

Inflation Hits Concession Stand

By Jessica Nystel

It's been a long first morning of school. After suffering through skin soaking heat, all some students want is a nice cool ice-cream treat for lunch. They have just enough—30 cents. But wait! Ice-cream is now 50 cents. Higher concession stand prices caught many West Delaware students by surprise.

Peg DeKeyser, nutrition director for West Delaware, said the increased cost for concession food is because the West Delaware lunch program is "self standing." This means the lunch program relies on its own profits to fund it.

This year, the lunchroom computer needed a new

server and the kitchen needed new cooking equipment and a fire extinguisher that was up to code. The cost to buy the food for the school

took a price hike.

DeKeyser said that the concession prices are "still reasonable" and will stay "consistent for the next

	1999	2000
Ice Cream	\$.30	\$.50
Twix	\$.25	\$.35
Capri Sun	\$.45	\$.50
Gardetto's	\$.50	\$.60
Nachos	\$1.00	\$1.25
Bomb Pops	\$.25	\$.40

also increased. Rather than raise lunch prices all across the board, DeKeyser raised extra items here and there. Items like milk, pizza, and concession stand food all

couple years." DeKeyser also said that this year's price jump is the first ever since the concession stand began in the 1994-1995 school year.

Many students took no-

tice of the snack hike the first day of school.

"It's bogus," said Ryan Hawker, who feels a better idea would be a gradual price increase.

Robert Nachtman feels that only the more popular items should be more expensive.

As it stands now, the popular Bomb pops have increased from 25 cents to 40 cents, Twix have increased from 25 cents to 35 cents, and Capri Sun drinks have increased from 45 cents to 50 cents.

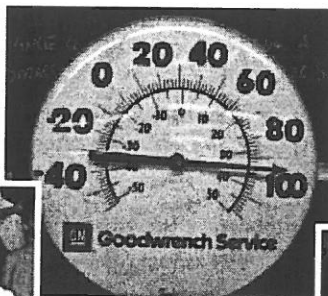
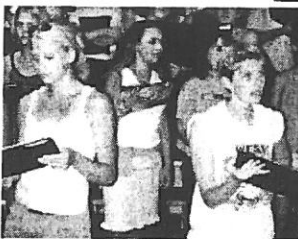
When asked if she would still buy concession stand food, Jenny Thole replied, "I have to. The regular lunch line is too long!"

School's Not So Cool

West Delaware dismissed early Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 due to the heat

By Anne Snitker

Third hour chorus tries to survive the harsh conditons in the chorus room.

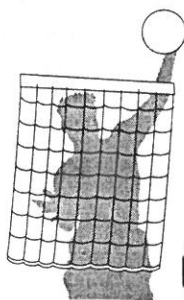
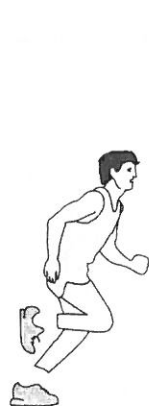


Temperatures at school got over 95°.

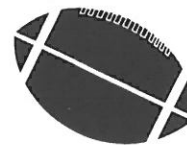
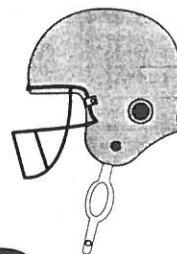
Mrs. Temeyer's Journalism students take a break to get cooled off by the fan.



Shelby Rave and Nolan Grimm try to stay cool at school by standing in front of the fan in the hallway.



FALL SPORTS



By Jess Stelken, Drew Maifeld & Emily Hanson

Football (3-2)

“Well, I think the team has been working hard since day one, and the team chemistry is really there this year.”

“District football is all that matters when it comes to playoff hopes. We need to keep our focus on our goals as individuals and as a team no matter what adversity we have in front of us.”

-Coach Sam Anderson

“One of the big things so far is how well our team has stuck together. We can really call ourselves a team because we are not so much separated as juniors and seniors.”

“I think our outlook for the rest of the season is bright. We have a lot of talent and we will do awesome.”

-Kurt Palmer

Volleyball (14-6-4)

“With all the injuries we’ve had thus far this season, our girls have reacted and played extremely well.”

-Coach Brett Mather

“I think the season is going great. We have an awesome team, but we need to work on our mental part of the game.”

-Jena Petlon

“I think it’s going great besides all the injuries and all the set backs. We have a good chance of going far this season. “

-Angie Wessels

Girls Cross Country

“(Our season) is going fine. Our goals are to be the best of the rest and for each runner to improve throughout the year.”

-Coach Tom Fetter

“My season’s going okay, but not as well as I want it to because I had shin splints. Our goal is to get second in WaMaC.”

-Crystal Lee

Record: Oelwein-5/12, West Union-8-25, Starmont-8/30, Cascade-7-28, Vinton-4/12, Independence-5/19, Western Dubuque-5/20

Boys Cross Country

“We’re building this year. It’s (the season) going fine. We just continue to get better. I expect us to finish in the top three in WaMaC although our team goal remains to win WaMaC. I hope to have at least one person qualify for state.”

-Coach Lee Rempe

“The team has been improving, and we’ve had some individual success. Our goal is always to win WaMaC.”

