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## Chief says farewell after a stellar year

By Kal Riebau



Retirees' Farewell

As my four years come to a close at Appleton North, I took the time to look back and reflect on all the great times. I have had ups and downs, just like everyone else. One of my biggest ups was becoming a part of the *Noctiluca* newspaper staff.

For the last 1,460 days of my life I have tried to be the best person I can be. Whether working in class, at a sport, or in an extra-curricular activity, I have always worked my hardest to do even the littlest things right. I realize that being on the newspaper staff was one of the best decisions I made in high school.

No matter the situation or the group of kids I was surrounded by, being on the *Noctiluca* was always an adventure. With our constant deadline battles in the publications lab, to our on-going rants about what we dislike (freshman), there was never a dull moment. I mean sure there were some bumps in the road but nothing that we could not handle.



Photo by Megan Van Bostel

Kal will miss late nights and Sunday afternoons in the pub lab listening to Justin Bieber's music as he puts finishing touches on every issue.

In the newspaper, I slowly worked my way up the food chain. Freshman year I would write anything and everything then senior Tyler Wanke, who I saw as somewhat of a "father figure" if you will. He was my hero, and I would have gone to the end of the earth and back for that kid. He knew that, and took full advantage of it. (At one point I might have actually written his entire section.)

Sophomore and junior year I climbed the journalistic ranks yet again, working as the editor of the sports section with my good friend John Holloway. It would be unfair to say that I did *all* the work, but I think I did around 99.9 percent of it!

Finally, my senior year I was selected as the big EIC, Editor-in-Chief and it has been awesome. It is something I have been working for and

looking forward to my entire high school career. I was excited to have the power.

***"My staff was amazing and the year went extremely smooth."***

My staff was amazing and the year went extremely smooth. I cannot thank my fellow editors enough. They were great, hilarious, and even follow-able on Twitter. I could not have asked for a greater group of students, and an even better group of people. The paper is in good hands next year under the direction of new EIC Siri Pairin. Watch out for bigger and better (not to mention award-winning) issues from next year's group.

Finally I would like to thank Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Hahn for all that they have done for me. They pushed me to be a strong leader and brought out my best. Thanks for the love, support, and most of all the food. I will miss you guys next year, and good luck! I know it will be another great year.



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## Best of class looks forward to the future

By Megan Van Bostel

As the class of 2010 slips into their caps and gowns in anticipation of the diploma that will launch them into the future, a few select seniors who have worked above and beyond what high school has asked of them prepare to be honored for their unfaltering hard work and dedication during their four years at Appleton North. Sarah Bruce, Stephanie Olson, Mia Russell, Molly Vechart, Garrison Kubis, Kurt Mittelstadt, and Melissa Drezdson make up the seven students who, through their extraordinary efforts, have become this year's valedictorians.

Ever modest, these valedictorians prove that they not only have smarts, but great character as well.

Mia Russel says, "I guess all I can really say is that I'm no different than anyone else. I'm just someone who did well in class. There are people who do really well at some things and never get recognized."

"It's great to see my hard work over my four years of high school pay off," says

Melissa Drezdson who is extremely excited to finally reach her goal.

***"Being a valedictorian takes a tremendous amount of hard work and focus more than anything."***

Kurt Mittelstadt would agree with this statement. "Being a valedictorian takes a tremendous amount of hard work and focus more than anything. It's always been one of my biggest goals. I don't think I'm the smartest person in the world but I just tried really hard and kept it as a top priority."

Garrison Kubis compares earning his place as valedictorian as similar to "earning a spot on a team's starting line, or becoming a principal chair in band or orchestra. You try to do your best work every time you play, but you have a better chance of performing well when you have your coach's support (in this case, your teachers and parents). I suppose there's some skill

involved, but mainly, it's just hard work."

Stephanie Olson too, is excited for the honor and also to begin her college career. "I think the most significant thing I have learned throughout high school is the importance of finding a balance between academics, work, extracurricular activities, and friends."

