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Senior Erin Heath checks out the view from the seniors' peep show. Many seniors spent their final year trying to get a glimpse of what lay ahead for their future plans.

Juniors Alan Johnson, Tim Corbin, and Carlin Dorris enjoy their third year of Russian. Mr. Sweigert's sense of humor helped create a fun learning environment for students.

Cooing to the faces of the future, Rachel Koch gives her babies a little tender, loving care. Rachel used her twins as a prop in a skit for her French IV class.

Showing their enthusiasm for a school event, sophomore Chris Vanderwall and freshman Brad Richer participate in pep band. NU students were involved in many activities ranging from sports to drama.
Sophomore Kristin Spain and junior Raychelle Creighton cheer for NU's JV Football on their way to victory. Their smiling faces carried off the field and into the hallways as well.

A new millennium is upon us, and the future is here. With the dawn of the 21st Century, panic was widespread about the end of the world and the Y2K bug. But we survived, and people are looking ahead. As students made their way back to school this fall, new faculty were noticed throughout the hallways. As these young teachers pave out their careers, they will become the "Face of the Future." The election of 2000 is coming up, and the nation is looking for a strong leader. In January, Al Gore made an appearance at NU's very own Nielsen Fieldhouse as another possible "Face of the Future." With the class of 2000 graduating this year, much focus is being put on them as the class of the millennium. They, as well as the classes following them, will carry the world into the years ahead. We are the "Face of the Future."

Al Gore works to gain the support of Cedar Falls residents during his run for the White House. Ted Kennedy, as well as Herbie Hancock, accompanied the V.P. on his trip to Iowa.

Ashley Davidson shows her support for Al Gore in his race for the presidency. As a future voter, she proudly held the American flag during the rally on Saturday, January 22, 2000.
In Memory Of

Adee Leonard Eacret

Adee was perhaps one of the happiest kids on the face of the earth. Very kind and always happy. She was so nice that if someone was mean to her she wouldn’t hold that against them. Why Adee was such a great person is that she had the most wonderful mother. Her mother was so great that she is always in a goofing-around mood and always understanding.

I think that there should be more people like Adee. We always think that we have the hardest lives than anyone. But I think Adee did, she didn’t get to drive or even get to go to high school. Adee we just want you to know that we love you.

By Allen Guthart, age 11

The limestone bench holds the inscription, “In loving memory of our classmate and friend, Adee Leonard Eacret, 1982-1996.”

Karin Eacret thanks the people who helped to create the butterfly garden in Adee’s memory. The garden was created during Mrs. Graber’s biology class.
The class of 2000. It’s hard to sum-up in a few sentences what we’ve been through together during these past thirteen years.

We came to Price Lab School as little kids who knew only how much fun it was to play together in the loft of our kindergarten rooms and have daily snack breaks and nap time.

As we moved up the elementary school ladder and on into Unit III we not only learned how to write in cursive, but we became famous for our talent show acts and ever-present snap bracelets and *New Kids on the Block* apparel.

Fourth grade took us up a floor, brought us into rooms filled with crawdads and travelmates, and helped to prepare us for the next year’s “high-tech chemistry kits” with Dr. C and 3-2-1 *Contact* days.

During the change to middle school we kept ourselves busy trying our new sports at six in the morning, because of the lack of a gym, and getting used to open lunch. We took care of our meal worms and also went to cafeteria dances.

Those dances sure changed as we entered high school. We experienced homecoming, winter formal, and a little thing called seniority. We also enjoyed the state basketball tournament, the biology trip, and years of integrated math on our quest to becoming seniors.

As a class, we really came together our senior year, even if it was only to do a good TPing job on the school. Now, as we leave the hallowed halls of NU High to go out on our own, we hold tight to the memories we’ve made and look forward to facing the future.

*Faces of the Kindergarten Class 1987-88*

Kody Asmus
Lindsey Cooke
Adee Eacret
Eli Horstmeier
Rachel Koch
Keri Leymaster

Megan Mahan
Jeremy McAdams
Kristen Perry
Kristy Reimer
Josh Secor
Steven Seufferlein

Kate Stater
Steve Wilson
Mrs. Beckman
Ms. Kirkland
Mrs. Rouse
The senior class looks forward to new opportunities ahead...

All Eyes on the Seniors

Amina Al-Mabuk

Teddy Army

Ashley Akerman

Jordon Burdette

Mary Edith Boyleinsky

Zach Buck
Paul Nadel
Rochelle Heslot
Schobastique Nikuze

Brian Olson
Kristen Perry
Jesse Eichler

Ryan Portasch
Theresa Price
Shaun Reed
The senior class, as juniors, enjoyed the 1999 Prom. The group enjoyed their senior Prom even more, without worrying about decorations.
"I look forward to spending one last year with my friends and getting ready for college. It will be my last year for everything—sports, dances, and graduation."
-Sara Weichers

"I'm excited about knowing where we all are going. Running around asking, 'Where are you going to college? What are you majoring in?'"
-Steve Shelton

"I'm looking forward to one less year of school and torturing the underclassmen."
-Kyra Kischer-Browne

Prieviet! Who knows what that means? Lewis does! Lewis Colburn spent second semester in Smolensk, Russia, absorbing Russian culture.
Becky White
Ben Wittmayer

NOT PICTURED
Hannah Kollasch
Jennifer Thoman

Alan Johnson
Charles Johnson
Kyra Kischer-Browne
Patricia Langenwalter
Westley Lauer
Joshua McCabe

Salina McCarty
Erin McElligatt
Amanda Miller
Benjamin Oleson
Amadu Osman
Christopher Paar

Brian Perry
Michael Piehl
Rebecca Rewoldt
Bethany Richter
Charles Robertson
TomyRodriguez

Drew Sawyer
Kelsey Schmidt
Steve Shelton
Destiny Speller
Katherine Spencer
Jake Struck

Neils Thulstrup
Chad Timmins
Emily Traw
Bruce Vaughn
Matt Warren
Sara Weichers
Sophomores Make Predictions

"Who knows where we will be in ten years. There are many choices to make. I just hope that my life will be great, and I won't regret any decision I made."
-Katie Judas

"I see myself in Cedar Falls, being the manager of McDonald’s, Hardee’s, and Wendy’s. Now that’s what I call a future!"
-Allen Guthart

"In ten years I will be 26 years old...my friends and I are planning on graduating from college and starting a Teen/Adult dance club with a hair salon upstairs."
-Jasmine Brooks

A melia Bales and Brittany Parsons take a break from a grueling speech team practice. The sophomore class stepped up and took a major role in many school activities.
Mary Weber
Nathaniel Wieck
Scott Will
Jeff Zeitz

NOT PICTURED:
Jason Brasch
Freshmen Foresee the Future

“We’re going to have computerized cars and we’ll have robots that will clean your house.”

- Erin Kishman

“Angry androids are going to take over the world.”

- Hasan Al-Mabuk

I think there will be higher technology... think of The Jetsons.”

- Sami Renfro

Freshman Jay Kohl takes time to help out at the JV football game. Sadly, Jay moved to New Jersey at the end of first semester. He will be greatly missed.
NOT PICTURED:
Isaac Horstmeier
Colin McElligatt
Jackie Porter
Rachel Pendleton
Matt Christopher tinkers under the hood of a car to fix any quirks. Matt's afternoon job at Dan Deery Motors helped maintain his interest in automobiles.

Steve Seufferlein gives his co-worker a crash course on proper candle-lighting technique. Steve's work at the Broom Factory gave him infinite knowledge of fine cuisine.

Getting ready for an upcoming meal, Julia Cufr sets a table at the Western Home. Many students enjoyed working with the elderly, holding jobs at both the Western and Lutheran Homes.

Lynden Davis inspects one of the incoming guitars for her store, Mr. Money. Lynden worked many hours to ensure that her family-owned pawn shop received nothing but the best.
Eryn Reilly is nothing less than joyful to be working the drive-thru at the 1st Street McDonald's. Eryn, like many other students, opted for a less-than-glamorous position at a fast food restaurant.

Heather Pontisch is unshaken by the disturbing presence of Darth Mall, a.k.a. Jack. Many underclassmen, while not old enough to get jobs, compensated by baby-sitting.

Pocket Change

NU Students are workin' hard for their money!

High school students have tremendous purchasing power in today's world. They spend huge amounts of money each year on clothes, CD's, and computer games designed and marketed especially for teens. They also spend outlandish amounts of money on cars and college.

So where do they come up with all this money? Well, from jobs, of course! Although trying to fit employment into already crammed schedules may seem impossible, they seem to be able to find the time when it comes to making money. Whether it be at a fast food restaurant, a retirement home, or a car repair shop, they're working hard for their money!

Jordan Backstrom and Steve Wilson stand at position for any upcoming customers. The two worked at the Waffle Stop; Jordan as a cook and Steve as a server.
Armed with a BB gun and a dog, Tylor Hoodjer is ready for any catastrophe on New Year’s Eve. Many people stocked up on various goods in preparation for Y2K.

Heading into the new Millennium, seniors Laura Wellnitz, Keri Leymaster and Rochelle Nesbit sport their festive headgear. Many prepared for Y2K failures and felt foolish the next day.

Becky Rewoldt, Amanda Miller, Janelle Dodden, Becky White, and Kelsey Schmidt ring in the New Year with a bang! Many opted for a quiet night at home instead of big parties.
Luciana Siquiera and Karin Hirter bring in the new Millennium American style. Luciana and Karin were far from their homelands of Brazil and Switzerland.

Celebrating New Year's together, Lindsay Smith and Taylor Phipps party the night away with other sophomores. They enjoyed an array of fireworks to end the old Millennium.

The Granger sisters, Lastascia and Ashley, were among the first to ring in the New Year. The girls celebrated in New York City's spectacular Times Square.

As January 1 grew closer, everyone began to get anxious. What was going to happen? The media led us to believe that drastic things would happen the night of the Millennium. We were to expect a power outage, terrorist attacks, and a large drop in the stock market. Yet did we believe these presumptions? Some did, some didn't. Many went out to lavish parties spending lots of money on this once-in-a-lifetime event. Others stayed home with their gallon jugs of water and flashlights. Then there was the other group, which went about their New Year as they usually did. No matter how you celebrated the Millennium, you probably had a fun and a memorable New Years.
the Facts
A few of their favorite things:

"I enjoy the chance to work in an educational environment with young people. I also like the fact that no day is ever the same here."

-Lynne Lemert
Language Arts Secretary

"I liked finding all the connections I didn't know I had to the school. I also enjoy directing and working with college kids."

-Jolene Tagtow
Language Arts Teacher

Usher in the new!

New faculty and staff are out roaming the hallways, looking to make their marks on students.

Garth Cornish and Lou Weber pause in front of the library stacks. Cornish, as a computer specialist, and Weber, as a librarian, helped many with their computer woes.

Suzanne Buckwalter waits for an answer to her “y=” problem. Buckwalter, hailing from the Chicago lab school, fit perfectly in the math department.

