

Class of Millennium Bids Farewell

By Justin Scott

On Sunday May 28, the Class of 2000 will say farewell to West Delaware High School once and for all.

The Graduation ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium with performances by both the high school concert band and the high school concert choir.

Speaking at graduation will be Kent Griffith, class president, Sara Hawker, class valedictorian, and Holly Langel and Tracy Wiewel, speakers at large.

Jack Young, president of the school board, will confer diplomas to graduating seniors who have met credit and grade requirements.

All family members, friends and students of West Delaware are invited to attend the graduation ceremony.

Baccalaureate: Churches Acknowledge Graduates

By Justin Scott

Baccalaureate will be held May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

This ceremony gives local churches an opportunity to recognize graduating seniors in their congregation. Sponsoring the event will be the Delaware County Ministerial Association.

Speakers at the ceremony include Pastor Kristen Venne, First Lutheran Church, and Bryan Hart, graduate.

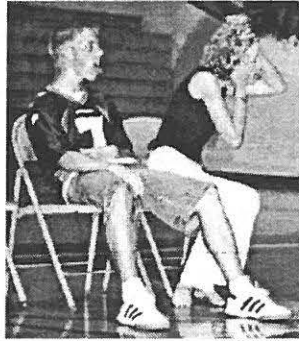
The event will also offer snacks and beverages in the high school cafeteria.



Hypnotist visits West Delaware

Greeting natives in the jungle, Brett Palmer and Becky McCusker make faces.

Tim Turnis is convinced he is stuck to the gym floor.



A Brief Look at 1999-2000

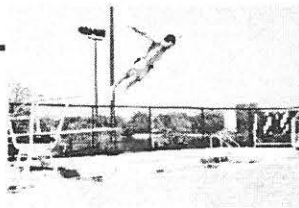


The West Delaware Baseball team cheer on their teammates.



Kara DeShaw looks on, hoping to steal second base.

August



For the first year, first term PE classes went swimming at the public pool. Frank Woods shows off his diving skills.



Out of breath, Brett Wheelan finishes hard at a cross country meet.

Starting Over

Experiences of Foreign Exchange Students

By Missy Heims

Imagine waking up, only you're in a different house, town, county, state, country, even a different continent.

That's just what Jesus Santiago Arizpe, Signe Rasmussen, and Sanna Pirttialo have done. They've left their family, friends, and country to become foreign exchange students, and they've come to Manchester.

Arizpe, a 17 year old from Mexico, arrived in Manchester on August 14 and is staying until June 10 with host parent Ben Philippon. He will still have a year of high school and four years of college to complete when he returns home.

His favorite part about being in America has been the opportunity to make new friends. Arizpe also enjoys playing on his computer to keep from getting homesick. The main reason he wanted to come to America was to learn

another culture and to become more familiar with the English language.

Signe Rasmussen, also 17, arrived August 5 from Denmark and is staying with host parents Dan and Deb Meyer until July 7. Rasmussen was introduced to being a foreign exchange student by her mom's family, who hosted a student themselves. Her host dad's sister was the student who stayed with her mom in Denmark back when she was about 19 years old.

So far, the best part of her stay is meeting new friends and enjoying the fan support at athletic competitions. "It was so cool to see the crowd go crazy at State Basketball. They were all so excited," said Rasmussen.

While here, Rasmussen has kept busy in cross country, show choir, chorus and track.

Rasmussen will have three years of secondary school to take when she returns home, but before she leaves, she will take part in a bus tour of the United States from July 7 to the 11.

Sanna Pirttialo, 17, fulfilled her dream when she arrived here from Finland in August. As part of the Rotary program, Pirttialo has had three host families: Jim and Jean Fisher, Gary and Donna Reeder, and Dave and Rita Dudley.

A very memorable moment for Pirttialo was her trip to New York City with the Rotary Exchange Students. "It was neat to just go to a famous city," said Pirttialo.

Another memorable moment was participating in the Oklahoma musical. Mr. Duane Philgreen really inspired her. "He is an awesome teacher," said

Pirttialo.

Pirttialo and Rasmussen both recommend that anyone who is thinking about being an exchange student should. "It's a great experience. You're home sick right away but in the end you won't want to leave," said Rasmussen. "I would recommend being an exchange student. You end up having more good times that end up canceling out the bad," said Pirttialo.

All three said they would come back to America. Rasmussen is coming back in the summer of 2001 with her family to visit. Arizpe would like to stay because he likes it here. Pirttialo would like to come back with her family in a couple of years, but just for a visit. Pirttialo commented, "I can't stay because your country is in your heart. I belong in Finland."

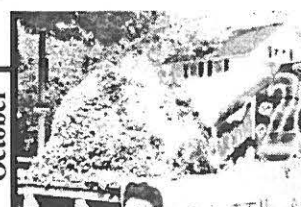


September

Finishing hard, Jill Hoekstra puts her all into the race.



