

Happening NOW

•**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** 5:30-8:30 p.m. tonight in commons and gyms

Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Unbreaded chicken sandwich
- A la carte lines:** Spaghetti, chef salad, hamburger, taco fixins'
- Tuesday:** Corn dog
- Representatives visiting WHS:** Tuesday..... Southeast Tech-Sioux Falls

Group Meetings

- Prom Committee:** Members will meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday in A-141.
- Human Sexuality Group:** Members will meet during fourth period study halls Tuesday. See a counselor for details.
- Young Democrats:** Will meet at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday in A-122.
- Boys Tennis:** Players will meet at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday in A-113. All interested at all levels should attend.
- SADD:** Members will meet at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday in A-113.
- National Honor Society:** Members will meet at 7:45 a.m. or 3:15 p.m. Wednesday in A-139. Choose one meeting.

Other Reminders

•**Register:** For next year's classes now at the Parent View web site. Over 1,000 students have already registered. Don't miss out on classes you want—register now.

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Boys sweep Rapid City teams in big weekend of b-ball action

Girls defeat R.C. Central, fall to Stevens

By Eric Mayer

Upperclassmen led the WHS varsity boys basketball team to a 2-0 record over Rapid City Central and Stevens this weekend in the Warrior gymnasium.

On Friday night, the Warriors took on Rapid City Central and jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, winning 61-52. Leading the way for the Warriors were seniors Sam Holsen with 15 points and Casey Smith with 11 points. In sub-varsity action, the junior varsity improved their record to 8-7 with a 53-39 win. Sophomore Riley Conklin led the team with 16 points.

The sophomore team dominated the Cobblers 63-40. In freshman action, the 'A' team won 77-61 as freshman Connor Elrod scored 30 points.

The girls varsity, junior varsity and sophomore teams swept the Cobblers Friday, as well.

In varsity action the girls won 45-41. Leading the way was sophomore Ashley Edie with 21 points. The junior varsity team rolled to a 49-40 victory while the sophomores won 47-40.

On Saturday, the varsity boys rolled to a 57-39 victory over Rapid City Stevens. Holsen and senior Ryan Spoonmore led all scorers with 16 and 18 points, respectively.

In the sub-varsity action, the junior varsity dominated Stevens 58-35 and the sophomores won 55-46. In freshman action, the 'A' Team won 80-68.

In girls action against Stevens on Saturday, the varsity lost 57-46, while the sophomore team won 55-44 and the junior varsity won 70-39. Leading scorers were sophomore Amanda Farritor with 21 points for the sophomore team and sophomore Kilee Kading with 18 points for the junior varsity team. The freshman girls went 2-0 on the weekend.

Cheerleaders take second in Brandon

By Adam Heck and Gabe Steinborn

The cheerleading competition squad took second place in the large-school division at the Dakota Spirit Valentine's Day Classic Saturday in Brandon.

Brookings High School

took first at the event.

Senior Warrior squad member Miki Hopp said she thought the team performed well, but could have done better.

"We did not perform to our full potential, but our per-

formance is inspiring us to work harder for nationals next week," Hopp said.

The team travels to Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 23-25 to compete in a United Performers Association national event.

ClaCo breaks finals in first competition

By Sarah Jamison and Laura Heck

Competition began in full swing on Saturday for both WHS show choir groups as they competed in the Pioneer Show Choir Festival in Milford, Iowa.

The varsity show choir Classic Connection, or ClaCo, battled in the 4A division with their 2007 show "Be a Star."

After placing third in the preliminaries, ClaCo made it

into the finals and took second place. The Sioux City, Iowa, East Headliners took first at the event.

Junior Santino Ponce said he was proud of ClaCo's performance.

"For our first competition of the season, we did really well," Ponce said. "It was definitely a milestone event and I am proud of our achievements."

ClaCo's show this year

is compiled of music selections including "I'm a Star," "Dance," and "Big Time."

Along with ClaCo, the junior varsity show choir Stagelights competed with their 2007 show "Money" in the 1A Prep division and earned third place. Sioux City East won the division and Waukee, Iowa, took second.

Both groups continue competition at Sioux City East in two weeks.

Please share—leave on tables until 5B

Q Warrior & A

A profile of a WHS student

Editor's note: The Warrior Q & A is a weekly profile of a Warrior student with the goal of helping members of the WHS community come to know each other better. Subjects are chosen at random by the NOW staff.

