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## Comments from the Director

— *Nadene Davidson, Director*



April is a busy time at Price Laboratory School as we continue with all of the spring programs and activities leading to a strong finish to the current year, while at the same time, implement planning for the 2003 - 2004 school year. A range of activities continue to reflect student learning and achievements for the current academic year. All eight PLS students that participated at the State Individual Events speech competition earned Division I ratings. Three of these students were selected to showcase their work at Iowa's "All-State" speech event, co-hosted by UNI and PLS. A number of our students earned the opportunity to participate in international travel by enrolling in a third level of world language classes. Fifteen students traveled to France and seven to Chile, participating in home-stay trips with families. We hope to reschedule the trip to Russia for five students when world events stabilize. The girls' basketball team won the district championship and our boys' team played in the district finals game.

This year has been especially challenging as we confront the specific budget reduction identified for PLS. Working with Dean Callahan, we are addressing the budget reduction while at the same time planning an outstanding program for the 2003 - 2004 school year. There will be some faculty staffing realignments for the 2003 - 2004 year, however, we are confident PLS will continue to provide outstanding programs for our students. Providing challenging, innovative programming is critical, because in addition to supporting student learning for our Pre-K through grade 12 students, these programs provide the foundation for all the teacher preparation experiences and work with our professional colleagues in Iowa.

In looking forward to the 2003 - 2004 school year, we have received permission to proceed with a tenure-track search for the PLS principal's position. The current position has been filled on a temporary basis for the past two years. Dean Callahan has appointed the following individuals to serve on the search committee: Jody Stone, chair; Amy Lockhart, elementary; Becky Hawbaker, middle/high school, Leonard Upham, elementary, middle/high school; John Henning, Department of Educational Psychology and Foundations; and Ron Bremner, parent. As the search process proceeds, time will be scheduled for parents and other constituent groups to have an opportunity to meet with the candidates. These times will be communicated through the PLS Public listserve as well as student notes.

There is also search being conducted for the Dean of the College of Education. Dr. Bill Callahan is currently serving as the Interim Dean. The Dean's Search Committee has selected four people for interviews. They are Interim Dean William (Bill) Callahan, UNI; Dean Paul Beare, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah; Chair Jeffery Cornett, Department of Educational Research, Technology, and Leadership, University of Central Florida, Orlando; and Provost Marlene Strathe, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. It is expected that the candidates will be on campus for interviews from approximately April 10th through April 25th.

Many positive things are happening at PLS. We were notified on March 31st that

we received a grant for \$89,000 to partner with schools in Area Education Agency 9 to provide a professional development institute focusing on algebraic thinking across the grade levels. On March 28th we welcomed our new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students at Round-Up. Almost daily we are receiving applications for new students applying to attend Price Laboratory School. Over the last few months, the PLS community has demonstrated the highest degree of dedication and commitment. Our work is ongoing with an exciting and bright future!

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## What's Under the Support Services Umbrella?

— *Katheryn East, Support Services*



### School Team Meetings

PLS Support Services is the umbrella that covers a wide variety of services designed to meet the individual needs of students at PLS. These services are initiated and coordinated through school team meetings (STM) (If you are interested in this please check out the information located at <http://www.uni.edu/~east/STM.html>)—a process in which we put our heads together to come up with a good plan for meeting an individual student's needs.

The STM process at Price Laboratory School is designed to assist in meeting the needs of any student who has identified concerns in the school setting. The purpose of the process is to generate and implement interventions that support the student in the regular curriculum

The STM process has both informal and formal parts. The informal portion consists of parent and teacher working together to implement modifications and interventions with the aim of providing success for the student. If successful progress is not reached at this level, the teacher or parent may request formal STM.

The formal STM process is used by a team of people who know the student or have expertise which may help in devising appropriate interventions. This process is based on the IDEAL model:

- Identification of the issue
- Defining the issue in specific terms
- Exploring all possible solutions
- Applying selected interventions
- Looking back to evaluate the success of the interventions.

Question regarding this process can be answered by your student's classroom teacher or be directed to Katheryn East, 273-6789.