Football players get down and ready to defend.



October

The Senior float goes up in flames during the Homecoming parade.



WD Volleyball had a record breaking season this year. Joy Wolfe shows her excitement after winning the school's first ever post-season game.

Teachers Say Goodbye

By Amanda Knott

As the end of the year rolls around and summer draws near, West Delaware plans to say good-bye to four teachers. Mrs. Holly Wille, Mrs. Jane Venes, Mrs. Jennifer Strobehn, and Mr. Ron Struble will no longer be a part of the teaching staff in the 2000-2001 school year.

Mrs. Wille has been a part of West Delaware staff for two years as a part of the science department. Next year Mrs. Wille will teach seventh, eighth, and ninth grade science at Edgewood-Colesburg High School. "The main reason for the switch," said Mrs. Wille "is because it is closer to home."

Mrs. Wille did not only teach at WD, she was also involved in the preparations for Prom 2000. "That was an awesome experience. I really got to know some great kids." Teaching at

WD was also very challenging for her. "I was never given my own classroom, so it was really hard to keep organized."

This was Mrs. Venes' first year teaching at WD. She worked mostly with the at-risk program but also taught one section of art. She will not return next year because the at-risk program is taking a new turn. With the addition of the alternative school, no at-risk program will be provided. Next year she plans to continue teaching, but she is not sure where. She would like to go back to teaching what she originally taught which is French.

One of the fondest memories Mrs. Venes has is when she helped a student learn how to study for tests. "The student was so happy when she finally did well on a test!" Mrs. Venes

found it hard to adapt to this school system after coming from a district in Wisconsin. "It was little things like attendance slips which seemed so foreign to me," she said.

Mrs. Strobehn, formerly Miss Quam, has taught in the WD science department for two years. She was recently hired as a biology teacher at Benton Community. The reason for the switch is obvious. "As of now I have to drive 80 miles each way! The job at Benton will cut my drive in half."

The best part of WD was "having good kids and a nice staff." Every day she was faced with a new challenge, such as "having such smart kids in physics class. They were so smart I had to learn more as well."

Mr. Struble has been teaching at WD for 27 years and has taught everything

from woods and metals to computer aided drafting. "I can't say that I have been bored," said Struble. "The thing I will miss the most is the students," Mr. Struble said, "especially the camaraderie you have after they graduate."

Mr. Struble plans to take over Mr. Dick Justice's position as Building and Grounds Director. "I am up to a new challenge," said Struble. "It will certainly be a change—from working nine and a half months to 12 months of the year!"

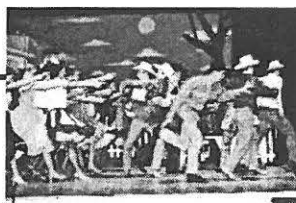
Not only has Mr. Struble been involved in all of the technical education classes at some point in his career, he has also worked the concession stand many times. Of those many concession stand experiences, he said, "I must have served over 3,000 hot dogs."



November



Carrie Vermazen shows her spirit during a home football game.



Under the new direction of Mr. Duane Philgreen, *Oklahoma!* was a hit.



December

The annual Christmas assembly was livened up by Sanna Pirttisalo. She sang the old classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" in her native tongue, Finnish.

What People will do for Money

By Lori Bockenstedt

When most people think of students with summer jobs, they think of the traditional burger flipping or waitressing job; however, students today have gone way beyond tradition.

Eric Hanson will work as a camp counselor at Ewalu, a Lutheran Bible camp.

"I am looking forward to hanging around with kids and having fun. The only downfall is that I don't get a whole lot of free time, being gone Sunday through Friday with only Saturday off," Hanson said.

Forty dollars a week isn't much, but he thinks that the experience is worth it. Hanson is very excited at the opportunity to train as a counselor, which he hopes to be someday.

Dana Klees will spend her third summer as a nanny. In Alabama she will nanny for her aunt and

uncle's little boy getting \$150.00 a week plus room and board. She even gets a vacation to Florida out of the deal.

"I am looking forward to getting out of Manchester and seeing Alabama," said Klees.

Others may not have a great job that pays much, but as Matt McElliott said, "Not everyone likes to do it but it has to be done." This is a good attitude for McElliott to have while mowing lawns for about \$10.00 a lawn. He does this to earn spending money, and his biggest concern is running out of gas. This is not the only thing he plans to do this summer though; he is also working at Bossom's convenient store.

Another job that not everyone wants to do is construction. Nick Puffett is working at Holtz construction doing cement

work and constructing bins. Puffett will work 12 hour days for \$8.00 an hour to pay for his car. Although he is learning simple construction work, this is just a summer job to him.

"I like getting \$8.00 an hour, but I don't like doing cement work on hot humid days," said Puffett.

