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## A wet and wild time! Students get into SCUBA diving

BY MICHELLE MAXWELL  
STAFF REPORTER

Scuba diving allows people to see a world of beautiful, exotic fish and sunken ships.

Freshman **Keith Duffy** got his interest in scuba diving from snorkeling. "I went snorkeling in Hawaii last summer and thought scuba diving would be fun," Duffy said.

In order to be a scuba diver, a person must pass a certification course. This course consists of six classes and four certifying dives in open water. The classes are part written and part in a swimming pool. There is a nightly quiz and a final exam at the end of the course.

Freshmen **Brandon Crase, Brian Clark** and **Duffy** passed their certification dive at Briggswood Pond. "The water was murky that day so we didn't see any fish," Clark said.

Warm-water scuba diving gear includes a snorkel, mask, fins and swim-

suit. In cold waters a wet suit, headgear and booties are needed.

There are many reasons for deciding to get in-



photo by Jason Clark  
**Freshmen Brian Clark and Brandon Crase help each other prepare for their upcoming underwater odyssey.**

scuba diving. Clark started taking classes over the winter because many of his relatives are involved in the sport.

Crase developed an interest in diving last summer at a camp that offered

scuba diving. Since then he has become certified and dives with Clark and Duffy.

Another reason these three chose to dive is that it is just plain fun. "It's really fun even though I can't do it that much," Duffy said.

Crase agrees that diving is a fun experience. "It's exciting to be underwater and breathing," he said.

All three freshmen plan to continue this sport and dive at bigger and better places. "I'd like to go to the Great Lakes or somewhere in Florida," Clark said.

Trips are planned for members of PADI, a scuba diving association, but they are expensive.

Whether diving in Florida or simply in a swimming pool, there is always a certain excitement to scuba diving. "It is a different experience," Clark said. "It is a thrill to be underwater and not have to hold your breath."

## Local cameraman tells all

HEATHER McELVAIN  
A&E EDITOR

Sophomore **Jeff Christian** has a head start on many of his classmates in the professional world. With colleagues like **Heidi Solliday** and a chance to spend the summer working for **David Letterman**, he has the dream job of many.

Christian has been working as a news photographer for **Channel 8 News** for two years now. "I shoot stuff after school and on weekends such as features and news stories," Christian said.

He started out filming a show on public access. "That was going nowhere," Christian said. "I needed to move forward and expand my horizons."

Soon after his first brush with "showbiz," Christian met **Channel 8's Steve Carlin**. "Steve said, 'Hey, why don't you come down and shadow me?' So I did. That's how I got started," he said.

Christian has had the unique opportunity to get to know the otherwise 2-dimensional news anchors. "They spend a lot of time on their hair and makeup. They are obsessed with their makeup," Christian said. "No, actually, what you see is what you get on TV whether it is **Mike (Lozano)**, **John (McGlaghlan)**, **Curtis (Gertz)**, **Kevin (Cooney)**, **Cynthia (Foder)** or **Janette (Trompeter)**, all of them. They all work as hard as they possibly can and work long, long hours."

Besides knowing the local "celebrities," Christian

has also been able to meet some other famous people, like **Kurt Russell**, **Tommy Hilfiger**, **Ray Romano** and **George Clooney**. "Yeah, I've seen them all naked. No! I'm just kidding. Don't write that," Christian said.

Christian says the job has other fabulous benefits as well. "Whenever we go out of town, I get my lunch paid

Show with **David Letterman**" in New York.

"I'll probably get the position for the summer at the **Late Show** if everything goes well. It's still up in the air to a degree," Christian said. "I hope to God that it goes through. If not, I'll look like a complete loser."

If the job does work out, Christian will be doing much

more than he had initially expected. "I thought it would be kind of an internship, but it turns out it will be more of a hands on thing. I will probably be thinking of creative and hilarious ideas to create the pinnacle show that it is," Christian said.

Despite the obvious perks, being a big time news photographer at 16 does have its downfalls. "My weekends are generally spent either working or sleeping. I pretty much live under a rock," Christian said.

"I want to do more than I am doing now," Christian said. Christian plans to attend college after high school instead of simply continuing down the videotaping path.



photo by Heather McElvain  
**Sophomore Jeff Christian stands proudly with his trusty tripod at Prom. He videotapes high school events in Ames for Channel 8.**

## CHOIR CUTS LOOSE IN ST. LOUIE

BY HOLLY HAMPSON  
STAFF REPORTER

The beautiful **St. Louis Cathedral** with its vaulted ceiling provided an eight second delay for the 135 vocal music students on tour. **Treble Choir**, **Concert Choir** and **Concert Chorale** members all went on the choir trip to **St. Louis** May 1-4. The choirs went to perform and to have fun.

The choirs attended a three-hour seminar at the **University of Missouri**, where they were critiqued. The students also went to the **St. Louis Cathedral** to sing.

"The trip was really cool because we could have our own freedom, but we were still with the group. The Cathedral was so beautiful. It was just amazing! The eight second delay was just wonderful. We'd stop singing and we could still hear the music," senior **Michelle McCracken** said.

The trip also included a lot of sight seeing. Not only did they sing, they also went to many other attractions: **Six Flags**, the **Arch**, the **Science Center**, the **St. Louis Zoo** and **Union Station**. They also saw *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on a river boat called the **Goldenrod Showboat**.

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for," he said. Despite the fun he seems to be having with **Channel 8**, Christian is looking to once again expand his horizons. He is being considered for a job at "The Late



Photo by Mary Russell  
**Prom King Zach Keller and Queen Mei-Ling Shaw cut it up on the dance floor at prom on May 16. The dance was held in the atrium of the ISU Molecular Biology building.**

## Sleepout recognizes homeless

By MICHELLE MAXWELL  
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The Ames homeless shelter housed 1155 people during 1997, but many are not aware of the homeless people in Iowa, Story County, Ames and even their own neighborhoods. Over twenty students slept in the courtyard of the high school May 19-20 to raise awareness about this problem in Ames. Student Council members planned the event and required participants to stay all night with only a sleeping bag and pillow until 6 a.m. when it started raining.

"The purpose of this was to raise awareness about homelessness in Ames and throughout the country," senior **Joe Mowers** said. "The homelessness of Ames are a silent and seldom noticed part of Ames."

Letters were written to several businesses asking for money to help the homeless shelter. "The homeless shelter always needs money and volunteers," Mowers said.

By spending a night without the conveniences of electricity, running water and heat students were able to get a small taste of homelessness. "This is like a camp out," chaperone **Bob Uetz** said. "People aren't really going to find out what it's like to be homeless. There is no way to experience it except by being homeless."

"It was a neat experience but unrealistic," junior **Sarah Osmundson** said. "Once it started raining we could go inside."

The director of the Ames homeless shelter, Vic Moss, shared experiences with students and information about how they can make a difference.

"It was a neat experience but unrealistic," junior **Sarah Osmundson** said.

By bringing people's attention to this problem Student Council hopes to decrease the number of homeless people in Ames. "It was a good way to raise awareness," junior Student Council member **Shannon Floyd** said. "Knowing that by gathering just \$250 we could save a family from being evicted was an incentive."

Recognizing the problem is a big key to solving it. "It's a much bigger problem that people realize," Uetz said. "People don't realize the support system they have until it's gone."

## Summer Europe trip plans changed

By ERIK GUFFY  
STAFF REPORTER

For the past year, students traveling on the European tour have been planning, saving and looking forward to their trip. But due to changes in cost and the transfer of companies, many now find themselves staying home over the summer.

Twenty-six students had originally planned and paid to travel with the CHA company when complications in the number of people increased the cost of the tour. Unable to add to the already high expense of the trip, some students dropped out, thus increasing the price even more for those who remained.

