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A young star is born

ST. MARY'S STUDENTS Kristin Wilson (left) and Ann Blerbower (right) ask kindergarten Michelle Murray for her autograph following an adapted performance of 'Hanzel and Gretel' Friday at St. Mary's. The play was one of the final activities during St. Mary's celebration of 'Catholic Schools Week.'

Taking protective measures Schools eye policies

By Mark Crist
Managing Editor

As sexual harassment has come to the forefront of American politics, public schools in the Wayne Herald coverage area have done or are doing something to protect their teachers and students.

The Wayne and Wakefield school districts each have adopted policies regarding sexual harassment, but neither Allen nor Winside have implemented a program to date.

That doesn't mean, however, that the issue isn't weighing on the minds of school boards and administrations in Allen or Winside.

"Sexual harassment and handicapped accessibility are a couple of favorite topics," said Winside Superintendent Don Leighton. "At this point, we're still working on policies. As of now, we don't have any written policies, we're only following government regulations."

Leighton said he expects to have a proposed sexual harassment policy on the table in the next three weeks.

THE WAYNE Schools, which implemented a policy a couple months ago, had their plan in place about the same time Wakefield did. While Wayne's plan is a little more elaborate than Wakefield's, the intention behind the policies is the same: To protect people from being harassed.

According to Wayne Superintendent Dr. Francis Haun, the issue came to the forefront during the senate hearings for the Clarence Thomas nomination to the Supreme Court.

"The hearings made us realize we didn't have a policy on it of any kind," he said. "Almost all of our disciplinary action for employees and students was predicated on existing policies."

JOHN WARNER, superintendent in Allen, said they have an outdated policy that's very vague. He said it was set in 1963 when the federal government passed the original civil rights act.

"We're trying to put together something that will cover the finer points," he said.

Haun said he put his policy together from policies which had already been adopted in the workplace from businesses and other

school districts. He said the bulk of the Wayne schools' policy comes from Educational Service Unit Six in Hastings, with some of it being modeled after one he received from Great Dane Trailers of Wayne.

"We wanted something that would protect students from faculty as well as faculty from students," he said. "... I think the faculty is glad to have it. I think it put their mind to ease because they know they have due process."

Businesses take action on issue

Three of the Wayne area's industrial business leaders have said they have a sexual harassment policy in place to protect their employees. Two of the five businesses contacted said they are working on policies to incorporate into the employee handbook.

According to officials with the M.G. Waldbaum Company, Great Dane Trailers and Wayne State College, each business has a policy regarding sexual harassment in the workplace. Businesses working on policies are Restful Knights and Heritage Homes.

According to Terry Meyer, who works with employee relations at Heritage Homes, there wasn't a need to update the employee handbook until recently. He said company growth was a contributing factor.

SUCH IS THE case with Rob Stuber at Restful Knights. He said nothing really sparked the need to have a policy in the handbook but it's just part of the updating process.

"We didn't target sexual harassment," Stuber said. "This is just an overall update of our manual."

Stuber said he is utilizing a software package that's IBM compatible to update Restful Knights' handbook. Meyer, said he is developing Heritage Homes' policy from a booklet from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He said it's recommended by accountants.

"We've just been talking about updating our manual for some time," Meyer said. "The Thomas hearings just brought the issue to the forefront."

Program saves groundwater

Since lenders are becoming concerned about environmental liabilities on property they finance, it is more important than ever for landowners to properly fill abandoned wells.

To assist in this effort, the cooperative extension service, soil conservation service, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Health have banded together to encourage landowners to seal old wells.

According to Larry Wetterberg with the Wayne County Soil Conservation Service office in Wayne, abandoned wells are a problem.

"At one point, the average farm size was 80 acres," Wetterberg said. "Since that was the case, many of the farms had as many as 16 wells per section of land. Figuring that we have 12 1/3 townships in the county times 36 sections per township, we probably had as many as 7,000 wells. Over time, many of those old wells have been abandoned and many need to be sealed."

ACCORDING TO DeLynn Hay, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln water resources specialist, abandoned wells always have been perceived as a safety hazard because people can fall down them.

Recently, such wells have been recognized as potential channels

Who to call:

- Wayne County Extension Office, 375-3310
- Wayne County Soil Conservation Office, 375-2453
- Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, 371-7313
- Nebraska Department of Health, 471-2133

for pollution of groundwater. That's because they provide a direct route from the surface for pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides and animal wastes. Along with those pollutants, bacteria can develop in abandoned wells.

