## Caught

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## Vilseck Talon 2007

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# Caught at Vilseck High School 



Ah , the symbolism. Even as the construction destroyed things like our old gymnasium, the Vilseck spirit was still there to be seen. We could have let all the noise and mess take over, but we didn't. We lived with it. It became a part of our everyday shuffle. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

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## Caught in the...

Shuffle, in this context, means confusion, disorder, chaos... basically following the idea of "vertigo." Vilseck High School is certainly "Caught in the Shuffle," much like a song is caught in the shuffle of an iPod.

What shuffles us so? Well, our school is under construction, for one! Of course, going to a school that's being worked on as we learn is... confusing, disorderly, and chaotic. "Teachers have to modify lessons to accommodate shared classrooms and limited
 supplies," said Ann Todd, school information specialist, "but learning continues in spite of the construction." The construction forced us to switch to a "construction schedule", a.k.a. block.
 This shuffling threw off a lot of people who weren't used to it, including teachers and students alike. "I like the block scheduling because it helps me to focus on four classes in one day as opposed to seven," said Dreu LaVelle.

With the gym also under construction, physical education classes were held at the Memorial Gym, a.k.a. Hilltop. It takes a while to get there (even on the bus), so if we had stuck to the previous seven period day schedule, gym class would have gone like this: ride there, dress up, dress out, ride back. A change was needed; the "shuffle" just came with it.

Even if we were completely and totally "caught in the shuffle," we learned to deal with it. A song on an iPod has to put up with being in the shuffle, too, and just as we do, it waits patiently for its time to come around. by A. Hendricks

## shuffle

| "The hardest thing is initiating change. It's the hardest thing for people to do." <br> Carlen Young, <br> Winter Cheerleading Coach |  | "My worst fear is to coach a team that quits." <br> Rick Ritter, <br> Head Boys' Basketball Coach |
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|  | "For the people that say the Rifle Team is not a sport, come try it. It takes diet, exercise, and precision." Mitch Pollock, Rifle Team Coach |  |
| "Whatever it takes." <br> Billy Ratcliff, Head Football Coach |  | 'Sportsmanship was my goal. That's what this school was lacking." <br> Robbie Swint, Wrestling Coach |
|  | "The most important lesson I want my to give my team is for them to enjoy it because it's not all about winning, have fun." Alex Veto, <br> Girls Basketball Head Coach |  |

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## Couaght in the Action

Coaches put in a lot of effort and extra time for their teams. Some coaches, like tennis coach Rob Loe, thought it was worth the frustration. "Anytime a player would walk off the court with a smile, that just made it all worthwhile," he said.

Many of the teams excelled with flying colors. The cross country team had their highest placing ever with Shamyra Coleman, who placed 7th at Europeans. Our football team hosted their first playoff game in a while.

The volleyball players won Europeans! "After a hard game [against Aviano], I knew that nothing was going to stop us," said volleyball team member Christine Holland.

Some players, not just the teams as a whole, felt they accomplished a lot. "When I found out I was the only freshman to make the basketball team, I was so proud of myself. I looked at the list, and I was like, 'Ballin'!'" said Jamal Grant.
"To me, the most important thing to get out of sports is the team spirit, learning to get along, being respectful... to the coaches," joked Silvia Post. "Oh, and doing your best. That's important, too." By A. Hendricks


# Defense... Get Some! 

"Turn it around!" was the motto of the team. This meant many things to team members but one important concept was to turn

## "We had

 great chemistry." around previous losses to a win this time. This is was a goal for the team each time it took the field. Coach Billy Ratcliff, who had assisted the previous two years, took on the new role as head coach for the Vilseck Falcons. "The first year is always a difficult transition, but we made great strides that will help us in the future. One very important positive from this season was the fact that we played our first home playoff game in a while. It's a start," said Coach Ratcliff after the falcons were defeated in the semi-finals against Bitburg. Some team members felt the reason the team accomplised as much as it did was because they got along so well. "We had great chemistry," said Chris Lewis, who led the team in receptions, overall receiving yards, touchdowns, and the longest catch from scrimmage.Besides the team awards given at the end of the year, athletes can also receive awards from DoDEA. Runningback Rex Ray was voted to the All-Europe team. by K. Jordan

After the quarter-final game against Brussels, Coach Billy Ratcliff reflects on the $53-$ 28 victory. The coaches also talked about the upcoming semi-final game against Bitburg. Photo by K. Anglim



The end of the year totals show the offensive power of the Vilseck High School Football Team for '06. The team had a total of 2530 yards, 29 TD's, 5 2point conversions, and 16 extra points. Photos by K. Anglim, R. Leon, T. Thornbrugh

| Team | Vilseck | Opponent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Naples | 40 | 54 |
| at Aviano | 0 | 9 |
| Bitburg | 21 | 28 |
| at Wüerzburg | 62 | 26 |
| at Vicenza | 36 | 28 |
| I.S.B. | 53 | 39 |
| at Bitburg | 0 | Team Awards |
|  |  |  |
| Team MVP | Chris Watson |  |
| Offense MVP | Justin Ingram |  |
| Defense MVP | Kawika Camanse |  |



FOOTBALL. Row One: Anthony Perry, Kevin Jordan, Joshua Lee, Andrew McIntire, Kevin Grier, Ricky McCarthy, Corteir Rogers, Robert Wright, Rex Ray, Chris Lewis, Trey White, Justin Ingram, and Demario Galbreath. Row Two: Dextra Johnson, Kevin Waters, Cordero Miera, Ben Berry, Kawika Camanse, Khiry Taylor, Remington McCarthy, Ramon Ramirez, Shane Calder, Antoine Price, and Ramon Ortiz. Row Three: Chase Riscassi, Justin Henderson, Andrew Feazelle, Ryan Jordan, William Hargas, Dillon Thompson, Phillip Manning, Aaron Jackson, and Paul Cruz. Row Four: Coach Kevin Anglim, Head Coach Billy Ratcliff, Chris Watson, George Diggs, Jamal Grant, Phillip Linka, William Mulkeen, Terrance Blunt, Eric Hickman, John Lee, Sergio Martinez, Coach Micheal Alley, and Coach Jason Olive.


Serving up the ball sophomore Ashley Hicks takes a swing to make the next point against the opposing team, Patch. Hicks received the "All European First String." Photo by S. Hood


Warming up, Cathy DelaRosa does a few crunches before practice. Doing something incorrectly Coach Kori Pollock enforced the "10-10-10" ( ten crunches, ten pushups, ten situps). Photo by R. Leon


After all is done, the Lady Falcons celebrate their winning of the championship. The Lady Falcons became the Division II Conference Champs, as well as the Division II European Champs. Photos by B. Bloker, Stars and Stripes

At the last practice before Europeans, Becky Linka spikes the ball against Coach Kori Pollock. The practice prepared the girls for the difficult tournament ahead. Photo by R. Leon



Alania McKinnis. Photo by B. Bloker, Stars and 8 Caught in the Actio

During a conference game against Heidelberg, Vanessa
Steepleton digs for the ball. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

The Lady Falcons are victorious in their game against Patch and show good sportsmanship. Photo by R. Leon

| Team v. Team | Scores |
| :--- | :--- |
| Vilseck v. Würzburg | $25-11,13-25,25-14,25-8$ |
| Vilseck v. Hohenfels | $22-25,26-25,18-25,25-12,15-10$ |
| Vilseck v. Patch | $25-16,25-17,25-10$ |
| Vilseck v. Heidelberg | $25-14,23-25,24-26,25-23,15-13$ |
| Aviano v. Vilseck | $24-26,25-21,25-17,25-8$ |
| Vilseck v. Naples | $26-24,17-25,25-6,25-17$ |
| Hanua v. Vilseck | $25-17,25-14,13-25,25-18$ |
| Vilseck v. BFA | $26-24,25-21,25-18$ |
| Vilseck v, Wiesbaden | $25-17,25-21,17-25,25-11$ |
| Vilseck v. Patch | $25-16,25-17,25-10$ |
| Vilseck v. Würzburg | $25-10,25-17,25-16$ |
| Vilseck v. Hanau | $25-21,25-16,25-10$ |
| Vilseck v. Mannheim | $25-15,25-18,25-17$ |



VOLLEYBALL. Row One: Jill Aviles, Alania McKinnis, Christina Holland, Cathy DelaRosa, and Nicole Lewis. Row Two: Assistant Coach Luis Sanchez, Chi-Kobi Murry, Rebecca Womack, Marissa Dominguez, Ashley Hicks, Becky Linka, and Head Coach Kori Pollock.


Warming up before practice and games is important in order to stay healthy during the season. At practice, Nicole Lewis has already finished her stretching and works on bumping the ball, while Becky Linka makes sure to stretch her muscles to avoid injury. Photo by R. Leon

## Doing Right

"Get it on the flo'....Get it on the flo' Falcons!" shouted the girls after the win for Division II European Championships. "The girls were a great team as a whole, as well as individuals," said Assistant Coach Luis Sanchez.

The Lady Falcons came into the season wanting to show everybody that they could be champions. "Throughout the season every opponent we went against, built our strength," explained Ashley Hicks. "Our team was really well disciplined,"Jill Aviles, a sophomore on the varsity team, stated.
"Going to Europeans and knowing that every other team was rooting for Vilseck, was the best feeling a volleyball player could ever experience," expressed Alania McKinnis, winner of All Tournament MVP award for Division II.
"It's been awhile," said Head Coach Kori Pollock, "Vilseck has not been in the sports news much. It's their time again."
"We were the best and we knew it," stated Becky Linka, one of the captains of the team. On the trips and off the courts the girls were sisters. They always made sure no teammate was left behind. The girls went to Europeans with the goal of proving they could do it by A. McKinnis and R. Leon
"It's their time again." -Head
Coach Kori Pollock


Jill Aviles. Photo by $R$ Leon


After the win against Patch, the girls huddle up and give each other encouragement. Photo by R. Leon

At practice, Rebecca Womack shows the true meaning of a sprawl. Photo by R. Leon

The Lady Falcons stand ready to receive the ball from Heidelberg. Photo by T. Thornbrugh volleyball

On the bus trip up to Hanau, Johnny Bonar finds time to rest after having to wake up so early. The effects of the coach's "Quiet Time" tradition hadn't quite worn off just yet. Photo by J. McLaughlin


Co-Captain Chad Perkins shows off his killer forehand at practice. He vowed to go undefeated this season and kept his word until Europeans. Photo by D. Carrothers

Throwing high to the sky, James McLaughlin slams the ball over the net to the Hanau doubles team. "We wiped the floor with them," said Coach Robert Loe after Vilseck's match against Hanau. Photo by G. Young


The players become blurs as they sprint across the court. Sprinting was a favorite exercise technique of Coach Loe's. Photo by L. Chavez



Sarah Klein. Photo by J. McLaughlin
The players circle up for intense warm-ups led by Coach Loe. Photo by S. Gilg

James McLaughlin, Johnny Bonar, and Nick
Selvage. Photo by S. Gilg

April Feazelle. Photo by D. Carrothers

# All for Love 

| Meet | Wins | Losses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ansbach | cancelled | cancelled |
| Hohenfels | 15 | 3 |
| Mannheim/Kaiserslaütern | cancelled | cancelled |
| Würzburg | 15 | 3 |
| Hanau | 18 | 0 |
| Bamberg | Boys: 0 <br> Girls: 2 | Boys: 1 <br> Girls: 1 |
| Europeans (Singles) | Boys: 0 <br> Girls: 1 | Boys: 1 <br> Girls: 1 |
| Europeans (Doubles) |  |  |

"The team just became one big family." -Chad

Perkins



TENNIS. Row One: Kevin Taylor, Sarah Klein, and Nichelle Mills. Row Two: April Feazelle, Amber Hendricks, Nick Selvage, Garrett Young, Jasmine Maine, Rebecca Lamp, and Coach Robert Loe. Row Three: Erick Arroyo, James McLaughlin, Chad Perkins, Robin Smith, Nolan Stark, Johnny Bonar, and Katherine Schaffer.
"Hit 'em hard and hit 'em low." It's a unique motto for a unique team made of very unique players.

VHS tennis players were those who could not get Suburban Homeboy out of their head for a week, and sat around at practice bouncing tennis balls to each other in a circle. They played water bottle football and soccer while waiting for their late bus, and duck-duck-goose and red-light-green-light at practice. They hit each other with the rackets more than they did the balls, and went through several broken rackets.

Despite all this, they went undefeated in the regular season. The season began slowly because two teams cancelled, but it gave more time to the players for getting to know each other. "The team just became one big family," said Chad Perkins.

Only six members of the family went to Europeans. Katherine Schaffer and Chad Perkins went for singles, James McLaughlin and Kevin Taylor went for male doubles, and April Feazelle and Rebecca Lamp for female doubles. Nobody came back with the title, but Coach Robert Loe said, "It was a fantastic season. We recruited well, and I'm looking forward to next year." By D. Carrothers and A. Hendricks


Katherine Schaffer with a forehand. Photo by R. Leon

Erick Arroyo at practice. Photo by D Carrothers

Chad Perkins and Garrett Young. Photo by L. Chavez

Kevin Taylor catches up with his reading on the bus. Photo by J. McLaughlin

| Meet | Date | Place Rank |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hohenfels | $9 / 16$ | 2ndout of 5 teams |
| Ramstein | $9 / 23$ | 3tdiout of 5 teams |
| Vilseck | $9 / 30$ | 4th out of 5 teams |
| Aviano | $10 / 7$ | 2nd out of 4 teams |
| Hanau | $10 / 14$ | 1st out of 6 teams |
| FIS | $10 / 21$ | 3rd out of 9 teams |
| Europeans | $10 / 28$ | 10thout of 13 teams (S. Coleman 7thEU) |

## CROSS COUNTRY.

Row One
John Watsek, Corbin Skerrit, Amanda Chavis, Shamyra Coleman, Jennifer Meredith, and Jordan Cooperrider.

## Row Two

Angela Odom, Amber Core, Simona Womack, and April Odom. Row Three Sean Anderson, Curtis Cruz, Stephen Newbauer, and Christian Colon - Leyva.

A rare sunny day in Germany starts the perfect run. The team sizes up their opponents while getting ready for the competition. Photo by D. Werner


Laughing with her teammates before practice, Shamyra Coleman stretches. Coleman placed the highest for the falcons at Europeans - seventh. "Shamyra cut her placing in half from last year. That means next year we expect first from her," Coach Ritter said. Photo by L. Chavez


Coach Rick Ritter warmsup with his team. Photo by $L$. Chavez

Stretching before Patch meet. Photo by D. Werner

CorbinSkerrit. Photo by S. Womack

# Goingthe Distance 


"I hid in the grass, covering my face," Amanda Chavis blushed as she explained the Falcon Jacks that Coach Rick Ritter instructed the team to do as a warm up before meets. "We would do jumping jacks and yell a letter of FALCONS for every jack."

