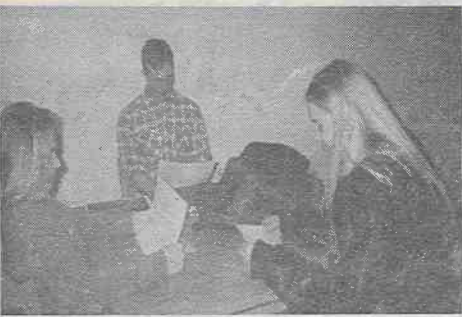


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One sweet deal

AHS benefits from Coke contract

BY HANNA DOBBS
STAFF REPORTER

Ames High School will always have the loyalty song, but for now, the school should be singing a different tune: "Always Coca-Cola."

Coca-Cola recently extended their current contract with the school for five years. Under the contract, AHS will receive \$10,000 in exchange for selling only Coca-Cola products in the school. The money will go directly towards the construction of the new fitness center, which is set for completion in the fall of 1998.

"We were looking for ways to finance money for the fitness center," Athletic Director, **Dave Posegate** said. "We asked Coke to extend the contract and they said yes."

"This is a win-win situation that will benefit all kids, whether in P.E., athletics or for recreation in the fitness center," Posegate added.

The school still has two years left on its current

contract with Coca-Cola. The school gets the \$10,000 now from the contract extension, but the additional five years of selling Coca-Cola products does not begin for two years. That adds up to seven more years of Coca-Cola at Ames High.

Under the current contract, signed in 1995, the athletic department received \$8,800, Student Council received \$8,000, and the school received \$4,000.

The contracts have really had an impact on the efforts to improve our school.

The athletic department used the money for special projects and wherever it was needed.

Student Council used the money for a variety of things, according to senior co-president, **Devashis Roy**.

"We donated money to school clubs that were really in need and we've had lots and lots of free parties," Roy said.

Also, Student Council



photo by Hanna Dobbs

Athletic Director Dave Posegate shows his appreciation for Coke.

donated the granite Ames High sign in front of the gym and sponsored a trip to the Minnesota Renaissance Festival last school year.

The school used its share of the money for assemblies and other special programs for students.

"It's a great cooperative project between Student Council and the athletic department," Posegate said. "The entire school has profited from this."

Students give fine showing during Fine Arts Week

BY SHAWNE KINGSBURY
STAFF REPORTER

Fine Arts Week, the school's annual celebration of the arts, offers students a chance to display their artistic side from Feb. 2-6.

"This week meant opportunity for students," art teacher **Dorothy Gugel** said. "It was a chance for students who wanted to show their art to be able to."

Many times in the past art teachers like Mrs. Gugel have had to turn down students who wish to enter an art show because of limited amounts of possible entries.

However, Fine Arts Week gives all students a chance to show their work. Students also had the chance to recognize and appreciate the many talented students at the school.

"This week has given me the chance to learn more about what stu-



photo by Kara Greving

Junior Sam Wong 'plays that funky music' at the Fine Arts Assembly on Feb. 5

dents have to offer. It also made me gain more respect and appreciate the arts," senior **Wendy Magadza** said.

Besides an art show in the multi-purpose room, local artist George Perrin drew caricatures of students on Monday. There was an assembly on Thursday which honored students for their hard work and accomplishments.

Other features in the assembly were the jazz band, the orchestra,

dancers from Terpsichore and the Chamber Singers. To finish the assembly, teacher Reggie Greenlaw played his Hammer Dulcimer.

The respect displayed by most students during the week left many with a positive impression of the events. "I was really impressed with the amount of respect students had. I hope in the future this event becomes bigger and better," senior **Manisha Gadia** said.

Swimmers make their dreams come true

BY TIFFANY BELZ
STAFF REPORTER

As the class of 1998 enters the last semester of their high school careers, four young men still have the dreams they held as freshmen. The boys swim team is getting ready to conclude another eventful season with just a couple of the most important meets of their lifetimes left.

To bring individuals together to form a special bond called a team someone needs to step up and take the leadership role. This year this job was shared by four seniors: **Travis**

Cardwell, Bjork Hill, Adam Summers and Todd Schweikert.

"Leadership is a strong tradition we have here on the Ames High swim team, and these four went out and grabbed it from the beginning," Coach **Mike Wittmer** said. "They have portrayed that it takes hard work and determination to be team leaders."

From day one Cardwell, Hill, Summers, and Schweikert have all seen what needs to be done. Summers has lettered since his freshman year and the other three since their sophomore year.

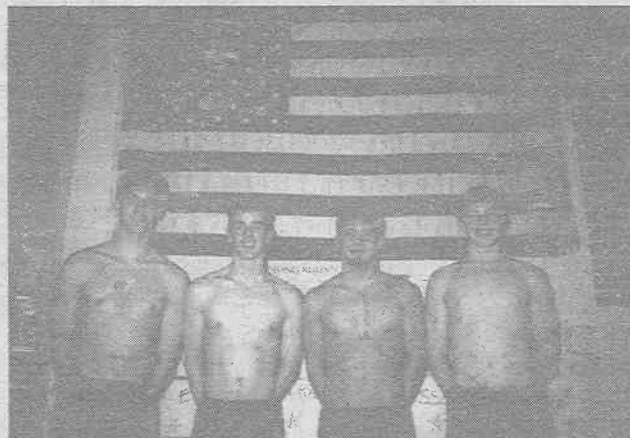


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The Ames High senior boys swimmers in their proudest moment

They have all been in the position to look up to others for help, but their roles have changed. "When I was a freshman

I looked up to Joe Fisher, Jason Ryan and Bruno Gilchrist, thinking 'I'm going to be like them in four years' and

here I am," Schweikert said. Besides strong leadership roles, swimming skills do stand out. The state swim meet is nearing and Ames hopes to be sending athletes in a number of events. Cardwell will be entering with the 100 breaststroke, Summers in one or two freestyle events, Schweikert in the 100 butterfly and Hill will be playing an important role in the relays that qualify. "We have very strong relays this year, we are proud to say that all three are ranked and most likely on their way to state," Wittmer said.

Dedication is some-

thing hard to find during the senior year but nothing is stopping them. "It has been a hard season since we have only won dual meet, but now when we start tapering is when the hard work will start to show! The best part of the season is yet to come," Travis Cardwell said.

The team will be showing their spirit for the championship part of the season by bleaching their hair then shaving it all off to get the fastest time possible. They will compete in Iowa City at the state meet Saturday, Feb. 21.

Shakespeare play proves successful

By SHAWNE KINGSBURY
STAFF REPORTER

The Ames High drama department presented William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Nights Dream" on Feb. 5, 6 and 7. The thespians were under the direction of Wayne

Hanson, English and drama instructor.

Putting on a Shakespeare classic play meant hard work for these talented students. Not only did the actors have to memorize lines, but they had to understand their lines before they could ever begin to perform.

"Shakespeare's writing was a little difficult to understand. A lot of people did stumble, but luckily, poetry flows so it makes things a little easier," sophomore Linnea Woline said.

Another factor the thespians had to think about was putting emotion

into their lines. These devoted students were determined to focus on the task that was given to them: to perform with feeling.

"Performing with feeling makes the play come alive to the audience," junior Sarah Jones said.

A performance also needs a set. This produced yet another challenge for the drama department. Students had to create a set which featured forest drops and a very elaborate Athens scene. However, the only student made scenery was the Roman castle. The rest was ordered. The students took a lot of time in putting together and creating it. This was one of the more complicated and elaborate sets that Ames High has seen.

Once again the Ames High Drama Department put on another spectacular show.

AHS art makes good showing at Scholastics

Ames High artists 'brushed off the competition' at the Central Iowa Scholastic Art Awards with a total of 27 Gold Keys, 9 Silver, 82 honorable mentions, 2 "best of shows" and 7 portfolios to compete nationally. Competing with area high schools, the art was judged in Jan., with the winners on display at the Octagon Center for the Arts until Feb. 15.



photo by Heather McElvain

Senior Jacob Rhoads poses with some of his artwork. Rhoads won a Gold Key, 2 honorable mentions and has an "art portfolio to compete nationally" at Scholastics.

