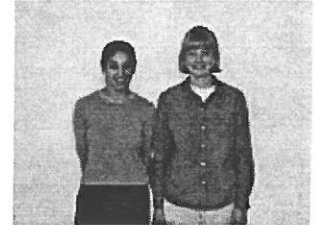


CONGRATULATIONS ALL STATE SPEECH



Reader's Theater: Row 1: David Durey, Ashley Jared, Lindsey Swartz, Grant Robbins; Row 2: Bruce Quint, Amanda Knott, Brittnay Jacobson, Julie Philipp, Crystal Lee, Julia Brown; Row 3: Jordan Schultz, Amanda Nieman, Joni Lindauer, Amanda Brunzman, Megan Rausch; Absent: Ryan Gaffney & Beth Soppe

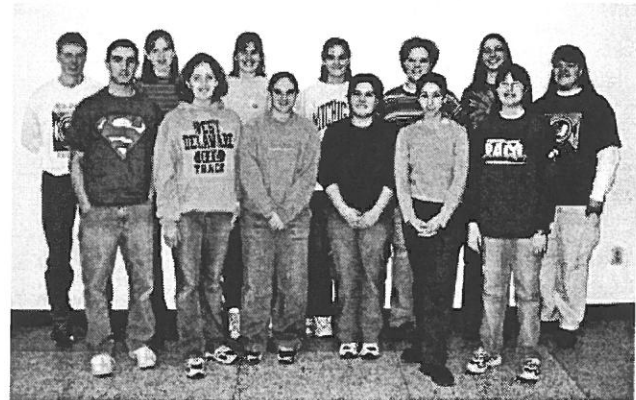


Group Improv: Meghan Jones and Tara Dudley. Absent: Jasmine High.

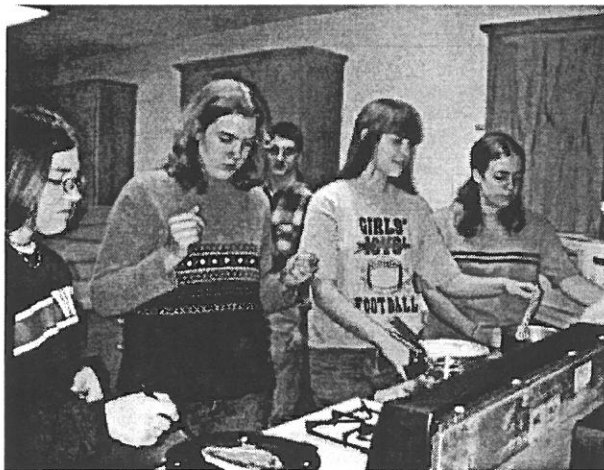


Ensemble Acting: Amber Ling & Becky McCusker

T.V. News: Row 1: Scott Gaskill, Melody Schaffer, Monica Butikofer, Amanda Knott, Meghan Jones, Jessica Nystel; Row 2: Caleb Schultz, Amanda Nieman, Megan Ryan, Join Lindeauer, Amanda Brunzman, Peggy Tucker, Kim Sadewasser.



February 19 - 23 FFA Week



On Wednesday, February 22, the FFA chapter prepared breakfast for the faculty. From left to right: Erin Hermsen, JoAnn Weigel, Jenny Thole, & Trisha Voelker.



Also helping with the breakfast, from left to right: Jake Gearhart, Seth Sellner, Jason Gearhart, and Cody Errthum.

Presents for Patients

WDCVC Organizes Loot for Leukemia

By Brian DeMoss

The West Delaware Community Volunteer Coalition organized Loot for Leukemia to raise money for the Leukemia Society.

Students were encouraged to place their spare change into the containers in their first hour classes. The classes which donated the most money received a prize. The first week's winner was Mrs. Gretchen Adams' first hour Science Interactions class. The second week's winner was

Miss Marsha Dunn's first hour Algebra II which received Burger King certificates.

Loot for Leukemia raised a total of \$80.02.

Mrs. Kelly Jared, organizer of Loot for Leukemia, said, "We started a volunteer group to donate time to the community, but we also want the students to be aware of the financial need and if all pitch in the money adds up."



During her first hour class, Melanie Elledge donates money for Loot for Leukemia. Mrs. Kelly Jared helped organize Loot for Leukemia.



2001 Sweetheart Court: Beth Soppe and Mark Woods; Queen Jenny Thole and Chad Eschen; Cara Mulder and Chad Wulfekuhle; Lindsey Diercksen and Jerry Weber; Trisha Voelker and Mark Weigel; and Allison Bockenstedt and Tim Woods.

Spanish Trip

by Erin Hermsen

On June 12, 21 students from West Delaware High School will travel to Madrid, Spain, for 15 days.

The group will tour the following cities: Madrid, Toledo, Salamanca, Segovia, Sevilla, Granada, and Barcelona.

Highlights of the trip include the Prado Museum, Royal Palace, Valley of the Fallen, Mezquita, and Alhambra.

Ms. Chris Mundy, Spanish teacher, said the goals of the trip include communicating with other people, putting the Spanish language to practical use, as well as seeing the sights.

Students will also

experience the Spanish culture and lifestyle. One way they will do this is through a four day family stay program. Students will live with a family in Toledo where they will take part in the activities of the family.

The cost of the trip is \$2,159.95 per person. Participants are involved in fundraising activities including selling items for the all school fund-raiser, running concession stands, and selling candy bars. In the spring the group plans on having a car wash to raise additional money for the trip.

The 21 student participants include Erin

Andreasen, Amanda Baker, Tammy Bottelman, Michelle Cooper, Nicole Harbach, Jill Hoekstra, Katie Huether, Kim Huether, Meghan Jones, Kesha Kaiser, Theresa Klees, Amanda Knott, Joni Lindauer, Erin McGraw, Melissa Mozingo, Amanda Nieman, Jessica Nystel, Rachael Reeder, Melody Schaffer, Lindsay Swartz and Kathryn Walker.

