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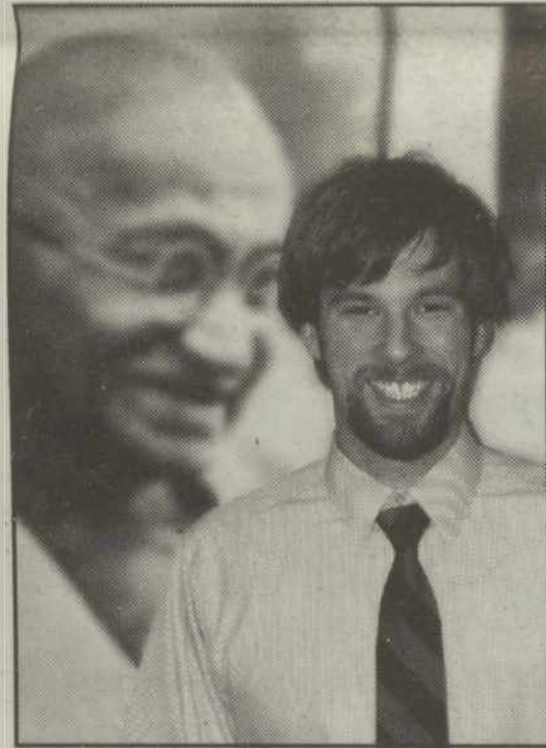
Eight teachers, one counselor join staff

SARAH LUND
Staff Reporter

A freshman counselor and teachers in five departments have joined the staff. They are:



Kathleen Turner
Subject(s): Geometry, Algebra I & II
This year her students can expect: "Clear expectations, and lots of help."
Hobbies: hiking, camping, shopping on Craigslist and reading murder mysteries
As a child she: "Always wanted to help people."



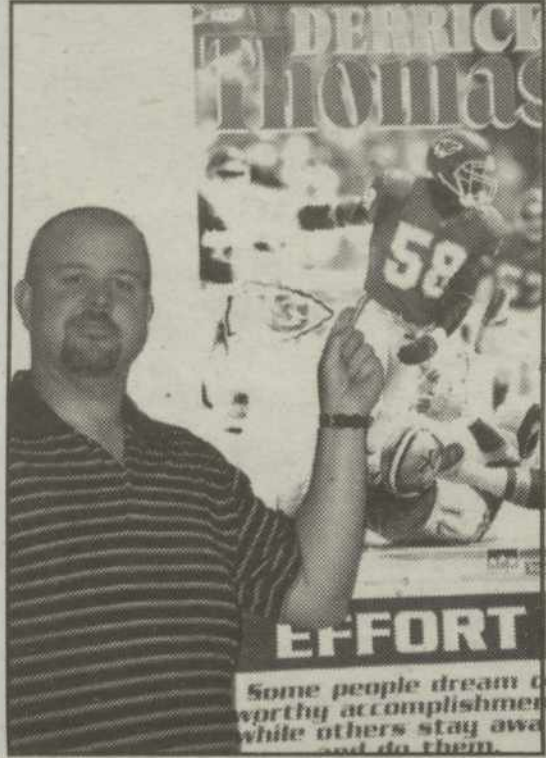
Adam Betzelberger
Subject(s): World 9 and U.S. History
This year his students can expect: "A good amount of reading, a significant amount of writing, and they'll need to be prepared to discuss their opinion."
Hobbies: basketball, reading history books and boxing.

As a child he wanted: "To be a spy for the CIA."