•Name: Bobby Olseth

- Grade: Sophomore
- Nickname: Bobbo
- What activities are you involved in? I am involved in football, basketball and Y-ball.
- Who are your family members? My family consists of my mom and dad, my sister Amy, and my brother Jesse.
- What is your favorite class? My favorite class right now is Basic Strength Training with Mr. (Travis) Schafer.
- What is in your CD player right now? I am listening to a mixed CD.
- What are your hobbies? I like playing sports and hanging out.
- If you could have lunch with anyone, who would it be? I would eat with Michael Jordan because he is the best basketball player ever.



Bobby Olseth

•What is your message to the readers of the NOW? Live life to the fullest—don't have any regrets.

Assembled by Josh Olson
Photo by Michaela Steinborn

Dixie Chicks get Grammy vindication

By Evelyn McDonnell McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

Early in the Grammys show Sunday night, the Dixie Chicks defiantly sang they were "still waiting" to make nice after the uproar that greeted Natalie Maines's negative comments about President Bush in 2003. At least they got some satisfaction by evening's end: The Chicks, who had been shut out of other recent country music awards shows, took home three trophies. "For the first time in my life I'm speechless," Maines said.

The evening also belonged to a woman whose 15-year wait to be not just the Queen of Hip-Hop Soul but the queen of music's biggest awards night was over—a difficult, street-tough diva who, as she said again and again in her acceptance speeches, has learned to make nice: Mary J. Blige.

"I want to use this success to build bridges not to burn them," Blige said as she accepted the award for best female R&B vocal performance, one of three trophies she took home from L.A.'s Staples Center for songs from her appropriately named album, "The Breakthrough."

Other multiple award winners at the 49th annual Grammys were the Red Hot Chili Peppers (three, all in categories not presented on the CBS telecast), John Mayer (two), and Justin Timberlake (two).

The Chicks set an unusually outspoken tone for a show known for either genteel musicianship or grand productions. They weren't alone: songman John Legend sang "Coming Home," a piano ballad about a soldier. The alternative soul duo Gnarlz Barkley performed their haunting ballad "Crazy" to a martial beat while wearing flight uniforms that seemed to be an homage to the film "United 93," especially when Cee-Lo sang, "My heroes had the heart to lose their lives out on the limb." Even Shakira and Wyckl Jean finished their belly-dancing Busby Berkeley homage "Hips Don't Lie" by promising, "No fighting!"

Boston Celtics will be back with a vengeance

My beloved Boston Celtics are struggling mightily this season in the NBA.

Losers of a franchise record 18 in a row and holders of the longest losing streak in three years in the NBA, the Celtics desperately want Hall of Famer Larry Bird back.



Hear me...



Levi Smith

Unfortunately, the 50-year-old Bird is far out of his prime and probably isn't interested in re-joining the team.

I guess this means the C's will have to wait until next year's draft when they will likely be selecting one of two college standouts Kevin Durant or Greg Oden. With the selection of one of the most highly qualified youngsters in the nation, the

Celtics will be loaded with tons of young talent for the upcoming years.

The Celt's have been plagued with injuries throughout this ugly losing streak, including superstar Paul Pierce. Ten of the 15 players listed on the Celtic's roster have three years of experience or less in the NBA. Among these are rookies Rajon Rondo and Allen Ray, second year players Ryan Gomes and Gerald Green and third year players Tony Allen, Al Jefferson, Sebastian Telfair and Delonte West—all receiving quality playing time.

Despite a flat-out awful 12-38 record, the future for the C's is bright. I know you may all be looking back at my false Green Bay Packer's prediction, but just wait and watch. In a matter of only a few years, the Boston Celtics will be back atop the Eastern Conference in the NBA and returning to the NBA Finals for the first time since 1986.

Sophomore Levi Smith bleeds Celtic green.

Three qualify at Mundt

By Erik Ordal

On Friday and Saturday, the varsity debate team competed in the Mundt Invitational in Madison.

Finalists at the event included sophomore Jesse Goodwin in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking and seniors James Foster and Josh Goodwin in International Extemporaneous Speaking.

Travis Dahle, the indi-

vidual events coach, said he thought the three finalists did amazingly well.

"Jesse (Goodwin) and James (Foster) made a strong showing for the second week in a row," Dahle said. "Josh (Goodwin) broke to finals in his second tournament as a varsity competitor, which is impressive."

The team will next compete in the National Qualifier Feb. 23-24.

Hickey headed for state

By Riley Conklin

The varsity gymnastics team competed in the Region 2AA Tournament Saturday in Brookings.

At the event, freshman

Becca Hickey qualified for state in the uneven bars, vault and balance beam.

The state meet is set for Aberdeen Friday and Saturday.

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