"There was a time when I didn't think there would be a tour at all," trip sponsor and social studies teacher **Kirk Daddow** said.

Many of the students also doubted making it to Europe. "I wasn't sure I was going to raise that much," junior **Mandy Noll** said.

As more and more students dropped out, the remaining group began looking for other options. Fortunately, another tour company was found. "(CHA) wanted

more money from us," Noll said, "so we switched groups."

The new company, EF educational tours, offered a less expensive tour which included all the same stops in cities like Rome, Florence, Paris, Frankfurt and London.

There was a catch though. The EF tour only had room for 13 people, 12 students and one sponsor. This excluded all those who had dropped out of the CHA group.

Junior **Janel Morz** was one of the twelve who remained on the tour. "I feel really bad for them," Morz said, speaking of those who dropped out. "They were planning to go on this awesome trip and then their plans were screwed."

Despite not being able to go though, junior **Lisa Smart** looked on the bright side. "It would have been a neat experience to go, but there's less stress on me now," she said.

As for the upcoming trip, the new company seems to be efficient. "They're being really nice to us," Daddow said. "They're doing everything they can to help us."

Hopefully, despite the complications, this year's tour can still be considered a success.

## Study finds student backpacks too heavy

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FRONT PAGE EDITOR

Because today's students rarely return to their lockers after every class, students carry their books in backpacks.

These backpacks often become extremely heavy and difficult to manage. At times these backpacks can be hazardous for students' health and well being.

Recent studies indicate that children who carry a backpack weighing 20 percent of their body weight have a significant increase in their blood pressure, and heavy backpacks also cause

stress on back ligaments and discs.

Ideally, a backpack should weigh no more than 10 percent of a person's body weight, and it should be worn over both shoulders evenly.

"A backpack of significant weight carried around for an extended period of time is almost sure to cause back and neck discomfort," Dr. Rod Rebarcak, a chiropractic physician said. "Whether there are long term effects from this, still remains to be seen."

## Three students win national Scholastic Art Show awards

By TIFFANY BELZ  
STAFF REPORTER

This year's single art piece award winners at the National Scholastic Show included a number of AHS students. Senior **Jacob Rhoads** received one Silver award out of 20 nationally. Senior **Jennifer Varnado** earned the American Visions which means "Best of Show" and also a Gold award for a drawings. Freshman **Chris Norris** received a Silver

award for his computer graphics design. This group was chosen from a large amount of applicants and one of 100 out of our region were selected. The art was selected from all regions to be in the national show. There were five to six thousand pieces competing at the national level. Only a select few get a national award. A cash award was given to Varnado for her American Visions award.

## Legg named athletic director

By HANNAH DOBBS  
STAFF REPORTER

Bud Legg will replace resigning athletic director Dave Posegate beginning in the 1998-99 school year. Legg will give up counseling but will remain an associate principal.

Previous positions in 22 years at AHS: Classroom teacher, girls softball, girls basketball head coach, girls track, boys basketball assistant coach, counselor and associate principal.

What he has to say: "Very few people have an opportunity to serve the school district in a variety of capacities. I'm looking forward to this."

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## Retiring teachers give last words

SHAWNE KINGSBURY  
STAFF REPORTER



**Marv Scott**  
\*1960  
\*Social studies teacher  
\*Biggest change seen through the years: the size and how crowded the school has become.

Marv Scott has been a social studies teacher for most of the years he has taught in the Ames school district. He has also taught math and speech and been advisor for the debate team. The one thing Scott will miss the most is the friendships that has grown with him and the stu-

dents over the years. He hopes that the students have learned many valuable things through his teaching.

"I hope these students learned some valuable skills and basic ideas in history and got a challenge doing it," Scott said.

The decision to retire has been on Scott's mind for some time now.

"The one thing that always kept me coming back was I wanted to see how the students progressed from year to year," Scott said.

In his retirement Scott is looking to do a variety of things with his time. He hopes to do a little writing, volunteer work and spend time with his grandchildren. However, it is sure that the students will definitely miss those black frame glasses of his!



**Paul Olson**  
\*1970  
\*Auto mech & Engineering drafting teacher  
\*What he gave the students: an opportunity to learn in a fun creative way.

He challenged the students to investigate, figure things out and use their cleverness to grow. Through the years of teaching Olson has been able to establish a close

friendship with many students and staff members.

"The kids have always been fun to be around," Olson said. "Let's just say they were good medicine to be around."

Olson hopes he has provided students with an opportunity to grow and create a challenge for them.

"I can't tell the students to learn, they do it on their own," Olson said. "I just gave them the opportunity to learn."

Olson has no definite plans after retirement but says he wants to have a lot of fun.

"Things will take care of itself," Olson said. "It will develop and happen."



**Tom Jorgensen**  
\*1966  
\*Social studies teacher and coach  
Jorg plans to travel, play piano and work more with organ transplant programs during his retirement.



**Charlie Windsor**  
\*1960  
\*Physics teacher  
\*Philosophy on life: most people who are successful in life are the one's willing and motivated to work hard.

You know when a teacher is dedicated to teaching when they have a license's plate that reads "Fizziks." Charlie Windsor has been around physics for nearly 28 years. He has been to four different schools and taught math, biology, chemistry, general science and physics. He came to the Ames school district in 1968 and ironic enough his interview for the teaching position was on the same day that

Martin Luther King was assassinated. In all his years teaching Windsor has seen a tremendous growth increase in the sections taught and the amount of enrolled girls in science.

"Back in the old days it was lucky to see two or three girls in class, now you see 50% of girls taking a science related class," Windsor said.

As of right now Windsor is undecided about his future plans, but says he has a number of options to take. Among these are teaching in another state, stay in Ames and find another job, or teach at a small college. The one thing that he would like to be remembered by is his philosophy on life.

"Whether a road is impassable or-not depends less on the condition of the road their on and how badly the travelers wants to be where it leads," Windsor said.



**Norma Sission**  
\*1988  
\*Media specialist  
\*Biggest highlight: the new media center.

Norma Sission has been with the Ames school district since Welch and Central were around. She started out as a reading teacher at Welch. Later, she became the education assistant when she moved to Central. She has been the media specialist since she was at the Ames Middle school. When asked

what changes she has seen through her move to different schools she said how the technology has grown.

"The students and staff have the opportunity of technology today unlike they did in past years," Sission said.

Norma Sission plans to move to North Carolina where she will learn how to quilt and take up gardening. She also plans to do some traveling. One thing Sission hopes to leave with the students is her ability of helping out the students as much as she can.

"I want to be remembered by helping out the students in their quest of knowledge," Sission said.



**Oleta Dass**  
\*1981  
\*Food Service  
\*The thing she will miss the most: people you get to work with every day.

Oleta Dass has seen a lot of changes since she has been a part of the food service staff at Ames

High and Fellows school. "I have seen a lot of changes in my fellow workers and in the students over the years," Dass said.

Dass plans to work around her house this summer. She is also going to Florida in the winter. The one thing she hopes the students will remember her by is how important her work ethic was to her.

"I want people to know me as a person who tried to do their best day in and day out," Dass said.



**Dick Lang**  
\*1964  
\*Drafting teacher  
\*What he loves about the students: their unique expressions on there faces.

Dick Lang has been a part of the Ames schools since 1964. One thing he loved about teaching is watching the students succeed.

"I love seeing the stu-

dents expression when they succeed," Lang said.

Throughout his years of teaching Lang has seen a lot of changes with the students getting involved with the school.

"The students are getting more involved in there classes and with the school," Lang said.

Lang has no big future plans, but is looking to pursue his dream and do some traveling. The thing he hopes he has left with the students is giving them a challenge in there work.

"I hope I presented the students with a challenge in my teaching," Lang said.