According to Marla Rohrke of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District office in Norfolk, LENRD is doing what it can to reach landowners who believe they have abandoned wells on their property.

"Even when people cover the wells with sheet metal or rocks, rainwater can carry pesticides and nitrates or bacteria into the wells and contaminate the groundwater," she said. "This can contaminate the landowners own drinking supply if they have domestic wells."

ACCORDING TO information from LENRD, it is estimated that there could be as many as 150,000 abandoned wells in Nebraska. This figure includes old domestic wells on deserted farmsteads and

irrigation wells that are no longer in use.

Hay said that for the sake of everyone's safety, landowners should locate and seal abandoned wells on their property. The Nebraska Department of Health has developed procedures for properly sealing wells, he said.

Rohrke said the Lower Elkhorn office provides a well sealing program. Under the program, landowners pay the first \$100 for sealing irrigation wells and the first \$50 for sealing domestic wells. LENRD will then contract with a certified well driller to have the abandoned wells sealed and LENRD will pick up any remaining costs. If costs exceed \$500, then a cost-sharing program is worked out, according to Ken Berney of the Lower Elkhorn office in Norfolk.

"We're not in this to protect people from liability but rather as an information-education tool," he said. "Hopefully, people will take care of the wells they've forgotten about."

Planetarium slates shows on Sundays to March 1

The planetarium show "Springtime of the Universe," emphasizing the contributions of astrochemists to the growing knowledge of the universe, will be presented for five Sundays at Wayne State College.

The shows, which are free and open to the public, are on Sundays, running through March 1, at 3:30 p.m., in the Fred G. Dale Planetarium, located at the south entrance of the Carhart Science Building on the Wayne State campus.



LISA MCCRADY, FORMER NU GYMNAST, will be the featured speaker during Wayne State's 'Spiritual Emphasis Week.'



RALPH BARCLAY (LEFT) PRESENTS the Seven Seals award to Jo Taylor and Curt Frye. Wayne State was honored for its support of troops in the Gulf War.

Wayne State gets coveted award for support in war

Wayne State College has received the coveted Seven Seals Award for its responsiveness to students' needs upon their departure for, and their returning home from, Operation Desert Storm.

The award was presented to Wayne State on behalf of the men and women of America's Reserve forces for the college's outstanding service to the national defense through continuing support of the guard and reserve. The award was presented by The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

"WAYNE STATE responded by going the extra mile to accommodate students when they left and when they returned home," says Ralph Barclay, area representative for the national committee. "The college did the things required by law of all employers, but its voluntary services and programs set it apart from the rest."

Wayne State's counseling center, registrar's office, college relations office, and president Dr. Donald Mash were recognized for assisting students who served in the Gulf War.

At a Glance

Providers meeting

WAYNE - There will be a home day care providers meeting Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Columbus Federal meeting room.

Tax preparer Ray Buell will be on hand to answer questions about income taxes. For more information contact Bonna Barner at 375-2198.

Band concert

WAYNE - The Wayne High School band and jazz band will be in concert tonight (Monday) at 7:30 in the high school lecture hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

Peter benefit on tap Feb. 9 in Hoskins

HOSKINS - AAL Branch 439 of Hoskins will sponsor a benefit for Pete and Sharon Peter, Hoskins, who lost their home in a November fire.

The benefit will be held Sunday, Feb. 9 beginning at noon with a potluck meal. It will be followed at 1 p.m. with an auction of donated items. It will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, one block south of the fire hall in Hoskins and a block west.

There is also a fund set up at Commercial State Bank of Hoskins for the Peter family.

People who have items to donate for the auction can call 379-1973. The money collected will be matched by AAL up to \$1,500.

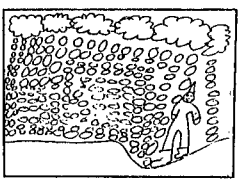
Meetings on tap to explain ag programs

AREA - According to Teresa Post, county executive director of the Wayne County ASCS office, informational meetings have been set to help explain the upcoming various agricultural programs.

Some of these programs consist of the 1992 Feed Grain Program, the Disaster Program, the Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP-trees) and the new dairy refund program.