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## Carnival is Coming!

Mark your calendar for a fun-filled evening!  
Friday, April 25  
From 5-8

Bring the whole family for lots of fun & games.

- \*Raffle
- \*Games
- \*Concessions
- \*Skee-ball
- \*Panther Place

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## Middle School Students Study Digital Photography

— Lynn Dykstra, *Technology Education*

The 7th and 8th grade technology classes recently completed a unit of study on digital photography. The lessons covered basic camera handling, taking still photos, and using the control panel, LCD monitor and other features on the digital camera. The students learned about the advantages of using digital photography including the convenience of instant review and retakes, the ability to transfer digital images to a computer for use on the web and in multimedia productions, the capability to edit before printing, and that there are no film processing costs.

The class was then able to use a set of ten newer Olympus cameras and editing software from AEA 7 to complete their assignments and activities. They worked in pairs and individually, composing and taking photographs, and then editing the photos in Adobe PhotoDeluxe. By the end of the section on photography, each student had an opportunity to take still photos, transfer digital images to the computer, and perform photoediting processes on their pictures.

The students prepared individual portfolios which consisted of three photographs that had been edited in PhotoDeluxe, including some with special effects. They became familiar with the features and capabilities of digital photography and produced a variety of interesting photographs. Here are some samples of their work:



*Erik Anderberg*



*Molly Warren*



*Andy Tallakson*



*Drew Stonewall*



*Corey Carter*



*Sriya Subramani*

\*PLS Comeback Cake Walk  
\*And Much More!

Carnival is sponsored by PTP and is a fundraiser that benefits grades N/K - 12.

\*\*\*\*\*Volunteers are stilled needed to help the night of the carnival.\*\*\*\*\*

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## NU Booster Meeting Highlights

Darryl read a Thank You from Sandy Sutton for Booster Club support through food for the box-top winner. There is a balance of \$37,947.34 in all accounts.

Student Activity Fees: Dave reported that there will be a \$45 activity fee for all students grades 7-12. This will be used for admission to all games, as a lunch card and a library card. This should generate approximately \$9,000 in revenue.

Request by Cheerleaders for a Banner in Gym: The decision was made that, in order to have a banner, the activity/sport must be recognized by the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA). It is our understanding that cheerleading is not recognized at this time.

Tool Box update: A total of \$539 was raised.

Nomination Committee – Cindy Page will chair and have a slate ready for the annual meeting; Audit Committee – Steve will chair.

By Laws: Will be presented for a vote by the membership at the Spring kickoff. The kickoff is scheduled for Monday, March 24. The Annual Meeting will be at 6 p.m. with food served at 6:30. Students will be selling the "gold Cards" in the neighborhood from 5-7 p.m.

Swimming – no East Pool, no to using the Wellness Center. Cedar Falls is actively recruiting swimmers from NU and the other schools. CF would charge \$30/hour for time at 5:30 or 6:30 p.m. It is possible to use the NUHS pool but may lose Dike, AP & Waverly.

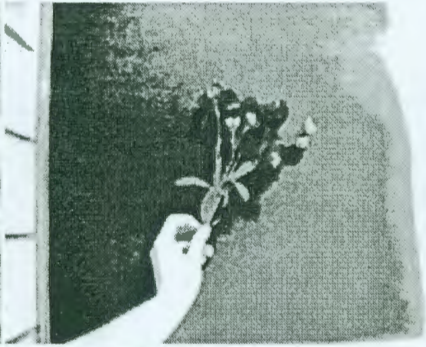
Girls Soccer Uniforms – still in good shape, will not order new uniforms.