High school under equity audit

By JASON CLARK
FEATURES EDITOR

Equivalency in learning is a very important factor for receiving a good education. School districts need to be evaluated to make sure they are allowing all students to receive a fair education. This is the purpose for the Iowa Department of Education's Equity Audit.

The high school, along with the Ames Community School District, was audited for three days of the week of Jan. 25. Officials from the Iowa Department of Education toured the school, checked class distributions and interviewed individuals.

"The equity audit is designed to make sure schools are following equity laws, are granting equal access to all stu-

dents, and have physical structures for physically handicapped students," Associate Principal Budd Legg said. "Basically, to make sure that there is no discrimination."

In order to prepare for the audit, schools must create lists of all classes, sports, activities and students who received disciplinary action. They must also break down the lists according to race, sex, handicapped status and other areas.

The last auditing of the district was during the 1987-1988 school year. Schools are audited because of one of three reasons: it's the district's turn, the demographics of the district have significantly changed or there was a complaint. "It was fairly obvious that it was our turn to be audited, having been ten years," Legg said.

New study hall system expected to 'stick around'

By HANNAH DOBBS
STAFF REPORTER

With the start of the new semester all freshmen and sophomores are now assigned to study halls when they are not scheduled elsewhere instead of being able to choose where they go.

According to Associate Principal Suzanne Mendelson, the main reason for this change is that freshmen and sophomores were simply not going to study centers when they were supposed to be there. Instead, students were found out of bounds and roaming the halls.

"We are responsible for the students and we needed to go back to a way where we knew where everybody was," Mendelson said.

"Everyday there were 40-50 students who were

not where they belonged."

There are six study halls to which students are assigned. These include two math, an English/foreign language, a social studies, a science and a general study hall. Students who need to use the media center or computer lab must sign up at least one full period before they plan to use it. Before a student can sign up, he or she must have a note or pass from a classroom teacher that explains why the student needs to use the facilities.

At the end of the first semester, underclassmen were given the opportunity to choose the study hall in which they wanted to be placed.

"Students were given their first choice if they cared to complete a form. They gave away their opportunity to choose by not

filling out the form," Mendelson said.

Students who did not have a preference were randomly placed in study halls to balance the number of students in each one.

The freshmen and sophomores have mixed views about the new assigned study halls.

"The change never really affected me because I always go to math anyway," freshman Kylan Loney said. "It's kind of nice because the study halls can never be full and you always have someplace to go."

Sophomore Wayne Shyy has a different opinion. "I don't like them at all. I never get to see my friends because we were assigned different study halls," he said.

According to Mendelson, the new

study hall system will work. The only problem was with the computer system, which did not have the capacity to keep track of all of the different students and study halls. A new computer system is now in place so the attendance should be running smoothly.

The new study hall system is not expected to be as short-lived as the last one, which lasted for five semesters. Assigned study halls are here to stay.

"We tried to give students an opportunity to be responsible," Mendelson said. "A percentage chose to be irresponsible and as a result we had to do this."

New PE make-up policy

Deadline for completing physical education make-ups will be within two weeks of the absence or "no dress." Failure to do so will result in a behavior referral.

On the second referral, the student will be removed from class with loss of credit and be assigned to restricted study hall.

Absences or "no dresses" that occur at the end of the semester must be made up by the last day of the last semester. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher immediately if special circumstances may be considered.

Students who are removed from class with loss of credit must see their counselor to reschedule a full semester class. This includes summer school.

Dream kept alive at MLK assembly

By TIFFANY BELZ
STAFF REPORTER

On Jan. 22, the Human Relations Committee choreographed and presented a forty-five minute assembly to honor Martin Luther King. The production was filled with real-life skits, speakers and singing. This group of twenty members, did something different from the past years with the presentation; they choreographed it on their own. This is the first year the Human Relations Committee has gone out on a limb like this. The students were not expecting the reaction they received from the freshman and sophomores. After putting all the time in to the MLK Assembly rude remarks were not what they expected to hear. While the award winning essay written by junior Eugena Song was being read she was interrupted by obnoxious audience members.

"We were a little nervous at first because of the snow day, then the reaction we got from

the freshmen and sophomores, but overall I thought it was a huge success," junior Sarah Kitchell said.

This student written performance gave a view to the students that they most likely would have seen before. It was presented in the student's view. What they heard and said came out of the mouths of fellow classmates.

"The upperclassmen took the time to listen and understand the message the group was portraying, but the ninth and tenth graders didn't take the time and I was more than upset with the way they responded," principal Charles Achter said. "I think for being student organized they did an excellent job. I can't say that it was any better than past years but I enjoyed it thoroughly."

"I personally thought that the Human Relations Committee did a good job," freshman Andrea Steele said. "There were a few rude and disruptive groups but I don't think it is

fair that all the freshmen and sophomores are getting blamed for the few immature groups."

The freshmen and sophomores have been talked to about the behavior of a select few at the assembly.

The Human Relations Committee presented another successful assembly not just about racism, but the way some are actually treated with in the walls here in this learning environment at Ames High.

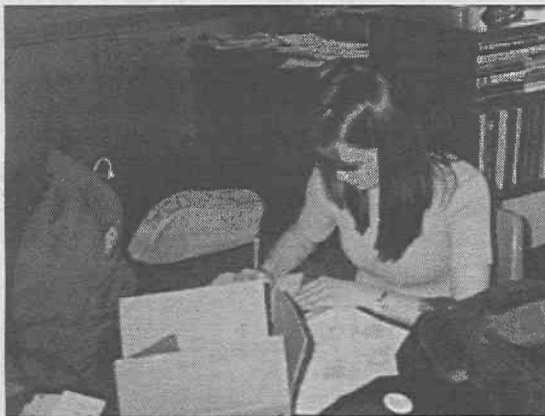


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Junior Stacey Chung, of the yearbook staff, is hard-at-work on the new format for this year's book.

New look for '98 yearbook on the drawing board

By THERESA NASSIF
STAFF REPORTER

Another school year, another yearbook to produce. The same old coverage of major events and pictures of students. Not this year; the 1998 yearbook is taking a chance and making a change.

Instead of the traditional yearbook format of sections of academics, sports and organizations, the yearbook staff is trying something new: dividing the year into week by week sections.

Each week will be represented by two pages, with major events such as Homecoming and Winter Madness increased to four page layouts. A list of each week's events will be included with pic-

tures of the events.

Changing the format to make the yearbook bigger and better hasn't been easy. "It's been a lot more work reorganizing the staff and trying something new," senior Executive Editor Kristen McGeeney said.

Along with all the weeks, there will also be a reference section with a sports and clubs insert. The staff was also considering changing the usual black and white senior pictures to color for the cost of a few dollars per student, but the majority of senior class voted against the idea.

The new yearbook format will give a more accurate picture of what goes on in the school. "It's a better way to cover more things," junior staff writer Brian Jensen said. "You get to learn about other things like clubs."

With such a big change, students may have mixed feelings at first. "People might find the new yearbooks weird at first," McGeeney said. "That's expected, but its time for change."

ICN Room effective education tool

By JASON CLARK
FEATURES EDITOR

Imagine the ability of students to talk to people hundreds of miles away and to take classes from teachers in other schools. This is possible in our school through the use of the ICN (Iowa Communications Network) room.

The ICN room is part of a statewide fiber-optics network funded by the State of Iowa. Schools joining the network must provide a room and the video, television and computer equipment. The state pays for the fiber-optic connection. The school was one of the first participants in the program and received funding for all the electronics.

In Ames, the ICN room is used mainly by Chinese and Russian foreign language classes.

Senior Nick Place is currently taking the Russian class offered over the ICN with five other Ames High students and

another class from West Dubuque, Iowa. The combined class is taught by a teacher in Marshalltown who uses a live microphone to instruct the class. Students may ask questions of the teacher by using their "push-to-talk" microphones. The students and teacher watch each other during the entire session through the use of the camera and video equipment in every room. "It's pretty cool," Place said.