**Shirley Hulse**  
\*1982  
\*Food Service  
\*Best place in school: the cafeteria because you will always find a smile.

Shirley Hulse has been involved with food service since she has been a part of, Ames High. In all her years here, Hulse has seen a rapid growth of students since 1982.

"The ninth graders are here now unlike in the past, so it has become a lot more crowded," Hulse said. "Another change I have seen is the little cyclone express we now have."

Hulse plans to spend time in Oklahoma after retirement. She is also going to volunteer at Mary Greeley and Fellows school. The thing she wants the students to remember is how the cafeteria isn't just a place to eat.

"The cafeteria is a place were students will always find a friendly atmosphere and a happy smile," Hulse said.

**Kris Achter:** Iowa State University; Ceramics and Textiles  
**Grace Aiton:** Monmouth College in Illinois; Pre-Med/Biology  
**Aaron Alcott:** Work--Barilla or Mafia  
**Tom Allen:** Iowa State University; Computer Engineering and Computer Science  
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**Nathan Anderson:** AFLBS; Undecided  
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**Mindy Bassett:** Work--Fazoli's  
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**Karen Bennet:** DMACC; General Studies  
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**Tim Christians:** Iowa State University; Turfgrass  
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**Dana Erickson:** Colorado Art Institute; Graphic Art  
**Amber Erickson:** University of Iowa; Undecided  
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**Tolu Fadeyi:** Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio; Undecided  
**Katherine Finn:** Miami University of Ohio; English  
**Yarma Flomo:** St. Paul, Minnesota; Nursing and Beauty  
**Sara Foderberg:** DMACC; Accounting  
**Brent Fogarty:** Iowa State University; Graphic Design  
**Mike Ford:** University of Iowa; Business  
**Beth Fowler:** Work, then Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids; Business  
**Katie Friedrich:** DMACC then Concordia University of Wisconsin; Office Tech  
**Kari Frizzell:** DMACC then University of Iowa; Nursing

**Manisha Gadia:** University of Iowa; Engineering and Political Science  
**Elizabeth Gardner:** Iowa State University; AMDP (Fashion Design)  
**Mark Gardner:** Iowa State University; Music and Zoology  
**Chris Gardner:** Harvard; Underwater Fire Prevention  
**Annie Gatewood:** McGill University, Montreal; Chemical Engineering  
**Roozbeh Ghaffarzadeh:** Iowa State University; Chemical Engineering  
**Neda Golchin:** Washington University; Undecided  
**Tonya Goodall:** Iowa State University; Pre-Physical Therapy  
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**James Grant:** Duke University; Underwater Basketweaving  
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**Aaron Katz:** Utah State University; Engineering  
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**Richard Keeling:** Iowa State University; Bio-Medical Engineering  
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**Zachary Keller:** Iowa State University and Ministry Service Program with Ontario Bible Church; Undecided--Possibly English  
**Amy Kelso:** University of Iowa; Mass Media  
**Aaron Kinzell:** Work  
**Melanie Kjartanson:** Working  
**David Knapp:** Pro Skateboarding Tour--California/Iowa State  
**Stephanie Knop:** Iowa State University; Business  
**Josh Kohrs:** DMACC; Business  
**Carlene Kurchinski:** Central College in Pella; Elementary Education

**Adrienn Lanczos:** Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY; Law & International Relations  
**Reed Larson:** Bethel College in Minnesota; Engineering and Biblical Theology  
**Jessica Larson:** Iowa State University; Business  
**Rachel Lasley:** Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri; Pre-Med  
**Sarah Lawson:** University of Iowa; Undecided  
**Jennifer Lee:** University of Kansas; Business Administration  
**Kathleen Leeds:** University of Iowa; Foreign Languages  
**Margo Levine:** Cornell University; Environmental Engineering  
**Jenny Lewis:** University of Iowa; Undecided  
**Erik Lingren:** Lincoln, Nebraska; Sociology  
**Andrew Lloyd:** Barat in Chicago; Elementary Education  
**Jody Logston:** DMACC; Dental Hygiene  
**Philip Lombardo:** Minneapolis Music Tech; Audio Engineering  
**Kon Michael Lueth:** World Wide; Business  
**Akon Lueth:** University of Iowa; Statistics  
**David Luo:** Boston School Museum of Fine Arts; Fine Arts

**Sarah Madsen:** Iowa State University; Art and Design  
**Wendy Magadza-Milburn:** University of Cape Town in South Africa; Undecided  
**Brianne Magel:** University of Iowa; Music  
**Josh Magie:** DMACC; Sanitation Management  
**Elizabeth Malone:** Luther College; Undecided  
**Jim Martin:** Undecided  
**Micah Martinez:** DMACC; Undecided  
**Randy Mathison:** Iowa State University; Mechanical Engineering  
**Matt McCarley:** DMACC; Commercial Art and Computer Animation  
**Michelle McCracken:** Culinary Institute of America; Endangered Species  
**Kristen McGeeney:** Boston University; Computer Engineering  
**Liz McGonigle:** Iowa State University; Business  
**Julie McKay:** Iowa State University; Physical Therapy  
**Jennifer McMaken:** University of Chicago; Bull Fighting  
**Mike Meier:** Iowa State University; Government  
**Kelly Meierkord:** Iowa State University; Bio-Chemistry  
**Kristin Melby:** St. Olaf College; German and History  
**Evan Menzel:** Luther College; Environmental Studies  
**Leah Merkle:** Barnard College, Columbia University in New York City; Undecided  
**Celina Meyers:** St. Olaf College; Sociology and Anthropology  
**Katie Milleman:** University of Northern Iowa; Communication Disorders  
**Matt Miller:** Undecided; English and Graphic Design  
**Rachel Moon:** Work and college in California  
**John Morrow:** University of Iowa; Something involving computers

**Koki Nakagawa:** DMACC; Undecided  
**Theresa Nassif:** University of Arizona State; Undecided  
**Matthew Nelson:** Iowa State University; Architecture  
**Brian Nelton:** Iowa State University; Computer Engineering  
**Kirk Nessel:** University of Northern Iowa; Public Relations  
**Sara Niemand:** Iowa State University; Undecided  
**Adam Niese:** University of Iowa; Biology  
**RaeAnn Nordmeyer:** University of Iowa; Undecided  
**Chad Norlin:** Iowa State University; M.I.S.  
**Jim Norris:** DMACC; Street Business Management

**Joe Obrycki:** University of Iowa; Mathematics  
**Jon Olson:** Iowa State University; Spices, Herbs, and Incenses  
**Matt Olson:** Iowa State University; Computer; Engineering and Computer Science  
**Kristin Osmundson:** Grandview in Des Moines; Nursing

**Chinmoy Panigrahy:** Iowa State University; Genetics  
**Naomi Payne:** Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids; Art  
**Nick Pflug:** Iowa State University; Physical Therapy  
**Lindsay Pick:** Kirkwood Community College; Marketing  
**Nick Place:** Iowa State University; Computer Science and Computer Engineering  
**Brett Pollock:** DMACC; ASEP Automotive Program  
**Tony Poon:** Iowa State University; Electrical Engineering  
**Mark Potter:** Ellsworth Community College; Business  
**James Proescholdt:** St. Olaf College; Undecided

**Rachel Randall:** Northwestern College; Elementary Education  
**Faith Regis:** Northwest Missouri State/Texas A&M; Animal Science and Pre-Vet  
**Jacob Rhoads:** University of Iowa; Art and English  
**Mandy Rios:** University of St. Thomas; Political Science  
**Christy Rippey:** Iowa State University; Pre-Med and English  
**Aaron Ritz:** Macalester College; English  
**Heather Roberts:** Working then college; Undecided  
**Jeff Roeske:** Yale; Biomedical Engineering  
**Erin Rollenhagen:** University of Iowa; English and Secondary Education  
**Louise Rothschild:** University of Wisconsin-Madison; International Relations and French  
**Devashis Roy:** University of Iowa; Pre-Medicine

