



## BFHS Attends the SODA Fall Conference

Bonnie and Ken Biando, Roxanne Gieseke, Kelly Harrington, B.J. Parker, B. J. Parlet, Suzy and Patty Quirarte, Brandy Sewell, Heather Shimer, Jacob Shepherd, Tiffany Smith, Tim Taylor and Shawna Wright participated in the two day Youth Fall Training Program in Medford, sponsored by SODA (Southern Oregon Drug Awareness).

In addition to learning from a variety of excellent presenters, students participated in a variety of activities designed to assist them in helping themselves and others to resist the use of alcohol and drugs. Kayla McKibbin, president of BFHS Peer Helpers helped organize the trip. Mrs. LeFever accompanied the students, and was pleased to report that our students were active and respectful representatives of BFHS and that it was an excellent learning experience.

## YOUR SIGNATURE, PLEASE!



Imagine it. A Community School in Butte Falls that offers a variety of learning and recreational opportunities for people of all ages. If you can dream it - it can be done! You can help make The Butte Falls Vocational Training and Recreation Center (VTRC) happen. We need your help. Your signature will demonstrate community support for this incredible concept. The list of signatures will be attached to the Roseburg Ford Family Foundation Grant application. If you haven't had a chance to read the application, come on over to the school or give us a call at 865-3563 and ask for copy of the Concept Statement before November 7th!

Join the dream! Be part of this admirable effort. Help our community come together to make the VTRC a reality.



## The New Year Calls for New Students

By Brittany Hayes and Elysia Rodgers

Butte Falls has gained quite a few new students, two of which came from foreign countries. We are lucky to have them with us.

Gregor Siemes is a 16 year old senior who came here from Disseldorf, Germany. There are about 10,000 people in Disseldorf and there isn't much to do there. He has two sisters, Katharina and Anna. Greg is living here with Molly, Buff, Vicky, Willie, Andrew, and Sarah Lawrence. So far he really likes it in Butte Falls, and he is happy to say that all the people have been really nice. While Greg is here he hopes to improve his English and learn more about our country. He enjoys rowing and soccer.

The other foreign exchange student is Conny Haberler, who came here from Haus Kuchen, Austria, a small town with a population of about 660 people. She is living with Nancy and Leroy Thompson. Conny has a younger sister named Isabelle, who is 11 years old. Her parents are Verna and Rudell Haberler. Conny enjoys dancing, riding motorcycles, listening to music, and making friends, just like any other teenager. She is enjoying playing sports in Butte Falls. She is currently on the incredible Lady Logger Volleyball team and she plans to join the Ladies on the basketball court in the winter. Even though she lives in a small town in Austria, Conny went to school with about 4,000 students, where it is never boring and something exciting happens all the time.

And, of course, Conny misses her friends and family, but she loves being here and intends on staying for the rest of the school year. While Conny is here she would like to do her best in all her classes, on the volleyball team, and make a bunch of life long friends.

Hopefully as the school year continues we will come to learn more about these students. We know that the Butte Falls community will help us make them feel welcomed.

## FORCED OUT By Richard Jackson

When I go out in the world on my own,  
My parents will be happy, they'll be all alone.  
When they boot me out this is wht they'll say,  
"Good Luck and Have a Nice Day"

I'll reply having this to say,  
"But where will I go? Where will I stay?"

They will reply with this to say,  
"It's not our problem, so just Shu, Shu Away!"

So there I was, wild and free,

No money, No car, and no where to be...

Then it hit me, and now I know what I must do.

I'll join the Navy and become one with the crew.

## Pondering 2001-2002 By B.J. Parlet

Last year will be an experience I will never forget. I had a lot of fun and sometimes I did get a little peeved, but my freshman year would be something I could never replace. Since it was my Freshman year, the year where I was just getting to fit in, that way I would know what kind of people I would hang out with; you know, where my social standards were. The beginning of the year was nothing like I thought it would, be having the entire school just for freshman was perfect; no one was there to judge us. As I was saying, the year started with me meeting the teachers, like I always do, meeting the people that would shape my valuable mind in to what will be a well manufactured thinking machine. I think the one person, the one teacher, that affected me the most is Mr. Bone. I think that because Mr. Bone is sort of similar to me, well how I am this year anyway, because like me, he doesn't like to play around. When he could be using his time wisely and not just shooting the breeze, as he phrases it.

I think that out of all of the things that happened on the first day, the thing that really affected me was when I met what would become my really good friend, Tim Taylor. I knew that day we were going to become more than just acquaintance; since our first assignment together, to the nights we just helped each other on our homework. I think the funniest thing about the first day of school for me was, when Jessica Dunlap could still yell louder than all of us combined while we were in the gym.

My freshman year, there were so many great memories like hanging out with my friends at lunch, when we talked even though it was over the simplest things. With all my good memories, at the beginning of school year a lot those memories were almost ruined, on the early morning on September 11, when the horror started for our great nation. At least the horror subsided after time went on through the year. The good thing for me, or when things were looking up anyway, was when I got my first award for having over 3.25 grade point average, or when I learned how to do a lab which wasn't that exciting but still was cool learning to make observations.

I think the one thing that impacted me the most was when I figured out what happened when you fall behind on your studies. Which I had first class course in Mr. Bones Physical Science class, when I was unable to do a few assignment, I found out how hard it is to bring your grade back up when you can only bring it up one percent at a time. I also found out you have to work twice as hard to bring up that one percent.

Another cool thing that happened last year was when my class had it's first class party I thought that was pretty cool since I forgot altogether that we were going to have the party. I remember it like it was yesterday the way Mrs. Gorman would open up the student store so we could buy snacks before we would start watching our movie that we picked out, it was "Remember the Titans". Or I remember last year when we had that scare that the school was on fire I didn't know what to think, if there really was a fire or not. They really couldn't find any evidence of the fire but they did give everyone a pretty good scare.

So many things happened with the normal day-to-day stuff like when in English we were working on our Shakespeare folders. I remember when at the end of the year when Gary, Chris, and I worked on putting enough paper clips together to reach over the entire football field. We finally did it with over 30,000 paper clips. I also remember my rat experiment where Gary and I were putting rats through this 4 foot by 4 foot maze that Mr. Bone had.

I think out of all those great memories of last year, the one that truly affected me, for the rest of my life, was when I discovered that one moment you could be perfectly fine and the next minute you can be sitting in a ditch. I am referring to my mom and dad's car crash last summer, where in a blink of an eye, every thing can change.