



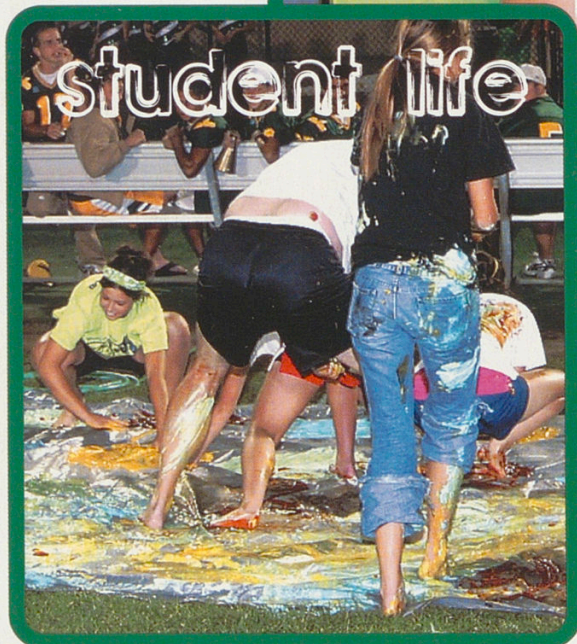
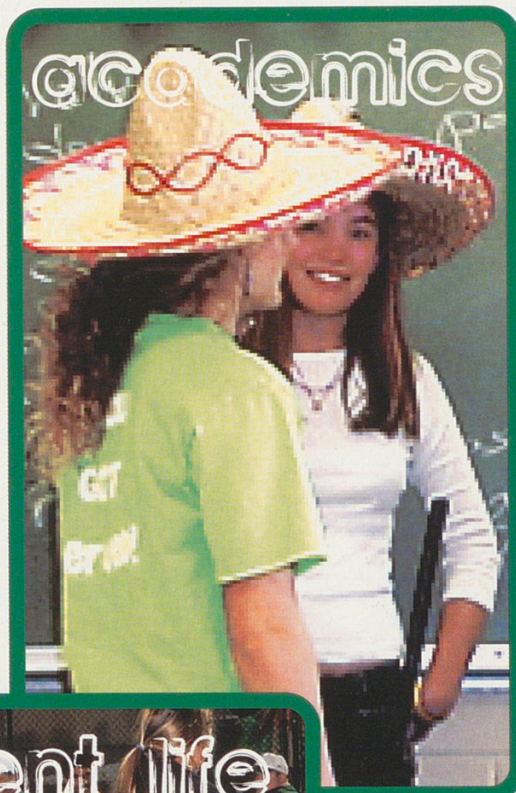
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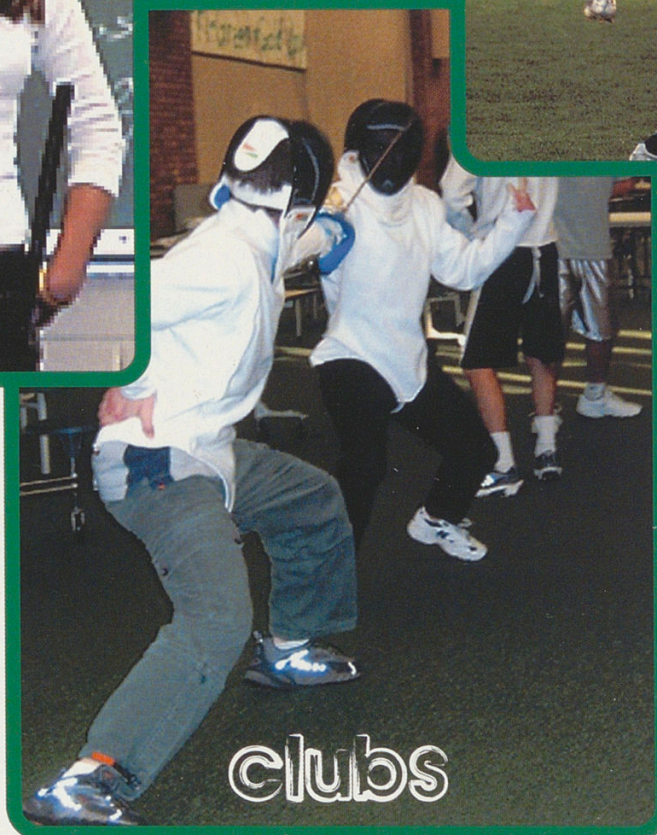
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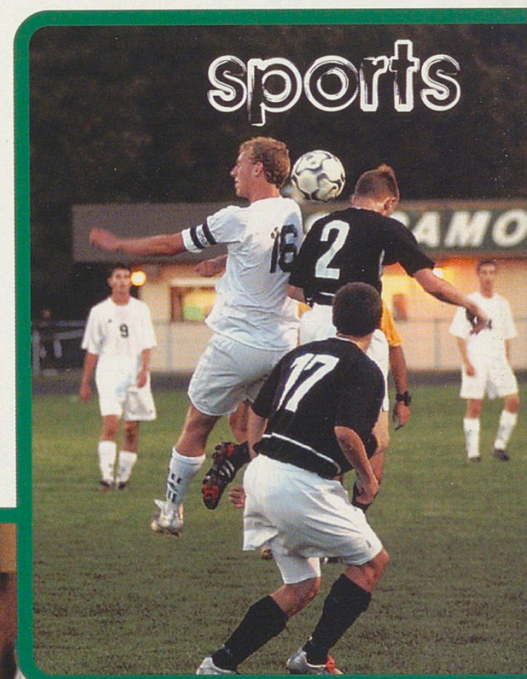
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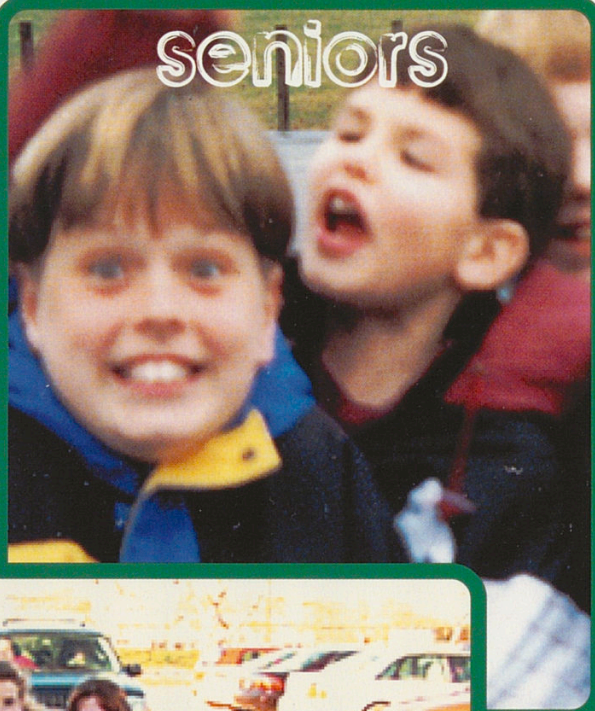
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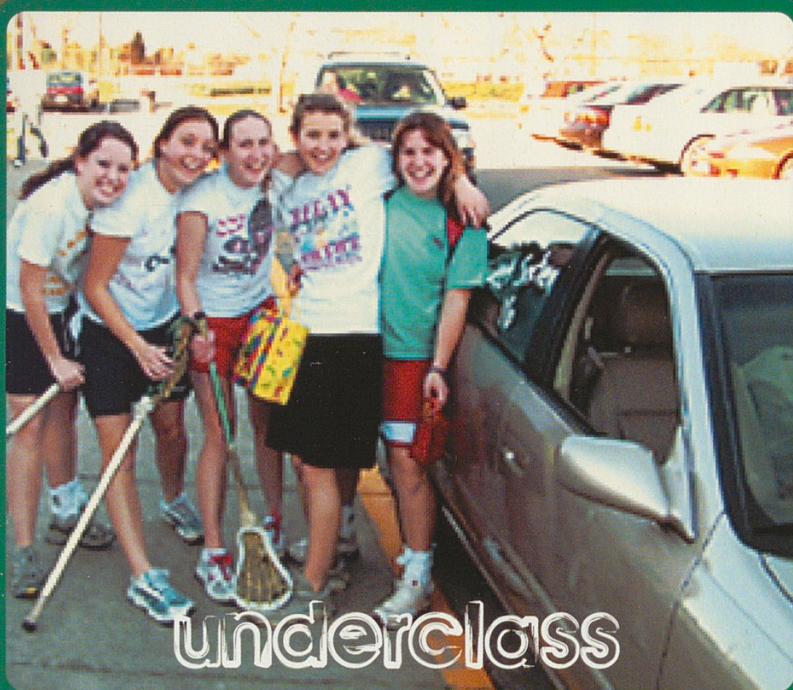
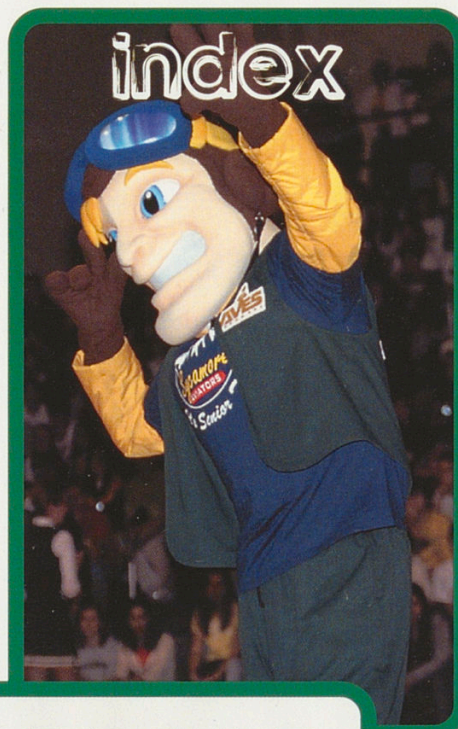
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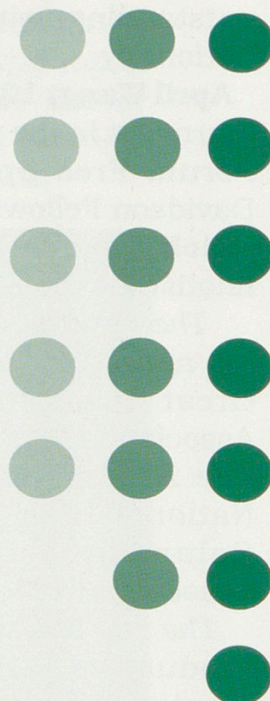


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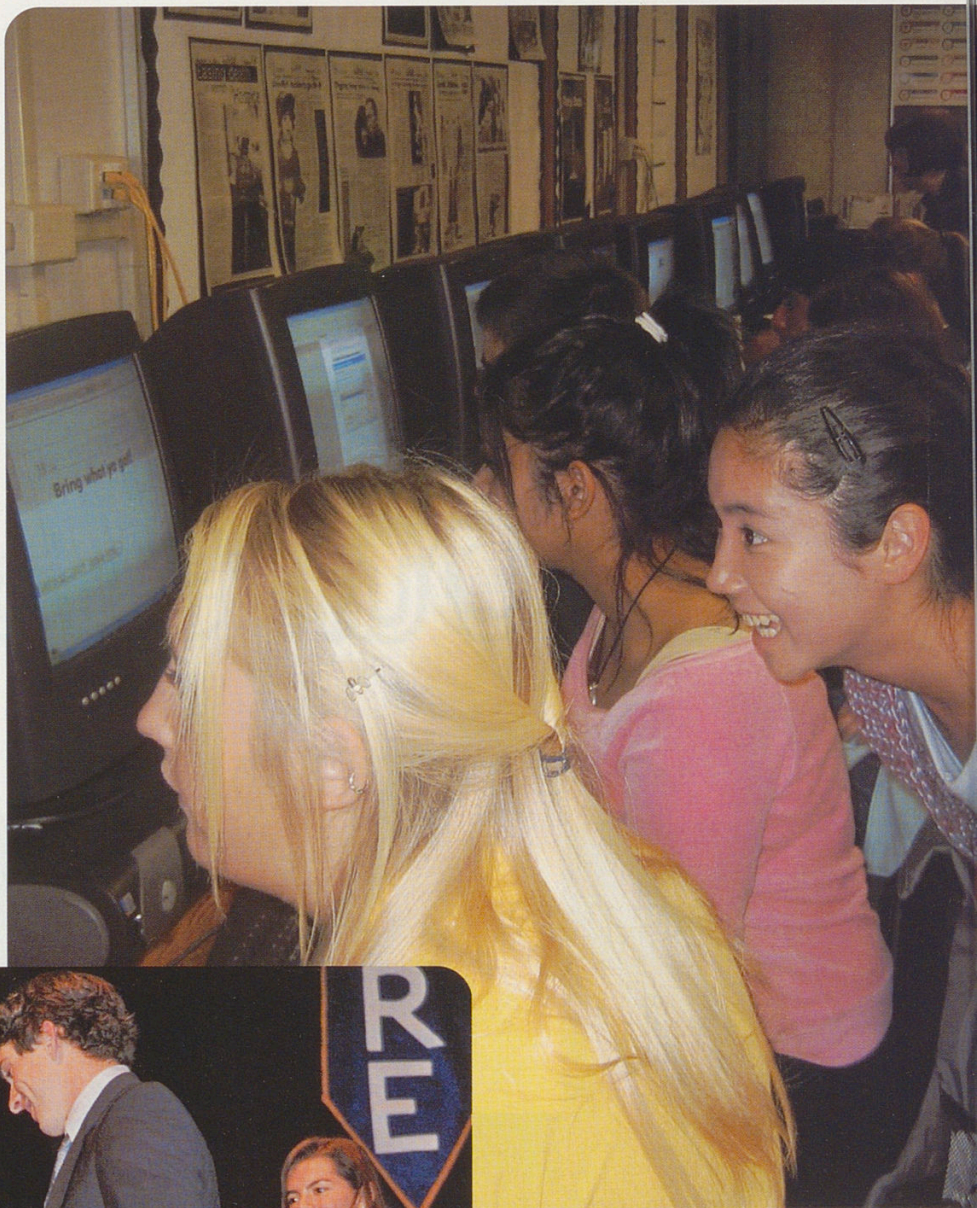
The journalism program is outstanding, with students excelling nationally.

April Wang, 12, won the “best female journalist in the nation”, The Freedom Forum Free Spirit Award and the Davidson Fellowship.

Nick Zalucki, 11, was a Hemingway finalist for the Kansas City Star.

The Leaf has been ranked as the top newspaper in the state of Ohio by Great Lakes Interscholastic Press Association for four consecutive years, The All American Award from The National High School Association, Columbia Scholastic Press Association’s Medalist, and more.

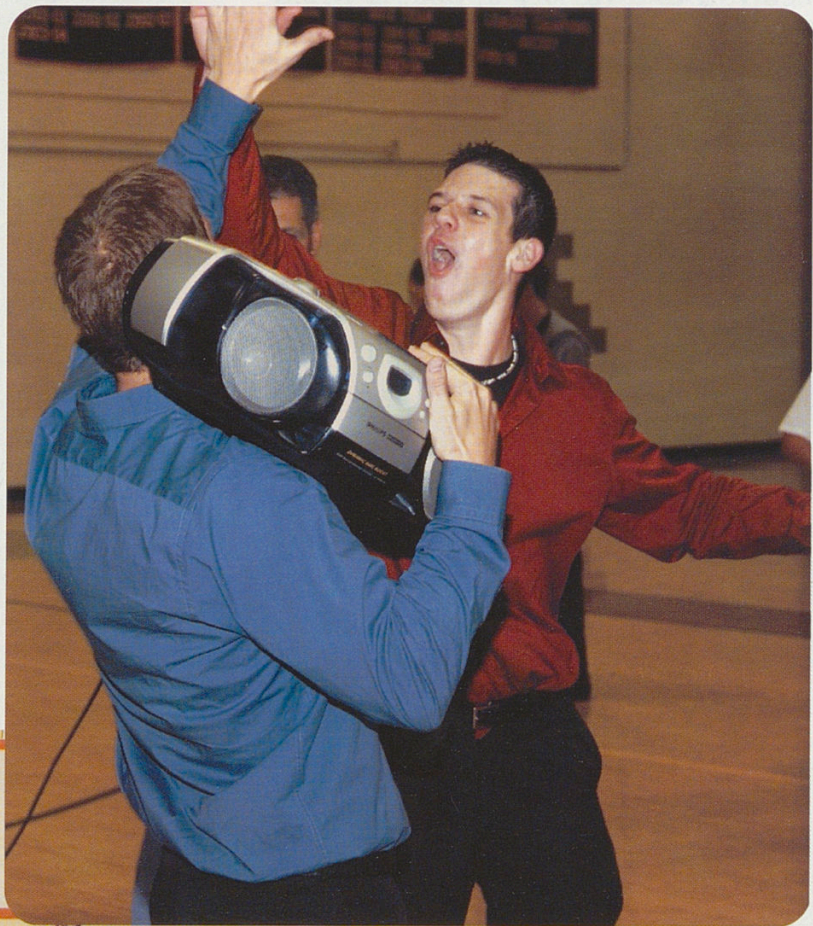
The Log has won two awards: Best Production Ladder (meaning more events are covered here than any of the other 300 schools at the national publisher’s yearbook summer workshop) and listings in *Ideas That Fly* for best theme, cover and design.



38% of students are identified as “gifted and talented” by the state of Ohio. Many are members of National Honor Society, which requires a cumulative 3.6 grade point average, and at least 30 hours of volunteer work in order to be considered as a viable candidate. With 22 national merit finalists (the highest number for any public school in Ohio), students worked hard and reaped the benefits.

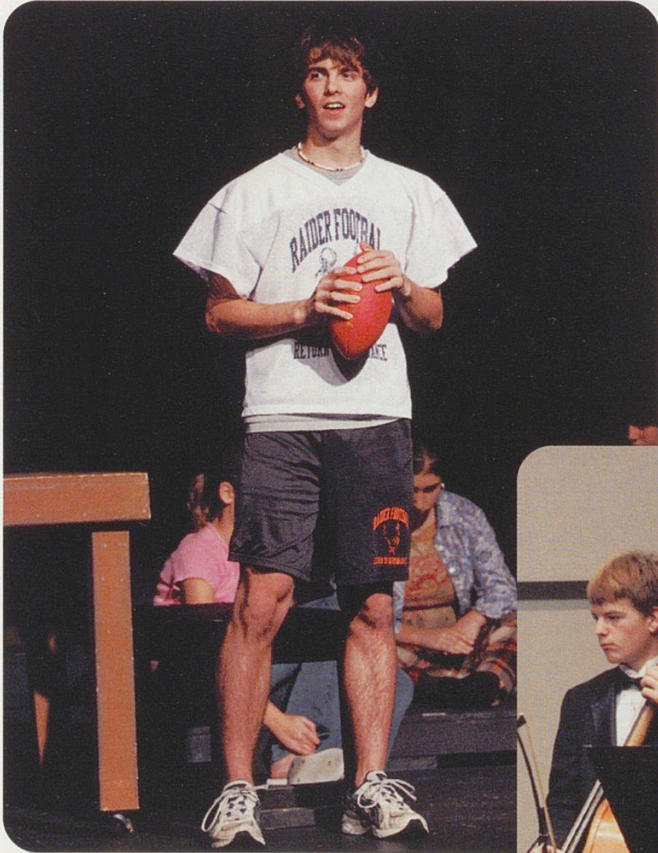


1,963 students: 470 seniors, 483 juniors, 488 sophomores, and 520 freshmen are in attendance. No matter what though, seniors were at the top of the heap, parading around on days like Senior Halloween. "This year is crazy. It's definitely the most fun of all four years," said **Ray Kowatch, 12.**



75% of the students are involved in extracurriculars, including the ever popular intramural basketball league. Headed by **Mr. Kevin Wittman** and **Mr. Brien Miller**, the competitive champs came out on top as the Toon Squad, followed by couch potato champions, the Floppy Llamas. "It's a lot of fun because there are no real pressures. Floppy Llamas *dominated*," said **Matt Smith, 11.**

224 different course offerings and 60 extracurricular activities in the arts, athletics, and academic areas, with four theater productions a year, like Fall Play. "Our theater department is amazing. The people are so different and it really introduces you to a variety of people when you spend so much time together rehearsing," said **David Morton, 11.**



The Sycamore High School Orchestra continued an unbroken string of 13 consecutive years of "Superior" ratings, and the theater program won a Cappie Award for Best Play, with their performance of "Noises Off."



There are more interscholastic sports programs offered than at any other public high school in Ohio. The Men's Lacrosse team won the 2004 State Championship, continuing a tradition of excellence that now includes 19 individual and 13 team state championships. "I'm proud to be a Sycamore Lacrosse player. We work harder than any other team, and it was tight to win state last year. We are heading towards 20-0 and a repeat state title this year, what's not to love?" said **Tyler Schlimme, 12.**



There are a total of 19 Advanced Placement courses offered, ranging from Art History to Computer Science. The classes go far beyond the ordinary, with the A.P. European and Art History classes taking an actual Spring Break trip to Europe. "Europe was beautiful. The actual paintings were OK, you can learn all of that from a book. It was the life there, the reality of actually *being there* in Europe was just unbelievable," said **Alex McIntosh, 12,** an Art History student.



Welcome back students! Seniors kicked off the year with Senior Breakfast. **Laura Woolf, Jennifer Latessa, Colleen Posey, Jeffrey Miller, Shae Meisner, and Alexander Young** all enjoyed the breakfast and being with friends after a long summer.

Get pumped up! The mascot was revealed at the first home football game of the season. The new mascot got students and teachers into the games.

August

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September

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Let's get started! The football season started off on the right foot. The team beat West Carrollton in a close game 6-0.

Sycamore Theatre Arts Groupe puts on a dazzling performance! Students in STAG wrote their own playwrite. **Andrea Thomas, 12**, performed a comic monologue and had the crowd laughing.



All we want to do is dance! Everyone was ready for homecoming after a huge spirit week. The superhero theme got students excited for the dance.

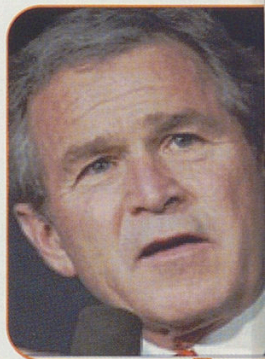


Study hard, work hard. About 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, would be notified that they qualified as Semifinalists. Sycamore had 22 Semifinalists.



Toot toot goes the flute! The prestigious orchestra seniors received a chance to spotlight their amazing talent and accomplishments. This was their only chance this year to differentiate themselves from the rest of the orchestra.

No hanging chads this election! The election went smoothly with the biggest turnout in voting history since 1968. George W. Bush beat Democratic candidate, John Kerry, to serve his second term as President.



October

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Superheroes are around the IMC. As part of spirit week each class decorated a hallway, instead of creating a class float. The class of '07 won the best decorated hallway. The freshmen won the most spirited class.

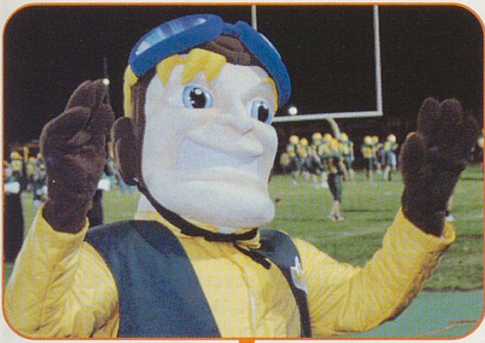


You're never too old to dress up! Seniors went all out on Halloween. Costumes varied from movies, characters on TV, video games, to construction barrels. There were many individual and group awards.



Come get a sneak peak at high school! Seniors brought their little siblings to the high school for a day. **Daniel Meier, 12** showed, little brother, Thomas how to complete a lab in physics.



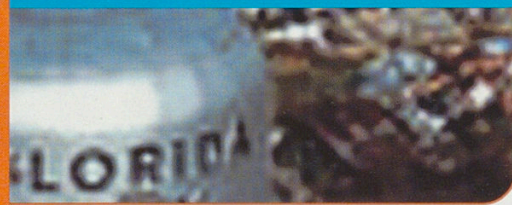


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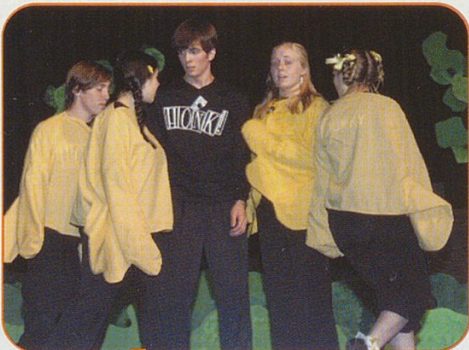
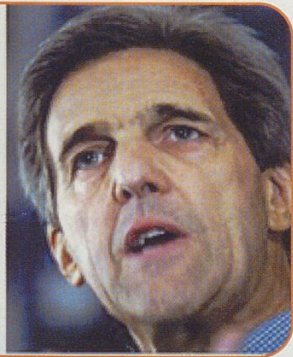
Don't speed! The police officer accelerated and then put on the breaks really quick and left skid marks. The students then had to calculate how fast the officer was going by measuring the distance of the skid marks. The students got a taste of what police officers have to do at accidents everyday.



The damage has been done. The end of August and throughout September five hurricanes hit Florida and Central America. The hurricanes were: Charley, Frances, Ivan, Jeanne, and Karl. All five had top winds recorded over 110 mph.

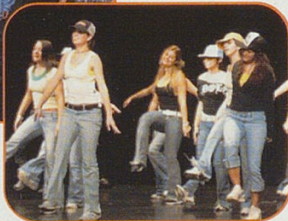
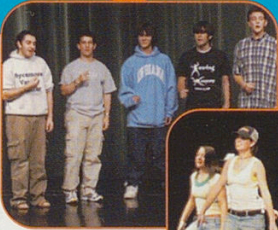
Honk, the story of the ugly duckling, with a twist! Everyone involved in the production performed at the top their ability. It was a performance that all ages enjoyed.

Mix it up! Mix it up day was something new this year. The tables were divided into astrological signs. Students sat out of their "comfort zone" and sat by birth month. The idea of this day was to meet new people. Students enjoyed the day, and would like to do mix it up again.

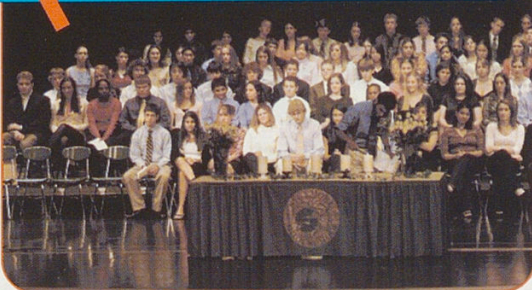


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Calling all talent!
The variety show was a huge success. SHAG performed, the flyerettes did a routine, others danced, and performed skits. The variety show was entertaining for everyone.



Well rounded and well behaved, these National Honors Society Students gather for inductions into this elite club. These students were required to have a 3.6 GPA and 30 hours of volunteer work. There were 104 new members inducted into NHS.





It is time to get healthy!
The pop machines were taken out of the commons for a healthier lunch. The snacks in the vending machines were also taken out and healthier choices were put in their place.

Dr. Kelly will be missed! Our beloved principal announced that he would be leaving after this year. He is still going to be around, just working on the School Board.

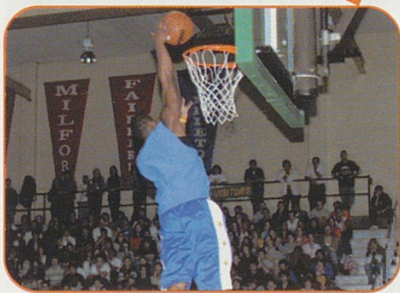


Winter break gets started off on the right foot with Battle of the Bands! **Dexter Paine, 11** and **Ryan Abbitz, 11** were part of **Two Year's Notice**. This was one of five great bands at Battle.



December

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Everyone wants to be like Mike!
DeAndre Jackson, 10 was one of many that participated in the slam dunk contest. As a surprise, **Mel Levitt, "Helicopter,"** formally from UC came to the pep rally and threw down some awesome dunks.



The roaring powerful water appeared out of no where! More than 250,000 lives were lost, and many more were left homeless and alone. There were many donations made to help the people of Southeast Asia. Donations included money, fresh water, clothing, and food.



It is a routine fire drill right? Unfortunately this was not a scheduled drill. The entire school had to go to the Gregory Center during 6th bell while the fire department checked things out. It turned out something went wrong with a heat sensor. Everyone returned to class for 7th bell.



Got Snow? Cincinnati was hit with a level 3 snow emergency. No one was allowed to drive on the streets during this time. The snow put a hold on some plans but the roads were taken care of in a few days.

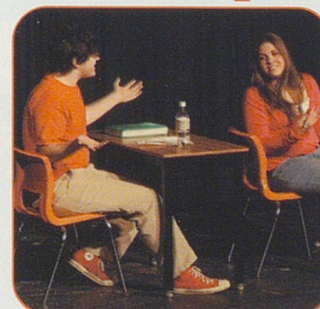
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Winter is here to stay!
Buckeye Chuck saw his shadow bringing six more weeks of winter. The cold was not going anywhere fast.

There are so many well rounded students here! 21 students qualified as National Merit Finalists. These students were always on top of their stuff!



Writing, acting, and producing, these students do it all. **Lisa Ramstetter, 11** and **Justin Hanks, 9** got the crowd laughing the whole time. These two were among many talented students involved in the One Act Plays.



Hard work always pays off! **Alan Dicken, 11** carried a surprised **Julia Albane, 12** off stage during their performance in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. The play was something new and exciting to do that weekend.



Senior perks are the best! **Erica Weber Melilisa Dejonker, Janice Ahn, Nicole Stowers, and Lauren Truax** all enjoyed Jilians t o the fullest. Just twenty dollars allowed seniors to bowl, play video games, dance, and just have fun with friends.



Four more years! **President George W. Bush** was sworn in by, **Cheif Justice of Supreme Court, William Rehnquist. Bush** gave a promising speech.

January

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By: Samantha Kahn



Everyone must stay where they are or evacuate the building! Students and staff that were after school heard this because of a bomb threat that was found. The school was inspected and nothing was found, everyone returned to their activities.



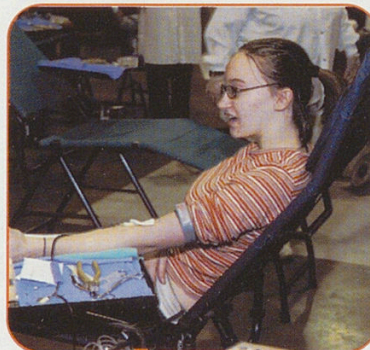
Come on let's see it, YES! We recieved the first delay of 90 minutes. Although school was not canceled, the extra time to sleep was a nice surprise.



Weather is not going to stop the festivities! **Amy Krone, 11, John Krzyminski, 11, and Katey Miller, 10** had a blast. People were worried that the dance would get canceled because of the snow, but "Candyland" was a huge success.



Want to meet someone new? This first mix it up dinner was a great way to meet new people and try different foods. Mix it up dinners were inspired by the great success of mix it up day. **Greg VanAmerangen, 10** hosted one of the first dinners. **Michelle Winters, 12, Julie Saha, 10, and Adrienne Phillips, 11** and their families all joined the VanAmranges.



You can save a life! **Blaine Jordan, 12** was one of 194 that tried to donate blood. 55 people were turned down. A total of 116 pints of blood were collected. The blood drive was a way to get out of class but everyone who participated did it for the right reason!

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OMEA is an elite competition. The students in orchestra performed under the direction of **Mr. Larry Stover**. The orchecstra recieved a one at OMEA competition, the highest rating possible.

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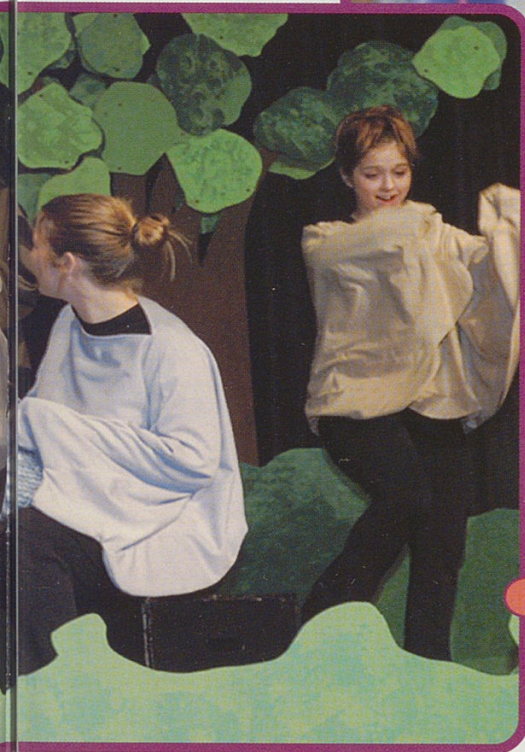
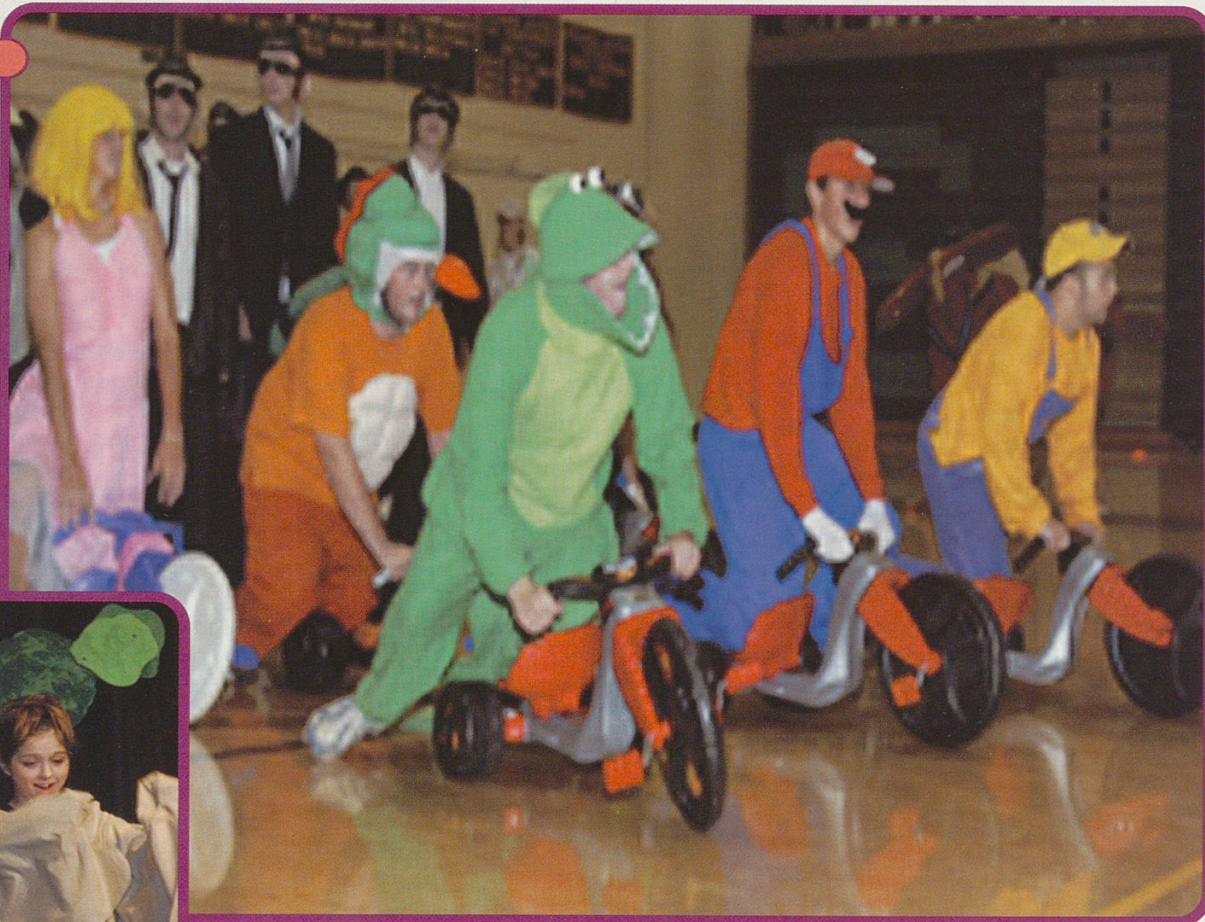
Student Life

LOOK OUT FOR

Fashion! Check out pages 30-31 to see what the hippest trends and styles were. **Laura Woolf, 12**, was an example of a girl with a unique sense of style that she wasn't afraid to show.



SUMMER! Check out pages 12-13 to see what students did during their summer days. Here, **Tamar Ingber, 11**, and her camp friends enjoyed each others company in Israel.



HONK! Check out pages 18-19 for the scoop on the fall play. Here, **Julia Albain, 12, Shana Smilovitz, 12, Andrea Thomas, 12,** and **Jennifer Brunner, 11,** sang "A Poultry Tale" to start the show.

[times we love] Summer

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Jen McLaughlin

At 2:20 P.M. on June 6th, summer began for our student body. Our classmates, parents and even our teachers were excited for what lay ahead for the next three months.

For some, it meant family vacations, and others, it meant lounging by the pool, or just sitting at home doing nothing!

"I spent my summer visiting different colleges, it was neat to see what college will be like," said **Dan McInerney, 11.**

It was a hot summer with some days topping 100 degrees. By night, a totally different story began, going out with friends to movies, rocking hard at parties, and getting their groove on at Coconut Joe's were just some of the things

people did during those hot summer nights.

Although summer was always a good time, good things must always come to an end. The jobs, the summer gym, and even the procrastination on summer homework came to a close the night of August 22nd. **Ella Escobar, 9**, experienced the dreaded summer gym.

"It was better to get it done with in three weeks instead of a semester, but it took up a lot of time," said **Escobar.**

Summer was a good time for most of us, but unfortunately, school came up as expected. Some students actually looked forward for school to begin to see old friends and meet some new.

"Free time is a good thing, but it gets old after awhile. I was excited to go back to school and meet some new people," said **Lauren Hughes, 10.**

THE GOAL FOR everyone's summer is to have fun. That's just what **Tamar, Ingber, 11**, did. She went to Israel for the summer and met lots of new friends as well as hung out with the old.

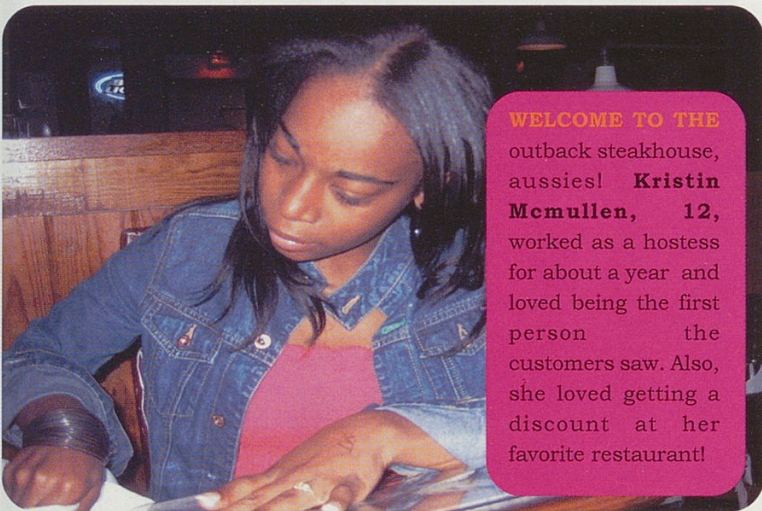


HOW WAS WARPED tour? **Emily Thomas, 11**, gave it the thumbs up. There were a lot of new bands at the tour which created a diverse crowd. "It was a blast, especially with a ton of Sycamore kids there!" said **Thomas.**



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE family vacations! **Stacy Lutz, 9**, and **Chelsy Lutz, 11**, bonded in South Carolina over the summer. These girls proved that summer could be fun with family and friends!





WELCOME TO THE outback steakhouse, aussies! **Kristin McMullen, 12**, worked as a hostess for about a year and loved being the first person the customers saw. Also, she loved getting a discount at her favorite restaurant!

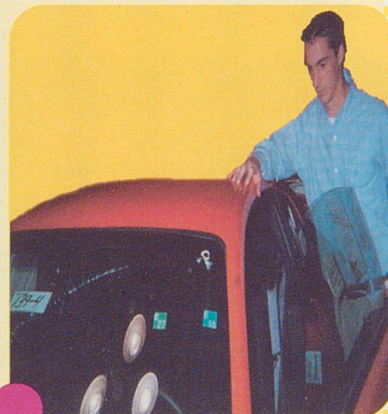
RAY KOWATCH, 12, HAS the typical teenage job. He thoroughly enjoyed bussing tables at Watson's Brothers because his friends all worked there too. Friends made work a fun place to be. It wasn't a bad way to make some cash!



CLEAN UP ON AISLE 5! NO, that's not what **Jaime Orent, 11**, did this summer. She had quite an unusual job for a teen as an intern at a marketing firm downtown. Working eight hour days and interacting with adults, it took her away from her normal daily life. It was a great experience and she felt it was worth the long hours.



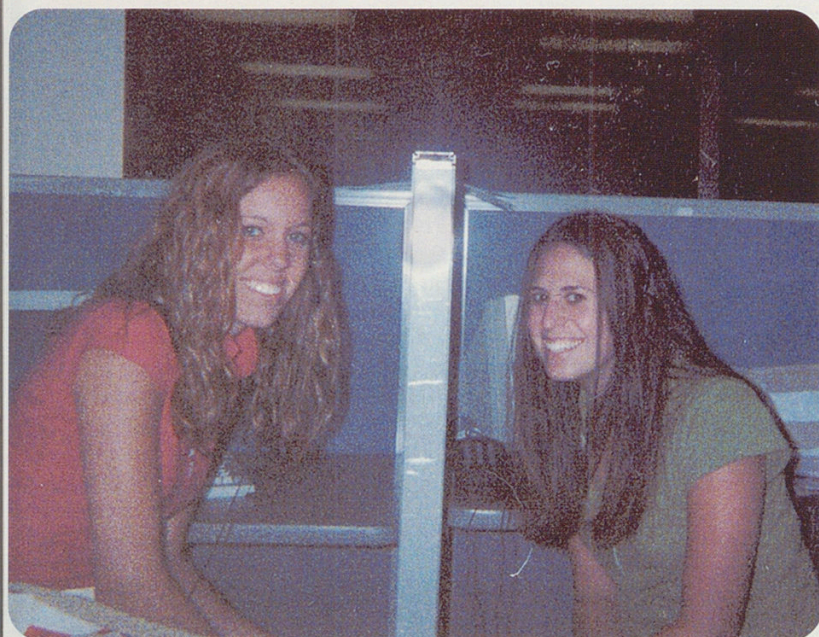
LOOKING FOR A car? If so, you should visit **Justin Smith, 12**. He also had a unique job for a teenager. He worked at Walt Sweeney automotive in Western Hills selling cars, and sometimes worked as many as six days a week.



I like my six-dollar an hour job, because even though I don't get paid that much, I have a good time. To me, that's better than making a lot of money at a job that sucks.

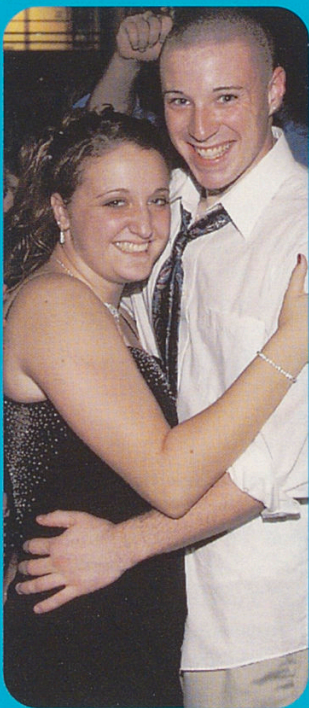
- **Kelsey Kiley, 11**

THE TELEPHONE RINGS, YOU THINK THE PHONE IS FOR YOU, BUT it's a telemarketer! **Brandy Sears, 11**, and **Sarah Jarnicki, 11**, spent their summer working hard at RDI marketing. Hang up after hang up, the girls made it through with a full pocket of cash at the end of the summer.

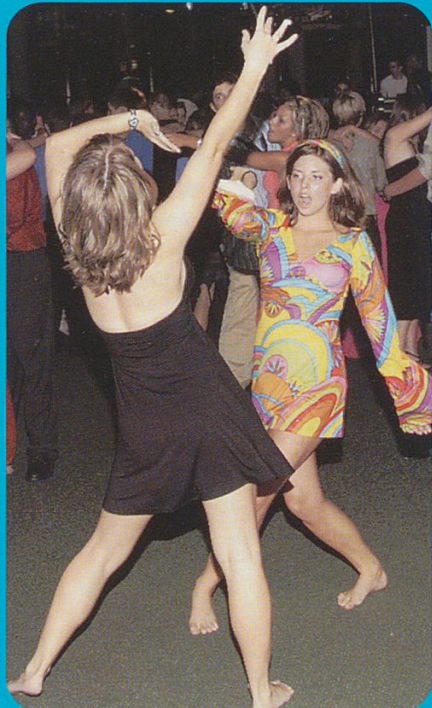


Did your summer consist of waking up at 10 a.m and going to work? **42%** said, **yes**, they were doing some sort of work over the summer.

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SMILE BIG! Elizabeth Cundiff, 11, and Kyle Pruitt, '04, took time out of the festivities and took a quick picture. They had fun dancing and sharing time together with their friends.



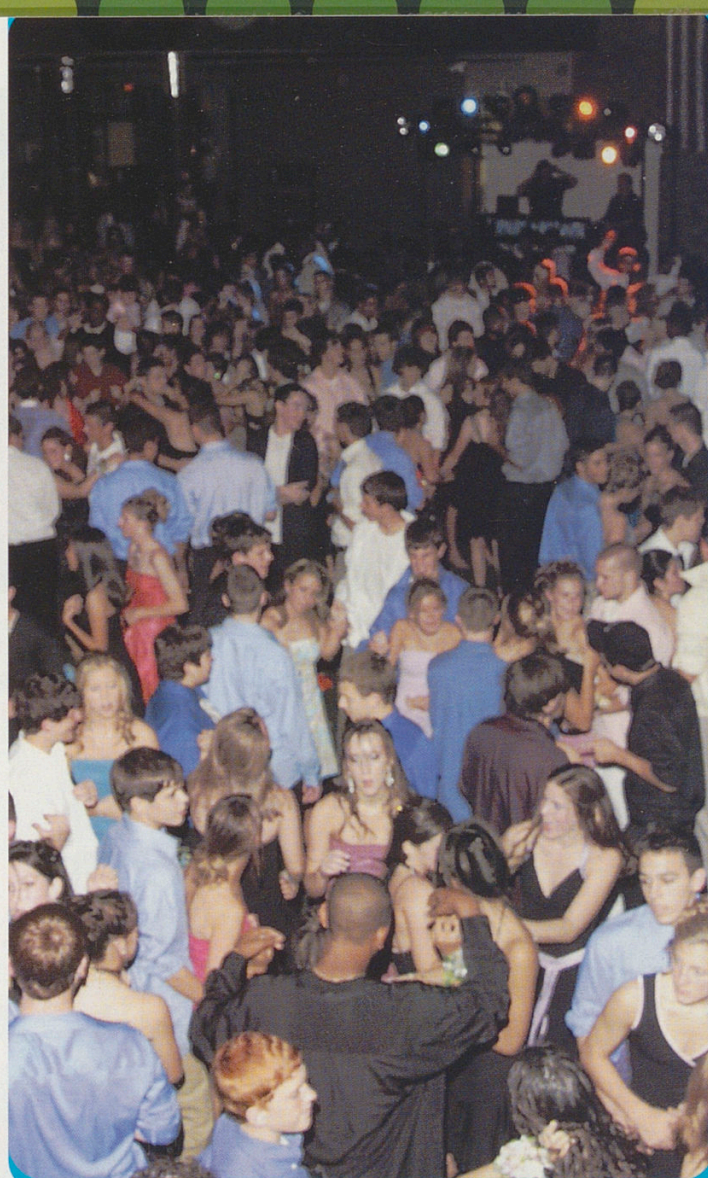
SHAKE IT! Rachel Washburn, 11, enjoyed being herself and danced all night. Washburn knew how to get people on the dance floor.



GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN! Jennifer Steinhardt, 12, Syari Kogami, 12, Jennifer French, 10, Theresa Steinhardt, 12, April Wang, 12, and Leah Brand, 11, all had a great time hanging out together at the dance. For most of these girls it was their last homecoming dance and a very memorable one at that.



THE WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED! After waiting the whole week, the court was announced at the football game. Jared Goldfarb, 12, and Rachel Yanow, 12, took the titles of King and Queen.



IT'S TIME TO DANCE! The dance finally came after a week of fun. Approximately 1400 tickets were sold.

[spirit we have]

The crowd was roaring, funny hats were being worn, favorite jerseys were shown off, and there were cupcake eating contests. No, it was not a circus, but just a few highlights of homecoming week. Homecoming was so much more than just a dance.

Every day during spirit week there were different activities planned. People played ping-pong and corn hole at lunch. Students competed against one another and played Madden Football on Playstation.

"Spirit week was so much fun. It took your mind off of school for a while," said **Christopher Gindele, 9.**

Tuesday was a busy day. Guys gave their dates heart necklaces. Tuesday was also hat day when students showed off their crazy hats. Going along with the superhero theme, teachers dressed up in superhero costumes. Tuesday night each class decorated a hallway around the IMC. The hallways were decorated instead of a class float for the parade.

On Wednesday, each class showed off their spirit by wearing class spirit wear. At lunch there was a class cupcake eating competition. Thursday was jersey day; students and teachers flared their favorite team. Getting ready for the big football game, Friday was green and gold day. Saturday was the day of the dance.

"I thought the hallways were a good idea because everyone got to see them," said **Joshua Bowyer, 12.**



CHARLES FORTE, 12, SPIES THE ENDZONE.

Forte broke tackles and ran hard the whole game. With his three touchdowns and 171 yards, Forte helped bring in a victory for the team.

JAKE WEBB, 12, DOES WHAT HE CAN

to help the senior class. Each class had specific superhero for their hallway. Students and faculty enjoyed seeing each different hallway.

CHANGE IS GOOD.

The new parade was a big success, it ran from Maple Dale Elementary to the Junior High School. The new route got more people in the community involved.



RIGHT FOOT RED!

Jacky Roesch, 11, Chelsey Baughard, 12, Layne Huller, 11, and Dr. Keith Kelly all took part in messy twister. The blocks of color were ketchup, mustard, and blue and green dyed sour cream.



TOUCHDOWN! The seats were packed full of students cheering on the football team. The crowd was a huge factor in the win against Princeton.

Homecoming

By: Samantha Kahn

The hallways were judged on Wednesday, and the freshmen won the most spirited award. The sophomore class won the best decorated hall. The juniors and seniors tied for third place in the competition.

"It was surprising that the freshmen won most spirited because normally the seniors win everything," said **Tamar Ingber, 11.**

Thursday night was the night of the parade and the pep rally. The parade was different then it had been in the past. Instead of class floats each Sycamore school constructed a single float. At the pep rally there were competitions including a noodle race, messy twister, and musical chairs. The varsity football players were the chairs. There was also a lip synching contest, which the seniors won.

Friday was the big homecoming game, where the football team played Princeton. Both teams had the same record. The offense, led by quarterback **Mitch Allen, 10**, and running back, **Charles Forte, 12**, came out ready to play. Defense was strong. Leading the pack was, **Steve Koppenhafer, 12**, and **Mike Latessa, 10**. The football team won this exciting game 34-6.

Saturday finally came around after a fun-filled week. Dinner and pictures were a must before the dance. Spirit week and all the events helped get people excited to go.

"I think homecoming was a fantastic way for friends to have a good time, and for couples to share a formal enjoyable date together," said **Kian Fallahi, 10.**

[talents we have] Variety Show

By: Jennifer Konerman

The night of dancing, singing, and all around fun, otherwise known as the Variety Show, was a huge hit. This year's theme of "Star Search" was proven to be true, as the talent in one auditorium was overwhelming.

"I think the Variety Show was a lot of fun because I got to see everyone's unique talents," said **Christine Taragano, 11**.

There was a wide range in talent with solos, skits, an original composition by **Kati Bakes, 12**, a break-dancing act, and Indian dances.

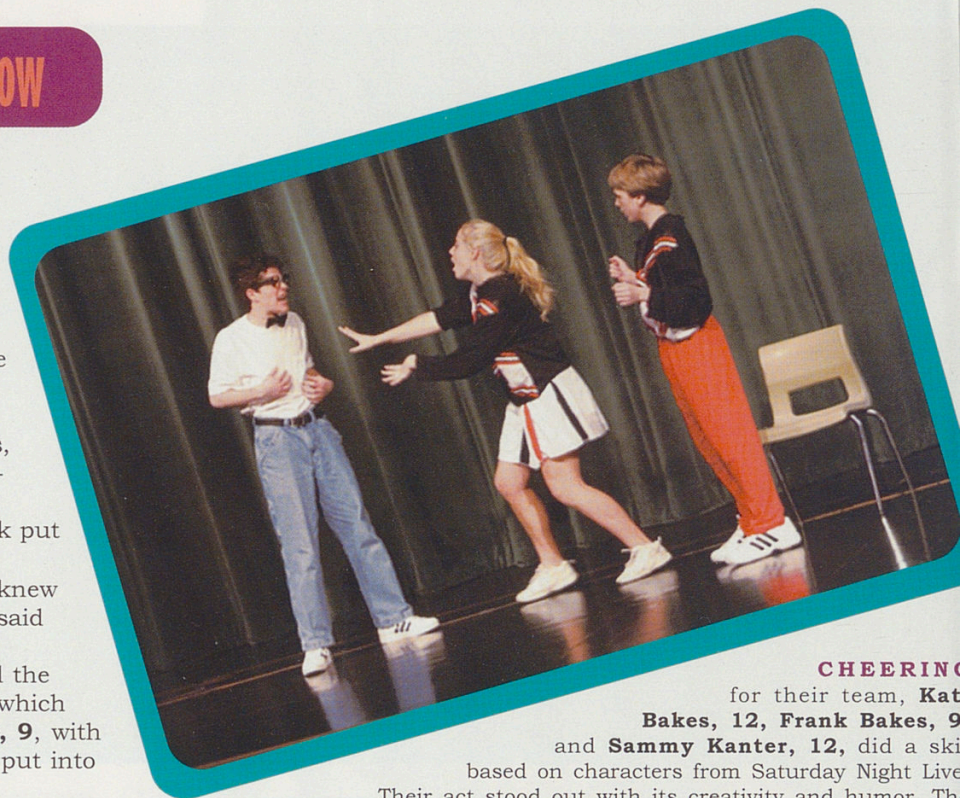
There was also a tremendous amount of hard work put into the production of this show.

"I had to rehearse my song and also make sure I knew the sign language to go with it, but it was a blast!" said **Andrea Thomas, 12**.

The acts were magnificent and everyone could tell the amount of work put into each of them, but the one which blew everyone away was the pianist **Wenjun Zhang, 9**, with her amazing performance. All agreed that the effort put into this show was phenomenal.

"Long, arduous hours of sweat, tears, and blood were poured into the greatness that is the Variety Show!" said **Alan Dicken, 11**.

The night was a great success, especially with the new host, **Assistant Principal Antonio Shelton**, who undertook the gig for the first time.



CHEERING

for their team, **Kati**

Bakes, 12, Frank Bakes, 9

and **Sammy Kanter, 12**, did a skit

based on characters from Saturday Night Live

Their act stood out with its creativity and humor. The group had the entire audience laughing with them and enjoying their acting skills.



THE ELECTRONIC ENSEMBLE BLEW THE AUDIENCE AWAY WITH their version of a "Hoedown". Their unique skill was impressive and different. This kind of talent is appreciated at the show, where sharing a variety of skills is its main purpose.



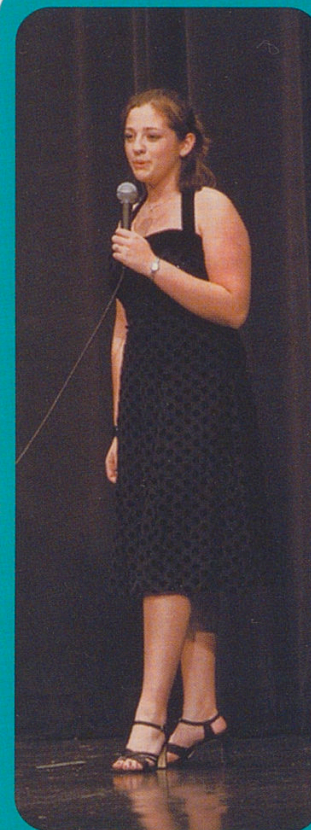
"The show was fantastic. I had so much fun. I love performing in front of everyone, it made me feel really good."

-**Ashleigh Carmen, 10**



"I was really nervous at first but after a few minutes I was all right, and it went very well."

-**Wenjun Zhang, 9**



HOLDING THE MICROPHONES ARE THE LOVELY ladies of vocal skill, the solo singers. Whether wanting someone to "Stop and See Me" or to "Cry Me a River", the incredible talent was displayed by such singers as **Molly Reigers, 12, and Amber Reinhard, 12**.



[choices we make] Election

By: Caitlin Bokulic

With every election year, comes great debates and arguments from opposing sides. The election of 2004 was no different. With the world that we live in today, everyone realized the power of their vote and its importance.

"I believe that it is very important to vote. By voting you can insure the protection of your rights and those of you fellow citizens," said **Leah Daniel, 12**.

Whether able to vote this year or not, everyone was sure to voice their opinions. While most people strongly supported a candidate because of ties to a certain party; other people believed in voting based on the person.

"I support a candidate, not a party," said **Melissa DeJonckheere, 12**.

While people contested the candidates, everyone seemed to agree on what they believed were the biggest issues that affected the campaign.

"I think that the biggest issue was the war in Iraq. I also didn't believe that the obsessive campaigning like TV commercials made a difference because I know they are biased," said **Samuel Kim, 12**.

In the end the people re-elected George Walker Bush to serve the country in the White House.

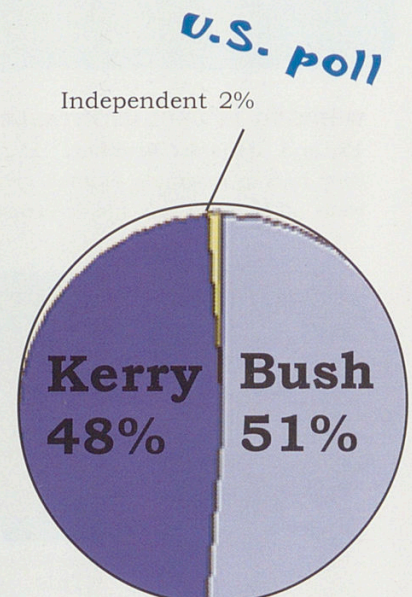
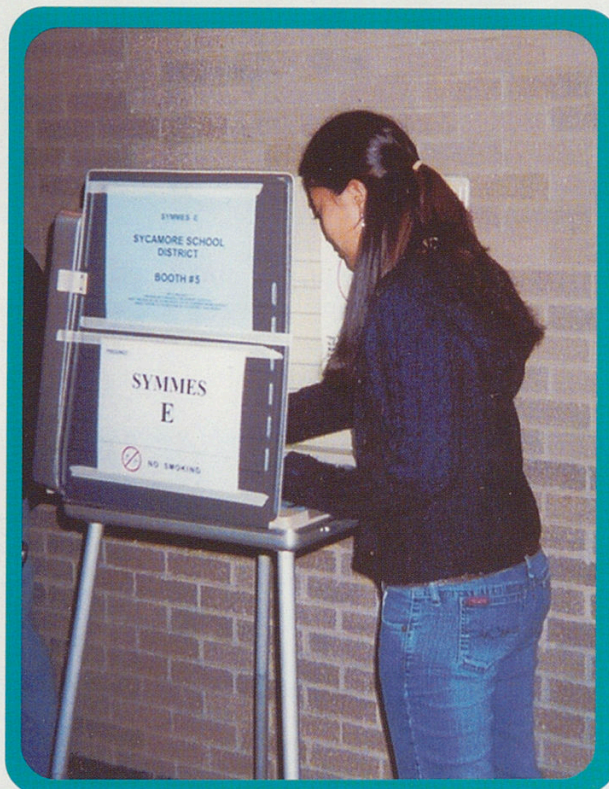
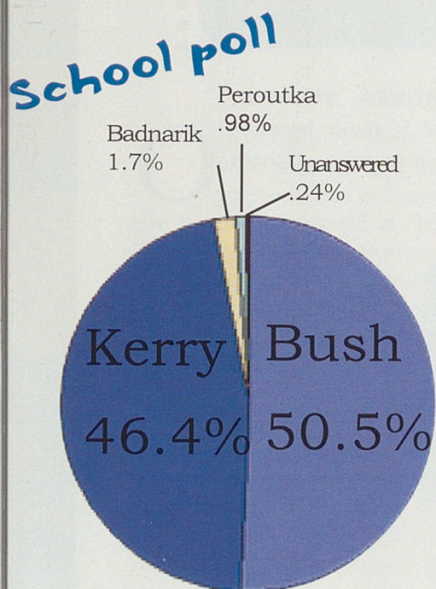
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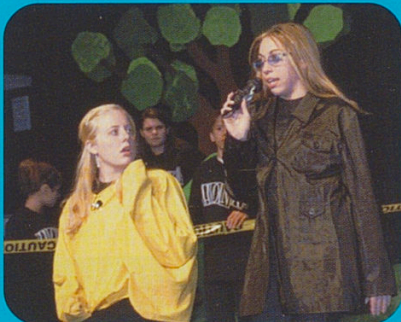
Kerry and President George Bush fought hard in the 2004 presidential election. Each candidate toured the country in hopes of getting the public's vote.



SHOWING HIS SUPPORT FOR JOHN KERRY, MATT KURSMARK, 12, PUTS a Kerry Edwards bumper sticker on his car. President George Bush and First Lady Laura Bush waved to the crowd at the Great American Ball Park. **Lauren Jones, 12, and Caitlin Bokulic, 12,** cheered on President Bush at the rally. President Bush gave his inauguration speech after he was sworn in as the 45th president of the United States.

AND THE WINNER IS... THE SCHOOL poll closely resembled that of the national election results. **Katie Grueninger, 12,** voted at Good Shepherd Church. This was the first time that she was able to vote.





REPORTING THE LATEST BREAKING news, **Shana Smilovitz, 12**, portrays her role as Maggie Pie, a news reporter, capturing the disappearance of Ugly. **Katie Bakes, 12**, acted stunned at the lost of her "son," **Bakes** acted in almost every scene. There were 32 members of the cast, which was a large number of people but allowed for all classes to be part of the cast.

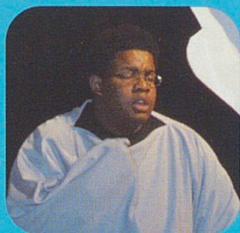
POST IT...
A little improv... When **Katie Bakes, 12**, said her line "I don't want to hear another quack," **Adam Bellos, 12**, said "Quack." This wasn't in the script but was a delight to the crowd.



WORKING IN UNCOMFORTABLE COSTUMES, JULIA ALBAIN, 12, SHANA SMILOVITZ, 12, ANDREA THOMAS, 12, and Jennifer Brunker, 11, sing "A Poultry Tale" to start the show. The costumes were difficult to make because they had to resemble animals while conforming to the actors bodies. The cast put on four shows and each of them went off without any major errors.