The meetings will be held at the Wayne City Auditorium on Feb. 4 at 9:30 a.m.; at the Carroll Auditorium on Feb. 5 at 1:30 p.m. and at the Winside Auditorium on Feb. 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.



Weather

Heather Headley, 7 Wayne City School
Extended Weather Forecast:
Monday through Wednesday, chance of sprinkles Monday, otherwise cooler; highs, 40s Monday and Wednesday, 30s Tuesday; lows, upper-teens to 20s.

College plans activities

Guest speaker Lisa McCrady, former University of Nebraska-Lincoln gymnast, highlights the week's activities as Wayne State College observes Spiritual Emphasis Week Feb. 2-6. The public is invited to attend all activities.

McCrady will speak Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Ley Theatre, located in the Brandenburg Education Building. She will speak about her experience of being a Christian and how that has shaped her career and life choices.

The movie "The Long Walk Home," starring Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek, will be shown at 9 a.m., today (Monday) in the Christian Student Fellowship Center, 117 E. 10th in Wayne.

A PRAYER breakfast and midnight volleyball tournament will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4. The prayer breakfast begins at 7 a.m. in the college's student center, and the volleyball tournament begins at 11 p.m. in the recreation center.

Spiritual Emphasis Week will conclude on Thursday, Feb. 6, with a concert by the Inspirational Choir from Salem Baptist Church. Performance time is 8 p.m. in Ramsey Theatre.

This event is sponsored by the Wayne State African American Student Organization, the United Ministries in Higher Education, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Cooperative Campus Ministries.



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Honoring new business

JIM MARKHAM, PRESIDENT of the Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce, presents a new business plaque to Bev Frese of Goldenrod Hills during the weekly chamber coffee Friday. Frese received the plaque to honor the opening of the Head Start program in the Wayne area. The program is run out of the District 51 school.

Seminar emphasizes change

Eighty people attended the "Turn Talent Into Dollars Through Home-Based Business" seminar held in Wakefield on Jan. 25. Keynote speaker Lyle George, Independent Manufacturers Representative for Restful Knights in Wayne and other businesses, gave a motivating talk about how a business must constantly be changing to compete and that competition is healthy. George identified how we in the United States have winners and losers in sports, but we must have a win-win plan for customers and businesses. Consensus is a Japanese strength that businesses need to use in the U.S. Restful Knights in Wayne is currently using this technique. The day was full of enlightening speakers who shared their expertise according to Karen Wermers, extension agent at Concord and seminar coordinator. Evaluations

described the seminar as terrific and interesting. The panel of speakers included "How to Really Start a Business and Pricing" by Terry Henderson, Director of the Nebraska Business Development Center at Wayne State College; "Recordkeeping and Taxes" by Lefty Olson, Wakefield; "Access to Capital" by Rose Jaspersen, the Center for Rural Affairs; and Galen Wiser, State National Bank and Trust, Wayne; "Liability Issues" by Attorney, Wayne Boyd, South Sioux City; "Marketing" by Virgil Kardell, co-owner and president of Restful Knights, Wayne; and "Exporting" by Susan Rouch, Department of Economics Development, Lincoln. At the end of the day the large group broke into their specialty areas. Speaking in their business areas were Bed and Breakfast by

Norman and Jacque Lorenz, Willow Bay, Osmond; Business Services by Judy Johnson, Public Relations Consultant, West Point; Food Service by Karen and Dan Siems, Mister M's, Elgin; Sewing by Pam Schlicker, The Sewing Room, West Point; Childcare by Vicki Meyer, Consultant of the Childcare Food Program, Wayne and Irene Fletcher, Daycare Provider and Board of Nebraska Family Daycare Association, Wayne; Finishing Work and related areas, Karen Lorenzen, Lorenzen Construction, Newcastle. Sponsors for the seminar were the University of Nebraska Extension - Northeast Five County Program Unit, Center for Rural Affairs and the Nebraska Business Development Center. Financial support was given by Milton G. Waldbaum Company, Wakefield National Bank and State National Bank and Trust, Wayne.

Honorary initiates six new members

Pi Gamma Mu, the International Social Sciences honorary at Wayne State College, recently initiated six new full members into the Delta Chapter. They are Brent Anderson, Sioux City, Iowa; Susan Martens, Fremont; Kevin Deutsch, Norfolk; Sara Hutchison, Wayne; Thomas Binkerd, Stanton; and Linda Anderson, Wayne. Pi Gamma Mu is a Social Sciences honorary. Its purpose is to encourage academic excellence in the Social Sciences, social service, student support for the Wayne State College Social Science Division, and the development of leadership skills among its members. The Wayne State Delta Chapter has been nationally ranked every year since 1978.