Place believes he is getting just as good an education by taking Russian over the ICN as he would in a normal class setting. "I'm slowly learning, but I think I'm getting educated the same amount," Place said.

The ICN room is also frequently used by chemistry classes. Last year (the 1996-97 school year) was the first year that the Iowa Chemistry Educa-

tion Alliance, an organization promoting chemistry education, used the ICN room. Since last year was a developmental year, the primary goal was to test the system and decide on procedures for future years. This year, chemistry classes from eight schools are interacting through the Iowa Cable Network on various chemistry activities.

"Technology is just a medium, a tool."

-Ken Hartman

"The emphasis [of using the ICN room] is not on chemistry content," chemistry teacher Ken Hartman said. "The idea is to focus on higher level skills." These skills include the ability to make effective presentations, confidence in public speaking and personal responsibility.

At the end of last year, students from Hartman's chemistry class participated in a focus group and were interviewed individually. The results of this study

showed that students felt their personal confidence improved from using the ICN room. The results also showed that students' ability to work with others improved and individual student responsibility increased.

Hartman believes one of the reasons for these improved personal skills is when a student does not do his or her work, it prevents their group from participating in the respective activity. "This is typical of how business and industry work, with individuals being responsible for their part," Hartman said.

"We're not using technology for technology's sake. Technology is just a medium, a tool," he said.

The original purpose for the Iowa Communications Network was to allow small schools to offer enough classes to allow students to meet minimum state requirements without having to be bussed to other districts. "The original intent was for schools to

be able to share resources," said Bill Schoenberger, the district's Technology Director.

Schoenberger is unsure whether taking a class on the ICN is as good as taking a class in a normal classroom. "Whether it's better or not—we're not sure," he said.

Teaching classes over the ICN does produce interesting results, according to Schoenberger. Teachers have found that they need to be totally prepared for classes, with a specific plan as to what the daily lesson will be, how homework will be handed in and when tests will be given so that they may be proctored.

A large number of classes have used the ICN network since its implementation. "We can only estimate the number of classes and students that have used the ICN room," Schoenberger said.

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Welcome to Lunch Lady Land...

Cooking up a storm

BY MIKE MEIER
FRONT PAGE EDITOR

What happens to the Ames High student that gets a little hungry in the middle of the day and needs a little nourishment to finish up their classes? They go to the cafeteria; a.k.a., "lunch lady land."

You see, "lunch lady land" is more than just a place to go for some nourishment, it is an escape for some. It is the promised land for others. It is great food at rock bottom prices for everyone.

"I like the lunch room, it's a good place," senior **Dave Cheney** said. "I can relax and focus on the really important things in life." Senior **Rachel Best** shares Cheney's sentiment. "The lunch room is a place you can relax and eat food," she said.

I decided to see what a real, authentic lunch lady had to say. I went on behind the "tray stand" and spoke briefly with **Joyce Bowers**, a lunch lady for many years. "There are no lunch gentlemen right now,"

Bowers explained. "They just don't apply."

"I do enjoy the kids," lunch lady **Paula Miller** said. "And my favorite meal here is the Turkey and Gravy over Whipped Potatoes." According to her fellow lunch ladies, Paula is definitely not alone in her passion for that dish.

Since its creation in 1946, the lunch program in the U.S. has been a great way to use farm surplus. It was originally created due to the war at the time, and the fact that many of the school children were improperly nourished.

One of the major concerns of **Mary Mahoney**, director of the Ames lunch program, is the lack of workers (the reason why fries aren't supplied from time to time). If you are looking for a possible future in the lunch lady/gentleman field, you must be a high school graduate and be able to do basic calculations.

So the next time you are in a fight with a friend, having a difficult time at home, or not understanding what is going on in your classes, just go on down to the lunch room, and let Sloppy Joe take care of everything.



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THE SECRET RECIPE FOR "SLOPPY JOES!"

SECURED BY MIKE MEIER

157 1/2 #	Ground Beef
22 1/2 qts.	Water
22 1/2 #	TVP (protein)
8 qts.	Cooked Beans
2 1/2 qts.	Dried Onions
0.13 Cup	Salt
1C + 3T	Pepper
4 qt. + 2 3/4 Cup	Vinegar
3Cup + 1T	Mustard, prep.
22 1/2 qts	Tomato paste
3 3/4 Cup	Worc. Sauce
1T to 3T	Liquid smoke
4 qts. + 3Cup	Br. Sugar
1 can	Cranberry Sauce
3/4 Cup	Chili Powder
13 qts.	Water



Photo by Mike Meier

Senior **Bjork Hill** gets a scoop of salad dressing for his lunch.

BY HOLLY HAMPSON
STAFF REPORTER

When the National Council for Youth Symposium had its conference in Washington, DC this month, four students from Story County were involved. Two Ames High students, junior **Ryan Paul** and sophomore **Ryan Cross**, and two students from Ballard were chosen to attend the yearly conference, that ran from Feb. 1 to 4. "The purpose of this conference was to learn how to work with adults and make a difference in their community, and also to make good choices," said **Joy Kaman**, an adult spokesperson for the trip.

There were 300 youths at this conference, the majority of whom were at-risk kids.

At-risk kids grew up in environments where they were exposed to alcohol or drugs and got into a lot of trouble. The attendees from Ames went in order to learn how to deal with problems like these.

"We want to see what they went through, how they dealt with it, what processes they went through to get over it," Paul said. "We were there to learn how to cope with problems and to see if we can bring back any ideas to help out the kids here in Ames."

The conference is planned through Youth and Shelter Services and the Club 7 planning committee. The members of the Club 7 committee interviewed six people

selected from applications and chose students for the four available spots based on those interviews.

The students not only attended workshops, but also went to Capitol Hill to speak with Iowa's senators and representatives.

Cross and Paul met with Congressmen Boswell and Grassley. "We discussed the bill that senator Grassley is putting together, called the 'Senate bill S-10'. It deals with crime and the youth," Cross said. "It's saying that if you commit a status offense, like running away, smoking, or skipping school, that the law can punish you by jail time."

The workshops they attended were run by other committees. On the first day the students attended a youth room, or chat room where they talked to each other and learned about the kind of problems everyone has and what they can do about them. Over the next few days they attended the workshops.

"My favorite workshop was the one called 'Youth Philosophy,'" Cross said. "It was presented by a group of kids from Chicago. It was all about how adults need to listen to the youths' ideas more and not just concentrate on their own ideas."

"I loved it," Cross said. "I learned that youth and adults need to learn to work together and to learn how to listen to each other and their ideas."

Students battle with sleeping disorders

BY MARY RUSSELL
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Senior **Luc Ashburn** has struggled with insomnia for four years. "I used to stay up for five days at a time," he said. "I wasn't tired so I had no problem staying awake."

Ashburn hit his head when he was in a car accident four years ago, as a freshman, and since then has had sleeping problems. "I was sore for about a month after that and I thought that the insomnia was from that," he said, "but it just kept going on and on. The doctors don't know if the accident caused it, but it happened at the same time so they think it did."

This disorder has had serious effects on his life. He had to take a year and a half off of school and has been back for a year and a half. "When I was out of school I was in Iowa City going to doctors and here in Ames going to doc-

tors," he said. "I've been on seven medications for it, but they didn't work." He now takes a medication that allows him to fall asleep between one and four a.m.

Ashburn's case had a specific cause and unusually severe effects, but insomnia can occur in any person for a variety of reasons. "Both the difficulties with sleeping and the consequences are very common in adolescents," Neurologist **Selden Spencer** said.

Sophomore **Curt McGeeney** started having problems falling asleep two months ago, and has yet to figure out why. "I can't go to bed; it takes forever," he said. "It just started and it kept getting worse and worse and later and later."

He has to sleep at other times during the day because he cannot fall asleep at night. "I'm tired all the time now. I come home and

sleep between five and eight every night," McGeeney said. "I have this second bedtime."

Aside from finding other times to sleep, students with insomnia or other sleep disorders suffer from other problems. "They fall asleep during the day, they have car accidents during the day and their school performance is sub-optimal," Spencer said.