Sam Cook plans to lifeguard at the Manchester Aquatic Center this summer for \$5.35 an hour. A problem that she sometimes runs into is getting knocked over by kids coming down the slide because she is so short, but she enjoys her job and seeing the kids.

"I really like it, but long days in the sun tire you out," said Cook.

Troy Lindauer will spend his summer as a hired hand at a hog farm.

"The worst part of the job is power washing because it takes so long,

and when you're done you're covered in manure," said Lindauer.

Lindauer likes his job though. He gets paid \$7.50 an hour and hopes to be a farmer some day.

One more job that not many people like to have but needs to be done is picking up rocks. This is Ryne Foster's summer job. The thing that he likes is earning \$8.00 an hour and getting a tan.

"I really hate getting up early in the morning to pick up rocks," Foster said.

Jill Flannagan works at People's State Bank saving for college. She works part time for \$6.80 an hour. She likes her job but sometimes has problems with frustrated costumers.

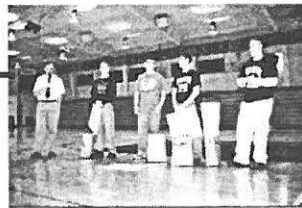
Flannagan said, "I don't like it when costumers yell at you when it's not your fault."



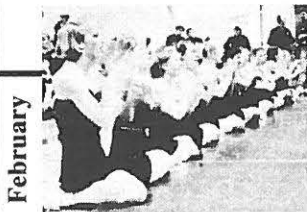
Head Coach Mike Kopish, gets the girls basketball team fired up during a time-out.



WD Forte was honored with a once-in-a-lifetime chance to perform at Hancher Auditorium.



This year, WD sent four wrestlers to the State Tournament: Brian Doyle, Corey Reinig, Aaron Butikofer, and Phil Klein.



All westling cheerleaders piled on the mat to dominate the floor.

What were your most memorable, embarrassing, or funny moments of Prom 2000?

By Eileen Hoffmann

"When B.J. (Funke), Brandon (Grimm), Tim (Woods), Chris (Sill), Brett (Logan), and I serenaded to Rory Heims to the song 'Nice and Slow' by Usher."
Jake Fergesen

"I played Craps for two hours at the after prom party with Bethany (Schmidt)."
Ellie Dolan

"My 'Elvira' duet with Jake (Fergesen)."
BJ Funke

"Singing karaoke, especially to the songs 'La Bamba' and 'Bohe-

mian Rhapsody'."
Brett Logan

"When John Opitz asked why he didn't get a spoon with his soup and his spoon was right next to his bowl. He had been eating his soup with his fork."
Dana Klees

"Building prom, especially Munchkin Land."
Jamie Kelchen

"My favorite part was karaoke, plus I got my picture taken with Dorothy and the Tin Man!"
Kelley Ryan

"Kari Krogmann."
Adam Salow

"I'll never forget when Jake (Fergesen) almost fainted at 5:15 church."
Andrea Bockenstedt

"We went to Wal-Mart before we ate supper and Mandy Besler's date was riding around the aisles on a water pony float."
Molly Miller

"One of the guys in the group I went with tripped over the bridge in the gym."
Jamie Moriarity

"Both of my dress straps broke at the dance

and all of the beads fell off. I'm taking the dress back."
Kristen Turnis

"My nine dollar cocktail that only had five shrimp and tasted like crap!"
Chad Cole

"Prom was great, but I had to work at 10 a.m. the next morning."
Amy Spellerberg

"I bought a Nintendo 64 at the auction, but I didn't have enough money (to buy it) so they wouldn't give it to me."
Tim Wolfe

Prom Cost- How Much Did You Spend?

By Angie Baumgartner

Lindsay Hardin

Dress- \$175
Shoes- \$50
Nails- \$40
Acces.- \$30
Bra- \$15
Flowers- \$30
Hair- \$15
Tanning- \$32
TOTAL- \$387

Katie Hermsen

Dress Material- \$30
Shoes- \$30
Nails- \$30
Acces.- \$6
Hair- \$8
Tanning- \$25
TOTAL- \$129

Bethany Schmidt

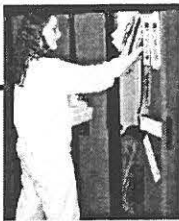
Dress- \$400
Shoes- \$70
Nails- \$25
Acces.- \$40
Hair- \$25
Tanning- \$25
Dinner- \$10
TOTAL- \$595

Matt Mozingo

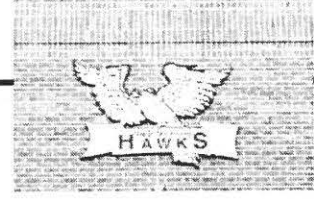
Tuxedo- \$85.85
Gas- \$15.25
Car Wash- \$4.50
Flowers- \$25
Limo and Tip- \$58
Dinner- \$41
Ticket- \$10
Kiss from Angie B.- Priceless
TOTAL- \$249.60

Mark Klaus

Tuxedo- \$74
Dinner- \$23.95
Car Wash- \$2.50
Gas- \$18.10
TOTAL- \$118.55



February



Jenni Burkle and the rest of the boys basketball cheerleaders placed goodies in players' lockers.

