

Bomb Threat at West Delaware

Students, Staff Forced to Evacuate

By Amanda Knott and Jane Hanson

A bomb threat was made at West Delaware High School on April 10. At 11:35 classes were interrupted by Mr. Roger Hanson, principal, insisting that students evacuate the building and go to their designated churches because a bomb threat had been made at the high school. As 730 students and many staff members evacuated the building, police officers, firefighters, and staff members searched the building not knowing where, when or if they

would find a bomb.

Immediately, the administration, as well as police officers, began searching for a suspect.

Dr. Joseph Kirchoff, superintendent said, "So far the police and administration have a few leads." If the perpetrator or perpetrators are caught, punishment will be severe, including suspension and possible expulsion. They will also be fined for the lunch that had to be thrown away and the expense of hiring the trained personnel to search

the premise. "It doesn't matter who did it. This situation will be dealt with severely," said Kirchoff.

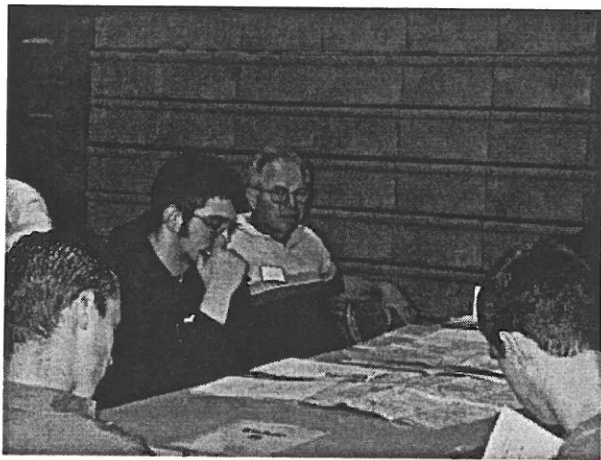
Along with the punishment the perpetrator will receive from the school, they could also receive penalties from the State of Iowa and jail time.

According to Dr. Kirchoff, some students took this situation lightly, but they don't realize the psychological trauma the search party went through, not knowing if a bomb would be found in a locker,

a file cabinet, or just around the corner. For all they knew, there really was a bomb in the school and this situation could not be dealt with lightly.

At this point the school and the police are still investigating this situation. The staff has already discussed possible changes to the school policy regarding bomb threats. It is not known at this time if the school time that was missed will be made up.

Career Fair Educates West Delaware Sophomores



Dan Scanlan listens as Leon Geordt speaks about careers in aviation at the career fair held April 18 at the high school.



Rachel Reeder listens as Shelly Davidson describes a day as a child care provider.

Classes, What's Here and What's Not

By Lori Bockenstedt

Students may have noticed that some classes have been dropped from next year's curriculum and some options have been added.

According to Mr. Don Lyness, guidance counselor, most of the dropped classes just did not have enough people signed up for them at registration. This is the reason that the following classes were dropped: Aquaculture, Plant and Soil Management, Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics, and Physics for the Preprofessional.

The Digital Electronics class and the Radio and Stereo class are alternated every other year. Radio and Stereo will be taught next year.

Textiles and Clothing II had to be dropped for next year because so many people signed up for Child Development and Parenting class. One teacher can only teach for three class periods in a day, and with so many people in the Child Development and Parenting class, Mrs. Cindy

Bumgartener cannot teach both unless many people are bumped out of the Child

Development and Parenting class in order to keep the small clothing class.

Some of the dropped classes, like Textiles and Clothing II, may become alternating ones.

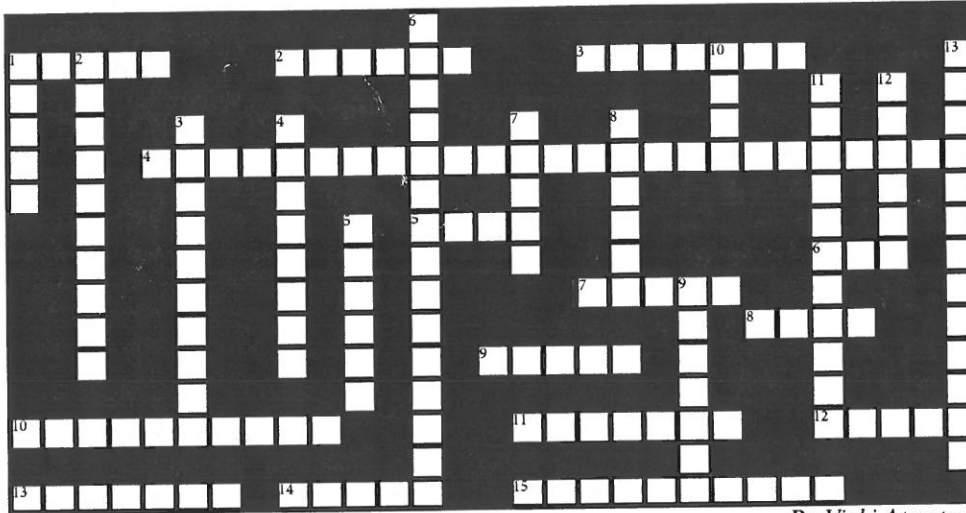
"We can only teach classes that we have enough teachers for," said Mr. Don Lyness.