-Scott Gaskill

Record: Oelwein-5/11, West Union- 10/25, Starmont-8/27, Cascade-13/27, Vinton-5/11, Independence-7/13, Western Dubuque-11/24

BATTLE WOUNDS

INJURIES SIDELINE W.D. ATHLETES

by Brianna Gibbs

Sore knees, swollen ankles, aching shoulders, tight muscles, and intense pain.

Many West Delaware athletes are currently injured and unable to play.

Jess Stelken, volleyball player who is sidelined with a swollen disk in her lower back, said that her doctors think her injury is caused by overuse. "My back moves slower than the rest of my body is moving," said Stelken.

According to Coach Brett Mather, three volleyball girls are currently unable to play due to injury. All, however, are expected to return sometime this season.

Volleyball isn't the only sport where injuries are a common occurrence. Football is responsible for injuries as well. Currently two players cannot play due to injuries. One will not return this season.

Coach Sam Anderson said, "We have injuries every week, most of which are minor and require a few days of rest."

To help the therapy and recovery process, Mather and Anderson both encourage and support the athlete. "I communicate with the trainer and the player on a daily basis," said Anderson.

Cross country runner, Emily Meyer is suffering from patella-femoral syndrome, which is when the formation of her knees broke down due to stress on the knees. For therapy, Meyer ices her knees three times a day and has daily exercises, all in an effort to return to running. When asked if there is a possibility of returning this season, she said, "Probably not. I tried at the beginning of the season and ended up with tendinitis and major swelling." To date, injuries have sidelined two cross country members.

Mather suggests lifting weights in the off season to recover from injuries and to prevent them in the future.

Anderson stated, "It's tough to watch a young man miss a season."

Grand Champion Rabbit Earns Its Keep

Thole Wins Grand Champion

By Amanda J. Cornwell

For the first time ever, a West Delaware student earned a Grand Champion award at the Iowa State Fair. Jenny Thole earned Grand Champion rabbit on August 17.

Thole competed against many other FFA rabbit exhibitors for the right of the Grand Champion rabbit award. Thole entered six rabbits, and she received five blue ribbons. The winners of each breed then competed against each other. The judges look at the size, weight, and coat, and the rabbit that fits the requirements the best is named Grand

Champion.

Thole went to the fair hoping to win a blue ribbon for each of her rabbits. She didn't expect to win the Grand Champion award for her rabbit.

"It didn't hit me until after, when I got home," said Thole when asked about her feelings about the award.

"She spends a lot of time with day-to-day management," Mrs. Tammy Schneiders, FFA advisor said. "She works hard with her rabbits. She learned to pick out good quality livestock."

It's All About T.V.

By Kim Sadewasser

Number of Televisions Owned per Household

0	=	.5%
1	=	2.6%
2	=	16.7%
3	=	25.4%
4	=	21.9%
5	=	16.3%
6 or more	=	16.6%

Hours Spent Watching Television

0-1 hrs.	=	50.1%
1.5-2.5 hrs.	=	33.7%
3-4 hrs.	=	12.2%
4.5 or more hrs.	=	4.0%

Survey results from 617 West Delaware High School Students

Helping Hands From Near to Far

By Kim Sadewasser

From Manchester to Cleveland, from Cleveland to Jamaica, and from Jamaica to Brazil, West Delaware High School students helped others.

Sarah Trenary traveled to Spanish Town, Jamaica, to help for a week at an orphanage for seven to twenty-year-old boys. Trenary said, "I expected it to be a lot worse than it really was."

While staying at the orphanage, she helped repaint some rooms and just hung out with all of the orphans. Instead of Trenary's group from Peace Lutheran Church in Ryan packing their belongings into suitcases, they put all of their belongings into just two carry-ons and filled their luggage with gifts of toys and food for the orphans.

Trenary feels she, Mike Saunders, and Michelle Sauser helped the orphans know someone really does care about them. She also says she appreciates material things more now and doesn't take them for granted.

Katy Rymer went to Cleveland, Ohio, to help finish Habitat for Humanity homes and to clean up a local church. Rymer traveled with the United Methodist Church of Manchester's youth group along with John Dolan, Ryne Foster, Ashley Goos, Jamie Kammarmeyer, Adam Larson, Bret Palmer, Jena Petlon, Erica Pfeiler, Rachael Reeder, and Tim Turnis. Being in a bad part of town, Rymer said, it

"made me really see how lucky we are."

During the landscaping and touching up of the three Habitat for Humanity homes, Rymer enjoyed seeing the future residents work alongside her and work just as hard. She also liked seeing all of the young children migrate toward the volunteers. "People say the children are so innocent, and they are. They were so trusting," she said, "I mean, if I was a kid, I wouldn't have played with us!"

Erin McGraw and Josh Zuck journeyed to a village of fewer than 600 people in Brazil. During the eleven-day stay, McGraw helped teach Bible stories to the children while a dentist pulled teeth, an eye doctor handed out donated glasses, and a doctor and two registered nurses dispensed medicine to the ill. McGraw said she learned a lot about people on her mission trip. "These people were happy," she said, "even with nothing."