"It helps me get more stuff done," junior **Jacob Rhoads** said of his sleeping disorder. "But it puts me in a bad mood for about half of the week."

He said that he has suffered from some form of insomnia for most of his life. "When you haven't gotten much sleep at all you get into this kind of state where it doesn't matter that you haven't slept," he added. "You get really hyper and then you get completely exhausted." He said that the sleeping problems run in his fam-

ily, but he has yet to find a solution.

According to Spencer, a person must create a predictable routine for going to sleep and waking up and a protected sleeping environment. He explained that the most common type of insomnia occurs when a person's routine for going to sleep is alerting. "You hear people say 'I'm tired, but when I go to bed I wake up,'" Spencer said. "The bed has become a cue for waking up."

"The bed and the bedroom are there for sleep, not academic struggles, emotional conversations or televisions," he added.

There are many students who cannot sleep well for these and other reasons. "It is fairly normal for high school students to feel more awake when they should feel tired," Spencer said. If they cannot fall asleep by counting sheep or drinking a

glass of warm milk, they might need to try a more long-term change in routine.

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Horoscopes

BY AMBER ERICKSON
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Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

With Friday the 13th being the day before Valentine's Day, watch out for that special someone. Today he/she may seem evil, but tomorrow has a silver lining.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Valentine's Day is a day of love, so spread some of yours around. Give out candy hearts, but choose your sayings wisely. You don't want to give someone the wrong idea.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Don't cook someone a Valentine's Day dinner if you don't know how to cook. You want to love them, not kill them.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Don't be surprised tonight if your new teddy bear comes to life. Valentine's Day and Friday the 13th don't mix.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Chocolate is a wonderful sweet in moderate doses. Too much may leave you looking a little brown.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Cupid is out looking to make love connections. Go stand in the courtyard naked and you'll be a perfect target.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Hitting the books will sound good to you this weekend, but Friday the 13th brings on strange occurrences. You can't really read when all of your books have been translated into Latin.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Midnight is the magic hour between terror and love. A toad may turn into your prince or princess.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Movies bring to life people's fantasies. You don't want someone living your fantasies for you. Go live them yourself.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

If you receive flowers for Valentine's Day don't smell them too closely. You never know what could be inside.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

A secret admirer will make him/herself known to you. Don't be surprised if it is someone you never expected.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You may want to watch your back. Someone might be out to get you.

CRAZY AND CHEAP DATE IDEAS:

BY THERESA NASSIF
BACKPAGE EDITOR

Ride on the Story City Carousel and stop at the Dairy Queen -**Freshman Pam Le**

Snowball fights and sledding -**Senior Lizz Hallam**

"Wrestle Mania" tournament with a group of people -**Junior Mary Jischke**

Minature Golfing -**Junior Bill Ingwersen**

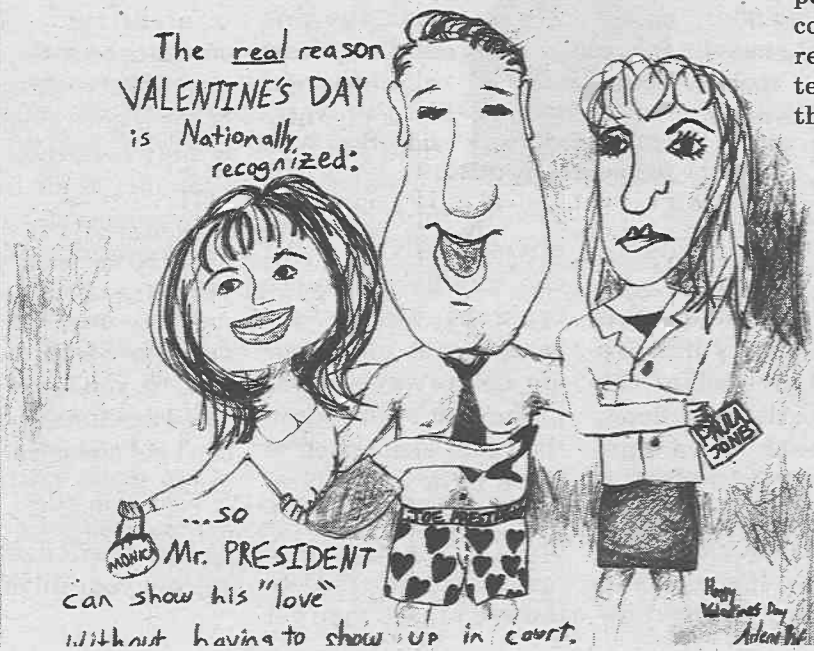
Ride through Target on electric carts -**Junior Kevin Heiberger**

Go to a tractor pull -**Freshman Adam Shaull**

Walk through the park and look at the stars -**Senior Joe Ward**

Go cow tipping -**Freshman Erin Marin**

Go bowling, ice skating, or to a video arcade -**Senior Matt McCarley**



A Q&A about homosexual dating

BY MARY RUSSELL
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In honor of Valentine's Day I decided to ask junior Megan Sharpe, a lesbian, some questions about the differences between homosexual and heterosexual dating relationships.

Is it hard to meet someone and develop a relationship at Ames High?

Yeah because a lot of people might not know that you're gay or lesbian and it's harder when you don't know if they are. You don't know what to expect when you meet them. You probably talk to them and get to know them and then find out that they are. They find out that you are and if you're attracted to them you could have a relationship. My girlfriend and I started out as friends and started talking and got to know each other better. Both of us realized we were interested in girls. Then they, our friends, hooked us up and we started going out.

What do you do on dates?

We just do fun things together. We go out and see a movie and out to lunch or something. We went to play pool once; that was fun. Or we just sit at one of our houses and cuddle up and watch movies. People usually don't realize that we're on a date. Mostly people just think that if two girls are going out they're probably just two friends going out to catch a flick or something.

Do you run into problems at school because you have a girlfriend?

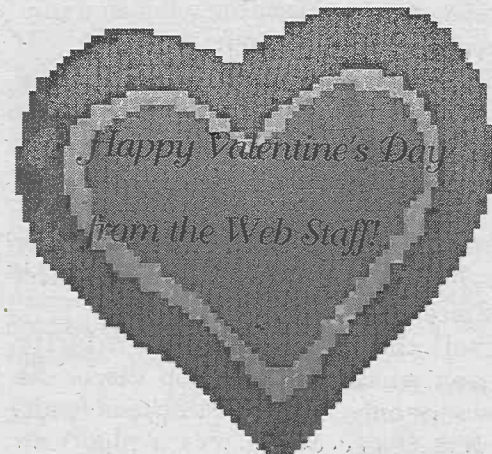
Not so much because I have a girlfriend, but just because I'm a lesbian. I've never had anyone say that I can't do something because I'm a lesbian or been discriminated against, but people say rude comments to me in the hall. I'm proud of who I am and if there are people out there who don't like it then that's their problem. If they don't like me for who I am then they're not my friends. When I went to school in Colorado people didn't seem to voice their opinions about it. It's more spoken of here because of Spectrum.

Are you a member of Spectrum?

Yes. It's helped me deal with it because it's nice to know there's people out there who care. It's helped me realize that I'm not the only one out there; there's other people. I've also met a lot of nice people and gotten advice on how to handle issues that come up.

Do most people realize that there are gay couples at our school?

I think they know that there are gay people, but I don't think people are really interested to know whether there are gay couples or not. It can be bad if people know you are in a relationship and they are homophobic because they would tease or make fun. If they don't really care they might say that they make a cute couple or something.



Great Expectations doesn't live up

BY AMBER ERICKSON
SPORTS EDITOR

I went to *Great Expectations* not having any background on the movie or the original novel by Charles Dickens. I expected it to be a love story, only I didn't know if it would impress me or stand out from the other love stories out in theaters.

This movie starts out with an 8-year-old orphan boy finding an

escaped prisoner (Robert DeNiro) in the waters off the Florida coast. He kindly helps the convict and then goes about his life as a budding artist.

However, then he is summoned by the nutty owner of a run down mansion (Anne Bancroft) to entertain her young niece. From then on love and hormones kick in.