Some classes that look like they were dropped just

had a name change and were blended into one. For example, Journalism II will be taught with Journalism I. Acrylics and Water Painting had a name change to Painting I and II. This change was due to the size of classes and the availability of teachers.

Also, Advanced Studio was dropped because there are not enough teachers available to teach it.

One new class will be taught next year: Research Biology. Students can also take classes over the ICN, at area colleges, or over the internet.



By Vicki Atwater

ACROSS

- 1 vocal or instrumental
- 2 attitude
- 3 towel boy
- 4 opposite of PDA
- 5 body part
- 6 paintings or drawings
- 7 _____ & field
- 8 form of hair removal
- 9 instructor
- 10 democracy
- 11 Iowa City perfor

mance center

- 12 razor use
- 13 portrait
- 14 presents
- 15 sport that uses a sphere object

DOWN

- 1 recognition
- 2 message paper
- 3 May 28, 2000

- 4 tote bag
- 5 basketball manager
- 6 activity that goes for the "gold"
- 7 90 minutes of _____.
- 8 student storage area
- 9 music party
- 10 use of tees
- 11 pictures, gum wrappers, etc.
- 12 pound, gram, etc.
- 13 April 7 & 8

Feature Photos



Jena Petlon and Jamie Heth



Mark Johnson



Matt Wilgenbusch and Chris Welcher

Shooting Smooth

By Eileen Hoffmann

Three seniors on this year's basketball team wanted their last season to be smooth—not only on the court, but on their legs too.

Sitting at Todd Klostermann's house, Matt Uthoff brought up the idea of shaving their legs; so they decided to do it. "We didn't have a reason for doing it. Matt thought of the idea so he and I were just going to shave. Then Doug (Drees) came over so we let him in on it, too," said Klostermann.

"I shaved because I said if Matt and Todd did it, I would," said Drees.

"We did it to be different. None of us had to talk each other into shaving our legs. We were all willing

to," said Uthoff.

So the guys went to Uthoff's house, grabbed their Bic raisers, and shaved their legs, making sure they didn't cut

themselves too severely.

Returning to school the next day, Klostermann said they received, "a lot of crap" from their friends. Drees' girlfriend, Lindsay Hardin, thought it was gross at first but got use to it. Klostermann's family

called him a girl. Even the basketball coaches had to laugh.

This didn't stop the guys from shaving, however. They kept shaving and

every night before a basketball game they would shave, even

skimpy shorts and a tee shirt walking around the hotel for 20-25 minutes like a cowboy, with Nair on his legs. He was still complaining about the burns on his legs on the way home."

Now that the season is over, Klostermann and Uthoff claim they are going to shave all through college, while Drees says he's going to let his leg hair grow out.

The guys really didn't think that it was that big of a deal to shave, and if they had a choice to do it again, they would. However, they could do without the shaving scars and razor burns.

before State games.

Mr. Corey Coates, assistant basketball coach, enjoyed some moments with hair removal at State. "The funniest part was seeing Uthoff in these



Art Students Recognized

By Amanda Knott

Six students received awards at the WaMaC Art show held at Independence High School on April 11.

Mrs. Pitzenger-Timp, art teacher, 14 students and 20 pieces of art traveled to the show.

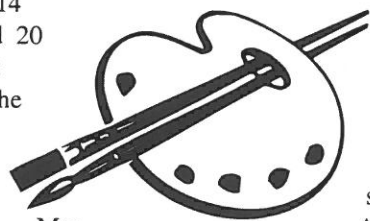
Participants were selected by Mrs. Pitzenger-Timp who watched for outstanding works of art completed by students throughout the

year.

The day included participation in three preselected workshops conducted by local artists.

The students also got a chance to view art from other schools.

After lunch a special ceremony was held where the winners were recognized.



Art Show Winners

- Eric Bradley** 1st place Pencil Drawing
- Hannah Greve** 2nd place Pencil Drawing
- Meghan Jones** 2nd place Pastel Chalk Painting
- Tiffany Fishel** 2nd place Pastel Chalk Painting
- Amanda Gibbs** 2nd place Black and White Photography
- Mollie Wessels** 3rd place Watercolor Painting

BAGS TIP THE SCALES



Tabitha Taylor
Class of 2003



Erin Hermesen
Class of 2002



Scott Gaskill
Class of 2001



Lori Wickman
Class of 2000

- 2 textbooks
- show choir programs
- honor roll pamphlet
- chorus binder
- 3 notebooks
- band music
- pictures
- assignment book
- hair brush
- money

TOTAL WEIGHT:
21 lbs.

