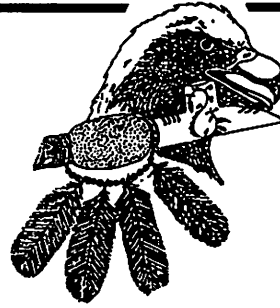




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February: Drug Awareness Month

by Christine Knowlen

"Say Nope to Dope" was a familiar slogan spread throughout our school in the month of February.

For the last five years, February has been "Drug Awareness Month." "The catalyst for starting this is that the Red Cliff curriculum chose our school as one of the pilot schools," said principal Phil Minkkinen. He added that we are kind of like an experiment to test the effectiveness of a program like drug awareness month.

Most teachers incorporated pamphlets, movies, or projects in their classes to inform their students about chemical abuse. Sonny Peacock, Chairman of the FDL Reservation, and Bob Diver, Recruiting Service Coordinator, spoke to the student body about the dangers of drug abuse.

The 11th and 12th grade computer class made banners and posters with slogans such as "Say Nope to Dope," "You can't dunk when you're drunk," and "Drug-Free our elders would be pleased."

Mr. Minkkinen spoke for all of us when he summed up the school's attitude toward the drug awareness month program: "I hope it makes a difference."

magic in Dental Health

by Tony Longclaws

February was a busy month this year. First the Ojibway School started its "Drug Awareness Month." Min No Aya In Dental Clinic shared the month with its "Children's Dental Health Month."

On February 12 at the Fond du Lac gym, the Dental Clinic sponsored a magic show for the students. Magician and escape artist John Bushey performed to help promote good dental health among the students.

Mr. Bushey performed magic tricks which included a rope that was cut or tied in knots but always came out as a single piece of rope; five solid metal hoops that magically interlocked; and a dice that invisibly flew from a box to a paper bag. Mr. Bushey also escaped from handcuffs and a straight jacket. The energetic magician and lots of audience participation made for a lively show.

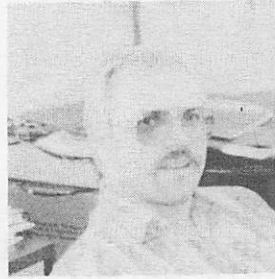
The students at FDL would like to thank the following persons who arranged the show: school nurse Margaret Thilmany, Dr. Sue Larson, Marge Chioritti-Podgorsek, Dee-Dee Gockowski, Colleen Carlson, Margaret Lind, Jamie Shakes, and Phil Minkkinen.

Faculty Notes

Margaret Thilmany says she has known since second grade that she wanted to be a nurse. She now serves the FDL school as school nurse. Margaret is a graduate of Duluth Central and her fondest memory of Central is when they won the State basketball tournament. She enjoys her job at FDL because she is able to work with students from age 3 up to the seniors. At home Margaret likes to do handwork and read. She also likes to camp, canoe, hike, and cross-country ski.



Margaret



Phil

After teaching physical education at FDL for four years, Phil Minkkinen accepted the position of principal and has served in that capacity for five years. Phil likes the sense of challenge and accomplishment his job provides. He gives credit to the dedicated staff here at FDL. A graduate of Barnum High School, Phil was influenced by his 7th grade physical education teacher who inspired him to become a teacher. Phil enjoys spending time with his family and his hobbies include farming and sports.

On Education

One certainly would not for anything have missed one's student days. To mix with other students is an education in itself. It is to come into touch with ideas that are "living creatures having hands and feet." -- Robert Lynd,

Solomon in All His Glory

Trip to the Stars

by Tony Longclaws

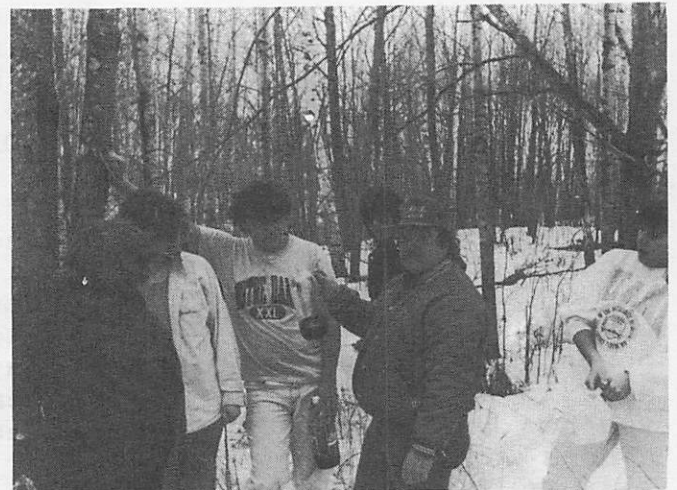
It was a fun day for Mrs. Pincombe's grade 3-4 students on Thursday, March 10.

Mrs. Pincombe along with chaperone Chelle King took the students to the Duluth Planetarium.

When the group got to the planetarium, the students got a good look at and a better understanding of our planets and stars. The 3-4 grade students learned about the constellation of stars, which is when stars make pictures like the Big Dipper, Little Dipper, a bear or a bull. The students also got a close look at the planets and their moons.