The movie lapses through the years, to the 1990's, when

Estella (Gwenyth Paltrow) and Finn (Ethan Hawke) cross paths again. Only this time they are in New York City and fate kicks in.

This movie can live up to its title depending on what you are expecting. It was entertaining but there weren't many things to make it stand out among the array of other love stories like it.

Aerosmith wows fans

BY HANNAH DOBBS
STAFF REPORTER

Most students would cringe at the thought of seeing a man their dad's age dance around in tight pants and a wild shirt. But when that man is Steven Tyler of Aerosmith it's a whole different story.

There was plenty of dancing around as Aerosmith performed to a sold-out crowd last Friday night at Hilton Coliseum. After 25 years in the music business, Aerosmith still knows how to put on a spectacular show.

The stage was set with fake cat heads, giant cobra snakes and several catwalks to enable the band to get closer to the fans. There was also a large open floor space on the stage to allow Tyler plenty of room to entertain the audience. He

ran around, danced, jumped and even did a flip.

Junior **Julie Hinrichsen** was very impressed with the stage set. "I liked how the lights moved and how he (Tyler) had so much room to walk around on stage," she said. "It was so awesome."

One thing that made the concert so great was the mix of old and new music.

"The new music was good, but when they played older stuff everyone just went crazy," said junior **Janel Morz**. "The whole concert was sweet."

At the beginning of the concert Aerosmith played mostly new material including "Falling in Love (Is Hard on the Knees)" and "Pink." Then they went on to their 80's classics like "Janie's Got a Gun,"

"Walk This Way" and "Love in an Elevator." Throughout the show the crowd was on its feet, dancing, waving lighters and cheering with approval.

"It was the best rock concert that I have ever been to," said senior **Kyle Youngberg**. "I wish it would never have stopped."

Great Expectations: The book and movie compared

	Movie	Book
Main Character:	Finn	Pip
Setting:	England	New York
Time:	1970's-1990's	1860's
Opening scene:	Gulf of Mexico	Cemetery
Escaped Convict:	Gives Finn money	Pip's dad

Spice World: A little too bland

BY HEATHER MCELVAIN
A&E EDITOR

The theater is a buzz of excitement as six 11-year-old girls plus oneparent chaperone giddily await the beginning of the movie. OK...so there wasn't much of a buzz, but there was giggling.

Spice World, the Spice Girls' latest threat to humanity, begins with a peculiar silhouette sequence as those lovable Spice Girls (Baby Spice, Ginger Spice, Posh Spice, Scary Spice and Sporty Spice) rock the stage in all of their halter-topped glory.

As I am reluctantly watching this I wonder: Why to the Spice Girls attempt to sell their music with sex when everyone knows the only people who like them

are little girls?

Eventually, the story begins; the five girls are struggling through an exhausting touring schedule under the supervision of an overbearing manager and all the while conquering countless death-defying battles in a cloud of hair spray and dangerous platforms.

One of their more exciting encounters is Posh Spice's trauma in deciding what to wear.

Sporty Spice: "It must be hard for you! Do you wear the little Gucci dress, the little Gucci dress or...the little Gucci dress?"

Baby Spice: "How about the little Gucci dress?"

But the hilarity doesn't stop there. As the plot thickens (wait, there was a plot?) an

evil tabloid editor conspires to break up the Spice Girls by spreading lies about them. He goes about doing this by sending a villainous reporter to stalk them. At one point the crafty reporter is disguised as a fruit tray at a party and later he climbs out of their toilet (don't ask me to explain the logistics of this for you; I can't claim to understand the genius behind it).

Also thrown into this intricate story line is a mutual friend of the Spice Girls—you know, from back when they were all a bunch of young friends with dreams of becoming superstars. If you believe that they even knew

each other before they were set up through auditions, raise your hand now. OK, people without your hands raised, lucky you—you now have both hands free to beat up anyone with their ignorant arm in the air.

At the climax, the girls and their manager get in a gigantic fight and they threaten to not perform

anymore AND (if you can handle any more tension) their "old friend" goes into labor (oh, by the way, she was pregnant) right when the Spice Girls need to leave for a huge show! Do the Spice Girls break up? Do they make it to the show in time?? Does the evil tabloid man get

his way??? Well, I don't want to ruin it for you but...take a wild guess.

The Spice Girls' lack of musical talent is nothing compared to their painful attempts at acting. The story line is unbelievable, like a lame cartoon (only, the heroes were wearing miniskirts). There seems to be little, if any, attempt at making most of the scenes even moderately believable. For example; their friend's baby is born clean, with its eyes open and doesn't cry.

This movie was a definite waste of time. But, if you are in the mood for cheese and just can't get enough of those crazy Spice Girls and their inspiring "girl power," it will definitely get you your fill of both.

Top 10 selling albums

SHAWNE KINGSBURY
STAFF REPORTER

1. "Titanic Soundtrack"
 2. "Lets Talk About Love," Celine Dion
 3. "Spiceworld," Spice Girls
 4. "My Way," Usher
 5. "Yourself Or Someone Like You," Matchbox 20
 6. "Backstreet," Backstreet Boys
 7. "Savage Garden," Savage Garden
 8. "Tubthumper," Chumbawamba
 9. "Harlem World," Mase
 10. "Spice," Spice Girls
- *From Billboard

Top 10 movies

SHAWNE KINGSBURY
STAFF REPORTER

1. *Titanic*
 2. *Good Will Hunting*
 3. *As Good As It Gets*
 4. *Great Expectations*
 5. *Tommorrow Never Dies*
 6. *Wag the Dog*
 7. *Desperate Measures*
 8. *Fallen*
 9. *Gingerbread Man*
 10. *Spice World*
- *From Entertainment Weekly



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Staph infection: Where is it coming from?

BY MICHELLE MAXWELL
STAFF REPORTER

How safe is the Ames High weight room from skin infections? Since several students had staph over the summer, there has been some concern about the cleanliness of the weight room.

During baseball season last summer, junior **Justin Knapp** contracted the staph infection three different times. The first time he was in the hospital for a week and a half with a 104 degree fever. "This was a real learning experience for me," Knapp said. "It showed me how strong I could be and helped me to realize that this situation was out of my control. It helps you come down to earth and be thankful for your blessings."

The question of whether or not this case of staph came from the weight room is still up in the air. "I'm not convinced

that staph is coming from the weight room," **Andy Bruemmer**, PE teacher and head of the weight room said. Bruemmer lifts five days a week on the same equipment and has never gotten staph. He said that if anyone that is using the room has a skin infection, they are asked to leave.

According to a pamphlet provided by McFarland Clinic, staph is short for a bacteria called staphylococcus. Most types of it are harmless, but a few types cause infectious diseases. It can cause pneumonia, blood poisoning and infected sores. Staph starts as small red bumps which rapidly change to sores. This infection is more common in the summertime when the skin is often broken by cuts, scrapes and insect bites. Staph is very contagious and can be spread by using the same towels, clothing or equipment as the infected person.

Most of the football team lifted in that weight room over the summer but only a few people were infected. The few cases of it were all in baseball players. It would have been possible to get staph during baseball because the players' pants constantly rub on their hips and legs, causing abrasions, which occasionally become infected.

The weight room has never been closed due to staph infection. Over the summer, after Knapp was sick, parents **Debbie Knapp** and **Leah Greving** scrubbed everything in the weight room completely clean. The one time that the room was closed this year was because the weights weren't being picked up.

The possibility that staph might still be coming from the room hasn't been eliminated. Every night the custodial staff uses a disinfecting solution and wipe down the equipment.

Students are also given the choice to use disinfecting sprays on the equipment before and after they lift. These disinfectants are strongly recommended by the staff. Tow-

els and chemicals are always available. This idea of spray chemi-

cals was started this fall and modeled after many of the health and fitness clubs. All the benches were also reupholstered over winter break.

Since the summer, some students are taking skin infections much more seriously.

"I don't know if it is coming from the weight room, but we

aren't eliminating that possibility," Athletic Director **Dave Posegate** said. "We are taking all the necessary precautions to prevent further infections."

