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WHS grad makes a difference in the Peace Corps

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WHS graduate Sarah Horns gives credit to her high school education for helping prepare her for her current service in the Peace Corps.

When Horns graduated in 1994, she wanted to become an astronomer. She received a BS in Physics and Astrophysics from Hamline University and ended up going on to teach Chemistry and Physics at a St. Paul high school. But her original dream of becoming an astronomer took another twist of fate. "After watching the news and reading interviews and books about the third world, I decided that I needed to stop just thinking about those less privileged and start working to make things better," said Horns. Soon after, Horns sold her car and gave away most of her remaining possession in order to join the Peace Corps.

Horns has been working in Tladistad, South Africa since the summer of 2007. She works in two rural schools, where teachers are in such short supply that the principals usually have to teach classes. While in the Peace Corps, her main goal is to introduce new teaching techniques to the native teachers who follow old racist traditions and never ask students to be creative.



Horns was swarmed by kids whenever she took out her camera. "Not only does service make you appreciate your own country," she said, "It also helps you to gain a greater perspective on life itself."

Schools in Africa are what Horns would imagine schools to be in America in the 1850s. Apartheid, a system of legal racial segregation, has technically been over in South Africa since 1994, but "Bantu Education" still exists. This law, made by the white government, stated that black children should only be taught how to become better

servants and workers. The laws are now illegal, but Horns says the teachers do not know a different way to learn. "They teach the way that they were taught," she says of the teachers. "[The students] learn through rote memorization and simply restate what has been repeated in class." However, it is not an easy job for a young 32-year-old

woman to impose new ideas to a group of adults in a society where age equals esteem and respect.

But in the time that she has been in Africa, Horns has accomplished a great deal. Besides learning how to take a "bucket bath," she feels that she was able to integrate well into the community. "I am the first white

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Hannah Montana Bill passed in MN

Neha Vaidya
Sports Editor

The Hannah Montana Bill was signed by Governor Tim Pawlenty on April 28. The bill was passed in the House on a 119-12 vote, and was unanimously approved by the Senate.

The bill bans software that allows ticket brokers to buy large blocks of concert tickets for resale at above face value. Minnesota is the first state to implement such a law, though it is in discussion in at least twelve other states and New York City.

The bill was proposed after the popular Disney musician's concert was instantly sold out, and broker prices rose to ten times face value. The software is produced by RMG Technologies of Pittsburgh. RMG's president C.J. Garibay disputes that their product enables unfair competition for tickets.

Wayzata students were affected by the staggering ticket prices. "I was absolutely mortified when I saw the prices. It was like a part of me had died," Lauren Wilvers (11) said.

This story begins a year ago with the passage of a bill by the legislature legalizing the reselling of tickets to sporting and cultural events at above face value.

The measure, which repealed a bill nearly 100 years old, was sought by Rep. Phyllis Kahn, DFL-Minneapolis. Kahn has advocated repealing the anti-scalping laws for over 20 years. In the debate over the measure, Kahn called reselling prohibitions "the worst kind of socialist interference with the free market." Kahn's cosponsor of the bill was Rep. Chris DeLaForest, R-Andover. In this year's "Hannah Montana" vote, DeLaForest voted yes. Kahn did not register a vote either way.

Fans argued against the 2007 repeal on the grounds that it would drive up prices and lead to brokers controlling the market, though apparently nobody anticipated the technological tools that brokers would use, or the extent to which ticket prices would rise.

Wayzata owns land for possible district expansion



Photo by Hannah Carlson

Horses graze on the district's farmland located in northern Plymouth. This land could one day be used to build another elementary school.

Krista Logelin
Managing Editor

The eighth District 284 elementary school—maybe—is located in a horse pasture northwest of the high school on the border of Plymouth and Maple Grove. The land, on the northeast side of County Road 47 and Dunkirk Lane North, was purchased for \$1.2 million from a farmer who continues to graze his horses on the abandoned land. "His horses mow our lawn for free and we feed his horses for free," said Alan Hopeman, the Wayzata Director of Finance Operations.

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WHS teacher trapped in school elevator

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Photo by Signe Brewster

Mark Ferry answers questions after firefighters freed him from the elevator. “I thought this only happened in movies,” said Ferry.

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Managing Editor

10th Grade Communications teacher Mark Ferry was trapped between the first and second floors Monday when the B-Wing elevator became stuck during a power outage.

Ferry said the lights turned off and the elevator shook when the power went out. His first instinct was to make a call on his cell phone, but had no service. A small emergency light turned on and Ferry pressed the emergency button that sounded an alarm.

Jeff Ridlehoover was by the elevator during this time and heard the alarm Ferry was sounding. He realized someone was stuck and called for help. A custodian and the police liaisons arrived to the second floor elevator entrance with the key to the elevator door. The key failed to work, and the fire station was called.

A firetruck pulled up to the main entrance of the school at 8:04 am. Bystanders followed the firemen to the first floor where the door was unlocked and he was released, about 45 minutes after the ordeal started, Ferry estimated.

“Oh, I’m fine,” Ferry said with a smile as he began to walk toward the dark C-Wing hallway and back to class after his release. “Unless I’ve got a cart, I’m taking the stairs from now on,” Ferry said.

A house, barn, and some horses are all that are there now, but one day this parcel of property could have Wayzata’s eighth elementary school built on it.

There are a few possible scenarios that could lead to this construction. One, if Wayzata implements all-day kindergarten. In order to do this, the state legislation would have to authorize the program, or the district would need to come up with the funding itself. Currently, says Superintendent Bob Ostlund, the district has enough classrooms, but adding all-day kindergarten would cause a need for more.

An increase in district population would be the other scenario. “We haven’t really grown that much,” said Hopeman of the district. At the time when Hopeman began working for the district in 2000, people thought the vacant land would be needed relatively soon. But now, Ostlund says that the district has seen a fairly constant population, growing in the north and shrinking in the south. A ten-year projection of the district population generated an outlook that the district will continue to grow in the same pattern.

For now, this other part of the district will remain a home to the horses, but Ostlund says the land was a “good investment, especially considering the current market.” Hopeman agrees says, “It is good for the district to have a little extra land. If we did decide to build the school, it would cut a few months off of the process.”

WHS students continue to win essay contests

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WHS students Ben Ilse (11) and Lauren Wilvers (11) recently won the essay contests they entered earlier in the year. Ilse’s essay won the International Humor Essay Contest by the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor (AATH). Wilvers won first place in local author Sandra Humphrey’s ethics essay contest.

“I had Herbst for Composition and it was an assignment to enter a contest,” Ilse said. The prompt was, ‘How is healthy humor used in your life?’ The essay had to be fewer than 400 words and the contest was open to students grades K-12 and all cancer survivors. One winner was chosen from each division of grades.

“I got \$100 and they sent me a certificate,” Ilse said. His essay was also published on the AATH website, and in the HumorConnection newsletter. Ilse

explained that for him, writing is not a large interest. He said that he would not have entered an essay contest if it had not been for the assignment in his composition class.

Wilvers also took Composition with Mr. Herbst. “I submitted an essay to one organization in New Jersey and one in Minnetonka.” She won the contest in Minnetonka, held by author Sandra McLeod Humphrey, who writes nonfiction books for children. According to KidsCanDolt.com, the website sponsoring the contest, the prompt for the essay Wilvers wrote was, “In 300 words or less, tell us your true story about the most difficult decision you’ve had to make between right and wrong.”

“I won 50 dollars, a certificate, and [Humphrey] sent me one of her books,” Wilvers said. Wilvers also said that Humphrey asked her to write another essay, due in September, which will be published in her next book.

“If [the students] win a major contest, they will get an ‘A’ in the course,” Herbst confirmed. “[Entering contests] is a way of making the writing they do real, because they’re not just writing for this class. It also allows them to see how other people perceive their writing, not just me.” Herbst said that he has made entering essay contests an assignment for each term of Composition this year, and is continuing it this term.

Perhaps Herbst’s fourth term Composition students will continue with the essay-contest-winning streak Wayzata is on. Last month (Issue 12) the Trojan Tribune published an article about Brandon Law (11) and Kaily Kreatz (12), who won Thomas Friedman’s Flatteners of the World essay contest, and Issue 11 reported Zach Sperry’s win of \$1,000 from the ACIS educational travel company for his essay on how travel changes lives.

Paul Paetzel to leave WHS

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Photo Editor

Wayzata High School’s associate principal, Paul Paetzel was selected as the new principal for Wayzata East Middle School. Mike Trewick will take Paetzel’s position as 9th Grade Associate Principal.

“East will be a good fit for me, I’ll be sad to leave the high school but I am excited to have a head principal position at East Middle School,” says Paetzel. He has had four great years at the high school, and said that “we have made a lot of changes in 9th grade in the past four years that I have been here. Coming to the high school in 2004 was a great opportunity to get a different perspective and work with 9th graders.”

Paetzel also had the position of associate principal at West Middle School for three years before coming to the high school. “My favorite part about working with the middle schools



Submitted Photo

Paetzel will fill a different position within the district. Trewick will replace Paetzel at WHS

is working with the students. At that age, kids are trying to find who they are, and find what their strengths are,” Paetzel said.

“You never know what is going to happen in the future, but I would be more than happy to be back at the high school later on,” said Paetzel.

Wayzata is looking within the district to fill other positions. Mary McKasy is being hired as the new principal of Gleason Lake Elementary. McKasy has had 18 years of experience in the district, and will transfer from her job as a math teacher at East Middle School.

“She was always a very upbeat person and always willing to lend a hand,” said McKasy’s former student Sonja Stegman (11). “Everybody over at Gleason Lake is lucky to have her.”

Minnesota ranks as third worst DWI state

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In shocking government report, the Upper Midwest has the worst drunken driving rates in the country. In a three-year survey, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota were the Top 5.

The report relies on data obtained from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, a survey based on a scientific random sample of U.S. households. The survey asked 127,283 adults in 2004, 2005, and 2006 whether they had driven under the influence in the past year.

The national average percent of adults who admitted to having driven under the influence was about 15. In Minnesota, however, the average was an astonishing 23.5 percent of adult drivers. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety stated that 41,951 arrests were made of impaired drivers in 2006 alone. Several other surveys say that residents in the northern states are more likely to consume heavier amounts of alcohol than the rest of the nation.