News Briefs

Blood bank has successful visit

WAYNE - The Siouxland Blood bank held Jan. 23 resulted in 65 pints of blood collected from 71 individuals. The visit was held at Providence Medical Center. The following individuals were honored for donations: Robert Sherry, six gallon donor; Rick Robins, four gallon donor; Larry G. Echtenkamp, two gallon donor; Bonnie Moomaw and George Phelps, one gallon donors; and first-time donors Leann Buesing, Andy D. Frey, Wade Millikan, Joyce A. Reeg and Colby R. Tatro.

Local veterinarians attend convention

WAYNE - Doctors Kenneth Liska and J.J. Liska, both of Wayne, attended the 95th annual convention of the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association held in Grand Island, Jan. 21-24. Sessions were held for "small/companion animal" veterinarians, "large/food animal" veterinarians and "equine" veterinarians as well as numerous joint meetings.

Frey involved in 'Crying to Laugh'

"Crying to Laugh," winner of the 1982 Canadian Chalmers Children's play award, will be performed by the University of Kansas Theatre for Young People Feb. 3-8 in Lawrence. Chad Frey, a junior from Wayne, is among the students active in the presentation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Frey of Wayne.

Farm finance survey to be done in area

Virginia Gosch of Randolph will be calling on several area farmers over the next six weeks, asking for their cooperation on a major survey, according to Jack Aschwege, head of the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service in Lincoln. Farmers with both large and smaller operations were selected to participate in the eighth annual Farm Costs and Returns Survey, which will collect information from up to 24,000 farmers and ranchers nationwide. Gosch has received assignments and survey training from the Lincoln office. Like her counterparts nationwide, Gosch will be collecting data on farm expenses, finances, capital purchases and costs of production for 1991. The information will be used to assess the economic well-being of different sizes and types of farms in different parts of the country. Survey findings will also be used to estimate costs and returns for producing individual commodities. "Being a farm wife myself, I know how busy farmers are, and I know that surveys can be time

consuming," said Gosch. "But I also know how important it is to have accurate, detailed, up-to-date information of financial conditions throughout agriculture. A lot of people depend on it, and reliable, current information has to come from the sources — farmers themselves." According to Charles Caudill, who heads the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Washington, D.C., the survey is intended to "take the pulse of agriculture." The information it yields is used by farm policymakers, state agriculture officials, commodity groups, ag businesses, educational interests and farm organizations. "The survey lets farmers and those who represent them know what's happening in different regions and sectors of agriculture. State agriculture officials and policymakers in Washington base many of their decisions on information gleaned from this survey," Caudill said. Gosch wants to make sure that our area farmers are properly represented in both the state and na-

tional samples, so that our farming conditions are reflected in the survey results. She pointed out that each of the 800 Nebraska farmers selected for the survey represents many other farmers in similar circumstances. Once a name has been selected, no one else can take that farmer's place. To make the survey interviews as convenient as possible for participating farmers, Gosch will conduct the interviews in the farmer's home. Most farmers, selected for interviews have already been notified by mail, and Gosch will try to set up a convenient time. Responses to survey questionnaires are strictly confidential, Gosch said. After the survey data is reviewed and summarized by the Nebraska Ag Statistics Service, all individual questionnaires will be destroyed. Everyone participating in the survey will automatically receive a USDA summary of the results on a state, regional or national level and also "Nebraska Agri-Facts," a useful bimonthly release covering agricultural estimates and forecasts.

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Wayne girls defeat rated team

The Lady Blue Devils of Wayne earned their biggest win of the basketball season Thursday night with a home victory over top five rated Hartington Cedar Catholic, 60-45.

Marlene Uhing's crew came prepared to play against the Trojans which is what Uhing said they needed to do in order to compete. "We finally had a game where everybody played well together," Uhing said. "We've had games where a couple of our players had good games but the others didn't, but against Cedar everyone contributed in a positive way."

Cedar Catholic maintained a 12-11 lead after the first quarter and the visitors held a 20-18 half-time advantage. In the third quarter Cedar opened up a 30-24 lead before Wayne answered the call with a 13-4 run to close out the period with a 37-34 advantage.

