

# Weird Science



**W**hen a student entered a science class for the first time, he knew one thing for sure — he would have to do labs. Labs varied from dissecting frogs to concocting chemical solutions.

Most biology students started the year with great fear. They knew that sometime during the year they would have to dissect an animal. Besides the standard frog, other dissection subjects were birds, worms, and fetal pigs. “I really was not looking forward to having to dissect frogs,” said Rhonda Hill, “but in the end, I found that dissections were not all that bad.”

Other biology labs focused on less lively subjects. Many students dissected flowers and other plants to study their reproductive parts. Another infamous part of biology and anatomy classes was learning the bones of the body with the aid of a skeleton.

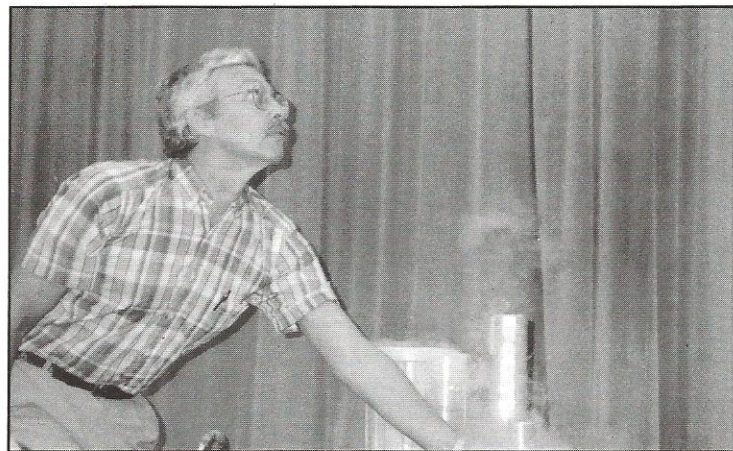
Students in Mrs. Terri McLeod’s genetics class experimented with sex-linked trait in fruit flies. These experiments helped the class with a more hands-on approach to genetics.

“I learned a lot more from the fruit flies than I learned from the book,” said senior Jenny Robbins. “Sex-linked traits made more sense after I actually saw how they worked.”

Chemistry students performed experiments throughout the year that ran the gamut from the mundane to the spectacular. Students performed tests to determine whether certain substances were acids or bases. Students also got to do a more interesting experiment on the freezing point by creating ice-cream using vanilla, milk, ice, and sugar.

“Chemistry made a lot more sense once I actually got to do the experiments myself,” said Lisa Winter.

— Rhonda Carter



**The Best Snake ...** Squatting down for a closer look, senior Clay Folk watches Mrs. Finney-El’s boa constrictor, Dave. Dave was one of the many animals Mrs. Finney-El kept in her classroom.

**Up, Up, and Away.** Dr. Don Drost follows the path of a ball that was launched with liquid nitrogen. Each year, Dr. Drost presents a program each year on the properties of liquid nitrogen.