

## Tuetken Hired for Principal Position

By Carmen Lyness

Starting July 1, the new high school principal will be Doug Tuetken.

For four years Tuetken has been principal at Vermillion High School in Vermillion, South Dakota. Prior to being a principal, he taught at Abila, Iowa, at the University of Iowa, and at Coe College. Before going to Vermillion, Tuetken taught at Vinton-Shellsburg School District

for seven years.

A graduate from the University of Iowa, Tuetken is working on an Educational Specialist Degree from the University of South Dakota.

"I really enjoy working with young adults and in the high school atmosphere," says Tuetken.

Integrity, honesty, consistency, and fairness are a few qualities he plans

to bring to the students and faculty of West Delaware.

"We're finding out traditional methods (of teaching) don't meet the needs of students," said Tuetken. In the next ten years, Tuetken predicts people will focus more on instructional strategies which will fit each student's learning ability.

"I see it as an on-going process," said Tuetken.

Selected sophomore and junior students, people from the community, teachers, and other school staff made up four groups who aided in interviewing Tuetken and five other candidates for the position.

Recommendations were submitted to the superintendent who then made a recommendation to the school board.

## Grim Reaper Claims Lives

By Kelsey Hoffmann, Megan Weber & Sara Breitbach

The West Delaware Students Against Drinking and Drugs organization sponsored Grim Reaper Day on Friday, April 19.

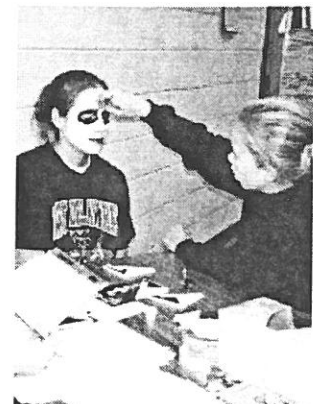
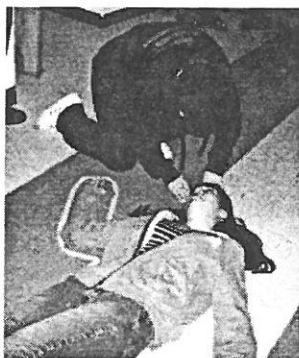
Every 20 minutes, the Grim Reaper took a student from a classroom and painted the student's face white. The student could not talk for the rest of the day to simulate that he/she died and was not there.

The purpose of Grim Reaper Day was to make students aware of the consequences of poor decision-making.



Bob Dolan is led away by the Grim Reapers, becoming one of the day's deceased.

Leaving her mark, Anna Fergesen participates in Grim Reaper Day.



Using the colors of death, Stephanie Harbaugh paints Leah Hubbard's face.

**"I was glad that the school let us do something non-traditional. Hopefully, kids will realize how close to home this is."**

• Megan Ryan

## Trio Traveling To Tennessee

By Sara Breitbach

This May, Rachael Reeder, Jasmine High, and Meghan Jones are going to Knoxville, Tennessee, to compete in Global Finals for Destination Imagination.

Destination Imagination helps students expand their imaginations and use creative thinking skills to complete and perform a challenge. The team chooses from five challenges, which all require different problem solving techniques.

To advance to Global Finals a team must receive the highest total score at the State Competition. This score is a combination of a long-term score and an instant score.

The team's long-term challenge is The Art of Improv. Before any competitions, the team chooses six pieces of artwork, six explorations, and an improv technique to use in its performance. At the competition, the judges randomly select one piece of artwork and one exploration. The judges also give the team a situation to incorporate into their performance. Participants have 30 minutes to prepare. Just before their six-minute performance, they receive a surprise character.

The team also competes in an instant challenge, a performance that is completely spontaneous. "Our long term went well," Reeder said, "But our instant challenge was a little shaky."

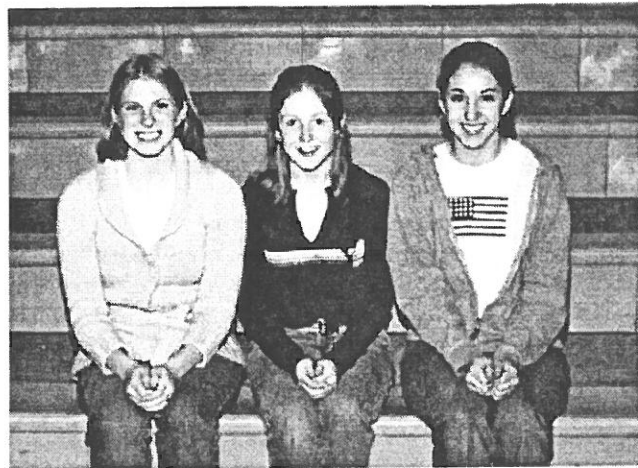
Teams usually consist of five to seven members, so this team of three is unusual. "Last year, with Michelle Cooper on our team, it was easier because we could have more characters in our performance," Jones said, "Now Rachael usually has to be two characters."

After Cooper graduated the team decided not to expand their team. "We're glad we didn't add anyone new," High said.

The three say they are not any more confident going into Globals this year since their success last year. "(At state) we just wanted to get fifth or better," said High.

At Globals this year, the girls want to be more open and talk to more participants from other places around the world.

They plan to enjoy themselves while they are in Tennessee. "Getting there is the pressure," Reeder said, "Globals are the fun."



The 2002 DI Global Qualifying Team will compete in the Secondary Level of The Art of Improv. From left: Rachael Reeder, Jasmine High, Meghan Jones.

## Purrrfect Matches

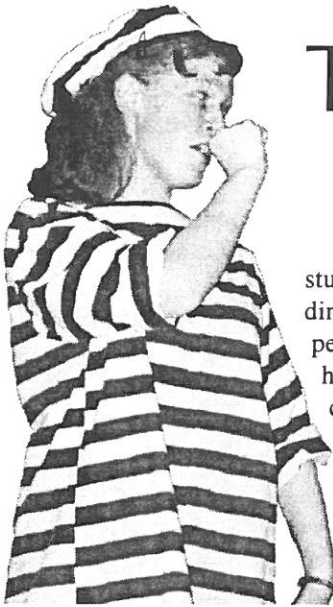
By April Brunzman

Match pet to owner.

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| 1. Pookens (cat)        | A. Wolfgang Peters    |
| 2. Nora (dog)           | B. Brian Klaus        |
| 3. Zo (dog)             | C. Rachel Bockenstedt |
| 4. Pete (dog)           | D. Robyn Morris       |
| 5. Slash (turtle)       | E. Bruce Quint        |
| 6. Cassie (dog)         | F. Laura Burkle       |
| 7. Lucky (dog)          | G. Katie Mozingo      |
| 8. Sadie (dog)          | H. Lindsay Murphy     |
| 9. Whiskey (cat)        | I. Hannah Greve       |
| 10. CoCo (dog)          | J. Abby Quint         |
| 11. Pookie (guinea pig) | K. Kyle Zebuhr        |
| 12. Coal (dog)          | L. Scott Meyer        |

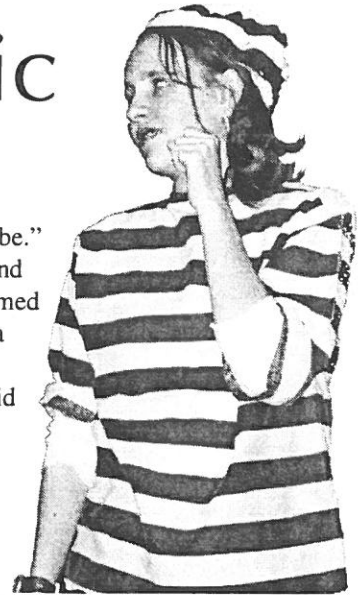


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# Taste the Music

By Andrea Francois



Out of approximately 60 students who tried out for dinner theatre this year, 46 performed. Philgreen said he likes to see students catching "the performing bug."