Wayne dominated the fourth quarter and when the time came for Cedar to start fouling in order to get more possessions of the basketball, the Blue Devils caught fire from the free throw line, hitting 13 of 16 from the charity stripe in the final eight minutes.

"We came out in the third quarter making bonehead mistakes," Uhing said. "We had about four turnovers in our first five possessions. Then we called timeout after we got down 30-24 and we got a three-point play on the ensuing possession, and from that time on, we really played well."

Wayne, winners of three consecutive games, got 30 points from Liz Reeg who now has tallied 73 points in her last three games including two, 30-point performances.

Susie Ensz tallied 14 points—all of which came in the second half while Danielle Nelson scored seven. Erin Pick finished with six points while Tami Schluns, Angie Thompson and Kim Kruse scored one each.

"Susie was kind of our spark plug in the second half," Uhing said. "She did some nice things with the ball and did a good job of driving to the basket and drawing the foul."

Uhing was pleased with the performance she got from all her players. "Danielle did a great job of taking care of the ball," Uhing said. "She did a good job of handling Cedar's press. She also had a very good game of crashing the boards and coming down with seven caroms."

Wayne out-rebounded the physical Trojans, 33-31. Reeg led the Blue Devils with 10 rebounds while Ensz hauled down eight and Nelson, seven. "Liz had another great game," Uhing said. "She has the ability to shoot the ball well with someone in her face."

Wayne finished with 17 turnovers while Cedar had 12. The Blue Devils were 16-28 from the free throw line while Cedar was 4-7. "Most of the turnovers we suffered came in the first half," Uhing said. "With the exception of a poor start early in the third quarter we hardly had any turnovers in the second half."

Wayne's only negative on offense according to Uhing was not getting the ball inside to Erin Pick enough. "Erin really worked hard in the post position," Uhing said. "She only scored six points but she helped us because she attracted a lot of attention from Cedar's defense."

Tami Schluns drew praise from Uhing for her aggressive defense along with handling the ball well against the Cedar press. "Tami doesn't score a lot of points but she usually draws a tough defensive assignment and she handles that very well," Uhing said. "The Thompson sisters, junior Angie and freshman Jenny, also did a nice job of providing quality minutes for us."

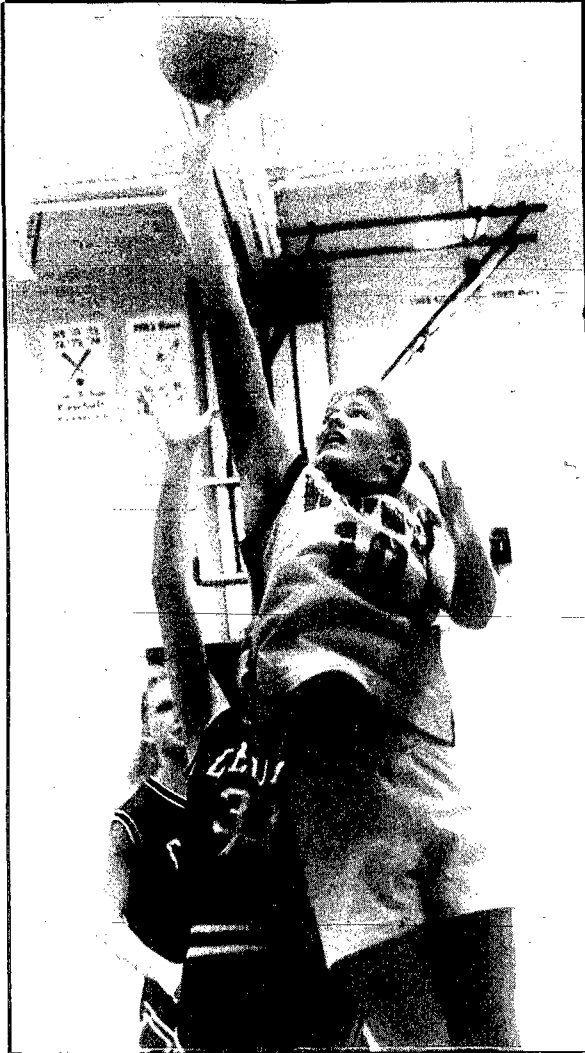
Kim Kruse was also recognized for some quality minutes in the second quarter. "We have played well against most of the good teams we've faced," Uhing said. "But the one thing we lacked so far was a win against a top team and we managed to get that against Cedar."