Sarah Bruce and Molly Vechart express similar sentiments as their peers and look

toward their futures at Loyola University - Chicago and UW Stevens Point, respectively.

With busy schedules and rigorous academic courses it's an accomplishment that 7 out of 416 students have found a way to maintain a 4.0 GPA in every class for eight consecutive semesters.

As these valedictorians graduate, there can be no doubt that nothing less than greatness lies in their path.



Bandemonium



Photo by Mrs. Bruce

Kurt Mittelstadt, Melissa Drezdson, Sarah Bruce, Stephanie Olson, Mia Russell, Molly Vechart, and Garrison Kubis wait in anticipation for graduation.



# Cimbalo's retirement saddens many students

By Sara Drezdron

Madame Cimbalo, North's infamous French teacher has been teaching at this location for fifteen years. She taught a total of thirty five years including twenty at Wilson and the remainder at North. The inspiration for teaching French came from her ninth grade French teacher. "As soon as she walked in the door and said 'Bonjour,' I knew I wanted to be a French teacher," Madame Cimbalo explains.

Aside from teaching, Madame Cimbalo enjoys a variety of other activities including travel. Along with her husband, Cimbalo is planning to go to the Grand Canyon in the fall. She loves to watercolor as well and is planning to take a formal watercolor class now that she has time. Of course, she is also definitely going back to France, but "now without students", she joked.

Madame Cimbalo would also like to continue speaking French. She hopes to volunteer to teach the language to adults if an opportunity arises. When asked about what she likes most about the language and



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The World Language Department will not be the same without Madame Cimbalo.

culture she simply stated "everything." Then she specified with, "the sound of French, the art, music, food, literature and fashion."

She will miss the students at North and teaching young people the art of the French language. Cimbalo goes on to explain that she will also miss watching the students' progress in the language along with their growth and improvements. Madame Cimbalo also stated that "students at North have always been exception-

ally nice."

When questioned about her favorite word, Cimbalo decided on "ananas" which means pineapple and is simply a fun word to say. She also claimed that the word "amour", meaning love, was just as likeable because of its meaning.

The French students will truly miss Madame Cimbalo and all the dedication she has to teaching and the French language itself.

## Timm leaves after many years of service

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Janine Timm began her teaching career instructing students with cognitive disabilities in Manawa, Wisconsin, in 1971. After five years, she took time away to raise her family, but continued to substitute teach. She has traveled an interesting employment journey since. Timm was hired part time as a CD teacher at Highlands in 1994 and then switched to part time LD at Edison in 1995. In 1996, she added part time CD at Roosevelt.

It was then that she knew what her "true calling" was and decided that working with students with cognitive disabilities would be her future. In 1997, Timm helped start a new CD program at Einstein and in 2000 she joined the North CD staff. Although she has worked in a variety of Appleton schools, Mrs. Timm is certainly a fan of the Appleton North campus.

"North has been the per-

fect fit for me. I have been blessed to work not only with an incredible North staff but great CD teaching and support staff as well. I have had the privilege of working with many wonderful students who brought great joy to my life. I am one of those lucky people who (most days) look forward to going to work. While I am excited for the future, I'm feeling very sad about leaving North."

Those students who have had the chance to work with Mrs. Timm can all agree that she is not only a great person, but an excellent teacher who truly cared about each and every one of her students. Hopefully, in the future Mrs. Timm will have well deserved time to relax after diligently working hard for so many years. Through her dedication, many CD students have grown and achieved milestones worth noting. Her kindly presence in the school will not be forgotten even after she takes her official leave as a teacher.

## Foreign language teacher says her final goodbye

Mrs. Day has been with the AASD for thirteen years, having began her teaching career in Michigan where she taught English. After moving to Wisconsin, she taught English at Hortonville and English and Latin at Xavier. Latin is certainly her passion and in 1997, she was given the opportunity to teach Latin in AASD.