According to a Plymouth Police Officer, Hennepin County has the highest occurrences of DWIs in the state. The officer said that many of the situations

that they encounter also involve minors drinking and driving. In Plymouth, the majority of the underage drinkers are said to come from the Wayzata and Robbinsdale-Armstrong school districts.

Wayzata students were shocked by this report. “I think drinking and driving is absolutely stupid, because not only are you endangering yourselves, but you’re putting other people’s lives at stake,” Abbie Snell (12) said.

What does Minnesota plan to do about this? Cheri Marti, Director of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety said in a news release, “Minnesota will continue DWI enforcement and education efforts to prevent these needless traffic fatalities and injuries. However, law enforcement can’t do it alone; we are calling on every citizen to be our partner in this effort.”

For now, we have the state of Utah to look up to. It has the least amount of drunk drivers, and is the only state in which less than 10 percent of drivers have reported driving under the influence. Although all of these results do not come as a shock to many officials, Minnesota will strive to lower the percentages and make roads safer.

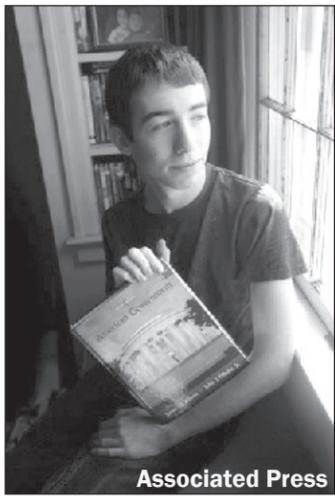
Biased Social Studies textbooks?

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Feature Editor

New Jersey high-school senior, Matthew LaClair, recently accused his Social Studies textbook of having biased viewpoints.

LaClair said that his AP Government textbook, "American Government," by James Wilson and John Dilulio, showed conservative views on the political topics discussed in the popular textbook. "I just realized from my own knowledge that some of this stuff in the book is just plain wrong," said LaClair in an interview with Nancy Zuckerbrod of the Associated Press. The topics included global warming, separation of church and state, and praying at school. An excerpt from the textbook said, "Science doesn't know whether we are experiencing a dangerous level of global warming or how bad the greenhouse effect is, if it exists at all." The latest edition of the textbook, published last year, now says, "Science doesn't know how bad the greenhouse effect is."

LaClair also found bias in a picture of students praying in front of a school in Virginia. The caption below the picture said, "The Supreme Court will not let this happen inside a public school." The textbook goes on to explain that the court has ruled it "unconstitutional every effort to have any form of prayer in public schools, even if it is nonsectarian, voluntary or limited to read-



LaClair with AP Government textbook in which he says to

have found conservative bias. ing a passage of the Bible." The photograph was also removed in the latest edition.

Are the WHS textbooks biased? AP U.S. History teacher, Bill Miles said, "The college board specifies that for an AP course you have to use one of the certain books that they approve." In AP U.S., students use a textbook titled, "America: A Narrative History" by George Tindall and David Shi. "Tindall provides a balance [between liberalism and conservatism]. There are other histories available that provide a conservative view like Paul John or a liberal view from Howard Zinn. A good history class is going to rely on text that tends to be balanced, but also use other sources that tend to show a conservative perspective as well and others that show a liberal perspective."

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person that almost all of these kids have ever met," said Horns, "So for the kids to see that white people can be kind and care about them is a big accomplishment and goes a long way to healing race relations. The little girls love to play with my 'funny doll hair.'" When she left the United States, Horns was slightly embarrassed about the country's foreign relations, but now understands "the strengths of the U.S. and its people, and couldn't be more proud of our amazing country."

Just last month, Horns received a grant from Dell for 15 desktop computers which will be added in June to the three existing computers in the community. With these, Horns will be able to teach a computer class to her students.

Last fall, South Africa became the country with the highest population with HIV/AIDS in the world, when it surpassed India. Horns spends most of her weekends attending funerals of its victims. To help with this epidemic, Horns will be opening a girls club to discuss the disease. "I am hoping that we will be able to educate the girls about the disease, work on self-esteem and have fun at the same time."

Horns encourages other Wayzata students to look into careers that deal with service in community development. "It

Visit Horns's blog at hornzyinafrica.blogspot.com

feels good to actually be trying to do something about the problems in the world, rather than just reading about them and feeling helpless." She says the pit toilets and bucket baths of the Peace Corps are not for everyone, but other Non-Government Organization (NGO) work can be just as rewarding. "Even out of high school, the students at Wayzata are entering the world with amazing skills that can be put to good use helping others," says Horns. "It's probably hard for you guys to have a perspective on how amazing the education you are getting actually is," Horns says. "Let me assure you that you are receiving a world class education at that school which is going to open many doors for you in the future."

"I definitely feel like a Wayzata education helped me find a way in the world," says Horns. Horns was a part of Y.E.S. when she was at Wayzata, and feels this group, along with the support of her parents, influenced her to give back. "Because of [these opportunities], we all have the freedom to follow our big dreams and to give back to our communities. I feel a great sense of civic duty and I think that the seeds of this began with my family and in my schooling in Wayzata."

Student Council Election Results

Class of 2009

- Caroline Albers
- Jillian Benzen
- Ashley Bonsen
- Charlie Bruer
- Bryn Corwin
- Andrew Haertzen
- Parker Mullins
- Alysa Picek
- Neeraj Rajasekar
- Rachael Silver
- Sam Whitehead
- Maddi Wichert
- Lauren Wilvers

Class of 2010

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- K.C. Iverson
- Jane Kim
- Hunter Kroll
- Kelsey Larson
- Kalie Michel
- Eric Phung
- Parth Shah
- Zach Sperry

Class of 2011

- Matt Billman
- Drew Donlin
- Maddie Edwards
- Joey Gale
- Drew Page
- Sean Wade

Top headlines around Wayzata

Provided by Wayzata.com

- 1 DNR declares ice out on Lake Minnetonka**
As of April 23rd, 2008, Lake Minnetonka has officially been declared free of ice. Now if only the weather would catch on....
- 2 Dom Barber drafted by Houston Texans**
Dom Barber, a WHS grad, was drafted by the Houston Texans in the sixth round of the NFL draft. Dom is the brother of Marion Barber III, who plays for the Dallas Cowboys.
- 3 Kevin O'Connor wins Wells Fargo Half-Marathon**
The 20th annual Wells Fargo Lake Minnetonka half-marathon took place on May 4. O'Connor finished with a time of 1:17:13.
- 4 Classic Lake Conf. threatened**
Budget shortages in the Robbinsdale district have created a potential reason for Armstrong to drop out of the conference in the coming years. MSHSL rules state that a conference must have a minimum of five teams to compete.
- 5 Wild turkey crashes into Wayzata Library**
A wild turkey had to be removed from the Wayzata Library after it startled staff and patrons there on April 28. Due to its reckless behavior, the bird is no longer alive.

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Sex Ed is not educational

Dana Kohn
Staff Writer



As I have written in my previous articles, sexual promiscuity in high school is no secret. The norm of kids getting drunk and casually having sex is increasing among teens rapidly. STI's are increasing and have been called a hidden epidemic in the United States. Clearly this is a problem that needs to be solved. Comprehensive sex education is the only way to see a change in teen behavior. These programs are able to teach teens not only about abstinence, but focus on the fact that teens are already having sex. They state the risk of sexual intercourse like pregnancy and STI's, but also provide information on contraceptives and STI's. Clearly there is no other program that teens could benefit more from. The other option, an abstinence-only program, has been proven to distribute false information. Now why would the government want to fund a sex education program that teaches false information? Isn't the purpose of education to provide accurate knowledge so that kids are able to make smart decisions when put in a risky situation? The only way for them to do that is if they have information about sex, contraceptives, and STI's. Comprehensive sex education is the only program that provides this information. If you want to see more kids using contraceptives, less kids having sex, and less breakouts of STI's, then teens need to be educated through comprehensive sex education programs.

Budging is the biggest lunch problem

Abbey Nekola
Staff Writer



Since elementary school the idea has been constantly drilled and pressed into our characters. Yet once we enter the high school environment all bets are off. Upon entering culinary it's survival of the rudest.

Surely many see budging or "cutting" in line as something that we just do and don't think twice about it. After being pushed back for three years, the seniors have the right to jump to the front of the lines before everyone else right? Wrong. Since when is it right to mistreat others if we have been mistreated? If this is the mentality that we carry into college and the professional world, where will we

be but proving that we are rude, pushy Americans who can't get their hands on the next meal fast enough? It's time to rise above this image.

I do not believe that budging represents who the teenagers of Wayzata are. Perhaps it is our enculturation that tells us that standing alone in a lunch line makes you look like a loser. Of course lunch is a great time to socialize with your friends, but it gets a little ridiculous when your whole friend network on Facebook joins you in line to get a turkey sandwich a few minutes earlier than you might have if you had gone to the back of the line. I admire someone who can stand in a lunch line by him or herself. It says a lot about their self-esteem and confidence, as well as their capacity to just have a few moments of peace and reflection in the day away from their friends.

The flow in Culinary cannot handle the traffic clogs that budging causes. Drivers might compare it to highway entrance ramps without stoplights monitoring when the cars go. Everyone just rushes in and suddenly no one can move. The lines would move faster if people went to the back of the line and didn't crowd the front of the line.

Though they are not to blame, the teachers sometimes contribute to the problem. By budging in line they are implying that there is a hierarchy within the school and as you rise on it you have more of a purpose behind doing things that would not be acceptable without their title. Perhaps if the teachers stood in line they could act as a deterrent for students desiring to budge.

Though the student handbook does not explicitly mention budging, Appendix B Rule 4 says, "Students will show respect for

other students...Although not inclusive, the following list describes behaviors that are not permitted." The handbook then goes on to mention insubordination, assault, bullying and other disrespectful behaviors. The list does not include budging in line, probably because the administration has "more important" matters to deal with. But budging should be considered a disrespectful behavior.

I know that Wayzata students are not the budgers they are posing to be. If everyone would be responsible for their own actions, students and staff alike, the school may become a place where people of all ages would respect each other, at least in the cafeteria. If you see someone budge in line, call them out on it! In my experience smiling and asking politely for them to move to the back is effective. Just be nice. You can do it!

Overprotective parents are driving away their children

Neha Vaidya
Sports Editor



It is that time of year again. Seniors are off to college, embarking on their own journey with new found freedoms set ahead. For some seniors, however, college is more than just a beginning to their higher education. It is a time where they can explore being a young adult and make decisions on their own. They no longer have parents holding their hands through every step of life, and no one to spoon feed them the right answers.

