



BACK IN RED AND BLACK

DAVID CITY HIGH SCHOOL
THE SCOUT 2005-2006

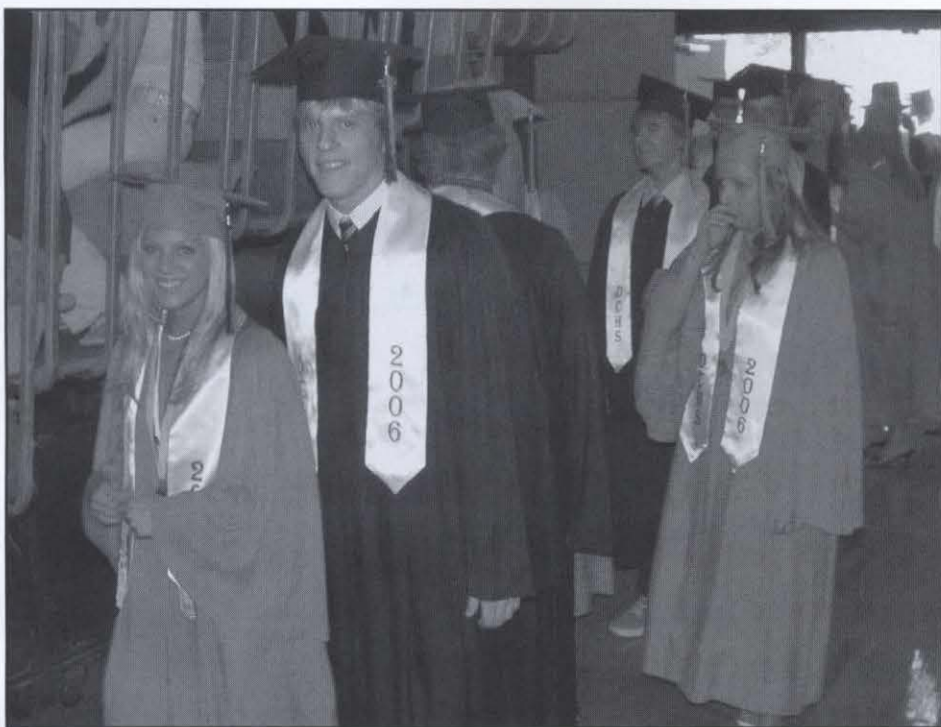


f two out of three math students
are working on what they're
supposed to be in this picture,
what percentage of them are on
task? Sophomores Ross Broman
and Cindy Shultz and junior
Justin Hauck spend a little time
studying in math class. At least,
67% of them are.

A wise man once said "Every
new beginning brings up some
other beginning's end." Sounds
like graduation, right? Cassie
Glock and Mike Betzen seemed
thrilled to be getting on to their
next beginning.



Say what you want about sopho-
mores Sabrina Minert and Kayla
Helgoth, but give these girls one
thing: they know how to pose for a
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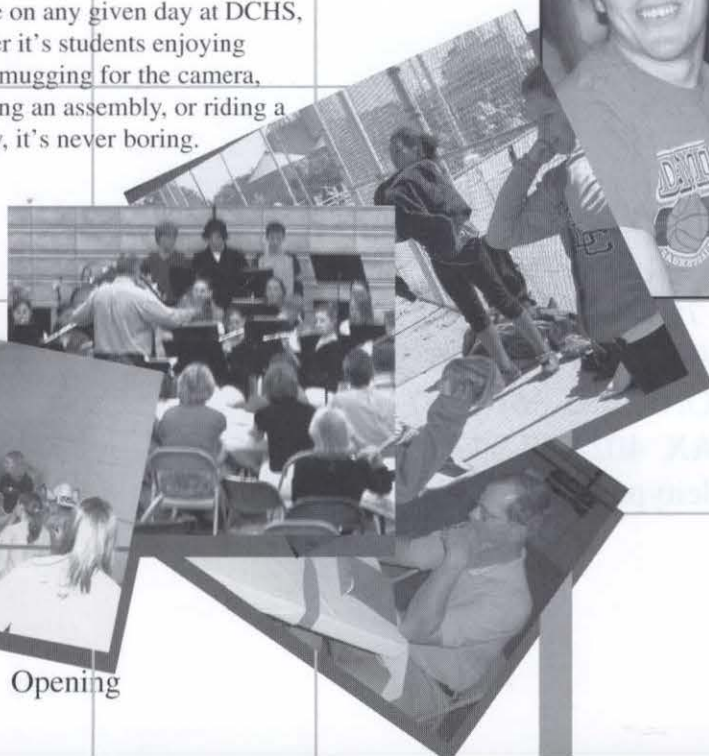
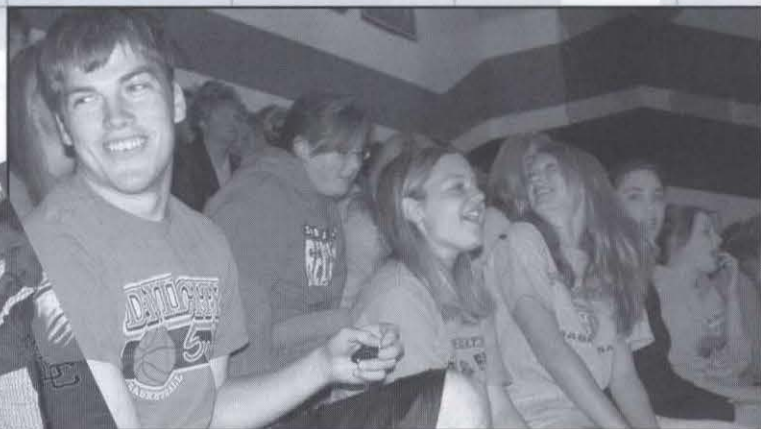
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It's mind boggling what a person can see on any given day at DCHS, whether it's students enjoying lunch, mugging for the camera, attending an assembly, or riding a donkey, it's never boring.



The Return

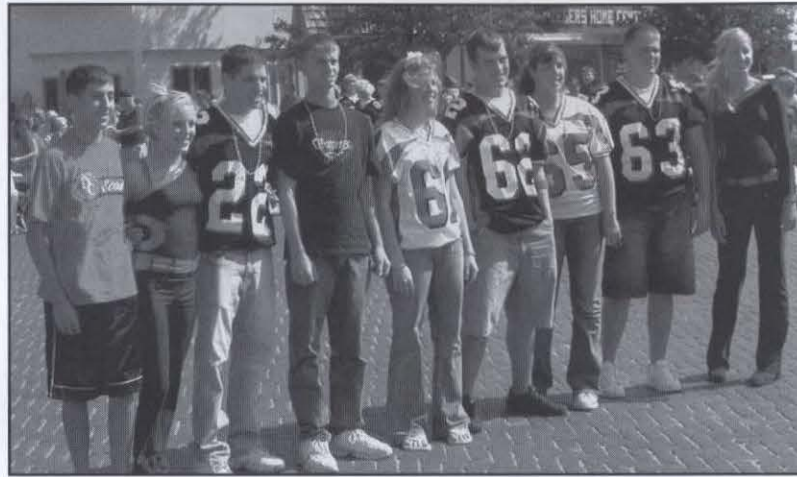
In 1980, Australian rock group AC/DC lost their lead singer to an early death. In that same year, the group released their first album with a new lead singer just to let fans know that they were going to press on despite obvious changes in the group. The result was *Back in Black*, one of the band's most successful albums.

In many ways, every year in high school mirrors that pattern. Each year we lose many of our leaders, the seniors, to graduation. Occasionally there are also new teachers, new coaches, sometimes new administrators. And each year, the school starts over, ready to prove that it's going to press on, or even surpass what has been done in the past, despite obvious changes in the group.

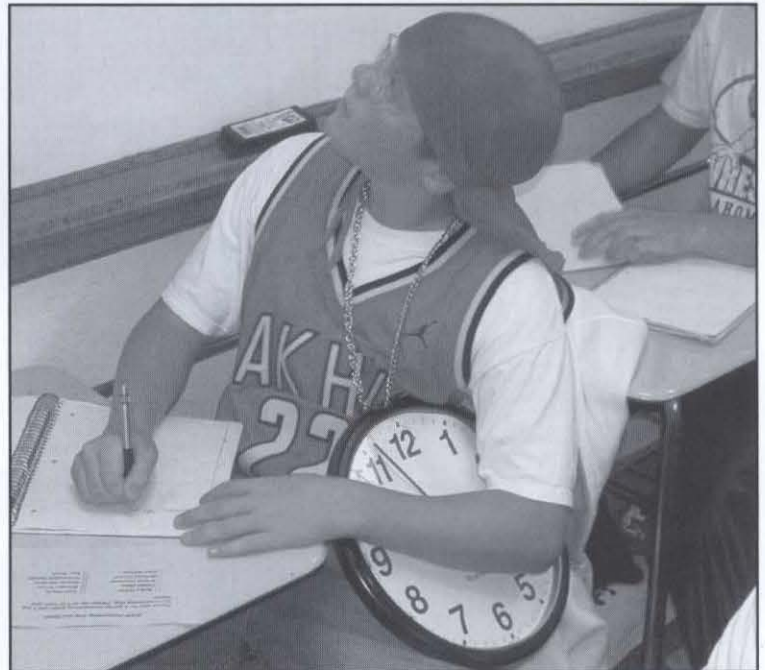
This year's Scout, *Back in Red and Black*, documents the experience at DCHS in the 2005-2006 school year. As with any album, there are some smash hits, some average numbers, and some klunkers that just don't quite work. In the end, though, we feel that this one's a classic. Enjoy.



The Homecoming Court: Todd Eberle, Cassie Glock, Nate Kershner, Sam Smith, Audra Duren, Chris Sander, Kristin Hopwood, Bernden Fricke, and Elise Schmid.



Silly Girls: Freshmen Abbi Bardsley, Morgan Otte, and Miranda Fenderich mug for the camera at lunch time.



Sophomore Wade Samek channels Flava Flav during Blast From the Past Day. Maybe we should have called it Turn Back the Clock Day!



One of the highlights of any senior's year: the Homecoming Float. Among the seniors pictured are Kyle McKay, Keli Bomberger, Kristi McDonald, Melissa Dion, Miranda Mally, Mike Betzen, Sarah Chmelka, Ganna Dischinger, Danielle Loseke, Charlie Steven, Heather Dietrich, Amber Sladek, Shannan Hough, Liz Ingwersen, and Alex Gerlach.

It's the fourth quarter against Madison and the crowd is psyched for the Scouts to score. Here comes Kyle Hilger catching a pass from Travis Worm, and the Scouts score on the Dragons. Touchdown! The Scout fans go wild and cheer. It's the most exciting football game of the year: Homecoming.

Homecoming is a time when you celebrate the welcoming back of past graduates. In the most recent years, Homecoming has grown in popularity. It still has the traditional dance, of course, but now it has expanded into dress-up days, pep rallies, and shopping in preparation for the special night. The theme this year was Bling it On, and the cheerleaders and dancers started planning this celebration way back in July to make sure it was set to be a week to never forget. This year, the dress-up days were Clash Day, Bling it On Day, Blast From the Past Day, and the traditional Red and Black Day. The students went all out showing off their outfits in hopes of getting a prize or attention from others. Sophomore Ashley Hoeft, one of many who attended the Homecoming Dance, said "I thought that it was really fun to hang out with friends." The sponsors also thought that the dance was a success. Mrs. Kabourek said, "The student body en

joyed the dance as most were still there at the end and we had to send them home!" The student body also got to vote on who they thought should be the king and queen. Cassie Glock and Nathan Kershner were the chosen ones this year. It will be exciting to see what will come of next year's theme and how it will go over with the students.

Story by Sam Hiemer

Bling it On

6ft.

The Usual Suspects

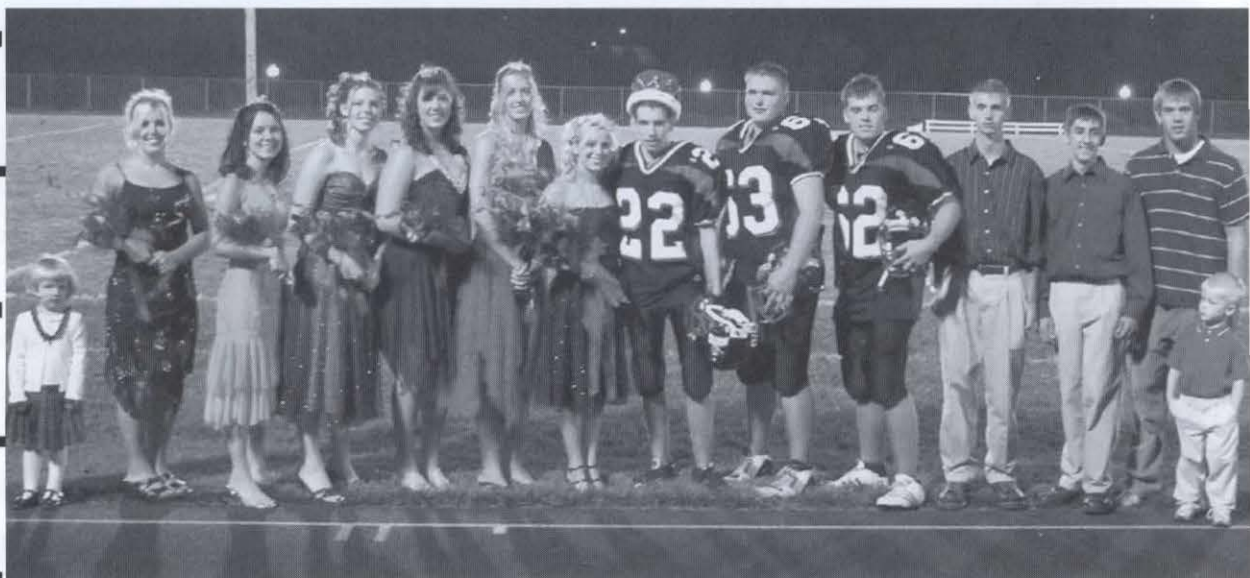
David City's Student Body enjoys Homecoming Week.

5ft.

(Below) The coronation for 2005: 2004 Queen Brittany Kresha, Brittney Lensch, Audra Duren, Kristin Hopwood, Elise Schmid, Queen Cassie Glock, King Nathan Kershner, Brenden Fricke, Chris Sander, Sam Smith, Todd Eberle, 2004 King Malachi Behrens.

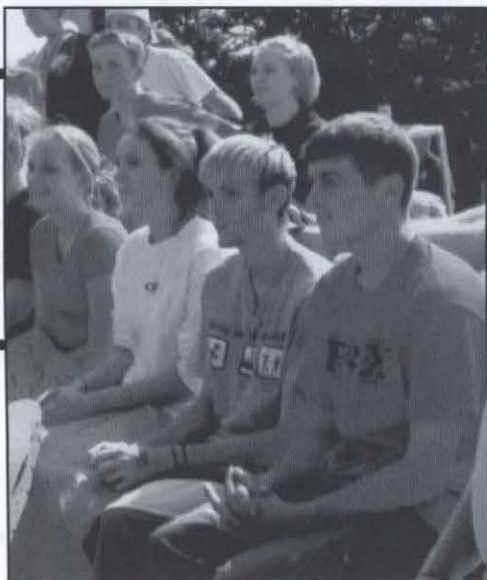
4ft.

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1ft.



Suspects: Alex Gerlach, Mandi Rose, Katie Ratkovec, Andrew Meysenburg, Michael Brehm

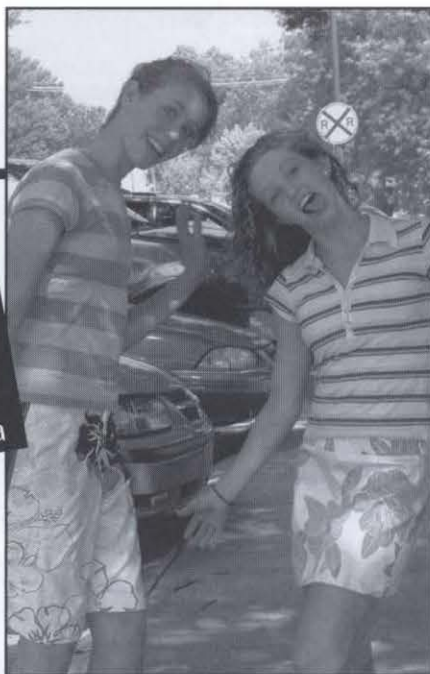
Reason for arrest:
Watching the pep rally too calmly

Scene of the crime:
5th and E Street, downtown

Suspects: freshmen
Hannah Behrens and
Michaela Hruska

Reason for arrest:
Matching stripes with
floral prints

Scene of the crime:
DCHS north parking area



Suspects: several members of the
senior class

Reason for arrest:
waiting for the parade on the
wrong day

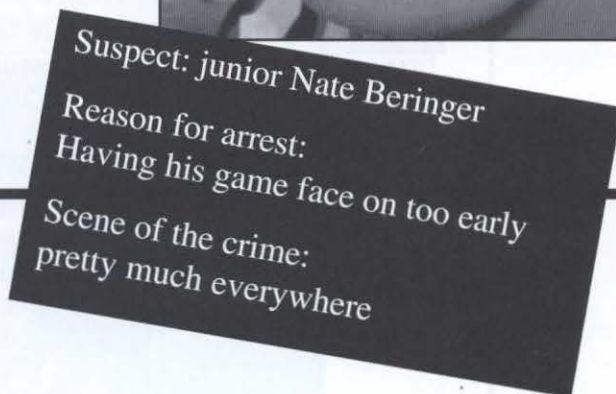
Scene of the crime:
unknown



Suspect: junior Nate Beringer

Reason for arrest:
Having his game face on too early

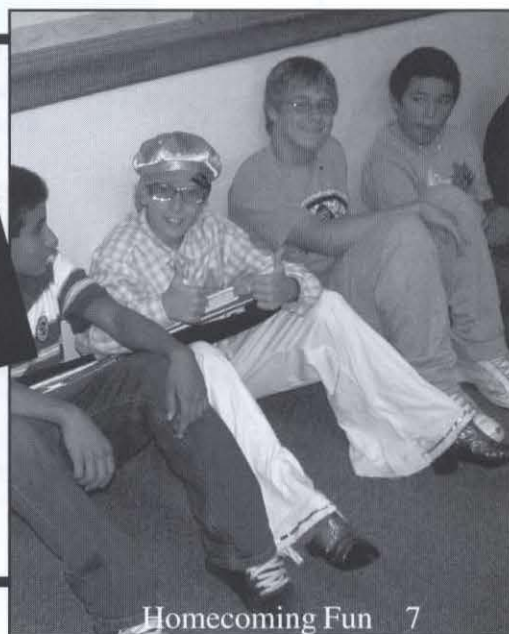
Scene of the crime:
pretty much everywhere



Suspect: 8th grader Patrick
Ziemba

Reason for arrest:
Unreasonably well-dressed

Scene of the crime:
3rd floor hallway



.the best in the STATE!

The David City One Act Team found gold this year with their production of Finding Pan, and adaptation of the Peter Pan story written by director Jarod Ockander. The State Championship was the first for the Scouts in One Act.

David City has been painfully close to the title in recent years. Last year, the Scouts were snubbed and didn't make it to state, so this year's team was all the more focused going in, trying to build on a string of runner-up finishes in the years prior to last.

"I felt that the team worked incredibly hard in terms of their focus and knowing what they needed to do. When I saw the performance at state, I knew we nailed it. All of our freezes were perfect, the acting was superior, and it just felt like we brought it all together at the right time," said director Jarod Ockander.

The big trophy wasn't the only honor brought home by the Scouts, however. Senior Mike Betzen was recognized as the best actor in the state for his portrayal of Captain Hook. "I was a little surprised to win the award," said Betzen, "but it was a good part that was fun to perform, and I guess I thought I had a shot."

Coming off of a state championship can create a little pressure for next year, but DC's team is confident that they return enough talent to get it done again next year if all goes well. "We have the talent, and we know exactly what it takes to get it done. There's no one to stand in our way," said junior Andy Fuxa.

Finding Pan
brings home
the school's
first ever One
- Act State
Championship.

The State Champion Cast and Crew: (front row) Kirby Hecker, Haylie Osborn, Torie Thoendel, Matt Heller, Michael Palomaki. Audra Duren, Abbi Bardsley, Megan McClintic, Christy Comte, Brittney Lensch, (row 2) Kyle McKay, Jessica Price, Elise Schmid, Katie Heller, Sabrina Minert, Madi Shore, Andy Fuxa, Jesse Barlean, Weston Sieck, Anna Mattingly, Jerrica Richards, Willemijn Pesman, Kristin Hopwood, (back row) Director Jarod Ockander, Brenden Fricke, Sarah Lentz, Kate Byrkit, Kyle Clymer, Mike Betzen, Chris Sander, Brody Stara, Alex Streeter, Angie Yates, Ashley Hicken, Paul Augustyn.



Pirate Alex Streeter brings up an idea, but fellow pirate Ashley Hicken looks unsure about it. Meanwhile, a hapless and helpless Matt Heller sits on stage.



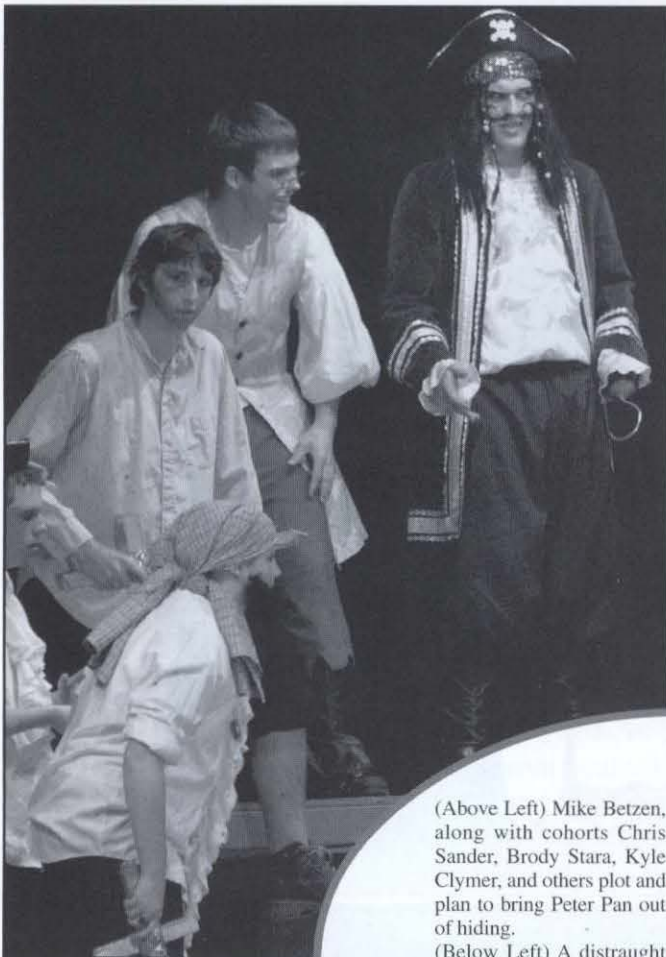
Audra Duren looks on while Megan McClintic reads a mysterious note left behind by Captain Hook designed to bring Peter Pan out of hiding.



A happy Abbi Bardsley shares an embrace with her dad, Michael Palomaki, as she prepares for bed.

"It was a good part that was fun to perform, and I guess I thought I had a shot."

Mike Betzen



(Above Left) Mike Betzen, along with cohorts Chris Sander, Brody Stara, Kyle Clymer, and others plot and plan to bring Peter Pan out of hiding.

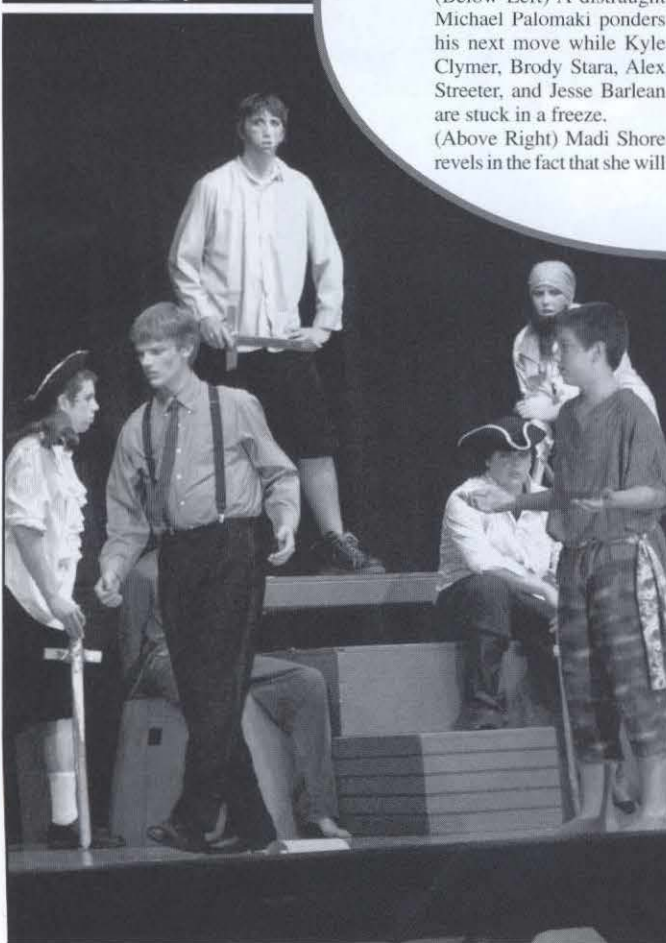
(Below Left) A distraught Michael Palomaki ponders his next move while Kyle Clymer, Brody Stara, Alex Streeter, and Jesse Barlean are stuck in a freeze.

(Above Right) Madi Shore revels in the fact that she will



never have to grow up, as she is one of the lost boys.

(Below Right) An affectionate Torie Thoendel as Tinker Bell tries to work some of her magic on Pan (Michael Palomaki) as he tries to find his kidnapped children in Never Never Land.



Finding Pan

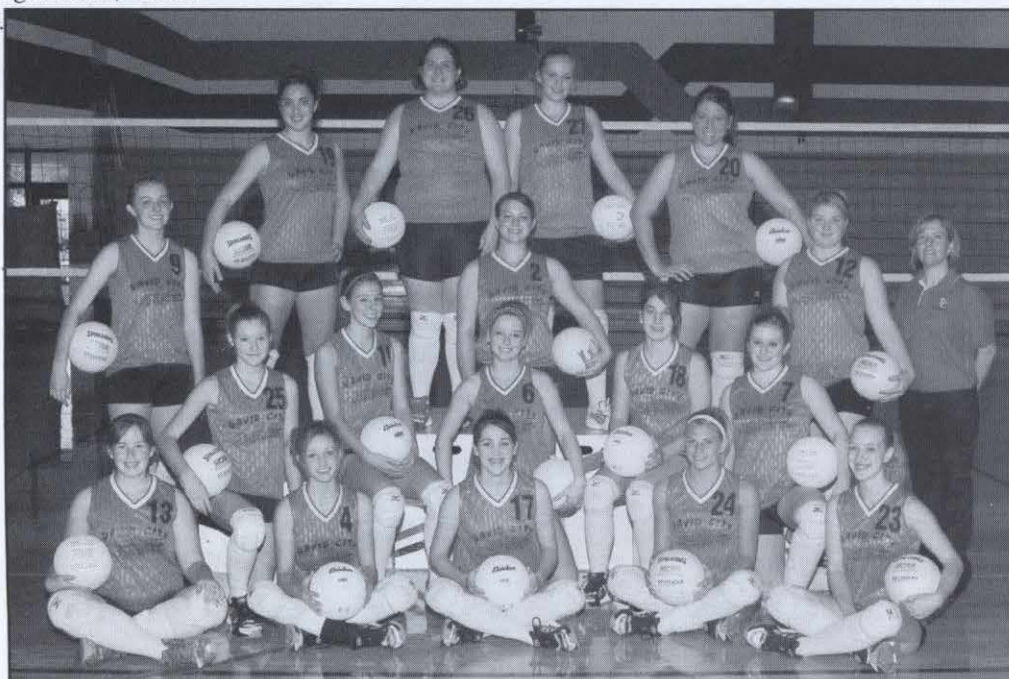


Some of the cast of Finding Pan are Matt Heller, Abbi Bardsley, Audra Duren, Director Jarod Ockander, Michael Palomaki, Mike Betzen, Chris Sander, and Kate Byrkit.

(Left) Michael Palomaki goes high in the air to dodge a thrust of the sword from Andy Fuxa, while fellow pirate Anna Mattingly looks on.

Most people know that the Junior Varsity is the level below the varsity and above the reserve, and in volleyball that is the case. On JV, the players are very close to varsity competition, usually only lacking one aspect of their game that would put them over the top. That is why jv volleyball is so important to the girls: it represents their opportunity to show the coaches that they are ready for the next level, and gives them the experience to get there. This year there was the usual of numbers of girls trying to get to the next level, but there were some unusual things as well. "One unique thing that happened this year was being able to play 'dead bug' during practice," said sophomore Becky Hecker. Head coach Connie Lentz noticed the girls' effort and progress, adding "even though their record was a losing one, they played tough games and in conference they beat a lot of good teams." With hard work, these girls will carry on the tradition of winning volleyball at the varsity level next year.

The 2005 JV Volleyball team: (front row) Sarah Lentz, Michaela Hruska, Christy Comte, Megan Romshek, Jerrica Richards, (middle row) Cindy Shultz, Becky Hecker, Madi Shore, Myndi Graybill, Sam Rehmer, (standing) Ashley Jansen, Lindsey Glock, Amber Wendt, Morgan Otte, Willemijn Pesman, Sam Hiemer, Angie Yates, Coach Lisa Bales.



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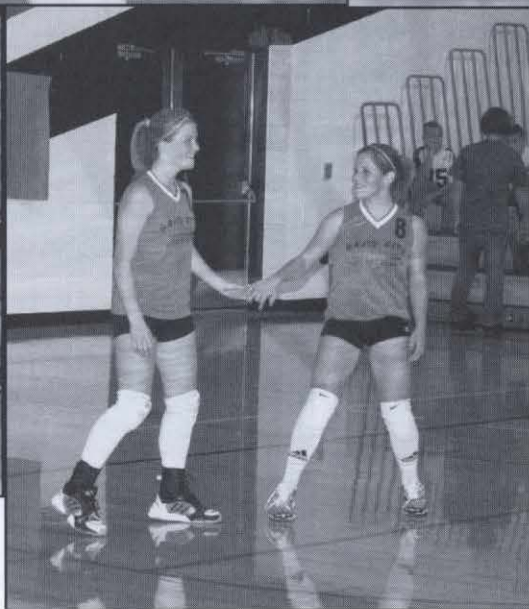
(Left) Freshman Miranda Fenderich positions her body to make a perfect pass to her setter.

(Below) Freshman Morgan Otte patiently waits between points of a match.



(Far Left) Coach Brummels huddles the team before they take the floor.

(Left) Freshmen Jana Peirce and Mariah Pickett prepare to switch places and get into position.



(Right) The sideline goes wild! The DC Scouts show some of their togetherness and team spirit as the bench cheers on the starters during a home game.



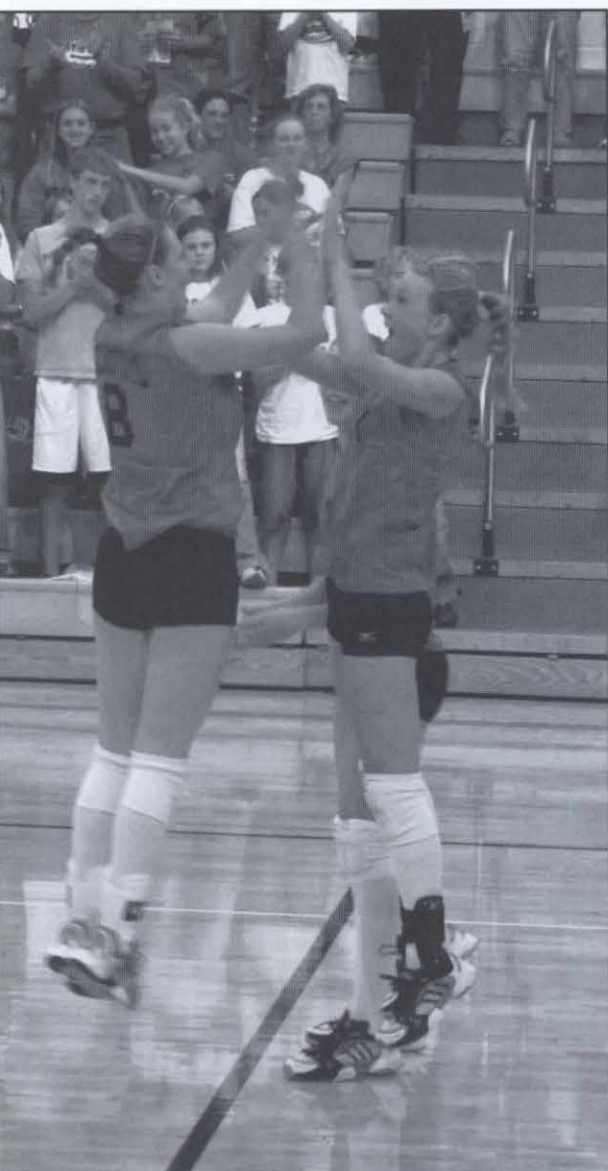
(Below) The 2005 DC Scout Volleyball team:
(Bottom row) Ass't Coach Lisa Bales, Cassie Glock, Madi Shore, Head Coach Connie Lentz, Sam Rehmer, Michaela Hruska, Ass't Coach Jane Brummels, (Middle row) Kate Byrkit, Morgan Otte, Kirby Hecker, Becky Hecker, Angie Yates, (Back row) Audra Duren, Kristin Hopwood, Elise Schmid, Hannah Behrens, Ashley Jansen.



Future Stars: The youth of the Scouts huddle around Coaches Bales and Brummels. Among those in the huddle are Jerrica Richards, Michaela Hruska, Becky Hecker, Morgan Otte, and Christy Comte.

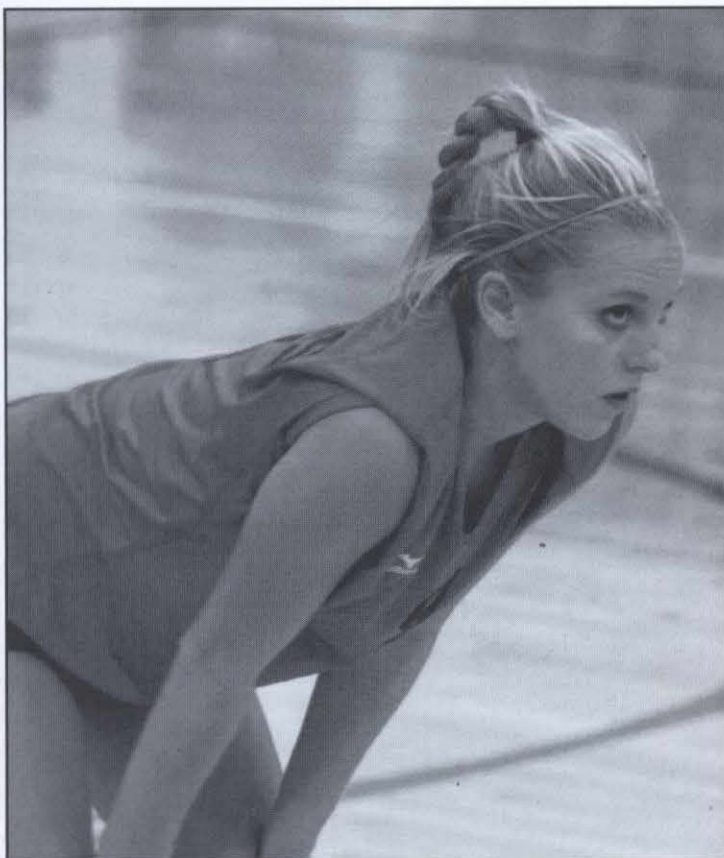


Huddle up, team! Cindy Shultz, Becky Hecker, Michaela Hruska, Sam Rehmer, Christy Comte, and Jerrica Richards get together between points.



(Left) Senior Audra Duren and Junior Kate Byrkit share a high five during pre-game introductions.

(Below) Intensity! The look says it all as senior Cassie Glock anticipates a serve from her opponent.



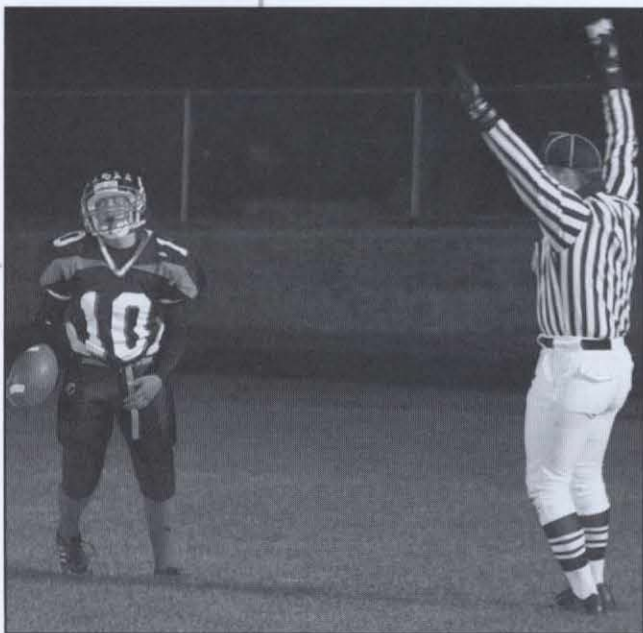
As the school year begins each year, so does the volleyball season for the Scouts. With each new year, there always comes stronger competition, more team unity, and bigger goals that set the year apart from the previous one. "I think that our character program really helped this team be more focused and competitive all season long. Finishing with a winning record was a major goal of this team and it was fun to watch the girls work together," said head coach Connie Lentz.

Also setting this season apart were the changes made to the game itself. This year

instead of having only 3 sets to 15 points, the girls played college style with 5 sets going to 25 points, rally scoring. Another position was added to high school volleyball, the libero (a back row specialist). Even though there were changes, one thing remained the same, the players made memories. "I remember playing Wahoo. They were sitting there talking smack, saying we don't play defense and then they lost. We definitely brought it to them. It was awesome!" said junior Kirby Hecker. The Scouts ended their season with a winning record and plan on working hard this summer to prepare for next season.

guts

JV's post a tough 4-2 record



(Top) Sophomore Dan Castillo scores a touchdown for the Scouts.

(Bottom) Sophomore Ross Broman hauls in a catch in the flats against East Butler.

