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## Music Festivals at Wartburg and Luther



Representing MV at the Dorian Festival at Luther College were Melanie Kintzle, Amy Salow, Adam Ries and Allison Schultz. (photos by Kelly Prier)

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Music is a string of life that effects everyone in some way. However, there are many students at our school who view music more as an aspect of life rather than an effect. Several honor choir festivals are held every year at different colleges or universities. This past weekend, Luther College held the Dorian festival which was open to a select juniors and seniors. Attending this year with Mrs. Mueller were Adam Ries, Melanie Kintzle, Amy Salow

and Allison Schultz. All of them worked on a solo piece which they sang there and auditioned with. Amy Salow made the semi-finals with her solo. Approximately 450 students audition with solos from six different states and only 22 are selected. Making it to the semi-finals is a huge achievement for anyone!

This weekend there is another festival. Wartburg College is having the Meistersinger Festival which is open to a selected group of high school students. Attending this festival is Adam Ries, Melanie Kintzle, Amy Salow, Jessica Krogmann, Jeff Nurre, Miranda Knake, Brett Huber, Philip Mueller, Mike Salow, Lalaina Rabary, Jennifer Schooley, and Brian Wilson. There are also soloists auditioning here as well.

Most honor choirs are conducted the same way. The students go to the college to practice all day with huge groups of students from different schools as well as states. They then usually stay in a hotel room or share a dorm room with students there to wake up and practice some more. The second night there is the night when they have their concert to show all the work they put into their music not only those two days, but weeks in advance as well. It takes a great amount of time and effort to attend these festivals so congratulations to everyone given the opportunity.



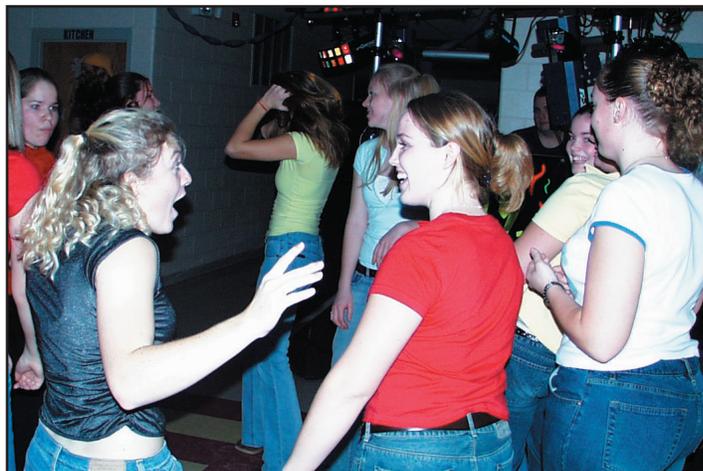
Philip Mueller, Miranda Knake, Melanie Kintzle, Jenny Schooley, Allison Schultz (from Dorian), Jessica Krogmann, Amy Salow, Lalaina rabary, Brett Huber, Jeff Nurre, Adam Ries and Mike Salow will be attending the Meistersingers festival at Wartburg College this weekend.

## Snowball Editorial

On Saturday, January 10th, the student council held a Snow Ball dance for any high school student who could attend. People showed up extra early to help set up and to hopefully make it a fun night. However, the numbers attending were quite disappointing. With the outburst of complaints after the Homecoming dance was held on a Friday night, the student council wanted to give everyone the chance they wanted and held a dance on a Saturday night. There were posters up and it was in the announcements several times, yet it seems people never took the time to help out and support the school. Money and time were spent with all of this work put in. Fortunately, the people who did attend had fun even though many others weren't there. High school is a chance to make memories and this was one that was handed out. We'd like to thank, however, everyone who helped and supported and would also like to say that were sorry to anyone who was free that night but didn't take the opportunity and chance to themselves and go.

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Students enjoy the music, lights and company at last Saturday night's Snowball dance. (photo by Jessica Krogmann)