In the village, McGraw thought the neatest thing was how the kids loved the volunteers so much. She enjoyed them always smiling at her, hugging her, wanting her to play with them, and hearing them talk to her in Spanish. The people seemed excited that the missionaries from First Baptist of Manchester were there to help them. They were also very thankful and accepting of the Christian religion that was presented to them.

FRESHMEN GEAR UP FOR NEW FOUND FEAR Students Express Freshmen Fears

By Heather Weber

"I just figure that it will only be the guys who will get the treatment for homecoming."

-Freshman, Emily Evers

"I was scared because everyone is bigger than me."

-Freshman, Reanonda Topping

"I was afraid the seniors would embarrass me in front of everyone."

-Sophomore, Kevin McCusker

"I felt like I had returned to middle school because I was the youngest one in the building and the older ones take charge."

-Sophomore, Liz Nieves

"I was afraid of pep rally night because of the juniors and seniors taping me up, but they weren't good enough to catch me."

-Junior, Austin Hermsen

"I was afraid of not finding my classes. I was also afraid of getting picked on and getting taped up."

-Junior, Brian Appleton

"I wasn't familiar with the building, so I thought I was going to get lost. I even avoided walking in the senior hall, and actually walked up and around to avoid the seniors."

-Senior, Kelley Ryan

"I was scared what the seniors were going to do to me, and walking down the senior hall

ITED'S: SHMITED'S

Students don't take tests seriously

By Kelly Murphy

Is it just another pesky test? Part of your permanent record? Will the results (good or bad) follow you until you're 60 years old? Yes! Yes! Yes!

The Iowa Test of Educational Development is an important test in the life of freshmen and junior students. "Students, teachers, and administrators get a chance to see how our school compares to students outside of the West Delaware School District," said Mr. Don Lyness, counselor.

This test provides both state and national comparisons. Last year's freshmen ranked better than 49% of all other schools in the state of Iowa. Last year's juniors ranked higher than 39% of all other schools in Iowa.

October 31 and November 1 West Delaware freshmen and juniors will take the ITED test with a chance to raise their own score as well as West Delaware's ranking, but according to Lyness many students don't like the test.

"After all the other tests you've taken in school, ITED's get real old," said Mandy Morris.

"ITED's is a test the state of Iowa uses to see where West Delaware has strengths and weakness," said Lyness, "and to see how much students have grown over the years."

Teachers agree the test is important. "Kids need to be motivated for the ITED. Last year I brought leftover Halloween candy to help give my students some extra energy," said Mrs. Helen Temeyer.

Besides motivation, Ashley Knipper tries to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school prepared to take the test.

ITED scores never leave students' permanent records. They follow them for the rest of their lives. Just the other day, said Lyness, a student from the class of 1984 called looking for his test scores because he was applying to take the CPA exam, and ITED scores were part of the record sent to him. Requests similar to this are not an unusual occurrence.



Thumbs Up to...

By Jessica Nystel



Early Outs for Heat



Tailgating Before Football Games



Drawstring Bags for Athletics



Water Breaks for Class



Yearbooks



New Cheerleading Uniforms



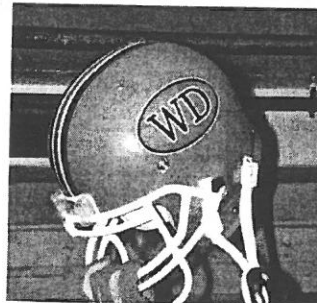
Baseball/Softball Competing at State

A Skate Park in Manchester?

By Nikki Kress

"I think it is a good idea because it will help keep more kids off the streets and give my little brothers a place to go with their friends." Katie Hermsen

"I think it is a good idea because I have seen other ones and they look fun, and it would give us something to do in town." Jeremy Ferden



The football players sport new WD logos on their football helmets.

Hawks Make History in 2000

Baseball, Softball Teams Advance to State

By Beth Soppe

This summer marked the first in West Delaware history that both the baseball and softball teams qualified for state.

The baseball team found themselves at the top of the WaMaC conference and back to the State Baseball Tournament for the first time since 1996 and for the second time in school history. The softball team found themselves back at the State Softball Tournament for the first time since 1988 and for the eighth time in school history.

Hawk baseball players, fans and coaches traveled to Carroll for the State Tournament which was held from July 27-29. The Hawks faced Humboldt in the first round of action and advanced to the second round after beating Humboldt 10-5. Denison-Schleswig was the Hawk's second round opponent and first loss in post-season play, with a final score of 15-2, ending the 2000 Hawk season.

"The whole season seemed to be right down to business.

We played professionally and maturely all year long," said Coach Mike Morrison.

"The fan support was great throughout the whole stretch," said Coach Morrison.

"The State Association even commented about the great West Delaware turnout."

Regardless of the outcome at the State Tournament, the players and coaches still had a good time in Carroll.

"One of the best parts of the trip was touring the Graphic Edge T-shirt Shop. The whole team came along, and the Graphic Edge even treated us to lunch," said Coach Morrison.