The season, as described by Coach Ritter went, "Very well, given our small team size. For the first time in years, we won a meet. We had a total of 13 athletes, all who significantly improved their times.'
However, the whole year wasn't all good news. "We had a rough home meet," described Coach Ritter, "We competed against teams that were larger than us, which makes it hard to win meets." Despite the disappointments, Rick Ritter insisted that the most memorable part of the season was, "The group of runners we had - a bit weird, but fun to be around."
Coach Ritter found that the team was one of a kind, "We had a great pair of captains, Corbin Skerrit and Simona Womack. They were perfect leaders - respected by the team, strong runners and very personable."
To highlight the team's uniqueness, Jor-
"...caught the pigeon and threw itat Coach Ritter..."
-Jordan
Coopervider dan Cooperrider described an event that occurred during the side trip to Venice on the way to Aviano. "When we were in Venice, John Watsek and Shamyra Coleman caught a pigeon and threw it at Coach Ritter, who hates pigeons. While Coach Ritter was running away he ran into an old Italian lady who yelled at him."
by L. Chavez

The girls team focuses their game at Patch. Photo by D. Werner


Sean Anderson and Christian Colon - Leyva enjoy an inside joke. Photo by L.Chavez

Jennifer Meredith breathes in the air of victory. Photo by L. Chavez

Folding herself in half, Simona Womack does a full body stretch. Photo by L. Chavez

Sean Anderson. Photo by A. Florendo

# On the Green 

## "Golf is

 the sport of cham-> pions.'
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-Nick Deleon
"Golf is all about technique and that if you try to hit the ball it doesn't meanyouwill, evenifyoutry," saidsophomore golferTamariaHollis.

Yes, "golf is the sport of champions," according to player Nick Deleon, but it is also the sport of VHS students. The small but successful golf team achieved a goal that had not been accomplished in a couple of years. "Although we ended the season with only eight students, we had two students consistently do well during the season and qualifed for Europeans - Courtney Baer and Stevi Hood. Courtney was a great leader for the team, as she was the only senior," said Coach Tracy Thornbrugh. Although being small is a disadvantage in many ways when it comes to competing, being small was nice for traveling. Since the team was the only golf team in the area, students rode to tournaments on nice, big buses. This gave the players the chance to spread out to sleep. This venue also gave player Stevi Hood the time to share her comic routines with her fellow players. Dane Cook was a favorite.
"Stevi was our comic relief after a long hard day on the course. She always shared new pickup lines. My favorite was, Do you believe in love at first sight or do I need to walk by again," said freshman player Sophie Baer.

At the end of the season, awards were given to players. Jason Roberts received the Most Like Tiger Award for his beautiful golf swing. Tamaria Hollis was the Most Improved Player, and Stevi Hood received the Big "V" award for being an all-around good player and positive representative of VHS. by H. McKnight


GOLF. Row One: Coach Tracy Thornbrugh, Tamaria Hollis, Courtney Baer, Sophie Baer, and Matt Herriman. Row Two: Nick Deleon, Stevi Hood, Emily Cavalier, Tony Dupuis, and Jason Roberts.


Tamaria Hollis sleeps on the bus to Heidelberg. Photo by E. Cavalier

Jason Roberts checks Jordan Goree does the "back the green. Photo by T. wards man" on the bus. Photo by Thornbrugh

Trying hard to score, Stevi Hood still manages to win, "Closest to the Pin." Photo by T. Thornbrugh

On a foggy morning in Ramstein, Matt Herriman practices before the players' meeting on the lush green in front of the clubhouse. "The weather that morning made it a little difficult for putting. The greens were not playable because they had just been aerated the day before," said Coach Tracy Thornbrugh. Herriman practiced his putting in order to overcome the obstacles presented on the course. Photo by T. Thornbrugh.


| Meet | Date | Place <br> Ranked |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Heidelberg | September <br> 15 | Courtney Baer <br> Fourth Place |
| Heidelberg | September <br> 21 | Women's Team <br> Third Place <br> Stevi Hood <br> Longest Drive |
| Kaiser - <br> slautern | September <br> 28 | Courtney Baer <br> Fourth Place <br> Stevi Hood <br> Longest Drive |
| Patch | October 5 | Women's Team <br> Fourth Place <br> Men's Team <br> Fourth Place <br> Stevi Hood <br> Women's Closest <br> tothe Pin |
| Europeans | October 12-13 | Stevi Hood <br> Ninth Place <br> Courtney Baer <br> Twelfth Place |



Tee times varied so teammates would not normally tee off in the same grouping. At Ramstein, Sophie Baer and Tony Dupuis kill time while waiting for their turn to tee off. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


At Heidelberg, Emily Cavalier tees off. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

Tamaria Hollis, Nick Deleon, and Sophie Baer wait for their opportunity to tee off at the Ramstein golf course. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

Fourth place champion, Courtney Baer holds it up for everyone to see. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

# Bring <br> it <br> 0 n 

## "From

 10 cheerleaders in one car to the late night shopette raids, I have to say that it was a total blast."-Susanna

Fall cheer season was full of drama, tears, laughter, persistence, and tons of fun. The season started off a bit rocky due to coaching issues, but as soon as Coach Ashley Bridges stepped up to be our new coach, "the season went very smoothly," Susanna Owens said. "We had tons of fun but at the same time we still worked hard."
At the beginning of the cheer season the girls attended a UCA cheer camp. It gave them a chance to bond and to learn what it really meant to be a cheerleader. By the end of the camp, the team walked away with a spirit stick! "It was an amazing experience for me and all the other girls," said Carleigh Bowman. "We all learned so much."

Even though the cheer team spent a lot of their time learning new material and practicing, they also left plenty of time for fun. "I had a great time at camp," stated Carleigh Bowman.
"From 10 cheerleaders in one car to the late night shopette raids, I have to say that it was a total blast," Susanna Owens said. "This season was really all about hard work and having fun." Susanna Owens said.
"The hardest thing though, was to try to prove ourselves to our school and show that we weren't just girls in cute skirts, but girls that could accomplish much more than just an image. In the end, we still had much to learn," said Susanna, "but we accomplished a lot in a short amount of time ." by A. Barnett

Cheering on a crowd is a tough job to do, but Doug Carrothers does it with enthusiasm and loads of spirit. Although the football team did not beat the Naples Wildcats the cheerleaders did their best to keep the crowd pumped. Photo by T. Thornbrugh



Tierra McLeod. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

JV Cheers at home for the falcon football team. Photo by S. Owens

Enjoying a moment with the crowd. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


The Junior Varsity Cheer Squad cheers for the mighty falcon football team at a home game against Bitburg. They got the crowd pumped up while performing their signature cheer, "Maroon and Gold." Photo by S. Owens


[^0]Waiting their turn in the stands. Photo by S. Owens

Felicia Avery Photo by T. Thornbrugh

Varsity Cheerleaders
Photo by R. Leon

## Take it to the Hoop

"At the tourney, we just came ready to play!" said Dextra Johnson, team member. The basketball boys went nine and eleven
learned that friends are everything. I will miss my homies.
-Dextra Johnson for the season and were semifinalists at Europeans, finishing fourth out of ten teams. They came close, and they felt they were ready.
"I would have liked to win the entire tournament, but I'm happy to have seen the team come together and improve from last year," said Coach Rick Ritter. "It was disappointing that we didn't walk away with a trophy. Only first through third receive trophies."

Although the team didn't win it all, individual players received awards for their play during Europeans. Kollin Jordan received an All-Tournament selection and Chris Lewis and Ronnie Turner received Honorable Mention recognition.
Is there room for more improvement next year? "Oh, yeah, but some new talent will come and assist our returning players," said Coach Ritter. "We have a strong group of sophomores who will be juniors next year and we are counting on them to help replace our departing players."
The boys didn't make it all the way, but as seen in movies like Coach Carter, athletes can get more out of a season than just a victory. "I learned that friends are everything," said Johnson, junior. "I will miss my homies. We became close throughout the season." by A. Hendricks


During a timeout, the boys discuss their plan of action. Photo by A. Feazelle Photos by T. Thornbrugh, A. Feazelle, A. Barnett

The boys pay close attention to their fellow team members. Photo by A. Barnett



On the way to the basket, Kollin Jordan attempts to sink his free throw against the Ansbach Cougars. Jordan, tied with Ronnie Turner and Kyed Najdawi, was a top scorer for the season with an average of 10 points per game He was also right behind Najdawi for top rebounder. Photo by $A$. Barnett


BOYS BASKETBALL. Row One: Ramon Ramirez, Zach Skells, Stephen Tate, Dextra Johnson, TJ Whitehead, Earl Jefferson, Kawika Camanse, Zach Green and Paul Cruz. Row Two: Head Coach Rick Ritter, Devon Douglas, Sean Anderson, Eric Hickman, Chase RisCassi, Kyed Najdawi, Kollin Jordan, Chris Lewis, Ronnie Turner, Robert Wright and Assistant Coach Billy Rateliff.


Chris Lewis and Kollin Jordan participate in the pregram handshake. Photo by A. Barnett

In the huddle. Photo by A. Barnett

Chris Lewis gets fired up at the game. Photo by Feazelle

Earl Jefferson throws the ball back into the game. Photo by A. Feazelle

Shamyra Coleman takes a freethrow during the home game against BFA. Coleman was one of the three starting sophomores, which made for a young team. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

Not only did the ladies have the cheerleaders at the European Finals in Mannheim, Germany, but many other supporters such as Sage Thornbrugh made the trip to cheer on the ladies. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


## Quartney Cohen. Photo by Alania McKinnis and AshR. Leon <br> $\qquad$ <br> 20 Caught in the Action

| Vilseck vs. | Scores |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Ansbach | W 50-26 | W 48-21 |  |
| Bamberg | W 51-17 | W 58-20 |  |
| Hohenfels | L 37-38 | W 49-37 |  |
| Mannheim | W 44-39 | W 50-34 |  |
| Naples | L 35-49 |  |  |
| Aviano | W 55-30 |  |  |
| BFA | W 49-34 | W 48-45 |  |
| Würzburg | W 42-27 | W 24-19 |  |
| EUROPEANS |  |  |  |
| vs. AFNorth W 39-7 | vs. Aviano W 48-16 |  |  |
| vs. Mannheim W 47-26 | vs. Baumholder W 40-24 |  |  |
| vs. SHAPE W 50-34 | Final vs. |  |  |



BASKETBALL. Row One: Shanice Sadler, Stevi Hood, Shamyra Coleman, Cathy DelaRosa and Tamaria Hollis. Row Two: Head Coach Alex Veto, Mercedes McLaughlin, Quartney Cohen, Alania McKinnis, Nicole Lewis, Alishea Buckley, Ashley Hicks, and Assistant Coach Tim Connolly.

"This was a great season. Not only was this a team, but a group of sisters. We went to each other for everything. We always motivated each other. My favorite memory was at Europeans when we started dancing the Electric Slide; half of the Mannheim German community danced with us." - Nicole Lewis Photo by C. Murry

## Our Team Is What? <br> So Dope <br> "To come so close and lose the championship in triple overtime. . . . . . that's

 heartbreak." Those words, spoken by head coach Alex Veto sum up the season for the VHS girls.Although the season ended on a sour note, the season was successful for other reasons. "When they played BFA, they scored 25 points in one quarter. That is unheard of for any high school game!" said Coach Veto. Also, the girls had fun on and off the court. "It was kind of a running joke all year that the team thought of themselves as 'cheerleaders,"" said their coach. "They practiced their cheer routines almost as much as they practiced basketball!"
"We gave each other nicknames, too," said Quartney Cohen. "Like Bianca, she's called the Locked-Knees Monster because of the way she runs."

Even though the end was not the result the team wanted, "I can't imagine a year that could have been more rewarding and
of winners all the way. Every player, JV to varsity, worked hard and pulled together for a very exciting and memorable season." by A. Hendricks


Stevi Hood and Tamaria Hollis get ready if there is a rebound from Ashley Hicks' free throw. Photo by A. Barnett

Freshman Alishea Buckley dribbles down the court during the JV game against BFA. Photo by R. Leon

Alania McKinnis and Ashley Hicks jockey for position as Cathy DelaRosa throws in the ball. Photo A. Barnett

The Vilseck competition cheer squad performs at the 2007 European Cheerleading Competition in Mannheim, Germany. The girls practiced hard for competition day and did their best. Tierra McLeod was awarded All-Tournament in Division II for her cheerleading skills. Photo by $T$. Thornbrugh

## Tiffany Griffith and

 Suzanne Smith perform at half time along with their fellow cheerleaders during a Vilseck home game. It gave the girls some extra practice before their competition in February. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

WINTER CHEERLEADING. Row One: Jaclyn Ferrer and Suzanne Smith. Row Two: Carleigh Bowman, Kelsey Lynn, Ally Barnett and Tiffany Griffith. Row Three: Ciera Royster. Row Four: Rosa Leon, Angela Blevins and Tierra McLoed.


Falcon competition cheerleader, Ally Barnett, is surrounded by her fellow cheerleaders, as well as other competition squads from all over Europe. Photo by H. Arbolay

At the assembly for Mr. Sennett, Angela Blevins and Carleigh Bowman say "goodbye." Photo by T. Thornbrugh

Varsity Cheerleaders perform a half time show for all their fans in the stands at a home basketball game. Photo by $T$. Thornbrugh

Carleigh Bowman and Rosa Leon cheer on the boys basketball team at a home game. They were full of spirit and ready to keep cheering on their Falcon basketball team. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


## Caught in theCompetition

It is a popular opinion of some that cheerleading is not a sport. The cheerleaders themselves have a very different opinion. "We do things that the basketball and football players can't do," said Ciera Royster, freshman.
Instead of being given plays by a coach, our cheerleaders have to come up with their own routines, too. "That's what makes us different from the other squads," said Royster. "All of the other squads have their coaches do it or pay other people to make the routines up for them."
"We're just awesome, man," said Tiffany Griffith. "Everybody always thinks cheerleaders are so catty. We all got along really, really well!"
A lot is assumed about cheerleaders. The Vilseck High School cheerleaders defy the image of ditzy types of girls usually portrayed in movies and such. Like Griffith said, "This season the girls proved to be true athletes with something to say." by $A$. Hendrcks

## "Everybody always thinks cheerleaders

 are socatty."

- Tiffany

Griffith

The Vilseck cheerleaders even had fun when they weren't cheering at games. At Europeans, they spent time shopping, chatting, sleeping and doing their matching hair for the next day of cheering. Competition was tons of fun for everyone on and off the competition floor. Photos by A. Barnett


The girls practiced hard to prepare for their competition in February and learned new routines and cheers almost everyday. Photo by L. Chavez

At an away basketball game against Hohenfels the varsity girls cheer on their team. The teams split, with the boys winning and the girls losing. Photo by $A$. Barnett

Sabrina Gilg blows out the birthday candles on her special birthday cake presented to her at half-time by her friends. Photo by A. Feazelle

## Caught in the headlock

"It doesn't come easy, and it don't come quick," said Leonard Rodriquez about wrestling. "Wrestling is only for the disciplined," Rodriguez explained.