If you have not caught on yet, I am talking about students with overprotective parents. These are the kids who are not allowed to hang out Friday night because they have a test on Monday, or when they want to go to a movie, their parents are doubtful because it is rated "R".

It really makes me worry to think how (the parents or the students?) will be in college. Are these parents really helping their kids by being so strict? I feel that most of the kids I have seen who "go crazy" in college are the ones who have been very sheltered in high school. I am not blaming outrageous college behavior solely on parents, but I think they play a huge role.

I know overprotective parents only want the best for their kids,

but sometimes these actions may have a reverse effect. For example, parents who constantly want their kids to be home only drive their children away. I think this concept is very hard for parents to grasp, especially parents of seniors because they do not want to let go (or something along those lines) So cut your parents some slack, however, do not be afraid to let them know how you feel. The last thing you want before college is to establish bad relationships with your family.

I think it's time for many parents to take a look in the mirror and ask themselves if they are the source of their kids' bad behavior or social incompetence. There is definitely a fine line between discipline and overprotec-

tion, and many parents are flirting with that fine line.

On the other hand however, there are parents who discipline their children, and also allow them to have a good social life. I think these are the parents who help their kids in the long run. When these kids head off to college, they still get to experience this new life; however, the difference is they set limits and boundaries for themselves. In my opinion, being able to schedule your life and prioritize is a big part of our world, and those who need their parents to do it for them do not seem to get as far.

Hopefully, these parents will take a step back, and won't lead their kids in the wrong direction. But in the end, let's face it, you decide your own future.

Could weather be this year's new trendsetter?

Kayla Biek
Feature Editor



Spring: it is billed as a time of renewal, rebirth. The snow melts and the landscape is brown and dull waiting for spring's magic. The fashion industry is supposed to follow this weather change. Yet what happens when our weather has been hijacked?

It is May, you remember this time, when those gentle showers from the previous month bloom in flowers. Well what blooms from freezing temperatures, severe thunderstorms, and measurable snow? I am still waiting for flowers. And my spiffy spring fashions—waiting in my closet to be worn.

Even a hint of normal spring weather brings out a school filled with shorts, tank tops, and sandals. Hiking boots give way to flip flops traipsing down the hallways. Skirts naturally become shorter (leaving the wearer constantly avoiding administration personnel). Yet when the snow is still coming in May, are we expected to forgo these wardrobe traditions?

The magazines all said yellow was the season's hot new hue. But unless you stocked up on lemon-shaded sweaters, or still have a rain coat left over from third grade, you may not have the opportunity to be "in the know" this year.

In conclusion, this spring sucks. Let's agree to forget that someone else in the country is enjoying spring without insulated coats, turtlenecks or ear muffs. Summer has got to be right around the corner.

Editorial

A Wayzata Education

Sarah Horns, from page 1, said it herself that an education from Wayzata High School is an education like no other. A 1994 Wayzata-grad-become-teacher in a third world school has experienced both extremes of what an education can be like. At Wayzata, we are all truly lucky to go to a school with enough teachers and enough classrooms, not to mention a multi-million dollar stadium, document cameras, smartboards, and eight lunch lines.

We may groan and whine about MCA testing and BSTs, but how many schools are fortunate enough to offer classes such as Creative Foods 2, Mixed Media 3, Co-Ed Dance, and APs? Our teachers are so top-of-the-line that the district draws from within itself to appoint people to new positions. Paetzel will leave the high school for West Middle School and McKasy will move from East to Birchview Elementary. Our teachers are so proficient that we know it would be a shame to lose them to another district.

Part of going to such a large and financially supported school is the aspect of giving back to

other students and the community. Wayzata is home to organizations such as Y.E.S. and NHS that set up opportunities for the many privileged students of this school to reach out to those in need. These actions may not be as bold as selling all of your possessions and traveling half way across to world to join the Peace Corps, but bagging groceries at a food shelf or giving money to those nagging "Moochers" every Heart Weak is still making the world a better place, as cliché as that may sound.

An education from Wayzata is more than just book smarts and can open many doors. This school provides its students qualified teachers with well-rounded experiences that more than prepare them for what is to come. And "what is to come" can be so many things.

Our experiences are so far from what students in Africa face. As much as we may hear about it, the true experience is probably unfathomable to most of us. This should not make us feel guilty, but rather it should motivate and inspire us to use our privileges to impact the world in a positive way.

THE SOAP BOX

Commentary on Social and Political Issues

Allocating awareness Military harassment



Christy Perfetti
Staff Writer

President John F. Kennedy initially articulated the term “affirmative action”. He used it in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 referring to a public policy dedicated to equal rights in America. Civil Rights took a hold on the United States and fought for equal opportunity in the work force and in schools. Since then, there have been many job and schooling opportunities for minority groups to flourish in American society.

In the mid-70s reverse discrimination came about regarding affirmative action.

Even though affirmative action calls for diversity in university admissions and government jobs, it doesn't bring unity.

Due to the fact that the government forced the “level playing field” for minorities, a conflict has sparked between ethnicities.

In fact, those who ought to benefit from affirmative action many times find themselves in prison or on drugs before receiving any of the benefits affirmative action promises.

They're not even applying to colleges or prestigious jobs, and are not in the work force.

Due to the fact that America is still a somewhat free, capitalistic market, position filling should be treated as such. Someone gets to the top because they worked hard to get there, the government doesn't control how it happens. Similarly, in order to obtain a job, you should need the best qualifications for the position.

Affirmative action is supposed to create equality but the disparities minorities once faced aren't as prevalent today.

Because society has evolved so greatly since affirmative action was put into law, it appears to be outdated. The public policy isn't serving its maximum potential.

This policy should either be eliminated or revised to fit the society we live in now.

The presidential campaign has been avoiding the issue of affirmative action all together; when America's presidential candidates should be stepping up to the plate and addressing this pressing issue.

More money should be allocated to the awareness of this public policy.

Americans are being directly affected by this policy and some aren't even aware of the principles or effect.

Though, there is a difference between the funds being put toward awareness and prevention of affirmative action. They shouldn't be wasted on states that aren't progressive and will be completely against any thoughts on eliminating or changing the already constituted policy.

The fear is that people aren't going to be as susceptible to change. However, there can be changes made without complete elimination. There is action that needs to be taken in order to revise this public policy. We must be able to challenge the way things have been done in the past and realize the imminence and importance of this issue.

Race being a factor conflicts with the general skill level that is anticipated for positions. Things like college acceptance or obtaining a job deserve to be more personal. Forget point systems and laws saying how many ethnicities are allowed. What happened to individual analysis and friendly consideration? Big, life altering decisions should be allowed to be more organic and reflected on.



Madeline Meacham
Guest Writer

The issue of inequality and harassment has been a problem in the military for a long time. Recruits expect that there is a

certain breaking down of the individuals so that they can build them back up into soldiers ready for the fight. But when does this become less of a celebration and more of a federal offense? In a recent 2006 article from CBS News it reported that more than one hundred female enlistees hoping to enter the military had reported being sexually harassed or raped by their recruiters. Many of which feel powerless in a situation with a male of superior rank. The truth is that many are never punished. Homosexual individuals who are hoping to serve their country are felt compelled to keep their sexual orientation a secret. The Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy states that the military will not ask members their sexual orientation as long as they stay in the closet while being an active member.

Many people, groups and organizations have been pleading

to get these issues recognized so that they don't have to be labeled as problems anymore. The military should be a place where people can be treated equally whether you are black, white, male, female, gay or straight. But it's not, so things need to change. These issues may be new to some but have been going on for far longer than the media has led us to believe. Guilty members in the military have gone freely from punishment while the victims live with the pain each day. It's hard enough for them to come forward, military or not, but imagine not being able to seek justice or have a fight. It is true, on the other hand, that in not asking a person's orientation when enlisting that it's not technically infringing on one's personal rights, but there still remains the conspiracy that the individual commanders are seeking them out in boot camp because of their personal views.

One recommendation for a solution is first allocating money towards anti-harassment programs that teach members in the military that there are consequences for their actions. This means anti-harassment for all members such as women and homosexuals. Another policy that needs to be enforced is the

policy that has been recently organized by the military called “No One Alone” which makes it mandatory to have a third party there when male recruiters are alone with a female enlistee.

As far as the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy, who knows how long it will still be in place. Again there are many organizations and individuals that strongly oppose this because it interferes with the rights of humans. There is a common right to express freedom and be homosexual and it shouldn't matter in telling how apt someone is to fight for their country.

The fuel for the fight for anti-harassment is recognition that these things are happening and to let people know that.

With the don't ask don't tell policy and the recognition of harassment against women being a new issue to most of the public it is hard to get involved and fight. Lies only lead to more lies, and it's just what the military is doing, covering up their inexcusable actions for the members that make them great and it needs to stop.

Affirmative Action: It isn't what it used to be



Rob Mason
Staff Writer

Is it right to say that a person should be hired simply because they are white? If the answer is no, shouldn't we then question the wisdom of mandating that companies hire people simply because they are black? Or female? Or how about well dressed, for that matter? Many liberal, open minded people of all colors and genders have begun to say no. They realize that there is no justice in declaring that it is wrong to fire

people on the basis of their color, but wise and fair to hire people for the same reason.

The primary reason for my belief that the affirmative action system needs change is the amount of resentment its programs have created. As the debate surrounding this issue unfolds, there is a growing frustration among those not receiving the privileges affirmative action provides. Many people, when passed over for employment or advancement, have begun to wonder if those who have been promoted received their positions based on their gender or race, as opposed to their ability.

America is a nation of great diversity, and while affirmative action programs were founded on very worthy goals, our nation cannot achieve social equality by granting privileges to one group over another. Maybe instead of having set numbers imposed on them, businesses suspected of discrimination could have their hiring practices monitored by the government, or be penalized through fines and restrictions.

Affirmative action must not be left as it is, but with a little change, it can begin working for equality instead of against it. Equal opportunity is a concept well within our grasp. We must not be afraid to reach for it.

Change is necessary



Rachel Cordo
Guest Writer

The current United States law on affirmative action is Executive Order 11246 as stated by President Johnson that federal contractors must not discriminate. The first years following affirmative action were seen as positive. It was seen helpful to those minority students who would not have had the option of

attending college.

Factors such as lower income and coming from high crime cities affect minorities' opportunities to get into a smaller liberal arts college, but affirmative action helps eliminate these.