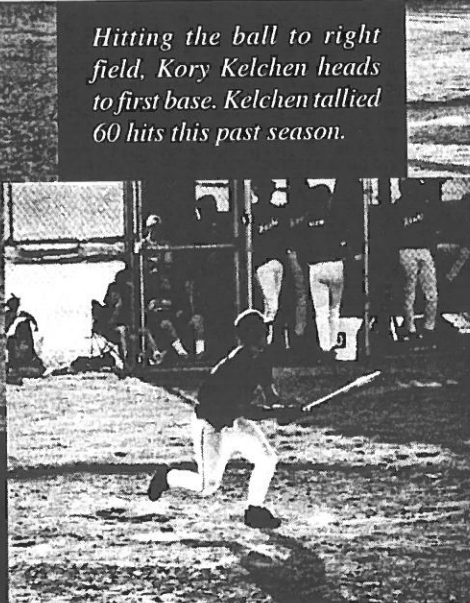
For Kory Kelchen, however, the best part of the trip was, "Pompin' around Carroll in a school van, with Coach Corey Coates' driver's seat tipped way back."

The Hawks had an all-around great season ending with a record of 35-4. Coach Morrison doesn't anticipate any decline in the baseball program. "We've worked very hard and we feel we'll always be competitive," said Coach Morrison.

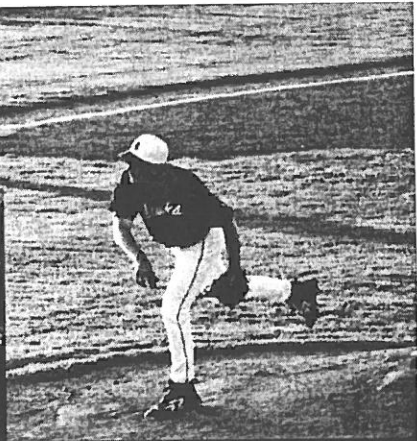
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After a fly ball, Rory Heims sprints back to first base. Heims totaled four stolen bases on the season.



Hitting the ball to right field, Kory Kelchen heads to first base. Kelchen tallied 60 hits this past season.



Delivering a pitch, Matt Scherbring follows through. Scherbring totaled 84 strikeouts on the season.

While the Hawk baseball players were on the road to State, so were the Hawk softball players. The girls tournament was held July 31-August 4 in Fort Dodge. In the first round of action the Hawks faced West Des Moines Dowling losing 3-0 in a close game. Des Moines Lincoln challenged the Hawks in round two, but, unfortunately, Lincoln won with a score of 5-1. The girls faced Sioux City North in the third round and ended up losing 4-1, putting them out of the tournament and ending a great season.

Coach Brett Mather said, "The girls handled their nerves well on the field because they knew West Delaware deserved to be down there. The fan support was phenomenal, and the parents came out in force before the game. It was a special day for the girls, since they brought us to eat. It was a great ride but the definitely the best part of the season and the part the girls will probably remember the most," said Coach Mather.

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Just like the baseball team, the Hawk softball team certainly enjoyed a few laughs in Fort Dodge.

"I jokingly told Michelle Wessels to tackle a football dummy on a practice field in Fort Dodge," said Coach Mather. "She took off in a dead sprint and just leveled the dummy. That had to be the funniest part of the whole trip."

Besides Michelle tackling the dummy, Allison Bockenstedt thought the funniest part of the trip was, "Driving in a school car with Coach Bev Hermsen when the window started to fall out as we tried to open it."

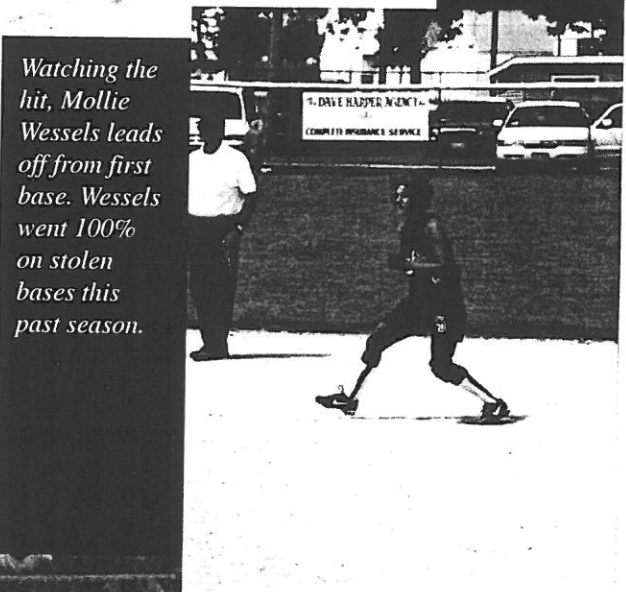
Coach Mather expects another good year of West Delaware softball next season. "There is a great nucleus of girls coming back next year, and they will have another fun season."

The girls finished their season with a final record of 35-15.

The summer of 2000 has been a history-making, record-breaking year for all of the Hawks, leaving memories and laughs no one will ever forget.



Pitcher Eileen Hoffmann prepares to deliver another pitch. Hoffmann pitched 39 games losing only seven.



Watching the hit, Mollie Wessels leads off from first base. Wessels went 100% on stolen bases this past season.



Anxiously waiting for the pitch, Stacie Knipper prepares to hit. Knipper tallied 39 hits on the season.

The Moose is Loose

Volleyball teams purchase utility machines

By Jen Brown

Two new members recently joined the West Delaware volleyball team. Two volleyball utility machines, Attack III's, have been purchased to help aid in challenging the volleyball players.