**Aaron Sage:** Iowa State University; Business Finance  
**Nic Salisbury:** University of Iowa; M.I.S.  
**Elizabeth Schmerr:** Iowa State University; Mechanical Engineering  
**Todd Schweikert:** The School of the Art Institute of Chicago; Fine Arts  
**Jennifer Scott:** University of Iowa; Communication  
**Jon Sedgwick:** Iowa State University; Hotel/Restaurant Institution Management  
**Kevin Seiler:** Joining the Pro Wrestling Circuit  
**Jim Sellers:** Buena Vista University; Biology  
**Tim Sexton:** University of Iowa; Herbal Therapeutics  
**Mei-Ling Shaw:** Work--Iconographer in Maine  
**Megan Shill:** Iowa State University; Undecided  
**Sera Shonrock:** University of Iowa; Undecided  
**Evan Sivesind:** University of Iowa; Engineering  
**Robbie Smalling:** Luther College; Spanish and Secondary Education  
**Shannon Smith:** Nebraska; Undecided  
**Katie Staudt:** Iowa State University; Undecided  
**Angie Steele:** Iowa State University; Nursing  
**Derek Steelman:** Undecided; Mechanical Engineering  
**Jaclyn Steger:** "I wanna rock"  
**Leah Steinhoff:** Work, then DMACC; Nursing  
**Emily Stolmeier:** Iowa State University; Undecided  
**Adam Summers:** Iowa State University; Mathematics

**Brian Taylor:** Iowa State University; Engineering and Pre-Med  
**Corey Tesdahl:** Work--Undecided  
**Dawn Tesdall:** University of Iowa; Communications  
**Jamie Theilen:** DMACC; Molecular Biology  
**Steve Thompson:** Military  
**Adam Todd:** Iowa State University; Business  
**Stephen Townsend:** Iowa State University; Engineering  
**Cuong Tran:** DMACC; Robotics/Automation  
**Tram Trinh:** DMACC; Business Administration  
**Laura Triplett:** University of Iowa; Nursing

**Carlos Uribe:** Iowa State University; Mechanical Engineering

**Chad Valline:** Iowa State University; Pre-Med  
**Aletia Van Brocklin:** Iowa State University; Environmental Science  
**Matt VanderZyl:** Iowa State University; Procrastination  
**Curt Van Maaren:** University of Iowa; Underwater Fire Prevention  
**Katie Van Roekel:** Iowa State University; Undecided  
**Sue Vansice:** Iowa State University; Pre-Veterinary Medicine  
**Benton Veverka:** Iowa State University; Engineering

**Adam Wagner:** Iowa State University; Pre-Med  
**Emilie Wall:** Iowa State University; Family and Consumer Science  
**Katie Walquist:** Colorado Aero Tech in Broomfield, Colorado; Avionics  
**Jesse Walton:** University of Iowa; Art  
**Joe Ward:** Iowa State University; Construction Engineering  
**Jessica Warren:** University of Iowa; Pre-Dentistry  
**Erik Weeks:** University of California in Santa Cruz; Marine Biology  
**Brian Wehner:** Purdue University; Engineering  
**Jason Weigel:** Kirkwood Community College; Liberal Arts  
**Matthew Wenger:** Work, then DMACC  
**Erin Wentworth:** Iowa State University; Business  
**Elizabeth Westgate:** Working at a daycare  
**Brandon Whalen:** MIT; Proctology  
**Darcy White:** University of Iowa; Psychology  
**Erica White:** University of Iowa; Undecided  
**Kari Wilkins:** Undecided  
**Jon Williby:** DMACC; Psychology  
**Stephanie Wilson:** University of Iowa; Medicine  
**Nick Wilson:** Work--Hy-Vee  
**Brooke Winton:** DMACC; Business  
**DeAnn Wright:** Concordia University of Wisconsin; Physical or Occupational Therapy  
**Amber-Lynn Weiers:** Iowa State University; Chemical Engineering

**Kyle Youngberg:** University of Kansas; Undecided  
**Tim Youngerman:** Hospital Corpman in U.S. Navy in San Diego and Chicago; Medicine  
**Ashley Younie:** Iowa State University; Design

This information is based on a survey given to senior homerooms the week of May 11. This section does not represent all of the members of the 1998 graduating class, only those who completed the surveys.

# Brooks' new boxed set appeals to country lovers and haters alike

HOLLY HAMPSON  
STAFF REPORTER

I'm going to admit it. I LOVE country music! If you are like me, even if you don't want to admit it, you should listen to the new Garth Brooks box set.

Even those of you that don't like country should listen to some of it. The set that came out on May 12 includes six of Brooks' CDs. Each of the six have one never before released, never before heard song. His first; *Garth Brooks*, which includes the new song "Uptown Down-Home Good Ol' Boy"; 2nd is *No Fences*, with "This Ain't Tennessee"; 3rd is *Ropin' The Wind*, with "Which One Of Them"; 4th is *The Chase*, with "Something With A Ring To It"; 5th is *In Pieces*, with "Anonymous", and 6th is *Fresh Horses*, with "To Make You Feel My Love".

Of course the set still had Garth's classic hits such as "The Dance", "Friends In Low Places", "Shameless", "That Summer", "Ain't Goin' Down (Til The Sun Comes Up)", and "Beaches Of Cheyenne".

The one thing that irritated me was that he didn't include his new CD *Sevens* in the set. I guess he's going to save that for the next set.

The main difference between his original versions of the CD's and these new ones are the six added songs and the design of the CD's. Overall, I would highly recommend listening

to this set. I don't care if you don't like country. There is always a Garth Brooks song that appeals to just about anybody.

Garth is just an all-around great country singer. I know a lot of people that hate country but love Garth Brooks.

If I had to rate the set, I would definitely give it four stars. If you only like certain songs and don't care about any of the rest, stick with the individual CD's. The boxed set costs about \$37, depending on where you go buy it.

Brooks has very distinctive lyrics. He tends to base his songs around experiences that he has had. The one thing that I find interesting about him is that he always puts his favorite song last on the CD. So whenever you hear the last song, just remember that's his favorite song.

Another thing that makes Brooks such a phenomenal artist is that he genuinely cares about his fans. In the song book that comes with the CD set, Brooks said "I believe that ticket prices should be low so that anybody can come and see me sing. I have never held a concert where the ticket price was over \$20.00. I want everybody who wants to come and see me sing to be able to without them having to worry about the cost of the tickets."

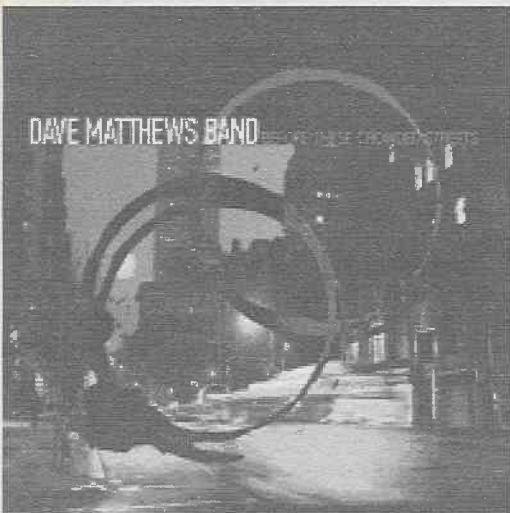


# Dave Matthews Band: Back, better than ever

BY SHAWNE  
KINGSBURY  
STAFF REPORTER

The moment everyone has been waiting for is finally here! The Dave Matthews Band has finally come out with their new record release, "Before These Crowded Streets."