- 3 textbooks
- 3 notebooks
- assignment book
- binder
- 2 folders

TOTAL WEIGHT:
22 lbs.

- 3 notebooks
- 2 folders
- 3 textbooks
- assignment book
- calculator
- Spanish dictionary
- 3 ACT review packets

TOTAL WEIGHT:
15 lbs.

- 3 textbooks
- paper folders
- 5 notebooks
- *Write for College*
- assignment book
- pictures

TOTAL WEIGHT:
16.5 lbs.



Take it or Leave it?

By Jane Hanson

As you walk into the locker room one afternoon around 4:30, you notice a multitude of open lockers and Nike bags and, conveniently, no one is around. Your eye catches locker number 1190, and you see the shiny silver lock is unlatched. A pair of Abercrombie & Fitch jeans, just your size, and a wallet with \$27 call your name. Should you take it or leave it?

Many people face this decision and yet others remain worried that their merchandise may be victim

to a locker room thief.

Several students at West Delaware have had their possessions stolen out of the locker room. Jeans, belts, money and shoes have been stolen.

"After practice one night, I couldn't find my shoes. I checked every locker. I had to walk in the snow in my basketball shoes. I was so mad," said Stacie Knipper.

Recently, Kristy Larsen had two pairs of Silver jeans and a belt stolen from her locker.

Although Larsen believes one solution to the problem would be for the school to distribute locks for the available lockers, Mr. Bob Murphy, assistant principal, said that locks are available at the high school office if a student asks for one. The students are then asked to return the locks at the end of the year.

According to Mr. Murphy, even though property is stolen out of the locker room weekly, not much can be done if the locker is not locked. If the

student knows a possible suspect, they can tell Mr. Murphy or Mr. Roger Hanson, principal, who will pursue the lead.

According to Mr. Murphy if someone is caught with stolen merchandise, they can be given detention, they can be given suspension, or they can face other disciplinary action. In extreme cases the victim can press legal charges.

So the next time that perfect pair of jeans calls your name, remember – if it's not yours, don't take it.

DECK THE HALLS

By Amanda Knott

Not only are the lockers at West Delaware crammed with four 12-inch text books and garbage, but they also contain various items left behind during the school year. Most of the ten minutes between classes are spent at, or around, students' lockers. Therefore, students hang things like pictures, post cards, or funny ads from magazines in their lockers to personalize an otherwise uniform locker.

"I always wanted to be a ballerina sumo wrestler," said Kim Huether when people ask why she has a 350-pound sumo wrestler wearing a tutu hanging on her locker door. "People usually holler when they see it," continued Huether.

"It's actually quite a conversation starter."

"I have notes and inspirational quotes in my locker," said Brooke Quandt. "My friends gave them to me, and they help me keep a positive attitude during the long school day."

During the football season, Tim Woods received mini bottles of shaving cream from Mr. Strubble. According to Woods, Strubble was hinting that Woods should take the time to shave more often. "Those can be found all over my locker," said Woods.

Many people have found some unpleasant things in their lockers. Kyle Vander Wilt's already messy locker

houses half-sucked on suckers. "All I know is that they aren't mine!" he remarked.

Jamie Moriarity has a similar problem. "All of a sudden people started throwing garbage in my locker. There are Kleenex, orange juice containers, and gum wrappers. I'm not touching that stuff," complained Moriarity.

Brianna Gibbs found a chocolate brownie with green frosting while cleaning out her locker. Tossing it out, she remarked, "I think it's from first term, and it's harder than a rock."

Some people just plain forget to bring things home. "I have slippers from Homecoming week," said

Megan Nieman.

Lisa Diercksen has a wrist corsage in her locker. "I left my flower at Erica Pfeiler's house after Homecoming, and she brought it to me the next Monday, and it has been in there ever since," she said.

For many students, PE clothes are commonly forgotten in lockers. John Dolan thinks he has a PE shirt from the first day of school. "I think that it's fairly gross," said Dolan.

With about half of a student's waking day spent at school, their locker becomes their source of identity. For some, it's a source of inspiration; for others, it's a garbage can.

**West Delaware High School
Presents:**

*Art, Technology, & FCS
Expo.*

**May 1, 2000
6-8 p.m. & 9:30-10:00 p.m.
After band and vocal concert**

Good Person Awards

- ☺**Danny Klostermann** for opening the doors for everyone all the time.
- ☺**Mrs. Kramer** for giving English III candy bars.
- ☺**Mrs. Temeyer** for catching a mole in the hallway.
- ☺**Matt Ryan** for letting girls go first in the lunch line.
- ☺**Ben Mercer** for breaking up a fight.
- ☺**Diana Ross** for always working with a smile on her face.





Thumbs Down to...