Wayne will take its 6-9 record into the conference tournament which begins Friday for them. The Blue Devils will face South Sioux in first round action at 6:15 p.m. Wayne lost a 58-47 decision to the Cardinals back on Jan. 16.

The Blue Devils will play at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday if they should defeat South Sioux or they will play in the consolation game at 3 p.m. Saturday if they should lose to South Sioux.

The Wayne reserves closed out

conference play Thursday night with a perfect 3-0 mark as they defeated Cedar Catholic, 39-36. Carrie Fink led the Blue Devils with 13 points while Kim Kruse scored eight. Jenny Thomsen led the team in rebounds with 10.



AT LEFT, WAYNE'S SUSIE Ensz lays a shot off the glass for two of her 14, second-half points against Cedar Catholic on Thursday. Above, teammates Angie Thompson, left, and Danielle Nelson compete for a rebound. Wayne knocked off highly rated Cedar Catholic, 60-45.

Wakefield Trojan gals lose to Laurel, 48-35

Gregg Cruickshank's Wakefield girls basketball team suffered a 48-35 setback to Laurel Thursday night in Laurel, dropping the Trojans record to 12-4.

mountain to climb against a good team like Laurel."

The Lady Trojans got off to a very slow start as they scored just four, first quarter points, and followed that up with five, second quarter points. Laurel, meanwhile, took advantage of the Wakefield ill fortune by taking a 23-9 halftime lead.

Wakefield did not give up as they out-scored the host team 12-6 in the third quarter to tighten the gap to eight at 29-21. "We got the lead down to six and had possession of the ball but that's as close as we could get," Cruickshank said. "We had dug ourselves a pretty deep hole early in the game."

"We just got out to a very slow start," Cruickshank said. "We had some tough luck on the offensive end. We got the shots we wanted but we just couldn't hit them."

Lisa Blecke was the only Wakefield player in double figures with 11 points while Lisa Anderson netted seven and Heidi Mueller scored six. Sarah Salmon tallied five points and Angi Peterson scored four while Kristen Miller rounded out the Wakefield scoring with two points.

Wakefield was also hampered with first quarter turnovers that led to easy points by the Bears. "We started turning the ball over against Laurel's press and before you knew it, we were down 21-6," Cruickshank said. "That's a big

Laurel was led by Sherri Hangman with 12 points while Amy Peters added 10. The Bears improved to 11-3.

Blue Devils blast West Point

Despite having a lackluster week of practice, Bob Uhing's Wayne boys basketball team rolled into West Point Friday night in search of their 10th victory of the season against four losses.

Wayne grabbed a seven-point lead after the first quarter of play at 19-12 and never looked back en-route to a 77-60 thumping of the host Cadets.

Wayne out-scored West Point 27-17 in the second quarter to open up a comfortable 46-29 intermission advantage. Both teams played to a 31-31 tie in the second half.

"Not having a great week of practice and then playing like we did against West Point is a tribute to our two seniors Matt Ley and Kyle Dahl," Uhing said. "Their leadership

was important and they both responded with excellent games."

Ley, who normally poses as the team's chief defensive weapon, was his usual self in hauling down eight rebounds and recording a steal while forcing many West Point turnovers. In this game, however, Ley became a scoring threat as he threatened the West Point defense for 15 points on drives to the basket.

"Matt just played a great game," Uhing said. "He is our quarterback on the floor and he is a very unselfish player." Ley also dished out four assists. Uhing was also impressed with the defensive play he got from Dahl, Robert Bell and Matt Blomenkamp.

"We finished the game with

four blocked shots," Uhing said. "Robert Bell drew the starting nod and had four rebounds in the first 90 seconds of the contest."

Bobby Barnes came off the bench and scorched the nets for 15, first-half points including a perfect four-for-four outing from 3-point range. Barnes led Wayne in scoring with 26 points while Regg Carnes and Ley had 15 points apiece. Dahl was also in double figures with 10 points while Bell added four. Blomenkamp scored three points while Brad Uhing and Mike Fluent scored two points apiece.

The only advantage West Point had in its favor was a 35-34 rebound total. Dahl led Wayne with 11 caroms while Ley hauled down eight. Wayne had 18 turnovers

while forcing the Cadets into 23.