Wrestling is a difficult sport prone to in-
"It doesn't
come easy and it don't come quick."
-Leonard Rodriquez
when it came to their opponents, but loved to joke around with each other, too. "We have lots of [inside jokes]. We would be on the bus clowning each other and making up
nicknames," said Andrew Feazelle. "We althe bus clowning each other and making up
nicknames," said Andrew Feazelle. "We always had a blast."
"I had an extremely fun season," agreed Patrick Mooney. "I'm very happy [that I went out for] wrestling." by $A$. Hendricks

Wrestling for a second year, Christian Borrero tries to defeat his opponent from Patch. Borrero wrestled in the 112 pound weight class and ended the year with a 5 and 13 record. Photo by A. Feazelle jury. Some of the wrestlers couldn't make Europeans because of minor injuries. "I hurt my jaw, but I still just tried to do what I do best--and that is to perform," said Demario Galbreath.
Keeping weight usually is a concern for wrestlers, too, but most of them didn't have a problem with it. The wrestlers still had to watch carefully what they ate so that they wouldn't lose or gain weight, though, to meet the qualifications for a certain weight class. Some even wrestled above their weight class.

The wrestlers were serious on the mat

5and 13 record. Photo by A. Feazelle




Demario Galbreath puts his opponent in a halfnelson to win for Vilseck High School. Photo by A Barnett

Pinning his opponent to the mat, Andrew Feazelle makes his way out of a tough one. Photo by J. Lee

Allen Sligh slowly tries to pin his rival from Patch to take a victory for Vilseck. Photo by A. Barnett


| Wrestler Weight Class |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Christian Borrero | 112 |
| Greg Daniels | 130 |
| Andrew Feazelle | 189 |
| Demario Galbreath | 171 |
| Kevin Grier | 160 |
| Khyle Grier | 189 |
| Ivan Griffin | 215 |
| Levi Griffin | 285 |
| William Hargis | 125 |
| Jose Hernandez | 152 |
| Kevin Jordan | 215 |
| Ryan Jordan | 189 |
| Josh Lee | 215 |
| Jose Leon | 125 |
| Ricky McCarthy | 189 |
| Patrick Mooney | 119 |
| William Mulkeen | 160 |
| Ramon Ortiz | 125 |
| Anthony Rael | 135 |
| Leonard Rodriguez | 189 |
| Allen Sligh | 145 |
| Vanessa Steepleton | 130 |

## DATE

December 2, 2006 December 9, 2006 December 16, 2006 January 20, 2007 January 27, 2007 February 3, 2007 Sectionals February 102007 Europeans
February 16-17, 2007

Overall Record
5-13
2-9
14-4
18-9
7-6
2-6
5-2
9-11
0-5
0-10
6-10
14-3
9-3
2-10
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$1-14$
$5-6$
$11-16$
$0-10$
19-10
3-16

## PLACE

Vilseck (Post Gym)
Ansbach High School Hohenfels High School Würzburg (Post Gym) Bamberg (Post Gym) K-Town High School

Bamberg (Post Gym)
Weisbaden (Post Gym)

## Team Captains

Allen Sligh
Demario Galbreath
Josh Lee
Andrew Feazelle Co-Captain
Conference Champion
Demario Galbreath
Josh Lee
-
171 Weight Class
215 Weight Class

## European Qualifiers

William Hargis
Anthony Rael
Allen Sligh
Demario Galbreath
Josh Lee

Placed @ Europeans
Allen Sligh 6th place
Josh Lee
5th place
Awards

Mr. Hustle

Coach's Award
Demario Galbreath
Most Valuable Wrestler
Josh Lee


WRESTLING. Row One: William Hargis, Gregory Daniels, Ramon Ortiz and William Mulkeen. Row Two: Ryan Jordan, Jose Leon, Anthony Rael, Jose Hernandez, Allen Sligh and Demario Galbreath. Row Three: Levi Griffin, Kevin Jordan, Leonard Rodriguez, Ricky McCarthy and Vanessa Steepleton. Managers: Emily Cavalier, Jennifer Floyd and Silvia Post.


The wrestler from Patch takes a thrashing from Jose Leon. Photo by A. Feazelle

The Vilseck wrestling team gazes out to the mats, waiting for their turn to show the other team what they've got. Photo by A. Feazelle

Freshman wrestler John Lee awaits the sign from the official to begin the match. Photo by A. Barnett

## Team plays toits potential <br> At the beginning of the season, you never know how the

 rest of the season will go. Although the girls' soccer season began kind of rough, the potential was there for a good season.The team did not get to play their first scheduled game against Mannheim. DoDEA has a rule that athletes must participate in 10 practices before they may play in a game. This rule is to help to prevent injuries to athletes who might be out of shape before the season begins. Due to the loss of John Watsek, several girls did not have the required 10 practices. Also, a few girls had eligibility issues. These two factors combined, left the team with not enough players to participate in the first match. They had to forfeit.

When the girls did finally get to play, they were finally able to show their scoring legs. The team traveled to Würzburg, on a cold and rainy day in Germany, and defeated the Wolves eight to nothing. "It was fun," said Tamaria Hollis. "We scored more goals in one game than we did all last season."

Although Würzburg was no match for the Falcons, Hanau was a much tougher competition. Unable to play on their home field due to a VHS track meet, the team played in Grafenwoehr, ending the game in a 1-1 tie.
With the obstacles the team faced at the beginning of the season, the rest of the season only held potential. by $T T$


GIRLS SOCCER. Row One: Nicole Lewis, Rosa Leon, Vicci Hourican, Cathy DelaRosa and Angie Odom. Row Two: Ashley Moyer, Cassie Blakeney, Ally Barnett, Stefanie Kastner, Leah Beilhart, April Odom Odom. Row Two: Ashley Moyer, Cassie Blakeney, Ally Barnett, Stefanie Kastner, Leah Beilhart, April Odom
and Jill Aviles. Row Three: Caitlyn Rogers, Britteny Jordan, Jennifer Agee, Brittany Tener, Eileen Jones, Becky Linka, Shamyra Coleman, Tamaria Hollis and Stevi Hood. Row Four: Head Coach Tim Connolly, Asst. Coach Becky Connolly and Asst. Coach Sarah Zbikowski.


New to VHS, freshman Leah Beilhart works on dribbling during a practice in March. Photo by A. Florendo




Starting Varsity Center Mid, Rosa Leon, fights to keep possession of the ball. Leon started varsity since her freshman year. In the first two games Leon scored two goals and made two assists. Photo by L. Chavis


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| BFA |  |  |
| EUROPEANS |  |  |
| Pool Play |  |  |
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## Whether in practice or in a game, the Lady Fal-

 cons worked together. Their expression that they used - Ohana. As Lilo says in Disney's movie Lilo and Stitch. "Ohana means family, family means nobody gets left behind. Or forgotten."Even though we have our fights like families do, I think we still had a good season because we are awesome," said Alex Florendo, senior and first year player for Vilseck. Photos by A. Florendo and T. Thornbrugh


Eileen Jones. Photo by $T T$

Alex Florendo and April Odom. Photo by TTShamyra Coleman. Photo by TT

Vicci Hourican. Photo by $T T$

Caitlyn Rogers. Photo by TT

Amanda Chavis. Photo by $T T$
girls soccer

Erik Bidinger and Shean Singletary work together to keep possession of a ball in Mannheim at their first game. As sophomores, Bidinger and Singletary both earned starting spots on the varsity team. In the first three games Bidinger had scored 4 goals and made 3 assists, and Singletary had 2 goals and 2 assists. Photo by R. Leon


Jake Skells, freshman came out and got a starting spot on the varsity team. In the first three games Skells had scored 4 goals and made 1 assist. Photo by L. Chavis


BOYS SOCCER. Row One: Asst. Coach Kevin Anglim, Tristan Steinmann, Shean Singletary, Erik Bidinger, Jake Skells, Devon Douglas, Sean Anderson, Jose Leon, Zach Skells, Juan Agosto, Justin Ingram, Kyed Najdawi and Head Coach Billy Ratcliff. Row Two: Manager Angelina Frenette, Ricky McCarthy, Kyle Canale, Yoshi Fong, Demetri Cruz, P.J. Cruz, Nick DeLeon, David Ferrer, Kawika Camanse, Remington McCarthy and Josh Davidson. Row Three: Khiry Taylor, Kevin Bryan, Jimmy McLaughlin, Kevin Grier, Tim Ray, John Lee, Phillip Linka, Josh Lee, Sean Yates, Ryan RisCassi and Nick Selvage.


At practice on a beautiful spring day, players run to begin their warmup. Photo by A. Florendo 28 Caught in the Action

Anxiously watching, team members wait to get in the game. Photo by R. Leon

After the defensive players clear the ball, Shean Singletary runs to retrieve it. Photo by R. Leon

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| Mannheim | 3 | 2 |
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| Hanau | 4 | 1 |
| BFA | 0 | 2 |
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## Getting over the wo

 HillIt was a rough start. The first day of soccer practice, team member and captain, John Watsek was fatally injured in a car wreck. The hill seemed insurmountable. "We all decided to dedicate this season to John," said Kevin Grier. "He gives us a major purpose." One way to keep John on their minds, the team began using the name Watsek to break their huddles.

Grier said that the feeling at practice and at a game didn't change much. The boys took soccer, whether it was a victory for their school or not, very seriously. Remember, they were playing for John, after all.
The boys crushed the other teams in many of their games, displaying an awful lot of talent. Coach Billy Ratcliff said, "We have the potential to take it all if we don't make stupid mistakes 'off' the field." Ratcliff was making reference to eligibility and behavior issues that some of the athletes had to overcome in order to participate.
Soccer season was a tough climb, but the boys didn't disappoint us, or John. by $A$. Hendricks \& R. Leon


## Ratcliff

"Our soccer team, whether at practice or during a game, always represented well. We came together really well even with our trag. edy. R.I.P John, I love you bro." - Jose Leon


After the game at Mannheim, Jimmy McLaughlin, Remington McCarthy, Kevin Grier and Corbin Skeritt listen to Coach Rat. Photo by A. Florendo


At The Celebration of Life in honor of John Watsek, the boys soccer team come on stage to pay their respects. Watsek was a captain of the soccer team at the time of his death. Photo by R. Leon

Hitting the sand with a smash, Jaclyn Ferrer, performs for another year for the Vilseck High School track team. Photo by P. Guzman


Runners from Vilseck High School take their races in a serious matter
to fight for the finish line. Photos by C. Land and P. Guzman


Running up ahead of the other runners, Chad Perkins has no doubt in his mind that he will win this race. Photo by P. Guzman

Taking the baton from Kollin Jordan, Dextra Johnson runs in a hurry to beat out the competition. Photo by C. Land

About to take off, Shanice Sadler gets zoned in for her next race. Photo by P. Guzman

Going towards the finish line, Jamal Grant makes a run for it. Photo by P. Guzman

Jumping at 13 feet and 11 inches, Simona Womack hits the sand with pose and grace. Photo by C. Land

| Vilseck <br> Track Meet | Qualified for <br> Europeans | March 31, <br> 2007 |
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| Rex Ray | Time: 11.05 | Men's 100 Meter <br> Dash |
| Christine Holland | Time: 28.38 | Women's 200 <br> Meter Dash |
| Stephen Tate | Time: 11.29 | Men's 100 Meter <br> Dash |
| Ashley Hicks | Time: 53.16 | Women's 300 <br> Meter Hurdles |
| Jamal Grant | Time: 23.57 | Men's 200 Meter <br> Dash |
| Ashley Hicks | Distance: 28.01 | Women's Shotput |
| Rex Ray | Time: 24.22 | Men's 200 Meter <br> Dash |
| Jamal Grant | Distance: 19.02 | Men's Long Jump |
| Jamal Grant | Time: 50.66 | Men's 400 Meter <br> Dash |
| Dextra Johnson | Distance: 5.10 | Men's High Jump |
| Kollin Jordan | Distance: 38 Ft. | Men's Shotput |
| Rex Ray | Distance: 18.10 | Men's Long Jump |



TRACK. Row One: Dextra Johnson, Jaz'min Clark, Ashley Stapleton, Myah Shamlee, Shanice Sadler, Tiffany Griffith, Alania McKinnis and Ashley Hicks. Row Two: Jeremy Goodman, Christine Holland, Kaisha Camacho, Aisha Mitchell, Josh Walker and Simona Womack. Row Three: Assistant Coach Kelisa Wing, Coach Lupe Guzman, Chad Perkins, Michael Welch, Shane Castro, Kollin Jordan, Phillip Manning, Devin Moss, Angelo Anderson, Gabe Welch, Mickey Brunner, Aquan Hamlet, Kevin Jordan, Rodney Fryel, Jamal Grant, Assistant Coach Danita Holland and Assistant Coach Kathy Jordan.

# Going the extra Mile 

The snow didn't melt in time for the athletes to take to the track and field for their first meet, but the following meet was, according to Coach Guadalupe Guzman, "The best track meet Vilseck has participated in for the last four years. We had over 10 people who qualified for Europeans just at this one meet."

With only a few team members last year, the team grew due to recruitment; over forty people participated. Does that mean some people don't get enough chances to compete? "Everyone who is out for track gets a chance to compete in any event that they want," insisted Guzman.

There are many different events in which an athlete can participate. Most of them allow athletes to shine individually, but as it is for most sports, "it is a team effort," explained Guzman. by A. Hendricks

# "The 

best track
meet
Vilseck has
participated in for the last four years."

Guzman


[^1]Pouncing like a tiger, Alania McKinnis hits the air to beat out the competition in the long jump. Photo by $C$.
Land

Already taking the lead, Christine Holland, participates in the 100 meter dash. She eventually went on to win this event. Photo by P. Guzman

Giving it his all, Rex Ray, runs to the finish to try to take first for the Falcons. Photo by P. Guzman

Slowly gathering speed, Tiffany Griffith, makes her way down to the long jump pit. Photo by C. Land


RIFLE TEAM. Row One: Jasmine Maine, Kenneth Zeier and Erick Ar-
royo. Row Two: Chris Vertz, Jessie Hobbs, Tim Ray and Caroline Land.

Cassie Blakeney, Sean Yates, and Michael Vazquez stoically overlook the crowd as they prepare to show the colors. The color guard was responsible for starting every game and assembly at Vilseck High. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

Prominent members of the drill team, Ivan Griffin, Chris Vertz, Levi Griffin and Jordan Goree learn the basics of slinging their rifles. "I like drill team because it's not like other sports," joked Levi Griffin. Photo by S. Owens


Drill team practicing inside. Photo by D. Carroth- SGT Pollock. Photo by C. Murry ers

# Caught in the Crossfire 


"No, we don't shoot any ducks," said Jasmine Maine. "We shoot targets. Yes, I'm sure." Hey, it's an easy mistake.
A person actually has to go through quite a few things just to make the varsity-letter winning team. One must endure four hours of classroom instruction on shooting and take a test that they have to get a perfect score on. Someone might get hurt, after all. "Yeah, it could happen...," agreed Chris Vertz, who then quickly added, "but it hasn't here."