Each machine cost \$2,200. One machine was paid for by the Booster Club. The other machine was paid for with the money made from this year's volleyball camp.

The machines, named the "Moose" by Coach Joan Salow, are used by all the volleyball teams. The machine can serve a floater, a top spin, or a regular serve by adjusting the speed. It also sets and spikes by adjusting the speed.

Brianna Gibbs likes the additions to the team, "There is less standing in line and it makes practice go faster," Gibbs said.

According to Coach Brett Mather, the new machines "Give us valuable repetitions while freeing up a coach to critique individual performances."



At practice Ciarra Bauer feeds a ball to "Moose."

EMBARRASSING SUMMER MOMENTS...

By Brianna Gibbs

"Some friends and I went shopping in Cedar Rapids one day, and when we were in the Kohl's store the loud speaker came on and said, "There's a navy New Yorker in the parking lot with its lights on. The license plate is S-W-O-O-P-E-S." I thought I was going to die. I ran out of the store to go shut my lights off. I can't believe I left my lights on. I was so embarrassed."

Brittany Prins, Junior

"During the halftime show, while the band was performing, I dropped my flag and I quickly picked it up and kept going, hoping that nobody saw me."

Devon Monson, Freshman

"One night my friends and I decided to go out and do

something crazy so we went out to J.M. Jones' and we were going to get on and ride the big Clydesdale horse. Well, when we went to get on it, the weight in the back of the trailer made the front of the horse rear into the air and we almost tipped the trailer over, horse and all."

Anne Snitker, Junior

"It was really embarrassing when Crystal Lee, Emily Meyer, and I were picked up (by the cops) for doing a Chinese fire drill on the corner of North Franklin and Acres Street with suspected intoxication."

Melody Schaffer, Senior

"This summer we were sorting cattle and clipping their horns and I was in the chute and one turned around and head butted me in the stomach. I was down for like thirty minutes."

Sean Zimmerman, Junior

Student Profile

By Kelly Murphy

Name: Abby Quint

Birthday: April 28, 1884

Nickname: Ab, Abbs, Shorty

Favorite Movie: A League of Their Own

Favorite Movie Quote:

“And one time at band camp...” From American Pie

Favorite Color: green

Favorite Food: “Puppy Chow”

One thing you could change about WD?

“GET A BIGGER PARKING LOT!”

What do you want to do when you get out of high school? “I want to go to the University of Iowa, land a good job, and have a family.”

Proudest Accomplishment: “Hmmm... I guess I’ve won a couple of state drawing contests, been in AAU volleyball and managed a 4.0 GPA so far in high school.”

If you had one wish, what would it be? “I want to be taller. I’m sick of being short!”



Thumbs Down to...

By Amanda Cornwell



Students Standing in the Middle of the Hall



Crowded Lunches



The Heat



Not Letting Girls Wear Bandanas



Packed Parking Lot



Losing a Day for Fog



“D” Lunch Running Out of Food



Broken Bleachers at Football Games



Logging In Every Three Minutes for the Internet



Pesky Bees and Wasps

Students Painted Windows to Prepare for Homecoming Week



David Durey and Bruce Quint



Alaina Goos and Beth Soppe



Amanda Nieman



Rory Heims, T.J. Murphy, Brad Welcher, Chris Sill, and Tim Woods

New West Delaware Teachers

By Jess Stelken

Mrs. Gretchen Adams

Years taught? Three years

Schools previously taught?

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Postville High School

Subjects taught? Chemistry, Earth Science and Physics.

Hometown? Shabbona, Illinois

College? University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Degree? Masters in the Teaching of Chemistry

Courses teaching now? Science Interactions, Astronomy, Physics Concepts and Physics

What was your first impression of West Delaware?

"I noticed that the faculty is a lot of fun and very helpful."

What are your goals to accomplish at West Delaware?

"I would like to get the enrollment in physics a lot higher."

What advice would you give the West Delaware Students? "They need to be more confident in themselves and they should stand up for what they believe in."



Mr. Christian Aanestad

Years taught? 4 years

School previously taught?

Davenport School District and in the Vermillion School District

Subjects taught? Art

Hometown? Iowa City

College? Augustana College in Sioux Falls and Wartburg in Waverly

Degree? Art

Courses teaching at WD? Ceramics, Drawing, Foundations, and Painting

What was your first impression of West Delaware?

"I thought it was a very small school but quaint."

What are your goals at West Delaware? "I would like to develop the ceramics department, for example building kilns."

What advice would you give the West Delaware students? "You would be better off to go to college as long as you possibly can."



Mr. Brad Turner

Years taught? First year teaching

Hometown? Columbia, Illinois

College? Culver-stockton College in Canton, Missouri

Degree? Biology

Courses teaching now? Biology and Biology Concepts. I am also

helping with the girls basketball program.

What was your first impression of West Delaware?

"Well, the day I came for the interview you had the bomb threat, but other than that the school was very organized."

What are your goals at West Delaware? "I wish to be the best teacher I can be."

What advice would you give the West Delaware students? "You need to learn how to think for yourself."