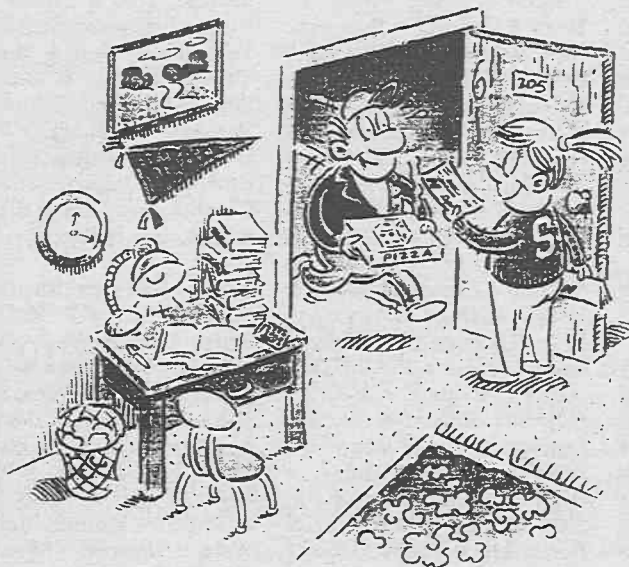
"I'm not convinced that staph is coming from the weight room."

-Andy Bruemmer
P.E. teacher

The staff and administration are doing the best that they can to prevent anyone from getting infections from the weight room. "I

don't think staph is coming from the weight room," Knapp said. "I still lift in there, but I use the disinfecting sprays just in case." Students should be doing their part by following guidelines set by the staff and using the chemicals available to them to keep the facilities as clean and safe as possible.

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Opportunities through the special olympics

BY HOLLY HAMPSON
STAFF REPORTER

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." That is the oath of the Special Olympics. "I think that it helps people learn and meet new people from different towns," senior **Mindy Bassett** said. "State is one of the hardest things to do, but it's fun and you get gold medals if you do really good."

Special Olympics is not just for high school, it is a life long program. Students involved in the Special Olympics at Ames High get to choose from different activities to compete in including volleyball, swimming and track. There is also an after school program that offers bowling, basketball, softball and cheer-leading. Overall the Special Olympics has grown. Adding many new competitions. Although high schools are limited, everyone still has

fun. Here at Ames High students are able to pick what they want to compete in. They can also earn an Ames High letter for the Olympics.

"State is one of the hardest things to do, but it's fun and you get gold medals if you do really good."

-senior Mindy Bassett

Last year there was a new program started at Ames High by PE teacher **Andy Bruemmer**, called **Peer PE**. "The kids work on their skills for the Olympics and if they want to be on the swim team they swim three times a week under the supervision of coach **Hillary Ziebold**," **Mary Wauson**, Coordinator for the Special Olympics at Ames High said.

Special Olympics runs year-round. There are many competitions that kids can go to. But the main excitement comes around the time for Districts and State.

This year's District meet is April 12 in Marshalltown and the State meet is around May 28. "I run fast," junior **Scott Olson**

said. "State is kind of fun, very hard. I like meeting new people and it's exciting to win a gold medal."

But the competition is not just about the sports.

Special Olympics are also giving people opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families and other athletes.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE COMING TO AMES HIGH

By Erik Guffy
Staff Reporter

Something new is flying into our school: Ultimate frisbee.

The idea for the school sponsored activity came from senior **Josh Lapan**. "I started playing a year and a half ago when one of my friends dragged me to a game. I've been playing ever since," Lapan said.

Ultimate frisbee involves two, seven-person, teams passing and catching to try to score. "It's a lot like rugby," Lapan said, "only with no contact and you can't run with the frisbee." The atmosphere will also differ. "Since I've been playing a lot, I enjoy the competitiveness, but until there's more interest, it'll have to be low-key."

So far, around 25 people have signed up, including junior **Mike Daricilar**. "It's a lot of fun," Daricilar said. "Even if you don't have much experience, you can quickly become better with practice."

Ultimate frisbee will start as soon as the weather is warmer and will most likely be played on the football fields near Ridgewood Ave.

The dedication of an athlete

By Shawne Kingsbury
Staff Reporter

Dedication - a characteristic that can put any indoor soccer team above the rest of its opponents.

This principle has been the building block that has led the Iowa United girls and Shocker boys soccer teams to a successful start. Many AHS students play on these teams.

"The biggest highlight of the season is when we won the Winter Magic tournament in Kansas City," junior **Erin Maysent** said.

However, in order to be a successful player, one must be willing to give up

most of their free weekends to play in numerous tournaments around the state. For senior **Jeremiah Schultz**, this factor is not an issue.

"Indoor soccer gives me a chance to basically have some fun while I am still working on my soccer skills," Schultz said. "It really is a combination of work and fun."

Most players participate in indoor soccer to get a chance to play while not having as much pressure as

the regular season. While it is a time to work, it's also time to have fun and enjoy some laughs along the

having some fun." Other players feel that indoor soccer is better than outdoor soccer because of the fast pace aspect of the game.

"Indoor soccer is faster and there is always something happening. Unlike outdoor soccer, where it seems like you are always setting up the ball for play," junior **Bobby Myers** said.

Whether you are working on your skills, having fun or slamming people into the walls indoor soccer has kept many athletes busy. These devoted athletes have given up most of their weekends to maintain their talents while still having fun.

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-senior Jeremiah Schultz

Putting the team in front of herself

By Michelle Maxwell
Staff Reporter

As one of the hardest working people on the Ames High Girls Basketball team, senior **Trisha Dau** puts forth tremendous effort in leading the team to victory. She led her team to a victory over Marshalltown on Jan. 16 by going 7 of 10 from the free throw line. Dau is not only a leading player in free throw attempts but also in rebounding.

Dau has always been a point guard since she started playing basketball in fourth grade. This year was her first year for playing power forward, or otherwise known as post. Varsity players almost never change positions.

"Trisha has done a great job with the transition this year," Coach **Bruce Vertanan** said. "It's not easy to do for seniors. She has a very unselfish attitude and always puts the team in front of her."

By having a player like Dau with a positive attitude, the team is able to play at a high intensity even with changes.

"I love playing basketball competitively and with a lot of intensity," Dau said. "Our team is young this year and it has a lot of heart."

Dau believes team unity is important. When players are able to make sacrifices for the team, team unity is built. "I love stepping up to the challenge of playing a top rated team and seeing

our team come together, matching their intensity," Dau said.

Having the right attitude is the first step to winning and being a competitor. "Trisha has a strong desire to win and works hard to achieve that goal," senior **Katie Finn** said. "She's a natural competitor and a perfectionist."

"She loves to play and is good at what she does," senior **Erin Carter** said. "You can't tell that Trisha just started playing post this year."

By having the determination to get better and meet her goals, Dau is setting an example for other members of the team. "The younger kids really look up to her," Finn said.



courtesy of Trisha Dau

Her determination and unselfish attitude extends beyond the varsity level. "She is very supportive of the junior varsity team," Carter said. "She wants everyone to be happy and included."

Even though changes are rare at the varsity level, it is important for people to step up and sacrifice for the team. Dau is a player who has stepped up and met the challenge with tremendous success.

Beating the burn

By Erin Wentworth
Managing Editor

With spring break fast approaching students are getting themselves ready to go tanning. They are spending time and money on tanning time in beds so they won't burn as much while they are on break. Most don't care about getting skin cancer or that their skin will wrinkle later in life. They are just worried about how they will look now.

There are new improved tanning beds that supposedly will block most of the UV rays that enter the skin, but of course nothing is totally fool proof.

"The bottom line is tanning is bad for you," **Dr. Phillip Bauer**, a dermatologist, said. "Whether it is in a bed, or outside in normal daylight, it still does horrible things to your skin. The new beds claim to be safer but I don't believe them. Tanning just isn't good."

There are two fairly new types of tanning. There is the high pressure beds that cost much more than regular tanning, but never actually burn the skin. Your skin turns a light brown right from the beginning. The skin is red, but not as bad as in a regular bed. The new kind of tanning is different than the others and is also pretty expensive. There are only a few tanning salons that carry this new tanning bed. It is supposed to protect the most from UV rays and give you a luxurious tan.