During time-outs girls basketball cheerleaders Jamie Murray and Dana Klees pumped up the crowd.

Second and third term PE students practiced CPR on dummies.

A memorial dedicated to Jerry Butikofer was placed over the gym entrance of the school.

Editorial

Bomb Threats— What’s Taken Seriously?

By Angie Baumgartner

Bomb threats at West Delaware have become an issue in the last two months. For the first bomb threat, classes were evacuated promptly. However, for the second threat, students were never evacuated.

Although these bomb threats may have been two different situations, it is time to find a consistent procedure, to at least put people’s minds at ease. I feel confused that the

second bomb threat wasn’t taken as seriously as the first, regarding evacuation.

When and why does one bomb threat cause evacuation and the other does not? What specific things cause one threat to be downplayed and not called to the attention of students and staff until after the fact? Are there written guidelines to follow in case of a bomb threat, and what is being done to make sure threats won’t continue or escalate? Answering these questions,

along with finding a consistent procedure, will hopefully make students and staff understand the reasoning behind the decisions and ultimately feel safer in school. After all, students must feel safe in order to learn.

Editorial Note: In the process of finalizing my article, I had the opportunity to talk with an administrator on the questions raised in my article. After hearing the reasons why we don’t get more information

on the bomb threats, I feel my concern is more one of communication than safety. I understand that administrators cannot share specifics about how they come to these decisions as doing so may cause more safety concerns. However, the students of West Delaware do deserve an explanation of the rationale behind these decisions.

4th Grade Inklings

By Lori Bockenstedt

Mrs. Melissa Coates’ fourth grade class visited Mrs. Helen Temeyer’s Journalism II class on May 4.

The fourth graders have

been busy making their own newspapers and were excited to show them off to the high schoolers. The fourth graders took pictures with the digital camera,

worked on making their own newspaper, and watched high school students work on the *Inklings*.

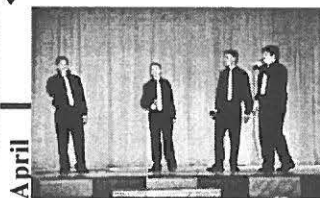
Many of the kids agreed

with Tyler Hutton when he said, “My favorite part was taking a picture with the digital camera.”

Anissa Jerdee said, “I liked going to the computer lab in the high school.”



March



April



The WD Dance team wows the crowd at wrestling meet.

For the second year in a row, the WD Boys Basketball team made it to the State Tournament, where this year they placed second.

WD’s famous quartet, Flipmode, sang at the Superintendent’s Convention and received two standing ovations.

The drama department performed *Scapino* where several females played male roles. Hannah Greve and Ryan Gaffney prepare for the final performances.



Library Revitalization

By Matt Mozingo

The West Delaware Library and Media Center will undergo drastic reconstruction next month. From June 4 to June 30 the library will be transformed into a state-of-the-art learning center.

The improved library media center will become one big room due to the demolition of the wall separating the library and the computer lab. The ceiling, lights, carpet, and air conditioning will be replaced. The renovated library will include 20 new iMac computers, seven of them with DVD capabilities. These computers will allow students to make their own movies due to the iMovie technology. Some Spanish classes already have plans to use this feature of the new computers. "We [the library] plan to include more multimedia

projects into the curriculum," Mrs. Michelle Cowell said, "instead of just the current Power Point or paper projects."

"These changes will make the computers much more accessible for the students and staff," Mrs. Cowell said, "That would take the focus off of taking one type of resource as being more important than the other."

New chairs will also be set-up around these new computer stations. "We [the library] are specifically getting chairs that are very difficult to lean back in," Mrs. Cowell said, "just to torment the kids." Next year there will be a couch to fully enhance a student's learning experience.

The work will be done by the West Delaware Janitorial Staff along with private contractors.

Congratulations to Matt Scherbring and Michael Krogmann in placing second in the AAA Ford Auto Contest.

Good Person

Awards

☺Mrs. Baumgartner & Mrs. P-T: For working and setting up the Art Expo.



☺Mr. Litterer: For always being at school at 7:15 on the mornings of Advanced Math tests.

☺Tracy Wiewel: For taking care of Katelyn Zuck after she got hit with a golf ball.

☺Scott Mensen: For giving high fives to his second hour class.

☺Janelle Holden & Rachael Reeder: For making May baskets for friends.

April



Flying high, Angie Baumgartner clears the hurdle with ease. Girls track had a very successful season, losing the WaMaC title by two points.



West Delaware track sent Nick McCool, Brandon Grimm, Matt Carpenter, Jeff Holden, Luke Hubbard and Eric Recker to run in the Drake Relays.