Traveling to Italy with students from school has been a highlight in her teaching career with so many enriching and eye opening experiences that resulted from those experiences. For the past thirteen years, Lorraine has traveled between two schools (North and West) and has had many enriching opportunities to work with numerous administrations, two faculties, and two groups of Foreign Language colleagues, which she shares, "It has enriched me more than ever. I am so grateful for the kind, caring, and decent people I have had the opportunity of meeting in all departments."

## Mousley leaves the guidance department

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According to Mr. Mousley, "I have been teaching since God was a boy!" For nearly forty four years, Mr. Mousley has been an educator having spent the last eighteen years in AASD, first at Einstein as a counselor and then at North when the doors swung wide in 1995.

For a brief history lesson, Mr. Mousley is the last of the original four school counselors who opened North and was originally assigned to a class and not part of the alphabet. He drew the class of '98 (sophomores) and he knew many of his students from Einstein.

Over the many years since, Mr. Mousley has enjoyed his students, their families and most of all watching nearly 1,500 of his young adults graduate, sometimes with some needed, gentle guidance. "It never gets old watching young adults launch themselves into adult life clutching their post high school dreams. As a counselor you get to know some students very well as they navigate a major life changing event for a student or

his/her family. You go to some weddings and unfortunately more funerals than you want to, always knowing you are in the right place."

Mr. Mousley has made many lasting connections with students and families during his fifteen years at North. He is grateful for the talented colleagues he has had the pleasure to work with, memories created by many creative students, and the solid support of the Guidance Department. "From that first day I walked into a classroom in the fall of 1966 to the last day I leave Appleton North High School this year, I have the knowledge knowing I have been part of the greatest job on earth. I am a teacher."

Students who have sought after Mr. Mousley's guidance and wise advice will truly miss his amiable character and kind demeanor in the halls of Appleton North. He has provided unfaltering support since the day North was built and without him, most would agree that the school simply would not be the same. As he makes his final goodbye to the guidance department, students past and present are hoping he earns a pleasant retirement.

She adds, "I am retiring from AASD but not from life. For me it's a new chapter. There are so many things I want to do such as spending more time with my two grandchildren, doing more volunteer activities, subbing for AASD, and finally reading and drinking

McDonald's coffee for seniors."

Latin students will truly miss this foreign language teacher who will undoubtedly leave behind an unforgettable legacy like no other.



Photo by Jensen Enz

North's Latin teacher will be missed by many.



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# Mr. Franklin bids Hillestad to be missed North farewell

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Mr. Franklin, the lovable history teacher whose room down in the library wing is well known by many students, joined the teaching profession later in life, following a twenty year career in industry.

"In hindsight, it was the best of all possible opportunities. Industry continued its unfortunate trend towards job instability and teaching opened whole new worlds of experience. Teaching ignited passions I did know were within me. Certainly there were some difficult days, but as a second and perhaps a final career it has been wonderful. Teaching is not a job; it's a life. For the past 15 years I've never gone to work; I've gone to school. I love Appleton North and retiring was the most difficult decision I ever made."

During his tenure at North, Mr. Franklin has created a long list of people and events that have enhanced his life and he has certainly given much back in return, having been a very active, involved staff member

in and out of the classroom.

"What's next? I don't know. I have a 9 month old grandson and want to spend time with his young family. Fishing with my sons is always a pleasure. I plan to take more but shorter trips to visit my daughter in San Diego. My wife and I have some travel planned. I would like to sub at North second semester. Working with Housing Partnership is on my list. There is always hiking, biking and kayaking. North is a tough act to follow but I'll do my best."

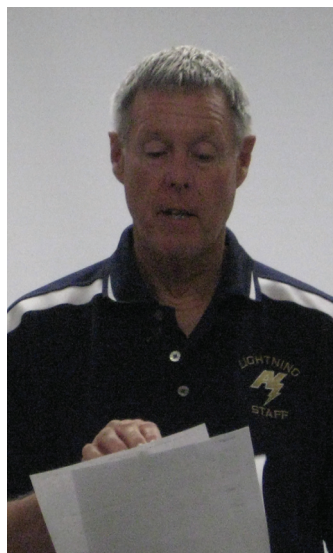


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Franklin will be missed by staff and students alike