"[This play] isn't something that you ordinarily see, but it allowed for a lot of chorus parts."
- **Frank Bakes, 9**

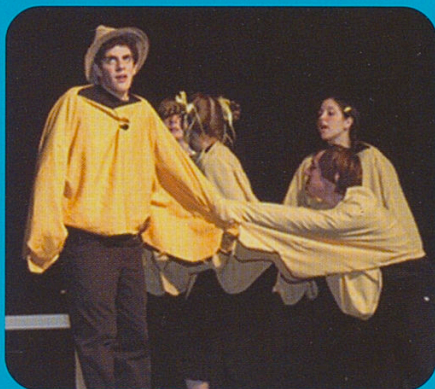


"I think the story was a good choice for the play because it was family oriented."
- **Nathaniel Kennedy, 12**

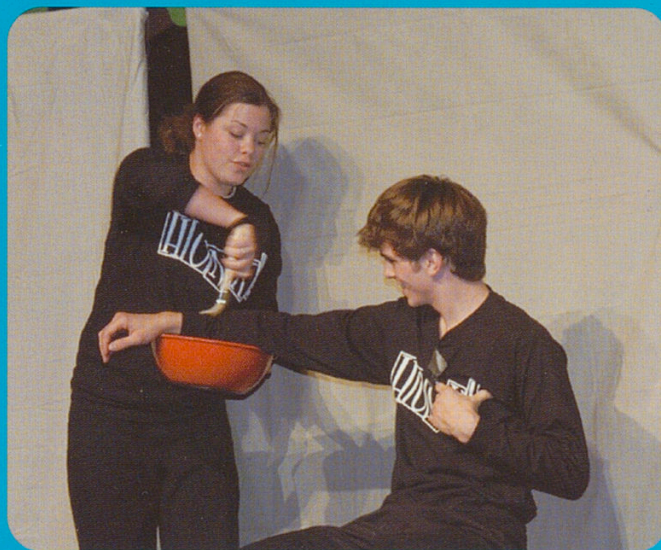


"[The play choice] was pretty good, but I would have picked another one because this was almost childish."
- **Aimee Morton, 9**





PULLING ON THEIR "FATHER'S" ARM, Sammy Kanter, 12, Adam Bellos, 12, Annie Kanter, 10, Aimee Morton, 10, and Frank Bakes, 9, try to get their daddy off of the stage. These characters were mainly made up of underclassmen which proved to be an adjustment for some. "This was my first time working with all underclassman. It was different working with people younger than me, but it was a lot of fun, learning with them," said **Adam Bellos, 12.**



PERFECTING HER ROLE AS THE CAT ELIZABETH WILFONG, 12, administers food to **David Morton, 11,** during the play's rehearsal. The cast rehearsed for up to three hours a day and it was all worth it for the actors. "My favorite part of the play was performing, the adrenaline of the crowd and being with my friends," said **David Morton, 11.**

[stories we love] **HONK**

By: Caitlin Bokulic

Once upon a time, there was an ugly duckling who was always made fun of, then one day he turned into a beautiful swan. Everyone knows the story, but could it really ever become a musical? Well, **Mrs. Knotts**, theater director, and her thespians managed to turn this story into the fall musical, Honk.

"[This musical] allowed for a large cast which allows there to be a wide range of parts available; this meant that freshmen through seniors could participate. This play was new and it had a K-65 appeal, everyone could enjoy it. It was also easy to mount as our small musical," said **Mrs. Lesley Knotts.**

Even though **Mrs. Knotts** believed that this play was easy to mount, it didn't go without its difficulties.

"I was sick the last week of the play and I had to be really quiet," said **David Morton, 11.**

Morton wasn't the only person who had to work with a different voice. **Allie Pohl, 12,** and **Dara Lind, 12,** both played cats with a New York accent.

"It was hard to sing in the accent but it was fun to play a different character," said **Pohl.**

The actors had to overcome many obstacles in making this play. The most difficult problem they had to deal with was the difficulties of an unusual musical. The main character got sick, and others had to learn how to transform themselves into their characters' voices. However, the play went off without a hitch and people seemed to really enjoy it.

"The play was really entertaining! I took my little sister with me and we both loved it. It was so good that I went and saw it a second time," said **Kelly Spry, 12.**

[the music we love]

Battle of the Bands

By: Kyle Spicer and Jen McLaughlin

It was Friday before winter break. With winter vacation on everybody's mind, student piled into the little theater for the annual Battle of the Bands.

Mike Turner, 12, and **Sam Ochstein, 12**, warmed up the crowd with humorous jokes and impressions. The bands that made the cut for the battle were Forest Fire, Chasing the Tail of Smoke and Reason, Still Rock Steady, The Pinstripes, and Two Years' Notice.

"I really liked Forest Fire. They played a good mixture of music," said **Paige Buffington, 11**.

"Two Year's Notice put on an amazing show. They could have won!" said **Eileen Wulff, 11**.

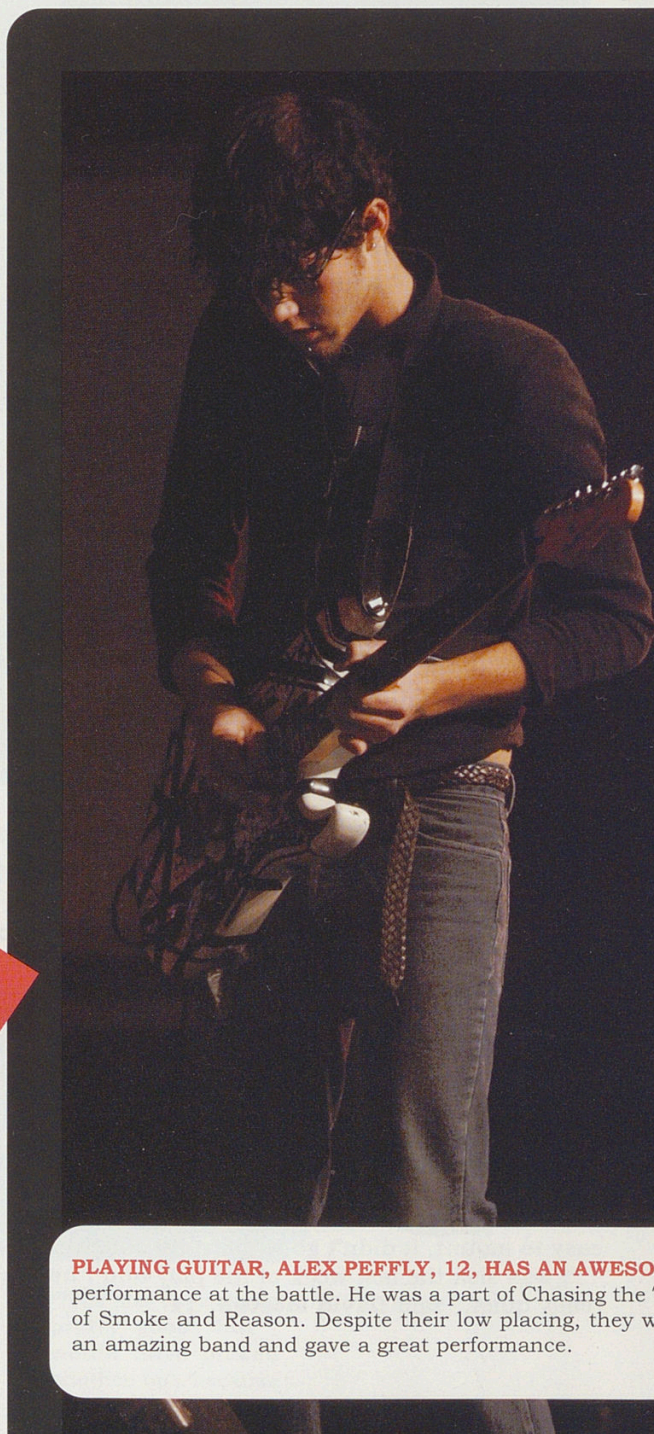
Not only were the bands amazing at the battle, the intermission acts were very entertaining.

The Flyerettes performed a complex dance routine for the audience. **Daniel Schear, 11**, **Alex Gering, 11**, and **Sam Cole, 11**, performed an acoustic set that covered Guster and Simon and Garfunkel.

The curtains closed after the ritual senior band's performance. The class of '05 band was Still Rock Steady. They performed the cover "Walk This Way," by Aerosmith, leaving the crowd pumped with energy to go and vote. A new voting system was introduced with voting for two bands!

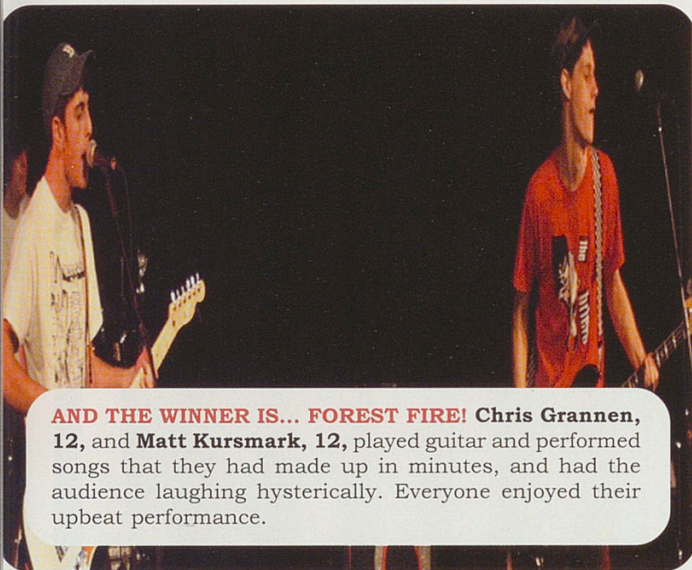


JEFF MILLER, 12, **KIAN FALLAHI, 10**, and **ANDY CAIN, 12**, played guitars and bass for their band Chasing the Tail of Smoke and Reason. **Alex Peffly, 12**, **J.D. Hall, 12**, and **Alex Macintosh, 12**, also played alongside these talented musicians. They played very unique music that was different from every other band competing.



PLAYING GUITAR, ALEX PEFFLY, 12, HAS AN AWESOME performance at the battle. He was a part of Chasing the Tail of Smoke and Reason. Despite their low placing, they were an amazing band and gave a great performance.

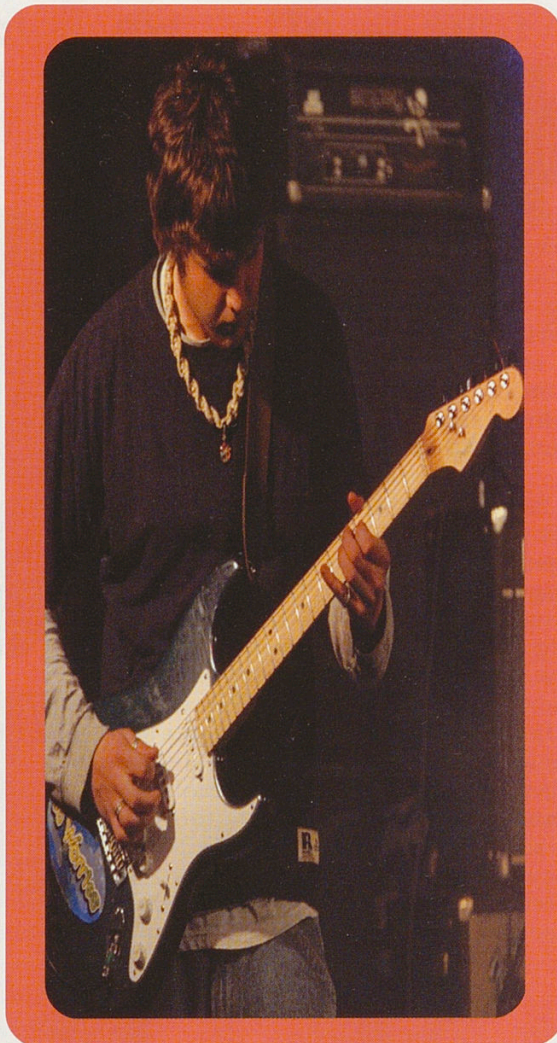




AND THE WINNER IS... FOREST FIRE! Chris Grannen, 12, and Matt Kursmark, 12, played guitar and performed songs that they had made up in minutes, and had the audience laughing hysterically. Everyone enjoyed their upbeat performance.



"YOU UGLY, YEA YEA, YOU UGLY!" This skit was based on the Spartan cheerleaders from Saturday Night Live. Kati Bakes, 12, and brother Frank Bakes, 9, imitated the real Spartan cheerleaders. They were quite an entertaining duo before the battle started.



JEFF MILLER, 12, PLAYS HIS LEAD guitar. Miller was a part of two bands this year in the battle: Chasing the Tail of Smoke and Reason and Still Rock Steady. Miller's bands placed third and sixth in the battle's results.

What did you think about doing you audition on video instead of live this year?



"I don't even like my band, I'm just really amazing on the drums. If things were the way they should be, we would be called Gabe Goldstein and the Nasty Three."
-Gabe Goldstein, 12



"By having a video of your band instead of a live audition, you lose the live effect of the band. I'd rather do a live audition."
-Dexter Payne, 11



"With a video you get many times to perfect it... but with live auditions you get one chance. The video auditions were easier for the judges but very unrealistic."
-Chris Grannen, 12

[free time off we love]

Winter Break

By: Samantha Kahn
and Jennifer Konerman

Stressing over exams, homework, and work in general, students felt like they needed a break. They got it. Whether traveling, sleeping, or working, students seemed to have fun.

Students and faculty that stayed in town were hit with a surprise. Cincinnati experienced a level three snow emergency. No one was allowed to drive on the roads for a day. People spent time with friends and played in the snow during this time.

"Even though the big snow storm was an inconvenience, my friends and I had a blast playing in it," said **Leah Morand, 11**.

While some stayed home and enjoyed the snow, others had to stay in town in order to work hard and get things accomplished.

"Although I looked forward to winter break, I also dreaded it because it meant 'hell week' which was two weeks of double practices of swimming," said **Lauren Truax, 12**.

Many were lucky to escape the cold weather. Although many people that went away went somewhere warm, others did go to places to ski or snowboard.

"I went to Park City, Utah, and went snowboarding," said **Aaron Cain, 9**.

"For winter break, my family always goes skiing in Pennsylvania. I tried snowboarding this year, and I was terrible. I got so many bruises from falling so much," said **Belinda Wen, 11**.

No matter how they spent it, winter break was a well-deserved rest from the stresses of school.



WINTER BREAK SOMETIMES MEANS FAMILY traditions. **Liz Walsh, 10**, and **Adam Walsh, 12**, went to Pittsburgh to visit relatives. They had fun over the holidays with family and came back just in time to play in the snow!



KRITTIKA BARAVKAR, 12, ASHLEY CUMMINGS, 12, LAURA EBETINO, 12, CAITLIN Bokulic, 12, Katie Grueninger, 12, Leah Boyll, 12, and Jamie Nesbitt 12, spend New Year's Eve at the Ebetino's. They rang in the new year with their friends. "We all had a lot of fun, we danced, and at midnight to carry on the Ebetino family tradition, we banged pots and pans outside in the neighborhood," said **Bokulic**.



IT'S ALWAYS FUN TO PLAY IN THE SNOW! **Emily Thomas, 11**, and **Leah Morand, 11**, enjoyed their time off and spent much of it in the snow. Many experimented with new sledding areas and hills over break because of the heavy snow fall.

75%
of students who stayed in
town played in the snow at
least once



SOME PEOPLE JUST LIKE TO RELAX. "I went to Colorado for a while and then came back and sat on a couch. I pretty much took all of my school books and put them in a closet and didn't open them until the Sunday before school began. Who am I kidding, I didn't even open them then," said **John Wilkes, 11.**



SOME CHOOSE TO travel as they always do. "Several times a year I go down to Texas because my dad still lives there. I get to see old friends and stuff and it's a lot of fun. The lakes in Austin are beautiful and wakeboarding is a favorite. And the southern cowboys are a perk, yeeee haw," said **Kelsey Kangos, 11.**



"I had a soccer tournament in Orlando and went bungee jumping on New Year's Eve at midnight."

-Melanie McLaughlin, 9

"I went skiing at Perfect North, and won a poker tournament against a lot of boys."

-Lizzie Lohse, 10

"I didn't do anything outstandingly fun. Winter break was pretty relaxed. I caught up on a lot of my sleep, you know, 'sleep all day party all night.' I'm not really sure if that's a quote, but im not too worried about it."

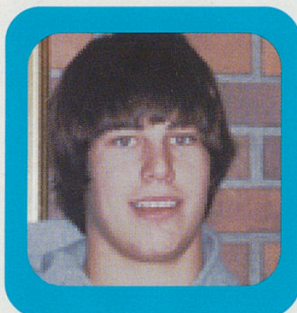
-Matt Hall, 11

"I went to Chicago to visit my older brother."

-Luke Cody, 12



What did
You do
over
winter
break?



"I went to the movies and played in the snow. I also went to Florida."

- James Lipsey, 9



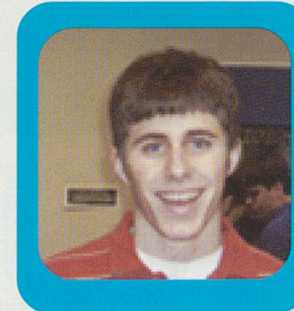
"I saw lots of movies, played hockey, and went to Cleveland for family."

- Dan Rubin, 10.



"I went to the movies a lot and had relatives visit; mostly I just slept a lot and worked on a project."

- Ali McGuinness, 11



"I stayed at home for break, but I had fun."

- Sean Wright, 12



[beds we love] Sleep Deprivation

By: Kelsey Kiley

What time did school start? 7:20 A.M. What time did junior high start? 8:08 in the morning. Not that big of a difference, yet if the traffic to school was to be avoided, the average student had to be out of the house by 6:35 or so. That was not fun.

On top of that, most teenagers were not hitting the hay until roughly midnight.

"It's not a 'late night' if I'm up until twelve or later, doing homework and all of the other stuff I have to do," said **Tamar Ingber, 11**.

The typical requirement for sleep is eight hours a night, but in actuality, it was recommended for teenagers to get up to nine hours and 15 minutes of sleep. Who had time for that?

Some kids did not get to sleep much over the weekend, and much less the school week. It was no wonder students were coming to school tired and napping in classes. Not everyone cared though.

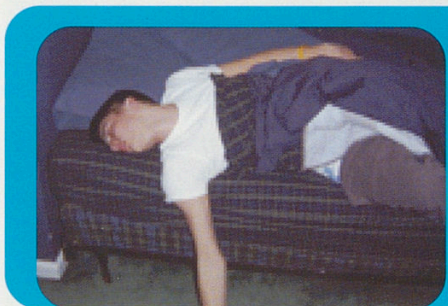
"I hate sleep. Its a waste of time. You seriously dont need that much," said **Max Glassner, 11**

However, his point of view definitely was in the minority. To nap, or not to nap. Was there time?

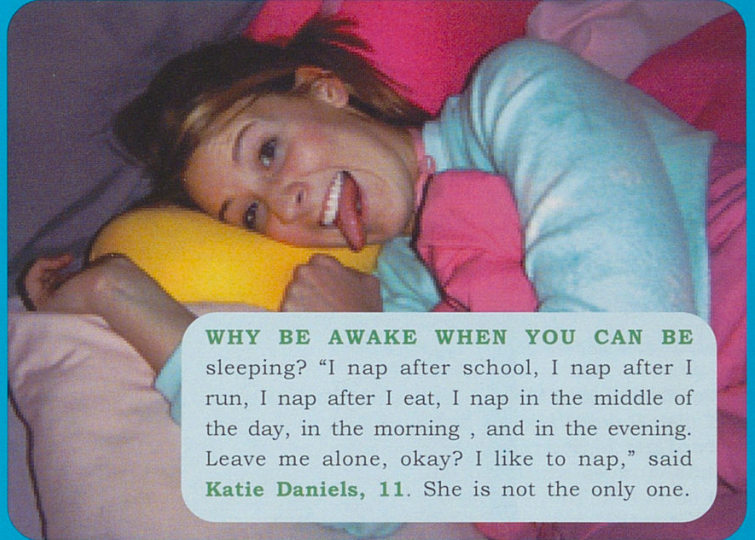
"Oh god, yes. My friends tell me I hibernate," said **Amanda Evans, 12**.

No matter what, everyone figured out a way to deal with their lack of sleep, even if it meant crashing on the nearest horizontal surface.

"OH, I NEVER GET TO SLEEP. I ALWAYS HAD SPORTS OR work or other stuff until late in the evening. So by the time I finished my homework, it was always really late. Plus school starts so stinkin' early I never get more than five hours of sleep. And on the weekends I stay out late, and then get up early to coach an early volleyball game or referee a lacrosse game. But sleeping is so purely amazing. It isn't stressful, it isn't work in any way, and I completely love my bed," said **Maggie Brown, 11**. Oddly, this is a normal week for most teenagers.



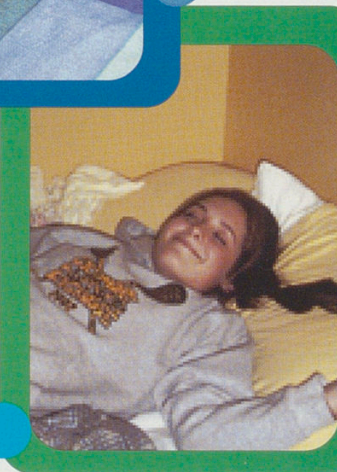
SOMEONE HAS AN IDEA TO CHANGE IT ALL for the better. "I think school should start later, and let all those kindergartners go in at 7. And not 9:30. Thats ridiculous. They're small. And stupid. And don't know whats going on. You know I'm right. Just make them go to bed at six, they won't know the difference," said **Dustin Amrine, 10**.



WHY BE AWAKE WHEN YOU CAN BE sleeping? "I nap after school, I nap after I run, I nap after I eat, I nap in the middle of the day, in the morning , and in the evening. Leave me alone, okay? I like to nap," said **Katie Daniels, 11**. She is not the only one.



BE CAREFUL. SOME PEOPLE TOOK THEIR sleep very seriously. "Someone had an idea to ask somebody [to a dance] by putting an alarm clock set for midnight under their bed and then tape a note to it, but I'd be angry for being woken up. I'd say no just for making me lose that precious sleep," said **Liz Walsh, 10**.

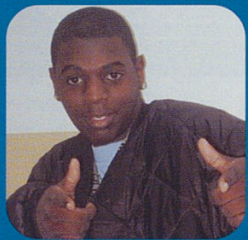


WHATS THE BEST PART about sleeping? "Complete lack of thought," said **Eric Knox, 11**. When asked why he napped so often, he replied, "Because teachers won't let me sleep in class." Yet **Knox's** final words were "Sleeping is overrated, lets all party!"



"I ain't got no curfew cause I am a grown man. There's nothing you can do about it. You dig! Holla back."

-Roy Christopher Grissom, 11



[hours we stretch] Curfew

By: Tamar Ingber and Jen McLaughlin

Parents can be a pain at any age. Curfews were, and always have been an issue for all high-school students.

Some students were more care-free.

"I can come home when I want as long as parents know where I am. All I have to do is call, and I am fine," said **Amanda Siebert, 11.**

Some lived a strict life.

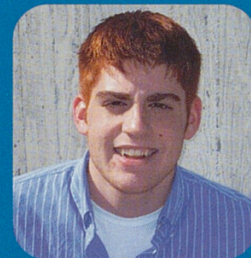
"My parents are really overprotective

and get mad when I come home past my curfew," said **Saba Ahmad, 11.**

Some are different entirely.

"Since I don't drive, my parents have to pick me up when they want," said **Nadia Khan, 9.**

Curfews make sure that teens are not driving in the wee hours of the morning. Curfews are for students good, even though few were willing to admit it.



"I'm never really out that late, so a curfew is not really an issue."

- Jennifer Lee, 9

"I'm lucky cause I do not have a curfew. I don't have to be home at any specific time as long as I call my parents first."

- Nicholas Zalucki, 11



TIME TO GO! It was a pain for **Sarah Jarnicki, 11,** "Why should I come home at 12:30 when others don't?" said **Jarnicki.** **Christina Wilson, 10,** **Amanda Cone, 11,** **Sarah Jarnicki, 11,** **Brittany Martin, 11,** and **Alex Cooper, 10,** drove home just in time to make their curfews!

"Why is there a need for a curfew? My curfew is 12:30 and I'm eighteen! That's ridiculous because if I'm an adult, I should be allowed to decide my curfew!"

- Liz Crutcher, 12



[*plastic we love*] Getting Our Licenses

By: Sarah Jarnicki



High school students love their freedom. A ticket to independence is receiving licenses. Many have dreamed of the chance to receive this coveted piece of plastic. For many, it was a hurdle to receive their licenses. The dreaded maneuverability test was a frequent problem.

"See, it would have been easy, but they put these cones in the way, and I guess I hit them...so they sent me home," said **Alex Gering, 11**.

Also, a common strategy to receiving that license was traveling far distances that were known not to be as critical as others. Locations such as Batavia and Lebanon were known to be easier, where Sharonville was the toughest.

Regardless of when we got our license or where, it was nice to have the freedom. And for those of us who are still without it, many younger students look forward to that moment.

"I can't wait to roll deep in the summer with mad ladies in the Civic," said **Nate Schlimme, 10**.

Having your license is a privilege that should not be taken advantage of. So if you have it, cherish it!

"My license is my life," said **Jaime Orent, 11**.

"It was a real good feeling getting the license. Now, I feel like a true man."

GOING INTO HIGH SCHOOL, many underclassman can't wait to pass their driving test. **Annie Alemagno, 12**, had her license for two years and felt like it really came in handy.

What do you like about having your license?



"It was cool to hit up parties without having my mom picking me up at the end of the night." - **Hisashi Nisachu, 11**



"I was excited to get my license so I didn't have to nag my parents to drive me places." - **Julie Sanchez, 10**



"Well, having my license allows me to expand my lawn and snow plowing services." - **EJ McCormick, 12**

[games we love] Intramurals

By: Lauren Truax

Continuing with tradition, intramural basketball had both a couch potato league and a competitive league. In order to be a part of the games, students had to get a sign up form. The forms then had to be turned into **Mr. Brien Miller** or **Mr. Kevin Wittman**.

Games were held on Monday nights in the auxiliary gym and the main gym. Teams had a schedule to follow and were in charge of seeing where they had to play and when.

The champion of the couch potato league was the Floppy Llamas. Even though they were not in the competitive league there still was a champion of theirs.

"Being on the couch potato champion team felt cool, mostly because I got a free t-shirt. It was pink," said **Jennifer Konerman, 11**.

The competitive league was extremely fierce. The teams all wanted to be the champion.

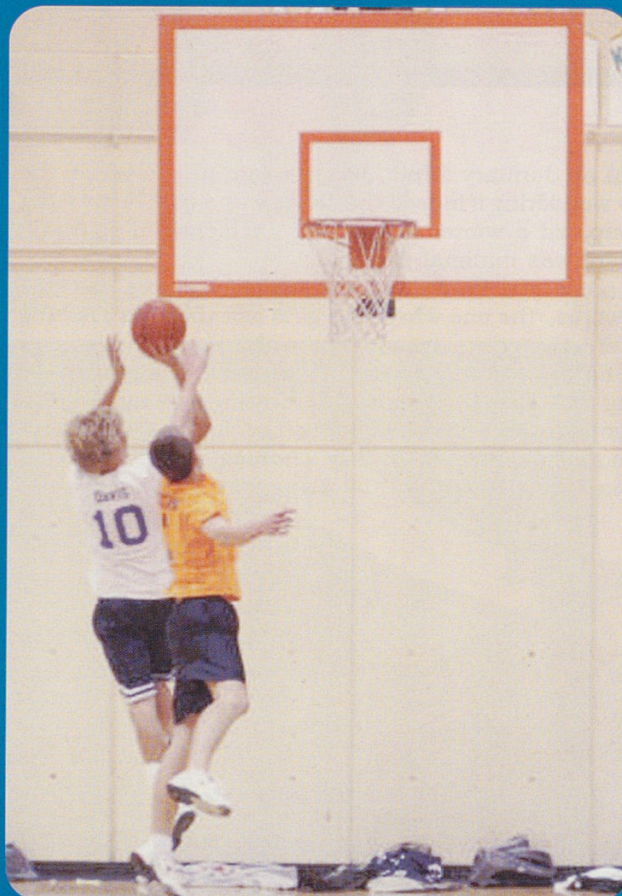
"As coach of the Blue Eye, Pink Tie, I had a great experience coaching against legends like **A.J. Donaldson** and coaching standout players like **Judd "The Wall" Aleuyaga**, **Miles "At Work" Suer**, and **Jake "Who wants to play Hold'em?" Webb**," said **Matt Hershberger, 12**.

The championship game for the competitive league was held Feb. 4th during all three lunches. The Toon Squad came up out on top and became the intramurals competitive league champion.

"We all came up big in the championship, and it was great victory. I contribute our winning season to our coaching effort by **A.J. Donaldson**. His intensity kept up focused on the title," said **Brad Elkus, 12**.

Intramurals was a great way for people to have fun playing sports and not have to be on a school team. They could practice when they wanted and pick whoever they wanted on their team. It was all about having fun with your friends.

GOING FOR THE BASKET, RYAN DAVIS, 11, AND SANDY Berry, 11, fight for the score. Davis was a member of the Fighting Squirrels while Berry was a member of Top Gun. The competition was high during all of the intramural games.



Champions Corner

Couch Potato-

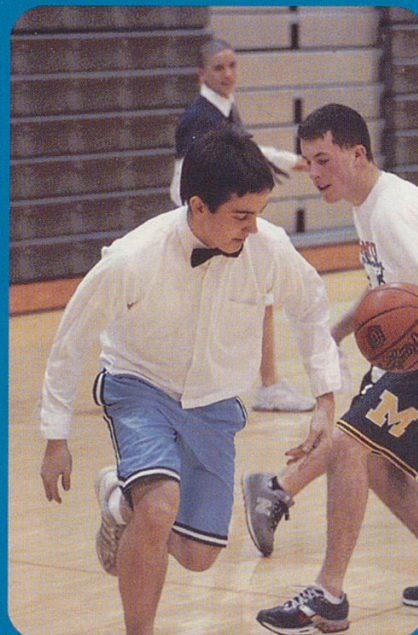
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Rachel Washburn
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Jennifer Konerman

Competitive-

Toon Squad
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Curtis Jones
Mike Turner
Jeremy Miller
Dan McGrath
Tommy Crabill
Nick Valeriani
Steve Koppenhafer
Adam Trick
Tared Goldfarb
Coach- **A.J. Donaldson**
Assistant Coach- **Sam Ochstein**



DRIBBLING BY, JEN RAMSTETTER, 12, passes by teammate **Andrea Thomas, 12**. Teamwork was key to the team's success. They played hard and enjoyed their games.



MATT SMITH, 11, STEALS THE BALL from **Ben Hue, 12**. Smith was wearing a dress shirt with bow tie because it was theme night for his team. Theme nights were enjoyed by the creative Floppy Llamas.

[dances we love / Winter Formal

By: Jen McLaughlin and Kyle Spicer

It was 1:30 PM on January 22nd, 30 more minutes to watch the TV, anxiously wondering if indeed the dance was a go. The weather forecast anticipated a winter storm with 14 inches of snowfall, however later there was minimal snow.

The dance was on. Winter Formal was considered a "Sadie Hawkins Dance" also known as, 'the one where the girls ask the guys'. Asking your date was a creative gesture made by the girl.

Asking your date creatively ranged from simple signs in the commons, writing messages in the snow, decorating cars and rooms, and even giving your date a visit during early morning hours to dance around him in footie pajamas, like **Emily Thomas, 11**, did. **Rachel Costello, 12**, asked **Alan Kelpe, 11**, by using food coloring to write

"Winter formal?" in the snow.

Dinner was the first step. With restaurants ranging from Silver Spring House to Bravo's.

"My date and I went to Bravo's with another couple, the food was amazing!" said **Ali Shewman, 9**.

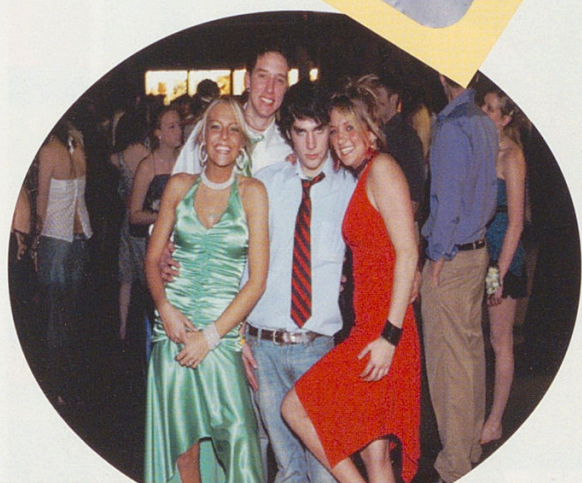
Next, on to the dance. The theme was Candy Land. Walking in the scent of cotton candy grabbed your attention and the decorations looked great.

"There was candy on the wall and the decorations looked amazing...Student Council did an amazing job," said **Sarah Porter, 11**.

Eddie Clark was the D.J. for the night. He played a nice variety of songs ranging from "Ice, Ice, Baby" by Vanilla Ice; to "Bia, Bia" by Lil John and the Eastside boys

Overall, the dance was a hit, and will go down as one to remember for the snowy and icy conditions, slipping and sliding into dinner because of the ice, the breath taking decorations, and the variety of music.

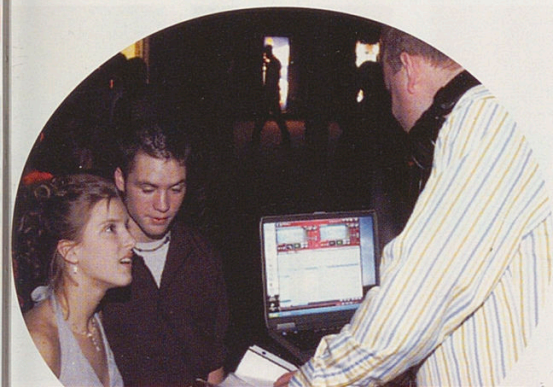
RACHEL CASTELLO, 12, ASKED Alan Kelpe, 11, by writing with food coloring in the snow. This was one of the many creative ways that students asked one another to the winter dance. Girls spent weeks plotting ideas to find the perfect plan.



ALEXUS BRANDENBURG, 12, KATIE SWANTKO, 10, James Swantko, '04, and, Chris Flint, '03, dance together. All had a great time at the dance. Green and red were popular colors for dresses.



KELLY LEBUHN, 10, AND CHRIS GRANNEN, 12, SWING EACH OTHER AROUND for fun. DJ **Eddie Clark** played a swing song for a nice change of music. **Grannen** and **Lebuhn's** matching outfits were a unique approach for attire.



DAVID BROXTERMAN, 11, AND KAREN Nesbitt, 10, were requesting a song to **DJ Eddie Clark**. The music was great. **Clark** played a number of old favorites including The Jackson Five.



STEVE KRAMER, 12, AND AMY PETROCY, 12, dance along with the candy canes. The decorations were a sure hit at the dance. In this case, they also were great for dancing props.



EVERYONE IS DANCING AND HAVING A GOOD TIME. The dance was held in the commons. The bridges and poles were decorated like the game, Candy Land®, with gum drops and candy canes.

When asked if students liked the Winter Dance better than Homecoming, 30 people out of 50 had more fun at Winter.

55%

/styles we love/ Fashion

By: Kelli Rogers



"Valley Thrift and Goodwill are the new Abercrombie and Fitch."

-Anna Pittman, 11

"I like it when people dress with flair!"

-April Wang, 12

"I just like to be comfortable. I don't make a habit of dressing up just to come to school."

-Cheryl Thoerner, 10

"I love summer because you get to wear tank tops and happy colors!"

-Katie Daniels, 11



A student woke up to a blaring radio. It happened to be 6:30 AM on a Monday morning, and time to get ready for school. What did they put on? A pair of faded jeans and a grey hoodie from the thrift shop, or that new off-the-wall outfit they found at the mall? Or maybe they just decided to roll out of bed.

Whatever their style, it was unique to them, and it helped to make up the range of color and fabric found in the school throughout the year.

Fashion, defined as "the current prevailing style" in the dictionary, was not so easily determined when looking around at classmates.

There were countless factors that contributed to a person's own individual style. As could be predicted, someone's 'don't' was always another student's 'do'. As long as they were comfortable with what they were wearing, though, anything seemed to go. With stores like Wet Seal, Charlotte Russe, and Forever 21, clothes became a little bit cheaper.

You could also get more for your money at thrift stores like Valley Thrift and Goodwill, which many students decided was a better idea.

Since showing up in your birthday suit would be frowned upon, clothing was a necessary, and fun way to express different personalities.



WHAT TO WEAR WITH RED HAIR?

Jaime Orent, 11, wore brown, earthy tones so that her clothes never clashed with her hair. "Bright red and shades of pink are out of the question for me," said Orent.

HIGH FIVE FOR HIGH HEELS.

Pointy, high heels had to be on everyone's feet. They were worn with jeans or skirts, and looked cute either way. Equally popular were the opposite: flats. The same fun style minus the heel, and easier to wear! Here, Sara Kaufman, 10, showed off her skirt, tights, and flats look.

STUDS ARE OUT. Small earrings and little hoops were no longer the 'in' thing. It was all about dangle earrings in earthy colors with funky stones and interesting designs.



EYE-CATCHING. Hair got shorter, and anything cute to keep it out of your face was a go. Laura Wolf, 12, chose a bright, wide headband. She also had fun making her own crazy dangle earrings with neat beads and designs.

Mocassins, similar to brown clogs, were a new way to walk in style.



Describe
your
style!



"I live in T-shirts and jeans. I get a lot of my shirts from shows that I go to, but my friend actually made the design for this shirt."

-Emily Thomas, 11



"My style is a little bit of everything—great colors with a variety of bottoms and funky shoes. I just like to express myself."

-Chelsey Lutz, 11



Being comfortable is definitely a priority, but every once in a while a little bit of pain in the name of fashion is worth it. Hike up those skirts and put on your heels!

- Sari Goldhoff, 10

What is Your Favorite Fashion Season?

48% Summer

35% Spring

10% Fall

7% Winter



HALF THE SWEATER, BUT NOT half the style. Whether it tied or buttoned in the middle, the half sweater was a must-have. **Lauren Daniels, 11**, knew what she was doing when she picked this one out at Hollister.

FASHION GETS CRAZY.

Tamar Ingber, 11, was not afraid to stand out. "I like to mix 80's, prep, hippy, and comfy together. So this is what I get!" Her wide belt and dark, cuffed jeans screamed style.



Lady?

or



Crazy?

BOTH BIG hoops and pretty dangle earrings are fashionable, but how crazy you wanted to go was up to you. Cute pumps were in style, no matter how high or low the heel. Purses, both designer such as Coach, as well as off-brands, were always the best accessory.



Classy?

or



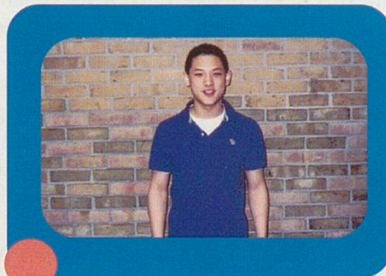
Sassy?



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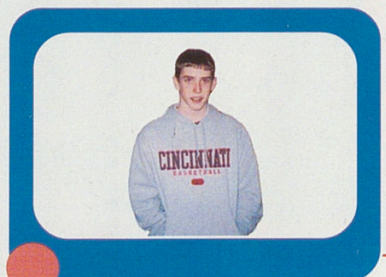
Kinda Low?



PREPPY IS BACK, OR WAS it ever out? **Eric Shen, 12**, made a statement in a navy blue polo shirt. It was a perfect alternative to the typical sweatshirts and sweatpants.

IT'S THE NORTH FACE PHASE.

Both guys and girls made sure to go out and get a North Face fleece for winter. Girls liked the purple and light blue while the guys went for black. **Rob Kirkpatrick, 12**, showed off his new jacket. "I spend a lot of time getting ready in the morning... I do what I can to please my people," said **Kirkpatrick**.



BOYS WERE INTO SPORTS, of course. Many boys made sure to support their favorite sports team with sweatshirts, sweatpants, and T-shirts. **Matt Oberly, 9**, wore his favorite school being UC, proudly wore his red and black.

GUYS STAYED PREDICTABLE

with their baggy American Eagle cargo pants. The other staple of their closets were the classic striped, button-up shirts. When asked about his collared shirt, "Dress nice, get the ladies," said **John Frank, 12**. Somebody knew how to use fashion to their advantage.



Fashion Greenlights
for Girls

[wheels we turn]

Cars

By: Kelsey Kiley

“I just got my license. I am obsessed with my Corolla. Just to be able to drive is awesome, I’d love any car.”

-Ethan Arenstein, 10

“It’s a cheap car, but it’s my baby.”

-Myka Rae Bowen, 12

“Boris is amazing. He is nothing but endurance. You wish you had him. But he’s mine. So ha.”

-Renee Sabo, 11

“I have an imaginary car. It’s made out of air. It doesn’t cost me anything. I love it.”

-Liz Tripp, 11

IT’S BUMPER stickers galore! Whether for music, humor, or politics, the stickers were everywhere. It was just one more way to colorfully individualize what was being driven.

Whether Mom and Pop bought it, or it came through personal hard work, the cars we got to drive were important to us.

“I have to share my car with my family, so everyone’s stuff is in it, but I keep my C.D.’s in it, so that no matter who was driving before me, I can listen to MY music,” said **Colleen Posey, 12**.

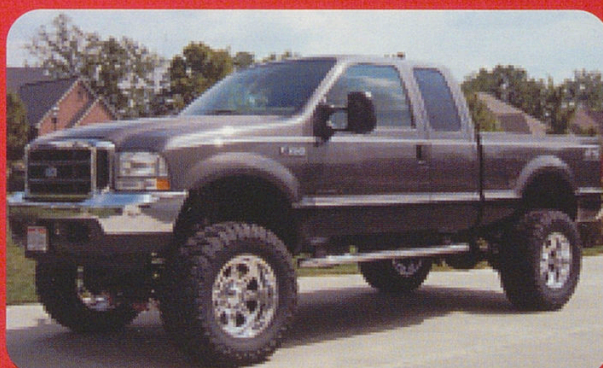
A car was crucial to daily life. Without it, getting to school and work would have been nearly impossible.

“My car is unique because it has important stuff in the backseat, like Mountain Dew, donuts, my water polo ball, swimsuits, and a baseball bat,” said **Brian McMillen, 11**.

No matter what the car was used for, everyone tried to make their car an expression of who they were. There is the saying, “You are what you eat,” but it can definitely be changed to “You are what you drive.”

“My car is the best. And different from all the rest. Why? ‘Cause I got a lot of junk in my trunk,” said **Lisa Ramstetter, 11**.

It may have been fuzzy dice. Or perhaps bumper stickers. Who knows, you might even have had the bobbing hula girl on your front dash. From the music you blared to the color of your seat covers, the differences in cars were as unique as the drivers.



QUITE POSSIBLY THE MOST recognizable car in the parking lot, **Brant Osborne, 11**, proudly drives his Ford-250. It was bigger than any other, and he was very proud of it. “Not only do I enjoy driving my truck, but it is also a ‘family thing.’ My dad had a truck similar to it when he graduated from here in ‘81,” said **Osborne**.

WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE MOST POPULAR WAY to decorate was through the rearview mirror. From Hawaiian flowers and cowboy hats to air fresheners and beads, the variety was huge. They are cheap and easy, and if it gets old, just find another one.





"Well, Spiderman came out that year, so everyone started calling me that, cause of my last name."
-**Jake Webb, 12**



"I have always been called 'Comet' after Hailey's comet, and 26 is my birthday."
-**Hailey Wertheiser, 12**



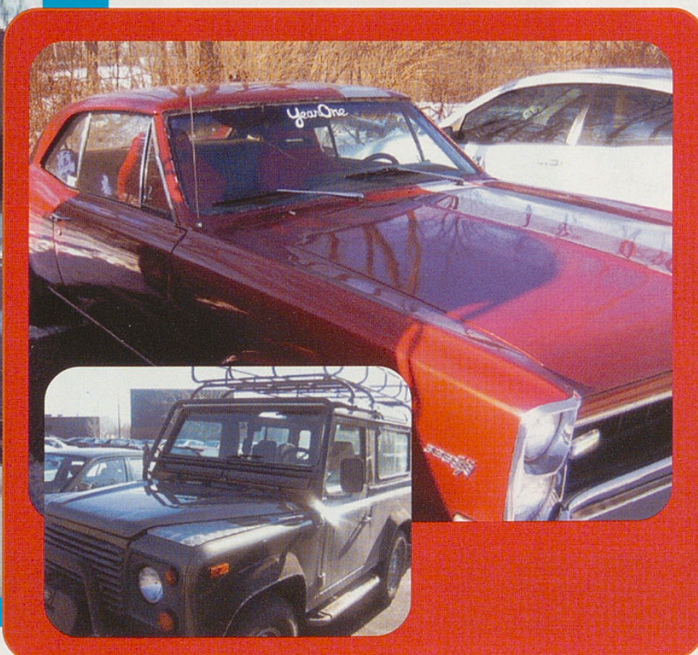
"I love drumming, I participated in our drumline and I plan on playing forever, so this was my way of sharing with other drivers, I LOVE DRUMMING!"
-**Amanda Moore, 12**



"My dad gave me this car, and he's a doctor. It's a medical term, 'Forced Expiratory Volume in one second,' which basically means how hard you exhale."
-**Sara Rashkin, 12**



WANT TO ADD CLASS AND instant taste? The car of dreams was even better if fuzzy dice were added. Preferably bright red ones from Las Vegas, like **Lauren Truax, 12**. Or maybe, like **Eric Knox, 11**, pimping out the wheels with some plastic rims was more his style.



SOMETIMES IT'S not about the additions, but the car itself. There is old time style, and modern macho. Some cars are reminiscent of "Greased Lightnin'" while **Scott Spear, 11** drives an SUV that is nothing but muscle. A car says a lot about the person who drives in.

[we love life] Dating

By Kelsey Kiley

"I don't believe in love at first sight, but I do think that sometimes there is a gut feeling that knows more than we do."

-Dexter Payne, 11

"I would like to believe in love at first sight. It's possible, but rare. You know, so that the next time I'm at the grocery store, I can be like 'what up' and we'll fall head over heels in love."

- Maggie Koetter, 11

"I think you have more than one soul mate, but you have to go through a few bad ones to find them."

- Emily Wehman, 10

"I'm all for liking people, and all that cute stuff, but it's annoying when people think they can be 'in love' in high school..."

-Ryan Darbonne, 11

For better or for worse... No it was not usually that serious, but many have said that love in high school does exist. Who knows, it is possible to come back to a high school reunion and see those old couples happily married.

Until then, love and dating were rocky affairs. Those who had the relationships worked on keeping everything going smoothly, which could be just as hard as dealing with singledom.

"With everything that teenagers have to do in our day and age, we don't have time to be in a relationship and give it 100%," said **Stuart Solomon, 11**.

Usually the benefits outweighed the difficulties, especially when both halves were happy. Like when dances rolled around. It was wonderful to not have the stress of wondering, "Will I get asked? Who will ask me?" However, not everyone minded being single.

"I like not being tied down. If I want to go out on Saturday night, I will, and if I don't then it's not a big deal. I don't have to plan ahead," said **Kelli Rogers, 11**.

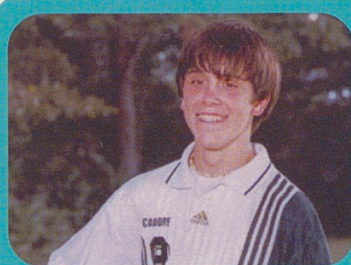
"Most people date in high school for fun, but every now and then, you see a couple that can make it. Besides that- everybody just likes getting together on the weekends," said **Jillian Steinberg, 10**.

Whether single or "going steady", love was in the air. Or at least "like".

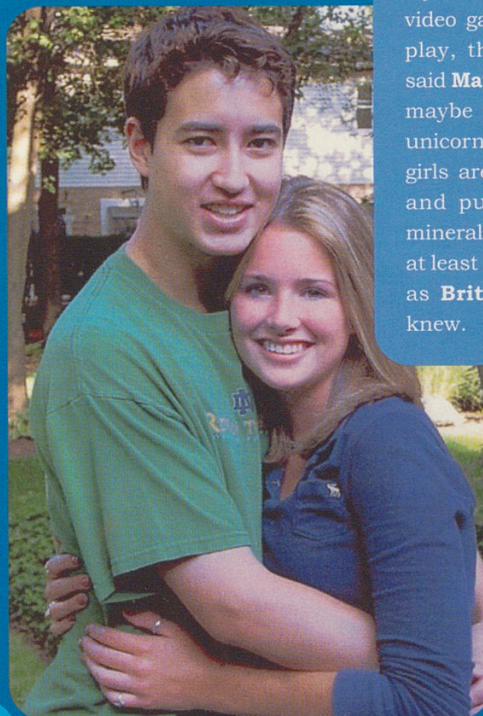
IDEAL DATE? "September 24th," said **Jennifer Konerman, 11**. "This is the ideal date because it's the perfect weather and school hasn't gotten hard yet... wait, you mean a date? Oh, I don't care, I'm just not paying."



KEEPIN' IT SIMPLE, THE classic way. "If I were going on a date with someone, I would first like to go see a movie, then we would go to a nice dinner. Afterwards, we would go back to my house and chill for a while. Then I'd take her home," said **Jon Bregger, 9**.



RELATIONSHIPS WERE HARD, BUT NOT if you get all philosophical, **Napierski** style. "Relationships are like video games. The more you play, the easier they get," said **Matt Napierski, 12**. "Or maybe they're like herding unicorns. All I know is that girls are like Dasani. Fresh and pure, full of natural mineral-ly goodness." Well, at least he treats them right, as **Brittany Jochum, 12**, knew.



WHAT MAKES IT WORK? THE RECIPE FOR success varied, but keeping your friends in your life, not just your significant other, seemed to be important. "We've been dating since freshman year, and we have all the same friends, so we can hang out with each other and our friends at the same time. This made the relationship a lot easier, because we didn't have to divide ourselves between each other and the other people that care about us. Overall, it's been pretty great," said **Jen McLaughlin, 11**. Sounds like they agreed. "The most important thing is to not lose touch with your friends, but with us, we're best friends. We talk about stupid stuff that only we understand," said **Ryan Davis, 11**.

Found that special someone? Now what...

YOU KNOW YOU LIKE THEM. How do you show it? "Give them a big kiss. No, that only works with some people. Do little things for them a lot, so they know you're always thinking of them. Listen and remember things they like, and surprise them. Like, say you know their favorite candy is Snickers. You're at the store shopping, see a snickers, and get it for them, because you know they'll enjoy it," said **Krista Wesselkamper, 12.**



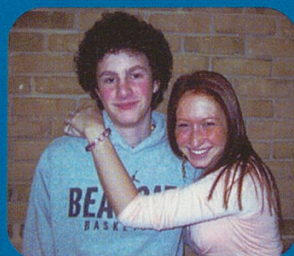
"We have been dating for two years now, but I have known her (Jenny Breed, '04) since fourth grade. We first met on the school bus, oddly enough. It's just like Forrest Gump and Jenny in the movie Forrest Gump.

- **Forest Harrington, 12**

"IF THERE IS someone that you like, you should talk to them. Do something to make them feel special. Help them carry their books to class or do anything nice. Some-times random acts of kindness can be the most meaningful," said **Forest Harrington, 12.**

BEING IN LOVE, OR AT LEAST IN

like, some would say it is the best feeling in the world. "The relationship two people can build is amazing. I never thought I'd be able to share my innermost thoughts and feelings with someone, and have them understand so well. The security you get from it, and the feeling of being wanted and loved can get you through anything. It is just really wonderful to love somebody. Its a feeling nothing else can fill," said **Christine Taragano, 11**, taking a break from her date to be with sister **Laurie Taragano, 9.**



SOME WERE KICKIN' IT SINGLE-STYLE.

"Relationships are fun, but they're a big responsibility. I enjoy the freedom of being single!" said **Alex Cramer, 10**, with gal pal **Jaime Orent, 11.** There are pro's and con's to relationships and singledom, but if you know how, both ends of the spectrum could be a lot of fun.

What
do the
girls
want?



"A guy with a great sense of humor, a pretty smile, and good hair. Someone I can be myself around."

-**Liz Walsh, 10**



"Just someone I can hang out with. Nothing too serious. All he has to want to do is be with me!"

- **Laurie Taragano, 9**



"Someone completely honest who can make me die laughing. Having a brain is always a plus!"

- **Margo Rosen, 11**

Adults we adore

odd couples

If you think that a date with your parents does not sound like any fun; then you have not experienced the Odd Couples Ball. "Bonding with my dad, could I ask for anything more? It is a lot of fun," said **Andrea Thomas, 12**.

Just like every other Odd Couples dance, students had a single day to turn in their ticket order forms in order to have a spot reserved at the dance. The committee warned the students in advance and then gave them the entire day to turn in the form; if it was not turned in that day, students were unable to attend the dance.

"I wish that maybe we could have more time to order tickets because one time I almost forgot my check," said **Laura Ebetino, 12**.

As long as everything was turned in on time, one could look forward to a night full of dancing and eating. The theme for the dance was A Mediterranean Cruise. When students and their parents walked into the school, they didn't just walk into the school, they walked onto a cruise ship.

"The decorations were really cool this year. It felt like you were really in the Mediterranean," said **Jillian Cohen, 9**.

Once pictures had been taken, music was played by **Ben Alexander** and his band, and food was served. The food included everything from cheese and crackers to chocolate covered strawberries. It was all about introducing your parents to the

By: Caitlin Bokulic

people you hang out with. Everyone got a chance to let their parents in on what high school is really like.

"It was really fun to mingle and meet my friend's parents," said **Becca Nitzberg, 10**.

Once the bell was tolled, everyone filed into the dining room that was decorated like a café in Paris. The committee had put together an Eiffel Tower that reached the ceiling. Everyone enjoyed their dinner, which was finished off by some fabulous desserts.

"Dinner was much better this year because there was more selection in the buffet line," said **David Sokol, 11**.

When dinner was done, the night was full of dancing. Everyone captured all their favorite moments with pictures. The band played oldies while parents and friends let loose. When people got tired of dancing they were able to sit in a Italian café or have their picture taken in Greece.

"The dance was a lot of fun, I really enjoyed spending the night out with my father," said **Emily Crabill, 9**.

BRENT HAMMERGRAM, 12, STARTS THE BUFFET line during dinner. The buffet line went quickly because there were two sides to each table. The food was also placed on trays outside the dining room, so people could snack before dinner.

BEN NEWLAND, 12, AND ADAM TRICK, 12, CHOW down their meal during dinner. They were in the main dining room which was filled with all grades except freshman. The main dining room also featured piano playing by Paul Chiapponne.



Dinner



GETTING THE CROWD

excited the **Rebops** play some famous songs. The groups' name stood for Rejuvenated Educators Belting Out Popular Songs. The band played both before and after dinner.



MIMICKING EACH OTHER'S DANCE

moves **April Wang, 12**, and **Mr. Wang** dance to the music. April and her dad went to all four Odd Couples Balls. April's favorite part of the night was the crazy dancing.

Dance

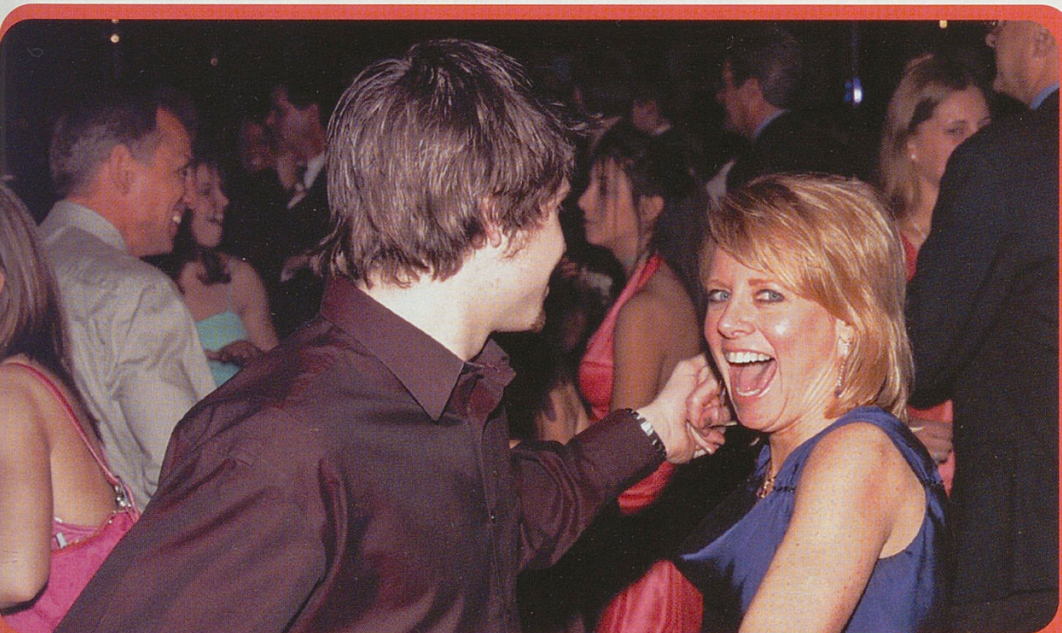
TEACHING HER SON SOME DANCE

steps **Mrs. Hutson** and **James Hutson, 10**, get their groove on. The dance went on until 11:00 p.m. The culmination of excitement was let loose during the song "Shout" which got the whole crowd on their feet.



COREY SKUROW,

12, and **Mrs. Skurow** enjoy their night out together, as did many people. The band played oldies, which proved to be a hit for both the parents and their kids. This is the one time a year when students do not have to be embarrassed when they dance with their parents.



Topic of interview

Jessica Tufts, 9



What was your favorite photo op?



The Gondola



What was your favorite part of the dance?



When they called people up on stage.

MR. COLEMAN TAKES HIS DAUGHTER

Allison Coleman, 9, for a stroll in a gondola. This was one of many photo ops for people to take their pictures. The gondola was a favorite for students to take pictures with their friends.



[break we need]

Spring Break

By: Jen McLaughlin
and Jennifer Konerman

Spring break was a time to forget about school and relax for a week. Though not all students could take this opportunity, it was a great one nonetheless.

"I went to Arizona and laid by the pool drinking smoothies during spring break," said **Jen Baum, 9**.

Some, however, got the chance to travel and spend time with friends outside of the constraints of school.

"My friends and I went to the Bahamas. My friend got a tattoo and we went jetskiing," said **Ethan Arenstein, 10**.

The chance to spend time away from home, forgetting about homework and studying, was attractive to all. Students enjoyed this time to simply relax.

"I went to Fort Lauderdale and hung out on the beach everyday and did absolutely nothing," said **Sumedha Sharma, 11**.

Although many took this week away to go to exotic and exciting locations, some chose a different route. Many went to snowy places and cold weather just as the weather was beginning to clear up at home.

"I went to Jacksonville, Wyoming, and went skiing and snowmobiling," said **Jake Hyudt, 9**.

AP Euro trip

we asked the AP Euro students...

Q: What was your favorite place to visit?

A: Most students said that they enjoyed Paris and Florence the most

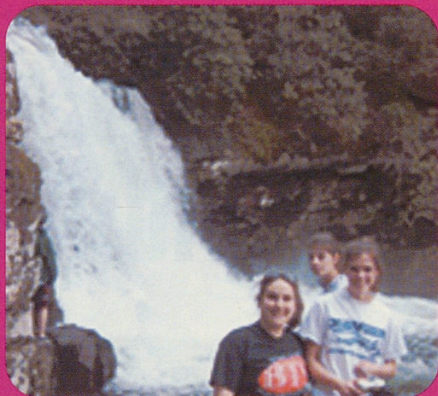
Q: What was your favorite moment from the trip?

A: Most of the juniors said that meeting with **Mr. Ciaran Prendergast**, the juniors' European teacher from the previous year, was their favorite part of the trip



AP EUROPEAN HISTORY STUDENTS STAND IN front of the Colosseum. **Kim Standen, 11, Dara Kim, 11, and Julie Gardner, 11**, had fun during their European spring break. "Europe was a blast. It was awesome with the juniors, and it was fun getting to bond with the sophmores. It's a trip I will never forget," said **Standen**.



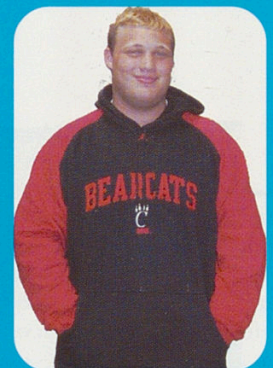


LAURA REGAN, 10, EMILY PETROCY, 10, and Jillian Steinberg, 10 hike by the waterfall. The girls of the softball team went to Gatlinburg, Tennessee as a team bonding experience. "Gatlinburg was cool because we had 30 girls in one cabin for five days, it was a fun way to spend spring break," said **Sam Kahn, 11**.

What did you do for spring break?

MANY ENJOY RELAXING

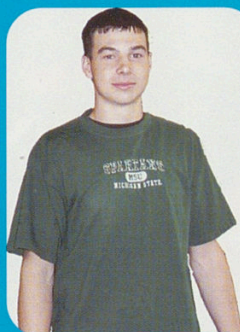
days at the beach over spring break "I went to Palm beach and went swimming in the ocean," said **Zach Star, 10**. He had fun while hanging out and not worrying about the stresses of school.



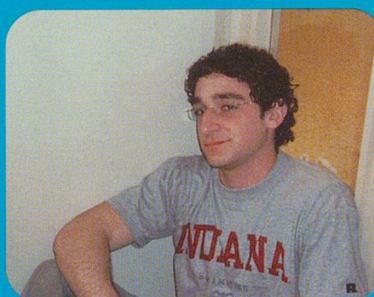
HAVE FUN AT THE BEACH! "We had an awesome time and got to meet some cool people down there. There was lots to do," said **Kayla Hearl, 11**.

SOPHOMORES HEAD

to the beach. This was a hot spot for many during spring break. "Panama City was fun because I chilled on the beach with my cousins," said **Sean Caldwell, 10**.



MANY CHOOSE TO STAY at home and relax. "Our lacrosse team took a weekend trip to Baltimore. After that I took multiple trips to my bed from the kitchen," said **Jamie Fishman, 11**.



ALEX COOPER, 10, HANGS OUT BY THE BEACH IN THE Caribbean. She went with **Alexa Polites, 11, and Abbie Tepe, 10**, to relax and have fun together for a week. "We went to the Bahamas and it was my birthday which made it a lot of fun," said **Polites**.



[drama we love] Spring Musical

By: Lauren Truax

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was the end of the year musical. It was performed on the 6, 7, 8, and 9 of April. Two juniors had the main leads playing Joseph. The musical had no speaking words, all of the story was told through songs. Many students went out to watch the musical.

"The musical was awesome! It was obvious that the cast worked really hard, and it paid off. I especially loved the open-air market before the performance. It was tons of fun," said **Laura Moushey, 11.**

Before the musical began, cast members set up a market in the main office area. They sold food, scarves, lotion, and belly danced. It was great for a way to get the audience involved in the musical before it even began.

The songs were extremely catchy and they were heard throughout the school for days. At the very end of the musical the cast and pit tried every night to get the audience to sing along with one of the

main songs. By getting the audience involved it showed that they were truly entertaining them.

"The musical was fun, interesting, and I kept singing the songs for days," said **Sean Wright, 12.**

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was chosen as the musical because it was **Ms. Leslie Knotts'** final year. It was her favorite musical and, therefore she picked it as her last. Members from past years and current theater members made a retirement gift for **Ms. Knotts**. They made a video for her, which she greatly appreciated.

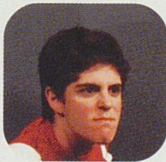
The funny and very entertaining *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* was a great musical to have for the final spring musical.

"This year's musical was one of my favorite musicals, by far," said **Dena Rapoport, 11.**



AMBER D'SOUZA, 12, AND TARA ZIVKOVIC, 12, TRYING TO GET JOSEPH'S TECHNICOLOR COAT BACK FROM HIS JEALOUS BROTHERS. The brothers attacked Joseph, sold him into slavery, and took his dreamcoat with bloodstains on it to their father for evidence that Joseph was killed. The brothers later in the play reconciled with Joseph.

What was
your favorite
part of being
in the
musical?



"I love being in our musicals because after all our griping and complaining the show turns out being the most rewarding and fun experience of the year."

-Sammy Kanter, 12



"Being able to perform with my friends and in front of an audience."

-Josh Lee, 11

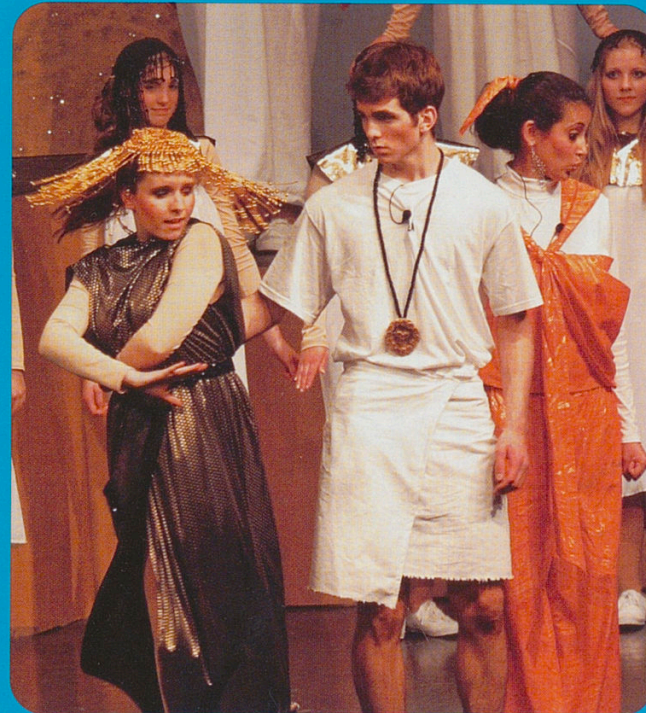


"Being an Elvis like Pharaoh was my favorite part of being in the musical."