Blake Jones swings his way to an exceptional season.



Thumbs Up to...



Graduation Parties



Summer Jobs



Start of Baseball



Camp Outs



Start of Softball



Guys going to Drake



Girls and Guys going to
State Track

Budding Authors Attend Conference

By Amanda Knott

Eight West Delaware students attended the Young Writers' Conference on May 3, sponsored by Keystone Area Education Agency. Attending the conference were Allison Eschen, Ryan Gaffney, Kayla Glaza, Emily Montag, Becky McCusker, Jessica Nystel, Jennie Swanson, along with Mrs. Darla Gaskill, English teacher. Mrs. Mary Kelley, middle school TAG teacher, took four middle school students.

The students had the opportunity to attend two of ten sessions covering topics from dialogue to short stories.

"I attended Rap it Up," said Gaffney. "We got a chance to write our own poems and then put them to

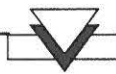
music."

Nystel attended a session entitled Stories with Holes. "It made you think of alternative endings that you had never thought of."

Mr. Donald Harstad, professional author, spoke to the teens about how growing up in Elkader, Iowa has influenced his writings.

"He was a commoner and, therefore, was easy to relate to," said Mrs. Kelley.

Mr. Harstad also hosted a session where students had a chance to share their own stories. McCusker attended this session, "He said I had amazing talent, and I had developed my characters beautifully. That was awesome coming from a professional author."



Swinging away, Michelle Cooper drives one far. Despite being a very young team, girls golf had a respectable season.

May



Many prom-goers attended the after prom party from midnight to 5 a.m.



Like many students, Matt Mozingo, participated in the annual blood drive sponsored by the student council.



A hypnotist visited West Delaware on May 12. Stephanie Sherman proves she is really hypnotized as a flame is placed under her hand.

Ready to Run

By Jane Hanson

Although getting to the Drake Relays itself is tough, competing at Drake with some of the best high school athletes in the state is even tougher.

In their second year appearing at the Drake Relays, Matt Carpenter, Luke Hubbard, and Eric Recker ran the 4 x 100 meter relay along with Jeff Holden and Nick McCool who made their first appearance. McCool attended as the alternate. Brandon Grimm also made his first appearance at the Drake Relays running the

110 meter high hurdles. Grimm has been to Drake his freshman and sophomore years competing in the 4 x 400.

The 4 x 100 race consisted of 25 heats with eight teams in every heat. West Delaware ran in the sixth fastest heat and placed fourth in a time of 45.03 seconds, the fastest they have ever run.

"I guess I was disappointed the way we finished, and I was disappointed because I knew that we could have been faster," said Carpenter.

"It's just a rush. It gets your blood pumping. Last year we dropped the baton a lot. I knew all we could do is improve," said Recker.

Grimm, who ran a time of 16.1 seconds, was disappointed with his time because he knew he had run faster earlier in the season.

"I could have done better. I started out well, but in the middle I hit a hurdle. It wasn't nearly my fastest time, but it's a privilege to be down there," said Grimm.

Qualifying for indi-

vidual events is totally different than qualifying for relay events. To qualify for an individual event, the athlete must have one of the top 32 times in the state. To qualify for a relay, the team must post a qualifying time.

For example, to qualify for the Drake Relays in the 4 x 100, the team must post a time of 47 seconds or better.

"I wasn't surprised at all that we made it to Drake," said Recker. "It is easy to get to Drake in the 4 x 100."

S U M M E R

sports

By Eileen Hoffmann

SOFTBALL

"First and foremost, we have to go out and compete for a WaMaC championship. Then we'd like to make a run at the State tournament. I think if we continually improve, we have as good of a chance as any in the state of Iowa."

Coach Brett Mather



"I think this year is going to be interesting. We have a team that is close, and it will be exciting to see how well we will work together this year. One big strength is going to be our hitting. We have a lead off slapper. Then the rest of the lineup is solid with Andrea Bockenstedt coming back. We might have some gaps to fill in the field, but plan on seeing us at State."

Emily Ryan

BASEBALL

"I would expect us to be very competitive. With our schedule, it's tough to say we're going to win a set number of games, but I think we have the pitching staff to be in every game."

Coach Mike Morrison

"It should be really good. We have a lot of leadership back. I think that we have a very, very good chance of going to State, as long as we take it one game at a time. It should be one of the best West Delaware baseball seasons in history."