Football is a tough sport no matter how you look at it. There is physical contact on every play. When it starts in August, it is 100 degrees; when it finishes, players are wearing long sleeves to keep warm. And if you're a JV football player, it can be even tougher.

JV's play their games on Monday nights, which means they have to practice on Tuesday (the toughest practice of the week) after playing a game the night before. For this year's JV team, there were even more challenges. With only 11 juniors and seniors total on the team, most of the same guys who played varsity on Fri-

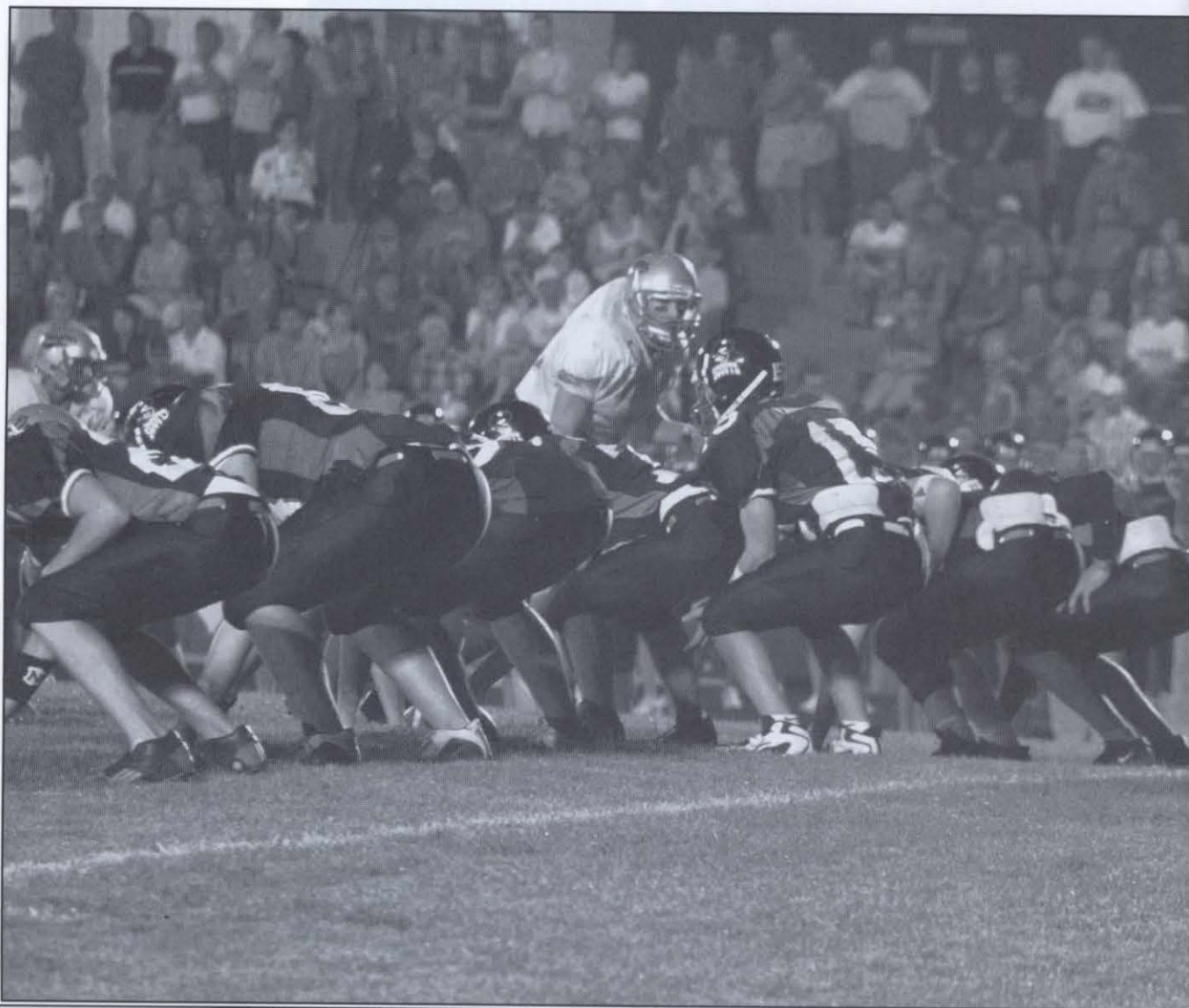
day nights saw significant action on Mondays as well. The physical toll from playing two football games a week would be enough to sink most players, but this year's team showed that it had toughness to spare by posting a winning record, and igniting some hope for the future.

Two of this year's victories came in overtime (one of them in double overtime) which showed the superior toughness and conditioning of the Scouts. When asked what he thought of the season, Coach Carmichael said "The defense was fantastic and the offense got better over the course of the season." Carmichael is the defensive coordinator of the varsity and the head JV coach. Sophomore Dana Rasmussen, when asked about the season, had this to say: "It was fun and successful, and shows what we will be like in the future."



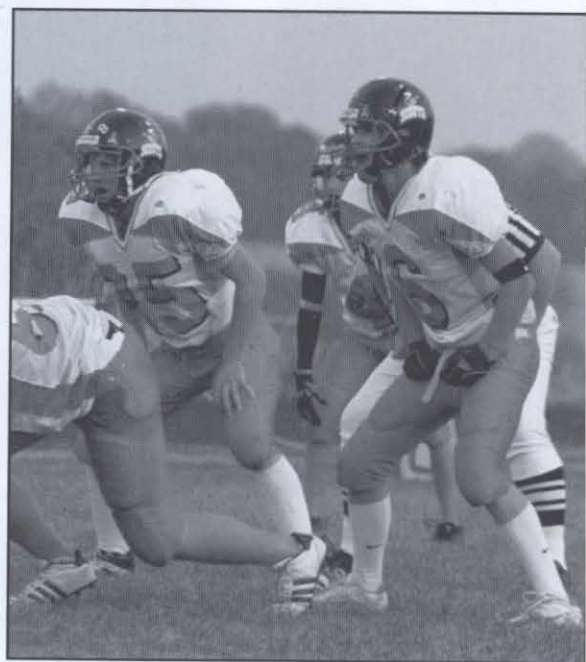
(Main) Freshman Nolan Vandenberg makes the defensive play of the year in the end zone at East Butler as Travis Worm olks on.

The spirit, toughness and togetherness of the Scouts was evident all year long, as seen in the other pictures.



DCHS Football 2005: (Bottom row) Bruce Hall, Aaron Courtright, Brenden Fricke, Chris Sander, Nate Kershner, Andy Pokorny, Tyler Papa, Brody Stara, (Row 2) Steven Svoboda, Tyler Polacek, Nate Beringer, Jared Janicek, Brent Griffiths, Broderick Sylvester, Travis Worm, Matt Heller, Adam Fuxa (row 3) Mike Brown, Travis Lindt, Ross Broman, Dana Rasmussen, Andy Meusch, Eric Prochaska, Chris Sladek, Travis Trofholz, Chris Pokorny, (row 4) Thad Hauck, Harley Fiala, Kyle Hilger, Weston Sieck, Taylor Novak, Caleb Palmer, Dylan Isham, Chase Adkisson, Nolan Vandenberg, Jesse Barlean, (top row) Dan Castillo, Cortney Couch, Todd Carmichael, Tim Field, Ryan Wineteer, Levi Magnuson, Nick

Greenlee



Quarterbacks Travis Worm (freshman, left) and Mike Brown (sophomore, right) shared duty under center this year. The competition between the two made both better, and will continue to be a bright spot for the Scouts in the coming years.

Throughout the season
2005 Football players
JOIN AS ONE

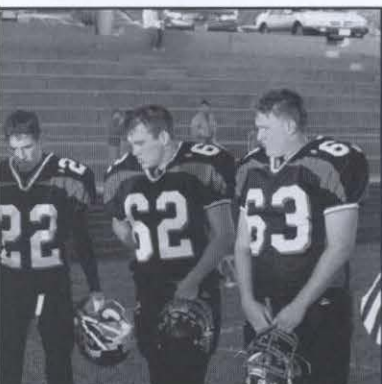
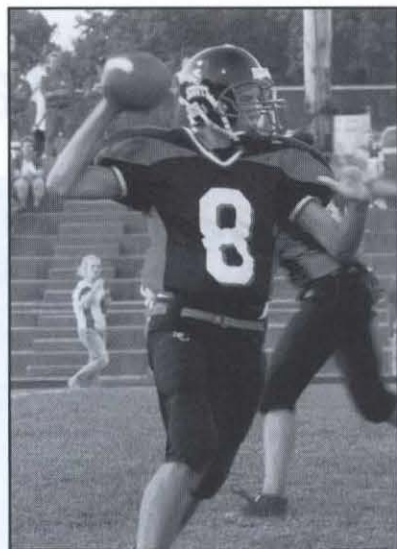
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Scouts battle to the end
despite winless record

This year, the varsity football team had many new faces on the field due to several seniors graduating the year before. The team consisted of 26 freshmen and sophomores and only 11 juniors and seniors. The varsity team, with new head coach Cortney Couch, posted an 0-8 record, but saw success at the JV level as they had a 4-2 record. "Most people, myself included, will look back on the 2005 football season as a disappointment. However, you'll never convince me that it was a failure. If you look at the entire program, grades 7-12, our record was 8-10. All of our wins came at the JV or middle school level, which says we have no excuses for the future. We will win," Couch said.

Many of the underclassmen looked to the six seniors for leadership. "Even though there weren't many seniors out, the ones that were out showed excellent leadership. They led by example and taught us a lot of new things," freshman Nolan Vandenberg said. Many people would say this season was a total disaster, but it can be looked upon as a building block for the future.

Tight 46 Blast was a play that the Scouts were very familiar with this year. Junior Jared Janicek takes the handoff from Mike Brown as fellow junior Tyler Polacek leads the way.

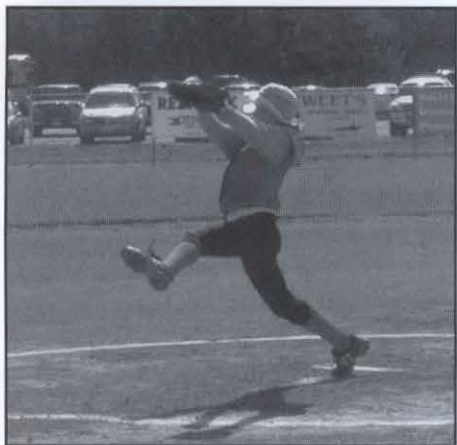


Captains Nate Kershner, Chris Bander, and Brenden Fricke prepare for the coin toss against Milford.

(Left) Sophomore Tyler Papa and junior Nate Beringer prepare for the snap on defense.

Battling Adversity

KEY INJURY CAUSES FRUSTRATION...



Sophomore Sabrina Minert winds up for the pitch...

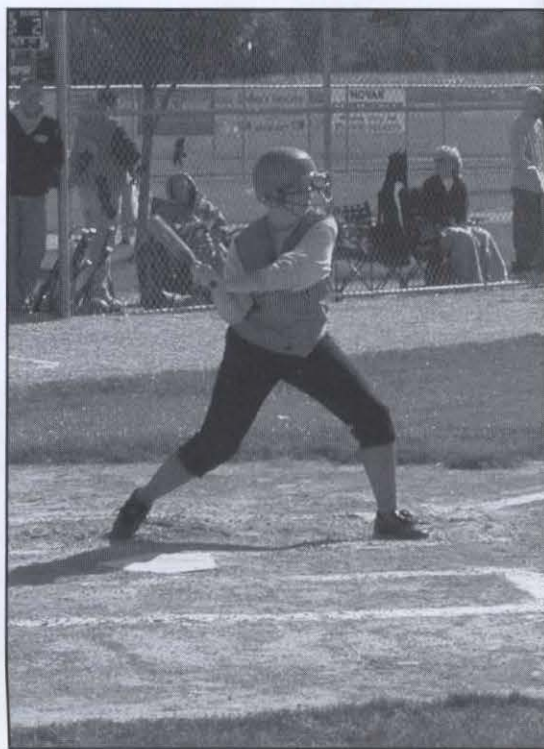
With the loss of starting varsity pitcher Amber Vanek, the DCHS softball team battled their way through the year. This year was a battle for the softball team because they had a major injury and they had a very young team. Most of the girls were first-time varsity starters. The loss of Vanek meant losing 10 school records in the DCHS softball hall of fame.

Sabrina Minert was a huge help to the team by getting Amber's starts. Sabrina was also a newcomer on the starting varsity team. "We had our ups and downs but we fought through it all," said Minert. "The softball team started almost an entirely new lineup in 2005 from the 2004 team because of injury, graduation, and relocation. The team improved dramatically from the start of the year to the end. We are looking forward to the 2006 season," said head coach Gale Bly.

Story by Kayla Helgoth



Junior Sheila Crook returns to her spot behind the plate to perform her catching duties.



A Scout softball player prepares to take her swing at the plate



Coach Gale Bly looks on as one of his players prepares to advance from third and score a run for the Scouts.

Below: The 2005 Scout Softball Team: (front row) Lisa Bals, Kalie Buresh, Gina Pelc, Laura Carlson, Casey Hansen, (back row) Becky Aldrich, Kayla Helgoth, Brittney Brandl, Ellen Robinson, Liz Ingwersen, Sabrina Minert, Sheila Crook, Kristi McDonald.



Senior Liz Ingwersen prepares to make a play at first base.



Despite all the odds, taking on each and every challenge that the opposing team flung at them, the lady Scouts JV Basketball Team came out with a well-earned winning record of 11-8.

If the girls basketball team could be summed up in one word for the 2005-2006 season, the one word would have to be "new." Coach Toepfer was the new head coach of the JV team. She played college ball in Hastings, and is now here coaching for her first year with the lady Scouts. When Toepfer was asked the question "what was unique about the young group of girls on the JV team?" she replied "I was very impressed with the willingness and determination of the girls. They were always trying to get better and fix their mistakes."

According to Brandi Prochaska, a junior JV player, she was very pleased about the fact that the team had great chemistry compared to other years. Along with that thought, the team was also led by some great junior leadership. Thinking back, Gina Pelc recalls Brandi giving an inspirational speech to the gang just after losing a game in the Thayer Central tournament. "She told us 'Let's go out there and beat these girls like we never lost the first game,'" recalled Gina.

All it takes is a dash of new coaching, a tablespoon of new experiences, a cup of new situations, and a pinch of competitive spirit. Mix well, and you get a successful 2005-2006 JV Girls Basketball Team.

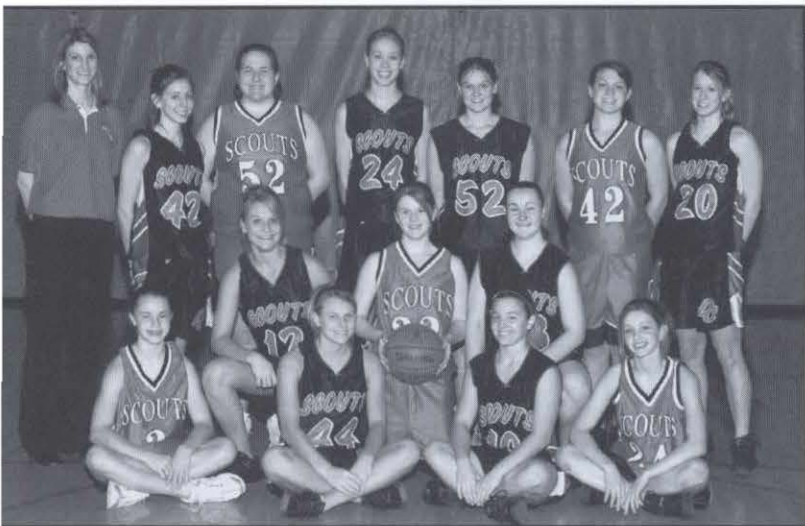
Laying it up off the glass gently is freshman Hannah Behrens. Freshman Morgan Otte fights to get rebounding position.

A New Sensation

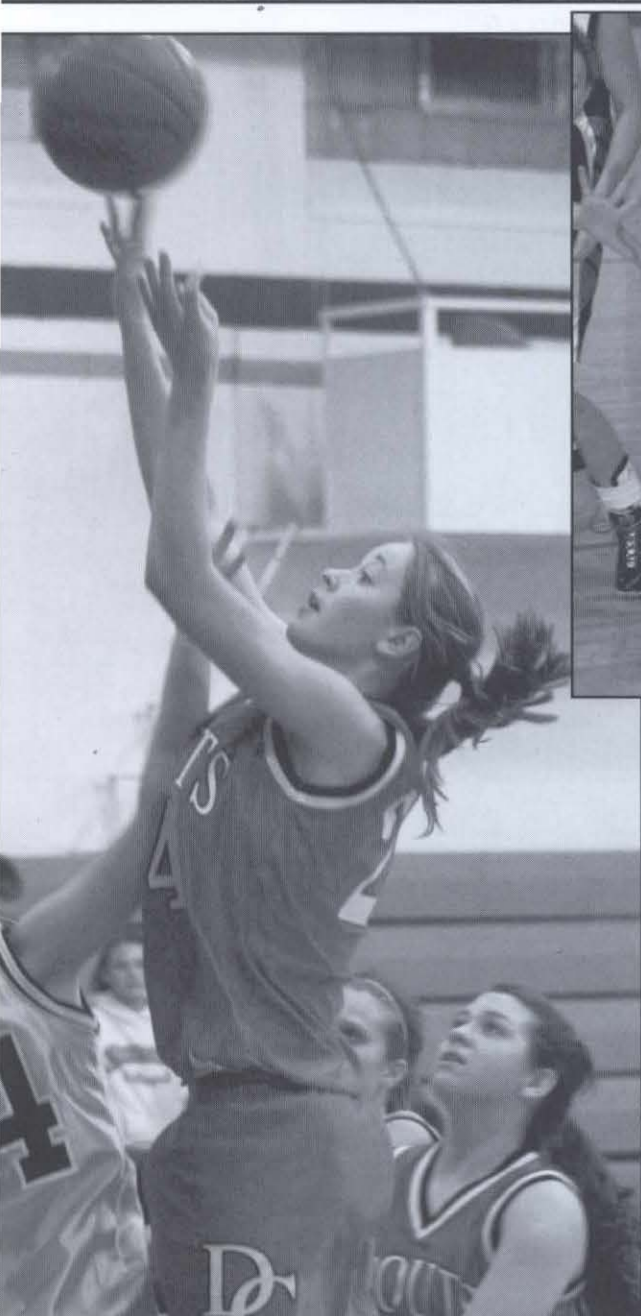
JV Girls come together under new leadership to post an 11-8 record.

Freshman guard Michaela Hruska brings the ball down the court as teammate and fellow freshman Miranda Ferderich trails the play.





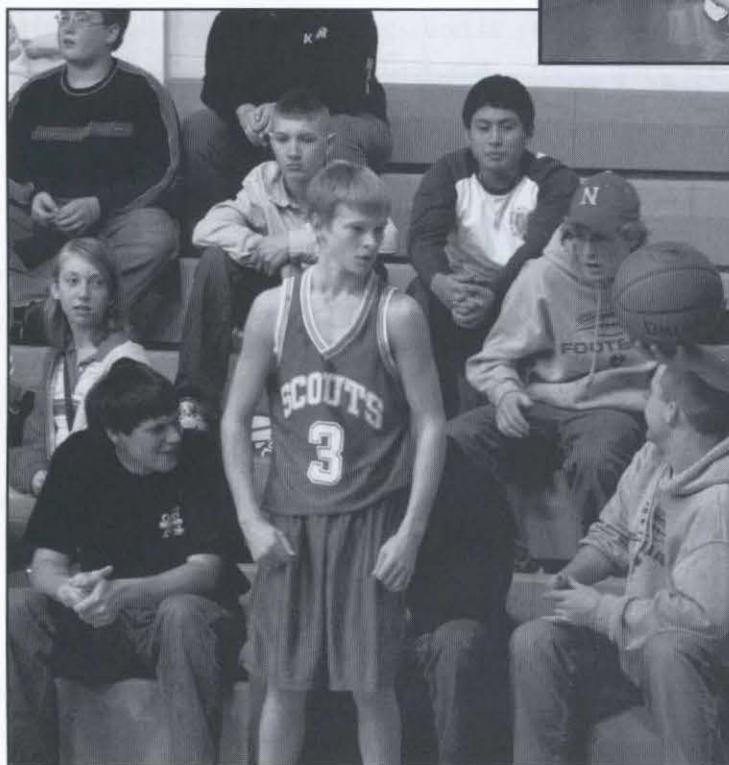
DCJS JV Girls Basketball
2005-2006: (front row) Miranda
Fenderich, Megan Romshek, Laura
Carlson, Michaela Hruska, (middle
row) Sabrina Minert, Jana Peirce,
Gina Pelc, (back row) Coach
Amanda Toepfer, Becky Romshek,
Amber Wendt, Hannah Behrens,
Brandi Prochaska, Morgan Otte, Kate
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Junior Gina Pelc comes off of a baseline screen ready to receive the pass from a teammate.

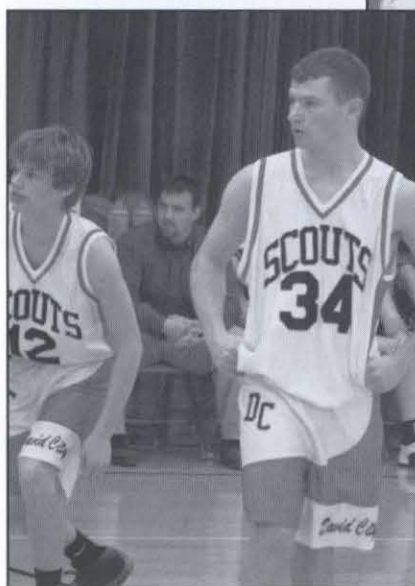
Aida Crus, frechman, shows good form as she takes a shot from the corner against Aquinas.

The DCHS JV Boys Basketball Team 2005-2006; (front row) Tyler Eberle, Dan Castillo, Nolan Vandenberg, Dana Rasmussen, (middle row) Kyle Clymer, Mike Brown, Wade Samek, Michael Palomaki, Tyler Polacek, Steven Teubner, (back row) Coach Scott Parson, Andy Fuxa, Keaton Prochaska, Ross Broman, Harley Fiala, Willy Fiala



Freshman Nolan Vandenberg stares intently at the ball as he prepares to inbound it for the Scouts.

Juniors Michael Palomaki and Tyler Polacek take a short breather during a free throw.



Sophomore Danaasmussen controls a loose ball and heads down the court for a transition basket. Trailing him on the play are fellow sophomores Alex Mattan and Ross Broman and junior Andy Fuxa.



The JV Boys Basketball team had a rough start again this year, but finished up strong. They ended the season on a high note, defeating the Yutan Chieftans. Head JV Coach Scott Parson and assistant Ryan Wineteer were working hard all year long to keep the team going.

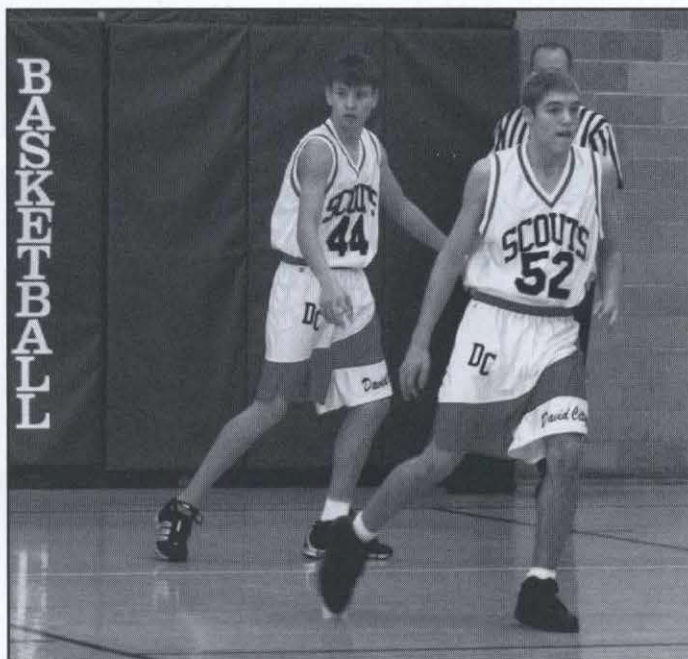
"As one of the players, I can say that I saw us improve not only as individuals, but also as a team all together. I think we really connected at the end of the season," said sophomore Harley

Fiala.

The hard work and improvement seemed to pay off in the end. This year, there were differences not only in coaching personnel, with the addition of Coach Wineteer, but also in the outcome, with the Scouts improving to 6-10 for their final record. "We had a mixture of athletes from different classes contribute. It was exciting to see them improve and compete," said Coach Parson.

Coming Together

JV Boys show 5 game improvement over last year's record.



Help side defense is the hallmark of any well-coached defensive team. Here junior Andy Fuxa and sophomore Mike Brown show off their defensive skills by dropping to the lane for help side.

You don't have to look at too many pictures of the Lady Scout basketball team to figure out how hard they worked physically on the court. Here, junior Brandi Prochaska gets a short breather before a free throw attempt.



Despite a slow start, the Lady Scout Basketball team ended the year with a stellar final six games.

Finishing Strong

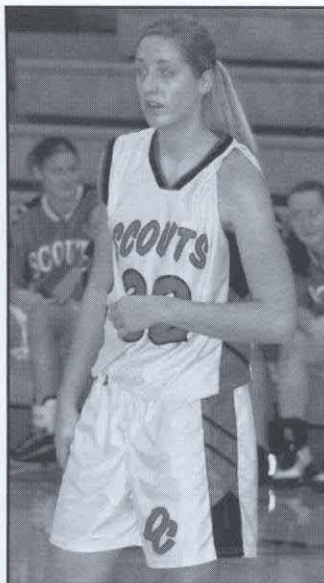
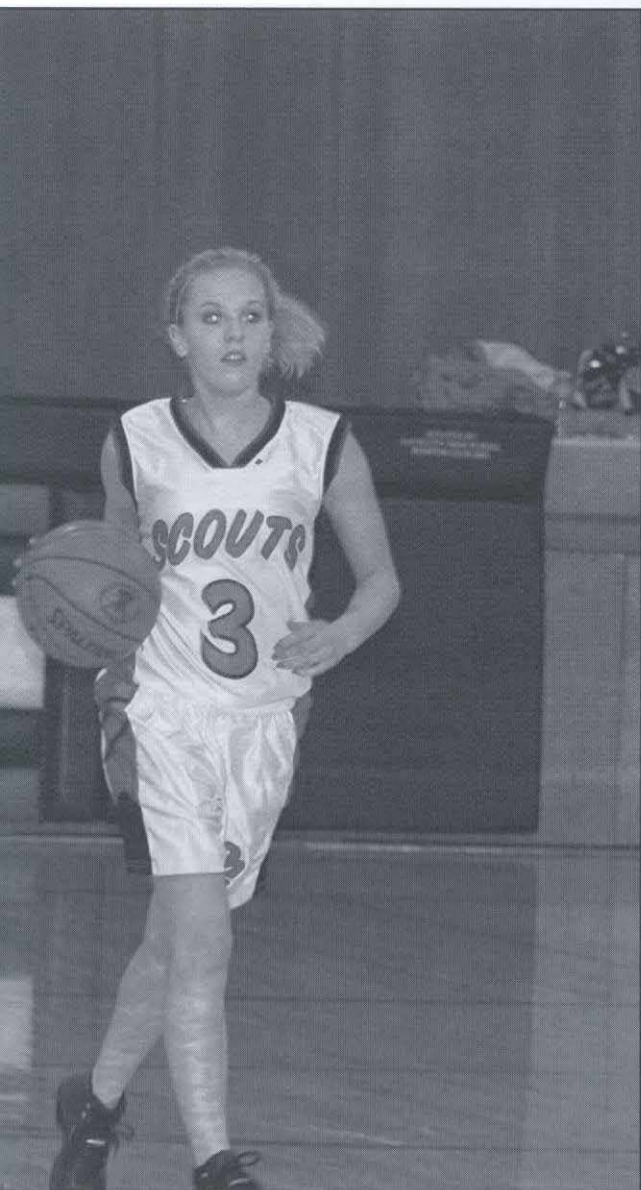
The Lady Scouts made great improvements throughout the basketball season. All three of the coaches for the girls were filled by new faces. Previously, Tracy Behrns coached under Gale Bly as the JV coach. She moved up to the Varsity basketball coach. Amanda Toepfer, a new elementary teacher, moved into the JV position. Connie Lentz filled the freshman girls position. "I had not coached basketball for the last 15 years, so I really enjoyed being able to coach again. I thought the new coaching staff was a good blend of coaching personalities and we really enjoyed working together to improve

the girls basketball program. The girls showed great improvement by the end of the season. We are really looking forward to next season.," said Coach Lentz.

The girls struggled at the beginning of the season, but ended winning 4 of their last 5 games before heading to sub-districts. The Lady Scouts battled the Madison Dragons in the first round of sub-districts. Their season ended too soon with a loss to Madison by 1 point with 1.4 seconds left in the game. The Lady Scout finished the season with a 5-14 record.

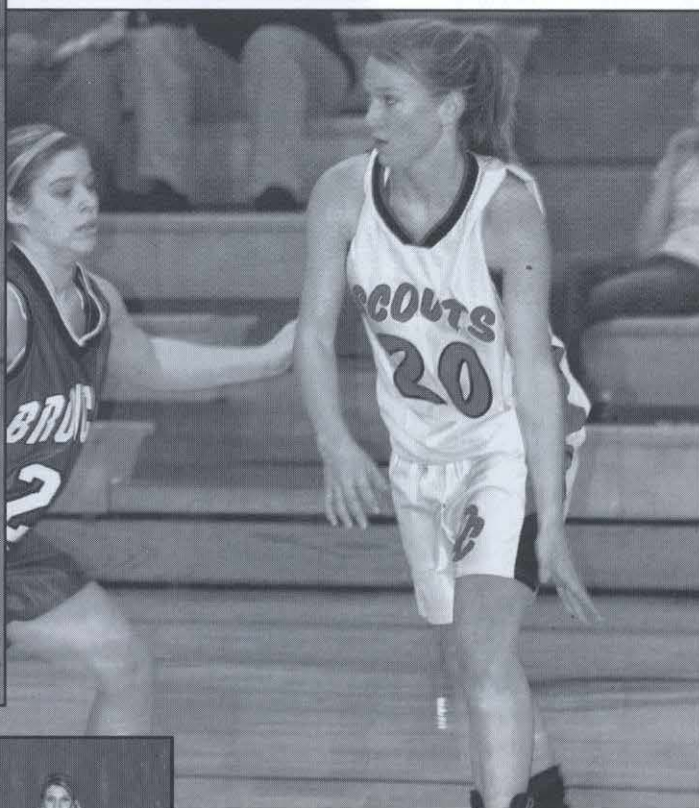


Senior Cassie Glock brings the ball up the court against the Centennial Broncos. Glock's leadership, experience and poise was an important factor for the Scouts all season long.



Elise Schmid, senior, lines up in the lane for a free throw. Schmid's presence in the middle, along with that of freshman Hannah Behrens, proved to be a valuable asset for the Scouts.

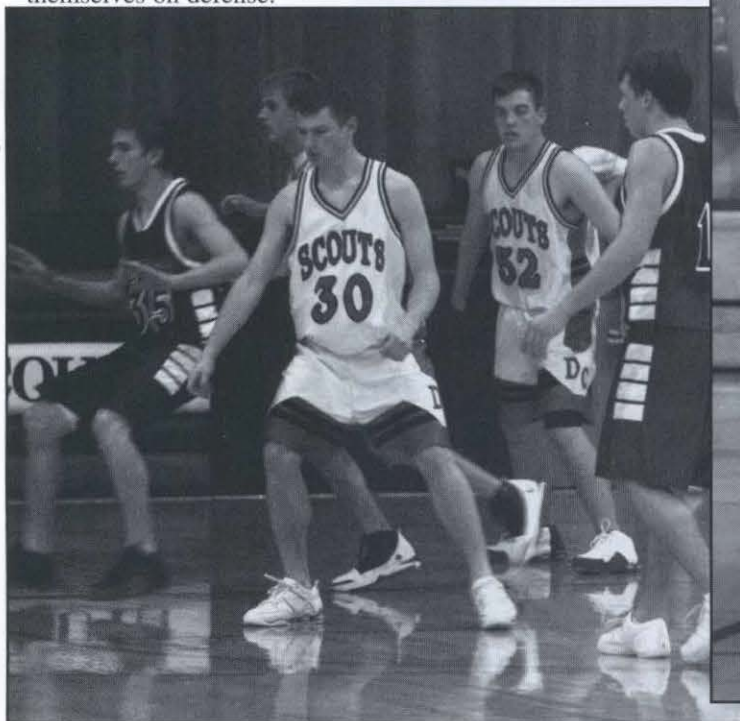
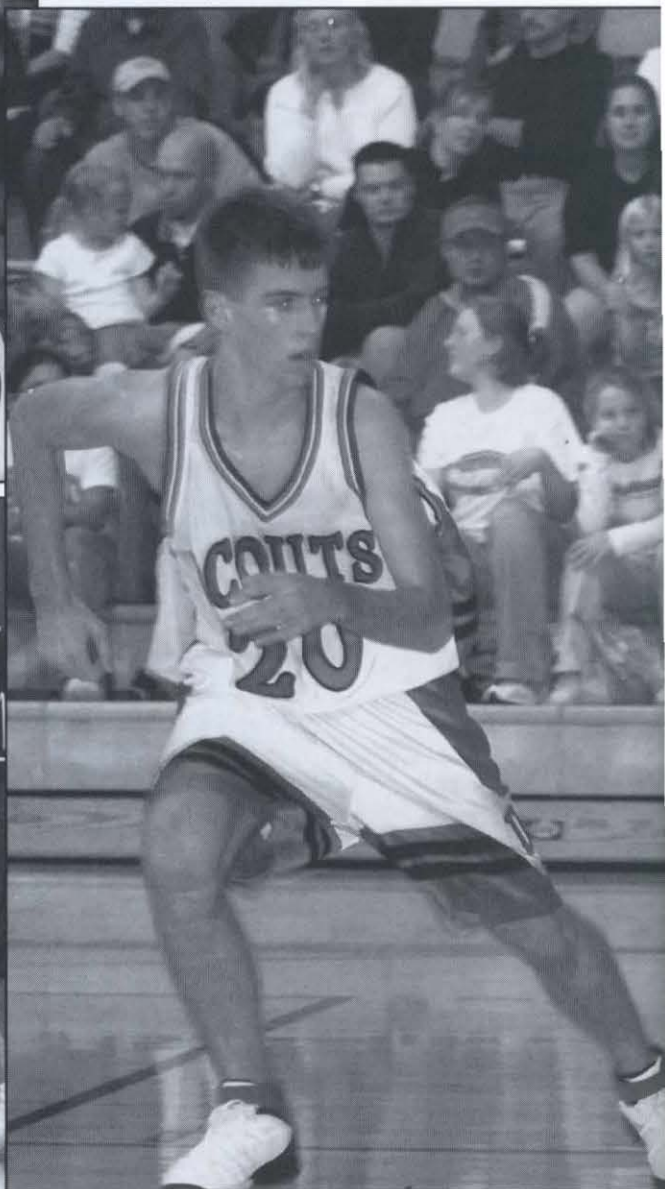
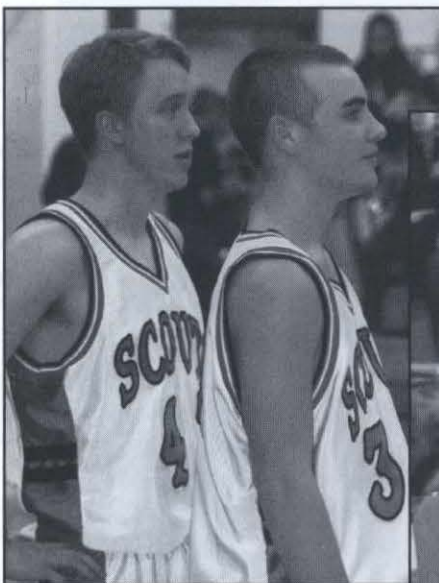
Junior Kate Byrkit drives left in the half-court offensive set as she looks for an open teammate to pass to.



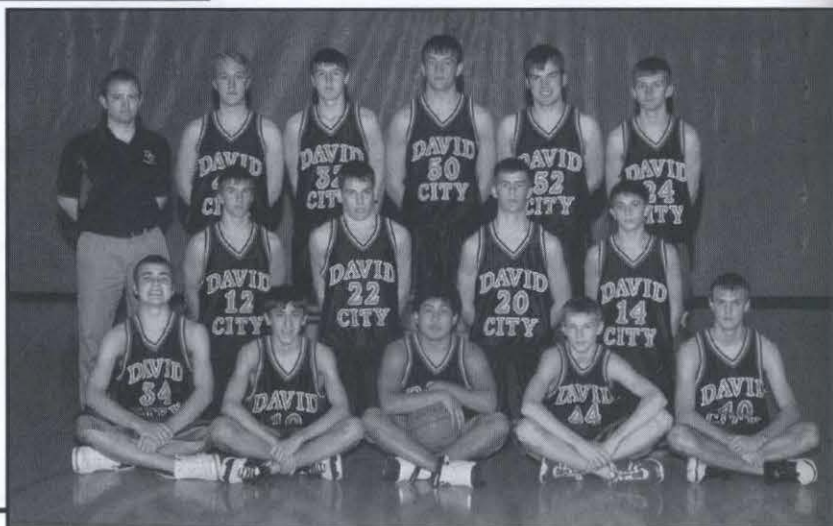
The DCHS Varsity Girls Basketball Team 2005-2006: (front row) Laura Carlson, Megan Romshek, (middle row) Becky Hecker, Cassie Glock, Gina Pelc, Sabrina Minert, Kirby Hecker, Kate Byrkit, (back row) Coach Connie Lentz, Head Coach Tracy Behrns, Audra Duren, Elise Schmid, Hannah Behrens, Kristin Hopwood, Brandi Prochaska, Coach Amanda Toeffer.

Seniors Owen Neesen and Mason Samek discuss some strategy during a free throw attempt. The seniors had their work cut out for them this year, trying to mentor the younger players who were seeing major minutes.

Sophomore Keaton Prochaska, junior Tyler Polacek, and senior Chris Sander position themselves on defense.



The DCHS Boys Basketball Team 2005-2006: (front row) Mason Samek, Todd Eberle, Dan Castillo, Nolan Vandenberg, Keaton Prochaska, (middle row) Jared Janicek, Nathan Kershner, Brent Griffiths, Broderick Sylvester, (back row) Coach Scott Parson, Owen Neesen, Harley Fiala, Kyle Hilger, Chris Sander, Trent Palensky.