Language extraordinaires Kim Caster and Sherry Maubach promote learning a foreign language. These two teachers used out-of-classroom experiences, such as trips and language fairs, to enhance their students’ understanding.

Social Studies buddies Sharon Hansen and Mark Culver giddily consume a nutritious meal. The two were added as S.S. secretary and teacher this year.
Although Mr. Nelson's wardrobe may have changed over the years, his flair for teaching and love for students never ceased. Shown early in his career weaving the story of early America, and at his retirement party with "Billy the Big Mouth Bass," Mr. Nelson always had an eclectic range of interests. (Photos courtesy of UNI Archives)

Mr. Nelson's History

After 31 years of teaching and enlightening students about history, Mr. Nelson will retire this year, retreating to a small bait shop in Minnesota.

Nelson Moments:

"One of my classes was re-enacting early colonial days, the students ended up creating a document identical to the Declaration of Independence."

-Mr. Phil Nelson

"I have always loved the hallway conversations with Mr. Nelson about our love for applesauce and tootsie pops."

-Jordan Backstrom
Student

Retiring Teachers 27
During his Criminal Justice class, Mr. Weber helps Amanda Miller and Tylor Hoodjer. Mr. Weber's enthusiasm made his class very popular.

Ms. Matthews gives some much-needed editing advice to student Ben Oleson. Ms. Matthews' dedication helped get the school newspaper off the ground in its first year of press.

Ms. Buckwalter helps Raychelle Creighton distinguish between exponential graphs and decay graphs. During Ms. Buckwalter's first year at NU, she became a much-loved math teacher.
During Advanced Math Physics, Mrs. Couch "sums" things up for her students. Mrs. Couch's teaching skills helped to encourage her students in difficult science classes.

Mr. Hoeft comes to the rescue of yet another confused French student. Mr. Hoeft's fast-paced teaching style earned him a Gold Star Teaching Award last year.

Dr. Sharp perches behind the piano as she accompanies at the Homecoming Coronation Assembly. Dr. Sharp's personality always made chorus class interesting.
The always helpful and friendly library staff helps Charles Johnson search the internet. During Mr. Tallakson's second year, he helped many students find resources.

Showing her class the ins and outs of the TI-82 calculators, Ms. Bock leads the class. She was an integral part of the math program.
Expanding minds to Face the Future

Learning through innovative approaches, students take full advantage of their unique opportunities; from integrated math to student teachers and from trips to hands-on experiments.

Mr. Weber awes the crowd as he takes on the role of magician. Teachers could often be found interacting with students in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities.

The Russian-trip-gals take part in Russian culture while wearing authentic native clothing. The various trips gave students a chance to experience global traditions hands-on.

Marisol Martin uses intern access in the library to research a paper. Marisol was one of four international students to gra the hallways this year.
Steve Wilson thoughtfully considers what his art means to him. Electives gave students a chance to explore areas other than the required academics.

Josh Hoppes carefully measures chemicals for another concoction. Science provided an environment for students to investigate the natural world.

Grin n' Grow

Bethany Richter pampers the butterfly garden during Biology. The seniors constructed the garden last year in honor of Adee Eachret, and the juniors took over the task of pulling weeds to keep the flowers looking beautiful.

Intently working on a computer in the library, Desiree Diemer completes a research paper. Students took full advantage of the technology offered to them.

Prair for the chorus, John happily makes his way to the choir room. Many students added music and art to their busy academic schedules.
Jeff Fisher and John Michel roast their weiners during an exciting physics lesson. The Advanced Math/Physics class did many "stimulating" experiments on voltage and currents.

Art teacher and advisor Mr. Knivsland congratulates Chad Timmins as he is inducted into the National Honor Society. All students inducted achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

National Honor Society

FRONT ROW: Rochelle Nesbit, Laura Wellnitz, Salina McCarty, Kelsey Schmidt, Mary Edith Bozylnsky. SECOND ROW: Lewis Colburn, Theresa Price, Chad Timmins, Amanda Brasch, Jeff Fisher, Charles Robertson, Keri Leymaster.
the music
Jurors 2 and 4 (Steve Shelton and Katie Judas) share a brief moment by the infamous water cooler. They discussed the recent behavior of the notorious Juror 3 (Sean Robinson).

Juror 11 (Brittany Parsons) and the foreman (Brian Perry) watch the latest action with wide-eyed wonder. The foreman was famous for his missed “Let’s keep it downs” and “Order please!”

A heated argument captured between Jurors 3 and 5 (Sean Robinson and John Paar) boils over to physical matters as Juror 6 (Mary Weber) watches in fear. Jurors 3 and 5 were known for their “violent” discussions onstage.

In a reenactment of the murder, the jurors see the flaws within the witnesses’ stories as Juror 10 (Christopher Hardy) is “stabbed” by Juror 4 (Steve Shelton). Both Christopher and Steve turned in strong performances that were full of emotion.
As a vote is called for, Jurors 6 and 7 (Katy Lyman and Mary Weber) stop to think about the outcome of their decision. Emotions were strained between the two, as they had taken opposite views during the trial.

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A new era of NU High theatre begins with a successful production. "12 Angry Jurors" marked a changing of the guard for NU Theater. We lacked the senior leadership of past years, and this was the first play with our new director, Mrs. Tagtow.

These changes, and the conflicts that betimes kept half the cast from attending rehearsal, was often a confounding experience. Later, we faced Amelia’s reams of line notes as we struggled to get off book.

And yet, we overcame the impediments and obfuscations, and indeed gave two fine performances. So, a good time was had by all.

- Lewis Colburn
The barbershop quartet, consisting of Brian Oleson, Ben Oleson, Ian Cawley and Carlin Dorris, sing goodnight to the ladies of River City. The four put in many hours practicing their harmonies.

Peter Behroozi tries to convince the other salesmen of Harold Hill’s evil ways. None experienced it as much as Cam Puetz, who shaved himself a bald spot for the performance.

Tommy Djelas (played by Chris Paar) and Zaneeta Shin (Aubrey Huber) put away their studies in the library. The two were often caught sneaking around after the professor came to town.

Leading man, Steve Shelton, and leading lady, Laura Wellnitz, as Marian Paroo, finally get a chance to talk at the social. Harold’s persistence paid off in the end, and the boys’ band came together.
Liz Schachterle warms up her voice and the other citizens to a round of Thy Banners. Her amazing grace kept the Pick-a-Little ladies in-line, and the crowd entertained.

The Music Man...boy what a show! So many people, and so much progress. As my last musical at NU, this will be the play I will look back to and think about all those kids who gave up so much of their time and effort to create a production that gave us rave reviews in the end.

Onstage, we would work our darndest to make sure that everything turned out for the better, even though we got a little off schedule. Dave Schachterle, our savior, designed an awesome set all in one day that made the whole thing real. Even though there wasn’t much to do backstage, we all had fun picking on Brian Perry. Of course there were the hoots and hollers that emanated from the crowds of people during the only romantic scene in the whole 2 and 1/2 hour play. Not to mention the most successful strike party skits since 12 Angry Jurors.

Even though this isn’t my last year, I want to say “Break a Leg” to all those aspiring actors out there.
"I enjoyed the opportunity to meet people from other schools."
-Krystal McClain

"Speech gives people a chance to be creative and expand their minds."
-Jon Wood

FRONT ROW: John Paar, Jon Wood, Steve Shelton, Katie Judas, Brian Perry Liz Schachterle. SECOND ROW: Peter Behroozi, Jeff Zeitz, Anne Thompson, Erin Heath, Emily Hanson, Chris Paar, Brian Jacobson, Ami Bales, Lastascia Granger, Amanda Miller, Katie Kilbourn. THIRD ROW: Melanie Devries, Emily Traw, Krystal McClain, Katy Lyman, Aubrey Huber, Ellie Mills, Jake Iversen, Lynden Davis. FOURTH ROW: Lee Colburn, Coach J.D. Cryer, Desiree Diemer, Danielle Andren, Christopher Hardy.

**Speech Team: Speaking Out**

J.D. Cryer coaches his team at the District Large Group Competition. Cryer, only in his second year of coaching, sent a Reader's Theatre group to All-State.

An aged, senile Jon Wood complains, "My back hurts!" Wood’s portrayal of an old man for group improvisation was a show-stopper.

Cryer – The best stop watch a man can get.
-Sean Robinson

"I enjoyed goofing off on the bus rides."
-Jeff Zeitz

Peter Behroozi takes a moment before his performance to smooch the good-luck frog. The frog obviously worked, since Peter moved on to All-State.

The large group Reader’s Theatre team consisting of Ami Bales, Jake Iversen, Emily Callah John Paar, Liz Schachterle, Peter Behroozi, Emily Traw and Jeff Zeitz practice their production of “The Chanted Storks.”
Nathaniel Ohrt and John Paar stretch their vocal chords. John was one of nine to receive a Division I at the State Contest.

Rachel Pendleton and Kate Brumm harmonize with other altos. The Women's Treble Choir also earned a Division I rating at contest.

Warming up and taking names, Jenny Schatzberg works on attendance. The choir used their talent on Valentine's Day with Singing Valentines.

"It was a lot of hard work, but the standing ovations were great!"

-Dr. Linda Sharp

"The best part of chorus is working with Dr. Sharp."

-Ian Cawley

Chorus: Singing Outloud

"I like how we all work together to perform music."

-Emily Hanson

"You could really see the hard work paying off."

-Matt Adams

"I enjoyed laughing with Dr. Sharp."

-Emily Callahan

FRONT ROW: Melanie DeVries, Brittany Rideout, Emily Hershberger, Emily Parecki, Ian Cawley, Carlin Dorris, Nathaniel Ohrt, Jared Hinke, Laura Wellnitz, Rochelle Nesbit, Lacey Brakebill, Aubrey Huber, Dr. Linda Sharp. SECOND ROW: Amy McGuire, Karin Hinter, Anne Thompson, Sami Renfro, Ashley Atherton, Jon Wood, Matt Adams, Robert Hooks, Brian Jacobson, John Paar, Amanda Miller, Katy Lyman, Rachel Pendleton, Ashley Davidson, Jade McAdams. THIRD ROW: Jenna Davis, Lindsey Cooke, Jenny Schatzberg, Emily Hanson, Annika Anderberg, Tal Jones, Cam Puetz, Robert Langenwalter, Henry Ensworth, Dustin Diemer, Tommy Rodriguez, Zach Buck, Danielle Tompkins, Patty Langenwalter, Hayley Hahn, Kate Brumm. FOURTH ROW: Theresa Price, Moria Stigler, Brittany Nesbit, Katie Judas, Emily Callahan, Jenny Grabowski, Brian Oleson, Lewis Colburn, Christopher Hardy, Alan Johnson, Matt Christopher, Brian Perry, Steve Shelton, Ben Oleson, Mary Weber, Jackie Porter, Amelia Bales, Heather Pontasch.
"I like hanging out in the flute section."
-Tina Bremner

"I enjoy band when we get to play good songs."
-David Bryant

"The best part is all the people involved."
-Aubrey Huber

"I like meeting all the different people involved in band."
-Matt Christopher

"I love playing my big contrabass clarinet."
-Kristin Spain

And the band played on

These two "suckers", aka Steve Shelton and Steve Seufferlein, take a break from practice. Steve Shelton was one of two students selected for NIEBA Honor Band.