Kory Kelchen



Congratulations 2000 State Qualifiers

GIRLS TRACK

4 x 200

Megan Nieman
Andrea Bockenstedt
Mollie Wessels
Allison Bockenstedt

4 x 400

Megan Nieman
Andrea Bockenstedt
Allison Bockenstedt
Angie German

Shuttle Hurdle Relay

Angie Baumgartner
Amy Klostermann
Megan Nieman
Angie German

Long Jump

Angie German

High Jump

Megan Nieman

Discus

Angie Wessels

100 meter hurdles

Amy Klostermann

400 meter hurdles

Angie German

BOYS TRACK

4x200

Eric Recker
Matt Carpenter
Jeff Holden
Luke Hubbard

4 x 100

Eric Recker
Matt Carpenter
Tim Turnis
Bradley Woods

4 x 400

Nick McCool
Brandon Grimm
Luke Hubbard
Jeff Holden

400 meter low hurdles

Brandon Grimm

110 meter high hurdles

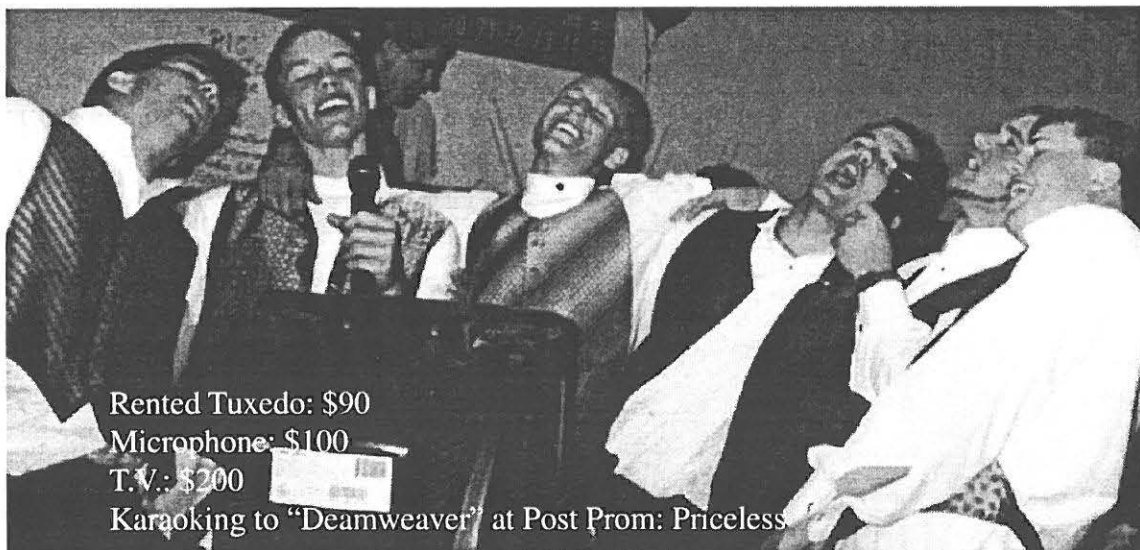
Brandon Grimm

100 meter dash

Eric Recker

Alternates

Ryne Foster
Brian Appleton



Rented Tuxedo: \$90
Microphone: \$100
T.V.: \$200
Karaokeing to "Deamweaver" at Post Prom: Priceless

Created by Justin Scott

1999 - 2000 Senior Inkling Staff Members

By Vicki Atwater

Vicki Atwater Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, Iowa

- Majoring in Secondary Education and Mathematics
- Favorite Journalism Occurrence: *"When the class went to Josten's Seminar and the Josten's representative used cheerleading for most of his examples. This was a coincidence because the four girls from West Delaware in the front row were all cheerleaders."*

Angie Baumgartner UNI, Cedar Falls, Iowa

- Double Majoring in Graphic Design and Textiles and Apparel

Sara Boren Wartburg College, Decorah, Iowa

- Majoring in Elementary Education
- Favorite Journalism Occurrence: *"The last day of class was also the day of cheerleading try-outs. And since we were done with our yearbook pages and portfolios, we spent the end of class practicing and trying to teach Jill Kammarmeyer her cheers. It was hilarious watching her. You all know how she has those awesome facial expressions! But it all was worth it. She got on the squad."*

Kara DeShaw Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

- Majoring in Public Relations

Sara Engelken UNI, Cedar Falls, Iowa

- Majoring in Business

Carla Funke UNI, Cedar Falls, Iowa

- Majoring in Accounting

Missy Heims Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa

- Majoring in Business Management
- Favorite Journalism Occurrence: *"When we went to Cedar Rapids for a Josten's Workshop and on a sign read 'happy hour from 3-7.' After talking about it not being an hour Vicki Atwater said, 'it's three hours,' and we said, 'no it's four hours, where have you been?'"*

Dana Klees Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa

- Majoring in Psychology

Favorite Journalism Occurrence: *"While working quietly with Inklings and yearbook classmates, we suddenly heard 'oh shoot'. Angie Baumgartner and Lori Bockenstedt ran into the*

room saying the track bus was supposed to leave 10 minutes ago and was going to leave them."