Junior Brent Griffiths logs an opposing ball handler. The Scouts used full court man pressure at times this year to create easy opportunities, and Griffiths was one of the best on-the-ball defenders the Scouts had.



Sophomore Kyle Hilger fakes a Centennial defender out of his shoes. Hilger was the statistical leader in a number of categories for the Scouts for the second straight year.

Despite another disappointing season, the Scouts feel that brighter times lay ahead.

Looking Forward

The varsity boys' basketball team experienced some ups and downs this season. Their final record was 5-15. They finished off their regular season with a win over Yutan, but the first sub-district game brought an exciting but disappointing one point loss to Columbus Scotus.

"Toward the end of the season, I saw that we really started playing as a team and competed well against tough sompetition," said junior Brent Griffiths.

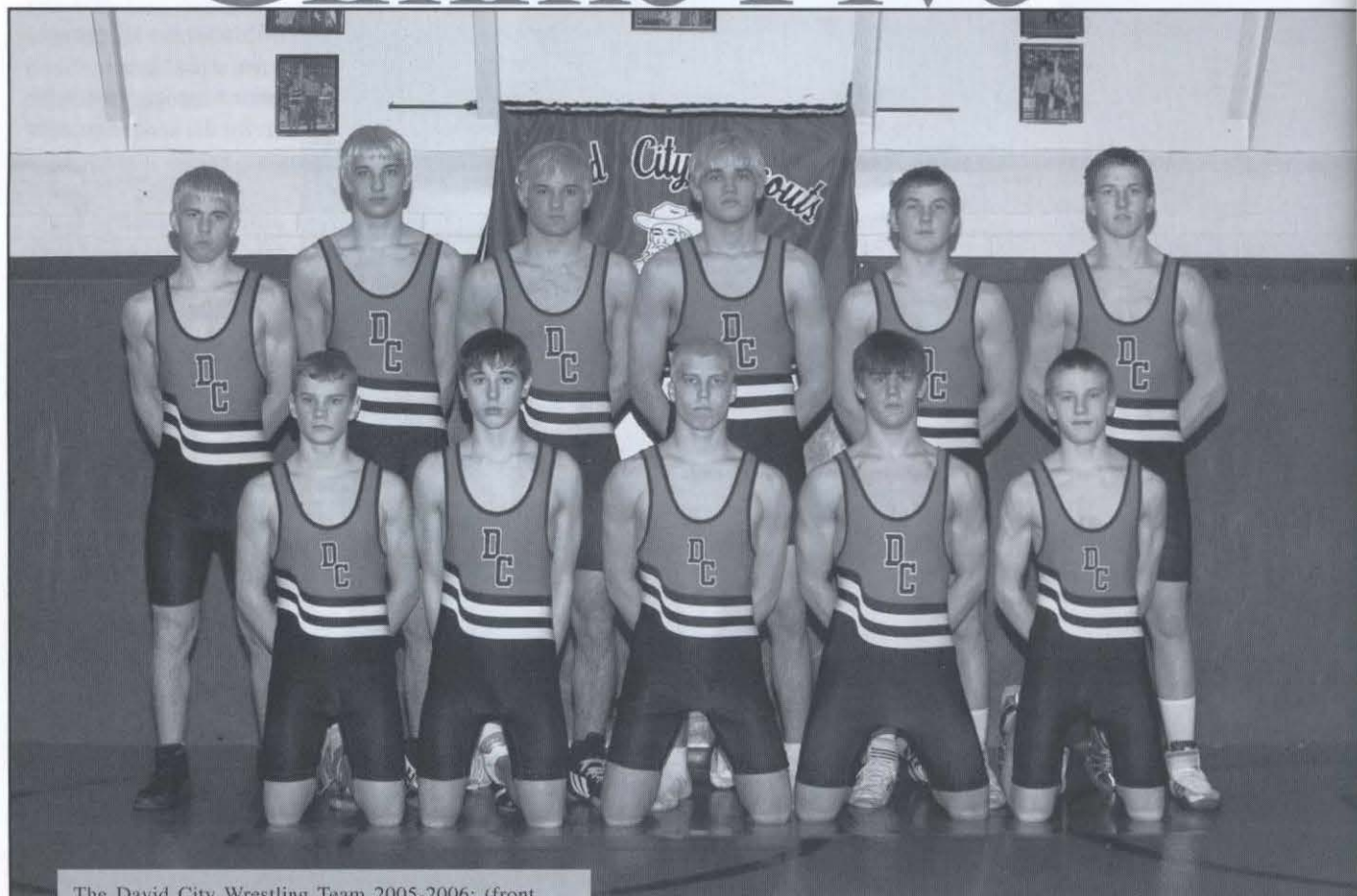
The Scouts employed numerous different starting lineups throughout the season depending

on the type of play they were anticipating from their opponent. All classes contributed from freshman on up, even starting a freshman (Broderic Sylvester) at times.

"We played a very young group this year and showed a great deal of potential. The future looks very bright," stated head coach Gale Bly. Next season will be a highly anticipated one by all players.

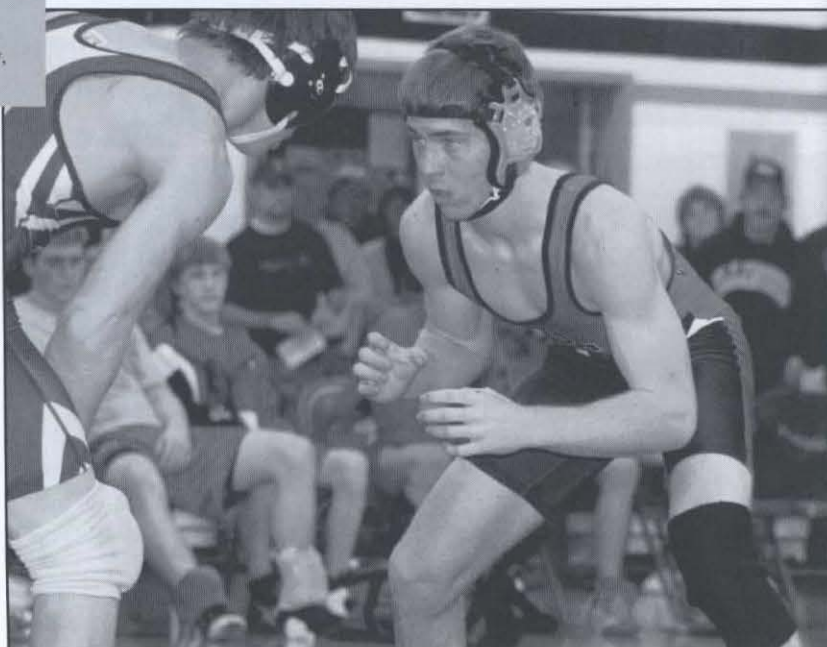
Scout Wrestlers send Five to the Qwest Center

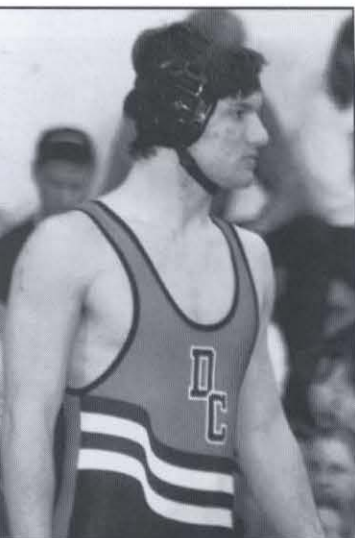
Gimme Five



The David City Wrestling Team 2005-2006: (front row) Adam Fuxa, Taylor Novak, Tyler Papa, Eric Prochaska, Matt Heller, (back row) Travis Worm, Ethan Hall, Thad Hauck, Bruce Hall, Andy Pokorny, Chris Pokorny.

Freshman state qualifier Travis Worm looks for an opening against an East Butler wrestler. Worm was the leading letter point getter on the team, and despite losing on the first day at State, wrestled all the way back to get 3rd.

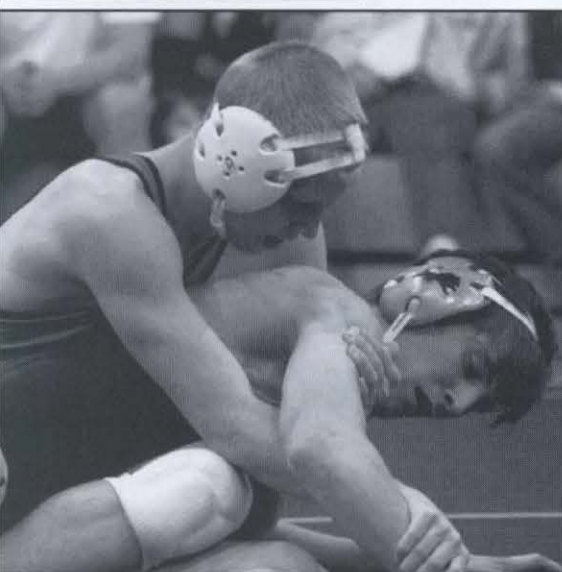




LETTERMEN

- 112 - Matt Heller, freshman
- 130 - Tyler Papa, freshman (State Qualifier)
- 135 - Travis Worm, freshman (3rd Place at State)
- 140 - Andy Pokorny, senior
- 145 - Chris Pokorny, freshman
- 152 - Eric Prochaska, freshman
- 160 - Ethan Hall, sophomore (State Qualifier)
- 171 - Bruce Hall, senior (State Qualifier)
- 189 - Thad Hauck, sophomore (State Qualifier)

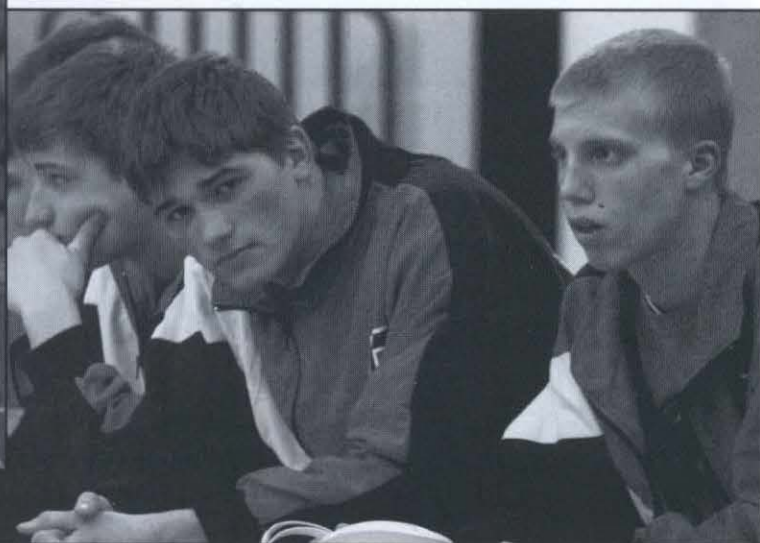
Sophomore state qualifier Thad Hauck prepares to engage his foe on the mat.



Sophomore state qualifier Tyler Papa grapples with an Aquinas wrestler.

David City's wrestlers continued their tradition sending wrestlers to the state tournament. The only difference this year was that the tournament had moved to Omaha, to the new Qwest Center. However, that was not the only change from a year ago. Head Coach Gaylen Kamrath said this year was "a learning experience working with inexperienced and young wrestlers. They showed tremendous improvement in attitude and skill from the beginning of the year and it will carry into next year. Sophomore Ethan Hall agreed. "We had a young team, but we were only rebuilding the David City wrestling tradition. As far as skill goes, we were strong on our feet, and we had a winning attitude. Expect no mercy."

Brothers and state qualifiers Ethan and Bruce Hall wait for their turn on the mat. Sophomore and fellow state qualifier Tyler Papa waits with them.



When asked what it was like to compete at state for the first time, each of our first-time qualifiers had different thoughts.

Travis: "It was pretty exciting and the DC crowd made it even better!"

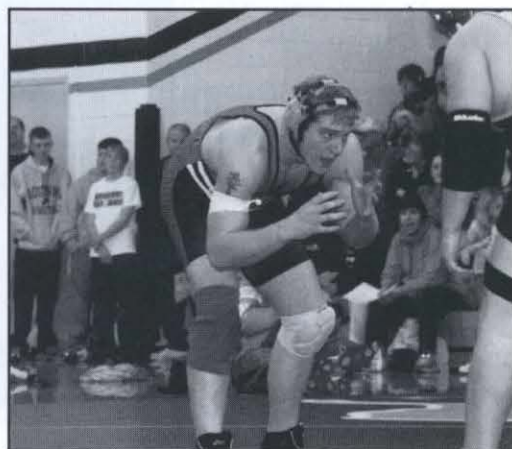
Ethan: "It was overwhelming."

Bruce: "I expected there to be a lot of tough competition there, and that's exactly what I found."

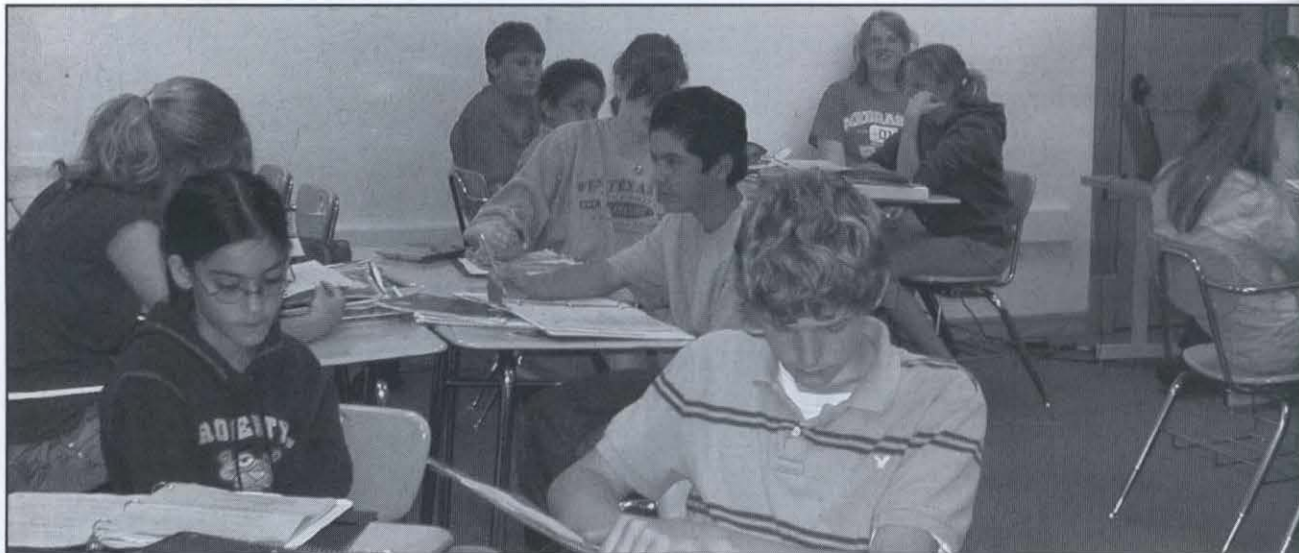
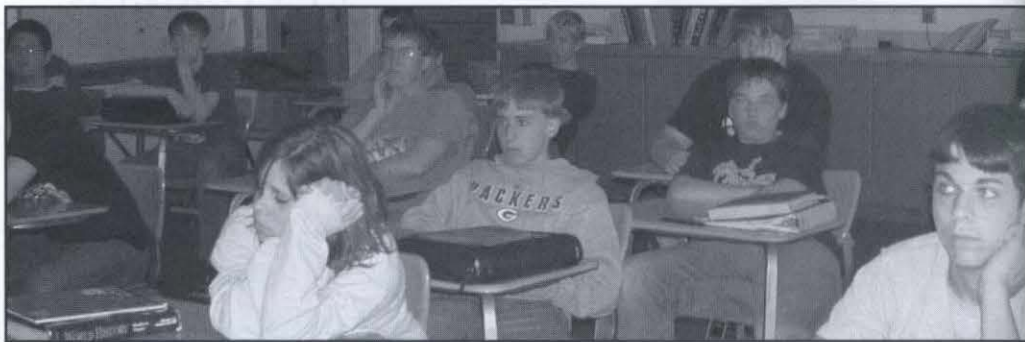
Tyler: "It was exciting to be in front of such a large crowd."

Thad: "The fact that no one expected me to make it to state made it all that much better."

Senior Chris Baete stalks his opponent.



Several of the freshmen sit back and absorb the knowledge coming from Mr. VanWinkle. Among those pictured are John Osantowski, Mariah Pickett, Lukas Severin, Travis Worm, Tyler Eberle, Travis Trofholz, Jesse Barlean, and Seth Bell.



Studying History

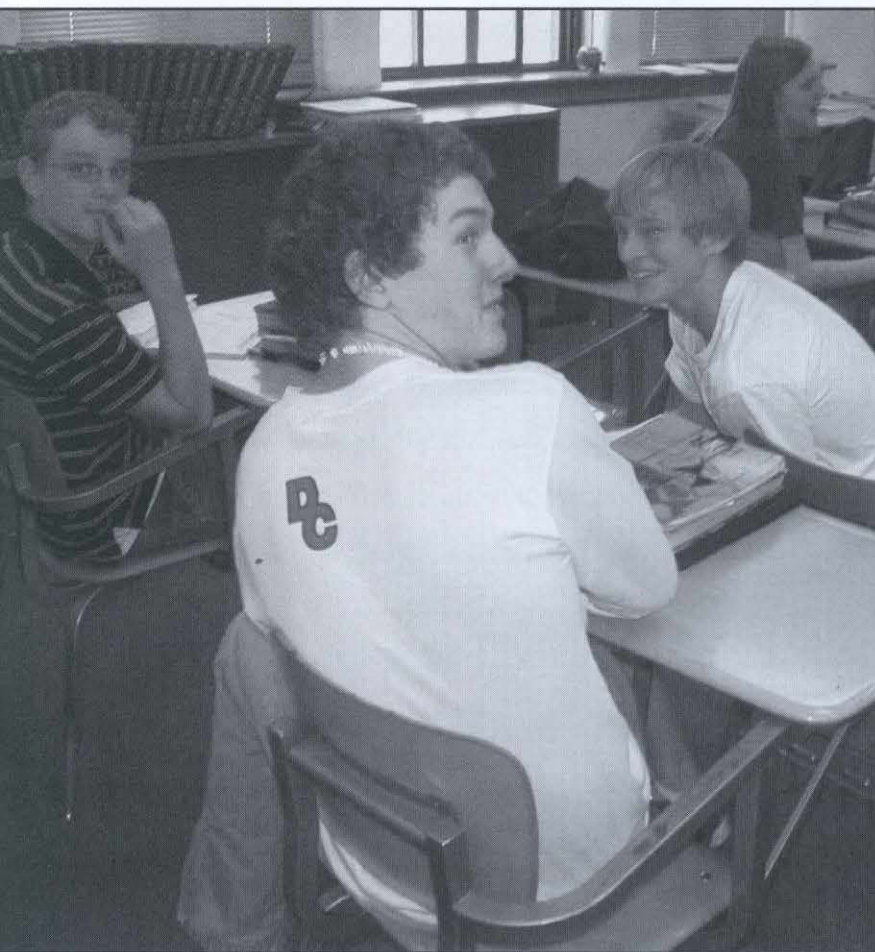
(Far Above) Several 7th graders work together in Mrs. Bales's class. Among those pictured are Lacey Strenger, Gage Daro, Gentry Dodson, David Diaz, Nathan Shultz, Hillary Sander, Becky Buntgen, and Mrs. Bales.

(Above) Mr. Wineteer tries to get a little work done during his planning period.

Mr. VanWinkle awards sophomore Veronica Garcia at the Academic Booster Club Awards Ceremony.

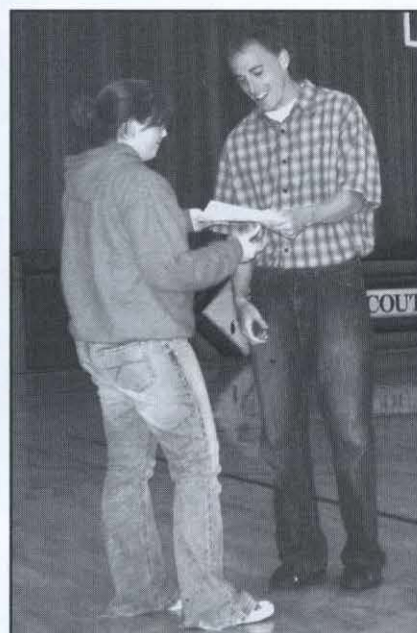


DCHS students have a variety of classes to choose from taught by teachers both experienced and new.



(Left) Freshman Chris Pokorny obviously feels that he's being stalked in Mr. VanWinkle's class while Adam Fuxa, Nolan Vandenberg, and Ashley Jansen seem less concerned.

(Below) Junior Sarah Lentz receives an award from Mr. Wineteer.



"Where in the world has this year gone?"

This is a quote commonly heard in Mr. VanWinkle's history class. DCHS's social studies classes cover many different aspects of history. There is an Intro to American and World history class for seventh graders and a Civics and Nebraska History class for the eighth grade. Both classes are taught by Lisa Bales. In high school, students take a World History class as freshmen and an American History class as sophomores. Mr. VanWinkle teaches both. First-year teacher Ryan Wineteer teaches the upperclassmen with such classes as senior American Government. The teachers enjoy having such a variety to teach. "It's fun to teach such a variety of history classes, from World to American, to Nebraska Histories, to Civics. It makes the school year more enjoyable," Bales said.

This year, some of the classes taught by Mrs. Bales and Mr. VanWinkle were taught in part by Mrs. Nicole Hildebrand. The students enjoyed the opportunity to have a student teacher. "While Mrs. Hildebrand was teaching our class, I thought I did better in social studies and I liked her different teaching methods," seventh grader Jasmine Clark said.

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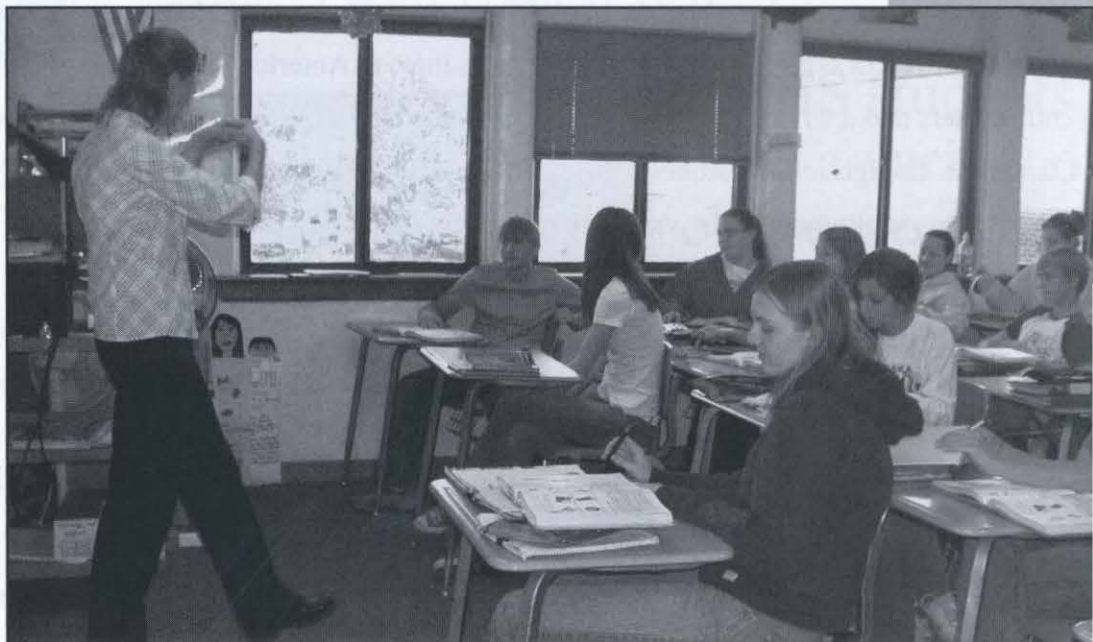
Hola, amigos. You might be wondering what that means. If you don't know, you obviously don't have a Spanish class. If you do have Mrs. Raabe, then you know this means Hello, friends.

Mrs. Raabe is one of two teachers who is going to leave our school at the end of this year. She will be taking a job in Wisner, Nebraska, which will be closer to where her husband is working. Junior Tyler Polacek said “This year has been fun in Spanish class,” and many students would agree. Students have learned everything from Hola Amigos to Tortuga Verde Grande.

The second teacher leaving our district is Mrs. Mathiesen. She is a high school English teacher who will be leaving to go to Milford High School next year. She is also moving to be closer to her husband's job. Junior Haylie Osborn said “I learned a lot from Mrs. Mathiesen and I wish her the best of luck in Milford. I hope those students know how lucky they are.”

Lia Raabe breaks down a Spanish lesson for the freshman class.

- junior Amber Marrufo

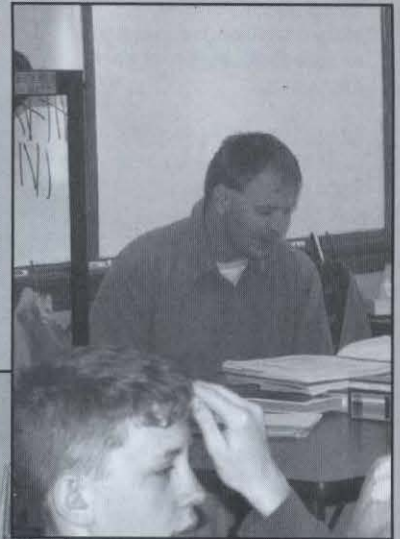


rooms that rock!

Audrey Mathiesen hands out an award to freshman Michaela Hruska at the ABC Awards. Mathiesen taught English and Speech classes.



Mr. Ockander is famous for his reading in class. 8th grader Josh Gates is relaxing and enjoying.



Junior girls Anna Mattingly, Kate Byrkit, Christy Comte, and Sarah Lentz discuss their assignment in Mrs. Mathiesen's English Classroom during a study hall.

Seventh graders try to focus on their reading in Mr. Couch's English 7 class.

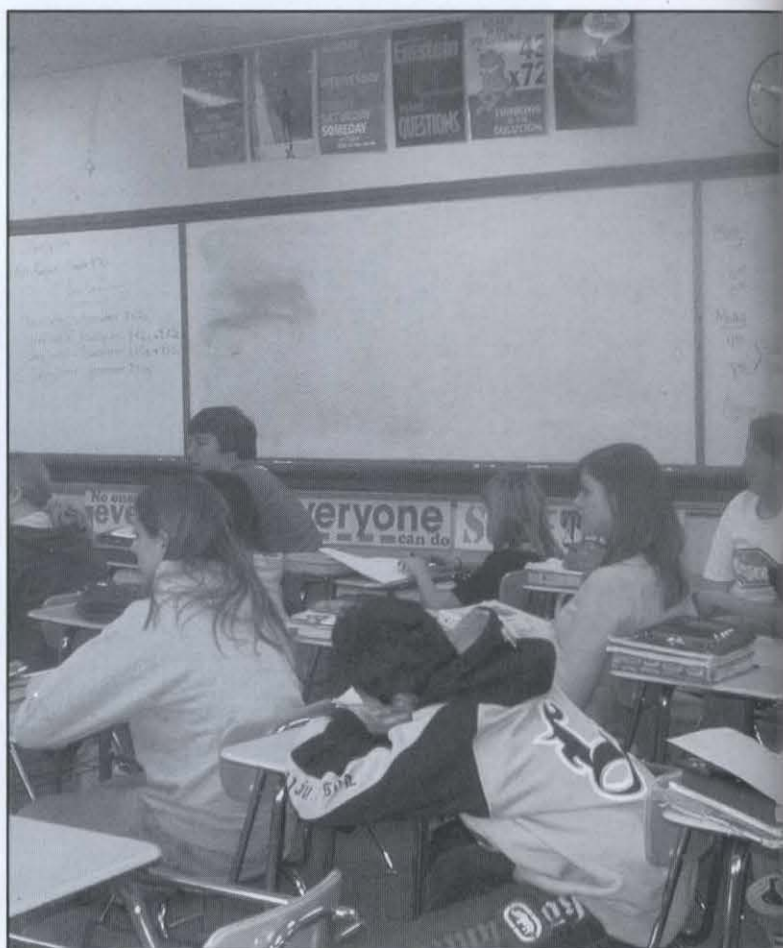
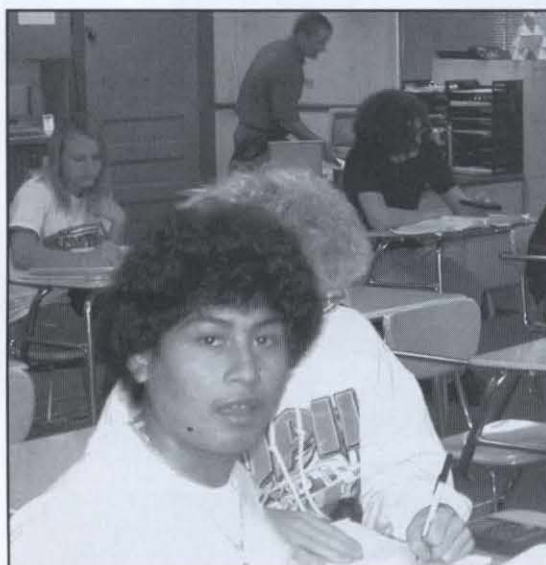
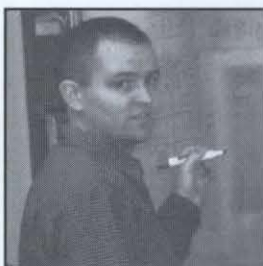


Mr. Griffiths gives an award to junior Jerica Richards. Mr. Griffiths teaches freshmen and senior English in addition to the school newspaper.

(Far Right) Seventh Graders Shayla Novak, Seth Behrens, David Diaz, Courtney Betzen, Gentry Dodson, and Hillary Sander pay attention to Mrs. Behrens's lesson in math class.

(Right) Mr. Parson gives some notes and a quick look at the camera.

(Below) While sophomore Dan Castillo looks a little distracted, Megan Romshek, Dana Rasmussen, and Caleb Palmer have no problem focusing on their respective assignments.



David City High School offers seven different math classes to its students. There are three levels of algebra along with applied math, geometry, FST (Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry), and PDM (Pre-Calculus and Discrete Mathematics). The classes serve the needs of all students, whether they are going directly to the work force, or plan to go to some sort of college.

Two teachers, Mr.s. Backstrom and Mr. Parson, are responsible for teaching the high school math. Mrs. Backstrom also had one period a day called Office Math, when any student could come in and get needed assistance on math. "It was enjoyable to have such dedicated math students this year," said Mrs. Backstrom.

The students enjoyed the extra help as well. Sophomore Jason Schrader said "Math is easier now than it was in grade school. The teachers are more helpful."

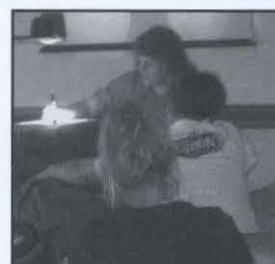


(Left) Sophomores Ross Broman, Justin Hauck, Cindy Shultz, and Christina Vach spend some time working on problems.

(Below) Several eighth graders use their class time wisely.



Figuring It Out



(Above) Mrs. Backstrom gives some notes on the overhead projector. Mrs. Backstrom teaches the upper level math classes.



(Left) Mrs. Behrns reviews a problem on the board with her students, while seventh graders Chris Buresh and Trevor True glance into the hallway.

DCHS Students tackle a variety of math classes with plenty of assistance from their teachers

defining science



Mrs. Amy Sander pauses in the middle of teaching to glance at the camera.

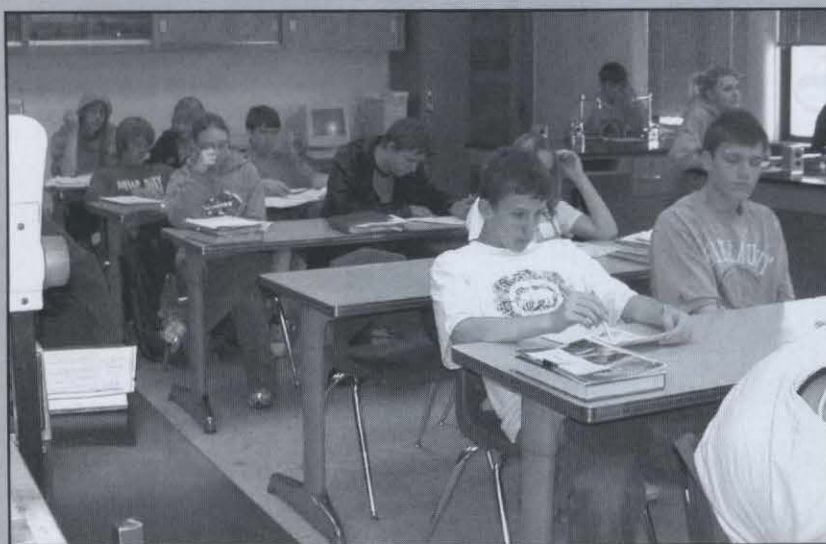
Middle School science teacher Russ Krupicka prepares to throw a large rock at an unruly class. Actually, the class was studying rocks, and Mr. K didn't throw it.



Seniors Helen Vach, Josh Harris, and Kristi McDonald and junior Tanner Zeilinger take notes during chemistry class.



Several students patiently wait for the bell at the end of a Biology II class. Biology II covers the basics of anatomy and physiology.



Freshmen Ashley Hicken, Broderick Sylvester, Travis Trofholz, Michaela Hruska, and Jessica Price take notes during physical science.



RECORD CLASS SIZES

What is science? Maybe it depends on who you ask. If you ask sophomore Sabrina Minert, she might tell you that "Science is being able to learn new material, but also watching Mr. Carmichael's face light up whenever Kayla and I walk into the room."

Interesting. A more academic definition might be an organized way of using evidence to learn about the natural world.

But whatever your definition of science is, there is no doubt that there are more students than ever taking science classes, and more are being offered. Mrs. Sander said that this year's chemistry class is the largest she's ever had. "This made lab sometimes challenging!" she noted.

Not only do science classes offer fun, hands-on labs, but the department is also using some new technology. This year, several students may have noticed the use of the Video Flex Camera, a device that allows students to take note of the fine details and important observations that are so critical to scientific observation.

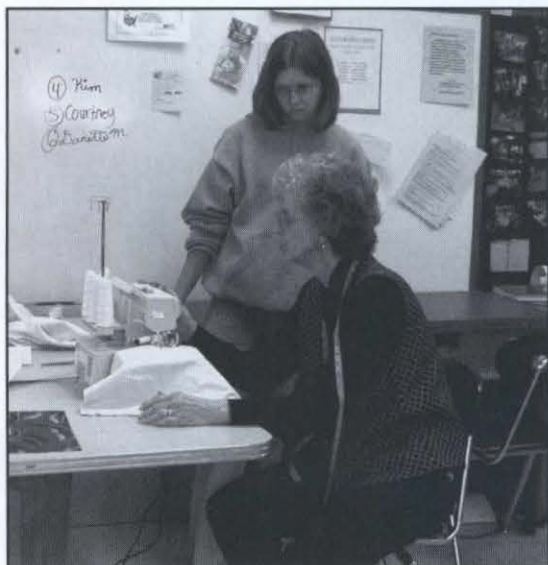
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Juniors Anna Mattingly, Kate Byrkit, and Tyler Polacek and senior Danielle Loseke take notes before performing a chemistry lab experiment.

David City High School offers its students many different opportunities in its vocational classes. But how many students fully appreciate or even know what they are? Not as many as you would think. As

the name implies, vocational classes are those that teach students life skills that have immediate impact on real life jobs, and as the job market grows, so too do the offerings at DCHS. One example is the addition of the Ag Entrepreneur class. Welding is another area that is expanding rapidly because there are so many different kinds of welding now: basic, advanced, aluminum, steel, etc. The art department has expanded, too, reflecting the ever-changing technological job landscape. Students can now take Animation from Mrs. Detmer. Mr. Kamrath agrees that many students may be missing out. "There are more classes being taught now, but lost of students are missing good opportunities that lead directly to jobs." Kamrath noted that there were fewer students involved in technology classes this year. But for those students looking for skills that translate directly to the job market,

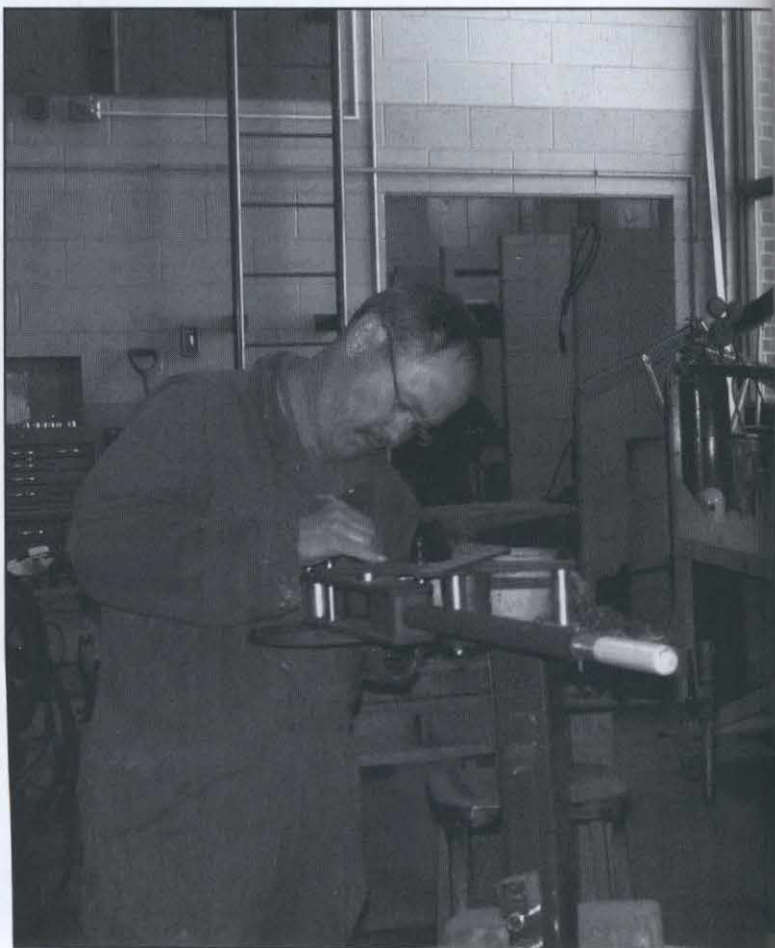
start looking at our vocational offerings, and you'll be pleasantly surprised.