-Eric Shen, 12



MESMERIZING THE SNAKE, NATE KAPLAN, 11, WITH HIS MUSIC and Corey Gross, 11. Before the musical started, members from the cast went out into the main office area and sold lotion, scarfs, etc. to raise money for measles. The twist was fun for the audience because they got to interact with cast members.



JULIA ALBAIN, 12, AND DAVID MORTON, 11 SHOWING THEIR dance moves as Joseph and the Pharaoh's queen. The Queen tried to seduce Joseph and ended up getting him in trouble with the Pharaoh. The Pharaoh sent Joseph to jail, not to be released till he helped the Pharaoh with his dream.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Cast (Wednesday/Friday)

Joseph

David Morton

Narrators

Tara Zivkovic

Amber D'Souza

Andrea Thomas

Pharaoh

Nate Kennedy

Cast (Thursday/Saturday)

Narrators

Kati Bakes

Jennifer Brunker

Chelsey Lutz

Joseph

Nate Kaplan

Pharaoh

Eric Shen

Chorus

Julia Albain

Dustin Amrine

Ruchi Asher

Frank Bakes

Kati Bakes

Adam Bellos

George Benson

Jennifer Brunker

Sheila Campbell

Brandon Cole

Dustin DePenning

Alan Dicken

Nate Dicken

Amber D'Souza

Marissa Ellison

Matt Evans

Adina Farber

Hilary Fingerman

Nate Fischer

Laura Friedmann

Corey Gross

Justin Hanks

Lindsey Hill

Taylor Jensen

Annie Kanter

Sammy Kanter

Nate Kaplan

Sara Kaufman

Nate Kennedy

Christy King

Josh Lee

Dara Lind

Christine Linz

Chelsey Lutz

Becca Maher

Melissa Mandel-Brown

Meetra Mehdizadeh

Aimee Morton

David Morton

Laura Moster

Radheshri Oza

Lisa Ramstetter

Eric Shen

Annie Sluka

Shania Smilovitz

Andrea Thomas

Laura Wacksman

Anna Young

Tara Zivkovic

Orchestra

Jeff Andrews

Elia Burkhart

Rachel Costello

Sarah Imhoff

Alice Jone

Mimi Kao

Andrea Lee

Lauren Levy

Kevin Mastman

Julie Muller

John Scheineson

Nicole Smile

David Tarai

Emma Tarai

Crew

Anna Arays

Adam Bahir

Ollie Birkhead

Leah Daniel

Tim Fenstermaker

Zack Goldman

Michaela Mondro

Andrea Nadel

Mel Rasch

Bear Wilfong

Faculty & Staff

David Anderson

Linda Anderson

Mike Anderson

Dan Frank

Joel Greenberg

Leslie Knotts

Carolyn Miller

Chris Stubbins

Bob Young

Patt Zurlinden



BLACK EYE PEAS' LYRICS IGNITE SPIRIT! "Lets get it started!" was played as the catalyst to promoting diversity. "Don't worry about it, people, we'll walk you through it." an excerpt from the song explained the purpose of the day: to open students' eyes to new experiences, new cultures, and new people. "I'm not even Jewish, but I was drawn into joining the Israeli dancing. And I had fun!" said **Victoria Biddle, 11.**

day we adore [Diversity Day]

By: Tamar Ingber

Haitian, Venezuelan, Vietnamese, and Belgian are only a few of the diverse origins of Sycamore's student body. Diversity Day, a biannual celebration, was created to help promote appreciation of this diverse atmosphere. Mrs. **Marilyn Ray, history teacher**, planned over the course of the whole year to create this meaningful day.

This celebration was needed to emphasize the differences in the student body, so that the great similarities could become quite obvious.

"The greatest was Slammin' John. He was full of energy and had a great outlook on life," said **Nathan Schlimme, 10.**

Although **Slammin' John**, opening speaker, was in a wheelchair, his attitude soared to greater heights than most could ever hope to reach. Following, was keynote speaker **Mr. Richard Santana, Harvard graduate**, who was initially introduced as Mr. Chocolate. From gang member, to Harvard, his story captured the audience.

"I enjoyed the lunch and it made me want to take a nap on an Indian pillow because I loved the Indian food the best," said **Michael Kahan, 11.**

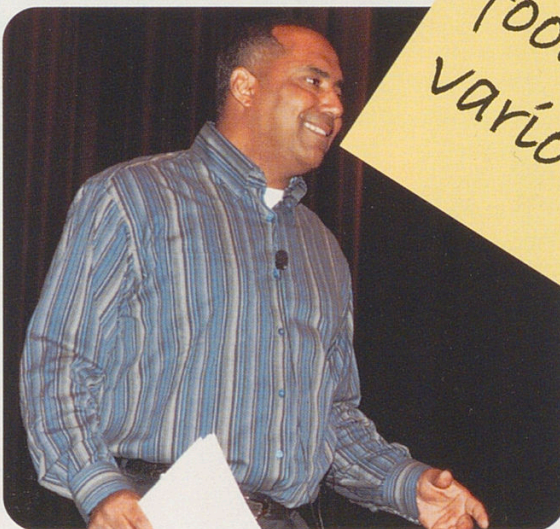
One of the greatest successes of the day was the great feast, which crossed all nation's borders and boundaries. **Kristen Holthaus, 11**, worked the Arabian Food because she wanted to display her love and appreciation of different cultures and their cuisine.

But the closing ceremony was beautifully compiled, and many saw Sycamore fuse together.

"I loved the end, and when the people in the stands ran to dance on the floor, it didn't seem like Sycamore. The truth was, we really got it started," said **Kelsey Tremblay, 9.**

A DRAGON FIGHT? No, way! **Chester Chen, 10**, and **Billy Tang, 10**, each manned the head and jaw of the colorful dragons. The symbol of a dragon represented wisdom in the Chinese culture.

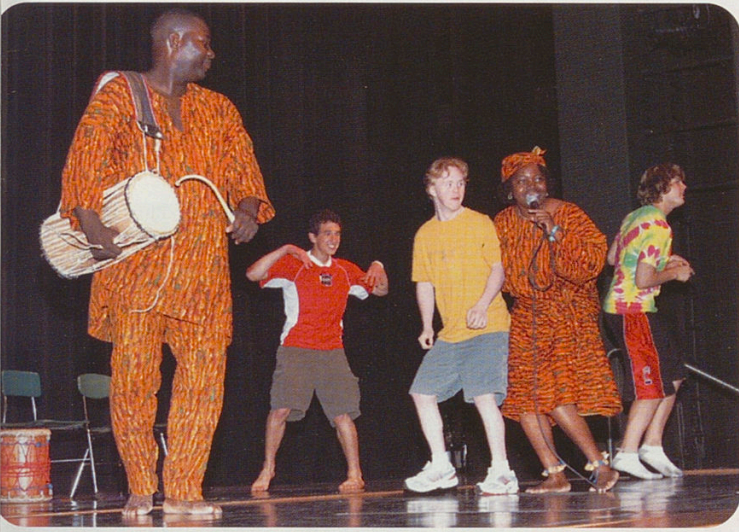
POST IT....
Students had
a chance to eat
food from 17
various cultures.



DIVERSITY IS AS FUN AS A GAME OF FOOTBALL.

Marvin Lewis, head coach of the Cincinnati Bengals, addressed a select group on the greatness of diversity. **Lewis** cracked jokes and commented on the Bengals season; however, his overall theme was "Lets get [Diversity] started."





AFRICAN DANCING, PRANCING, AND JUST HAVING A GOOD

‘oletime **Jared Goldfarb, 12, Ben Rinsky, 11, and Alex Young, 12**, followed the leaders and tried to keep up with the powerful beat. This was part of the African drumming workshop including several other dances and spiritual hymns to thumping beats. “It was my favorite activity of the day” said **Rinsky**.

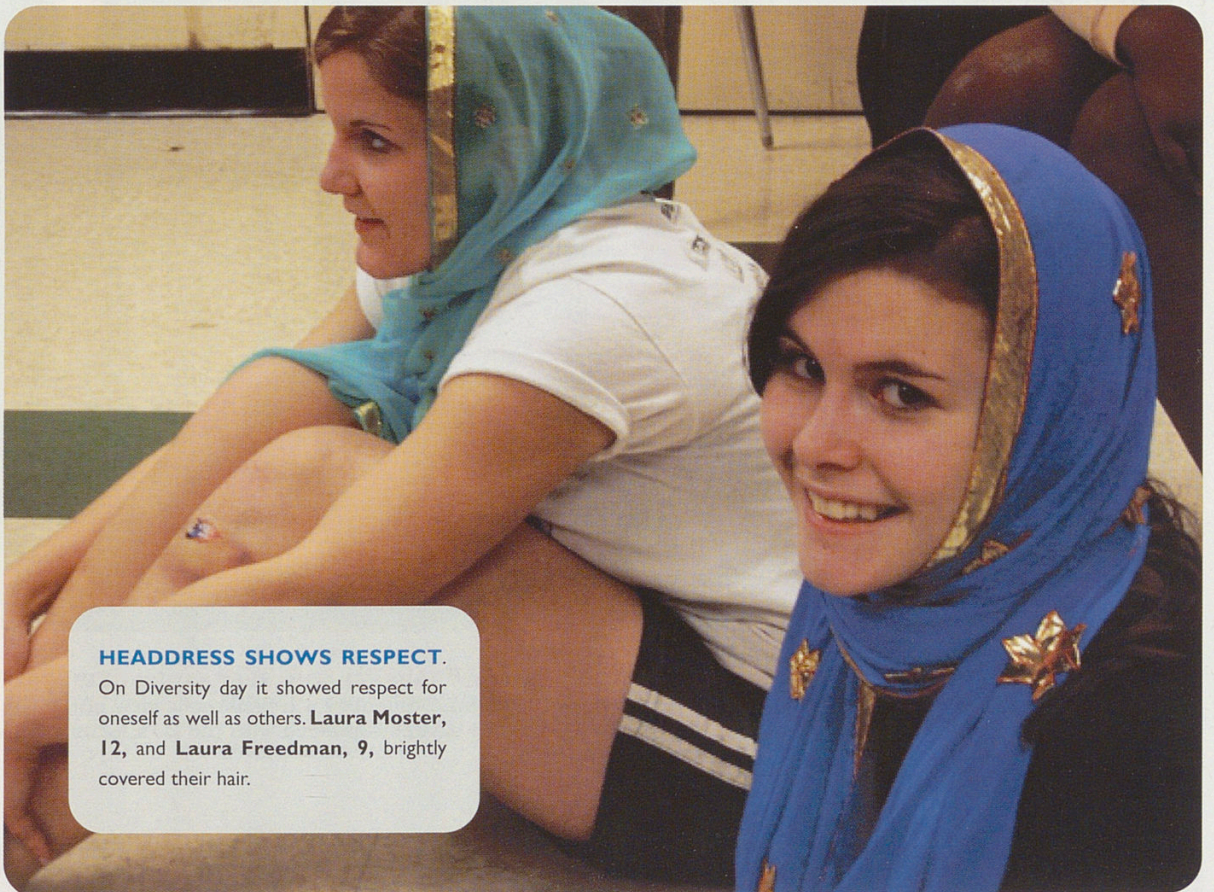
HENNA ON THE HAND, AND DIVERSITY ON THE MIND. **SARA KAUFMAN,**

10, and Jillian Steinberg, 10, enjoyed the Henna workshop. Henna tattoos promoted Indian culture with intricately designed temporary tattoos placed on one’s palm.



LUNCH LINE FORMS AROUND

the globe. Parents and students volunteered their extended lunch hour to serve anything from lasagna to lo mein. Students needed the coveted wristband.



HEADRESS SHOWS RESPECT.

On Diversity day it showed respect for oneself as well as others. **Laura Moster, 12, and Laura Freedman, 9**, brightly covered their hair.

Prom Prices

Tickets: ticket prices were \$30 each or \$60 per couple. After Prom tickets were \$10 each. Parking passes for the stadium were \$4.

Attire: Tux rentals were anywhere from \$5999 to \$100*. Dresses ranged in price from \$25 to \$400*.

Accessories: Girls jewelry and additional products were around \$20, but varied per person.

Dinner: Assuming your dinner destination was NOT Wendy's, dinner was around \$50* per couple at nicer restaurants.

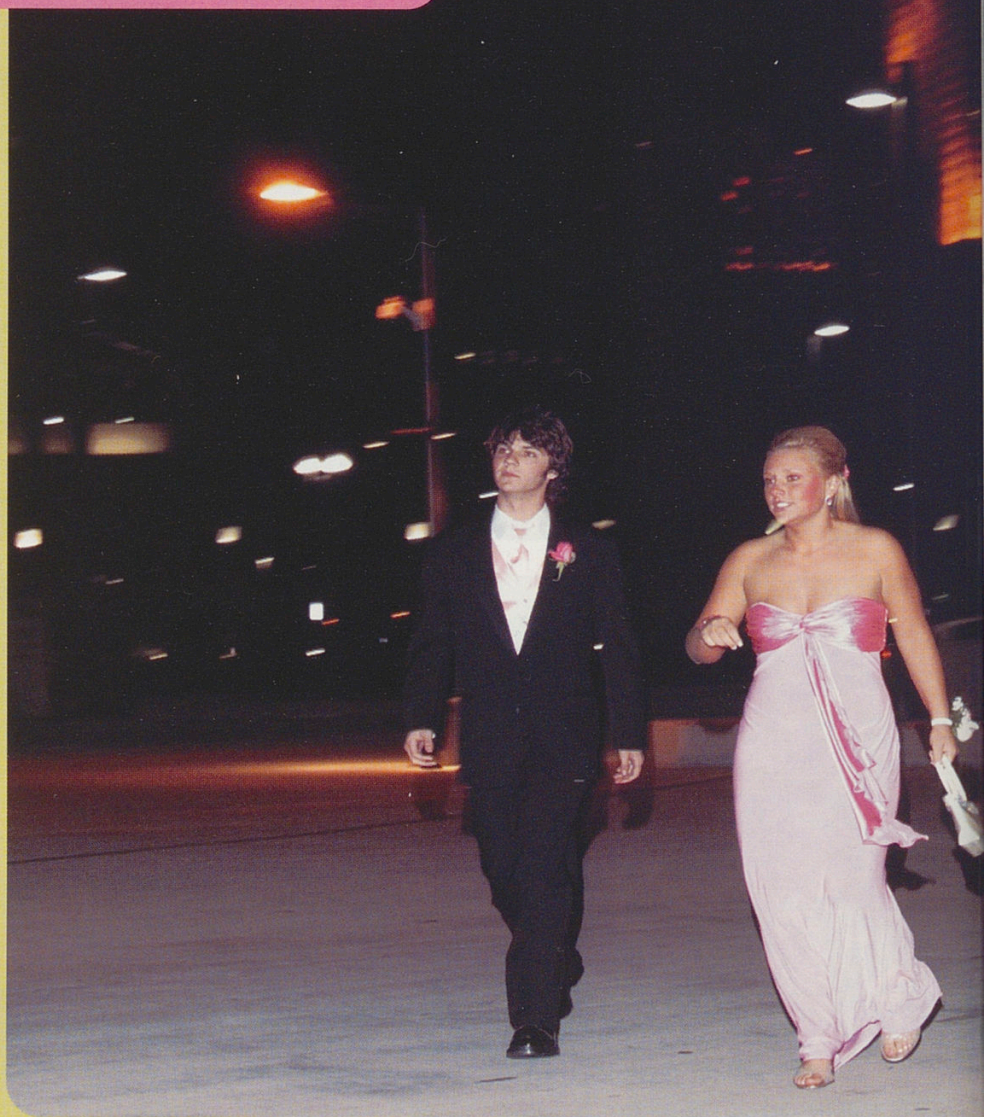
Flowers: Boutonnieres were around \$15-\$20. Corsages were around \$20-\$30.

Transportation:

The cost of a limo was different depending on company and type but some were \$600 and some were up to \$1000.



BUSTIN' OUT THE MOVES! The DJ got the party started and got everyone out of their seats to dance. So much time, money, and effort went into prom, and this was the culmination of it all.



KRISTIN HOLTHAUS, 11, AND ALEXANDER GERING, 11, HEAD FOR THE DANCE IN PAUL Brown stadium. Students got a panoramic view of the city while dancing under the huge glass window. The skyline combined with the DJ's lights created a romantic atmosphere for all who attended.

[moves we love] Prom

By: Amanda Evans

Year after year, Prom is an event that students look forward to. Both juniors and seniors spent a considerable amount of time preparing for the night. When it finally came, it was well worth it.

In keeping with the theme, Starry, Starry Night, students danced all night under the lights of the city. Over 700 students attended the dance, most of whom were in the junior and senior classes.

"This year was definitely more fun than last year, the juniors did a good job planning it," said **Melissa Muchmore, 12.**

As well as dancing, students enjoyed refreshments and got their pictures taken with their dates and with friends. For added safety, breathalyzers were also widely used to check students entering the dance.

Besides the breathalyzers, the thing that seemed to make or break the night were the music choices.

"I had fun, but the music wasn't necessarily my style," said **Emmanuel Bakarema, 12.**

Most students stayed until the dance was over and were eager to receive their prom favors. The favors were Nalgene water bottles sporting a Sycamore monogram.

After leaving the dance, students headed home to change and head back to the high school for After Prom. The whole night ended very memorably

"I had so much fun this year! It will definitely be a night I remember," said **Natalie Wade, 12.**



KING DAN MCGRATH, 12, AND QUEEN VIRGINIA TREMBLAY, 12, MAKE THEIR entrance. After descending the stairs, they had their first dance as prom royalty. The runners-up recieved recognition for being nominated and followed the king and queen down the stairs.

[free stuff we love] After Prom

By: Jennifer Konerman and Jen McLaughlin

After the dancing, after the fun, and after the dresses and tuxes are changed into shorts and tee shirts, comes After Prom. It was a huge success, and the students' reactions seemed to show this.

"I didn't realize I could have so much fun at school," said **Paul Procaro, 11.**

There were plenty of activities for everyone, as well as enough food to feed the many people making rounds on the restaurants such as ice cream and Skyline Chili.

"There were so many choices to eat at After Prom and I couldn't choose just one so I ate a lot," said **Sonia Ahmad, 12.**

Food was a big success, as well as the gym activities such as sumo wrestling and the other blow-up things such as the obstacle course.

"I loved the sumo wrestling even though I got pinned," said **Jana**

Schibler, 11.

"It was a really bad idea to do the obstacle course first. I crashed and had to spend an hour drinking frappucinos and watching Austin Powers. Other than that, it was sweet," said **Matt Hershberger, 12.**

All in all, After Prom was fun and sad to leave at 5:00 a.m. The juniors were excited and the seniors loved it even more than the year before.

"The inflatable climbing wall was really fun, even though it was difficult. It was nice to have some new stuff at After Prom," said **Sarah Yanow, 12.**



JAMIE FISHMAN, 11, AND JOHN WILKES, 11, DUEL IT OUT sumo-style. They had a blast fighting with the huge suits in the gym. Many watched and cheered as **Wilkes** claimed victory.



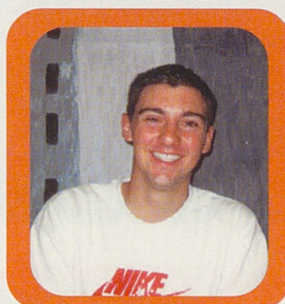
RACHEL YANOW, 12, and Victor Crenshaw, 12, try their best to win cornhole. They were playing against each other, but played fair. Cornhole was one of the many competitive games to choose from at afterprom.



"The obstacle course was rip roaring fun,"
-**John Wright, 11**



"It gave me an excuse to stay out late and it was fun to see girls try to keep their updo's intact after sumo wrestling."
-**Julie Gardner, 11**



"It rocked. It was the best four hours at high school."
-**A.J. Donaldson, 12**



"After Prom was so much better than last year and I had a blast,"
-**April Wang, 12**

IT'S ALL about the prizes! The raffles were a huge hit at After Prom, as many people won great prizes. From gift certificates to televisions, people were happy to walk away with whatever they could.



What prizes did you win?



"I won \$100 from Kenwood Towne Centre through the raffle."
- **Kelly Wills, 11.**



"I won a car cleaning kit even though I don't have a car... or a license."
- **Abbie Tepe, 10.**



"I won a soccer package. It had two tickets to a Columbus Crew game and a few gift certificates."
- **Tommy Crabill, 12.**



KEVIN CROOK, 11, goes all out for the win. He charge the basket on the blow-up bungee game in the gym. This was a favorite, although exhausting for those playing at 4:00 a.m.

[competition we love] Powder Puff

By: Jen McLaughlin

It's 7 o'clock on a Wednesday night. The junior and senior girls line up as the whistle blows. A lot of time and hard work went into this game with practices starting as early as the Monday after spring break.

The game started with the juniors kicking off to the seniors, **Jessica MacLean, 11**, started the game off right with an interception giving the juniors momentum and a head start.

They soon scored a touchdown after a pitch made by quarterback **Layne Huller, 11** to **MacLean** for a touchdown. The seniors responded by a pass to **Kelly Spry, 12**, for a touchdown.

Offensive coaches for the junior team soon utilized their speed by sending **Julie Hull, 11**, into the game. Running the option, **Hull** cut, spun, and flew across almost half of the seniors in order to score a touchdown.

"The seniors didn't know what hit them... they weren't even

close to pulling her flags," said **Ryan James**, junior coach.

Half time came and the juniors were up 12-6. The thought of actually beating the seniors crossed all of their minds.

"I was so excited we were beating the seniors! Everyone was screaming and jumping up and down," said **Leah Morand, 11**.

The game got physical and **Kim Sykes** responded with a completion for a touchdown to tie the game 18-18.

"The juniors stepped it up. They practiced hard and it showed," said **Kristin Grueninger, 12**.

Although the game ended in a tie it was a great game.

SARAH YANOW, 12, SPRINTS DOWN THE FIELD. Yanow was the quarterback for the senior team. Her speed provided an advantage to the team's running game.



CLASS OF '06 GETS

excited! The junior class cheers for their first touchdown. The junior class was very enthusiastic for this play seeing as it was the first score for the game and they were in the lead. The juniors scored three touchdowns, scored by **MacLean**, and two by speedy **Hull**.



JULIE HULL, 11, LEAVES senior **Jennifer Ramsetter, 12**, in the dust. **Hull** scored two touchdowns, both using her extreme speed on running plays. The seniors couldn't seem to catch up.

The Junior class made history when they tied the seniors. It hardly ever happens.

KIM SYKES, 12, RUNS down the field for a touchdown. **Sykes** was stopped by defensive player, **Gloria Burkhardt, 11**. **Sykes** was a key player to the senior's offense. However, **Burkhart** kept a close watch on her.



JESSICA MACLEAN, 11, GETS READY TO CATCH the pitch from QB **Layne Huller, 11**. **MacLean** scored a touchdown for the juniors. She also made key tackles to stop the senior's from advancing.

Fair and Square?



"A tie is still considered a win for the junior class." -**Jaime Orent, 11**



"I thought since we were seniors, we would get more slack. It was still so much fun, I'm glad I participated." - **Sarah Yanow, 12**



"As a team we played well, next year we will definitely win. With or without the referee's assistance!" - **Scott Kelly, 11**

● [trips we love] out-of-country fun ●

By: Kelli Rogers

There were three out-of-country field trips this past year that no student will ever forget. Whether they traveled to picturesque Spain, or took an unforgettable trip from England to France to Italy, every traveler crossed the Atlantic Ocean, and brought back amazing memories with at least five rolls of film.

Spanish levels four and five were welcome to go on a two week trip to Spain over the summer. The first week was touring, and the second was an intimidating family-stay. The girls came back with improved speaking abilities and plenty of new friends.

"I still keep in touch with my Spanish family," said **Jennifer Mott, 11**.

Both regular history and art history classes traveled to Europe during spring break. History classes took a whirlwind tour of England, Rome, and France, seeing sights such as Big Ben and the Eiffel Tour.

"It was so cool to be able to visit three different countries over spring break," said **Alphonse Harris, 10**.

Art History took a similar trip minus the stop in England. The students focused on visiting museums and were able to see many famous art monuments.

"My favorite city was Florence. The people were so friendly!" said **Kathy Gearin, 11**.



The famous **Molinos**(windmills) create a perfect backdrop. In the region of La Mancha, Spain, **Robin Hunsucker, '04, Jen Witte, '04, Chelsey Baughard, 12, and Kelli Rogers, 11** enjoyed the sight-seeing on a perfect day. La Mancha was only one of the seven Spanish cities they visited.



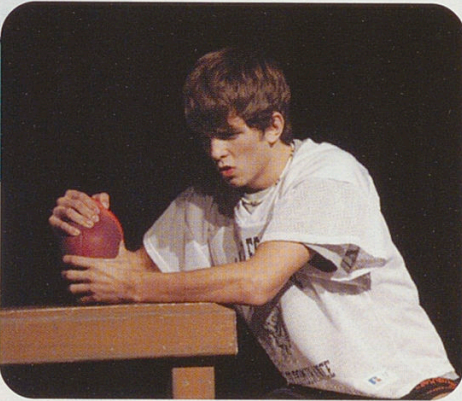
What would a trip to Paris be without visiting the famous Arc D'triomphe? This was only one of the stops for the art history trip. In France, they were able to visit the Eiffel Tower and in Italy, they were awed by the Vatican.



Stevi DiMasso, 11, and Leah Drapkin, 11, took a week-long trip to Europe on their spring break, along with many other students of varying history classes and levels. They traveled to London, Paris, and Rome, seeing as many monuments as they could.



Starting fresh? **Katie Van Heidrich, 9**, moved to Cincinnati from Atlanta, Georgia. "I was in a new city, with new people, and I didn't want to get used to it. I hated the cold weather, and I thought places like LaRosa's and Skyline just tasted weird. But I got over that," said **Van Heidrich**. She got involved with Black Student Union and cheerleading to help her get used to her new school. Katie easily made new friends and by the end of the year, she chalked it up as a "great one."



Gettin' in on the drama. **David Morton, 12**, transferred from Ryle High School in Kentucky. He immediately became involved in drama, singing and acting in many plays, and also joined the track team in the spring.

☺ Sycamore receives about 110-130 new students every year!
 ☺ About the same number move away each year, which allows for an equal ratio.

[people we love] new students

By: Kelli Rogers

New place, new school, new people. Everything was new for new students. Kids of all ages came from all over the world to join the high school. Transitions were always hard, but the newcomers threw themselves into sports and clubs to make the change easier.

"The staff was really friendly and were ready to help. The new student picnic helped me to get an idea of how school would be," said **Feana Krimerman, 11**.

"I love meeting new people, so whenever a new student comes, I make sure to make them feel welcome," said **Sarah Ash, 12**.

"It's fun to get to know someone who comes from a completely different place," said **Joe O'Toole, 11**.

Although it may have taken a while to adapt to new surroundings, everyone found their place and group. With transfers from Slovakia to Georgia, the end-of-the-year feeling was the same: it was a good one.

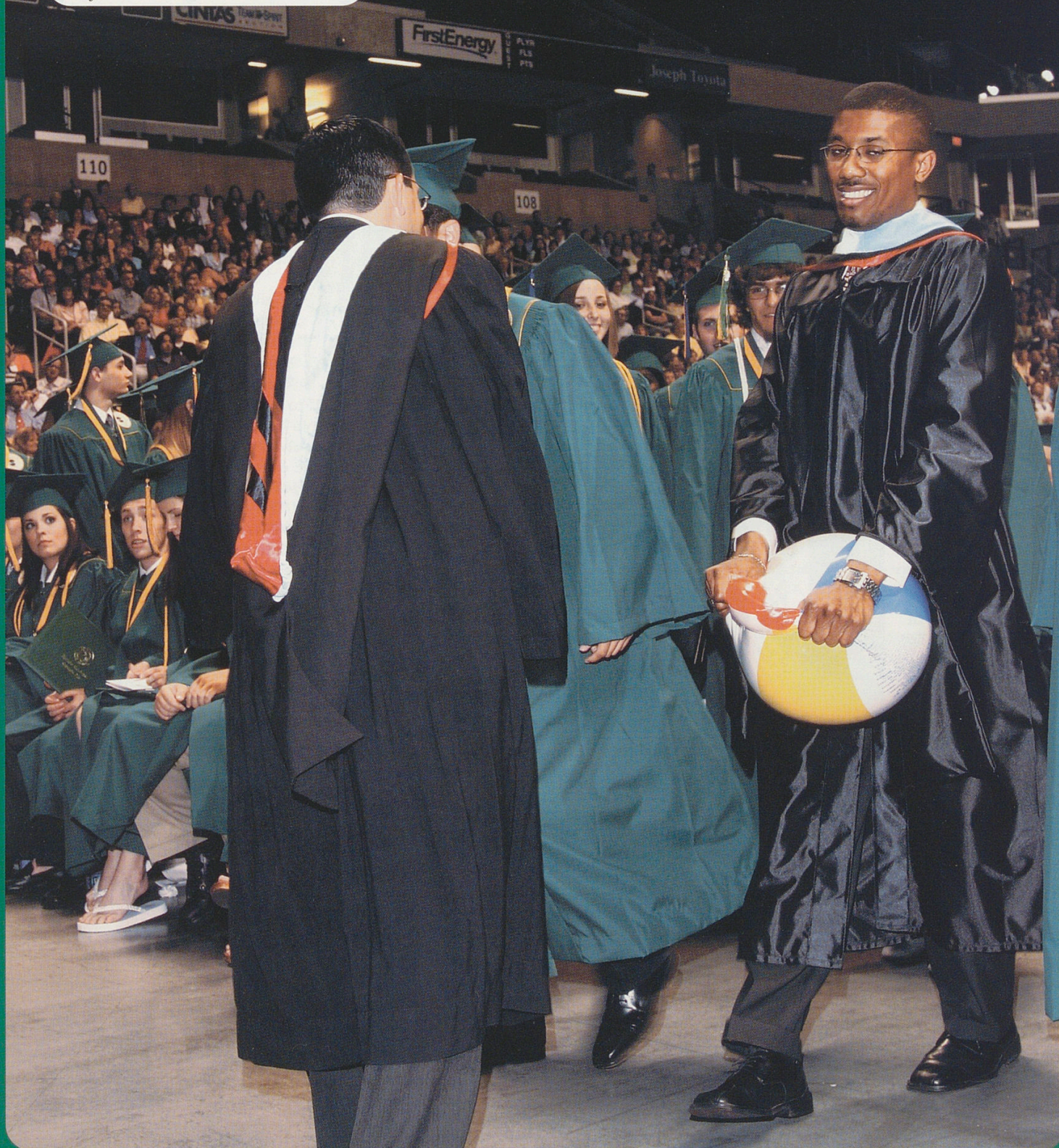
A long way from home. **Peter Lukasek, 12**, transferred to Cincinnati with a foreign exchange student program to stay with the Luken family. **Lukasek** grew up in Slovakia, and he found many differences when he got here. "The number of students is much higher here than it was back home, but the biggest difference is that there are no high school sports in Slovakia," said **Lukasek**. He had a successful year playing hockey for the school. "I would just like to say that this year was a fun experience and I met a lot of great people."



Getting involved. **Katherine Wolfe, 10**, (far right) joined the tennis team her first year at the school after transferring from Mount Notre Dame. She quickly bonded with her Varsity Gold teammates, **Jenny Belsky, 12**, **Caitlyn Bokulic, 12**, **Kritikka Barvar, 12**, **Maggie Brown, 11**, **Laura Ebetino, 12**, and **Janice Ahn, 12**. The team made her feel welcome and helped her meet new people.



MR. ANTOINO SHELTON, ASSISTANT principal, deflating a beachball while **Mr. Kenji Matsudo,** principal, congratulates a student. The tradition continued with the students blowing up beachballs to hit around during the acceptance of diplomas. The students tried to see how long they could hit the ball before a teacher caught the ball and took it away.



[ceremony we love] Graduation

By:Lauren Truax

The Class of 2005's graduation was held at the Cintas Center at Xavier University at 1:30 PM on Sunday, May 29th. Students had to report in the side entrance and be in the back room by 12:15 PM. In that room was where they picked up their graduation medals and got in order to walk out for the graduation ceremony.

"I enjoyed meeting in the back room because it gave me a chance to see all my friends in their gowns before we had to go into the graduation ceremony," said **Nicole Stowers**.

While the students waited to proceed into the graduation ceremony classmates walked around passing out marbles. The idea for the marbles was one marble for each student. When the student shook **Principal Mr. Kenji Matsudo's** hand they would pass along the marble to him. Every student had to shake his hand, therefore, he would end up with over 450 marbles. Where he would put them, the students did not know, but they did know it would be funny to watch.

However, teachers saw the passing of the marbles and told the students to turn them into the teachers. Many students turned them in but also many hid them in their hats or their mouths when the teachers walked by so they could keep them to give to **Matsudo**. During the ceremony **Matsudo** received many marbles, not 450, but enough to notice.

"I hid my marble in my hat when the teacher walked by so I could still give mine to **Mr. Matsudo**," said **Erica Weber**.

The welcome speech was given by **Venkat Shanker**, who walked up the stairs with his mascot hat on with his green robe. It was very entertaining. The National Anthem was sung by **Andrea Thomas** and **Eric Shen**.

Laura Steiner gave the class president speech while **Maya Pillai** gave the student address. **Emily Tolos** also gave a class president speech. Also, the school choir performed a "Song of Farewell," and **Amber D'Souza** sang "Breakaway" at the end of the ceremony.

For students to participate in the graduation ceremony they had to be present at the rehearsal on the Friday before graduation. If you were unable to attend the rehearsal, a person had to sit in your place at the practice.

Before the rehearsal, senior parents provided students with breakfast. There were donuts, yogurt, juice, bagels, muffins, and lots of other wonderful foods. There was time to eat the food while all the students were picking up the seat placement card from their counselor.

"It was really nice of the parents to give us one last senior treat. It was great to hang out with some people that you knew you were not going to see again in a long time," said **Kate Scheineson**.

Overall, graduation was a big success. No one completely fell going up the stairs, there were only a few cases of slight trips. It definitely will be a graduation that will be remembered.

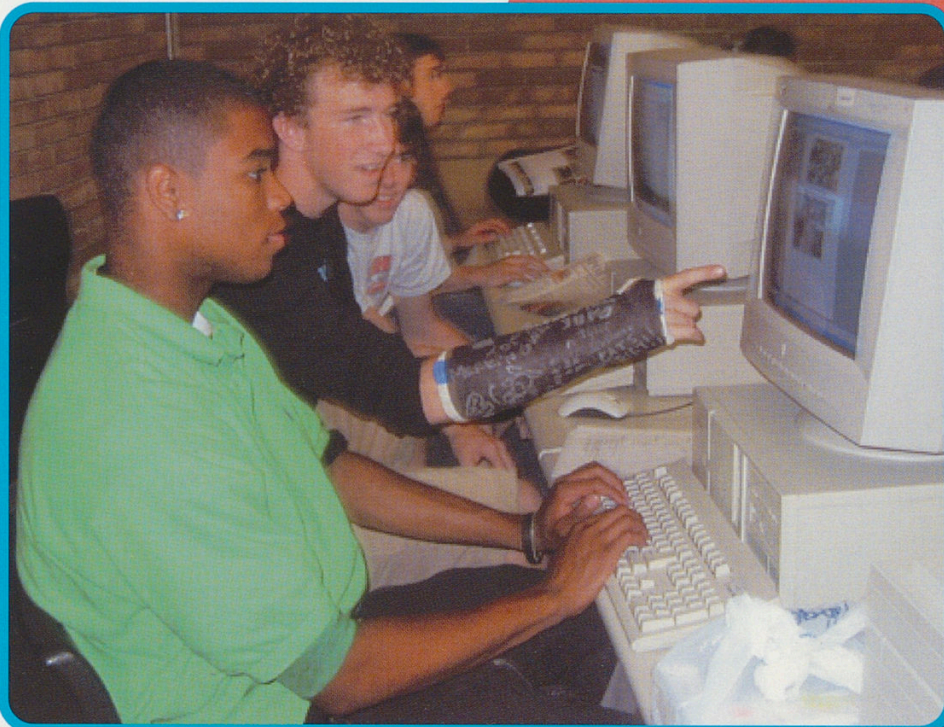


AMANDA BOWER AND ELIZABETH WILFONG SING TO THE Class of 2005. They sang a beautiful song that many thought was one of the best performed at graduation. Both **Bower** and **Wilfong** sang in school functions throughout their high school careers.



EMILY TOLOS ACCEPTING THE DIPLOMAS FOR ALL THE students. After all students received their diplomas they watched **Tolos** for their cue to cross over their tassel from their left to their right. Many students looked forward to this part of the graduation ceremony.

PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD ACADEMIC

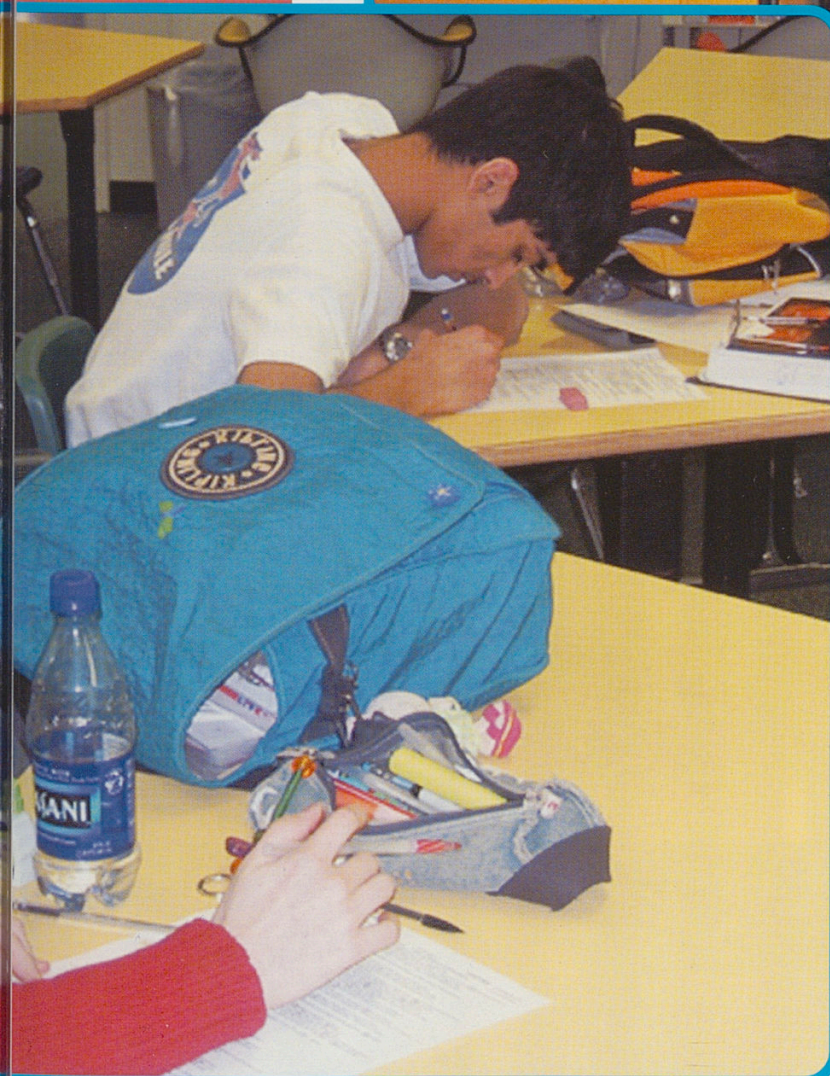


TYPE AWAY! James Broyoes, 12, and Tommy Crabill, 12, were occupying Lab 1 of the IMC with their English class. For more on Sycamore high school's media center look at page 91!





STEPPING ONTO cold pavement. **Kristopher Korte, 9**, recieved door to door service every morning: picked up by his house and dropped off right in front on the ramp entrance. Check out page 60 to see more on the big cheese!



"E PLURIBUS UNUM" IS ONE OF THE most well known Latin phrases, that has come to mean "in God we trust." **Charlotte Chamans, 11, and Amit Chandra, 11**, knew better as the real translation of the phrase is: from many, one. They practiced their Latin skills. Although Latin is an unspoken language, its complexity and historical value intruige these two students. For more of Global Language department, see pages 68-69!

THE GUYS IN CHARGE

HELPING STUDENTS MOLD THEIR FUTURE

By: Sarah Ganson

GO AVES is something every student has heard during their time in the morning. It was meant to get students excited and be school spirited. And the man who brought it to Sycamore was none other than **Mr. Chuck Mason**. For three years after, **Dr. Keith Kelly** ran this school with much pride.

From dressing up at a school pep rally to greeting students each morning with enthusiasm, he was a principal we can be proud to have had.

But sadly, he has decided to move on to bigger things. He was offered a spot as Assistant Superintendant in charge of Human Resources and Buildings and Grounds and took it.

That left us with only four amazing principals rather than five. **Mr. Jim Skoog**, **Mr. Doug Mader**, **Mr. Antonio Shelton**, and the new head principal **Mr. Kenji Matsudo**. Each grade had their own principal starting with Mr. Skoog who had the class of 2005.

For four years he took them under his wing helping them become successful.

"This is a great school, filled with great kids," said **Mr. Skoog**.

Mr. Matsudo had the junior class and reflected back to his years here as "never a dull moment."

Mr. Mader had the sophomore class and **Mr. Shelton** had the freshman class. But everything was changing. No longer will each grade have their own principal. Instead students will be divided up alphabetically.

Even with these changes we were still very lucky to have principals who cared so much for students and who only wanted them to succeed.

"Students at Sycamore keep me young," said **Mr. Shelton**.

QUIZ TIME!

1. Which Principal has been at Sycamore the longest?
2. Which Principal was once a math teacher?
3. Who has been a Principal the shortest time?
4. Which Principal has been at Sycamore for three years?
5. Which Principal used to work at Mason?

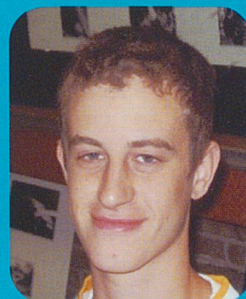
1. Mr. Skoog 2. Mr. Mader 3. Mr. Shelton 4. Dr. Kelly 5. Mr. Matsudo



Mr. Skoog works hard at his desk. **Mr. Matsudo** looked at some papers and signed them to be released. **Mr. Mader** worked on his computer. **Mr. Shelton** worked hard to make sure all parking information is under control.



"This job was a very good experience. I am going to miss the school, students, staff, and administration."
-Dr. Keith Kelly



"Dr. Kelly is a nice guy. He has brought a lot to Sycamore and has good relationships with students."
- David Sokol, 11

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND THE WOMEN BEHIND THE SCENES...

By: Jaime Orent and Sarah Ganson

Administrators and counselors were constantly busy with students and paper work. Then there were the phone calls, the belongings that were left at home, and work permits screaming to be filled out. How do they do it?

Easy, Sycamore has a total of twelve secretaries working around the clock to serve and get all of the jobs done. They are the source of all organization in this school.

"We consider ourselves more or less the central nervous system of the high school," said **Ms. JoAnne Witt, Front Office Secretary.**

Do not think that their jobs are made up of sitting in the office answering call after call. **Mrs. Judy Lenihan**, for instance, was Dr. Kelly's right hand ma'am and takes care of all the letters sent out to students and their parents.

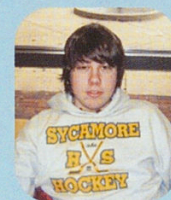
"We work for the students," said **Lenihan.**

Ms. JoAnne Witt scheduled all of the guidance counselor meetings and reserved the board rooms. **Mrs. Lisa Ander** made sure that visitors could find their way around school without getting lost.

Ms. Brenda Les Chander and **Mrs. Janet Hutzel** were in charge of the entire print room. They oversaw everything that was printed for students. The student body cannot forget about the guidance secretary. **Mrs. Millie Tanner** helps students make appointments so they can see their counselors, along with **Ms. Becky Quinlan** who shows new families the ropes.

Mrs. Jane Ghantous who worked in the administration office worked hard as well. She was the assistant to all vice-principles in the building.

Last but certainly not least, we have the attendance ladies. **Mrs. Dot Fricke**, and **Mrs. Jean Bryant** oversaw all students' attendance. They gave out excused and unexcused passes, detentions, and checked to make sure all students are where they say they are. Without them, students would be able to skip class at ease! We would clearly be a building of chaos without these ladies.



"The office is the brain of the school system."
-Joe Herrick, 10



The Central Nervous System starts here. Mrs. Judy Lenihan and JoAnne Witt conversed over the day ahead of them. Without these ladies, our school would be complete chaos.



Focus on the cash. Mrs. Elaine Anello, our clerk treasurer, was in charge of all purchase orders, the cash flow and checks written. Thanks to her, records were organized and efficient.



It's skip day! Not with these ladies, Mrs. Dot Fricke, and Mrs. Jean Bryant, in charge. They had the giant task of recording every student's attendance, from skipping class to doctor's appointments



Bring on the new students! Mrs. Becky Quinlan was in charge of all new students that enter our building. While Mrs. Millie Tanner is in charge of scheduling those standardized tests.



Send those subs! Mrs. Jane Ghantous was in charge of all the substitutes in the building. She was also the secretary for all of our assistant principles and was in charge of discipline paperwork.

CUSTODIANS TO THE RESCUE

SETTING UP AND CLEANED UP

By: Tamar Ingber

Custodians do it all, from cleaning the locker areas to setting up for great community-wide events, the Custodial Department was of great importance to the success of Sycamore Schools.

"We didn't have as much graffiti and vandalism," said **Brad Walker**, supervisor of the Custodial Department.

Walker had a great crew. From 2:30 pm to 11:00 pm, nine custodians worked on second shift, where the majority of the cleaning was done. Finally, third shift had two custodians working. Full time

custodians had to take up the slack, with the attrition of two of the positions.

"I have to say the crew has done a great job despite the inevitable challenges. They have done a great job!" said **Daryl Needham**.

Joe Bishop had been working here two years. His great daily task was to conquer the carpets. The Commons was spirited with green carpeting; however, it was important to keep it clean.

"I love the custodians," said **Yavuz Inanli, 11**.

With all the time he spent at the school, **Inanli** noticed the hard work of the custodians.



Don't trip on the cord. Joe Bishop, custodian, started most afternoon directly after students left with vacuuming. With carpets as the Commons' flooring, vacuuming was necessary every day!



Squeaky Clean. Our halls were scrubbed and cared for by our dutiful staff. Students got the pleasure of walking down clean hallways to every class because of them.



During the year I worked third shift, from 8 pm to 4:30 am so students would never see me. But in the summer, I am working during the day cleaning up.

- **Michael Lawson**,
Custodian

NUTRITION RAISES

THE GOOD STUFF

By: Tamar Ingber

Thirty minutes to eat, talk, and relax. Lunch has been the favorite bell of many. The nutritionists make lunch that

ever so great part if the day. The Nutrition Department was able to afford the purchase of new equipment to support their cooking, like refrigerators and a new oven.

The workers pride themselves on being unaffiliated with Sycamore Schools. Despite all the recent budget cuts, the Nutrition Department has not experienced turmoil.

"It is great to create the lunches for all of the students and

faculty," said **Carol Combs**, nutritionist.

The department tried to always ensure there was a healthy choice for students.

"Chicken-Popper-Wednesdays made my Wednesday. Actually they made my week," said **Jennifer Konerman, 11**.

Students appreciated the flavor and fun of daily lunches. A meal is more than just a time to eat, its one of the most enjoyable parts if the day.

"I love having fun with my friends at lunch," said **Avra Joffe, 9**.

Sitting in the commons, or out in the courtyard, was a simple way to breakup the day.

Nutritionists love seeing students daily. **Shirley Lanner**, nutritionist, smiled as she gave change because she enjoys her job. Many of the nutritionists had been working for many years, and as they see the students tranform from freshmen to seniors, at least they know they gave them the good meals they enjoyed!



'Would you like some peas with that?' **Carol Combs**, nutritionist, liked to create salads and enjoyed baking. As a nutritionist for twelve years, **Combs** had plenty of experience serving students, teachers, and administration.



Mmm, mmm good! **Matt Evans, 12**, loved the cheesy break all through high school. He bought his nutritional lunch almost every day. "I appreciate the effort of the nutronists to make our lunches tasty," said **Evans**.



Here's the change. **Shirley Lanner**, nutritionist, has aided the Nutrition Department for six years. The lunchline employees pride themselves on their self-sufficient department paying for all their own incomes and equipment costs.

ALMOST PERFECT, REPARING IT ALL

By: Tamar Ingber

Maintenance did it all, they fixed, repaired, and kept the school grounds in shape while in their pinstriped uniforms. With only three employees assigned to maintenance, they all pulled their own jobs plus some.

"We do all the work behind the scenes," said **Ted Hungler**, supervisor of Maintenance.

Hungler created the beautiful fishtank in the main office. He maintained the tank just as he did the whole school.

"The greatest part is that I get to spend my day outside," said **Mr. Joe Lenhart**, grounds.

Lenhart kept the surrounding grounds of the school, as

well as, the huge sports fields cut and in shape. Maintenance was in charge of the snow removal, salt for the icy paths, repairs on the parking lots, driveway maintenance, speedbumps, signs around the school, roof repairs clean the gutter system, and monitor the air condition and the heating.

Many times this can go unnoticed as students assumed it just got done.

"The fields always looked their best," said **Morgan Herlihy, 11.**

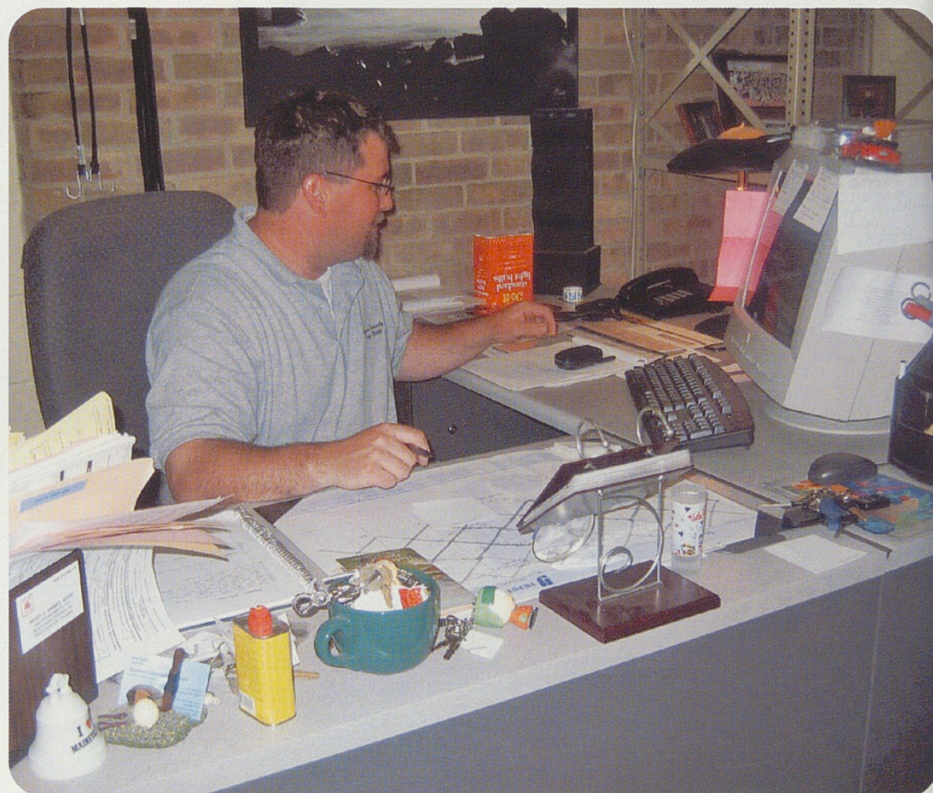
Maintaining our school kept it, even after budget cuts, looking almost perfect.



Pledge Allegiance to the flag. Maintenance was called to the rescue when the flag became caught on the eagle on the flagpole in the circle drive. Maintenance had to be creative to solve some of the problems brought to their attention.



The work begins. Maintenance was overseeing the construction crew working on the side of the building. Maintenance always made sure the building was in great condition.



Headquarters. **Brad Walker** coordinated many necessities for Sycamore. From the fire general's inspection of the school to constructing the new fishtank in the lobby, Walker with **Mr. Ted Hungler** took charge and kept our school going strong.



Diesel only station! Buses used diesel, therefore, the rising fuel prices did not affect the costs of filling up the buses as much. Even our diesel stop had spirit as it was painted green and gold.

DRIVING FORCE

STEERING US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



By: Tamar Ingber and Kyle Spicer

You don't put gas in your bus, you put fuel!" said **Ms. Lori Mayer**, transportation supervisor.

Did you know that most buses can only drive seven to eight miles to the gallon. Gas prices were so high at that time, but luckily the diesel prices were not as affected.

"Drivers get to see the kids grow up," said **Ms. Phyllis Wehrman**, a bus driver of 12 years.

Many of the bus drivers at the Bus Compound had been driving for over 20 years. As outrageous as that may seem, it is quite normal to hear around the compound. The Bus Compound currently has 78 buses, however only 60 were on routes every day. Not only do the bus

drivers drive our students, they also drive private schools' students.

Just like the students did, bus drivers, technicians, and other staff had the summer off. **Ms. Janet Waldneitner (Waldo)**, has worked for 17 years driving students. She joked that the best part of her job was the summer.

Most everyone had ridden the bus since they were younger. Inappropriate behavior happened quite often with younger students riding the bus. As they got older, they acted up less. There were some kids who still rode the bus in high school.

"Most high school kids know how to behave on the bus," said **Waldneitner**.

"By the time I get my books, I just give myself a look, at the corner just in time to see the bus drive by!" **Kristopher Korte, 9**, did not miss his bus. He arrived at school at about 7 a.m. every morning.



Stop- busdrivers crossing! The doors opened to a smiling face and driver waiting to take them to their desired location. **Ms. Janet Waldneitner and Ms. Cindy McKee**, busdrivers, were on break and still smiled thinking of the fun of driving the giant yellow buses.



Fix it real good! Transportation got a few new buses, like every year, so maintaining the buses was extremely important. **Mr. James Phipp**, mechanic, was always prepared to fix anything from a light on the giant dashboard to the huge engine of the bus.



Teachers help students all of the time. Mr. Bart Inwood helped Anthony Cole, 12, with magnifying his artistic abilities. Inwood was constantly giving must needed advice to students.



It's time for the art show! Emily Tolos, 12, showed off her talent with her photos that she took. There were many awards given to the seniors in Photo Seminar.

PAINTING, DRAWING, AND SCULPTNIG

ART DEPARTMENT

By: Samantha Kahn

Where would we be without art? There were over 30 art courses offered during the year. There were courses in art history, fashion, photo, painting, woodworking, architecture, and many more. Many students took some form of art to take a break from the rest of the academic day, but also to express their feelings.

"Applied Design is my favorite class, I look forward to it everyday because it is very relaxing and you get to be creative," said **Monica Samuels, 12**.

Many students entered their artwork into regional art shows. Out of 60 Photo Portfolios submitted into a contest, only five were selected for the Regional Show. Two of the five belonged to two seniors, **Martin Lenon, 12**, and **Chad Baumer, 12**. Out of 225 Art Portfolio entries only 30 were selected. **Janice Ahn, 12**, and **Andrea Lee, 12**, had their portfolios selected.

Everyone enjoyed making their art projeccts and then taking them home. Ceramics was a very popluar class.

"Ceramics was a lot of fun! I loved making my coil pot and I use it all the time to hold flowers. It was a great way to make things that you can use everyday around the house," said **Kelly Spry, 12**.

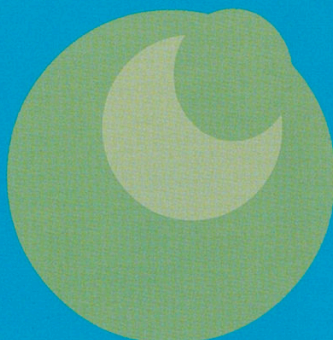
Our Art Department will not be the same with out two teachers that have been here for a very long time. **Ms. Gayle Marsh**, and **Mr. Bob Gregory** were retiring and will be missed very much.

"Art was great! I thought it was neat to take and develop my own photos. Mr. Gregory taught me a lot and I'm sad to see him go," said **JD McFarland, 10**.

Art was something that could be enjoyed by anyone and everyone. If drawing was not your thing then there was photo, or fashion and design, or wood working. Art was the one thing that let everyone be themselves and make each assignment their own.

"I almost enjoy art as much as lunch because it's the one time during the day I can let go and enjoy myself," said **Brad Gordon, 11**.

WHY DO YOU LIKE ART?



"Art is great because you get to learn how to create things and get to make many neat projects."
-Laurie Taragano, 9





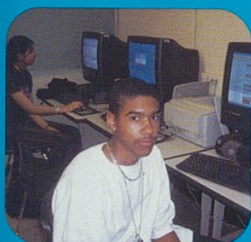
Concentration is key when working on the wheel. Daniel Zimmer, 10, centered the clay to make sure his pot would come out even. Making clay pots on the potting wheel was one of students favorite activities in ceramics.



Wear what you make. In Fashion and Design students made their own clothes and patterns. An onlooker at the Art Show admired Dina Dendramis's, 12, work.



There is talent all around. **Mr. Inwood's** Art II students used the grid method to draw portraits of someone of their choice. The drawings included artists, musicians, and friends.



"Art to me is a way to express yourself with out using words. When people see my art they can almost tell how I was feeling when I did it. I'm not always good at saying what I want but when I get a brush in my hand everything just comes out."

-Aaron York, 10



"Art lets you take your mind off everything else. I love expressing myself in my paintings."

- Dara Kim, 11

QUIZ TIME!

1. Who painted the *Mona Lisa*?
2. What is pointilism and who used it?
3. Mr. Inwood has a giant stuffed animal. What animal is it?

The answers are:

1. Leonardo da Vinci
2. Seurat invted this painting technique where tiny dots of simple colors are used leaving the eye to blend them together into an image.
3. Dolphin



It's Xylophones
and Flutes! This was a way to start a great homecoming game and get the crowd pumped up. Exactly what the band did before any football was tossed in the air.



Here they come!
Marching Band music was combined with the cheers of the crowd and the beat of the drums. The marching band played with trumpets, trombones, their black head gear, and was equipped with sun glasses as icing on a perfect cake.



It's Pancake Day time! The orchestra and band members got together to blast the day away with their intriguing and melodious sounds. Then again, there was time to eat pancakes and chat away after the show.

TUNING IN TO MUSIC

JAMMING TO A NEW BEAT

By: Feana Krimerman

From drums, to violins, to bases, to flutes, and to the human voice, the Music Department was the place to show it all! The department offered band, choral groups, color guard, musical orchestra, orchestra, chamber orchestra, and winter drum line, to mention a few!

It was no wonder that 43% of the student body participated in Music Department programs.

The newest musical program was the Electric Ensemble Orchestra or S.E.E. This program featured electronic violins, cellos, and other musical instruments. The instructor of this program was **Mr. David Smarelli**, the orchestra director.

"I love orchestra and I love chamber orchestra, but S.E.E. provides a nice change of pace," said **Kathryn Ibbotson, 11**.

The S.E.E. had the opportunity to work with the nationally famous performer, **Mr. Mark Woods**, a member of the Transiberian Orchestra. **Woods** has performed on national television on the Jay Leno Show among many other shows.

Except for the S.E.E., the Music Department remained fairly traditional. The band was one of the most traditional music programs encountered. Although this may have been true, the originality of this group was visible day after day.

"I thought we would be a good group. I guess I held high expectations, but we were awesome," said **Natalie Sayre, 10**.

No matter what musical group one was part of, the experience was as mellow as the music itself.



THE
STUDENTS
OF...
MR. SMARELLI



"We break the 'orch dork' mold a little. What else can I say: it rocks!"
- **Kathryn Ibbotson, 11**

"It's something new and different and it's a total blast to play a cello standing up!"
- **Michelle Torres, 11**





Do Re Mi! Singing their first year in high school did not mean it made them novices. Concerts of the Freshman Choir were performed in style. Motions were added to the music for a special flare.



SWEET is here to satisfy the crowd's sweet tooth! The singing group expressed individuality with their colorful attire and colorful voices. The five members shown produced a sound individual, melodic, and professional.



Happy Holidays... again! Sure, the holidays have passed, but the memories, no doubt, lasted. With matching holiday suits and Santa hats, the holidays became that much more fun and made the winter concert that much more intriguing.

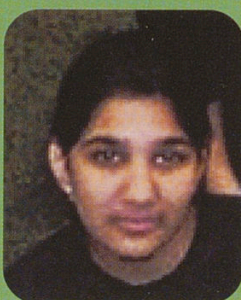


If Mozart and Bethoven could see the progress of the orchestra, there is no doubt they would cheer. With an abundance of practices per week and occasional performances, their job was nowhere near easy. Together, with the help of teamwork and their teacher, they were able to make lasting impressions on themselves and on others.

Take a seat, put on a smile, and prepare for the wonderful talents of Touring Company! Unlike other performance groups, this one sang and danced often, so the fun was doubled. It was not easy, but these folks did not fool around. Traveling, performing, and having fun just may have been this group's motto.

"It's so much fun dancing with your violin. It's definitely a break from the classical. We want people to get up and dance with us!"

- **Sailee Teredesai, 11**



PRACTICE MAKES IMPROVEMENT:

- 1 practice day per week
- 2 hours of practice per day
- 2 days of practice per week
- 8 hours of practice per month



THE STUDENTS OF... MR. TINSLEY

“Although he demands a lot, one of his best teaching skills is that he makes works like Hamlet fun to learn.”

-Sarah Yanow, 12



OUR LANGUAGE SUCCEEDS

TAKING LEARNING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

By: Sarah Ganson

Whether it's a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, english teachers were a very important part of high school.

“My English teachers have helped influence my future career choice,” said **Brittany Doris, 11.**

They helped students prepare for the OGT, SAT, maybe even the ACT. They spent hours preparing assignments, grading papers, and keeping the new Parent Connect up to date with grades. Although they are extremely busy, they always found time to help a student with a college application or tutor those who needed extra help.

“I really want to help students realize the important aspects of writing because it's becoming more important for the OGT,” said **Mrs. Emily Sweeney.**

There were so many changes with the english department it was a wonder that they got it all done. There was a new program called Read 180 that helped freshman standard classes excel in spelling, vocabulary, and reading on a computer.

From worksheets to writing assignments, each teacher was determined to make sure their students would be ready for the OGT and can pass.

Not only did the sophomore English teachers have to prepare their students for the OGT, but they also had the task of getting students ready for the big debate. With the sophomores busy preparing for these events, the juniors were sweating over the fact that this is their most important year.

They were the first class to take the new SAT, which was to include a writing section. This meant the junior english teachers who prepared their students in the past, returned to the basics of writing.

Senior teachers have the great privilege to help students with college recommendations and reviewing college applications. Since the seniors' main projects of the year were a research paper and reading and discussing Hamlet, the senior teachers decided to change the summer reading to be different than it was in the past.

“I want them to learn and I will do whatever it takes. Whether it's grading papers at basketball games or staying until 7:00 for conferences, I will do it,” said **Mr. Jim Tinsley.**

So, whether it's preparing for the OGT or getting ready for college, these english teachers were always there for help and support.



Mr. Tinsley teaches his World Literature class. Tinsley put a lot of time and dedication into his teaching. He was known to go out of his way just to help a student.



“He is a great teacher and is always willing to give you the extra help if you need it.”