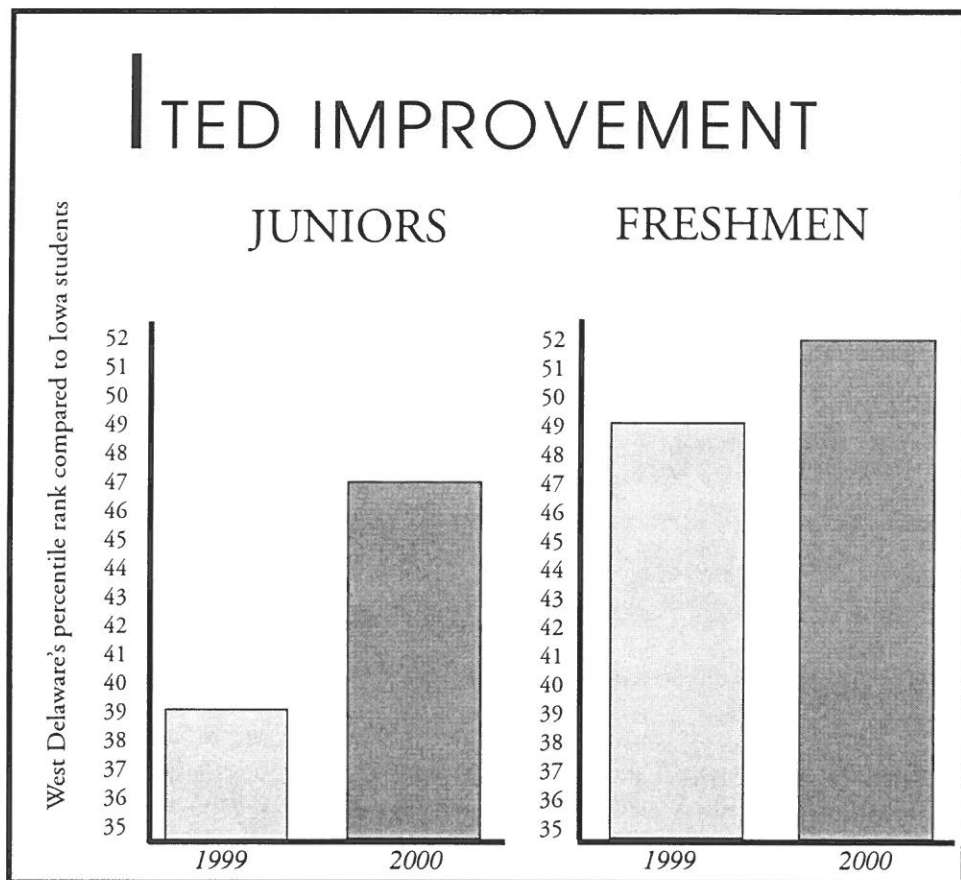
The three adult chaperones include Ms. Chris Mundy, Mrs. Marianne Sandberg, and Ms. Christin Pasker.



Snow Make-up Days

- Friday, Feb.23
- Friday, March 16
- Wednesday, March 21
- Monday, April 16
- Tuesday, May 29
- Wednesday, May 30
- Thursday, March 31
- Friday, June 1
- Monday, June 4

Any days missed from now through spring will be made up after June 4



Seniors' Last Days

BACCALAUREATE
 May 23, 2001 @ 7 p.m.,
 High School Gym

SENIORS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
 May 25, 2001

GRADUATION
 May 27, 2001 @ 2 p.m.,
 High School Gym





After a hard race at the Iowa Games Sean Hart, Dale Linderwall, and Tony Monaghan relax. Dale finished second in the 15 and under division and will advance while Sean and Tony finished fifth and sixth respectively.

Now AND Then

1999-2000 2000-2001

Boys Basketball

Overall Record 24-1 22-2

Girls Basketball

Overall Record 4-18 11-10

Coffee Talk With Parents

By Peggy Tucker

Whether or not students have a good relationship with their parents, some of them sure do have some interesting things to say about it. In general, students are either very satisfied with their parents, or they think their parents could use a complete overhaul.

Among the students satisfied with their parents is Kasey Krogmann, junior. Krogmann said, "We're like, tight. I can tell my mom anything." Krogmann believes being able to discuss a variety of topics with her mother is essential to getting through life. "It gives you better communication skills when you can talk to a parent and they understand and relate to you," she said.

Time is another important factor in communication. Mitch Thole commented, "It's important to

have a good relationship; every student should talk to their parents every day at least 10 minutes."

Scott Kirby also has a healthy relationship with his father. He

"Parents are often busy balancing family responsibilities that they cannot blame kids for not communicating, and kids can't blame parents for not communicating." She says

don't have a lot to offer their kids." So the kids lead their own lives and leave their parents out of them.

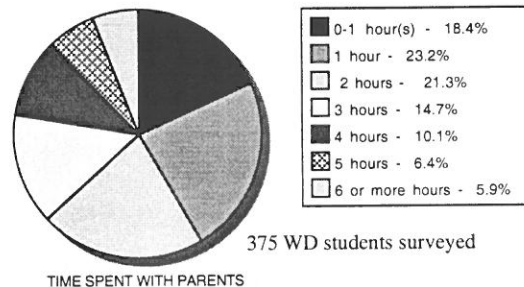
Danielle Edaburn said, "If my parents knew all of the trouble my friends and I get into, I think my life would be over."

In some households, Hoefer says the parents are trying too hard to be their son/daughter's best friend. She feels the kids want limits. She said, "Students want parents to set limits and consistently communicate and enforce consequences." She also said that a divorce in the family can cause tension between parents and children.

Talking is not always the best way to solve problems, but, according to Hoefer, it can do a lot of good in some households.

that kids and parents need to make time for each other.

It's important for parents to make their children a priority in their lives, and it's equally important for the kids to make time for their parents. Hoefer said, "Some parents don't have it together themselves so they



enjoys spending time with his father. Kirby said, "Me and my dad stay up every night and ponder the wonders of the universe."