(Above) Mrs. Davis advises freshman Kenzie Dietrich about the finer points of sewing.

(Right) Mr. Angell lends a helping hand on a woodworking project.

(Far Right) Mr. Kamrath shows 'em how the pros do it.



DCHS offers many different vocational classes, but fewer students seem to be taking advantage.



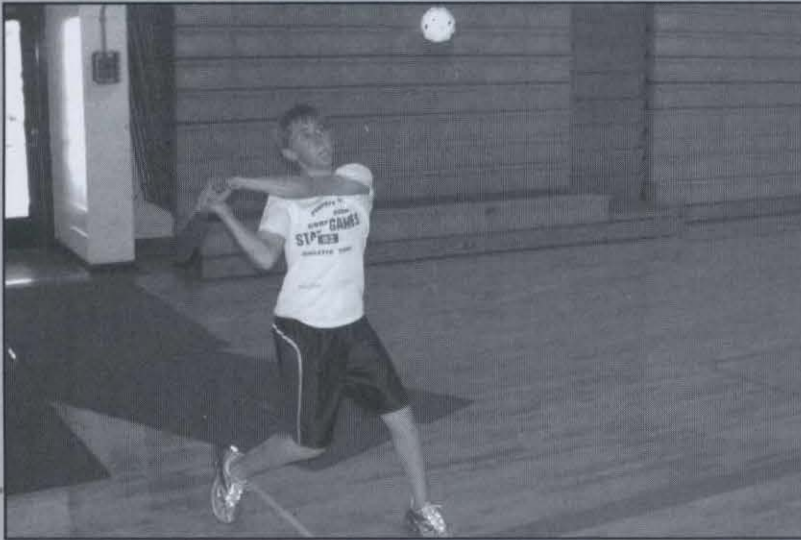
(Left) Eighth graders Patrick Ziemba and Tanner Wemhoff work on connecting some 2x4's.

(Below) Senior Alex Gerlach and Chris Baete along with sophomore Seth Prochaska use the torch in welding class.

Job Training

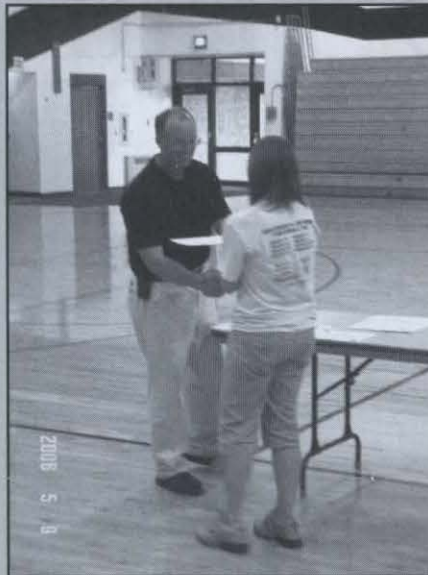


Freshman Eric Prochaska hustles toward the plate in an attempt to beat out the tag applied by Jesse Barlean. Wiffle ball is a popular activity in PE class.

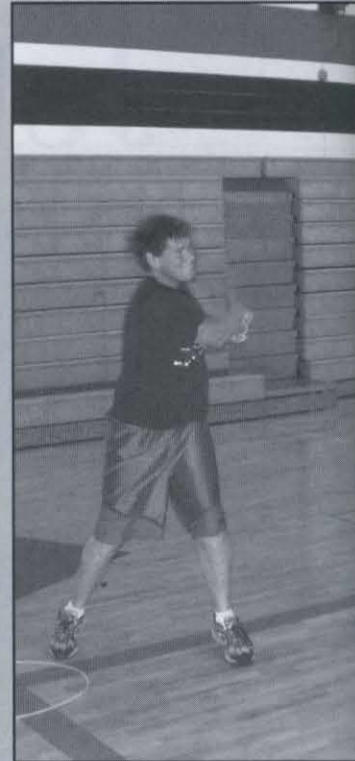


Freshman Tyler Eberle zones in on a high pitch and prepares to swing for the fences.

Freshman Dylan Isham runs a lap in PE while attempting to pat his head and rub his tummy at the same time.

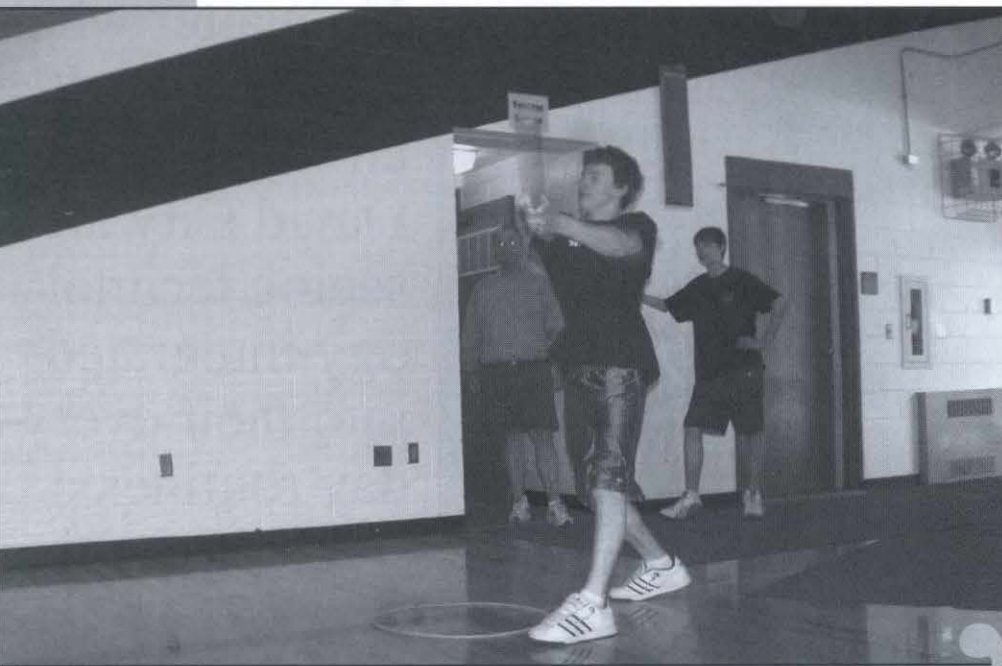


PE Teacher Doug Hookie hands out an award to eighth grader Staci Ossian at the MS Awards Banquet



Senior Kyle Roh rips one to left center during PE class.

physical activity



Freshman
Jacob Kraatz
pokes a single
to the opposite
field while
John
Osantowski
and Mr. Hooke
look on.



PE is the one time during the day that a student can get together with other students to move around and play some games. It is required at David City Public that each student is to complete at least one semester of PE or Weight Training. PE includes learning games such as football, basketball, and other various sports. Teachers of PE are Mr. Hookie, Mrs. Lentz, and Mr. VanWinkle. Mr. Hookie is the teacher of Weight Training, and area of increasing interest among DCHS students. "We had 31 students in Fitness Training this semester. 28 out of the 31 were able to bench press and squat their body weight. 27 could squat 1.5 times their body weight. 16 could squat 2 times their body weight, and 5 could squat 2.5 times their body weight. 10 could bench press 1.5 times their body weight with 1 being able to bench press 2 times his body weight," said Mr. Hookie.

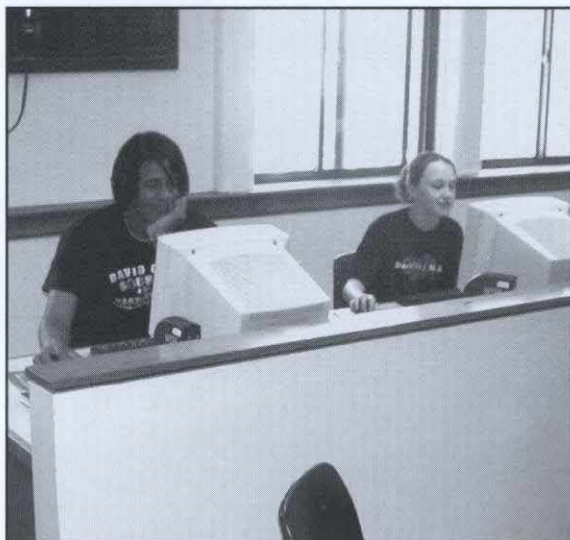
Sophomore Jason Schrasder said "I like PE because it is a break and I like all of the fun activities." Many students agree. While most classes require sitting still and concentrating for long stretches of time, PE is the one class that allows students to burn off some nervous energy.

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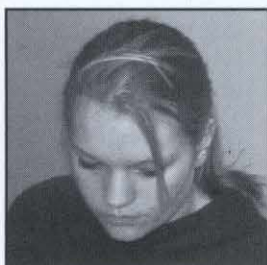
BUILDING STRENGTH

No matter what area, teachers and students at David City are seeing technology integrated into their everyday routines.

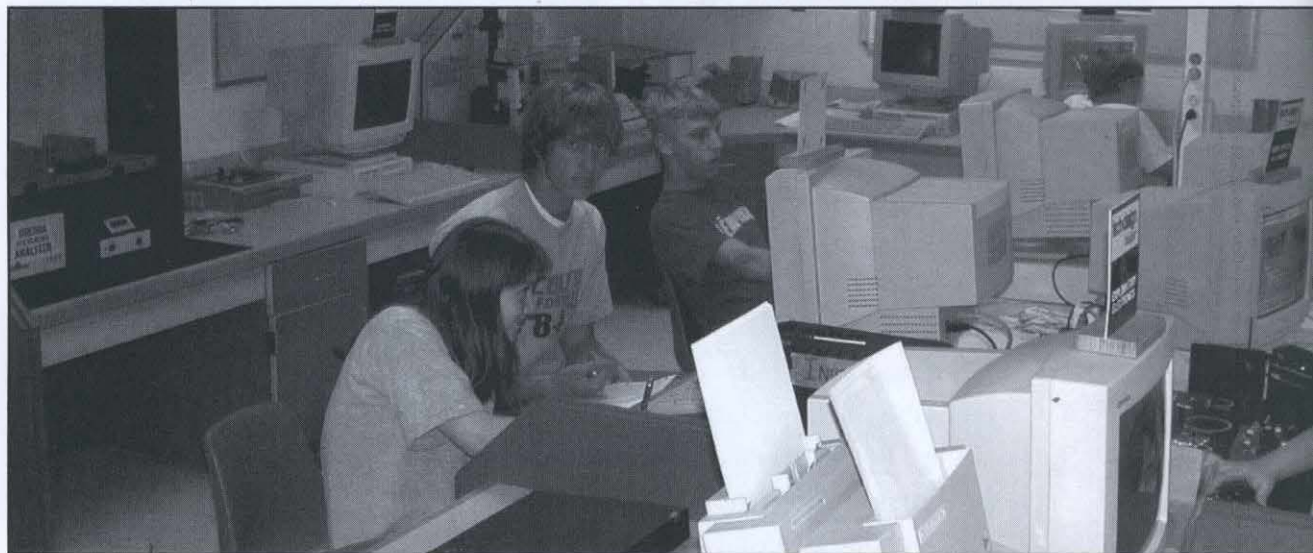
Eighth graders Jerade Clark and Ashley Bock focus on their assignments in Keyboarding class.



Freshman Courtney Randall uses the computer in Mrs. Griffiths's class to create a brochure

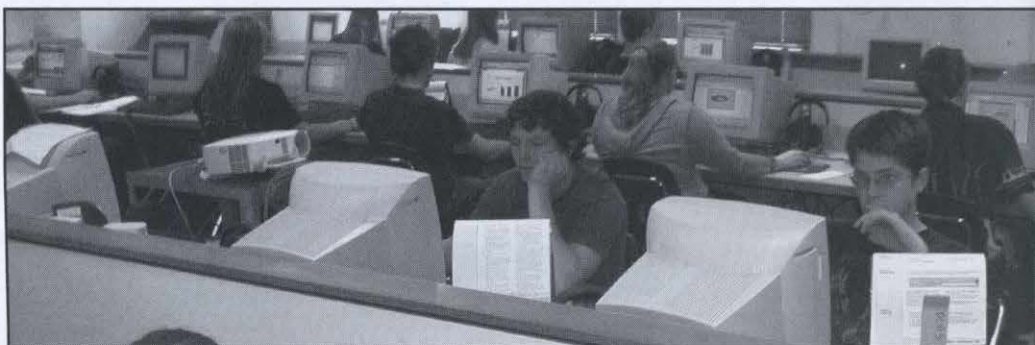


Computerized Curriculum



In technology class, eighth graders Andrea Nielsen, Aaron Schmid, and Damon Richards focus on completing their modules.

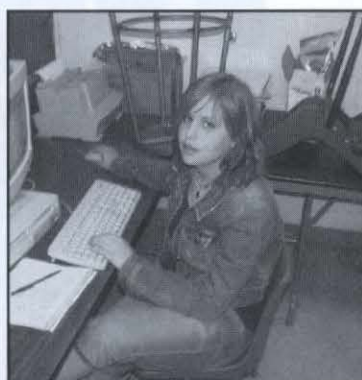
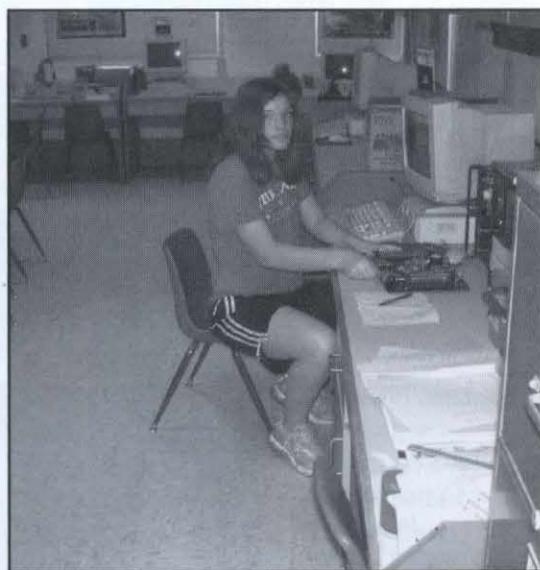
Eighth Graders Chase Adkisson and Jon Hermesen create charts and graphs in the big lab.



Have you ever used NovaNet? How about NCIS? The PASS system to check your grades? Ever completed a module for Mr. Kamrath? If you've answered yes to any of these questions (and chances are you have) then you're well aware of the use of technology in all areas of the curriculum at David City.

NovaNet is used in the alternative education classes. NCIS is a career research program. The PASS system is becoming a more and more popular way for students to track their progress in their classes. And many of Mr. Kamrath's technology classes revolve around solving many different modules that use computers.

In addition to all of these, DCHS also sends and receives classes via distance learning. "I think it's cool that we get to learn over the TV, it's a different way to learn," said sophomore Sam Rehmer. Distance learning teacher Mr. Bly agreed. "We are getting more students from other schools interested in taking the courses we offer through Distance Learning."



DCHS students using technology to learn: Katrina Fiala, Michael Buresh, Fredy Castillo, Elizabeth Eberle, Brian Glock, Justine Riha, and Staci Ossian.

The Projects

Students and teachers have favorites

People have different opinions, but most people agree that the school would be nothing without the teachers and staff. Teachers give students projects and assignments to do, some fun, and some boring. The students remember the fun ones with fondness. Eighth grader Steven Varela said "One fun project Mr. Krupicka did was building a cracker house." Sophomore Ethan Hall said "I like doing picture notes in history class."

Teachers also have projects that they

like. Mr. Parson said "building a device to stop an egg from breaking when the device is dropped is really fun."

Mr. Parson is one of several teachers who are leaving the district this year. Spanish teacher Mrs. Raabe is also leaving. She said that she "will miss the students because they were responsible, well-mannered people." Other teachers leaving are Mr. Bly, Mrs. Mathiesen, and Mrs. Benak (elementary).



High School Principal Bill Lentz emcees the Academic Booster Club Awards Ceremony.



Miss Raabe prepares to give out awards for outstanding achievements in Spanish Class.

Jim Angell
Amy Backstrom
Lisa Bales
Tracy Behrns
Elizabeth Betzen
Gale Bly



Shannon Brummels
Keith Byrkit
Todd Carmichael
Cortney Couch
Judy Davis
Margaret Detmer



Shelli Eickmeier
Kristi Griffiths
Larry Griffiths
Doug Hookie
Tom Jahde
Pam Kabourek





Gaylen Kamrath
Russ Krupicka
Eileen Kucera
Connie Lentz
William Lentz
Audrey Mathiesen



Mary Ann Mattingly
Lisa McGee
Angela Moore
Candace Niemann
Jarod Ockander
Scott Parson



Ron Pleskac
Marilee Polacek
Lia Raabe
Amy Sander
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Ryan Wineteer
Heather Yates



High School Custodian Ron Pleskac works on the stairway between second and third floor. Mr. Pleskac is the head custodian.

SENIORS COPE WITH THE
REALITY OF THE PRES-
SURES AND CHALLENGES
OF BEING ONE YEAR
AWAY FROM COLLEGE.



The mixed emotions of the senior year can be seen with Kristin Hopwood, Elise Schmid, Cassie Glock, and Audra Duren.

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LINE OF THE

WITHOUT A DOUBT, THERE IS LITTLE THAT A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR LOOKS FORWARD TO AS MUCH AS HIS OR HER SENIOR YEAR. IT IS VIEWED AS THE CULMINATING EXPERIENCE OF HIGH SCHOOL, AND A TIME WHEN A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS FINALLY COMPENSATED FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK AND TOIL THAT HE OR SHE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THAT POINT. IT USUALLY ONLY TAKES ABOUT A MONTH FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR TO REALIZE THAT THE SENIOR YEAR ISN'T ALL IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE.

"I REMEMBER PEOPLE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HOW THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE PUD CLASSES AND JUST HAVE FUN THEIR SENIOR YEAR, BUT THIS MIGHT BE THE HARDEST SCHEDULE I'VE EVER HAD," OBSERVED SENIOR CASSIE GLOCK. CLASSMATE KRISTIN HOPWOOD ADDED "THERE IS A LOT MORE STRESS THIS YEAR, AND SO MANY IMPORTANT DECISIONS THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE." THAT BEING SAID, NONE OF THE SENIORS WERE LOOKING TO GO BACK EITHER. "IT'S GREAT! WE RULE THE SCHOOL." NOTED AMBER SLADEK.



Christopher Coty Baete



Michael Joseph Betzen



Sarah A. Chmelka



Heather Ann Dietrich



Melissa June Dion



Todd Charles Eberle

Life of the Party



The Class of 2006 really enjoyed their 2005 Homecoming Dance. The theme was Bling It On and the royalty court was 2004 queen Brittany Kresha, Brittney Lensch, Audra Duren, Kristin Hopwood, Elise Schmid, Queen Cassie Glock, King Nathan Kershner, Brenden Fricke, Chris Sander, Sam Smith, Todd Eberle, and 2004 King Malachi Behrens.



Audra Lyn Duren



Brenden Jan E. Fricke



Alexander Gerlach



Cassandra Lea Glock



Bruce Vernon Hall



Kristin Lynn Hopwood



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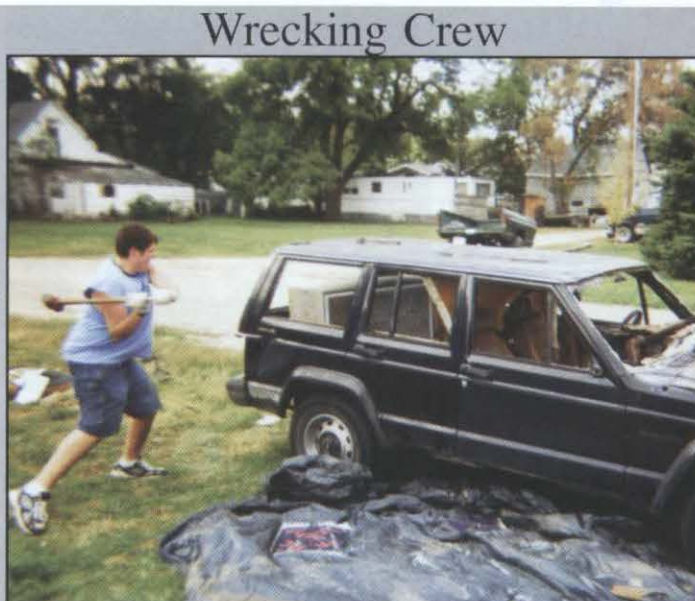
Thomas Lee Jacobson



Nathan Michael Kershner



Brittney Janell Lensch



Wrecking Crew

Senior Thomas Jacobson shows how
not to deal with the pressures of your
senior year.



Danielle Marie Loseke



Miranda Jean Mally



Kristi Kay McDonald



Kyle Richard McKay



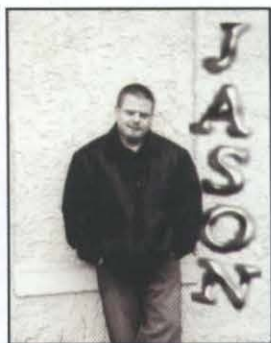
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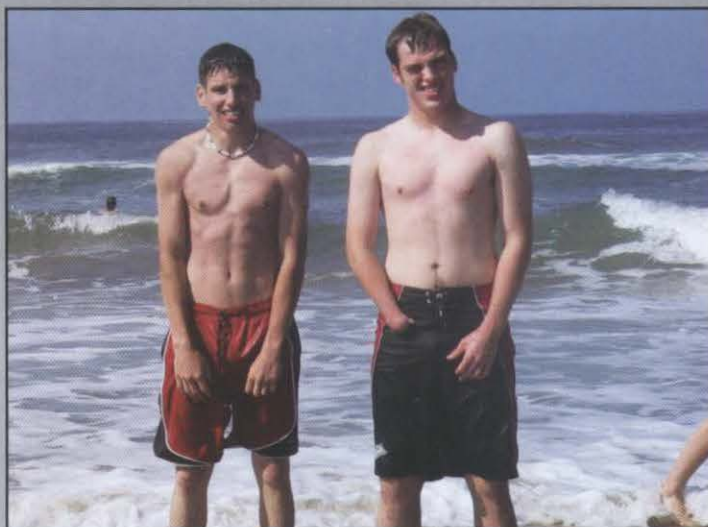


Andrew James Pokorny



Katie Ann Ratkovec

Life's a Beach



Nathan Kershner and Chris Sander do some California dreaming during the band trip. Students enjoyed many fun activities on their trip, but their trip to the ocean was probably the favorite.



Christopher Michael
Sander



Mason Douglas Samek



Elise Marie Schmid



Amber Lynn Sladek



Samuel John Smith



Charlene Kay Stevens



Helen Ruth Vach

Livin Large

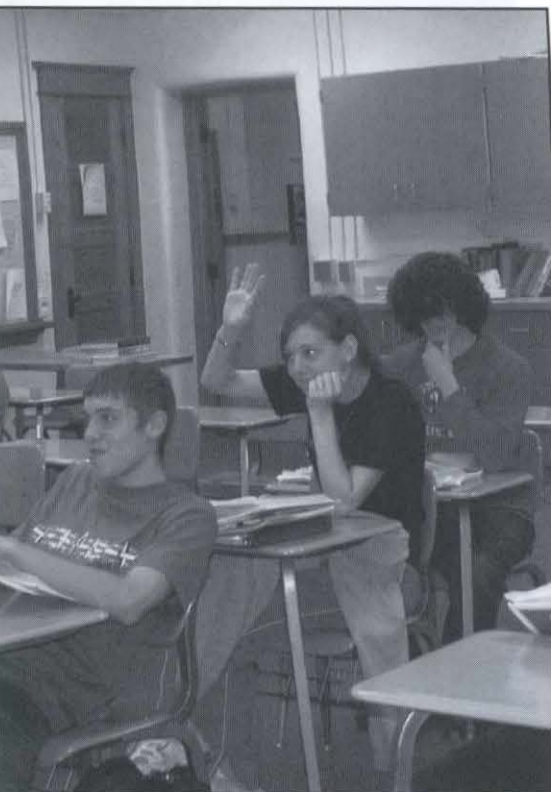
Seniors Enjoy the Good Life



Each year, the seniors play against the teachers in a charity basketball game. The score doesn't really matter, but you can tell by the picture that the game is always a blast. Among others, Chris Baete, Bruce Hall, Thomas Jacobson, Owen Neesen, Mason Samek, Andy Pokorny, Nate Kershner, Brenden Fricke, Elise Schmid, Cassie Glock, Kristin Hopwood, Todd Eberle, Sarah Chmelka, Miranda Mally, Audra Duren, Trent Palensky, Chris Sander, and Brittney Lensch seemed to have a pretty good time.

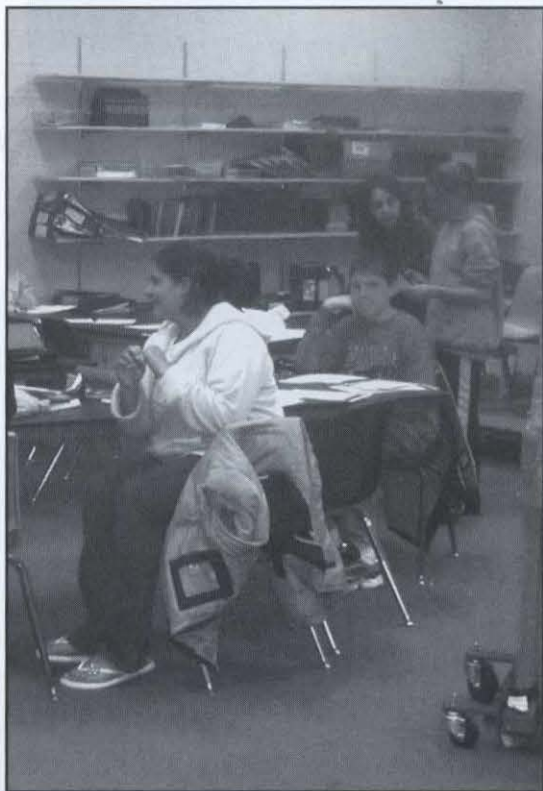
We have no idea who these guys are, but they do appear to be enjoying themselves. Scott Fiala seems strangely unconcerned as he stands next to these Scottish enthusiasts.





Sophomore Becky Hecker knows the answer. Classmates Katie Heller, Mike Brown, and Caleb Palmer share in the learning

Seniors boys at prom: Thomas Jacobson, Nathan Kershner, Todd Eberle, Mike Betzen, and Chris Sander.



Seventh Graders Jasmine Clark and Gage Daro enjoy a little down time in reading clas.

Actresses at State: Juniors Anna Mattingly, Torie Thoendel, Megan McClintic, and Kate Byrkit beam after a State Championship winning performance.

JUNIOR CLASS

Rebecca Aldrich
Rita Augustyn
Erica Barlean
Nathan Beringer

Samantha Brehm
Ryan Brokaw
Katherine Byrkit
Laura Carlson

Kyle Clymer
Christy Comte
Robert Cooper
Sheila Crook

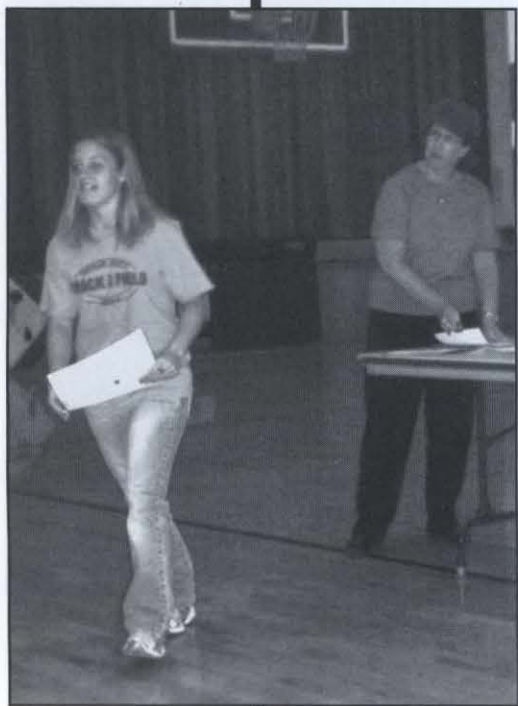
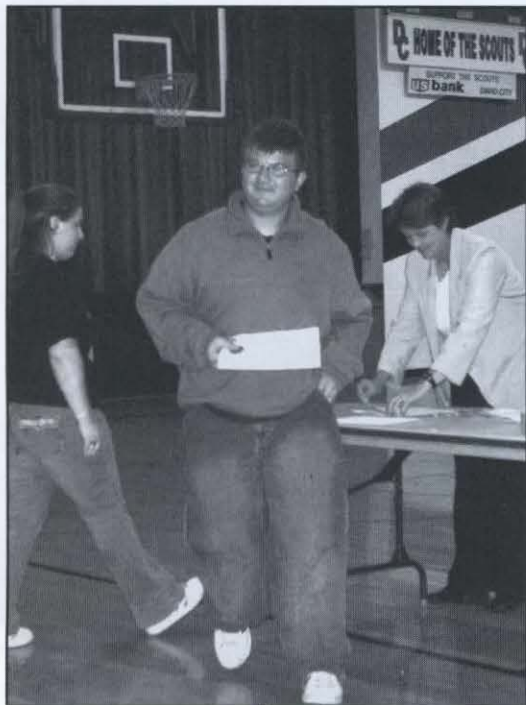
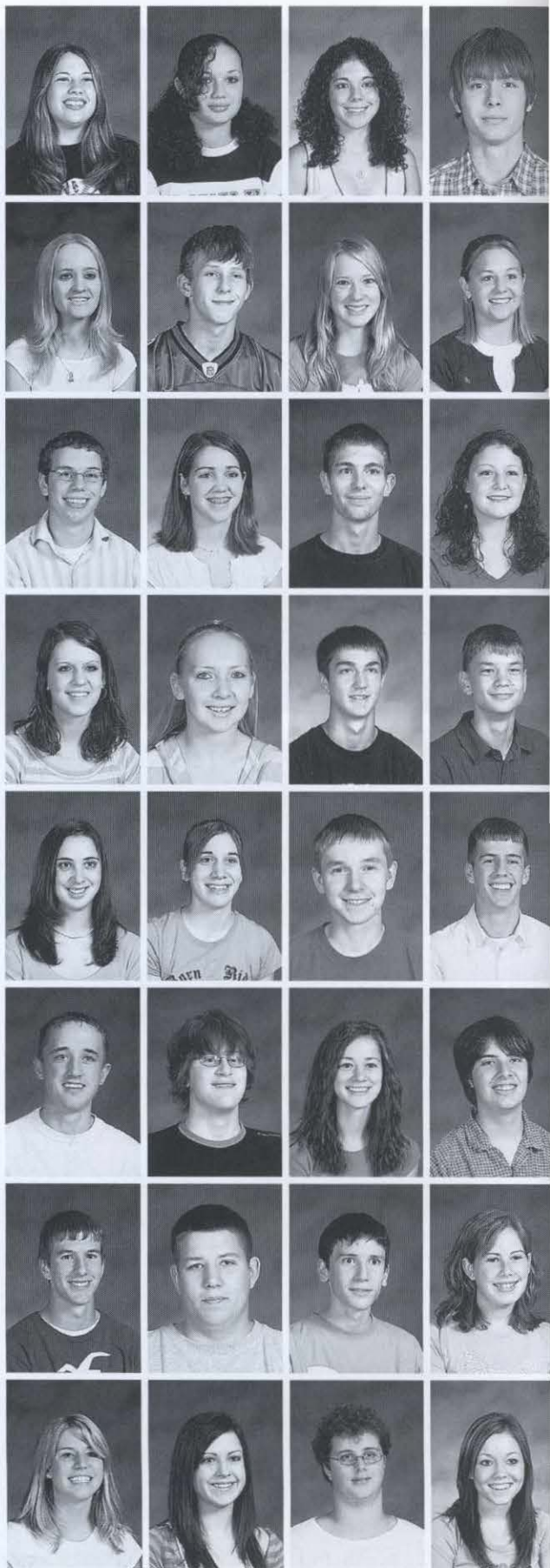
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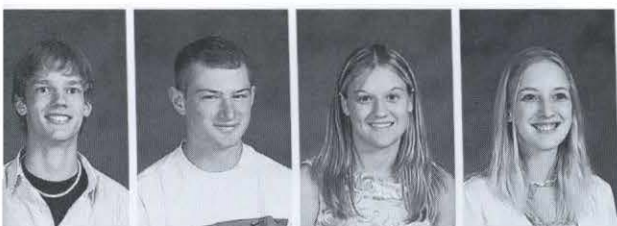
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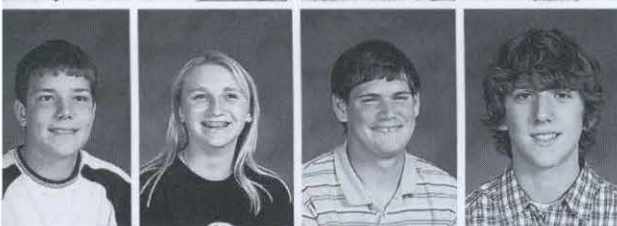
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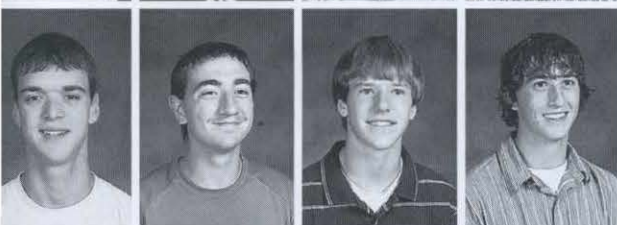




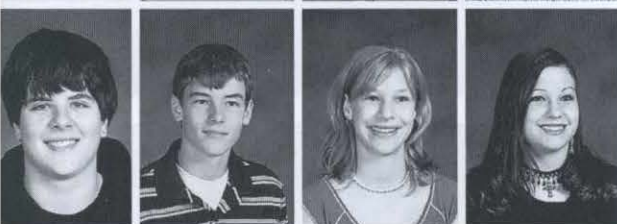
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Kyle Roh
Josh Schindler



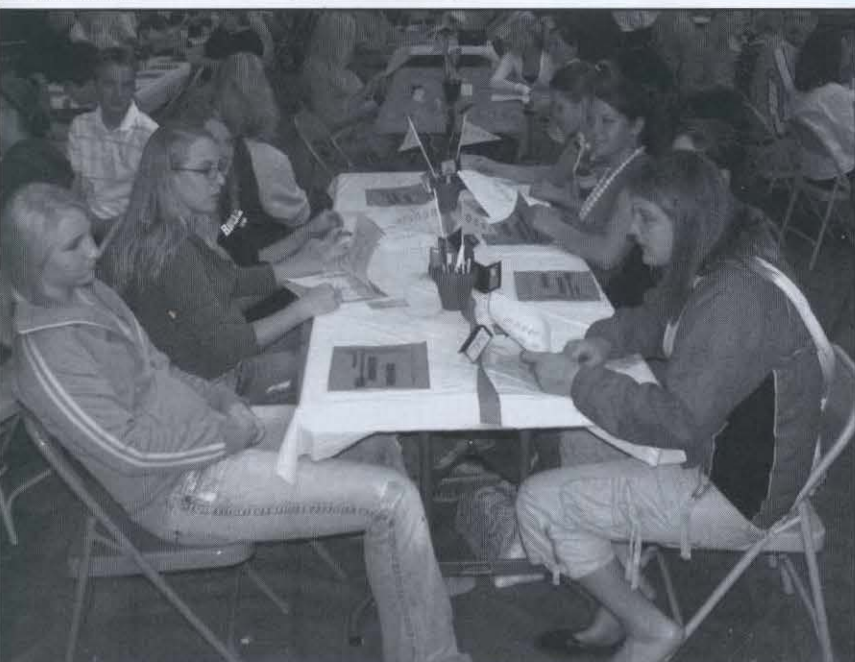
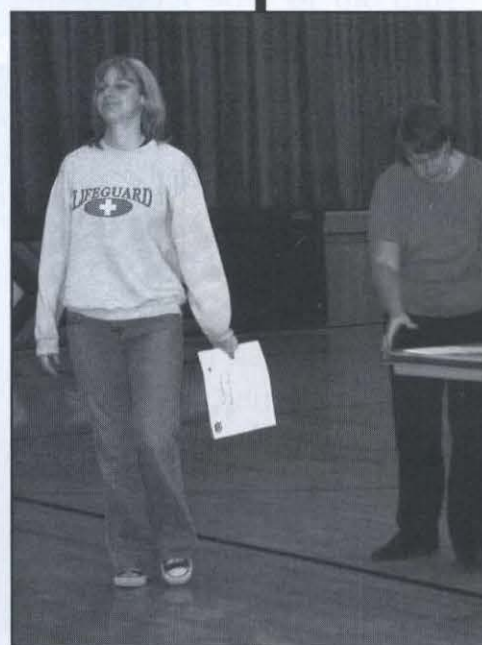
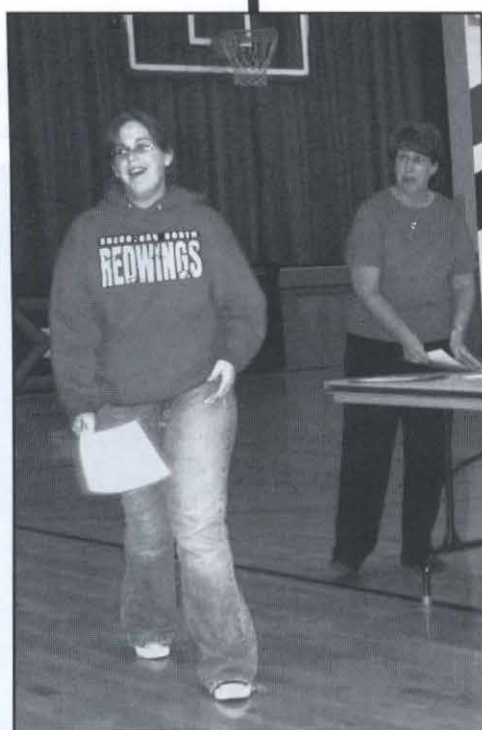
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Nicholas Shultz
Brody Stara



Alex Streeter
Steven Svoboda
Victoria Thoendel
Jessica Weiland



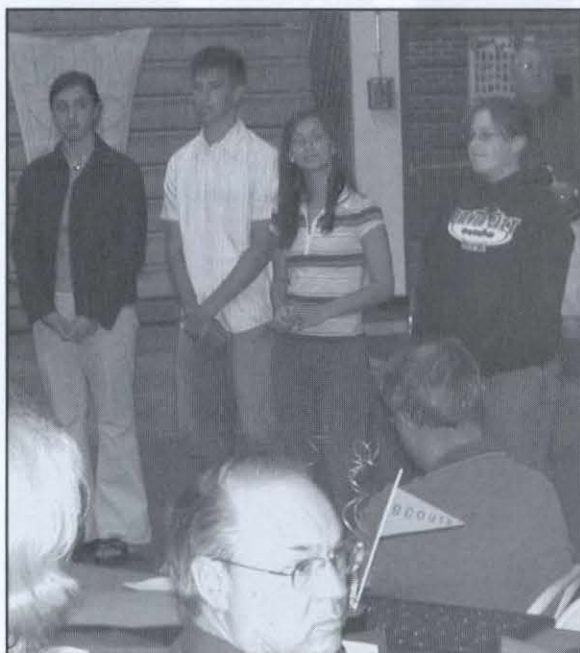
Angela Yates
Tanner Zeilinger
Nicholas Ziembra



Award-Winning Juniors: Tanner Zeilinger, Laura Carlson, Sarah Lentz, and Torie Thoendel all received awards at the ABC Banquet, while Ellen Robinson, Jerrica Richards, Kate Byrkit, Haylie Osborn, and Angie Yates all wait to receive their recognition at the all activities banquet.