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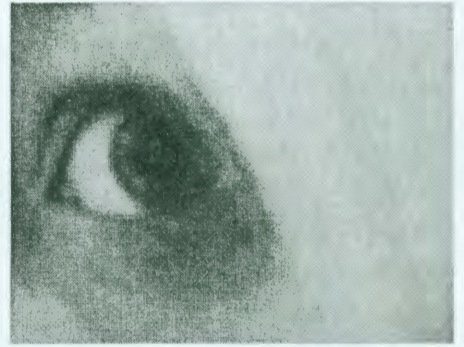
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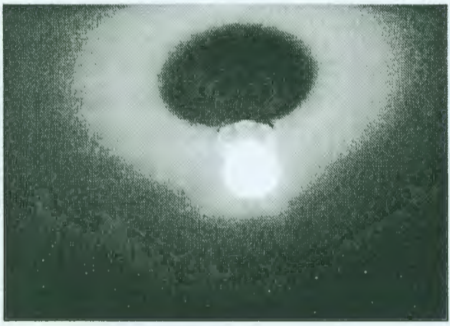
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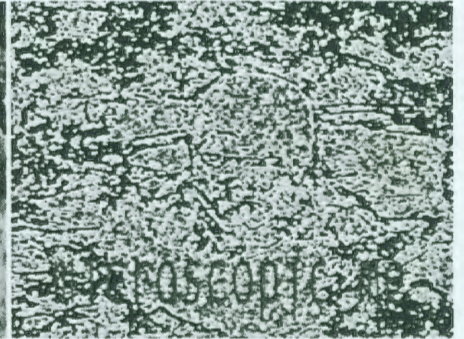
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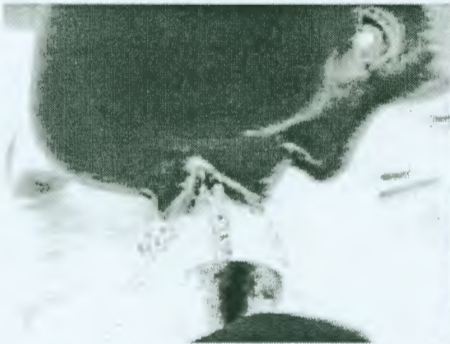
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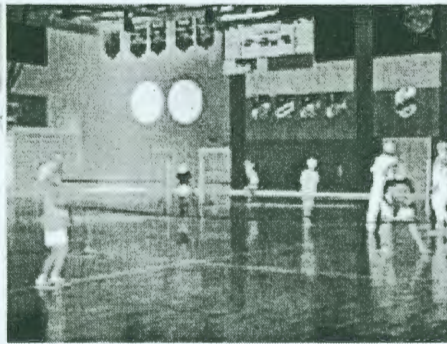
*Jamie Garcia*



*Luke Mather*



*Louis Hilgeman*



*Dylan Klenske*



*Ed Basom*



*Cole Highnam*



*Andrew Mallon*

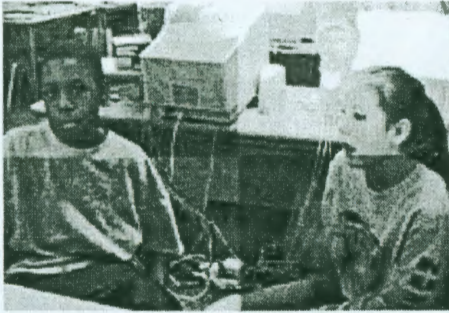


*Kenton Engels*



Tiffani McCombs

Erica Jensen



Elizabeth Brumm

John Schroeder

## NATIONAL FRENCH CONTEST

*by Lowell Hoeft, World Languages*

On Tuesday, March 11, 49 Northern University High School French students participated in the National French Contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. The written exam included listening activities, grammar and culture questions, and reading comprehension selections.

The following students were state of Iowa winners at their respective levels. Alison Hardy placed first in the state at level one. Other level one winners included Michaela Gansen, Megan Miller, and Sasha Yefimov. Level two winners were Jennifer Bertram, Jessica Bertram, Hannah Buck, Mae Colburn, Mattie Lynch, Arthur Padget, Anson Poe, Brayden Richter, Amber Smith, Caitlin Tracey, Brittany Waack, and Catie Wiesley. Colin McElligatt, Mallory Piehl, and Sameet Sangha tied for first place at level four. Ben Wilson was also a winner at this level.