The Dave Matthews Band are at their greatest stage in their music careers. This talented band has truly become a known quantity to America. Anyone buying a Matthews record knows what they're getting and anyone who is



buying for the first time I have one question for you: Where have you been? Most die hard fans will likely agree that their latest release kicks some major butt! The latest record, which is the bands fourth studio record, features three outstanding songs. Matthew's, who once said that all his songs were about sex was on high ground with "Crash into you." But, he is on even higher ground with his latest song "Crush." Other

songs included are "Don't drink the water" and "Stay (wasting time)" The bands newest release is very lively and the melodies almost seem effortless by the band. However, the lyrics are at most the best feature of the record. They leave such a strong impact to the fans.

Dave Matthews leaves

his signature on yet another successful release. It is definitely the mother of all records that he and his band has accomplished. So get your copy and listen for yourself. It is at a very reasonable price of \$12.99. Dave Matthews Band is back...bigger than ever!

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# Couch Club brings fashion to AHS

TIFFANY BELZ  
STAFF REPORTER

Next year will be the first year for the newest club at Ames High: The Couch Club.

Juniors Nyanda Donaldson and Kate Ross and sophomore Leslie Hall have set their standards for next year. The three wanted students that are not in sports and have an artistic ability to have a chance to be involved in something.



The main goal of the group is to design and make clothes. The clothes would then be shown off in a runway type fashion show, with bands playing and student models showing off their stuff.

"We don't have something of this nature here," Donaldson said. "This provides an opportunity to the students to get involved."

The group has already started fund-raising for next year's activities to purchase new sewing machines.

"We don't have one single sewing machine that works in all areas," Donaldson said.

Art teacher Susie Petra and Consumer science teacher Lynda Polston are the groups advisors for next year. But the group wants to be totally student organized.

The Couch Club got its name because the inside of all couches are made with the same basic materials and structure, but the outside patterns and materials set them apart.

The group has already started meeting Wednesday after school in the Foods Room and will continue to do so through next year.

# New 12-plex to open

TIFFANY BELZ  
STAFF REPORTER

Get ready: Ames is about to experience the opening of the brand new 12-plex movie theater. The theater is located in the K-Mart plaza and will be opening within the month.

Twelve movies will be showing at once (but not necessarily new ones). The theaters will be showing some new movies as well as some old movies that are out on video. The cost will still be \$5.50 just like all the other theaters around town.

The new twelve plex will add to the list of other theaters and will increase the number of movies showing in Ames at one time to 24.

# Parks in review

AMBER ERICKSON  
SPORTS EDITOR

The season of laziness is upon us and what better way to spend summer days than at a park?

Most parks have playground equipment, shelters, sand volleyball courts, basketball courts, baseball and softball diamonds, and tennis courts.

Some people take parks for granted and say that they are all the same, but I don't think so. Let me rate some of the parks in Ames from the biggest to the snottiest.

**Most unique playground equipment:** Brookside

**Park:** No other park in Ames has a fire engine to climb on and a wading pool for the little tikes.

**Best hiking trails:** Inis Grove Park.

You can go down to the Skunk River and skip rocks or go tubing down it. There are also many miles of trails and woods to explore.

**Best tennis courts:**



**Brookside Park.**

I don't know why but for some reason I really like the tennis courts here.



**Easiest access:**

**McCarthy Lee Park.**

You have car access from Ross Road and foot access from Oakland Avenue.



**Least likely place to get dirty:**

**Moore Park.** This park is too clean and new. It looks like you aren't supposed to get dirty but that doesn't equal not having fun.



**The biggest:** River Valley Park.

It has numerous softball diamonds, a field for flag football, and fishing in the South Skunk River. It has to be big in order to have all that.



**My favorite park:** Brookside Park.

It has a fire engine for goodness sake!

**Best camping:**

# choir

Continued from Front Page

"We had a really great time! The best parts were Six Flags and the Cathedral." Senior Ashley Elston said.

"It was the best tour I've ever taken with high school kids. They were really well behaved, and I'm not just saying that. The whole trip was a positive experience," said vocal director, Steve Linn. "The kids represented Ames High very seriously and very well. No trip I have ever taken has gone so smoothly."

**McFarland Park.**

This park is great for spending a weekend camping, fishing and hiking. They also have great nature shows at the conservation center a lake and an observatory.

**Best park to get a tan:**

**The ISU Aoretum.** This park has great tree scenery and is great for running also.

**Best place to throw a frisbee:** Inis

**Grove Park.** Inis Grove is a great place to throw around a frisbee on sunny days. This is a popular hang-out for students during the summer.

Well, I hope this gives you an idea of what the parks in Ames have to offer. This summer you should go out and explore them. I know I will.

# Calendar of events

ERIN WENTWORTH  
MANAGING EDITOR

- 5/22 Girls State Track Meet Regional Alternate Girls Tennis
- 5/23 Girls State Track Meet Boys Soccer District Championship
- 5/25 Memorial Day
- 5/26 Senior Picnic Girls Tennis Team Regionals Girls Golf Regionals
- 5/27 Baccalaureate Seniors Last Day Girls Tennis Team Finals
- 5/28 GRADUATION Boys Soccer Sub-state
- 5/29 Boys State Track Meet Boys Tennis State Girls Soccer @ home
- 5/30 Boys State Track Meet Boys Tennis State
- 6/2 Boys Tennis Team State Girls Track Pentathlon Girls Soccer @ Home
- 6/4 Girls Tennis Team State
- 6/5 Girls State Tennis Boys Soccer State FINALS (2,4,6,8)
- 6/6 Girls State Tennis Individuals Boys State Soccer
- 6/8 FINALS (1,3,5,7)

Sports wrap-up

# High hopes for state meets

**THERESA NASSIF**  
 BACKPAGE EDITOR



photo courtesy of Stacey Chung

## Girls Tennis

Returning only two varsity singles players, the girls tennis team didn't know what to expect this season. They turned inexperience into a winning record of 10-2 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

"Our season went really well, especially considering we didn't have much experience in the beginning," freshman **Pam Le** said.

The doubles teams of **Le/senior Theresa Nassif** and sophomore **Jill Larson**/ junior **Megan Sweeney** along with singles players junior **Naomi Slutzki** and senior **Aletia Van Brocklin** played yesterday in the

district meet to qualify for individual state. The team faces either Boone or Carroll-Kuemper in the first round of team districts on Tuesday at Boone.

"We're hoping to qualify in doubles for state," Le said. "I think we're going to do well in the team districts and hopefully make it to the state tournament." JV Record: 12-0

## Boys Tennis

The boys tennis team looks to build on the outstanding season they've had so far starting this Saturday when they face Waterloo West at Waterloo. Last week they finished second to Urbandale at the district meet, qualifying them for substate.

Junior **Erik Guffy** won the singles competition of the district meet, upsetting the number one seed, and qualified for the individual state meet. The duo of junior **Houdy Khosravi** and sophomore **Aki Nakagwa** finished third in doubles, making them the alternate team.

"I thought, overall, that we had a good season," Nakagwa said. "Up to this point our biggest win was against Urbandale. We look forward to possibly sneaking up on a couple people in the post season because we have a young team and we're not expected to do a whole lot."

They finished second in the conference with a 6-1 record, 11-1 overall with their only loss being to Valley. They can look forward to another successful season next year as they return the entire varsity lineup. JV Record: 12-0

## Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team had a successful season, but it's not over yet. They are looking to qualify for

the state tournament, and they only need one win to get there since they are already in the substate tournament finals.

Last weekend they lost in the semifinals of the conference tournament to Urbandale, 6-0. But they didn't go out until getting their revenge on Valley, beating them 1-0. Just one week before the conference meet, they lost to Valley 5-0. They finished their regular season at 7-7.

