

JUST

THE THINK...

What comes to mind when you think of the word school? Obviously, visions of endless homework, your least favorite teacher, boring lectures, black-and-white history movies, and hard-to-distinguish cafeteria foods pop into your mind. However, there is a

lot more to school that most people forget about all too often.

Even though nearly a century has passed since 1900, some things just have not changed a whole lot. In 1999, one thing that remains pretty much the same is the experience of high school and the negative ways students view it.

For example, many lifelong friendships have started in a classroom.

Maybe a teacher grouped you together with a certain student for that boring project you dreaded doing so much. You never really talked to that particular person much in the past and did not know what he or she was like. In the end, you had a great time doing the work and discovered the two of you had a lot in common in the process. There you have it, a brand new buddy!

In addition to friendships, you may find out things about yourself that you never

before knew. Maybe you have a love for technology, a knack for art, or a drive to help younger students succeed. All of these can help you figure out who you are and where you want life to take you.

So the next time you start complaining about all of the negative aspects of school, think hard about its positive sides, because you will see they outnumber the bad things by a large margin.

All of the experiences you had throughout your years as a student may turn into memories that you will look back on at the end of this century and discuss with the great friend you made so many years ago in that small classroom of Ashley High School.

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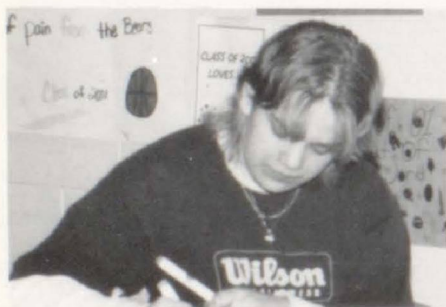
FREE DAY! Vikki Turner, Sarah Johnston, and Becky Long toss around a volleyball during free time. "I like playing with friends I can trust," remarked Becky.

T. Kral



BULKIN' UP Kevin Fabus lifts weights in his second hour advanced P.E. class. "It is 80% physical and 30% mental," confessed Kevin.

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MARKER POWER Tara Thompson works on a poster for the sophomore wall during Twirp Week. "I think we should have won the week," stated Tara.

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MAJOR FASHION DISASTER! Luanne Cermak and Kari Deming show off their matching Winnie the Pooh togas. "I felt pretty stupid," stated Kari.