

“ Been there, taped that! ”

The sports medicine squad

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THE SPORTS MEDICINE TRAINERS have an important role in caring for the athletes. Making sure each team member is taken care of before, during, and after practices or games is vitally important. The full-time staff includes **Mr. Dan Willen**, a new member in recent years, **Mr. Perry Denehy** who has been here for over twenty years, and frequently one or two interns. Students volunteer to work in the training room after school to help prepare the athletes.

“We only have two trainers as it is, and that might not seem like a lot. But many other schools do not have any and are way under staffed so we are pretty lucky, including the facilities we have access to.” said **Denehy**. Keeping the student athletes fit have been a top priority to these staff members and their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

“My favorite thing about being a trainer was the gratitude I received for a job well done.”

> **Megan Sweeney, 12**

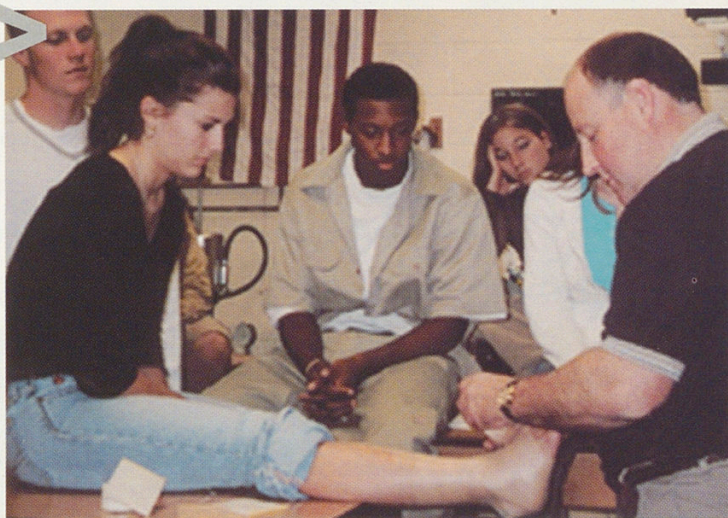
“My favorite thing is going out to eat before games and being on the field with the athletes.”

> **Scott Morrison, 11**

“There were so many players to take care of before practice. We were really understaffed in finding people to prepare athletes before practice.”

> **Lauren Kilburn, 12**

BEEN THERE, TAPED THAT! **Amy Petrocy, 11**, volunteers her foot to demonstrate the correct taping technique. The class observed Denehy as he explained the process step by step.



MUST DRINK WATER! **Scott Morrison, 11**, hands **Coach Marlott** water bottle during the middle of the homecoming game. Having drinks ready was key in taking care of the athletes. This enabled them to focus more on the game rather than hydrating themselves.

SENIOR NIGHT! The five senior student trainers, **Joy Bostick, Bethany Marks, Megan Sweeney, Brandon Taylor**, and **Brad Bartels** walked down the field for senior night. Not pictured were **Lauren Kilburn, 12, Mary Sauer, 12, and Daniel Serota, 12**. The students walked the field with the Assistant Athletic trainer **Dan Willen** (middle). It was the last season any of these students would be helping out on the sidelines of football games.