The next level of competition will take place at Central College in Pella, on Saturday, April 26, for all the state winners. Students will be required to memorize a French literary selection, have an individual interview, and participate in a group quiz bowl.

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## Carnegie Challenge Update

—Linda Sharp, Music Department

The Carnegie Challenge continues moving forward as we enter the last quarter before the NUHS choir, chaperones, and family members and friends travel to New York May 23-27. We continue to hear from alumni, former faculty, and friends with memories, messages, and donations. Both small business and corporate level contacts are being made. We will have information about our raffle upcoming – think about a week in June in a cabin in Canada, complete with tour guide and boat – just one of the items donated for our raffle. Do you have an item you would like to donate? Contact one of the Steering Committee members (Dale Schrad, Arlene Prather-O’Kane, Maureen Collins-Williams, or Sue Strever) or call the choral office at (273-6236).

**NEW YORK T-SHIRTS:** Chaperones, family members, and interested supporters may order our official trip t-shirt for \$7 (2X or 3X \$8). Email size and quantity to Linda.Sharp@uni.edu by April 9.

NU Singers will begin performing for civic and community groups in April for the Carnegie Challenge. Beginning April 15th, the NUHS Concert Choir will do a series of Tuesday/Thursday dress rehearsal/mini-concerts during choir time, 9:40-10:22. The choir will be rehearsing the solo concert material, which by the concert date must run no longer than 21 minutes. You are invited to drop in at any time during those rehearsals, which will be in the auditorium.

Lastly, if you care to make a donation to the Carnegie Challenge, it is not too late! Checks go to “Carnegie Challenge” and may be forwarded to the PLS Office or Dr. Sharp.

Thanks to all who have supported this fabulous project for the students and for PLS/NU!

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## "Arts in April" at Price Lab School

— Dr. Leonard Upham, Music Department

The arts are alive at PLS as well as the rest of the campus!! Please note the following events that are happening in the music department.

**Dessert Concert April 6 has been cancelled.**

**All School Band Festival Concert April 10**

The band program of the music department will present its annual All School concert on Thursday evening, April 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Butzier Auditorium. This concert includes all ensembles of the program – 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band, 7th/8th Grade Band, and High School Jazz and Concert Bands. The bands will combine for the finale selection. Directors for this concert are Mr. Bill Scheidecker, High School Jazz Band, and Dr. Leonard Upham, all concert bands.

**All-State Solo/Small Ensemble Contest April 13 at Don Bosco High School in Gilbertville****Elementary/Middle School Orchestra Concert April 24**

The orchestra program of the music department will present an elementary and middle school orchestra concert on Thursday evening, April 24, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Butzier Auditorium. This concert will include the 5th Grade Orchestra, 6th Grade Orchestra, and the 7th /8th Grade Orchestra. Dr. Michael Fanelli is the orchestra director.

**Five Seasons Middle School Honor Band April 5**

Three NUMS students have been selected to the 6th Grade Honor Band at the Five Seasons Middle School Honor Band Festival hosted by Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School on Saturday, April 5. Students selected are Ellie Tallakson, Flute; Catherine Stone, Clarinet; and Thomas Creeden, Trumpet.

**Middle School Honor Choir April 29**

Seven students from NUMS have been selected to participate in the Middle School Honors Choir in Oelwein on Tuesday, April 29. The students rehearse in the afternoon and present a concert at 7 p.m. that evening in the Williams Performing Arts Center at Oelwein High School. Students selected from NUMS are Kelly Hess, Amelia Gibson, Elizabeth Brumm, Amy Kischer-Browne, Amanda Rector, Carie York, and Kenton Engels. Mrs. Becky Ogilvie is the NUMS middle school choir director.