Although students know that tanning beds are bad for their skin, most that use them don't care. They just care about how they look now and not how they will feel in twenty years.

"I don't care about my skin really," junior **Annie Wacker** said. "I like having a tan all the time. Then when I go on vacation, I don't burn as much. I just tan

THUMBS UP

...to the new chairs in the student lounge. Now we can sleep even more in school.

...to four weeks to Spring Break. You may begin counting now.

...to Terpsichore's dancing fools.

...Key Club's change drive for Cancer research.

...the Australian flu.
OUCH!

...no snow days.
Damn you, El Nino!

...black cats that stalk us on the thirteenth.

...the new P.E. make-up policy. Now we actually have to be responsible.

THUMBS DOWN

Letters to the editor
I-Ball: It's just a game

Why has I-Ball turned into a breeding ground for varsity basketball rejects who are attempting to live out some kind of glory?

It seems that every time that I have gone to a game in the past two years the team we play takes things way too seriously. IT'S I-BALL FOR GOD'S SAKE!!!! The whole point of I-Ball is not to win, but to have fun doing a sport that you are not good enough to do on a real team. I remember back in the day when people could go to I-Ball without getting jerked around by some hotshot who thought they were Da Bomb.

Of course, this does not apply to all of the teams. I am only speaking of the boys league, and I am sure there are some good sports out there, but if you want to take basketball seriously enough to get into a fight over it, join some kind of league. I-Ball is not the place to wet your pants over whether someone travelled and wasn't called for it. I applaud the players who realize that I-Ball should not be remembered as high school glory days, but should be looked back upon with laughter and embarrassment.

Senior Tanner Hronek
Proud I-Ball All Star

Coughing and comments
went too far at assembly

We are writing concerning the MLK assembly on the 22nd of January. As audience members we are embarrassed and ashamed of the behavior that some of the ninth and tenth graders portrayed.

Although the coughing and comments were funny to the few that were doing them, the rest of us found it obnoxious and disruptive. The coughing might have started out as a game, but the students went too far when Mr. Achter had to stop the assembly and comment on their behavior. However, that was not the end. The comments continued,

causing a student to stop reading her award-winning essay and tell the audience, in tears, that we were not being considerate to the students who had worked so hard to teach us about acknowledging people's differences.

The whole point of the assembly was not only to celebrate MLK day, but it was also to show students the importance of respect at Ames High. Hopefully, at the next assembly, we won't give new students and visitors the impression that Ames High students are immature and disrespectful to their fellow peers.

Sophomores Christine Kracher
and Stephanie Schmaltz

Committee deserved respect

I wanted to express my feelings and, I am sure, the feelings of many of the other students here at Ames High.

I was astonished and shocked with the immature behavior and ignorance of some students during the MLK assembly.

I know that not everyone displayed disrespectful behavior; I do know that many students were excited to see this assembly and could not enjoy it because of the ignorance of others. Unfortunately, prejudice still exists today because of attitudes like these.

The MLK assembly was created for a great reason; to show how a man had so many dreams for this country and wanted equality for all of us.

So many people worked very hard on this assembly and put a lot of effort into it. These people deserved a lot more respect than they received.

Sophomore Lindsay VanFleet

Blind hatred at assembly
defies MLK's dream

On behalf of the Human Relations Committee, and as a student who cares about what goes on at this school, I would like to thank the freshmen and sophomores for their complete and utter disrespect at the MLK assembly. Yes, I said thank you. Thank you for demonstrating the brainless and heartless attitudes that we keep trying to put an end to.

If you could only watch and listen to yourselves, you would observe the kind of blind hatred that Martin Luther King stood up against. And it isn't as if the Human Relations Committee is sucking the life out of you by giving you the opportunity to realize that. All we asked for is 43 minutes out of your entire year to listen to what we had to say and rise to a level of maturity that we know you can reach. And it takes a lot more effort to make rude comments and stupid snickers than it does to just sit. It was definitely not cool.

Another issue I want to point out (to the administration) is the lack of teacher supervision at the 9-10 assembly. I realize that the teachers are overloaded and overworked, but that is no excuse for abandoning students and sending them into a situation that you know they can't handle. I am disappointed in your indifference to the Human Relations Committee, your indifference to the thoughts and feelings of Martin Luther King, and your indifference to all the students who hope to make your school a better place.

I don't mean to criticize, but I know that the people who poured their hearts out for everyone—twice—were hurt and discouraged. Please understand that the only way to gain admiration is to gain respect, and nobody respects disrespect.

Junior Sara Antion

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Top left: Seniors Lizz Hallam, David Cheney and Kristin Osmundson study in the Junior/Senior room. People actually do that there.

Top right: Juniors Jeff Kinley, Kevin Hulls and Cameron Staff display their Goodwill attire.

The Web

The AHS journalism department produces The Web 11 times a year. It aims to inform, educate, entertain and provide a variety of viewpoints for the Web's audience. The Web seeks also to provide an open forum that encourages an exchange of ideas and opinions on issues of prominence of students, the newspaper staff and the faculty.

The entire student body, the primary audience of 1600 readers, receives the paper free of charge. Secondary audiences that receive the paper include the local community, faculty, and other school journalism programs throughout the country.

The Web staff strives to practice the ethics and skills of responsible journalism by following the Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics. The Web will not publish material which is legally obscene, libelous or intended to cause a material and substantial disruption of school activities. As cred-

ibility is essential to good journalism, the Web will strive to honestly, accurately, fairly and impartially report news that the staff deems important, interesting and relevant to its audience.

The Web will emphasize school news but will cover any community, state, national or international news affecting the student body.

Editorials will appear regularly in most issues. Stands taken in the editorials represent the opinion of the Editorial Board. Other opinionated pieces, including those differing with the editorial, will be handled through regular columns, letters to the editor and reviews.

Letters to the editor are encouraged and should be put in the adviser's mailbox in the high school main office, given to the executive or opinion editor, or mailed to the Ames High Web. All letters

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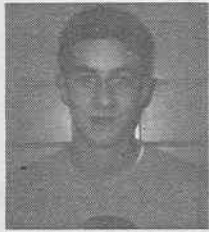
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What do you think about the most recent President Clinton sex scandal?

BY ERIK GUFFY

"I don't believe it. He's the president; he can get better women than that."

Freshman Andy Sciler



"I think America is too **OBSSESSED WITH SEX.**"
Sophomore Shanea Waddy

"Who cares about the president anyway?"

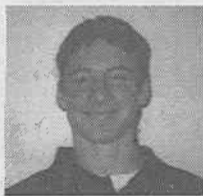
Junior Houdy Khosravi



"I think the only thing that matters is whether he told her to commit **perjury.**"

Junior Yael Shinal

"He really **screwed things up** this time."
Senior Chad Johansen



"I think he's done an excellent job as President, and his personal life, however distasteful it may be, is **nobody's business.**"

Lynda Polsten, FCS teacher

It's hip to be a square dancer

BY HEATHER McELVAIN
A&E EDITOR

"Swing your partner, dosado! Now promenade!"

Remember in Middle School when we square danced in P.E.? Square dancing days were the only days when many students actually hurried to P.E. and anticipated it throughout the day (not to mention the exciting "who danced with who" lunchroom gossip that

I must point out the massive differences between Modern Dance and the wacky moves of square dancing.

stemmed from it). With Mr. Moore calling out the moves and Mr. Balentine stomping his foot keeping time, even some of the most cynical P.E. haters became enthusiastic participants.

Now picture this same scenario only with Mr. Wittmer, Mr. Bremmer, Mr. Heiberger and Mrs. Kautzky

running the hoedown. It would be a great retreat from the mundane basket-

shooting or gym-walking rut we often fall into. During the winter there really isn't much to do in P.E., as far as variety goes, to fill up an entire semester. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy pickle ball as much as the next guy, but is it really effective to play it for six weeks straight?

Now, I know critics of this fantastic plan will say, "Hey Barishnikov, if you want to dance in P.E. why don't you sign up for Modern Dance and leave the rest of us non-dancers alone?"