“You
can’t
even
think of
the Ag
department
without
Farmer
Mark,
Big
Jones,
and
Clymer.”

As the crowd settles in to enjoy the ABC awards, the juniors look on in anticipation. Pictured here are Laura Carlson, Anna Mattingly, Kate Byrkit, Torie Thoendel, Lindsey Glock, and others.



Lindsey Glock, Brent Griffiths, Kirby Hecker, and Sarah Lentz all receive recognition for their contributions to activities at DCHS.

Mark Schmit gives a little smile during study hall. Between Schmit and classmate Sarah Lentz, study hall was rarely a boring (or quiet) place.





Kyle Roh proudly represents DCHS with a member from the community while Mrs. Niemann beams with pride.

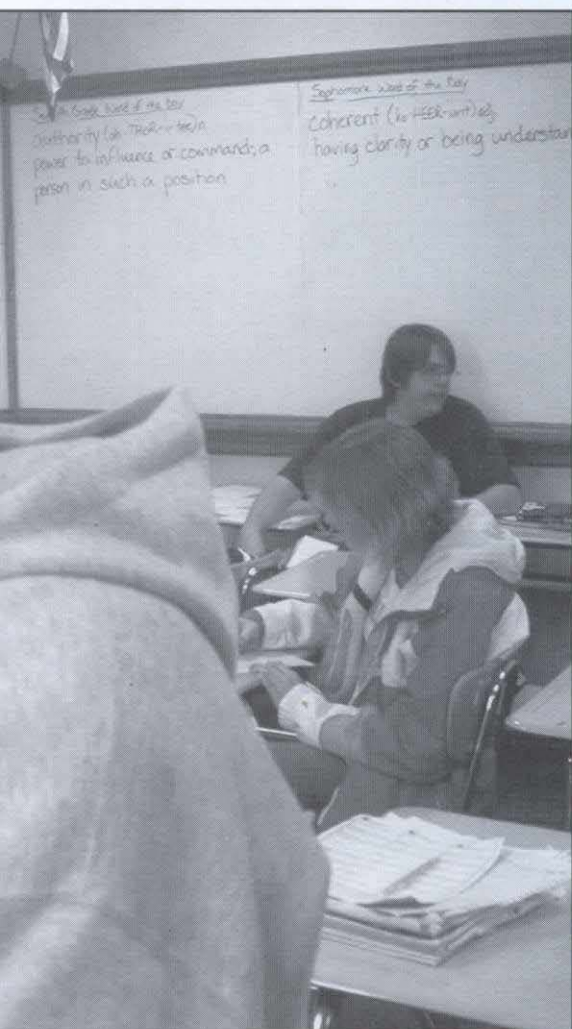
The Best Year

Juniors enjoy seniority without senior headaches

If you ask nearly any student in the halls at David City, or from any school for that matter, what the best year of high school is, undoubtedly you are going to hear "Senior" about 90% of the time. But consider this: the senior year is filled with stress, decisions, and the-last-time-we'll-ever-do-this moments. In the end, most seniors are only happy once Mr. Griffiths has their term paper and they're done with it.

No, if you want to know what the best year of high school is, look at the juniors. No stress, no decisions, and no lasts. All you have to do is sit back and enjoy the perks of being an upper-classman without any of the hassle of preparing for college.

This year's junior class is a multi-talented group whose influence is felt in every activity at DCHS. The boys sport members in every sport offered. The girls not only excelled in fine arts this year, but are poised to absolutely dominate next year. And you can't even think about the Ag department without thinking of Farmer Mark, Big Jones, and Clymer. This year, the juniors brought us a taste of the Far East for prom as well. Certainly all of the students at DCHS contribute something, but the juniors are doing every bit as much as the seniors when it comes to "ruling the school."



Cassandra Adkisson
Brittney Brandl
Kevin Broman
Michael Brown

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Daniel Castillo
Nathan Coufal
Harley Fiala
Veronica Garcia

Brandon Gaston
Nicholas Greenlee
Ethan Hall
Thadeus Hauck

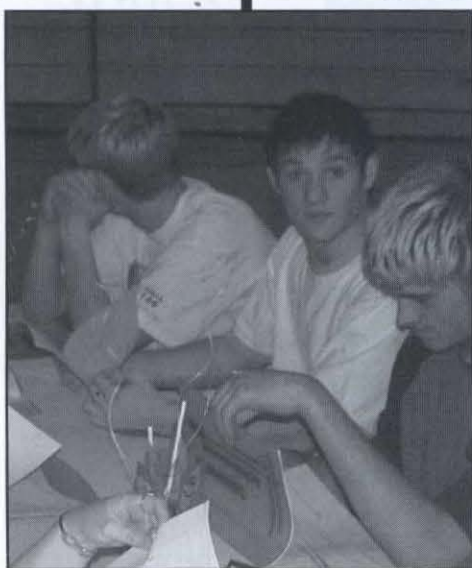
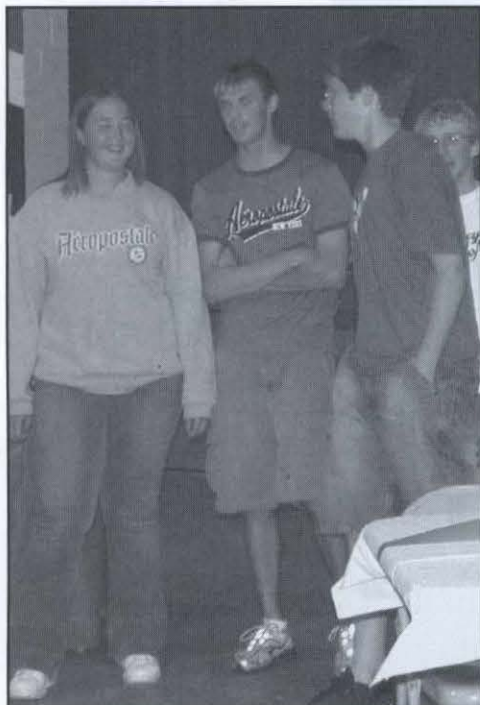
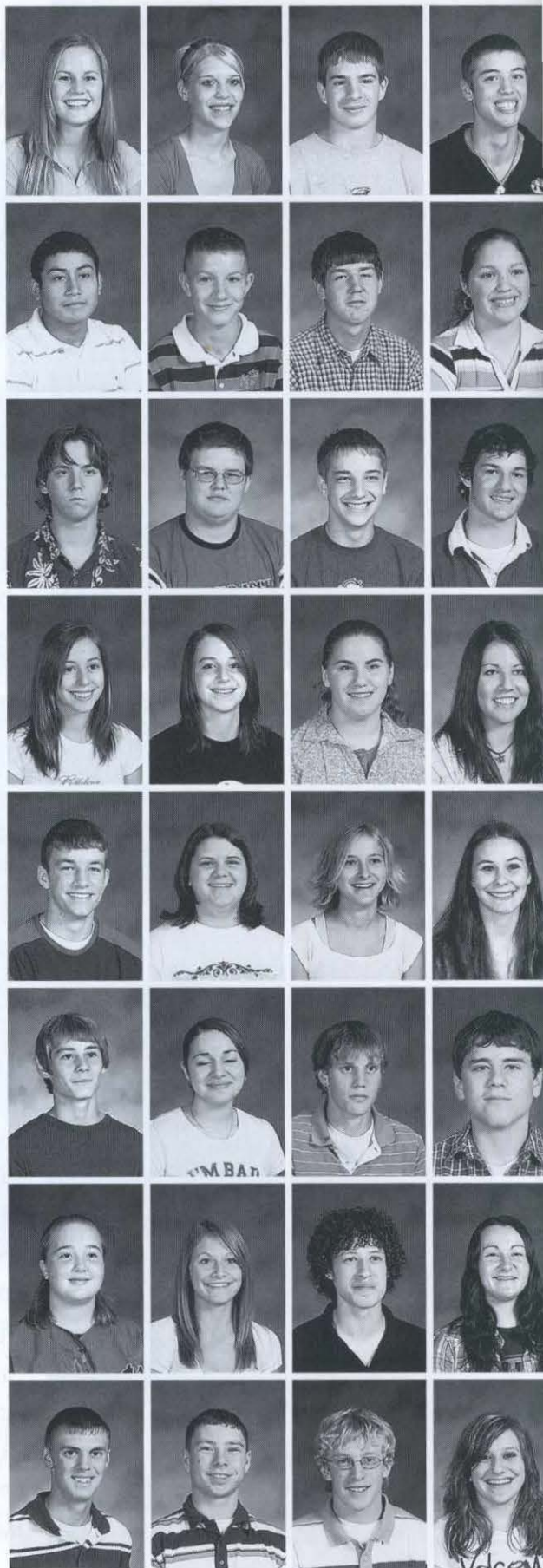
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Kayla Helgoth
Kathryn Heller
Samantha Hiemer

Kyle Hilger
Ashley Hoeft
Rebecca Jorgensen
Arielle Lindt

Travis Lindt
Jimena Lozano
Levi Magnuson
Alex Mattan

Amanda Miller
Sabrina Minert
Caleb Palmer
Regina Pelc

Keaton Prochaska
Seth Prochaska
Dana Rasmussen
Samantha Rehmer



(Above) Amanda Miller, Keaton Prochaska, Wade Samek, and Dana Rasmussen receive recognition for their participation in activities at DCHS

Thad Hauck glances up and Ethan Hall looks away.



Joshua Renner
Megan Romshek
Wade Samek
Megan Shipley



Madison Shore
Cindy Shultz
Shelby Sidel
Steven Teubner

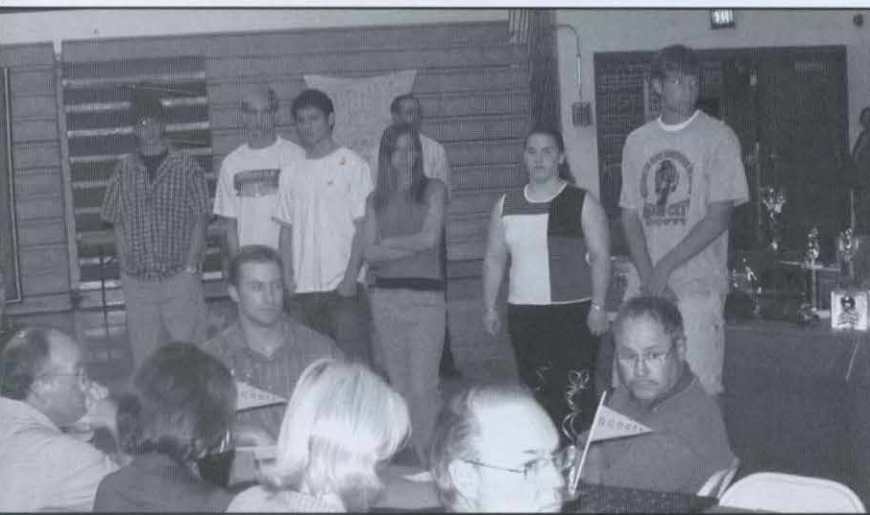


Christina Vach
Jessica Wahlen
Michelle Warren
Amber Wendt



(Above) Amanda Miller enjoys the barnyard, specifically the rabbits.

(Above Left) Levi Magnuson receives an award from Mrs. Mathiesen for his work in reading.

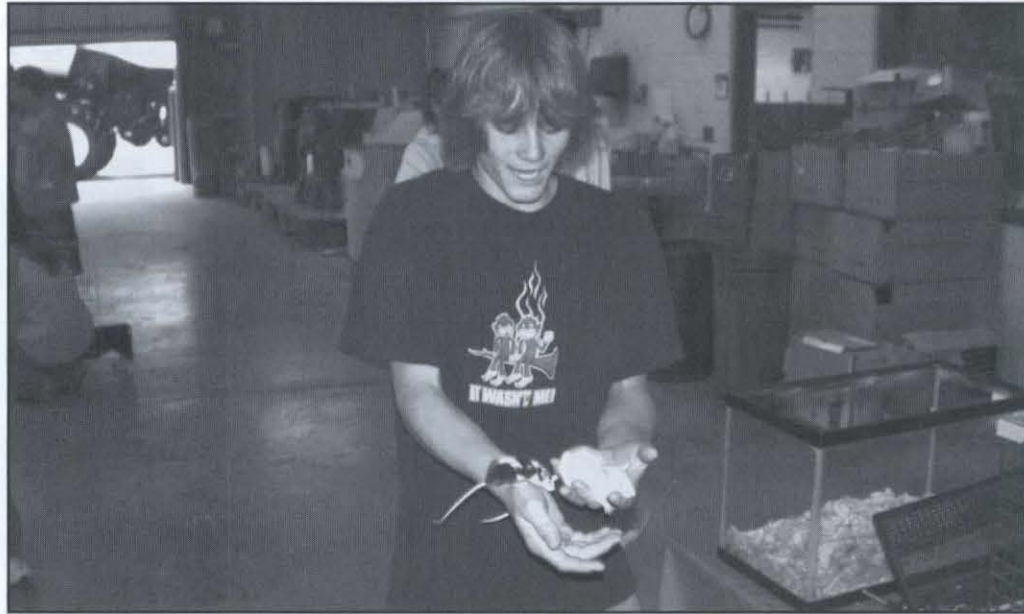


(Left) Ross Broman, Ethan Hall, Thad Hauck, Becky Hecker, Katie Heller, and Kyle Hilger are recognized for their contributions to DCHS activities.

Travis Lindt has a little bit of a problem on his hands. Actually it looks like two little problems.

“There is no doubt that we are the best class, and we excel at everything we do.”

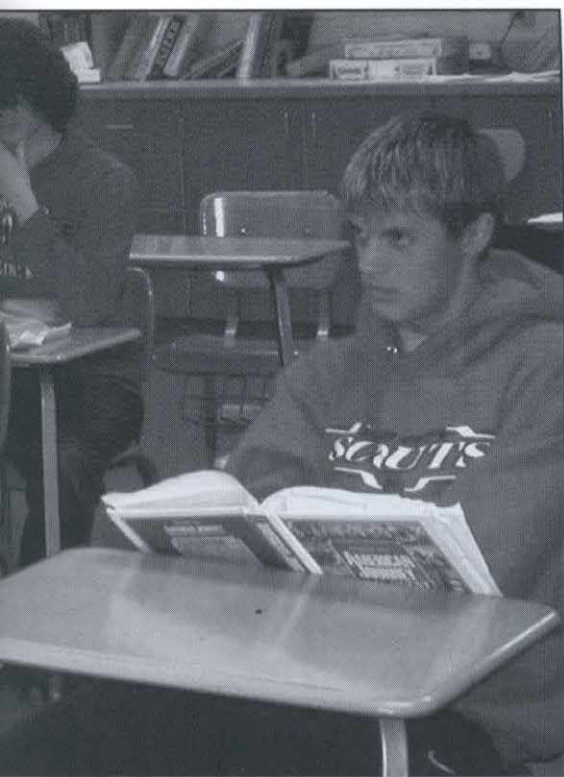
Dana Rasmussen



Kyle Hilger shares a smile and an award with freshman Hannah Behrens at the All Activities Banquet.

Levi Magnuson receives a special track award along with senior teammates Cassie Glock and Chris Sander.





Keaton Prochaska does his best to pay attention in American History class.

Best of the Best?

Sophomores feel good about themselves

The sophomore year is the one in which many competitors get their spots on varsity teams, many students really begin to settle into the high school routine, and some big time changes happen outside of school, most notably, the acquisition of a driver's license. Sophomores also get a taste of some other activities that freshmen have no clue about. Sophomores are eligible for National Honor Society, and can serve at prom. Asked what he enjoyed most about the year, Alex Mattan said "I liked meeting all the new people, but I try to have fun at everything I do. I even enjoyed bare-knuckle fighting with Thad in Lincoln."

As with any class, these sophomores feel that their class is the best. "There is no doubt that we are the best class, and we excel at everything we do," said Dana Rasmussen, hardly an objective opinion. The Sophomores this year are full of fun and laughs and just want to make the best out of the school year by having a good time. After all, you're only a sophomore once. As Cindy Shultz said, "I will never forget Mr. Couch's weird 'y's' and all of Dana's crazy stories."



Chase Adkisson
Paul Augustyn
Lisa Bals
Abbi Bardsley

FRESHMAN CLASS

Jesse Barlean
Hannah Behrens
Seth Bell
Lyndsey Brokaw

Kalie Buresh
Aida Cruz
Mackenzie Dietrich
Tyler Eberle

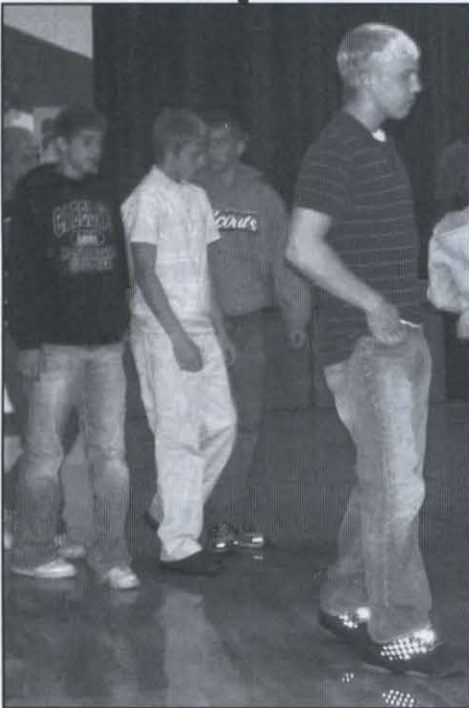
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Raymond Hoover

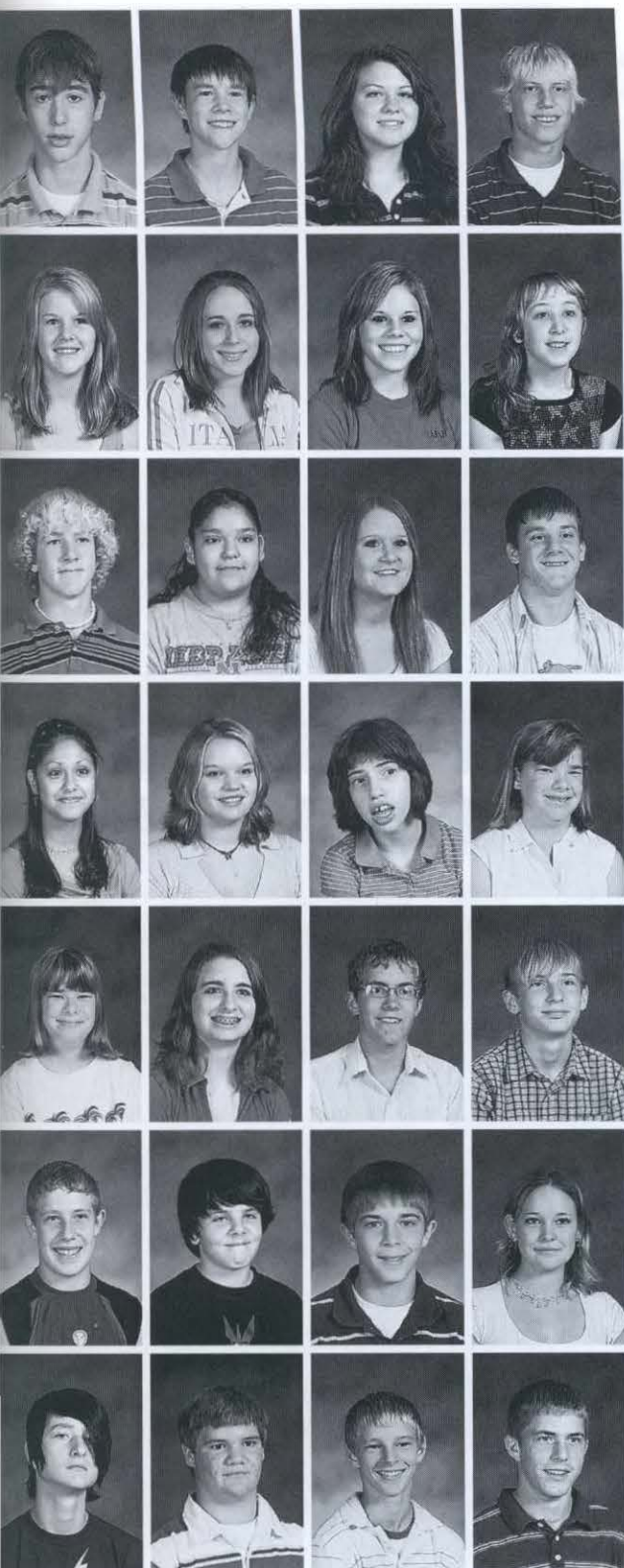
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Shayla Jasper

Justin Kouba
Jacob Kraatz
Tyler Ladehoff
Yovani Maldonado

Kimberly Marshall
Brenndon McGill
Andrew Meusch
Danette Mullenex



(Above) Nolan Vandenberg patiently waits while classmate Miranda Fenderich accepts her certificate. Tyler Papa leads the way as several classmates follow for their awards



Taylor Novak
John Osantowski
Morgan Otte
Tyler Papa

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Logan Phillips
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Colleen Pierce

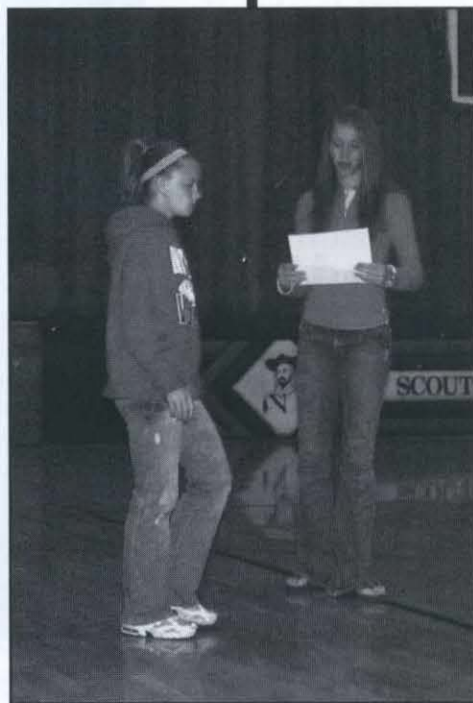
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Eric Prochaska

Angel Ramirez
Courtney Randall
Jessica Schmid
Jennifer Schmidt

Jillian Schmidt
Jacy Schwartz
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Weston Sieck

Christopher Sladek
Erik Streeter
Broderick Sylvester
Clarrissa Teten

Boston Treat
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Nolan Vandenberg
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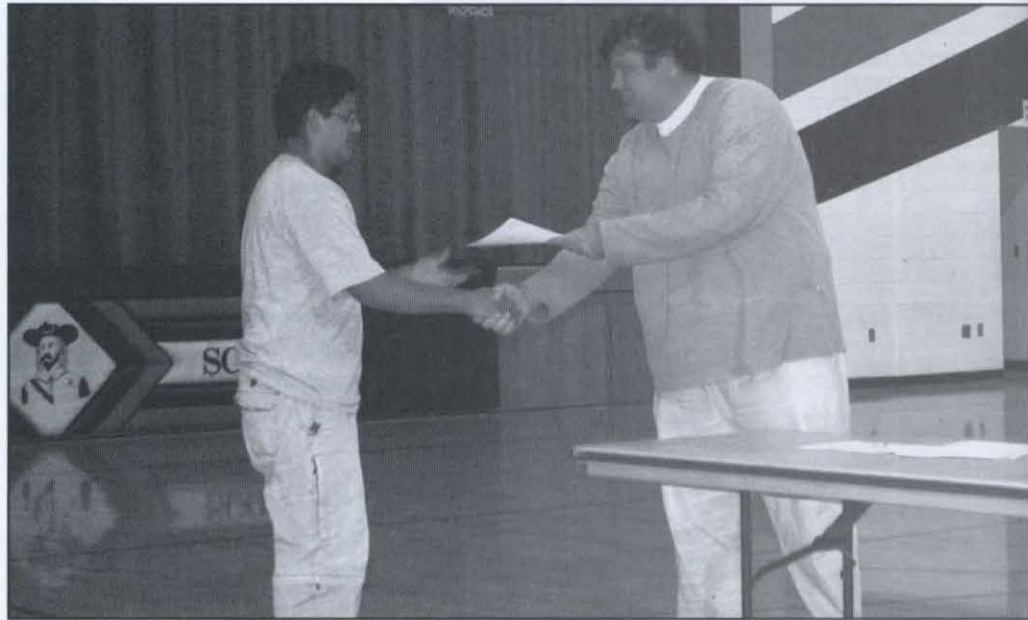


(Above) Mariah Pickett strolls back to her seat after accepting an honor roll certificate.

Hannah Behrens and Miranda Fenderich get called to the floor to accept recognition.

World History teacher Tom VanWinkle presents Yovani Maldonado with a certificate for achievement in his class.

“The teachers give us easy homework this year. At least it seems easier, maybe it’s not.”
Lukas Severin



Tara Palmateer receives a little recognition from computer applications teacher Kristi Griffiths.

Andy Meusch accepts an award and a handshake from guidance counselor Brenda Siffring.





Michaela Hruska is a good example of a person who made the most of her freshman year. She was able to compete in a couple of varsity sports, dance on the dance team, and win State in poetry.

Just Like Starting Over

What Freshmen Encounter

When Eighth Graders become Freshmen, in a lot of ways, it feels like going back to the bottom of the heap. You are the youngest in every sport and activity that you try, and while it is fun to be able to explore those activities, it sometimes feels like you are the lowest people in the school. When asked about this phenomena, Adam Fuxa replied "it's like you're at the bottom of the barrel and it sucks!"

So while 9th grades is still better than 8th grade, it still feels like an awfully long way from 12th grade. So how do people survive this year? Is there anything good about being a freshman? Of course there is. Even though you are the youngest in sports and activities, you still have the opportunity to do things that you didn't have in middle school. Whether it's One Act or Speech, Golf or Softball, or just the opportunity to eat late lunch and get all the leftovers, there are many new things to enjoy. Plus, after being in the building for a couple of years, you start to know the teachers and the routine. Lukas Severin noted "The teachers give us easy homework this year. At least it seems easier, maybe it's not."

In the end, few people would go back and repeat their freshman year, but like anything in high school, it really is only what you make of it.

EIGHTH GRADE

Eighth Grade represents a return to the top. Coming out of 6th grade, you are at the top of the elementary world, but 7th grade knocks you right back down to the bottom. In eighth grade, you once again feel that you rule something, this time the middle school. Although with all of the high school students in the same building, you aren't quite as superior as you'd like, it's still good to be on the top of the heap in things like athletic competitions. Maria Maldonado looks forward to her freshman year though: "I will miss having the easy homework, but I am looking forward to the challenge of high school and all of the activities that it brings." Seventh Grader David Diaz says "I'm looking forward to 8th grade because it means I'm getting a better education, but I hope I don't have to do more hard work or other hard things."

Ashley Bock
Michael Buresh
Fredy Castillo
Jerade Clark

Jenny Dobesh
Elizabeth Eberle
Katrina Fiala
Jose Garcia

Joshua Gates
Brian Glock
Marc Graybill
Melanie Hecker

Brianne Hicks
Ryan Homan
Jeromy Horner
Lucas Kastl

Cody Keck
Kristian Magnuson
Maria Maldonado
Brenda Marquez

Parker Mastny
Jeremiah Miller
Amber Newlon
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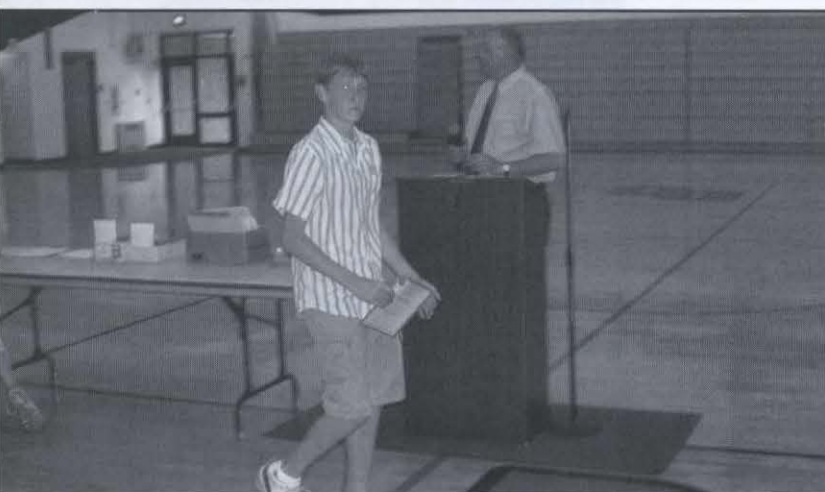
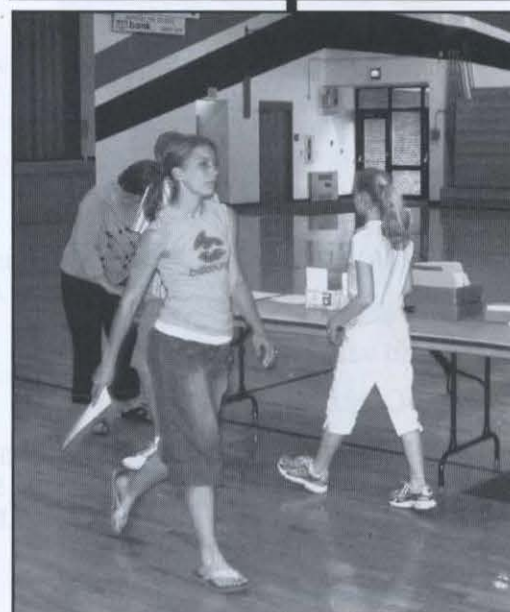
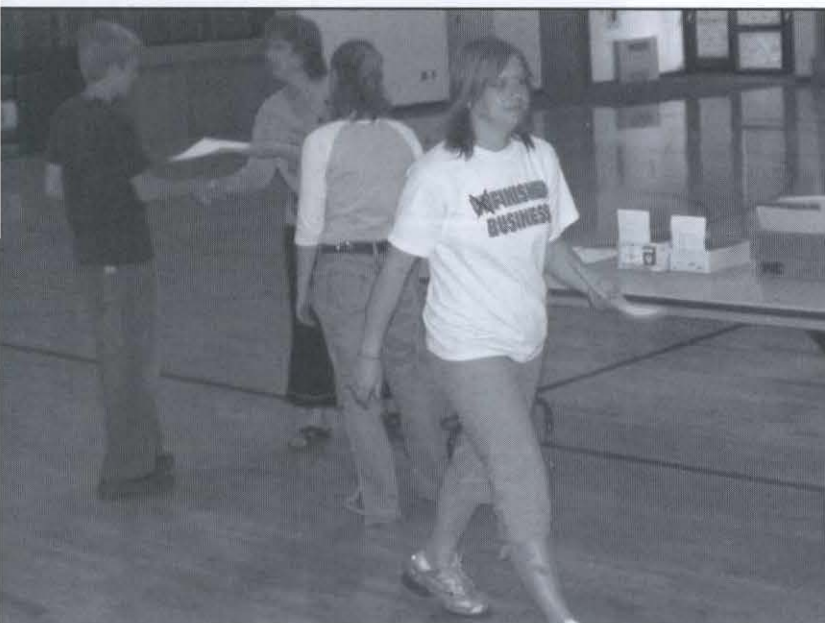
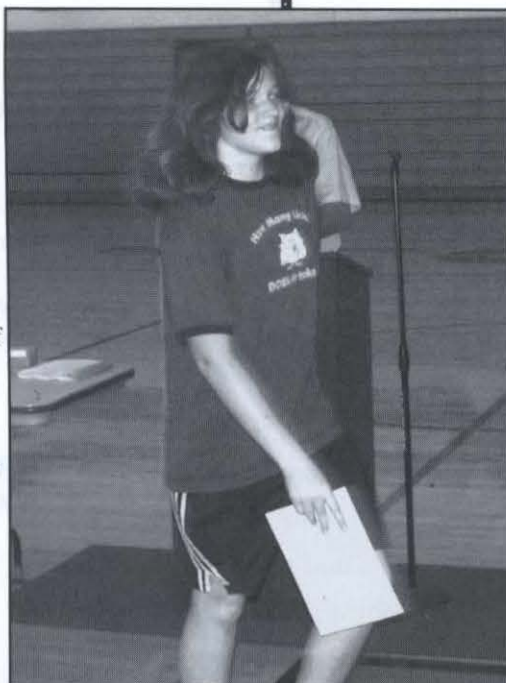
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Tanner Wemhoff



Austin Zeilinger
Patrick Ziemba



Justine Riha, Staci Ossian, Philip Palomaki, Tiffany Prochaska, Brianne Hicks, Michelle Topil, and Cody Keck all take home different awards from the Middle School Academic Club Booster Awards.

SEVENTH GRADE

Seventh Grade is a scary but exciting year when students leave the comfort of the elementary school and join the controlled chaos of the high school and all of the older kids who inhabit it. Abe Stonewall said "The teachers are a little harder in seventh grade, but they have to be because they're getting you ready for high school." The seventh graders have a little tradition of their own going. This year, the football team was undefeated for the second straight year, and the class once again did very well in the Law Day Essay Contest. Lucas Schmidt, Danielle Divis, Seth Behrens, Sierra Lee, and Carly Buskirk all advanced to the finals. Lucas Schmidt ended up winning the whole thing. "We had a five star meal with many congressmen from the state capitol," said Schmidt. Mr. Ockander said "I'm proud of Lucas's achievement. Also, having three consecutive winners at the State level shows the quality of the school we are blessed with here in David City."

Taylor Bardsley
Seth Behrens
Dylan Bell
Courtney Betzen

Clint Brandenburg
Tyler Broman
Sydney Brummels
Rebecca Buntgen

Rebecca Burchill
Christopher Buresh
Carly Buskirk
Justin Chmelka

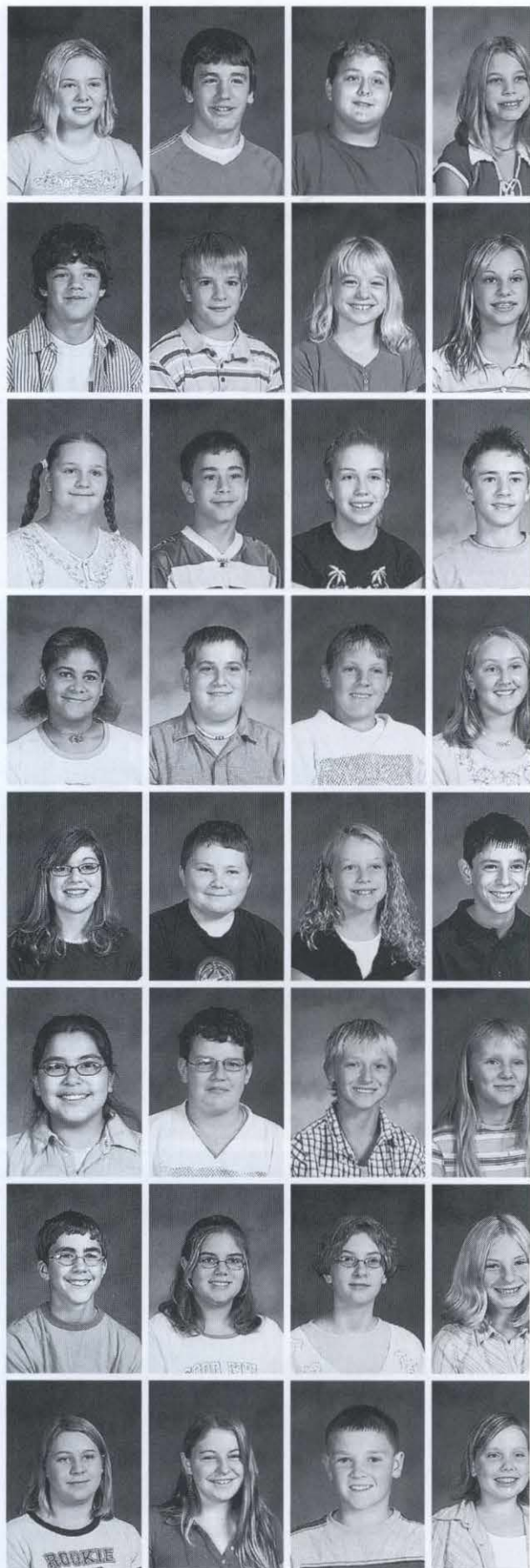
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Lance Garza

Michelle Gonzales
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Amanda Kahnk

Christopher Kouba
Danielle Lee
Sierra Lee
Ashley Lerch

Trinity Luther
Allison Marvin
Michael McDonald
Taylor Meysenburg





Shayla Novak
Christina Osantowski
Emily Osborn
Lacey Palik



Candice Palmer
Nicole Phillips
Samantha Phillips
Aaron Rerucha



Ashton Rountree
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Jacob Schwartz



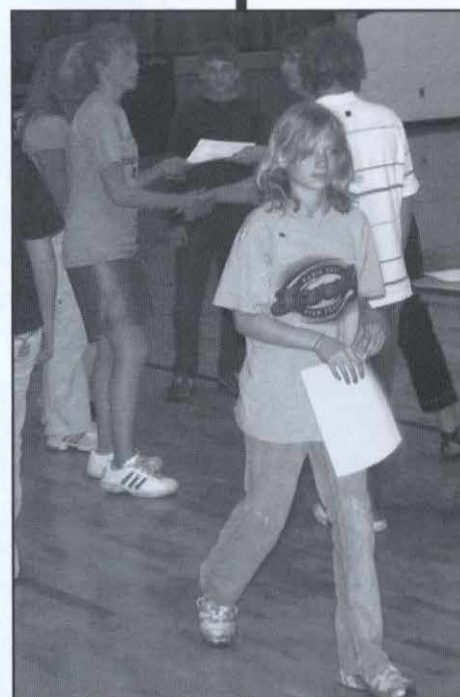
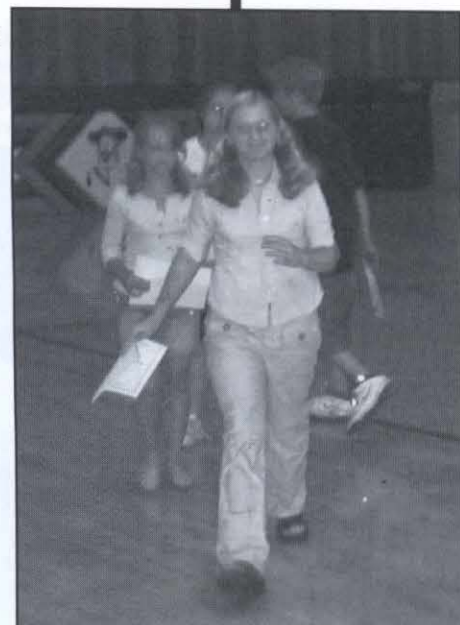
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Abraham Stonewall
Lacey Strenger



Nathan Styskal
Christina Teubner
Brooke Thege
Garrett Tooker



Trevor True
Tyler Valish
Kaitlyn Wells
Gregory Zegers



(Top) Ashley Lerch leads the way back to her seat after receiving an award.