Counselor Mrs. Ellen Hoefer also agrees that time is a very important element when it comes to communication. Hoefer said,

LIFTING TOWARDS SUCCESS

By Gretchen Knott

The West Delaware volleyball players, under the direction of Coach Brett Mather, are lifting weights to keep in shape during the off-season. This is part of a new program that takes place after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the high school weight room.

The weight program focuses on the improvement of the volleyball players' vertical jump, quickness, endurance, muscle strength, flexibility, and overall fitness.

One of the main reasons that Mather has implemented the program is to prevent injuries during the volleyball season. "A good majority of injuries occur because of lack of muscle strength and flexibility," Mather said.

The complete program includes a jump-training workout called plyometrics that also helps with some of the same skills as the weight-lifting

portion.

This is the first time that West Delaware has used this program that is modeled after the Nebraska State volleyball team, which won a state championship with the help of the program. "If it's good enough for the Nebraska championship, it's good enough for us," Mather said of the program.

However, Mather said that the turnout has been "extremely poor" because other after school activities affect the players' time.

Mather says that 95 kids are planning to go out for volleyball next season, and

only an average of three kids per session have shown up since Christmas. "If you're only there 60% of the time, you're not getting

nearly as much out of it as you should," he says.

"I try to make it to the weight room whenever possible, but sometimes it's hard because I'm involved in other

activities," says Jessi Hoffmann, a volleyball player.

The players could go in on their own, but going on the scheduled days has its advantages. Mather explained that it is harder to lift on your own because kids have less motivation,

some lifts require a partner, and more safety is involved when lifting with a group.

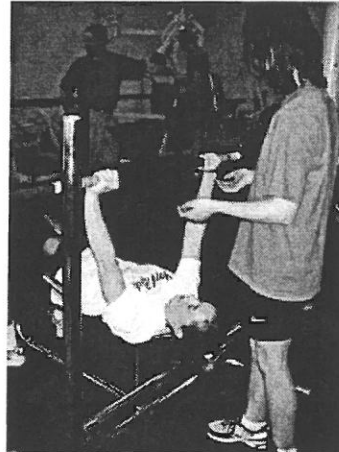
As a result of kids not attending, the lifters cannot do the plyometric workout.

"In order to do plyometrics effectively and safely, you have to have adequate muscle strength which our girls don't possess right now because they haven't been in the weight room enough," Mather says. "If we were to start plyometrics at this point in time, we would have numerous injuries because of the lack of muscle strength."

Along with the lifting and plyometrics programs, the players participate in AAU volleyball every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. and will play in tournaments in March.

Mather thinks that the program is a good start, but the players need to do their part and get involved.

"It's easy to see why other schools gain advantage in the off-season," he says, "because their kids do more than we do."

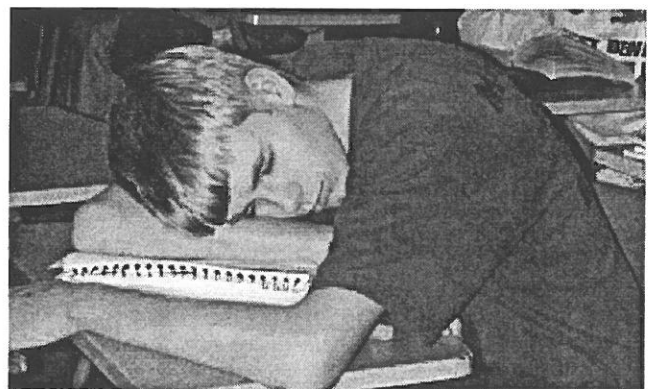


Eight, Nine... only one more rep to go for Kelly Murphy as Kathryn Walker spots



During Metals class, Adam Schulte spoons the metal for the foundry.

Waiting for the bell, Jordan Corcoran catches some zzz's in biology class.



A 'Night' to Remember

By Stacey Thole

Between 500 and 800 students crowd into a building, dancing, sweating, and enjoying themselves. Why? To create memories they will never forget.

This dance, called Night Storm, takes place at the Delaware County Fairgrounds from 8 to 12 p.m. on Saturday nights in January and February. Teens from as far away as Dubuque and Waterloo come to experience the fun of Night Storm in Manchester.

Sophomore Mandy

Morris enjoys her time at Night Storm. One of her favorite memories involves an effort to escape the heat. "These guys from another school poured water all over me," she said.

Water isn't the only thing people fight with at Night Storm. Kory Haas, senior, said "Throwing bubbles from the soap machine was a lot of fun." The soap machine was set up on foam night allowing people to dance in a foam pit.

Matt Helmricks, senior, said, "Dancing with friends

in the foam pit was fun." He likes going to Night Storm to meet new people.

Mark Woods, a sophomore, also likes to 'fight' at Night Storm. "I grabbed Tim Ryan jokingly and the guys (bouncers) almost threw us out," Woods said.

Nicci Schmidt, junior, likes the guys she meets at Night Storm. She said, "The bouncers are really hot."

Nicole Harbach, senior, also enjoys spending time at Night Storm. "It gives us something to do," Harbach said. "I got a free t-shirt,

free CD, free passes, and free pop."

Lisa Krogmann, sophomore, said she won a Three Doors Down CD. She really likes Night Storm.

Night Storm's last dance of the year was on February 24. People attended got a free ticket to the last Night Storm in Iowa, taking place at Palo.

Alicia Zehr said, "I'm really looking forward to having fun at Night Storm next year."

Changing Majors for a Lifetime

by Laura Burkle

"You can tell I ended up with a different sort of animal," said Lee Rempe concerning his decision to study English education instead of veterinary science.

Lee Rempe, West Delaware teacher for 27 years, may seem like a man who knows what he wants, but he wasn't always this way. At one time he didn't know what he was going to do and didn't have a plan for the future.

Rempe's first attempt at college began at Central College in Pella. He went to become a veterinarian, but after a bad experience with a zoology teacher he was on the edge of failing with a D grade. He blames this experience on not having enough time to study because of the part time jobs he worked during

college. He needed these jobs to pay for his college tuition. It was while he was so close to failing that the dean of Central College, the father of a close friend, told him that he should drop out or the school would be forced to kick him out.