Deb Durey, one student who has caught "the performing bug," performed "Beauty School Drop Out," this year with Brenda Hermsen and Katie Ryan. Durey said, "I love seeing the crowd's reaction to our costumes," referring to the purple, pink, and blue wigs her group wore.

Another performance involved audience interaction where Amanda Nieman sang "Shy" while she approached one member of the audience, sang directly to them, and then moved on to serenade another member. Ann Hahn, camera person, said, "It was interesting to see who

her next victim would be."

Kelsey Hoffmann and Lisa Krogmann performed together in a duet and a quartet on Saturday night. These juniors said they could feel their nerves acting up when they get on stage. Hoffmann said, "Once the music starts, you forget about the crowd, and you perform like you're singing in the shower."

"(I like that) everyone is able to showcase their talent," said Blake Bergerson, a performer on Saturday. Having participated for his second year, Bergerson encourages others to perform because if they don't, they "will regret it later."

Another person in the spotlight was Dave Shultz, teacher. He took the role of emcee Friday night and feels it's his responsibility

Blinded by the glaring spotlight, dinner theatre performers tuned out the clattering dinnerware, flickering candlelight, and fluttering butterflies in their stomachs as they walked on to the stage April 5 & 6.

Since 1999, Friends of Music have hosted a dinner theatre at West Delaware Middle School. Starting out with one night, the dinner theatre has gathered enough interest to host two evening shows and one afternoon show.

Dinner theatre combines various performances by high school students who entertain the onlookers with music while they enjoy a three-course meal; the afternoon show's menu consists of ice cream and dessert.

The idea of a dinner theatre came from Duane Philgreen, choir director, who wanted to show off West Delaware's musical talent somewhere else besides Swing into Spring, a musical concert in May.

*To get ready for their act, Evelyn Marolf and Keeley Lewis sing their song about staying together.*

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to make the performer comfortable on the stage by making them laugh.

Behind the scenes, other people work hard to make the shows run smoothly.

For instance Harlan Robinson, a youth minister who manages the technical part of dinner theatre, has volunteered for the past three years. Robinson said, "(I volunteer) because it gives me an opportunity to be around students in their environment."

The rest of the technical crew consists of light, camera, and set-up people.

Lincoln Prins, light person, said the people are fun, and he gets to goof off.

Likewise, Monica Butikofer said, "It's fun because something always goes wrong and it keeps you on your toes."



*In a middle school hallway, Deirdre Ryan and Mindy Heims rehearse their duet to prepare for their performance at the dinner theatre.*

## Comments From the Course



By Sara Breitbart

We had a great start with running and conditioning. The guys really enjoyed that. After workouts they were happy to go to the course. We're off to a good start in meets especially having won the Maquoketa Invitational. We hope to challenge for the conference title. So far we have gotten consistent play out of John Dolan, Scott Burns, and Jan Michael Whitman, and expect good play from Chad Crawford, Shane Tieskoetter, Billy Hines, Scott Crawford, and Jeremy Ferden.

• **Coach Tom Fetter**

This year's team is a little inexperienced, but with every meet we improve. I think we have the potential to make it to state.

• **John Dolan**

At first, when I shot a 16 on hole two, I wanted to join the girls team, but then I thought I couldn't hack it.

• **Chad Crawford**

**Boys' Record: 8-7**



## Field Phrases

By Nathan Jewett

Well, we are kind of new to the sport but I think we're doing okay so far. At least we are scoring goals.

• **Blake Bergeson**

I like soccer over here (in the United States) because we actually are doing well. My team in Germany didn't win very much.

• **Wolfgang Peters**

Our defense is as efficient as an electric, barbed-wire fence!

• **Kyle Griffith**

**Boys' Record: 1-4-0**

This year we will be more competitive than in the past because we have three if not four girls capable of shooting in the 40's each time they go out."

• **Coach Brett Mather**

We're off to a good start. We have a couple young stars and the potential to win the conference."

• **Kristin Larson**

Well, I think we've taught Coach (Brad) Turner a thing or two to help with his drives, and by the way, Chad, we don't want you on our team."

• **Jennifer Jones**

**Girls' Record: 8-6-1**



I wish our season had started at the same time as the guys, but we are catching up pretty fast. Hopefully, we will match their (the guys) season opener and get a win right away.

• **Monica Butikofer**

I've never really played soccer before, but it's really fun to try it for the first time, especially since it is the first year for West Delaware.

• **Lindsey Diercksen**

Soccer is really, really, very, very fun and muy divertido.

• **Minna Quint**

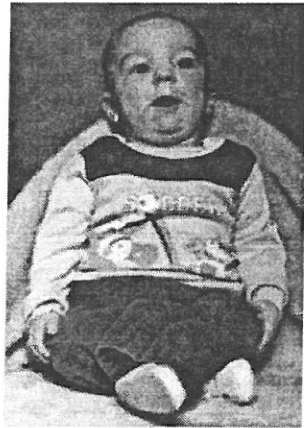
# Who's That Cutie?

By Shannon Lux & Kristy Palmer



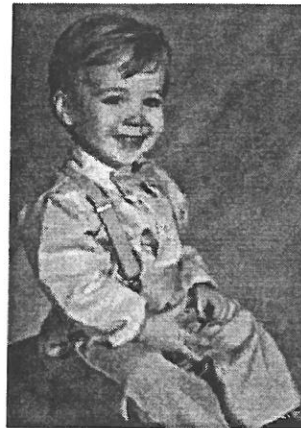
A

- Favorite color: green
- Birthdate: April 28
- Middle name: Marie
- Activities: light show, speech, chorus, NHS
- Vehicle: Pontiac Grand Am
- Employer: Econofoods
- Lunch: "D"
- Hometown: Manchester
- Siblings: 3



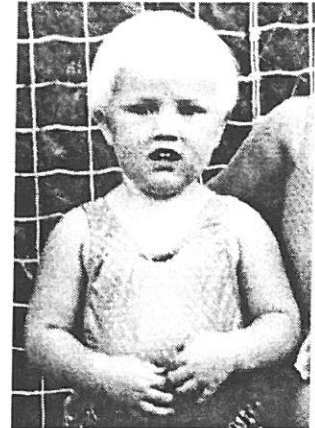
B

- Favorite color: green
- Middle name: Allan
- Siblings: 3
- Birthdate: September 27
- Lunch: "B"
- Employer: CDL
- Activities: soccer
- Hometown: Manchester
- Vehicle: Grand Prix
- Extra: likes goats



C

- Favorite color: blue
- Siblings: 2
- Lunch: "B & C"
- Hometown: Manchester
- Birthdate: May 23
- Middle name: Taylor
- Vehicle: silver Dodge Avenger
- Activities: cross country, soccer, church choir, DI
- Employer: Fareway



D

- Birthdate: May 22
- Middle name: Ingeborg Ilene
- Favorite color: lime green
- Siblings: 3
- Vehicle: Doesn't drive, rides in with a sibling
- Hometown: Ryan
- Activities: volleyball and softball
- Lunch: "B & C"

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## Track Talk

By Sara Philippon

The reason this track team is so different from past teams is because we have girls who can back up each other in almost every event and still score points for our team.