"This year was the best because we had a lot of fan support and team unity," senior **Ankur Amin** said. "We had a young team that is full of talent, and we had our ups and downs. Watch for us at state." JV-A Record: 6-2-1

## Girls Track



photo courtesy of Kara Greving

For the twelfth consecutive year, the girls track team won the conference title. This year was the first in 11 that they lost a regular season meet. They also claimed the title at districts and they qualified 17 out of 19 events for the state meet, which begins at noon today at Drake Stadium.

"The season's been a real challenge," junior **Megan Popelka** said, "but I think at the state meet

we can pull it together and finish well."

## Boys Track

With only losing one meet this season, the boys track team has had a great season so far, but that's not to say all those wins came easily. "It's been pretty tough because Valley has been incredible this season," senior **David Cheney** said. Their one loss was to Valley, and they also tied with them in a meet last week.

"A lot of people really came through in a number of different ways," senior **Zach Keller** said. "I'm really looking forward to seeing how we stack up with the rest of the teams in the state. It should be good."

The boys close out the season at the state meet at Drake Stadium on May 29. Junior **Aaron Greving** looks to defend his title in the 100. Other events in which they are hoping to finish well in include the 4X800, 4X100, 1600 med-

ley, 3200 and long jump.

## Girls Golf

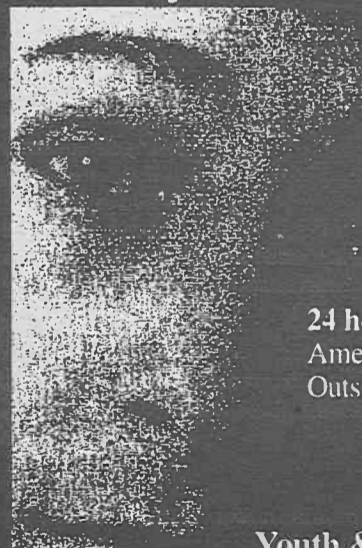
Going into the season with a young and inexperienced team, the girls golf team was looking at a rebuilding season. They only returned two players from the team that finished third at state last year. They ended up having a better season than was expected.

"We improved a lot over the season," senior **Stephanie Knop** said. "We played well and made it past districts; and now we're looking forward to regionals."

Despite a seventh place finish at the conference meet just a week before and missing some key players, the girls finished second at the district meet behind Ankeny. Freshman **Allison Buck** shot her personal best to lead the team with Knop following.

The team will travel to Des Moines next Tuesday to begin regional play.

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### Sports preview

## Kicking and hitting through the summer

HANNAH DOBBS  
STAFF REPORTER

### Girls Soccer

The girls soccer team is going to rely on experience, as they return 15 letter winners this season.

"A lot of people stepped it up from last year and we've come together really well," senior **Elisabeth Hoyt** said.

This is the first year for a girls state soccer tournament and the team hopes to win it all.

"We have two goals for the season: beat Valley and win state," coach **Kenny Graham** said.

The team will look to seniors **Lori Bates, Ashley Brock, Andrea Gunning** and **Hoyt** for leadership.

Their next home game is May 29 vs Johnston.

### Softball

Softball will have a very young team this year, with five returning letter winners and possibly only two seniors on the team.

"We lost a big senior class. I believe these kids can step up and take over where they left off," coach **Gary Gorman** said.

The team has set high goals and is extremely talented according to Gorman.

"We are going to improve 110% from last year even though we lost nine seniors," freshman **Anne Legg** said.

Their season opener is June 2 at Valley.

### Baseball

The baseball team will rely on a strong junior class and seven returning letter winners in their quest for a conference title this season.

"I think it will take a while to get going but I'm very optimistic that we will finish strong," coach **Bret Posegate** said.

The two main team goals are to win conference and win state.

"We have a lot of potential that could carry us as far as we're willing to go," junior **Troy Devens** said.

Their season opener is next Tuesday vs WDM Dowling.

## Students fish for summer fun

ERIK GUFFY  
STAFF REPORTER

So what if Central Iowa isn't known for its great fishing spots. Or that when fishing comes up in conversation, almost nobody's first thought is of Lake Lavern. That hasn't stopped some of Ames High's students from casting their lures into waters around town.

"It's fun, it's outdoors and it's something you can do with your friends," freshman **Mike Nassif** said.

Nassif, who has been as far as the ocean to fish, recommended several places around Ames one could go. "My favorite fishing spot is River Valley Park because it's close by and there's lots of fish," Nassif said. "When I have a lot of time on my hands, I go down to Big Creek."

Junior **Jafar Azmayesh** suggested other fishing holes. "When I really want to catch fish, I go to Lake Lavern."

Although fishing at these places doesn't cost anything, if you are age 16 or older, a license must be purchased from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The license, which costs \$10.50, can be a good investment considering the \$50 fine for fishing illegally.

But despite the recommendations of the nearby fishing holes, Ames doesn't compare to other areas around the country. To compensate for the quality of fishing though, many just fish to relax.

"When you fish, you catch sun, tips from other people and fish, if you're lucky," junior **Mike Shrum**.

For those who haven't fished much before, Shrum suggested getting simple and cheap equipment. "Go to Wal-Mart and get a Micky Mouse reel and, probably, a bobber," he said.

Shrum had other tips to keep in mind. "Don't go fishing when there's lightning out," Shrum said, "and don't fall in!!"



photo courtesy of Micheal Nassif

Freshman **Michael Nassif** has enjoyed fishing since he was young. He has fished in oceans, rivers and lakes.

## Rugby starts first season off well

SHAWNE KINGSBURY  
STAFF WRITER

Would you like to venture away from the typical spring sports like track and soccer? Would you like to find something new and unique to do? A group of about 30 guys are doing that. This spring Ames High featured the first ever rugby team. Rugby is a football-like game where kicking, dribbling, passing and tackling come into play.

"Rugby is a fast pace sport filled with blood, sweat and pure testosterone," junior **Sam Kolner** said.

Kolner was one of few spectators who cheered on the team in their first tournament which was held last weekend in Des Moines.

"A lot of teams dropped out so we only got to play against one other team," junior **Bob Linahon** said. "It was more of a game and

not a tournament." Other team members felt that they did a lot better than what they had expected they would do in their first tournament.

"We did a lot better for the amount of experience we had as a team," freshman **Keith Duffy** said.

The rugby team coached by **Ty Smiens**, had practices on Monday, Wednesday and Friday near the Iowa State football field to get ready for the tournament. Many found that rugby is a sport that requires skills and helps them get ready for the upcoming football season.

"It's really a lot of fun and it helps me to improve on some of my football skills," Linahon said.

Duffy also agrees with his teammate about the fact that Rugby prepares them for the football season.

"I was looking for a sport to play in the off season to prepare myself for football," Duffy said.

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## Senior columns Abandoning the familiar and annoying

Theresa Nassif and Erin Wentworth  
Backpage and Managing Editors

Well the time has finally come for us to say good-bye. We graduate in exactly 6 days and then we are finally free. Free of homework, free of school (well, until next fall) and free of UNDERCLASSMEN. Leaving is hard because everything about high school has become comfortable. Our butts have been preeminently molded to fit the contours of cheap uncomfortable furniture. (What are those chairs made of anyway?)

We have learned over the years to survive in the harsh environment of Ames High, like how to sweet talk the attendance ladies into giving you a tardy instead of a referral. And where else can you walk into a library and have all of the ladies behind the desk know you by name?

Although we complain about how much we hate

this school and how much we want out of this place, in our hearts we will really miss it. Alright enough

of that mushy stuff, now onto the real dirt. There are some of you underclassmen who we like and we will miss dearly, but there are also most of you who we either don't know or don't care to ever see again. No offense but that's just the way it works.