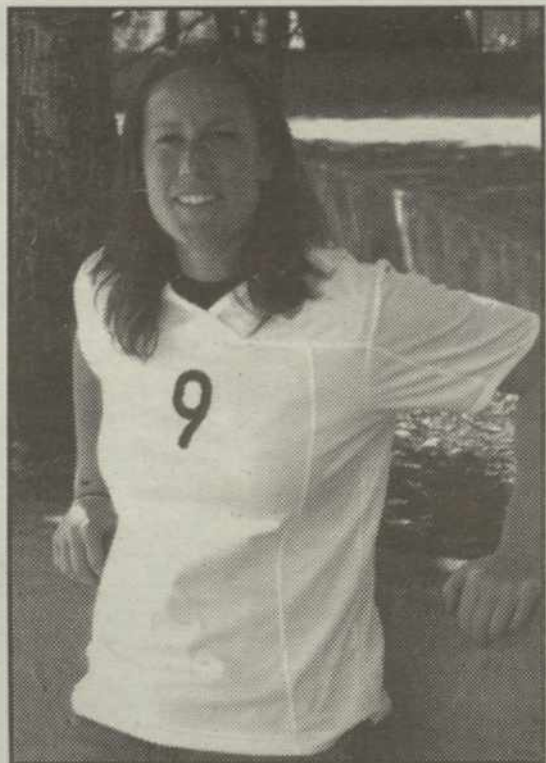
Anastasia Conlin

Subject(s): English 9 & 12
This year students can expect: "Lots of classroom discussion, creative and challenging assignments, and an emphasis on reading and writing."
Hobbies: Playing with her son, hiking, reading, doing sudoku puzzles, and going to horse races.
As a child she: "Wanted to be a horsewoman, gymnast, or a ballerina." In high school, she decided she wanted to be a teacher.

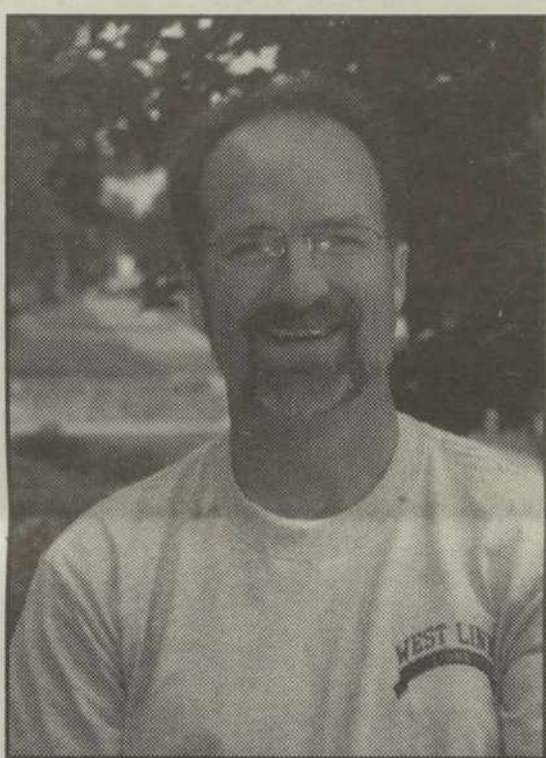


Charles "Butch" Self
Subject(s): U.S. History and English 9
This year his students can expect: "Hard work with a good time. No multiple choice, true or false questions."
Hobbies: camping, reading, sports and being with family.
As a child: "I always knew that I would be a teacher. Other jobs interested me, but it was just the right fit."

Sarah Walker
Subject: freshman counselor



This year students can expect: "Open ears."
Hobbies: biking, traveling, cooking and surfing.
As a child she: "Wanted to be either an architect or a teacher."



Kevin Egan
Subject(s): Band and Orchestra.
This year students can expect: "To have a really good time performing great music at an extremely high level. I'm not into big academic surprises. Especially since the students and I are on the stage together at performances."

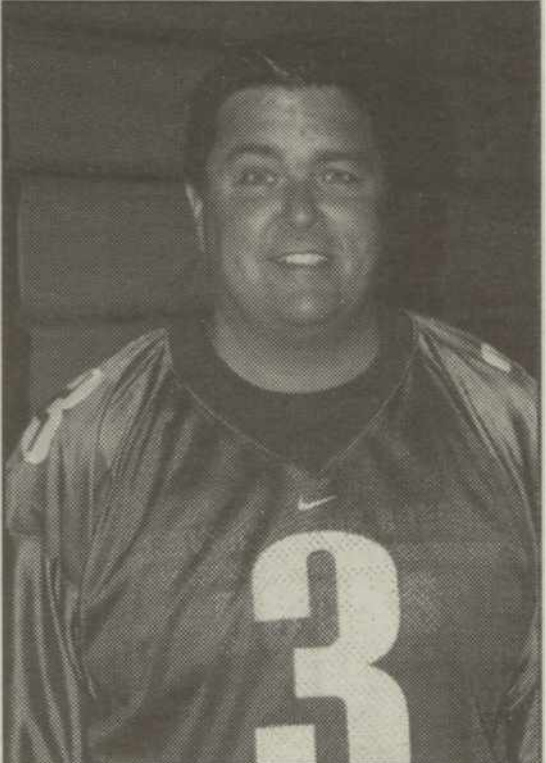
I like the relationship to be more collegial."
Hobbies: "My free time is spent almost entirely with my family."
As a child: "I always knew that I wanted to be a Band Director. Kinda nerdy, but it's the truth."