## Kurt, Heather and Jamie: 2010 graduation speakers represent diverse of points of view

By Megan Van Boxel

Graduation: the final day of childhood for seniors who will be leaving high school to pursue their dreams and begin living life as an adult. Gradu-

ation is a day of happiness, a mixture of tearful good byes and jubilation; diplomas are received, pictures are snapped, and speeches are given. This year, three students in particular will be giving speeches at

graduation in front of their peers, teachers, and parents to not only say goodbye, but to also rejoice over the end of one life chapter and the beginning of another. Kurt Mittelstadt, Jamie Cronce, and Heather Murphy are the lucky students who have prepared speeches to address all those attending the highly anticipated graduation of Appleton North's class of 2010.

"My speech explains how wonderful the class of 2010 really is, I feel that we have become a family in these 4 years. In my five minutes of talking, I go through the highs and lows of our time together. It's really touching at times. I truly feel privileged to have the opportunity to express my gratitude to all my classmates" explains Heather. "For me, it will be extremely difficult to say goodbye, but I think my speech says it all!"

Although she's pretty nervous, Jamie's mounting excitement weighs out any fear she has about the big day. "I've never been the most out-

ment's technical needs, but has been North's software support and web site leader for years. Mr. Hillestad helped initiate the Fox Valley Math League in the 1980s and was a math team coach for many years as well.

Those who have known and worked with Mr. Hillestad un-

**"Mr. Hillestad started teaching computer programming to students in the '80s using Apple II computers and has always stayed abreast of the latest technology advances ever since."**

derstand that he is more than just a technology genius, but a kind and caring teacher as well. He makes his students his first priority and always makes himself available should they have any questions or need help. He is incredibly passionate about his work and that passion often rubs off on his students who share his sense of excitement when it comes to either mathematics or computers.

going person so it probably surprised some people that I will be speaking, but I have always loved to write, and it will be a great chance to work on the speaking aspect as well. I've always wanted to speak at graduation and I have really enjoyed my time at North so I think it will be a great way to end the whole experience."

Kurt too, is thrilled to have the opportunity to speak. Mr. Miller, Forensics coach and teacher, was on the committee to choose speakers. He said that "This year, they deemed all of the drafts worthy of an audition, which is a testament to how well everybody did."

All three speakers would agree that although speaking in front of hundreds of people may be frightening, the prospect is one that just simply cannot be missed out on. As the seniors say their final farewell to Appleton North, it will be these three who will inspire, guide, and remind them all of the great times left behind, but also of the even better ones waiting ahead.

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CLEMONS, Kelsey  
DRIESSEN, Alyssa  
DUCHOW, Kale  
EICHSTAEDT, Gina  
Gonnering, JORDAN  
Hudak, PATRICK M  
Jensen, MARTHA  
Koepke, TAYLOR  
Lor, TONY  
Moua, ASHLEY  
Moua, BECKY  
Murray, KELLY  
Stevens, KATHARINE  
Stockwell, MARGARET  
Vanpay, JOSEPH  
Xiong, YEE  
Ramstack, CALLEENE

## UW-Parkside

Stelzel, SAMANTHA



## UW-Platteville

DOUGHERTY, Parker  
Lee, DILLAN  
Novak, ANDREA  
Staszak, JEREMY  
Wright, DANIEL



## UW-Stevens Point

BAILIN, Jenna  
Balane, Amanda  
BARTA, Kelsey  
CRONCE, Jamie  
EGGERT, Ashley  
Foegen, NEIL  
Gosda, ALEXANDRA L  
Hartwig, ANDREW  
Kemps, ERIN  
Mennen, KIMBERLY  
Mitchell, ALEC J  
Nolte, HANNAH  
Patton, CALVIN  
Plamann, DILLON  
Tetzlaff, TREVOR  
Tung, CHIA YANG  
Vechart, MOLLY  
Fleck, JAKE  
Nussbaum, ALEXANDER