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## **NU Speech Team Performs Well at State**

— *Jolene Tagtow, Speech Coach*

The NU Speech team had an outstanding day at the State Individual Events Speech Contest at Oelwein on Saturday. All ten of our NU performances received Division I ratings. Congratulations to all eight of these students whose talent and dedication were recognized:

Liz Schacterle - Acting and Literary Program  
Dan Weber - Storytelling and Poetry Interpretation  
Amadea Jessen - Prose Interpretation  
Sandra King - Storytelling  
Mae Colburn - Prose Interpretation  
Jennifer Bertram - Prose Interpretation  
Hannah Buck - Acting  
Reggie Woods - Original Oratory

The NU Speech Team is coached by Dave and Linda Schacterle and Jolene Tagtow

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## **Three NU Speech Team Members Selected for Outstanding Speakers**

— *Jolene Tagtow, Speech Coach*

Congratulations to the following NU High Speech Team members who have been selected as Outstanding Speakers and will perform at the 25th Annual Individual Events All-State Festival, which is held on the UNI Campus on Monday, April 7:

Liz Schacterle in Literary Program  
Mae Colburn in Prose Interpretation  
Hannah Buck in Acting (28)

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## **Two National History Day Contestants Advance**

— *Jason Follett, Social Studies*

Congratulations to the following NUMS 7th Graders who will advance from the AEA7 National History Day Junior Division Contest held on March 14, 2003, to the Iowa National History Day Junior Division Contest

on April 28, 2003, at the State of Iowa Historical Building in Des Moines:

Nicky Singh-Individual Documentary

"Nazi Germany and the Rights and Responsibilities of a Superior Race"

RaeVonn Kearns-Individual Performance

"Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" Speech: Realistic Rights and Responsibilities for America"

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## NU Cheerleading Squad Succeeds

— Ashley Atherton, NU Cheer Coach



As our season has come to a close, I would like to recognize the accomplishments of the Northern University High School varsity and competition squads.

Throughout the year, the squad took part in planning Homecoming, assemblies, Winter Formal, the PLS/NU Cheer Clinic, making locker signs, fundraising, and competing in cheerleading competitions throughout the Midwest. In addition, the cheerleaders had a lot of new faces to cheer for during the inaugural NU-Janesville football season.

This year, the competition cheerleaders had another incredible competition season. In only their second appearance at the State Championships, the squad beat three-time defending State champs BCLUW and took the Division 1A State Title. In January 2003, the squad took first place in small varsity at the Hawkeye Cheerleading Championships, beating Cedar Rapids Prairie, Urbandale, Waverly Shell-Rock, and many other 3A and 4A schools. The squad also competed at the Badger Cheerleading and Dance Championships in Madison, Wisconsin in February and took second place in the small varsity division.

Senior Kate Kilbourn was recently awarded the Iowa Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) scholarship and was honored at the annual ICCA Conference on April 5th in Ames. Each year, the ICCA picks five outstanding senior cheerleaders in the State of Iowa to receive this scholarship. Recipients are chosen based on school and community leadership, academics, recommendations from school faculty members and the head cheerleading coach, and an essay written by the cheerleader. Congratulations to Kate on this prestigious honor!

I would also like to recognize all of our senior cheerleaders. Kate Kilbourn, Karrie McCabe, Brittany Nesbit, Sami Renfro, and Brittany Rideout. They have been leaders within our squad and have helped with the success of our program. Sami Renfro and Brittany Nesbit have both been involved in the NU Cheerleading program for all four years and have played vital roles in continuing the tradition and success of the cheerleaders.

On behalf of the squad and myself, I would like to thank all of the NU cheer parents, faculty members and administration, fans, the NU Booster Club, and all of our sponsors that have supported us throughout the year. Without your support, we would not be where we are today.

One last note, I would like to let you know about tryouts for the 2003-2004 school year. Students currently in grades 8-11 are eligible to try out. Tryout information is available in the Athletic Office.

Please contact me or Terry Ketter if your daughter did not receive this information. Again, I would like to thank the PLS/NU community for all of our enthusiasm and support for the cheerleaders.

*\*photo taken by Aaron Spurr*

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## Iowa Public Television Features an NU High Student

Iowa Public Television included a segment about the Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award on "Living in Iowa," which aired on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. Northern University HS senior Maggie Mulvey was one of the three students profiled. The Uncommon Student Award is a \$5,000 scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors, sponsored by the Hoover Presidential Library Association in West Branch. Maggie was one of the winners in 2002.

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