Gum and lugies
in the drinking
fountain



Track people
running in the
middle of the
road when you're
trying to drive



Public Display's
of Affection
(PDA)



Smoking on School
Grounds



Expensive prom
attire



Fist fights
during lunch



ACTs

Activities May

1. Spring Band & Vocal Concert @ HS
8:00
6. HS Prom 9-12 HS Gym
7. After Prom Party @ Delaware Co.
Community Center 12:00-5:00 a.m.
8. G/TRK Districts @ 3:30
9. G/Golf WaMaC @ S. Tama 9:30
B/Golf WaMaC @ Vinton 9:30
12. B/Golf Sectionals @ Maq. 9:00
13. Swing Into Spring HS Gym 7:00
15. G/Golf Districts TBA
16. B&G/TRK WaMaC Inv. @
Waterloo Columbus 4:30
17. Senior Awards @7:30 p.m. @ HS
19. B/Golf Districts @ Gates Park 9:00
- 19-20. Girls State Track @ Drake
22. Band & Vocal Awards @ HS 6:30
G/Golf Regionals TBA
24. Baccalaureate @ HS 7:30
- 26-27. Boys State Track @ Drake
28. Graduation @ HS Gym 2:00 p.m.
29. No School Memorial Day

June

1. Last Day of School

Great Graduation Gifts

By Angie Baumgartner

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The clock ticks away the few remaining minutes of your senior graduation party. Your legs feel heavy as you thank your last guest. Kicking off your shoes and plopping on the couch, you let your muscles relax and body unwind. As a bright multi-colored package grabs your attention. Excited to find out what's inside, you look at the card to see who it is from. Thinking this present is going to be really awesome—because it's from your best friend—you fantasize about what's inside and momentarily block out the noise from your brother and sister fighting over the last piece of cake. Your fingers uncontrollably rip the paper as your mom, dad, grandparents, and best friend look on.

“Oh wow...a pen and pencil set.... Thanks,” you try to say with your most sincere voice. You can almost feel your heart beat slow down as you try to hide the disappointment. “Do you think they could tell I didn't like it?” you wonder?

As graduation day quickly approaches, time is running out to find the perfect gift. To prevent an embarrassing moment and a possible catastrophe, start your shopping early. If you lack creativity, here are some possible gift ideas that won't have you looking like a disappointment. Ranging from funny, personal, and very practical, these ideas will help any graduate survive in college.

First, let's talk about some fun gifts. How about **posters** to brighten up the room or a **party light** for all those times you cram more people than the maximum capacity of two into your room. Or you could buy a **blow-up chair**; they look neat and provide a place to sit. A **flashlight** could come in handy during

late night games of flashlight tag or a **deck of cards** for cheap entertainment. If those don't work, why not buy a **C.D.** or a **subscription to their favorite magazine**. It's a sure win in my book.

Now, let's move on to some personal gifts. You could give a **picture frame** with a great shot of you and your friends, or better yet you could **make a home video** highlighting your favorite moments. You will be able to say “remember when we... and don't forget the time...” throughout the video. Along the same line, you could give a **photo album** packed with pictures and a letter in a closed envelope they should open 25 years from now. Another idea could be an **inspirational book** like Chicken Soup for the College Soul to read for when the riggers of college life get them down.

And lastly, let's talk about some no-nonsense, practical gifts—those “survival gifts”—as a poor college student might say. Here are some ideas: a **roll**

of quarters for the washer, drier, and vending machines (Yes, you will have to do your own laundry), or **colorful flip-flops**, handy to prevent nasty athletes foot in the shower or to make a fashion statement walking down the hall. Other ideas include a **shower basket** complete with shampoo, sun-rippeden raspberry soaps and shower gels. (Girls love to get them and guys love to smell them.) Or you could give **long distance phone cards** or **clothes** like a hooded sweatshirt for the rainy days on campus. And don't forget about **food**, for when the cafeteria just isn't appetizing or you need a pick-me-up during a late night cram. **Mountain Dew, Doritos, popcorn, juice boxes, or fruit roll-ups** come to my mind.

So face it, finding the perfect graduation gift doesn't have to be that hard. Just set your worries aside and pick something fun, personal, or practical, and if all else fails—give **money**.

Can you guess who these cute little girls are? They're both teachers.



- Advised cheerleaders and Inklings staff
- Attended W.D.
- Taught her brother and sister in school
- Had job as executive secretary in St. Paul, MN



Answers on page 15

- Graduated from Sheffield-Chaplin / Meservey-Thornton
- Attended UNI
- Worked as a bean walker, camp counselor, and clown
- Biked entire Ragbrai

Larger vs. smaller

By Vicki Atwater

The bell just rang and the teacher tries to get all of the class to calm their voices so she can start teaching. Due to the oversized class, this will take another five minutes. While you make an attempt to pay attention, you are distracted by the others talking behind you. You find yourself in a rut so you raise your hand for some help. One minute... three minutes... FIVE minutes go by before the teacher even notices your hand is raised. You spend seven long minutes to get one question that takes thirty seconds to answer. Why are classes so BIG?