• **Coach Rick Louk**

After our WaMaC win last year, our season has started out really well, winning our first three meets. Our team has really jelled together, works really hard, and we have fun.

• **Allison Bockenstedt**

Our goal this year is to win all our invites we go to and win WaMaC for the second time in a row, and so far we are accomplishing our goal. Our team is really a family and has come together well.

• **Katie Larson**

**Girls' Record: 4-0**

One of our primary season goals is to win WaMaC for the fifth consecutive time, and I think we have the senior leadership to do it.

• **Coach Tom King**

Run fast, turn left.

• **Josh Ries**

As a first year trackster, the first thing I wanted to do was compete. Now all I want to do is win.

• **Shannon Mack**

**Boys' Record: 1-5**

## PSEO Classes on the Rise

*Students Take Advantage of College Credits*

*By Megan Weber*

The number of students taking PSEO (Post Secondary Enrollment Options) classes is rapidly increasing. At West Delaware, the number has more than doubled since the 2000-2001 school year. Seventy-one students were enrolled this year, and some students are leaving high school with 8-12 college credits.

Many students are realizing that the classes are a great opportunity to get high school and college credit, while not having to pay for them, according to Don Lyness, guidance counselor.

Students have many choices on how to take the

courses. They can take College Composition and Introduction to Literature at West Delaware, or they can travel to a college, enroll in an ICN (Iowa Communications Network) course, take a correspondence course, or even take the class online.

ICN courses around the area are pretty full, with a maximum of 30 students per class. It costs \$250 to enroll, and the state of Iowa requires West Delaware High School to pay for it. If a student fails or drops, the student has to reimburse the school.

Lyness said a down side of taking a college course is that it may be tough to

adjust to real college classes because of the difficulty level.

Sara Philipsson agrees. "It's hard to take a college course as a junior," Philipsson said of her Introduction to Pharmacology class. Philipsson added that sometimes she forgets to leave her high school class and go to the college class, and she's late.

Lyness encourages students to enroll in an ICN course, but to be aware of what they are getting into. "College work is hard, and it's a big adjustment," said Lyness. It may also be difficult being the only high

school student in a college class.

High school students are expected to complete the same work as college students and have the same deadlines and rules.

Philipsson gives students some advice: "If there's a class that's offered for the field you want to go into, take it because it will help you in the long run."

Lyness agrees and is pleased to see the enrollment numbers increasing. "I think it's an excellent option for students and I'm glad many are taking advantage of it."

## "Hallway" Smarts

*By Carmen Lyness & Kristy Palmer*

1. Q: What does ICN mean?  
A: Internet Computer Network -Deb Durey  
A: International Cat Noise -Bruce Quint
2. Q: Who said "It's not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country"?  
A: JFK -Linsey Diercksen  
A: President Kennedy -Kara Greve
3. Q: What does an optometrist do?  
A: Eyes -Kory Wulfekuhle  
A: They do Autopsies -Amy Gearhart
4. Q: What city is called the "Windy City"?  
A: Chicago -Jim Wade  
A: Chicago -Brett Palmer
5. Q: What day was Pearl Harbor bombed?  
A: December 7, 1941 -Dan Scanlan  
A: December 7, 1941 -Adam Nylund
6. Q: What is the capital of California?  
A: Los Angeles -Abby Elgin  
A: Sacramento -Megan Nieman
7. Q: Who is West Delaware's superintendent?  
A: "that new guy" -Megan Heffernen  
A: Rick Hilbert -John Dolan
8. Q: What is Iowa's state bird?  
A: Hawk -Kandi Wolfe  
A: Goldfinch -Josh Ries

### CORRECT ANSWERS

1. Iowa Communication Network
2. John F. Kennedy
3. Work with eyes
4. Chicago
5. December 7, 1941
6. Sacramento
7. Rick Hilbert
8. Goldfinch



*Jessica Nystel performs her After-Dinner Speaking "Senioritis" at the All-State speech performance night.*

## All-State Performance Night Without a Hitch

*By Clint Coggins*



**"There is nothing like speech to benefit the soul."**

**•Grant Robbins, a four year speech competitor**

*All-Staters Amanda Knott and Lisa Diercksen act out their Ensemble Acting script entitled "Tremulous."*

## A Spectacular Speech Season

*By Clint Coggins*

The 2001-2002 speech season was filled with triumph, including a victory at the WaMaC Individual speech competition and eight individual and five group All-State appearances.

Among the honors received by the speech team, five groups went to All-State speech, and a new team record of eight individuals went to All-State. Only four teams in the state had more entries this year at the Individual All-State Speech festival than West Delaware.

"To get to All-State requires something more: extra practices, group chemistry, original ideas or

just a style of performance that the judge likes," said Coach Darla Gaskill about qualifying for All-State.

Along with having eight individuals accepted to All-State speech, the speech team did well at the WaMaC Individual Speech Competition.

Gaskill accepted the first place trophy at the WaMaC Individual Speech Competition. "All of the coaches were shocked. We thought Independence was going to win," said Gaskill of the victory. This is the second year in a row that West Delaware has won WaMaC Individual Speech.

Along with winning the WaMaC individual meet,

West Delaware organized and hosted the WaMaC group meet. "It wasn't that stressful. We host it every other year. It's no big deal," said Gaskill.

The speech team was particularly strong in the category of Improvisation, sending all three of its varsity Improvisation groups and two individual improvisations to All-State. Only one other school in Iowa sent two individuals to state in Individual Improvisation. It was also the first time that the team has sent three varsity Improvisation groups to All-State.

In the category of After Dinner Speaking, West

Delaware chalked up two All-State participants, which is a feat accomplished by no other speech team in the state.

The season is long and begins in the fall with tryouts and ends in the spring with Speech Awards Night. The Awards Night involves all 103 of the students in speech, participating in a maximum of four of the 22 categories. Speech Awards Night is the product of hard work and long hours put in by the following coaches: Darla Gaskill, Deb Meyer, Colleen Meissner, Marianne Sandberg, and Rhea Knott.

## Student Snip-its

By Kelsey Hoffmann

**Blake Bergeson**, sophomore



**FAVORITE MOVIE** *Shawshank Redemption, Ice Age, A Beautiful Mind, The Game*

**FAVORITE MOVIE LINE** "That's some good Badger milk."-Rob Schnider, *The Animal*

**FAVORITE FOOD** Tacos, spaghetti, pizza

**FAVORITE SONG** It is constantly changing,

"Toxicity"-System of a Down

"Stay Together for the Kids"-Blink 182

"Under the Bridge"- Red Hot Chili Peppers

**WORDS OF WISDOM** "Life isn't a game. You can't put quarters in this."- Joe Quint

**QUOTES** "Outstanding."-Mike Kopish, Social Studies teacher

**MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT** "Trying to slide down the handrail on the stairs and falling off only to get caught hanging by my foot."

**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT** "West Delaware's victory in their first game played in the inaugural soccer season."