We would like to thank all of our teachers, especially those in this last year. Thank you for putting up with our ever-changing attitudes and for our occasional... um... well... ok, never-ending slacking. You have inspired us more than you know.

We have been friends for at least five years and in that time we have ac-



quired lots and lots of knowledge. Here is just a few bits to help you through your last few years here.

- Take government in the summer--trust us. You'll thank us during the year.  
- Don't take any hard classes your senior year. You won't want to work that hard.

- Write on senior pictures early or you'll find yourself just signing your name.

- Don't disrespect the upperclassmen. They have been here longer and they will inflict harm to you if you mess with them.

- Always remember that brown-nosing pays off.

## High school mark left on us

Amber Erickson and Arlene Birt  
Sports and News Editors

As we sit in front of the computer, our minds draw a blank. We have no idea what to write. We feel that it should be something meaningful. Maybe something that will leave a mark, but what type of mark do we want to leave?

First, let's run down what kind of marks there are.

There is the over-achiever mark. You would be one of these if, when in the yearbook, there is a huge list of accomplishments under your name. We definitely don't fit under that category.

Then, there is the rebel mark which we also don't fit under. This would be the people who get caught selling pot at those infamous drug raids.

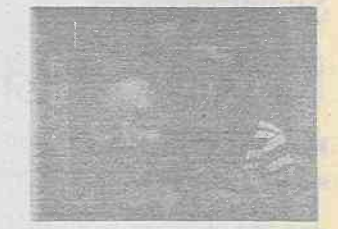
But maybe the majority of us won't leave a mark. We all are just numbers and names that float through the system.

Marks die through the generations. Someone will always be able to accomplish more or sell a harder drug. The only thing that will live on are the memories you have created: Like the time your friends were able to T.P. Mr. Tramp's house without getting caught, or when you

Since we have been here it seems that AHS has made more of a mark on us than we will ever make on it.

stayed up all night to finish that AP Western Civ. book review on time, for once.

Since we have been here it seems that AHS has made more of a mark on us than we will ever make on it. Over the last year we have come to realize that it is time to move on.



This last year hasn't really done much for either of us. The year has made us realize how ready we are to get away from hall monitors, lunch periods and tardies. We want to find new reasons for life, new friends and discover new areas of the world.

The next step in our lives can go in many different directions. Some of us are choosing to carry our education to the next level, while others feel four years of high school was enough. In five years, how many of us will still be the same people we are now?

As our countdown comes to an end, we will try to create some final memories and in the infamous Hallmark style, "These will be the best days of your life." GOD, WE HOPE NOT!!!

## Letter to the editor High schoolers deserve to sleep later in the morning

I think that school should start later. Many people aren't getting enough sleep which causes problems. This includes people, like me, drowsing off during class. According to an article in this paper, lack of sleep also affects students' immune systems, making it easier for them to get sick. I have read multiple studies which say that teenagers need a lot of sleep, even more than younger children. Yet, the elementary schools start at 8:45 and AHS starts at 8:00. I know some morning people who are fine at this time, but for me it is much too early. Often my brain doesn't return from

dreamland until fifth period. I, personally, would prefer to come at nine and leave at four instead; then I would probably get more out of coming to school. Maybe my idea won't work. Maybe people would just go to sleep later so we'd still have the same problem. But I think that starting school at nine would really help people like me who, no matter how tired we are in the morning, have trouble getting to sleep before eleven. I feel that it would be a good improvement if, next year, school started at nine rather than eight.

Freshman Anna Jackson

### A personal invitation to you

The staff of The Web cordially invites all freshmen, sophomores and juniors to join our ranks for next year. You must first earn an A or a B in Introduction to Journalism and register for Applied Journalism (The Web class), but if we could do it you can too.

#### Front page photo credits

Left: Juniors Sarah Osmundson and Kiwhoon Lee celebrate after being crowned MORP queen and king at the Student Council party on May 8.

Right: Junior Tom Popelka relaxes on a bench during prom with a lovely feather boa.

## 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 credibility is es-

sential 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 considered for publication must be less than

250 words and must be signed. Letters may be edited for length or libelous content, but the original meaning will not be knowingly altered. Among criteria to be used in selecting letters is diversity or viewpoint and stylistic presentation.

If the staff discovers, from any source, that a mistake bypassed the editors, a correction of major errors will be printed upon request in the next issue in the section in which the mistake appeared.

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## Full frontal nudity

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As we approach the end of our high school career it is difficult not to look back with a certain amount of candor. Our four years here have been interesting to say the least.

In our time here we have dealt with some serious issues. We have experienced our fair share of suicide, drugs and general tragedy. High school is not all fun and games. In high school today you learn about ten percent from books and teachers and the other ninety from your peers.

**Hey, what's with those freshmen, don't they smell?**

Everyone complains about sex, drugs and violence in the schools, and how the schools have become corrupt. Schools are actually a reflection of our society as a whole. The greatest benefit of high school is that it gives us a taste of what the real world is actually like.

Some schools and institutions shelter their students too much. When it comes time for students to "graduate" to the next level of life, they are not prepared for what the world has to offer them.

We are still sheltered to some extent at Ames High School. We are not allowed some of the finer luxuries of life, such as food and drink in the halls, and the

ability to go to the restroom without asking.

So, are we better people for having had these seemingly pointless restrictions upon us at Ames High? Sure, life is not fair, and neither is the life here at Ames High. The sooner we understand this, the better off we will be.

High school is, however, a lot about fun and games. High school is generally just one long party.

It is definitely time for us to leave. We have earned the

right to freedom, to be responsible for our own actions, and to not have to report to a school staff member every 43 minutes.

Here are some thoughts we have formulated and leave you with.

\*Hey, what's with those freshmen, don't they smell?

\*Porn sites on Internet--these have gotten waaaay out of control. They have more sites on naked pictures of Jennifer Aniston than there are holes in the AHS ceiling. These kids have also gotten out of control, constantly logging onto these 'porn sites' in the media center. I mean come on kids, get a life or get a room.

\*Urinal etiquette--these freshman don't seem to understand that there are

basic rules to using urinals in public restrooms. This message is directed to all of you who don't know. Don't use the urinal next to the guy who's going when there's another urinal two stalls away! And another thing, FLUSH IT. That's what those handles are there for. If you're afraid of the germs on the thing, go Bruce Lee on it and give it a nice little kick. Thank you.

\*Guards at the

door of the lunchroom--we shouldn't have to show two forms of ID just to go get a drink of water.

\*Tardiness is another problem that bugs us--in the real world if you're under five minutes late, people often compliment you. In the world of high school you get punished for being more than five seconds late.

But remember folks these things do happen, as they always will.



## THUMBS UP

...to everyone who reads *The Web*. We'll see you next year.

...~~prom~~. The room was ~~skinny~~, but it sure beat the gym.

...~~the air conditioner being broken again~~. Can't we hire a professional for this?

...~~the not-so-lovely smell of our school lately~~. Air fresheners, please.

## THUMBS DOWN

## Senior year brings confidence, freedom, fun

HOLLY HAMPSON  
STAFF REPORTER

Seems like just yesterday I entered the front doors at AHS, the shy, self-conscious girl that I was. I only talked to the people that I really knew, and if I didn't have classes with anyone I knew, I'd sit by myself. Yeah, that was me. Now, I can actually come to school wearing that new outfit I bought and not worry about what people are thinking. It doesn't bother me anymore. Some things change and some things don't. I'm just glad I finally got rid of that self-consciousness. Too bad it didn't happen last year! But as you move up towards seniority you'll learn some things. Hey, I never even used to think about skipping a class or going to the nurse's office just to take a nap. And I'll admit, I've done that a few times now. But that's what high school's all about!