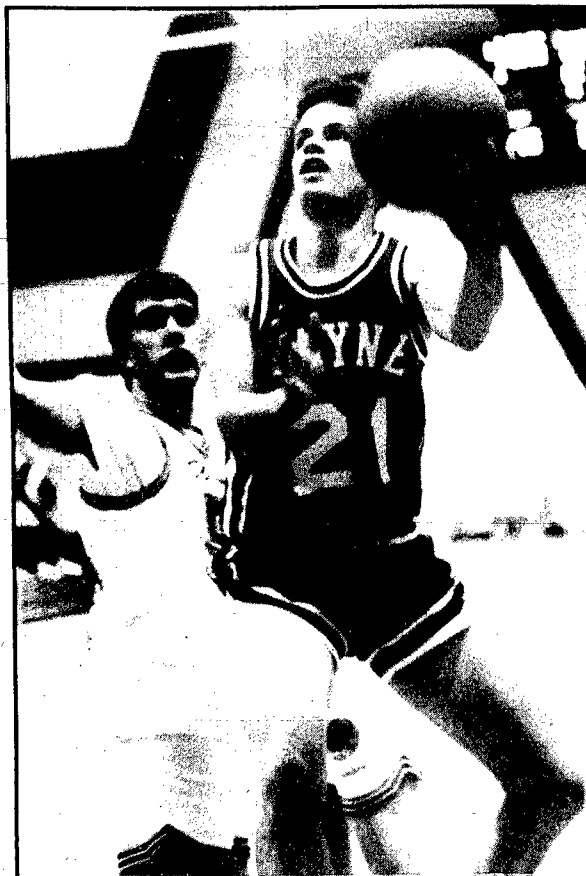
Wayne connected on 21 of 33 free throw attempts while West Point was 5-12. "We did a good job of moving without the ball on offense," Uhing said. "One thing we have to really clean up on is offensive rebounding. We gave up 21 offensive boards to West Point."

Wayne will now shift its focus to the Northern Activities Conference Tournament which begins Thursday night in O'Neill at 8 p.m. The Blue Devils will play O'Neill in the first round.

A Wayne win would put them in the finals at 8 p.m. Saturday while a loss would put them in a 4:30 p.m. Saturday tilt for the consolation prize.



ROBERT BELL, LEFT, and MATT Blomenkamp put defensive pressure on this West Point ball handler on Friday.



MATT LEY DRIVES THROUGH the lane and switches hands before he puts up the short jumper off the glass.

Wakefield boys run record to 13-4 after 15 point win

The Wakefield boys basketball team improved to 13-4 Friday night with a 70-55 victory on the road in Laurel. Brad Hoskins' team played a very strong first half in front of a hostile crowd as the Trojans built a comfortable 40-23 lead at the intermission.

and Larry Johnson scored six while Jon Johnson rounded out the well balanced scoring attack with two points.

"We played very well in the first half," Hoskins said. "We shot 64 percent from the field on 16 of 25 attempts and with the exception of two, 3-pointers, they were all points in the paint which meant we were executing our offense well."

Wakefield maintained a slim 21-20 advantage on the boards with Dutton leading the way with eight caroms while Rhodes hauled down six boards. Wakefield had 11 turnovers while forcing the Bears into 18.

The Trojans came out a little stale in the third quarter and according to Hoskins, they played a lackluster post and perimeter defense on the Bears which led to a run by Laurel in the third and early part of the fourth period.

The Trojans connected on 15 of 20 free throw attempts while Laurel made good on 11-15. "I was pleased with the way Larry Johnson came off the bench and played," Hoskins said. "He did some nice things for us both on offense and defense."

"They got the score cut down to 52-44 at one point," Hoskins said. "We just didn't play very well at all in the second half. The first half far outweighed our second half performance."

Laurel was led in scoring by Andy Smith with 19 points, including 14 in the second half. "It wasn't a pretty win but it was a win," Hoskins said. Clark led the Trojans in assists with five while Brown and Tappe dished out four apiece. Clark hit 6-10 field goal attempts including three, 3-pointers.

Anthony Brown led the Trojans with 16 points while Steve Clark and Marcus Tappe poured in 15 apiece. Dalton Rhodes and Ben Dutton each tallied eight points

Wakefield will now host Hartington in first round action of the Lewis & Clark Conference Basketball Tournament which begins Monday.