After his first attempt at college, he enlisted in the army's Security Agency where he became a Russian Translator and Interpreter, doing espionage work in Berlin, Germany. Rempe said that while doing the work he gained a lot of confidence that he had lost during college.

After spending four years in the army, he returned to live on his family farm. His father and brother were raising cattle instead of hogs, which Rempe preferred, and at age 27 Rempe decided to

give college another try. This time, with a little persuasion from his sister, he attended the University of Northern Iowa. After they learned about his experience at Central College, he had to beg UNI to let him into their college.

Eventually they accepted him. While at UNI he chose to study English because it was most appealing to him at the time. He returned for five semesters and graduated with an English major and Russian minor. Shortly after graduation he returned to earn his teaching degree so that he could teach English.

Rempe has taught a variety of classes at West Delaware, but he has remained in the same classroom his entire teaching career. West Delaware was his first

teaching position and, with the possibility of retirement coming up in the next few years, it will probably be his last, he said.

Surprisingly, Rempe refers to his college situation as one of his finest educational experiences. He says it taught him a lot of growing up stuff that he needed in order to survive in the real world. He now knows how to relate to some of his troubled students, and admits that he is especially drawn to the ones who remind him of himself at an early age. "It was not," he said, "a wasted time period in my life." So although he started out to work with cows and hogs, he feels no regret in spending nearly thirty years with a different kind of animal after all.

Bad, Rad, And Just Plain Sad

By Kelley Ryan

New vehicles or old vehicles? Some West Delaware students drive old rusted out, hail damaged vehicles, while others show off shiney new vehicles. No matter what type of vehicle students have, they always have their advantages and disadvantages.

Deirdra Ryan drives a mint green 1980 Crown Victoria. Even though Ryan doesn't have the newest model, she says there is always an advantage to having an older car. "I don't have to make car payments, and I don't have to worry about door dings," said Ryan. Ryan's only expense is paying for her gas.

Just because someone has an older car, doesn't mean they can not have fun with it. "I can fit a million people in my car," said sophomore Jamie Kammarmeyer, who drives a 1973 Buick Limited. But it does have its disadvantages. "It is a gas hog. It usually takes \$40.00 for a full tank, and sometimes when you drive through big puddles, it will stop, because water gets in the engine."

Although they cost more money, new cars do have their advantages. Kacie Klein drives a 1998 Pontiac Grand AM, which she received as a gift from her parents when she turned sixteen. As of right now, she pays for gas, occasionally. When she turns seventeen, she has to pay for half of the insurance,

and at eighteen it is her responsibility to take on all of the payments. Her parents came up with this unique payment system. "I feel that I get more respect from people on the road, since I have a newer vehicle," said Klein.

Justin Kluesner drives a 1994 Ford Ranger. He pays for everything: insurance, gas, repairs, and payments. "My truck is nice to have, it looks good, but something that looks good costs money," said Kluesner. "I think that while you are in high school, it doesn't matter what you drive. You just need something to get you around," said Kluesner.

Sam Hackbarth did get around in a 1990 Cavalier, until her recent accident. Her car looked pretty decent but had nothing but problems. "My windows wouldn't go down, the trunk would open but wouldn't close, it was leaking some kind of liquid, and the heat barely worked. The handle on my passenger side door was broken off, it had 138,000 miles, the horn only worked if you hit it in one spot, it was rusty, and I had my ceiling held together by push pins and tacks," laughed Hackbarth.

Despite these problems, Hackbarth appreciated the advantages of her car: she didn't have to worry about minor scrapes or where she parked. In fact, any parking place two feet too small was fine for Hackbarth.



Thumbs Up to...

By Jill Kammarmeyer



Injured wrestlers still going to wrestling meets



Night Storm



Yearbook promotional video



Girls beating M.V.



Orange power shirts



\$0.50 candy bars



Singing Valentines

1999-2000
Yearbook
Earned
Award of Achievement.
Congratulations!

Automobile Treasures

by Lori Bagley

The magic age of 16 comes and teenagers automatically think they can always be on the go. One result of always being on the go is a messy car.

Teenagers have messy cars because a lot of them live out of their car, meaning everything they need is in their car, including themselves.

Amanda Brunzman lives in Dundee and often comes to Manchester for work, for school activities, or just to hang out with friends. She often feels as though she lives out of her car. "It just depends on how busy I am," she said.

Brunzman has lots of items in her car such as pop bottles, a cell phone, work clothes, shoes, and more clothes. She says the clothes come in handy when it gets cold, she spills, or she stays at a friend's house on short notice.

She keeps most items in her back seat and usually needs them, but some pile up because she just doesn't clean out her car.

Jaynee Stapanek says she keeps her cell phone, blanket, perfume, and sunglasses in her car. She said, "I would go crazy if I don't have my sunglasses." The most unusual item found in her car would be Froot Loops in her back seat from her nephew.

Julie Philipp keeps clothes in her car because she says, "It's like my second home." She keeps the items in her car because it goes everywhere with

her. The most unique item in her car is heart garland decorating her back seat window.

Mitch Thole keeps basketball uniforms, shoes, gloves, a hat, and an ice scraper in his car. His ice scraper comes in handy, especially the last couple of months. The most unique items in his car are a hand held air compressor and a "beatin' stick," which just happens to be a stick in his car "so there isn't a hassle carrying them back and forth," he said.

In Mark Woods' car he keeps pop cans, Gatorade bottles, an ice scraper and empty food bags. He says he is just too lazy to clean it out.

Sarah Bradley keeps food, pop cans, money, and an ice scraper in her car, mostly in the back seat. "I just throw it back there," she says. She keeps the items in her car so they are right there and she doesn't have to search for anything.

Ed Mittan has some interesting items in his car such as a leopard print steering wheel cover, dice, a skull shifter, and sometimes clothes. The most interesting item in his car is his skull shifter, and the most helpful is his ice scraper. He says he keeps a lot of items in his car because he is just too lazy to take the items out. He says he lives out of his car because "it's the only way to get away from home."



Thumbs Down to...