Karrie McCabe had two reasons for playing at this game: to show her school spirit, and, as an afterthought, the much needed extra credit points. What a player!

Preparing for an upcoming performance, Aimee Cornelius and Hayley Hahn concentrate on their music. Mr. Upham had the band sounding good for many musical events.

The coming together of the five students, Ben Oleson, Danielle Tompkins, Renee Speller, Ryan Hahn, and John Kane, resulted in beautiful music ringing through the halls.
Caught in a moment of concentration, Jake Iversen, Jenny Schatzberg, and Liz Schachterle tackle the music. The basses were the social center of the orchestra.

Looking at the score, Rose McCarty works with her viola. Mr. Fanelli’s orchestra practiced long hours for each performance.

Brian Jacobsen works to further his violin skills. The orchestra put on many performances throughout the year.

“I’ve been able to see the growth and development of others in the orchestra that began in ninth grade.”
-Kristen Perry

“While sometimes difficult, orchestra is a lot of fun.”
-Travis Coulter

“I enjoy being able to play the violin in the middle of the day.”
-Emily Traw

“The best part of orchestra is Mr. Fanelli’s stories.”
-Katie Judas

“It’s an experience.”
-Liz Schachterle

Orchestra: No strings attached

FRONT ROW: Peter Behroozi, Lewis Colburn, Emily Traw, Brian Oleson, Kevin Holz, Ashley Davidson, Rose McCarty, Elizabeth Gansen, Ian Cawley, Brian Perry. SECOND ROW: Christopher Hardy, Katie Judas, Lindsay Hickman, Erin Kishman, Kate Kilbourne, Hasan Al-Mabuk, Josh Hoppes, Tal Jones, Brian Jacobsan, Travis Coulter, Tomy Rodriguez. THIRD ROW: Brittany Parsons, Salina McCarty, Kristen Perry, Mr. Fanelli, Justin Hahn, Davey Buhr, Kyra Kischer-Browne. FOURTH ROW: Jake Iversen, Liz Schachterle, Jenny Schatzberg, Kevin Conner, Kody Asmus.
**Pep Band**

Dr. Upham’s enthusiasm is contagious as the Pep Band rallies the crowd for presidential nominee Al Gore. The “Pump ‘Em Upham’s” Pep Band worked hard at football and basketball games to get fans up and out of their seats, not to mention the exhausting rounds of the school fight song during pep rallies.

**Jazz Band**

FRONT ROW: Katy Lyman, Emily Hanson, Erin McE!ligatt, Emily Goecke, Steve Seufferlein, Ben Oleson, Dr. Upham. SECOND ROW: Steve Shelton, Boris Sodoma, Nathaniel Ohrt, Anne Thompson, Carlin Dorris, Charles Robertson, Colin McE!ligatt. THIRD ROW: Jake Ives, Brian Perry, Kate Brumm, Jeff Fisher, Jesse Piehl, Scott Will, Nate Wieck. Not Pictured: Jillian Doddema.

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**Music of the Heart**

Pep Band, Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra, and NU Singers showcase the talents of NU’s harmonic students

Carlin Dorris riles up the crowd as he plays the “Hey” song. Dr. Upham was known to run out on the basketball court to get the crowd involved.

Charles Robertson, Nate Wieck, and Scott Will bee-bop some jazzy tunes. The Jazz Band filled the school with music as they practiced early on Thursday mornings.
NU Singers

Led by Mr. Fanelli, the Chamber Orchestra worked hard throughout the year in preparation of many concerts and performances. FRONT ROW: Peter Behroozi, Lewis Colburn, Emily Traw, Katie Judas, Christopher Hardy, Brittany Parsons, Elizabeth Gansen, Travis Coulter, Ian Cawley. SECOND ROW: Mr. Fanelli, Jenny Schatzberg.

Chamber Orchestra

During Chamber Orchestra rehearsal, Ian Cawley shows approval for one of Mr. Fanelli's famous analogies. The Chamber Orchestra's tedious work paid off in their performances.

Mary Weber and Christopher Hardy sing their hearts out during a NU Singers' rehearsal. The group spread their music through school concerts and caroling at local nursing homes over winter break.
Girls' soccer is here at last. We had to beg and plead for two years, but all of our whining paid off. We took it and ran. Our first of 18 games was against Benton; we won 12-0. And the winning continued from there. We shut out every team we played.

Our team had many memorable times during our first season of soccer at NU... Rachel's earrings through her newly pierced ears, or Aubrey showing up to a rainy practice in a two-piece suit (shinguards and all). We had Hayley leaving her bag in every town, Rex being...well, Rex, and diving for cover at every bit of lightning.

With a little work, and a lot of bottled water from Lyn, expect to see us at State next year.

Megan L. Mahan

At the Waverly tournament, the girls take a break from the sweltering summer heat. The team placed third at the tournament.

Freshman Hayley Hahn winds up for a big kick. Hayley received the Captain's Award for the team.

Focused on the goal, Megan Mahan strips the ball away from the competition. Megan was a key defensive player and leader for the team.
Huddling for a pregame cheer, the team listens intently to Coach Countryman’s pep talk. The team outscored their opponents 52-0.

Squinting into the summer sun, Aubrey Huber listens to some last-minute advice. After finishing her eighth grade year, Aubrey was an important addition to the team.

For the Record

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1999 Girls’ Soccer Team

FRONT ROW: Katy Lyman, Kelsey Schmidt, Jillian Doddema, Coach Lyn Countryman, Bailey Leymaster, Jenna Davis, Kate Brumm. SECOND ROW: Rachel Koch, Anne Thompson, Lindsay Smith, Lora Huddleson, Hayley Hahn, Ashley Davidson. THIRD ROW: ball girl Katy Huber, Bethany Richter, Megan Mahan, Aubrey Huber, ball girl Andrea Hahn.
Four-year letterwinner Julie Kolar winds up to deliver a forceful pitch. Julie not only led the team in pitching, but also in inspiration.

Yip, yip - that a bip! Amina Al-Mabuk steps up to bat after pointing out her destination. Amina was always eager and aggressive at the plate.

Aiming for Improvement

SOFTBALL

It was just a few years ago when every other throw was an overthrow and every run for the other team was unearned - but things have changed.

After countless hours of practice, we managed to improve. We are no longer making dumb plays or terrible throws. We are finally starting to look like a team. Our offense, as well as our defense, is getting stronger.

It was a good season this year, but we still can do better. Our next step is to work towards consistency and the ability to judge pitches!

Each year we have been winning more and more games, and chances are, this pattern is just going to continue as long as we continue to show-off our talent and take advantage of our opportunities on and off the field.

Mary Edna Bragg Hicks

3 up, 3 down! The Panthers on the field to discuss battle plan. With an improvement over last year, the Panthers finished the season 10-18 overall.
Holding the runner at second base, Mary Edith Bozylinsky prepares to launch a rocket from her cannon. Mary Edith received First Team All-Conference.

Using her cat-like reflexes, Laura Wellnitz forces the runner back to second. Her catching abilities helped her to claim Second Team All-Conference.

The Panther team intently observes their fellow teammates trying to put some runs on the board. They were always there to encourage each other during the long, hot summer.

1999 Girls' Softball Team
Our baseball team showed definite signs of improvement this past season by upping the record from 7-23 to 12-16 in '99. It was also the year of the long ball, as we showed improvement at the plate as well.

Despite all the home runs, this young Panther team had to depend on the "Senior Leadership" provided by Will Quegg, Nick Davis, and Nick Flanscha.

Our true capability was shown in impressive conference victories, however the season ended abruptly in a disappointing first-round loss to Denver.

Next season we'll say farewell to our head coach Troy Smock, but look forward to welcoming back one senior and many skilled underclassmen.

Freshman Scott Will waits in leftfield for a ball to come his way. Scott maintained this position throughout the year.

Running for dear life, senior Nick Flanscha heads for third base. Nick contributed to the team with his pitching and defense.

At bat, Scott Will prepares to hit another fastball to outfield. The team survived the summer heat to end with an average batting percent of .292.
A unforgiving Ben Wittmayer looks down on an opposing player while protecting third base. Ben was a versatile player, playing both shortstop and third base.

Watching from the dugout, junior Kevin Conner waits to get back in the game against Wapsie Valley. NU went on to win 7-1.

Returning letterwinner Matt Warren fields the ball on the way to a doubleplay. Matt was also a weapon for the team with his strong batting, bringing in 18 RBIs for the season.

Guarding the infield, sophomore Tomy Rodriguez traps the baseball for an out. The Panthers’ strong defense helped keep the earned run average for other teams low, only 5.88 for the season.

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SECOND ROW: Nick Flanscha, Ben Wilson, Josh Candee, Kevin Holz, Mark Windburn, Scott Will, Taylor Phipps.
THIRD ROW: Coach Ryan Dietzenbach, Chad Timmins, Kevin Conner, Nick Davis, Ben Oleson, Coach Troy Smock.
Senior Luciana Siquiera takes time to stretch out before a meet. Luciana, an exchange student, was a great addition to the team.

Sophomore Jenny Schatzburg concentrates while practicing her backstroke start at the last home meet. Jenny was an all-around strong swimmer.

New Beginnings

GIRLS' SWIMMING

This year marked a new beginning for the swim team. We started the season out with a new coaching staff and some new faces. We had two new divers this year: Brandy McCord, who broke both diving records, and Jenny Schatzberg, an excellent first-time diver.

We had a disappointing loss to Charles City at their invitational but came back at our last home meet to beat them, which was one of our best meets of the season. There are many moments we won't forget, like tasting "liche fruit" for the first time or when we went to cheer Shaggy on at a UNI meet and, of course, the District "Hot Tub" Dinner.

We even had one swimmer make it to state this year. All in all, I'd say this year was pretty great and I look forward to the next.

Although exhausted, they still find it in them to smile for the camera. They had just finished their meet at Williams...

56 Girls' Swimming
Junior Amanda Miller and Angie Foelske, from Waverly-Shell Rock, share a laugh before the event. Swimmers from five other schools joined the NU High School Swim Team.

Freshman Emily Parecki listens to her teammates' stories while lounging in the pool. During Emily's first year on the team, she proved to be a strong backstroker and freestyler.

During practice, Amanda Miller perfects her freestyle stroke. Amanda was an excellent distance swimmer, bringing in many 500 meter and 200 meter wins.

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1999 Girls' Swim Team

This year we had the same goal: State. We also had the biggest team out with 12 girls and three new freshmen. Many stepped up making our team even stronger. Though our practices were sometimes terrible, we all made it through.

We went into Districts not knowing how we'd end up. We lost by six points and did not make it to the State Meet. It seemed weird that we had made it last year and we had an even stronger team this year.