Approximately 27 classes during the fourth term have 25 plus students. The average sized class has 17-20 students. Adam McCusker says he likes bigger class sizes. "They're more fun because there are many people."

Many students want to take some of the same classes for multiple reasons: it's easy, it's filled with friends, it's required, or it interests them.

No matter which of these reasons it is, classes get packed. "There are too many people, and it's harder to get help from the teacher," said Lori Wickman.

Mrs. Kay Hovey, computer teacher, says she likes having one-on-one classes, but with large class sizes she isn't able to give the individual help that's needed.

Mrs. Hovey currently has 19 students in Word Processing II, which fills her room, but she is looking at a possible 25 students next year. This means more computers but less space to move around.

"Student learning is not being addressed for these classes," said Mrs. Hovey.

"Instead, it's how many computers we can get in the room."

Other teachers agree that students don't get the attention that they need in large classes. One of English teacher, Mrs. Darla Gaskill's students recently had some problems that weren't being attended to like they should have been. Mrs. Gaskill spent one-half hour with this girl, who just needed someone to listen to her problems, while the rest of the class was reading.

Disciplining students that disrupt class is one of the things teachers are faced with. Mrs. Gaskill feels that larger classes have more "groups," which increase the chance of the class being disrupted.

Smaller classes are preferred by a good number of the student body as well as the staff. "With a smaller class," said Kory Wulfekule, "it's easier to

study, and you have fewer distractions."

The problem of oversized classes has been reduced slightly in the last few years. When block scheduling started in 1997, eight to nine classes had 27 or more students. Currently class sizes have been slightly reduced to three to four classes with 27 or more students. With class sizes still large, however, the school is increasing the staff in the science, art, and industrial technology departments for 2000-2001.

Mr. Roger Hanson, principal, said that teachers now have fewer kids under block than that of traditional scheduling.

Mr. Hanson said, "The secret is quality. If the teacher is good at teaching, then students will learn, but if the teacher is poor at teaching, then little will be accomplished."

More Career Fair Pictures



Brian Boll and Troy Resor



Joan Wessels, Jenni Reiss, Kayla Hahn

Seeing What Sounds Good

Concert Goers Take Look at Performers

By Justin Scott

Whether you are throwing yourself into the mosh-pit or simply singing along in the stands, concerts are a great way to see your favorite performers doing exactly what they do best—perform.

Slipknot, Kid Rock and Britney Spears are a few of the many acts that Iowa's stages have welcomed in the past couple of months. Several students at West Delaware have taken advantage of this opportunity to get a "taste" of what these performers are like in concert.

Scott Mensen, for instance, prefers the loud and sometimes violent shows Slipknot concerts create. Slipknot is a metal band that originated in Des Moines.

While at one of the several shows that he has seen, Mensen had an unusual run-in with one of the members. "I was watching the lead singer come towards me," recalls Mensen. "All of a sudden the guy got on top of the speaker and jumped off to

go crowd surfing, on top of me!"

An experience like that is something that Mensen will never forget; however, acting as a human surf-board for a singer isn't too common at most concerts. Many performers keep safety in mind during their shows to prevent any serious situation from forming.

Other performers choose to interact with the crowd in other ways. The band KISS is known for their wild attire and actions on stage. Joni Lindauer will certainly agree. While attending their concert, Lindauer took special notice to lead singer Gene Simmons.

"As he walked over I noticed his mouth was full of 'blood,'" said Lindauer. "He opened his mouth and sprayed 'blood' all over the crowd. Some of it got on me."

Luckily, for Lindauer, it wasn't actually blood but merely part of the show. Since this concert Lindauer has wanted to become a

"rock star." Being at the right spot at the right time is essential for anything like this to happen.

In fact, the thrill of being up front is exactly what drives Derek Kress through the mix of bodies and up against the front railing. Along with Mensen, Kress enjoys metal music and the rough atmosphere linked to it but believes that being rude at a concert won't get you too far.

"Too many people try to get up front by being loud and obnoxious," explains Kress. "If you say 'excuse me' and 'thank you,' people tend to let you by. But if you're rude, they'll ignore you."

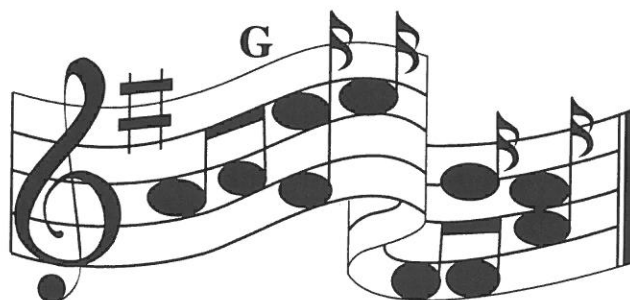
Of all the concerts that Kress has attended, meeting Spider Zombie of Powerman 5000 stands out the most. After the concert Kress noticed a group of people standing around the singer. Joining in on the conversation, Kress discussed what type of hair dye Spider uses and where

he gets it. He was amazed by how "normal" Spider Zombie seemed.