What does happen at a typical event? "It is a lot like watching paint dry," Coach Mitch Pollock joked with a smile. "No, really, this is how it goes: Five firing orders, with six people in each order, shoot in each of the five shooting positions one at a time. A match takes about five hours, and is kind of fun."
He was joking. "It's a lot of fun, really. I would invite anyone to come give it a try."

Where rifle team is about shooting accuracy, drill team is about order and formation. At a drill team competition, team members practice precision drills with their riffes. Like all team sports, team members have to work together to form a complete, cohesive unit.

At a drill team meet, much like a track meet, members can participate in team events as well as individual ones. Although most people think of spinning rifles when they think of drill team, this is only a small part of drill team. by A. Hendricks

## "No, <br> We don't shoot any ducks."

-Jasmine

Maine



Rifle Team practice. Photo by S. Stewart

Jordan Goree. Photo by C. Murry by S. Stewart

| "I like clubs and after school activities because they keep me out of trouble, which is hard to do." <br> Douglas Carrothers |  | FBLA helps me prepare for my future, which is fast approaching." <br> Simona Womack |
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|  | '"I like S2S because you get to meet new people and experience new things." <br> Ciera Royster |  |
| "'I like JROTC because of the opportunities. I get out of school, and the leadership skills I learn.' <br> Scott Carrothers |  | "The Human Preservation Club is cool because we get to save animals and help the environment." <br> Samantha Johnston |
|  | "'I'm on the Rifle Team because I'm not good at any other sport." <br> Joe Dallas |  |



## Cought in the Scene

What would make a student stay after school once the last bell has rung? For some it's the boredom of staying home on Myspace or playing video games. For others, it's the fun of after school clubs and school-sponsored activities. There's something for everyone; clubs ranging from art to S2S, and organizations like JROTC and Student Council.
Not only do students get to know their classmates, but they also get to show off their skills, whether it may be putting all that hot air to good use in band, or splashing color on a canvas for art.

Most clubs have various highlights throughout the year. For FBLA, it was the spring conference in Garmisch. Christine Holland placed first in Public Speaking, competing with students from schools like Ramstein and Heidelberg. Another highlight of the year was the 9 and 10 Honors Italy study trip, taking advantage of Germany's rare central location in Europe. "The Leaning Tower of Pisa taught me to embrace life, even if that includes stupidity," Tristain Steinmann joked. by D. Carrothers


## Ant

## "I like art because I can express myself and my feelings."

K evin Anglim, art teacher, is a self-described "brutally honest" man, so if he doesn't like a student's "masterpiece," he will just straight up tell them. That means the students who take any of the art classes-including fundamentals, drawing, crafts, sculpture, painting, and drawing-need to be able to take criticism gracefully. Creativity is what art is all about. Mr. Anglim should know; he was voted most creative. "I don't grade papers or give tests," said Mr. Anglim about his class. "It's art. It's freedom. It's easy." by A. Hendricks


## P.E.



Working on the bicycle, Jaz'min Clark takes part in the physical fitness workout. Photo by A. Hendricks

Tristan Steinmann said, "The bus ride isn't that long. It gives me a chance to talk to my friends." Photos by $R$. Leon and H. Mcknight


Cutting out magazines and painting is a must when it comes to creating a masterpiece. Photos by L. Chavez and S. Owens

Demetra Moore pays careful attention to what she is drawing, so that she doesn't mess up. Photo by L. Chavez

## "The best part of P.E. is having Mr. Guz-

 man as my teacher. He makes the class fun."JJ umping around and playing ball aren't the only things that make P.E. fun. It might be the bus ride from the school to the gym, or the school sponsored Easter egg hunt, but some students believe it's Mr. Guzman, the physical education teacher. "Mr. Guzman is down right crazy!" said Charlotte Daniels. Not only do they work out, exercise, and stretch, but there are also personal fitness classes, where students must workout in intervals on machines that are designed mainly for personal fitness. OK, the bus rides to the gym and the aerobic activity aren't really that fun, but P.E. is. by $H$. Mcknight


## AVİD

## "Cornell notes were a pain, but other

 than that the class kept me organized."A-Ramon Ramirez VID is a class to help keep students organized and on-top of things in all of their classes. Every two weeks they had a binder check. The teachers, Dan Cunningham and Ashley Bridges, taught the students how to study curriculum, such as test taking and note taking skills.
Every year, for the past seven years, during spring break Mr. Cunningham takes those students who are interested in looking at colleges on tours of colleges in the States. Each year he chooses a different location. The trip, this year, was to Florida - to the West Palm Beach area. by S. Dornheim



Career searching and finding financial aid takes up most of the students' time. Photo by S. Owens

Quartney Cohen and Dashawna Harmon look for colleges that fit their interests. Photo by S. Owens

## FB <br> 



Hard work does pay off as Shay Stewart, Executive Board Secretary for Europe, receives recognition. Photo by S. Womack.

Christine Holland won first place at the spring conferences for her talent to speak well in public. Photos by $S$. Stewart.
-Jimmy McLaughlin

FI was president this year because I won first place in Job Interview last year. It was awesome." BLA is an international student association for students in grades 7-12 who are interested in business and want to further their career later in life. FBLA provides these students with the necessary skills to successfully compete in the job market, after highschool education, or manage personal skills. Members learn how to lead and participate in group discussions by solving problems and making decisions. Through FBLA, members are taught to succeed and that's exactly what happens. by H. Mcknight


## Band/Chorus

## "Learning new songs and figuring out

 who sounds best next to each other is so much fun. I'm going to miss it when I graduate."-Corbin Skerrit

RLob Loe, band and choir instructor, went through a stressful time organizing the pieces of music to fit the classes' needs. "There it is!" he said. Preparing for the 2006 Winter Concert in December, classes practiced everyday to make sure that the pieces were perfect. The chorus sang numerous songs including Carol of the Bells and Baroque Christmas. "It was very exciting to perform that song, considering that it was my favorite," said Angelina Frenette.
Towards the end, both groups performed Sleigh Ride and Silent Night together. Right after the show, students started preparing audition tapes for the Honors Music Fest in Wiesbaden. Katherine Schaffer, Leah Beilhart, Jennifer Floyd, Corbin Skerrit, Courtney Baer and Alexandra Touzinsky were accepted to perform in this fest. "The Fest was awesome," said Schaffer.
During this time the rest of the chorus and band class spent time preparing for the spring concert in May. "I want to further my career in music," said Alexandra Touzinsky, who has been playing the violin for years. by H. Mcknight and S. Dornheim


During a break while other band members are setting up, Senior Nick Selvage waits his turn to play his trombone during the winter concert. "I like band a lot. Ive been in this class for the past six years," he said. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


Victor Ursu, the only male at the winter concert, gave his best to match the girls' voices. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

At the Honors Music Fest in Wiesbaden in March, Katherine Schaffer studies her music in preparation for singing at the final concert. Photo by D. Schaffer

Michelle DeJesus and Mireya Jones practice playing their flutes before the big show. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

In order to help her fellow band members relax and play, Estelle Snoddy gives Alyssa Massie a shoulder massage. Photo by S. Dornheim

The chorus and band students worked hard to put on some good shows during the year. Every student had to practice their music on their own time, as well as at school, to make the best of what they had. Besides the winter concert, the chorus class sang at the Christmas Tree Lighting in Vilseck to entertain the community. Also, students in events like the music fest. Photos by $T$. Thornbrugh and D. Schaffer


"Spanish is awesome because I can finally learn to speak a different language."
-Johnny Bonar nglish classes teach students different vocabulary and how to use them correctly on a daily basis. Understanding literature is hard for some students, but learning the meaning of stories makes them realize why it is so important. "English class is great because

Foreign language classes help students learn new cultural skills from Spanish and German speaking countries. On some days, students work out of the books and on other days they are given lessons and dictations. Teachers want their students to read out loud so they can also learn how to enunciate the words correctly. "I'm

Learning the culture is an important part of these classes. In Spanish class, they celebrated the Day of the Dead by bringing in Mexican food to eat in class. They also did a project about a family member or any other person they knew who had passed away.
In German class, the students learn how to get around by studying how to speak the local language and learning more about the area they live in. "I'm glad I get to learn the language. I can finally find my way around Germany," said Calvin VanPatten. by S. Dorn-

The Spanish classes had a cultural celebration called the Day of the Dead. Students brought in traditional Mexican foods, such as rice and Enchiladas to enjoy while sharing with other students what they learned about this day. During the celebration, the students had a competition to see who could eat the most red hot peppers. The winner was sophomore Anthony Rael. Photos by J. Ferrer

German students spent their time tak ing quizzes and learning the local language. Learning German really comes in handy when you're just out shopping or out to eat. "My mom is German so I always knew how to speak it, but I got a chance to improve my grammar skills," said Tim Bruce. Photos by T. Thornbrugh and J. Leon

# Computers 

"I love wrestling. In Web Design I'm always photoshopping myself with wrestlers making it look like I can actually beat them."
-Michael Gilliam

## T

 he computer classes, shockingly, put students in front of the glaring screens to learn in-depth the programs computers offer them. A person might think sitting in front of the screen and listening to how-to's is all there is to the computer classes, but Lisa Santucci, instructor, has better ideas. "I would like the Web Design students to create more professional sites by becoming more familiar with the programs that can accomplish that. It would be great to enter into the Technology Fair, too." by A. Hendricks

Computers are the biggest part of a computer class. Photoshopping pictures and making web pages are students' favorites. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

Kevin Waters and Sean Yates spend time filming and working on computers. They use computers to edit their film footage. Photo by B. Connolly

# Gulinary <br> Arts 



Second year student, Mike Gresham, works on the latest creation. Gresham hoped to one day become a chef and open his own restaurant. Photo by J. Garrison

The culinary arts class was small but provided students with real-life food preparation experience. Photo by $M$. Gresham

## Drama

## "The goal is always to perform for audi-

 ences out of class... when the students and scene are ready."-Becky Connolly

Oh, the drama. No, not that kind of drama. We're talking theatre. At VHS, theatre consisted of the threatre arts class, as well as an improvisation group. Although the class was unable to perform a main-stage show, the class did perform a one act play. Outside of the school, a couple of students participated in the local community theatre. Known as the BAG (Bavarian Arts Guild), these thespians put on the female version of The Odd Couple for entrance in the Europe-wide Topper competition. Angie Odom received a nomination for Best Debut Performance for her portrayal of a Trivial Pursuit playing friend.
Another acting outlet students is improv. Much like the television show Whose Line is it Anyway, student performers play a variety of improvisational games. "We practice various games, getting used to improv-ing and to each other's type of wit and timing. Some of the games work better for warmups or for small group fun," explained group leader and drama teacher Becky Connolly. This group meets on Mondays after school. by L. Chavez


Appyling theatrical makeup, Dustin Taylor tries to make himself look older by drawing wrinkles on his face. Photo by R.Connolly


Looking the part. Angie Odom and Simona Womack practice putting on stage makeup. Photo by R. Connolly

The Improv Club acts out and show off their talent. Photo by A. Florendo

The characters in The Odd Couple strike a pose during dress rehearsal night. Photo by N. Linka

Jordan Humble shows his dark side. He wanted to have his makeup look Gothic. Photo by R. Connolly


THEATRE ARTS CLASS. Row One: Jasmine Maine, Dextra Johnson, Alcxandria Florendo, and Sha'quana Harmon. Row Two: Jeri Calder and Britteny Jordan. Photo by R. Connolly

## dournalism

## "Trying to get a paper out every month

 was frustrating sometimes, but I always was able to get my stories done."-Carianne McCabe

Definition of Journalism: "The occupation of reporting, writing, editing, photographing, or broadcasting news or of conducting any news organization as a business." And that's exactly what we do.

After Storey Smith was relieved of her duties on December 11, 2006, the journalism students were in dire need of a teacher to lead them. In January, Kristine Cardiel came to the rescue and finally put the journalism class on the right track. Dates were set, jobs were given, and the paper finally had deadlines. The students worked hard, trying to get a paper out at least every two weeks. The paper was divided into parts, such as Sports, Fashion, Book/ Movie Reviews, and Editorials. "The Dear Jane advice column actually helped me out sometimes. Her advice was very helpful," said freshman Amber Hendricks. Covering the year's events wasn't easy, but they pulled it off. by H. Mcknight


Seniors, Devon Douglas and Charlotte Daniels, take a break from story writing. Douglas was known as "Clutch" to his classmates. "I can do work at the last minute and still get it done," he said. Daniels was famous for her "Student Spotlight" article she did every month. Photo by H. Mcknight


JOURNALISM. Row One: Carianne McCabe, Jasmine Nixon, Stefanie Kastner, Christine Holland and Demetri Cruz. Row Two: Courtney Corder, Anna Carriker, Charlotte Daniels, Hillary Mcknight, and Devon Douglas. Photo by T. Northrop


Christine Holland and Hillary Mcknight check out the camera. Photography was a major part of putting the paper together. Photo by C. Daniels


Caught in the Scene

The journalism class was constantly on the computers, trying to type their stories, look up information, or organize the pictures. "When deadlines come closer and closer, it gets harder and harder," said Stefanie Kastner. The journalism class put out a paper every month filled with current events, gossip, and random juicy facts. Photos by H. Mcknight

## JROTC



Inspection Day! An important yearly event, JROTC students came prepared to school to be inspected by superiors. Photo by R. Leon

## "JROTC presents many opportunities for

 growth and development, but I just do it for fun."-Daniel Waters

Very few kids in JROTC actually join the military. "I'm not a military recruiting tool," said Mitch Pollock. "My goal is just to send these kids to college."

JROTC has access to literally millions of dollars in scholarships - scholarships no one else has access to! This puts college in reach for many students who couldn't afford it, a real motivator to join.

Tradition also motivates students into joining JROTC. "I joined because my father and brother were both in it, and now they're in the army," said Stephen Newbauer.