In response to this I must point out the massive differences between Mod-

ern Dance and the wacky moves of square dancing. And what about the poor non-basket-shooters? Don't they deserve to have activities to "move their healthy bodies" that they actually enjoy? Isn't that partially what P.E. is all about?

I mean, let's face it—most people dread P.E., not due to any fault of the staff, but just because of the inconvenience and monotony of it. So lets liven it up—throw a little dosado action in there! Maybe you could even learn an awesome new move to impress your friends with at the next party!

A challenge to the media center's 'no fun' policy

BY MIKE MEIER
FRONT PAGE EDITOR

The name 'Junior/Senior Room' comes from an ancient Slovak phrase meaning "place to go to study, cooperatively learn and socialize." Until recently, the Junior/Senior room has been just that, a place which is a careful mix of a lounge and a study hall. This room has been a place to work on assignments, finish projects, and some times mess around.

Although the Junior/Senior room is a great place to go to work, it also has had some problems. This room has been violating the media center's "no fun

policy" ever since its creation, two years ago. It is understandable that people would get upset by the wrappers and spills made by students eating in the room, but these things happen. Perhaps if there was another suitable eating place here at school, people would not eat in that room.

The 'intended eating place,' the Ames High cafeteria, becomes an extremely undesirable place to eat, especially for juniors and seniors. It is jam-packed full of kids throwing Milk Duds and shouting obscenities across the room to their friends.

The Junior/Senior room

should not be turned into a lunch room, and that is not what the majority of students want to do. The room should be a place to have a candy bar and the occasional soda pop.

Aside from the food complaint, there is also one of excessive noise in the media center caused by people in the room. When any group of people get together and talk it is going to create noise. Teachers have this same problem in classes, and it would appear that the same approach should be taken that teachers take to hold down the noise for neighboring classrooms. **Close the door.**

Students have been warned not to close the doors, saying that is a fire hazard, and that the media center personnel need to watch the room. In the event of a fire, I would hope that a student would open the door and escape to safety. You would think that they could watch after the room from any of those huge windows encompassing every side of the room.

would just hope that in this age a trials and turmoil, that we could put aside our petty grievances and let students have one small place to relax in their day of hectic schedules filled with difficult classes.

The truth about public servants

BY AMBER ERICKSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Here's a short, one question quiz:

When you drive by someone who is having car trouble, you:

- A. Ignore them and drive by.
- B. Stop and give them assistance.
- C. Honk at them and give them dirty looks.

If you answered "B," I think you're fooling yourself and trying to make yourself out to be a decent person. The reason I am saying this is that, based on my experiences over the last couple of weeks, no one stops for someone having car trouble, not even the ISU Department of Public Safety (DPS).

In the matter of three days, my car stalled five times and the only person who was willing to help was a jog-

ger who directed me to a telephone. Everyone else either drove by like I was an obstacle on their race of life or honked and gave be dirty looks like I was purposely stopped in the middle of the road.

To tell you the truth, I didn't really expect anyone to stop, but the fact that a DPS officer and a DPS Help Van drove by without even turning back bothered me. Isn't that what the DPS is for? I'm sorry if it was 9:30 a.m. and I was cutting into their doughnut time, but isn't the safety of the public supposed to come first?

However, I would like to thank the jogger for directing me to the telephone even though we didn't need to use it. Also, I would like to leave you with one thought: Next time you see someone having car trouble and you think, "Oh, someone else will stop," put yourself into the stranded person's shoes. You realize that no one will stop, not even those who are paid to assist people.



Photo by Theresa Nassif

The new, and much needed, additions to The Web staff enjoying their class time. Juniors Tiffany Belz and Michellr Maxwell, senior Holly Hampson and juniors Hannah Dobbs, Shawne Kingsbury and Erik Guffy are smart students who signed up for Applied Journalism and you can too! All you have to do is take Introduction to Journalism, earn an "A" or a "B" and sign up for this action-packed course.

NKOTB Compatibility Quiz



BY MIKE MEIER
FRONT PAGE EDITOR

1. What is your sign?
Leo = 1
Taurus = 2
Capricorn = 3
Sagittarius = 4
2. Have you ever burnt down, or attempted to burn down a hotel?
Yes = 1
No = 5
3. What is your favorite color?
Pink = 1
Mint = 2
Yellow = 3
Peach = 4
4. Would you describe yourself as:
Delightful and witty = 1
Shy and demure = 2
Loud and overwhelming = 3
Resolute and practical = 4

5. With a loved one, do you enjoy:
Long walks on the beach = 1
Poetry by candlelight = 2
Playing board games = 3
Wrestling = 4
6. If you could be any animal in a jungle what would it be?
Tiger = 1
Slug = 2
Some type of fish = 3
Some type of bird = 4
Monkey = 5
7. Do you enjoy wearing:
Huge golden pendants = 1
Exotic clothing = 2
Next to nothing = 3
Tight jeans & tank top = 4
Pastels and frilly material = 5

SCORE

- 7 - 11 = Donnie
12 - 16 = Jordan
17 - 21 = Danny
22 - 26 = Joe
27 - 31 = Jon

Riddles you don't need to see

BY HOLLY HAMPSON
STAFF REPORTER

1. Is there a fourth of July in England?
Answer: Yes, it comes after the third of July
2. Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister?
Answer: No, Because he is dead.
3. There are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have?
Answer: 2, you took them, remember?
4. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the ark?
Answer: Moses didn't have an ark, Noah did!
5. Why are 1990 American dollar bills worth more than 1989 American dollar bills?
Answer: One thousand nine hundred and ninety dollar bills are worth more than one

thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine dollar bills.

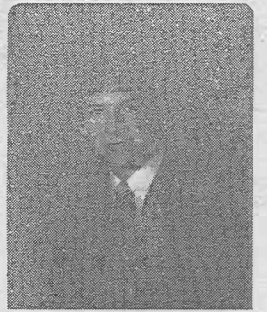
6. Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain on Earth?
Answer: Mount Everest, it just hadn't been discovered!
7. Some months have 31 days; How many have 28?
Answer: 12, all of them.

From Students to Teachers

BY JASON CLARK
FEATURES EDITOR

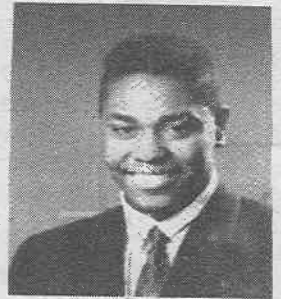
These faculty members are all former Ames High School students. See if you can guess the teacher based on the pictures and responses to questions.

Graduation year: 1984
Favorite teachers as a student: Mr. Forssman, Mr. Windsor and Mr. Hillman (former math teacher)
Differences since attending: "The student body itself is no different. What has changed is the variety of activities that students have to pick from."
Reason for staying: "Since Ames is a college town, the students have a lot more opportunities and they bring more to the classroom."



Graduation year: 1975
Favorite teachers as a student: Mr. Bailey (Physical education), Mr. Inpecovern (Math), and Mr. Troeger
Differences since attending: "There is so much going on. Kids can do anything they want to be involved in."
Reason for staying: "Ames High was my dream school to teach at. AHS gave me such a great preparation for the outside world, I wanted to be a part of it."

Graduation year: 1990
Favorite teachers as a student: Mr. Faas (Industrial Technology), Mr. Wittmer, Mr. Jorgenson and Mrs. Shepards (Foods)
Differences since attending: "The school is more technologically advanced. There were only two computer labs when I attended; the technology just wasn't to the point we have now."



Graduation year: 1959
Favorite teachers as a student: Mr. Cubby (Social Studies), Mr. Wells (Physical Education)
Differences since attending: "There are more staff and students. There's also girls athletics now and more activities for kids."
Reason for staying: "The Ames community and district are the best in the state. It's a great place to raise a family. There are high expectations set for the community and school."

- Answers:
1. Mr. Chris Ewan
2. Mrs. Nancy Svien
3. Mr. Ron Chieves
4. Mr. Dave Posegate

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