**JOKES** What is green and smells like paint?

-Green paint

By Emily Hanson

**Sara Schechtman**, senior



**FAVORITE MOVIE** *Big Daddy*

**FAVORITE TV LINE** "You're the one who thought a scholarship was some kids in a boat." - *My Wife and Kids*

**FAVORTIE FOOD** Turkey and mashed potatoes

**FAVORITE SONG** "Ready to Run"- The Dixie Chicks

**PET PEEVE** Windshield wipers on when there is no rain and making that squeaky sound.

**WORDS OF WISDOM** As Nick Puffet would say, "It ain't a joke if your nose is broke."

**PASTIMES** Skiing with friends and camping

**SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOU**

I don't miss my long hair.

**JOKES** There are two blondes walking down the street.

They look very much alike, and a woman comes up the them and says, "You guys must be sisters." The two blondes look at each other and say, "Duh! We aren't even Catholic!"

By Joni Carradus

**Tiffany Harbaugh**, freshman



**FAVORITE MOVIE** *Save the Last Dance*

**FAVORITE MOVIE LINE** "I'm a big beautiful butterfly."-*A Bug's Life*

**FAVORITE FOOD** Subway

**FAVORITE SONG** "Shook Me All Night Long" -AC/ DC

**PET PEEVES** When people fish for compliments

**WORDS OF WISDOM** You know you're special because God doesn't make junk.

**QUOTES** "Don't drive faster than your guardian angel can fly."

**PASTIMES** Playing hide-n-seek at my house and going boating on the river

**FAVORITE POSSESSION** six-wheeler

**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT** "The bus ride to the Anamosa track meet because we sang the whole way there."

**JOKES**

Why did the coach go to the bank?

-To get his quarter back

By Clint Coggins

**Jordan Schultz**, junior



**FAVORITE MOVIE** *Snatch*

**FAVORITE FOOD** Walking Tacos

**MOVIE QUOTE** "You're killing me, Smalls." -*The Sandlot*

**FAVORTIE SONG** "Hero of the Day" -

Metallica

**PET PEEVE** Slow drivers

**WORDS OF WISDOM** "When in doubt, check it out."

**FAVORITE POSSESSION** My teddy bear

**QUOTE** "Chinese, today Dave?"





A drug dog and police officer search the West Delaware lockers on Monday, March 18.

## Lock down

By Sara Philippon

For the first time in West Delaware history, police and drug dogs from four different Manchester area agencies all joined to conduct a random drug search at the West Delaware High School.

Around 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 18, Principal Roger Hanson came over the intercom and told the staff and students about the random drug search that was going to take place. He told all the students and teachers to stay in their rooms while the search was conducted.

Four drug dogs from Buchanan County, Clayton County, the Monona Police Department, and the Manchester Police Department inspected the high school. According to Bob Murphy, assistant principal, the search was conducted to make sure West Delaware was a "clean school."

The dogs searched all the lockers in both the main building and the annex, as well as cars in the parking lots. Although the dogs seemed interested in certain

lockers, it did not necessarily mean drugs were present in that locker. It could have meant that "someone had residue or odor on them that could have been there for several days," said Officer Jim Wessels.

No drugs were found in the school and, according to Wessels, that's a big relief to both the police department and the school administration.

According to Murphy, if a dog had found a significant amount of residue, the police would have obtained a warrant, pulled the appropriate student from class, searched the locker, and, if necessary, filed charges.

The police department and the school plan to do another search in the future, but they are not sure when it will be. According to Murphy, any student who might think about bringing drugs into the school should have second thoughts "because there will be more random searches."

## Words of Wisdom

By Dan Glaza

"Excuses are like unsharpened pencils; pointless."

-Blake Bergeson

"Don't look ahead, because you don't know what will happen tomorrow."

-Sean Zimmerman

"If you are standing still, time is abandoning you . . . that means move along, piddly-wink."

-Cort Ahrens

## EXPOSING THE EXPO

By Nikki Kress

The Fourth Annual EXPO will be held in the West Delaware multi-purpose room on April 29, from 6-10 p.m. in conjunction with the spring music concert.

The departments represented in the show include Family & Consumer Science, Fine Arts, and Industrial Technology. The departments will display over 800 projects, which give students a chance to show all of their projects from the year. Individual student work will be shown, with seniors exhibiting representations of four years of their work. "Since I started

the show three years ago, I have really seen a lot of pride in students toward their individual ability in the represented departments. The show is free and this brings a lot of people to see it that may not come if there was an admission fee," said Jolene Pitzenger-Timp, art teacher.

Cindy Baumgartner, Family & Consumer Science teacher, said, "You can really see the diversity and personality in the students' work. We would just like to have the word spread and have people stop up and see all the marvelous things our kids have learned."

## Drawing a Conclusion to Hard Work

By April Brunzman

Endless hours of dotting paper, mixing the perfect shade, wedging clay, and setting the right aperture finally paid off as 12 West Delaware students earned honors at the 2002 WaMac Art Show.

The show took place at the Independence Falcon Civic Center on April 9. Participants included seven schools, each entering 20 different pieces of art from 24 different categories.

To determine the students who would attend the show, Jolene Pitzenberger-Timp and Christian Aanestad, teachers, selected 20 projects from this year which they felt were outstanding pieces of art.

Due to the limited available transportation,

only fourteen students, along with Pitzenberger-Timp and Aanestad, attended the all day art show, which included a group activity and an awards ceremony.

Pitzenberger-Timp said, "(The art show) helps students see what other schools are doing, and it helps motivate them for next year."

Anne Snitker, who has attended the art show for three years, said, "It gives (students) the chance to show off their work and get recognition."

The students started the day viewing the art on display. During the judging, they attended a workshop which focused on drawing techniques. During the presentation of awards, 12

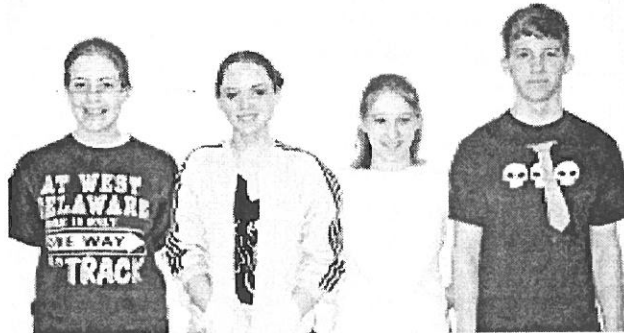
out of 20 West Delaware students placed.

Awarded third place for her self-portrait painted in shades of purple, Deanne Drummy was the first student called up. Drummy said, "They called my name. I was the first one called, but I didn't go up at first because I was embarrassed."

After many weeks of long hard hours put into a self-portrait drawn in black and white charcoal and chalk, Hannah Greve was shocked when awarded the Terry Masters Student Choice Award. For students in the future, Greve's advice is "Don't be afraid to think outside of your comfort zone and don't ever give up."