By Jill Kamarmeyer



Shortened spring break



Locked doors at basketball games



Library rules



Colds and sore throats



Scholarship Essays



Basketball game on Sweetheart Dance Night



People blocking in cars, in parking lot

Congratulations Pepsi Students of the Month 2000-2001

September - Jenny Thole

October - Cindy Mickens/ Elizabeth Carr

December - Kelly Murphy

January - Michelle Cooper

Graduating Class Doesn't Settle For Division II

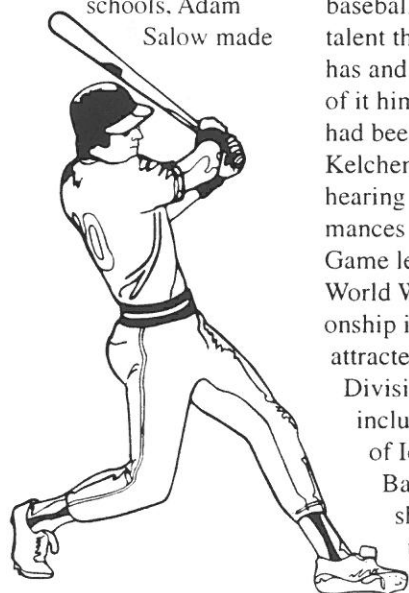
by Brett Logan

It's sort of like a hole-in-one on a par five or a grand slam in the bottom of the ninth when you're down by three. Having not one or two, or even three, but four athletes from the same graduating class sign a national letter of intent to compete for a Division I college is rare.

So rare, in fact, that it hasn't happened before, ever, in the history of West Delaware High School.

Adam Salow plans to attend the University of South Alabama, while Angie German, Matt Scherbring, and Kory Kelchen have all signed with the University of Northern Iowa. Kelchen and Scherbring plan on playing baseball at UNI while German plans on running track. Salow will play basketball.

From more than 25 schools, Adam Salow made



USA his choice. He based that decision on the atmosphere, his relationship with the players, and his chance of playing. Salow's reason for signing before the basketball season started was to take some pressure off his shoulders. He doesn't think it has affected his game at all. Salow suspects USA just happened upon him. "I think they accidentally saw me when I played in a Kansas City Shootout," he said. His scholarship covers everything for four years: room, board, books, and tuition.

Kory Kelchen knew where he wanted to go to school after he visited UNI. Kelchen plans on playing baseball there. He saw the talent their team already has and wanted to be a part of it himself. UNI's scouts had been keeping an eye on Kelchen for a while after hearing of his performances in the Perfect Game league and at the World Wood Bat Championship in Florida. Kelchen attracted around 10

Division I and II schools including the University of Iowa, Kansas, and Baylor. His scholarship covers \$1,000 the first year. The money for the last

three years depends on how well he plays. Kelchen thinks signing early has taken away worries about impressing scouts, which he says will improve his game.

Matt

Scherbring is also going to play baseball for UNI next summer.

He made that decision based on the fact that Division I has the greatest level of college competition in the United States. They

play teams such as Florida State and Wichita State.

Scherbring signed early for financial reasons. This guaranteed the money he needed. Otherwise "I'd be up a creek without a paddle," he said.

Scherbring thinks his playing in the Perfect Game leagues helped the scouts to see his talent.

He didn't really consider going to another school because the opportunity was there with UNI and he'd be close to his

friends going to Wartburg College and Hawkeye Community College.

Scherbring's scholarship

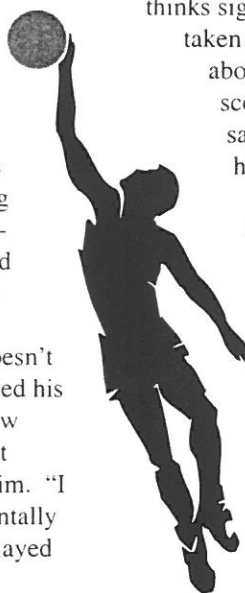
is \$500 right now, but it should appreciate as the senior class graduates and more money becomes available. Scherbring doesn't think the signing will affect his concentration on the mound this coming summer.

On the track at UNI next year will be Angie German. She made that choice early because she knew where she wanted to go to school.

The personalities of the coaches and tracksters helped make the decision easier. German knows the team has potential and feels she would like to be a part of that. Although German isn't sure how many

schools were scouting her, she did consider schools such as Kansas State, University of Iowa, Wartburg College and the University of Wisconsin. German's scholarship covers tuition, books, room and board. German thinks her signing will be a

catalyst in her mission to excel this coming spring.



State Wrestling Qualifiers

by Laura Burkle, Alicia Zehr, and Kristy Larsen

Full Name: Adam Scott

Baumgartner

Grade: Sophomore

Weight: 103

Record: 33-5

Birthday: June 4, 1984

Person You Most Admire:

Dad (Larry Baumgartner)

Most Influential Teacher: Mr. Mike Kopish

Favorite Movie: The Rock

Phobias: Spiders

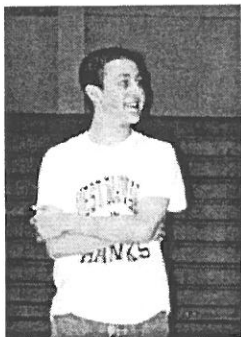
Favorite Class: History

Words That Describe You: Hard Working

If You Had One Wish, What Would It Be: To be a three time state place winner.

If You Could Be Anything, What Would You Be:

Athletic Trainer



Full Name: Phillip

Matthew Klein

Grade: Junior

Weight: 255

Record: 17-3

Birthday: July 4, 1983

Person You Most Admire:

His brother, Caleb Klein

Most Influential Teacher: Mr. Mike Morrison

Favorite Movie: Top Gun

Phobias: Big Spiders

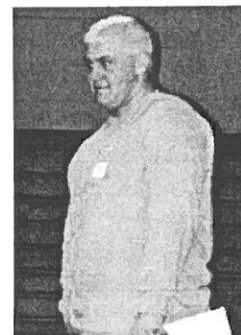
Favorite Class: Release Time

One Word That Describes You: Energetic

If You Had One Wish, What Would It Be: To live in a log cabin with a hot wife in the middle of nowhere with a giant gun and two great big dogs.