The 3-4 graders shared their opinions after the trip. "It was very fun and exciting," said Aaron Koski. "It was rad," added Jason Richard. Robin Blue observed, "It was real interesting."

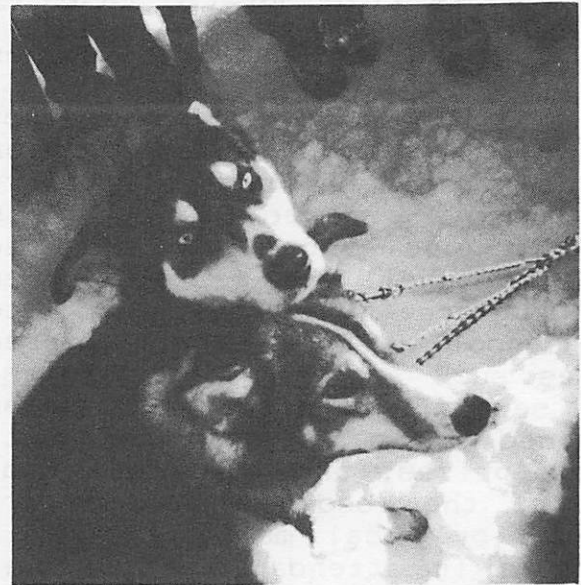
Mrs. Pincombe felt the trip was successful. She said, "It was a good experience for the students and they really learned a lot about the constellations and positions of the stars. Also they got to learn about the several moons of Jupiter." Mrs. Pincombe added that the class "behaved really well."



Charlie explains the finer points of sugarbushing.



Curtis Gagnon displayed a musher's boot during his presentation on dog-sledding.



Two adorable members of Mr. Gagnon's dog-sled team.

Sophomores Dominate Spring Games

The sophomore class dominated this year's spring games by amassing 142 points compared to their nearest rivals, the 8th grade, who finished with 104 points. The seniors placed third with 79 points, followed by the combined 7th and 11th grades with 61 and finally the 9th grade with 17.

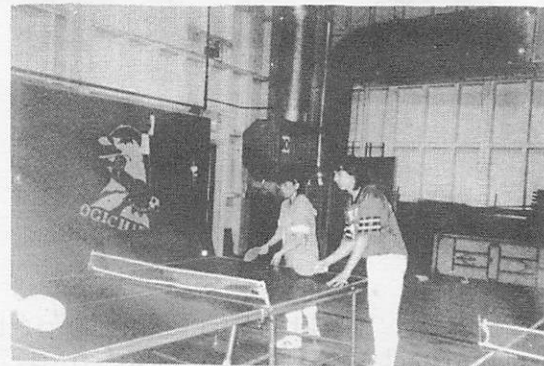
Mel Diver and Ken Morrin propelled the sophomores with first place finishes in girls and boys ping-pong. The two combined to win the mixed doubles in pin-pong and also the two-on-two basketball competition.

Michelle Urrutia made her presence known with a victory in girls arm wrestling and she scored the winning goal in floor hockey.

Shannon Mullen placed first in the long ski race and Russ Diver won the checkers event. Ken and Shannon also won the relay race.

Dave Gitzen helped the 10th grade with a second in the long ski race and by anchoring his team in the tug-of-war, where they finished second to the 8th grade.

Other first place performances were: mocassin game, seniors: long ski race, Cheyenne Thompson, 8th grade: cribbage, Rick Benjamin, 12th grade; boys sprint ski race, Charles Spencer, 8th grade: girls sprint ski race, Richelle Mullen, 8th grade: boys Joe Mamma snowshoe race, Tony Longclaws, 11th grade; girls Joe Mamma snowshoe race, Kim Bellanger, 7th grade: boys arm wrestling, Hubert Urrutia, 8th grade: and Carol Beargrease sled dog race, 8th grade.



Mel and Ken were ping-pong champions.

Lock-In Is Overnight Success

by Christine Knowlen

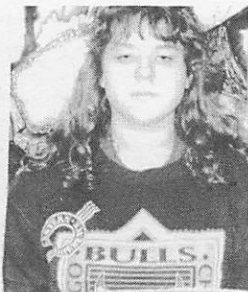
Once you enter you may not leave! Initially this was the plan at the Lock-In on Friday, February 28th from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. This Lock-in was sponsored by the Student Council and was run under the drug-free rules that apply to our school. This event offered movies such as Hellraiser, Twins, and several others. It also provided games, a treasure hunt, music, prizes, and loads of food. Most of the food and prizes were donated by local merchants. All students in attendance were given the chance to win prizes in hourly drawings. There was also a dance contest in which Jammin' James Tallwhiteman took first place. As the night wore on, some of the students hid in corners and dozed off, fearing the barb of practical jokesters. By the end of the night, most of the students and staff looked like ZOMBIES. Unfortunately, some students were cowards and left the Lock-In. Except for the poor decision on the parts of those students, the Lock-In was entertaining and greatly appreciated.