In society today racial discrimination could be seen almost as violating a more norm, affirmative action helped reduce discrimination of minority races for many years.

But in more recent years affirmative action can be seen as reverse discrimination or condescending.

Along with bordering on being a form of reverse discrimination affirmative action may appear to be demeaning to minorities. In society today there is little or no education gap between races and affirmative action implies that minorities are not able to achieve a higher education without extra help. Another negative aspect to take into consideration is that if a person is not capable of being admitted into a college without affirmative action the school may have too hard of a course workload. Recently the University of Michigan

was under scrutiny because of their policy that rates students on a points system. Applicants who were a minority received over twice the amount of points as a student who had received a perfect score on the SAT.

The United States should rework affirmative action to only help academically qualified minority students. Minorities do not only live in inner cities, many live in suburban towns where they receive the same opportunities as the white people they grow up with.

Affirmative action is heading

toward the realm of reverse discrimination; this would defeat the original purpose of President Johnson's executive order. Affirmative action should not be completely eliminated, but it must be closely examined and reworked to make sense in today's society.

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Freshman Respect Retreat was a success



Photo by Erin Antrim

Todd, a director of the Respect Retreat, leads a group of WHS ninth graders at St. Barnabas Church in an activity during the retreat on April 25. The Respect Retreat was an all-day program that revolved around the theme of respect.

Sarah Schupanitz
Staff Writer

The all-freshmen Respect Retreat took place on Friday, April 25th at various locations around Plymouth.

Upperclassmen from the high school involved in Link, Y.E.S. and Student Council were asked to help lead the retreat that was put on by Youth Frontiers.

Alyssa Honmyhr, Link Leader Advisor, said that the retreat was a way of ending what was started at the beginning of the year with Freshmen Orientation.

According to Honmyhr, three kinds of respect were taught throughout the day: respect yourself, others, and overall respect.

Students played games, lis-

tened to speakers, and interacted in small and large groups as a way of getting the message across.

Student leaders such as Lauren Wilvers (11) acted as small group leaders during the day.

"We really tried to get everyone involved," Wilvers said.

Maggie Olson (12), another leader said that her favorite part was spending time with the freshmen from her advisory.

Maddi Wichert (11) agreed and said she "grew closer to the freshmen."

The retreat was a success among leaders and students alike.

Savana Naini (9) said, "The retreat was a lot of fun and I took a lot of the message to heart."

Maris Blanchard (9) felt differently and thought, "it got kind of boring and some of the questions were redundant...but they had some good ways of presenting."

Livia Scott (9) said she didn't want to go to the retreat but in the end "it really makes you see things differently."

Naini said, "There are always going to be people who thought it was dumb, but it was inspiring and made you think. Hopefully our class will take in the message and connect it through high school."

Honmyhr agreed, "Hopefully the freshmen will step up and be good role models to the new freshmen of next year."

Secrets we have learned from seniors

Kayla Biek
Feature Editor

They have passed the dreaded Mo-Pro and have completed the ACTs. Their college plans have been already been laid out and graduation is right around the corner. They are what every high school student dreams of becoming. They are our one-and-only seniors. But only for a few more weeks. Then a whole new grade will become the best and the brightest in the school.

Fortunately, our seniors have been gracious enough to indulge us "lesser beings" with some of the many things they have learned throughout their high school careers. This wisdom has been garnered through many all-night study sessions, athletic pep rallies, and those non-red cup parties. No other graduating class could have been as thorough dispensing wisdom or as gracious teaching it. Here is some of what our younger students have been so generously taught by the 2008 seniors:

9. Any time that a senior comes up to you during lunch, just hand over your meal," said Ryan Biek (9). There is no time to argue, that Nachos Grande line is still forty people long.

8. While it might shorten the number of stairways that you have to climb to reach your designated "floor," "never park in the senior parking lot," said Samantha Carter (9).

7. Budging older grades in the lunch lines will get you nowhere," said Marisa Berglund (9). No one will believe that little white lie you told about being there the whole time, so if you

are caught, it is better to walk to the back of the line with your chin held high than with your tail between your legs.

6. While Mo-Pro is considered to be one of the most challenging classes taken in high school, "It is better to get [the class] over and done with during first semester," said Lizzie Rahm (10). Really, who wants to be writing that 50-page paper right before the start of summer?

5. "Remember to inspect your school lunch before you eat anything during senior prank week," said Krista Konrad (9). After all, those rumors about laxatives being put in the condiments might turn out to be true.

4. Everyone loves their reality television. But just because you knew the answer to the second grade geography question on "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader" does not mean that "you are smarter than a senior," said John Michael Coon (9).

3. It is a wise decision to make sure you "travel up the correct side of the staircases at all times," said Riley Mangan (9). If pushing through other students going down seems like a fun idea, just be prepared to lose a limb or two, no worries though.

2. While an older student may offer to give you a ride, "always help pay for gas," said Paul Berquist (9). After all, they spent those 45 seconds waiting with the car turned on for you to call your parents to make sure it was okay to leave. Gas is not cheap.

And the number one piece of advice...well isn't that obvious? No one is cooler than a senior. No exceptions.

The Hit List: May

Grant Sorenson
Staff Writer

1 Yelle it out loud [music]

Yelle is the hottest name to hit both the French and American music industries. Her eclectic mix of pop, techno, hip hop and dance creates a unique sound that transfixes listeners across Europe and the States. While her lyrics are in French, even those who don't speak the language will understand Yelle's overarching message of free-spiritedness and individuality. My top picks are "Je veux te voir" (or "I Want to See You") and "À cause des garçons" (or "Because of Boys").

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2 Make it sweet [website]

3 Graphic Fashion [style]

While t-shirts have always been fashion staples, this summer the must-haves include graphic tees. Bright colors, high-quality fabrics, gold leafing and patterns are all key elements to the fashion graphic tee. You can get them at Urban Outfitters, American Apparel and online at www.revolveclothing.com. The key to graphic tees is not being afraid to take a risk and get something that's going to attract attention. Bright colors and geometric patterns are the biggest looks this summer; take a risk but make sure it's not tacky!



4 Dish it out with Lurcat [resto]

Sick of Chipotle for the fifth weekend in a row? Is your boyfriend or girlfriend insisting upon a fancy dinner - or are you looking for the perfect setting to attain that significant other? Café Lurcat is the perfect location for your next romantic evening or just a classier night out with friends. Nestled in the chicest

part of Minneapolis, Café Lurcat offers a stylish and modern dinner location with a wide range of items on the menu and a top-notch dessert selection. While the prices are a bit steeper than the restaurants around Plymouth, Café Lurcat is quickly becoming the hottest spot in the Twin Cities.

Hot summer bods

Bryce Armbruster
Staff Writer

The time is approaching when a person can where getting half-naked in public is perfectly acceptable. As much as we love the summer, there are always those people that have to spoil it for the rest of us with their nastiness. There are several ways to obtain the perfect look for summer, starting with the body.

If you are a person that has pasty skin, do not worry about it too much. That seemingly radioactive glow has actually been known to attract mates, in the 1800s.

If you happen to be a male, there is absolutely no excuse for tanning of any sort.

Zac Dunlay (12) decided to sacrifice his dignity for a darker pigment of skin. After he came out of the tanning bed, his body became covered with a violent itch. "It was the worst experience of my life," said Dunlay.

These rashes not only taint

your skin but your manly image as well. "I've seen the error in my ways and I hereby vow to never go near a tanning bed again," said Dunlay.

There are two respectable ways to get the body you desire.

The first is to sit on the couch while eating as much McDonalds as you can and pray that those burgers will turn into lean, toned muscle.

The other is to go on the absolute manliest work out session of all time. First, start with a brisk run to the western coast of America. Then swim north in the Pacific to Alaska.

The salt water will make your skin tough like an old, seasoned pirate. By following these steps, you will end up with a sculpted body that shall impress all the populace.

Andrew Meeks (12), Danny Richards (9), and Robbie Richards (12), showing off their hot summer bods.



Summer jobs to cool you off

Dana Kohn & Stephanie Audette
Staff Writers

As the summer time approaches and school gets out kids start looking for something to do this summer. Whether its looking forward laying out in the sun, boating on lake, playing sports in the sun, and or just looking for some cash these jobs are right for you. In order in truly enjoy your summer and make some cash you need to find a job that fits you the best. A job needs to not only make you money, but be something that you enjoy, brings out your talents, and most importantly something that interests you.

Retail



Position: sales associate

Pay: \$7/hour depending on the store

Pros: working at most stores means a discount!

Cons: folding clothes all day long can get old really fast

Restaurant

Pay: \$7-8/hour (host) + tips from servers \$6.25/hour + tips (server)

Pros: extra cash on hand from tips, meet lots of interesting people, learn about the food industry



Cons: late night shifts

Nanny

Income: \$10.00 - \$20.00 per hour.

Positives: easy job and you don't have to pay taxes.

Negatives: if you not in the mood for kids it's a pain in the butt.



Lifeguard

Income: \$8.00 an hour.

Positives: Get tan, easy money, lessons pay well, and meet fun people.

Negatives: Taking out the garbage, doing a bunch of cleaning, and early openings.



Park and Rec



Income: \$8.00 per hour.

Positives: Free clothes, work with special needs kids, and love telling stories about my experiences.

Negatives: Getting beaten up, early wake up, and out in the sun all day.

TechJUICE Laptops for any one, any place, any time



Justin Hou
Staff Writer

MacBook Air

Thin as paper, "almost" as light as air, the MacBook Air has a full-sized illuminated keyboard and a Multi-Touch trackpad that enables gestures from the iPhone. The \$99 external SuperDrive supplements its lack of a built-in CD/DVD burner. Nevertheless, its thinness and array of wireless connectivity give new meaning to the word "freedom."

MacBook

Powerful and Protected. The polycarbonate shell protects the MacBook from the uncertainties of everyday life. The powerful processor provides plenty of juice for multitasking from word processing to video editing. Enjoy photos and DVDs on the glossy widescreen display. Take on life with this fast, portable, and versatile laptop.



MacBook Pro

Wrapped in a sleek aluminum case, the MacBook Pro provides mobile desktop computing. The large display, powerful processor and graphics card, and spacious storage are perfect for video and multimedia editing on the go. The illuminated keyboard and Multi-Touch trackpad make mobile productivity a breeze. When performance and professionalism are essential, look no further.