(Middle) Sydney Brummels walks back to her place while Carly Buskirk takes another award.

(Left) Hillary Sander returns to the bleachers while Garrett Tooker patiently awaits his award.

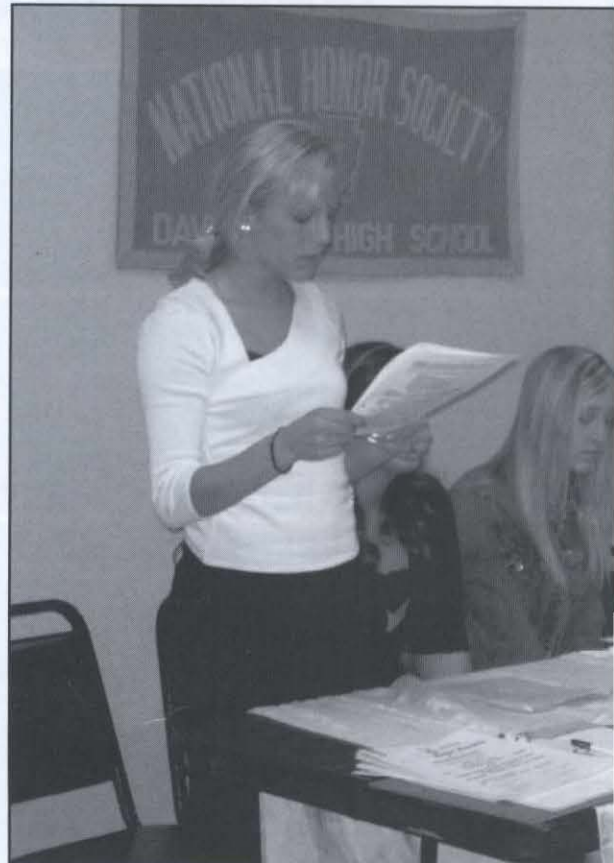
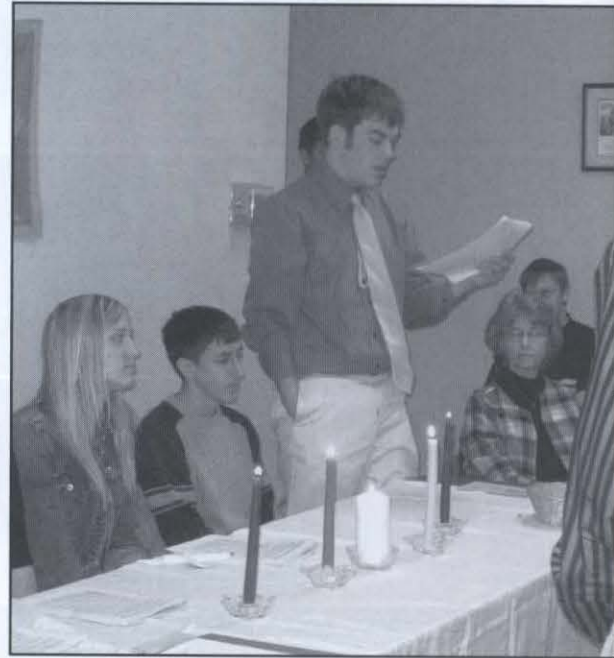
Senior Chris Sander reads his part at the induction ceremony for new members of NHS, held at Winfields.

An Honor to Serve

Service organizations serve both the school and community.

The National Honor Society is a group of individuals who show scholarship, character, leadership, and service. They did many activities this year, including decorating the school to get it ready for the new school year and also for the holidays. They also auctioned off the football jerseys during Homecoming. This year they also did the ringing bells for the Salvation Army and also had the dress up day for Halloween. The National Honor Society members are planning to participate in the Relay For Life and also help with the alumni banquet. Mrs. Griffiths said "These students do a lot of good things--not just for NHS, but for many organizations in the school and community."

The Student Council had many events this year. They participated in the state workshop in Plattsmouth and enjoyed it very much. Sophomore Amber Wendt quoted, "Going to the workshops was a lot of fun and I learned so much." The student body has also elected the new president and vice-president for the 2006-2007 school year, Brent Griffiths and Tanner Zeilinger. The student council is planning to do more fun events next year such as the door decorating contest for Homecoming.



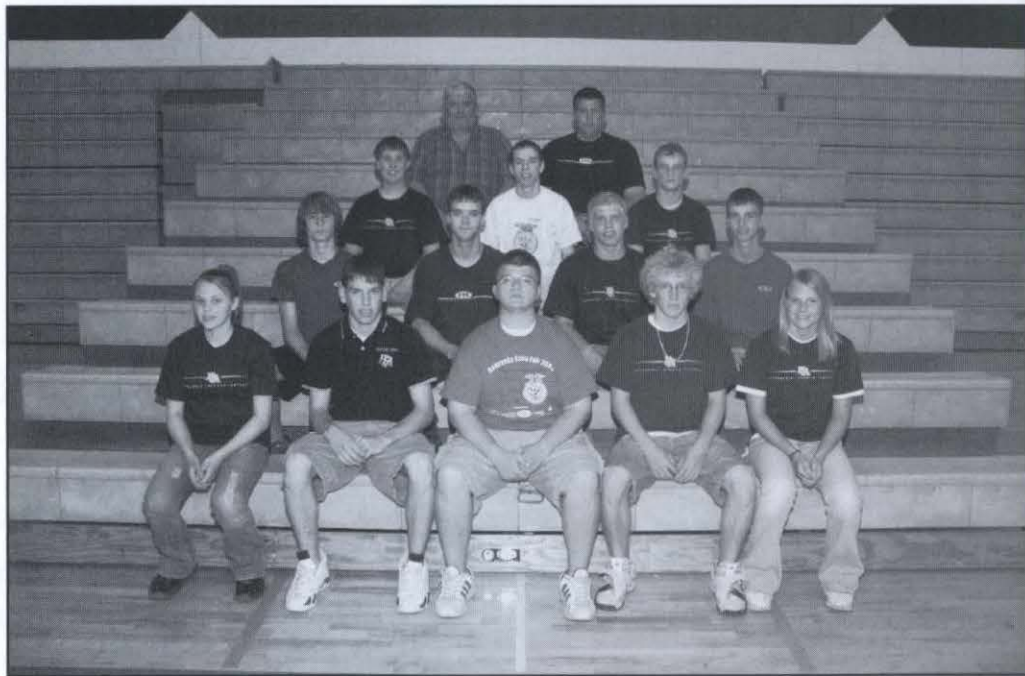
Senior Cassie Glock participates in the induction ceremony as fellow seniors Kristin Hopwood, Elise Schmid, and Todd Eberle follow along.

DCHS Student Council: (front row) Chris Sander, Elise Schmid, Nathan Kershner, Cassie Glock, Audra Duren, (middle row) Tanner Zeilinger, Michaela Hruska, Brent Griffiths, Jessica Price, Jesse Barlean, Andy Fuxa, (back) Hannah Behrens, Sponsor Amy Backstron, Kyle Hilger, Kyle Clymer



After the induction ceremony, the new NHS poses proudly for a group picture: (kneeling) Michael Palomaki, Anna Mattingly, Cassie Glock, Kristin Hopwood, Audra Duren, Elise Schmid, (standing) Sponsor Kristi Griffiths, Chris Sander, Kyle Clymer, Grant Greenwood, Todd Eberle, Brent Griffiths, Megan McClintic, Kyle Hilger, Jerrica Richards, Nate Kershner, Kirby Hecker, Amanda Miller, Laura Carlson, Melissa Dion, Torie Thoendel, Kate Byrkit

DCHS FFA: (front row) Nichole Romshek, Nathan Kershner, Tanner Zeilinger, Dana Rasmussen, Megan Romshek, (row 2) Travis Lindt, Mark Schmit, Tyler Papa, Sam Smith, (row 3) Shelby Sidel, Kyle Clymer, Adam Fuxa, (back) Sponsor Jim Angell, Brad Jones.



A Rough Start, but a Good Year

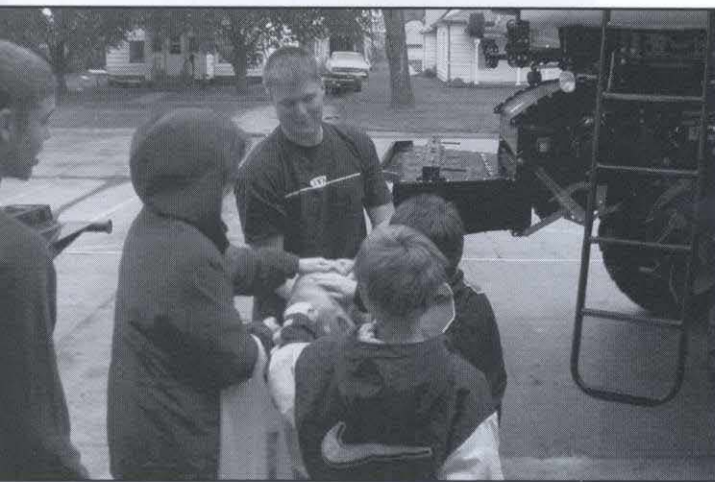
The David City Chapter of Family Career and Community Leaders of America had a rough start this year with only one returning officer, but overall the year "went well" according to sophomore Christina Vach. This year, the FCCLA members painted horses at the fair, ran the annual popcorn stand at the County Fair, volunteered at local bloodmobiles, served at the Arts Council reception, baked and decorated Valentine cookies, babysat children at the school concert, and attended State Leadership conventions.

This year, two members of the David City FCCLA chapter participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition). Katie Heller received Gold in Illustrated Talk and Amber Wendt received a Bronze in the Job Interview category. Both of these members ran for an office at a higher level. Heller ran for a State office, and Wendt ran for a Student Body State Peer Education Office. Unfortunately, neither made it, but Amber did make it to the finals.

Sponsor Judy Davis said this when asked about the year as a whole: "I was impressed by the cooperation between the student body and our FCCLA members for the Bears Because We Care statewide project."

(Below) Sophomore Shelby Sidel tends to a couple of fainting goats during the barnyard, while freshman Adam Fuxa (right) talks to Mrs. McClintic's fourth grade about farm safety.





Senior Brenden Fricke entertains and educates some elementary visitors while sophomore Mike Brown looks on.



Raking in the Honors

David City's FFA Teams Achieve Many Things

The 2005-2006 school year was a good one for the FFA chapter. The chapter had many achievements throughout the year, and they started at the area land judging contest held in Wahoo. David City took four teams, and three of the four received ribbons, including the team of Nathan Dershner, Brad Jones, Kyle Clymer, and Grant Greenwood, who won the contest and qualified for the state land judging contest. At the state contest, this same team placed fourth, which qualified it for the national land judging contest in Oklahoma City. "It was a great all-around experience to gain knowledge of the different types of soil throughout the states," said Clymer.

The chapter attended District Contest in Columbus in which the welding team of Sam Smith, Brenden Fricke, and Andy Pokorny qualified for the state welding contest. Brenden finished third in the state in arc welding, Sam finished tenth in oxyacetylene, and as a team they placed eighth at State Contest.

Two teams also attended the Livestock Judging contest, one in the senior division and one in the junior division, and both teams qualified for the state contest. The senior team then placed second at the state contest, and Tyler Papa placed third out of 266 contestants. To finish it all off, Nathan Kershner received a state FFA degree.

Several members of the DCHS band, both high school and middle school, play before the graduation ceremony.

Achieving Excellence

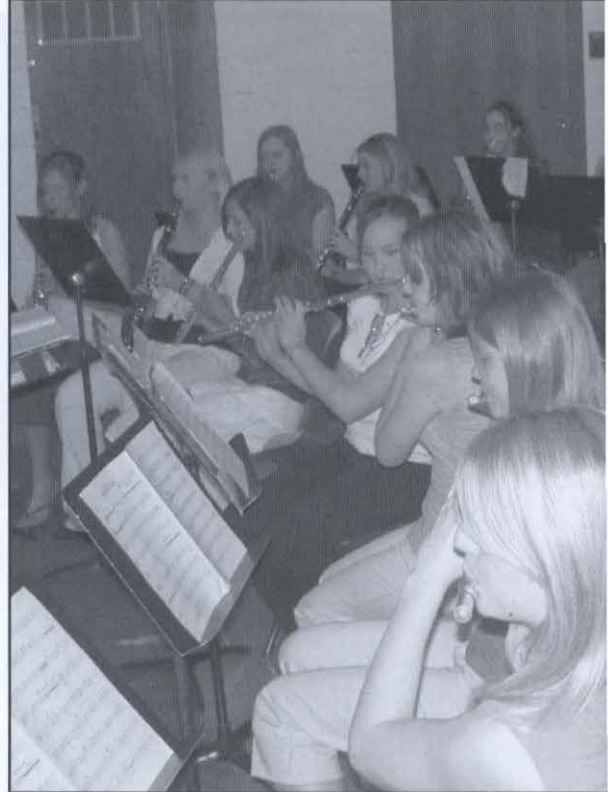
Both the Band and Choir enjoyed success at District Competition this year.

This past year, the high school choir has accomplished several things. They have held four concerts and had a great time learning the new music. At district contest in Columbus, the choir received an Excellent rating. Madison Shore sang a solo and received an Excellent as well. Arielle Lindst received a Superior rating for her vocal solo, the highest rating given. "The small but mighty High School choir performed well this year. They learned balance and control through breathing technique," said director Keith Byrkit.

The band enjoyed several accomplishments as well. They also had four concerts and performed very well. At districts they received a rating of Excellent. They also had three students receive a Superior in ensemble and many others receive Excellent ratings. Mr. Byrkit (also the band director) said "The band made large strides this year in working together. They worked hard at learning new material and performing it well. They will conclude their season with a trip to California."

(Far Right) Senior Todd Eberle mans the trap set during a football game in the fall.

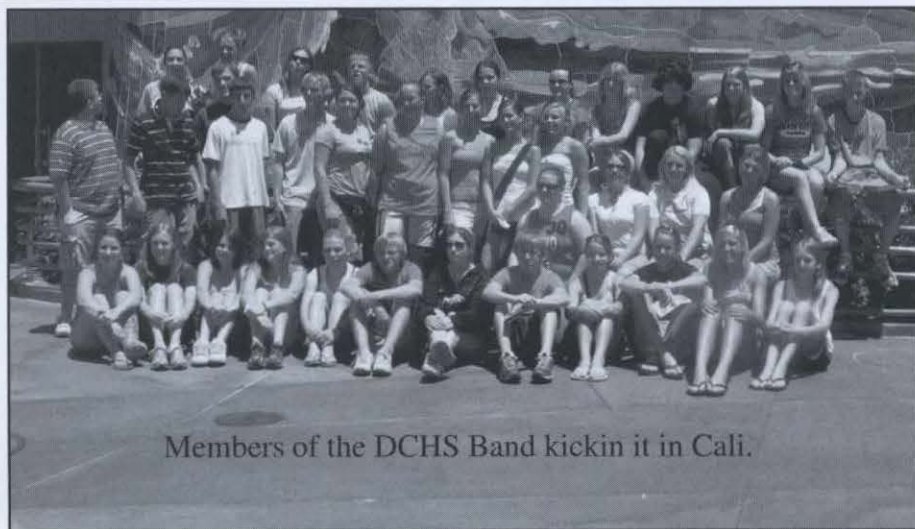
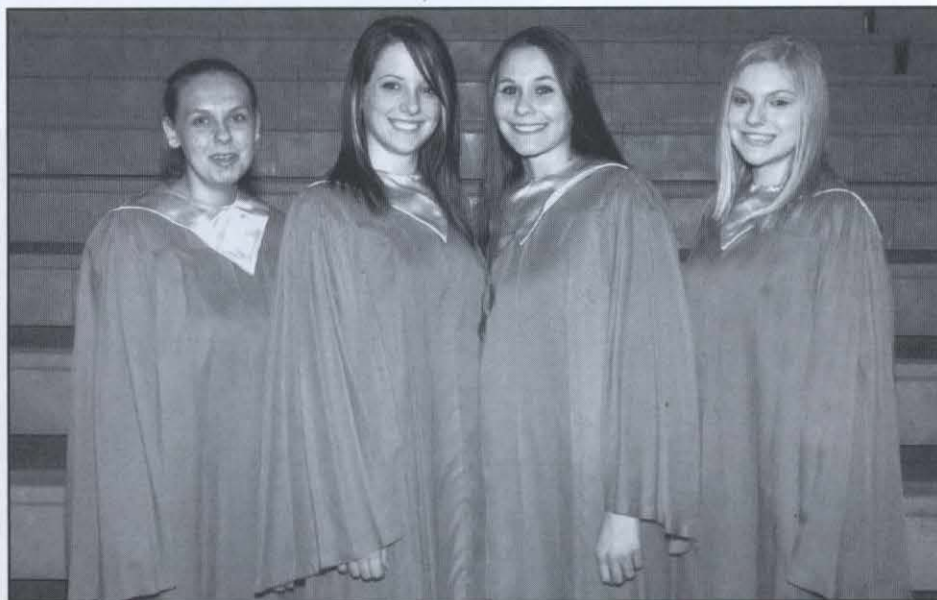
(Right) Ten members of the DCHS Choir, under the direction of Keith Byrkit, sing at a spring fund raiser.





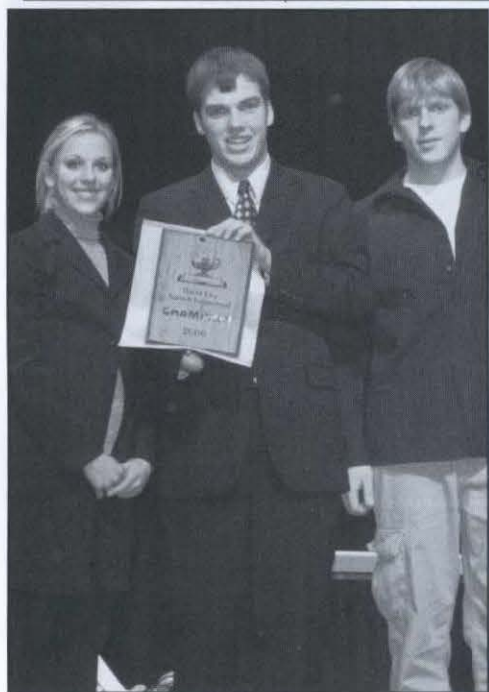
DCHS Band: (front row) Hannah Behrens, Todd Eberle, Brandi Prochaska, Steven Teubner, Dylan Isham, Gina Pelc, (row 2) Matt Heller, Miranda Fenderich, Ashley Jansen, Elise Schmid, Ellen Robinson, Morgan Otte, Chris Sander, (row 3) Tanner Zeilinger, Clarissa Teten, Jacy Schwartz, Mariah Pickett, Katie Heller, Amanda Miller, Lindsey Glock, Nathan Kershner, (row 4) Michael Palomaki, Kalie Buresh, Jana Peirce, Anna Mattingly, Torie Thoendel, Nate Coufal (flags) Casey Hansen, Kate Byrkit, Audra Duren, Cassie Glock.

(Right) Michelle Warren, Madison Shore, Arielle Lindt, and Tara Palmateer pose in their choir robes.



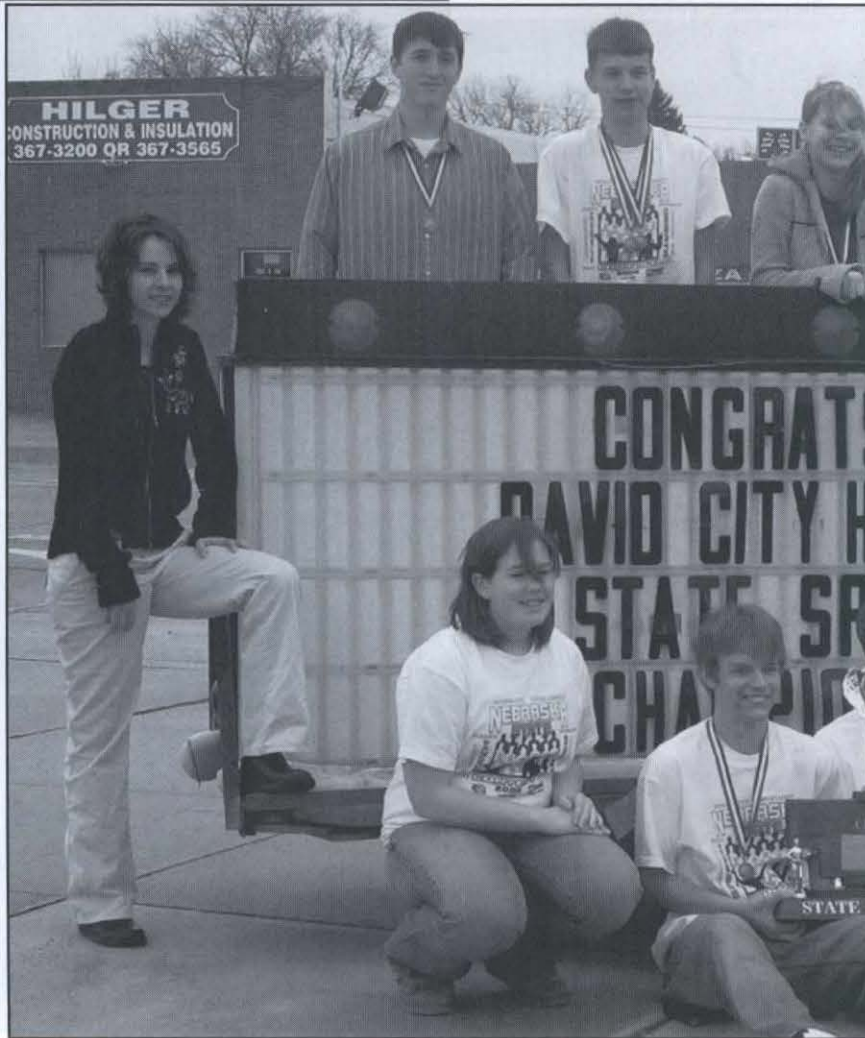
Members of the DCHS Band kickin it in Cali.

DCHS Speech, the best team in the state of Nebraska: (front) Anna Mattingly, Sarah Lentz, Michaela Hruska, Abbi Bardsley, Cassie Glock, Megan McClintic, Assistant Lisa McGee, (middle) Torie Thoendel, Jesse Barlean, Kyle Clymer, Michael Palomaki, Brody Stara, Coach Jarod Ockander, (back) Weston Sieck, Andy Fuxa, Jessica Price, Michael Betzen, Chris Sander, Andy Meusch



(Above) Seniors Cassie Glock, Chris Sander, and Mike Betzen pose with the championship plaque from the DC Speech Invite.

(Right) The State Qualifiers pose in front of the marquis downtown: (clockwise) Assistant Lisa McGee, Brody Stara, Andy Fuxa, Torie Thoendel, Megan McClintic, Coach Jarod Ockander, Michaela Hruska, Cassie Glock, Chris Sander, Mike Palomaki, Sarah Lentz.



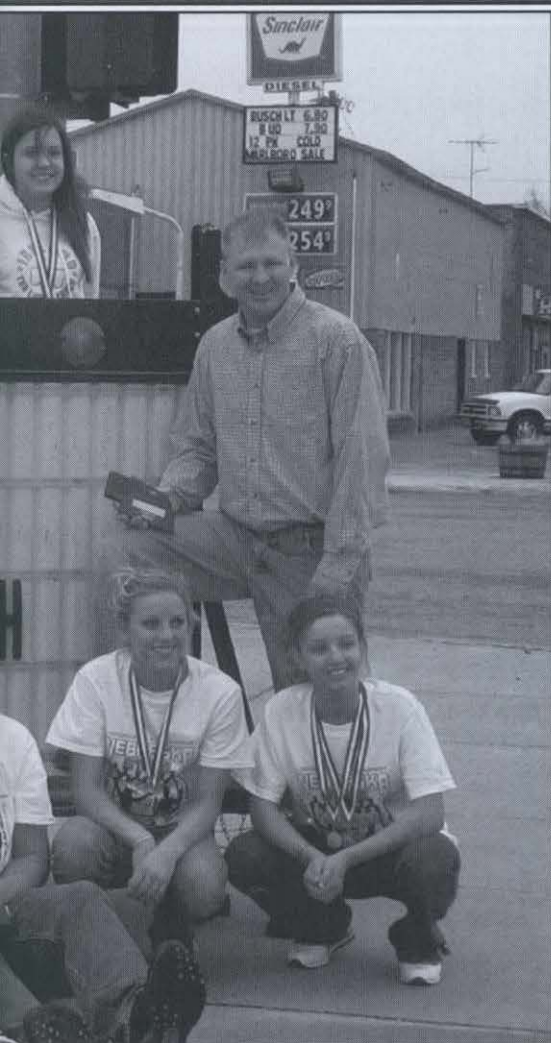


After the David City Speech Invite, the team sat down on the stage to pose for a picture. Except for Clymer, he looks a little distracted.

Thank you sir, may I have another?

Scouts follow up one state championship with...what else?

Never one to rest on his laurels and enjoy success, Sponsor Jarod Ockander, coming off the school's first-ever One Act State Championship, charged into speech season with nothing less than one goal. To win the whole thing in speech as well. Unrealistic? Well, history says no, as the Scouts did what had never been done at our school before. They followed up their State One Act victory with a championship in State Speech as well. "Every single finalist for the Scouts placed in the top four of their respective event," said Ockander. This led to a dominating 50 point victory, as DC scored 114 points to our nearest competitor's 64 points. Freshman Weston Sieck may have said it best: "We did very well." Sure, it may be an understatement, but what else can be said? Well done, team. You've made your school proud.

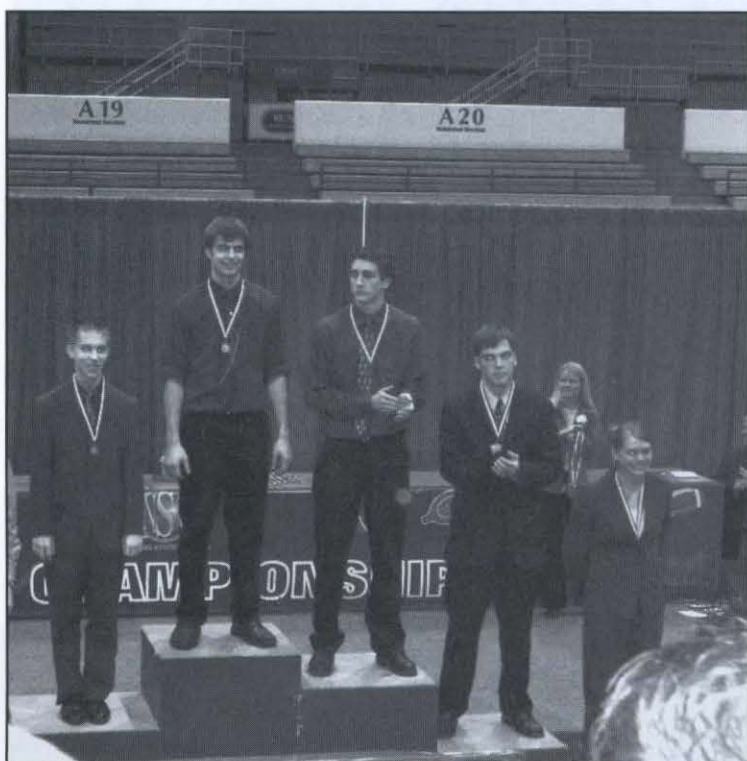


Sitting under a shady tree on an unusually hot December afternoon, Sara Goetz and Christina Stuhlmiller study for a test on integers, which are any whole real number. "They're actually really easy once you get the hang of it," Goetz says.

The David City Scouts make the medal stand their home away from home.

(Right) With Chris Sander lurking in the background, Brody Stara, Andy Fuxa, Michael Palomaki, and Cassie Glock accept their medals.

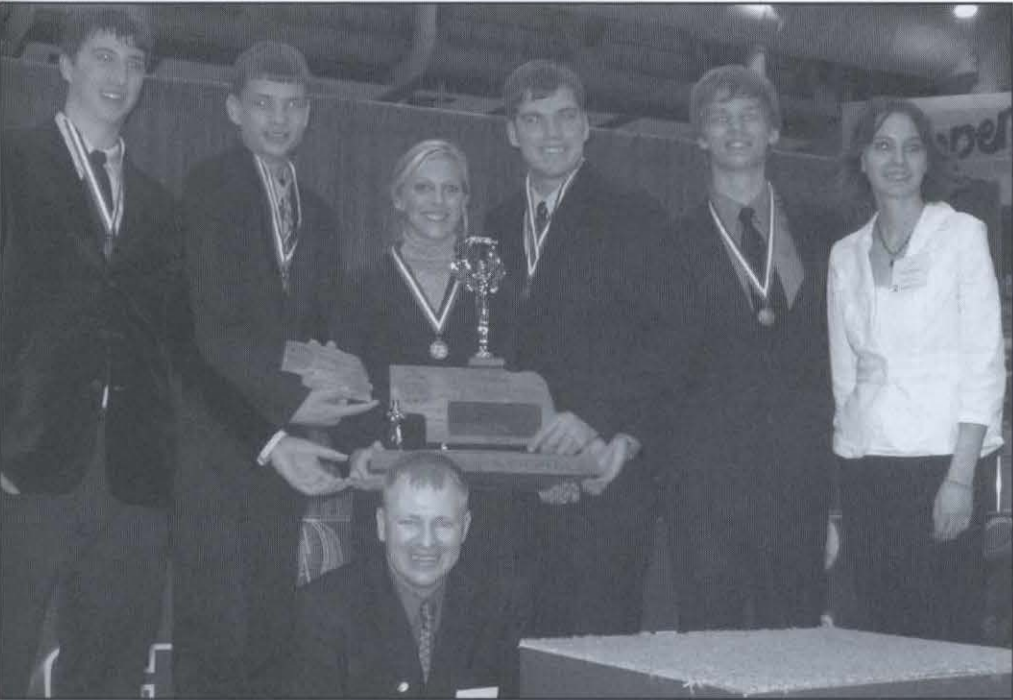
(Below) Sander, on his own this time, takes his place on the stand.



(Above) Michaela Hruska perches atop the medal stand, as teammate Megan McClintic accepts third place.

(Right) Andy Fuxa, Brody Stara, Chris Sander, Michael Palomaki, and Cassie Glock await the judges decision

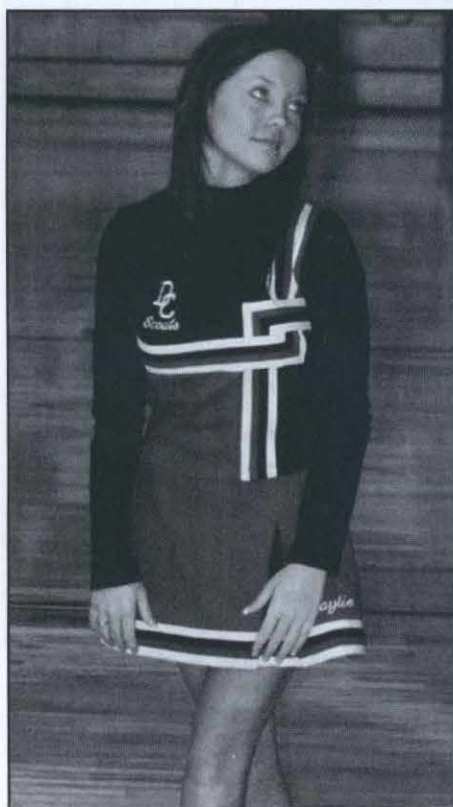
How sweet it is. The OID team take their turn holding the trophy as head coach Jarod Ockander and assistant Lisa McGee smile proudly.



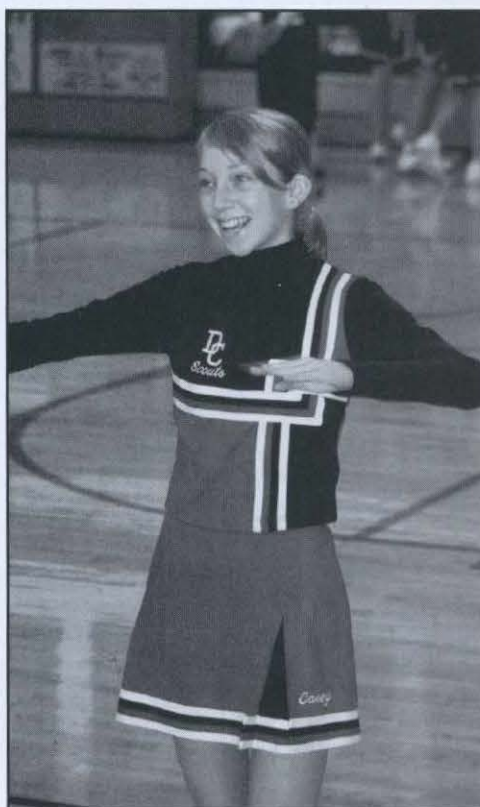
(Above) The team gathers for a picture with the trophy.

(Left) While the sign was very much appreciated, luck had nothing to do with it.

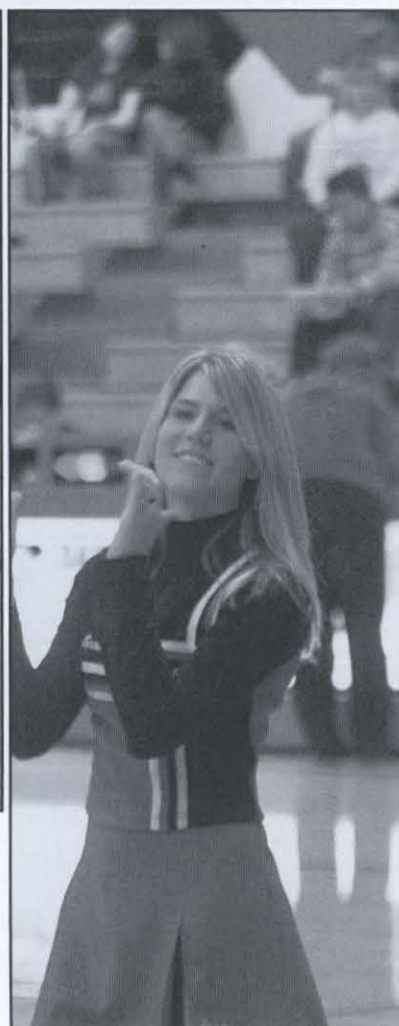
DCHS Cheerleaders: (clockwise) Sponsor Pam Kabourek, Haylie Osborn, Casey Hansen, Jessica Price, Anna Mattingly, Abbi Bardsley.

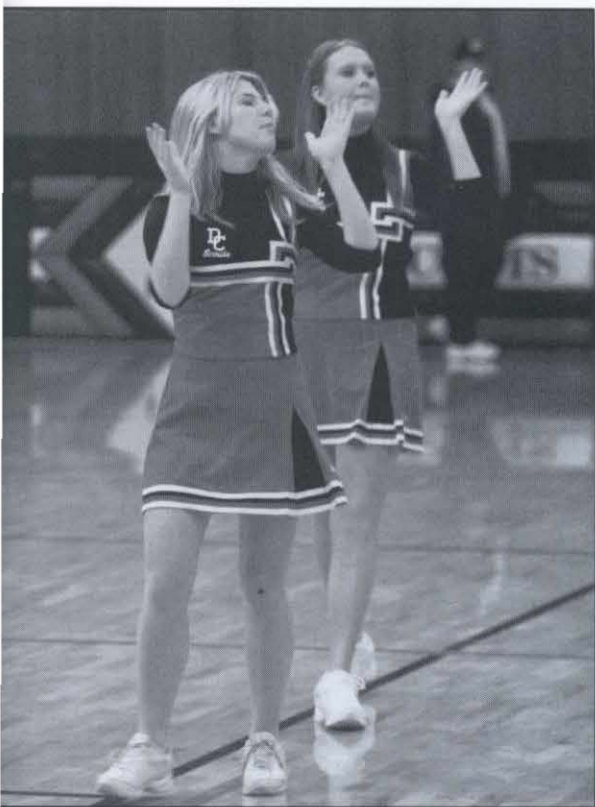


Junior Haylie Osborn practices her "are you serious" look at somebody in the crowd.



Freshman Casey Hansen shows her school spirit while leading a cheer. Hansen was one of two freshmen on the squad this year.





Junior Anna Mattingly and freshman Jessica Price get the crowd pumped up at a home basketball game.

Hey, hey, hey, UP!