Students really have to push themselves to succeed in JROTC. They have to keep their grades up to meet requirements and attend and behave in all their classes. The lessons learned in JROTC can be applied to everyday life, not just in the military, so all that time and effort goes into making a better person than anything else. by A. Hendricks


Junior Daniel Lonowski participates in the color guard. Photo by T: Thornbrugh

JROTC remodeled and moved The Snack Shack during the month of February. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

Color Guard perform during a home basketball game. "We might not be the best, but it's really fun," said Shay Stewart. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


JROTC held the O.F.I. otherwise known as the Off-Year Formal Inspection. Students participated in activities in different drills such as Battalion Formation, Platoon Drill, and Exibition Drill. JROTC holds 23 percent of the student population and their goal, and they have reached it, is a 100 percent graduation rate. Photos by R. Leon

## Math/Social Studies



The Arena de Verona, built in AD 30, has such great acoustics that concerts are still held in it. Students put these acoustics to use by singing Jingle Bells and any other songs that came to their minds. "Students could hear each other distinctly from the direct opposite side of the arena without straining their voices," said Tracy Thornbrugh. Photo by L. Stagger

## "History teaches perspective. It allows me to measure progress and predict the future."

-Tim Connolly

Social Studies gives students, at the bare minimum, the general knowledge to succeed in everyday life and make wise decisions. The classes offered at VHS are AP U.S. government, U.S. government, AP U.S. history, U. S. history, world regions, and honors world history. The teachers for these courses are Tim Connolly, Alex Veto, Billy Ratcliff, and Jim Schaffer.
In March, students in Mr. Veto and Tracy Thornbrugh's honors world history/ English combined course, plus one junior, went to Italy to tour and experience the source of so much classic history and literature, and the birthplace of the Renaissance, in person. by L. Chavez

Math, this class can make or break a reportcard. Teachers include Pam Conners, Rich Keyser, Ann Robinson and George Dunn. The classes offered are Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, math Analysis and then AP Calculus. In the beginning classes, students learn the basics of algebra and geometry in the first two years. Then, students take Algebra II, in which advanced math is taught.

Some students choose to end their math career at this point because only three math credits are required to graduate. Other students further their education by taking math analysis, and if they started taking math earlier than high school, students have the option of taking AP Calculus. by L. Chavez


Tim Connolly's fourth period class listens to a lecture about U. S. History. Photo by A. Florendo

Frantically studying before a test, Estelle Snoddy practices finding the value of x on the white board. Photo by L. Chavez

Pigeons seem to attack Shane Reader and Colt Edwards while chasing the food that Edwards bought from a local vendor in Venice, Italy. Photo by L. Stagger

Trever Pearman surveys his last test and judges how well his mathematical performance was. Photo by L. Chavez

"Although the test is going to be difficult, I believe I have learned a lot, and I feel confident that I will pass the AP History exam," said Katherine Schaffer. Tim Connolly briefs his class on the roaring 1920's, making sure that the students completely understand the fun of the decade. Photo by A. Florendo

Everyday Ann Robinson writes the schedule for learning, and at the end of each period explains the homework on the easle in the corner of the classroom. "I always dread looking at the easel, because it tells us whether or not we have a test and I hate tests," said Estelle Snoddy. Photo by L. Chavez


## Science/Human Preservation Societty

"I like science because it offers a world of opportunities."

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- Maria Hasley
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Science, the dictator of technology and the future of the modern world. Those employed teaching this subject are Maria Hasley, Leonard Gehring, Tamica Smithson and George Dunn. The different classes offered are chemistry, physics, biology, anatomy and physiology, and earth \& space science.
Three semester credits are necessary to graduate. Depending on what the student likes, he/she can take consecutive classes such as chemistry followed by physics, or biology followed by anatomy and physiology. The third credit is a free choice. "I believe Einstein once said science is more about the questions than the answers," said teacher Leonard Gehring. by L. Chavez

## H

 uman Preservation Society is a new club founded by Larisa Chavez and cofounded by Anna Carriker, with Simona Womack joining later. "We decided to give the society this particular name because without an earth, human beings won't have a place to live. Not only that, but in saving the earth, we will also preserve the beauty and diversity of the many different cultures," said Chavez.Bake sales to raise money were conducted. Items sold were organic muffins, cookies and cakes. At these bake sales, brochures were passed out with environmental friendly recipes and small tips on how to help the environment. Later in the year, the society members planned activities for earth day, and were working on a recycling program. by $D$. Carrothers


Daniel Waters participates in a physics experiment in which the students measure each other's EKG. After finding the results, students came to the conclusion that Waters' had the most predictable heart rate, Larisa Chavez had a murmur, and Josh Lee's heart rate was strong. Photo by L. Chavez


Kevin Grier and Shay Stewart create graphs on the computer from self-acquired data. Photo by L. Gehring

Ever enthusiastic about keeping the environment clean, Larisa Chavez climbs up a tree to fetch a can. Photo by A. Carriker

Erik Bidinger, Jordan Prichard and Tristan Steinmann study chemistry in Leonard Gehring's class. Photo by L. Gehring

Anna Carriker finds Barbie stuck in the mud while picking up trash on school grounds. Photo by L. Chavez


Students identify powders and their chemical properties during sixth period in Leonard Gehring's class "It was fun because it was hands on, which is a lot more fun than doing worksheets and writing labs," said Shane Reader. Student lab partners take turns taking measurements and writing the data down. Photo by $L$.

HUMAN PRESERVATION SOCIETY. Larisa Chavez, Anna Carriker and Simona Womack. "Human Preservation Society expands awareness about how lifestyles contribute to global warming, and what people can do to prevent it," explainedChavez. Photo by $G$. Young


## S2S

## "You get a better connection by being

 in it. You meet a lot of people. It's really fun.There was a calling for a program like S2S at our school, with all those new students that came in. The "foreigners" needed to be welcomed; they needed to feel at home. That's where S2S came in."Finding one's way around our construction zone of a school on a new post in a foreign country is a daunting task - but the S2S leader's job is to help the new students do just that!" said Elke Zschaebitz, S2S's sponsor. S2S offers that friendship. Ms. Z said, S2S is about "establishing relationships and having one key person in a new environment to call your friend - to help you feel grounded - to answer questions - to be there for you until you get your feet on the ground-and the routine becomes familiar." by $A$. Hendricks


## Student



STUDENT COUNCIL. Row One: Rebecca Linka, Angela Odom, Bianca Selders and Virgilia Tanner. Row Two: April Odom, Shamyra Coleman, and Elke Zschaebitz. Row Three: Nicole Lewis, Cassie Blakeney, Chi-Kobi Murry, Cathy DelaRosa, Shay Stewart, Josh Lee, John Lee, Jacqueline Gentile and Lemmie Lee. Row Four: Devon Douglas, Chase RisCassi and Chad Perkins.

Caught in the Scene


Fellow S2S members present their ideas to get people to join S2S. Photo by A. Hendricks

The Luau dance,sponsored by S2S, was a big success making eight hundred dollars. Photo by S. Womack

## Council

## "STUCO has potential. I'm here for the

 next Seniors, 2008!"S-Josh Lee udent council had a hard time. Members resigned and others were impeached, due to this not as many events as usual happened. "There's just been a lot of turnarounds and chaos," said Elke Zschaebitz, Student Council Sponsor. The student council did sponsor the traditional homecoming week as well as other events, like the luau, the carnival, and the haunted high school. It also did some revisions of the their constitution and requirements for student council (i.e. GPA level). According to Ms. Z though, student council "mostly just kind of held the school together." by A. Hendricks


Making sure activities went over well, Student Council members took part in the voting process and other events. Photos by A. Hendricks

## Yearbook



The yearbook staff takes a break from working non-stop. They were comparing how "good" the past yearbooks were. They didn't feel any of them measured up to the new standard. "After last year, our book can only be better," said Rosa Leon. Photo by A. Florendo


Alexandria Florendo - Co-Editor "I will never forget singing Copa Cabana and I'm a Slave for You in class!"


Larisa Chavez - Photo Editor "My favorite memory is all the food Feazelle used to bring. It was so good."


Rosa Leon - Photo Editor "My favorite part of yearbook would be swapping stories about our 'tattoos' on our lower backs."


Selina Dornheim - Staff member "My favorite memory is always feeling stupid because I'm constantly asking questions."


Susanna Owens - Staff member "My favorite memory was our work nights where we ate Popeye's. I also liked when I made a rap song about Ally."


Ally Barnett - Staff member "My funniest memory is when Susanna made up a 'rap' song about me and sang it to me every day for a week."


Hillary Mcknight - Graphic Designer "My favorite memory is dancing, eating, and just being complete dorks. We're like a big family."


Doug Carrothers - Staff member "My favorite memory is chugging Redbull and pumping out silhouettes till 7 at night."


Tracy Thornbrugh - Teacher "I don't know about favorite, but I do remember all the times I had 'discussions' with some of my students. No, wait. Work nights were fun."


Amber Hendricks - Copy Editor "I will always remember working on the tennis spread with Doug cause he's so easy to make fun of."


Michael Vazquez - Staff member "My favorite memory was freaking out over EVERYTHING . . . one pica, more pica, and it's over."

|  | ${ }^{66}$ Rock is my favorite type of music because it is the best music to skate to. I like Stay Together For The Kids by Blink 182." <br> Jordan Goree, Junior |  |
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| 'My favorite song this year is Walk it Out by Unk." <br> Will Trinidad, Freshman |  | My favorite memory was finding somene who I can love this year." <br> Amber Wallace, Sophomore |
|  | ' ${ }^{6}$ like Rap, R\&B, and Pop. I like this kind of music because it helps me to think \& it relaxes my mind.' Mike Gresham, Senior |  |
| 'Upperclassmen are nice at times. I can't say they're mean because I'll be the same way in 2 or 3 years." <br> Genéa Mitchell, Freshman |  | 'The best thing that happened so far this year is that I finished my movie, Bloody Mary. <br> Jordan Humble, Freshman |



Cought in the Act
There was a scene in the movie Mean Girls where Janice showed Cady around the cafeteria, pointing to all the tables with all the "cliques" and what not. That scene in the movie really couldn't apply to VHS. Students of VHS talk about being "prep" or "goth" or "gangster," but basically everyone kind of mixes with each other. "They are so accepting of you here," said Elke Zschaebitz, Student Council Sponsor. "They'll just let you do your thing."

Although society likes to label our differences, we don't see them. "Us here, we're so diverse at this school. We all just blend," said Nicholas DeLeon.
Despite the labels that some people place on others, most everybody has something special about them, unique in all the normalcy. "My religion makes me kind of unique," said Emma Andrews. "It doesn't let me go to the movies, wear makeup, or dance. That's probably not so normal."
"I'm a crazy nut. Girls aren't supposed to be crazy," said Jennifer Floyd. "I don't think people really judge a lot at this school. There's nothing to judge," said Michael Welch. "It's straight with me." And that's real. By A. Hendricks



Emma Andrews
"I started karate when I was 8," said Emma Andrews. "And I still practice for an hour everyday and 2 hours on the weekend and whatever days I don't have school."

All of that practice must have paid off then, right? "I've gotten 15 medals from nationals, 4 medals from Junior Olympics, many trophies from state competition, and third place at Pan American." So... that's a yes.
Emma is a first degree black belt right now. "I just like karate," she said. I'm guessing being good at it helps. By A.Hendricks
 50 Caught in the Act

## What was your favorite song of



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"My favorite song was Flying Without Wings, by Ruben Stoddard because it tells how if you believe, you can go anywhere and do anything.

## -Maurice Cooper

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"My favorite song was Lipgloss and Letdown by A Static Lullaby."
-Amber Henry
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As part of the high school cheerleading team, freshman Lauren Carroll demonstrates a high V. Carroll, along with the rest of the squad, cheered at all home games and some of the away. Photo by A. Feazelle


My favorite song of this year? Ummmm....I like the song, $I^{\prime} M$ NOT OKAY by My Chemical Romance.

## -Ashily Olson



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"My favorite song was Sexy Love by Ne-Yo."
-Josh Walker
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It would have to be that one Evanescence song, Sweet Sacrifice.
-Tarren Brumbaugh 99


## What do you think of the



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I think they're cool and fun to be around. They also welcome me even if some of their friends don't want to hang with us "freshmen" and they crack me up.
-Shanice Sadler?


The upperclassmen are good students who show us what we need to be later in school.

## - Khyle Grier



Thqy are very open minded and even though they're older we love to compare interests

## -Brittany

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Best All-Around

John Lee Britteny Jordan


Showing her style, Ivelisse Montanez pauses in the upstairs hallway. Photo by A. Feazelle


Best Dressed
Dijon Smith Felicia Parreno



Class Clown
Calvin VanPatten
Cherise Werner

Most Athletic

Jamal Grant
Alishea Buckley


Most Fun
Garrett Young
Shanteria Harris




Best All-Around

Mireya Jones
Carianne McCabe Christian Colon-Levya


Dillon Thompson William Trinidad Sean Untiet Victor Vale Calvin VanPatten Joshua Walker Cherise Warner


Kevin Waters Melanie Wilson David Wood Julian Yates Garratt Young Amanda Zumwalt


## If it weren't there


"Caught in the Confusion" is an expression that outlines the experience of the freshman high school year. Everybody's pretty confused over who they're supposed to be. They're all in a place called "vertigo" trying to find their own place in the school and in the world.
"People find out more about themselves and where they are going in high school than back in the day," said Daniel Knott. Back in the day... those old recess-andcolorbook days of elementary school.

Kids must have grown up a lot since then, right? "Older kids still think they can run us over...," said Myah Shamlee.

But isn't there some kind of change? "I guess now that I am older and more 'mature' in looks," joked Leah Bei'hart, "I'm more noticed appearance-wise." Yes, there's always that... By A. Hendricks


Before recycling her lunch of fries, water, and a chocolate chip cookie, Samantha Johnston gobbles up a few more crumbs. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


Ready to begin his day, John McGaffin makes his way to his first period class. Photo by E. Zschaebitz

# Caught Middle in the 



Jennifer Agee Roberto Arbolay Jill Aviles Ally Barnett Benjamin Barry Erik Bidinger Cassie Blakeney


Angela Blevins Johnny Bonar Christian Borrero Tim Bruce Shane Calder Kaisha Camacho Kawika Camanese


Kyle Canale Scott Carrothers Richard Cass Shamyra Coleman Jordan Cooperrider Paul Cruz Tanya Cruz


Honors World History/English 10 offers challenge They usually work on projects, lengthy papers, and discussion topics surrounding the cultures and the books they are reading. "Honors classes can be hard, but you just have to be able to put the effort in the work," said Nadia Kastner. Photos by T. Thornbrugh

## Caught Middle in the



Phillip Linka Dominik Lomonaco Phillip Manning Tierra McLeod Davi Mills Aisha Mitchell Demetra Moore


Shane Reader Michael Shields Shean Singletary Zachary Skells Kaitlyn Slaats Vanessa Steepleton Tristan Steinmann


Enjoying the latest computer assignment, Erik Bidinger works on his computercourse. Photo by A. Florendo

Eric Hickman stands proud at the front of the auditorium during the pep rally on February 9th. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


Friends enjoy each others' company as well as the cafeteria cuisine. Photo by $L$. Chavez


After missing semester tests while on emergency leave, Jill Aviles makes up her English test in the library during homework lab with Mrs. Todd. Photo by L. Chavez

Promotion Board is a time for cadets to shine up the uniform Vanessa Steepleton uses the JROTC office to do last minute polishing. Photo by L. Chavez

## Sophomore $_{\text {Superlatives }}$



Kawika Camanese and Shamyra Coleman Photo by A. Barnett


Tierra McLeod and Shane Reader Photo by T. Thornbrugh


Stevi Hood and Tristan Steinmann Photo by A. Barnett


Athletic
Paul Cruz and Ashley Hicks Photo by A. Barnett


Phillip Linka and Tamaria Hollis
Photo by A. Barnett


The percussion team leads the crowd to a heart pumping rhythm at a home football game. Photo by R. Leon


Josh Whitney Kimberly Williams Yaritza Zambrana


In class, Johnny Bonar discusses the assignments with his classmates. Photo by L. Chavez

After getting off the bus, Phillip Manning heads to class. Photo by $T$. Thornbrugh


Josh Whitney works diligently on his art project in Mr . Anglim's room. Photo by $L$. Chavez


After falling asleep, Roberto Arbolay's class wrapped him in toilet paper. Photo by $T$. Thornbrugh


Writing is a critical skill that Aisha Mitchell works on in her English class. Photo by L. Chavez


In his principles of engineering class, instructor Jim Schaffer works with Phillip Linka on his project. Photo by A. Florendo

## What is the most embarrassing song on your



Well, the most embarrassing song would have to be Can't Hurry Love by The Dixie Chicks

## -Kevin Taylor

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Hmm, the most embarrassing song on my iPod is this song by Lady Soverign called Love Me or Hate Me
-Nadia Kastner 99

"Like this?" Scott Carrothers tests his flexibility level. Photo by M. Vazquez



## What do you think of the



After construction, the school will look better.
—JaJuan Wilder 99


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I haven't been here for long, but it will make the school look better and be bigger.
-Daniel Lonowski


## School



A man who wishes for freedom but would not fight for that freedom deserves to die.
-Leonard Rodriguez 9
Juniors
-Mickey Bruner
Quotes from around $_{\text {the }}$

Life is like checkers, you don't know the next move but you are next move but you are
always moving forward.