Mr. Rex Engelkemier

A.K.A Mr. Computer

Years taught? 15 years

Taught Previously? Valley High School in Des Moines, IA

Subjects taught? Electronics and other Teacher Ed classes

Hometown? Louisville, Nebraska

College? University of Nebraska, Northwest Missouri State, Iowa State.

Degree? Masters in Industrial Education

Teaching at WD? Drafting and Electricity

What was your first impression of West Delaware?

"This school is very traditional."

What are your goals at West Delaware? "I hope to accomplish teaching AutoCAD with a higher degree of student proficiency."

What advice would you give the West Delaware Students? "Realize you don't have it all in your hands. You have to work to get where you want."

Good Person Awards

☺ Coach

Salow: For letting sophomore volleyball out of practice at 5:15 so they could see the game at Waverly.

☺ Drum majors:

For taking charge of band when Mr. Philgreen was absent.



☺ Mrs. Schneiders:

For holding the door for students.

☺ Tailgaters:

For inviting everyone.

☺ Mrs.

B.: For saying good morning to everyone.

☺ Junior guys:

For killing wasps in the window sill.

☺ Alicia Zehr: For

helping everyone in Algebra II.

Student Profile

By Heather Weber

Name: Nick McCool

Birth date: March 23, 1984

Favorite movie: Varsity Blues

Favorite movie quote: "A '10'" from Varsity Blues

Things you would change about West Delaware: "If I could change something about W.D. I would not have so many cliques."

What you want to do after high school: "I want to go to college at Iowa or Iowa State, but I am not exactly sure what I want to be yet."

Proudest accomplishments: "I went to state for track last season. We placed sixth for the 4x2 and seventh for the 4x4."

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite food: Pizza

If I had one wish, it would be: "That in the future I become successful in whatever I choose for my career and that I am happy!"



Library Media Center, Business Rooms Revived

By Drew Maifeld

If you haven't been in the Library Media Center (LMC) or Mrs. Kay Hovey's business lab this year, then you haven't noticed the change in scenery. Much time and effort has been put in to improve the two rooms.

Over the summer the LMC lost a wall and gained a lot of space. Twenty-two new iMac computers were purchased and set up at stations throughout the LMC.

New carpet, air conditioning, a few new tables, and a paint job also contributed to the cause. "Beautiful." That was Mitch Thole's response to the LMC's renovation.

"There has been a noticeable difference in the number of people in the LMC compared to years past," said Mrs. Michelle Cowell. "Next year we will have

eight more computers to make a total of 30. There are plans for Couches and tables to be purchased for everyone's comfort," she added.

"The air conditioning, new computers, and space are great. With all the editorials I have to do for government, I will be using the LMC all the time this year." Paul Klaus.

"The new LMC has so many benefits. The new computers have a much faster internet connection," said Principle Roger Hanson. "The new computers get used all the time, and I think we are very fortunate to have one computer per five kids at West Delaware," he added.

Mr. Corey Coates and Mr. Tom Fetter agree that the

new set up is very convenient, appealing, accessible, and great for class research.

Mrs. Dianne Kramer brought down her English III class to do research, "All 27

kids got in with no problem, and I think the maximum of 45 minutes per class is a fair rule," she said.

Paul Klaus thinks it was worth it. "The air conditioning, new computers, and space are great. With all the editorials I have to do for government, I will be using the LMC all the time this year," said Klaus.

And all the great new renovations don't just stop at the LMC, Mrs. Hovey's business lab also received a facelift. Her room acquired six more computers and all new desks and office chairs.

"The class room is appealing and the chairs are very comfortable when you have to sit behind a computer for so long," said student Paige Mundy-Young.

"The desks are a little short for some of the taller kids, but all in all it's working out very well for us," said Mrs. Hovey. "The room is very attractive and the space is pretty good. I just need to get the students to stop rolling around in their chairs," she added with a smile.

West Delaware's Got Style

By Anne Snitker

Many students express themselves through what they wear and how they carry themselves. Some come to school dressed up or some come dressed casually. Sometimes students come in the "lazy" or "comfortable" look— with sweats or flannel pants.

For Brianna Gibbs this year has brought a change in her look. Very rarely do you find Brianna in jeans and a T-shirt. Almost every day she is expressing herself by wearing a skirt or being more dressed up, and she is not the only one. This year many girls have decided to go for the skirts instead of jeans. According to Gibbs, "People look at you different," and, "you receive a lot of compliments." Another popular trend with the girls this year is shoulder bags instead of the usual backpack tote bags. Most agree that they are more comfortable than the backpacks and look sharper.

"I think they are something different, a new style," said Ashley Jared, "and they are easier on your shoulders."

The skirts, the shoulder bags, and many other things are a big hit this year at West Delaware, but the wildest has got to be the crazy colors in people's hair.

The first to try out the new fad this year was Rick Tibbott. Normally, Tibbott's hair is blonde, but he recently made the drastic change to blue. Yes, blue. You can't miss him walking down the hall.

"A lot of people couldn't believe I had blue hair," said Tibbott. "I just wanted to be different."

At the time nobody else had blue hair, or any other unnatural color for that matter, but others have joined him. Joe Carpenter also had blue hair, but now has green, and Nicci Schmidt and Angie Tibbott both have streaks of purple in their hair.