Come your senior year, you won't really care about what's going on in everyone else's world. All you'll really want to do is go out and have some fun, try new things, and just enjoy your last year of high school. Who really wants to spend all of it in a classroom? Yeah, senior year is supposed to reflect what you want to do with your life. But come on, how many people do you know that have four classes and are done before 12:00?! (That's me

right there!) Sure, first semester I actually did something. I actually cared about school and doing well. But when second semester rolled around all that changed. I kept thinking, "I'm almost out of here, who really cares how I do second semester?" Hopefully by second semester, you've been accepted to college and pretty much know what you would like to do. That way you can slack off and not really care whether or not you will ever get accepted to the college of your dreams. Just as long as you have fun, right?

Throughout the years you'll find that the people who you were really close to your freshman year have drifted away from you. You'll have so many things to think about that you'll lose track of the important things. But in college you'll make new friends that'll last you a lifetime. You'll learn things that you would have never experienced in high school. Overall, I am really looking forward to leaving AHS, but I will miss some of the things about it too. Mainly the good, and I guess the bad, times that I've had here (restricted was not one of my favorites). I want everyone to enjoy it. It goes by very fast.

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# Horoscopes

HOLLY HAMPSON  
STAFF REPORTER

### CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19)

Examine any proposals that come your way carefully. Try not to push yourself too hard. Look for some quiet ways to entertain yourself.

### AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18)

Perhaps you're ready to take a realistic look at some recent event. Add to some of your goals and move ahead now.

### PISCES (February 19-March 20)

Put a firm foot down with friends (or a sweetheart) who encourage you to overspend. You just have to protect yourself from giving in for the sake of peace.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Give yourself some time today to think carefully about a pressing matter. You'll be able to come to a good decision if you don't let your immediate reactions rule your head.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

It's important to follow up on promises and obligations. It looks like you're the one who's supposed to come through and take action.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Some folks around you may attempt to deceive you. This is about more than simple gossip. Hang out with the people you've learned to trust.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Any financial proposal that involves extending your credit is just too iffy right now. It's safest to stick to tried and true methods in everything.

### LEO (July 23-August 22)

It'll be hard these days to keep your mind on the job, but you're going to have to. When it comes to your career, keep your ambitions based on reality.

### VIRGO (August 23-September 22)

You can expect interference with your planned schedule. Take deep breaths and say no when you have to.

### LIBRA (September 23-October 22)

Your thoughts today are probably more focused on romantic notions than on your work. Love is supposed to enhance your life, not wreck it. Save all those dreamy thoughts for the proper time.

### SCORPIO (October 23-November 21)

It's not time to force issues. That could also include a warning about revealing ideas or plans too soon. You'll be most productive by working away quietly and keeping to your own schedule.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21)** Even though you feel inspired with ideas, progress moves slowly. You may feel driven to change the situation, but you're going to have to decide if that's a really wise move.

# Jumble Puzzle

Unscramble the following words. Then unscramble the circled letters to find the mystery word.

TRUFI

SGARS

LPHE

DSSRE

TEGAR

HASED

SUMEO

ONRUDG

LOVEI

NUDRE

HTIRS

Clue: 65 million ago

Mystery word:

U S E S T A S G O U R

\*\*Be the first person with all the correct answers to come to Room 202 during 4th period and win a prize\*\*

FROILT  
GRAS(S)  
HELP  
DRESS  
GREAT  
SHADE  
MOUSE  
GROUND  
OLLVE  
UNDER  
SHIRT

## Are you emotionally prepared for a summer fling?

HEATHER McELVAIN & MARY RUSSELL

**1. You're cruisin' the mall with your posse when you spot a fine piece of eye candy chillin' by the Pretzelmaker. You:**

A) saunter over to the Pretzelmaker and announce loudly, "I would like 17 pretzels please for all of my admirers." And wait for him/her to be "wowed."

B) lean in for a closer look and trip over your bud's two left feet.

C) give him/her a sly grin and mouth, "What's happenin' hot stuff?"

**2. You spot a hottie by the crystal clear waters of Peterson's Pitts. When he/she winks at you, you:**

A) try to recreate last night's intellectually stimulating Baywatch episode by running towards him/her in slow motion.

B) play hard to get by throwing sand in his/her eyes while you savagely cry, "You should see a doctor about that eye twitch! And some re-constructive surgery for your face wouldn't hurt!"

C) wink back playfully and ask if they'd like to put their towel next to yours.

**3. Your tantalizing neighbor leaves you love-sick and alone when he/she jaunts off to the tropical haven that is Branson, Mo. with his/her 'rents and sibs. While they're gone you:**

A) tell him/her to send you a postcard and offer to take care of his/her dog.

B) throw a rock through the kitchen window on the first night you're apart. Climb inside and ransack through his/her drawers for proof that he/she loves you. Then blame the burglary on his/her elderly neighbor. If you get to testify in court, bonus—another afternoon with the person you love!

C) call their house once and leave a message on their answering machine saying, "Oh, I forgot you were on vacation. I was going to invite you to the movies, but I guess I'll just take someone who's home," to make sure they know your life goes on without them.

**4. The love of your summer works at the new Dairy Queen, which is conveniently located only 12 miles from your pad. You:**

A) hire your 12-year-old cousin to escort you there and pay for your Blizzard (and even convince him/her to call you "love muffin" with a little prompting) so the studly "porkchop" knows you have other interests.

B) stop by and ask him/her what he/she's doing after he/she gets off work.

C) apply for a job there too. You also sign up for an identical schedule and make a mental note to shrink your uniform for a more form-fitting style.

**5. You see your crush-object at the park with (gasp!) a person of the opposite sex! Before you find out its his/her bro/sis, you:**

A) grab the nearest small child, drag them over to the two-some and exclaim, "Well, Honey, say hello to your deadbeat dad/mom. Ask him/her why they didn't call on your birthday!" to scare off the competition.

B) are you so embarrassed that he/she caught you bird-watching alone again so you make like a tree and retreat to the forest.

C) go up and introduce yourself to him/her and his/her companion and try not to let him/her hear you scream "Yeah baby! I've still got a chance!"

**6. You make a late-night run to the grocery store to feed your unceasing hunger for Ben and Jerry's when you run into the dream-weaver you've been missing since Algebra let our for the summer. You:**

A) peer at him/her through the canned goods but refuse to let him/her see you in the sweat pants you hastily pulled on in your rush to the ice cream. After all, you've always prided yourself on your slick sense of fashion. Without that, you've got nothing!

B) pretend to have suffered major injuries when you sneakily round the corner and "accidentally" get hit with his/her cart. With your "last breath" before you slip into a "coma," you gasp, "I forgive you. If I don't make it, remember that I've always loved you."

C) clue him/her in on the fab savings in the cookie aisle and ask if he/she would like to consolidate your ice-cream socials.

### SCORES

- 1. A) 3 B) 1 C) 2
- 2. A) 3 B) 1 C) 2
- 3. A) 2 B) 3 C) 1
- 4. A) 1 B) 2 C) 3
- 5. A) 3 B) 1 C) 2
- 6. A) 3 B) 1 C) 2

### Your race results:

#### 15-18: Too Hot to Trot

Whoa there cowboy/girl! With your steamy pick-up style you're never gonna get a good quality summer fling. The decent prospects will be running for the hills.

#### 10-14: Winner of the Race

Outstanding! Your summer love grabbin' skills are fantastic! Have you ever considered holding a seminar to share your gift with others?

#### 6-9: Still in the Stable

Why aren't the hotties throwing themselves at you?? Because you are cold. C-O-L-D and E-V-I-L. Frankly, I can't stand you either.