-Natalie Wade, 12

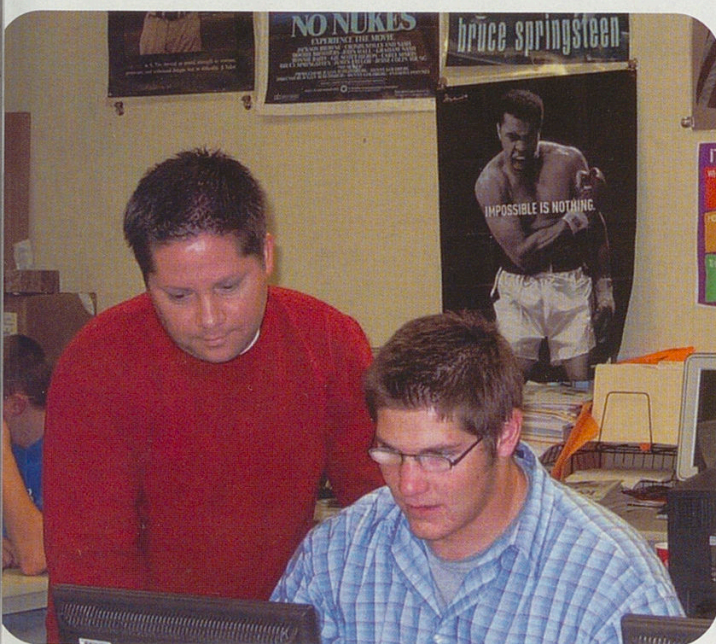


“English used to be my hardest subject, but with the help of Mr. Tinsley I have improved a great deal.”

- Emily Wehman, 10



“Let's talk about...” Mrs. Sweeney and honors English 10 students participated in a discussion almost daily. Sweeney's students enjoyed her fresh views and intriguing discussions.



A teacher is willing to help. Mr. Kloesz helped Caleb Libsy, 10, search the computer for an assignment. Kloesz was favored by many students.

“Of all teaching styles I have experienced, Mrs. Liz Gonda's style is definitely my favorite because she is related and has good relationships with her students.”

- Andrea Thomas, 12



“Mrs. Gordon is a energetic and fun teacher whom I admire.”

-Amy Austin, 10



QUIZ TIME!

1. Who wrote the Odyssey?

2. Arthur miller wrote what play?

3. Who wrote Angela's Ashes?

4. Who wrote the play Hamlet?

1. Homer
2. The Crucible
3. Frank McCourt
4. Shakespeare

AWARD *WINNERS*

April Wang, 12, was the winner of the Davidson Fellowship award for writing and the Overture Writing award.

Dara Lind, 12, won the National Council of Teachers of English award, and the Overture Writing award.

Sasha Appatova, 12, won the National Council of Teachers of English award.

Ali Newton, 12, won Ballstate University freshman Scholarship award for writing.



THE
STUDENTS
OF...
MRS. CHERNICK

“Although it’s pretty challenging, I like Mrs. Chernicks AP class. I want to minor in Spanish in college, so it’s a good way to make sure I stay in practice.”

-Nicole Stowers, 12



Hard at work.

Mrs. Judi Miller and her Hebrew class used the Language Lab to practice and use their Hebrew knowledge everyday except for Thursday. The new technology, like those fancy headphones, allowed them to hear questions and record their responses. This allowed to students to replay their responses.

NEW WAYS TO MIX IT UP

IT'S GLOBAL LANGUAGE GALORE

By: Kelli Rogers

Sigh. The students headed to the front of the classroom one by one to choose a number. This would be the order in which they went into the hall to speak to their teacher for approximately five minutes: the dreaded, but entirely necessary, speaking (or signing) grade. It was the only way to test a student's knowledge of the language, but it was extremely time consuming. No more!

For the past six years, the Global Language Department had dreamed of having their very own Language Lab in which to test their students. It finally happened this year when Room 133 was transformed from simple tables and chairs to complex computer stations with headphones that could give directions and record a students' answer. The new lab enabled the students to listen to their own answers and correct exactly what they may have missed.

"Speaking grades no longer take entire bells to complete," said **Ms. Renee Hevia**, Global Language Department Supervisor.

This was the goal, and each language class found a way to utilize the new and improved Room 133. Teachers found that with less time spent on speaking grades, with the help of the coveted Language Lab, there was time for more practice in the book and one on one help in the classroom. Students were all for the new lab as well.

"I took American Sign Language because ASL is so drastically different from all of my other classes. I just enjoy being able to use a different language," **Sean Wright, 12.**

Sign Language used the Lab computers to watch signing videos.

Another new addition to the Global Language Department was two new teachers. **Mr. Tom Rapp**, a part time Spanish teacher, and **Mrs. Judi Miller**, a part time Hebrew teacher have joined the foreign language wing. 1,370 students enrolled in the six Global Languages: Spanish, French, Latin, Hebrew, Japanese, and American Sign Language.

Three words became important this year, especially in the Language Wing. Mix. It. Up. The idea was born when the school witnessed the success of mix-it-up day during lunchtime. It was fun mixing it up at school, but what about outside of it?

The Global Language Department decided that mixing it up with dinner parties would be a good way for people of different religions and racial backgrounds to meet and interact, even learn about the others' ideas and beliefs. Anyone could sign up for these mix-it-up dinners, and there were about four to six kids at each meal. With five mix-it-up dinners in total, students were thoroughly mixed by the end of the year.

Knowing a global language was a great asset. After four to five solid years, not only will they be able to tackle the AP exam, but speaking with natives becomes a possibility as well. There is no question as to why students come back year after year to continue their global language studies.

"This is my last year of Spanish, and although I'm very relieved, I am also sad to be done. I hope I will be able to use many of the skills I learned one day when I am working at the zoo with Pandas and small Gorillas," said **Gregory Blake, 11.**



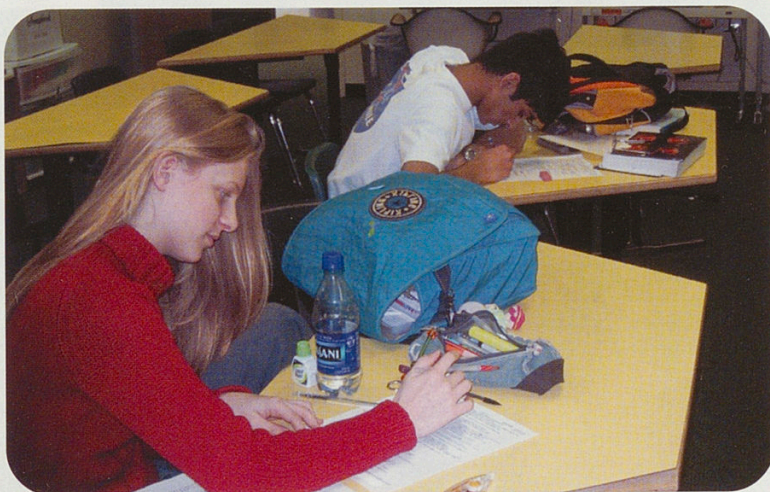
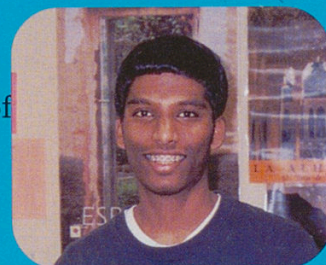
"Mrs. Chernick is a great teacher. Especially since AP Spanish is known for being hard, she is really good at offering extra help if you need it."

-Brad Elkus, 12



"Mrs. Chernick has prepared us really well for the AP exam. We did a lot of review and used the lab to practice speaking and listening."

-Ahilan Sivaganesan, 12



Do not disturb. Charlotte Schaumans, 11, and Amit Chandra, 11, were hard at work in the Latin room. Mr. Torlone kept his students sharp with daily textbook exercises and workbook activities.



Stylin' in Sombreros. Stacy Shutts, 10, Emma Moody, 10, Stephanie Bucklin, 12, and Stevi DiMasso, 11, used their Spanish Language skills to create skit to present to the class. The hats were a nice touch.

"I lived in Japan when I was little, so it was just natural for me to keep taking it here. It's tough but worth it."

-Maggie Brown, 11



When I chose the language I would take in 7th grade, my dad wanted me to take Spanish, and my mom wanted me to take French. I chose French just because it sounded fun, and now I've made it all the way to Level 5.

-Theresa Steinhardt, 12



QUIZ TIME!

1. Who wrote the Spanish novel *Don Quixote*?

2. What does the French phrase "avoir un jour agréable" mean?

3. Which word means hello, goodbye, and peace in Hebrew?

3. "Shalom"

2. "Have a nice day"

1. Miguel de Cervantes



WHAT WE'RE MADE OF

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

By: Jaime Orent, Kelli Rogers, and Feana Kimmerman

It's these 'sci guys' and 'sci gals' that influence students' days. They are the cause of stress, they are the cause of overworked brains, but without them we wouldn't have known what we've made of.

With a department so huge, there were so many opportunities to be had. With classes such as the normal biology, chemistry, and physics, as well as the astronomy and geology, anatomy and physiology, environmental science, and field biology classes, science was a world of options.

The teachers worked hard to explain tough science concepts in fun and creative ways.

Biology had fast plants, Chemistry had mole day, and tie dye day, Physics had mousetrap cars, build your own musical instrument, forensic science day, and rollercoaster tycoon. Environmental science had the envirothon, Environmental Systems had the sun project, and Anatomy and Physiology dissected a fetal pig.

What better way to learn about

science than to see how science affects everyday life.

"Chemistry is always a bundle of fun with Mr. Ignatz. It was a hard course but if I want to major in biology it was necessary," said **Jessie MacLean, 11**.

"We really try to introduce the environment to the students. We do a lot of nature walks so students can get to know about insects, birds, and trees. Our main goal is that if they know the names of parts of the environment they'll be more apt to take care of them in the future," said **Mr. Jim Smanik**.

He is one of the many teachers that teach field biology, just another science elective offered at the high school.

"Science is the key to life baby. That's why we try to have something for everyone, from the AP's to the basics," said **Mrs. Cindy Parrott**, department supervisor.

Whether it was for pleasure or a necessity, every student took at least three sciences. It goes without saying that the Science Department impacted every student's life.



One mole of molecules has a mass equal to the molecular weight in grams. In this case, a mole consisted of some scraps of purple sparkly material and a very creative mind. **Layne Huller, 11**, became a master seamstress after making this mole. "My mole's name is prom-mole. My friends and I had a mole party, where we spent lots of time working on our moles," said **Huller**.

THE TEACHERS' OF... SCIENCE



"I love the Science Department. We have lots of very creative teachers who are doing fun and exciting things to teach tougher science concepts"

- **Ms. Julia Haverkos**



"I think the Science Department as a whole needs to be filled"

- **Mr. Bill Ignatz**

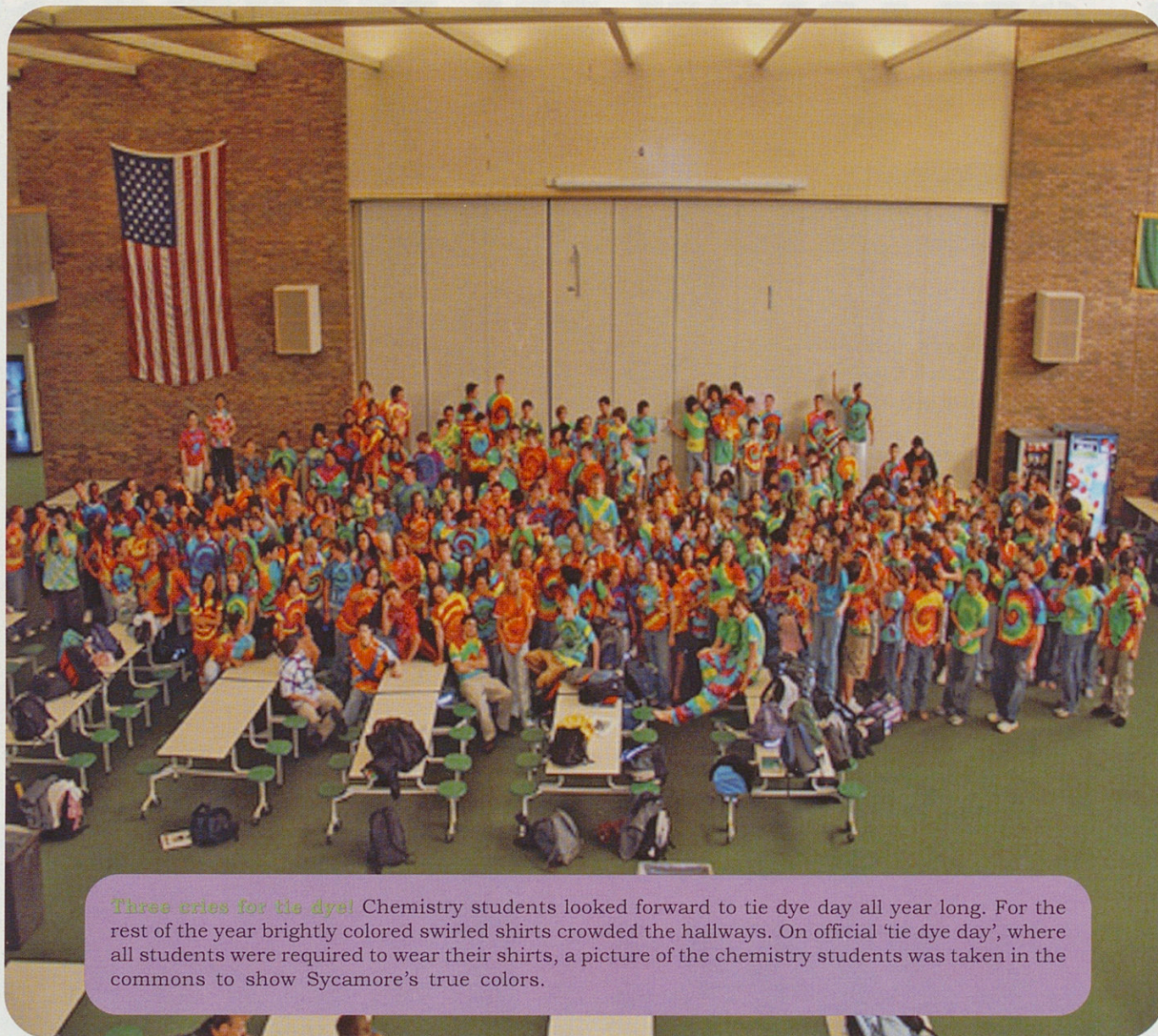


Hair Scare! Melissa Sedziol, 12, participated in the static electricity generator demonstration for physics. While touching the generator, not only did her hair go wild, shocks were flying when she touched a persons' arm afterwards.

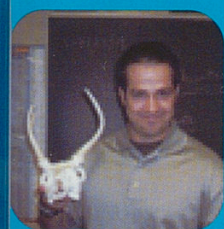


Mole Mole. "Students complain about sewing, it might be the first time these sixteen and seventeen year old's have to use a needle and thread. They do enjoy it though and come up with creative names like 'Claude Mole-net,'" said **Mrs. Margaret Stone**. She was referring to the moles that chemistry students made for an extra credit project.





Three cries for tie dye! Chemistry students looked forward to tie dye day all year long. For the rest of the year brightly colored swirled shirts crowded the hallways. On official 'tie dye day', where all students were required to wear their shirts, a picture of the chemistry students was taken in the commons to show Sycamore's true colors.



"Preparation and dedication along with discipline are the ultimate roads to success."
- **Mr. Brian Conatser**



"Diverse course offerings and levels give our students exceptional opportunities."
- **Mr. Ron Hochstrasser**

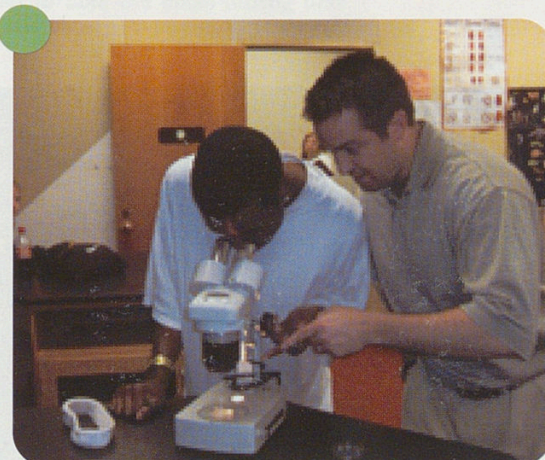


"It's a tough program with a lot of professional support"
- **Mr. Dan Murray**



Forensic Science! Students got to witness the laws of science in action. They learned how to compute the speed of a car by the length of the skid marks and got to be 'CSI' for a day.

Mack Smith, 9, looks through his microscope at plant spores. "Biology is a really good class. I did not know that plants and fungi both have reproductive spores while animals have sperm and eggs" said **Smith.**



A CHANGE IN HISTORY

SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS SHARE SAME CLASS

By: Caitlin Bokulich

We have always been taught that history is set in stone; you can't change it. However, no one ever said anything about not being allowed to change the history curriculum.

Due to the sophomores' having to take the Ohio Graduation Test, the school was forced to change what grades took what classes. The new OGT test included American History on it, a class that used to be reserved just for juniors.

For this school year the social studies department had to revise the current curriculum. Incoming juniors had not taken American History yet, and the incoming sophomores had to take the class in order to be ready for the OGT test.

Therefore administrators were faced with an even greater dilemma than before teaching both juniors and sophomores the same class, and keeping all of the previous social studies electives for students to take.

"The OGT has driven the history curriculum across the state. Every district has been forced to change," said **Mrs. Marilyn Ray**.

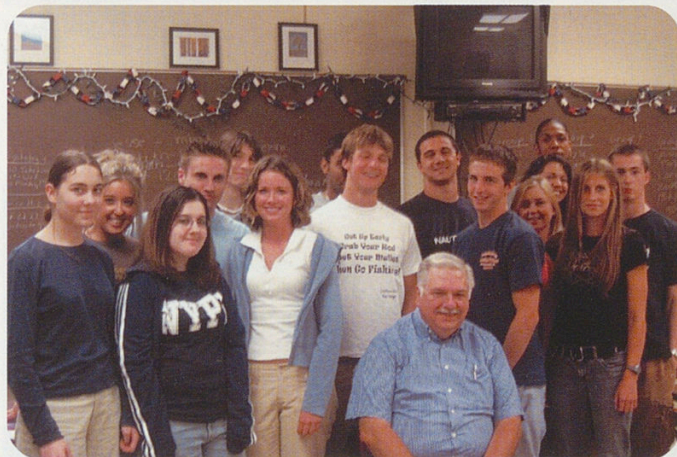
With the changing curriculum came more changes to the delight of all underclassman. A major project that Accelerated World History and American History students once had to labor over was now obsolete, History Fair.

History Fair, the dreaded assignment of all juniors, a project that students spent months laboring over and counted for a fourth of your third quarter grade was now lifted off of the shoulders of American History students.

"Not having to do history fair has saved a lot of time and stress," said **J.P. Gaulty, 11**.

Whether it be two grades being in the same class or History Fair being canceled, the facts still remain the same. The teachers still help you learn and understand something that is supposed to never change.

"I really enjoy history and my teacher, Mr. Miller, makes history fun, I'm looking forward to taking history classes next year," said **Stephanie Smith, 9**.



Mr. Tim Wolfe's class poses for a photo with lecturer Mr. Bracker. He came into the class and talked to the students about economics. The class seemed to really enjoy his talk.



"I never thought that I would be doing this nine and a half years ago, sitting in government class," said **Mr. Andrew Ciafardini**. Coordinating President Bush's travels throughout the world, **Mr. Ciafardini, Assistant Deputy Chief of Protocol for Visits**, explained to Social Studies students about his experiences.

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE:

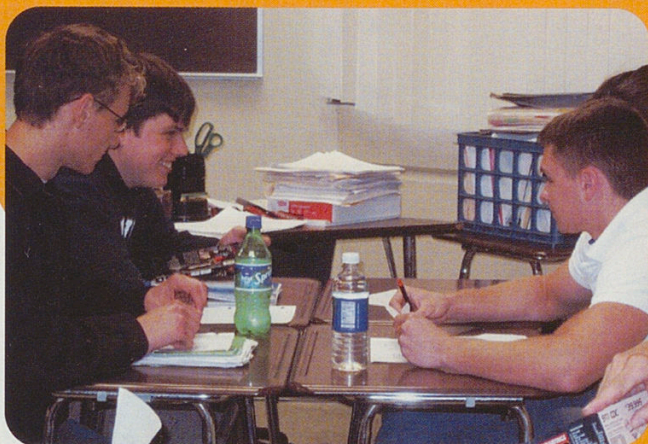
- 5-10 minutes of a bell ringer- warm up activity
- 20 minutes of a class room activity
- 20 minutes of lecture notes on American History

THE
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MRS.
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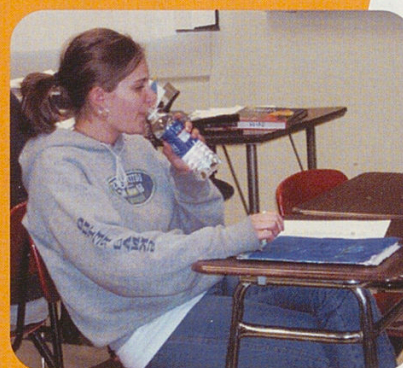




Mrs. Karen Bare, history teacher, teaches her class the latest happenings in U.S. government. For her AP students **Mrs. Bare** offered after school sessions to help them study for the test during second semester. She also teaches the freshman World History.



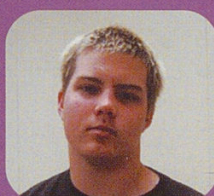
Victor Clamentar, 12, Christopher Bregger, 12 and Ryan Billan, 12, discuss their answers. The government class topics ranged from everything to the election to congressional restrictions on the executive branch. Seniors seem to enjoy the laid back semester of historical studies.



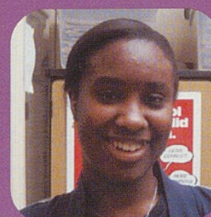
Dina Dendramis, 12, takes a sip of her water in between taking notes. Seniors had to take U.S. government but were given a choice between AP and academic. Those who choose AP had to take the class during first semester.



"(Mrs. Kasarda) is the nicest and happiest teacher that I know."
- **Nina Laybourne, 10**

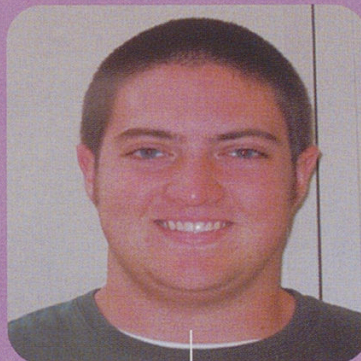


"Mrs. Kasarda is fun, she gives out fun assignments"
- **Joe Huston, 10**



"History is also fun because you get to learn about stuff in world history and then learn about it more in depth in American History."
- **Shane Nuckous, 10**

THE
STUDENTS
OF...
MR. LOTHROP



“Mr. Lothrop is clearly the greatest teacher in the entire world.”

-Alex Kapcar, 11

GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE MAKING SYCAMORE SMART

By: Sarah Ganson

Math is an essential part of life. We will need to use math everyday when we get older. You will need to know it if you take a job like accounting or some other business job.

But you also need math for the essentials, like counting change once given back to you, or simply balancing your check book. It is very important for us as students to get the great math education now so we can function through life.

Our school has some of the best teachers in the city. Math teachers are included. These teachers put so much time and effort in for us, we wouldn't be able to believe it if they had told us. There are 22 teachers included in the math department, each as important and valued as the next.

“We work really hard to give students a great education,” said **Mr. Stan Kaniecki**.

These teachers go through hours of making up math tests and quizzes which isn't easy to do.

“We worked hard to accomodate the needs of everyone,” said **Dr. Keith Brackenridge**, head of the math department.

Mr. Jeff Newberry, **Mrs. Melissa Hardy**, and **Mr. Chuck Boyll** stayed after school to help students everyday during focus. With focus students can stay after school for tutoring. These three teachers have volunteered their precious time to tutor all students after school for free.

“Math is my worst subject, but this year I have improved greatly,” said **Dean Hampton, 11**.

Making learning fun, Mr. Steve Imhoff likes to crack jokes before teaching his daily lesson. This technique was used by many great teachers. Students liked to see that their math teachers could help them make learning fun.



“I have learned a lot of math from the teachers here.”

- Julie Gardner, 11



“I am not a visual learner so geometry is harder for me. However, my teacher helps me understand it completely.”

- Shelli Coppoolse, 10





I have learned so much from Mr. Lothrop and I think he is one of the best teachers in this school.

-Stephanie DiMasso, 11



Clearly he helps us when we are struggling.

- Stuart Solomon, 11

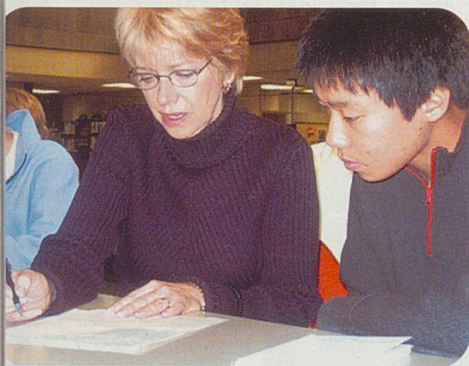


Mr. Kaniecki makes sure when you are learning math in his class, you wouldn't be able to fall asleep. Using fun techniques and cool tricks **Mr. K** was a favorite. He works hard to make sure every student understands the lesson before they leave his classroom.



Most math teachers feel using an overhead to teach math is more convenient than using the chalkboard. **Dr. Keith Brackenridge**, head of the math department, used this method. Students of **Dr. Brackenridge** adore him and his teaching skills.

MRS. KUESS'S CORNER



Help, we need somebody's help, not just anybody's, help! **Mrs. Ann Kuess** shown above is helping a student further understand his homework. **Mrs. Kuess** gets over 100 students each day who ask for help!

As we all know we all have our best and worst subjects. For the majority of us, that worst subject is math. All the different numbers, rules, equations, math can become very confusing.

Luckily, students have the privilege to be helped by **Mrs. Kuess**. Each day more than 100 students go to the Help Center just for math help.

Everyday **Mrs. Kuess** is there to help each student understand what is misunderstood.

Her greatest goal is to help each student achieve in their math career. **Mrs. Kuess** has a very hectic job. Not only is she the main math tutor for the help center, but she also manages the help center overall.

"**Mrs. Kuess** is a nice caring person who wants to help everyone achieve in math," said **Carl Bernstein, 10**.

So next time you have a confusing math problem that you just can't figure out, head over to the help center and ask **Mrs. Kuess**, because chances are, she'll know the answer.

It's a wonderful service that Sycamore provides to intervene with students who need extra help and it's a very rewarding job. - **Mrs. Anne Kuess**

Branden Battle, 10, is busy completing a worksheet for his Careers class. His calculator was working non stop! He learned many useful concepts and ideas, as well as new skills from his class.



SAMPLE DAIY SCHEDULE:

50 minutes of class per day
50 minutes to work on class work

THE
STUDENTS
OF...
Mr.
CHACKSFIELD



Mr. John Robinson helps a student with an accounting project. Business classes at Sycamore were very demanding. Everyone had to work hard to keep up with all the assignments.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER SKILLS COMBINE

By: Sarah Ganson and Feana Krimerman

Do you picture yourself in an office as an employee or maybe even a boss? Whether considering a business degree or simply desiring to perfect their computer skills, many students took advantage of the business technology and computer science courses the department had to offer.

"It lays a good foundation and a step in the right direction for future business tasks," said **Ryan James, 11**.

Accounting, finance, web page design, computer programming, and even computer animation were only a few of the courses offered.

"The classes allow you to understand the methods of the most common programs," said **Blythe Reinhard, 11**.

Business Department skills were used everywhere, such as in the school website avesonline.org. It was made and modified by students, every word, every animation, and every icon.

"In a world that revolves around technology, it is essential to keep up with changing times," said **Ashley Oliver, 11**.

With the reduction of graduation requirements, Careers and Consumer Concepts experienced their last year as required classes. No worry, however, the classes did not overstay their welcome, and neither did the semester technology requirement for graduation.

What a deal that was, when students could

choose from a huge variety of business technology courses that are up-to-date.

"It teaches me all of the computer shortcuts and special effects to make a document presentable," said **Sheila Campbell, 11**.

Personal Finance/College and Career Prep, Accounting, Personal Finance, Sports and Entertainment Management/Marketing, Computer Literacy II, Computer Literacy III, and Web Page Design were the main electives offered.

Just a few of the abundant programs that students used for technology classes included Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, Internet Explorer, Photoshop, and Microsoft Access.

And how complete could so many classes have been without experienced teachers?

"**Mr. Reed Chacksfield** explains shortcuts and allows enough time to keep up with class work, organize all assignments, and gives the students proper instructions for applicable technology," said **Campbell**.

"**Mr. Steve Jostworth** knows a lot about computers and explains everything clearly," said **Meghan Harley, 10**.

It did not matter whether students had any word processing skills or even if they ever used Microsoft software. With the courses offered, they were on their way in no time to better compute literacy and were as comfortable as could be with computer systems.

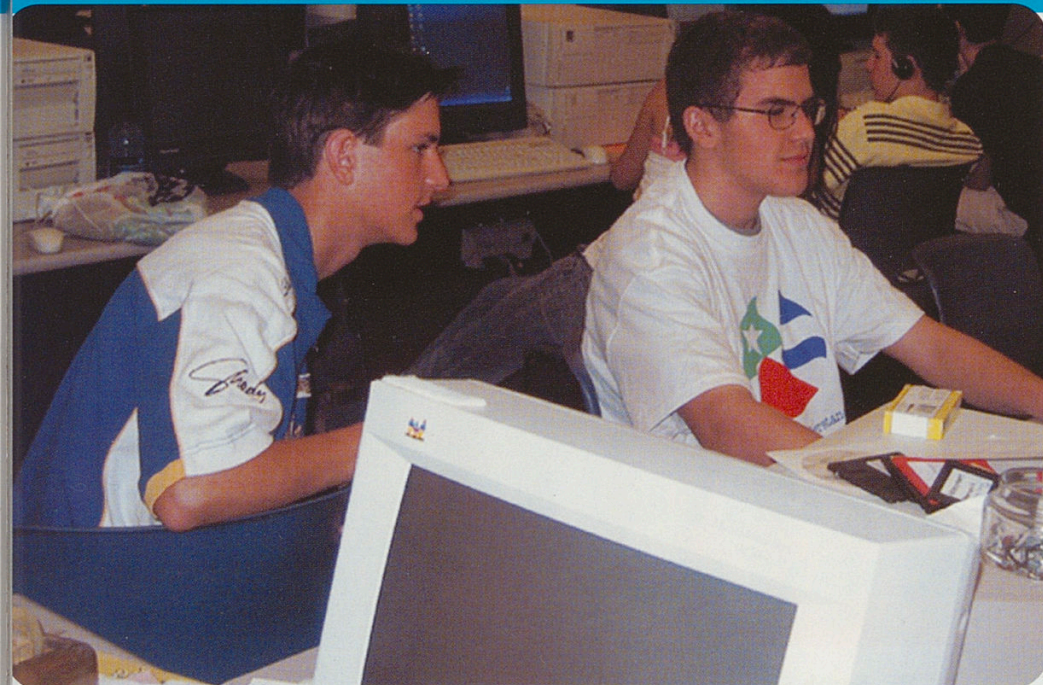




Time to type! Sheila Campbell, 11, was practicing and improving her skills in her computer class on a daily basis. When class time began, she got straight off to work.

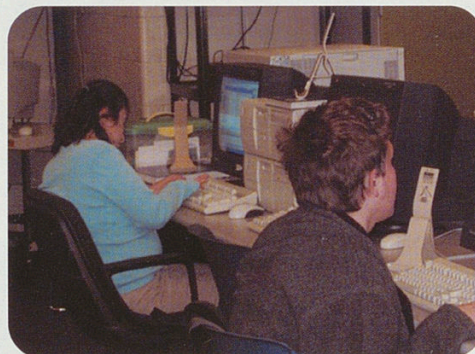


End of classtime. Stephen Stein, 9, is getting ready to leave class after a busy day. Being one of the last ones to leave really showed his commitment to the class.



Web page fun! Shane Shapiro, 11, and Robert Tolley, 11, had a blast helping each other and designing their own web pages. The quiet and concentrated environment provided a comfortable setting for learning...and of course...for having a blast!

Catherine Zhang, 10, Radhika Kedia, 10, and Ryan Kantor, 10, were taking advantage of the roomy space in room 211 to work together. Making friends was just one of the advantages of such a comfortable environment. Rushing students was not an aspect of this class. Students worked at their own pace.



Navigating the internet never seemed this much fun! Ashley Shwartz, 11, and Jimmy Fox, 9, did just that and other interesting computer activities in Resource Computer Applications. The class's small size allowed for personal attention and a strong bond between students and teacher.

QUIZ TIME!

The best part of your business class was (7 students surveyed):

- 2 assignments**
- 1 being able to be original**
- 2 becoming prepared for future careers**
- 2 communicating with classmates**
- 4 learning new topics**



Gym is different every day. All students stretched before getting active. In every gym class, for example basketball, teamwork was vital to a winning game. However, Fit for Life is not all sweat, once a week students meet in the health room to learn the necessities of a fit and healthy life.

A HEALTHY WAY TO HAVE FUN

MANY CHOICES, MANY BENEFITS.

By: Sarah Ganson and Amanda Evans

The physical education department has been an integral part of the curriculum for many years. There were 10 elective classes and nine total teachers, offering classes from the required Health and Fit for Life, to Outdoor Recreation, Weight Training, Power Volleyball and Lifetime Sports.

However, with the budget cuts and the credit requirement reduced to just one elective, there will be significant changes.

"Medical experts are warning us that young adults need more organized exercise to stay healthy, but we have been forced to lessen the amount of that required by students," said **Perry Dennehy**, Athletic Trainer.

Not only were the previously offered aerobics class taken out of the course catalog, the positions previously filled by **Mr. Gary**

Listermann and health teacher of 34 years **Mrs. Barbara Jones** will not be reassigned after their retirement.

Depending on the amount of students signed up for the classes, others could be eliminated as well.

"I've been teaching for 35 years and every year the department has improved, and the cuts are definitely making us take a huge step back," said **Listermann**.

Despite the changes, the overall attitude of the staff and students remain the same.

"Students here seem to really enjoy the classes offered and will continue to sign up, and I don't think the cuts will change that. We have a great physical education department," said **Tom Adams**, teacher and coach.

CLASS INFO

Fit for Life was a required class taken by all students. It teaches you how to live a healthy life.

Lifeguard Training was a course which teaches you how to become a certified lifeguard.

Basketball 1 and 2 played basketball to help improve student's skills. Many freshman, JV, and Varsity basketball players enrolled.

Outdoor Recreation taught camping, fishing, and survival skills.

Weight Training educated students about lifting weights.

Sports Medicine instructs on common sports injuries and how to fix them.

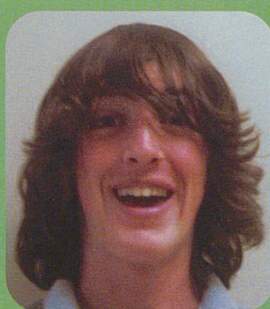
Team Sports played fun games while promoting team unity.

Power Volleyball 1 and 2 taught the basics of volleyball to improve your game.

Lifetime sports played sports that could last a lifetime.



"It's good that they require gym classes because it helps kids stay in shape."
-Jennifer Reinhart, 11

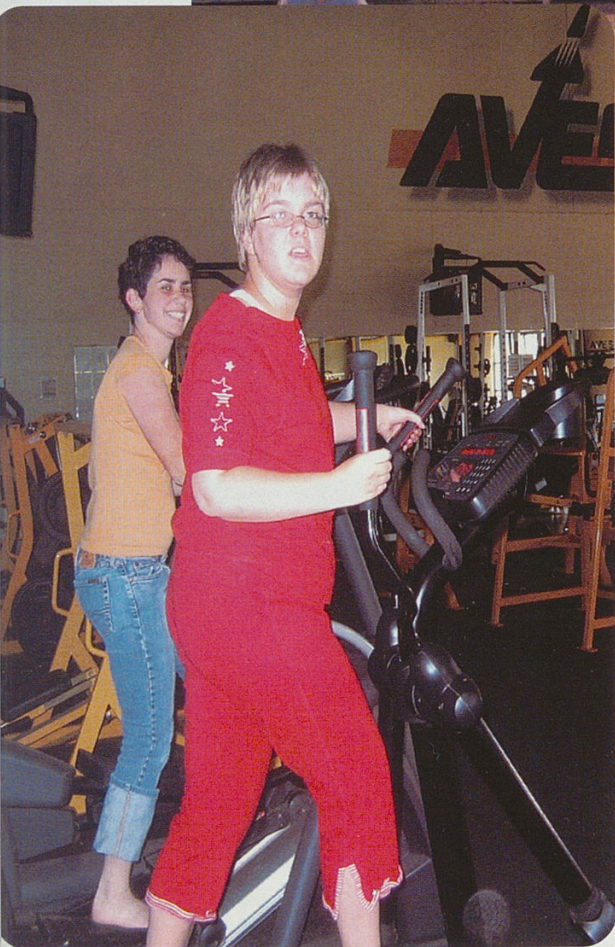


"Fit For Life helped me get in shape, and I loved taking it as a junior" -TC Rademacher, 11

THE
STUDENTS
OF...
**PHYSICAL
EDUCATION**



Students in Basketball class get warmed up. Most people in the basketball class were on basketball teams. It helps them stay in shape and in tune all year long.



All students are privileged enough to use the up-to-date weight center. It's a popular place after school for team sports. It really helps people stay involved with working out, even after class ends.

Claudius Delaney, 10, takes a break during gym. He enjoyed class, but loved the breaks in between even better. This was when people in the classes got to show their stuff for sports they practiced.



THE TEACHERS OF... SPECIAL SERVICES



"The most rewarding part of teaching is watching young adults grow into mature, independent, successful adults, as well as, active participants in their communities.

-**Martha Moffett**, 22 years teaching, 1st year here.



As part of their transition study, students learn at all points of education from a simple lunch date to a complex bus schedule. The transitioning unit is a great option for students to gain independent life after the four years of high school. This unit was a huge success.



Hard at work. As part of the Transitioning class, students were put into real life situations. These helped to best prepare them for life after school.



“The greatest part of teaching is watching the students experience success and seeing them grow.”

-**Kathy Barrow**, 27 years teaching, 8th year here.



“I love watching all the students accept and interact with each other.”

-**Shelley Oltorik**, 17 years teaching, 3 years here.

A living room in school? The Special Services Department had a room similar to a typical living room. The room allowed students to practice for a life on their own.



INDEPENDENCE

BY PRACTICING INDEPENDENT SKILLS

By: Tamar Ingber

Every student was special. Every young adult that entered this school learned great things from various departments.

Sycamore's Special Services Department programs for the unique students within the high school's walls. The department was divided into three main sections: the Transition, the Postgraduates, and the Academic Integration.

“The Transition Unit and the Postgraduates are closely related,” said **Mrs. Kathy Barrow**.

The transition is the emphasis for students to learn independence through community experience, for example riding the Metro by oneself or even a lunch at Burger King. Postgraduates had dissimilar activities, almost no classes in the physical school, rather all in the Sycamore community.

“I came new this year and it has been great, the Transitions unit is great because it allows the post graduates to learn the skills that most would be learning as they entered college: How do you do your

laundry? How can you use public transportation? And how do you get a well paying job?” said **Martha Moffet**, Special Services Department teacher for Transitions.

Post graduates are students who were over 18, and no longer attended typical high school courses, rather they were involved within the community eventually leading to a paid job and an independent lifestyle.

Ms. Shelley Oltorik, head of the Academic section of Special Services, enjoyed her position. Her key role was to academically integrate special services students with a typical class.

“The greatest part of my job is seeing a bond made between all students,” said **Oltorik**.

At the end of the year, ten of the initial department students are graduating.

“The greatest part of teaching is seeing the students experience success and seeing them grow,” said **Kathy Barrow**.

“I came new this year and it has been great, the Transitions unit is great because it allows the post graduates to learn the skills that most would be learning as they entered college: How do I do my laundry? How can I use public transportation? And how do I get a well paying job?”

-**Martha Moffett**

TURNING A NEW LEAF

SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

By: Sarah Ganson

Ever feel like school is just a drag? Ever want to just go to a school that can prepare you for a career you've always wanted to pursue? Then you are one of many students.

Most students don't let those dreams just be dreams. They decide to actually take that next step. The Oaks is that next step.

"I'm training to be a firefighter and I love it!" said **Jared Snyderman, 12.**

For years, the Oaks has hosted students from several different high schools and taught them the basic skills of having a career.

The Oaks taught students careers like firefighting, cosmetology, early childhood care, and more. Students usually leave schools after sophomore year. They attend The Oaks for their junior and senior year still progressing with the rest of their class at their old high school.

After their senior year at The Oaks they come

back to the graduation of their previous school and walk with the rest of their classmates.

The Oaks was a popular move among students. This school brings students much success and preparation for the real world.

"I have learned a lot at The Oaks and I am anxious to use all my knowledge," said **Heather Hudson, 11.**

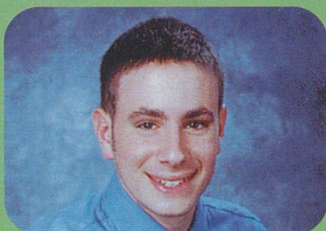
The Oaks was a fine school that helps students plan their future. After senior year students from The Oaks are prepared to go out and work in the real world. They learned the skills and tricks to become successful with their job of choice.

Most students that come from The Oaks see much success later in their life. The Oaks was a positive school that is popular with many.

"Students come back from The Oaks and are happy they made that decision for their life," said **Mrs. Robin Wells-Kamp.**



Working hard? Two students worked on their technology skills. The Oaks offers many career choices from which students can choose.



"The Oaks was a good experience and I enjoyed attending a school that has a course just for me."

- **Jared Snyderman, 12**

Programs at The Oaks:

Automotive and Power Technology

Business Technology

Marketing

Communications Technology

Construction and Maintenance

Consumer and Community Services

Environmental Science

Agriculture

Health Industry and Engineering

Information Technology

Cosmetology



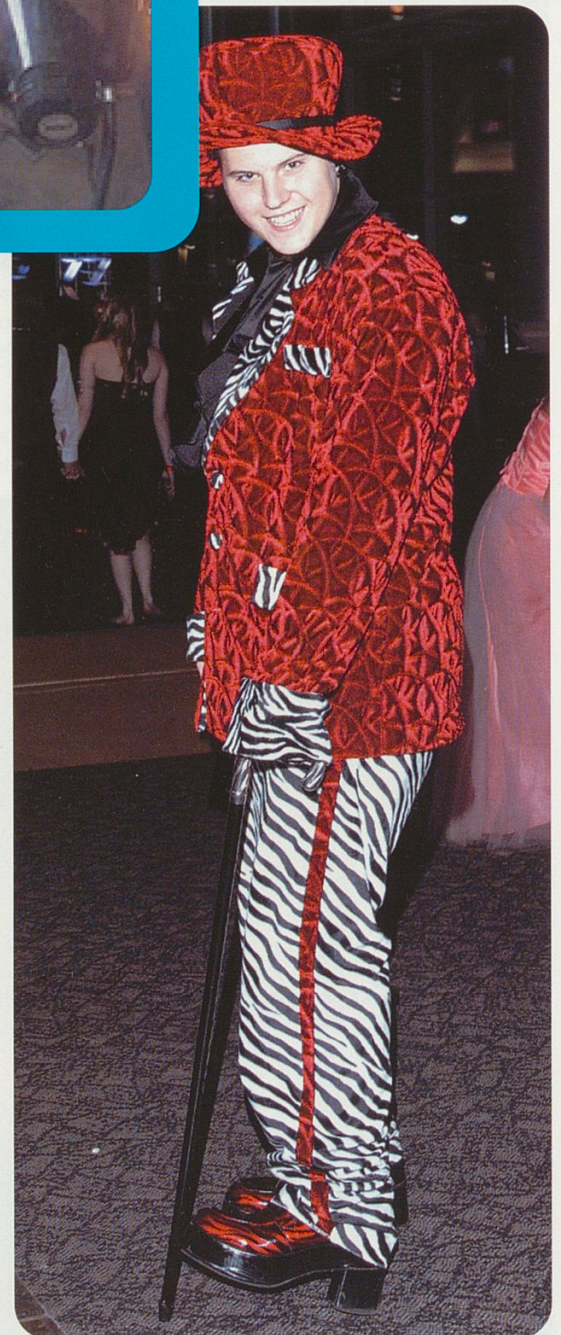


Taking a break from the heat. **Jared Snyderman, 12** and his friends pose for a picture while training. Becoming a firefighter may look fun, but it also has its share of hard work.

QUIZ TIME!

1. What year do students usually go to The Oaks?
2. How many courses do The Oaks provide?
3. How long do students attend The Oaks?
4. Do the seniors at The Oaks graduate with Sycamore students?

Answers: 1. After Sophomore year. 2. More than 30. 3. Until their senior year of high school. 4. Yes

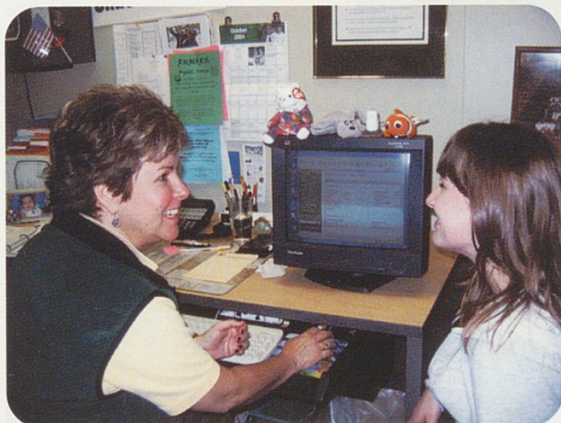


Prom is for all students, even if you don't attend daily classes here. **Eric Brinkman, 12**, enjoys his time at Prom. To make himself original he dressed up in a funky suit.

HELPING STUDENTS THROUGH

GUIDANCE FOR GUIDANCE

By: Sarah Ganson



All grades can benefit from the Guidance counselors. **Stacey Pike, 10**, meets with **Dr. Maria Sarasua** to learn how to use the new program called TCCi connection.

High school molds one's future determining what college or university they will attend. To get to that point they need a lot of help.

That's where the guidance counselors come in. When you're a freshman, guidance counselors began to help students by finding out what colleges could be right for that specific student.

They spend a large amount of time with their students so they can know each one's personality.

"I feel like my guidance counselor will help me with my future," said **Blair Wolkoff, 10**.

By junior year students are ready to begin the college process. The guidance counselors help their students with paperwork, signing up for tests, and more, that will help them become successful in the future.

"When applying to college this year my guidance counselor helped me a lot," said **Brett Bowers, 12**.

However, guidance counselors aren't only there to help students with the college process. They are also there to give you advice on your school work. If you were failing a class they would be right there with you trying to find a way you could pass that class.

Or if a student does not like their schedule, they can go to their guidance counselor to get it switched. These men and women work hard everyday to help students succeed.

They are willing to take time out of their very busy schedules to just talk to you if you feel stressed or anxious about school.

"We work really hard for the students," said **Mr. Bob Meirnfeld**.

Our students were very lucky to have such wonderful people like the guidance counselors working for them. High school can be a hard, stressful, and draining process, but the guidance counselors help make it the best they can.



The college process begins. **Sarah Jarnicki, 11**, is getting advice from her guidance counselor **Mr. Michael Anderson**. The guidance counselors spend a lot of time with juniors and the college process.

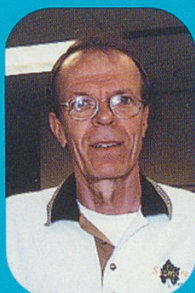
"I must have changed my mind a hundred times since freshman year, and **Mrs. Robin Wells-Kamp** was always able to provide some new insight to direct me to the right college."

-Amy White, 12



To have a career where you are to help students identify goals, and work with them as they pursue and attain those goals, is a very special opportunity.

-Mr. Bob Mierenfeld



Mr. Mierenfeld helped me pick the right classes when I was in need of some help.

-Allison Ivers, 11



If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything
 —Malcolm X
 —stated again by Darielle Daniels

A quote can help. Groups enjoyed inspirational quotes. **Darielle Daniels, 11**, handwrote her favorite quote by Malcom X, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."



Welcoming students in. Students always were welcomed in the Guidance Department. **Mrs. Sue Koehler** and **Mrs. Susan Warm** were always willing to talk with all of the school's students.

HELPING HANDS

STUDENTS SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

By: Amanda Evans & Kristin Grueninger

Perhaps one of the best support systems offered within the school are the student formed groups. Ranging in everything from stress to ADD, the groups meet once a week during a rotation of bells and allows students to express their feelings in a comfortable environment.

"It's easier to talk openly about my issues with other students who are experiencing similar problems," said **Anna Alemagno, 12**.

"It is great to have a place to talk one bell a week," said **Sarah Ganson, 11**, a member of the Stress Group.

Every week the bell would rotate, but the participants would stay the same and discuss the stresses in their lives. The group not only talked and shared ways of de-stressing, but also did creative alternatives to calm themselves down in a high stress situation.

Other groups, like the Relationship Group, did similar activities relating to their specific topic. Participants had to fill out a simple application at **Mrs. Sue Koehler's** office and she placed students in the appropriate group.

"We're lucky to have the counseling groups and I see the benefits they bring to students," said **Mrs. Koehler**.



Now lets all just breathe. **Tamar Ingber, 11**, discussed her stresses of life with her peers in Stress Group. **Ingber** not only enjoys the confidential time to talk, but also made new friends.

Groups

Grief group: helps students who have experienced the loss of a parent or sibling

Relationships: helps students improve interpersonal relationships with friends and family

ADD: Discovery group: students with ADD learn to organize responsibilities

Quest group: issues of interest of African American students

Making Better Decisions: making decisions that are supportive and helpful to students

Stress Group: ways to positively manage stress and handle life

GLB Group: topics of interest to gay, lesbian, or bisexual students

OFFICER PAYNE

PROTECTING OUR SCHOOL

By: Sarah Ganson

There were over 1,953 students here. To help make sure everything is kept safe **Officer Paul Payne** was brought into our school.

"**Officer Payne** is a cool guy who understands what kids are like," said **Katie Hellman, 10**.

He helped curtail the fights and violence the students face. It might be hard to keep track of all the students, but with the help of the video cameras, he had an easier time.

Officer Payne also helped keep control at school events including sports events and even dances. Working with the administration, they decided to administer a breathalyzer test to every fourth person at prom.

This act helped to keep drunk driving to a minimum on prom night. **Officer Payne** has brought a lot of positive qualities to the school. He was a valued person in our community and we all looked up to him with pride.

"I consider myself a servant to the kids," said **Officer Payne**.

Not only was he an outstanding officer, but he was also a cool person. He gets along with the students, teachers, and administration. Hiring **Officer Payne** to look out for our school was one of the smartest decisions the Board of Education has made.

"Officer Payne is a really good guy," said **Chris Haunert, 10**.



Officer Paul Payne is a familiar and friendly sight at school. He is the source of protection in our school. For the past 4 years he has kept our school a safe place.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

CAREER CENTER

By: Sarah Jarnicki

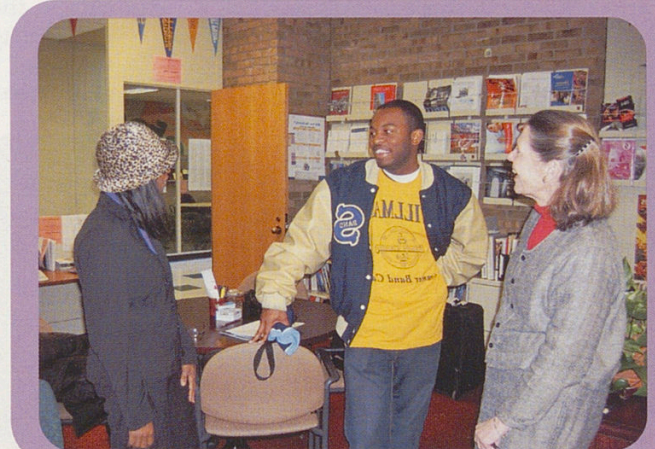
Confused about what you want to do about your future? If so, you should visit **Mrs. Kaye Gaffney** in the College and Career Center. There are endless options for your future, so why not explore them?

"There are so many resources, it is very helpful to have a place like this at our own school," said **Caitlin Bokulic, 12**.

Another useful resource is TCCi, which was created by the Career Center and Guidance Counselors. This website was made for students to help discover schools that fit each individual. Many students found this website very accommodating.

"I love the scattergrams, they show the range of GPA's the school admits. This is very helpful to us students!" said **Jaime Orent, 11**.

The Career Center is open three days a week, so take some time out of your day to stop by. It is well worth the few minutes!



Throughout the year, numerous college representatives visit the school. Mrs. Kaye Gaffney visited with rep's from University of Michigan. Although there is quite a rivalry between OSU and Michigan, plenty of students still considered these two schools.

Talking College with Mrs. Kaye Gaffney

How many students visit the Career Center per day?

Everyday is different sometimes 5 students, sometimes 25.

Is the Career Center still open daily?

No, it is open from 11-3 on Wednesday, 7-3 on Thursday and 7-3 on Friday. We are working with S.H.A.P.E. to get parent volunteers for Mondays and Tuesdays.

Do you still have recruiters coming in from different colleges?

Yes, we will have 65 college reps visiting this year. Most Ohio colleges and universities from some surrounding states such as Carnegie Mellon, Harvard, Duke, University of Pennsylvania and University of Georgia come to our center.

What is the most common college students want to attend?

University of Cincinnati, Miami, Ohio State, and Ohio University. Out of state would be Indiana University

What percentage of Sycamore attends college?

About 89%

What is your goal for our students?

To feel comfortable about using the wonderful resources in the College and Career Center!



KEEPING SYCAMORE EXCELLENT SCHOOL BOARD

By: Sarah Jarnicki

Due to budgeting issues, life at school was a little different. Teachers were let go, certain classes were no longer being offered, and activity buses were cut. The school had reduced spending up to \$6.1 million. In order to make such a significant cut, unfortunately, more than 60 positions had been cut.

On the flip side, **Principal Dr. Keith Kelly** climbed the ladder on the administrative staff. The Board of Education has promoted **Kelly** to become the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Operations.

What this meant for the high school, was we had a new principal! **Mr. Kenji Matsudo**, former assistant principal moved up to be the head of the school.

"I will miss the kids and the support of the excellent staff...but I am looking forward to working with the Board to

making Sycamore a better place," said **Kelly**.

Students missed **Dr. Kelly's** daily "GO AVES!" on the morning announcements, but were excited for the changes ahead for the high school.

"I was really excited for him to be the whole school's principal, since for the last 3 years he's been our grade's principal. And I mean, he's a fabulous guy!" said

As things changed, our school continued to be rated excellent. Ranked 524 nationally by Newsweek, and with enrollment up our school remained a great place to learn. We have maintained our excellent rating on the state report card.

"I feel this place has prepared me for my future, as it has given me a great education," said **Megan Frank, 11**.



Head of the district, Dr. Karen Mantia superintendent makes very important decisions for the community and the schools. She has served the district for the past four years. Her chief decisions are calling off school for snow days, working with the budget, analyzing school board policies and rules, not necessarily in that order.

SEE WHAT THE STUDENTS THINK...

Changes to the school are difficult, because even if you change one thing, someone will be personally affected by it.

- **Nicole Smile, 12**



I'm really glad the levy passed. It was really scary how it almost failed though and just how close of a call it was. It was a real eye opener.

- **Alex Androski, 11**



ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR

2004-2005

Graduation Requirements changed. Student's no longer have to take Careers and have to take one less Gym class.

The school board found a way to budget our school's funds by cutting 60 teachers.

The levy passed!

This is where all of the decisions are made! The Board of Education building is located on Cooper Road. Former **Principal, Dr. Keith Kelly**, began to spend a lot of time in this building as Assistant Superintendant.



The school board meets twice a month to discuss various issues affecting the community. These meetings occurred at E.H. Greene School and Blue Ash Elementary School. All meetings were open for the community to attend.



UNDERCLASS ACADEMIC AWARDS

By Kelsey Kiley

ART

Gregory Blake - Photography Medallion
 Gregory Blake - Ohio Youth Governor's Photography Two Regional Awards
 Laura Fisher - University of Cincinnati DAAP 840 Gallery High School Art Exhibit
 Natalie Ludy - University of Cincinnati DAAP 840 Gallery High School Art Exhibit
 Elliot Skopin - Photography Medallion
 Sarah Soled - Junior Art Medallion
 Ling Chang Wang - Scholastic Photo Award Honorable Mention

ENGLISH

Robert Amster - Sophomore Novice Debate Tournament
 Chester Chen - Sophomore Novice Debate Tournament
 Sanjay Choudhury - Freshman English Medallion
 Megan Feng - Sophomore Novice Debate Tournament
 Laura Fisher - Sophomore English Medallion
 Jennifer French - Sophomore Novice Debate Tournament
 Micah Kamrass - Sophomore Novice Debate Tournament
 Jasmine Nazek - Junior English Medallion

GLOBAL LANGUAGE

Elizabeth Alexander - Super Signer
 Alex Androski - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level IV 2nd Place
 Anna Arays - Top 20% in Ohio on National French Contest
 Ruchi Asher - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level IV 1st Place
 Julie Bonn - Gallaudet ASL Medallion
 Nicholas Boyd - German Citizens' League Award
 Marisol Cerda - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level III 2nd Place
 Soo Cho - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level III 2nd Place
 Jeffrey Cohen - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level IV 2nd Place
 Jennifer French - National Spanish IV Exam 6th Place in Regional Chapter
 James Gaulty - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level IV 2nd Place
 David Harmon - Top 20% in Ohio on National French Contest
 Stella Harward - National Spanish IV Exam 14th Place in Regional Chapter
 Schyler Hosler - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level III 1st Place

New principal, Mr. Kenji Matsudo, was incredibly involved in the presentations of the Underclass Awards. In his first year as acting principal, which was not even a full school year, he was understandably very proud of all of the students receiving awards. Throughout it all, from principal changes to budget cuts, students at Sycamore succeeded.



Kathryn Ibbotson - National Spanish IV Exam 15th Place in Regional Chapter
 Jacqueline Kelly - National Spanish IV Exam 14th Place in Regional Chapter
 Feana Krimerman - National Spanish IV Exam 11th Place in Regional Chapter
 Molly McCarthy - Top 20% in Ohio on National French Contest
 Jennifer Mott - National Spanish IV Exam 14th Place in Regional Chapter
 Karen Nesbitt - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level III 2nd Place
 Jonathan Plona - National Spanish IV Exam 9th Place in Regional Chapter
 Jessa Ramsey - National Spanish IV Exam 3rd Place in Regional Chapter
 Dena Rapoport - Global Language Medallion Award
 Zachary Reuscher - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level II 1st Place



MATH

Amit Chandra - Junior Math Medallion
 Amit Chandra - 2nd Place 11th Grade Male
 Rose Hulman Math Contest
 Chester Chen - 2nd Place 10th Grade Male
 Rose Hulman Math Contest
 Sanjay Choudhury - 1st Place 11th Grade Male Rose
 Hulman Math Contest
 Zachary Goldman - Sophomore Math Medallion
 Zachary Goldman - AMC 10 Math Contest
 School Winner
 Radhika Kedia - 1st Place 10th Grade Female
 Rose Hulman Math Contest
 Zachary Reuscher - 2nd Place 9th Grade Male
 Rose Hulman Math Contest
 Tianqiong Wang - 2nd Place 11th Grade
 Female Rose Hulman Math Contest
 Elizabeth Wei - Freshman Math Medallion
 Elizabeth Wei - 1st Place 9th Grade Female
 Rose Hulman Math Contest
 Elizabeth Wei - School Winner American
 Scholastic Math Association Contest Series
 Wenjung Zhang - 2nd Place 9th Grade Female
 Rose Hulman Math Contest

HISTORY

Jill Cohen - World History Medallion
 Meetra Mehdizadeh - American History
 Medallion

GLOBAL LANGUAGE CONTINUED...

Thomas Ryan - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition
 Level II 1st Place
 John Scheineson - National Spanish IV Exam
 13th in Regional Chapter
 Samuel Snow - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level III 1st
 Place
 Valeriya Spektor - National Spanish IV Exam 13th Place in
 Regional Chapter
 Robert Tolley - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level III 1st
 Place
 Michelle Torres - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level II
 2nd Place
 Sarah Vaz - Top 20% in Ohio on National French Contest
 Elizabeth Walsh - National Spanish IV Exam 14th Place
 Regional Chapter
 Tianqiong Wang - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level IV
 1st Place
 Elizabeth Wei - National Latin Exam Perfect Score
 Michelle Wong - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level II 2nd
 Place
 Jennifer Yang - Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Level II 2nd
 Place

SCIENCE

Steven Barbian - 2nd Place Regional JETS/TEAMS
 Competition
 Jill Cohen - Biological Systems Medallion
 Jeffrey Domas - 2nd Place Regional JETS/TEAMS
 Competition
 Abhijeet Gummadavelli - 2nd Place Regional JETS/TEAMS
 Competition
 Alice Jone - 2nd Place Regional JETS/TEAMS
 Competition
 Tasneem Kaleem - 2nd Place Regional JETS/TEAMS
 Competition
 Tasneem Kaleem - Science Olympiad 1st Place Cell Biology
 Tasneem Kaleem - Science Olympiad 3rd Place Remote
 Sensing
 Joshua Lee - National Science Bowl 6th Place
 Joshua Lee - 2nd Place Regional JETS/TEAMS Competition
 Joshua Lee - Physics Medallion
 Alexandra Milaychev - Science Olympiad 1st Place Cell
 Biology
 Alexandra Milaychev - Science Olympiad 3rd Place Remote
 Sensing
 Claire Mondro - 2nd Place Regional JETS/TEAMS
 Competition
 Li Tan - Chemistry Medallion
 Patricia Troy - Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award
 Curtis Williamson - Environmental Systems Medallion

OTHER

Steven Barbian - Clarkson University Leadership Award
 Margaret Brown - Mt. Holyoke Book Award
 Julia Caldwell - National Technical Honor Society
 Sheila Campbell - Clarkson University Achievement Award
 Marisol Cerda - Sycamore Marketing Outstanding Student
 Amit Chandra - Northwestern University Book Award
 Woorie Cho - University of Cincinnati Juried H.S. Show
 Leah Drapkin - Youth For Understanding Scholarship
 Award
 Jennifer Grossman - Yale University Book Award
 Stella Harward - Xavier University Service Book Award
 Schyler Hosler - Youth For Understanding Scholarship
 Award
 Heather Hutson - Family Career And Community Leaders of
 America Gold Star Regional/State Winner
 Tasneem Kaleem - Warren Eby Award
 Erica Kao - Freshman Counselor Medallion
 Gregory Martin - Junior Drafting Medallion
 Meetra Mehdizadeh - Smith College Book Award
 Laura Moushey - Eleanor Crumpler Memorial Award
 Manoj Rajagopal - Williams College Book Award
 Michael Santos - Michelson-Morley Award
 Michael Santos - Harvard University Book Award
 Daniel Schear - Ohio Junior Classical League Convention
 Outstanding Delegate
 Daniel Schear - University of Virginia-Jefferson Book Award
 Samuel Snow - Sophomore Counselor Medallion
 Robert Tolley - Youth For Understanding Scholarship Award
 Patrica Troy - Junior Counselor Medallion
 Patricia Troy - Mercantile Library Timothy Day Award



PRINT ROOM



Ms. Brenda LesChander, Print Room Technician, handled the huge printer and managed all the printing for the entire District all in the small closet-like space at the high school.



Relaxation time! When not feeling well, the Nurse's office offered a sanctuary. **Jameria Heard, 9**, took advantage of that when she was not feeling well.

ONE HELPING HAND AT A TIME

VALUING MORE THAN JUST SCHOOL HEALTH

By Feana Krimerman

Ever feel sick during school, or how about needing for a band aid? If you did, you probably went to the Nurse's Office.

The nurses saw between sixty-five and ninety students per day, with the numbers being higher during the spring, during which they saw seventy-five to ninety students per day. The nurses were typically busiest between 7:30 A.M. and 12:45 P.M.

The situations that caused students to go home varied to a great degree. Vomiting due to illness-related reasons caused people to be sent home, along with those with a fever over 100 degrees.

"It's comforting for me to know that if I get sick at school there is always someone to give me proper treatment and care," said **Rebecca Tsevat, 9**.

The goal of the nurses was to keep students in school if possible, but if resting or treatments available at the office did not help their illness, they went home depending on their number of absences.

"The nurses listen patiently to your problems and don't judge you," said **Alex Milaychev, 11**.

Typically, students who visited the Nurse's Office needed medications, band aids, Gatorade for headaches, support for certain medical conditions or procedures, ice and treatment for injuries, emotional support, and snacks if students skipped breakfast.

"The staff in the Nurse's Office are very sweet and understanding," said **Michelle Torres, 11**.

The Nurse's Office remained busy, but was always on the lookout for those in need.