## UW-Stout

ABRAHAM, Joseph  
ALLEN, Kelsie  
BURTON, Sawyer  
DURKIN, Baillye  
Klinger, KATHLEEN  
Lebeau, VICTORIA  
Letko, MARISSA  
Rechner, QUINN  
Russell, MARIANA  
YANG, Maikou  
Riordan, HANNAH  
Robillard, GRAHAM



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BAKER, Matthew  
BAUMGART, Erica  
DALEY, Christopher  
Fiorito, KYLE  
Hoffman, CHRISTOPHER  
Juen, CHELSEA  
Kuen, MICHAEL D  
Kuester, JOSHUA  
Lichtfuss, STEVEN  
Lueck, MITCHELL  
Miller, KYLE  
Otto, ALEXANDRIA  
Rock, ANDREW  
Schabo, MATTHEW  
Shaffer, TIMOTHY (QUINN)  
TYLER, Taves  
VERHOEVEN, Jeffrey  
Waedekin, SCOTT  
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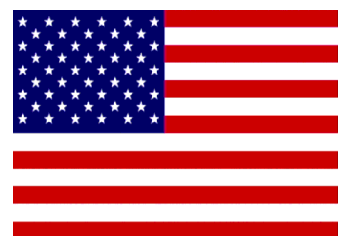
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Lee, YANG  
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## The aesthetic man on staff says farewell to the *Noctiluca*

By Zac Deridder

Is it time already? My high school career is almost up, but I'm glad that for four years I have spent working on the *Noctiluca*.

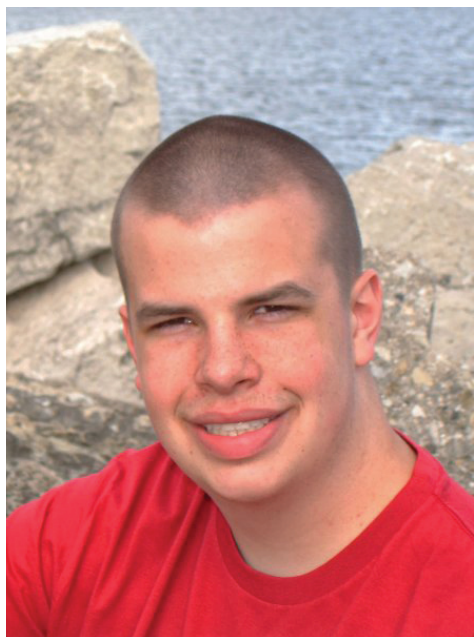
I first joined the *Noctiluca* drawing comics. After seeing the first issue with my comic, I realized that I had no artistic ability. I was determined to stay on the newspaper, so I decided to make the weather chart. That lasted until about second semester of sophomore year.

I've always liked taking pictures

so I started taking some for the newspaper. The end of my sophomore year was the graduation of the photo editor Rebecca Li. That led to me applying for the position Photography/Graphics Editor.

The best part of joining the editorial board is that my photography skills have improved and I have met some new people along the way.

My favorite thing about the newspaper is that we enter our paper and its contents into competitions. Through those competitions we've accumu-



Zac Deridder will be saying goodbye to the *Noctiluca* staff after four years of providing hard work, technical skills, and priceless talent.

lated quite a few awards. Even though it was a stressful time trying to get the paper edited and published, when it was completed it was rewarding.

Thank you to the *Noctiluca* staff and to the advisors, Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Hahn, for being understanding and encouraging. Most of all I want to say Good Luck to my successor, Jensen Enz.

To answer my question: yes, it is time to pack up my camera equipment and move on to the college newspaper.

## Copy Editor Hermesen gives last word

By Katie Hermesen

As I look back on my senior year, I feel a bit nostalgic about the things I will miss at Appleton North.

On the top of the list are the freshmen. A fantastic group of kids, the 2009-2010 freshman made me love school more each day as they clogged the halls in their tight little Hollister shirts. I will also miss the people who think that leggings are pants, the tearful couples in the band hallway saying goodbye before they go a whole 55 minutes without seeing each other, and the stellar driving of my classmates in the parking lot.