I just want to say thank you to all of the girls for four years of fun, and to Rachel for always pushing everyone in practice. Good luck to all of you next year, I know you can accomplish anything. Thanks for all the memories.

Rounding the tree, Ashley Davidson and Anne Thompson stick together on the Waverly course. The pair finished eighth and ninth, helping lead the sophomores to first place.

Out ahead, junior Janelle Doddema maintains the lead in the race. Janelle went on to win the race for NU High.

Focused freshman Jillian Doddema runs her hardest to place first for the team. Jillian held the position of top runner throughout the entire season and earned All-Metro and All-Conference honors.
Leading the pack, senior Rachel Koch runs hard to help the team. Rachel's senior leadership always pushed the team during practices.

Kate Stater and Bethany Richter work together to pass the other runners. Teamwork proved to be vital in helping the team win.

All alone, returning letterwinner Ashley Davidson pushes herself for another personal record. Ashley's hard work during the summer earned her a spot on the varsity squad and All-Metro Team.

NU Panthers huddle together before the race. The team narrowly missed their goal of returning to state.

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1999 Girls' Cross Country Team

F RONT ROW: Aubrey Huber, Bethany Richter SECOND ROW: Ashley Davidson, Jillian Doddema, Kate Brumm. THIRD ROW: Liz Shachterle, Lindsay Smith, Hayley Hahn, Janelle Doddema. FOURTH ROW: Coach Dennis Kettnor, Anne Thompson, Kate Stater, Rachel Koch, Coach Angie Dannenfeldt.
With hardwork and perseverance, Jared Hinke is in hot pursuit of a Union runner. Jared's hard work earned him a varsity letter.

Aaron Gillett, the best a man can get, races through a field of weeds. Aaron, one of two returning sophomores, earned Second Team All-Conference.

A Work in Progress

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

This year was a rebuilding year for the cross country team. After losing two of the top varsity runners from last year's team, we still had high hopes.

With mostly young runners making up our team, many stepped up to fill in varsity spots. There was only one new addition to the squad this year, Cam Puetz. We all worked hard in practices and looked forward to the meets. Everyone showed steady improvement throughout the season.

This season was successful by means of rebuilding and learning. Next year looks to be even brighter with eight of the top runners returning.

I had a tremendous senior year with you all and I wish you the best of luck next year.

Zachary Buck

Enjoying the race, Alan Johnson smiles for the crowd. Long legs gave him an edge in the competition.
On his way to a blazing finish, Zach Buck races towards the finish line. Zach went on to qualify for State, and finish 44th in Fort Dodge.

Working for a personal record, Lewis Colburn strides forward. The team fought the cold weather to finish fifth at the conference meet.

Evan Shanley runs his way to his second year as a returning letterwinner. The nine member team had four returning letterwinners who had made it to State the year before.

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1999 Boys' Cross Country Team

FRONT ROW: Jared Hinke, Aaron Gillett, Charles Robertson, Evan Shanley, Cam Peutz. SECOND ROW: Coach Bob Lee, Zach Buck, Lewis Colburn, Alan Johnson, Chad Timmins, Coach Mark.
The season started off with two-a-days, popsicle breaks, and top ten lists. We came together as a team and kept it up throughout the season. We attribute this to many things: Ginger's pre-game meals, half-hour ankle-tapings, Saturday morning breakfasts, and Pitch's pumpkin bars.

Each player had her own distinct quirk from Mount Braschmore to Em-CAL, from Barbie to Karrie (with a “C”) and spandex Weber. We can't forget Edonia (is that really her name?), Karin (I love the USA), Brie and Megan's “Holy Armadillos,” “Tiny Tower” Laura, “Where's the scooter?” Keri and rounding out the team, Brittany “Can I get a helmet?” Parsons.

Looking back on our fourth season with Pitch we're happy to see he finally got married. This was by far the most successful and easily the most fun season. Make that capital F-capital U-capital N!

The freshmen/sophomore team listens intently to Coach Koble's words of advice. They started out a little rough, but improved as the season progressed.

Sophomore Mary Weber reaches for the tip over the weak block. Mary joined the varsity team this year to fill the middle spot.

After a quick ready-step, Kelsey Schmidt prepares to pass the ball. Kelsey ended the season by breaking her own school serving percentage record and finishing fourth in the state.
An unstoppable NU Volleyball team celebrates their first major win of the season at the Cedar Rapids Washington Volleyball Tournament.

Sophomore Brittany Parsons prepares to add some kick to her serve. Brittany helped the team succeed by taking over the setting position.

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1999 Varsity Volleyball Team


At the last regular season home game, seniors were thanked for their hard work and leadership. NU went on to beat Union 3-0.
In a true display of camaraderie, Ben Oleson helps up his teammate Jeremy McAdams. When times were tough the team stuck together like super glue.

Junior quarterback Ben Iversen lowers his shoulder to plow over a potential tackler on his way to a big gain. Ben was a huge threat whether he ran or passed.

High Expectations

FOOTBALL

The team started the season with very high expectations. Lots of hard work was done during the off season in the weight room, and several members on the team went to the football camps in the summer. We started the season ranked #7 in the state in Class 1A, and wanted to prove we were better than that ranking.

In our first game we played some of our best football of the year but lost by one point. Little did we know, this was the start of a long stretch of close games for us. District play started with a triple overtime win over St. Ansgar. In game six we won our second game of the year over Manly North Central. Our last game summed up our season: We were 17 points away from being 7-2 but we ended up 2-7.

We had many ups and downs this year, including some costly injuries. Although we didn’t finish the way we wanted to, we did make many memories that we’ll keep with us forever. Good luck to next year's team! GO PANTHERS!

Waiting for the other team to show up are Jeff Fisher, Kody Asmus, Shaun Reed, and Ben Oleson. Jeff went on to receive All-Metro and All-District honors for his defensive play.
Overcome with excitement, Josh Staebell rips off his helmet to cheer with the crowd. Josh used his second year of football to encourage others with his charismatic personality.

With equipment in tow, freshman Matt Carlson flashes a grin. As waterboy, manager Matt proved to be a vital part of the team.

After another one of his dazzling runs, Jeremy McAdams fights for the extra yard. Jeremy’s running helped him to achieve a 1,000 yard season.
BOYS’ SWIMMING

Coming into the season, the team didn’t know what to expect, due to the arrival of a new coach. None of us really expected to go as far as we did, but during the season we stuck together and became a team. With a strong lineup, we went after the opponents with a vengeance.

We finished the year at 13-1 and repeated our reign as the champions at the conference meet. Not only did we send a huge group of swimmers to the State Meet, but we also broke three school records in one day! We’ll always remember the uneasiness in our stomachs before the race, the way your heart beats before the siren, and the family environment we experienced as a team.

Working through the pain, Travis Coulter heads towards the finish line of the day’s tough practice. The team spent many hours working for the final payoff.

See the hubcap, feel the hubcap, be the hubcap! yells Evan Shanley. Evan not only helped the team motivationally, but also as a member of the 4 x 100 relay

Jordan Backstrom and Nate Wieck help keep the rhythm as the team swims to victory in the East Gym. The team went on to place first in the meet.
A little wishful thinking from letterwinner Kevin Holz? Although Kevin was able to wrap-up the competition then, the team went on to lose to Cedar Falls by one point at the State meet.

Going for the gold, senior Brian Oleson flutters his way to a win in the 100 Butterfly. One of three team captains, Brian was a real go-getter during every practice.

A frustrated Scott Will tries to come up with a new game plan for the next event. The returning letterwinner took the trip to the State Meet again, where he helped break the school record in the 4 x 50 relay.

Making sure his goggles are adjusted right, Jordan Backstrom gets help from teammate Scott Will. Apparently, they were on straight because Jordan qualified for four events at State.

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1999 Boys' Swimming Team
FRONT ROW: Joe Vaughn, Seth Klobassa, Charles Robertson, Chris Welzein, Kevin Holz, Cam Puetz.
SECOND ROW: Travis Coulter, Ken Dane, Nate Wieck, Scott Will, Brian Oleson, Jordan Backstrom, Dan Nelson, Dan Olson. THIRD ROW: Chris Stafford, Evan Shanley, Matt Adams, Coach Dana Peiffer, Coach Jerry Backstrom, Manager Amanda Miller, Manager Brittany Parsons. NOT PICTURED: Nate Woodley and Manager Sara Stearns.
While Eden Simmer is introduced to the crowd, she ponders how many points she will score. In her second year at NU, Eden made an impact with her teamwork and sharp skills.

Amanda Brasch sets her feet in preparation to play aggressive defense. Amanda's hard work helped her to pull down many rebounds and break the school record for blocks.

Playing the Game

Dear fellow teammates and fans:

Although we haven't always had the greatest record over the years, I think it is fair to say that it has been fun! This team was very young and will have a lot of experience going into next year.

I hope that the girls' program at NU will continue to grow, and become a team to be feared by opponents.

Who knows, maybe I will be coming down to Des Moines to see the NU High Girls' Basketball team play in the State Tournament next year. Thanks again to everyone involved in making my senior year enjoyable, and especially thanks to the fans!

Rachel Koch

During a time-out, Head Coach Chuck Riehle gives the girls some welcome advice. When the times got tough, Chuck got tougher helping the team to overcome the challenges ahead.
As she speeds down the court, Lindsay Smith becomes a blur to the crowd. This season, Lindsay accepted the challenge of becoming a starter on the team.

Senior captain Rachel Koch slides her feet on defense while forcing a bad pass by the other team. As leading scorer, Rachel earned Second Team All-Conference.

Youngster Hayley Hahn puts on an intimidating scowl as she gets into her defensive position. Hayley was one of six sophomores to play on the varsity squad this year.

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1999 Girls’ Basketball Team
The NU Panther season didn’t go as it was planned. We came in with a young group: two seniors, the rest juniors, and sophomore Taylor Phipps.

Throughout the season we played solid defense, but we couldn’t get the offense going. We lost a few heartbreakers by a couple of points and that pretty much tells the story. We finished the season with an 11-10 record with the last loss coming to Dike--New Hartford in the second round of district play.

I think next year’s team will be an exciting one led by All-Conference Jake Struck. I wish the team the best of luck and I would like to thank them for a fun year. I would also like to say good luck to Coach Dave Smith.

Jeremy McAdams

Seeking guidance and leadership, the NU Panthers huddle up at the bench as “General Smith” devises a plan for success. Coach Dave Smith could always get the players to listen when it counted.

The big man in the middle, Alan Johnson, does what he can to get the ball. Alan used his height as an advantage while blocking shot attempts by the other team, earning him Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Junior Chad Timmins uses his "textbook" form as he shoots a free throw. Chad helped the team all season by doing all the little things.
Senior guard Jeremy Adams pushes the ball up the court while scanning the terrain with his eagle-eye vision. This honorable mention player proved to be an asset to the team.

Before tip-off the team huddles at midcourt to "break it down." With eleven juniors on the team, more good days are sure to come.