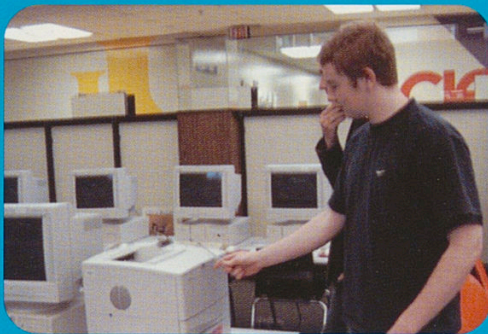
Going into the Nurse's Office. **Jessica Tufts, 9**, knew it would help her with almost any injury. The staff always offered her assistance and compassion.



Sign in time! **Anna Arays, 11**, was signing in at the Nurse's Office. Although she did not have to go there frequently, whenever she needed something minor it always proved helpful.



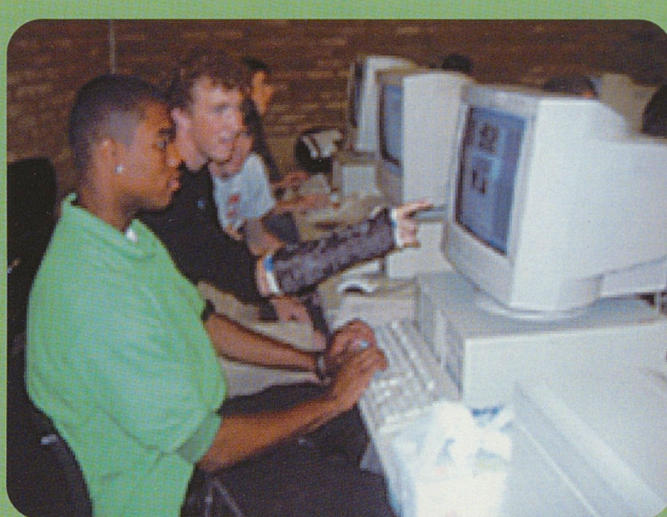
Printing! Thomas Hughes, 10, spent time after school in the IMC. It made for a perfect place to spend time in because it allowed for an opportunity to do assignments and use school computers in a peaceful environment.



Getting work done! Mandy Hamberg, 11, was working diligently during fourth bell to get school work done. This would allow less work for her when she got home. It was quite a good plan!



Tests are coming up! When testing time was near, these two did not waste one minute. Two heads became way better than one head and a book, as these two utilized the quiet IMC environment to get ready for their subsequent classes. **Dennis Bleiden, 10,** and **Lisa Amm, 9** were more than ready for their next exam!



It's homework time! The IMC was a perfect place for **James Broyoes, 12,** and **Tommy Crabill, 12,** to work on their school work while classes were not in session. The staff was not only very helpful to them, but they were also aiding each other.

NOT JUST A RESOURCE CENTER LOVE OF LEARNING AND COMMUNICATION

By Feana Krimerman

It's hard to miss when it stands close to the center of the school, but is it really paid attention to?

The IMC, a combined computer lab, library, and help center, served many purposes for students. Its most popular service seemed to be the bookshelves full of interesting literature, but computers were used every day as well.

"I use the IMC for books to read and to type work on the computer," said **Erika Kao, 9.**

Books and computers may have been helpful, but even those could not substitute the value of one-on-one individual assistance with academic subjects.

"I like the IMC because it's a helpful source to my academic studies," said **James Lipsey, 9.**

It was even helpful for classes to use in order to work on projects or research.

"I like when my class goes to the IMC to be able to use the computers to work on projects," said **Kelli Rogers, 11.**

Whether it was for class work or for individual work, the IMC seemed to be busy most of the time. Printers were running and fingers were jumping on keyboards throughout the whole year.



Study time! **Eric Knox, 11, Emily Thomas, 11, Scotty Spears, 11,** and **Hisashi Nishizu, 11,** decided to have a study group to prepare for their upcoming test. Four heads proved better than one, in addition to four opinions and four sets of notes.

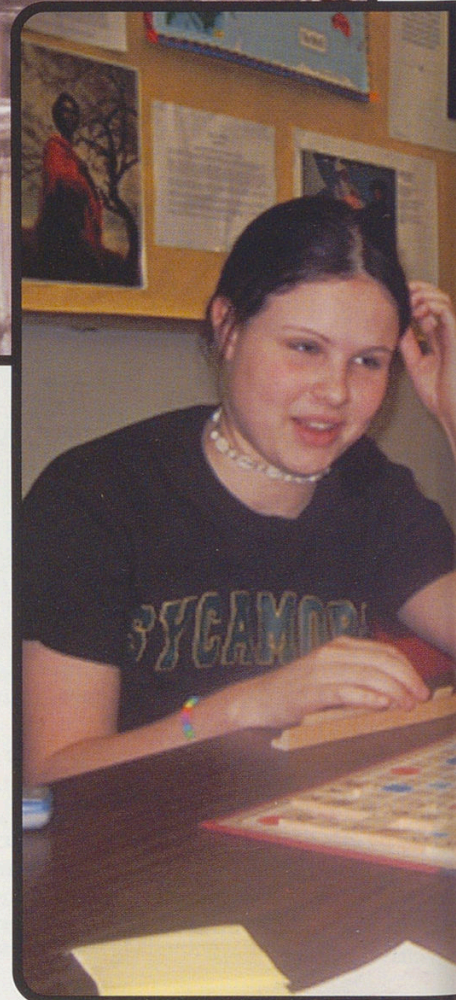


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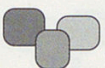
Clubs



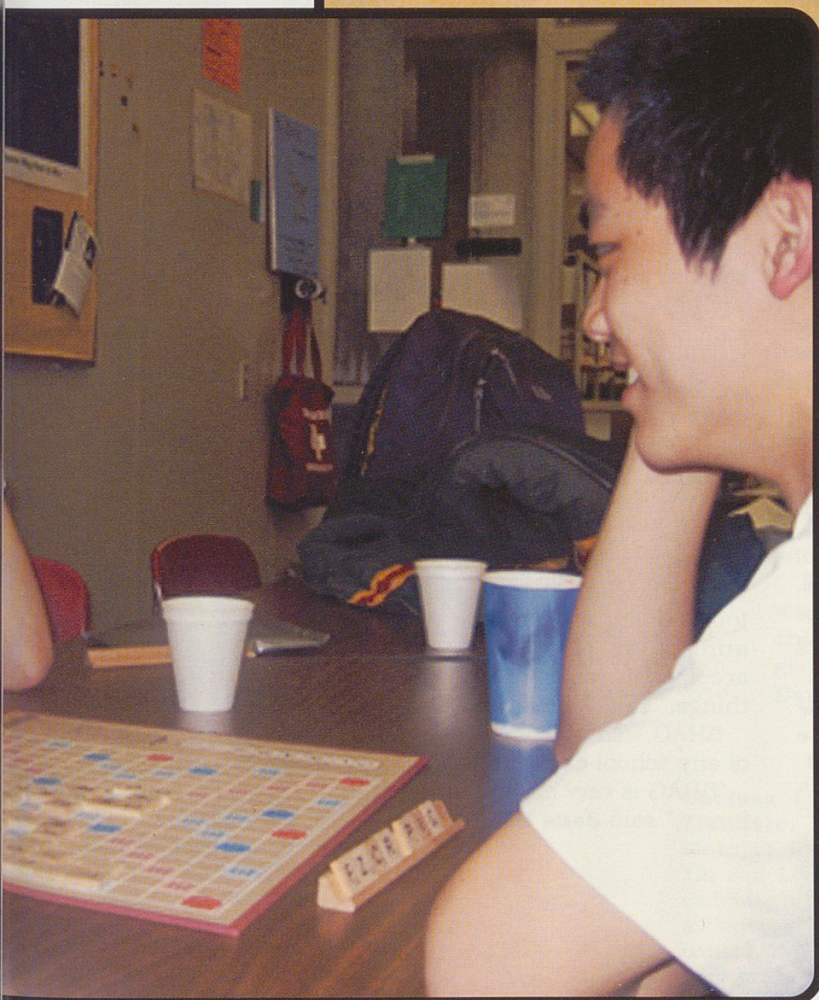
The winter drumline has a steady beat while concentrating hard on their music. A storyline was combined with the music to make their performance unique compared to opposing schools. Check out page 100 to see and read more.



Emily St.Syr, 10, concentrates hard on her next move. Every Friday the Scrabble Club met for a captivating game of jumbling words. To check more out go to page 105.



Members of the Japanese Club partake in various cultural traditions including a formal tea ceremony. Members also got to participate in games, origami, and dining out at a Japanese restaurant. To learn more visit page 106.

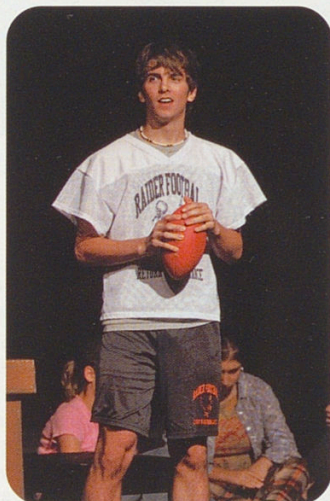




STAG



By Lauren Truax



Dave Morton, 11, poses as a football player in the fall play. As a new student, **Morton** got involved in many activities. He especially enjoyed STAG and being able to be a member of their productions.

Sycamore Theatre Arts Groupe (STAG) was an extracurricular theater organization. STAG had many events throughout the year such as, play productions, service projects, social events, monthly meetings, and field trips.

"STAG productions were lots of fun to attend," **Rachel Shaftel, 12.**

Ms. Leslie Knotts and **Mr. Mike Anderson** were the advisers to STAG. Every STAG member was required to sell twenty dollars worth of patron ads.

STAG members were responsible for recording their work hours in performances, technical theater, management, education, and organization. Those added up to points which were part of the basis for STAG awards.

Some awards were STAG awards, thespian status and stars and point plaques. The

awards were presented at STAG Awards.

Students could join STAG throughout any part of the school year. The Board of Directors were **Julia Albain, 12, Blair Bailey, 10, Kati Bakes, 12, Amanda Bower, 12, Jennifer, Brucker, 11, Alan Dicken, 11, Matt Evans, 12, Annie Kanter, 10, Sammy Kanter, 12, Nate Kennedy, 12, Libet Wilfong, 12, and Tara Zivkovic, 12.**

The Stage Showcase was held on Sept. 10. The Young Playwrights Project was held Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2. Honk was performed on Nov. 11, 12, and 13. Arsenic and Old Lace was held on Jan. 6, 7, and 8.

"The STAG group works really hard and does a great job with all the plays it puts on. Being able to watch the shows for free is really cool too," said **Saba Ahmad, 11.**



Showing off her stuff, Andrea Thomas, 12. Thomas enjoyed theater and therefore joined STAG. She was in many plays throughout her high school career.



Julia Albain, 12, reads a book in the fall play. Albain was very involved in STAG. She was in multiple plays and was on the Board of Directors.



SHAG



By Lauren Truax



Brian Barasch, 12, David Morton, 11, and Alex Gering, 11, snap to the beat. The boys practice often to have great performances. They snap to keep everyone together and on the correct beat.

Sycamore High Acappella Group (SHAG) was an extracurricular activity of 8 to 9 members. It was the first year of tryouts held for SHAG. They had a required piece to sing for auditions. **Mr. Duane Crowe** is the adviser and was the one to decide upon the cuts at the tryouts. Students did not need to be a member of a school choir. Practices were held after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SHAG performed at all school choir concerts and other events. They performed at the Kicks for Kids at the Cincinnati Zoo during

the holiday season.

Nate Kennedy, 12, was the leader for SHAG. He and the other seniors picked the music they would sing and helped all of the members learn their part. Great leadership was shown by all the seniors in SHAG.

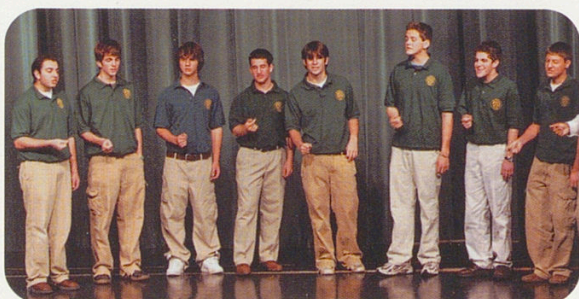
All though not a class, SHAG was extremely prepared for all concerts. They only rehearse two days a week but have great results.

"SHAG is proof that a few boys, with a limited understanding of tone quality and reading music, and a lot of free time can accomplish reasonably mediocre things," said **Daniel Schear, 11.**

SHAG was a very enjoyed part of any school choir concert.

"SHAG is very entertaining and funny," said **Jana Schibler, 11.**

SHAG together performs for the fall choir concert. Many students looked forward to S T A G ' s performance. The boys practiced afterschool with Mr. Crowe as their supervisor.



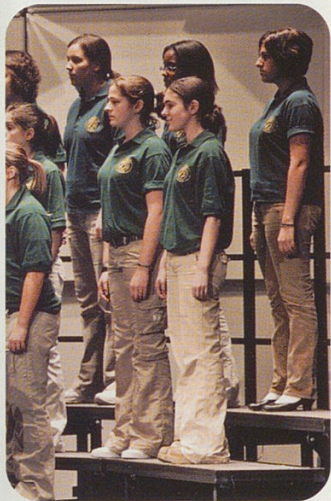
Entertaining the crowd, Alan Dicken, 11, holding Daniel Schear, 11. SHAG was known for never being boring. They always had an exciting performance.



Chamber Choir



By Lauren Truax



Focusing, Molly Reigers, 12, and Rachel Kadetz, 12, as well as all members of a choir have to be focused on the director at all times or the performance could fall apart. Both **Reigers** and **Kadetz** showed leadership for the underclassman in the choir.

Chamber Choir was made up of boy and girl members. All people who wanted to be in Chamber Choir had to try out at the end of last year. Both the girls and the boys had an assigned song they had to perform for the choir directors.

Chamber Choir held many concerts at school and other places in Cincinnati. Chamber Choir received exceptional ratings at the OMEA Contest.

"Our base section was really good this year," said **Josh Levey, 12.**

Fundraisers were held to raise money to put in the students choir accounts. Chamber Choir participated in the annual Skyline Night.

This is the night when choir students serve food while entertaining the customers with their singing. They also sold Hickory Farm Foods to raise money.

Although the choir did not go on a trip, they still had lots of fun. The members loved going to their 3rd bell class because it was Chamber Choir.

"Chamber Choir is a great experience for those who love to sing!" said **Rachel Kadetz, 12.**



Singing strong, Becca Mahar, 11, Christine Taragono, 11, and Sydney Wayne, 12. The girls worked hard to get into chamber choir. Many members also took private voice lessons to improve their singing.



Performing at the fall concert, chamber choir, excelled past their expectations. The choir sang with members of the orchestra. It helped the choir to have live accompaniment.



Touring Company



By Lauren Truax

Tryouts for Touring Company (TC) were held at the end of last year. Students had to prepare their own singing piece and had to dance to a required piece. TC was held during 6th bell. **Ms. Patcine Carlisle** was the teacher for the class.

On top of performing at all choir concerts, TC had many performances during the holiday time for retirement homes, schools, etc. They had Lunch with Santa, held at the school for younger kids and their parents. They raised money through performing to pay for the

choreographer while the rest went into the choir budget. They were always busy.

"I joined TC so I could act flamboyant during one of the best classes," said **Derek Bahler, 11.**

Students joined TC for various reasons. Some joined TC because they enjoyed singing and dancing while others did it to have fun during the school day.

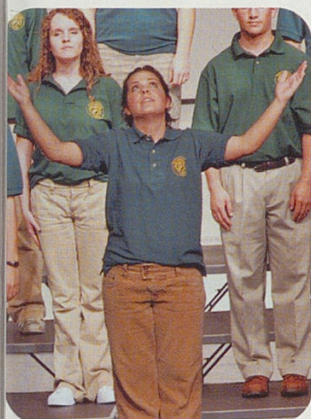
"Touring Company is just my way to sing, dance, and do choreography without people giving me funny looks," said **Daniel Schear, 11.**



Group pose! Touring Company struck a pose at the end of their musical number. Looking funny, members of the audience enjoyed their performance.



Chelsea Lutz, 11, Tara Zivkovic, 12, Annie Sluka, 11, Rachel Washburn, 12, and Libet Wilfong, 12, marching to the beat. TC hires a choreographer for their dances. It helped them keep their performances original.



Amanda Bower, 12, shows her true emotion. Touring Company had unique performances for all their concerts. They have to be good at dancing and singing so it's even harder for them to be spectacular.





Mixed Chorus



Mouths wide open! The choir stood up straight and let their voices do the rest. Vibrating across the crowd, their voices zoomed swiftly through the ears of the audience.

Time to be at school, get the green robes, and warm up for the concert! This was just a general routine for the choir members on concert day.

The choir had four concerts. A fall concert, a holiday concert, a mixed chorus showcase concert, and the spring concert. The group also competed in the OMEA choral competition.

Each of their performances consists typically of three to four songs, after which refreshments are given.

"I enjoyed performing what we had worked on for many months," said **Rebecca Tsevat, 9**.

Let enthusiasm ring! The choir added a special splash to their fall performance by literally spreading their arms wide open. The group practiced for months for this performance, but it paid off.



By Feana Krimerman

In terms of life in the classroom, it was pretty different from performance life. At the beginning of class, the group warms up their voice with different exercises to reinforce technique.

The best part, the songs the group sang, consisted of quite a variety. Classical songs, a popular song, and sometimes a jazz song were fairly common in performances.

When rehearsing the songs, the group sometimes worked together, and sometimes worked in sections.

"I love the interaction between people in mixed chorus," said **Joanne Jih, 9**.

Although friends were hard to make in a class that sings most of the time, there is no doubt that it still resulted in many new friendships.

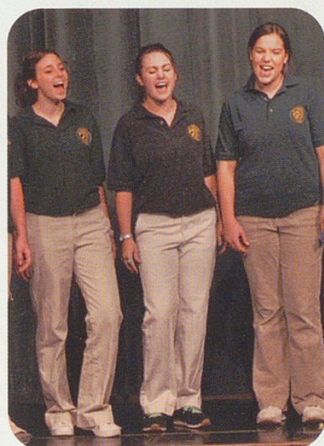
Cooperation was vital when singing was done as a group, but it made being part of the choir a whole lot easier.



Raise the roof! It seemed these girls were all but standing in place during their concert. Everyone got into the groove as the performance went along. 50 minutes of class time a day allowed for a memorable performance.



SWEET



Candace Washburn, 12, Alli Pohl, 12, and Annie Sluka, 11, sing up a storm. These were young ladies with vocal skill who used it wisely. Their performances were exciting and their songs were beautiful.

The sweetest group in school, **SWEET**, Sycamore Women's Excellent Ensemble of Trebles, has truly come together as a talented group of girls to produce a great sound and a great experience for everyone.

Everyone worked incredibly hard to make the ensemble what it became. Hard work was sometimes hard to initiate, but no one complained. The girls were always able to find time to practice for their cause.

"**SWEET** is one of those groups that's a hard pill to swallow. It's hard to motivate yourself to work but it's a huge pay off knowing you did it all yourself," said **Candace Washburn, 12**.

This group of talented young girls had a lot of freedom as they led themselves. They

chose what they wanted to sing and how they wanted to sing it.

"**SWEET** is student-directed, so as a group we got to decide what music we wanted to experiment with and be creative. As a group, we became very close by the end of the year," said **Annie Sluka, 11**.

By: Jennifer Konerman



How sweet! This group knew how to perform, and used this skill. They used props and costumes to enhance their performance and the audience loved it everytime.

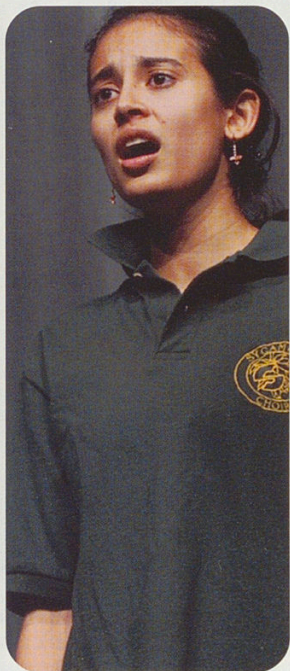


Alli Pohl, 12, Ruchi Asher, 11, Annie Sluka, 11, Jennifer Brunker, 11, and Molly Reigers, 12, use coffee cups as props in their routine. They practiced often in order to know their songs well. They also enjoyed adding things like this to make their performance fun.



★ ★ Madrigals ★ ★

By: Jennifer Konerman



Amber D'Souza, 12, loves to perform! She was involved in a lot at school, but always found time to practice. She loved to rehearse with the group to perfect the songs and routines.

Melodious sounds came out from the school before the normal 7:20 beginning of classes. This sound belonged to the singers of Madrigals.

They were unique because they met before classes began in order to start off the day with a productive rehearsal of madrigals they loved.

"Meeting before school has allowed us to really bond as a group," said **Matt Evans, 12.**

This group of peers enjoyed waking up early to sing because they loved to practice so they could perform with the best.

They had a great time rehearsing their madrigals because they built relationships that could only be made at 7:00 in the morning. These talented students were obviously motivated to come and sing with their skilled peers.

"It's great to be able to perform and create relationships with such talented peers. We had a blast," said **Amber D'Souza, 12.**

The songs were beautiful and performed flawlessly because of the work of these motivated teens, and the audience always enjoyed what they had to share.



Aaron Friedman, 12, and Kim Johnson, 12, clearly love to sing! This passion has helped to build their talent. They hoped to continue to grow in this skill.



This group knows how to show their talent! They each knew what to do and delivered. They all pulled their weight and contributed to the group's success.

★ ★ Treble Choir ★ ★

By Feana Krimerman

Lower is better! The Treble choir was not high-pitched, but they were right on track. Performing was a favorite for this group of students, as well as singing.

"I like to sing and dance...why not do it on stage," said **Tee Johnson, 11.**

The choir sang different styles and songs. These styles include Latin, Renaissance, old English, and many other diverse rhythms. They also sung a wide variety of songs from the 60's and 70's.

What really kept them motivated was having their voices sound well together and the love for the art.

"I have a part and I have to help support the choir as a whole. There's no point in being in choir if you don't sing," said **Danielle Doughty, 11.**

"I don't really know what drives me. I just love the way music sounds...I like to hear what I can make with my voice," said **Johnson.**

Most truly believed they improved their singing and the teacher, **Mr. Duane Crowe,** helped by teaching the correct techniques of singing and by picking music that is in their range so that they could improve their singing.

Although most consider singing more of an enjoyable activity, this still drove them forward to take the class and be part of the choir.

The choir members have become more than just singers and classmates, but friends.



The tune is right! No holiday celebration is complete without the sweet singing voices of treble choir! Santa hats and cuddy bear t-shirts and all, this group does not just sing, but sings with style at their winter concert.



Mouths wide open! The choir stood up straight and let their voices do the rest. Vibrating across the crowd, their voices zoomed swiftly through the ears of the audience. It did not take much to find out their fall concert was powerful!



Band



Summer time! That was not a typical summer for the band students, who spent time along with the color guard, practicing their music together. Getting to work as a group was exciting and new, for some, while for others, it reinforced teamwork and persistence.

Here come the drums, the flutes, and all the percussion instruments! The band sure played, but they do not play games. Rather, they played music taught in their classrooms for weeks and weeks.

That did not in any way serve as a deterrent for these members.

"I had very high expectations because I knew our show was written well and everyone was so dedicated this year," said **Amanda Moore, 12.**

Besides improvement and practice, many band members have played their instrument for at least six or seven years!

Even if at least several of the band members decided to only continue playing their instrument until they graduate from high school, some said that they wished to play their instrument at the university level.

The variety of instruments played, each band member being proud of his or her instrument, include the clarinet, the trumpet, and other wind instruments.

One should not be fooled into thinking that each band member plays solely one instrument. These members are highly involved in other musical programs.

"I am part of Pep Band and Jazz Band," said **Steven Pace, 10.**

Out of all the fabulous memories the band had, many include events that have nothing at all to do with music!

"My favorite moments of band camp are the numerous friends, the canoe trip, and the amazing feeling knowing you've finished," said **Natalie Saure, 10.**



Pancakes for everyone...with a couple of tunes. Pancake Day, March 12, was a memorable day for all band and orchestra students. They played their instruments in the commons to a very pleased audience.



Play those trumpets! Practice was demanding, but when performance time came, palms got sweaty and the trumpets got heavier. No problem, the repetition paid off when the trumpets blasted to a whole new tune in the spring. The flowers bloomed as the trumpet sounds zoomed through the air!



Winter Color Guard



By: Feana Krimerman

Sixty, fifty-nine, fifty-eight, fifty-seven... The time was going fast when Winter color guard had only an hour to learn a dance routine and perform it in order to receive a score that determined whether they made the team!

The pressure was fierce and many were not used to it, who have not been a member of color guard before. So why did they go through all the pressure?

"I love everything about guard. It's a lot of work and sometimes painful, but it's rewarding to be in. There really isn't a way to explain it unless you experience it," said **Danielle Doughty, 11.**

But color guard was no festival without the preparations. Team members had practices at least two times a week and had their first competition in February.

Nonetheless, the color guard was very close since they spent a great amount of time practicing together and aiding each other.

This allowed them to not only prepare for competition, but to communicate with peers.

"The competition days are such a rush; they're addicting. Plus, we all spend so much time together. We're all close and we've got crazy inside jokes. It's really fun," said **Sarah Hammer, 11.**

Competition days were really nerve-racking for the winter guard.

"On competition days, I feel stressed, nervous, and excited, all at the same time! Once we get on the floor, though, I realize that it's all worth it," said **Elizabeth Samelak, 11.**

Part of the team's confidence level came from their coach **Ms. Angela Hott**, a winter guard coach for three years.

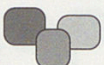
Why wouldn't it be worth it when such a rewarding experience can come from it? Not to mention, the friends members made are likely to be with them beyond their color guard experiences.



Practicing for the first winter guard competition! Bikem Polat, 11, and Elizabeth Samelak, 11, were practicing in the commons before their first competition. It paid off! The team received second place on their February 1st competition.



Competition time! Flags were up in the air in the first February Winter Guard competition. Turning, dancing, and catching flags were only some of the movements performed. The creative uniforms added light to and really enhanced the performance.





Orchestra



By: Lauren Truax



Kavita Joshi, 12, playing the violin at the Senior Spotlight Concert. Joshi was a four year member of orchestra. As a senior she looked forward to the Senior spotlight Concert.

Orchestra continued its excellence by receiving a score of one at the OMEA Competition. A one was the superior rating and the highest the orchestra could receive. Orchestra met during 2nd bell and spent many days and hours practicing for the OMEA Competition.

It was worth while because in the end they earned the highest level of excellence. The orchestra has received a one for all the years **Mr. David Smarelli** has been conductor.

The students in orchestra also practiced outside of school and played in other orchestras.

Most students practiced for two to three hours every day

and had been playing for six to eight years.

"I don't know about anyone else, but it's big **Dave Smarelli** that's kept me coming back for eight years," said **Nicole Smile, 12.**

The orchestra also traveled to Chicago during early spring.

"**Mr. Smarelli** worked so hard planning the orchestra's recent trip to Chicago. It made the difference; we all had a great time," said **Krystal Kruse, 12.**

The Chicago trip was a big success. All students had a great time and performed extremely well.



Andrea Lee, 12, plays a solo at the Senior Spotlight Concert. At the concert each senior had the option of performing a solo. Each senior also received a flower to wear during the concert



Electric Orchestra



By: Lauren Truax



Rehearsing for her concert, Nicole Smile, 12. SEE had a rehearsal with Mark Wood to guarantee a successful concert. The concert went great and many people enjoyed the "new sound".

Sycamore Electric Orchestra (SEE) had a concert with **Mark Wood**, a member of the Trans-Siberian Electric Orchestra and an Emmy-winning composer.

"The concert was amazing," said **Kavita Joshi, 12.**

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra was formed in 1996 by Paul O'Neill. The concert was a big success.

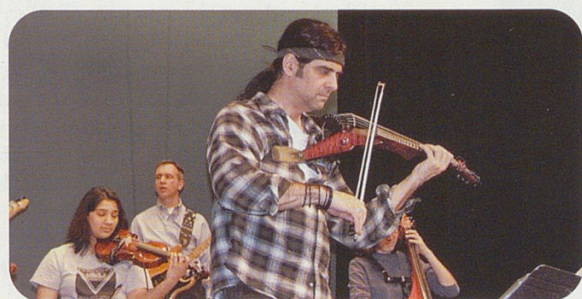
"We rehearsed with **Mark Wood** for two days before the concert. It was great to play with a member of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra," said **Ashley Cummings, 12.**

Wood was one of the original people to

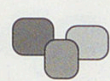
get involved with electric orchestras and, therefore it was a major opportunity for the Electric Orchestra to perform with him in front of a large audience. **Wood** left behind a full classical scholarship at the Juilliard School of Music and set out to realize his personal vision of a "new music."

Tickets were sold for the concert a lunch for \$20. Although the tickets were expensive there was still a large turnout.

Another concert was held during lunch on May 18th. It was their final concert. The new group was liked by the school and will be a great addition for the years to come.



Mark Wood practices with SEE. The members of SEE enjoyed performing with an experience performer. It was a great opportunity for them to learn more about their interests.





Cycling Club



The wheels go round and round. Greg van Amerongen, 10, waves at the camera while pushing towards the finish. van Amerongen was one of the club's most active members.

Cycling Club was a fun and relaxing way to stay in shape. It was all about self-challenge.

"Cycling Club is a more or less informal way for students to ride bikes and enjoy themselves during the school year" said **Mr. Michael Gutekunst**, adviser.

With members ranging from as few as six, to as many as twenty students, meetings would be with **Gutekunst** on Fridays to decide on the cycling plans for the weekends.



No one gets past the cyclers. The members of cycling club showed off their tough demeanor and awesome bikes. Safety always came first, and helmets were always worn.

The rides usually took place on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. The members liked that the club was truly what they made it. It could be as competitive or noncompetitive as one wanted.

Cycling Club could be found usually on the Loveland Bike Trail, specifically because of its size and that it is safe for riders. One of the main activities of the club was the Calvin Challenge.

It took place in May near Dayton, Ohio and was a twelve-hour bike ride that tested endurance. The winner was the one who rides the furthest in a given time span.

The club was only able to go on one ride due to scheduling conflicts. On the ride, the six cyclists went north for ten to twenty-five miles. "It's all about challenging yourself," said **Greg van Amerongen, 10**.



Mr. Michael Gutekunst, club adviser, grins while passing through the farm country. "Just like any exercise it [cycling] can make you feel better about yourself," said **Gutekunst**.



Winter Drumline



Harrison Weiss, 11, performs at the Student vs. Faculty game. **Weiss** has been a member of Winter Drumline for three years. His job was to beat the drums the best he could.

Have you ever wondered what that beat of the drums was after school when you were roaming the halls? If you made your way to the commons you would find out that it was Winter Drumline.

The Winter Drumline was an after school activity which practiced over nine hours a week!

"The practices may be long, but the people that are there, playing their instruments along side yours, make the time fly," said **Matt Teegarden, 9**.

They compete locally and nationally in two different circuits, local and national/world. The musicians of Winter Drumline started their season in late November, and went all the way until the World Championships in April.

While you are laying in bed on a Saturday and

By: Sarah Ganson

Sunday morning, they are already awake, getting ready to compete. Anyone can join Winter Drumline with a simple audition. The Winter Drumline got two new directors, **Ben Schulcz** and **John Corson**, who have contributed to the team greatly.

"Never underestimate the power of a mental run through," said **Schulcz**.

Winter Drumline has competed three times and are ranked 4th in the world! Their biggest competition is the WGI World Championships on April 14th and 15th. There will be over 160 groups competing in this event.

If you ask any of the Winter Drumline members, they would all say their favorite part is being with friends, and competing.

"Drumline, to me, is like water...I can't survive without it!" said **Scott Kruger, 9**.



Boom goes the drum. Aaron Lee, 10, Chris Demuth, 12, and Grant Buckingham, 11, pounded on their drums. Winter Drumline performances always had a storyline to go along with the music to help the audience get more out of the music.



Concentration is the key to Winter Drumline and a good performance. It took a lot of work to make sure each member of Winter Drumline was on beat. Winter Drumline was always prepared for their competitions.





Symphonic Winds



By: Samantha Kahn



Scott Kruger, 9, stays on the beat! The cymbals were always heard in the group. Along with playing the symbols **Kruger** also played the drums.

Symphonic Winds is a great combination of all grades and instruments! Band worked hard all year round. Band started in the summer with band camp.

Mr. David Swift led the Symphonic Winds through many great competitions. In order to be in top band students must have earned an eighty percent or higher on their auditions.

"I believe that band is the best and the worst of times, but in the end I still love it," said **Chad Baumer, 12.**

The band competed in OMEA competition. There were many bands that were at OMEA. The ratings were anywhere from one to five, with one being the best and five being the worst. Symphonic Winds recieved

a rating of a one. The group was excited with their score after they had worked so hard to perfect everything.

Band did not get enough credit for the year. Band was at every football game and every pep assembly. The group was really close and it was seen in their competitions.

"This one time at band camp... just kidding, but because of band I have made some of my best friends! YAY BAND," said **Emma Tarai, 11.**

Band was a great way to make long lasting friendships. Many long hard hours went into making the band sound as one.

"I'm really glad I stayed in band all four years. I've met a lot of fun people and had tons of neat experiences," said **Julie Mueller, 12.**



Jennifer Belsky, 12, and Maya Pillai, 12, play along with the rest of the band! The band performed at Fine Arts Day. Their performance was enjoyed by everyone.



The band is getting everyone ready for the big game! Band was at every football game and competed in their own competitions as well. Band was an exciting show at half time of the games.



Winds Symphony



By: Samantha Kahn



Everyone marches to the same beat! **Matthew Cadwallader, 11,** set the beats in order to keep everyone together. Drums were a large part in band.

Band was not just playing an instrument, there was so much more to band than that! Band was a chance to get close to the people in your section and even in the whole band.

"Concert band is fun because you can create new friendships that could last a lifetime," said **Harrison Steinbuch, 9.**

The music played in band was not the boring old classics. There was very up beat music that the band learned and perfected.

"Concert band has really opened my eyes to some really

great music. Some people think that all concert band music is old and boring, but we play some fun and modern pieces too," said **Matthew Cadwallader, 11.**

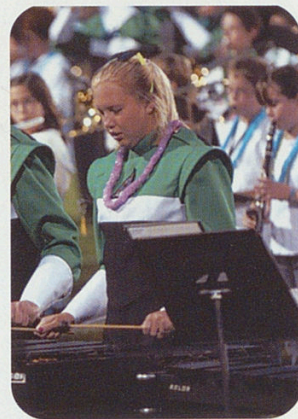
Winds Symphony was under the direction of **Mr. Lenny Stover** and **Mr. Gary Langhorst.**

Concert band also included drum line. Drumline competed during the fall and winter quarters.

"I'm in band so that I can do drum line because drum line is what it's all about," said **Matthew An, 10.**

All in all band was a great time and the friendships that were made were irreplaceable.

"Winds Symphony (band) is a double bacon cheddar awesome burger. In Ebay terms, it would be an 'A+++' 'Brand New' 'Great Seller!!," said **Greg Blake, 11.**



It's game time, and that means that the band is performing at halftime! **Andrea Perlman, 11,** set the beat along with the other percussion instruments. Halftime would not have been the same without the band.

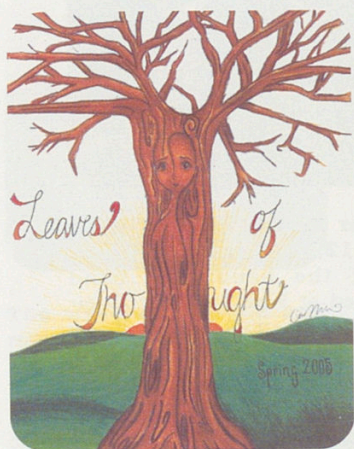


The school year starts early for band! **Mr. John Frank** helped students march and get in the right postions. The summer was long, but it paid off after hearing the unity of the band and seeing the correct formations.





Leaves of Thought



The cover depicts ideas in the book. The cover was designed by **Mimi Kao, 12**, who also submitted poems. Many submitted poems and art for the book.

Each year another *Leaves of Thought* is published. **Ms. Allen** taught sophomore English Accelerated, English Seminar, and the creative writing class. Along with being an excentric and animated teacher, she is also the adviser of *Leaves of Thought*.

The club members work throughout the year, putting together an accomplishment of their work. **Ms. Allen** continues to stress the importance of the cover and how perfect it must be.

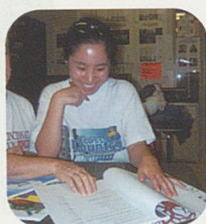
By: Anna Alemagno
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"I love to read the poetry written by fellow students," said **Anna Arrays, 11**.

While being bombarded with possible covers, the students also work on their individual stories, poems, or short stories for their book.

While discussing different inspirations and a variety of topics, the students start journaling about their thoughts.

"At the end of the year it is nice to have the most memorable pieces from your classmates and yourself," said **Maggie Brown, 11**.



"It's really fun and I like everyone on it!" said **April Wang, 12**. Staffers enjoyed spending time writing and putting the book together. They had a common interest in mind of putting together a book of which they could be proud.



April Wang, 12, and Ms. Christy Allen consult about the cover. During the first week of May, the members of *Leaves of Thought* sold copies of their work during lunch. At school they were able to sell to the perfect audience. Both students and teachers purchased the work of their students and friends.



451 Book Club



By: Kelsey Kiley

Reading List

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon
Foundation by Isaac Asimov
Empire Falls by Richard Russo
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Anthem by Ayn Rand
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Readers

Sara Rashkin, 12,
Daniel Grosser, 11,
Charlotte Schaumans, 11,
Katie DeLong, 11,
Feana Krimerman, 11,
Samantha DeSilva, 11

Lots of people have complained about reading for English, history, or even their science classes. However, there were some special souls who joined 451 Book Club, sponsored by **Mr. Breen Reardon**.

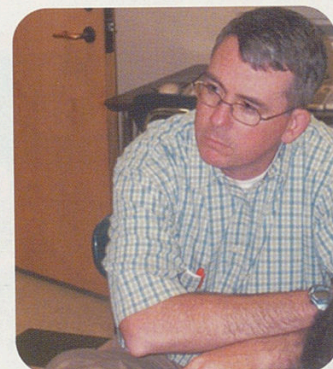
"I really enjoy the casual atmosphere, the eclectic mix of books, and the intelligent discussions we get to have," said **Reardon**.

Named for the book *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, the club was

started by **David Maher** and **Stephanie Suer**, 2002 graduates, and the leadership was passed down to **Sara Rashkin, 12**.

"I like the fact that with this club, you can analyze a book with a group and really go deeper into its content," said **Feana Krimerman, 11**.

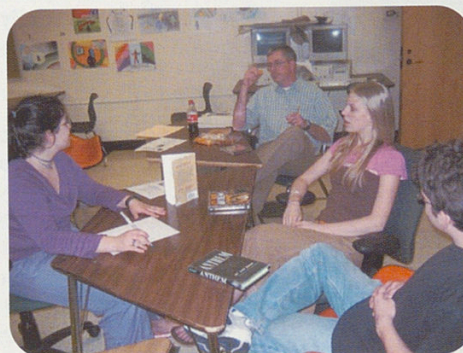
Meetings were on Tuesdays, where a lively discussion of the book read fired up the students, and the next book was chosen. The groups were usually small, but the readers were passionate.



What would 451 be without its loyal leader? **Mr. Breen Reardon** was an enthusiastic listener and an avid reader. He often encouraged his English classes to read the books chosen as well, even if they didn't have time for the meetings.



No one has a problem with listening to other ideas and feelings about the books, but be prepared to back them up! **Charlotte Schaumans, 11,** and **Daniel Grosser, 11,** were regulars in these discussions.



The meetings may have been small but **Sara Rashkin, 12, Charlotte Schaumans, 11,** and **Daniel Grosser, 11,** made the best of it turning discussions into friendly conversation instead. The most important thing was to just enjoy reading.





Film Club



Movies watched

Dr. Strangelove

Office Space

Donnie Darko

Who doesn't mind watching movies? Students bothered teachers to watch the movie versions of books in English, and movies with historical backgrounds abound. But for those kids who didn't get enough movie-watching in class, there was film club.

Sponsored by Mrs. Christine Allen, led by **Max Frecka, 10**, and **Jinwei Hu, 10**, Film Club met in room 233 for its big movie screen.

It was an excellent spot for theater-style movie watching, but with the ability to choose the movie for the "theater," it was ten times better.

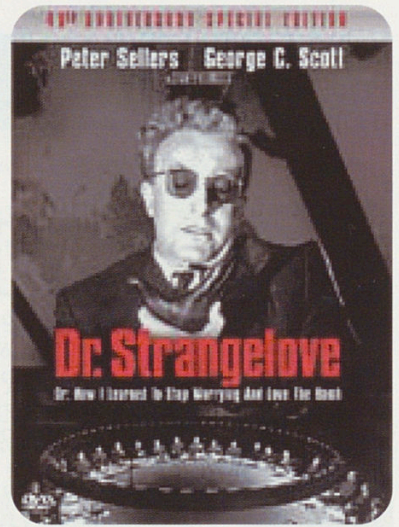
"I was just a freshman last year, so I didn't do anything about this serious movie club lackage," said **Frecka**.

By: Kelsey Kiley

"But then I came, and I was like, 'Dude, we don't have a film club, what the heck?'" said **Hu**.

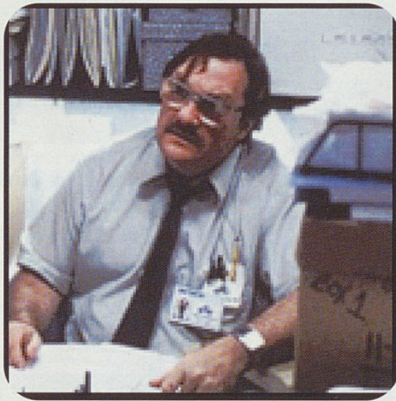
"So we started one. Film Club kills every other club by a mile," said **Frecka**.

Although only in its first year, Film Club was a success, and will continue for many years. About twenty people would come each Tuesday that Film Club was held, to watch a great movie and eat some fabulous food. Mark the calendar, "Tuesdays in Room 233 for movies!"



Roughly twenty people would show up for each movie session, and bring in money for food. The movies varied, from new to old, with a wild variety of choices, like Dr. Strangelove.

Office Space might be one of the most famous working movies of all time, so how could Film Club pass up watching it? Two movies were brought in each Tuesday, and the members voted which to watch.



R-rated movies were allowed, but even after approval, nudity and what not had to be fast forwarded through. Foul language however, was ok. **Donnie Darko**, although a depressingly themed movie, was a major hit.



Avesonline



By: Sarah Ganson

Avesonline is a student run web publication for the community, Parents, students, and faculty. This web site is viewed by many in the community. It gives information on daily events, activities, and news of the school.

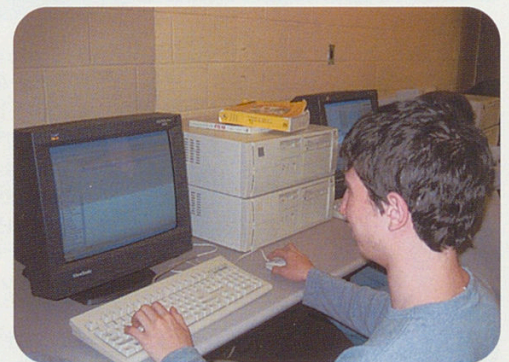
"I check the website once in awhile for

links for school stuff," said **Tamar Ingber, 11**.

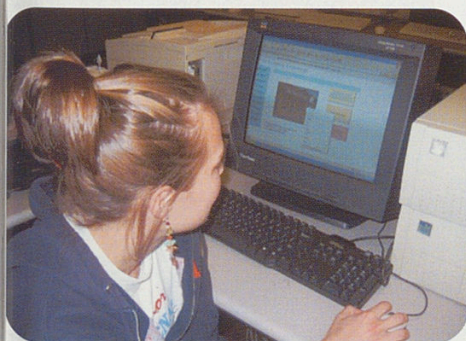
There are many jobs for this website to run successful, including Web Editor, Sports Editor, Graphics Editor, Academics Editor, and Designers.

"It's a quality site because it has important information such as summer reading and sports schedules," said **Jordan Cohen, 11**.

Each day they work hard to make sure the website runs smoothly and that there are no complications with the website. They design the layouts and research the information needed to make the website as good as possible.

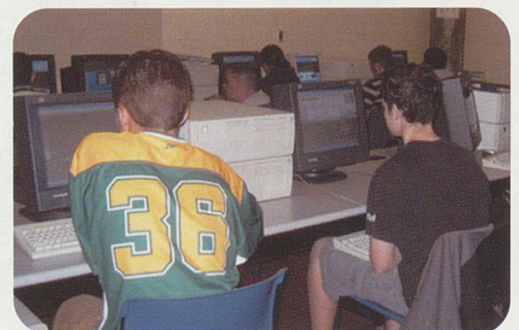


Typing away furiously to make deadline. **Max Keltch, 11**, is one of the many students who devote their time to Avesonline. Sometimes students have to stay after school to finish their work.



Clicking away to finish her work. **Colleen Posey, 12**, works really hard to keep the Avesonline page updated. It takes alot of computer skills.

In the making. Students in the Avesonline class worked hard every day to make sure they made deadline. Avesonline is a hard job that takes alot of time and skills.





The Log



Sarah Jarnicki, 11, "Underclass" editor, is making a phone call to a potential ad buyer. The ads she, as well as other people had to collect was a total of \$300. Luckily, the staff had help from devoted students and teachers to raise money as well.

Room 115 was bustling with action when the yearbook members begin designing, reporting, writing, and taking pictures to provide a lifelong memory for students in the form of a 384 page book!

That was a significant amount of work for a small number of students who had an average workload of about 20 pages per person to complete for the yearbook.

Maybe the members were glued to their seat by the computer, but that did not take away their creativity..

"I love the freedom of creating your own section templates," said **Tamar Ingber, 11.**

Individuality was the basic theme of the yearbook "Take a Walk in Our Shoes."

"This particular group has an extreme potential to show our school's individuality," said **Jennifer McLaughlin, 11.**

By: Feana Krimerman

The price for priceless memories was costly because the staff had to raise money in order to finance the production of the yearbook.

Sure, it may have not sounded like fun, but that was only part of the yearbook program. This part did not include the designing of pages, interviews with coaches, and feedback from peers that became an on going process throughout the year.

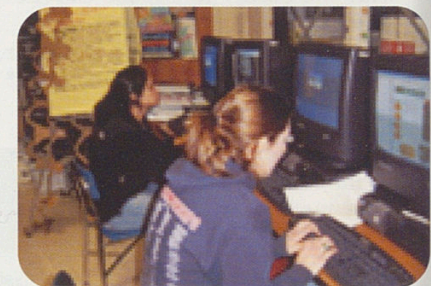
"I love being sports editor because I'm involved in sports and they're fun to cover," said **Lauren Truax, 12.**

Surely there is one aspect of yearbook that these members will cherish incessantly, that is the team work that goes in to making a finished product.

If yearbook is seen as a sport, then the staff has beaten their toughest competition: themselves.



Jaime Orent, 11, the section editor for "Student Life," is busy editing pages for the staff. The staff relied on her for support and assistance in this section. Even so, she relied on the same from the staff.



Caitlin Bokulic, 12 , and Sarah Ganson, 11, are busy working on the yearbook. The deadlines came soon, and the work load increased. The work load was tight, but the staff was loosened up after the teamwork and effort payed off.



The Leaf



A lovely evening to read the newspaper in room 115. Nancy Kidnocker, 9, was spending many days after school working on her pages, along with many other devoted newspaper members. She enjoyed not only working on the pages, but, not suprisingly, reading them!

The Chicago Sun Times, the New York Times, and the Washington Post are all successful newspapers, but it's time to make way for a new revelation: The Leaf.

This school newspaper covered everything from sports, leisure life, and school establishments.

"The free trade of ideas and freedom of the press is a vital part of society and an integral part of student society," said **Alex Androski, 11.**

Newspaper allows for the sharing of ideas and assistance between peers, especially the occassional after school visits to the newspaper room.

"My favorite part of newspaper is working with all the kids after school and getting it [the newspaper] done," said **Nick Zalucki, 11.**

Despite the consistent effort, members still aspire to improve their skills and maybe some day

By: Feana Krimerman

even obtain a career in journalism. At least, the skills learned, including teamwork, will be beneficial regardless of how far the members will take their writing talents.

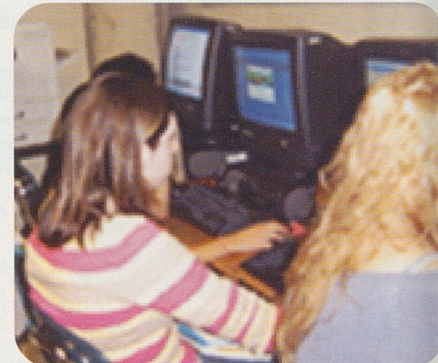
Not to mention, topics of the newspaper focused on many aspects of society.

"I think we look into issues more, local and national," said **Marc Starck, 11.**

However, not only did newspaper serve an informational purpose, as the schools "media," it also served a beneficial purpose for the students in terms of keeping in touch with issues on both a narrow and wide field.

Maybe then it's time for the newspaper staff to take on a new headline, "We Work Hard."

Ring, Ring! Stella Howard, 11, is on the phone communicating with coaches, administrators, and other sources of information for her page. Phones also come in handy with the selling of ads that newspaper frequently does.



Jennifer Lee, 9, Alexa Fogler, 9, and Ashley Chorpennig, 11, are busy working on their pages. Just after the deadline for their last paper, they were more relaxed. However, the pressure for selling ads for the next paper was constantly on their mind. It was not as much trouble though, knowing their hard work would pay off.





Scrabble® Club



By: Tamar Ingber and Jaime Orent



"Girls just wanna have fun!" Kim Burnie, 9, Anna Connelly, 9, Anna Hochgasang, 9, and Valerie Rozzo, 9, played a more casual game of Scrabble. They did not keep score, only played for fun.

Think faster! Joel Su, 9, waits as Emily St. Syr, 10, ponders to find a spot on the board. She wanted to form the word with the greatest point value. Unlike most games, Scrabble never became boring, because the board was always changing.

Word! Does this catchphrase sound least bit familiar? It should, because this was the logo on the back of the Scrabble® Club t-shirts.

Scrabble® Club was introduced with a fun and funky flavor, a new kind of fun has been added to the game Scrabble®. Every Friday room 215 was filled with the shouts and whispers of multi-syllabic and creative words. No, Mrs. Connie Smith was not talking to herself; Scrabble® Club was having a meeting!

"Friday afternoons are great, I have to form variations on Scrabble®. One is where the member can create any

imaginary word they can think of as long as they come up with a plausible and specific definition to coincide," said **Kavita Joshi, 12.**

"I look for high-scoring words, using the face value of each and the placement on the board," said **Adam Bahir, 12.**

No matter what variation they play or intensity of the game, all five of the boards promise a game full of fun and laughter. Full of fascinating faces, Scrabble® was no longer a traditional board game.



Think! Hillary Fingerman, 10 is concentrating hard. She was part of Lehla Kiso, 10, and Jonathan Plona's, 11, board. The room had more than five boards playing at once one any given Friday.



Random Acts of Kindness Club

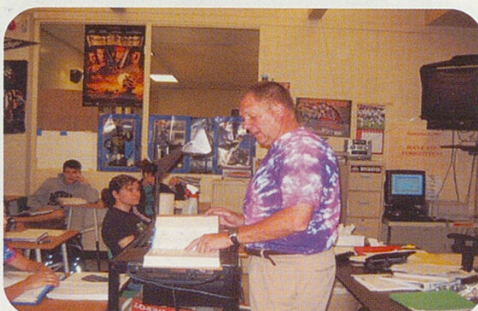


By: Amanda Evans



Deanna Rosen, 12, heads up the club. Despite having teacher advisers, she takes care of most of the planning. The club meetings are scheduled by e-mail.

Mr. Steve Imhoff is the teacher adviser for the club. Although he's retiring this year, he is still heavily involved. He tries to take a back seat to Deanna though.



While most clubs ran during the year to focus on shared student interests, a select few focus on helping others. Students who take part in the Random Acts of Kindness Club get together and plan events that benefit the well being of others.

They hosted things such as a Valentine's fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

"I think they do a lot of good work," said **Katie Smith, 12.**

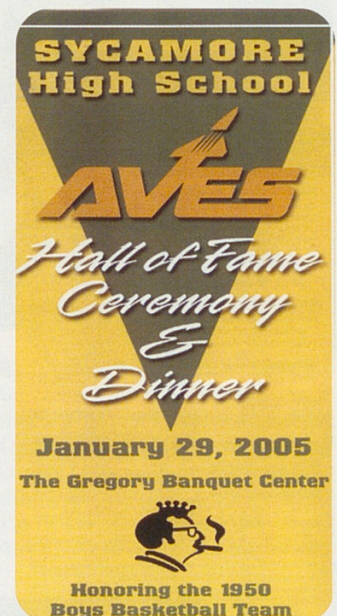
Although most clubs meet on a monthly basis, Random Acts of Kindness Club gets together when meetings are announced through e-mail or when someone has a good idea.

"I send out an e-mail when we want to do something and then we get together and plan it. Mr. Imhoff is there to help with administrative issues" said **Deanna Rosen, 12.**

A history of good deeds is not the only unique quality of the club. It also has a certain level of anonymity. Members like to remain nameless in an effort to shed light on the fundraising rather than receiving personal credit.

"It's really cool that these people have raised so much money and choose to remain nameless," said **Ashley Chorpennning, 11.**

The tradition of Random Acts of Kindness is sure to carry on.



The club posted flyers like this to notify students of events. They also hung banners and made announcements. These methods prompted a large student response.





Japanese Club



By: Amanda Evans



Tianqiong Wang, 11, kneels during a traditional tea ceremony. She wears an authentic Japanese Kimono. This is a club tradition directly involving students in Japanese culture.

For many, Japanese culture seems to be a world away. For the members of Japanese Club however, it was closer than you think.

"Japanese Club is such a great way to explore the culture of Japan outside the classroom," said **Megan Miraglia, 12.**

The club partakes in various cultural traditions including a formal tea ceremony. Members also get to participate in games, origami, and dining out at a Japanese restaurant.

"One of the great parts of being in the club is the time with friends and the community experience. It's fun getting to know different people," said **Alexander Androski, 11.**

Since it's a requirement for joining, all members have at

least completed a year of the language as part of their everyday curriculum. Thus, students get extra practice at communicating in social settings and everyday conversation. A few select members also get to take leadership rolls in running the club.

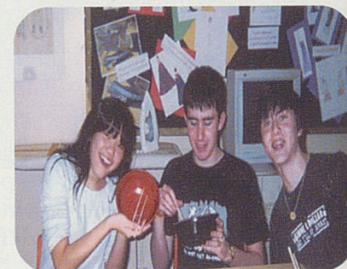
"Being President gives me a chance to practice leadership skills," said **Annabeth Young, 11.**

Needless to say, Japanese Club is an adventure for all who participate.



Shriya Raghaven, 12, enjoys Japanese Udon. The noodle dish is widely enjoyed by club participants. Students also prepared other dishes to sample during the meetings.

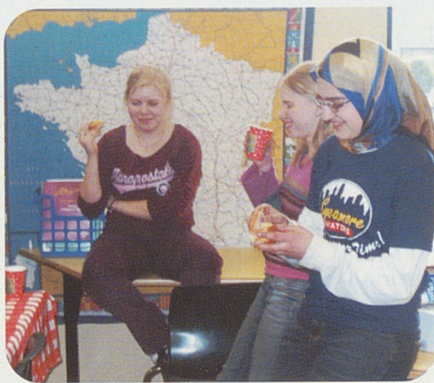
Jennifer Yang, 11, Schyler Hosler, 11, and Matthew Weller, 9, goof off on Udon Day. Along with the food, students enjoyed eating with chopsticks. At times however, it became a little bit tricky.



French Club



By: Caitin Bokulic



Zahra Sadat-Husseney, 9, Milla Kornhonen, 10, and Jasmiina Korhonen, 10, enjoy their food while getting ready to discuss the latest happenings in France. The club spent most meetings making and eating French food. The groups favorite activity was celebrating Mardi Gras with King Cake.

With the help of **Mrs. Jacquelin Wyatt,** who became the club adviser two years ago, this club has really become immersed in French culture.

The club was open to all levels of French as well as people who are not currently taking French class.

They meet after school and before getting started on the days activities they all sit down to enjoy a snack. They even recently cooked their own meal of croques monsieurs or ham and chesse sandwiches.

When not watching movies or discussing the latest happenings in France, they help the school learn more about French culture.

Every year the club participates in Deck the Halls, a program in the global language hallway celebrating holidays.

"Those halls got decked, it was a lot of fun," said **Eric Prather, 12.**

Everyone's favorite part about France, is its celebration of Mardi Gras, a time they celebrate with beads, cake, coins and just plain old fun.

"It was a lot of fun, we made crepes after school and we talked about French culture while we ate food," said **Jennifer Steinhardt, 12.**

This club has help these students learn what it really is like to be a part of the French culture.



Mrs. Wyatt and Abhijeet Gummadavelli, 11, share their days events with each other. The club got really deep into issues of the French culture, including political issues.



Along with the French Baguette these students also enjoyed chips and dip. The students always start off club meetings with food. They most often ate baguettes with cheese.





Hebrew Club



By: Tamar Ingber

Israeli rap blasting in the background, hummus and pita for everyone, and joyous Israeli dancing all in a small room. This may sound like a day in Israel; however, it is just one of Hebrew Club's monthly meetings.

"I'm Israeli! And it is so cool a public school can have a club about my country!" said **Tal Shulman, 10**.

Hebrew Club was more than just a language, it promoted Israeli culture.

"My goal is to bring a more diverse student body to club, while promoting diversity within the school," said **Dena Rappaport, 11**, co-president.

Hebrew Club excelled above the rest, having two native Israelis attending all club meetings.

Adi Ayalot and Itai Madar deferred their required army service for one year to bring Israeli culture to Cincinnati. For Deck the Halls, they shared falafel in pita, Israeli fast-food, with everyone.

For Diversity Day, they taught many sessions. For Purim, a Jewish festive holiday, they helped bake Hamentashen, a traditional baked good associated with a holiday.

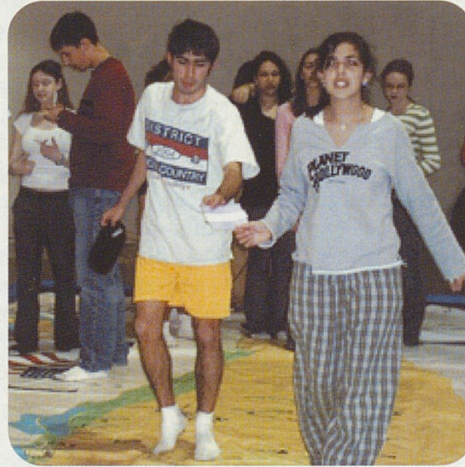
"Hebrew club is great. It helps add to the diversity we are achieving!" said **Adina Farber, 10**.



Adi Ayalot and Andrea Perlman, 11, make edible dreidels during Deck the Halls. **Perlman** enjoyed meeting Adi Ayalot and Ittai Madar, the Israeli Shlichim. They brought their love of the Hebrew language to the club.



Dr. Keith Kelley and Mrs. Judi Miller converse on the great achievements of Hebrew Club. The diversity it promoted created a level of understanding and respect. This was a main goal by the club.



Answer fast! Yafuz Annali, 11, and Dana Bahir, 9, ran across a giant map of Israel. Members especially enjoyed this interactive meeting of Hebrew Club.



German Club



By: Jaime Orent

Useful German Phrases:
"wo ist die toilette?" - Where is the bathroom?
"Guten tag" - good day
"auf wiedersein" - goodbye
"danke schon" - thank you
"Ich mochte gern ein brat wurst" - I want another hot dog

Guten Tag! German Club worked extremely hard, along with the rest of the school, to promote diversity. A language spoken in Switzerland, Austria, as well as Germany, German is a diverse language that encompasses many different cultures.

This cultural plethora was represented at the Diversity Day lunch with chocolate fondue, apple strudel, and stollen.

German Club also threw their own party, Mardi Gras style, called Frasnacht. All of the members dressed up and ate more German food. "Frasnacht was a blast, Germans really know how to party!" said **Venkat Shanker, 12**.

Deck the Halls was another major celebration

that German Club participated in. Their theme was "The Nutcracker." This was because the writer, E.T.A Hoffman, was German. The club played music from the play and painted scenes of the Nutcracker to decorate.

The students also baked German cakes for the celebration.

"One really positive thing about German Club was that the club board was more active in organizing and leading activities," said **Laura Moster, 12**, president.

German Club's biggest event of the year was their trip to the German Bilingual School. The students paired up with second, third, and fourth graders for an entirely German day. Afterwards, the students enjoyed lunch at the Hofbrauhaus.



Gotta' love that chocolate cake! **Frank Bakes, 9**, enjoyed the German cakes eaten during the Deck the Halls celebration in December. He was mimicking how the nutcrackers crack nuts because the club's theme for Deck the Halls was "The Nutcracker".



Stumped? **Alex Kapcar, 11**, and other members of German Club visited Fairview German Bilingual School. "I had a great time and loved getting humiliated by first graders who knew more German than I did," said **Kapcar**.



Latin Club



By: Jennifer Konerman



Everyone ready for the Convention? **Krystal Kruse, 12**, and **Kavita Joshi, 12**, got ready for Latin projects. **Joshi**, president of the Latin Club Board, loved this part of the year.

Although it was a dead language, the spirit was certainly not dead. Some loyal Latin students, about 40 in total, got together after school to share their love for the language and learn more about the culture.

"Latin Club is an opportunity for friends to get together and have fun with the events revolving around classical times," said **Charlotte Schaumans, 11**, co-historian.

Members enjoyed the casual atmosphere where they could learn more about the so called dead language while having fun with peers.

"Latin Club captures the Roman spirit of conquest while still providing a relaxed atmosphere where we can have a good cachinus (that's 'laugh' in Latin)," said **Jonathan Schepers, 11**.

"I like Latin Club because you get to show off your otherwise meaningless (in the real world) Latin skills at such things as Certamen matches and the Latin Convention," said **Jamie Fishman, 11**.

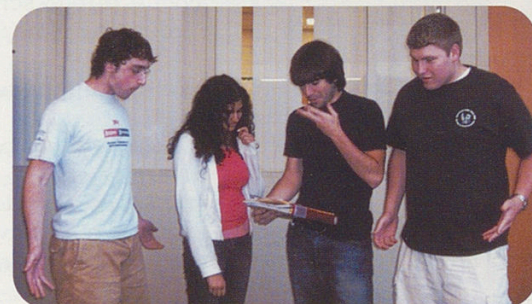
The Latin Convention was a three day weekend in March where students take projects with them to earn points for their club as later they would compete against other schools.

"Latin Convention is the best part of being in Latin Club. It's a three day event with individual projects and we get to compete against other schools," said **Pratima Shanbhag, 11**, co-historian.

All in all, the year was a success as the members learned the language and shared their knowledge with others.



Focus! **Jamie Fishman, 11**, **John Krzyminski, 11**, and **Daniel Schear, 11**, attend a meeting. **Schear**, enjoyed the year's activities and looks forward to plans for next year.



Jamie Fishman, 11, **Pratima Shanbhag, 11**, **Daniel Schear, 11**, and **Jonathan Schepers, 11**, consult about a meeting. **Schear**, treasurer, and **Shanbhag**, historian, enjoyed being members of the board. Meetings ran smoothly and efficiently because of their hard work.



ASL Club



By: Alyssa Molnar



Deborah Miller, 12, welcomes everyone to an ASL Club meeting. **Miller** was vice president for ASL Club. She helped to organize many of the events including the decorations for a St. Rita's dance.

Conversation was flowing but you couldn't hear a word, that's because it's the ASL Club conversing in American Sign Language.

Students that belong to ASL club met once a month to do various activities and speak to other ASL students and even a few students from St. Rita's school for the deaf.

ASL club was very involved with deaf students in the community, they helped decorate for a dance at St. Rita's and even invited the students here for a movie and pizza.

"The St. Rita's dance was interesting because I got to interact with deaf kids, setting up for the western themed dance really fun," said **Emily Koegel, 12**.