According to Rick, Mr. Mike Kopish said it is unique and it keeps people on their toes. It sure does. Who knows what'll be out next?

No matter the new fads or trends, everybody's going to be themselves. Brianna Gibbs couldn't have said it better, "I think that what you wear makes you who you are."



Nicci Schmidt and Angie Tibbott

Student Profile

By Kelly Murphy

Name: Emily McCusker

Birthday: March 22, 1985

Nickname: Em

Favorite Movie: Empire Records

Favorite Movie Quote:

"Who glued these quarters to the floor?" From Empire Records

Favorite Color: yellow

Favorite Food: chicken

One thing you could change about WD? "I don't like that there are so many people in the lunchroom. It's too hard to find a seat."
What do you want to do when you get out of high school? "Go to college, have a family, and be wealthy."

Proudest Accomplishment: "My proudest accomplishment is finishing nine years of school without wanting to quit or drop-out."

If you had one wish, what would it be? "I wish to graduate from high school and be successful in my future."



Strange New Home

By Emily Hanson

Three foreign exchange students are experiencing the United States for the first time this year. Bastien Callens, Bence Sagodi, and Frederik Eidem are spending the 2000-2001 school year at West Delaware High School.

Callens, 18, is from Bailleul, France. He will stay with three different host families in Manchester. Currently, Callens is staying with the Dr. Tim and Marcia Cooper family. Following his stay with the Coopers, Callens will stay with the Leo and Lori Gaffney family and the Randy and Jill Mack family.

He wanted to be a foreign exchange student to become more fluent in English, to see another lifestyle and culture, and to take a year off from school.

Although Callens' typical school day in France begins at 8 a.m., his is very different from West Delaware's. Some of his classes include math, science, English, p.e., history, philosophy, badminton, and German. Lunch includes an hour and a half lunch-break where students can go home, dine at a nearby cafe, or eat at school. In Bailleul, school lets out at 6 p.m. Also, every Monday starts off with a four hour exam in one of the subjects.

"I hate Monday in France," said Callens.

Callens likes many things in the United States, including less homework and the different wildlife; however, he has one major gripe: "I don't like fast-food," said Callens. "It's too greasy!"

Unlike Bastien, Bence Sagodi, 18, of Budapest, Hungary, doesn't see anything wrong with fast-food.

"(In Budapest) we have McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, and Subway," said Sagodi. "I like hamburgers and sandwiches."

Sagodi, whose host parent is Ben Phillipson, came to the U.S. to become better with English and to make new friends.

Schools in Budapest are set up similarly to many in the U.S. They have eight years of primary school, four years of secondary school, and three to five years at a university. Each student has seven to eight, 45 minute classes, every day and a 20 minute lunch period. School begins anywhere from 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. and ends between 2 and 3 p.m.

Frederik Eidem, 16, of Oslo, Norway, says schools in Oslo also have eight, 45 minute classes, each day. His school day is similar to West Delaware's because it begins at 8:05 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. The differences are you don't have as much freedom choosing your classes and you don't have the same classes every day.

Eidem, who is living with the Bob and Jane Murphy family, says American culture is different from Norwegian culture because the U.S. is more of a "buy and waste country" and it is more of a car country.

"In Norway, a family (usually) has one or two cars," said Frederik.

Along with the different cultures, Eidem thinks the teens are also different in some ways. He thinks Americans are more open and easier to get to know.

"Americans are really nice, and Norwegians are too, once you get to know them," said Eidem.

Adjusting to a new language and culture can be the most difficult aspects for a foreign exchange student to overcome. Mr. Don Lyness, guidance counselor, agrees. He also gives helpful hints for talking to these students: "Try not to use slang and don't talk fast. It doesn't help to speak loudly," Lyness said. "Learning everything new is difficult, but they (foreign exchange students) are doing better than they think they are."

Student Profile

By Heather Weber

Name: Apryl Harbaugh

Birth date: May 3, 1985

Favorite movie: 10

Things I Hate About You

Favorite movie quote: "I

am a big 'bootiful' butterfly" from A Bug's

Life

Things you'd like to change about West

Delaware: "I would change the time school starts to 9:30, instead of 8:15."

What do you want to do/be when you get out of high school: "If I could I would want to go to compete at the Olympics for swimming."

Proudest accomplishments: "I got seventh at the Oelwein Invitational for cross country, and in swim team I lapped my other competitor."

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite food: Goulash

If you had one wish, what would it be:

"For no starvation of the children because it's just not fair."



Crisp, Redesigned Cafeteria

Cafeteria Alterations Bring Controversy

by Sarah Trenary

The once orange and black sponged painted W.D. lunchroom walls have given way to eggshell white walls with blue and gray stripes.

Over the summer, Principal Roger Hanson, Secretary Linda Mickens, the custodians, and several others re-decorated the lunchroom to "brighten it up." Hanson said the lunchroom needed a change, a new and refreshing

look.

The decorators chose the paint colors to compliment the blue chairs and the gray tiles already in the lunchroom. In order to brighten the lunchroom, they shortened the curtains for more light and painted the once cream walls to eggshell white. They also added pictures and plants and rearranged the tables.

Most students think the cafeteria looks nice, but the colors don't make sense.

