

Bells + Buses + School = Goodbye

Once the students leave their last class, do they just disappear, or do they actually live outside of the walls of this school? Read on and you'll see the truth about after school life.

The last bell of the day rings, and students rush to their respective buses, cars, and/or lockers. The sound of dozens of voices fills the halls as they empty out of the school, scattering to the streets all over the little village of Ashley, concluding their school day. But what do they do once they have the freedom of no longer being trapped in neverending classes?

For Kim Bush it's going to her after-school job at Ponderosa. "Sometimes it's nice to get away and be around different people. Also, I like the

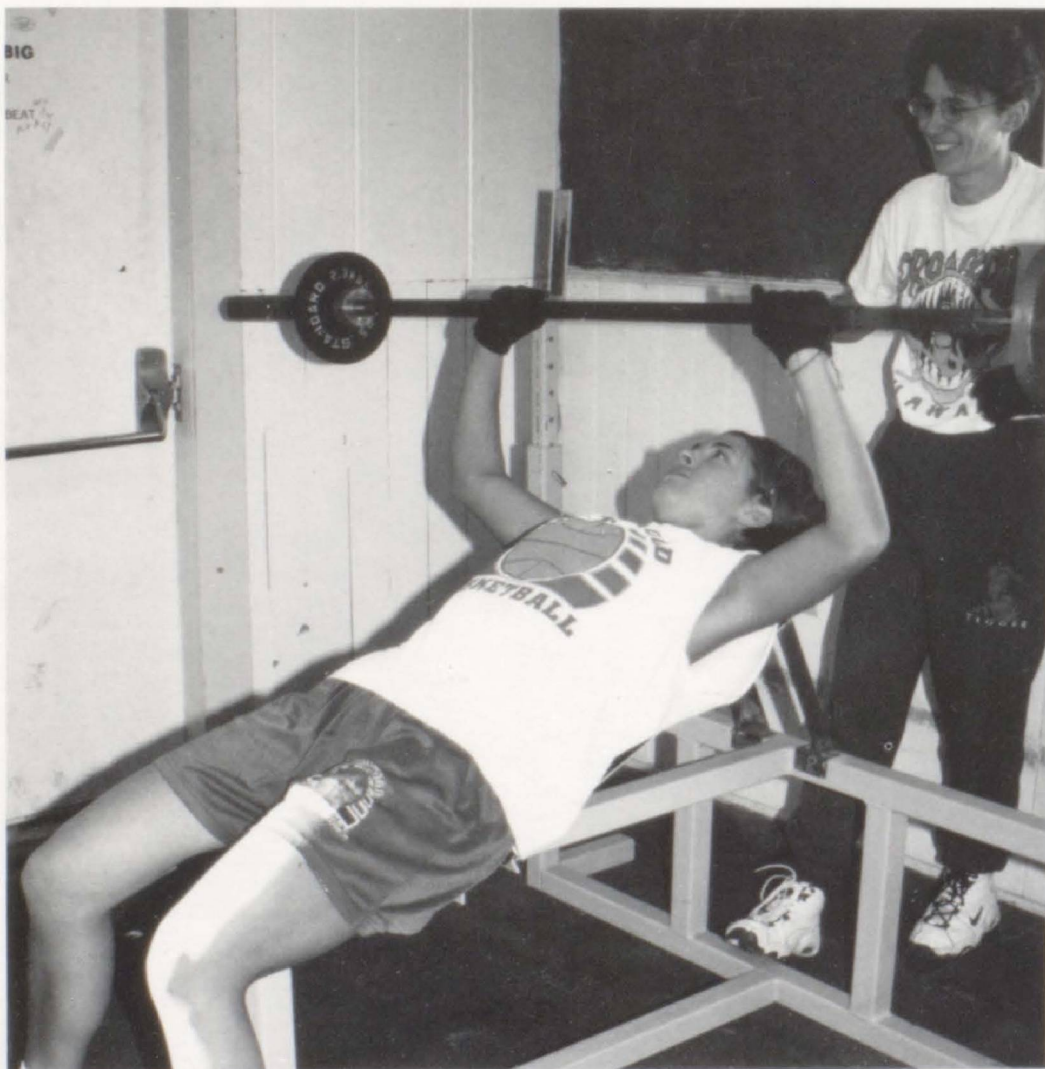
people I work with. It really does feel better to work for your money than have Mom and Dad hand it to you all the time," remarked Kim.

Other people like Tommy Pączak hang out at the new pizza place in downtown Ashley, the Bear Spot. "My favorite thing about the Bear Spot is that I get away from the house and I can play pool, but I wish that they had live music," commented Tom, who is often found in this after-school hangout.

The most common thing that students at Ashley do after school is practice. If you're around at all after school you should know that this school is usually busy with one activity or another, sometimes even up to nine or ten o'clock at night. Whether it be basketball, football, baseball, cheerleading, drama club, softball, weight lifting, or volleyball, this is what students do. "I like having practice after school because I get away from the house, and I can see my friends for a little bit longer," stated Kristen Bornemann.

Whether it's going to practice, a regular afterschool hangout or an afterschool job, after the bell rings everyone has places to go and things to do before they end their day. Inevitably everyone will end up turning in for the night and falling asleep just to wake up and do it all over again the next day.

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PUSH One of the most active places left in the school once the final bell rings is the weight room. Lisa Strnad pumps some iron after school as Ms. Moore spots her.