Being normal just doesn't seem like a description for Kid Rock, one of Elizabeth Heiar's favorite performers. Wearing a top hat and a white fur coat, Kid Rock is accompanied by a vertically challenged white rapper named Joe C. Heiar attended a show that Kid Rock had but wasn't sure whether Joe C would be there.

"The whole time I figured he was in the hospital battling the effects of a serious health disease," said Heiar.

But Heiar was thrilled to see Joe C sprint out on the stage during a song. To many people seeing Joe C would be worth the trip but to Heiar it was more. Rarely would you find a famous performer that would have to look up to Heiar. As stated in one of Kid Rock's songs, Joe C is 3'9". Heiar, however, is approximately 4'7".



Bustin Out



Behind the Scenes of With David "Buster" DeMoss

by Matt Mozingo

You've seen him behind the bench at all of the basketball games. You may think of him as just a manager. But he's not. He was the man behind the scenes of the WD Basketball team. He was one of the most important members on the team.

David "Buster" DeMoss for the last three years showed such an exuberance for the West Delaware Basketball team that he might as well be a member of the coaching staff. In addition, he managed the football team as a senior, and played baseball as a sophomore, junior, and now senior.

In practice alone, DeMoss would mop the dirt off the floor, rebound for the players, shoot with the players, and run the clock and keep score while they scrimmaged. Before the players would warm up before a game, Buster would wipe off the backboards, make sure the balls were put on the ball rack, and get the game tape ready. While they were warming up, DeMoss rebounded for the players

and made sure everything was in order. And during the game, it was a manager's infamous duty to get the players some icy

DeMoss.

Despite DeMoss' desire to help with the team, he does have one regret. According to DeMoss,

conflict with parents."

On a more positive note, Buster said the highlight of the year, aside from all the dunks and blowouts, was getting second at State.

Although Buster admits he didn't play basketball because he, "wasn't big enough," he does have some skills. He just hasn't had the opportunity to show up anybody. Buster said, "I haven't really played any of them one-on-one, but I beat Bryan Hart in a 21 tournament in seventh grade."

"That's because he jumps over the line," Hart rebuked, "When shooting free throws, you're not suppose to jump over the line."

In defense of his title, Buster said that, "Hart jumped over the line, too."

And with that David "Buster" DeMoss, number 00 will be forever remembered as one of the greatest managers to grace the basketball courts at West Delaware. But unlike the managers before and after him, Buster, at a mere 5' 6", can dunk...if he jumps off of a three foot high box.

“The highlight of my year despite all the dunks and blowouts was getting second at state - “Buster” DeMoss”

cold water that everyone could enjoy.

"Yeah, Buster was always there with water and towels," Bryan Hart said.

DeMoss worked with Coach Dennis Gerahty for three years. In that time DeMoss had nothing but praise to say about Coach Geraghty. "It feels good when I do something for Gerahty and the team," said

Coach Geraghty, said at 1998-99's sports banquet that it would be a dream for Buster to dress during senior's night. But to DeMoss' disappointment, he never got to.

"I was disappointed that I couldn't play," Buster said, "The coaches said it wasn't fair if I got to dress and JV players couldn't. There could have been a



SPRING Sports



Boys Track

No points awarded at WaMaC Indoor
2nd place at Washington Relays
1st place at West Delaware Quadrangular
1st place at West Delaware Invitational

“ Our first goal is to win conference, which will be tough. Our second goal is to qualify teams and individuals for state and to score some points at state. ”

Coach Rempe

“ My goals for the team this year, like every other year, are to win WaMaC, to qualify a bunch of teams for state and to have fun doing it. ”

Bryan Hart

Girls Track

No points awarded at WaMaC Indoor
1st place at Anamosa Invitational
2nd place at Starmont Invitational
1st place at Maquoketa Valley Invitational

“ Well, number one, we would like to finally win the WaMac Conference. Every year Benton Community has been number one and we have been number two. I think this is the hardest bunch of kids we have ever had. ”

Coach Rick Louk

“ We have more depth than last year. We are physically and mentally stronger with good senior leadership. ”

Angie German

Boys Golf

Current Record 4-4

“ The weather was nice early and helped for practice, but it has been bad lately and has slowed our progress. It's been interesting being a part of the reconstruction of the golf course. I thank Chip Hughes for letting us practice during the reconstruction. Our goals include individual and state championships, but the competition is severe. ”

Coach Fetter

“ The team has high expectations. The competition is high, but the highest comes from each other. The team pushes each other. The team's goals and individual goals are high but are attainable. ”

John Dolan

Girls Golf

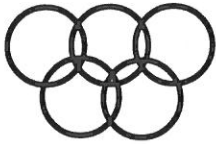
Current Record 1-3

“ The weather was nice at the start, so we got outside early. We have a young team this year. Things started out slowly on the range, with the girls being rusty. When we got on the course, the scores were good. The scores will continue to improve. We have goals set and look forward to reaching them. ”

Coach Cabalka

“ We are a young team with much potential and a lot to be excited about. We are looking forward to a fabulous season. ”

Michelle Cooper



On March 26, the West Delaware Olympians participated in the Basketball Skills Competition held on the University of Iowa campus.