In The Halls

We asked: What did you think about the lock-in? What do you think would have made it better?



Kim Belanger: "It was fun and it was the best thing they ever had."



Amy Wise: "O.K.! It was fun the way it was."



Dave and Frances held the stick while James limboed.

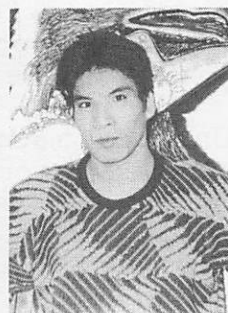


Nikki Reynolds: "It was fun. I had a nice time."

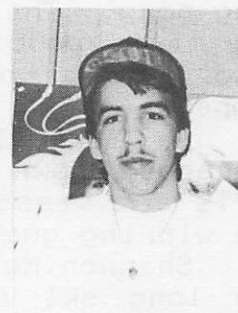


Mel Diver: "I thought it was fun, but I would have loved to play basketball. I thought the lock-in was a success, especially the fun we had in Mary Cane's room -- the seance and trying to lift Opitchee off the table. It was a blast!"

James Tallwhiteman: "I liked the lock-in very much. I think to make it more fun is have more girls there."



John England: "I truly enjoyed the lock-in. I only wish we could have more social gatherings like these. I want to commend the teachers and staff who donated their time and effort."



EDITORIAL

Something For Nothing

by Christine Knowlen

So you want more extra-curricular activities? There are very few at FDL school.

Usually we have a Homecoming Dance and a Prom; this year we were lucky enough to even have a lock-in.

What might be the reason we have so few activities?

Could it be we don't deserve it? Personally, I think this is the main reason... along with the fact we aren't the wealthiest school.

But if we really wanted more activities, and really were willing to try, I believe we could overcome these problems.

First of all, when we are given the chance to prove to people that we can handle being locked-up in the school for 13 hours without creating total chaos, we should make the commitment to prove we can do it, and in fact we did, despite a few students who decided to depart early.

It is mishaps like this that result in so few activities. And if we take into account the staff members who donated their time and effort, we just might understand why.

Why what? Why we need to get our act together as a whole and try to prevent these unfortunate mishaps.

Because our school is so small, it is often hard to raise money with fundraisers. Also, sometimes the fundraisers coincide so people must choose which organization to contribute to. Most classes have a couple of fundraisers a year, which is good, but we have to make the effort to support those fundraisers because that money will eventually come back to us in the form of activities.

Overall, the message I'm trying to get across is "Don't complain about not having enough activities unless you are willing to work for them and follow the rules." Because you'll never get something for nothing.

Students Attend Youth Health Day

by Christine Knowlen

Six students from the Objibway school were chosen to attend Northland Youth Health Day. The event was open to senior high students from around the area.

The students who attended the March 1 event were Mel Diver and David Gitzen of the 10th grade, Ardene White and James Couture of the 11th grade, and seniors Lisa Northrup and Christine Knowlen.

The Northland Youth Health Day meetings included topics such as "Teenage Pregnancy," "How To Get Your Parents To Listen," and "Facts About Cults and Myths." Students were also able to attend break-out sessions that addressed different aspects of health care and health career opportunities in addition to the general meetings.

This activity was an all-day event which was chaperoned by health teacher Joe Curran and school nurse Margaret Thilmany.

One of the attending students, Lisa Northrup, said, "I really enjoyed the teenage pregnancy meeting. It gave me a lot of information I never knew about." The other students agreed it was an interesting and productive day.

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Guess Who?

Win a pop and candy bar on behalf of the newspaper staff if you can identify the person pictured below. The little darling is now an adult who works in this school. Here are the rules:

1. One guess per student.
2. Write your name and your guess on a slip of paper and give it to Melvin DeFoe.
3. Correct guesses will be entered in a drawing. The lucky winner will be named in our next issue.
4. All guesses must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 12.



Powwow Club Begins

by Christine Knowlen

Students in grades 7-12 who are interested in cultural activities are welcome to join the Pow-Wow Club. The club consists of singers and dancers who would perform at pow-wows. Students interested in joining or needing more information should see Panji.



John England (24) penetrated the Mariner defense in FDL's District win over Silver Bay. Pat and Ken (20) were ready to rebound.



Our 1989 girls basketball team: (First row l-r) Lisa Northrup, Ardene White, Richelle Mullen, Mel Diver, Chandra Mullen. (Back row l-r) manager Nikki Reynolds, Carrie Smith, Shannon Mullen, Cindy DeFoe, Tara DeFoe, Becky Reynolds, manager Julie Reynolds. Not pictured: Shawn Blacketter.



Our 1989-90 boys basketball team: (First row l-r) John Aubid, Darrell Shingobe, Cheyenne Thompson, Ira Aubid, James Tallwhiteman. (Back row l-r) David Gitzen, Dan Aubid, John England, Ken Morrin, Pat Houle, Pete Diver. Not pictured: Chad Morrin, Russ Diver.