The team plays swarming defense as they follow the ball during a game against Dike-New Hartford. The conference rivalry came to a climax during districts, where Dike won 54-47.

Jake Struck strikes up a conversation with some scorekeepers as he waits to sub into the game. Jake provided leadership in his third year with all-conference and all-metro first team awards.

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1999 Boys' Basketball Team


Won: 11  Lost: 10
Katherine Spencer goes for the killer short lob to beat out her opponent. Katherine helped anchor the team with her consistent serving and ground strokes. Jennifer Grabowski and Mary Edith Bozylnsky question a line call by the other team. Things often got a little hairy when the NU High team came to town.

Finishing Strong

GIRLS’ TENNIS

There are two words that describe this year’s tennis team...new players. With many new players, Pitch had his hands full figuring out the ladder. Of course, Pitch started the year with “conditioning,” but all too soon realized that’s why we weren’t out for track.

We had a new player play #1 this year, Lindsay Smith. She worked her tail off to do her best. Brittany Parsons did a good job at #2 despite her bad luck with cars, and Bailey Leymaster came “in sink” to play doubles.

I think that we’d all agree that tennis was what it had never been before. Many former track runners pulled together to make this season the best. No one will forget Karin’s interviews, Eden and Laura’s singing, or “the sisters” fighting.

I hope that next year will be a solid season for all of you.

Amy Mcraine

Sophomore Lindsay Smith moves back to the baseline to return another serve. In her first year on the tennis team, Lindsay earned the #1 team spot.
Sophomore Bailey Leymaster hustles after the ball and up to the net to stop her opponent. At the end of the season, the team that hadn’t won, finished strong and in the top sixteen in the state.

Amy McGuire lobs the tennis ball and prepares for the next volley. Amy was one of three seniors to play in the top six singles, with help from Eden Simmer and Mary Edith Bozylinsky.

Sending a smashing forehand back over the net, Brittany Parsons attacks the ball. After a preseason injury, Brittany returned full strength to help the team in singles and doubles.

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2000 Girls' Tennis Team
The tennis season was what some might call a rebuilding year after losing everyone and their mom due to graduation. The Little Panther tennis team, was forced to fight back with the courage of an underdog.

This year also made way for a new coach. Brett "I tried to be cool with you guys but it just didn't work" Kramer took over the controls.

Our season got off to a slow start, but finally our roster got to full strength and we were ready to make some noise. We actually went on to win some meets.

NU Tennis isn't about winning or losing. It's about going to practice and goofing off. It's about the friendships made. It's about going to meets, and worrying more about where you're going to sit in the van, and not who you're playing.

Josh McCabe takes a little break in between sets. After his return from Russia, Josh managed to capture the sixth varsity spot.

Jake Struck and Coach Brett Kramer keep a close eye on the team's progress. Jake played the #1 spot all season and was rewarded by being named to the All-Conference Team.

Ready for the return shot, Jake Struck watches the ball. Many opponents often felt like prey when they were under Jake's attack.
Hustling back for the ball, Tim Corbin prepares for his next amazing shot. Tim's speedy court average made him tough to beat at the #2 position.

Working on his forehand, Josh Candee concentrates on his follow through. As a returning team member, Josh had to battle his way through the ranks to the #5 varsity spot.

Junior Chad Timmins checks to make sure everyone is ready for a scrimmage during practice. During his first season on the tennis team, Chad contributed to the varsity squad.

Drew Sawyer guards the net while his partner, Chad Timmins, serves the ball. The junior duo played together all year, and finished sixth at the conference meet.

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2000 Boys' Tennis Team
FRONT ROW: Danny Kramer, Brian Jacobson, John Paar. SECOND ROW: Josh Candee, Chad Timmins, Coach Brett Kramer. NOT PICTURED: Tim Corbin, Josh McCabe, Drew Sawyer, Jake Struck.
Freshman Karrie McCabe reaches out for the hurdle during the third leg of the shuttle hurdle relay. In her first year, Karrie helped the team earn points and also earned a varsity letter.

Pushing hard for the final 50 meters, Bethany Richter holds off her competitors in the 4x800 meter relay. The event qualified for the State Meet, but encountered problems during the prelims.

Watch Yourself

GIRLS’ TRACK

Well, this was quite the season! Although there was a lack of girls that went out for track, it all came together in the end.

I see a lot of potential for the team in coming years. Just a little tip... CONDITION! The workouts are a lot easier when you do, and they won’t kick you as bad! I learned that a little too late.

I want to see you shuttle hurdle girls go to State next year...it should have happened this year. Also, I would like to congratulate the distance runners for a job that they filled for the past four years, and wish them the best.

My hope for all the young track ladies is that you get to experience the feeling of winning the conference meet. It’s a way to bring the team together and the medals are cool!

Good luck next year.

Amira Al-Malik

Super long-jumper Brie Penaluna takes tough questions from KWWL’s Rick Coleman. During her first year in the event, Brie won the Dickinson Relays, Drake Relays, the State Meet and broke the school record.
Gaining on the competition, Kate Stater prepares to pass the baton during the 4x400 meter relay. She was one of four seniors on the freshmen-dominated team.

Freshman Aubrey Huber strides out the end of her part of the distance medley relay at the Dike-New Hartford Invitational. This year there were two meets that were forced to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Scholastic Nikuze gets down and ready in the blocks before the gun goes off to start the 100 meter dash. The team went on to finish 4th at the NICL meet.

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2000 Girls' Track Team
At the end of the year, you wouldn't have guessed that the 17 members of the track team would be the smallest Coach Lee has ever coached. The team consisted of only three seniors. The new strength was provided by up-and-coming freshmen and sophomores that helped the team to hold its ground.

Going to the Drake Relays this year were Jeff, Jeremy, Tomy, and Matt. Making it to the State Meet were Jeremy, Jeff, and Aaron. The team even managed to claim fourth place at Districts.

But by far, the highlight of the year was Coach Lee's return. After careful consideration, he decided to come back to lead the team yet again.

Charles Johnson cools off with a refreshing drink while talking to teammate Neal Pruess. Charles' strength propelled the team in the throwing events.

Quinting into the sunlight, sophomore Jared Hinke runs for the horizon and the finish line. Solid as a rock, Hinke was always reliable in his relays.

Gritting his teeth and bearing the pain, Matt Warren is a wolf among many small, yelping puppies. Matt's intensity led his pack to many victories including qualifying to compete in the 4X100 at the Drake Relays.
Senior Steve Seufferlein stretches his limbs before an important race. Steve's ability to clear the hurdles helped the team in many tight situations.

Sophomores Neal Moses and Neal Pruess team-up to get the starting blocks set and ready. The entire team worked together throughout the season and placed fourth in District competition.

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2000 Boys' Track Team
Coach Lee Weber finally takes a breath of air after a very close sectional meet. The team pulled out a second place victory to move on to the State Meet.

Senior Zach Buck tees off at the meet against Denver. The team was able to conquer most competitors and went on to beat Denver 160 to 167.

End of an Era

BOYS' GOLF

We set some lofty goals for this year's season. We had one goal in mind: to win State.

Sectionals was our biggest meet of the year. There was a lot of pressure on us to get through this meet and to the State tournament for the third year in a row.

State was in Ankeny. The short course really played to our advantage because we all hit the long ball off the tee. The first day was strange to say the least. Everyone was ready to play; we had a rules meeting and they were about to send us out on the course, then, they cancelled the first day.

We played solid golf the second day, and shot a 319. We brought home fourth place, which earned us all team medals. It was the end of an era for NU Golf, but we wish the best to our bright star, Alan Johnson. Good luck to future teams.

John Michel

Kody Asmus confers with Alan Johnson about a perplexing putt. After an early season P.E. softball injury, Kody was able to make a full recovery and helped the team finish strong.
Alan Johnson reacts to a missed putt. There were not many poorly hit shots by Alan, as his performance on the green earned him All-State honors.

Working on his technique, Josh Secor hits off of the driving range during practice. His dedication to the golf team helped Josh earn his first golf letter.

John Michel works to put in his birdie effort while Shaun Reed concentrates on the side. Both helped contribute to the State qualifying meets that moved the team on to Ankeny, where they placed 4th at State.

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2000 Boys' Golf Team

BOYS' SOCCER

Well, we finished the soccer season with a decent record. It's not the worst we could have done being just our second year.

We had many challenges this season. First, Boris, who was a very good goalie, broke his finger during one of his first showings. Bummer. Another challenge was adjusting to a new coach. It is school tradition to try to get as many new coaches as possible in a limited amount of time. We met our English chum, Coach “Smurf.”

He had many different techniques in which to train us...such as drills. What're those?! Basically, World Cup was our training from the year of the Wolfe.

We were a very young team, and inexperienced to say the least, but we made the best of what we had.

Ben Oleson

During a break between games, the team takes a few minutes to rest. It had been a long day at the East Waterloo Tournament, but the team won 3-1.

Sophomore Jed Ellerbroek steals the ball away from a Denver player. After losing the first game, the team took revenge and won the second time around.

Junior Ben Wittmayer shoves an attacker out of his way to get to the ball. Ben proved to be a worthwhile addition to the team, always playing his very hardest.
Letterwinner Luis Ramos weaves his way through the Columbus defense. Luis' great ball handling skills helped jump start the team's offense.

Ben Iversen runs past a defender to get to the ball. During the second year of boys' soccer at NU, more than twenty guys joined the team.

Getting the ball placed perfect for his penalty kick, Boris Sodoma is under the careful watch of a referee. Boris went on to make the kick, giving his team the only goal of the game.

Josh Staebell and Coach Graham Smurthwaite go over the last minute game plan. Josh's goal-tending skills were crucial to the game's outcome.

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2000 Boys' Soccer Team

Smooching into another stunt, Tina Bremner shows the crowd her stuff. The basketball cheerleaders worked hard on stunts throughout the season.

Showing school pride, Ashley Atherton leads the crowd in another cheer. The football cheerleaders enjoyed cheering in the dome as opposed to snowy outside games at other schools.

Maximum Panther Pride

CHEERLEADING

Our season started in June with morning practices and an appearance in the Sturgis Falls Parade, and continued all the way through February.

This year was filled with many hilarious memories: Brittany’s “Awww, yeah!” victory dance, cheering in the Alden “Barn,” Tina’s riverdance, Coach Smith’s pre-game cheerleading pep-talks (which were always inspiring), 10:32, Crystal’s temper tantrums, and constantly being ran into, landed on and clobbered by players and refs who weren’t paying attention!

Though we had our share of problems, in the end, we’ve taken NU cheerleading to a new level. Remember: work hard, cheer loud, and look both ways before running on the court...you never know, there COULD be a game going on!

Pumping up the crowd, Annika Anderberg, Elaine Newson and Brittany Rideout cheer the football team onto victory. The squad was comprised of many underclassmen, who will be back to help in future years.
Raising more than just Ashley Atherton, the basketball cheerleaders raise school spirit. The squad worked hard all season to perfect many difficult stunts.