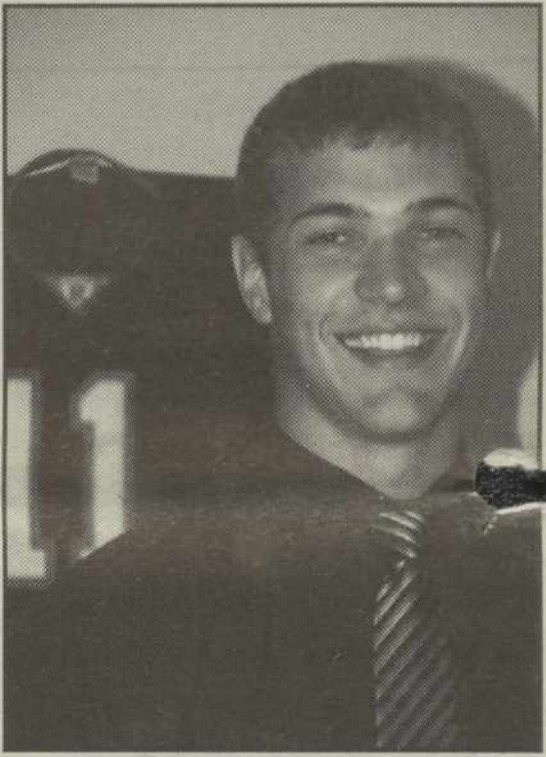
Heidi Johnson
Subject: English 10
This year students can expect: "Class discussions, group work, partner work, individual work... something new everyday! I like to keep things exciting."
Hobbies: exercising, and watching movies.
As a child: "I told my mom I wanted to be an archaeologist. However, I have known for as long as I can remember that I want to teach. There was never any specific moment in my life that made me want to become a teacher; I have always been sure of it."

Eric Viuhkola
Subject(s): Wellness and Healthful Living
This year students can expect: "fun in class and

you will get an opportunity to run a timed mile."



Hobbies: Golf, working out and spending time with the family.
As a child: "I wanted to play in the NBA"



Kevin Mills
Subject(s): Integrated II and III, and Trig.
This year students can expect: "Pop quizzes."
Hobbies: Traveling, sports, camping, and watching movies.
As a child he wanted to be: A veterinarian

All photos by Hannah Zaayer

Students and staff find alternative transportation

JACKIE STEEH
Staff Reporter

Gas costs these days have been described as horrendous, painful and depressing. Although prices have been slowly dropping (at least temporarily), the average American is still stretching dollars. People are still struggling to pay for "low" prices like, \$3.63 and \$3.59. Road trips, family vacations and even trips downtown have been limited or put on hold because of high prices. But there are some alternatives such as biking, walking, carpooling and riding the bus.

"I have been riding my bike for years; it is my way of transportation and exercise. My main intention was not

because of the gas prices, but now that it has become a huge problem it makes me

only been trying to get in his daily exercise but, he is also trying to bike the equivalent



Teachers Jonathan Davies, Shawn and Julie McDevitt, Monica Emerick and Andy West are consistent bike commuters. Along with other teachers, they use alternative transportation to commute to work.
Photo by Zack Mueller
f like I'm helping a little," Jonathan Davies, science teacher, said. Davies has not of the distance from Portland to New York City. Last year he recorded 2,200 miles.

Other than biking, people are taking more drastic measures, such as packing up and moving, just to make the commute a little easier.

"I think part of the gas problem is the way we (U.S. society) have set up our infrastructures. In the U.S. we have satellite communities that promote a work commute. I, myself, have made the decision to locate my home closer to work so I can walk. I combat high gas prices by only driving to the grocery store and walking to work," Geoffrey Bingham, geology teacher, said.

"I walk to school. It's not sexy, but it saves gas," Jon Isensee, biology teacher, said.

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