Technology has advanced to the point where consumers are often overwhelmed by the sheer number of options to choose from. Today, laptops are becoming extremely popular because of the versatility they provide at ever-lower prices. Furthermore, the everlasting question of Mac versus PC continues to linger. Let's take a look at some Mac and PC laptops, including the brand-new laptops by Lenovo and Alienware.

Macintosh	Category	Windows
MacBook Air	ULTRAPORTABLE	Lenovo IdeaPad U110
Intel C2D 1.6 / 1.8 GHz	Processor	Intel C2D 1.6 GHz
13.3" glossy with 0.3 MP Cam	Display	11.1" glossy with 1.3MP Camera
80GB 4200 rpm	Hard Drive	120GB 4200 rpm
Optional Ext. CD/DVD Burner	Optical Drive	Included Ext. CD/DVD Burner
3.0 pounds	Weight	2.4 pounds
Up to 5 hours	Battery	Up to 8 hours (4+7-cell included)
\$1799 / \$2099	Price	\$1899
MacBook White/Black	BALANCED	Dell XPS M1330
Intel C2D 2.1 / 2.4 GHz	Processor	Intel C2D 1.83 / 2.0 GHz
13.3" glossy with 0.3MP Cam	Display	13.3" with 2.0MP / 0.3MP Cam
120GB / 250GB 5400 rpm	Hard Drive	120GB / 320GB 5400 rpm
DVD-CD Reader / DVD-CD Burner	Optical Drive	Built-In CD/DVD burner
5.0 pounds	Weight	3.97 pounds
Up to 4.5 hours	Battery	2 hours (4-cell) / 4 hours (6-cell)
\$1099 / \$1499	Price	\$999/\$1399
MacBook Pro 15" / 17"	POWERHOUSE	Alienware Area-51 m17x
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15.4" / 17" widescreen	Display	17" widescreen
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Up to 4.5 hours	Battery	12-cell
\$1999 / \$2799	Price	\$5993 / Base \$2199

Lenovo IdeaPad U110



The IdeaPad U110 is beautifully designed with an etched aluminum cover in a shiny black or flashy red and a glossy body, though prone to fingerprints. The hidden, touch-sensitive strip above the keyboard illuminates buttons for special multimedia use. Plus, the integrated camera enables an added level of security through facial recognition software.



Dell XPS M1330

Available in black, white, blue, or pink, the XPS M1330 is perfect for watching high-definition content with the built-in HDMI port and Intel GMA X3100 or 128MB NVIDIA GeForce Go 8400MS graphics card. Stay secure with the built-in fingerprint scanner.

Alienware Area-51 m17x



Featuring two built-in speakers and a subwoofer, this gaming beast has the fastest CPU and G P U money can buy and the new Ripley case design with AlienFX System Lighting and keyboard illumination. Its optional Blu-ray burner, built-in TV tuner, and HDMI out make this laptop the best digital video recorder, the perfect balance between entertainment and gaming.

The real stars of YouTube

Signe Brewster
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When most people think of YouTube, it is the Charlies, the Kellys and the Miss South Carolinas that come to mind. YouTube is a powerful form of expression and has become the place for viral internet videos to make their home. But the truth is, YouTube goes much deeper than the viral stars who get their 15 minutes of fame. Since its creation in February of 2005, serious directors, comedians, artists, and other creative video makers have flocked to the site to share their work in a vibrant community built around the visual medium of film. Some have risen above others to a position of relative fame, earning hundreds of thousands of views on each new video and the title of the real stars of YouTube.

ARTSY

VancouverFilmSchool (www.youtube.com/user/VancouverFilmSchool)

YouTube is a powerful tool for advertising, and Vancouver Film School's move to post all of their students' projects to the web. Along with bringing new recognition to the name of the school, students whose videos are posted are given a level of exposure to real viewers that would never have otherwise been possible. Students utilize a variety of film making techniques in these videos, including classical animation, 3D animation, and the classic digital. Topics range from the mundane to the bizarre, but the end product is almost always beautiful.

Suggested episode: fin d'ete - end of summer

Commentary

sxephil (www.youtube.com/user/sxephil)

When it comes to video bloggers, or vloggers, sxephil is a veteran. Home to the Philip DeFranco show, the channel has attracted over 100,000 subscribers and 50 million views. Its host, Philip DeFranco, covers topics that range from politics to celebrities to puppies in three new shows each week. Though DeFranco is intelligent and often provides insightful commentary on tough topics, the real draw of the show is its constant toeing of the line between political correctness and the forbidden territory that lies beyond (think Weekend Update with a bit more sass). Enter with an open mind and you will be hooked.

Suggested episode: Terrorist Says What?!

LOCAL

Got2Lovett (www.youtube.com/user/Got2Lovett)

You have seen his videos on Newsbreak and Trojan Video Magazine, but WHS senior Logan Lovett has also been posting his work on YouTube for the past year to the approval of many YouTube watchers. Videos like Wayzata School Song (Remix) and Too Hot to Stop have drawn over 1,000 views in the few months since they were posted. Show Lovett some support by creating your own YouTube profile and rating your favorites.

Suggested episode: Wayzata Bay (Episode 1 and 2)



The opener for one of Phillip DeFranco's famous commentaries on YouTube.

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Music

davidchoimusic (www.youtube.com/user/davidchoimusic)

davidchoimusic is hosted by David Choi, a staff producer and songwriter for Warner Chappell Music Publishing. The style of each video is almost identical, consisting of simply Choi and his guitar. Choi is not your average musician though, as he churns out unique covers along with original material at an impressively quick rate. His style is both pleasant and refreshingly original, leaning only the slightest bit on mainstream acoustic artists like John Mayer and Jason Mraz. The catch? Choi refuses to smile in his videos.

Suggested episode: Brittny Spears-Gimme More-Acoustic

Honorable Mention

Sketch Comedy

BaratsandBereta (www.youtube.com/user/BaratsAndBereta)

Luke Barats and Joe Bereta team up in BaratsandBereta to produce videos that make ample use of the ridiculous situations people can find themselves in during daily, or not so daily, life. Their experience in improv lends itself to the quick humor in their videos, leaving you laughing before you even realize what just happened. Do not be surprised to see break dancing Mormons, lyrical hands, or even babies fighting hawks.

Suggested episode: Completely Uncalled For

These three channels did not quite meet the categorical requirements, but they are still worth a thorough visit.

Improveverywhere: Turn a bunch of fun-loving improvisational-experts loose on a public place and this is what you get. Think Candid Camera without the cheesy after-dialogue.

Kevjumba: Kevin Jumba may be just a senior in high school, but he has already entered the ranks of the pro vloggers on YouTube. His videos are smart and to the point when he chooses to be, but he definitely has some fun as well.

Smosh: As the #1 most subscribed-to channel on YouTube, Smosh is what YouTube is all about. Watch the two hosts and their shenanigans in videos that are all-too relevant to teenage life.

A&F spin-offs come to MOA

Lauren Paulson
Feature Editor

GILLY HICKS

SYDNEY

Gilly Hicks is the latest addition to the Abercrombie and Fitch lifestyle. It's an Australian themed lingerie store for women. Not only is there a "bra library," featuring over 40 different styles of bras, there are comfy sweats, tees and tanks. The store alone is one of a kind. Libby Macht (11) said, "It's worth just walking in and experiencing Gilly Hicks. You'll want to move in!"

When you first arrive at G.H. you enter a porch similar to Hollister. However, at G.H. there are floral print couches and pillows: more chic than Hollister's southern Cal theme. Pillars, and vintage-inspired windows with shutters enhance the British, colonial-style manor.

As you step in the store, venture down the long hallway straight ahead. It leads you to the very back of the store where the enormous bra section is. Within the hallway, there are perfumes, lotions, and lip glosses. Above, there are chandeliers that create a soft light in the dimly lit store.

G.H. is located on the 2nd floor of Mall of America on the west side by Nordstrom.

RUEHL

No.925

RUEHL (pronounced rule) no. 925, or RUEHL for short, is opening in early summer 2008 at MOA. Like G.H., RUEHL is apart of the A&F lifestyle. It is inspired by Greenwich Village in New York City. The store is a brick building with antique glass windows and flower boxes. The clothes are similar to A&F but is more sophisticated.

David Block (11) said, "I'm excited for RUEHL to come to MOA. I love keeping it fresh in Ralph Lauren and since RUEHL is opening soon, I'll have more options."

RUEHL offers a variety of clothing including skirts, jeans, tees, knits, dresses and polo's. RUEHL also has a great selection of leather good that are popular among today's celebrities, like Vanessa Hudgens.

Like A&F's moose, RUEHL has its own signature, a bulldog which is sewn into many of its clothing.

Ramil Goonetilleke (11) said, "RUEHL is ballin' outrageous! I visited it in San Francisco and I liked the clothes there and the New York theme atmosphere was sweet."

RUEHL is located next to Gilly Hicks.



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One act plays hit the blackbox

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The Whole Shebang

"The Whole Shebang is about a student presenting his master thesis to a board of professors and the dean," said Ally Mattson (11), co-director with Magdalen Ng (11) of the play by Rich Orloff. "The project doesn't exactly go as planned."

"His presentation includes two humans are accidentally the wrong humans," said Ng.

"It had a smart humor that both Magdalen and I appreciated, and it has a good message that doesn't shove it in your face," said Mattson. "You can sit back and enjoy the message."

"On the last night we received a standing ovation," said Ng, who loved "seeing the actors so satisfied. We enabled them to take the biggest step and show it off."

The play featured Kai Brewster (11), Charlie Bruer (11), Scott Jensen (10), Maggie Mehr (10), Sarah Porter (9), and Zach Wagner (10).

Spring Awakening

"My play is about four teenagers growing up in turn-of-the-century Germany and their struggle to deal with adolescence without much help from the adults in their lives," said Grant Sorenson, director of this German play by Frank Wedekind. "Each character has their own personal journey and they each deal with those problems in different ways...After 117 years this plays content - sex, suicide, and adolescent angst - are still huge issues in today's society."

"Creating such a beautiful piece of theater and bringing the message of the play to WHS have been my two favorite parts of directing," said Sorenson. "Spring Awakening has been the perfect 'last impression' to make on the WHS theater department for me."

The play featured Hannah Cruzen (12), Anna Hashizume (9), Jack Hawthorne (11), Josh Levinson (11), Parker Mullins (11), and Anne Walsh (12).

Senior pranks:

How will the class of 2008 be remembered?