Club members also participated in other events throughout the year such as the Global Languages Deck the Halls; they also

baked hand shape cookies that said I love you.

Some members of the club also attended local deaf dinners that occur the first week of every month at various malls around the Cincinnati area.

"Meeting with the St. Rita's kids was really fun, it was fun to realize that I could communicate with deaf people my age," said **Todd Whitman, 11**.

Activities like these helped bring hearing and deaf students together. Students that participated in ASL club not only got to experience a different language and culture, they also got the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

"I enjoyed spending time with my friends while learning and even meeting new friends from St. Rita's," said **Jieun Chae, 11**.



Lisa Ramstetter, 11, speaking to a fellow student in sign language. Lisa uses lots of expression to get her ideas across. Expression is an important part of American Sign Language.



Elaina Blatt, 11, and **Peggy Kehayes, 11**, converse in ASL during a meeting. Both girls were in level two sign language. They used their time in club meetings to practice their signing skills.





Spanish Club



By: Kelli Rogers

Hablas español? Spanish Club did. Known for being one of the most fun and active clubs, this year was no different.

Although there was a smaller membership, it allowed the members to get to know each other and their advisers, **Ms. Kate Juenger** and **Mrs. Lisa Vanags**.

With days like Taco Day, keeping their members interested and entertained was always a top priority for this fun-loving club.

"Spanish Club was a good time this year with all

the activities and plenty of food," said **Marianne Bernadsky, 12**.

Who made parties such as Dia de los Muertos and Cinco de Mayo happen? The board members.

President **Kelly Spry, 12**, vice president **Connie Hsiung, 12**, secretary **Belinda Wen, 11**, treasurer **Jennie Grossman, 11**, historian **Jordan Cohen, 11**, and PRs **Laura Ebetino, 12**, and **Meredith Post, 12**.

The board members worked together to think of crazy new ideas and kept everyone excited about coming to meetings.

Can I have another slice? **Jennie Grossman, 11**, **Marianne Bernadsky, 12**, **Belinda Wen, 11**, and **Connie Hsiung, 12**, enjoyed chocolate cake for **Mrs. Lisa Vanags'** baby shower in March. The girls congratulated their Spanish teacher and presented her with cute new baby clothes.



It's fiesta time. **Mrs. Lisa Vanags**, **Laura Ebetino, 12**, **Meredith Post, 12**, **Jordan Cohen, 11**, **Belinda Wen, 11**, **Ms. Kate Juenger**, **Kelly Spry, 12**, **Jennie Grossman, 11**, and **Connie Hsiung, 12**, enjoyed some quality Cheetos and potato chips at their party. They donned colorful Spanish sombreros to get the fiesta started.



Global Language Honor Society



By: Kelli Rogers

The Global Language Honor Society was a great way to recognize outstanding Global Language students. The students inducted into the club had to maintain an A average in their language class, and deserved to be rewarded for their hard work.

"It's good that Sycamore recognizes it's students' hard work and dedication to learning a language," said **Kathryn Ibbotson, 11**.

1,370 students took one of the six available global languages. In only the second year of this elite society, 56 new members were

inducted from Spanish, German, American Sign Language, Japanese, Latin, and French.

A representative teacher from each language called their students to the podium to light a colored candle, which represented their ascension to the society. Afterwards, each group of students recited an oath in the language for which they were inducted.

"When I said the oath, it felt like I was making a commitment to continue studying Spanish in the future and to perfect my skills even further," said **Feana Krimerman, 11**.

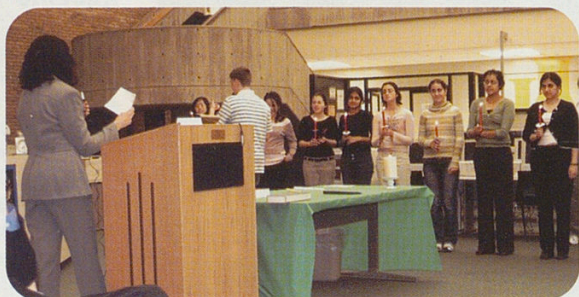
Mrs. Marla Chernick called her Spanish students to the podium. **Adam Woll, 11**, took his red candle to be lit in the center of the ceremony. The rest of the inductees waited respectfully to recite their oath.



Light the candle. When called up to the podium, the inductees lighted colored candles that represented which language they took. Each student lined up to repeat an oath in their language after they lit their candle.



It's signing time. **Sarah Soled, 11**, **Kelsey Kiley, 11**, **Sean Wright, 12**, and **Julie Bonn, 11**, started the ceremony by signing *Across the Universe*. It was a good opportunity to show their Level 3 signing skills.





DECA



By: Sarah Jarnicki



We are the champions! DECA brought home three state qualifiers from the local District Seven Competition. Students that competed were **Andrew Mason, 12**, **Matt Kartel, 12**, and **Justin Smith, 12**.

If you were considering being in the marketing field as an adult, junior marketing and senior marketing was a must! Being a marketing student, one was able to be part of a national organization called DECA.

DECA's creed was to educate students and lead them to success.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life before I took marketing, but now I know I definitely want to work in the marketing field," said **Erin McMullen, 11**.

As a DECA member, one would participate in competitions with other local schools by taking a test and performing a role play. Unlike tests at school, these tests were on the profession of your choice, to prepare you for the future.

"DECA is a cool thing to be a part of, you get to meet kids from different schools and learn about your career goals," said **Kristin Vice, 11**.

Another perk of DECA was the ability to receive scholarships for various amounts of money. It all depended on the students' involvement in the program. Some colleges, such as Shanandough College, located in West Virginia, offered up to \$10,000 in prize money.

Marketing and DECA are definitely worthwhile, and will come back to help you in the future.



"How did we do?" **Cassy Booker, 12**, and **Arturo Alderete, 12**, viewed their scores to see how well they competed. Regardless of their score, the two felt the competitions were worth it and will hopefully prepare them for the future.

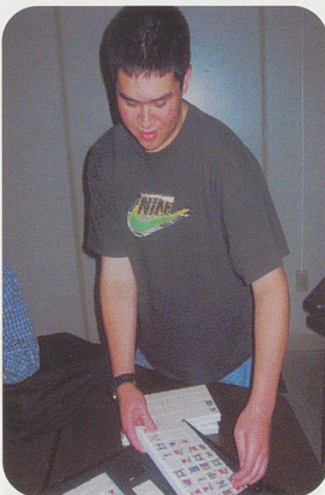
Fifth place, they're still in the race! **Jenny Barwick, 12**, and **Stephanie Bucklin, 12**, received their trophy for placing in the Accessories and Apparel contest.



Asian Cultural Club



By Sarah Jarnicki



Majoring anyone? **JP Graulty, 11**, begins the game with other Asian Cultural Club members. During meetings the club discussed current events going on in Asia but also played games, ate food, and wore clothes that dealt with Asian heritage.

Asian Culture Club was created four years ago to provide kids with a background of Asian heritage. Some joined the club just to simply learn more about other cultures.

"I joined just to learn more about people different than myself. Also a lot of my friends happen to be Asian!" said **Max Frecka, 10**.

Mr. Samuel Gibbs, adviser, stressed the fact that you do not need to be Asian to be in the club.

"Just be respectful of others' backgrounds and be able to have fun," said **Gibbs**.

Meetings took place every other Wednesday and an occasionally on Fridays. Most meetings discussed events happening around the world and compared these issues to what happened at school.

Although the club was created to teach others about Asian heritage, most of the time members play different games or ate food of Asian Culture. One week they even watched the top hit *Napoleon Dynamite*.

"Each week, we have a game of the week relating to the Asian background. We feel if we do things that have to do with the culture, we feel more united," said **Kevin Lin, 9**.



Max Frecka, 10, feels it was important to emphasize that Asian Club is for everyone, not just Asians. He joined the club to meet new people. He was glad he was a part of such a welcoming group.



Let the good times roll! **Anochie Hung, 11**, and **Chris Yen, 10** played trivial pursuit. By participating in fun activities together members of Asian Culture Club created a strong bond.





Cosmopolitan Club



Mixing it up! Although **Gabriel "Mateo" Villamizar, 9**, and **Ayakee Matsui, 9**, are of two different ethnicities, they joined together and smiled. They took a moment out of their time and said, "Cheese!"

Peace, love, and happiness. **Soo Cho, 10**, **Ruth Cho, 10**, and **Evelyn Seo, 11**, flashed the universal sign of peace. Cosmopolitan Club joined together for a Thanksgiving celebration, where the main theme was uniting all of the members own cutoms to the great uniting factor: Living in America.

How do new students to this country learn what a Thanksgiving dinner is like? Or other American customs? Cosmopolitan Club. **Mrs. Janene Chavis**, an ESL teacher, is the sponsor for Cosmopolitan Club.

"It is important for students not only to learn the language, but also learn the culture," said **Chavis**.

Most members were new to America and the club's lessons assisted them in a smooth transition from bombardment of new traditions to a more gradual facing of customs.

"It wasn't a huge deal, but the little things we did do were fun," said **Gabriel Villamizar, 9**.

The club was not meant to be a giant commitment, only a helpful guide to a few

new ways.

One of the club's greatest accomplishments was their Thanksgiving feast. Like most years, the majority of students brought in a tasteful treat from their homeland; however, this year had an even greater emphasis on diversity.



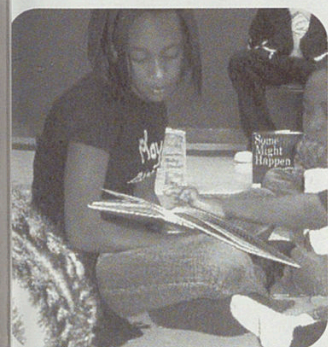
Speaking from the heart. **Mrs. Janene Chavis** inducted many of her Cosmpolitan Club students into National Honor Society. When students were inducted, many had **Chavis** as their sponsor because she had made such a difference in their lives. Cosmopolitan Club allowed new students to become great assets to the school.



Operation Give Back



By: Jaime Orent



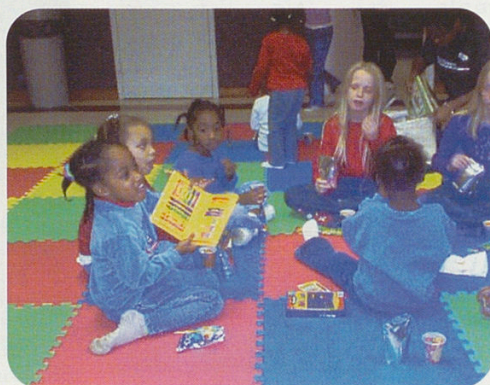
Reading at an early age? **Tia Ware, 9**, read to a young girl. "I think it's something truly special that these kids are so excited to learn," said **Ware**.

Children of various ages, genders and races attended the Thursday afternoon readings further emphasizing the club's mission to support diversity. "Promoting diversity at such an early age will also help children incorporate it into their everyday lives by the time they become adults," said **Phillips**.

Operation Give Back was a community outreach program focused on the Hazelwood Community. On Thursdays you could find the members of this club spending their time reading to the young kids at the Hazelwood Community Center. "For one hour a week we have the chance to help these

kids, showing them learning is fun and worthwhile, and I think that's great," said **Dorese Langston, 11**. The hour spent with the kids is all about interaction. "If you get these kids interested in reading at any early age, they'll still have that interest by the time they're our age," said **Myisha Phillips, 11**.

The goal of the club was to foster learning and education through fun readings and activities. Operation Give Back hopes to reach out to even more communities in need in future years. "These are our youth, tomorrow's future, and it's our job today to help them make it," said **Langston**.



Katie Van Heidrich, 9, hugs **TeeTee Washington**, age 3, at one of the readings. OGB really emphasized interaction between the children and the club members.



☆☆ Steppin Out Club



By: Sarah Ganson



Pizza is good food for thought. Here students enjoy a pizza party on their last day of the club. They also played fun games.

Steppin out club was a club supervised by **Mrs. Emily Conaster**. This club brought students together to interact with each other.

"I have been to many events the Steppin Out Club has had and they were really fun," said **Rachel Zakem, 11**.

The Steppin Out Club had fun, games and food at every one of their meetings and programs. Some fun activities that they did included a scavenger hunt and an end of the year pizza party.

This club got each student to learn about other the other students who were present.

"I love seeing these students interact with other students. They really enjoy it as well," said **Mrs. Emily Conaster**.

The Steppin Out Club was more successful because of the willingness of the student body to participate. More and more students are getting involved in this club hoping to give something back while obtaining new friendships.

"Our students enjoy going to this club and have fun," said **Ms. Kathy Barrow**.



Fun and games. While eating their pizza, students interacted with the entertainment. It was a fun end of the year meeting.



Relaxing while eating is essential. Many students got to sit and talk with each other while eating. They celebrated the year and shared summer plans!



Mock Trial



By: Feana Krimerman



It's party time! The Mock Trial team just finished its competition and celebrated in **Mrs. Valerie Nimsch's** room. **Sam Pollak, 10**, and **Sasha Pinkerton, 10**, shared a few laughs as they caught up on old times and complimented each other on a job well done. As members of the Green Team, they worked together in and outside the classroom.

O bjection! This is only common language in the court room ... well...Mock Trial practice to be more exact.

Whether one was a witness, a defense attorney, or the plaintiff, he or she was fighting for one cause!

The case was one of the Animal Rights Foundation (ARF) versus Biotex Labs, a company who did testing on animals involving a nerve gas, to be used in case of

terrorist attacks.

The lawyers and witnesses had to get to work to defend their side. Not to worry, they did not do all of their work on their own.

"Having a four-person team worked out so well because we could all share responsibilities and help each other," said **Alexa Fogler, 9**.

The witnesses, known to some as "the makers or breakers of the case" had to use their acting skills to favor their side.

"I like being a witness because it involves drama," **Elliot Skopin, 11**.

One wrong move on any side may have caused a loss of the case. No problem, the team enhanced their performances, memorized their lines and hit the court house in style.

The results were that three of the four teams of Mock Trial won their cases, each being a pair of two defense lawyers and two witnesses, or two plaintiff lawyers and two witnesses.

"Mock Trial was really fun. The people in our team were amazing. It was also really cool to go to a real court house," said **April Wang, 12**.



It is trial time and Mock Trial members are gathered together by the courthouse before beginning their first ever practice trial. Members had to dress professionally, except for the witnesses, which had to dress close to their characters. The trial lasted about three hours, but the memories lasted much longer!



Practice makes perfect! **April Wang, 12**, a winner of Best Attorney for the Gold Team practices her opening statement for the trial. Persuasion and practice were important aspects of Mock Trial. Extra time was involved in a large-scale to perfect speeches and questions.





Debate



Confidence is key! Laura Fisher, 10, used this to enhance her every move during debate competitions. Getting up early for competitions on Saturdays may have been tough, so having confidence really helped her leave her doubts and physical needs behind.

Ties and suits with buttoned shirts, along with skirts and blouses, are normal attire...for debate members that is.

Hard work was part of the package, but it was not the only component. Excitement and learning played into the process to a great degree.

"Debate is fun because you get to see current issues from a lot of different view points and other people that do it are really nice," said **Jasmine Nasek, 12**.

The team spent the week before the tournament discussing the topic that they were to compete on during Saturday competitions.

They found that the more they practiced, the more they improved.

"It's definitely something that you can always improve. It's hard to argue logically and clearly without losing your

temper," said **Laura Fisher, 10**.

Fisher found that as she practiced more and more with her team, she got better, and even had more fun.

Other less-experienced members felt the same way and even gained confidence as a result of going to competitions and being in the competitive, adrenaline-pumping environment.

One of the most favored types of competitions the members had was a Grand Cross-ex, where two teams argued back and forth.

During a day of a typical competition, the team got up pretty early on Saturday and drove to the school hosting it, where they met together and prepared a bit.

Afterwards, the team split into partners and competed against other schools' partner teams in four debates.



Convincing? Practicing with each other before competitions was not just a habit, but a tradition. What good would competing with others have been without competing with each other first? That's exactly what these two did.



Practicing is number one! Jasmine Nasek, 12, was a dedicated and well-practiced member of the debate team. Any opportunity, even study hall, made for a perfect time to go through notes and information for her next debate competition.

Junior Council of World Affairs



Ashley Cummings, 12, is the president of Junior Council of World Affairs. The club made resolutions to compete with at model UN competitions. Although she did not do a lot, it was a fun club to be apart of at school.

The Junior Council of World Affairs Club attended a Model UN simulation at the University of Dayton. Each student had a different country to represent.

They had to learn about their country and represent their countries interests in debates. They also had to create resolutions for each country. Many of the students had their resolutions passed.

Mr. Samuel Gibbs was the

By: Lauren Truax

adviser to the club, while **Ashley Cummings, 12**, was the President.

"As a club, we worked together to help each other get prepared for the Model UN simulation. We had to do a lot of research on our countries but it was worth it in the end," said **Cummings**.

Many students joined the club that had interests in world affairs.

"I joined the club because I am very interested in current events," said **Maki Naiko, 12**.



A building at the University of Dayton where the students traveled to compete. The students thought the campus was beautiful. Also, they greatly enjoyed their experience.



Junior Council of World Affairs traveled to the University of Dayton. They competed in a model UN competition. Many of the students passed their resolutions.



★★ Student Assistance Council ★★



Megan Fingerman, 10, and **Megan Feng, 10,** consult while planning for the Arrive Alive program. This was before prom and was a simulated drunk driving accident. It showed students consequences of dangerous actions.



Student Assistance Council, better known as S.A.C, did exactly what its name said. It assisted the students and worked extremely hard to promote healthy living. They were known for all their 'ribbon weeks' such as red and yellow ribbon weeks.

SAC sold red bracelets, similar to the Lance Armstrong bracelets. They said **STAND STRONG**.

"The standstrong bands promoted the need to stand

against drug and alcohol abuse," said **Jaime Orent, 11,** co-president.

SAC also planned Grim Reaper

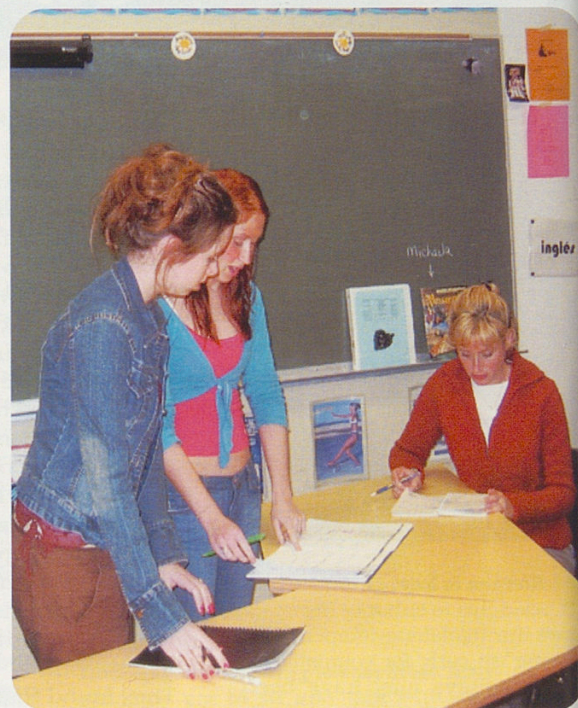
Day, which is an awareness program about drunk driving.

SAC's final collaboration of efforts resulted in Arrive Alive. The event happened the week before prom to show students the serious consequences of drinking and driving.

"We do a lot of effective things throughout the year for the school, a lot of people just don't realize that it's our club that's doing it!" said **Claire Thompson, 11,** co-president.

SAC worked with many different organizations throughout the school to create successful events. They worked particularly with the Student Assistance Counselors, **Mrs. Sue Koehler** and **Mrs. Susan Warm**.

Don't forget to sign in! Rachel Bucalo, 10, and **Dena Rappaport, 11,** prepared for an exciting SAC meeting. They attend meetings regularly because they feel they are making a difference in our school.



The planning of SAC meetings are always stressful. Co-presidents **Jaime Orent, 11,** and **Claire Thompson, 11,** ran ideas by **Ms. Kate Juenger,** the adviser of SAC. SAC tried hard to plan in advance and be organized to avoid complications with all of their activities.

★★ National Honor Society ★★



There's so much that one dollar can do. **Amber D'Souza, 12,** sold pins for one dollar at lunch. The dollar went towards vaccinating kids in Africa. This was only one aspect of the measles initiative program.

One hundred brightly lit light bulbs, 106 members, and some of the most stellar students that we have to offer.

As one of the most elite clubs offered here at the high school, National Honor Society had many requirements for its incoming members.

At least a 3.6 cumulative GPA as well as 30 volunteer hours were necessary to become inducted to NHS. Over the course of the year, students also had to complete additional volunteer hours and be involved in at least three other school activities.

Inductions included a ceremony where current members lit the candles of each new member.

NHS accomplished many

great things over the course of the year. From the measles initiative, (SHS)², and the Great American Bake Sale, to Crayons to Computers, these students showed what a group of teens could accomplish.

A new program, (SHS)², was implemented to help sophomores study for the Ohio Graduation Test.

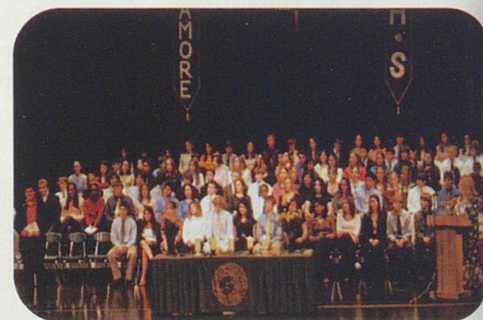
"(SHS)² is a new program that allows our students to help other students," said **Andrea Nadel, 12.**

"NHS is an organization that is able to make a difference with programs as simple as Helping Hands to those as intricate as the measles initiative," said **Amber D'Souza, 12,** president.

By: Jaime Orent



Helping hands. April Wang, 12, helped make posters to spread awareness about the Helping Hands program. This program entailed making sandwiches for the homeless.



They now get to pass on the knowledge. Inductions took place in November and consisted of a simple but lengthy ceremony. Past NHS members passed on their candle to the inductees.





Student Council



By Kristin Grueninger

Who handles the majority of the school functions such as pep-rallies, homecoming, winter formal, student exchanges, prom...just to name a few.

"I loved being involved with the school and the teachers. Each year seemed to be more successful than the last," said **Laura Steiner, 12.**

The representatives were elected the previous year and never quit working the next year.

"Everyday there was an opportunity to make a differ-

ence. I wanted to help and be an active part in a school with so much potential," said **Kristen Barngrover, 11.**

Helping the school didn't mean addressing only student needs. Staff appreciation was also shown. There was a montly "Department of the Month" throughout the year assisting in student/staff relations.

Not only do they work on decorations for dances but they were often seen during lunch selling spirit wear, fund-raising, and distributing Sycawards for discounted admittance to school functions. Also "Team of the Week," music during lunch and those entertaining videos in the Commons were also provided by Student Council. Everything was made to help the student body.



Superheros, Candyland, and Starry Starry Night were the year's themes for the dances. Decorations were prepared and ordered almost a month in advance to make sure everything was correct. The council members spend their Friday night setting up practically all of Saturday as well.



Kim Standen, 11, works hard finishing last minute touches for the dance. Mondays were formal meetings addressing committees and their projects. The various committees met on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and class meetings were held on Thursdays.



Peer Mediation



By: Tamar Ingber

If I ever have a problem, it's great to know that there are students, rather than an administration, that can help you," said **Megan Frank, 11.**

"Sometimes you don't feel as if a problem can be resolved without some intervention," said **Jane Chernyak, 9.**

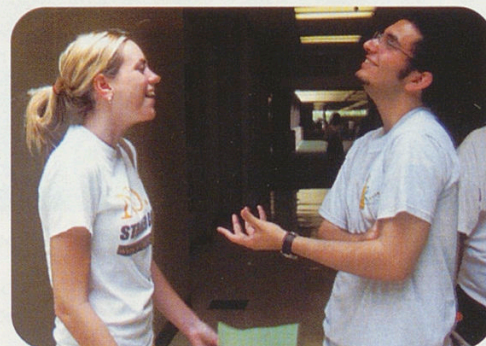
Peer Mediation was a select group of juniors and seniors who went through about 24 hours of training to be able to help their peers work through issues.

"I have never done a real mediation, but I

am always ready if one is necessary," said **Brian Weber, 11.**

Students who had a problem to resolve could choose out of the mediators who they wanted to assist them, and the mediator would be called from class as a chosen bell and working through the steps of the problem, to come to write a resolution.

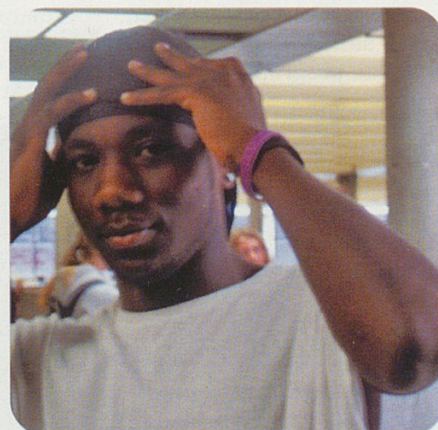
This concrete written resolution defined the solution and allowed students to makeup in a mature fashion.



A friendly conversation. Carrie Herrell, 12, and Nasser Haddad, 12, were close friends and they knew if they ever got into any fights, Peer Mediation would be there. Peer Mediation was always posted at the main office.



"Now, what is the problem here ladies?" said **Brian Weber, 11**, calming down **Shaina Smilovitz, 12**, and **Heather Holly, 12**, who simulated what a mediation session would be like. **Weber** was always ready if called down to mediate.



What a dilemma! "It calms me down. It makes me happy," said **Claudius Jones, 10**, about peer mediation. Students of all grades could use the mediation to assist them

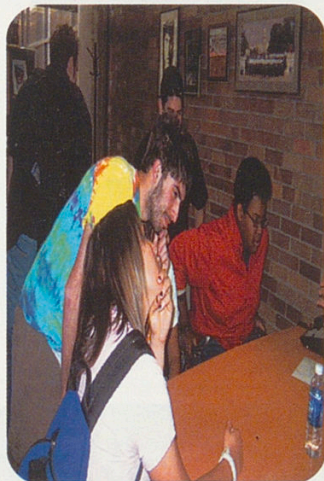




Principal's Advisory Committee



By: Kyle Spicer



Ready for discussion, Erika Brandewie, 11, Yavuz Inanli, 11, and Nate Kennedy, 12, prepare themselves. Each meeting, the committee would gather around and discuss what were some issues or concerns the teachers were having and others the students had.

Principal's Advisory Club, known as P.A.C., was a committee that was the voice of the students to **Dr. Keith Kelly**. There were about 15 members, representing the student population of the high school.

Every two weeks those students would meet to discuss issues that they have heard from the student body, and voice them to **Dr. Kelly**.

On the flip side, **Dr. Kelly** would bring up concerns that the staff had with the students or something else. The committee would then discuss and find answers to those questions and concerns.

At the end of the meetings, they go over a list that showed what they needed to do for example, picking up trash at lunch, until their next meeting. **Dr. Kelly**

would go and talk to the staff with answers or ideas to help them.

Basically this committee was a communication point for staff and students. The committee was the voice of the students, while **Dr. Kelly** was the voice of the staff.

"This was a good way for the students and teachers to connect," said **Brant Osborne, 11**.

Many people wondered, "How were these people chosen to be on P.A.C.?" Each student was chosen by their class's principal.

About two students, usually a boy and girl, came from each class.

Principal's Advisory Committee was different than in years past.

Dr. Kelly had accepted the job of Assistant Superintendent, so **Mr. Kenji Matsudo** took over in his place.



Being **Dr. Kelly's** last day, PAC had a pizza party for him. It was stated that they didn't do that all the time, but it was a nice treat. Everyone had a great time that day.



Erika Brandewie, 11, was very sad to hear that it was **Dr. Kelly's** last meeting in PAC. She wasn't the only one that was sad in PAC, everyone was. They stated it would be exciting though to hear ideas on different things.



Black Student Union



By: Tamar Ingber

What does Kwanzaa really stand for? Most students do not know; however, Black Student Union's purpose is to promote a better understanding of ethnicity.

"BSU is fun, and something good to do," said **Jameria Heard, 9**.

The common misconception was BSU is only for those African-American students; however, all were welcomed.

"Come on in," said **Alexia Campbell, 11**, at the Kwanzaa program and dinner.

All students are welcomed to become members as well as attend all activities. In fact, BSU loves others to come and

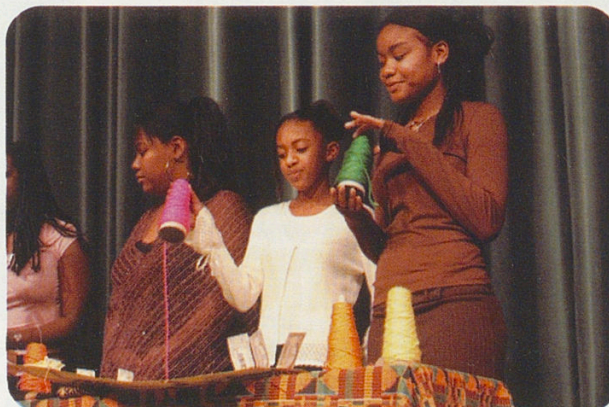
experience new culture and traditions.

Alicia Reece, the vice-mayor of Cincinnati, commended BSU for its continued importance to the diversity of the Cincinnati community. From attending a Reds game, to bi-weekly meetings, Black Student Union is as strong as ever, and will continue to enrich students with history, culture, and tolerance.

"It is a great honor to be part of this club," said **Mrs. Gretchen Washington**.



Mrs. Gretchen Washington, sponsor of Black Student Union, spoke on the importance of Kwanzaa. BSU also was involved in a lot at school, but always found time to practice. She loved to rehearse with the group to perfect the songs and routines.



"This spool represents..." said **Vaisa Taite, 11**, **Tia Waire, 9**, and **Dorese Langston, 11**. They explained the meaning behind Kwanzaa's symbols. These practices are a great teaching holiday for those who do not celebrate it



Join the club! **Alexia Campbell, 11**, enjoyed her time spent with B.S.U. The club has been a true multicultural group.





SALT



Listening to a speaker, Heath Fameris, 12, Jamie Nesbitt, 12, and Jen Mott, 11, share their thoughts with the group. After the speakers were done everyone broke up into groups to find ways to promote the club. New ideas were formed each and every meeting.

Who helps run the student section at games? The Student Athletic Leadership Team takes charge of spirit for the basketball, football, and any other sport they can get a hold of.

Meetings were taking place the first Monday of every month. The advisers who support the club are **Coach Eddie Clark** and **Coach Debbie Klemt**. Teachers, coaches, and special guests came to the meetings to share leadership speeches.

"It was fun having a club where all of the athletes could get together and hear motivational speeches to share and bring back to their own teams," said **Cameron Swoboda, 12**.

Even though this is a fairly new club they are

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taking on larger and larger tasks each year such as helping out with the spring pep-rally. Next year, the spring pep-rally is being handed over for SALT to completely run.

Even though there was only one meeting a month many of the members worked with their groups to get their jobs done.

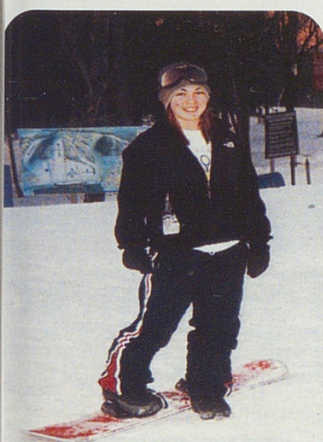
"We had many jobs to do such as getting donations, building the spirit couch, and giving the time to work on all of this. Even though this was a ton of work it seemed like it all payed off," said **A.J. Donaldson, 12**.

When the group met they got right down to business. **Klemt** made sure all the meeting time was spent wisely and no time was wasted. Each minute was used to help promote the school.

Heather Hampton, 12, focuses on the many things her group is in charge of for the spring pep-rally. They needed to get sports members from each of the spring teams to participate. Also, loads of candy needed to be purchased to be thrown into the crowd.



Ski Club



Snowboarders have more fun! At least that is what they would probably claim. **Lauren Goedde, 10**, smiles for the camera and shows off her snowboarding skills, obviously happy to be back on the slopes.

December 7th. The first official day of Ski Club, and about 150 students groaned at the bad news. The problem: It was 60 degrees outside and the necessary snow to ski on was nonexistent. Bummer.

December 14th. The hopeful skiers were disappointed again when the weather was not cold enough for Perfect North to make snow.

January 4th. It was another letdown when a torrential downpour washed away any snow that had been made in the past week.

January 11th. The first day of possible skiing had finally arrived, although, it was still raining and also the first day of exams; obviously the turnout was scarce.

January 18th. It was fifteen degrees, there was plenty of fresh, powdery snow on the slopes, and exams were finished. The perfect

combination. One hundred eager kids gathered at the upper bus ramp, ready to go.

Despite a slow start, Ski Club finally got under way, with about 100 skiers attending each week. From first time skiers to veterans of the slopes, the lure of a Tuesday filled with cold and snow was irresistible.

With the choices of slopes ranging from intermediate to double black diamonds, anyone could go skiing without fearing for their life. That is, if they didn't attempt any slopes above their ability.

"You work up an appetite skiing, and the food is the best part!" said **Sam Katz, 11**,

"Snowboarding makes Ski Club even better!" said **Andrew Stubblebine, 9**.

No matter the reason, Ski Club was an awesome way to meet new people. One couldn't help but make new friends even if it meant taking a few spills!



They parallel perfectly. **Christine Taragano, 11**, **Morgan Herlihy, 11**, **Michelle Bacha, 11**, and **Paige Buffington, 11**, worked their way down Centerstage, one of Perfect North's most difficult slopes. They enjoyed a challenge and skied the more difficult slopes often.



Mmmm, it's pizza. After a long afternoon of tiring skiing, going back to the lodge for dinner can be a highlight. Here, **Dana Bahir, 9**, **Rachel Schneider, 10**, **Tom Stoughton, 10**, **Taylor Jensen, 10**, and **Mark Aslanides, 10**, enjoy their quick meal.



★ ★ Fundraisers



Take a stand against drug and alcohol abuse! **Jaime Orent, 11**, gives **Sam Kahn, 11**, a bracelet in return for fifty cents. Student Assistance Council put together a huge fundraiser where the club sold red bracelets that said "STANDSTRONG" to promote drug and alcohol abuse awareness. The bands were based off of the Lance Armstrong yellow LIVESTRONG bracelets and they made lots of money for the club. The money was then used for programs that SAC ran during the school year.

By: Jaime Orent

Money makes the world go round. The truth found in this phrase led many clubs, sports, and organizations to lead fundraisers throughout the year to find their own funding.

The money made through these fundraisers went right back into helping these clubs and organizations help our school.

The Leaf sold ice cream sundaes on Fridays to help pay for some of the extra costs involved in producing the newspaper.

"Selling sundaes is a wonderful thing because it benefits us and the people who eat the ice cream. Like Fridays? Then you'll love sundaes," said **April Wang, 12**.

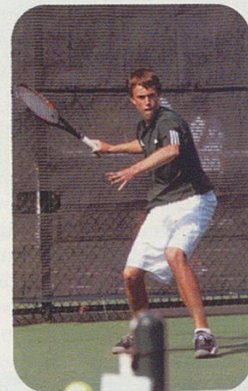
Spring sports bagged groceries at Biggs to make a little extra dough.

"It was an easy way for the teams to get money for whatever they needed whether it was uniforms or something else," said **Jordan Cohen, 11**.

Clubs such as Student Assistance Council sold novelties like STANDSTRONG bracelets to raise extra money to offset the cost of the programs they ran through the school.



Running a publication takes lots of time, effort and money! **Suzie Shutts, 12**, edits a page of The Leaf. The Leaf staff had many different fundraisers to make extra cash for things like ink cartridges and the cost of printing.



Swinging for the gold, literally. **Sandy Berry, 11**, shows off his new found strength, gained by bagging groceries at Biggs. The money made from this grocery expedition paid for the extra costs involved in playing a high school sport.

★ ★ Equestrian Club

By: Kelli Rogers



Michelle Bacha, 11, took her horse, Fireball, to a combined training test at Walnut Creek Stables in the spring. She was judged on a pattern on the flat as well as a combination of jumps. These scores were added together to get a final tally.

Room 246 plus a love of horses equals Equestrian Club. The girls met about once a month in **Mrs. Lisa Vanags** room, the club adviser. Started last year, the club was relatively small, but the girls had a good time gossiping about their horses.

"Equestrian Club gave us a chance to share stories and advice," said **Janet Schibler, 11**.

With a mutual love of horses, the group of girls did things like going to shows to support each other and making horse treats for their favorite horses at their stable. Although many girls did show, they did not have to own a horse, or even ride to join the club. All they had to bring to the meeting was themselves and a love, or like, of horses.

Competing in shows was a fun way to show off what the girls had learned.

"Showing is a great experience to share with your friends and your horse," said **Karen Ross, 11**.



Get shined up for the show. **Halley Mendenhall, 12**, took her American Warmblood, Fionnagan, to the Paxton Summer Classic Dressage Show in Batavia over the summer.



Get ready to ride. **Jennifer Steinhart, 12**, mounts up for her lesson. Although she often rode a different horse each lesson, her favorite was this paint, named Dallas.



Anime Club



By: Tamar Ingber



The double-dvd set of Trigun, an anime movie, is typical of what the club would watch at one of their two weekly meetings. They gathered together to see familiar Anime or new viewings, that eventually will be passed through the hands of many of the club members.

Anime Club was more than a group of diverse students from various grades and groups of friends in the school, it is like a close-knit family.

"We are really like a family. Everyone in the group is so close," said **Shannon Powell, 9**.

She loves staying after school just to see what the club would do each time. From viewing and critiquing anime movies, to celebrating members birthdays, the club really shined through a group of friends willing to accept everyone.

With a mutual love of Anime, the group would buy movies and series on-line and

trade with each other.

"I would borrow friend's DVDs and they would let me take theirs for a bit," said **Matthew Weller, 9**.

"For me, it is a chance to see new Anime. And spend some time with close friends and my sister, **Ruby Thompson, 9**, who is also in the club. I just love it!" said **Ruth Ann Thompson, 10**.

Japanese animation begun in the 1970's and had grown greatly in the most recent years. Anime club kept with the new films; however, also staying true to the classic anime they truly enjoyed.



Anime Alchemy, turning boring afternoons into golden time spent watching Anime! "Full Metal Alchemy" was a television series. The intriguing DVD cover shows the excitement contained within.



Full Metal Panic! This anime was a television series. The students voted that the "full-metal" selections were one of greatest.



Art Club



By: Jaime Orent

Art Club was all about helping others. During the holidays they made decorations for the Cincinnati Zoo program called Kicks for Kids. The program gave gifts to needy children and Art Club was responsible for decorating the tree and painting the children's faces.

The Club also made place mats at Thanksgiving for Meadowbrook Nursing Home. During February they also made valentine's for the nursing home.

"Art Club helped our community through our artistic talents. For example we made Valentines for the elderly which brought smiles to their faces," said **Krittika Baravkar, 12**.

Art Club did a lot of things

to beautify our building. For Valentine's Day they decorated the windows of the lower level of the global language hallway with tempera paint. Cute phrases greeted the students during the lovely month of love.

The club was also responsible for the decorations for Diversity day and they built a float for the homecoming parade.

"The Art Club is for all kids who like art-not necessarily those that are talented. The purpose of our activities is about giving artistic service to the community. We try to get involved in the community and offer our talents for the enjoyment of others," said **Mrs. Margaret Copfer**.

Setting up the easels. President **Krittika Baravkar, 12**, helped to set up the easels and supplies for decorating the hallway during Valentine's day. She was responsible for organizing club meetings and setting everything up.



Three cheers for Art Club! The Art Club shows off their unique personalities after their first official meeting. The club had meetings twice a month on Wednesday's after school in room 146.

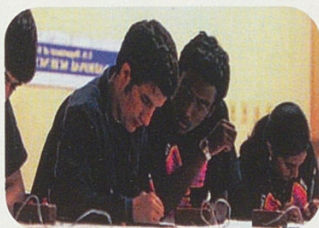




Science Club



By: Jen McLaughlin



Shriya Raghaven, 12, Ahilan Sivaganesan, 12, and Aaron Friedman, 12, working hard. The bowl is a "jeopardy like" competition with a buzzer. With earning the title of 6th in the nation, they had to think quickly to answer.

Science Club worked hard all year to get ready for many activities. They competed around the city for numerous titles. The first competition was the Cumberland College Chemistry Symposium.

Science Bowl was comprised of teams of five people and it was a quick buzzer competition. There was a regional competition at Cincinnati State where they took first place. They won an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. starting on April 29th.

The Science Bowl "A" Team took sixth place in the National Science Bowl competition in Washington, D.C.

"We got sixth in the nation, which we thought was

excellent, with 63 teams in the competition, we are very pleased to be sixth," said **Mrs. Parrott**, the team's coach.

"We were tied with one question left, it basically came down to the last question. We were happy just to know we could hold our own against a team that's been very good over the years," said **Ahilan Sivaganesan, 12**, team captain.

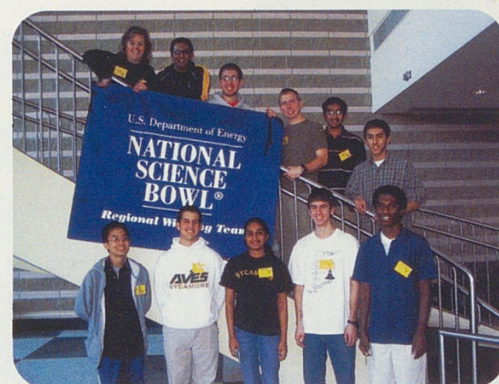
The team started preparing at the beginning of the year, taking A.P classes and practicing every Monday for an hour and a half.

"It was exhilarating, it was one of the best times. I know I'll never forget this," said **Aaron Friedman, 12**.

Andrew Ng, 12, and Aaron Friedman, 12 study for the bowl. The team prepared every Monday for an hour and a half. Aaron was the captain for the "A" team.



The Science Bowl Team, together again! Row 1: Arthur Wang, 12, Aaron Friedman, 12, Shriya Raghaven, 12, Josh Lee, and Ahilan Sivaganesan, 12. Row 2: Mrs. Parrott, Venkat Shanker, 12, Adam Bahir, 12, Jeff Andrews, 12, Abhijeet Gummadavelli, 11, and Andy Ng, 12.



Key Club



By: Jaime Orent, Tamar Ingber and Sarah Jarnicki

The word "help" is Key Club's middle name. The requirements for Key club included 15 hours of community service, accumulated over the course of the year, along with the desire to help others.

Key Club's biggest undertaking was the Tsunami relief fund that they set up in lieu of the tragic natural disaster in Asia. The club raised about \$7,000 in their donation drive. **Mr. Jeffrey Newberry's** class came in first place and raised \$1,250.

"It was amazing, I think at least every student in my class made a donation of some type," said **Newberry**.

Regardless of how much money was raised, lives were being saved, all thanks to Key Club.

The club also helped raise money for After Prom by bagging groceries at Bigg's. As for improving lives, Key Club did that too. A canned food drive was held for Thanksgiving and the cans were sent to the troops in Iraq.

"Key Club is a great organization to give back to your community. It's a great feeling to help others and it's also a fun environment," said **Jared Steinberg, 12**.

It's all about getting involved. Stella Harward, 11, signed up for another volunteering opportunity within Key Club. "I love Key Club because helping people and spreading smiles is the greatest feeling!" said **Harward**.



The board members of Key Club meet to discuss what will be in the future meetings. These members include, Laura Ebetino, 12, Yavuz Inanli, 11, Marianne Bernadsky, 12, and Chelsey Baughard, 12. They all enjoyed leadership roles in this club.



Joining a club is one way of getting involved at school. For freshmen, it was common to get involved. Michaela Mondro, 9, and Anne Fiorenza, 9, took a step to getting in the mix.





Environmental Club



By Kelsey Kiley

Ishmael: *An Adventure of the Mind and Spirit*, by Daniel Quinn, *A Sand County Almanac*, by Aldo Leopold, and **Mr. Ron Hochstrasser**. What did they have in common? All were inescapable if A.P. Environmental Sciences was on the schedule.

Through fascinating class discussions on life and the world and everything that was changing around us, students were inevitably drawn towards the class and the teacher. Where did those students go? Environmental Club!

"I think it's a really great class that's just amazing, and when there's a club about it, that's even better. I don't think people realize how much they can do, and how easy it is. A lot of people I know don't even have

recycling bins!" said **Stacy Shutts, 10**.

For most of the year, the club was working on generating a recycling program here at the school.

Environmental Club was also known for their signs in the commons with quick environmental facts, on such things like the deaths of coral reefs and recycling newspapers. Their main goal was to educate the school on how easy it is to help out.

It was a relaxed atmosphere, with meetings on Thursdays. There was originally a board, but then it was decided that there was no need for a "hierarchy." What else could be expected from Environmental Club?

Bonding over the environment, **Matt Summerlin, 10**, and **James Hutson, 10**, had a lot to say about the club. "The earth is our planet. It is our job to take care of our planet. It's our job to do our job to do our job to DO OUR JOB!" said **Summerlin**. "I think it's important to do more than just clean my room," said **Hutson**.

Mmm... dirt.

The Envirothon was a good time, especially for **Emily St. Cyr, 10**, **Stacy Shutts, 10**, and **Meghan Harley, 10**. They enjoyed a fun filled day of playing in the dirt.



Math Club



By: Jaime Orent

Do you like Pie? These kids definitely did. Not quite the kind of pie you'd expect either, we're talking about pi, the number, 3.14.

Math Club, led by the head of the Math Department, **Dr. Keith Brackenridge**, had quite a successful year. With a strong group of seniors to lead the way, victory seemed to be the only option.

Meetings were held on Wednesdays in room 222 from 2:30-3:15. Members of Math Club automatically gained a half point towards the math medallion upon joining as well as a significant amount of points gained from competition scores and attendance at meetings.

Math Club's biggest competition of the year was the Rose Hulman competition taken at Lakota West High School. The club had a plethora of winners at this competition including **Amit**

Chandra, 11, **Chester Chen, 10**, **Sanjay Choudhury, 9**, **Radhika Kedia, 10**, **Zachary Reuscher, 9**, **Tianqiong Wang, 11**, **Elizabeth Wei, 9**, and **Wenjun Zhang, 9**. Seniors **Aaron Friedman, Jamie Nesbitt**, and **Jeffrey Andrews** received very prestigious awards at this contest.

Math Club was also led by **Mrs. Nancy Barbian** and **Mrs. Melissa Hardy**.

Those that joined Math Club really enjoyed the experience. Excitement for the following year begins the year before.

"I cannot wait for Math Club next year! It will be my third year and I'm really excited for some new projects!" said **Julie Saha, 10**.

We'll just have to wait and see what Math Club has in store for next year. More pi anyone?

A h i l a n Sivaganesan, 12, receives his award for the American Mathematics Competition "AMC-12A". **Sivaganesan** was one of Math Club's cherished seniors.

Math Club gets recognition for their efforts. The members of Math Club receive honor at the underclass awards ceremony. The medallion winners were: **Elizabeth Wei, 9**, **Zachary Goldman, 10**, **Amit Chandra, 11**, and the overall school winner of the American Scholastic Math Association Contest was **Elizabeth Wei, 9**.





Ultimate Frisbee



By Kristin Grueninger
and Jaime Orent



Leaping for joy, and frisbee! Ben Sage, 12, used his height to his advantage as he leapt for yet another catch. Many other seniors enjoyed this club and used it as a way to let go of that college stress.

Five on five for about two hours playing on muddy fields is what the Ultimate Frisbee Team does for fun. They set up their own boundaries for scrimmages.

After getting out to the field just under an hour of waiting for all the players to show up, team president **Sam Pollak, 10**, led everyone down to the very slick practice field.

"**Mr. Gutekunst** is our sponsor but sometimes he can't make it to practice so they end fairly early," said **Pollak**.

The team practices twice a week on Tuesdays after school and on Saturdays at 4 o'clock in Pioneer Park.

Not only does the club play games against their own teammates but they also play many games against other schools.

"We lost one of our games only because we were playing a very good school," said **Pollak**.

The team consists of players of all grades nine through twelve. There are three coaches to help out on Saturdays.

For teams who have strong seasons the Ultimate Players Association holds Eastern and Western Regional Championships.

"Early in the season no one got really upset about a loss because it was way too soon to tell how good we could become," said **Sam Cole, 11**.

The coaches of the team let the players pick the practice times and dates since they wanted this club to be a predominantly student run organization.



Hold that frisbee high. The Ultimate Frisbee Club grins after another victory. The team really improved, and with the improvement came new friendships and great memories.



Tie dying their way to victory. The members of the club tie dyed their own t-shirts to show off their team spirit. This was one of the team's bonding moments during the season.



Freshman Mentoring



By: Jaime Orent



Be there or be square! Sarah Fenstermaker, 12, was the mentor for five freshmen. She called them all to remind them about orientation and make sure they didn't have questions.

Everyone remembers that first day of high school. Sweaty palms, constant confusion, sick to the stomach. Thus was born the idea for a club that would make the transition to high school a little bit less stressful.

"I was really scared of being in high school because all the kids were so much older, but then I went to freshmen orientation and met with my mentor. They were all really nice and reassured me that high school wasn't so scary," said **Lauren Sokol, 9**.

Freshman Mentoring was a new club that members of Student

Council put together for the incoming freshmen. The program was mainly implemented at the beginning of the school year.

For Freshman Orientation, a group of about five freshman were paired up with a single high school upperclassman.

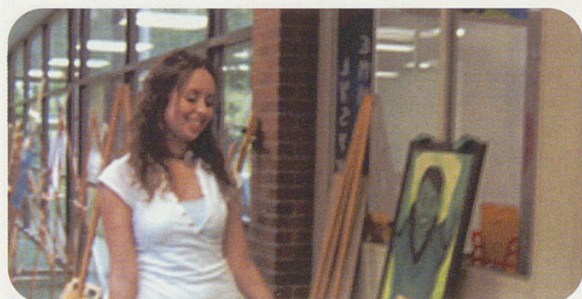
This upperclassman was in charge of calling the freshmen to remind them of orientation and answer any other questions they may have.

They would then meet the freshmen at the orientation and show them around the school, helping them find their classes so they would be prepared for their first day.

The upperclassman stayed in close contact with the freshmen throughout the year and became their mentor, giving support and answering questions when needed.

"I think the program really helped a lot of freshmen, we got a lot of positive feedback," said **Kristy Barngrover, 11**.

Locker blues? Jen McLaughlin, 11, helped Kelsey Tremblay, 9, open her sneaky locker during orientation. It was all about making freshmen more comfortable with the idea of high school.

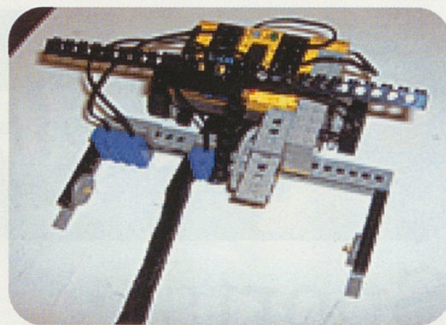


Claire Thompson, 11, did her job as she led her group of freshmen around the school for a tour. It eased freshmen's nerves to find their classes before their first day.

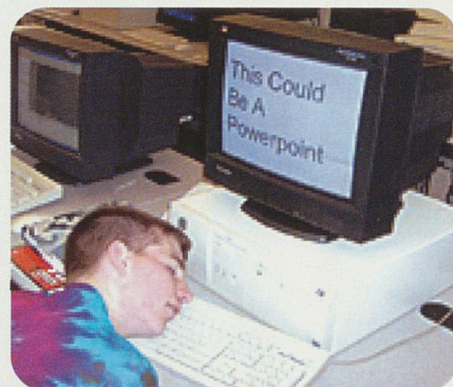


★ ★ Engineering Club / Robotics ★ ★

By: Kyle Spicer



This robot was taken to all four competitions. It lost the first competition but won the other three. He made it through the obstacle course without any errors.



Tony Semones, 11, takes a nap after a long morning of working on a powerpoint for that class. Powerpoints were an important part of robotics class. Although the class works with robots, they do computer activities too.

You may have seen Lego or wood robots with little motors running around the hallway every fifth bell. That class was a mysterious class taught by **Mr. Mel Hoffert**.

Although many people had never heard of it, it was a big thing, winning many competitions at tournaments such as one at the Miami University and another at the University of Cincinnati.

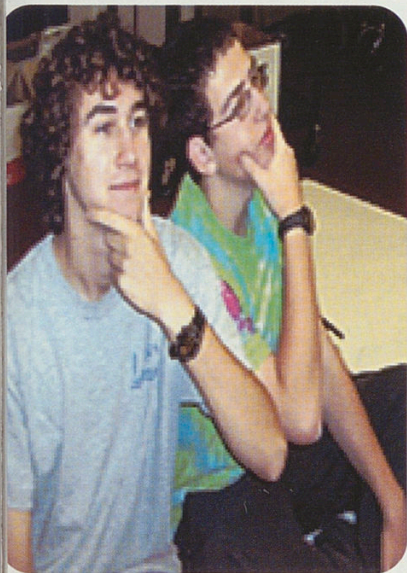
"At the University of Cincinnati competition, the students were expected to construct a robot which is mechanical and electrical in its technology, but has no elements of computer

programming in it," said **Aaron Friedman, 12**.

The students used a brick, which is a type of memory motor that the students program, to make the object that they had created move.

They put the robots through courses that had many obstacles in them. The robots then had to use the memory (bricks), to know how to get over the obstacles.

"The robots had to go through a sumo-wrestler simulation. There were two robots and one of the robots had to push the other robot out of the circle. Whoever pushed the other robot out, won," said **Zeyad Schwen, 12**.



Alton Lee, 12, and Adam Bahir, 12, ponder which code to program into their brick. Both of these boys were key in the success of all their competitions. At their last competition at Miami University, they won hands down.



JETS



By: Kelsey Kiley

The problems that the students were charged with solving were quite challenging and often involved topics and subjects that the students had not been exposed to yet.

Problem solving skills and working cooperatively were vital to success in the competition for members of JETS.

"I really learned how to work well with others," said **Jeff Domas, 11**.

JETS? Competition? Say what? Junior Engineering Technical Society. The competition is the Test of Engineering Aptitude in Math and Science.

The students prepared for a regional competition at the University of Cincinnati on February 24. The test involved solving college level engineering problems.

There were six to eight students on each team and they worked together for 90 minutes to solve the problems.

In each of the last four years, one of our teams has been second

in the regional competition.

Student members were selected via teacher recommendation, and led by **Ms. Julie Haverkos**. They met on a weekly basis to work together and solve practice problems.

Senior team members were: **Shriya Ragahavan, Sara Rashkin, Jeff Andrews, Adam Bahir, Alton Lee, Amber D'Souza, and Mimi Kao**.

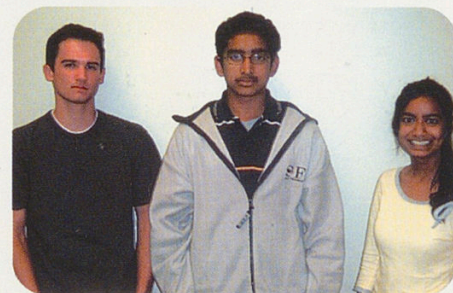
"JETS gives you a chance to apply what you've learned to a real life situation," said **Andrews**.

Junior team members were: **Patricia Troy, Claire Mondro, Alice Jones, Tasneem Kaleem, Steven Barbian, Josh Lee, Abhijeet Gummadavelli, and Jeff Domas**.

As a culmination of the year, the junior class team competed in TEAMS (Test of Engineering Aptitude in Math and Science), and received a second place regional finish.



"I felt that it was an extremely fun and challenging experience. It taught me a lot about team work, and overall I realized there is still so much material that I have yet to learn," said **Amber D'Sousza, 12**.



"JETS was an amazing experience at UC, where we got to apply what we learned about engineering to real life!" said **Tasneem Kaleem, 11**, with **Jeff Domas, 11**, and **Abhijeet Gummadavelli, 11**, agreeing.



Claire Mondro, 11, and Patricia Troy, 11, were very proud of the junior team's second place finish. "We didn't know what it was going to be like, we went into it very relaxed, and it was fun. The problems were hard, but we had practiced," said **Mondro**.





LACING UP YOUR CLEATS

Sports

Action! Check out pages 158-159 and see Katey Miller, 11, drowning her opponent. Girls water polo excelled in their season.



Check out page 220-221 and see girls varsity lacrosse in action. Here, Mel Klein, 12, sprints passed her defender. Again, the girls excelled in the state.



Fighting to get a goal, check out Matt Napierski, 12, on pages 182-183. Learn the scoop about varsity hockey. The team had a successful season coming close to State.

●●● DARING TO FLY HIGH

Where none have flown before

Go Figure

18

seniors

4

home games

174

total points

The football team was pumped after **Kyle Battle, 10** scored the first six points for the team against West Carrollton. Since there were many new seniors and underclassmen, the team quickly learned what worked well and what didn't.

People brought in other experiences to make the team productive and successful.

"Sycamore is way more fun than Moeller. The people here are so much more fun. Everyday is different, unlike Moeller being the same thing everyday," said **Dan Meier, 12**.

Surprisingly, the winning stopped when the defense took a hard hit the following week. The offense scored twice, but it wasn't enough to stop Springboro's offense from scoring. At the next game the angry defense made up for their loss as they crushed Big Blue.

"My proudest moment was walking off the field after the game against Hamilton feeling like we just dominated them at their own house," said **Zach Tawney, 12**.

The defense held Colerain's nationally ranked team through a tiring 1st quarter, without letting the Cardinals score a point. The players put up a fight, yet Colerain took the win.

Defensive back, Zach Tawney, 12, gets aggressive with his opponent. Tawney was one of the many players who went to the home stadium each Thursday night to get fired up for an upcoming game. As a senior, these Thursday nights became extremely memorable.



The team runs through the Aves sign before a game. This was one of the many gifts donated by the Football Moms Club. They truly helped the team with everything they did.

By: Annie Alemagno

At the homecoming game the team soared with a celebrated scoreboard reading 34-6. At Oak Hills the offense scored early until the fourth quarter when the Highlanders caught up.

"I will never forget my sack with Lipsey on the quarterback," said **Taunta Taylor, 12**.

The game ended with a fierce overtime favoring Oak Hills, 21-28. The seniors showed the fans how hard they wanted one last win on their own field after stomping the Eagles 14-7.

"The underclassmen played a big part in the success the seniors had," said **Francisco Morillo, 12**.

The last game of the season was both upsetting and disappointing for the team, especially the seniors.

"We really got worn down by their offense. We faltered for a second and they really took advantage of it," said **Steve Koppenhafer, 12**.

The boys worked hard as a team, learning about their squad which helped them bond. The team strengthened unity which contributed to their wins in the season.

Varsity Football Overall Record 4-6

West Carrollton	6-0
Springboro	14-44
Hamilton	49-7
Colerain	0-49
Fairfield	11-28
Lakota East	7-49
Princeton	34-6
Oak Hills	21-28
Milford	14-7
Harrison	18-22

Vital Statistics

Scoring Leader	Charles Forte
GMC Standing	6th

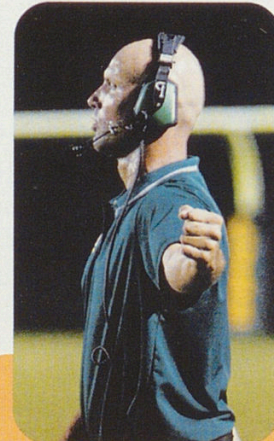
"We have some great senior leadership which really made it easy for the sophomores, me included, to learn as much as possible. -Mitch Allen, 10."



Runningback Charles Forte, 12, runs the ball through a line of defense. With the help of Dominique Buenavides, 12, Forte was able to get through. Forte led his team in rushing yards with a total of 697 yards. Buenavides was in the top two for the boys with 98 receiving yards.



Row 1: Toddy Kelly, 12, Scott Kelly, 11, Kevin Buenavides, 10, Ryan Davis, 11, Andrew Hancher, 10, Taunta Taylor, 12, Mitch Allen, 10, Joey O'Gara, 11, Andrew Shaver, 12, and Luke Tawney, 10. Row 2: Drew Schwaegerle, 11, Max Vansluys, 11, Dan Meier, 12, Brandon Powell, 12, Dom Buenavides, 12, James Broyles, 12, Zach Tawney, 12, Ryan Ferris, 12, Mark Sedziol, 11, and Charles Forte, 12. Row 3: Stephen Caudill, 10, Mike Elsworth, 10, Michael Byrd, 10, Jeff Rubenstein, 10, Victor Morillo, 11, Cody Jones, 10, AJ Gold, 12, Ryan James, 11, BJ Evans, 10, and JD McFarland, 10. Row 4: Cameron Luning, 10, Ben Matthews, 12, Kyle Battle, 10, Luke Sweeney, 10, Boyce Harris, Garrett Steed, 10, Mike Latessa, 10, Steven Koppenhafer, 12, Nick Wylie, 10, and Matt Gant, 10. Row 5: Todd Whitman, 11, Will Shafford, 10, Francisco Morillo-Delerme, 12, Joseph Hutson, 10, Cory Mangus, 12, Chris Holscher, 11, Jordan Taylor, 11, Byron Brown, 10, Brian Dougherty, 11, and Ben Weaver, 10. Row 6: Shane Newman, 10, Brandon Bracher, 12, John Norkey, 10, Pat Fox, 10, Brian Tacy, 12, Zach Grimm, 10, Tom Hughes, 10, Tyler Grimm, 10, Joey Fixler, 10, Zach Star, 10, Ian Weider, 10, and Dan Pyles, 11. Row 7: Alex Souders, 12, Brian Shrimpton, 10, AJ Patterson, 10, Eric Barbro, 10, Alex Kapcar, 11, Ed Jones, 10, Tony Salcido, 11, Chris Grissom, 11, Sean Waters, 11, Jason Blatt, 10, Eric Knox, 11, and Caleb Lipsey, 10. Row 8: Coach Ray, Coach Izvorski, Coach Adams, Coach Conaster, Coach Marlatt, Coach Ogden, and Coach Heffron.



"It was an exciting year defensively. We improved dramatically from the previous year. With the number of starters returning, we look forward to a successful 2005 campaign." -Coach Andrew Marlatt.

"I very much enjoyed coaching this group of kids. Their off-season preparation, and work-ethic during the season was remarkable. They made coaching fun and not a chore. I appreciate each and everyone of them." -Coach Tom Adams.

●●● RUSHING TO A VICTORY

Working towards success

By: Alyssa Molnar

Go Figure

6

freshmen
home games

23

touchdowns
scored by JV

37

freshmen
touchdowns

Pushing their way through a long hot summer, the men of aviator football ran and tackled through grueling two-a-day practices in order to prepare for what they anticipated would be a winning season.

"The freshmen team has been coming out since June working hard and trying to prepare for this season physically and mentally," said **Aaron Cain, 9**.

This year was a year for the freshmen to prove their worth and for the JV players to come back even stronger than the previous year.

Both freshmen and JV teams faced difficult schedules and faced off against fierce competitors.

The players worked very hard this season, but both teams experienced major setbacks with the injury of some of their key players.

"We had three or four of our starters get hurt in the Elder game," said **James Lipsey, 9**.

Season difficulties couldn't keep their spirits low; the players were always pumped and ready when it was game time. Both JV and freshmen worked extremely hard this year and because of this season, they have learned from their mistakes. Next year these players will come back fighting for victory.

Even the coaches agree that the players have worked hard and improved.

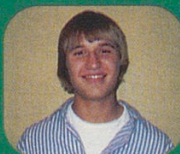


Row 1: Alden Olverson, Bryce Lindsay, Taylor Knowles, Alex Gennett, Scotty Ferris, Tony Miller, Daniel Bauder, Aaron Cain, Faraz Malik, and Nick Miller. Row 2: Jamie Dowdall, Jerrian Hill, Junix Alcayaga, Andy Wenning, Taylor Straubing, Robert Whaley, Jason Kastrup, Colin Hammer, Justin Butler, and Joey Alemagno. Row 3: Kevin Hall, Tim Head, and Alexander Rock, Tony McClure, James Lipsey, Jack Lin, Dwight Evans, David Bortz, Mike Caligaris, and Josef Majehzak. Row 4: Adrian Cone, Brent Rothchild, Kevin Hoard, Reese Jarrett, JC Randol, Ben Askey, Logan Newman, Jeff Uckotter, Kean Ervis, and Ryan Neville. Row 5: Jordan Pouncey, Adam Merz, Jade Liddell, Jeff Ketchum, Dmitriy Bikmayev, Luke Mace, Jojiro LeCroix, Eric Stoltz, Nate Kroell, Shannon Williams, and Darrelle Reese. Row 6: Coach Pfirrmann, Coach Star, Coach Reis, and Coach Buchanan.