Coached by Joan Salow, the team had eight athletes that competed for gold medals. The final results for the State Basketball Skills competition were Brian Boll (4th), Tammy Hood (silver medal), Karla Lee (bronze medal), Tina Mangold (bronze medal), Randy Miller (4th), Teresa Rans (5th), Nathan Ridenour (6th) and Alicia Willis (gold medal).

Some other athletes will participate in the State Track and Field Meet held May 18-20 on the Iowa State University campus. Attending this meet will be

Ashely Ortberg, Karla Lee, Tammy Hood, Tina Mangold, Teresa Rans, Randy Miller, Shawn O'Brian, Allen Morse, Tim Chapman, Brian Boll, Mike Marxen, and Nathan

Ridenour.

Also May 18-20 at ISU the State Soccer Skills Competition will take place. Seventeen athletes will compete for medals in this event.



Those attending are Brian Boll, Tim Chapman, Alisha Haahes, Tammy Hood, Karla Lee, Tina Mangold, Mike Marxen, Heather Mesplay, Tracey Miles, Randy Miller, Jesse

Morarend, Allen Morse, Sarah Nussle, Shawn O'Brian, Tessa Rans, Nathan Ridenour, and Alicia Willis.

Coach Joan Salow said, "As long as every child tries as hard as they can, then everyone is a winner."

Special Olympic Oath:

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Government, Is It Really That Hard?

By Lori Wickman

Most students are under the impression that Government is going to be the hardest class they have to take.

The state requires that students take Government or Civics. Next year all seniors will be required to take American Government, even if they have already taken Civics.

When asked about why students say Government is hard, Mr. Dave Schultz said, "Because there is a lot of work to do. If you do the work, you will pass the class."

Many juniors fear Government class. They have heard stories from seniors, but not all of the stories are true.

Paula Tibbott disagrees with the stories. "It has to have a reputation, for the seniors who have failed it," she said.

In Government, students have readings due on Mondays and Thursdays, and they become more difficult as the class goes on. Tim Wolfe said, "The hardest part for me was the readings and going to class."

Tasha Parker's advises, "Do them ahead of time."

Seniors attribute their success in Government to different reasons. Some believed it was doing well on the assignments. Others thought it was doing well on the test, and others believed they did well because they sat next to smart people. Kris Clemen said she was successful because she, "Paid attention."

When Elizabeth Heiar was asked about her Government experience, she said, "I think if you get

your work done, it's cake. I did well in the class, because I did the work and guessed really well on the test."

As Senior Cassie Fry gets ready to depart, she has these words of wisdom for future Government students: "Study for the test."

Kay Wilhelm's advice is, "Do the homework and the most important thing is, don't think you can memorize the Constitution in one or two nights."



The Hancher Experience



By Dana Klees

"This year Hancher, next year Carnegie Hall," commented Director Duane Philgreen about WD Forte and Flipmode's recent honor of performing at Hancher Auditorium.

The Old Gold Singers, the University of Iowa's Show Choir, invited WD Forte and Flipmode, from West Delaware High School, and The 4th Avenue Jazz Company, from Iowa City High School, to be guest performers in their Swing Into Spring Concert on April 1.

Flipmode and Forte's invitations came with hard work, dedication, and a growing reputation as entertaining performers, according to Philgreen. "We are being recognized for the good things going on in our vocal department (by those) from outside of Manchester," said Philgreen.

Vicki Atwater thought, "This is a big time performance. When I entered the dressing room, I thought, WOW, when do we get a room like this at West Delaware? It was huge and had lots of lights and big mirrors. It was nice."

One of Amber Ling's feelings when the walls of

lights were turned on in the dressing room was that of a real star. "It's probably as close as I'll ever get to Broadway," said Ling.

After putting on gobs of makeup and doing hair, to look like 80's impersonators, and leaving the room smelling like hair spray, Forte performers and band and crew members gathered on stage for their dress rehearsal.

Rehearsal went rather well for most students. Some experienced unplanned bloopers and jitters. "Flipmode practiced a lot on stage. We messed up so much but everything turned out okay," said Mark Johnson.

