

**Happening now**

- First Quarter:** ends today
- Soccer:** end-of-season banquet 5:30 p.m. in commons
- All-State Chorus and Orchestra:** Through Saturday in Sioux Falls

**Lunch time at WHS**

- Today's lunch:** Chicken Strips
- A la carte lines:** Pizza, chef salad, cold sandwiches, cheeseburger, burrito
- Monday:** Chicken sandwich
- Representatives visiting WHS:**  
 Wednesday .....S.D. State-Brookings  
 Thursday..... Concordia-Minn.

**Group meetings**

- Bowling:** Boys 3:20 p.m. today in commons
- Diversity Committee:** 7:30 a.m. Nov. 4 in administrative conference room

**Other reminders**

- Pierre Fan Bus:** Register today to ride a fan bus to Monday's football playoff game in Pierre. Cost is \$25. Call parent Shelia Parks at 371-2645 or e-mail at sparksk@sio.midco.net to reserve a seat.
- Sophomores:** should register now to take the PLAN Test on Nov. 4—register in the counseling center, cost is \$10.
- Legislative Page:** applications are available from teacher Becky Kelley in A-122 now.

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**Warrior Student Council members attend meeting**

**Group learns new ideas for improving WHS**

By Matt Haron

Members of the WHS Student Council attended a regional meeting of members from the Spirit Falls Region at the Multi-Cultural Center in Sioux Falls Thursday.

Schools attending included the Sioux Falls schools and some surrounding districts.

Issues covered at the annual meeting included improving student attitudes, educational projects, chemical awareness and community service projects.

All student council members present conversed about issues facing their schools in the upcoming year. Attendees then divided into smaller groups to discuss making their schools better and promoting events throughout their school year.

Warrior council members learned new ideas for dress-



**REPRESENTATION**—Members who attended included (row 1, left to right) senior Sue Chhen; juniors Casey Smith and Dzenan Berberovic; (row 2) sophomores Molly Soholt, Stevie Knutson and Jeremy Barta; senior Haley Vellinga; sophomore Corey Backer; senior Sam-Wise Soholt and juniors Jordan Schander and Ryan Zervas.

up days, future homecoming festivities and other events throughout the year.

Advisor Sandy Hoff said she felt the meeting was great

for the students.

"It was very beneficial for the students and they came away with many great ideas," Hoff said.

**All-State musicians fill Sioux Falls Area Saturday**

By Whitney Weber and Andy Cunningham

This weekend select members of the Warrior Orchestra and Chorus will be making music with other students from across the state as they perform in the yearly All-State festivals in Sioux Falls.

Both chorus and orchestra members were selected for this honor based on a try-out and test.

At 8 p.m. Saturday the students will join over 1,000 others in a grand finale performance, featuring talented

vocalists from across the state. The concert will follow a week-end of intense rehearsals beginning today.

Members who qualified for All-State Chorus include sophomore Ben Merry; juniors Katie Melick, Megan Bell, Libby Nail, Jenna Schmidt, Lisa Mellema, Peter Thomas, Jared Iverson and Brandon Sandoval and seniors Missy Hoffman, Kayla Jackmon, Alicia Peterson, Courtney Heitkamp, Kelsey Acers, Jake Harris, James Hohn, Ryan Miller, Matt Smallcomb, Dan

Baedke and Derek Stalheim.

Peterson said she is excited about the opportunity.

"I've never done this before," Peterson said. "It's an honor to be representing the Washington Warriors."

Orchestra members who qualified include junior Jamie Wilcox for violin and senior Kristen Anderson on viola.

Doors for the 8 p.m. concert open at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Arena.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. All floor seats are \$10.

**Please share—leave on tables until 5B**

# Q Warrior & A

A profile of a WHS staff member

*Editor's note: The Warrior Q & A is a weekly profile of a Warrior staff member 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: Lara Hanson
- What is your position at WHS?

I teach in the Immersion Center program.