Nikki Haralson
Staff Writer

From walking the bridge to dumping masses of bouncy balls down the stairs, senior pranks have a long and infamous history at WHS. With the end of the year in sight, the same question is on everyone's mind: what will the seniors of 2008 do to go down in senior prank history?

Not much has been discussed about what the seniors are going to do during the last week of high school, but one thing is for sure, it will be memorable. When asked about what she has



Above: Charlie Bruer (11) comforts Maggie Mehr (10) in "The Whole Shebang." Below: Angela Sandall (10), Tori Carver (9), Kayla Hendricks (10), and Maggie Happe (11) show surprise in "Going to See the Elephant."



The Man Who Turned into a Stick

"It's a parable about what happens when you miss fulfillment in your life," said James Campbell (12), who co-directed the play with Bobby Halford (12).

"It's about what happens to your soul when you die not feeling satisfied," said Halford.

"It's a very difficult script to act...so we took it on because it was a challenge," said Campbell.

Campbell appreciates that the one-acts give first time actors "the opportunity to really come out and shine...they were absolutely fabulous," he said. Directing allowed him to "take a story and put it onto the stage in a way that reflected my own views."

The play featured Alayna Carberry (11), Dutch Endy (11), Sam Fansler (12), Eli Reding (12), and Ella Smith (9).

Going to See the Elephant

"Going to See the Elephant is about the trials of life and how four different women deal with them on the Kansas prairie," said Corry Hammett (12), who directed the play. "Anyone can relate to where these women are on their own journeys in life."

Hammett chose the play because it was familiar to her. "My mom stage managed the original production when it was first performed, so it's a play

I've known for a long time," she said.

"My cast worked together [so well]," said Hammett. "They completely defied any expectation I had of the show...It was wonderful to watch them take what I've given them and make it their own."

The play featured Tori Carver (9), Maggie Happe (11), Kayla Hendricks (10), and Angela Sandall (10).

heard about senior pranks this year, Christina Fairbanks (12) responded "I've heard people saying things that would be allowed and not cause so much trouble. Personally, I don't want anything bad to happen and I think things like spray painting on the bridge are long lasting and an innocent tradition."

Annie Larson, a 2007 WHS graduate, recalls little about what her senior class did. "We played dodge ball, but I believe we ended up hitting Mr. Mac I believe."

Lauren Zurek, another WHS graduate who is currently attend-

ing Williams said, "We walked the bridge and played dodge ball in between periods since it got banned from gym...I don't really remember much else but there was probably more... I just don't remember."

If the class of 2008 wants to make their mark on Wayzata, they are going to have to go beyond the same old pranks like scaring everyone about the laxatives in the ketchup, walking the bridge, and playing dodge ball. Which senior will come up with a new, long lasting tradition for years to come?

Spring fever: a contagious disease

Amy Tiffany
Sports Editor

Spring fever, senioritis: all high school students seem to catch it. Symptoms often include procrastination, tardiness, and a decrease in motivation.

Whether you're nearing graduation or just finishing your freshman year, there is a spring fever buzz throughout WHS. It's contagious, and once it hits, there is no stopping it.

In the fall, students have more focus because it can affect the post-high school plans. "For students enrolled in MoPro (or other required classes) in the fall, they may have been more motivated because their performance had a greater impact on their poten-

tial plans," said Crystal Gildea, a MoPro teacher.

"I would love if there was more focus in MoPro because it is a required class," said Gildea. "If they're into college, the mind set of school really changes gear. Students have made their post WHS plans and are willing to let their work slide during the spring," she added.

There are only a few weeks of school left, so keep those grades up until the end of the year, and keep studying. Summer is almost here, where you will have plenty of time to have some well earned R and R, but until then, do not let spring fever raise your "schools out!" temperature too high.

Hottest new careers

Lindsey Rost
Staff Writer

1 Nursing Informatics

Many hospitals are not fully computerized and still do recording on paper. A Nursing Informatics Specialist's job is to introduce this kind of new technology to hospitals. These professionals are trained in both nursing and health information technology.

2 Experience Designers

More businesses are realizing that the better experience they can provide for their customers, the better off they are. Experience Designers are in charge of everything from choosing wallpaper, scents and sounds of a room, to ensuring the optimal convenience of a store.

3 Viral Marketers

Viral marketers capitalize on social networks to advertise a product. The idea is to spread the word about a product as fast as a virus. According to George Silverman's book, The Secrets of Word of Mouth Marketing, a satisfied customer will tell an average of 3 people about the product they liked, and a dissatisfied customer will tell an average of 11 people about the product they didn't like.

4 Bloggers

Anyone can write online about whatever they want. The best bloggers can attract thousands of readers to their pages. Businesses now hire people to blog about their products. If you think you have interesting enough things to say, you can become famous in the internet realm.

5 HVACR Technicians

The acronym "HVACR" stands for Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration. With energy-efficiency and indoor air quality as prominent issues today, HVACR technicians are needed now more than ever.

6 Carbon Management Consultants

These professionals help businesses reduce their carbon output. According to their website, The Carbon Management Consulting Group is comprised of experts in the fields of Finance, Risk Management, Project Finance, Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Project Development and Carbon Asset Management.

7 International Logistics Managers

According to an article published by Global Content Works, global trade tripled from 1990 to 2005, and it is expected to triple again within the next 10 years. This means that International Logistics Managers are needed. It is their responsibility to make sure materials and products being transported internationally arrive on time and within the budget.

8 Welders

Welders are needed all over the place from shipbuilding, automobile manufacturing, and aerospace applications to constructing buildings and bridges. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 450,000 welding jobs will be open by 2014. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 450,000 welding jobs will be open by 2014.

9 Personal Chef

In today's fast paced world, the idea of hiring someone to take care of dinner has become appealing to American families rather than just celebrities. According to the United States Personal Chef Association, Personal Chefs will do customized menu planning with the family, all of the grocery shopping, in-home meal preparation, dishes, and clean-up. Because families can choose how often they want the chef to work, salaries for personal chefs vary.

athlete of the week: Hilary Duda

Jeff Harrison
Staff Writer

One of the best things about Trojan athletics is that all of our sports athletes have talent, and athletes of all ages participate in varsity sports. This week's athlete of the week is a very gifted lacrosse player named Hilary Duda (9).

Duda is an all around good athlete. She grew up succeeding in soccer, hockey, and as of five years ago, lacrosse. Duda's family moved here from out east where lacrosse is extremely popular. "My dad used to play," said Duda. "He was the one who really got me interested in the sport."

Duda has been playing soccer competitively for nine years. She decided to stop playing this summer but she has had a great career playing in both traveling leagues and the all-state ODP team. ODP stands for the Olympic Development Program. This is a team that is made up of the most elite players in the state. The team plays against other state select teams. She also plays hockey at a very competitive level. "I made the JV team originally, but I did end up getting some varsity minutes too," said Duda.

Because girl's lacrosse has only been a high school sport for a few years, not many girls understand the sport and are as skilled at it as Duda. The rules to lacrosse can be very confusing, and are not like any other

sport. It even took Duda a while to learn the rules and how the game is played. She played at Central Middle School for a little but the surrounding coaches eventually saw talent in Duda that should be put to use at the high school level. In eighth grade Duda experienced what very few eighth grade athletes ever get to do: play a varsity sport.

Duda had a lot of fun as an eighth grader. "Playing up with all the older girls really helped me become comfortable with the switch to high school," she said. The team really clicked well despite having a girl who was so much younger than everyone else.

Duda has been exploding into this season as a key scoring figure for the Trojans. Against the girl's lacrosse's team ri-

vals, the Minnetonka Skippers, she erupted with eight goals in an overtime victory. The whole school was buzzing the next day that a freshman had absolutely dominated the Skippers.

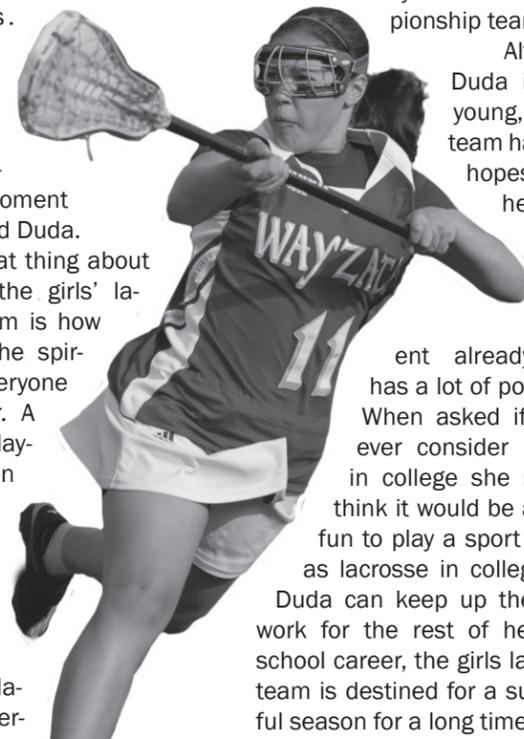
"That was probably my most memorable lacrosse moment so far," said Duda.

One great thing about Duda on the girls' lacrosse team is how she lifts the spirits of everyone around her. A lot of the players even think playing with her makes their game improve. "Hilary is an over-

all great teammate, she's very talented and always knows how to put a smile on her teammates face," said teammate Kate Loberg-Sonderup. Its team chemistry that brews championship teams.

Although Duda is very young, the team has high hopes for her. She has a lot of talent already and has a lot of potential.

When asked if she'd ever consider playing in college she said "I think it would be a lot of fun to play a sport as fun as lacrosse in college." If Duda can keep up the good work for the rest of her high school career, the girls lacrosse team is destined for a successful season for a long time.



"Facial Hair" from page 12

"I started off with a basic moustache and kept that for four or five years", Miles stated in an exclusive interview with our History of Frontiers class.

Miles, however, denies that his beard gives him special powers. He told us that he does not think it is intimidating, gives him elite powers or is aerodynamic. The only advantage he admits to it is that it is not a coincidence that he is so good at Oregon Trail and has a mountain man-like beard.

Facial hair is a cause for respect amongst other men and nowhere has this taken more claim to be true than in the NBA this season. Drew Gooden of the Chicago Bulls and Deshaun Stevenson of the Washington Wizards have been having an on-going beard growing contest since last summer.

The two players who both reside in Orlando during the off-season see each other socially and Stevenson began making fun of Gooden's beard. So Gooden challenged him to grow his own facial hair. The players are allowed to edge it so it won't get "all nasty" according to Stevenson.