Most Memorable Moment



"My best moment this season was when I intercepted a pass with a cast." -**Joey Alemagno, 9**



"The last game of the season we were down in the 4th quarter, but in the last two minutes we came back to win. Making our record 4-6." -**Ryan Davis, 11**

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL Overall Record 7-3

West Carrollton	40-6
Elder	19-24
Hamilton	33-12
Colerain	18-20
Glen Este	12-7
Lakota East	15-24
Princeton	9-8
Oak Hills	34-28
Milford	16-0
Harrison	26-14

Vital Statistics

Team Captains	Aaron Cain
	Adrian Cone
	Alden Olverson
	Taylor Straubing
	Joe LeCroix
	Nick Miller
	Daniel Bauder





The Freshmen on the sidelines raise their index finger to signal the kick off. It has been a tradition carried out at all aviator football games. The crowd also joined in and put their fingers up.



Andrew Hancher, 10, looks for an open pass down the field. Hancher was the quarterback for the JV team. While being quarterback, he strongly helped lead the team to success.



Quarterback Aaron Cain, 9, drops back to throw with Jeff Ketchum, 9, blocking. Cain was a valuable member of the team as starting quarterback, but was injured later in the season. He still supported the team, going to every game he could and helping out his teammates however he could.

JV FOOTBALL

Overall Record 4-6

West Carrollton	28-0
Glen Este	6-20
Hamilton	33-6
Colerain	0-39
Fairfield	8-14
Lakota East	18-26
Princeton	35-43
Oak Hills	0-21
Milford	21-0
Harrison	15-12

Vital Statistics

Longest pass **Luke Tawney**
 (74 yards)

Scout Player **Jordan Taylor**
of the Year

Runningback B.J. Evans, 10, turns the corner, and cuts to the right to avoid Lakota East defense for a touchdown. The runningback was essential to the game because he carried the ball to the end zone. Evans excelled at this position because of his agility and speed.



JUMPING HIGHER THAN THE REST

Prepping for the season

Go Figure

10
Games

5
Seniors

42
Chants

The varsity cheerleaders started practice towards the beginning of August when they traveled to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. UCA (Universal Cheerleading Association) staff members and Ohio squads welcomed the girls as they learned new material for their upcoming season.

"Camp was so much fun staying up and laughing, until we got yelled at by our coach for being a little bit too loud," said **Liz Back, 11**.

The girls won numerous superior ribbons for all of the dances, cheers, chants, and extreme routines they performed.

After camp the squad made an appearance on Channel 12's Wake-Up Cincinnati on October 8th. Throughout the season the girls became closer and built bonds with each other, as well as with their new coach.

This year was **Nicole Porter's** first year coaching varsity. She enjoyed the season so much that at sports awards she said, "I will never forget this memorable season."

The girls made up new chants, a hello-cheer, and perfected a hip-hop dance that they learned from camp. As a tradition, before every home game

the varsity cheerleaders decorated the football locker room with candy and motivational signs. At each game, the girls welcomed the other cheerleaders with treats and performed their hello-cheers for the opposing team's fans.

"Unlike other sports, we don't hate the opposing cheerleaders. We always wish them good luck and they wish us the same," said **Sachi Sunamoto, 12**.

After beginning practice with a new coach, the squad soon learned how the fall season would go. From running a mile every practice, lifting twice a week, taking tumbling classes at Kid's First, and doing approximately 40 jumps each practice, the varsity cheerleaders had worked hard before and during the season. **Coach Porter** helped the girls work hard and everyone enjoyed the pep and spirit that the girls had every game.

"Coach Porter made us work a lot harder. We learned to appreciate how much hard work can pay off," said **Alyssa Molnar, 12**.

Each cheerleader showed off their hard work and dedication each week under the Friday night lights.



The cheerleaders hold up a banner for the football players to run through each home game. A tunnel of the cheerleading squads was made leading up to the banner. It was donated to the squad by the Football Moms in 2003.



Jluen Chae, 11, shows spirit for the football team. After they scored the cheerleaders did six push-ups for every touchdown that was scored. Some of the fans also did push-ups along with the cheerleaders which got everyone pumped.



Liz Back, 11, and Annie Alemagno, 12, cheer with enthusiasm in front of the fans. Before each game the varsity cheerleaders had a pasta party at each girl's house and got ready together. This got all of the girls excited for the big game as they spent time with their teammates, and friends.



Kristin Grueninger, 12, captain, and Alyssa Molnar, 12, have been cheering together since eighth grade. This year, the cheerleaders have been working hard lifting in the weight room as a squad twice a week. They also attended tumbling classes twice a week at Kid's First.



While the girls aren't cheering towards the crowd they watch the game. In past years the girls had to take a football test during tryouts. These tests were not mandatory this year but many of the girls knew football very well.



Row 1: Sachi Sunamoto, 12, Alyssa Molnar, 12, Annie Alemagno, 12, Kristin Grueninger, 12, and Jennifer Singer, 12. **Row 2:** Leah Drapkin, 11, Amanda Siebert, 11, Elizabeth Back, 11, and Kristen Holthaus, 11. **Row 3:** Beth Cundiff, 11, Trisha Branham, 11, Jessica Senefeld-Naber, 11, and Jieun Chae, 11.



The cheerleaders pump up the crowd as they perform the fight song. As the band played the crowd hummed and sang along with the music. It has been a tradition to keep the fight song the same every year but this year the girls choreographed a new one.



"I have known all of the seniors since junior high when we cheered together, so there wasn't any new people to meet. I love cheering with them and without them leading us, and cracking us up all the time. Next year will just not be the same," said Kristen Holthaus, 11.



Leah Drapkin, 11, brings energy to the team. On the varsity squad the juniors outnumbered the senior girls. Leah has been a football cheerleader since her freshman year and is excited to lead the squad next year as a senior.

Jumping and Cheering for the Best

By: Kristin Grueninger

Go Figure

2

captains on each squad

6

pushups done when a touchdown is scored

8

hours spent at camp

Being first-year cheerleaders at the high school was a new level of cheering. Practicing a couple of days per week to learn all the new chants and the fight song can be pretty stressful.

Moving to the high school is also a new opportunity to meet people.

"Moving from Atlanta was very difficult for me; and cheerleading proved to be a great way to meet people. I've established some great relationships and experienced some memorable times," said **Katie Van Heidrich, 9**.

All of these girls have had their ups and downs. In the end of the season many friendships evolved.

"We've had some difficult times but we've also seen great times as well. Through learning to accept our differences and motivate each other, we've managed to pull off a successful season," said **Tia Waire, 9**.

It's not only the girls that bond but they include the coach and came very close together.

"Our coach, **Natalie Barger**, has been a great help with developing us into a unified squad," said **Heidrich**.

All in all, the freshman cheerleaders learned that practice makes perfect!

The junior varsity cheerleading squad played a major role in pumping our school team spirit up. Since the JV games were held on Saturday

mornings there weren't as many fans as the Friday night turnouts.

"We bonded together by supporting each other and pumping everyone up at games even if we only had a couple of fans at the early morning games," said **Misha Arnold, 10**.

These girls had a hard summer just like any other sport. Two days full of cheering for eight long hours.

"Our coaches really wanted us to look awesome so our practices were harder. People noticed our improvement which motivated us even more," said **Misha Arnold**.

There were a few changes the girls saw at the beginning of the season and one was the change in the coaching staff.

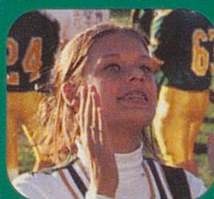
"We had a fun challenging season with the many new girls that all bonded together to make many memorable moments," said **Coach Britney Ogden**.

Monday and Wednesday practices were spent going to tumbling and practicing together with all squads. Varsity, JV, and the freshman squads all bonded and helped each other during the practices. Motivation is what kept everyone going.

"The difference between last year and this year was that last year we wanted to look good, but this year it seems like varsity pushed us to be the best, and not just good," said **Lisa Murphy, 10**.



Row 1: Katie Van Heidrich, Rachel Reardon, and Angela McGibney. Row 2: Tia Waire, Maria Borisvich, Jessica Pelfrey, and Lauren Taylor.



Jessica Pelfrey, 9, smiles after she finished a cheer. She was excited about the teams' play. She shared her happiness with everyone around her.



"Cheerleading was so much fun...I can't wait to cheer on JV next year!" Rachel Reardon, 9



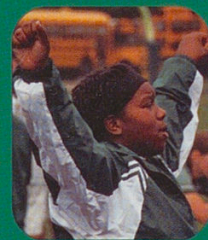
Maria Borisvich, 9, cheered hard for the team. Moving around on the cold days helped her keep warm. The fans loved cheering with them.



"We had a fun season and got to meet many new people. Practicing with all the squads bonded us all together."
-Jordan Sirhin, 10



"Camp was a great bonding experience for our squad. We had so much fun being together and we are all looking forward to cheering together next year."
-Rachel Bucalo, 10



"My first year cheering was an awesome experience. I've met so many new people and just had a fun time cheering."
-Kionna Davenport, 10



Lauren Taylor, 9, shows spirit while cheering. She cheered to the crowd hoping for a response of "Go Fight Win!" This was a traditional cheer that is done each and every year.

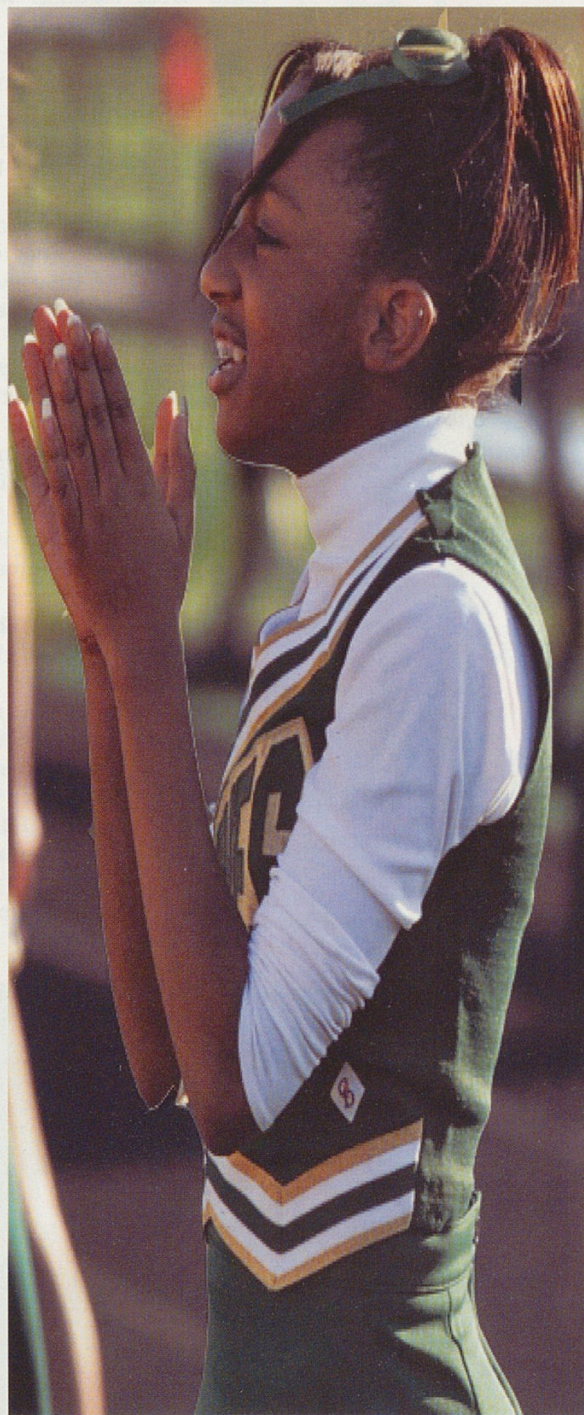


During the parade for homecoming, the cheerleaders ride in a float. The float was decorated by the whole squad. Not only did the truck look spirited but the girls cheered while driving through the parade.



Row 1: Lauren Tatum, 10, Maria Thomas, 10, and Tiara Jackson, 10. Row 2: Lisa Murphy, 10, Misha Arnold, 10, Molly Udom, 10, and Rachel Bucalo, 10. Row 3: Megan Whitmore, 10, Kionna Davenport, 10, and Ashley Chorpenny, 11.

Ashley Chorpenny, 11, Lisa Murphy, 10, Rachel Bucalo, 10, Misha Arnold, 10, Maria Thomas, 10, and Megan Whitmore, 10, are all cheering their team on. Each game these girls had smiles on their faces. Even on cold days they didn't let their spirit die down.



Tia Waire, 9, cheers on the team after one of their many victories. She was a number one fan. She was always there for the team even if there wasn't a win.



The girls work their hardest for the fall pep-rally. They showed all off their skills that they perfected. Cheering in the pep-rally was a highlight of the season.



SOARING ABOVE THE REST

Setting records

Go Figure

42

total goals
scored

102

goalie saves

79

corner kicks
taken

10

shutouts
now in the state
record books

By: Jen McLaughlin

Team, a word commonly used but rarely deeply thought about. This team of talented young players shattered all expectations, broke records, and came together when it mattered the most.

"No team has gone this far in 10 years, I couldn't be more proud of you all," said **Coach Klempt**.

The girls had an amazing season with a total of 14 wins, two losses, and four ties. They finished second in the GMC, first in the Section, and second in the district.

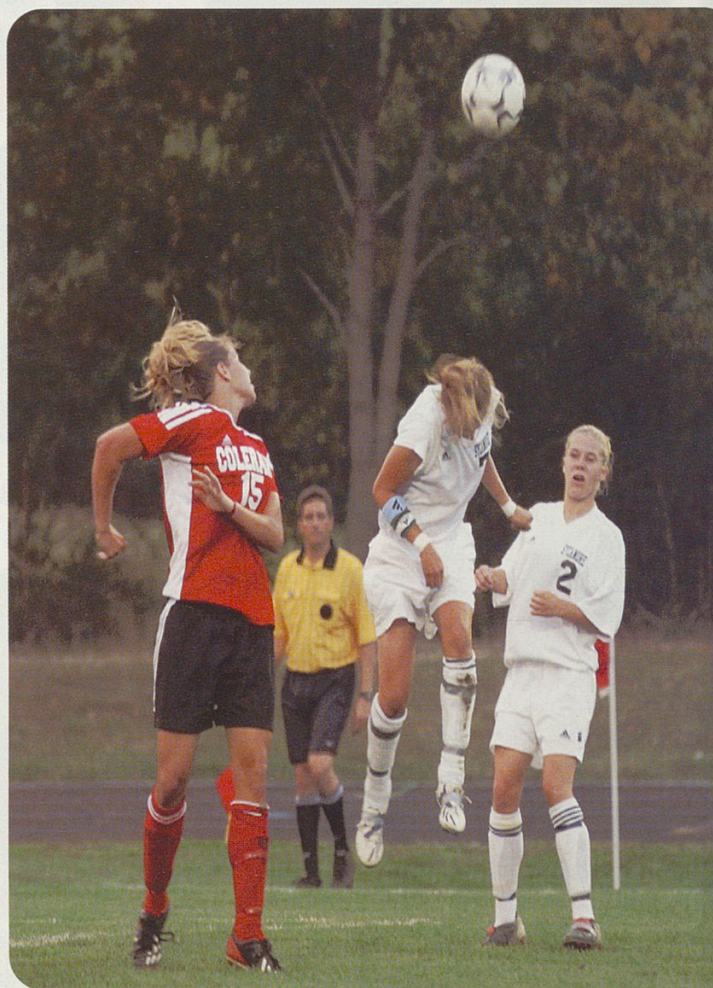
Not only did the team perform well in the GMC but they even took their talent to state levels. **Jessie MacLean, 11**, will be mentioned in the states record books for an amazing 10 shut outs.

What contributed to this team's success? Hard work in the pre season, leadership, and talent.

"We participated in tournaments and went to a camp this year to get ready for the season. When it came time for the season we we're already conditioned and used to each others play. It was a great help," said **Sarah Ash, 12**.

The leadership on this team was greater than any one before. When it came time for the District Championship the girls were brought together by captain's **Sarah Ash** and **Kim Sykes**. Even though the season ended with a sad loss on the bus ride home **Sykes, 12**, broke the silence.

"I just wanted you all to know that I had an amazing senior year, I couldn't be happier and... I expect a state title next year!" said **Sykes**.



Kim Sykes, 12 heading the ball across the box for a scoring opportunity. Sykes although a stopper, made several offensive attacks. Kim is this years MVP.

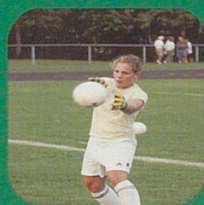
Awards



Coleen Posy, 12.
Received:
2nd Team All GMC
All Academic Team.



Sarah Ash, 12.
Received:
2nd team All GMC.
All Academic Team.



Jessie MacLean, 11.
Received:
1st teal All GMC
Goalie of the year
All Academic Team



Julie Hull, 11.
Received:
1st team All GMC
1st team All City
3rd team All State
All Academic Award



Kim Sykes, 12.
Received:
1st teal All GMC
1st Team All City
All Academic Award





Kim Oshita, 10 pushes through Colerain opponent. She was voted Most Improved Player. Oshita contributed greatly to the team.



Tina Emery, 11, Gloria Burkhart, 11, Dana Fahlbusch, 11, Abbie Tepe, 10, Morgan Herlihy, 11, Julie Hull, 11, Coach Cahill, Kim Oshita, 10, and Jen MacMahon, 11, celebrate after a big game. Smiling big, the team really bonded throughout the season. The underclass girls look forward to next season.



Row 1: Chelsea Baughard, 12, Tina Emery, 11, Dana Fahlbusch, Jen McMahon, 11, and Kim Sykes, 12. Row 2: Jennifer Latesa, 12, Sarah Yanow, 12, Emily Morgan, 11, Jessica MacLean, 11, Sarah Ash, 12, Jen Cook, 12, Rachel Yanow, 12, and Morgan Herlihy, 11. Row 3: Coach Klemm, Abbie Tepe, 10, Gloria Burkhart, 11, Julie Hull, 11, Robby Knodle, 12, Kim Oshita, 10, Colleen Posey, 12, and Coach Cahill.



Sarah Ash, 12 and Kim Sykes, 12 celebrating their senior night. They have been on the team together for 3 years. They have helped the team with leadership and enthusiasm.



Colleen Posey, 12, scores the winning goal against Fairfield. Fairfield was ranked number one at the time. It was a big victory for the team.



Sarah Ash, 12, Chelsey Baughard, 12, and Jennifer Latesa, 12, have a good time. The Class of '05 will be remembered for their unique sense of humor. The seniors made the season extremely memorable.

Girls Varsity Soccer Overall Record 14-2-4

Ursuline	1-1	Middletown	8-0
Mason	2-1	Hamilton	7-0
Walnut	1-1	Fairfield	1-0
Oak Hills	1-0	Milford	1-0
Lakota West	2-1	Northwest	3-2
Mercy	2-0	Princeton	5-1
Colerain	2-2	McNicholas	2-0
Loveland	1-0	McCauley	3-1
Lakota East	0-0	Turpin	1-0

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Abbie Tepe, Colleen Posey
Best Defensive Player	Julie Hull
MVP	Kim Sykes
Most Improved	Kim Oshita
Aviator Award	Jessie MacLean
Coaches Award	Sarah Ash



Rachel Yanow, 12, Morgan Herlihy, 11, Kim Oshita, 10, Suzie Tufts, 11, Sarah Yanow, 12, Abbie Tepe, 10, Jessica MacLean, 11, Julie Hull, 11, Dana Fahlbusch, 11, Jen Cook, 12, Tina Emery, 11, and Layne Huller, 11, celebrate their victory against McNicholas for the Section Championship. They will move on to Districts. Although they lost at Districts they had a successful season.



THE THRILL OF VICTORY

The agony of defeat

Go Figure

12

total games won for JV

9

total shutouts

1st

place in the GMC(JV)

Get on the line...ready, set, go," said **Coach Emily Sweeney** on August 9th as the players line up for their two mile run, the season begins.

"You dread it all summer, and don't think you could ever accomplish it again but you give it everything you've got and when you make it, it feels amazing," said **Julie Saur, 10**.

The dreaded two-mile run, with the goal of finishing under 14 minutes and 30 seconds symbolizes the season's beginning.

The team started out slow with a 0-1-1 record having their first loss to Mason and their first tie against Ursuline. Injuries played a prominent role in the team's inconstancy.

"During some parts of our season it would seem like everyone was hurt, our team was never injury free, which couple have kept us from achieving more," said **Ali Shewmon, 9**.

However, after reaching team unity and stepping up to the challenge to win the GMC, the season took a drastic change. The first win of the season was against Oak Hills, a previous rival.

By: Jen McLaughlin

"My high school soccer record, as well as Layne and Jen's, consists of 26 wins, 1 tie, and 2 losses, the tie and the loss all going to OAK HILLS! It felt amazing to beat our rival team," said **Suzie Tufts, 11**.

Leaders stepped up after that game and acted as role models to show the team that their goal of winning the G.M.C was still possible. "The juniors really stepped up and led the team. They tell us what we need to do, give us support, and do yell at us when they need to" said **Karen Nesbit, 10**.

Both teams ended up achieving different goals. The freshman team ended their season on a good note with improving greatly and becoming a team. The JV team ended up achieving their goal of winning the GMC with bruises to show for it, few regrets, and unforgettable memories.

Jen McLaughlin, 11, runs to the ball showing off her Full 90 helmet. Six of the JV players used this new product. She was named Team Captain along with other juniors.



Sarah Degger, 10, shows her skills by leaving a player in the dust. Degger was a key player to the JV's offense. She produced a number of assists.



Layne Huller, 11, slides to the ball. The Colerain opponent struggled to obtain the ball, but Huller beat her to it. She was known for her infamous slide tackles.





Brittany Lewis, 9, making an attack, pushes through the opponent. She led the team in goals. Lewis was the MVP for the freshman team.



Sarah McCormick, 9, started out the season injured and placed as a team manager. She attended every single practice and never missed a game. As the season went by, the freshman team doubled and tripled the number of injured players until they had only 10 healthy players.

Coach Chrissy Lynch felt confident in asking Sarah to step up to the challenge and play in a game. McCormick's excellent attitude gave the team strength and gave herself the will to play. Unfortunately, she broke her foot in the first 15 minutes of the game. However, her optimistic outlook will always be remembered when mentioning their season.

GIRLS FRESHMAN SOCCER Overall Record

Milford	3-0	Mercy	2-3
Mason	6-0	Notre Dame	3-3
Oak Hills	1-1	Centerville	0-3
Hamilton	0-3	Mason	0-5
St. Ursula	0-2	Milford	1-3
Centerville	0-8	Oak Hills	3-1
Notre Dame	0-0	Loveland	1-4

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Brittany Lewis
Best Defensive Player	Becci Jahn
Most Improved	Sami Hunter



Row 1: Shannon McLaughlin, Sami Hunter, Deena Schwen, and Megan Taylor. Row 2: Chelsea Plageman, Brittany Lewis, Jacy Cagel, Michelle Polinek, and Aimee Morton. Row 3: Sarah McCormick, Nancy Blanks, Becci Jahn, Katlin Sanders, Aarti Vala, Emily Hess, and Coach Lynch.

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER Overall Record

Ursuline	1-1	Lakota East	1-1
Mason	0-1	Middletown	8-0
Walnut	3-1	Hamilton	7-0
Oak Hills	2-0	Fairfield	3-0
Lakota West	3-1	Anderson	1-0
Mercy	1-0	Milford	1-0
Colerain	2-0	Northwest	2-1

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Suzie Tufts
Best Defensive Player	Layne Huller



Row 1: Maggie Crutcher, 10, Brook Whittan, 10, Julie Sanchez, 10, and Lauren Goede, 10. Row 2: Molly McCarthy, 10, Sarah Degger, 10, Suzie Tufts, 11, Rita Klofta, 10, Melanie McLaughlin, 9, and Christina Wilson, 10. Row 3: Coach Sweeny, Ali Shewman, 9, Nina Buddie, 10, Jen McLaughlin, 11, Layne Huller, 11, Joanna Lin, 9, Karen Nesbit, 10, and Julie Saur, 10.



LEAVE IT ALL ON THE FIELD

Boys Varsity Soccer

By: Kristin Grueninger

Go Figure

2
new Varsity
coaches

4
All-Conference
players

1
season game
lost by more
than one goal

6
players scored
a goal

Many new additions were added to the field this year. **Coach Seivering**, who coached the women's team last year, was now the men's coach. Seivering was a very youthful coach. He was always enthusiastic about everything.

"He had us doing warm-ups about an hour before each game so we had been playing for so long that we felt there was no pressure on us," said **Tommy Crabill, 12**.

Not only was the coach a new addition, but there were many young players compared to the 12 seniors that dominated the team last year.

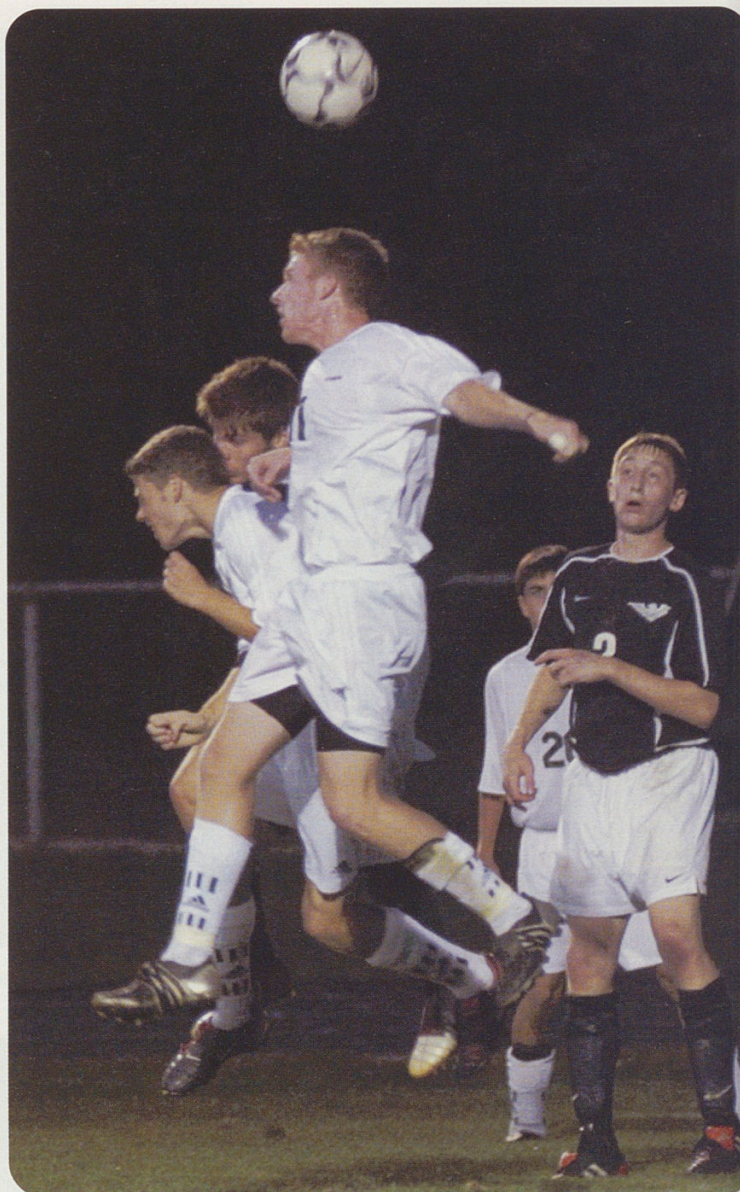
"All of the seniors had been playing together their whole careers and were now finally reunited together on the field," said **Todd Juran, 12**.

To get prepared for the season the men worked out during the summer. They were up no later than six o'clock AM, running an average of two to three hours, doing as many drills as they could handle.

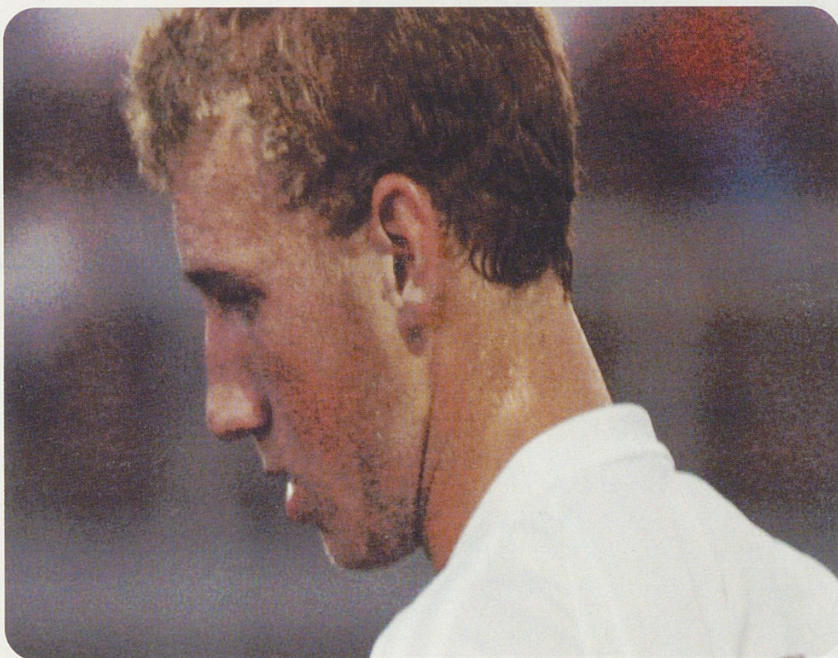
Many of the returning players' motivation to do their best was to beat their old coach who took a new job coaching Lakota West.

The team had strong feelings after reaching their goal. "I've never felt so happy, The whole team was going crazy. We felt like we were on top of the world. Our goal was to defeat Lakota West and we dominated them," said **Crabill**.

Seniors left the season feeling good about what they had accomplished, and the rest of the team was already setting goals for another successful year.



Rob Kirkpatrick, 12, heads the ball up the field for an offensive attack. Rob began playing soccer when he was six, and was determined to make his senior year of soccer a memorable one. Rob's determination and skill from years of playing the game was a huge benefit to the Varsity team.



Concentrate. Tommy Crabill, 12, takes a moment to set the ball for a corner kick. As captain of the team, Tommy was a great leader his senior year. His dedication to the team really showed as the season progressed.

Quotes from the Field



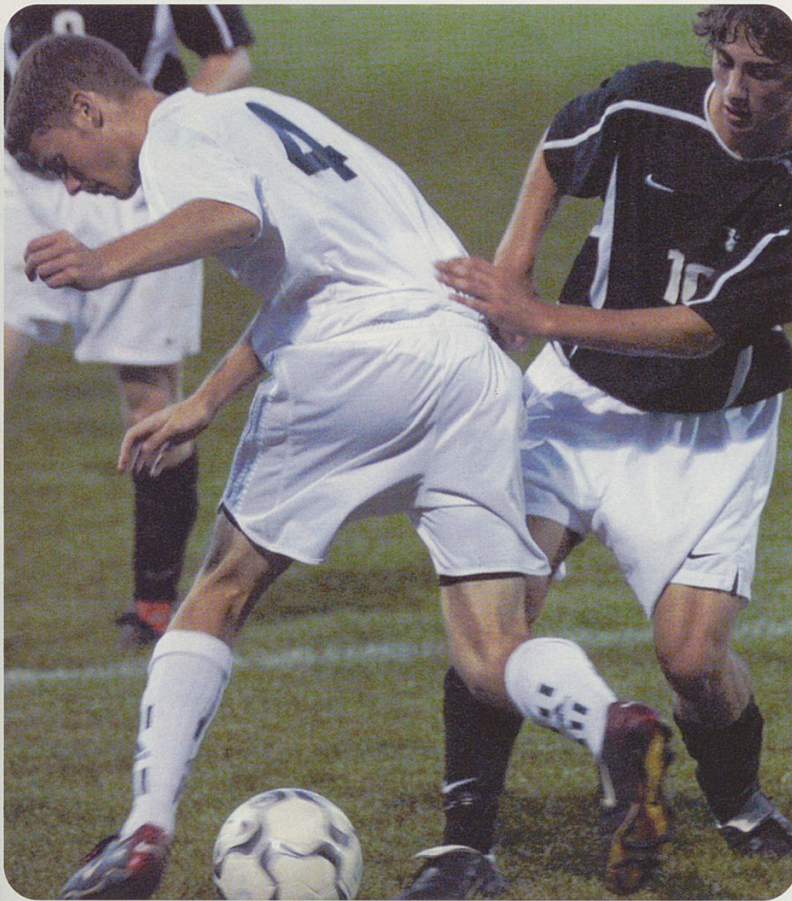
"The team had a great season, even if the record doesn't show it. This year's team has set the bar for a competitive Sycamore program in the future."

Ryan Knowles, 11

"Coming into this year, we weren't expected to do anything amazing. We had a new coach and had just lost 12 seniors, but we stepped up and were playing for a GMC title at one point."

Rob Kirkpatrick, 12

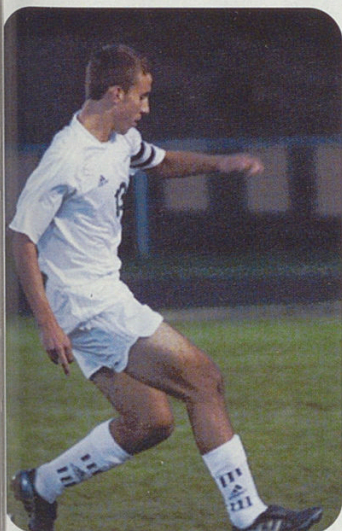




Holding Strong. Jake Levy, 12, dribbles through the defenders. The team could always count on Jake for his dedication to the game. "My biggest disappointment of the season was having to miss senior night due to some difficulty with the refs, but overall I'm happy with the season," said Levy.



The home of the Aves. The varsity team lines up for the National Anthem. They are determined to defeat Walnut Hills on their senior night.



Zeyad Schwen, 12, breaks away from defenders. He looked for a chance to score. Recognized as MVP, Schwen had a successful senior season.



Row 1: Ben Moler, 10, Jake Levy, 12, Steve Kramer, 12, Sam Ochstein, 12, Taylor Jensen, 10, Donny Herrington, 9, Mark Aslanides, 10, and Ellis Krienik, 11. Row 2: Coach Sievering, Sean Caldwell, 10, Ryan Knowles, 11, Zeyad Schwen, 12, Tommy Crabill, 12, Rob Kirkpatrick, 12, Todd Juran, 12, Kevin Crook, 11, Nate Kaplan, 11, and Coach Wissel.

Boys Varsity Soccer

Overall Record

5-9-3			
Elder	0-1	Milford	2-1
Mason	1-1	Oak Hills	3-1
LaSalle	1-2	Princeton	1-0
Moeller	0-1		
Lakota West	2-0		
Colerain	1-1		
Loveland	1-1		
Lakota East	0-0		
Middletown	4-0		
Hamilton	2-0		
Walnut Hills	1-0		

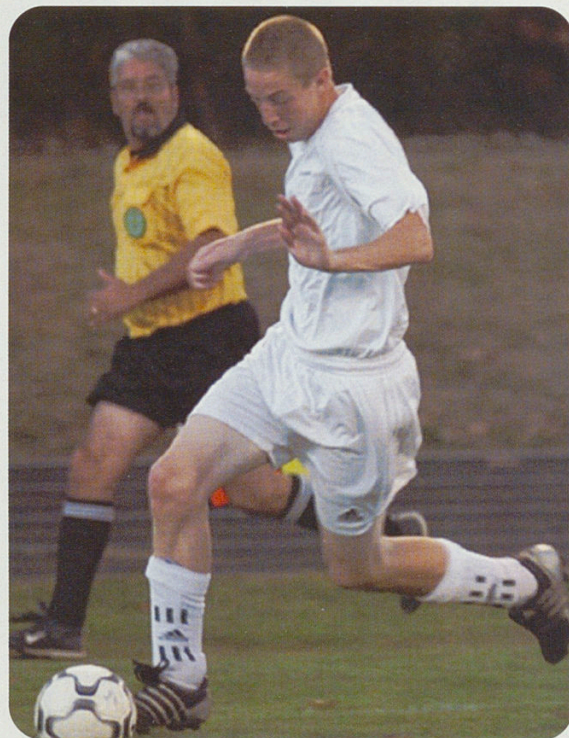
Vital Statistics

All City
MVP
Coaches Award
1st Team All Conference

2nd Team All Conference

Most Improved

Todd Juran
Zeyad Schwen
Tommy Crabill
Zeyad Schwen,
Todd Juran
Rob Kirkpatrick
Tommy Crabill
Jake Levy



Try to keep up. Todd Juran, 12, runs the ball down the sideline for a scoring opportunity. Juran scored six goals during the season. He finished a successful season as an All City player.

KICKING THE COMPETITION

Go Figure

18

Players on the team

32

Total Goals Scored

16

Games played

9

Number of shut outs

Boys JV and Freshman Soccer

By: Jaime Orent and Jen McLaughlin

The shrill whistle was blown and one small black and white ball soared up into the sky only to be dropped with a thud. The adrenaline rushed and the exhilaration of game-time kicked into full gear. Players were everywhere, colors were flying and the thump of a foot hitting that small checkered ball filled the air. Weariness had yet to kick in, for those first ten minutes were full of well rested, well trained players ready to unleash their best. The opponent: Fairfield. The game: Vital. The ball darted across the field, cleats followed close behind. **Mateo Villamizar, 9**, crossed the ball up near the goal—for it to be head-balled by **Remy Lannelongue, 10**, bringing the score to 1-0. The question remained; could they keep this up until the end?

JV boy's soccer had incredible determination, strength and was able to gain a win against Fairfield by staying strong and never letting down their defense. Their biggest win of the season, that game against Fairfield, ended with a score of 1-0 proving the strength of this team and their unbeatable line of defense, led by **Will Eckert, 10**, **Chris Knauer, 10**, **Oli Ononye, 9**, and

Bryan Woolf, 10. Even the game against their biggest competitor, Milford, ended in a strong tie with a score of 0-0. With a winning season and a team record of 7-6 (with only two game lost in the GMC), this team let nothing pass them as they aimed to be the best.

With their 'just messin' around' and funny inside stories, these boys took the game to the next level. Each and every one of them worked to their potential and along the way they had some fun.

"I think we could have done better in the beginning, but overall we've had a great season," said **David Chapman, 10**. Captains **Brett Faeth, 10**, and **Mike Mallette, 11**, helped to keep these boys in check with constant support and leadership.

"We had a rocky start but we really turned it around and were able to make the second half of the season a success. Every guy worked really hard- and it honestly showed in the end," said Mallette. Their sweat and blood went into this team, everything goes for the green and gold, and with determination and perseverance they triumphed with third place in the GMC for JV teams.



Row 1: Kevin Lin, 10, Ryan Kantor, 10, Elliott Donovan, 10, Alex Newsted, 9, and Aleksander Jovic, 10. Row 2: David Chapman, 10, Marcus Bryce, 11, Javier Velez, 10, Bryan Woolf, 10, Brian Silverman, 10, and Yuto Nakanishi, 11. Row 3: Phil Brodrick, 9, Oli Ononye, 9, Brett Faeth, 10, Remy Lannelongue, 9, Michael Mallette, 11, William Eckert, 10, Christopher Knauer, 10, and Coach Benjamin Williams.

Boys JV Soccer Overall Record 7-8-1

Elder	1-3	Lakota East	2-0
Mason	0-1	Middletown	2-1
LaSalle	3-1	Hamilton	2-1
Moeller	1-2	Fairfield	1-0
LakotaWest	0-1	Walnut Hills	2-0
Anderson	0-1	Milford	1-1
Colerain	3-0	Oak Hills	1-2
Loveland	1-2	Princeton	1-2

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Mateo Villamizar
Best Defensive Player	Yuto Nakanishi
Best All-Around	Oli Ononye
Most Outstanding Freshman	Remy Lannelongue
Coach's Award	Marcus Bryce





The power of Lannelongue. This freshman showed all that he was made of giving his best. His height was one of his great advantages but aside from that he had amazing skill.



Takin' one for the team. Keisuke Oda, 9, lets no one past him including this Lakota West Player. This was yet another Freshman who gave his team nothing but the best.



Unbreakable concentration. Displayed by the one and only David Chapman, 10. The intense visage of this JV asset shows his determination and dedication to the team. Chapman was a great source of spirit and really pumped up his teammates before and during game time.



Who's nuts? Walnut. Thinking they could beat our indestructible team, Walnut Hills got quite a surprise with the score of 2-0. This was another one of the games where the unbreakable JV defense let nothing past them.

“We pulled together at the end of the season-It's just too bad we couldn't have done it earlier, Eddy O'Connor, 9.”

FRESHMAN

Beat the clock, and the other team. Robert Thompson, 9, runs like no other to get the ball up the field. Even these Lakota West players couldn't keep up with the speed of this demon.



Row 1: Joey Bartl, 9, Keisuke Oda, 9, Stephen Stein, 9, Joey Huidt, 9, and Jordan Wayne, 9. Row 2: Eugene Yoon, 9, Dominic Shaw, 9, Benjamin Krienik, 9, Robert Thompson, 9, and Josh Bere, 9. Row 3: Jesse Crook, 9, Evan Pinco, 9, Eddy O'Connor, 9, Cooper Miller, 9, Jonathon Bregger, 9, and Coach Jeff Wesendarp.

BOYS FRESHMAN SOCCER Overall Record 11-3

Elder	0-2	Oak Hills	1-4
Mason	NA	LaSalle	NA
Oak Hills	NA	Fairfield	NA
Milford	NA	Fairfield	NA
Moeller	5-5	Mason	NA
LaSalle	0-1	Milford	NA
Centerville	NA	Moeller	NA
Centerville	NA	Lakota West	2-2

Vital Statistics

Best All-Around Cooper Miller
Most Improved Guan Kim



DRIVING THEIR WAY TO THE TOP

Girls Golf soars to new heights

By: Jennifer Konerman

Go Figure

2
players on the
All-
Conference
Team

8th
place in the
city

2
broken
records

3rd
place in the
GMC
Tournament

In two years, the girls' golf team grew from six to sixteen and was closer than ever. With **Dr. Keith Brackenridge** leading the squad, these girls managed to have fun whether it was pizza parties, having putting contests, or beating their biggest competitor in the league.

When asked which team this was, most of the team agreed that it was Oak Hills.

"We've wanted to beat Oak Hills for a long time and we finally accomplished this at sectionals," said **Grace Denny, 11**.

The girls accomplished this goal and more by breaking two records this year, like the 9-hole match school record (176).

"This year our coaching was always fun and beneficial especially with help from Coach's wife, Karen. She came to the practices and matches and helped out the new freshmen a lot," said **Melissa Muchmore, 12**.

Team spirit is something that this team does not lack, as they all support each other and have fun doing it.

"People say football teams or soccer teams are close... but they have nothing on golf, you can trust me on that one," said **Julie Gardner, 11**.

One unanimous decision among the girls was that they were a united team and loved to have fun on the golf course while achieving their goals.

"You can take the golf out of a party, but you can never take party out of golf!" said **Lizzie Lohse, 10**.



Ready for the shot? Sarah Hansen, 10, earned the 4th spot on the team. Her hard work and team spirit paid off in her scores, as many of the girls could relate to.



Fore! Jacky Roesch, 11, takes a shot at the driving range. She had the third highest season average on the team and helped the team spirit with her upbeat and encouraging attitude.



Awards

Grace Denny, 11
1st team all
GMC honors

Lizzie Lohse, 10
1st team all
GMC honors



Julie Gardner, 11, follows her shot on the green. She played in all but one of the varsity matches. She was an asset to the group with her season average of 50.



"Quotes from the Field"



"This year I really loved being senior co-captains with Deborah and Emilie. I think next year, I'll miss being part of such a great team!" **Melissa Muchmore, 12.**

"My favorite moment from the season was when I played a practice round with two other girls on the team. It was so fun and I shot my best ever!" **-Deborah Miller, 12.**



The team walks away from a match at Glenview. The girls golf team had a successful season, finishing 3rd in the GMC Tournament and 8th in the city. There were many new additions this year with six freshmen.



The girls stand proud with their sign at a successful match. Unity was a key component in the girls golf team, as everyone got along and played well together. The coaching staff was helpful throughout the season which encouraged the girls to help each other.

Coach Keith Brackenridge talks with Deborah Miller, 12, at a match. She was one of the most spirited girls on the team as she cheered everyone up and kept the field fun. Coach Brackenridge has been coaching for 12 years and is very proud of this group of girls.



Girls Golf Overall Record 12-8

Ursuline	186-173
Hamilton/	187-230
Middletown/	187-232
Lakota East	187-184
McAuley	178-192
Taylor	184-194
Princeton/ Indian Hill	176-189-208
Mason/Middletown	194-187-235
Lakota East	191-187
Seton	189-184
Lakota West	184-174
Oak Hills/MND	187-183-175
Wyoming/Milford	176-223-187
Hamilton	181-239
Fairfield Invitational	373 (5th Place)
Fairfield	186-DNF
Wyoming	200-231
Sectional Qualifier	380 (6th Place)

Vital Statistics

GMC Standing	3rd Place
GMC Record	7-4
Final City Poll Ranking	8th
Co-MVP's	Grace Denny and Lizzie Lohse



Row 1: Aly Mazzei, 9, Kate Moore, 9, Gina Bohl, 11, and Christy Cassidy, 11. Row 2: Sarah Hansen, 10, Lizzie Lohse, 10, Julie Gardner, 11, Anna Smith, 9, and Katie Brown, 9. Row 3: Coach Karen Brackenridge, Melodie Jeng, 9, Deborah Miller, 12, Emilie Saltz, 12, Melissa Muchmore, 12, Grace Denny, 11, Jacky Roesch, 11, and Coach Keith Brackenridge.

... GOLF CLUBBING

Shooting to victory in a winning season of player power and self-confidence

Go Figure

21
golfers

167
varsity's 9
hole average

2nd
at Sectional
Championships

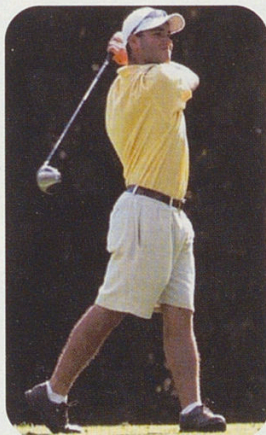


Who is that? It's a blast from the past of Andrew Flint, 11, and Brian Telljohann, 11. They started early on their golf careers.

Golf is just one of those sports that you either love or hate. There is no half-way point. The guys on the golf teams are fully aware of the sacrifices they made for the sport they are passionate about. The hard work during the summer heat-filled days and long hours after school paid off.

The guys competed with the biggest teams in the GMC and proved they were capable of firing low numbers, finishing 8th out of 10 in the GMC championships, then powering up the golfing force in sectionals, landing a three-way tie for second place. This earned them a spot in the district qualifier for the state championship where they were overpowered by bad weather.

The team had proven they are always in contention, with leaders such as **A.J. (The Don) Donaldson, 12**, and **Andrew Flint, 11**. Flint is considered by **Coach Jeffrey Newberry** to be a great team leader, who had led the team with a



After his killer shot, **Jon Mazzei, 12**, exhibits a perfect follow-through. At every hole, each player concentrated on every part of their swing. Mazzei had great form.

Focusing his concentration, **Matt Smith, 11**, gets ready for serious putting action. Before most puts, **Smith** leveled himself to the grass, to see the terrain. This assisted in the teams nine impressive hole average.

game average of 40.1 and had been a medalist in every tournament this year.

Closely following was **Rob Faulkner, 11**, another competitor for the top spot on the team, with his average of 40.3. **Brandon Cole, 10** was right with them, creating a tripod of strength in the golf team.

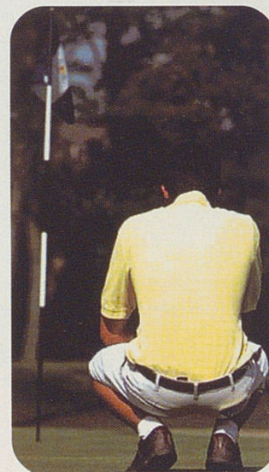
Sometimes golf was not about the score. For many, it was the pleasure of the game.

"It's that one good shot every round that keeps you coming back. I play like crap, and there's that one great shot that inspires me to keep working," said **Matt Smith, 11**.

It was all about keeping the pressure off, and making sure the game was played because it is fun.

"There is no better way to strengthen a relationship than to play 9 holes and have a blast," said **Flint**.

With one of the roughest courses in the area as their practice field, the Blue Ash golf course generates a lot of frustration for other teams, but these guys, use their home course advantage to the max. No matter what happens, the green and gold golf teams know, live... laugh... GOLF!



Row 1: Charles Mueller, 9, Shannon Bitzer, 9, Andrew Stubblebine, 10, Nick Schmidt, 9, and Brandon Cole, 10. Row 2: Coach Julie Haverkos, Niko Suntay, 10, Frank Ebetino, 10, Chris Andels, 10, Corey Schwartz, 10, and Brian Knodle, 10.

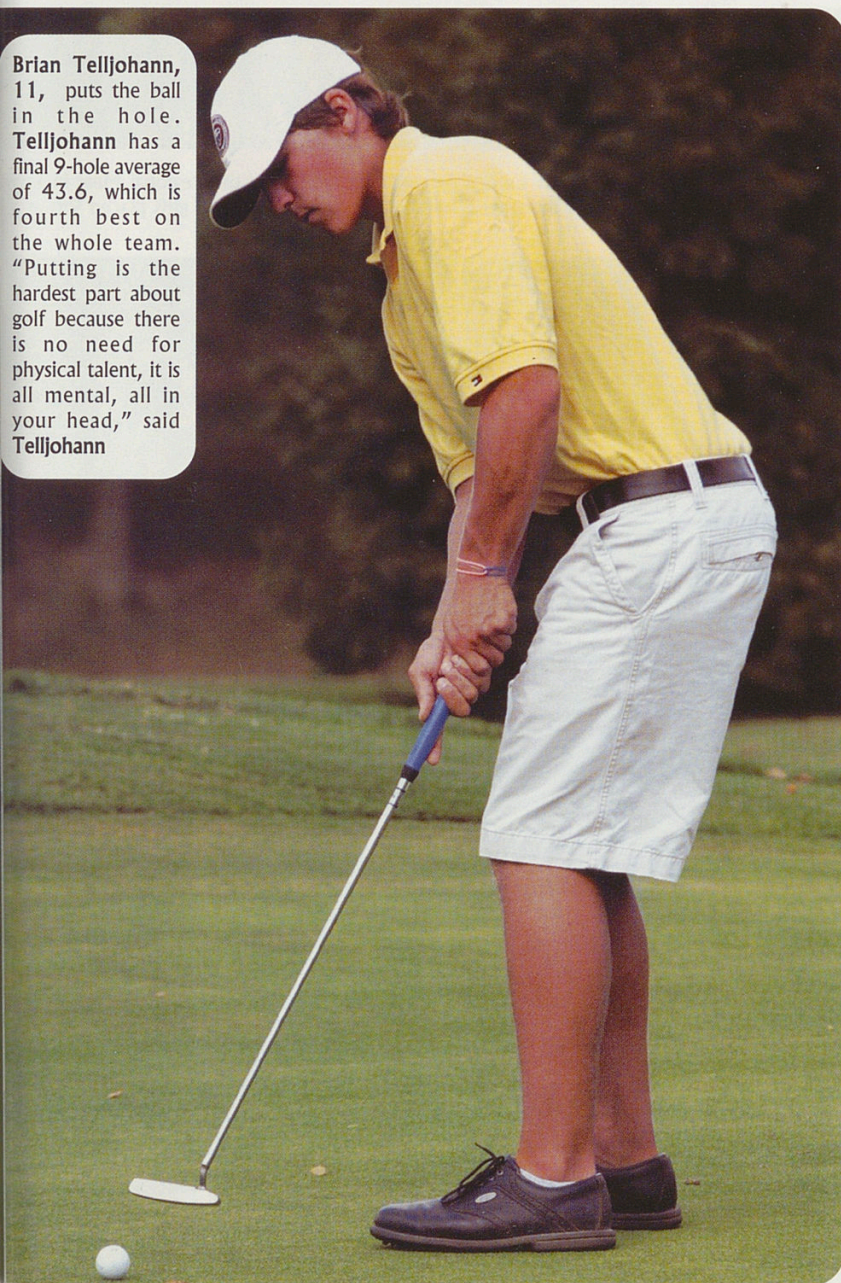
Boys Junior Varsity Golf Overall Record

St. Xavier Invitational	10th
Fairfield Invitational	5th
Moeller Invitational	9th
St. Xavier	L
Moeller	L
Lakota East	L
Oak Hills	W
Princeton	W
Hamilton	W
Colerain	W
St. Xavier	L
Lakota West	L
Moeller	L
Millford	W
Fairfield	W

Vital Statistics

Most Improved Coach's Award	Nick Schmidt Brian Langhorne
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Brian Telljohann, 11, puts the ball in the hole. Telljohann has a final 9-hole average of 43.6, which is fourth best on the whole team. "Putting is the hardest part about golf because there is no need for physical talent, it is all mental, all in your head," said Telljohann



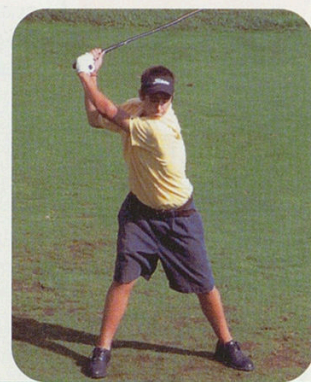
Who says golfers do not need motivation? Of all sports, golf is probably one of the most mentally challenging sports.

Coach Newberry gathered the team around him to pump up their morale as they got ready to play.



The teams look professional as they walk from hole to hole. In their labeled bags and uniforms, with their perky yellow shirts and bright smiles, the guys look happy playing their sport. After a long match though, those bags were pretty heavy.

Andrew Flint, 11, about to make an awesome swing. Flint was a true team leader, who even has the team's 18-hole course record of 79 at the Legendary Run course. "Keeping a straight face is for sure the hardest part of golf, because honestly, it's such a funny game. I play it because I like the smell of grass," said Flint.



Row 1: Rob Faulkner, 11, Andrew Flint, 11, Brian Telljohann, 11, and Kyle Esterkamp, 11. Row 2: Coach Newberry, Jon Mazzei, 12, Mike Stubblebine, 12, Jake Webb, 12, A.J. Donaldson, 12, Cam Swoboda, 12, Kyle Forcade, 12, and Coach Paul Phillips.

Boys Varsity Golf Overall Record

Princeton Inv.	9th out of 16
Anderson Inv.	10th out of 16
Madeira	W
Colerain	L
Milford	W
Lakota West	L
Oak Hills	W
Vandalia Inv.	8th out of 12
Hamilton	L
Princeton	L
Middletown	L
GMC	8th out of 10
Turpin	L
Sectional	2nd out of 16
Districts	14th out of 16

Vital Statistics

Outstanding Golfer Andrew Flint
Rob Faulker
Brandon Cole

Most Improved Brian Telljohann
Coach's Award AJ Donaldson



A RUNNER RUNS THROUGH IT

Mud, rain, sleet, rocks, streams

By: Kelli Rogers

Go Figure

43
girls on the
team

31
total miles
raced

2nd
in GMC

9th
in Regional

Eat, sleep, run. What else is there? For the Girls Cross Country team, the fall season is dedicated to these three essential activities. Despite the constant flow of whispers, "There! She's the one who runs for *fun*," the girls maintain that they are sane, and that cross country is not all sweat and tears.

After a demanding week of after school practices, Friday mornings meant the cross country team arrived at school at 5:45 AM to run their 12 laps on the track, and met again on Friday nights when the girls flocked to the home of a senior for a pasta party. There they loaded up on carbs, laughed at each others jokes, and got pumped for the race on Saturday morning.

"Pasta parties are a good time just because it's a bunch of hungry girls hanging out together," said **Julie Saha, 10**. These fun group activities helped the team to bond throughout the season.

3.1 miles, 167,680 feet, 5 kilometers. No matter how you say it, a cross country race sounds intimidating. Learning to push yourself through pain, frustration, or exhaustion is never easy. So how do they do it? Each girl had her own racing quirks.

"I try to laugh a lot during my warm-up," said **Jennifer Steinhardt, 12**. The girls prepared for a race by trying to stay relaxed beforehand. Others had a certain way of thinking during a race.

"I think about how good I'll feel when I pass the girl in front of me," said **Kelly Wills, 11**. Coach Scott Popoff often urges his girls to keep in contact with an opponent from a rival team to keep them motivated.

Motivation was not a problem for senior **Amy Sanders**, who constantly led the team. The Varsity team had goals from the start of the season and everyone worked together to meet them. **Kim Sykes, 12, Kelly Wills, 11, Kelli Rogers, 11, Theresa Steinhardt, 12, April Zhang, 10, and Alison Kirgis, 9**, made up the rest of the "Top 7" Varsity runners.

After a very successful season, including placing 2nd in the GMC's, the girls competed in the toughest district in Ohio and went on to place 9th as a team in the Regional Meet in Troy. **Sanders** qualified for state as an individual with an amazing place of 15th.

To others, cross country may seem insane and unbearable, but to the 43 girls who devote their time and energy to running, it is the most fulfilling experience imaginable. The girls will not only remember their personal records and favorite meets, but the friends they made and what they learned about themselves along the way.



Feeling the Pressure. The Varsity girls wait for the gun at the Regional Meet in Troy. They pushed nervous thoughts away and ran their hardest. The girls placed 9th as a team.



Fly down the hill. Kelly Wills, 11 and Kelli Rogers, 11 used the downhill to pick up speed and gain ground at the Eaton Invitational. The sidelines of the races were constantly packed with cheering fans. "I know both Wills and Rogers will step up and take the lead next year as seniors," said **Coach Popoff**.



Stick together. Brittany Stephens, 10, Sami Burdett, 10, L Walsh, 10, and Victoria Biddle, 11, raced their hardest. Many girls had their personal records at the Harrison course.

Girls Cross Country Overall Record

Fairfield	2 of 13	Eaton	5 of 15
Greenville	2 of 24	GMC	2 of 10
Mason	3 of 16	Districts	4 of 15
Eaton	1 of 18	Regionals	9 of 20
Harrison	2 of 14	State*	10 of 145
Farimont	3 of 14		runners

*Amy Sanders

Vital Statistics

MVP
Most Improved
Coaches Award

1st Team All Conference
2nd Team All Conference

Amy Sanders
Amy Sanders
Jennifer Steinhardt
Amy Sanders
Kelli Rogers
Kim Sykes



Focus. Theresa Steinhardt, 12, kept her eyes up on her competition as she raced tough hill at the Fairmont Invitational. "Kill the hill" was a motto said to motivate the girls to use the hills to their advantage.

Left: Try and catch me. Amy Sanders, 12, continually led the team. She placed 15th at Regionals and continued on solo to the State Meet, placing an impressive 10th.



The Fleetest Leaders

Amy Sanders: 18:47
Kelly Wills: 19:34
Kim Sykes: 19:42
Kelli Rogers: 19:46
Theresa Steinhardt: 20:19
Alison Kirgis: 20:42
April Zhang: 21:00

Best Times of 2004



Let's go ladies! The girls put their hands in for a quick pep talk before their race at Fairfield. Known as the course with the most hills, the girls needed all the encouragement they could get.



We've got Spirit. Everyone was excited that the girls Varsity team made it to Regionals. Their support was amazing, and the cheerers stopped at nothing to show their spirit.



Step up to the line. The Varsity girls stay calm and composed as they walk to the line at Regionals. With winds up to 45 mph, it proved to be a difficult last race of the season.



Stay strong. April Wang, 12, Sayuri Kogami, 12, and Harini Ventikarama, 9, were ready to race at the Mason Invitational. Where else would they be on a Saturday morning?

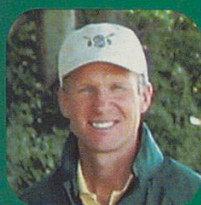
People always ask why anyone would want to run for fun. I just wonder why everyone doesn't!

-Amy Sanders, 12

So close, yet so far away! Jennifer Steinhardt, 12, does what she can to stay ahead of Colerain. All the girls agreed that Steinhardt was the best cheerer on the team. When she wasn't racing, she was everywhere on the course shouting encouragement to her teammates.



Coach's Corner



"No Sycamore team of the past, even the 1999 State team, achieved as much as the girls this year. You judge a team by what it dreamed of accomplishing and the daring and work that it put into achieving that goal."

Coach Scott Popoff

"This was the most talented team of girls that I've ever seen here at Sycamore."

Coach Missy Hardy



Row 1: Sarah Hahn, 11, Sayuri Kogami, 12, April Wang, 12, Becca Tsevat, 9, Anna Kwa, 10, Leah Daniel, 12, Mei Hsieh, 10, and Harini Venkitarama, 9. **Row 2:** Abby Harris, 10, Amy Sanders, 12, Leah Brand, 11, Alison Kirgis, 9, Emily Kosel, 9, Lizzy Wei, 9, and Allison Pyles, 9. **Row 3:** Zahra Sadat-Hossieny, 12, Jennifer French, April Zhang, 10, Victoria Biddle, 11, Julie Saha, 10, Ashley Moore, 10, Liz Walsh, 10, and Amar Singh, 10. **Row 4:** Coach Melissa Hardy, Anna Pittman, 11, Kelly Wills, 11, Theresa Steinhardt, 12, Jennifer Steinhardt, 12, Rachel Hershberger, 10, Kelli Rogers, 11, Lauren Christensen, 12, Amber D'souza, 12, Audry Kang, 10, Marybeth Stucker, 9, Kim Sykes, 12, and Coach Scott Popoff.





Life As Runners Know It

Go Figure

By Kelsey Kiley and Kelli Rogers

1st
in Districts

4th
in the city

7th
in the state

39
runners

Waking up at the crack of dawn, groggily rolling out of bed. Heading downstairs, grabbing your bag and going to the high school. Sounds almost like a typical school day, but it is really not.

Bright and early in the a.m., it is actually a Saturday for boy's cross country runners. As the racers meet outside our high school for the team bus, they psych themselves up for a grueling 3.1 mile race.

Through unbearable heats, blistering cold winds, rain with muddy courses, killer hills and opposing runners that are not afraid to trip, push, or elbow you in order to win, the guy's cross country team raced to victory.

Starting off strong at Fairfield, legendary for its hills, the team dominated the field, placing four runners in the top ten, first in 23 teams. Continuing this winning streak all the way to Districts, they gained their fourth, and most prestigious 1st place trophy.

"This was the first cross country district title that the high school has won since 1981 and the lowest district score ever," said **Coach Jim Smanik**.

Jules Rosen, 12, led the way with a 3rd place finish, **Alphonse Harris, 10**, (9th, 16:34) and **Yavuz Inanli, 11**, (11th, 16:36) followed closely behind. **Taylor Williams, 10**, set a career best for the fifth time in the season, taking 16th place in a time of 16:41. Not to be overshadowed was an excellent performance by **Brian Weber, 11**, (20th, 16:53). **Ben Sage, 12**, ran an outstanding race, finishing 35th in a time of 17:20. **Jack Przywara, 10**, rounded out the top 7, finishing in 19:30 despite severe back pain.

The team then raced in the Regional meet at Troy, with strong predictions of qualifying for the state meet. Arriving in Troy with grim determination, dreams did not come together. The team placed 5th, just one place away from qualifying.

Rosen was the sole runner to make it to State, and on that rainy, nasty day, he became 27th in the state, with a time of 16:28.

Without a doubt, for guy's cross country, their highly appropriate mantra is "Run with intelligence, run with confidence, run with heart."



Ready, set, GO! The season began with a bang at Fairfield, notorious for its enormous hills. Raced at the hottest time in the summer, the boys finished with 1st place. **Brian Weber, 11**, **Jules Rosen, 12**, **Alphonse Harris, 10**, **Ben Sage, 12**, **Yavuz Inanli, 11**, **Ben Hue, 12**, and **Jack Przywara, 10**, smiled as they started off with a trophy for the shelf.



Going, going, GONE! Where did they go? The guys raced hard and fast at districts, and left the other teams in the dust. Gaining a prestigious first place, they headed to regionals, where they ran a heart-breaking 5th, stopping just short in their race of fury to state.