Construction is all around the school in various stages, and so is the mud. Workers have been working in some areas for the last year. Due to this, some classes in the "old" high school have been renovated and were reopened in January. Other areas were closed this year and are scheduled to reopen in a year.Photos by K. Jordan

The school will be bigger and better when we represent ourselves for other schools. responsibility to protect the earth," explains Human Preservation Club president Larisa Chavez as she picks a piece of trash out of a tree. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


## Who is your most



My favorite teacher is Mr. Liles because he makes class interesting. - Anna Carriker


My favorite teacher is Mr. Anglim because he is funny and makes class interesting.

- Angelica

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## The Chosen Few



Rosa Leon
Nicole Lewis Daniel Lonowski Kelsey Lynn Remington McCarthy Lea McGaffin Angelica McKinnis Mercedes McLaughlin Tara Meier


Cordero Miera Michelle Morris Chi-Kobi Murry Stephen Newbauer Jasmine Nixon April Odom Justin Oney Trever Pearman Chad Perkins


Natascha Provence Ramon Ramirez Timothy Ray Nicholas Riscassi Dara Rodgers Stephanie Rodriguez Nolan Stark Katherine Schaffer Estelle Snoddy


Stephen Tate Victor Ursu Michael Vazquez Christopher Vertz Christopher Watson Troy Whitehead JaJuan Wilder Rebecca Womack Kenneth Zeier





"The best of the most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor fouched... but are felf in the heart." - Helen Keller

Hometown: Spokane, WA Activities: Soccer Manager (10-12)
FBLA (11)
Future: Attend professional chef

Brittany Cruz college and become a


Hometown:
Colorado Springs,
CO
Activities:
Link (11)
Future: Attend


University of Northern Colorado and study to become a registered nurse
"Be glad of life because if gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up af the stars." - Henry Van Byke


## Charlotte Daniels


"When the power of love overcomes the love of power. the world will know peace."

## Hometown:

Orangeburg, SC Activities:
Soccer $(9,10,12)$
Tennis (10)
NHS $(11,12)$
Basketball (9)
Brain Bowl $(9,10)$
Poetry Club $(9,10)$
Future: Attend the University of South Carolina and major in psychology

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## Luis DeJesus



Hometown: Caguas,
Puerto Rico Activities: Art Club (12) Future: Attend college and study to become an art teacher



Catherine DelaRosa
Hometown:
Bakersfield, CA
Activities:
JROTC (9-12)
Soccer (9-12)
Basketball (9-12)
Volleyball (10-12)
Student Council ( 9,10 ,
12)

S2S $(11,12)$
Seminar Politics
Future: Attend San Diego University
and major in
physical therapy
"Everything you do, do it with heart.

Devon Douglas

"Try nof fo become a man of success, bu rather fry fo become a man of value!"

Hometown: Detroit, MI Activities: Torch Club (9) Basketball (9-12) Journalism (9-12) Yearbook (9) Track $(10,11)$ Keystone (10-12) Soccer $(11,12)$ Student Council (12)
Future: Attend Eastern
Michigan University and major in architecture

## Alexandria Florendo



Alex

## Hometown:

Fayetteville, NC
Activities:
Soccer (9-12)
Debate Team (11)
Theatre Club
$(10,11)$ Academy of Scholars (11)
NHS $(11,12)$ Human Preservation Club (12) Bowling Club (12) Yearbook (12) a physical therapist or a nurse 07 '
"Life moves preffy fasf. If you don' 4 stop and look around ance in awhile you could miss if." -Ferris Bueller

Jaqueline Gentile


Hometown:
Colfax, CA
Activities:
Art Club (10-12) Dance (9) JROTC $(11,12)$ Showcase (10-12) Creative Connections (10-12) Student Council (12) NHS $(11,12)$
Future: Attend college and major in art,
architectual design

Future: Attend college and become


## David-Paul Ferrer

## David-Paul Ferretown:



Miliani, Hawaii Activities: Golf (10) Wrestling $(10,11)$ Soccer (10) Student Council

## (12)

Future: Chef, Restaurant Owner, Music Producer, Graphic Designer and R\&B artist
"Karma - What gaes around, comes around."


## Jennifer Floyd



Hometown:
Walla Walla, WA
Activities: JROTC (9)
Wrestling Manager
 (10-12)
Student Orientation (10) Music Publications (11) Football Athletic Trainer $(11,12)$ Track Manager (11)
Future: Attend Southwestern
Oklahoma State University and major in physical therapy

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that fake our breath away."

"No maffer how for you have gone on the wrong road, turn back." -Old Turkish Proverb



Jayde Graham

"Don'f lisfen fo whaf they say, gef money $\$$

## Kevin Grier


"lis's beffer fo aim high and come ouf in the middle than fo aim in the midle and come ouplow."

Hometown:
Seoul, Korea
Activities:
Football (12)
Wrestling (9-12) S2S $(11,12)$
Future: Attend the United States Naval Academy


## Levi Griffin



Levi Griffin
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"The bigges $\ddagger$ misfake we could even make in our lives is to think we work for anybody bu\# ourselves." - Brian Tracy

Mary Johnston
Hometown:
Fairview Heights,
IL
Activities:
Soccer Manager (9-11) Volleyball Manager (11)
Student Council $(11,12)$
Future:Attend college and study to become a film editor
"The mosi wasted of all days is one wifhouf laughter.

- ee cummings



## Kevin Jordan



Hometown:
Baton Rouge, LA Activities:
Football (10-12)
Basketball Manager $(10,11)$
Wrestling (12) Soccer (11)
FBLA (10-12) NHS (9)
Track (9) S2S $(11,12)$
Future: Attend a technical school to be a video game programmer
"Keep your friends close and keep your enemies closer." - Sun-Tzu


## Stefanie Kastner

John Joyner


Hometown:
Shreveport, LA
Activities:
Concert Band (9-11)
Symphonic Band (9-11)
Advanced Band (12)
Future: Be a homeless bum
"Eive hard. Die happy. Always live life to the fullest and don'f lef otherts pui you down. Pain is the best pleasure around."

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow!" - Anonymous

Hometown:
Iclaroberstein, Germany
Activities:
Soccer (9-12)
Sudent Council
(12)

Future: Attend the International University in Haarlem, Holland and major in international music management



## Hometown:

Saton, VA
Activities:
JROTC $(9,11,12)$
Rifle Team $(11,12)$
Cross Country (11)
Volleyball $(9,10)$
Future: Attend college for one year in Germany and travel Europe

"Wisdom, Strength, and Grace. These pave the path of my life."


"Faith is the belief in the absence of proof."

Rebecca Linka

"We may nof have had if all together, buf fogether we had if all."


Hometown:
Los Angeles, CA
Activities:
Soccer (10-12)
Cross Country
(11) Football (12)

Band ( $9-12$ ) JROTC $(10,12)$
Future: Attend college and study to become a journalist
"You're only as gaod as you make yourself."

## Hometown:

Chantilly, VA
Activities:
Volleyball (9-12)
Swim Team (9-10)
Soccer (9-12)
Winter Mascot(10)
Student Council $(10,12)$ S2S $(11,12)$ JROTC $(9,11,12)$
NHS (10-12)
Future: Attend college and major in psychology or dramatic arts.


## Chris Lewis


"Follow your dreams and keep your word."

## Jasmine Maine


"Befter safe than sarry!"

Hometown: Frankfort, IL Activities: Basketball (9-12) Track $(9,12)$ Football (12) Future: Attend Florida State and major in sports medicine


Hometown:
Montana
Activities:
JROTC (10-12)
Tennis (12)
Choir (9-12) Rifle
Team $(11,12)$ Drama $(9,12)$
Chess Club (9-11)
Future: Join the Army to be a shinook mechanic and go to tech college after serving. Later get out to be a helicopter mechanic

## Alania McKinnis



Hometown: Killeen, TX Activities:
Volleyball (9-12) Basketball $(11,12)$ Track (12)
Student Council $(11,12)$ S2S $(11,12)$ JROTC $(11,12)$ Future: Attend the University of Florida and major in veterinary medicine
"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks...So speak wisely!'



Hometown: G-Town, Germany Activities: Yearbook $(10,12)$ Human Preservation Club (12) Bowling Club (12) Future: Attend College in New York and major in graphic design
"The greafest thing you'll ever learn is jusi fo love and be loved in refurn." - Moulin Rouge
 Jimmy McLaughlin


Hometown: Salina, KS Activities: JROTC (9-12)
 FBLA $(11,12)$ Drill Team (10) Rifle Team $(9,11)$ Student Council (12) Spring Leadership Conference (11) Future: Attend Kansas State University and major in business management
"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole sfaircase."

- Marfin Eu*her King Jr.



## Jennifer Meredith


"You only gef one shof af life, make the most of if."

Hometown:
Colorado Springs, CO
Activities:
Executive Board
Treasurer/Secretary $(10,11)$
NJHS $(9,10)$ NHS $(11,12)$
S2S (11) M.U.S.S. (10-12)
Future: Attend Colorado State
University and graduate as a 2nd Lieutenant from the

"Love foday like you're gonna die fomorrow, and live fomorrow like you're ganna die foday!"


## Christina Merrit



Hometown:
Tucson, AZ
Future: Attend
the University of
Arizona
"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by frying to get other people inferested in you."


## Mary Nash



Hometown: Bridgeport, CT Activities: Cheerleading $(11,12)$
Future: Attend Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Connecticut and become a registered nurse
"Never leave the one you love for the one you like because the one you like will leave you for the one they love."

Hometown: Radcliff, KY Activities: Soccer (9-12) Volleyball $(10,11)$ Cross Country (12) Basketball $(9,10)$ S2S $(11,12)$ Student Council (10-12) JROTC (9-12) FBLA (12)
Future: Attend the University of Memphis and major in nursing
"Compassion has no limits; and kindness has no enemy. Word G Money



Hometown: Oak Ridge, TN Activities:
Football (10-12)
Rifle Team (11)
Baseball (10)
Drill Team ( 9,11 ) JROTC ( 9 -
12) Basketball $(9,10)$

Future: I will be a 15 t or BlackHawk repairer in the Army. Later, I will become a Blackhawk pilot and warrant officer.

## Michela Robinson



## Hometown:

Killeen, TX Activities:
Band (9)
JROTC (10-12)


Football Color
Guard (10-12) Track (9)
Student Council (9) S2S $(11,12)$
Drill Team (11) Soccer (12)
Future: Attend the University of Texas in Houston and study to become a teacher
"If all else fails, fake if."


## Nicholas Selvage



Hometown:
Johnstown, OH Activities:
Baseball (10)
Football (10)
Tennis (12)
Future: Attend college and major in environmental science
"High School is jusf a stepping stone in this thing called life."


Corinna Shields
Hometown:
Fairfax County,
VA


"Eive life as long as you can because you only have one chance to live. Don' $\ddagger$ waste if."

Hometown: Fayetteville, North Carolina Future: Attend the University of Science and Technology in Colorado

## Amanda Spoon


"Eearn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."

## Hometown:

Hope Mills, NC Activities: S2S $(11,12)$ Volleyball $(9,10)$ FBLA
(9-11) MUSS (10)
Journalism $(9,10)$ NHS $(11,12)$
Track (10)
Future: Attend the University of North Carolina and major in pre-dental and biology.


## Corbin Skerrit



Hometown:
Washington,
D.C.

Activities:
S2S $(11,12)$


Cross Country
(10-12) Track $(9,10,12)$
Soccer (11) Marching Band
(9) Student Council (12) NHS (10-12)
Future: Attend the
University of Virginia and major in biology
"Don' dwell on the past. Look to the future because that's where you're going."

Hometown:
Colorado Springs,
CO
Activities:
S2S (11)
Student Council (9)
FBLA (12)
Future: Attend college


Keep your family in your
hearts forever because they'll
be there for you always!"

## Shay Stewart




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## Hometown:

Virginia Beach, VA Activities:
Basketball(11-12)
Future: Go to college and major in computer engineering

## Daniel Waters


"Although the voices aren't real, they have some really good ideas!"


## John Watsek

## Hometown: <br> Breme, Germany Activities: <br> JROTC (9-12)

Chess Club $(9,10)$ Art Club (11)
NJHS $(9,10)$ NHS $(11,12)$
Future: Attend the University
of Indianapolis and major in computer science


## Jacob White



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Hometown:
Brookfield, MO
Activities:
Soccer (12)
Future: Attend college later on in life



Hometown:
Roy, WA
Activities:
JROTC (10)
Soccer (10-12)
Cross Country
$(11,12)$
Student Council $(11,12)$
Future: Attend Gonzaga
University and major in
biological/chemical engineering
"Serious sport has nothing to do with fairplay. It's bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard for the rules and a sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence. In other words, it's war minus the shooting." -George Orwell


## Rebecca Wischnewski



## Simona Womack



Sean Yates

"I couldn" waip for sucess, so I wenf ahead wifhou干 if."


Robert Wright


Hometown: Columbus, GA Activities: Football (9-12) Basketball $(11,12)$
 Wrestling (9)
Future: Attend Fort Valley College and major in law

"Łef no person hold you back from who you truly are."