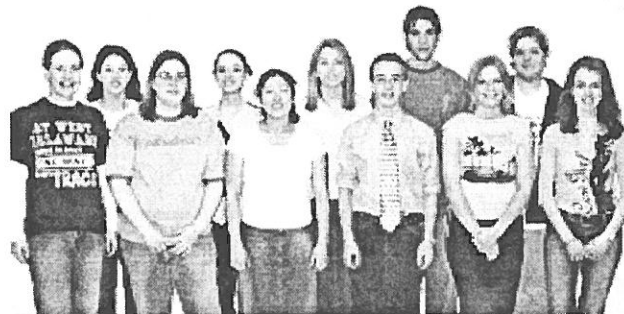
### Fayette Art Show

Winners: Trisha Voelker, Anne Snitker, Mallory Zapf, Gabe Dill



### WaMac Art Show

Winners: Front Row: Trisha Voelker, Gretchen Knott, Lindsey Diercksen, Zach Rudd, Michelle Wessels, Hannah Greve  
Back Row: Meghan Jones, Anne Snitker, Janet Smith, Chris Drees, Deanne Drummy



## WaMac Conference Art Show Results

By April Brunzman

### Terry Masters Student Choice Award:

- Hannah Greve Pastel/Chalk

### 1st Place:

- Meghan Jones Acrylic Painting/ Casein Painting
- Zach Rudd Pastel/Charcoal/ Crayon Drawing
- Anne Snitker Ceramics-Non-Utilitarian

### 2nd Place:

- Gretchen Knott Acrylic Painting/ Casein Painting
- Chris Drees Mixed Media 2D
- Lindsay Diercksen Ceramics-utitarian

### 3rd Place:

- Deanne Drummy Acrylic Painting/ Casein Painting
- Michelle Wessels Pastel/Charcoal/ Crayon Drawing
- Trisha Voelker Ink Drawing
- Drew Maifeld Photography-Black and White

# Prom Perspectives

## The Male Point of View

By Kelsey Hoffmann

Prom—a time for frantic shopping, tanning, ordering flowers, making reservations, and finding the perfect prom date. If you're a girl, maybe. For most guys, prom is an event they tend to just go along with.

"I'm not counting down the days, but it will be fun," said Casey Luensmann.

"Girls spend too much money," adds Ryne Foster, "I don't get too stressed over it."

Unlike the females, who are often torn between several dresses while shopping for the perfect one, the males find it quite simple to decide on a tux. Luensmann came to the decision, with the help of his mom's innate shopping ability, in just one hour.

Dave Durey agrees that girls get too worked up over going to prom and finding the perfect dress. "(If another guy had the same tux as me) I wouldn't care one bit. I'd probably tell him 'nice tux'."

Luensmann and Foster advised the guys to look for a date at least a month in

advance so as to go with the girl of choice and to start making plans.

As for Durey, he started looking for a date when "I figured out everyone else had one."

Some guys may primp and preen before the big night, but most take it easy.

On the day of prom, Luensmann plans to sleep in until he feels like waking and consume most of the day by watching television. Durey and Foster have the same intentions. They don't plan to start getting ready until around 4 p.m.

Guys can be expected to spend anywhere from \$110.00 to \$230.00. The price range varies depending on what tux set is ordered, where reservations are made, what meal is ordered, if a limousine is taken, what type of flowers are ordered, and who pays for them.

Luensmann said, "It doesn't really bother me (to spend this much). In my opinion, if you ask, you pay."

## The Female Point of View

By Kristy Palmer

Elegant dress . . . \$140,  
high heel shoes . . . \$35,  
hairdo . . . \$30, looking like  
a princess for one night a  
year . . . PRICELESS.

For many girls, prom is the biggest dance of the year. They get to select dresses, shoes, purses, the perfect hair style, and new make-up all for one big night.

"It's one of the things I will remember most out of my high school career, so I want the night to be perfect," said Minna Quint.

"I spent a lot of money and went to a lot of work (for prom), but just being with my friends and having us all feel good about ourselves and having a good time makes it all worth while," said Ashley Oleson

Getting ready for prom does not start the morning of prom. "I started tanning and looking for the perfect dress, shoes, and the right hair style months before," said Jannelle Holden

"I get up around 8:30 the morning of prom," said Minna Quint. Most girls take a quick shower, jump in their cars and get their hair styled between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Most hair appointments take approximately one hour for the beautician to get the hair

styled just as the girls want it.

At around 11 a.m., the serious primping begins. In this time, toenails are clipped and painted, legs are shaved and lotioned, fingernails are filed and polished, and make-up is perfectly applied.

The final challenge throughout the day involves getting everything in place while preserving a perfectly styled hairdo. "I have to put on my dress and get all ready without messing up my hair, which can be difficult," said Lindsey Diercksen

"Girls usually spend anywhere from \$250 to \$550 after buying everything that is needed," said Hannah Greve. She anticipates spending \$130 on her dress, \$35 on shoes, \$20 for the boutonniere, \$30 on her hair, \$30 for tanning sessions, \$20 on pictures, \$25 for tickets, \$15 for a garter, and \$15 for new make-up.

"Guys might not spend as much as we do for prom," said Holly Creveling, "and they might think us girls spend too much money and time on prom, but I think in the end, it's all worth it."

## Who's That Cutie?

### Answers

- A. Abby Quint
- B. Scott Kirby
- C. Zach Rudd
- D. Katrina Quint

2002

## Congratulations! Cheerleading Squads

2003

By Nikki Kress

**VARSITY FOOTBALL**

Kristin Bohlke  
Amanda Morris  
Ashley Oleson  
Jessica Sedain  
Kacie Toomer  
Ashley Vander Wilt  
Kristal Willie  
Chelsea Zumbach

**JV FOOTBALL**

Sam Frasher  
Amanda Hansen  
Danielle Hunt

Audrey Klees  
Danielle Nylund  
Dawn Padilla  
Jessica Tekippe  
Regina Topping

**VARSITY  
WRESTLING**

Anna Fergesen  
Jessi Hoffmann  
Jennifer Jones  
Krystal Kehrli  
Heather Kolka  
Abby Lahr

Micky Alber, Alternate

**JV WRESTLING**

Amanda Hansen  
Stephanie Harbaugh  
Mindi Heims  
Kim Meisgeier  
Kylie Toomer  
Chelsea Zumbach  
Katrina Quint, Alternate

**VARSITY GIRLS  
BASKETBALL**

Amanda Morris

Danielle Nylund

Jessica Tekippe  
Kacie Toomer  
Ashley Vander Wilt  
Kristal Willie

**VARSITY BOYS  
BASKETBALL**

Kristin Bohlke  
Danielle Hunt  
Audrey Klees  
Ashley Oleson  
Dawn Padilla  
Jessica Sedain

## New Game Taking Aim

By Nathan Jewett

Figures stumble blindly out of the woods, remove their paint-covered masks, and grin. Paintball offers action and excitement to many local teens in a safe and unconventional way.

The game of paintball, basically a modified form of capture the flag, usually involves teams of 5-15 players. Players are eliminated when hit by an opponent's paintball. Gas-powered markers (paintball guns) fire this ammunition at speeds up to 300 feet per second. Once the ball hits the target, it breaks, leaving a quarter-sized paint mark.

Because of the high speeds of the paintballs, safety is a serious concern for all players. While playing, all participants are re-

quired to wear a certified mask.

Paintballing can be dangerous "when you don't have the appropriate protection," says Wolfgang Peters. "Otherwise, it's not."

According to Bob Gaffney, paintball utilizes strategy, stealth, and patience to capture the opponent's flag. "The hardest part is waiting for the right shot," said Gaffney. "If you fire too soon, you just screw things up."

Many teens play this sport because of its wide appeal to different types of people. "Paintballing is for anyone who enjoys excitement and strategy," said Kathryn Walker, who has paintballed two times.

Games can take up to an

hour depending on the tactics used and the defense of the opposing team. "There was this one game that went on forever," said Dan Scanlan. "Nobody was making any progress, and it just turned into an hour-long shoot out! We ended up calling it quits because everyone was out of paint."