Senior Kristy Reimer shows off her moves during a basketball time-out. After an injury early in the season, Kristy returned to help the squad during the district tournament.

The JV and Varsity football cheerleaders team up to put on an entertaining Homecoming pep rally. This was the second year that NU had a Junior Varsity Squad.

1999 Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders

1999 Varsity Football Cheerleaders
FRONT ROW: Annika Ansburg, Lacey Brakebill, Ashley Atherton, Kristy Reimer. SECOND ROW: Brittany Rideout, Sami Renfro, Elain Newson.
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Maximum Overdrive, Maximum Panther Pride

Enjoying their new position of king and queen, Tai Jones and Mary Edith Bozyllinsky take a seat on their thrones. Coronation was held on Thursday night this year after the lasagna dinner.

Lewis Colburn spent hours looking through closets in search of the perfect outfit. Tuesday's "Blast from the Past Day" was well received by the student body.

Favorite Memories

Freshman

"The dance was really fun, I liked where we had it."

-Jade McAdams

Sophomore

"Ummm, the dress up days were cool; they were hip and saucy! So was the DJ."

-Neal Pruess

Junior

"Being on the Homecoming Committee and then seeing how people reacted to the activities we chose."

-Lynden Davis

Senior

"My favorite part was T.P.ing the school, and then running from the Feds afterwards."

-Ryan Pontasch
Stopping by his locker, Mr. School Spirit, Jordan Backstrom, picks up his balloons and refreshes his body paint. Jordan was the hands-down winner of Friday's Black and Orange Spirit Day Contest.

Sophomores Heather Pontasch, Josh Staebell, Jenna Davis, Bailey Leymaster, Tina Bremner, Matt Girsch, Hayley Hahn, Lindsay Smith, and Brie Penaluna enjoyed the spirit of the 80s.

At Friday night's game, junior Lacey Brakebill cheers on the football team. Donning the Homecoming t-shirt helped show her spirit, but the Panthers went on to lose the game to AGWSR.

On his own type of throne, Jeff Fisher takes a ride across the gym courtesy of Coach Lee and Coach Pitcher. The pep assembly offered a chance for football players to "strut their stuff."

Senior Lindsay Cooke does her part at Sunday's hall decorating. The seniors were highly disappointed that their hallway was not picked for the annual hall decorating contest and replied, "Nuts and bolts, nuts and bolts..."
Saturday night’s dance brought Homecoming week to a close, and let students unwind. The final event received rave reviews and made the last dance of the millennium memorable.

Gathered around in a circle, Karin Hirter, Steve Shelton and Amelia Bales ask themselves just where the DJ came from. The “lively” DJ added a touch of fun to the dance.

Sophomores Scott Will and Jenna Davis swap dates on Saturday night. The sophomore class showed off their dance moves throughout the night.
Dancing just a little too close, Jenny Schatzberg, Jeremy McAdams, and Jenna Davis “talk.” The chaperones were kept on their toes regulating the “naughty” dancing.

Enjoying the night, Matt Carlson dances with Amy McGuire. At his first high school dance, “Mad Dawg” got the opportunity to dance with many girls.

All Together

NU High students gather on the dance floor to enjoy the last dance. All Occasions provided a new atmosphere with plenty of room for dancing and pictures.
“I’ll remember the wild meetings!”
-Amina Al-Mabuk

“I feel we’ve accomplished a lot this year.”
-Drew Sawyer

“I liked helping with the Homecoming dance.”
-Kate Kilbourn

“I feel that we made more attempts to connect with the students this year.”
-Matt Girsch

“I have had a lot of fun this year. We really got a lot done.”
-Salina McCarty

Student Council Sponsor, Jim Stichter, works with junior Kelsey Schmidt to plan cleanup. The group was instrumental in this year’s Homecoming festivities.

President Keri Leymaster takes a few minutes to recover after donating blood. The Student Council worked to help others as well as the school.

Mary Weber and Liz Schachterle listen to discussion on the newest topic. The Monday lunch meetings became routine as events were planned.

Making sure the schedule went smoothly. Laura Wellnitz checked through to make sure everything goes smoothly. Laura was instrumental in bringing the blood drives to the cafeteria.
Lastascia Granger and Carlin Dorris eye the ethnic food prepared for Multicultural Month. PROUD promoted cultural awareness and diversity issues.

Elaine Newson, Steve Shelton, and Courtney Gilliam discuss an upcoming event. One trip took the group to Chicago to visit a Lab School.

Jaime McConeghey and Rose McCarty enjoy a Friday lunch meeting. Members were also active in community service projects.

“I liked the Chicago trip, and staying in the homeless shelter.”
-Tal Jones

“It was a good experience because it was my first year.”
-Jasmine Brooks

“It’s a great organization... it’s a good way to learn about other cultures.”
-Ben Oleson

“It’s really diverse, There’s so many people.”
-Crystal Cornwell

PROUD: Raising Awareness

Model United Nations


Model State Legislature

With a growing interest in politics, five NU students went to Des Moines to learn more about the state government. FRONT ROW: Lynden Davis, Katherine Spencer. BACK ROW: Theresa Price, Chris Paar, Desiree Diemer.

Growing Interests

Model UN, Model State Legislature, NU Peer Helpers, and NU Ambassadors provide students with chances to expand their minds and help others.

Senior Theresa Price attempts to look serious during a break between legislative sessions. Theresa participated in Model State Legislature two years in a row as a Representative.

Lynden Davis maintains her chipper attitude throughout the debate session. As a first year participant, she worked hard on her committee and enacting new laws.
Presenting the school with pride, the Ambassadors were a new group this year. FRONT ROW: Jeff Fisher, Kody Asmus, Alan Johnson, and Zach Buck. BACK ROW: Emily Traw, Kelsey Schmidt, Rochelle Nesbit, and Lylemaster. A Buck.

**NU Peer Helpers**

FRONT ROW: Dean Primrose, Clare Struck, Schaviantae Beard, Matt Girsch, Hannah Kollasch, Julia Cuf, Dody Oleson, and Jim Stichter. SECOND ROW: Brian Perry, Alex Dow, Scholastic Nikuze, Keri Leymaster, Tom Flaherty, Amanda Brasch, Josh Staebell, Taylor Phipps. THIRD ROW: Jenny Fish, Rochelle Nesbit, Destiny Speller, Lacey Brakebill, Laura Wellnitz, Katy Lyman, Kyra Kischer-Browne.

Alex Dow and Josh Staebell review their peer mediation techniques during a break in the library. Josh and Alex were both new Peer Helpers and role models to other students throughout the school.

Laura Wellnitz, Zach Buck, and Amy McGuire give the referees a water break during one of the home football games. The NU Ambassadors were started this year to help improve school sportsmanship.
Co-Editors Emily Traw and Keri Leymaster conference with the yearbook advisor, Kristi Marchesani, about the next deadline. The three were often seen huddled around the table setting dates.

Photography Editor Anne Thompson fulfills her duties by taking pictures at a track meet. Anne's commitment to her position provided the yearbook with many high-quality photos.

Staff member Theresa Price and Index Editor Lynden Davis double check to make sure that the layout is error-free. The hard work put in by these two ensured high-quality spreads.

Graphics Editor Heather Hooks searches for some photos to fit her page. Heather was always willing to put in extra time to take care of the little details.
Staff member, Katherine Spencer, searches for a boys' soccer picture. Katherine was known for her catchy captions and snappy stories.

Yearbook staff pulls together to come out with a 'face-inating' book

We started out the year with a title we could barely remember, a new advisor, and a phantom computer. Luckily, the title became drilled into our brains, the advisor turned out to be a saint, and, well, the computer showed up.

Although the beginning of the year pizza party and ad sale extravaganza attracted staff members we never knew we had, there was a group of committed staff members who were vital to the production of the book. Through dedication and teamwork, the 1999-2000 yearbook became a success.

1999-2000 Yearbook Staff
"The food was the best-hands down."
-Kyra Kischer-Browne

"I liked climbing up the huge hill to see the Basilica."
-Erin Geocke

"I liked going to the beach at Pornichet."
-Theresa Price

"I liked finally seeing everything we learned about in Paris."
-Emily Traw

"The day trips were the best part!"
-Kristy Reimer

In Geneva, Switzerland, the group stops for a photo opportunity in front of a lake during one of three daytrips. Drew Sawyer, Erin Geocke, Theresa Price, Kyra Kischer-Browne, Kristy Reimer, Amanda Miller, and Emily Traw all enjoyed the cultural experiences and the chance to practice their French.

France trip: C'est la Vie!

On their afternoon excursion to Paris, the group found a sidewalk cafe for lunch. The food proved to be well worth the expensive price that was paid.

Amanda Miller takes a break from shopping on the quaint streets of Geneva. The water jet seen in the background is one of the city's many attractions.

A hungry Lowell Hoeft eyes some food in a French newspaper. Every Spring, Mr. Hoeft bravely chaperones a group of students on their excursion to France.

Kyra Kischer-Browne, Drew Sawyer, and Erin Geocke smile with delight, thanks to the speedy train. The TGV, which the group took for trips, is the fastest train in France.
Coming together for a final time, the group marvels at St. Basil's Cathedral. Red Square provided many photo opportunities.

Becky Rewoldt and Erin McElligatt enjoy Moscow's Arbat Street. Not only was there a McDonald's, but many souvenirs.

Carlin Dorris, Mike Piehl, and Justin Hahn model their Russian sarafans. The group performed a folk dance on their final night.

Everyone takes time to bid farewell to their Russian hosts before leaving Smolensk, Russia on their way to Moscow. After living together for three weeks, many new friendships were built. The NU students in the group were: Carlin Dorris, Alex Dow, Terri Thompson, Justin Hahn, Brian Perry, Lewis Colburn, Becky Rewoldt, Janelle Doddema, Mike Piehl, Erin McElligatt, Kelsey Schmidt.

"I liked being hit on by all the ladies."
-Alex Dow

"I enjoyed hanging out with everyone at the bars and cafes."
-Becky Rewoldt

"Everyone fed the stray dogs!"
-Erin McElligatt

"We were kickin' it at the Banya Club!"
-Brian Perry

"We all got really close and bonded on the trip."
-Carlin Dorris
“It was quite the experience.”
-Hannah Kollasch

“I was happy to be able to go to Hooters!”
-Kevin Conner

“My favorite part was seeing the cadavers.”
-Erin Goecke

Enjoying the unseasonably warm March weather, this group makes the most of their afternoon away from school. FRONT ROW: Becky White, Luis Ramos. SECOND ROW: Alan Johnson, Mrs. Linda Graber, Amanda Brasch, Dr. Lyn Countryman, Matt Christopher, Mary Edith Bozyinsky.

Biology Trip Explores St. Louis and Cadavers

Feeling like prey, Amanda Brasch and Becky White turn their backs to an approaching hyena. This was the most recent addition to the St. Louis Zoo.