Sara Luensmann Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

- Majoring in Communication for T.V. and radio

Molly Miller Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

- Unknown Major
- Favorite Journalism Occurrence: *"Having to plan out how to make an airplane in our little groups, to show group dynamics."*

Matt Mozingo University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

- Majoring in General Studies

Favorite Journalism Occurrence: *"The controversy over what I think is*

appropriate and what Mrs. Temeyer thinks is appropriate."

Jennifer Rubner UNI, Cedar Falls, Iowa

- Majoring in Education

Justin Scott Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, Iowa

- Major in Photography with a emphasis in Photo Journalism

Favorite Journalism Occurrence: *"Journalism gave me a cheap excuse to talk to anyone, cause I had a camera."*

Lori Wickman Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, Iowa

- Majoring in Accounting

Favorite Journalism Occurrence: *"Taking pictures of the outdoor lunch and getting one of Mr. Hanson serving beans."*

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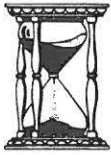
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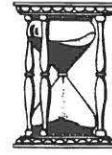
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Times from the Past

By Dana Klees



As the year winds down, talk in the halls changes from what someone is wearing to prom to where people are going to college. Along with the talk of the future is talk of the past. Many seniors have begun talking about past events. As some of the seniors look back at the past four years, many experiences stuck out in their minds.

★“Participating in State Golf and State Basketball,” Blake Jones.

★“Sophomore year homecoming, I went t-peeing with friends and did all sorts of crazy things,” Kristin Kelchen.

★“Having Mr. Emlet give me his hat at McDonald’s, after a track meet, and I told the McDonald’s person I was an assistant coach. I got a free meal,” Val Schaffer.

★“Trying out and making All State Choir,” Ellie Dolan.

★“Going to Florida with the band. One night we called a freshman room and told them to stop using all the cold water because I had to take a hot shower,” Kris Clemen.

★“Listening to Mark Klaus make

fun of people constantly,” Doug Drees.

★“The blackout in the UNI Dome in the fall of 1998,” Anne Ries.

★“T-peeing on Thursday before Homecoming,” Tracy Wiewel.

★“Cheering for the first West Delaware Basketball Team to go to State,” Sara Luensmann.

★“As a freshman qualifying for State Wrestling,” Brian Doyle.

★“The first time I got pulled over I was driving Kristin Snitker’s car and raising havoc on Grant Street,” Elizabeth Heiar.

★“Going to the Red Hot Chile Peppers concert. I dared Elizabeth Heiar to ask a hot guy to help her find her mom,” Kay Wilhelm.

★“Fifth grade camp the second time,” Carrie Vermazen.

★“On a charter bus to a baseball game, I was sitting on a cooler in the aisle. The driver slammed on the breaks, and I went cooler sailing to the front of the bus,” Missy Heims.

★“Going to Dyersville just for ice-

cream,” Lori Wickman.

★“The first time I realized I was a senior,” Jenni Burkle.

★“When I almost sank a pontoon boat on Lake Delhi. I slowed down for a wave to get my friends wet but the engine killed. The wave came over the front and smothered everyone with water. They then ran to the back of the boat, and the front end started to go up. So everyone finally sat in the center,” Michelle Sauser.

★“At State Basketball, after a long day of sitting around doing nothing, we all were feeling kind of crazy. So “Chappy” (Cory Chapmann) was standing at the end of a bed and decided to try a flip. He did do the flip but kicked a \$50 hole in the wall of our room,” Matt Mozingo.

★“At the Sub State Basketball game against Vinton. I decided to lead the Vinton crowd in the spelling of the word Hawks. They didn’t cooperate, so I ran back to a safe haven of fanatic West Delaware fans,” Justin Scott.



Senior Advice

By Dana Klees



•“Don’t spaz over things. High school will go by fast enough. Enjoy it,” Jenni Burkle.

•“Just have fun,” Ryan Koelker.

•“Have an open mind, get to know a lot of people, and be involved in many activities,” Val Heffernan.

•“Be yourself. People will like you for who you are,” Mandy Gibbs.

•“Keep your head up and be nice to everyone,” Blake Jones.

•“Get Government over with first block,” Jennifer Rubner.

•“Go to as many different activities as you can. You’re only in high school once,” Kari Krogmann.

•“Don’t repeat our mistakes. Make your own,” Justin Beeh.

•“Never underestimate how smart the teachers are,” Val Schaffer.

•“Do all that you dream of,” Kristina Clemen.

•“Have as much fun as possible,” Doug Drees.

•“Don’t believe everything people tell you. Mrs. Conrad is not a hard teacher—she’s awesome,” Nic Stelken.

•“Don’t lean back in your chair when Mrs. Cowell is around,” Tracy Wiewel.

•“Don’t burn down floats,” Pat

Breitbach.

•“Work hard and you will go far in life,” Sara Luensmann.

•“Get to know a variety of different people,” Elizabeth Heiar.

•“Enjoy every moment of your senior year,” Kay Wilhelm.

•“Don’t stress out over little things. Save the stressing for things like picking a college or chemistry,” Carrie Vermazen.