Sometimes games can end in a matter of minutes as well. If one team gains an early lead, it can be over in less than a minute depending on how quickly the opposing team can react and adjust to the shift in game tempo.

Players who become serious with the game often buy their own equipment as they gain experience. Buying paintball equipment often becomes an expensive

hobby. Paintball markers (guns) can range in price from \$20 for cheap plastic markers to over \$2,000 for professional markers.

After the initial marker investment, players need to buy paintballs and CO<sub>2</sub> (Carbon Dioxide). Paintballs can cost anywhere from \$5-10 for 200 rounds and the cost to fill a typical 9 oz. CO<sub>2</sub> tank ranges from \$3-5. On a normal day, a player will use 500 paintballs and 9 oz. of CO<sub>2</sub> totaling \$20.

Even with the high prices, many local teens continue to paintball. Gaffney said only one thing holds him back from going every week. "It's a shame that paintballing costs so much money. If I had an extra \$20 every week, I could go all the time."

# A Versatile Vagabond

By Dan Glaza

Purchasing a big screen television set or getting to bed at a reasonable time may be priorities to some people, but Mike Kopish's top priority is traveling.

"I feel that experiences are better than material possessions," he said.

Kopish has ventured to many countries and taken in sites such as the Van Gogh Museum in the Netherlands, and the Eiffel Tower in France.

He believes many benefits can be gained from traveling. "You can gain a greater understanding of other places, cultures, people, and overall a better understanding of yourself."

While in a foreign land, some unique adventures may be encountered. Kopish has come upon quite a few of these 'adventures' in his travels. "I got tapped on the back of my head with the butt of an Uzi on a train (traveling) from Dresden, Germany, to Prague, Czech Republic."

Kopish also mentioned that he was assaulted near the Eiffel Tower in Paris as a diversion for three thieves to steal another man's wallet. "It was a striking

blow to the face, but I was okay soon after," Kopish added.

Traveling to various places around the world is not exactly cheap, but Kopish finds ways to save a great amount of money. For instance, he plans his own trips. "I spent a month backpacking in Europe for under \$2,000. That included plane tickets, an 18-day Eurorail pass, accommodations in hostels (supervised, inexpensive lodging places for travelers), entertainment, and food," Kopish said. "It took about two weeks, but I planned the whole trip by myself."

Each trip for Kopish is as meaningful as the next, because he claims that each trip offers something different and offers an opportunity to undergo a life-long experience.

"With each experience, I have grown to appreciate different cultures and diversity more. I try to acclimate myself to the cultural setting to make the experience as authentic as possible," he commented.

For example, while vacationing in Germany, he

and his brother overheard a couple of German men making slight fun of two other vacationing Americans. "I adjusted myself to the cultural surroundings by speaking German and joining in on the minute teasing of the Americans," he said.

Kopish encourages those who want to travel. "Go! People are often too quick to judge without experience. Never look back and say 'would have, could have, and should have'; it's awfully self-depleting."

Kopish thinks it is important for people to realize that they do not have to limit themselves to

Manchester, Iowa.

"At the moment I have independence, mobility, adventure, and a pocket book that allow me to extend beyond the borders of Delaware County," said Kopish.

Kopish further explained, "Why would I want to be limited to Burger King and Pizza Ranch, when I can enjoy Brie in France, Fish and Chips in London, Lion Candy Bars in Amsterdam, Kangaroo and Yabbies in Australia, Fresh Squid in New Zealand, or a pasta of choice on the canals of Venice?"



Mike Kopish takes in the sites of Neuschwanstein in Essen, Germany. The palace was the home of Ludwig II.



Congratulations to Cindy Mickens "Best of Center" at Solo & Ensemble Contest March 23rd! Cindy performed "Concerto in F" on her bassoon and moves on to perform in Des Moines on May 14. GOOD LUCK!

## Answers To Purrfect Matches

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|-------|--------|
| 1 = E | 7 = L  |
| 2 = A | 8 = I  |
| 3 = G | 9 = J  |
| 4 = H | 10 = F |
| 5 = B | 11 = D |
| 6 = K | 12 = C |

# Substituting Subjects

West Delaware Implements Curriculum Changes

By Joni Carradus

West Delaware Students will experience course changes as well as schedule changes for the 2002-2003 school year.

One change involves seniors not being able to take Cadet Teaching and COOP in the same semester.

According to Rick Louk, teacher, the faculty voted to make this change because "seniors need to take tougher classes. Lots of students (graduates) have come back and said they didn't take hard enough classes."

The faculty is trying to discourage the belief that "I've worked hard for 11 years, and I want to float my last year," said Louk.

Don Lyness, guidance counselor, said, "Students should be taking courses to better prepare them for the real world."

Lyness said students are going to have to make up their minds which they want the most, yet they can still do half a year of one and half a year of the other.

"Rather than not allowing students to take COOP and Cadet Teaching at the same time, we (faculty) need to do more to get students to take tough classes during their senior year so they are better prepared for their post secondary education," Lyness said.

A lot of the juniors feel the same way as Lyness. "I think it's dumb. You're limited to one choice. For some people it's hard to make that choice," said Jessica Sedain.

Adam Wilson disagrees. "Just as long as we still have

open campus I think it's okay," he said.

Another change for next year requires this year's juniors (class of 2003) to obtain 56 credits to graduate when this year's seniors have to earn 54. Lyness said the change is because when West Delaware decided to go to block scheduling the faculty decided that students would have the opportunity to take more courses to acquire more credits. He also added this is the last year for them to increase.

In addition, West Delaware is adding and deleting classes to the course offerings in the Program of Studies booklet.

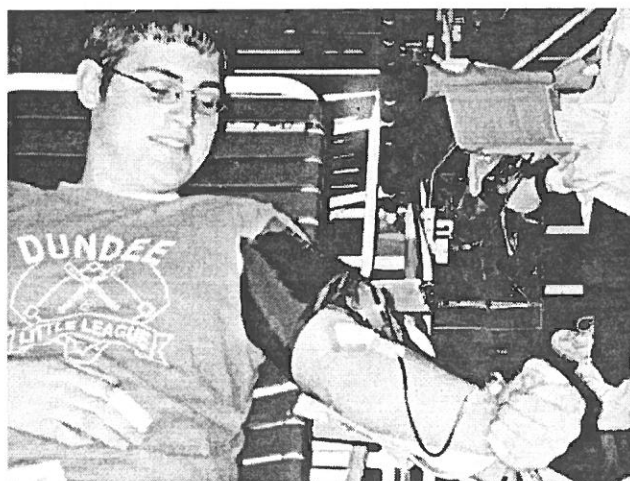
Biology Concepts, Chemistry Concepts, and Physics Concepts will not be offered next year, but parts of them will be combined into one class called Science Interactions II.

Tom Fetter, science teacher, hates to see concepts classes go because he feels they meet the needs of students not going to college. Fetter also said "Hopefully, Science Interactions II will meet the needs of those students."

College Prep Biology and College Prep Chemistry are being added to the curriculum for next year. Fetter said he is glad to offer other classes but still hopes people sign up for Advanced Chemistry because in Fetter's eyes "it's a great class."



*Speech Individual All-Staters:*  
Front Row: Jordan Schultz, Grant Robbins. Back Row: Jessica Nystel, Sara Saunders, Emily Meyer, Amanda Knott, Joni Lindauer, Emily Montag.