Despite the smell, I was practically elbow deep in the anatomy lab.
-Katherine Spencer

“My favorite part was the bus ride. There was a lot of socializing.”
-Steve Shelton

A sleepy Jake Struck works to stay awake despite the late hour. The evening’s events extended the regular curfew.

Manning the bus, the driver, known simply as “Lloyd,” provides a smile to all. He bussed the group of 41 all around St. Louis on the two-day excursion.

Risking the threat of getting thrown out, Anne Thompson stops to feed the animals. The group also went to an Omni-Max movie at the Science Center and the Children’s Aquarium.
The girls break from the cold to spend a few hours in the rainforest. The Olympic Park Stadium and Biodome are major tourist attractions of Montreal.

Kristy Reimer, Rochelle Nesbit, Coach Kim Caster and Megan Mahan relax in a park. The day was young as they prepared for another shopping excursion.

While exploring Chinatown, Rachel Marie Koch tries to blend in. Montreal is a city with ethnic and cultural diversities.

The first big adventure: St. Catherine's Street - a little different than expected. The girls stumbled across many unique stores along the way. The group consisted of: Rochelle Nesbit, Kristy Reimer, Laura Wellnitz, Megan Mahan, Rachel Koch, Theresa Price and Ms. Kim Caster (not pictured.)

"I liked the shops on St. Catherine’s Street, both parts."
-Theresa Price

"Us girls bonded and I’m happy with my purchase - it fits perfect!"
-Laura Wellnitz

"We will forever be Coach Caster’s Crew Team."
-Rochelle Nesbit

"I liked all the obnoxious guys from Boston."
-Kristy Reimer

"Oh Canada, why are you so darn cold?"
-Rachel Koch
Snow Filled Sky
At
Winter Formal

Dressed in their best, NU high students made their way to the Oster Regent Theatre for a night of fun and dancing. Snow covered the ground as the students left the dance.

D J Scribbles, aka Sean Robinson, and his assistant Brendal Krueger provide the crowd with music. The wide variety of music suited a little bit of everyone's taste.

Allison Welsh and Mike Wilson slow down for 98 Degrees' "I do." The dance was kept at a bearable temperature this year, but students still returned downstairs for a breath of fresh air.

Due to strict chaperones, Jay Struck and Heather Ponte resort to "Eskimo kissing." Next to N.U., Heather enjoyed her first Winter Formal.
leaning the dance floor with their wild moves, Charles hoists Alan Johnson onto his shoulders. Both Johnsons left their dates for a final whirl around the floor.

Jade McAdams and Allen Guthart enjoy the last song of the night. Students left the dance to find a fresh blanket of snow on the ground.

Double trouble, "twins" Raychelle Creighton and Elaine Newson, teamed up to conquer the evening. The two attracted attention with their matching outfits and matching moves.

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Dreams Do Come True

Josh Staebell enjoys his dance with Lacey Brakebill. The dance floor was filled with kids who came out for the evening: over 120 students in total.
“It was fun to see all the little kids get excited.”
-Jenny Schatzberg

“Where the heck was the cake walk?!?”
-Keri Leymaster

“It was the first time I’ve helped with it.”
-Neal Pruess

Senior Kristen Perry searches for the yellow paint on the way to beautiful golden star for her first customer of the evening. Many middle and high school students were called to duty to help with the PTP Carnival to raise money that would later go to benefit many classrooms throughout the school.

PTP CARNIVAL: FUN IS IN THE AIR

Brittany Rideout gives the hula-hoop a push for the football throw. The cheerleaders were in charge of the booth.

The “fish,” Emily Hanson, bites on a fisherman’s line. Emily was working the student council booth.

The kids were cute with their face paint and everything.”
-Luevetta Vaughn

“The cotton candy ruled!”
-Jake Iversen

Amanda Miller waits for an elementary student to let one loose. It was a long night at the toilet toss.

A group of high school boys watch as a middle-school attempts to make a hole-in-one. The help of high-schoolers was essential to making the carnival a success.
Karin Hirter finds herself in the middle of friends Marisol Martin and Amina Al-Mabuk.

Bethany Richter, Rachel Koch, and Kate Stater match in leopard print outfits. They were hard to miss with Rachel’s cool moves on the dance floor.

John Kane breaks out his old school moves with Eashaan Vajpeyi. The two were seen all over throughout the evening.

“IT was a good place to have it, but the DJ wasn’t too good.”
-Jake Struck

“I liked spraying the underclassmen with waterguns at the end.”
-Jon Finzen

“It was too 80’s for me.”
-Sami Renfro

“It was totally rad and the DJ was tubular!”
-Josh Staebell

“It rocked my world!!!”
-Drew Sawyer

Spring Fling Spectacular

Sophomores Josh Staebell, John Kane, and Chris Vanderwall pose with freshmen Eashaan Vajpeyi and Ben Wilson. These fellows were the highlight of the Spring Fling dance with many of their alternative 80’s outfits. Josh sported the yellow version of a Michael Jackson glove and John Kane stuck with an awesome turban to go with his ensemble.
Wishing
Upon
A Star

Despite the rumors of the
dreadful theme, “Prom.com,”
the juniors sent the seniors off
with a prom that they will
never forget. Shimmering
stars and glitter made the
night turn to magic.

2 000 Prom Court: Jeremy
McAdams, Jeff Fisher, King
Steve Seufferlein, Kody Asmus,
Zach Buck, Megan Mahan, Queen
Karin Hirter, Laura Wellnitz, Erin
Heath, and Amina Al-Mabuk.

Ryan Pontsch and Erin Heath
were cute as a button, as al­
ways. Ryan escorted Erin down
the promenade for coronation.

Sharing a look, Kevin Conn
and Bethany Richter spent the
evening with their friend.
Bethany, a junior, took part in
decorating the Women’s Club
prior to the evening’s activities.
Prom queen and king, Karin Hirter and Steve Seufferlein, were honored and delighted to be chosen as NUHS royalty. The two boogied on down under the glittering, gleaming stars.

Guitar-laden Kody Asmus prances in a ten-gallon hat to the twang of “Achy Breaky Heart.” The hypnotist was a highlight of Post Prom.

“Dirt Me”

Zach Buck takes on the towering wall. Those who did take the risk of climbing were thought to be adventurous, exciting, and, above all, successful. Post Prom, held in the UNI Wellness Center, provided students with many fun activities.
As the senior class finished their final weeks of school, they were asked to choose the people in their class that they felt deserved recognition and to take time to reflect on the year.

**Most Intelligent**
Theresa Price and Jordan Backstrom work hard to finish their physics on time. Neither had too much to worry about, and managed both their college class and regular schoolwork.

**Next Bill Gates**
Paul Nadler sits down in front of a computer for another grueling session. Paul also helped the technology department throughout the year in the work-study program.

**Most Likely to be President**
Kevin Conner and Rochelle Nesbit relax during a break in the day. Their leadership skills helped them to "sway the vote" with the senior class.
Biggest Class Clowns
Eden Simmer puts on her clown's nose and goes about her mischievous way. Her partner in crime, Justin Jensen, graduated in January leaving her all alone.

Most Athletic
Rachel Koch and Jeremy McAdams take a break during a the NICL track meet. Both were involved in many sports throughout their high school careers.

Best Smiles
Showing off their assets, Jon Finzen and Karin Hirter smile for the camera. Their radiant smiles were appreciated during the sometimes dreary days of winter.

Most Likely to Succeed
Looking off somewhere into the future, Mary Edith Bozylinsky and Jeff Fisher ponder many great ideas. After being told what he was voted, Jeff responded, “Succeed at what?”

Most Intelligent-
Theresa Price & Jordan Backstrom

Most Likely to be President-
Rochelle Nesbit & Kevin Conner

Next Bill Gates-
Paul Nadler

Biggest Class Clowns-
Justin Jensen & Eden Simmer

Most Athletic-
Rachel Koch & Jeremy McAdams

Best Smiles-
Karin Hirter & Jon Finzen

Most Likely to Succeed-
Mary Edith Bozylinsky & Jeff Fisher

And the award goes to...

Senior Magazine 109
“I cannot believe we are finally done! I am going to miss everyone so much.”
-Amy McGuire

“It was pretty fun T.P.ing the school this year.”
-Eli Horstmeier

“I’m glad it’s about over with!”
-Eryn Reilly

“It’s been a good year. I’ve learned about my classmates this year.”
-Robert Hooks

“I’ve learned that Physics...it’s not fun.”
-Kristy Reimer

**Most Creative**

Erin Heath and Steve Wilson strike a pose in the most creative way they can think of. Their artwork adorned many walls and the showcase throughout the year.

**Worst Tempers**

Zach Buck and Megan Mahan demonstrate their tempers after an incident with an unsuspecting underclassman. Despite their short fuses, their involvement in many school activities was well received.

**Best Laugh**

Jenny Fish and John Michel have a good laugh before school. Jenny’s distinctive laugh could be heard for miles, while John stuck with the silent laugh.
**And the award goes to...**

**Most Creative**
Erin Heath & Steve Wilson  

**Worst Tempers**
Zach Buck & Megan Mahan

**Most School Spirit**
Kody Asmus & Ashley Atherton

**Biggest Drama Stars**
Brian Oleson & Laura Wellnitz

**Most Likely to Travel Abroad**
Terri Thompson

**Friendliest**
Keri Leymaster & Steve Seufferlein

**Best Laugh**
Jenny Fish & John Michel

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**Biggest Drama Stars**
Looking through the costume shop, Brian Oleson and Laura Wellnitz look for the perfect outfit. Both were involved in many performances and took leading roles in *The Music Man*.

**Most Likely to Travel Abroad**
Terri Thompson wears her "sarampa" and enjoys her final night in Smolensk, Russia. Terri spent five months studying in Russia during her junior year, and will go to college there.

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**Friendliest**
Keri Leymaster and Steve Seufferlein greet other students coming down the hall before school. No one was left out in their attempts to welcome everyone to the "senior hallway."

**Most School Spirit**
Kody Asmus and Ashley Atherton show off their NU Panther Spirit. Ashley worked hard to boost others during her four years as a varsity cheerleader.
“Do I have anything to say? No.”
-Nathan Marra

“It’s made me realize how much different it’ll be next year, and how sad it’ll be to leave everyone.”
-Kate Stater

“It was a pretty fun year. I had a good time.”
-Wes Zeitz

“I’m really going to miss being with all my friends.”
-Rachel Moses

“Seniors, seniors, don’t be shy, stand up and give your battle cry!”
-Allison Welsh

“It was fun, but I look forward to next year.”
-Ryan Pontasch

Next NASCAR drivers
Jesse Piehl and Josh Secor stand in front of Josh’s race car. Josh spent eight months building the car from scratch with the help of his father.

Best Dancers
Amina Al-Mabuk and Tal Jones take on a different type of dance than what they’re used to. Word of Tal’s moves spread quickly after his notorious Homecoming dance.

