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 Sunny.
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 Low 30°.
Thursday:
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Lunch time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Hamburger
- A la carte lines:** Pepperoni pizza, chef salad, cold sandwiches, turkey tidbits, hard shell tacos
- Thursday:** Chili

Group meetings

- First Priority:** 7:30 a.m Thursday in A-211
- Diversity Committee:** 7:30 a.m Thursday in Administrative Conference Room
- Wrestlers:** 3:10 p.m. Thursday in A-237
- Bowling:** Girls 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Boys 3:20 p.m. Friday—both meetings in commons

Other reminders

- Red Ribbon Week:** Thursday is "Tie One on Against Drugs" day—wear a neck tie.
- Principal's Advisory Council:** 2005-06 members are posted in the administrative office window.
- Peer Helpers:** are selling Halloween treat bags to be delivered Monday—purchase them at a table in the commons today during lunch.
- Seniors:** who did not attend yesterday's information session during ad-room should pick up a packet in the student services office.
- Sophomores:** should register now to take the PLAN Test on Nov. 4—register in the counseling center, cost is \$10.

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Survey shows need for improved locker security

Over 21 percent of lockers open during school

By Mike Merry

This past week, a survey conducted by members of the NOW staff investigated whether or not students are regularly locking their lockers with disturbing results.

The sample of WHS lockers revealed that 21.57 percent of lockers were unlocked during the school day at WHS.

Breaking down the survey revealed that each wing at WHS turned up differently, with the E-Wing posting the safest score with 6.4 percent of lockers unlocked. The A-Wing downstairs lockers posted a surprisingly high 34.2 percent unlocked rate and the A-Wing upstairs posted a 23.6 percent rate of unlocked lockers.

AP Stats teacher Doyle Becker, who helped conduct the survey, said the survey was reasonably valid.

"The sample would have been more systematic and random had time constraints not prohibited the results," Becker said, "but for all intents and purposes, this sample did give a good estimation of the percentage of unlocked lockers in the school."

So far this year there have not been many reports of stolen items, thanks in part to basic honesty by most students, reinforced by the new security cameras installed over the summer throughout the building. But, if a student gets something stolen, their first course of action should be to fill out a "Lost and Theft Report" in the student services office. After filling out a form, school resource officer Hank Bayne will contact the student.

Bayne said simply locking lockers can make a world of difference.

"The cameras have helped locate where the locker mischief is," Bayne said. "Things around here have a tendency of getting legs and walking—purses, calculators, you name it. You have to be careful."

This newspaper inquiry comes on the heels of last year's survey by counselor Matt Mims

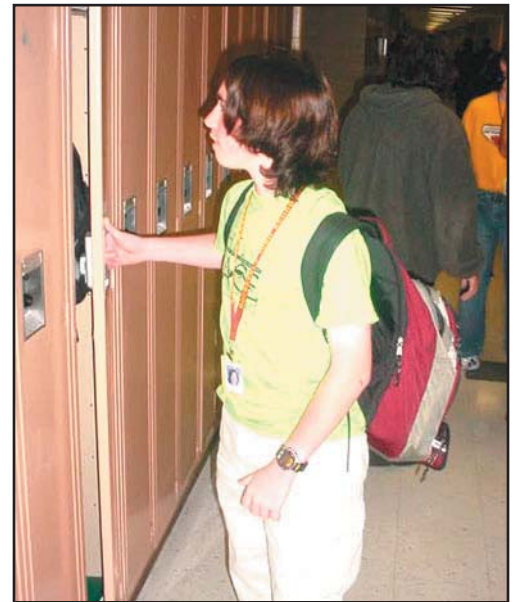


Photo by Mike Merry
LOCK IT—Sophomore Ben Merry (no relation to the author) prepares to lock his locker recently. Merry said he always locks up.

and unassigned mentors under the guidance of Bayne. On Sept. 1 last year they did a security check during seventh period and found over 250 lockers unlocked before running out of time. Despite publicity at that time, things have not improved much.

Senior Nick Burnside said he has locked his locker since the beginning of high school. "I lock my locker for the same reason I lock my car, to keep the crime away," Burnside said. "It's programmed into me. It only takes a few seconds and is quite painless."

Principal Bill Hoff said he agrees that lockers need to be kept locked.

"The only time we have theft is when lockers are kept unlocked," Hoff said. "If you're looking for a key to prevent theft, lock your lockers."

Results at a glance:

Unlocked locker percentages:
 Buliding-wide average: 21.57%
 E-Wing: 6.4%
 A-Wing second floor: 23.6%
 A-Wing first floor: 34.2 %

Please share—leave on tables until 5B

Warrior opinions

What was your favorite childhood Halloween costume and why?

Assembled by Amanda Vinson and Duncan DeVries

Alicia Carroll
freshman



"I liked Tigger the best because he is really cute. I also like his bouncy tail."