*Tyler Kelchen, one of the 77 participants, donates his blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, April 22.*

## Is Pop Worth It?

*Drinking pop at school contributes to tooth decay*

*By Emily Hanson*

It's 1:15 p.m., and the cooks have finished serving D-lunch. Some West Delaware students head for the pop machine for their daily pop.

In fact, over 360 cans of pop are purchased from the lunchroom pop machine each week.

Austin Hermsen drinks pop every day, but he doesn't worry about getting cavities. "I brush my teeth twice a day. I don't think about getting cavities," said Hermsen.

According to Dr. Tim Cooper, D.D.S., the damage of sugars and acids in pop

may not be worth the half-dollar. "Sugars consumed by bacteria in the mouth produce acids that cause tooth decay and gum disease," said Cooper.

"Gum disease is an infection of gum tissue and of the bone that supports the teeth."

Gum disease is the leading cause of tooth loss among adults in the United States.

Diet pop is commonly thought to be healthier for the mouth. Although diet pop has less sugar, it has phosphoric acid. Cooper said this acid, like sugar,

decays teeth.

An alternative to pop is water from the Fruit Works machine or the concession stand. "Water is excellent . . . so is milk," said Cooper.

Yes, pop and diet pop may rot teeth, but the pop machine in the cafeteria has its advantages.

The pop and juice machines are moneymakers for the school. "The cans (in the pop machine) cost \$0.50, and they cost the school \$0.31 to \$0.33," said Bob Murphy, assistant principal.

The money collected is

distributed to student organizations like S.A.D.D and Destination Imagination throughout the school year.

Although water costs twice what pop does, the money still goes to student organizations. In the long run, more money is saved by purchasing water or an extra milk because the student avoids the potential costs of cavities and gum disease.

In fact, according to Cooper, just one treatment for gum disease can cost up to \$200.

## Culture Swap: Smith Spends Spring Break in Ecuador

*By Shannon Lux*

While many West Delaware students dream of spending spring break laying on a warm beach, getting a tan, Janet Smith spent her spring break in Ecuador experiencing what it was like living in a third world country.

To prepare for Ecuador Smith received a Hepatitis A and Yellow Fever shot along with Typhoid and Malaria pills. On March 21 Smith flew a total of nine and a half hours to Quito, Ecuador.

While in Ecuador, Smith attended her brother-in-law's sister's wedding. Although the wedding was in Spanish, "it was no different (than an American wedding) because it was an upper class wedding," said Smith.

Smith stayed in the capital city Quito, Ecuador. Smith described Quito as "very polluted, very crowded, and the buildings were very old," but everything was beautiful with mountains everywhere.

Smith said that Ecuador has about the same technology as America except they are a few steps behind. Smith, disturbed by the poverty, said people asked for money and food. When she did give a person money, it was never enough, and if she didn't give them some money, she felt bad.

Smith admits to some annoyances about her trip. Residents had no running water so they had to purchase bottled water.

They also could not flush the toilet; therefore, toilet paper had to be thrown in a garbage can. Smith said, "You can never describe a third world country 'til you see it."

Living there would be interesting, said Smith. Most Ecuadorians do not have driers, so everything has to be hung on a line, but nothing dries anyway because it rains frequently.

Also Quito, Ecuador has no traffic laws, so people drive carelessly and crazily.

Smith discovered that families are different in Ecuador compared to American families. In Ecuador families are much closer knit, and kids stay home with their families on the weekend instead of going out.

Telephone communication is a problem in Ecuador as families in the city have problems keeping in touch with families in the country.

Smith described an odd sight she saw when visiting Ecuador. She saw a kid who looked like he had not showered for weeks, but he was wearing WWF's (World Wrestling Federation) The Rock tee shirt.

Even though Ecuador is so poor, she would definitely go back because Ecuador has so much to see and is very interesting to learn about.

After visiting Ecuador, Smith appreciates more things in her life like money, friends, the house she lives in, running water, and hot showers.

# Soccer Kicks Off

By Kyle Griffith

The boys soccer team is sitting with a 1-4 record this year with the girls preparing for their season.

"We weren't sure of ourselves during practice, but with the first win our confidence grew," said Nathan Jewett, team captain.

On March 11, three weeks before their first game the 30 boys started practice behind the middle school.

They ran 'Buck Road' nearly every day and ended

the two hour practice with a barrage of sprinting.

"The first couple weeks were tough due to the lack of physical shape that I was in," said Zach Rudd.

Other than the physical conditioning, the majority of the time spent in practice was dedicated to fundamentals, all demonstrated by Head Coach Mike Kopish with help from the Girls Head Coach Christian Aanestad.

Among the spectators at the first home game was

Darla Gaskill.

"It (the game) was very exciting because of all the students and community that came out for it," said Gaskill.

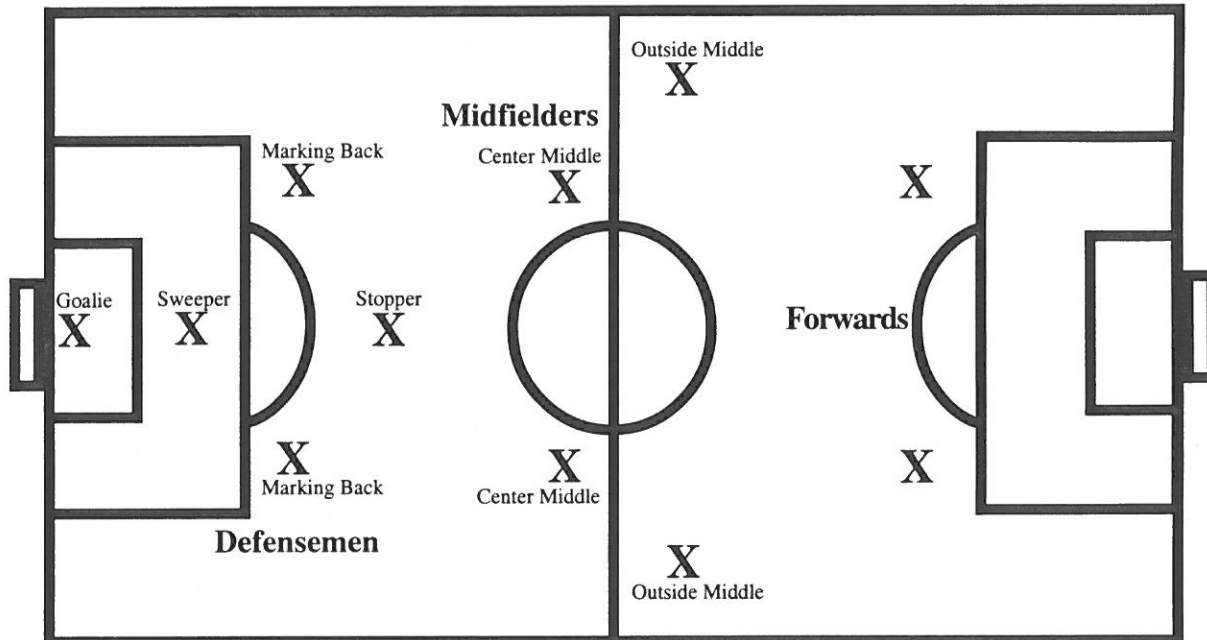
The boys varsity team consists of mostly juniors and seniors as well as two sophomores. Some have played in the Manchester City League, but most have never played organized soccer before.