## Class Officers

## President: Cathy DelaRosa <br> Vice President: Devon Douglas

 Secretary: Mary JohnstonTreasurer: Stefanie Kastner
Representative: Corbin Skerrit



Most Talented



## Best Personality



## Senior Superlatives



Most Fun



Most Shy




Has the construction affected your school year?
"Yes, half my classes are in the new 'Ritter' Wing ... NO BATHROOMS IN THE BUILDING." -- Jose Leon



What was the defining moment of your senior year?
"Being accepted to Gonzaga University!" --John Watsek

What has been the most memorable event of your high school career?
"My most memorable moment was back at my old high school, Yelm [WA]. It was my freshman year and it was a very hot day. A group of us had a waterbottle fight throughout our lunch. The librarian came out to stop us, but she ended up getting soaked along with us. We didn't get into trouble."
--Jamie Grove


What will you miss the most when you graduate?
"Being in a small school and knowing everyone; l'm comfortable here."
--Amanda Spoon



## Caught in the

Ahlstromer, Cynthia Alley, Michael Anglim, Kevin Bickham, David Bridges, Ashley Colemann, Judith Conners, Pamela

Connolly, Rebecca Connolly, Tim Cunningham, Dan Dunn, George Farley, Michael Folsom, Judith Gayle, Caren

Gehring, Leonard Gehring, Teresa Goetz, Horst Guzman, Lupe Hasley, Maria Hernandez, Kim Hogberg, Pat

Hines, Waiscel
Keyser, Richard Liles, Chris Loe, Robert Mako, Greg Odom, Kim Peterson, Doug

Peterson, Dr. Paula Pollock, Mitch Priser, Michael Ratcliff, Billy Ray, Georgia Ray, Lesley Ritter, Richard


## ABitiessweet Farewell

Principal of Vilseck High School for six and a half years, Robert Sennett, left in February to become the new principal at Seoul High School in Seoul, Korea. DoDEA's rule of no more than seven years at one school for administrators, had Mr. Sennett choosing to exit VHS early giving him the ability to choose his next position. The student body held a goodbye ceremony at the Vilseck theater; it was the first time at VHS that the theater was used for such an event. At right, VHS Student Council Executive Board President David Ferrer presents Mr. Sennett with a plaque in recognition of his service (Photo by T. Thornbrugh). Mr. Sennett was known for his presence at lunches, just talking to students, letting them know that he was involved with what they were doing. General Perkins and Colonel Boyle gave moving speeches that well represented the hard work Mr. Sennett had put into Vilseck High School and its student body. By L. Chavez


## How was you



Tracy Thornbrugh Nowata High School Nowata, Oklahoma 1982


Georgia Ray
Hoquiam High School Hoquiam, Washington 1980


Robert Loe
Stonewall Jackson
Senior High School
Manassas, Virginia 1990


Elke Zschaebitz Lenape High School Medford, NJ 1984


During his chemistry class, teacher Leonard Gehring points out the importance of a mass vs. volume, in a chart projected on his new Smart Board, and how it can illustrate the density of water. Due to a grant, five teachers at VHS received new Smart Boards for use in their classrooms. Photo by T. Thornbrugh


Rick Ritter
Steilacoom High School
Steilacoom, Washington 1993

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In an effort to keep up with the students, the teachers decided they deserved their own special superlatives, just like the students. The winners were chosen by the students, as well as the teachers.


Kevin Anglim


Robinson, Ann
Santucci, Lisa
Sanchez, Luis
Schaffer, James
Sennett, Robert
Smith, Mamie
Smithson, Tamica

Thornbrugh, Tracy Todd, Ann Veto, Alex Villella, Tina Werner, Duane Wilkes, Connie Wing, Kelisa


## Caught in the Memory

How would you feel if you met seven Holocaust survivors, including the author of the famous book Night, Elie Wiesel? "The project serves as a living memorial to the millions of innocent victims of the Holocaust. The Holland + Knight Charitable Foundation recognizes the moral imperative of teaching young people about this watershed event and the central importance of passing on to future generations a profound understanding of the consequences of the Holocaust and a sense of
responsibility to the human community," explains the Holland + Knight website.

Tracy Thornbrugh and seven other teachers from across the United States were chosen to attend the 12 th annual Holocaust Remembrance Project in Washington D.C. "My students competed in the essay. That's how I found out about it, then I filled out an application online. I was called for an interview and after that voila," explains Mrs. Thornbrugh.

The winners were treated to a week of pampering at the Fairmont Hotel, gourmet meals, fancy cars, moving presentations by the survivors, and special events including an emotional and exciting banquet in which Mr. Wiesel was the keynote speaker. Teachers were chosen to participate in the training based upon on how they taught their Holocaust unit, years of teaching experience, and other criteria. When asked to describe her trip in one phrase, Mrs. Thornbrugh replied, "Life changing." by L. Chavez


## Twentry Questions <br> 

## Caught in the

An email strikes math teacher


What do oou think is sthe most important lesson students learn?
"Students learn how to deal with diversity. Everyone has grown up in their own way.

Kelisa Wing

Richard Keyser as funny and amusing. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

Information specialist, Ann Todd, works on fixing the AR shortcut yet again. Ms. Todd, was not only the information specialist she also was responsbile
 for students who took online courses. As part of orientation to the school, new students had to see Ms. Todd for login and Gaggle information. Photo by $T$. Thornbrugh

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Cranes pull and haul obscure grey objects across the school. Tractors dig holes that seem to go on forever, and move dirt around seemingly like there is no purpose. Despite this constant din on the school grounds, teachers were still able to create an effective learning environment, and stay enthusiastic about the future. "I am usually able to keep a positive outlook at our fragmented school this year," says Dan Cunningham, "because I keep thinking that someday we will be housed in a wonderful newly renovated building. Vilseck High School will once again be a complete school housed in one complex."

New administration, new students, school budget cuts, inconsistent classrooms, global warming induced weather, and a complete clean out of all the information on the common drive are few of the innumerable reasons that the year was hectic. "This construction is a big mess, with a little more money they could have built an entire new school instead of doing all this. The renovations are about 12 million dollars. It's like having an old car repainted," explained Luis Sanchez.
Teachers always seem to be able to trudge on with the help of their enthusiastic students, like computer teacher Lisa Santucci who said, "When they're down, you're down. Working with young people keeps you going." by L. Chavez

## Who has the best



## Students mow ITP for II....


"I'm the teacher who makes the go000000d holiday cookies. I love Scrabble, and quilting too."
"A lot of them [students] know me because I help the kids. I'm also known for taking away iPods, oh, and Tim's mom."
"Whoa! Good question. Many of them know me for music or Powerpointlessness. Most of them probably see me as the tall guy."
"People know me for my MRE's and my car. I'm crazy. (Hey, you want some? POTATO STICKS!)"

Horst Goetz



I have the best car. A Volvo 560 R Special Edition Color. It's so pretty.
-Michael Alley
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I nominate Anglim, on account of his car's personality, stickers, and driving positions.

I'm ashamed to do it, but I adore my BMW M3.
-Robert Loe

P.S. Mr. Loe did receive the most nominations, so he was declared the winner.

"I know who has the worst car...me."
-George Dunn
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During one of his JROTC courses, Sgt. Mitch Pollock does his usual pose of leaning on his cabinet to make his point. Photo by $T$. Thornbrugh

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"I have no idea. I don't care about cars."
-Tamica Smithson
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| "My student life is fun, but only when I'm with my friends." <br> LaSondra Arredondo, Freshman |  | "I would describe my student life as mysterious because I never know what's going to happen during my day.' <br> Stephanie Kozma, Junior |
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|  | "My student life is boring, hard work and mostly fun." <br> Joshua Walker, Freshman |  |
| "My student life is full of drama, friends, and chaos when it comes to my classes." <br> Quartney Cohen, Freshman |  | 'It's hectic. I'm involved in JROTC, sports and then I get home and I have tons of homework to do. The activities help me to relieve stress. <br> Kyle Canale Sophomore |
|  | 'I've learned to stay away from drama. Also, don't work at the commissary while going to school, it's really hard." <br> Zachary Walters, Senior |  | Studen dent L Life St Studen dent L Life St dent L Life St Studen

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## Goughte int the Fun

"Who a person is depends on who they were in high school," said Dashawna Harmon. That must be true. It's in all the movies after all (Just Friends, 13 Going on 30 , etc.)
A student might even compare his or her own life to that of a soap opera on TV. The O.C., perhaps? "Mine is more like... Will and Grace," joked Devon Douglas.
High school is full of terrible drama, but not terrible people. "People were so nice to me when I first got here," said Jaz'min Clark. "I had friends instantly."
"I wouldn't want to come to school if it wasn't for my friends!" said Britteny Jordan. Nolan Stark agreed, "I do say you always need a friend."
The life of a student has become more difficult over the decades. "It's more fast paced," said Andrew Feazelle.
Life in high school shouldn't be rushed though. "It stays with you forever," said Harmon. "You might as well make it worthwhile." There really is no place like high school. By A. Hendricks


On top of the tower in Weiden, students stop to check out the view. "Walking around the side of the building was scary but the beautiful view made me forget about my fear," Student Teacher Kari Fokken explained. Photo by B.Connolly

In Nuremberg, Nick Deleon and Emily Cavalier share a bite from one of the local concession stands. Photo by B.Connolly

In Amberg, Shean Singletary and April Odom walk around the town. On each of the trips to the towns, students were expected to complete scavenger hunts introducing imporant aspects of the area. Photo by B. Connolly


Each group of students had to listen to a presentation in the ODR from the Army Community Service organization. The lectures were designed to give students more information about the Vilseck lifestyle. Photo by B.Connolly

While one day was spent off-post, the other day was designed for on-post activities. Students completed forms at the high school, heard lectures concerning local subjects, rode the bus to activities, and even got out in the August heat to participate in volleyball games at the ODR. All of these activities were designed to re-acquaint old friends and develop new ones. Photos by B. Connolly


In Weiden, Eric Hickman and Daniel Lamp fill out their scavernger hunt forms. Photo by D. Bickham

At the tower in Weiden, David Ferrer, Rex Ray, and Justin Ingram listen as the tour guide explains the history of it. Before the trip, teacher Dave Bickham went to Weiden and checked out historical attractions to use in the scavenger hunts. Photo by B.Connolly



"The first two days of school were a blast!" said Carianne McCabe. S2S, a student organizaton designed to help new students feel welcome, decided to take on the daunting task of organizing introductory activities for 350 students. Why? Because over half of the student body of VHS was new to the community due to a large influx of PCSing students.
"The reason why the school organized the first two days of school the way that they did was to have all the new students communicate with the returning students," said S2S sponsor Elke Zschabitz.

With the help of teachers David Bickham, Mike Priser, and Kevin Anglim, S2S students organized the days so students could learn more about living in the Vilseck area, learning about some of the daily life of the post, as well as have a little fun. The two days were divided in half, with one day being spent in an off-post town - Amberg, Weiden, or Nürnberg - and the other spent on-post. Both days gave students the chance to learn and hopefully make friends for the new school year. by L. Arredondo \& A. Henry


A couple of groups got together for a shot outside the Zentrum in Weiden. The Zentrum was the meeting point before and after touring the city. Photo by D. Bickham

Halloween is one of the biggest moneymakers of the entire year. Revenue is generated from candy, horror films, and anything that could give people a memorable experience of being genuinely scared. Vilseck High School Executive Student Council took part in this fantastic fundraising opportunity by hosting the High School Haunted House.
The entire main building was organized into a maze of lockers and fences, then outfitted with webs, animals preserved in formaldehyde from the biology classes, fake blood, skeletons, fog, and anything else that one could think of. To top it all off, students roamed around the halls in the most horrifying costumes imaginable.
The haunted house ran for two days. Most of the students involved in the Haunted House came away with funny memories. "I remember turning off the fog machine at the Haunted House and having the MPs and the fire department show up because it set off the alarm," said Rebecca Linka.
The students who went trick-or-treating also had a very good experience. One of the students, although too old by base rules for trick-or-treating, Shane Reader, tells what he will remember about Halloween, "I remember being pressured by the base administration to get home early and not to accept candy from strangers, checking every apple for razors."
"This was my last Halloween in Germany," said Brandon Britton with regret. "The amount of effort and the air of festivity produced by all those that participated in Halloween, and by those that dressed in their costumes to school created such a phenomenon that won't be forgotten, and made the day worthwhile for those graduating and PCSing," said nurse and student council sponsor Elke Zschaebitz. Jennifer Bergweiler's words, "Next year, I'll make it count." By L. Chavez


Counselor Mike Priser casually watches television and sips coffee with his third arm. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to see the screen very well because his decaying flesh blurred his vision. Photo by E. Zschaebitz

The insane scientists, Mrs. Elke Zschaebitz and Amanda Spoon grotesquely tear apart the insides of Emily Cavalier, looking for something unknown to the sane. Their work was so tedious that they had to work late into the night. Photo by E. Zschaebitz


The school administration allowed the students to dress in their Halloween costumes. Costumes ranged from a deranged gorilla, to super man/girl. Photos by T. Thornbrugh and E. Zschaebitz


The Academic Ninja of Fire, Devon Douglas, contemplates the arduous problem at hand with skill and cunning unknown to any mortal man. Devon had this to say about his costume choice, "I chose to be a ninja because I wanted to be original." Douglas wore his costume all day without being made fun of. Photo by T. Thornbrugh
"When asked if they would come to the High School Haunted House, people were usually skeptical, and most of the people asked didn't come, but the people that did come were pleasantly surprised and scared," said freshman Bianca Selders. Jaclyn Ferrer was the disturbing and murderering mother of the popular horror movie The Grudge. Photo by E. Zschaebitz

## "It

## was

very
blood rushing." -Bianca Selders


Rebecca Linka recalls her memorable experience at the Vilseck Executive Student Council sponsored haunted house, "It was scary to me. Even though I knew what was going on, I was still terrified." At right, Waiscel Hines, the school bus coordinator, creeps around the school in search of skiddish students to scare. This was just a precursor to the amount of fear and terror that was had at the High School Haunted House later that day. Photo by T. Thornbrugh

# Caught in the 

Assemblies are a coming together of a group of people for a specific reason. And that's exactly what we do, and our reason is to have fun. We go from having plenty of games, to talking about sports and how the teams have been doing during their seasons. One pep assembly had a game to see who could eat the most of the nasty foods that were put together by the Student Council. The winners were the Juniors.
There was an assembly at the the-
ater on post for Principal Robert Sennett's departure to Seoul High School in Korea. Kevin Anglim's first period art students made a big sign telling how much Sennett meant to them and the school. "I thought that was really fun, but it was sad at the same time because Mr. Sennett actually looked sad," said Erin Coleman.

Different sports got to come out to tell everyone how they were doing during their seasons. Students always came up with a game to
play. During the homecoming assembly, a game was played where students representing each grade put on clothes out of a bag relayed to other students who did the same. "I liked watching people fall while they were running. Everyone seemed to be having fun. Even the people who weren't playing the game had fun just by watching," said Mary Stanley.