Stevenson, who has been in the news a lot lately for his feud with LeBron James, predicted he would look like Teen Wolf or Moses by April and we would definitely have to agree with this statement.

Speaking of LeBron, he needs to have his birth certificate checked to make sure he isn't 40 with that enormous beard of his.

Keeping this conversation in the NBA we head out to the Bay Area where none other than Baron Davis resides. Davis' beard is legendary ever since he decided to grow it out last year. This alone is one of the reasons the Warriors were able to upset the #1 seeded Mavericks in the first round of the playoffs last

spring.

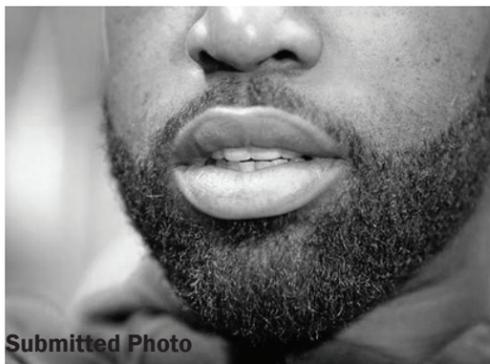
Davis' beard has gained fame because it's perfectly manicured. His beard is the coupe de grace among facial hair in professional sports and is as revered and beautiful as the 18th green of Augusta.

"Baron Davis' beard is the most majestic and intimidating beard in all of sports and besides his play, this is the main reason I look up to him", says Robbie Richards (12).

Pro basketball beards go back to the beginning where Julius Irving dunked on and humiliated beardless competition. Dr. J's beard integrated him with the ability to jump to the sky and throw down the wildest dunks this side of the Mississippi.

College basketball is a great scene to make a name for yourself as a veteran beard grower. One such player that comes to

March. However, I was too heartbroken to keep it after Texas lost to Memphis in the Elite 8. I can only wish my chinstrap was as prominent and glorious



Submitted Photo
Baron Davis' legendary mane

as Augustin's but it was still a fun thing to do.

But no sport can even compare their beards to the pure animal fur that hockey players grow during the playoffs. Whether this is for an upcoming hibernation or just to scare little children in giving them their candy is not known for sure, but we do know that this is the manliest group of people the world has ever seen.

The beards jack up the players as testosterone oozes from every orifice in their bodies. The moment they step onto the ice they are ready to devour souls and proceed to do so with earnest. Take for example, Ducks defenseman Scott Niedermayer, who with his beard last year looked like Moses. Niedermayer is a veteran player who has earned respect around the league not through his play,

but through his rich greybeard which makes him look like an ancient wise man that kills people for a living.

One position infamous in sports for intimidating facial hair is the closer in baseball. Goose Gossage was a pioneer in integrating the Fu Manchu in the sport. As a Yankees closer, batters hated watching him take the mound in the 9th inning with his devilish hair staring them down. The batters refused to make eye contact as they knew their own inferiority would turn them to stone upon doing so.

Rollie Fingers was another legend among closers but his curled and upturned French moustache made everyone think he was in a good mood all the time, and who wouldn't be with a silky look like that.

In one way or another, facial hair as affected the sports we play more than the casual fan thinks. If you are able to grow facial hair, remember, it will probably look good. But if it is scruffy, patchy and looks like a porcupine took refuge on your face, have no fear because the only opinion that matters is your own.



Submitted Photo
Observe this sleek, happy look of Rollie Fingers.

our minds is D.J. Augustin.

Augustin is a lightning quick point guard for Texas. He was an academic All-American as well as the Bob Cousy Award winner this past season for being the best point guard in America.

I was inspired to grow a chinstrap just like Augustin as he led the Longhorns through the NCAA tournament this past

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Erika O'Brien (12) swings at a meet at Wayzata Country Club.

"Golf" from page 12

Seniors Colin Dempsey and Kevin Fecho both agree that Charlie Johnson is their biggest competition on the team. Dempsey is so happy when he shoots a good score he admits, "My self esteem is off the charts."

The boys and girls both agreed their biggest rivals are the Hornets of Edina and the Skippers of Minnetonka.

Captain Kern said, "Edina is in our section which makes our section tough."

The girls' team has been very successful. In match play their record is 4-1 with their only loss being to Hopkins. The girls' team does a lot of bonding activities which creates chemistry on the course.

"We do a lot after matches. We always go out to dinner," said Curtiss. Reynolds added, "We have a lot of fun together on the team and we're all really

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input; the coaches, captains, or whoever is in the routine. There is a variety of music this, one consisting of electric violins from the "Four Seasons." During practice, each team gets into the water a taps out their routine, a drill they commonly use. A teammate that is not in the routine taps on the side of the pool the counts of the song, which makes a loud noise that echoes through the pool so the girls can perform the routine precisely without the music. This practice makes the routine perfect, so the girls can match up exactly.

In the end, the girls more than anything want to bring home a second state title. They have the determination and inventive thinking to get there. "It's really like a creative thing," Ebert said. "It's cool to do something that not a lot of people do." As the post season approaches, the girls have yet to disappoint with their perfect record. At the end of the season, they want to be that perfect 15-0, holding their state champs plaque in their accomplished grins on their faces.

close."

Students don't realize how tough golf is or what a time commitment being on the golf team really is. The team practices all year, going to indoor domes during the winter months which in Minnesota, can be more than half the year.

The past weekend the girls' team had to travel two hours to Alexandria Country Club. When they arrived to everyone's surprise there was still a foot and a half of snow on parts of the course.

The course was so treacherous it was decided that if you had the misfortune of hitting your ball into a snow bank you received an automatic drop. The team braved the cold and extremely difficult conditions and finished fourth out of the 13 teams at the tournament.

Golf takes a large time commitment, and golfers miss a lot of school. It's essential that they are good students that can handle the responsibility of not only dominating in golf, but more importantly, keeping up with all their schoolwork.

Both teams are decked out in fresh apparel. Custom made outfits by Under Armor protect our golfers from the elements as they take on their rivalries. Golf balls are also custom made and ordered by Titleist and they are absolutely glorious. Both teams are also allowed to practice at the beautiful and spacious Wayzata Country Club course.

Time will tell for these Trojan teams but the season so far has been extremely rewarding and other teams better be on the watch for your boys' and girls' golf teams.

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are two of the top leaders for the team in batting averages. Coleman is hitting an outstanding .560 and Ferguson is not far behind with an average of .480. With big games coming up against Hopkins, the team is going to have to play together and support one another. "We have a tough section and some big competition we have left are in the Benilde Saint Margaret's Tournament" said Wayzata's second baseman Allie Siu (11).

The girls' face off against Hopkins the second time around was postponed, but if they are able to win the makeup game then the Trojans will clinch the conference title.

The Trojans will go far this year if they continue out scoring their opponents. The girls have scored seven or more runs in six games already this year. After being eliminated early last year in section playoffs, the Trojans are coming back strong and hope to gain some revenge and make it to the state tournament for the first time.

Our cross-town rival: Minnetonka

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Each year there is always one game on each team's schedule that athletes, and fans alike, look forward to most of all. They know that that game or match means more to them than any other. Not only are they risking their record, they are putting their pride on the line. Both teams know this, and will do whatever they need to do to come out on top.

On November 26, 2004 that game was against our cross town rival, the Skippers. In the fourth quarter of the Prep Bowl the Trojan football team gave up a 14-13 lead and went on to lose their opportunity to win a state championship 23-14. Tears were shed. Things became personal, not only for the players, but for the Trojan fans as well.

Watching them celebrate what could have been ours was tough to watch. The Trojan football team took that night to heart and returned the following season driven to capture the title that had eluded them the year before. That's exactly what they did. They won the state championship over Cretin Derham Hall

28-24.

The 2004 Prep Bowl was responsible for elevating the rivalry that is Wayzata vs. Minnetonka.

The main reason we rival Minnetonka is the fact that we are members of the same conference. Because we are in the same conference, every sports team here at Wayzata gets the opportunity to play Minnetonka at least once a year. If we weren't to play them every year our rivalry would eventually subside because we wouldn't be competing. You need success and defeat in order to have a rivalry.

Every year Minnetonka is responsible for producing talented sports teams. "They've always had good sports teams," said Jake Kurth (12), starting catcher for the varsity baseball team. We also produce very talented sports teams every season. This leads to very close scoring games whenever we compete against one another.

Finally, we do live close to each other. We know when they win and lose, and vice versa. "I think in order to have a rivalry, you have to live in close proximity of each other, so you can fight over territory," said Ryan John-

son, Strength and Conditioning teacher.

"We've grown up playing against each other," said Tim Paulson (12), captain of the varsity basketball and soccer team. As a result, athletes have had time to establish relationships with each other. This leads to games that are more personal than others.

Varsity basketball captain Nick Rocca (12) said, "You play the Armstrongs, the Hopkins, and the Edinas, but you don't really know them, but when you play the Minnetonkas you definitely know them, and the more you know them, the more you hate them."

"We're border rivals," said Jeff Schuette (12), captain of the football team. That will be the way it is for a long time given that we remain in the same conference and our teams continue to perform well. If it's not Minnetonka, it will be Edina, as some of our sports teams already view the Hornets as their main rival. These teams include both the tennis and golf teams.

Whether it's Minnetonka, Edina, or some other school, remains to be seen. As long as we continue to compete, we will always have a rival.

Intramural badminton begins

Signe Brewster
Staff Writer

As one of the most popular intramural sports at WHS, participation in badminton requires a special type of person.

"You gotta' be competitive," said Abbey Turtinen (12).

Intramural badminton meets on Wednesday each week for about an hour and a half. Teams, which are formed by students, typically play around three teams of their choosing each week. Part of the appeal of badminton is that most students have had some experience with it from gym or their own time. The learning curve is also fast, meaning that teams can become relatively competitive with a small amount of practice. This means that a wide variety of students are attracted to the sport, and play is (mostly) fair for all.

Some teams, such as Taylor Horton (12) and Turtinen, bring a focused intensity to the court each week.

"We're very competitive at this sport. Taylor and I are naturally competitive at everything we do," said Turtinen.

Other teams, such as Peter Zazverskey (11) and Silver Zhanz (11), take a more relaxed approach as they see gym time as more social. Nevertheless, the two have won back-to-back

championships over the past two years.

"It's a great sport to play with friends," said Zazverskey. "It's fun and laidback; a really good time."