Chelsey Wahlstrom
sophomore



"I liked the Pink Power Ranger when I was little because it made me feel strong."

Spencer Halgerson
junior



"I was Leonardo from the Ninja Turtles because he has a wicked sword."

Reyad Saada
senior



"I wore a ghost mask because I liked to scare people."

Matt Kiesow
staff



"I was Speed Racer in kindergarten because I wanted to be a race car driver, and still do."

Florida begins slow recovery process

By Tere Figueras Negrete, Wanda J. DeMarzo and Andres Viglucci (KRT)

MIAMI—After Hurricane Wilma whipped South Florida, millions of residents began an all-too-familiar ritual of recovery on a scale not seen during the past two brutal storm seasons.

From Key West to North Palm Beach, thousands of people waited in lines for hours Tuesday to collect jugs of water and ice and fill up on gas. Some home-supply stores sold out of generators, chain saws, water and propane fuel.

Millions had no electricity, and the wait for it to be restored could stretch to four weeks, officials warned. Mile after mile of the region's precious tree canopy was frayed or destroyed.

Wilma also caused at least seven deaths, including that of a 1-year-old Miami-Dade boy fatally injured Monday when a utility pole fell on the car he was riding in.

The storm caused billions of dollars in damage after coming ashore south of Naples on Monday morning as a Category 3 hurricane. Wilma lost little intensity as it cut a wide, destructive swath through South Florida.

The scope of damage was stunning.

Preliminary estimates, based on a series of computer models, put it at \$6 billion to \$10 billion, said Sam Miller of the Florida Insurance Council.

That makes Wilma the most damaging storm of the four that hit Florida this year.

It also knocked out power to 6 million.

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SIoux FALLS HAS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ILLEGAL USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Warriors defeat Lynx in opening round

Next advance to Halloween Quarterfinal game Monday in Pierre

By Danica DesLauriers, Jason Horstman and Ashlee Risse

The varsity football team took care of business in the opening round of the 11AA playoffs on a beautiful late-October night Tuesday at Howard Wood Field.

The Warriors eliminated the Brandon Valley Lynx 33-6 in the game to advance to the Quarterfinals Monday.

The Warriors staked out an early lead in the first quarter on a pass from junior quarterback Jordan Lakatos to junior wide receiver Sam Holsen and on a run into the end-zone by sophomore Tim Marlette.

They then clamped down the defense to suffocate the Lynx.

Scoring in the third quarter was

senior Josh Nunn on an 81-yard touchdown reception.

Sophomore Kyle Terry said he thought the team played well together in the opening round effort.

"We played as a team and played 100 percent," Terry said.

Senior Ryan McKnight said the team had what they needed to win—determination.

"We wanted it more than Brandon Valley did," McKnight said.

The Warriors will need to not be scared off by the Pierre Governors as they hope for another nice late-October night on Halloween night Monday.

In other city action, the Lincoln Patriots lost to Yankton, Roosevelt easily handled Watertown and O'Gorman downed Brookings.

Results of Tuesday's games:

Region 1

- O'Gorman 62, Brookings 20
- Roosevelt 35, Watertown 0

Region 2

- Yankton 28, Lincoln 13
- WHS 33, Brandon Valley 6

Region 3

- Pierre 21, Huron 6
- Aberdeen 16, Mitchell 0

Region 4

- R.C. Central 41, Sturgis 7
- R.C. Stevens 29, Spearfish 27

Monday's Quarterfinal games:

- Stevens at Yankton
- Central at O'Gorman
- Aberdeen at Roosevelt
- WHS at Pierre

High school students need choices

What's your favorite school lunch? What was your favorite lunch before we made the change to healthy foods? Are your lunch choices different? My choices are.

I understand the desire to try to make students make healthy choices. What I don't understand is why anyone but students and their parents feel even the smallest bit of responsibility for kids being obese or unhealthy.



Hear me...



Alison Harkness

One important thing about being human is making choices, but how can we learn to make these choices when we have the same foods to choose from every week? What the new "healthy" lunches lack are these choices. We're young adults now. We have to make our own choices.

The fact of the matter is that students can bring cookies, candy—or even deep-fried grease balls—to school as a bag lunch. So, yes, some choices still exist. What is really being taken away is the guilt the school and "concerned" parents feel for not teaching children at an early age what is appropriate and not appropriate to eat.

Yes, pop and candy are gone from machines and the school store. But students can just go to a gas station and get those things. So are students being helped? No, money is just being transferred from worth-while programs to the pockets of greedy businesses. The bottom-line fact is, obese students are not being helped at all.

What is needed is education. This is a school district, after all. Teach students—starting in kindergarten—how to eat right and how to exercise. And, make choices.

In the end, we will all leave WHS and go into the "real world," a world where we will all have to make real choices. Will we be ready?

Freshman Alison Harkness believes in everyone's right to choose.