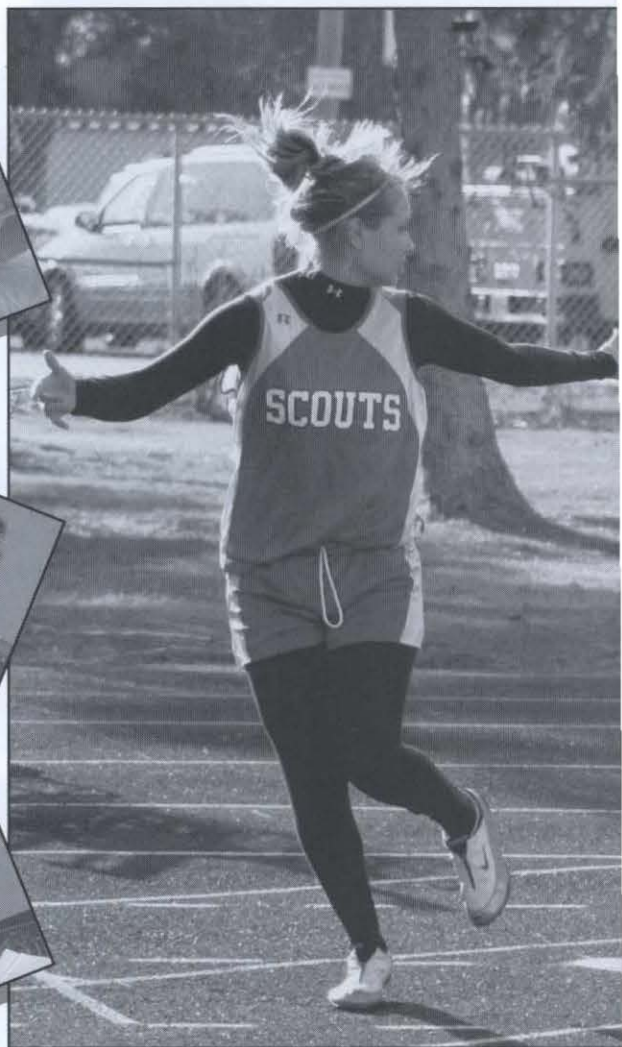
DCHS Cheerleading Squad rallies Scout Pride wherever they go.



As recently as five years ago, there was no such thing as a cheerleading squad at DCHS. When the Platinum Dancers came to be, there was no real popular support for cheerleading. But after a couple of years, it was obvious that something was missing, and so the cheerleaders were brought back in addition to the dancers. And while the Platinum Dancers usually enjoy a larger squad, the cheerleaders have just as big of an effect on rallying support and pride for our teams. Whether they're freezing outside at a late football game, kneeling near the mats at a wrestling meet, or taking one of the long van rides to one of our conference events, the cheerleaders do all they can to get the crowd behind the team. This year's squad was exceptionally young, with three freshmen, and with Anna and Haylie coming back as seniors next year, the cheerleading squad is looking better than ever at DCHS.

Junior Anna Mattingly, freshman Jessica Price, and senior Brittney Lensch enjoy a laugh during a 20 second timeout.

Junior Brianna Orand keeps her eye on the ball as she plays. Focus and concentration kept players involved in the game.



Senior Meghan Lake stays on her toes as he anticipates her opponent's next move. It was critical for players to be ready hit.

Front Row (L to R): J. Hejna, M. Lake, K. Zajec, L. Bagueio, A. Pimental , N. Mol Middle Row (L to R): Coach Schultz, C. Lamb, B. Allen, L. Lamb, B. Dunn, T. Henry, A. Espinosa, B. Orand Back Row (L to R): A. Moran, A. Golub, K. Falcon

Field Events are Team Strength



The spring of 2006 found the girls track team setting many new personal records. Fifty-eight personal records were set this season. State qualifier Amanda Miller said "I enjoyed the fact that we all worked as a team and pushed each other to become better." There were three state qualifiers this year (pictured on the opposite page), Miller (shot put), Morgan Otte (shot put), and Cassie Glock (triple jump), who was the District Champ in her event. Field events were the strength of the girls track team all year, but low numbers and injuries kept them from doing much damage in the running events. The loss of Glock next year to graduation will hurt the Scouts, but with many underclassmen competing, next year could still be a very exciting one for DC.

(Above) Sophomore Sabrina Minert takes a handoff from junior Kate Byrkit

The David City Girls Track Team 2006: (front row) Kate Byrkit, Angie Yates, Cassie Glock, Kirby Hecker, Laura Carlson, Logan Phillips, (middle row) Aida Cruz, Morgan Otte, Amanda Miller, Becky Hecker, Hannah Behrens, Jana Peirce, (back row) Coach Scott Parson, Head Coach Ryan Wineteer, Coach Connie Lentz.



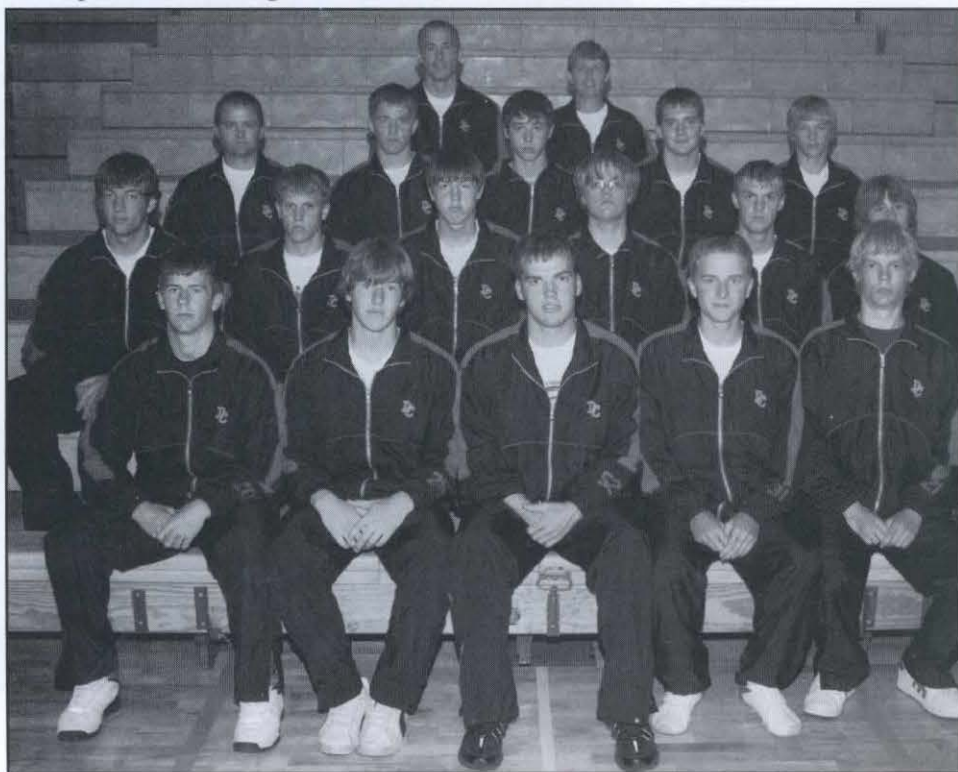
Record Setting Performances

There are many things you could say about this year's boys track team, some of them positive, and some of them not.

For example, the boys set 84 personal bests this year, which is an overwhelmingly positive statistic, but they also scored only one point at the Southern Nebraska Conference Meet, which was a disappointment. Coach Ryan Wineteer, though, simply saw it as a matter of age. "Eighty-four personal records is unbelievable. The main reasons we weren't able to compete with other schools were our lack of numbers, and the youth of the competitors we did have out. At times it was like taking a JV team to compete at a varsity level meet." This was Wineteer's first year as track coach, and the number of personal records would seem to indicate that he's got the team going in the right direction. Unfortunately, the Scouts didn't send anyone to state for the second straight season.. According to freshman Nolan Vandenberg, that was the biggest disappointment for him this year. However, as the young competitors age, and the PR's keep building, it may not be long before the Scouts are competitive once again in track.



The David City Boys Track Team 2006: (front row) Brent Griffiths, Nick Shultz, Chris Sander, Alex Gerlach, Michael Palomaki, (second row) Kyle Hilger, Levi Magnuson, Harley Fiala, Staven Teubner, Keaton Prochaska, Travis Lindt, (row 3) Coach Scott Parson, Travis Worm, Taylor Novak, Andy Meusch, Nolan Vandenberg, (back row) Head Coach Ryan Wineteer, Coach Connie Lentz.



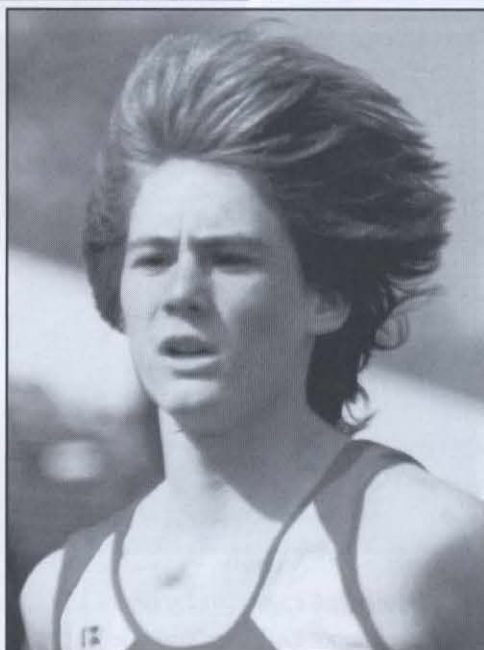


Sophomore Dab Castukki
shows you the ups that allow
him to jump over elementary
aged children.

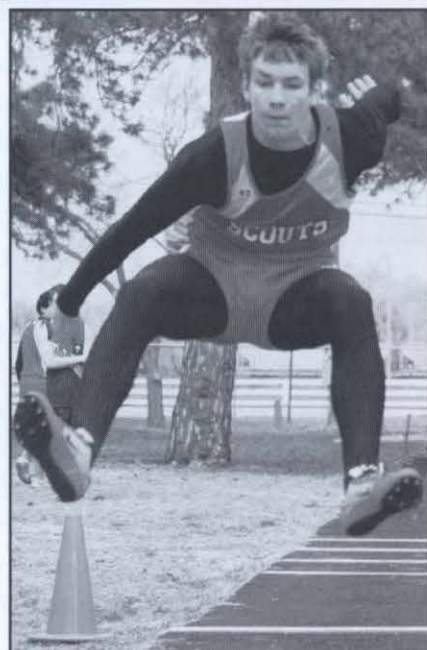
Freshman Travis Worm
runs his leg of a relay
race in Columbus.



Freshman Nolan Vandenberg glides
through the air in this long jump
attempt.



Sophomore Travis Lindt shows that
distance running can, at times, be a hair-
raising experience.



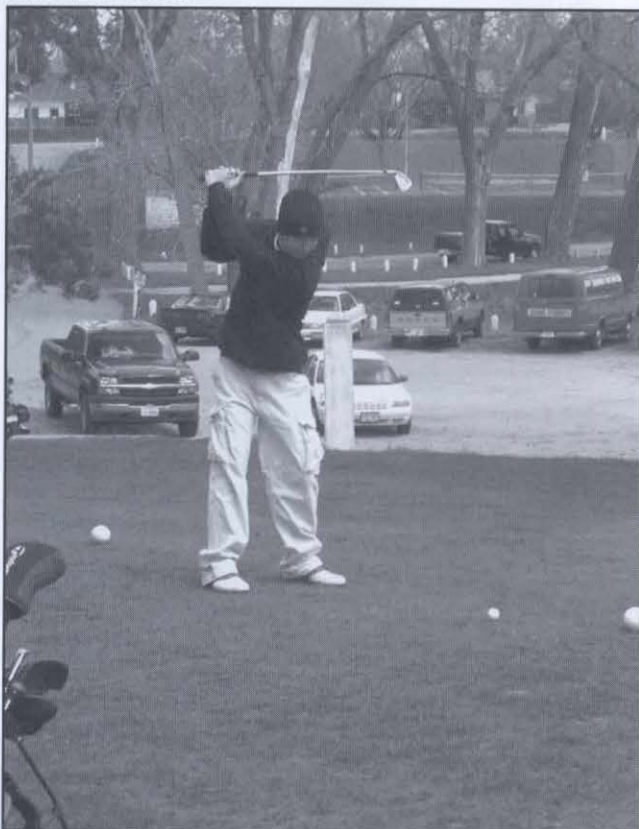
Sophomore Kyle Hilger braces for
landing in the long jump competition.

Coach Tom VanWinkle gives senior Matt Nicolas some advice at the turn



Junior Josh Schindler prepares to tee off number one at the David City Invitational. Schindler and Mason Samek were the two leaders of the golf team all season.

Senior Mason Samek shows off the raw power that is his trademark at the State Golf Tournament in Kearney



Weston Sieck and Wade Samek show why track will never be able to compete with golf when it comes to participants, as they relax and enjoy a couple of candy bars.



The David City Golf Team 2006: (front row) Josh Schindler, Wade Samek, Jared Janicek, Tanner Zeilinger, (middle row) Tyler Eberle, Nate Coufal, Jesse Barlean, Todd Eberle, (back row) Matt Heller, Weston Sieck, Head Coach Tom VanWinkle, Broderick Sylvester, Mason Samek



Four-Peat's Sake!

Senior Mason Samek finished his brilliant career by winning his fourth straight District Title. But he wasn't finished there...

Shooting a par 3 or scoring a birdie on a hole may be a big deal to most golfers, but to Mason Samek it can only be considered an everyday occurrence. Finishing his last year on the golf course, Samek had nothing to be disappointed about. On May 15, Samek defended his district title yet again, becoming a four-time district champ. The accomplishment got him a trip to the state golf tournament, where he was joined by teammate Josh Schindler, who placed tenth at districts.

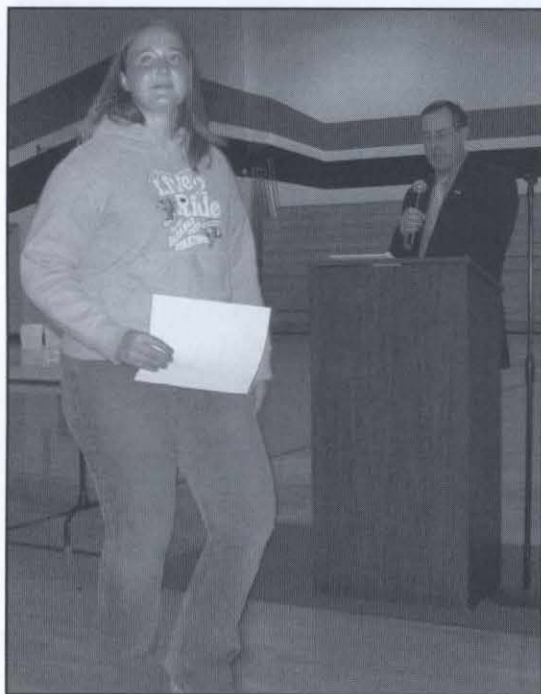
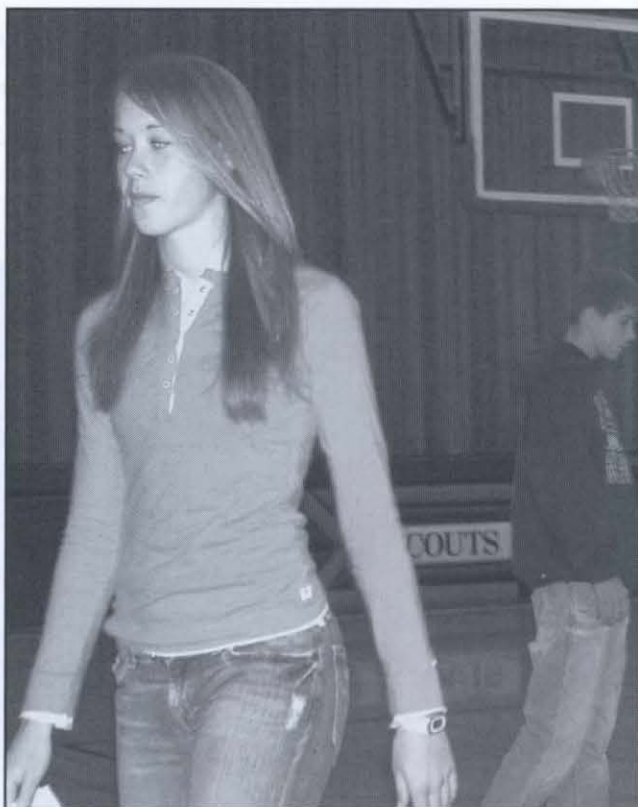
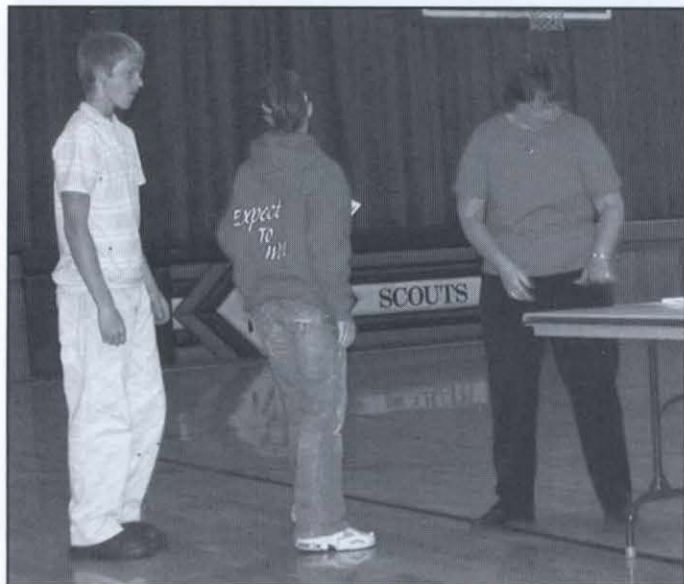
The state meet was held at Meadowlark Hills in Kearney on May 23. Samek continued his brilliant play, bringing home a state runner-up, finishing one stroke out of the top spot. Many people had wished Samek and Schindler good luck on their trip to state, but luck had hardly anything to do with it. "Luck can only take you so far until you have to know the game. I had to hold up my reputation. I mean, come on, I'm Mason Samek!" joked Samek after his district victory.

DC's golf team also had a successful year. Schindler and Samek led the way to a conference runner-up finish for the team. They were joined on the varsity by Matt Nicolas, Jared Janicek, and Broderick Sylvester. Samek and fellow senior Matt Nicolas will surely be missed next year. After all, all Mason did was break four school records, hold the lowest 9-hole score with a 33, and the lowest 18-hole score with a 68, have the most tournament wins in a career (11), and have the lowest competitive average (37.9). Head coach (and missile driver) Tom VanWinkle was proud of his entire team "I want to congratulate the golf team on a very successful season. We were competitive in every meet and represented the school and community in fine fashion."

Senior Todd Eberle approaches the clubhouse as freshman Broderick Sylvester clowns around with a competitor

Freshman Hannah Behrens returns to her seat after receiving an award, while fellow freshman Broderick Sylvester waits in the background for his recognition

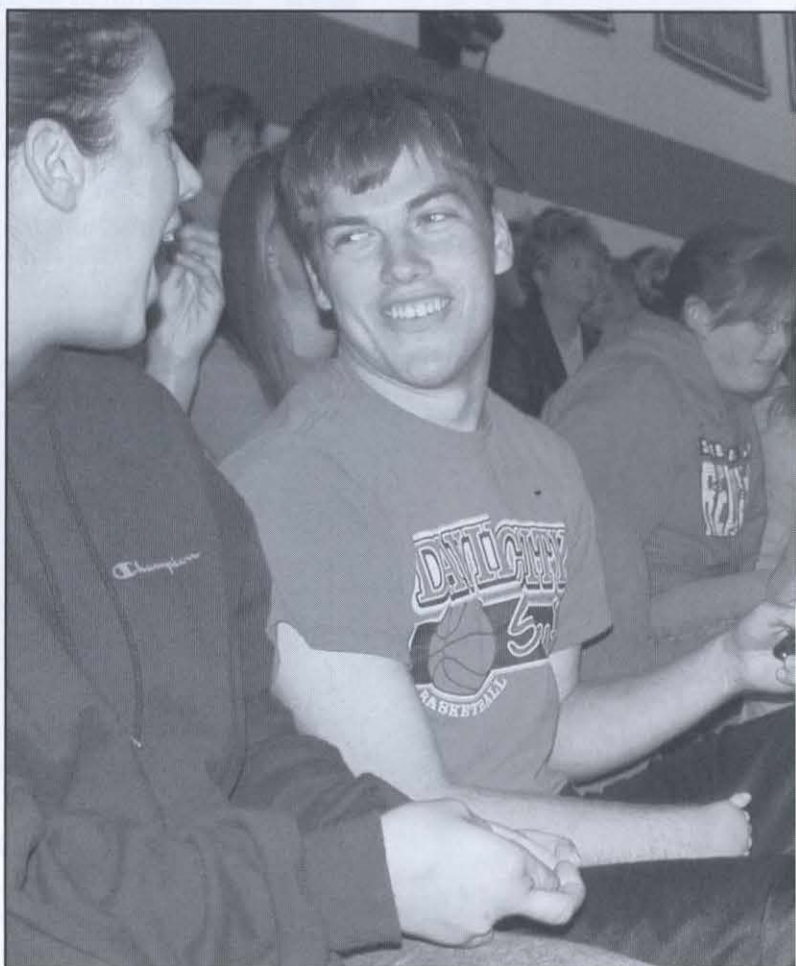
Freshman Nolan Vandenberg follows a classmate to accept an awards from guidance counselor Brenda Siffring.



As high school principal Bill Lentz announces winners, sophomore Amanda Miller proudly returns to her seat after receiving a certificate.

Students, parents, teachers, and community leaders gather in the Activities Center prior to the beginning of the ceremony.

(Far Right) Senior Nate Kershner returns to his seat after receiving an award from Mr. Angell.



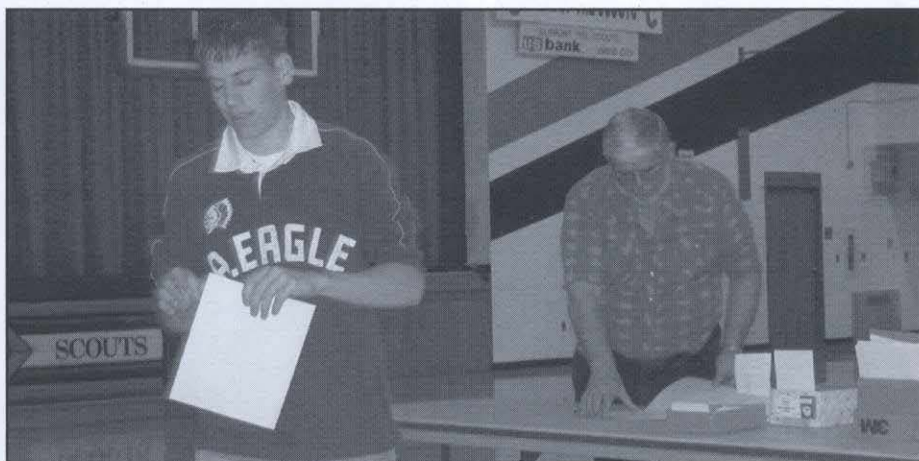
man Tyler Papa waits in line to receive his
roll certificate.



ABC Awards Celebrate 15th Year

Recognizing Student Achievement

The ABC Awards started at David City in 1991. The Academic Booster Club was brought to David City by former Principal Tim Hoffman. A Booster Club already existed for sports and other activities, but there was nothing for academic achievement. The original committee consisted of Mr. Hoffman, parents, teachers, community members, and student representatives. Originally, students were given gold, silver, or bronze cards to recognize their achievements, but has since evolved. Students are not only recognized for achieving A's in class, but also for showing extra effort or improvement in any class. The tradition of the ABC Awards continues, as DCHS feels that it is important to show students that their effort is recognized, and that effort, improvement, and achievement are sure indicators of success in later life. It continues to be a joint effort involving students, parents, faculty members, and other interested members of the community.



Doing a Little Extra

While academic achievement is the most important goal for all students at DCHS, we are also proud of our extra-curricular activities and the students who achieve excellence in these areas. Therefore, each year David City High School holds an activities banquet in addition to its ABC awards.

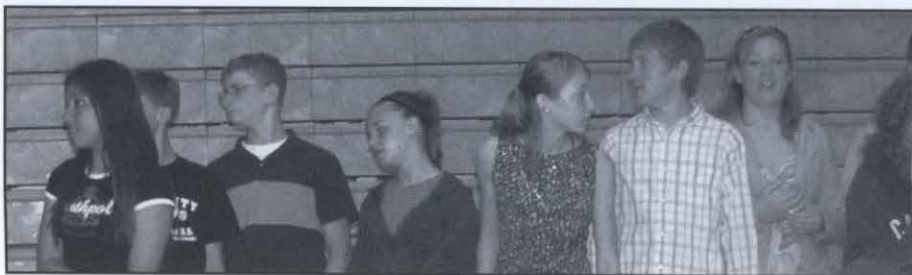
This year, Audrey Mathiesen and Pam Kabourek did a little decorating to make the atmosphere a bit more festive. Their efforts were an overwhelming success. With decorative pieces on each table, and trophies and accomplishments displayed at the front, the feeling in the gym was much more like a celebration than in the past.

Each year, DCHS tries to bring in a guest speaker to give a message to our students. Whenever possible, we try to get someone from the area who has accomplished great things.

This year, our speaker was Curt Tomasevic, a Shelby High School graduate who went on to play football for the Nebraska Cornhuskers, but even more impressively, represent the USA in the Olympics in the event of bobsledding. Curt's message to the students was simple: never give up on your dreams, because you never really know what can happen. Throughout his life, Curt had doubters about his ability to make the football team, or make the Olympics, but he continued to do his best, and amazing things have happened to him.

This year's banquet was universally considered a success. Parents, teachers, and students were able to gather for a good meal and recount the activities from the previous year.

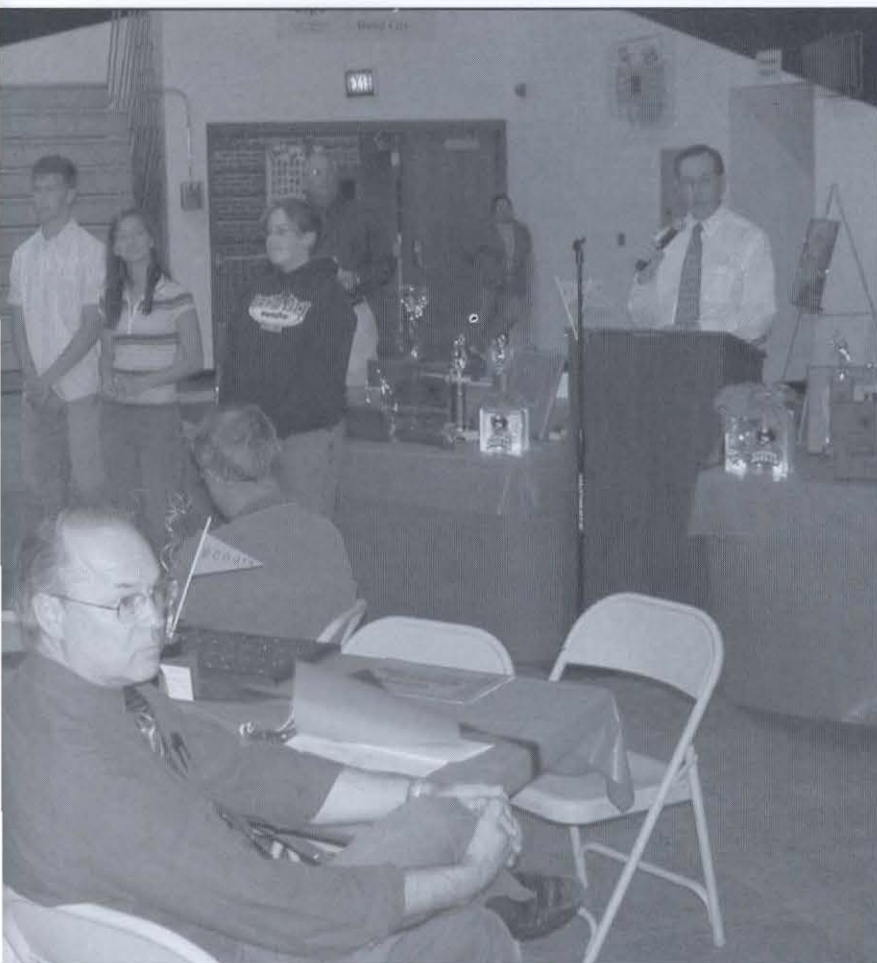
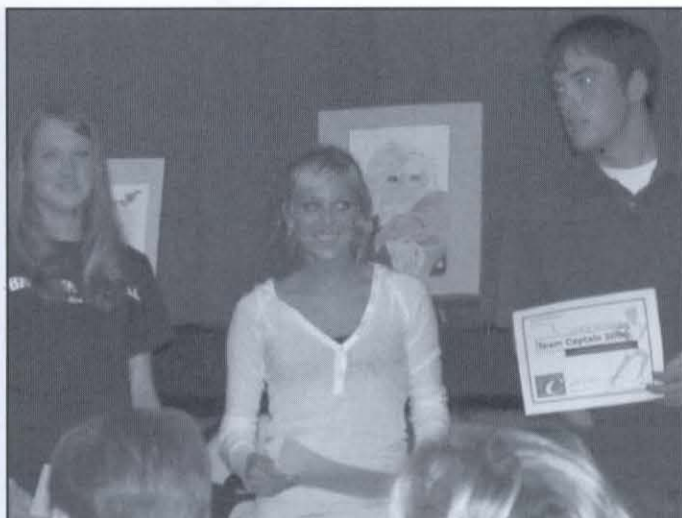
Senior Elise Schmid receives a certificate and handshake from her volleyball coach Connie L.





Guest speaker Curt Tomasevic speaks to the David City Students about the importance of always doing your best, even in the face of what may seem to be insurmountable obstacles.

Junior Kate Byrkit and seniors Cassie Glock and Chris Sander smile and pose for pictures after being recognized at the banquet.

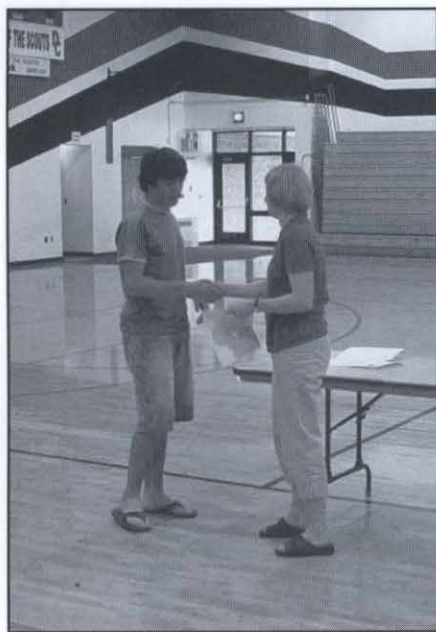
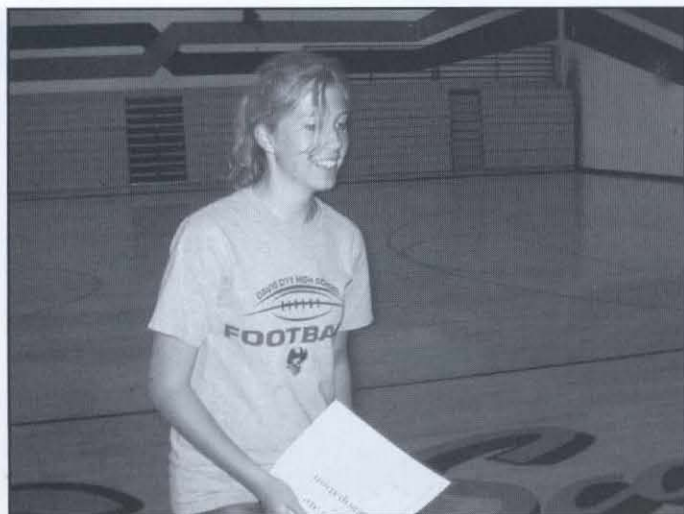
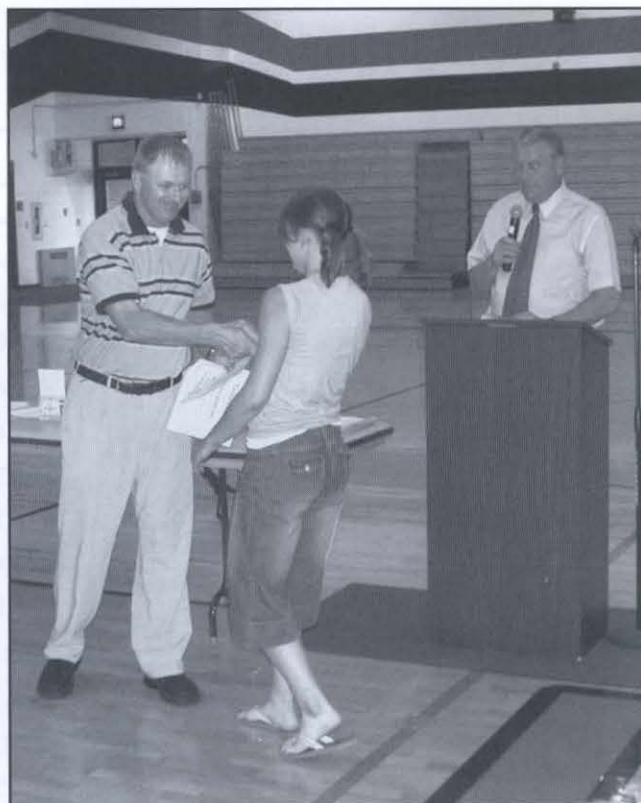


Junior Michael Palomaki receives an award from his band director Keith Byrkit.

Several juniors are recognized for their participation in various extra-curricular activities at the start of the banquet. High School principal Bill Lentz reads their names and their activities.

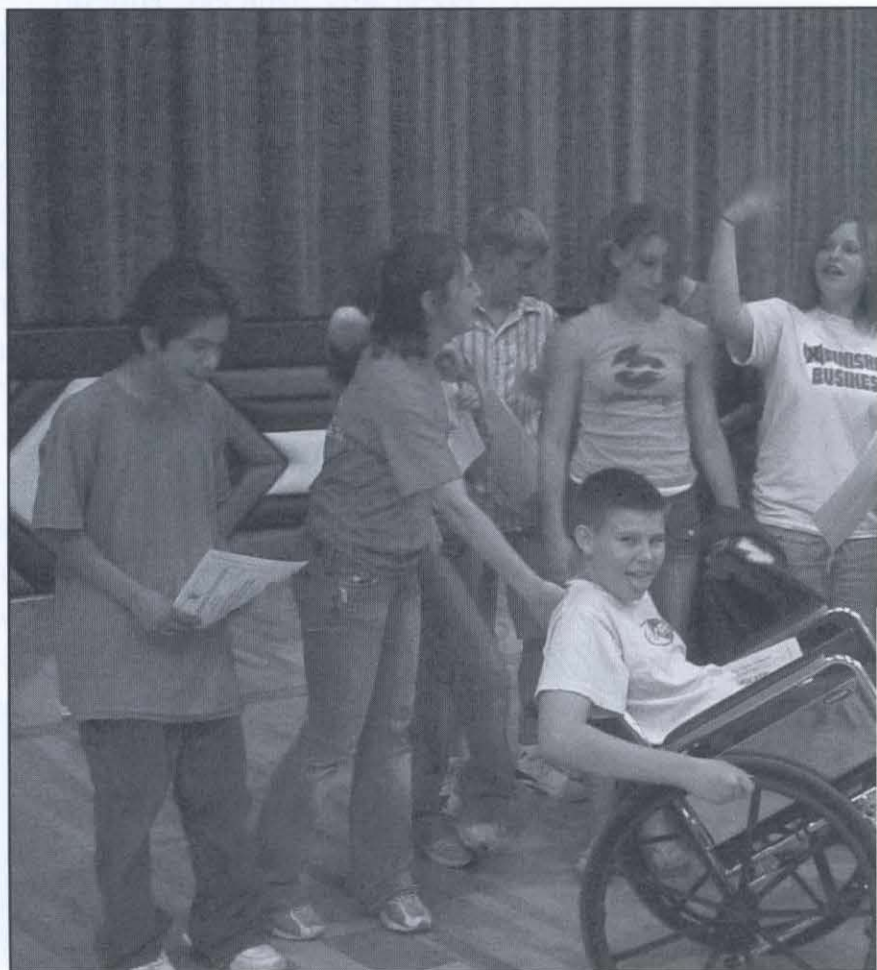
As Middle School Principal Tom Jahde reads off the names of award recipients, English teacher Jarod Ockander gives an award and a handshake to 8th grader Brianne Hicks.

7th grader Carly Buskirk returns to her seat after receiving one of several awards that night.



Math teacher Tracy Behrns congratulates 7th grader Seth Behrens on his accomplishments in her class.

Several Middle School students gather proudly after the ceremony to display their awards for parents taking pictures.

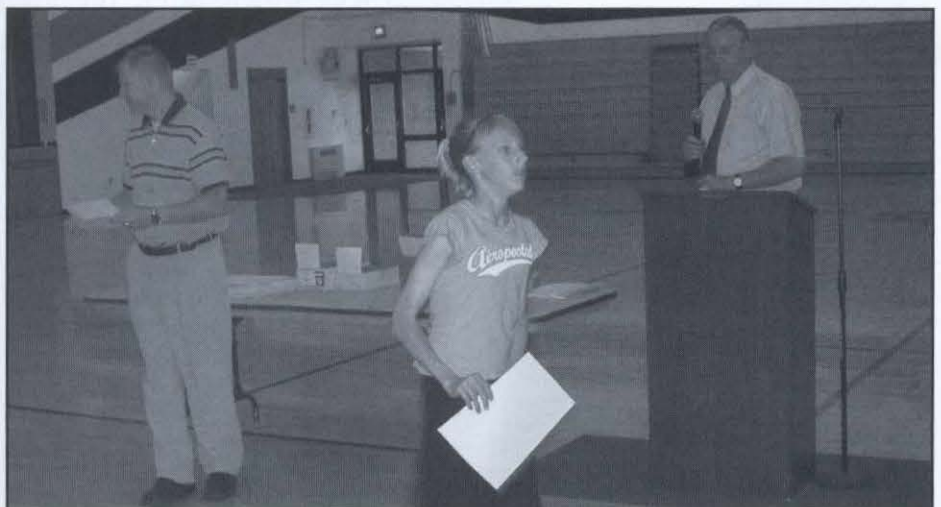
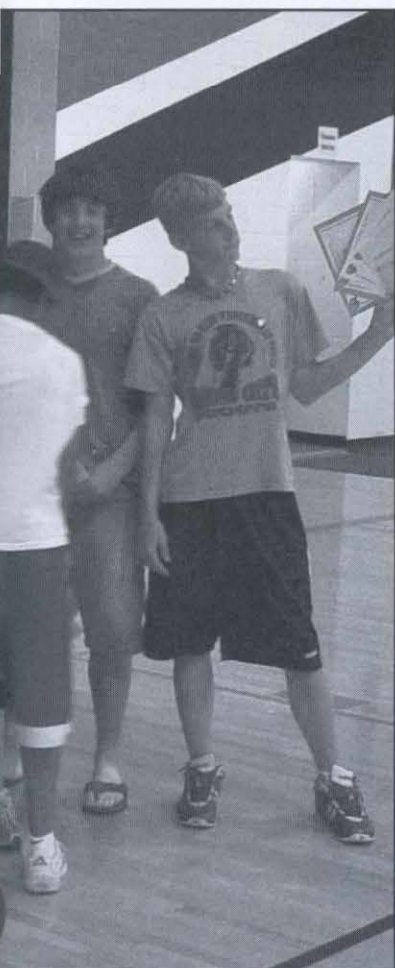


Middle School Students enjoy the same awards as the high school in their own ABC Awards Ceremony

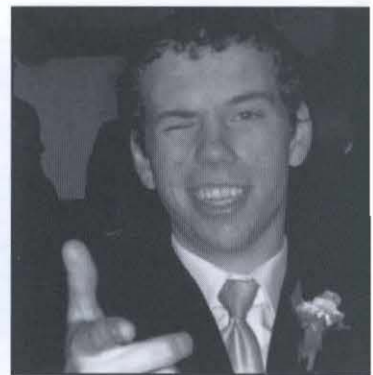
Receiving Recognition

For most of the students that attended the Middle School ABC Awards, they went home satisfied after receiving abundant numbers of awards. More than half of the middle school student body attended the event, where teachers passed out awards to students with academic achievements. Mr. Couch, 7th grade English teacher, said this about the event: "The best thing about the Middle School ABC Awards is that it enables teachers to not only recognize the outstanding students in each class, but also recognize students who have shown improvement and students who give extra effort." For the most part, students agreed. 7th grader Candice Palmer said "The awards were OK, but I think I deserve more than the three awards that I got."