IM Badminton is overseen by WHS gym teacher Dave Zrust, who believes in a more organic format for play each week. "I'm not the director," he said. "Ev-

gun strategizing for this final test.

"We need to take home the gold this year," Turtinen said. "We have to focus during our games and keep our consistency up. Consistency is our flaw."

Zrust says that, "the group in general really wants to win. Badminton is a group of kids that really enjoy playing the game.

They're really enthusiastic."

Zrust worries that the word that badminton is available to students may not be getting out. "I know that there is more interest in it than [this]," he said. "I'd like to see everyone get involved."

"Everyone who hasn't should try IM badminton next year," Turtinen said.

Whether you are a varsity

athlete or keep your active time contained to gym, IM badminton is a great way to get involved. While registration is closed for this year, it will be back next year for a new season and all grade levels are welcome. In the meantime, stop by the back gyms after three on a Wednesday to witness some intense play for yourself.



Photo by Signe Brewster

Peter Zazverskey (11) winds up for a serve in a classic intramural battle.

everyone is free to play who they want and have fun." Wins and losses are kept track of during each week of play. At the end, teams are seeded based on these results for the final tournament. Through a series of games in the single-elimination tournament, teams compete for the title of IM Badminton Champions. Teams have already be-

SPORTS

Facial hair in sports

**Bryce Armbruster
& Ben Wolfson**
Staff Writers



Since the dawn of time, male athletes have captivated the world not only with their impressive physical feats, but also in another part of life: facial hair.

Everyone can grow facial hair, just some more than others and athletes have become famous for it. Facial hair has been around since, well, forever. Gengis Khan, Attila the Hun, Gandalf the Gray, Zeus and Fu Manchu are some famous growers and cultivators of prominent beards.

Here in Wayzata we have our own famous bearded man who also is an athlete, Bill Miles.

When Miles is not teaching history classes or coaching track and cross country he pwns nubs at Oregon Trail and lets his beard blossom. By his own estimation he figures he has been experimenting with facial hair since around 1972.

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Success is par for the course

Ben Wolfson
Staff Writer

The WHS's boys and girls golf teams are off to a swinging start this season. The boys' team is captained by Kevin Fecho (12) and Charlie Johnson (12) while the girls' team is led by Jill Reynolds (12), Hannah Curtiss (12), and Lauren Kern (12).

So far the boys' team has had great success in match play. They have not lost yet through three matches and they eye a trip to state. "We have a lot of guys who have played together for many years. We have a great time when we play golf," according to Johnson.

"We have a good shot at going to state this year, but before that we have to make sure we win our section," said Fecho.

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Travis Smith (12) tees off at Wayzata Country Club.

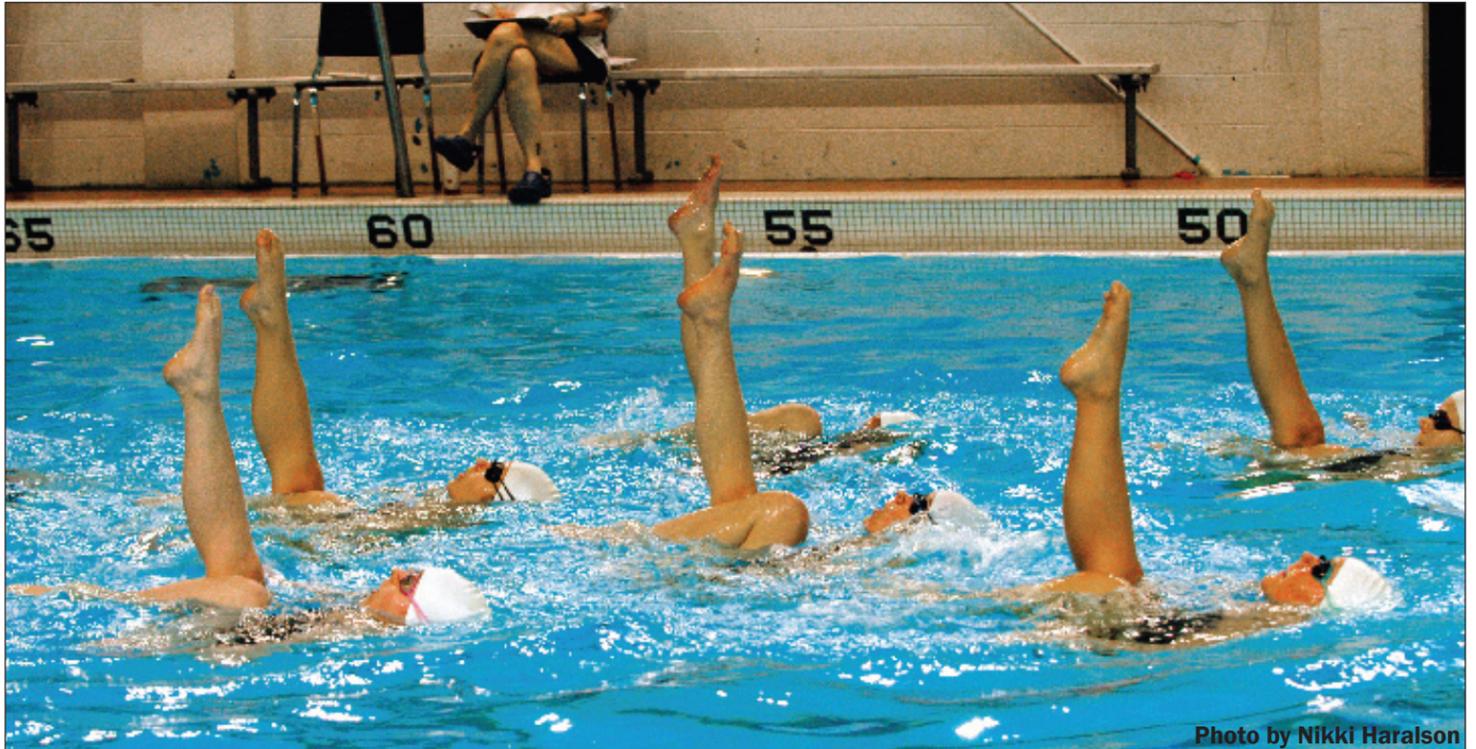


Photo by Nikki Haralson

The synchronized swimming team competing against Hopkins on Tuesday, May 6th. The team won the meet, which helped them clinch their conference championship.

Synchronized swimming team crowned conference champs

Amy Tiffany
Staff Writer

As of May 6th after their meet against Hopkins, the girls' synchronized swimming team is undefeated and solidified their conference championship. Sections begin on May 13th, and the girls are ready for the post season the kick off. "We're all really determined. Everyone wants a repeat of last year," said Claire Klevorn (12), one of

the four captains of the team. Last season, the girls' took home a state title. "[Winning a state title] makes you feel like your really accomplished something," said Klevorn. This year, the team wants to solidify another first place trophy. "We want to get as many routines there as possible to defend our title," said Tressie Ebert (12), another one of the four captains. "We'll get there because of our willingness to work hard," said Klevorn.

There toughest competition is St. Louis Park, who the girls defeated earlier this season with a score of 25 to 22, and Stillwater, who they will see for the first time at state.

This year's team is very competitive. "Everyone wants to win so we have a common goal," Klevorn stated. "We have a really strong water presence." This year's team is a little bit different then lasts. "This year there is a lot more competition.

It pushes girls to get stuff done and get better," Ebert said. "We have a lot of depth." Although things can sometimes get tense, the girls have a special bond. "Everyone wants the best for the team, even if it's not best for you," Klevorn said. For the routines, whether it is extended, long, or short routine, perfect music must be chosen. It should have good rhythm and a good beat. "We choose a song that the can relate to the judges; something they will like," Ebert said. Everyone on the team has

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Boys' Baseball Update

Andy Hayes
Staff Writer

The boys' baseball team was off to a rocky start at the start of the season, but things are starting to turn around for this group of Trojans men.

The Trojans started off the year against their rival Armstrong. They won 9 to 6, but the Trojans were in control of the game the whole time. The Trojans also played Armstrong in their seventh game of the season, winning 8 to 0, thanks to six shutout innings by pitcher Andy Johnson (11). Wayzata clearly has the upper hand in these games.

In the second game of the year, Wayzata took on Minnetonka without senior captain Logan Brau (12), who was out with an injury. It was a forgettable game as they lost eleven to one.

The second time the Trojans took on Minnetonka at full strength, they made sure they knew who was the better team. Wayzata marched into Minnetonka's new stadium and dominated, winning 9 to 1 with solid performances all around. Billy Soule got the win, and the only run he allowed was unearned. Dan Blanchard (12) and Lucas Steinbach (11) each hit homeruns in the game for

the Trojans.

Steinbach is leading the Trojans with three home runs on the year. Blanchard has two and Brau has one home-run on the year. Kelly added one in a game against Edina on May 7th to win the game in extra innings 4-3.

Captain Peter Kelly (12) has solidified his MLB draft status by batting .556 with 12 RBI. Brau has overcome his early injury and is playing second base better than anyone ever to set foot on the Trojan baseball field before. The third captain, Jake Kurth (12) is playing so well that he may be the best catcher to come out of Minnesota since Joe Mauer. Third baseman Colin Coates (11) has also strung together some strong performances.

The Trojans have only a few games left in the regular season before sections start, and ev-



Submitted Photo

Danny Blanchard (12) swings for the fences versus Minnetonka on April 30th.

everyone is expecting the Trojans to finish the season better then they started. The boys' are on a roll, improving every game and growing as a team.

"We started out poorly, but we are starting to play better as a team," said Kelly. "We are going to look to make a run to finish out the regular season and make a strong playoff run. We still have our one goal in mind, winning state, and we're well on our way to achieving that goal."

Softball team moving forward

Nikki Haralson
Staff Writer

The girls' softball team finds themselves in a very good spot as the season is starting to approach the section tournament. With only a 2-1 loss to Edina earlier in the year, the Trojans are currently 8-1 with a perfect record on the road with six wins.

As good as the girls are on the field, the players are having as much fun bonding together as a team as they are during the games. "We're really coming together as a team on the field. Our hard work the past few years is really paying off," said catcher Sarah Laudner (11). After the win over Hopkins in late April, Laudner said the team realizes they have always been better than them, but now they finally were able to prove it.

In the Classic Lake Conference, Wayzata is ranked first with Hopkins trailing in second. Third baseman Alyssa Coleman (12) and Nina Ferguson (11).

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