

What did you say?



"Bike club won the homecoming parade, and this year was the largest turnout of the club."

-Rita Klofta, 12

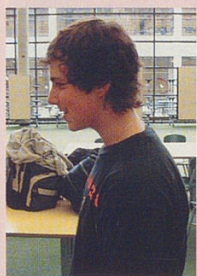
"Going on trail rides was my favorite part about Equestrian Club."

-Emily Eckert, 10



"I prefer sabre because it is faster paced and more intense than foil."

-Max Swartz, 9



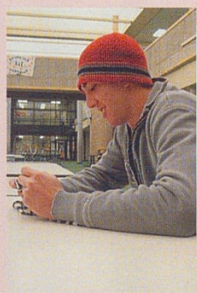
"Fencing Club is a very cool sport, it seemed like something I could easily commit to."

-Jacqueline Miranda-Klein, 9



"I loved being in the room with girls while they were sewing!"

-Francis Ricci, 12



"Sewing club is a blast! I've always had an interest in clothing construction and fashion."

-Hilary Fingerman, 12



Rita Klofta, 12, and Gregory VanAmerongen, 12, rode their bikes along with other Bike Club members in the homecoming parade. The club went riding on the weekends with advisor, Mr. Mike Gutekunst. All bike club members were required to wear a helmet.

Live to ride, ride to live

Bike club met every week during the fall and spring when the weather was fair enough to ride outside. During the winter, the club met every month since it was far too cold out to ride.

The club rode together on the weekends under the leadership of president Gregory VanAmerongen, 12.

"Bike Club is a fun way for a bunch of people who wouldn't normally hang out to get together and ride bikes," said VanAmerongen.

During the spring the club traveled to Springfield, Ohio, where it participated in the Calvin Twelve-Hour Challenge. The riders had to see how many miles they

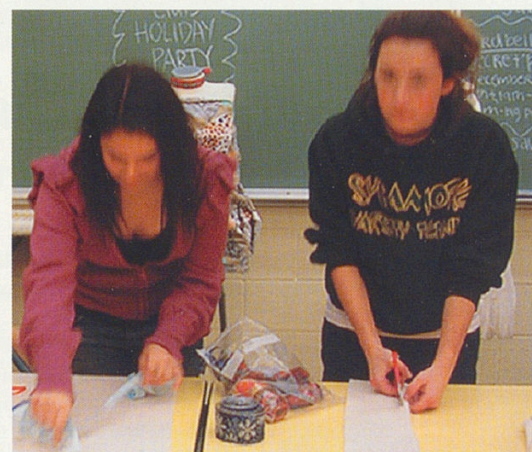
could travel in 12 hours. The biker that traveled the most miles by the end of 12 hours received a medal and much-deserved glory.

"Greg himself brings a lot of energy to the club which rubs off on others," said Mr. Mike Gutekunst, advisor, when asked about his favorite part of the club.

Every club has its rules, and Bike Club was no exception. All riders had to use the buddy system while riding in case of a mechanical problem. Every rider also had to obey traffic laws while riding, and was required to wear a helmet.

"I joined Bike Club because my good friends Rita [Klofta, 12] and Greg were in it," said Jennifer French, 12.

Rachel Hershberger, 12, chats on her cell phone while she completes her scarf. Hershberger made her scarf for her mother. Many of the club's members made gifts for other people in the club.



Abigail Harris, 12, and Emily Crabill, 12, hang out at a gathering of Sewing Club. At this meeting club members made scarves for the winter. The club made creative projects throughout the year.

Sew amazing

The skill of sewing has been a tried and true activity, passed down over generations by those who held the craft close to their hearts. This school year brought an exciting, new club dedicated to sewing.

"We're working on expanding the appeal of this club and hopefully have some announcements in the morning about it," said Crabill 12.

Crabill and fellow senior, Blair Wolkoff, 12, were presidents of the club. Working alongside club advisor, Miss Deborah Klempt, the duo set up some intriguing, and soothing sewing-related projects. One such venture consisted of sewing and reconstructing club members' own t-shirts.

"During spirit week, some worked on poodle skirts

for '50's day'," said Crabill.

The club met on Mondays in Miss Klempt's classroom. No fees were required for the club and club members walked away with a new experience of sewing at the end of each meeting. Sewing Club was open to any student, both guy and girl.

On December 18, the club held a Holiday party. There were plenty of cookies and lots of fun to go around.

"It's great for inspiring fashion, plus you didn't have to know how to sew in order to join the club," said Lindsey Harris, 9.

The club made very cool projects throughout the year and it was a great way to learn about sewing.