If You Could Be Anything, What Would You Be: A

Mountain Man



Full name: Aaron Lee

Butikofer

Grade: Junior

Weight: 152

Record: 28-5

Birthday: August 12

Person you most admire:

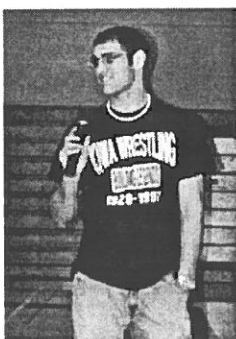
T.J. Murphy

Favorite movie: The Client

Phobias: Clowns

Words that describe you: Determined

If you had one wish, what would it be: To bring back my brother



Congratulations, Wrestling State Qualifiers

Phil Klein - 2nd place

Adam Baumgartner - 6th place

Aaron Butikofer - 2-2

2000-2001 Foreign Exchange Students

by Angie Rave

For the 2000-2001 school year West Delaware has three foreign exchange students.

Bastien Callens arrived in Manchester on August 23. Callens has enjoyed his time in Iowa. He said the students and faculty have been very nice to him. Callens enjoys choosing his own classes. This was something that he did not get the privilege of doing in France. Callens also enjoys the extra classes such as ceramics and photography.

Although the classes are great, Callens does not like the food. "Food here is too fatty. I just eat taco salads," said Callens.

Callens' main goal in coming to America was to improve his English.

For the first nine weeks Callens lived with the Tim

and Marsha Cooper family, for the second nine weeks he lived with the Leo and Lori Gaffney family, and presently he is living with the Randy and Jill Mack family.

Bence Sagodi, from Hungary, arrived on September 5. Sagodi said that life in Manchester feels very much like Hungary. School was one thing that was a change for Bence. He enjoys classes but it is much different than school in Hungary.

When it comes to food, Sagodi said he really enjoys the fast food places around town. Along with Bastien, Bence also wants to improve his English skills. For Sagodi this experience has been a good one. He has made all kinds of new friends and has learned a

lot. "Each day," said Sagodi, "something good happens." Ben Philipson is his host parent.

Fredrik Eidem, from Norway, arrived on August 20. Eidem says the teachers are all very nice. Classes at West Delaware are much easier than in Norway. In Norway they do not have the art classes. Participating in wrestling and football at West Delaware have been good experiences for Eidem.

Eidem is a Subway fan. He also feels the American food is too fatty.

In America, Eidem hoped to experience and adapt to a different culture and improve his English skills. Eidem's host family is the Bob and Jane Murphy family.



Fredrik Eidem



Bastien Callens



Bence Sagodi

From Itty-Bitty Manchester to The Big Apple: The WDHS Concert Choir's Trip to NYC

by Amber Ling

Broadway, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the United Nations, Times Square, and Central Park. These are sites people imagine when they think of New York City. And, these are the sites that approximately fifty members of the West Delaware High School Concert Choir will see on their trip to New York City this summer.

The choir departs from the high school parking lot on June 6 and returns June 11. While in New York the

members have four days to explore and experience the sites and sounds of the city.

The choir will perform twice while in The Big Apple. Their first performance is at the United Nations, and their second is at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Some of the main attractions the choir will see include the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the Empire State Building, Penn Station, Times Square, MTV Studios, China Town, Little Italy,

Radio City Music Hall and Carnegie Hall.

The members will also attend two Broadway performances while in New York: *The Lion King* and *Beauty and the Beast*. "I'm looking forward to seeing the Broadway shows, 'cause that's been a dream of mine ever since I can remember, as has been going to New York," says, senior, Kayla Glaza.

"I am looking forward to seeing the Broadway shows and I want to see all the

freaky people," says, junior, Cindy Mickens.

For some students the trip won't be all fun and games because they are looking to see if New York City could eventually be their home. "I'm excited for everything!" says Glaza, "This can give me a sneak preview of what I may be walking into if I go to live there someday. Plus, we'll be with all our buddies and we'll have a blast!"

One More Time For the Dance Team and Light Show

by Jill Kammarmeyer

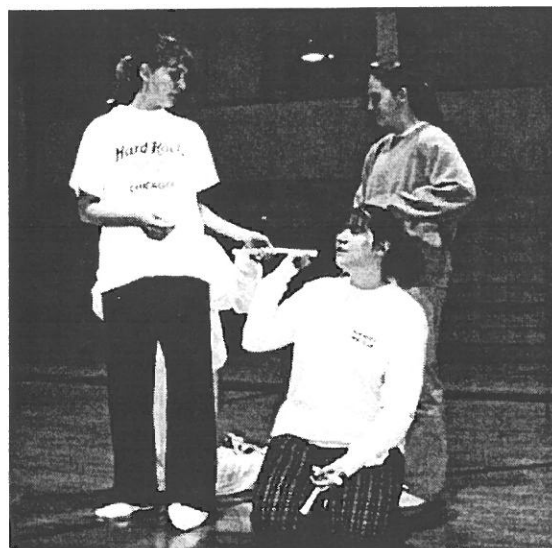
The West Delaware Dance Team and Light Show Team have been invited by the Vinton Shellsburg Voyagers' Drill Team to perform at their annual spring show.

The event will take place at Washington High School in Vinton on March 2. The show will take place from 7-9 p.m., with the light show performing at 7 p.m. and the dance team performing at 8:50 p.m.

Denise Jones, the West Delaware Dance Team

choreographer, adds, "It will be a good opportunity to see other teams, and I think it will be a good learning experience." The dance team and light show are extending their practices to prepare for the show.

Jasmine High, a dance team and light show member, adds, "Our hard work will now be seen by others."