Awards were given for overall high honor roll and honor roll, perfect attendance, and individually in each class for most outstanding student, most improved, and for extra effort. Awards were also given for middle school national and presidential fitness awards. The show was well received by the audience and well given by the teachers.



Dancing the Night Away



“The decorations were very festive and got you in the mood to dance.”

Sabrina Minert

DCHS's Prom was held on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the David City Auditorium. An Oriental theme was used to decorate the lower reception area of the auditorium for pictures and dancing. The decorations were unique and a hit with most prom-goers. “The decorations were very festive and got you in the mood to dance,” said sophomore Sabrina Minert.

Hy-Vee catered the meal this year, which consisted of barbecued pork and cheesy hash browns. After the meal was over and everybody made their way downstairs, the grand

march began. “We ran a little behind schedule with the grand march, but it all worked out,” said junior class sponsor and prom organizer Aron Backstrom.

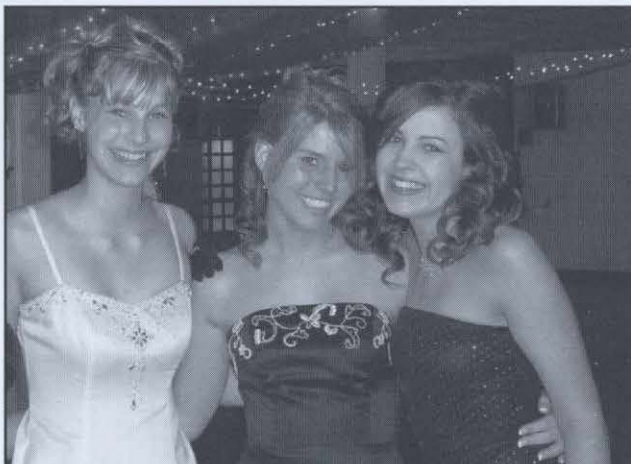
The prom court members were Brenden Fricke, Alex Gerlach, Kristin Hopwood, Brittney Lensch, Dnaiel Loseke, Owen Neesen, Chris Sander, and Elise Schmid. It is custom, several sophomores were given the honor of being prom servers, but sophomore Ethan Hall had one complaint. “The hats were different. They would have been better without them.

The Prom Royalty Court: Brenden Fricke, Alex Gerlach, Kristin Hopwood, Brittney Lensch, Elise Schmid, Owen Neesen, Chris Sander.





Pictured on this page: Thomas Jacobson, Chris Sander, Elise Schmid, Kristin Hopwood, Audra Duren, Nathan Kershner, Cassie Glock, Todd Eberle, Melissa Dion, Mike Betzen, Kate Byrkit, Laura Carlson, Angie Yates, Jerrica Richards, Brandi Prochaska, Willemijn Pesman, Christy Comte, Kirby Hecker, Tyler Polacek, Haylie Osborn, Andy Pokorny, Trent Palensky, Torie Thoendel, Anna Mattingly, Megan McClintic. On opposite page: Kyle Clymer.



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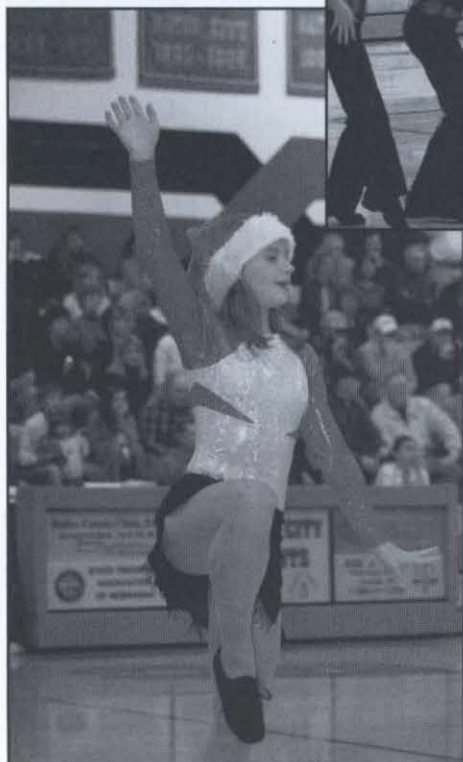
SOMETHIN' ABOUT THOSE

If you've been to very many games at DCHS, then there's no doubt that you've noticed the Platinum Dancers. You know, the girls who get out on the field or court at half-time and dance for the crowd. This year, like every year, was a little unique. Each year brings new squad members and dance routines, and that variety keeps the Platinum Dancers one of the most energetic and fun organizations at DCHS.

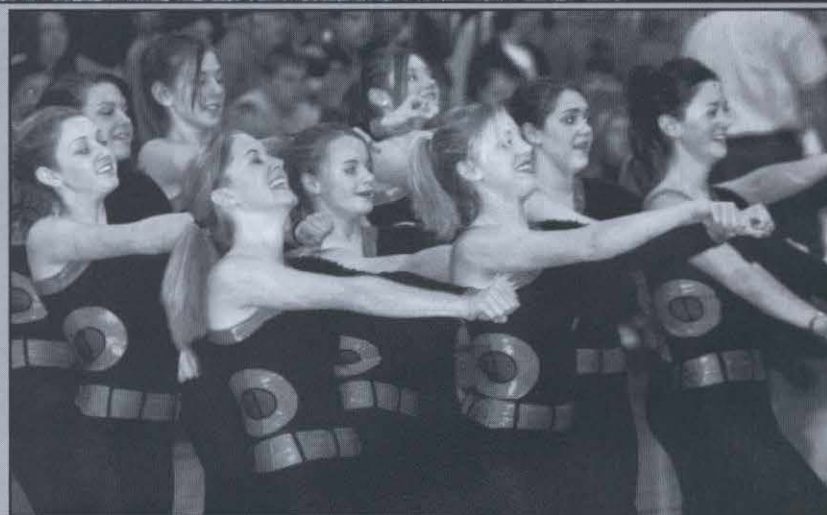
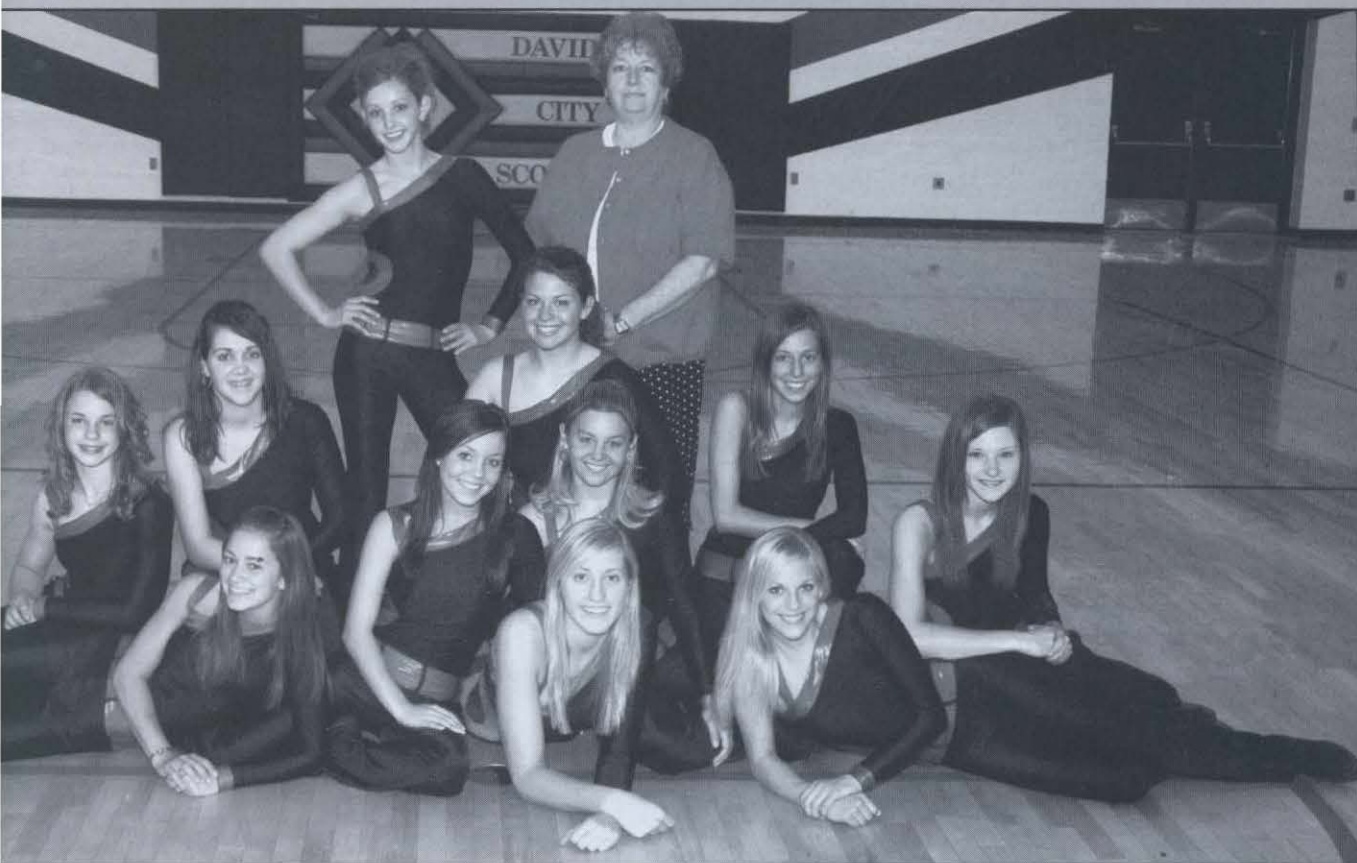
"Platinum Dancers is really fun!

I like the performances best because we get to show off our dances and how hard we worked on them," said freshman Morgan Otte. "All the activities we do are really enjoyable and help the school, like setting up for Homecoming and hosting the little girls' cheer and dance camp."

The fun had by the girls is evident to the fans, because it shows in their faces and their performances. Their sponsor, Pam Kabourek, agrees. "I felt that our dancing was very good this year."



The DCHS 2005-2006 Platinum Dancers - Pictured on these pages: Sponsor Pam Kabourek, Cassie Glock, Elise Schmid, Brittney Lensch, Kirby Hecker, Haylie Osborn, Laura Carlson, Becky Hecker, Cindy Shultz, Miranda Fenderich, Christy Comte, Michaela Hruska, Morgan Otte.





FRIENDS FOREVER.

Eighth Grade friends Brianne Hicks, Staci Ossian, and Abbey Shipley share a light moment at a Middle School Track Meet. Middle School Sports enjoyed another successful year, highlighted by the success of the boys teams, who went undefeated in football, and nearly did the same in basketball.

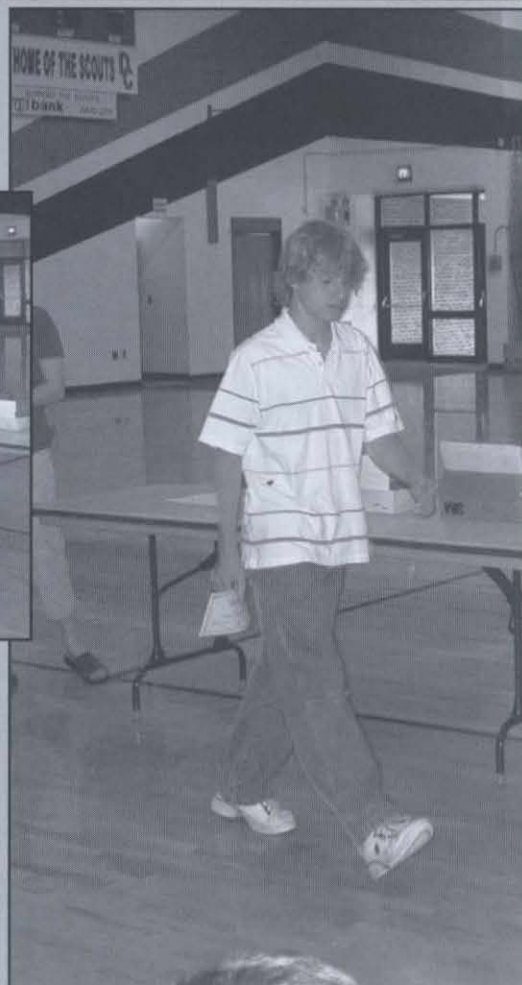
Academic Achievement

As seventh grader Sydney Brummels returns to her seat after receiving an award, several others gather to collect theirs.



Scout Pride

Seventh Grader Justin Chmelka is one of many students in the middle school who excel not only in the classroom but on the field of competition. Here, he returns to his seat after being recognized at the MS ABC Awards.



middle school days

Soaking Up The Sun

During track meets, many students come out to support their school mates and enjoy the first few warm days of spring. Here, Kaci Pavel, Abbey Shipley, Justine Riha, Nikki Romshek, and Brianne Hicks lounge on the infield and observe the action.



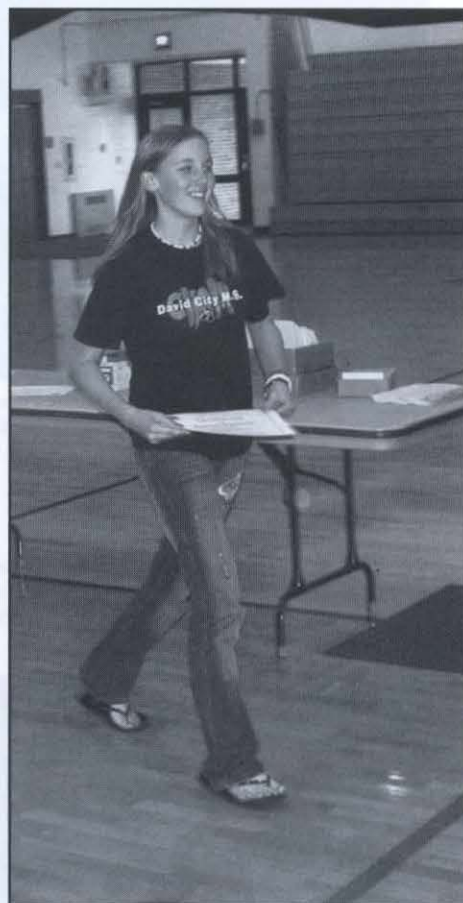
And the Award Goes To...

Two more of our high achieving middle schoolers, seventh grader Becky Buntgen (left) and Kaci Pavel (right) proudly take awards back to their seats at the middle school ABC Awards.



Staci's Mom has got it goin on.

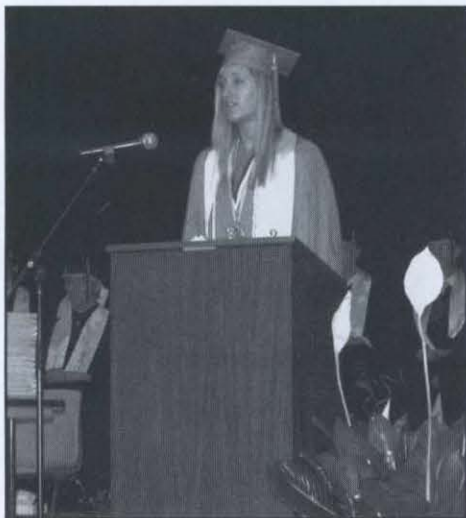
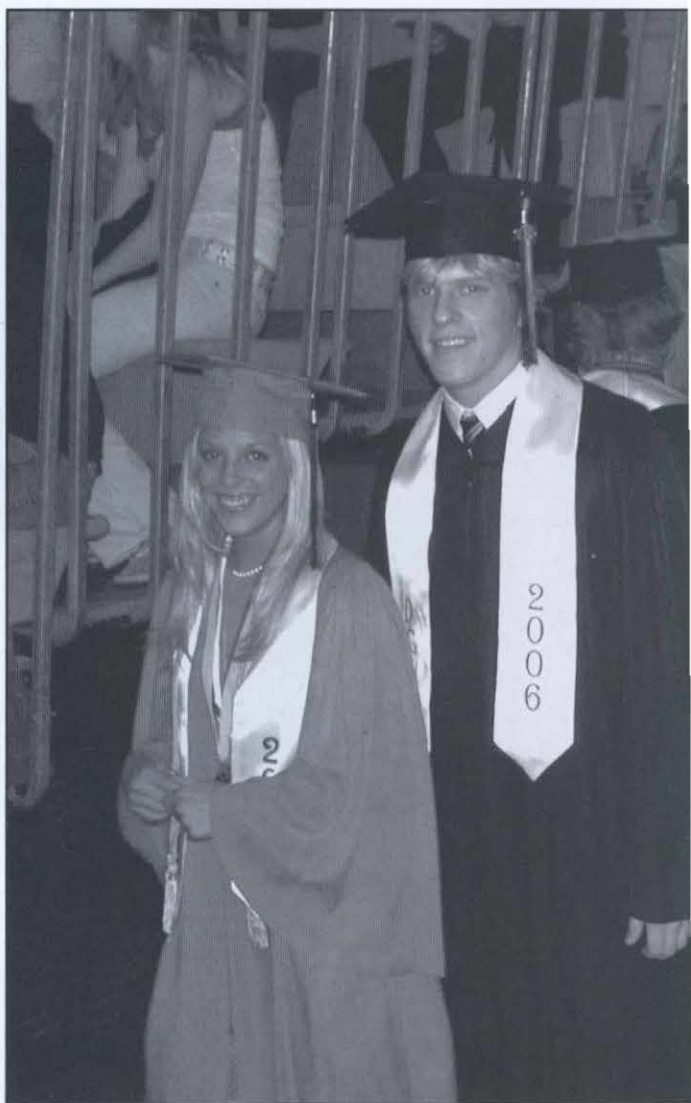
Deb Ossian chats it up with a few of her daughter's friends (Justine Riha, Nikki Romshek, and Brianne Hicks) at a track meet.



Before they walk in the David City Activities Center one last time as undergraduates, Seniors Cassie Glock and Michael Betzen share a smile as their fellow seniors encounter a full range of emotions.



School Board President Dr. Victor Thoendel presents a diploma to Chris Sander.



Class Valedictorian Elise Schmid tol of all the memories she had of her classmates and thanked her parents and teachers for all of their support in getting her to this milestone in her life.

Seniors Heather Dietrich, Sarah Chmelka, Ganna Dischinger, Chris Baete, Elise Schmid, and junior grand marshal Torie Thoendel wait for their big moment before marching in.



Chris Baete and Michael Betzen.



Kyle McKay and Kelli Meyer.



Andrew Meysenburg and Owen Neesen

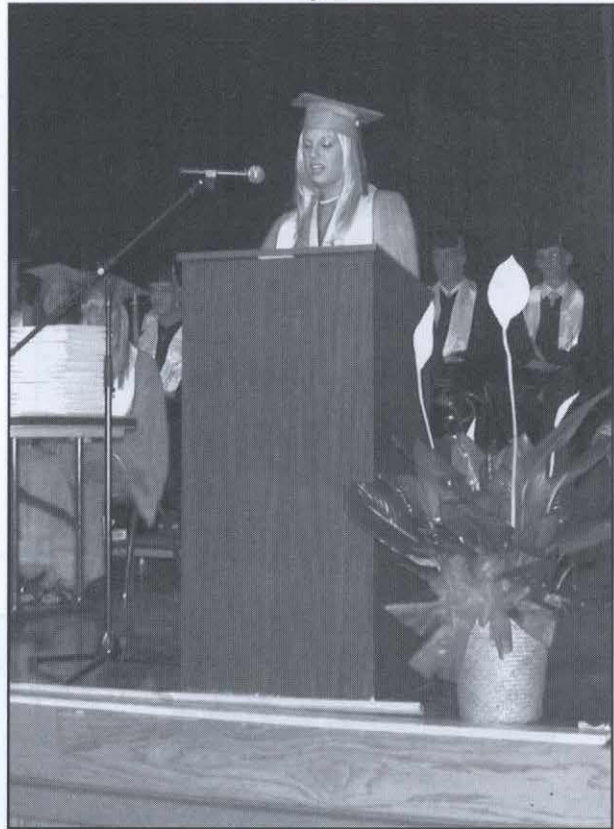


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Beginning a New Journey

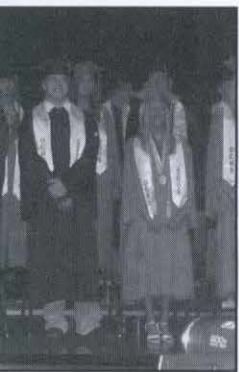
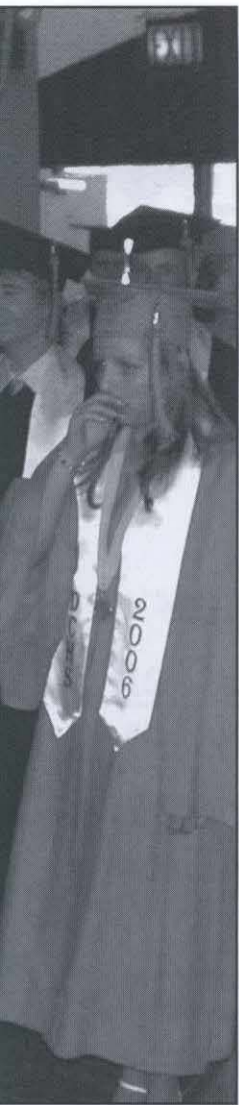
Graduation Ceremony, 2006

One of the final major events of each school year is the commencement exercise. This year, David City High School sent another forty-two young adults out into the world to find their paths. Salutatorian Cassandra Glock remembered fondly her school years, even enlisting the help of classmate Michael Betzen to pay homage to Mr. Griffiths, a perennial favorite of the seniors. Elise Schmid spoke as the Valedictorian, and also spoke of her fond memories and how quickly the years slipped by. Guidance Counselor Brenda Siffring observed "I'm glad that everybody graduated once again, and it was a beautiful day for the ceremony."



Class Salutatorian Cassandra Glock had many fond memories of school in the various stages, from elementary to middle school, to high school to her senior year, which flew by.

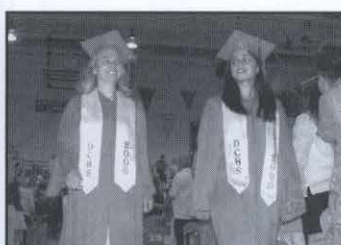
The Class of 2006 rises before moving over their tassels. Among those pictured are Melissa Dion, Heather Dietrich, Aaron Courtright, Sarah Chmelka, Mike Betzen, Chris Baete, and Cassie Glock.



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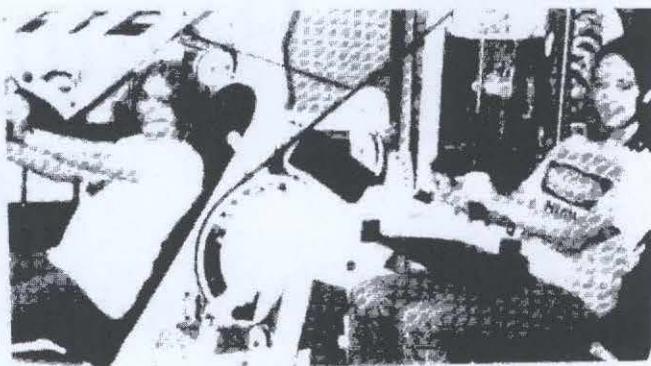
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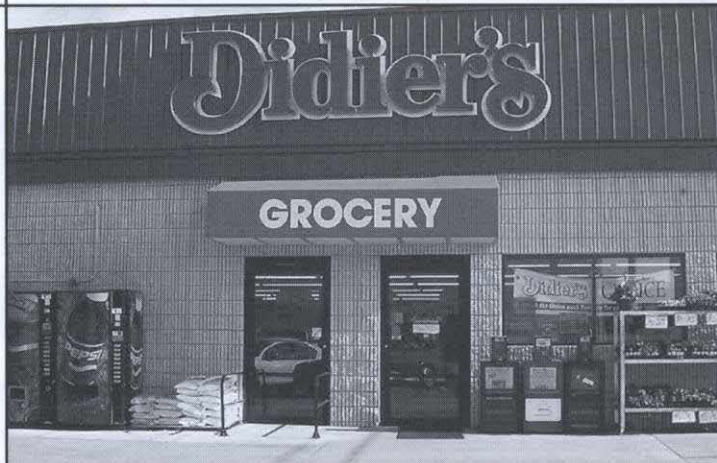
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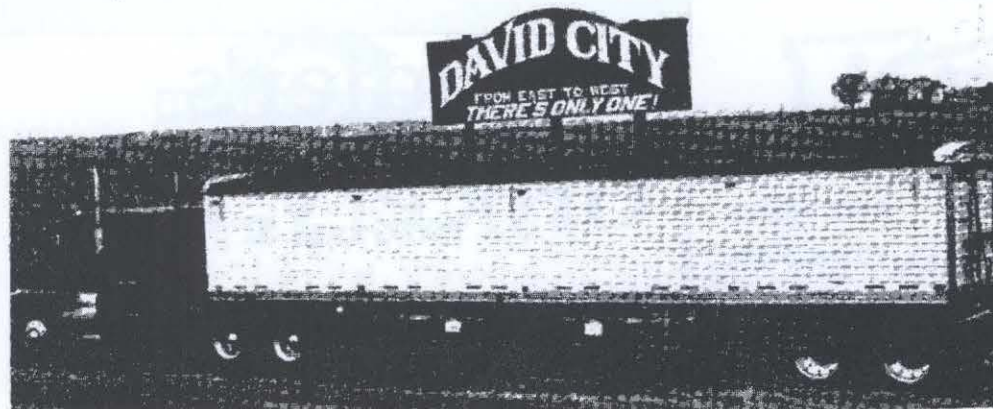
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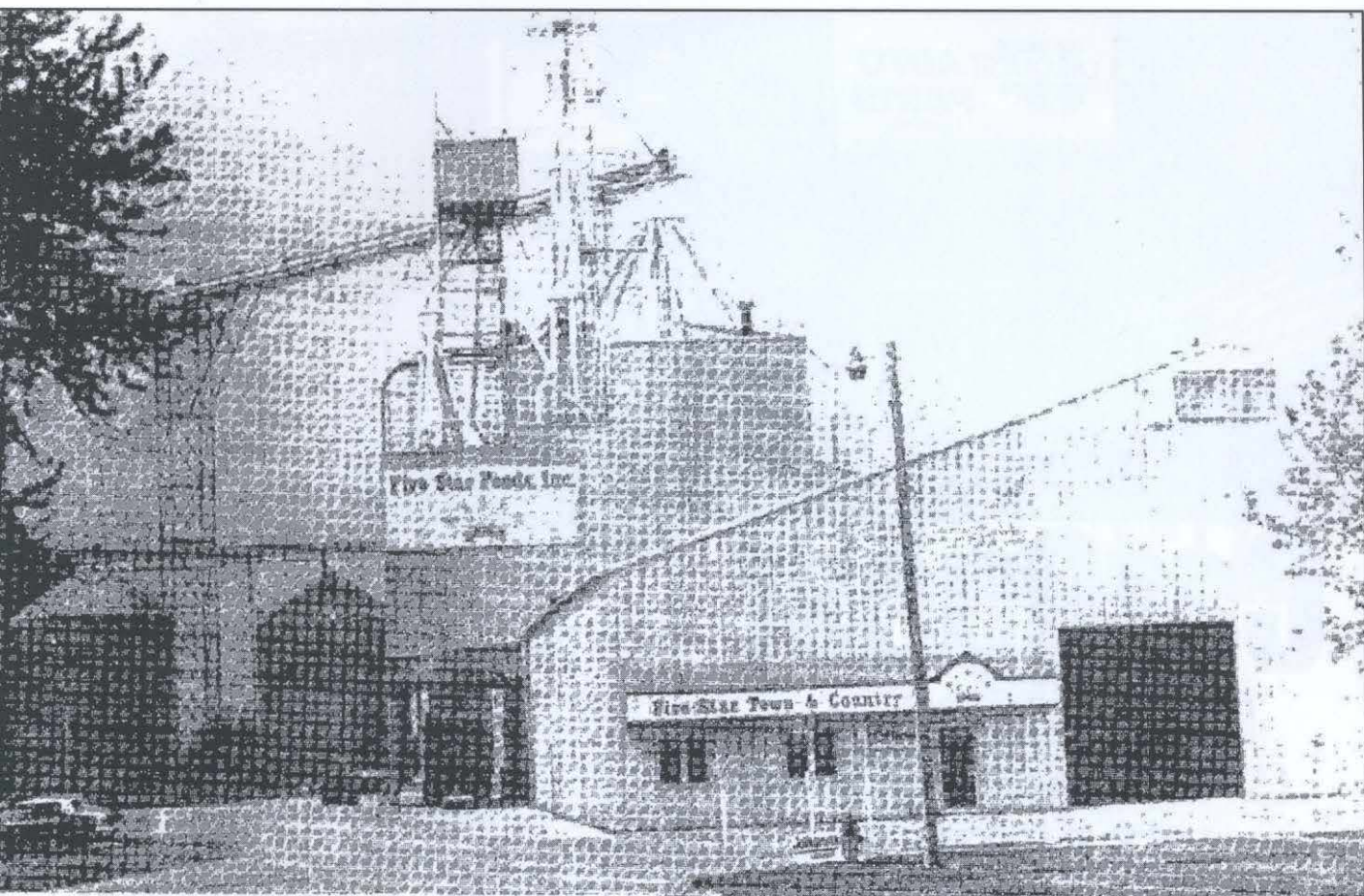
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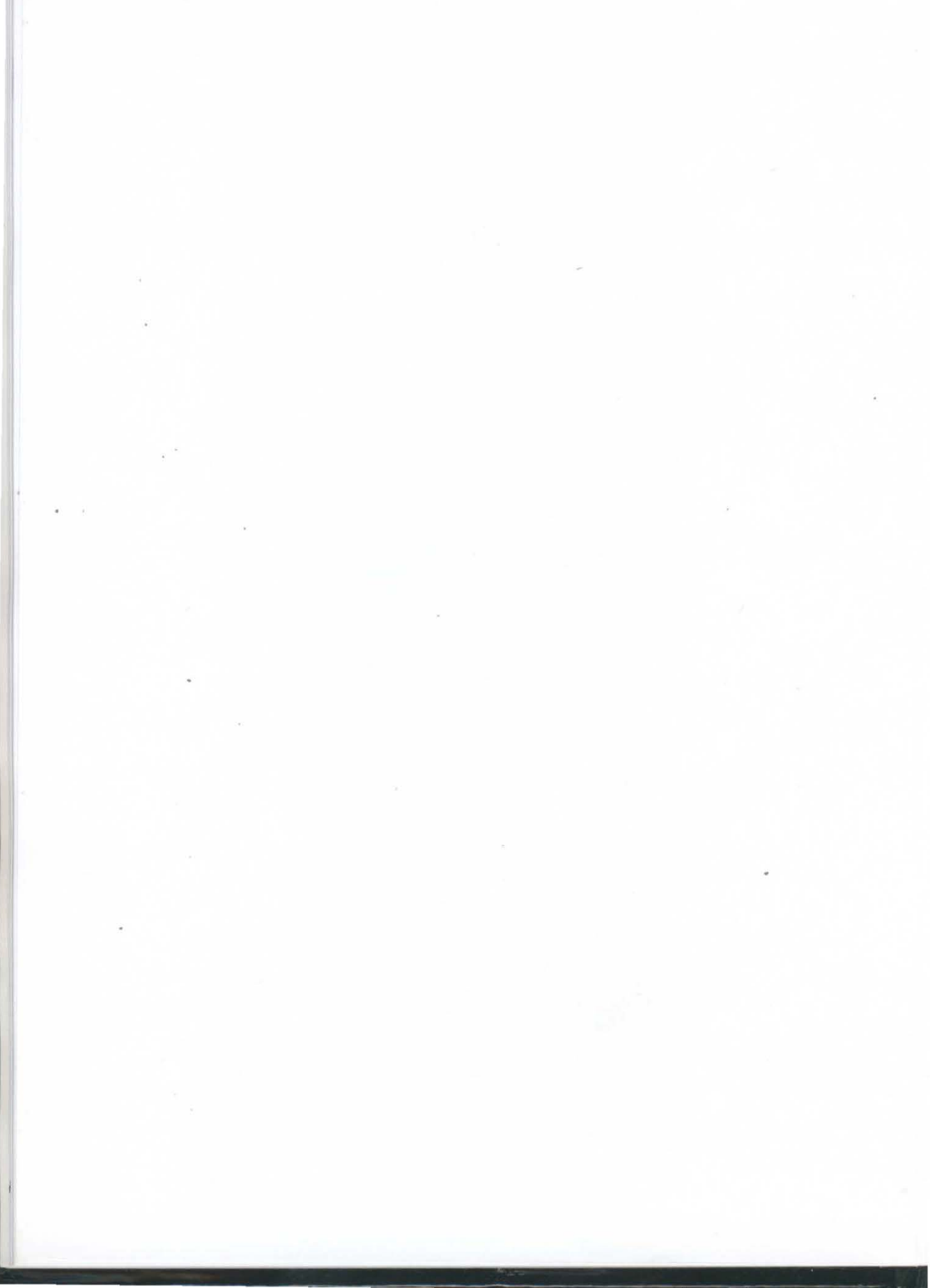


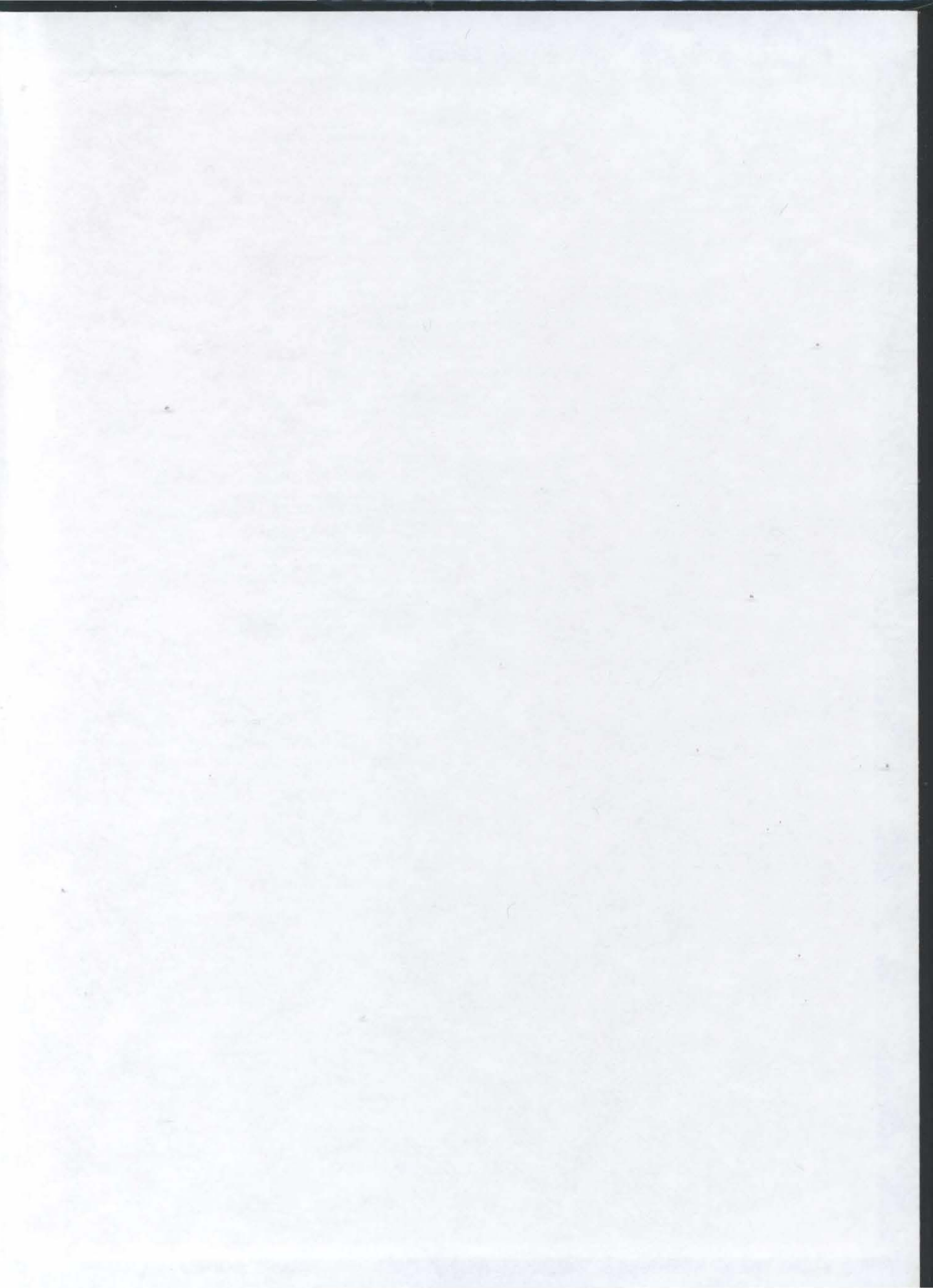
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