I get a bit choked up when I think that I will never again walk past someone on the main staircase and accidentally awkwardly touch hands.

But most of all, I will actually miss my Sunday afternoons teching in the publications lab, trying to meet a "deadline" with my fellow editors.



Katie is a stellar senior with a bright future ahead of her. She and her witty humor will be missed by the *Noctiluca* staff.

## Wishing Wydeven well

By Brooke Resch

Underground By Laina Wydeven

The *Noctiluca* staff would like to thank Laina for the four years that she has contributed to our school paper. She also deserves a warm congratulation, being a graduating senior. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well in any future journalism pursuits.

Laina Wydeven has been a regular contributor to the *Noctiluca* for her entire high school career. Her unique view on the world, along with her artistic talent, has added an important perspective to this publication. Her artwork has



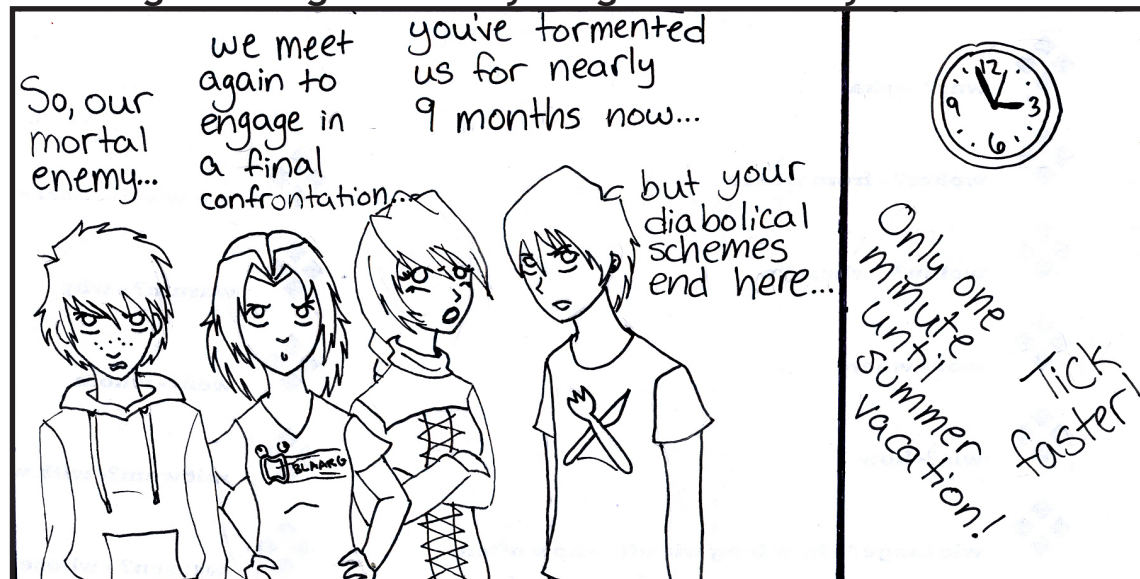
portrayed humorous events, political statements, and comments on high school and its social structure.

Wydeven's comics, editorial cartoons, and illustrations have earned her many accolades from her peers, as well as numerous scholastic

awards. This year alone she received two awards at the NEWSPA Journalism Conference.

The *Noctiluca* will surely miss Laina Wydeven's one of a kind work. We wish her the best of luck at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

## TREKing thru Highschool By Abigail Zabronsky



## Making our school proud



Ms. Olearnik, Ashley Clark, Chelsea Ashland, and Chelsea Boydston are all very honored to receive their awards from Outagamie County's Pre-Action Network.

Three ladies from Appleton North High School received awards from Outagamie County's Pre-Action Network on May 11th. These awards honored them for their contributions to enhance and promote resources, programs, and collaboration for effective alcohol, tobacco, and other

drug abuse prevention in our Appleton Area School District community. The three students names are, from left to right, Ashley Clark, Chelsea Ashland, and Chelsea Boydston.

Ms. Olearnik on the far left was also awarded for her efforts in the community.