Kristen Larson, Ashley McWilliams, and Monica Butikofer

Light Show & Dance Team



Meghan Jones



Lauren Gronewold

Snip, Snip, Went the Scissors

Students donate hair to Locks of Love

by Kristy Larsen

Inspired by a desire to help cancer victims, two West Delaware sophomores recently chopped off a total of 25 inches of their hair. With motivation from Teresa Feldmann mom's boyfriend's sister, she and Tabatha Taylor donated their hair to Locks of Love located in Florida, which makes wigs for cancer victims.

Feldmann cut off 12 inches of her hair and Taylor cut off 13 inches of her hair.

They did have their doubts about their decisions. "When you could hear the scissors, that was the scary part," said Feldmann.

Taylor made Feldmann get her hair cut first because Feldmann said, "Taylor was afraid to get it cut first." Feldmann got her hair cut at home by her mother, and then she got it styled at Cost Cutters.

Feldmann said, "My friends were shocked to see my short hair."

Not everyone can donate their hair to Locks of Love, according to Feldmann. Hair needs to be at least ten inches long and healthy. Chemically damaged hair cannot be donated but dyed hair can be.

Feldmann said, "I want to grow it out again and donate more of my hair."



Tabatha Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS

to WD Forte's I
and
Crescendo's II
at State!

by Stacey Thole



Opinion



Geraghty Speaks Out

West Delaware Students.

We have lost only two home basketball games in four years. So, far the last three years at home, we are 36-2. Our West Delaware gym has become one of the toughest places to play for all the WaMaC and non-conference schools we play.

This is due in large part to you, the students, our high school fans. You have been tremendous in supporting our team. From the Dog Pound Gang, to the Front Row Gang, you have helped us win many games with your never ending vocal support. Standing up and cheering for the entire game certainly gives us an edge.

You were very instrumental in helping us bring home the 3A state sportsmanship trophy during the last two state tournaments. I have been very proud to be a part of West Delaware High School because our students have been so great. I am sure teachers who have been here 10, 20, or 30 years feel the same way as I do.

On a few occasions, however, our sportsmanship towards our opponents and game officials has been less than exemplary. When a member of a visiting team or a referee feels verbally abused, this is wrong and should not be tolerated. This is simply wrong. This

doesn't happen very often and should never happen.

Some students need to step up and be leaders. You need to make sure you don't allow this to happen. When you stand by and tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior, it is almost like saying it is okay to do this. Peer pressure to do the right thing is often the most powerful thing that can be done to correct unsportsmanlike behavior. Students who exhibit poor sportsmanship have trouble acting in an unsportsmanlike way if they are all alone.

Please be positive with your enthusiasm for the Hawks. You, the student

fans, have been tremendous in the past, and I know you will continue to be the best. As you cheer on the guys basketball team, the girls basketball team, the wrestlers, the band members, the cheerleaders, and the opposing teams, please act appropriately in a first-class manner.

I hope as we get ready for our final part of the season, we can be leaders of the WaMaC. I hope our students will lead the way in the sportsmanship race. We can not be number one in sportsmanship without a high rating from our fan and students. We can do it!

Thank you,
Coach Geraghty

Forbidden Words

Column by Peggy Tucker

Swearing. We all do it, and it's a very hard habit to change. As kids, our mothers and/or fathers told us not to, and most of the time, in most situations, they did a good job setting an example for us. But what if they break that example and slip-up once in a while? Does that mean it's okay for us kids to "slip-up"? Even if it means not swearing while our parents are around and then doing it constantly while they are not around? Hey, why not, right? If we do it

when nobody around us cares, then it's not hurting anyone.

For example, if we cuss, specifically, around our friends, then it's all right. But if we start doing it around our parents, grandparents, teachers, and anyone we pass on the street, then it has obviously gone too far, and we need to cut back a little bit.

I have a confession to make. I need to cut back. When I was telling a story in one of my classes, the ever-forbidden F-word slipped out in front of my classmates and teacher. Luckily, I had a very nice and understanding teacher in the class. As it was,

I had been cussing so much and so often in the past weeks that I didn't really think of it as a bad word anymore.

Does this sound like anyone out there in Newspaper Land? It's okay - there are more people than you think out there just like you and me.

Have you ever had a friend that seemed like a perfect little angel in front of everyone's parents and teachers? But the minute she is out of earshot, she begins to talk just like you and your friends again. You wonder how she can

restrain her mouth in front of everyone and not let anything bad slip out. Well, I'll tell you. It's because she doesn't swear that much to begin with.

If everyone cuts back on their swearing, this school and this world would be a much better place. How about a smile in place of a bad word? Even when we're walking down the street, we don't really need to be cussing a blue streak in front of complete strangers. It does make an impression, you know. Try it for a while and see what happens.



Mr. Jeff Voss

From Labs to Laps

Switching teaching positions requires laps rather than labs

by Laura Burkle

As of the third quarter, Mr. Jeff Voss is no longer mixing chemicals, but mixing teams instead. Mr. Voss is now teaching P.E. and Health classes, previously taught by Mr. Mike Reysack, instead of science classes.

Mr. Voss says that he wanted to take over Mr. Reysack's position as soon as the opportunity arose.

When Voss came to West Delaware, 11 years ago, he originally taught Health, PE, and Biology, but as the years went by he started teaching just science.

He misses the labs and the thinking involved in teaching science, but he is happy to be teaching in two

departments instead of one.

He even says that he likes his new job better. He finds that the new position requires less preparation time.

The class Mr. Voss enjoys most is Health because of the long class discussions that allow students to learn about real life situations. It also provides the classroom atmosphere that he is used to as a science teacher.

"I like teaching science and watching students discover new things," he says, but teaching Health and PE allow him to better utilize his training and education from college, and that's what he's always wanted to teach.

Impossible Dreams for School Bathrooms

by Alicia Zehr

A man or a woman greets you at the door and offers to take your jacket or give you a squirt of perfume. Elegant music, couches, tables, and even a tattoo machine await you. Where are you? None other than the dream bathrooms of some of the West Delaware students and teachers.

To some, the school facilities just aren't fitting for students' and teachers' needs. Almost everyone has to go to the restroom at least once a day, but a lot don't go by choice.

