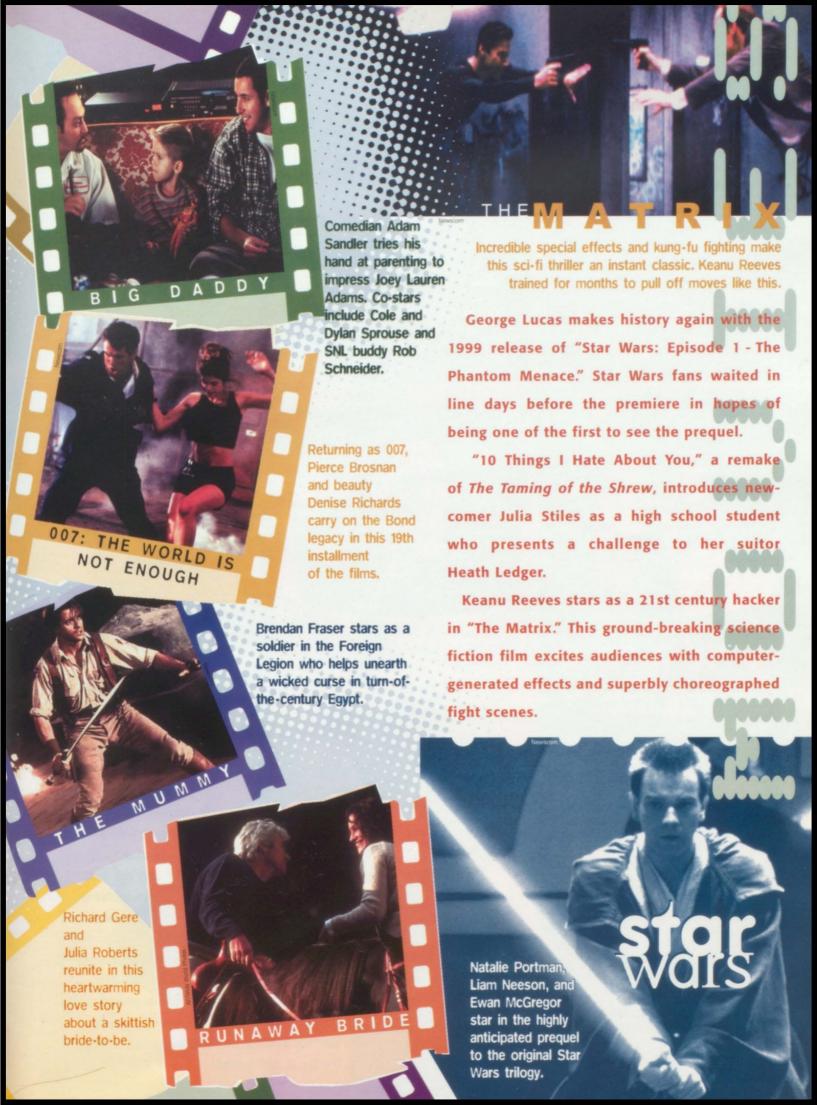
These cool cowgirls continue to enjoy the success of their breakthrough album "Wide Open Spaces."

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











TIME OF YOUR LIFE

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



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



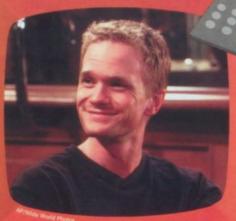
WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE

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



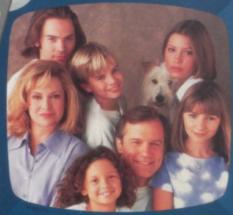
FRIENDS

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



STARK RAVING MAD

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



7TH HEAVEN

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



S W E

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

The networks presented us with a dazzling variety of shows, many of them teen-oriented. The WB Network led the way with "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Dawson's Creek" and newcomers, "Roswell" and "Popular." Jennifer Love Hewitt ventured out on her own, tackling the concrete jungle of New York City in "Time Of Your Life." Animated

sitcom "The Simpsons" remained popular while cartoonist Matt Groening's newest series, "Futurama," gained a wider audience. Finally, talk show personality Regis Philbin crossed over to game shows asking the country, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"

## TRENDS

HAIR COLOR:
Girls indulge in highlights and bright streaks



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

BASEBALL CAPS: Caps top off the year as well as heads

V-NECK:
Guys are
showing their
stuff in shirts
from GAP® and
Abercrombie
& Fitch®



POCKET WATCHES:
Turn back time with vintage style watches from popular brands



DRAWSTRING
PANTS:
These pants
are loose
and cool



BOY DOCS: Chunky-soled

boots by Dr. Martens® remain a favorite

CARGO PANTS: Pants that can hold all your stuff

GIRL'S SHOES: Girls stand tall in fashionable platform heels





## AUTOGRAPHS