Best Car
Shaun Reed shows off his shining automobile. Shaun purchased his new 1999 Chevy Cavalier during his senior year.
Most Likely to Keep on Clubbin'
Dustin DeSanro stands tall before graduating at semester. His decorated car helped him make a splash at NU with decals like Keep on Clubbin'.

Best Dressed
Scholastic Nikuze and Tom Flaherty pose during the middle of class. With their own personal styles, each stood out in the hallowed halls of NU High.

And the award goes to...

Next NASCAR drivers-
Jesse Piehl & Josh Secor

Best Dancers-
Amina Al-Mabuk & Tal Jones

Best Car-
Shaun Reed

Most Likely to Keep on Clubbin'
Dustin DeSanro

 Quietest-
Justin Hahn & Kristen Perry

Best Dressed-
Tom Flaherty & Scholastic Nikuze

Worst Car-
Lindsey Cooke

Quietest
Mrs. Bigelow’s favorite students, Kristen Perry and Justin Hahn, demonstrate proper library behavior. Needless to say, they were never sent back to study hall.

Worst Car
Lindsey Cooke gets comfy on top of her lovely 1982 Bonneville. After finding out she won, Lindsey responded, “But I love my car!”
Senior Honors and Awards

Academic Honors

Kody Asmus
Ashley Atherton
Jordan Backstrom
Kevin Conner
Jeff Fisher
Rachel Koch
Theresa Price
Kristy Reimer
Steve Seufferlein
Eden Simmer
Laura Wellnitz

Academic High Honors

Mary Edith Bozylinsky
Keri Leymaster
Rochelle Nesbit

Kody Mac McGuire Guilleume Asmus: Waterloo Education Association Memorial Scholarship.
Ashley Atherton: Parents and Teachers in Partnership Scholarship.
Jordan James Backstrom: University of Iowa Engineering Honor Scholarship.
Mary Edith Bozylinsky: National Honor Society; Ferdinand C. Riechman Memorial Scholarship.
Jeffrey Richard Fisher: Academic All State; National Honor Society; Boehmler Scholarship Award.


Tal Martin Jones: Xavier University Scholarship; Celebration of Excellence Scholarship, Morningside College; St. Ambrose University Music Talent Award; Les Hale Music Scholarship.

Keri Anne Leymaster: National Honor Society; Best of Class; Sturgis Falls Scholarship; McKay Award & Scholarship, University of Northern Iowa; JS Latta Scholarship, UNI; McConnaha Memorial Scholarship; Dwight Curtis Memorial Award.

Megan Mahan: Malcolm and Mary Day Price Memorial Scholarship.

Rochelle Renee Nesbit: National Honor Society; State of Iowa Scholar; Horatio Alger-Louis Feinsteing Enriching Award; Honors Program, Iowa State University; R.J. McElroy Scholarship.

Scholastic Nikuze: Enrichment Scholarship, University of Iowa; Iowa Minority Academic Grant Award; Warnock Scholar; Experiential Learning Award, St. Lucia, UNI; Masonic Tuition Grant; Kenneth G. Meyerhoff Memorial Scholarship.

Brian James Oleson: Trembath Preministry Scholar, Central College; Minority Scholar, Central College; Northwestern Football Scholarship; Class of 1978 Faculty Scholarship.

Kristen Danielle Perry: Iowa Olympiad of Spoken Russian winner; National Russian Essay Contest Bronze Medal.

Theresa Lorez Price: National Honor Society; State of Iowa Scholar; Academic Recognition Scholarship, Iowa State University; College of Engineering Scholarship, ISU; Honors Program, ISU; Kenneth G. Outzier Scholarship; Malcolm and Mary Day Price Memorial Scholarship.

Kristy Lee Reimer: State of Iowa Scholar.

Steve Seufferlein: Parents and Teachers in Partnership Scholarship.

Laura Ruth Wellnitz: WEA Memorial Scholarship; Bausch & Lomb Science Scholarship; National Honor Society.

Allison Welsh: Parents and Teachers in Partnership Scholarship.
As the Class of 2000 took their final steps from NU High they took with them knowledge, memories, and most of all lifelong friendships. Commencement gave everyone a final time together, and sent them away with diplomas in hand.
Scholastic Nikuze enjoys time with family and friends after the commencement exercises. Many new alumni took the opportunity to talk to people and receive congratulations.

Accepting his diploma from Director Wendell McConnahe, Brian Oleson shakes hands and crosses the stage. 50 students received diplomas on Sunday, May 21, 2000, including an honorary diploma to the parents of Adee Eacret.

Diploma in hand, Jordan Backstrom proceeds back to his seat. Commencement was held for the first time at UNI’s Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center.

My Final Answer
Faculty speaker Dave Smith relives his *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* dream by debating the best way to describe the class of 2000. His choices were A) a little mischievous, B) kind of challenging, C) borderline out of control, and his final answer, D) SIMPLY THE BEST!
With Love to Steve -
You, who comes to my classroom seeking candy (to swipe), here’s a different kind of sugary sweet nugget: I love you, Steve, and I’ll miss your sneaky (and sweet) visits next year. Good Luck!

Love, Becky

“The future is plump with promise.”
Maya Angelou in All God’s Children Need Traveling Shoes (1986)

To our sister, Rachel,
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We are so proud of you!!

Good luck on your “Journey Through Life”...
Your Mother & Bruce

P.S. We love you....
Kevin,
Thank you for enriching our lives.
Wherever you go, may you always keep your
good nature and off-beat sense of humor
with you.

Love always,
Mom & Dad

We are so
proud of you
Rochelle.
We have seen
you gain
strength,
courage, and
confidence by
your every
experience.
We know you can take on anything that comes along.
With all our love, Mom, Doug & Brittany

Zachy Another boy?!
Man, 4 boys and 1 girl, that just isn't fair!...
but, thank God, you got cooler from there.
Of course I taught you EVERYTHING you know: how to walk, talk,
& make forts in the snow. For your 1st day of school, I taught you how
to be calm, I guess I left out "it's bad to try and burn the school down!"
But, I taught you to swim, sing, & to be cool, not a dork, and to run really
fast if someone is chasing you with a fork. Because of ME you are an
awesome cook & clean, oh no wait (that must have been someone else),
I can't do either of those things.
From your 1st dance to your 1st date, I gave GREAT advice. We
doubted to "Scream", remember holding hands is nice. If I was ever
down, we'd talk & you'd brighten my day, you've really turned out to
be a smart, sweet, little anmaya. Well, if by now you can't tell by
everything that I do, I'm really gonna miss you at college.... I adore you.

Love, Your Favorite Sister Sarah
Meme,

Thanks for giving me a push for the last 13 years.

Good Luck!

Love, Chris

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Jesse -

He's out standing in his field.

Love ya,
Dad and Mom

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Excited!
 crazy about cars early on!

Josh,

Never give up on your dreams. You have the courage and the determination to make them happen. We love you and are very proud of you!

Love, Dad and Barb

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Dear Theresa,
May you skate smoothly through the coming years. Congratulations and best wishes for your journey. We love you.
Mom, Dad, Rachel and Neal

Hugs & Kisses

Congratulations Steve!

From one Wilson snott to the other,
Rachel

Dear Kody,

Since the day you were born, your strength and determination has been obvious. Your fearless and exploring attitude has guided you through life to become independent and self-motivated. The direction you chose became evident at age two when you asked Santa for a BLUE hawkeye football helmet. By the time you were six, you had been a hawkeye football player for three years, on Halloween that is. Your drive and dedication continued as you laboriously painted your boat, “The Hawk,” the summer of 1994. Now, as you near graduation you still go forward with the characteristic zeal and determination. You are a terrific young man and a wonderful, wonderful son. We love you very much. We support and celebrate what future passions you may pursue both on and off the football field.

Play like a hawk tonight,

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Neil and Barb McMahon

Hey Stevie, Those were the good ol’ times, eh buddy? I’ve always looked up to you, for as long as I’ve been around. I know that I’ll still see you and everything, but I’ll miss you.
Your little brother, Benny

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We love you honey. Good luck!

Mom & Dad

To our daughter, Rachel:

ROCK ON!

Mom and Dad

"Still round the corner there may wait a new road or a secret gate."

J.R.R. Tolkein

A miracle, a blessing, our Zachary.

XO

Mom, Dad,
Joe, Micah, Ben,
Sarah, Leah, & Hannah

Keri,

I'm so very proud of the young woman you've become, and wish you much success & happiness in the future.

Love, Dad

5 little Wilsons sitting on a rail

It's your turn to catch your train, Steve!

Dan, Rachel, Mike, & Mark
We want to thank you for the many years of memories you have shared with us. You are wonderfully creative boys. You have been such good friends for a long time. You have always been there for each other and have supported and celebrated your differences. We wish each and every one of you the very best life has to offer. We salute you and look forward to new memories in the making.

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Steve,
We can’t wait to see what tunes you play as life unfolds.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Amy.
Your sweet smile and caring ways have been a constant source of happiness to us. You have made us very proud. Much love always!
Mom, Dad, Michael, and Matthew

Hey Krispy,
I know you are almost shorter than me, but you are still the best “Big” sister in the world.
Love, Laurie

Keri,
I cried with happiness the day you were born and you’ve made me proud every day since.
I love you.
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The search for Bigfoot never ends... good luck in the journey, Steve!

The Wilsons

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Love, Dad & Mom

Mary, Mary,
Never contrary,
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With pencils, books and crochet hooks.
And softballs all in a row.
Congratulations!
Mom and Dad

Hey pooky-
you have brought a lot of happiness into my life this past year and we've had a lot of great times!

Good Luck with whatever you do.
love, erin.

Mary -

Never contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With pencils, books and crochet hooks.
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Congratulations!
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Keri -

Thanks for being such an awesome older sister to me! Even though we may have our hard times, we almanage through if you do with a bruises. luck with thing you future! Don't forget to stop home every once in awhile to say hi to me & Chester.

Love Always, Bailey

Kristy -

It seems like only yesterday.... we're so proud of you! Congratulations!

Love,
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Brian,
I hope you always have that brave, shining smile. You are completely true to yourself and I am very proud of you.

Love, Mom
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Well, after ten months of agonizing pain, we have come to the final page of the *Face of the Future* book. It also brings with it the end of another school year; for many one step closer to graduation and for others a new beginning in the Fall. It was a year filled with new faces and the departures of other familiar ones. Throughout the year we were bombarded with threats of Y2K, politicians, Regis Philbin, and toilet paper. Boy, it flew by fast!

This book would not have been possible without the help of the yearbook team. Many hours were put into making this book, and it wouldn’t have been possible without the help of many people: Kristi Marchesani, who made a brave return to NU, Lynn McCurly for her unending knowledge, and Lynne Lemert for just being Lynne. And where would we be without our editorial staff? (Phone a friend for this answer.) Also, special thanks also goes to those who stepped up to take on the extra jobs and fill the needed spaces.

Finally, for the sake of consistency, as always, we leave you with another image of Northern University High School.

How will this year prepare you to become the *Face of the Future*?

Keri Zeyma  Emily Tram

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