Getting together gave the students a time to get to know each other better. by S. Dornheim


Assemblies were not only for sports During Red Ribbon Week, one speaker told us how he wasn't handicapped. Photos by T. Thornbrugh, E. Zschaebitz and H. Mcknight



# Lunch Time 

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Junch is an important part of the day for some students. Not only do they get time off from class to eat, but also to hang out with friends. With the removal of middle schoolers to Grafenwöehr, not all students get to have lunch with their friends. Based on your third period class, lunches have been divided into two separate periods.

In the cafeteria, changes were made so that meals consisted of a certain amount of trans-fat. Cook-
ies and candy were replaced with a healthy apple or banana. The friers weren't used at all. Chicken patties and french fries were made in the oven. Even though this has become a new regulation, students still seem to like the food.
Also, the Snack Shack was brought back! JROTC decided to move the hut from the construction site and place it outside of building 1804. The students decided to buy food and drinks and stock it up. Now, it also offers hot
lunches, sodas, and other delicious treats. Some students even bring in home cooked foods to sell like chili and Mexican rice. JROTC ran the Snack Shack for a month until other clubs and activities had the opportunity to take over

Going off campus for lunch is not as easy as it used to be. Due to all of the construction, students had to make their way around dirt piles and walk through the mud. However, students still enjoy lunch as always. by S. Dornheim



# German Food Recipes 

Germany is a country of rich foods, and since we all reside in Bavaria, we are privileged to experience the different types of food. If not for these delicious cuisines, German culture would not be the same. Here are some of the most famous german foods and their recipes.

## Sauerbraten

You will need:
A large crock or bowl for marinating the roast
A large, tightly-covered kettle or Dutch Oven for cooking
4-pound lean beef roast (Preferably rump or eye of round)

## Mix in a saucepan:

2 cup red wine vinegar
2 cup red wine
2 cup water
1 large onion, sliced
2 bay leaves,
3 cloves, 10 peppercorns


## Directions:

1. Heat marinating mixture to a simmer, then turn off heat.
2. Pour mixture over meat in a large bowl, allow it to cool. Cover and refrigerate for 3-5 days.
3. Remove meat from marinade and drain fully.

Strain, keep the marinade.
4. Brown the roast in enough oil to cover the bottom of the Dutch Oven. (Dredging the roast in flour before browning will help keep the oil from spattering.)
5. Slowly add 2 cups of the marinating liquid. (Save 1 cup of the liquid for the gravy.)
6. Reduce heat, cover the kettle and allow to simmer for $21 / 2$ hours, or until roast is tender.
7. Remove it to a large platter, keeping it warm.
8. To make the gravy, thickeAn the cooking liquid
with flour, cornstarch, or crushed gingersnaps.
If more flavor is needed, add some beef base or bouillon cubes.

## Griesnockerlsuppe

## You will need:

$1 / 2$ stick butter, melted<br>2 large eggs, beaten<br>10 Tbsp farina (cream of wheat)<br>$1 / 2$ teaspoon salt<br>1/4 teaspoon nutmeg<br>8 cups beef stock, for cooking



## Directions:

In medium bowl, combine first five ingredients. Cover and let stand 10 minutes (very important step). Meanwhile, in a large Dutch Kettle with a tight fitting lid, heat beef stock to a rolling boil.
To make dumplings, use a serving type teaspoon, dip spoon into hot broth and then dip into bowl of prepared farina mix cutting out and forming an oval dumpling. Quickly drop each dumpling into hot broth. Repeat until all farina mix is used, making about 10 to 12 dumplings. Reduce heat under broth to medium, cover tightly and simmer (without peeking) for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand, covered tightly, (still no peeking) an additional 10 min .

## Krapfen

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## Santa

## came to town

The week before winter break, the yearbook staff conducted a fundraiser - Santa pictures. For \$2 participants could tell Santa what they wanted. Santa, a.k.a Devon Douglas and Luis DeJesus, listened to the wishes from freshmen to seniors, faculty to elementary students.


Dara Rodgers


Britteny Jordan, Susanna Owens, Carleigh Bowman and Ally Barnett


Levi Griffin and Sophie Baer


Victor Ursu
 Mills and Shane Reader 0

Elke Zschaebitz and Pam Conners

Elias Hernandez and Shanteria Harris




Bianca Selders, Jacklyn Ferrer, Melanie Wilson


Jamal Grant
Jordan Cooperrider, Shamyra Coleman and John Garrison


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Christina Merritt, Mary Stanley and Ashley Moyer


In a small playground in the ex-castle grounds of the Rothenberg castle, Emma Andrews fools around on an animal... thing. Photo by C. Andrews

Coming back on the train from her big shopping trip with friends, Rebecca Womack chats on her cell phone with her mom. Photo by $S$. Womack


## Germany

"Outside of DisneyWorld, you don't see any castles in the States. In Germany, there's one every way you turn. The two countries are so unalike," said Ivy Montanez.
Christian Levya-Colon agreed, "The Germans are different, too. They're really into the World Cup over here. mean, all these people were going through the streets with flags on scooters. I never saw that in the States."
"You get used to it all after a while," Andrea Stack said. "The language, too. You need it to get around."

Where does one get around anyway? "I hang with my friends downtown," said Dashawna Harmon. "And there are those fests the Germans just keep throwing."
"Yeah, celebrating here is fun," said Mindy Bryan. "My brother paraded on St. Nick's Day. It was cute!"
"When it comes down to it, Germany isn't all too bad," said Stack. "It's fine with me." By A. Hendricks

The Neuschwanstein castle is a typical tourist attraction. Photo by H. McKnight


Patiently waiting in the Weiden train station, Angela Odom and Caroline Land get their caffeine fix and snap shots of other friends tagging along on their trip. Several friends took advantage of mass transit and took the train to the Kriskindle Market. Photo by S. Womack

Thoroughly enjoying her family trip to a park in the historically important Bayreuth, Germany, Sophie Baer gives her best shot at appearing as just another German statue along the pathway. The most famous of the tourist attractions is the Bayreuth Festspielhaus; if people want tickets, they need to get them now because it's booked out for ten years. Photo by C. Baer


Rain or snow, people still do their Christmas shopping at the Kriskindle Market, an event many natives and tourists look forward to all holiday season. A wide variety of items are offered for sale at each booth. Photo by S. Womack

Nearly dragging her good friend Estelle Snoddy to the icy ground, Larisa Chavez tries desperately to keep her balance at Estelle's party, which she threw at the Weiden ice skating rink. Photo by A. Carriker


Homecoming Week

What do nuns, Satan, Superman, and athletes have in common? Homecming, of course. It's the one week during the year where students get to dress in strange clothes AND wear hats, and won't get in trouble from the administration. "The whole week was a chance for students to be a unified body," exclaimed Elke Zszhabitz, Student Council advisor.
Student Council is the organization responsible for coordinating all of the events that surround homecoming. These events include the daily dress-up days (Wacky Tacky day, Blast fron the Past and - togas for Seniors, Costume Day, and Spirit day). The pep assembly, and the school dance. David Ferrer said,"the food could've been better [at the dance] but the vibe was really cool."

To the students, one of the most important parts of the week is the crowning of the king and queen at the dance. Before the festivities, students took time out of their English classes to cast their ballots. Corbin Skerrit and Rebecca Linka were honored with the crowns.
Besides the traditional football game - Vilseck lost 28-21 to Bitburg, other sports teams also celebrate homecoming. Volleyball hosted Heidelberg and Stuttgart - and won. The cross country team held a meet off-post in Vilseck and placed fourth out of five teams. by G. Mitchell

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Sisters Sophie and Courtney Baer cheer for the introduction of the golf team at the homecoming pep assembly. Photo by L. Chavez


## Cauaght in the Money

 Fundraising. To most organization sponsors it is not a word they look forward to. Although the word starts with fun, it generally isn't."Unfortunately, the yearbook does not pay for itself, and the costs continue to go up every year. Besides selling the yearbooks, we raise funds in a variety of ways. This year we sponsored a spaghetti dinner the night before homecoming, we did Santa pictures at Christmas, and sold baked goods," said Tracy Thornbrugh, yearbook sponsor.

Another organization that does quite a bit of fundraising is JROTC. Their biggest funds come from the snack cart before and after school. In order to help them, and other organizations, raise funds they also completed a service project. They moved and renovated the snack shack. The "new" snack shack was located outside the old middle school building and was operated before school, at lunch, and after school.
'We raise funds for different purposes like the military ball, field trips, and the orphans in the Czech Republic," said Erick Arroyo. By L. Chavez







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© am so proud of bou after all pou have breen through कo ou know you are and alwapes will be mpl little givl, even though we are thousands of miles apart Oligh Oschool is just a small stepping stone in life, now comes the challenges: © eeep me proud "OVist as you always have. ${ }^{\text {" }}$


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charlotte,
I have had 18 years to prepare for today and here it has seemed to sneak up on me! Only yesterday you were in kíndergarten at Marshall!

We are so proud of your accomplishments! You have been both the baby and the blessing of our family.

Always remember to respect yourself and others. Stand up for what you believe and know that we will always be here for you.

Love,
Betsy, Bo and Mom


## Congratulations

## Class of 2007!



The Vilseck High School Booster Club "Fostering Education Through Athletics"

## In Memory of...

## John E. Watsek

April 22, $1989 \dagger$ March 5, 2007


A Falcon never falls. A Falcon always soars above us.

## Congratulations to the Class of 2007



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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { CDT Catherine DelaRosa } & \text { CDT Erick Arroyo } \\
\text { CDT Jacqueline Gentile } & \text { CDT Levi Griffin } \\
\text { CDT Caroline Land } & \text { CDT Ricky McCarthy } \\
\text { CDT Rebecca Linka } & \text { CDT James McLaughlin } \\
\text { CDT Jasmine Maine } & \text { CDT Justin Oney } \\
\text { CDT Ashley Moyer } & \text { CDT Anthony Perry } \\
\text { CDT Angela Odom } & \text { CDT Daniel Waters } \\
\text { CDT Shaquita Stewart } & \text { CDT Trey White }
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Continue Your Young Lives in Success and Prosperity

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2006 elections gives
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Florida Gators, known or their football, win ooth NCAA football and basketball championships.

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Hasley, Maria 45, 81
Hayes, Robert 55
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|raq. American soldiers continue to be deployed to fight The War on Terror.
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 John Watsek, friend and loved one, was fatally injured in a car accident on his way to school. We miss you, John!
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James, Bevington 53
Jefferson, Earl 19, 61, 64
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Jordan, Kevin 7, 25, 31, 70, 77, 80
Jordan, Kollin 4, 18, 19, 30, 31, 60, 77
Jordan, Ryan 7, 25, 60, 91
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Kastner, Stefanie 2, 26, 27, 42, 65, 70, 77, 78, 87
Keyser, Richard 81, 84
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Knott, Daniel 52, 54
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Lamp, Rebecca 11, 40, 60, 62
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Moyer, Ashley 26, 72, 97, 114
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ilseck volleybal team wins European Division I| Championships.

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## -Y-

YouTube is a popular free video sharing website which lets users upload, view, and share video clips. Yates, Julian 52, 54, 77, 94 Yates, Sean 28, 32, 40, 76, 77 , 78, 80, 91
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The 2006-2007 Vilseck Talon was created on 16 Dell computers using Adobe Indesign CS and Adobe PhotoShop CS. The theme was developed by the yearbook class. Russell Viers, computer guru extraordinaire, actually created the cover. Thanks, Russell!!!
We apologize to anyone whose name is misspelled or incorrect, or any other type of error we may have done. (Hey, the pictures are proportionate.) We really did try hard to make the book error free, but it is not possible.
Now, it's my turn to thank. Mr. Sennett, I'm still not sure what I did to deserve this, but thanks for listening to me whine. Russell, another thanks for teaching us so much and helping us via email during the year. To those yearbook students who survived first semester and stayed second - you're crazy. Thanks! Always MOST IMPORTANTLY to me, to the Thornbrugh family who puts up with mom/wife being gone at the school working on yearbook when she should be home with them, I promise to do better. To anyone else I should have thanked, oops.

## signatures



## signatures

## Shuffling on...

People go through most of their lives confused. There's always something that we don't get or that throws us off. All people are "caught in the shuffle" at one point in their lives (or at all points in their lives); no one can escape "the shuffle."

A lot of time was spent getting used to "the shuffle" at this school caused by all the construction and other events, but the confusion increased still even as the building progressed. Everyone had to go and find his or her classes again in the new building. With the new routing to the computer lab, some students had to get used to virtually running


Tina Villella to their next class in order to make it on time.

All that time taken first semester getting used to a principal and/or a particular teacher hardly mattered second semester when Robert Sennett left Vilseck for Seoul High School in Seoul, Korea and Duane Werner, formerly assistant principal, stepped up to take the helm. The letting go of Storey Smith caused an awful lot of controversy. Whew. It was a crazy year.

All schools have situations they have to work through. We had more than our fair share.


Since the seniors don't have to take the TerraNova standardized tests, during TerraNova week, this year March 12-15, it's a tradition that seniors get together during this time and go to the swimming pool in Weiden, have meetings and do "seniory" type stuff. This year in remembrance of John Watsek seniors tied messages to balloons and let them go. Photo by D. Bickham And if it wasn't hard enough with everything else, the passing of senior John Watsek almost brought the school to its knees. What got us through? "Vilseck may not have the best reputation, but our students are awesome. They are so accepting of everybody. We were able to survive through this tough year because our kids don't bring each other down. They try to help each other," said school counselor Tina Villella. The confusion of 2006-2007 is over. Here's looking forward to less shuffling nextyear. What didyousay?? Oh, you say the construction is not supposedtobedone foranotheryear. OK. Maybenot. by A.Hendricks
TH


[^0]:    Photo by $T$. Bitburg hit hard but the cheerleaders kept on cheering. Thornbrugh

[^1]:    Dragging the sand with him, Josh Walker tries to keep his balance while landing his long jump. Photo by P. Guzman

[^2]:    "Black Wallstreef"

[^3]:    "If isn't what you do but how if's done." - Nas, no idea's original

[^4]:    You will need:
    1 cup milk
    $1 / 3$ cup butter
    1 pkg. dry yeast
    1 tsp. salt
    $1 / 4$ cup lukewarm water
    4 cup all-purpose flour
    $1 / 2$ cup sugar
    2 eggs, well beaten
    1 tsp. vanilla or other flavoring
    Jelly or custard for filling

    ## Directions:

    1. Scald milk
    
    2. Soften yeast in water and set aside.
    3. Put sugar, butter, and salt into a large bowl.
    4. Pour scalded milk, while hot, over ingredients in bowl. When it's lukewarm, add 1 cup flour, beat till smooth. Stir softened yeast, mix well.
    5. Measure out $21 / 2-3$ cups flour.
    6. Add about half the flour to and beat till smooth.
    7. Add beaten eggs and enough flour to make a dough soft. Knead.
    8. Make dough into a ball and put in a warmed, greased bowl--brush the top with oil or melted butter. Cover and let stand in warm place for 10-20 min. 9. Punch down dough and move to floured board, let it "rest" for 10 minutes.