# SPORTS

## Appleton, Wisconsin Missy's farewell

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Missy has been an essential part of the *Noctiluca* for four years and an editor for three.

By Melissa Cameron

After three years of Sundays in the publications lab, eating zebra cakes and attempting to make an entire sports section out of two articles, it's finally reached the point where I have to actually do work and write my farewell article. For many of you, it may be a first to see my name in the small italic byline at the beginning of this article, but I promise I really have been your sports editor all along.

First off, I'd like to thank Alex and Andrew VandenBoogard, Scott Ublacker, David Loux, and Kal Riebau for usually being able to step up to the plate for whatever coverage is necessary, as well as

whoever it is who saves those sports announcements to the school web site. Second, Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Hahn, both of you have been so lenient and helpful over the years. Thank you so much for everything.

***"Thank you so much for everything."***

Finally, I'd like to announce the new sports editor for the upcoming school year, Alex VandenBoogard. I'm sure you will all be pleased to know that he actually plays sports. Thank you everybody for another great year!

## Principal's cabinet redecorates Commons



Photo by Mr. Huggins

Sophomores Christian Blank and Sam Panzer spent their Sunday afternoon painting the pillars in the Commons blue and gold, our school colors.



Photo by Mr. Huggins

Principal's Cabinet members along with Vice Principal Jack Knaack helped to beautify school grounds by planting flowers near the main entrance. Reps from each grade on this committee offer feedback and advice to Principal James Huggins about student issues and concerns.

## Students receive local, state, and national awards at 15th annual Salute to Seniors

Information gathered from 2010 Scholarship/Award Presentation

During the 15th Annual Salute to Seniors Scholarships and Awards Ceremony, held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 in the Orlyn Ziemann Auditorium, over one quarter of the graduating senior class was awarded a Gold Tassel for earning a 3.0-3.9 GPA over the course of their high school career. Seniors will brandish these bright gold tassels, along with formal caps and gowns during the June 3, 2010 commencement ceremony.

Additionally, over 100 se-

niors were recognized by the National Honor Society for completing their service hours prior to the Wednesday night's ceremony. Those who've yet to finish up their 24 hours of service still have time before graduation!

Multiple sports scholarships and awards were given out during the event including those for: 3-Sport Athletes, Hall of Fame, WIAA Scholar Athlete award and the Paul Engen Leadership Award. Also, Stephanie Gould (Weiss), 1996 graduate, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Some of the other recognitions included: Al Wenzel

Music Scholarship, Blessman Scholarship, Anne Fisher Green Award of Courage and the Appleton Downtown Rotary Scholarship.

Appleton Area Education scholarships were awarded to the following North students whose parents work in the AASD: Stephanie Olson, Andrew Giamo, Sarah Bruce, Max Davis, Alexandra Christiansen, and Alex Ross. Students received these awards based on GPA, extra curricular activities and service to the community.

Hannah Fitton was awarded as one of the Post-Crescent Academic All-Stars. Also recognized from North were Ed Hou, Ivan Fan and Sarah Backer.

National Merit finalists included Max Davis and Ed Hou. Those National Merit commended scholars include: Melissa Cameron, Melissa Drezdson, Ivan Fan and Eric Hagen.

In total, over one million dollars in scholastic and achievement awards were given out to the graduation class of 2010.

## Miracle League Baseball: Opportunity to mentor



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High school students can assist children according to their needs and have fun playing baseball.

Info. provided by Miracle League

The role of a Buddy:

The Miracle League Buddy is a volunteer ranging in age from 12 years old to senior citizens. These individuals include family members, community members, local youth & Civic group members. Although we call the volunteers Buddy, many people refer to them as Angels in the Out-field!

A buddy is paired with one player during the season and they attend each of the player's games. The season is 9 weeks long and the commitment per week is about 2 hours.

Games are played on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm or 7pm. The season starts with Opening Day on June 5, 2010.

What does a Buddy do?

- Become a friend: get to know the player and their family.
- Protect the player at all times. When a strong hitter is up to bat, protect the player, step in front of them.