Twenty-four girls started soccer practice on April 14. Their home games, starting

May 5, will be played on the same field as the boys, situated inside the West Delaware track.

"I think the girls will be a good contender in the upcoming season because our individual players are coming together as a team," said Monica Butikofer.

The majority of the girls' nine games will be played at home while the majority of the boys' ten games will be away. The boys' first round of Districts will start on May 16, and the girls' regionals start on June 14.



## Positions

- Defensemen:** the 3 or 4 players whose primary task is to stop the opposition from scoring; also called fullbacks.
- Midfielders:** the 2, 3, or 4 players who link together the offensive and defensive functions of a team.
- Forwards:** the 3 or 4 players on a team who are responsible for most of the team's scoring; also called strikers and wingers.

## Soccer Terms

- Yellow Card:** a playing card-sized card that a referee holds up to warn a player for dangerous or unsportsmanlike behavior; 2 yellow cards in one game earns a player an automatic red card, signaling his or her removal from the game.
- Offside Position:** an attacking player positioned so that fewer than 2 opposing defensive players are between him or her and the goal that he or she is attacking.
- Throw-in:** a type of restart where a player throws the ball from behind his or her head with two hands while standing with both feet on the ground behind a sideline; throw-in taken by a player on the opposite team that last touched the ball before it went out of bounds.





## Flying High

### Pilot of the Cessna 172

By Adam Baumgartner

"The first word that came out of my mouth was probably (airplane)," said Casey Hansen, who recently earned his pilot's license. He became interested in flying when he heard stories of his uncle, who was a pilot.

In order to become pilot of the Cessna 172, a standard training plane, Hansen had to earn enough money to pay for private lessons. A part time job at Fareway allowed Hansen to pay all of the costs related to his private lessons. For one year, he took a private lesson once every two weeks costing around \$4,800.

"Fareway paid for every cent of that total," said Hanson.

To become a pilot, Hansen had to pass three parts of the pilot's test. The

first part consisted of a 60 question written test from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). After the written test, he talked to an FAA examiner. In the last part of the test, he took a flying test with an FAA examiner.

"September 11 happened two days before my final test, so I had to postpone it until the 29 because of restricted air space," Hansen said.

Hansen's most exciting moments in flying were his first solo flight. "It's a different feeling to make your own decisions. It's like drivers ed., except you're 3,000 ft. in the air," said Hansen.

In the future, Hansen wants to be a flight instructor or corporate flier on a small business jet.

## Bearing a Pair Means Sharing the Fare

By Katelyn Zuck

Imagine being born only seconds apart from a sibling, forcing you to not only share the same birthday, but also cards, gifts, clothes, and even homework. Some may share their appearance, their way of thinking, or even their identity.

Five sets of twins attend West Delaware High School and all have stories and experiences no single-born person could have.

"You always have someone your age to talk with and confide in, which is always nice when we're on vacation or doing homework or studying," said Lindsey Dierksen. Ironically, Lisa Dierksen, Lindsey's twin, responded with almost identical answers.

Leah Hubbard, twin to Candace, agrees. "It works out a lot better when you have somebody you know to compare homework answers with."

Even though twins share many experiences, individuality is very important.

Doug Karkow refers to himself as being "more competitive and more into sports and athletics" while his twin sister Diana Karkow is "smarter and more musically gifted."

"Some people assume I lack uniqueness and personality because I'm a twin and that's definitely not the truth," said Clint Coggins, twin to Cliff.

Lindsey Dierksen agrees

by saying, "Even though people sometimes don't think of us as individuals, we both have our own personalities and are different because of what we do and what we like." For example, they both enjoy different types of fine arts. Lisa likes drawing and art while Lindsey loves singing and dancing.

In fact, Candace Hubbard sometimes doesn't even feel like a twin.

"I don't even realize it; she's just another sister. I think we are more different than alike."

However, some twins seem to share the same brain. "We find ourselves finishing each others' sentences. It's kind of eerie!" claims Abby Quint, twin to Andy, who also revealed that she'd "rather have a girl twin once in awhile."

Doug Karkow said, "Being with somebody all the time, you start thinking alike, but that happens with my other siblings, too. So I don't know if it's a 'twin thing.'"

Another part of being a twin is identity. The Hubbard twins say they used to look alike and now they don't . . . which is good, according to Leah.

Some even remember being dressed alike. Abby Quint said, "My parents always dressed Andy and I alike when we were little. It was so embarrassing!"

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## *Tradition Tossed*

### *Seniors pay for prom tickets*

By Kristin Larson

"I think it stinks that we (the seniors) don't get them for free," said Josh Meyer.

This seems to be a common reaction among seniors when it comes to prom tickets. Some students agree with Josh Meyer in saying "it stinks," while others, like Matt McElliott say, "It is fair. We didn't work—we were too busy tailgating." Whether it "stinks" or "is fair," most seniors will pay \$12.50 for prom tickets this year.

In order to help build the prom account, the junior class traditionally works three football concession stands. Carpenter said students have always known about their obligation to work, but many

simply don't listen. Out of last year's junior class, nine students, in addition to six of the ten prom head members, worked the three concessions.

David Durey, last year's junior class president, said, "A lot of people in our grade seemed to have other priorities."

The low number of workers has prompted Carpenter to charge seniors who did not work concessions \$12.50 per prom ticket for this year's prom when in the past all West Delaware seniors were not charged for their ticket.

Last year's prom, along with all proms the past seven years, have been paid for the same way: through concessions. Last year's

junior class had the hardest time ever getting people to work. The cost is "not a punishment to the seniors" for not working, but "a wake-up call" said Carpenter. "We had to start somewhere—maybe this will spur kids to work," added Carpenter.

After all the prom expenses such as decorations and frames and mugs, the current junior account is empty. Accounts are used for expenses such as homecoming floats, senior awards night, graduation, or flowers for a sick classmate, explains Carpenter. Money earned from all ticket sales will refill the junior account.

The price in tickets did

go up from \$10 to \$12.50 due to the increase in price of materials and shipping; however, the new ticket price does compare to other area school.

Maquoketa Valley's tickets cost \$10 per ticket, while Western Dubuque's cost \$12 per ticket, and for the after prom party at Western Dubuque students pay \$5 per ticket.

Few records were kept of who worked last year, but a record was kept this year. The 52 juniors who worked concessions this year will get a free ticket next year.

Carpenter doesn't think it will effect prom all that much and said, "Seniors are accepting it pretty well."

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Some could even pull off a few pranks. "One time in second grade we switched classes for the day and nobody even noticed. We took each others' tests, and it was a lot of fun until he got his back and saw that he'd failed while I'd passed," said Clint Coggins.

Lisa Diercksen said, "I have more clothes since Lindsey and I share." For instance, Lindsey will usually shop for and buy sweat pants and more sporty clothing while Lisa likes to buy dressier

clothes.

"We both have different tastes and shop for different things which enables us to have twice the wardrobe, especially since we wear the same size," said Lindsey. Many people may even think having a twin creates competition and, therefore, friction or jealousy. However, the Diercksens don't look at it this way. "The only reason we are as good at things as we are," said Lindsey, "is because we compete to see who's the best."



## *Staff*



*Sara Breitbach*  
*April Brunzman*  
*Joni Carradus*  
*Clint Coggins*  
*Andrea Francois*  
*Dan Glaza*  
*Kyle Griffith*  
*Emily Hanson*  
*Kelsey Hoffmann*

*Nathan Jewett*  
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