•Who are your family members? My family consists of my husband, Paul; my parents Randell and Linda; my brothers Joe and Cody and my sister, Ashley.

•What is your favorite activity outside of school? I enjoy cooking outside of school.

•What was something fun you did this past summer? I didn't have to work. I just mainly worked in my garden. I enjoy that!

•What is your favorite part about WHS so far? I really appreciate the diversity at WHS. This school has the most I've ever seen, and that's important.

•What is your message to the readers of the NOW? I would like to tell



Lara Hanson

everyone to be welcoming to newcomers to this country. The language is very different and it is definitely a scary experience, so they need all the support they can get.

Assembled by Callie Mowry and Jon Economo

## Machines are catching up to human intelligence

By Robert S. Boyd Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)  
WASHINGTON—  
The machines are gaining on us. Their electronic brains are getting quicker and more capable and are displaying more signs of humanlike "intelligence."

A race earlier this month by five driverless vehicles across 132 miles of twisting desert road without a living soul aboard is evidence of the remarkable progress being made in the arcane field of artificial intelligence—AI for short.

Artificial intelligence

## Science Friday



is what happens when a computer or machine does something that would be considered intelligent if a human did it, such as drive a car, play soccer, reserve a hotel room or pilot a plane.

Also known as machine intelligence, AI is wired into almost every corner of modern society. AI programs design jet engines, spot bank fraud, evaluate mortgage applications, vacuum floors, organize supply systems for Wal-Mart and the Air Force and search buildings for hidden bombs or terrorists.

The wildly popular information-search system Google is, at bottom, an AI application.

"If all the AI systems in the world suddenly stopped functioning, our economic infrastructure would grind to a halt," Ray Kurzweil wrote in his new book, "The Singularity Is Near" (Viking, 2005). "Your bank would cease doing business. Most transportation would be crippled. World communications would fail."

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# Bloggers need to learn to be careful

Xanga, LiveJournal, MySpace and FaceBook—these are just a few of the several on-line journal and picture sites now available for anyone to use on the Internet.



Hear me...



Amanda Rasmussen

tech-savvy teens—can post personal thoughts, photos, anything they like about anything they like for anyone, anywhere to see.

Although many teens use these sites, they may not be

aware of the potential risks exposing themselves in this way can pose.

When you begin posting your life and the lives of your friends on these sites, collectively known as "blogs," anyone with a computer connection is free to read and comment on what you write. With your blog and pictures available for anyone in the world to see, it is much more likely for you to attract an on-line predator or have your identity stolen.

Although this may seem unlikely, it is more common than you would imagine. It also invites people to locate you—even if you only give your city and first name.

If you use these sites, think twice and take extra precautions. Do not give out too much information on you.

Junior Amanda Rasmussen is on-line at [www.xanga.com/rawkindorkus](http://www.xanga.com/rawkindorkus).

# Volleyball team falls to Roosevelt

By Emmylu O'Donnell

The Warrior varsity volleyball team suffered a loss to the Roosevelt Rough Riders in three straight games at the WHS gymnasium Thursday night.

The Warriors fell 17-25, 20-25 and 17-25 in their final Greater Dakota and regular season game of the year.

The event included a salute to Warrior seniors including Shana Green, Susan Chhen and Kelsey Acers.

The Warriors did not play to the best of their abilities, freshman Lindsey Heitkamp said.

"We didn't play to our

full potential and didn't come together as a team when we needed to," Heitkamp said.

The junior varsity also suffered a loss to the Rough Riders in two games 18-25 and 12-25.

The lone Warrior win came from the sophomore team in three games 25-17, 4-25 and 26-24.

The freshman 'A' Team lost 23-25, 25-19 and 20-25 and the freshman 'B' Team fell 25-18, 19-25, and 23-25.

The Warriors open post-season play in District 2 action against the No. 1 seeded Gazelles Thursday in Yankton.



Photo By Brent Jamison

**ACTION—Junior Alex Zawada goes up for a spike in the Warriors' loss to the Roosevelt Rough Riders Thursday at WHS.**