- Always allow the player as much freedom as possible to play his/her game
- Assist the player according to their needs.

- Have a ton of fun!
- Have a good attitude; be of good spirit with enthusiasm, love and concern for the player and their family.

- Arrive at the field 30 minutes prior to the game.
- Be properly dressed and in a Buddy shirt.
- Demonstrate high morals and integrity on and off the field.



Photo by Mrs. Bruce

The North Jazz I band played for the award presentation; Daniel Lowery played a saxophone solo.



# Bandemonium wraps up the year

By Siri Pairin

The end of the school year at North means finals, stress, and most importantly, a “Battle of the Bands”. A time for musicians to show off their original talent and students to welcome the long summer ahead of them, Bandemonium is one of the most anticipated events of the year.

Originally held the night before the last day of school, Bandemonium is an event at which students put the stress of the year behind them and let loose in eagerness of three

school-free months. A night of music, Ting, and fun, Bandemonium is not only an opportunity for bands to shine, but for students to enjoy music made by their peers.

“Bandemonium is a really fun time. It’s nice to have an event like this at the end of the year to really reflect on all we’ve done.” said soon-to-be senior and Student Council president, Natalie Duncombe.

The performing bands include: The Thugboats, Lokbox, Coldfeet, Tall Grass Union, and Ledgeview. Musical styles and genres range from ska to



Photo by Dan Sullivan



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As juniors, Ty Peterson and Ian Bush rocked the crowd at the 2009 Bandemonium. The event which is scheduled for Friday, May 28, 2010 will be held on the patio, weather permitting.

The 2009 Bandemonium was held outside on the patio to allow students enjoy the summer weather while listening to various bands.

folk, punk rock to pop. The variety, atmosphere, and over all excitement drew many students to the event.

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“What’s so interesting is the variety of music we can get. It’s a great representation of the talent and diversity at our school.” said junior Mallory Dieck.

Not only current North students attend this event, however. Former students like Jake Woodford and Olivia Truby returned to their former school for a night of reminiscing and fun. Many bands also contain members from other area high schools as well.

The showcased talent, original music, and excitement for the summer to come all made Bandemonium 2010 a huge success.

## Prom 2010: a starry night to remember

By Corinne Austin

Prom: the night little girls dream about since elementary school and the night most reminisced by those long graduated from high school. The AASD’s prom consisted of a night that began with a growing sense of excitement as girls adorned themselves with glamorous gowns and boys suited up for the long night ahead. Once mom and dad obtained an appropriate amount of photographs and last minute hair and makeup were perfected, it was time to set off for an evening worth remembering forever.

The Performing Arts Center was host to a spectacular starry night setting complete with castles and metallic stars and moons. Pictures were held in a beautiful banquet hall with an arrangement of tables for relaxing and mingling. A large assortment of snacks ranging from pastries to fruit along with other scrumptious foods only helped to complete the

scene. While the DJ was set up near the entrance with a projector screen that occasionally displayed a view of the lively crowd, students from the four Appleton high schools enjoyed themselves to the fullest degree. As technicolor lights blazed across the dance floor, the beat pounded from the speakers and blended with the motion of the seniors celebrating one last night of fun before graduation and the end of high school.

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As the night grew on, the fun never ceased. At one in the morning people were shuttled to the After Bash hosted at the YMCA riding in the infamous Appleton trolley. From one to four, selections of various ac-

tivities were open to anyone willing to participate. Racquetball, eight minute massages, and dress up clothes for photography purposes were just a few options. Dance Dance Revolution competitions were held along with blown up inflatable houses to climb around in. In addition to

that, even more food was set up along with a band that provided auditory delight.

***“As the night grew on, the fun never ceased.”***

Although most would attest to a truly wonderful night, it

was most likely in everyone’s best interests to go home and sleep until Monday morning arrived. As little girl’s dreams came true and long lasting memories were molded, most would agree that Prom 2010 was truly a starry night to remember.



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Students from North, East, West and Central Appleton High Schools enjoyed an exciting evening of dancing, music and fun at the PAC.