Prior to the performance the group tried to settle their nerves. "I was nervous, but when we started our classic clap thing, it calms me down. I knew I would perform okay," said Jill Scovel.

As the emcee announced the WD Forte, "All I could think," said Luke Hubbard, "was don't mess up."

After the curtain went up, Atwater did just that. "I always seem to slip and hit the platform behind me when I get nervous. So I slipped with grace during the performance and

everything else went well."

"Sure, I was nervous but it wouldn't be any fun if you weren't," said Ryan Gaffney.

Not everyone was anxious about the performance. Some performers were like old pros when it came to dealing with nerves. Art Feldman said, "It seemed like every other gig we performed. I don't really have stage fright anymore."

Being on the stage of an auditorium is quite a different experience compared to gym stages. Lights, sound, and the audience are all completely different when you look from the stage of an auditorium. Johnson said, "I couldn't really see the audience so I wasn't nervous."

Once the group was done performing they hurried to get seats in the audience.

WD students watched others and learned about college level performers. "I was really impressed with the Old Gold Singers. They are very good performers and project well," said Feldman.

"Old Gold had a lot of energy and sounded spectacular," replied

Scovel. "I thought the other performers were very good.

Not just student performers from West Delaware traveled to Hancher. Michelle Sauser went to Hancher to watch friends perform. "The performers were very good. I am glad I got the chance to see the show," said Sauser.

"I think it was the best Forte performed. All solos were excellent and faces were amazing. It was a rush being there to watch," said Sara Hawker.

This experience is one both performers and spectators will remember years from now. "It was amazing to be on stage. I've watched plays there that I have enjoyed a lot. It felt pretty darn cool to give that feeling to others," said Scovel.

"This performance says a lot for the vocal department. Duane Philgreen deserves a lot of credit. We couldn't have done it without him," said Feldman.

"I think in a couple of years the vocal department will be huge. Mr. Philgreen is really moving the department in the right direction," said Johnson.



Congratulations

to the Northeast Iowa Secondary Art Show Participants

Pastels and Chalks

Meghan Jones
Tiffany Fishel
Hannah Childs

1st Place
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention

Painting

Mollie Wessels
Travis Evers

Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention

Photography

Mandy Gibbs

1st Place



Good Luck at Drake

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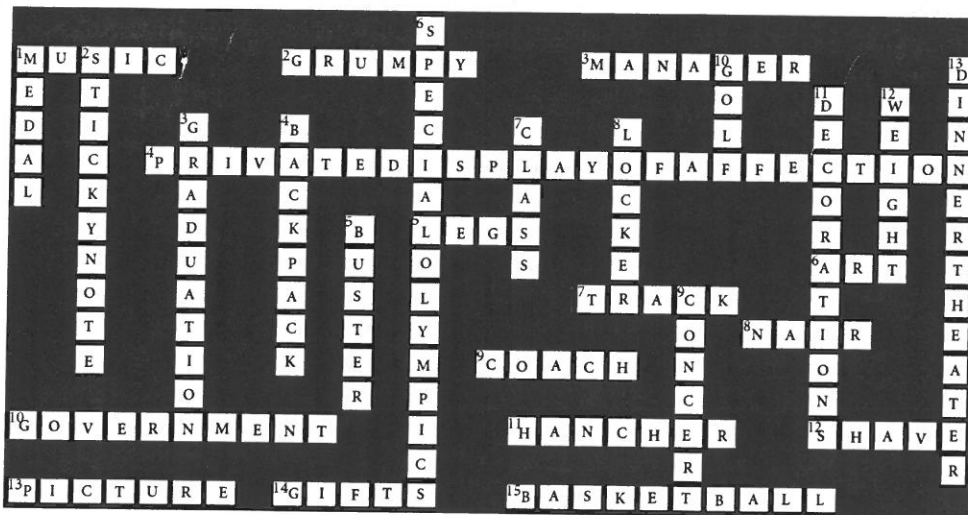
Eric Recker
Matt Carpenter
Jeff Holden
Luke Hubbard

110 Hurdles

Brandon Grimm

Random Thoughts

by Justin Scott



By Vicki Atwater

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Mrs. Jean Conrad and Miss Marsha Dunn

Congratulations Speech Team Members On A Fine Season Special Awards

Attitude
Dana Klees

Most Improved
Mandy Gibbs

Most Valuable
Jenni Burkle

Rookie
Laura Burkle



Science Experiments—
Gram Staining
and Beyond

*Mr. Doug Vogel
adjusts the gas
valve as Sarah
Flannagan uses
the flint stricker to
light the bunsen
burner*



*Ryne Foster uses
his flint stricker to
light a bunsen
burner as Matt
McElliot looks on.*



Thumbs Up to...



One term left
of school



Foreign language
students
teaching third and
fourth graders



Having six days
for Easter
break



Mr. Rempe's
corny jokes



Homemade prom
dresses



Getting married in
Family Living class



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