Stacy Smock said, "It's too much of a different school's colors. It needs murals which represent our school."

Adam Flanagan thought the same thing. "It's not even our school colors," he said.

Flanagan doesn't like the way the tables are set up.

"Freshman can now sit anywhere, unlike the past years." The seniors always sat at the tables closest to the windows. Now, according to Flanagan, it's impossible since there are too many tables along the windows.

"I think it's really nice," said Wayne Gassman, "but it should represent our school colors a little better."

What's the Skinny After School?

Students' Agendas After School

Freshmen

- 0% Drive Around
- 4.4% Sleep
- 13% Work
- 17.4% Watch T.V.
- 30.4% Practice
- 34.8% Hang out with Friends

Juniors

- 0% Sleep
- 0% Watch T.V.
- 4.4% Drive Around
- 8.7% Hang out with Friends
- 30.4% Work
- 56.5% Practice

Sophomores

- 0% Sleep
- 4.4% Drive Around
- 4.4% Watch T.V.
- 26% Hang out with Friends
- 30.4% Work
- 34.8% Practice

Seniors

- 0% Hang out with Friends
- 4.4% Drive Around
- 4.4% Watch T.V.
- 4.4% Sleep
- 39% Practice
- 47.8% Work

Thirty students from each grade were surveyed.

By Sarah Trenary

Going to France to see the French

By Nikki Kress

Thirteen students from Mrs. Marianne Sandberg's French class visited France from June 8-28.

They traveled with ISE (Intercultural Students Experiences).

On June 8, they took a plane to Paris. They joined with other students and adults so altogether 46 students and five adults participated.

The travelers first stayed in the Alpine city of Annecy where they also visited Chamonix, a ski resort and an old Olympic town. Then they moved south along the Riviera. They visited Avignon and then went to Aix-en-Provence where the students each stayed with a different family for a week.

Mrs. Sandberg was excited about the family stay. She thought the students were nervous, and on the ride there nobody was talking. When everyone was coming back from the family stay, she said everyone was talking. She thought it was neat to see the difference.

Emily Montag said her family stay was interesting. They did not speak any English, but they did have a pool.

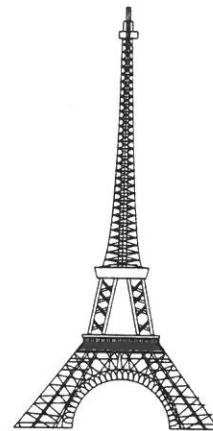
At the end of the family stay, they finished with their last four days in Paris. Emily Montag said this was her favorite part of the trip because there was so much to do. Out of the many places she went, she liked the flea market. She purchased many items inexpensively that would have been pricey in the U.S.

Although Montag enjoyed the trip, it wasn't without mishaps. Montag said, "Thanks to Bryan Hart's 'lack' of map skills, he got everyone lost in the Paris Metro System."

Mrs. Sandberg enjoyed seeing her students speaking French and being brave enough to try new things.

"The trip was a good learning experience, said Montag, "and I would definitely go back."

The following participated: Lori Bagley, Danielle Bessey, Tara Dudley, Pat Duggan, Bryan Hart, Kristin Kelchen, Becky McCusker, Emily Montag, Nickie Meyer, Deirdre Ryan, Bethany Schmidt, Brett Shady, Tracy Wiewel, Ms. Annie Thoe, and Mrs. Marianne



ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF BEING AN UPPERCLASSMAN

by Jennifer Kelchen

"I only have to be here for two periods a day." Sarah Trenary

"Chemistry is a really hard class because if you miss a day you're totally lost." Jess Stelken

"I have open campus, I get more respect from everyone, and a disadvantage would be that it's my last year." Bill Haesy

"I only have two years left and it's boring." Nate Shaw

"I'm one step closer to my future. My disadvantage would be that this is the last time I will see a lot of my classmates." Jamie Moriarity

"Now I can stand by the window and not have to worry about upper classman anymore." Shelby Rave

"I graduate in January." Angi Tibbott

"No open campus. I think that juniors and seniors should have open lunch if they come back on time." Katie Hermsen

Making the Grade

By Mandy Morris

You've budged to the front of the lunch line for two years. You've sat on the front bleachers for games for two years. You've eaten in the high school cafeteria for over two years, but... you're still only a freshman!

Last year if a student had 14 credits, but it was that student's third year in the building, he would still be considered a junior. This year it's different! No matter how long he's been in the building, if he only has 14 credits,

he's still a freshman.

"It's always been like that in the student handbook," said Guidance Counselor Don Lyness, "but until this year there wasn't the program availability to keep close track (of the students' credits)."

Lyness likes this way of classification. "Otherwise, it's like you're lying to the students. If a student passes everything, he or she won't have a problem."

"The classification was

needed because now you get rewarded for the work you do," said Kelly Murphy.

Some activities students may be denied due to their status include college fairs and nomination for homecoming court. Also, students will not be allowed to go on college visits during the school day if short on credits.

Jessica Elledge likes the classification.

"It makes you try harder (in class) besides it's fair if a

student misses out on activities if (the student is) short on credits."

"The change in classification won't effect that many students for prom and college trips." Mr. Lyness said, "because after the first term many students will move up in credits and their grade classification will change."

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