Sam Ehrler waits until she goes home before she goes to the restroom, but she says, "If I do go, I squat over them." She suggests that maybe if West Delaware provided seat covers and cushioned toilet seats, then she would use the restrooms more frequently.

Mrs. Pitzenberger-Timp has other ideas. She would like tables and shelves to put books and coats on so students and teachers don't have to set them on the floor.

Mrs. Pitzenberger-Timp also doesn't like the fact that students and the faculty members share restrooms. "This is the only school that I have been to that they have to share. I really don't enjoy having to hear all the gossip while I use the bathrooms," she admits.

On the other hand, Maverick Gibbs thinks more sinks and urinals

should be installed in the bathrooms. He would also like to see sidewalls put in by the urinals so people can have a little privacy. He doesn't like that sometimes there is urine on the floor, no soap in the dispenser, or inadequate hand dryers.

Maverick likes the automatic urinal flushers and the mirror. "I like having the mirror to make sure I don't have any toilet paper stuck to me or hair sticking up," he says.

In the future, Jamie Kammarmeyer would like to maybe have sound proof stalls, automatic faucets, and automatic flushers.

Whereas in Sam Ehrler's future bathroom, she would like to have a tattoo machine like the ones the mall bathrooms supply.

Despite all the bad things that some may think about the restroom facilities, most find them acceptable. Mrs. Pitzenberger-Timp said that the school restrooms are usually clean, have plenty of paper towels, and have enough stalls for everyone.

Maybe one day, however, students or teachers will walk into the restroom and have an attendant greet them at the door to take their jackets or give them a squirt of perfume. There could be music playing, couches all around, and even a tattoo machine. They might even forget they are in a high school bathroom.

Read Across West Delaware

What is your favorite book?

by Jennifer Rohlf

"Growing up in a rural part of Northeast Iowa in the 60's - being black and what that means was alien to me. Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin helped me feel the prejudice, anger, shame, etc. that I had been unable to experience personally."

Mrs. Darla Gaskill

"Where The Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls. It's a great book about a young man and his two dogs. An awesome story with an emotional ending. Definite two thumbs up!"
Rory Heims, 12th grade

"Ummm... I don't read. I hate books, but if I had to choose it would be Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss."
Alex Wegner, 9th grade



"My favorite books are the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. I

love the imagination and creativity of the author."
Alaina Goos, 11th grade

"Down A Dark Hall by Lois Duncan is a good book because it's a very suspenseful, excellent mystery that keeps you turning the pages."
Abby Quint, 10th grade

Congratulations to **Adam Pasker** and **Anne Snitker** on being selected to participate in the People to People summer tour.

Way to GO!

Newest Arrival The Science Interactions'

Unfamiliar Face

by Jennifer Rohlf

Mrs. Margaret Hogan is the newest arrival to West Delaware High School, teaching ninth grade Science Interactions as a long term substitute.

As of second semester, Mrs. Hogan began filling in for Mr. Jeff Voss who took a different teaching position at West Delaware.

Mrs. Hogan loves teaching Science Interactions at West Delaware. Impressed with how helpful and respectful the students are, she says, "I like the kids, and the teachers are really nice, too."

Prior to working as a substitute, Mrs. Hogan was a computer operator doing back up programming,

purchase orders, inventory and payroll at the F.S.A office in Monticello for the U.S.D.A. She also was elected County Auditor for two terms. She conducted elections, worked on the pay roll and was in charge of figuring taxes.

After graduating from Iowa State University, she attended the University of Dubuque in 1998 to earn her teaching license.

Over the past year, she has substituted for schools in Dyersville, Farley, and Cascade.

Mrs. Hogan looks forward to acquiring a permanent teaching position.

Seven West Delaware High School Winners!

by Jill Kammarmeyer

The Eastern Iowa Reading Council has recognized seven West Delaware students in their Creative Writing Short Story and Poetry Contests.

A dinner is to be held on Tuesday, February 27, at 6 p.m. at the Lambert Elementary School in Manchester. All first place winners will be guests at the dinner and will read their winning story to the entire group.

First place winners include Hannah Greve, a junior, for her poetry and short story; Peggy Tucker, a senior, for her short story; and Nickie Meyer, a senior, for her poetry.

Second place winners include Melissa Lawrence, a sophomore, for her short story and Kayla Glaza, a senior, for her short story.

Kody Kunkel, a senior, received third place in the contest for his short story.

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Congratulations to West Delaware FFA members who competed in the Northeast Sub-District FFA Leadership Contest!

Good Luck, Sarah Willie, at Districts!

Good Job, Jason Gearhart and Michael Tekippe, for being selected as alternates

Good Person Awards

☺ Mr. Hanson for taking up people's trays at lunch.

☺ Mrs. Conrad for writing letters of recommendation.

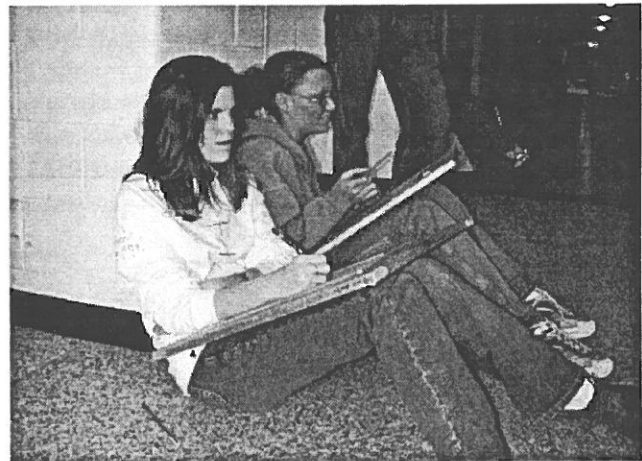
☺ Mitch Curtis for helping Laura Burkle jump-start her car in the Fareway parking lot.

☺ Amanda Nieman for giving people rides home from speech when their cars are broken.

☺ YADC for taking special education students bowling.



Nick Besler and Lisa Diercksen sell Data Match print outs at lunch for a student council fundraiser.



Julie Philipp and Shelby Ravepractice drawing perspectives for art class.