•“Have fun in high school because it flies by,” Ellie Dolan.

•“Don’t spend all of your time in books,” Missy Heims.

Graduation: It Costs Too Much

By Lori Wickman

It's that time of year again, when seniors are getting excited to graduate and their parents are going nuts getting ready for the party - well, at least mom is.

Many seniors hold their parties later in the afternoon, while some are choosing to have a brunch. It doesn't matter when it is held, many people will be there, and most of them will be eating. So, seniors, are you ready?

One of the most popular items at graduation parties is cake. The traditional white or chocolate sheet cakes at K&K cost \$40. If those don't sound good, you can always spend \$2 more and get a marble cake. If you think you will need just a half of sheet cake, it will cost you \$25, no matter what kind you get.

If you don't feel like having the bakery make your cakes, you could always ask Janice Langel. Langel's cakes feed 35 people and cost \$14.

Another option involves giving mom the puppy dog eyes and maybe she will make them for you.

Another popular sweet is mints. It can take a long time to make them, but people seem to love them. If you want to save money, you can always make your own. For about 200 mints it will cost you about \$3. If you get them made, they will cost you three cents each, and those 200 mints are now \$6. It's up to you what is more important: your money or your time.

A meal is not complete without some kind of meat. For 100 people

the suggested amount of meat is 20 pounds. With ham being \$2.29 lb, ham will cost you about \$45. Some people choose to go with hot sandwiches. BBQ beef is always a popular choice, but it will cost you more. For one pound, you will pay \$3.19. So those 20 pounds will cost you over \$60.

You know you can't have a sandwich without buns. At K&K if you order your cakes from them, you will pay wholesale price for your buns. McElroy's homemade buns will cost you \$2.39 for 30 buns, or you can go with their hamburger buns for \$1.99 for a dozen. You could stay close to home and go to one of local stores and pay \$0.99 for a package of 8.

You can't have a party without at least one salad. A popular one for graduation is potato salad. You can get the salad for \$1.89 a pound, and each pound is to feed four people. If you order 25 pounds, it will cost you about \$48. If you prefer coleslaw or macaroni salad, it will be the same price.

With graduation being at the start of the summer, fresh fruit is a popular item. You can get a 14 inch fresh fruit tray for \$20. Or you could take the time to make one yourself and save some money.

You really can't have a party without some drink. Some people rent pop machines; others make punch. The pop machine may be a

little expensive, with the canisters being \$13 each, but that is cheaper than having cans of pop.

If you don't feel like buying all of this separately you can always go to Econofoods, where they have graduation packages. For \$245.99 you get 200 sandwiches, 24 pounds of potato salad, 12 pounds of coleslaw, 12 pounds of macaroni salad, a full sheet cake decorated in school colors, and a bouquet of balloons.

Now that you have all of the food, where are you going to hold your party? The tradition is to have your party at home. But, what do you do if you have a small house? You can go with an economical building like Siebert Park for \$10 an hour, or you could go to the fairgrounds and pay over \$75. Some people have even gone with having their party in a church hall.

The only way people know about your party is invitations. The formal school announcements cost ninety cents each. With everything you can do on computers, many people have gone with designing their own. Those can get expensive with the cost of ink cartridges. Then you have to pay the postage to mail all of them.

Graduation can cost anywhere from \$100 for a small party to over \$500 for a large one. Isn't it nice that mom and dad are the ones who pay for it?

CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!



Thumbs Down to...

-  Bomb Threats
-  Gas prices going up again
-  Working during nice summer days
-  Graduation Expenses
-  Wet grass during first hour P.E.
-  Hail damage to vehicles
-  Street construction on Buck Road

Swing into Spring



"She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy" is exactly what Kent Griffith, Kurt Palmer, and Paul Waterman are thinking.

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CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS LITTLE GIRL IS?



She spent her 16th birthday at the Washington Monument. She was once editor of the Inklings. She has taught in almost every classroom at the high school. She served as student council secretary.

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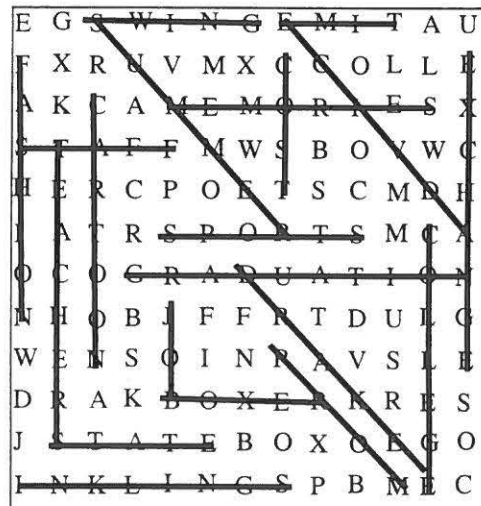
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