Boys Cross Country

Fairfield	1st	out of	23 teams
Lakota	4th	out of	19 teams
Princeton	1st	out of	13 teams
Milford	3rd	out of	22 teams
Harrison	1st	out of	20 teams
Kings	8th	out of	11 teams
St. Xavier	4th	out of	22 teams
Eaton	4th	out of	12 teams
GMC	2nd	out of	10 teams
Districts	1st	out of	15 teams
Regionals	5th	out of	16 teams
State**	27th	out of	152 runners

**Jules Rosen

Vital Statistics

Most Improved	Taylor Williams
Team Leaders	Jules Rosen, Ben Sage, Kyle Fitch, Adam Trick
MVP	Jules Rosen
Most Spirited	Ben Nava

Be fast, be furious, B.Web! B. Web, Weblet, also known as Brian Weber, 11, pushed his limits, racing with just one shoe. What is another racer's nightmare is just part of the game for this veteran runner! "I know that the work it takes to be a good runner sucks, but it pays off in the end. Running cross country, you're around a great group of guys, and it makes you feel like you've accomplished something after its over; it makes you feel good about yourself," said Weber.



Always a strong runner, Ben Sage, 12, is also considered a leader of the team. He took advantage of every chance he got to be faster, and when racing toward the finishing stretch, could be counted on to pick up the pace and stay ahead. He worked through a lot in his senior year season, including an ankle injury, but did not let that stop him as he ran with the varsity team all the way to the end at regionals. "I've run cross country since 7th grade, it's a huge part of who I am. So of course I'm going to give it all I've got and push myself to be the best... Because no matter what, whenever I finish, I'm always positive I could have done better, somehow, somewhere. So I work as hard as possible, to be the best I can," said Sage.



The seniors count "1...2...3..." and the rest of the team gathers around to stretch, focusing on the race ahead of them and what they hope to accomplish. Joel Su, 9, Andy Ng, 12, Adam Aleksa, 10, and Joe Bloom, 12, get ready to blast by the competition with their superior racing skills. Each race is another chance to prove abilities and move up in the rankings.

No matter what, Jules Rosen, 12, has what it takes to race with the best. As the fastest runner on the team, Rosen ran the state race in 16:28, finishing 27th out of 152 runners. Even more astonishing, he had mono at regionals and state, yet still ran both races unbelievably fast, ending up in the hospital the night of state. Now that takes dedication. "I run because its fun, and I'm good at it. The cross country team is a really amazing team atmosphere, with pasta parties and hanging out with teammates. Even though its somewhat of an individual sport, the coaches and the other runners make all the sacrifices worth it," said Rosen.



Row 1: Sanjay Choudhury, 9, Patrick Wilsey, 11, Ben Hue, 12, Zachary Wilsey, 9, Will Varwig, 9, Parker Baldwin, 9, Justin Edell, 11, and Mark Szymczak, 9. Row 2: Ben Foley, 9, Joe Bloom, 12, Alphonse Harris, 10, Bobby Garfield, 11, Yavuz Inanli, 11, Michael Apke, 10, Tony Semones, 11, and Adam Trick, 12. Row 3: Jamie Fishman, 11, Michael Lanner, 11, Kevin Semones, 9, Jeff Cohen, 11, Brian Weber, 11, Andrew Ng, 12, Hisashi Nishizu, 11, and Martin Lenon, 12. Row 4: Coach Jim Smanik, George Benson, 10, Tommy Zajdel, 9, Kyle Fitch, 12, Jack Pryzwara, 10, Elliot Skopin, 11, Ben Sage, 12, Jules Rosen, 12, Chris Stamatakis, 12, James Augtrow, 9, and Coach Mike Gutekunst.

●●● ANOTHER YEAR ADDS ANOTHER TITLE

GMC trophies keep on coming

Go Figure

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Caitlin Bokulic

4th

in state ranking

5

seniors and newcomers

1st

in city ranking

16

consecutive GMC title

Once again, **Coach Maxine Yates** produced a team that could not be stopped. The girls brought home the GMC title for the 16th consecutive year.

With five new teammates, parents and players were concerned it would be a rebuilding year; as the girls proved everyone wrong with an 18-0 season. The biggest threat to the team was Princeton, who also had an undefeated season.

The girls pulled through with a victory of 3-2. **Maggie Koetter, 11** had the biggest challenge, swinging her way to a ferocious tie-breaking win.

"I definitely felt the team's pressure considering everyone was at the fence, watching the match, hoping I would not lose, since this would be such a big win for us," said **Koetter**.

The team spent a lot of time together doing things such as t-shirt making, eating out to various restaurants and having team parties. They also made the best of trips to Pickerington and long days spent at Princeton High School.

As it was a new experience for three of the girls to play in the GMC tournament.

"I was really excited about the GMC's. I was a little nervous but it did not hit me until they called my name to go on court; and then once we won the match it was a lot of fun after that," said **Emily Crabill, 10**.

The team had a ritual of huddling up and shouting "LADY AVES" before heading out on court.

"I feel our team spirit is higher than any other team I've been on because all of us our friends and enjoy having the support of each other by cheering. Besides, we have the SECRET handclap," said **Laura Ebetino, 12**.

The girls brought in yet another winning season, and expectations for next year are high.

"By winning the GMC the 16th consecutive year, that just means we have to win it a 17th time," said **Caroline Hodgson, 10**.



Getting another win for the season, Haruka Wada, 9 and Caitlin Bokulic, 12, shake their opponents hands after winning their match. The girls proved unstoppable teaming up for the first time. This would also be the last time the girls played together, with Bokulic playing her final year of high school tennis.



It is a crowning achievement for Belinda Wen, 11. She recieved her Team State medal from Coach Yates. She played a tough match, but girls ended up losing 2-3 to Lexington High School. This was her first state tournament and she played great.

Question & Answer with Jenny Belsky

Q: What does it mean to you to win the GMC Title this year?

A: It mean that every year that we have been in the GMC, we have won it, and this year we wouldn't have it any other way.

Q: What was your most embarrassing tennis outfit?

A: My cool, old school basketball shorts.

Q: Do you feel that tire school knows the significance of winning the GMC trophy 16 straight years?

A: Not at all. We get an occasional announcement, yet this year we did not even get that. 17 years in a row is perfection. In essence, in the GMC, this team has been PERFECT. Being able to leave behind a legacy is incredible and it would be nice if others appreciated that legacy as well.





Another victory is added to near perfect record of 18-2. The team celebrated defeating Princeton 3-2 to win the GMC Title. This was a common scene for the girls who later defeated Princeton again, 3-2, to make it to Team State Tournaments.

I'm pleased that this team with five new players could go undefeated in the dual meets and win the GMC.

- Coach Maxine Yates



Row 1: Krittika Baravkar, 12, Emily Crabill, 10, Haruka Wada, 9, Janice Ahn, 12, Mari Tsubota, 11, and Belinda Wen, 11. Row 2: Maggie Koetter, 11, Jenny Belsky, 12, Caroline Hodgson, 10, Katie Wolfe, 10, Laura Ebetino, 12, Caitlin Bokulic, 12, and Coach Maxine Hoyles-Yates.



Laura Ebetino, 12 and Emily Crabill, 10 wish luck to their opponent at Team States. Coach Yates, clapped for her girls while she anxiously awaited the match. This is a ritual before every match where teams greet each other and wish each other well.



With the ball coming, Krittika Baravkar, 12, quickly gets in position to hit her forehand. Krittika added a lot of fun to the team with her exuberant personality. She played a great season going undefeated.

Girls Gold Tennis

Overall Record
18-2

Lancaster	5-0	Anderson	5-0
Pickerington	1st	Hamilton	5-0
Lakota West	4-1	Loveland	4-1
Colerain	5-0	Lakota East	4-1
Middletown	4-1	Beavercreek	5-0
CHCA	5-0	Fairfield	5-0
Ursuline	5-0	Milford	5-0
Turpin	4-1	Oak Hill	5-0
Princeton	3-2	GMC	1st
Shamonde Julli	5-0	Princeton	3-2
Upper Arlington	0-3	Lexington	2-3

Vital Statistics

MVP

Coach's Award

Sportsmanship Award

Most Improved

Just Do It Award

Keep the Coach Loose Award

Jenny Belsky

Caitlin Bokulic

Mari Tsubota

Emily Crabill

Laura Ebetino

Maggie Koetter



●●● A SWINGIN' GOOD TIME

Hardwork and friendship proves the key to success

By: Caitlin Bokulic and Sarah Jarnicki

Go Figure

2

games played
against Loveland

12

shots needed to
be hit in order to
win a set

4

upperclassmen
playing

6

games won

Perseverance always pays off in the end, and with hard work the girls pulled off another great season.

"We were down for a while, and then we were able to come back and win five matches in a row," said **Kristy Barngrover, 11**.

The strength of the girls was no doubt attributed to their hard work off the court. They spent an endless number of practices doing sprints up and down the courts to prepare for matches.

"[Sean's running] really helped a lot because it got us in better shape and helped us sprint for balls," said **Courtney Harmon, 10**.

The girls not only gained strength from running off the court, but from each other as well. They threw pasta parties in order to become better friends and teammates.

"The pasta party really helped us because we gave each other presents and it helped us get to know each other well," said **Niharika Baravkar, 9**.

As if running and teamwork was not enough motivation, when the team was having a difficult time winning matches, their coach offered up his version of encouragement. **Coach Sean Barone** promised the girls if they won four matches in a row then they would be allowed to shave his head.

"[The incentive was great because] it made everyone more devoted to winning the matches" said **Sayuri Kogami, 12**.

The team worked well together and proved that hard work always pays off in the end and a little incentive can go a long way.



One and two, the girls working on getting their arms in shape. The team had conditioning every morning to prepare for the rigorous season. Hard work payed off for the team as they had a 6-4 record.

Sports Awards



The girls at sports awards. Sports awards are the final chance for teams to get together one last time. It was a fabulous occasion, as tennis players reminisced with the friends made on the team. Ending with a winning season always makes the memories fun, and these girls had a blast.

Smiling big! **Kristy Barngrover, 12**, and **Megan Ellingwood, 11**, congratulated **Sayuri Kogami, 12**, on her award. **Barngrover** also took home the award for the most spirited.



Talking up a storm. **Niharika Baravkar, 9**, and **Megan Ellingwood, 11**, discussed their favorite moments of the season. They enjoyed the short program put on by the school. Later, they also got to enjoy wonderful cake and punch.



We pulled out though some tough matches, especially Walnut Hills. It was a great season, we achieved a lot of tough wins.

- Sean Barone



Sayuri Kogami, 12, runs to hit a forehand. Sayuri often battled her way through matches and came out on top with a win. Being her last year on the team, she worked hard, and it showed.

Most Memorable Moment



"Caitlin R. and I made it to the finals of the G.C.T.C.A. finals," - Megan Ellingwood, 11.

"My favorite memory was of the team pasta party. I had a really fun time eating and talking with my team."

-Sayuri Kogami, 12.



Girls Green Tennis

Overall Record

6-4

Lakota East	W	Wyoming	L
Mercy	L	Loveland	W
Loveland B	L	Ursuline	W
Upper Arlington B	L	Walnut Hills	W
Springboro JV	W	Kings	W

Vital Statistics

Best Player
Most Spirited

Sayuri Kogami
Kristy Barngrover



Row 1: Megan Ellingwood, 11, Saba Ahmad, 11, Katie Kettlehake, 10, Joanne Jin, 10, Sayuri Kogami, 12, and Caitlin Kettenmaier, 9. Row 2: Jaclyn Nussbaum, 11, Kristy Barngrover, 11, Heather Lo, 11, Wenjun Zhang, 9, Niharika Baravkar, 9, Courtney Harmon, 10, and Coach Sean Barone.

WHERE THE RACQUET'S AT

Moving Forward Every Forehand

Go Figure

12

team
members

6

practices a
week

2

hours of
practice each
day

16

matches

I can't just choose one memorable moment because there were so many," said **Anna Habib, 9**.

If that does not give a good enough description of the enjoyment that comes with being part of the junior varsity tennis team, what does?

Surely no one could have blamed any team member for finding tennis fun and exciting. The girls spent time, not only playing each other in matches, but providing inspiration for each other.

"People were assigned to bring 'spirit' for some matches. Spirit could be anything from green and gold bracelets to bags of candy and such," said **Amber Chitwood, 9**.

Although competition played into this sport as well as fun, there seemed to be no doubt that both contribute equally well to the success of the team and their performance. According to the team members, their biggest competition was Ursuline.

Ursuline was the one match, out of 16, that they lost. Despite the loss, the team's performance seemed flawless, even with budget cuts interfering with many of the athletics in terms of supplies, coaches, and buses.

"I don't think the budget cuts affected our team performance, we always played our best despite cuts," said **Habib**.

By: Feana Krimerman and Sarah Jarnicki

If the team members would not remember all of their matches, or all of their challenging teammates who helped each other improve, then surely there were other memories to cherish.

"The best time of the season was the sleepover because we all got to know each other better," said **Tufts**.

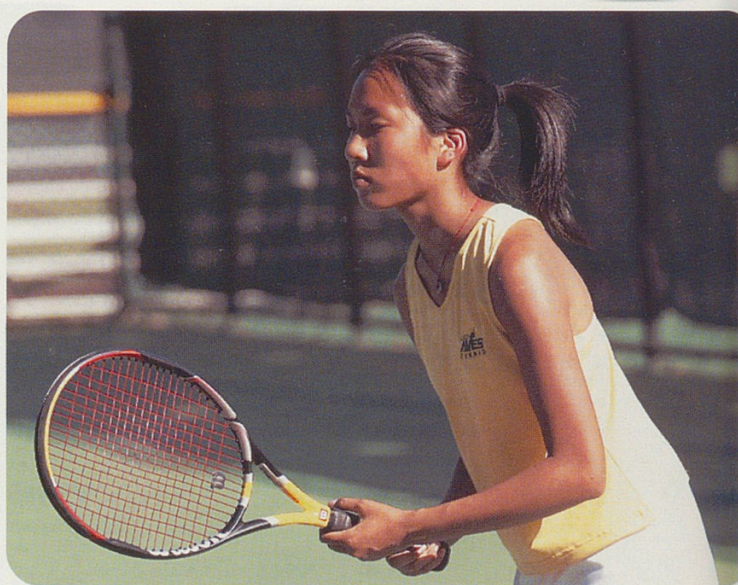
No matter what the team members remember, there is no doubt that the majority of the memories will be positive ones. If the memories do not come from the performance of the team, they will surely come from their improvement.

It may seem strange that with such successful matches, the team members would have room for improvement. The truth however, is that team members have already improved significantly. This improvement may range from playing skills to relationships with partners.

Either way, the junior varsity tennis team did not let a simple thing like a loss to Ursuline or budget cuts affect them in a negative way. What they consistently had was each other and the effort that makes their team as successful as they are.



"Let's get fired up, girls!" This is what **Coach Gwen Raih** enforced into her players' minds. **Michelle Tom, 9**, and **Jessica Tufts, 9**, played doubles together sporadically through the year. Talking between games was always a good way to strategize a way to beat their opponent.



Megan Feng, 10, anticipates her shot. Feng preferred playing singles so that she was in control of her match. Definitely one of the valuable players on the team, Feng prepared for another win. This year has proven quite successful for her in terms of performance.



Only three more games to go, and there's another victory for Emily Wehman, 10. This was her third year playing for the team. It added to another successful season for the tennis program.

“
A great thing about being on the team
was making new friends on the court and
”
off.

-Margo Rosner, 9



Focus, here comes the ball! This is what was going through the mind of **Anna Habib, 9**, as she got ready to smash the ball to defeat her opponent. This tennis season was a memorable one for her because it gave her tons of energy and a chance to make some new friends!

Girls Tennis Overall Record 15-1	
Lancaster	W
Anderson	W
Wyoming	W
Mercy	W
Hamilton	W
Lakota West	W
JV Tournament	W
CHCA	W
Ursuline	L
Milford	W
Turpin	W
Oak Hills	W
Mason	W
Princeton	W
Mcauley	W
GCTCA Tournament	W
Vital Statistics	
Team Captains	Megan Feng Emily Wehman Michelle Tom



Row 1: Lauren Klapp, 9, Jennifer Lee, 9, Michelle Tom, 9, Margo Rosner, 9, Sanya Dosani, 9, and Anna Habib, 9. Row 2: Coach Gwen Raih, Amber Chitwood, 9, Lissa Amin, 9, Emily Wehman, 10, Melinda Kelley, Jessica Tufts, 9, and Megan Feng, 10.

●●● RECOVERING FROM THEIR LOSSES

Boys Water Polo makes strides toward success

By: Lauren Truax

Go Figure

2

seniors

18.5

hours spent in
the pool a
week

7

balls used in
practice

5

GMC All-
Academic team
members

Building a new basis for success, the team has come together. The boys have faced much adversity because they lost 10 seniors; however, the seniors and upperclassmen have stepped it up and led the team.

"Losing 12 players hurt the team and therefore many of the starters are new. This season is a recovery season and it will build up back to the success of the past," said **Jason Kao, 9**.

Although their record is not the best, they have accomplished a lot since starting out with only seven players. The team hung up signs throughout the school advertising for their varsity water polo team. They had a great turn out from the flyers. Many new players joined the team and found out how much fun you could have in the water.

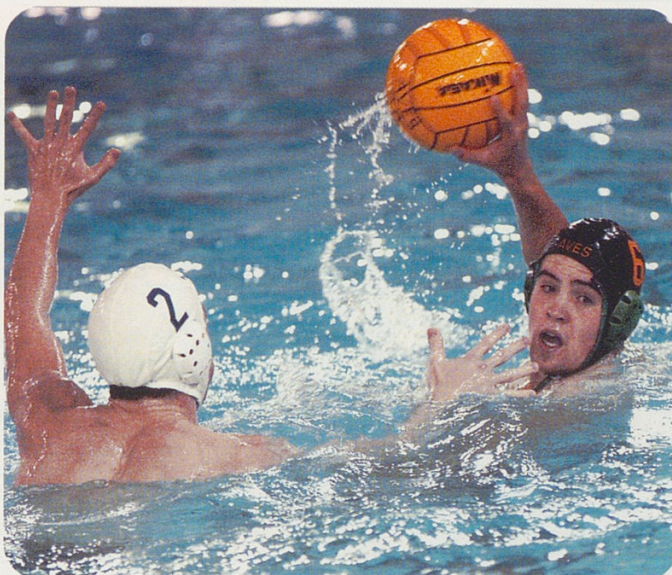
Team bonding was a key part of the boy's season. They had pasta parties, out of town tournaments, watched movies together between matches, and washed cars.

"The team bonded through pasta parties, movies parties, and washing cars at Phil's house," said **Ben Parker, 12**.

The boys have worked hard and improved greatly throughout the season. They improved from a team that barely had enough players that understood the game to a team that is true competition.



Fake out! Philip Wight, 12, tries to fake out his defender and goalie to score a goal. Fakes are essential for good offensive shooting.



Looking down the pool, Brian McMillen, 11, searches for an open player. The goalie starts off the offense after the team gets the ball when they are on defense. It is important to have a strong goalie to run a successful game.





"Quotes From The Pool"



"At the Worthington Tournament, we had to play outside and the temperature outside the pool was colder than the temperature in the water by 20 degrees." -**Ben Parker, 12.**



"It was hard this year because we didn't have many players and therefore we had to play a lot of the game." -**Andrew Wittkugel, 11.**



"My favorite moment was when Derek (Bahler, 11) blocked the ball with his stomach." -**Alan Kelpé, 11.**

Hands Up! Alan Kelpé, 11, and Ben Parker, 12, help protect the goal with Brian McMillen, 11. When the team has a man down, the players crash back toward the goal and put their hands up.



Row 1: Tal Shulman, 10, Jason Kao, 9, Brian McMillen, 11, and Alan Kelpé, 11. Row 2: Coach Alan Wight, John Wilkes, 11, Philip Wight, 12, Mike Yellig, 9, and Andrew Wittkugel, 11.

Boys Water Polo

Overall Record 6-15

Mason	11-4	Mason	13-10
Princeton	5-17	Princeton	9-14
Milford	9-14	Milford	6-12
Thomas	1-17	Kilbourne	3-13
St. Francis	1-17	UA	3-17
Princeton	8-9	Thomas "B"	3-10
Milford	7-17	Glen Oak	13-12
Princeton	6-16	UA	2-21
Kilbourne	5-18	Mason	17-7
Glen Oak	14-5	Princeton	4-10
Mason	10-5		

Vital Statistics

MVP	Andrew Wittkugel
110% Award	John Wilkes and Ian Campbell
Rookie of the Year	Jason Kao
Spirit of Sycamore	Brad Gordon
Team Award	Philip Wight and Brian McMillen
Honorable Mention	Philip Wight and Alan Kelpé
All- Ohio Water Polo Team	



●●● PASSING, SHOOTING, AND TREADING TO SUCCESS

Victorious Once Again Go Figure

By: Feana Krimerman and Lauren Truax

12
wins for
varsity

1
tied game
against state
champ

3
senior leaders

There is nothing better than taking a nice relaxing swim across cool, clear water with laughter at hand and calm abundant. Well, that was not exactly how the girls of water polo had their fun in the water. Rather, they passed, shot, and treaded.

It is no wonder water polo girls had to wear protective head gear. If they did not, then, let us just say this article would have been about another topic. Gruesomeness aside, the girls do not see matches in a negative way.

"Very excited and a little nervous," was the way **Erica Weber, 12**, a member of the girls water polo team, said she felt during matches.

It seemed what really helped this team get through their pressure to win were the traditions they did before games, which included team cheers that encouraged the team members to win and show their best effort during matches.

Especially helpful to the team seemed to be their coach.

"She helps me out in how to do things better," said **Hannah Myers, 9**.

Even with all of their support, when asked what sort of changes water polo members would like to be made **Weber** responded that she would have preferred to have new practice balls for water polo, an assistant coach as well as new benches and school funds for team suits.

Even though there were financial troubles, water polo teammates were still able to succeed and tie Upper Arlington, state champs for four years with a score of 3 to 3. Not only that, but they placed fourth at the state competition.

When water polo members were not busy passing, shooting, and treading, they spent a large amount of time doing programs that gave back to the community. They did the Leukemia Walk, and the Juvenile Diabetes Walk, which significantly helped raise money.

They were involved in a program where an upperclassman picked an underclassman to be their sister, which was a huge source of motivation for the team. Either way, there is one important piece of advice that the coach left for the water polo players: finish what you start.

Looking for a shot, Katie Hess, 12. It was key for the players to get high out of the water to either make a pass or shot. The higher they got out of the water the more likely the pass would be complete or the shot would go in the goal.



Most Memorable



"My most memorable moment is beating the guys." -**Hannah Myers, 9**

"My most memorable moment was tying Upper Arlington 3 to 3 in the Sycamore Tournament after playing two games against Kilbourne and Napoleon." -**Erica Weber, 12**



How high can you go? Amy Krone, 11, got high and over her defender to make a pass. To achieve this the girls had to build up their leg strength, because it took great strength to get high up and stay.

Searching for an open player, Kim Bieler, 11. Bieler was essential to the success the team accomplished. Without her strong leadership in the water the team would have fallen apart.





Drowning her apponent, Katey Miller, 10. Water polo took great strenght and skill. Although sometimes difficult, all players enjoyed the intensity.



Row 1: Paige Keefe, 10, Katie Hess, 12, Erica Weber, 12, Lauren Truax, 12, and Anne Fiorenza, 9. Row 2: Sarah McMillian, 9, Jenzie Kassoff, 9, and Rachel Meyers, 11. Row 3: Chelsea Keller, 10, Michaela Mondro, 9, Hannah Meyers, 9, Katie Kershner, 11, and Alexis Ponticos, 9. Row 4: Amy Krone, 11, Brittany Lawrence, 10, Coach Emily Molina, and Claire Mondro, 11. Row 5: Nicole Hall, 11, Katey Miller, 10, Kim Bieler, 11, Julie Bonn, 11, and Alex Perrotti, 11.

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY WATER POLO
Overall Record
4-2-3

Mason	18-1
Milford	6-6
U. Arlington	8-6
Worthington	7-9
Princeton	14-4
Mason	18-2
Milford	2-12

Vital Statistics

Best Offense	Claire Mondro
Best Defense	Chelsey Keller
Most Improved	Anne Fiorenza

GIRLS VARSITY WATER POLO
Overall Record
10-1-7

Mason	18-1	Kilborn	1-5
Princeton	13-1	Napoleon	1-4
Milford	7-3	U. Arlington	3-3
Worthington	13-7	Mason	19-4
Milford	10-5	Milford	3-1
U. Arlington	4-10	Miford	6-5
Milford	5-3	U. Arlington	3-15
Napoleon	2-9	Milford	8-4

Vital Statistics

Best Offense	Amy Krone
Best Defensive	Kim Bieler
MVP	Amy Krone
Most Improved	Erica Weber
	Paige Keefe
Spirit Award	Alex Perrotti
Aves Award	Lauren Truax
1st Team All-Ohio	Amy Krone
2nd Team All-Ohio	Lauren Truax
Honorable Mention	Katey Miller
	Kim Bieler





THEY ARE DIGGIN' IT!

Serving success

Go Figure

13

girls who
made the
varsity team

22

games
played

10

games
won

Great Pass made by **Grace Naugle** up to Hope Lohmueller, who makes a beautiful set up to **Brittani Gray** for the KILL!" That was what you might hear if you went to a women's varsity volleyball game.

"Every one of these girls put in an awesome effort each time they stepped out on the court," said **Kyle Spicer, 11**.

It showed, with 11 wins that **Coach Melnick** and **Coach Testerman** had truly coached this team to success.

"We had a very strong team that worked together," said **Melnick**.

Thirteen girls varying from ninth to twelfth grade strengthened their passing, serving and spiking all as a team to compete at higher levels.

Traveling from Boone County to Lima then back to our own court, they had suffered losses but also celebrated many victories. Each game the players had a ritual of doing a specific but secret dance to pump themselves up for the

By. Sarah Ganson and Kyle Spicer

game. A plus that the girls get if they win a game, was a day off of practice.

Don't start to think that its all fun and games. The prevention of injuries includes extensive conditioning, but injuries are part of the game and happen.

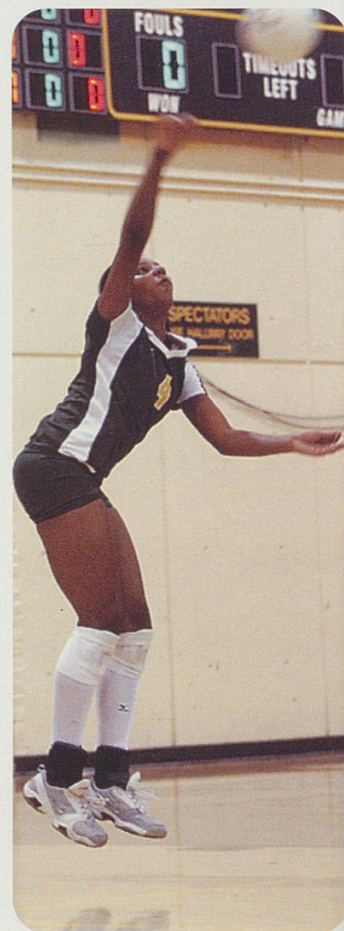
The varsity women's volleyball team trained very hard to make their season successful. They put a lot of effort into their game and took it very seriously.

The starting line-up was a competitive position that all the girls wanted. **Coach Melnick** and **Coach Testerman** look at the girl's accuracy to determine who was right for the job.

The team was dependent that the starting line up would get the job done and help the team celebrate another win. The girls set many goals for themselves as players and as a team.

One team goal was to win the GMC.

"We feel we can compete to win a state title," said **Melnick**.



Brittani Gray, 11, jumps high to serve the ball for a point. Only a few people on the team could jump serve. Brittani was one of these few.



Kristen Hammergren, 10, Jen Kissinger, 9, Grace Naugle, 10, Sarah McGrath, 10, Hope Lohmueller, 10, Ginny Tremblay, 12, congratulate each other after a great play. If not congratulating, they would pump each other up for the next play. This helped the team keep their momentum up.



Brittani Gray, 11, and Heather Hampton, 12, make a huge block. This play was made in the exciting game against Lakota West. Gray and Hampton were two of the three captains of the team.



GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
Overall Record
11-12

McNicholas	L	Hamilton	W
Celina	L L W	Fairfield	W
Tournament	L	Milford	W
Lakota West	W	MND	L
Piqua	L	Harrison	W
Ursuline	L	Loveland	W
Colerain	L	Oak Hills	L
Mason	L	Princeton	W
Lakota East	W	Glen Este	W
Middletown	L	Mercy	L
BooneCounty	L		

Vital Statistics

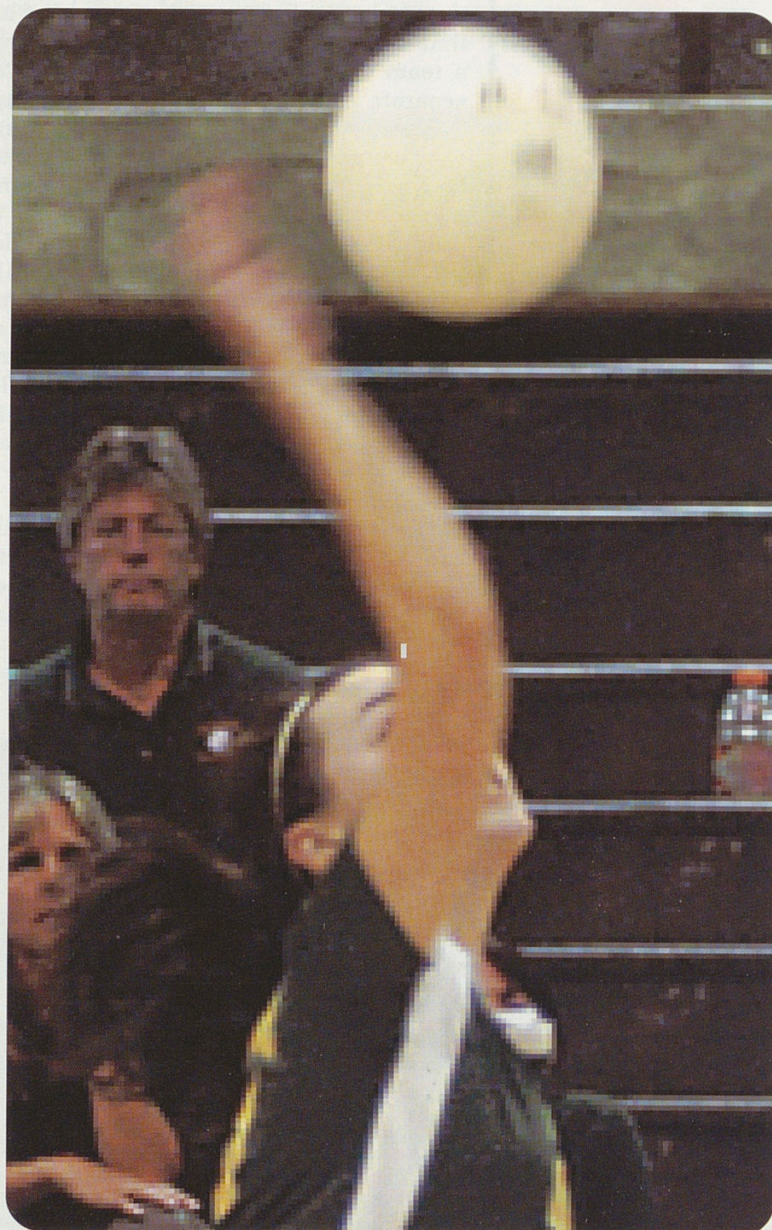
MVP	Sarah McGrath
Best Passer	Sarah McGrath
Best Serve	Jen Kissinger
Best Blocker	Kristen Hamnergren
Best Attacker	Brittani Gray
Heart of Leather	Ginny Tremblay
Most Improved	Grace Naugle



Row 1: Carly Conlon, 10, Tricia Welsch, 11, Grace Naugle, 10, Hope Lohmueller, 10, Jen Kissinger, 9, Emily Beech, 10, and Kyle Spicer, 11, Row 2: Coach Testerman, Heather Hampton, 12, Ginny Tremblay, 12, Brittani Gray, 11, and Kristen Hamnergren, 10.



Sarah McGrath, 10, Grace Naugle, 10, and Tricia Welsch 11, get themselves ready. Each of the girls were key back row players for the team. They worked hard everyday to play in the game.



Ginny Tremblay, 12, spikes the ball. Being a good spiker is key to having a good volleyball team. Tremblay contributed greatly to the teams success.



Carly Conlon, 10, sets a perfect set out to one of the strong, outside hitters. She had great hands for setting. Conlon was a key player on the volleyball team.

●●● SPIKING DOWN THE COURT

Reaching for the Sky

By Feana Krimerman

Go Figure

6

practices in
one week

12

hours of
practice a
week

10

JV team
members

12

Freshman team
members

Open your eyes and ears, and get ready for action. The girls JV and freshman volleyball team is here to spike the fun into any competition. The team had great confidence in their performance and enthusiasm for their teamwork.

"My hopes for our team were that we would be able to play as a team on the court, not as six separate individuals," said **Rima Takieddine, 9**.

Takieddine got her wish because the team demonstrated awesome teamwork and cooperation.

There is a gloomy side to the season beyond its success: budget cuts. Who could possibly forget?

"Buses were overcrowded. We did not even have enough balls to practice with," said **Takieddine**.

Challenges, however, did not decrease the confidence level on the team. The girls' confidence was full blast even before the season began. Their self-belief

during tryouts seemed to not only guarantee them a place on the team, but encourage them to work even harder for victory during matches.

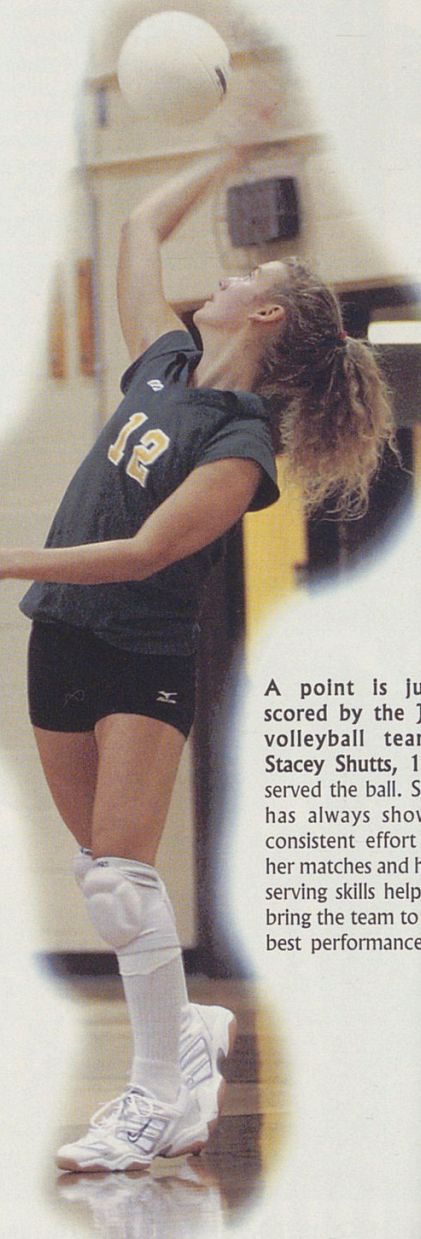
"I felt confident because I had improved so much from last season through Junior Olympic [this is a club team that girls play on after the volleyball season is over]," said **Anna Hulett, 10**.

Confidence, although vital for competitions, was not the only thing on these team members' minds. There came the stress of winning and pressure to show the best effort.

Hard work and belief in one's ability aside, not all of the teammates agreed on futures, but all agreed on the importance of loving the game.

"I love volleyball, but I don't think I'd want to play in college because then it becomes a job you have to do, not a sport you love to do," said **Hulett**.

Either path the girls choose, whether it is playing volleyball in college or playing it for fun, fortune, or enjoyment purposes, their love for volleyball will surely remain.



A point is just scored by the JV volleyball team! Stacey Shutts, 10, served the ball. She has always shown consistent effort in her matches and her serving skills helped bring the team to its best performance.

Most Memorable Moment



"There are so many funny things that happened this season, and that is one of the things I love the most; the bond our team shares." -**Anna Hulett, 10**.

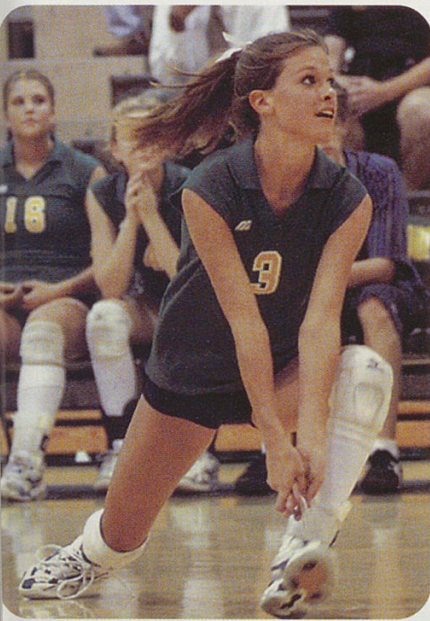
"We were on our way from Lakota West and it was raining-pouring! Our busdriver made a bad turn and got stuck." -**Rima Takieddine, 9**.



Laurie Taragano, 9, bumps the ball at one of the volleyball team's successful matches. It was her first year playing high school volleyball. Her effort and competitiveness helped bring the Freshman team success in their matches.



The JV team is huddling and giving advice to one another before one of its matches. Win or lose, the team is always told to persevere and show consistent effort and support for each other. Clearly, the team has followed their coach's advice as well as their own.



Here It comes! Emily Petrocy, 10, reaches out for the ball, prepared to bump it back onto the opponent's side. Petrocy's contribution to the team was greatly shown throughout the season.

“ I was very confident during tryouts, mostly because I’m so tall. ”
 - Rima Takieddine, 9



Row 1: Lauren Lynn and Christy Miller. Row 2: Helen Chang, Anne Hersman, Sooyoung Yoon, Mackenzie Stevens, and Brett Venger. Row 3: Coach Scheid, Maggie Hill, Kendall O'Keefe, Rima Takieddine, Hillary Moore, and Laurie Taragano.

JV Girls Volleyball Overall Record 2-14			
McNicholas	Lost	Harrison	Lost
Lakota West	Lost	Loveland	Won
Piqua	Lost	Oak Hills	Lost
St. Ursuline	Lost	Princeton	Lost
Colerain	Lost	Hamilton	Lost
Beavercreek	Lost	Fairfield	Lost
Middletown	Lost	Milford	Won
Boone City	Lost	MND	Lost

Vital Statistics	
MVP:	Annie Broadus
Most Improved:	Brittney Rothe



Christy Miller, 9, high fives Rima Takieddine, 9. Miller constantly supported other fellow team members whether they scored points or not. This not only improved the experience at the matches, but the team members' self confidence.



Row 1: Annie Broadus, 10, Emily Petrocy, 10, Rosie Griffen, 10, Molly Essell, 10, and Brittney Rothe, 10. Row 2: Kelly LeBuhn, 10, Anna Hulett, 10, Sophia Quick, 10, Abbey Reedy, 9, Stacy Shutts, 10, and Coach Conatser.

●●● STRIVING FOR NET ACTION

Scoring as a Team

By: Anna Alemagno and
Feana Krimerman

Go Figure

5
starters

7
seniors

10
home
games

8
wins

Dribbling and shooting hoops may be taught regularly in schools across the globe, but only the few people who are able to change those typical skills into an art form have earned their place as members of the boys varsity basketball team.

Just as Picasso painted a picture and just as Tolstoy wrote a world famous novel, these guys dominated the gym, one dribble and shot at a time.

"I played basketball my whole life and I love playing in front of a crowded gym with lots of noise and cheering," said **Michael Kimmey, 12**.

Although on actual game night, excitement is in the air, practice is no joke. Who did not hear those sounds of balls dribbling after school and shoes squeaking across the floor when walking by the gym?

"It's intense, fun, spontaneous, and addictive," said **Alexander Young, 12**.

Mr. Matula, the coach, is the support for the team, as well as a guide.

"He teaches us more than the game of basketball. He teaches us the game of life," said **Young**.

To add to the lessons that the coach taught, it included the lesson of self-belief.

"Coach Matula helped me out big this year when I injured myself early on in the season and lost some confidence. He helped me gain it back and improve to be a better player," said **Matthew Jordan, 12**.

Many practices and games later, one might ask what inspired these team members?

"The motion picture Hoosiers and University of North Carolina's greatest coach, Dean Smith," said **A.J. Donaldson, 12**.

No matter what drove these players, it worked, because their success shone through. Tiring out game after game was not this team's motto. Working hard endlessly, well, that just might have been, because that's exactly what they did.

Huddle up! The boys varsity basketball team discovered early in the season what it took to win. They began each game with a group huddle to pump each other up. The team worked hard and improved together, which tightened the players' relationships.



Two-year varsity junior, Robert Peters, dominated throughout the season. With his height he was able to rebound, guard, and easily shoot three-pointers. Peters was also the second team All-League squad.



VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL Overall Record 8-11

Lebanon	70-45	Princeton	71-62
Harrison	66-36	Lakota West	64-47
Oak Hills	51-43	Colerain	58-50
Princeton	74-66	Lakota East	70-56
Lakota West	75-67	Hamilton	51-47
Middletown	80-76	Oak Hills	81-75
Hamilton	53-48	Walnut Hills	50-47
Milford	67-49	Middletown	82-57
Fairfield	73-45	Ryle	66-60
		Withrow	59-47

Vital Statistics

1st All-League	Michael Kimmey
2nd All-League	Robert Peters

Row 1: Coach Matula, Michael Kimmey, 12, A.J. Donaldson, 12, Richard Clark, 11, Andrew Johnson, 12, Mark Shuller, 12, Claudis Delaney, 10, Dean Hampton, 11, and Coach Kaniecki. Row 2: Todd Juran, 12, Matthew Jordan, 12, Alexander Young, 12, Robert Peters, 11, David Buchberger, 11, De'Andre Jackson, 10, Kyle Battle, 10, and Christopher Grissom, 10.

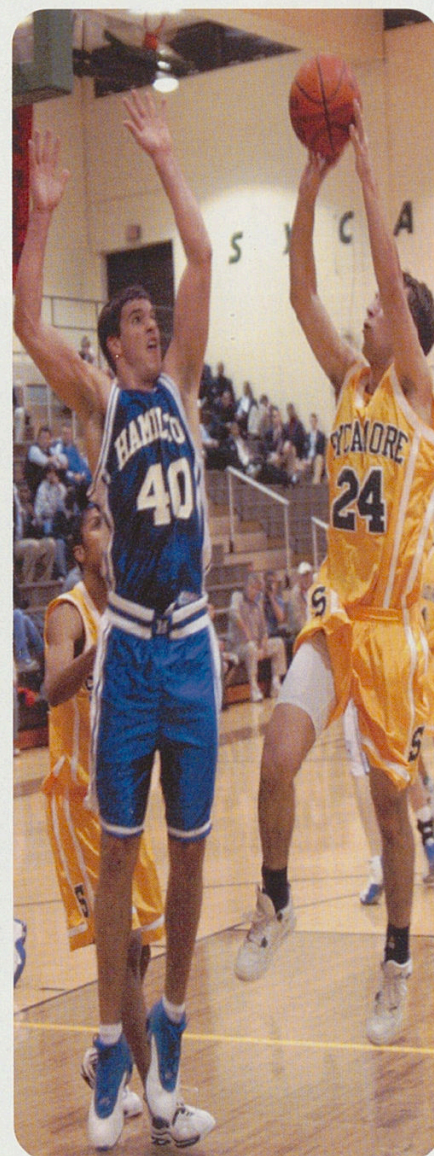


Kimmey brings it down the court. Averaging 19 points per game, Michael Kimmey, 12, is the leading scorer in the GMC. Kimmey broke the school record for most points in one game.



Alexander Young, 12 boxes-out to stop Hamilton from scoring. With David Buchberger's, 11, help these teammates dominate defensively. As a first year varsity player, Buchberger led the team in rebounds.

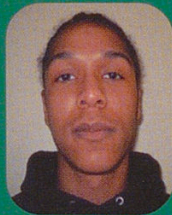
Andrew Johnson, 12, scores with a jump shot. Johnson had an exceptional night offensively senior night. He helped the team win another game.



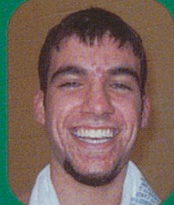
"Quotes From The Court"



"Throughout the season we really came together as a team." -Richard Clark, 11



"When we figured out how to play as a team, we got really good. I'm glad we recognized that." -Matthew Jordan, 12.



"The seniors stepped up as leaders and the sophomores brought good energy in our games." -Dean Hampton, 11.

●●● SHOOTING FOR A WINNING SEASON

Heading towards victory

By: Alyssa Molnar

Go Figure

11

players on the sophomore team

70

practices this season

19

points scored by Andre Sonenberg

Playing hard and working hard to accomplish their goals the JV and sophomore basketball teams strived to achieve victory.

"We started off 3-0, but the season had its ups and downs. We ended up with a 9-11 record," said **Andrew Hancher, 10.**

Both teams had an average scoring season and they worked hard for it.

"It was a good season, we struggled through some of it, but overcame our obstacles and ended strong," said **Zach Mayer, 11.**

Throughout the season the boys learned to work well together to win games. The daily practices and games often twice a week, kept extremely busy.

There were several sophomores on the JV team which allowed the juniors to step it up and show off their

leadership skills.

"Being a captain and playing on both JV and varsity was exciting this past year," said **Dean Hampton, 11.**

Both teams worked extremely hard to improve their defense and learn to run new offensive plays. The coaches agree that each player worked their hardest and always put in one hundred percent during the games.

While their hard work and improving skills didn't always lead the Aves to a victory, everyone learned to improve from their losses.

"Even though we did not have a winning season, I feel our team made a lot of improvements.
Tyler Grimm, 10"



Row 1: Tyler Grimm, Brian Langhorne, Micah Goldfarb, Luke Sweeney, and Bryce Harris.
Row 2: Eric Demuth, Chris Anders, Frank Ebetino, Jack Przywara, Brian Knodde, Nav Lekhi, and Coach Spangler.

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL Overall Record 11-3

Beavercreek	36-44	Fairfield	30-33
Milford	45-48	Middletown	51-41
Oak Hills	28-43	Princeton	41-42
Princeton	29-38	Lakota West	37-61
Lakota West	20-54	Colerain	38-49
Colerain	21-24	Lakota East	22-38
Lakota East	26-43	Hamilton	36-42
Beavercreek	49-52	Oak Hills	34-49
Hamilton	28-55	Fairmont	37-29
Milford	35-31	Middletown	49-27

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Jack Przywara
Best Defensive Player	Eric Demuth



Row 1: James Lipsey, Zach Mayer, Ryan Kantor, Cameron Luning, and Stephen Caudill.
 Row 2: Coach Reis, Andrew Hancher, Jesse Spitzer, Tony Marquadt, and Michael Byrd.

JV BASKETBALL

Overall Record

9-11

Lebanon	W	Fairfield	L
Harrison	W	Princeton	L
Oak Hills	W	Lakota West	L
Princeton	L	Colerain	L
Lakota West	L	Lakota East	L
Colerain	L	Hamilton	L
Lakota East	W	Oak Hills	W
Middletown	W	Walnut Hills	L
Hamilton	L	Middleton	W
Milford	W	Ryle	W

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Cameron Luning
Best Defensive Player	Dean Hampton



Jack Przywara, 10, goes for the money shot against the Hamilton defense. Przywara was an asset to the sophomore basketball team this season. The sophomore team had an impressive offensive strategy which was what often led them to victory.



Andrew Hancher, 10, searches for an opening to work around the Hamilton defense. Hancher had an awesome season and was one of the high scorers on the JV team. Hancher's ball handling skills were an asset to the JV team.

"Court Quotes"

"We are good friends and this season really brought everyone closer." -**Stephen Caudill, 10.**

"Our best game was against Colerain it was a challenge and even though we lost at the last second we still felt like we played our hardest." -**Michael Byrd, 10.**

At the TOP of THEIR GAME

Winning all the way

By: Alyssa Molnar and
Liz Crutcher

Go Figure

17

gold team games

53

practices

19

green team games

Playing high school basketball was an exciting and a highly anticipated activity for the incoming freshmen. Everyone was eager to tryout and the coaches were pleased to see so much variety and talent.

"They are a good bunch of kids. I have been coaching fifteen years and this is the hardworking team I have had," said **Coach Marlatt**.

The season started off slow but both teams learned how to work together and run the plays that would win the games. Players agreed that adjusting to playing high school ball wasn't as difficult as it was to adjust to the weightlifting and conditioning at practices.

"This season has been very rewarding considering all the hardwork we have put into it," said **Alex Newsted**.

Coaches push the boys to always do their best and many players improved in strength and speed. Although, both teams had faced some rough losses they stay positive and are always pumped up by their supportive fan section.

"We learned the value of hardwork and discipline. It took us awhile to play like a team, but we eventually came together," said **Robby Thompson**.

It may not have always been productive in wins, but everyone agrees they learned

a lot about team work and they continue to improve their skills.



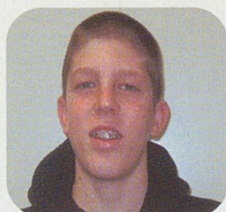
Coach Marlatt takes a time out at the Hamilton game. He used this time to get the team pumped up and to set up strong defensive plays. Mr. Marlatt has been coaching basketball for 15 years.

Taylor Knowles goes for the money shot against the Oak Hills defense. The freshmen green team worked hard to improve their offensive playing skills. Their improvement helped them greatly in the end of the season.



Question

& Answer



Scott Dennis

Q: What do you do to prepare for a game?

A: Listen to music and our team raps on the bus.

Q: How would you rate the success of your season?

A: On a scale of 1 to 10 about a 7 because we had team comradery and played as a team.

Q: How is playing basketball in high school different the junior high?

A: It seemed like there was more competition at tryouts.

Q: What was the biggest challenge you and your team had to overcome this season?

A: Losing to Oak Hills, but we came back and won the next game.



FRESHMEN GREEN BASKETBALL
Overall Record
11-3

Lebanon	47-42	Oak Hills
Milford	49-30	Lakota East
Hamilton White	32-37	Princeton
Princeton Gray	40-42	Fairfield White
Middletown		Milford
Lakota West		Hamilton White
Hamilton Blue		Princeton Gray
Maderia		Fairfield Red
Fairfield Red		Walnut Hills

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player Scott Dennis

Best Defensive Player Kyle Dolan



Row 1: David Bortz, Kevin Steiner, Scott Dennis, Alex Newsted, Jeff Caudill, Kyle Dolan, and Coach Marlatt. **Row 2:** Adam Kozlove, Bryce Lindsay, Taylor Knowles, J R Hill, and Adrian Cone.

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player Brian Sensibaugh, Chris Gindele, and Shannon Williams

Best Defensive Player Alden Olverson

Chris Gindele goes for a lay-up shot as the gold team battles against Mason. The team struggled to run new plays but made some important offensive moves in the game. Gindele was a key offensive player for the Freshmen Gold Team.

"I learned to work hard and I think our team learned to improve our defense.

- Andrew Molnar, 9



Row 1: Junix Alcayaga, Robby Thompson, Joey Hiudt, Alden Olerson, Dwight Evans, and Brian Sensibaugh. **Row 2:** Coach Hahn, Nate Kroell, Shannon Williams, Chris Korte, Chris Gindele, Aaron Caine, and Andrew Molnar.



Showing fans their spirit

By: Kristin Grueninger

Go Figure

8

juniors

10

girls that can do back-handsprings

20

season games that were cheered for

Juniors dominated the squad. In the previous years there have been many seniors on the varsity team, but this year was different. In the end of the season there were two remaining seniors.

"We had our fun with the juniors. We all got along pretty well and Kristin and I felt like the mothers of the squad," said **Alyssa Molnar, 12**.

Most of the cheerleaders had already cheered together during the fall season so everyone was used to each other.

"I came onto the basketball squad feeling welcome. We all get along really well and cheered great together!" said **Julie Gardner, 11**.

Practices at the beginning of the season were strenuous. But as the games began practices were hard to fit in. The squad already had one practice dedicated to tumbling. The girls either learned or practiced their tumbling at Kid's First.

"All of the girls went through conditioning exercises, sets of continuous jumps, and tumbling classes with a smile and a desire for improvement," said **Amanda Siebert, 11**.

Since there were a total of eight juniors there will be many seniors on next year's squad.

"I can't wait until next year. It's exciting that get to be a senior next year but at the same time I will miss my senior mothers this year," said **Beth Cundiff, 11**.

The basketball games lasted an average of two hours. In that time the cheerleaders did chants, cheers, dances, band chants, jumps, and tumbling. The skills that they performed showed how well their practices went.

Although the squad hoped to go to competition things didn't go the way they wanted them to. There was little time to practice in between the busy schedule of games that had to be attended.

To go to a competition the girls would have to practice five days a week maybe even six for about three hours a practice in a single month. This is a ton of dedication that the squad was willing to give but didn't have the time.

In the future the squad is determined to go to competition and compete for a winning title.



Cheering the basketball players to a victory. Trisha Brahnham, 11, Alyssa Molnar, 12, Amanda Siebert, 11, Julie Gardner, 11, and Leah Drapkin, 11, got ready to perform a halftime cheer. Not only did they do a cheer but a dance was done as well. They all stayed focused and smiled to perform their best for the crowd.



Row 1: Kristin Grueninger, 12, Alyssa Molnar, 12, and Sachi Sunamoto, 12. Row 2: Jieun Chae, 11, Amanda Siebert, 11, Jessica Senefeld-Naber, 11, and Liz Back. Row 3: Julie Gardner, 11, Beth Cundiff, 11 and Tricia Branham, 11.



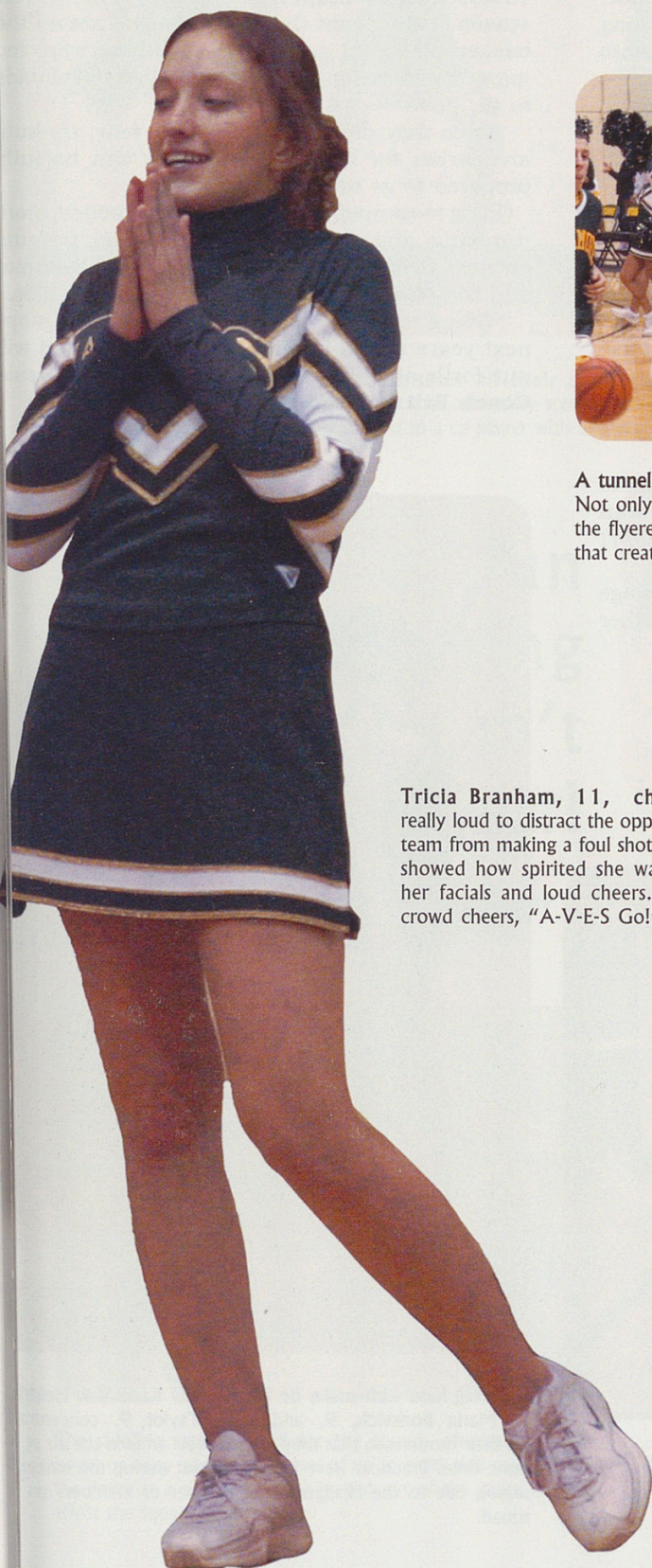
"Normally not being on the football squad in the fall season makes you feel so far behind but the squad welcomed me and everything was awesome!" -**Julie Gardner, 11**



"The basketball season was great and all of the games were fun to cheer for. We worked hard during our practices and tumbling classes which really payed off." -**Jessica Senefeld-Naber, 11**



"We had a fun and exciting season. Even though there were only two seniors our squad bonded together and had a great time together." -**Alyssa Molnar, 12**



Tricia Branham, 11, cheers really loud to distract the opposing team from making a foul shot. She showed how spirited she was by her facials and loud cheers. The crowd cheers, "A-V-E-S Go!"



A tunnel is made to get the crowd and players pumped up. Not only did the cheerleaders line the court but they invited the flyerettes to join them. This was a tradition from the past that creates more spirit for the crowd.

Alyssa Molnar, 12, warms up her tumbling before the game. The squad went to a tumbling class each week to perfect their skills. Next year for tryouts it will be a requirement to have tumbling skills to be on the varsity squad.



Jieun Chae, 11, smiles before the game. She was excited to start cheering. She shared her happiness with everyone around her.



"We all got along really well and had a blast cheering on the Aves during their games throughout the course of this season." -**Amanda Siebert, 11**



Beth Cundiff, 11, cheered hard for the team. Being the junior captain she had a lot of responsibility. She had fun while helping bring the squad together.



SMILING WITH SCHOOL PRIDE

By: Kristin Grueninge

Cheering on the court

Go Figure

3

band dances

6

types of jumps

26

pom-poms for the two squads

Cheering in the winter season meant that there are way more games to cheer for. The basketball season was just as long as the football season but there were a lot more games which meant having less practices.

"There were at least two games a week which didn't leave much time to practice. We used our warm-up time before the game as our practices," said **Molly Udom, 10**.

The JV team always played right before the Varsity team so the crowd got larger as the JV game went on. There was always a cheering section that helped fill the gym with chants of winning the game.

"It's nice cheering right before varsity because once we are done cheering we can join the fans and become part of the cheering section which is the best part of the game," said **Misha Arnold, 10**.

The freshman squad was fortunate enough to cheer for both the green and gold freshman teams. The only down side was that they don't get to travel to the away games.

"Cheering on our home court is an advantage but sometimes it would nice to go cheer at another school," said **Angela McGibney, 9**.

In the past all of the squads went to a cheerleading competition during the winter season. This meant that the girls who are on the basketball squad got to go. But, there were too many complications which didn't allow the squads to go.

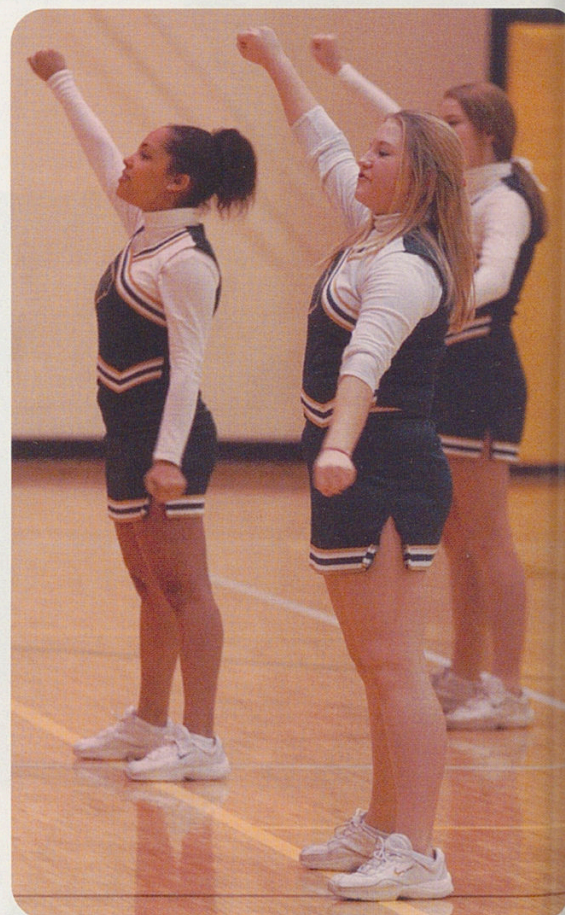
Since they didn't get to go this year, try-outs are earlier for next year, so they can be fully prepared to go to a competition.

Going to competition meant more practice, more tumbling, and a lot of dedication. After try-outs for next year there will be camps in the summer and tumbling classes to help improve all skills.

"Going to competition is a lot of work. I hope next years squad is ready to work hard and will put forth all their effort to od their best," said **Coach Britney Ogden**.



Row 1: Maria Borisvich, Katie Van Heidrich, Tia Waire, Angela McGibney, and Jessica Pelfrey Row 2: Lauren Taylor, and Courtney Johnson.



Cheering hard with smiles on their faces. Katie Van Heidrich, 9, Maria Borisvich, 9, and Lauren Taylor, 9, concentrated on their motions so that they all had their arms in the air at the same time. Practices were more frequent during the basketball season due to the change in the number of members on the squad.



The fans love when the cheerleaders show all their spirit. Angela McGibney, 9, Rachel Reardon, 9, Lauren Taylor, 9, Courtney Johnson, 9, and Marla Borisvich, 9, cheered for the team after they scored. Since the freshman squad didn't cheer on Friday nights they never got to cheer with the pep band. Instead of having the pep band they danced to a CD player with the school fight song recorded on it.

"We had a fun season cheering together. I can't wait until next year!

-Ashley Chorpenning, 11



Misha Arnold, 10, Tiara Jackson, 10, Rachel Bucalo, 10, and Molly Udom, 10, cheer towards the fans after a three-pointer was shot. An advantage of cheering in the gym was that the fans are closer to the cheerleaders. "Getting the fans to cheer is hard but when we get them to join in it's the best feeling!" said Rachel Udom, 10.



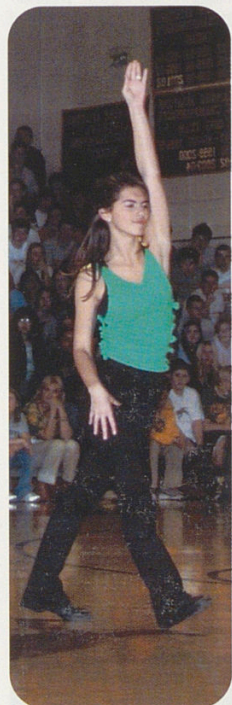
The sideline was reserved for the squad, whether it was a home or away game. Two rows of up to eight girls could be on the court at a time. Rotating in and out of the game did not affect the squads performance.



Row 1: Maria Thomas, 10 Row 2: Molly Udom, 10, and Misha Arnold, 10 Row 3: Rachel Bucalo, 10, Megan Whitmore, 10, and Ashley Chorpenning, 11 Not Pictured: Tiara Jackson, 10.



Amy Petrocy, 12, and Megan Jones, 11, lead their group in their ripped green costumes. While, Carly Gilbert, 11, Rachel Washburn, 11, and Alexandra Hunter, 11, followed with intense energy. The crowd watched the entire team strut their stuff in this bright colored sultry dance routine to Missy Elliot's "Pass that dutch" choreographed by Jennifer Grossman, 11.



Reach for the stars! Jennifer Grossman, 11, dug deep to bring out the brightest energy she could. The crowd went wild when this dancing diva showed all that she had.



DROPPIN' IT LIKE IT'S HOT

Mad skills, hot dancing, and energetic girls

Go Figure

22

girls on the team

10

dances made up this year

5th

placement in competition

2-3

practices during the week

They are seen walking through the halls in their cute, new, green and gold warm-up outfits. They are seen carrying roses and practicing after school in the commons. Where they are really truly seen is in the middle of the gym putting all they've got into that one dance routine to get you, the student section, pumped up and ready to kick butt. Those dancing divas were none other than the Flyerettes. They brought spirit and spunk to our games, our pep rallies, and day to day activities.

New coaches **Elyse Allen, University of Cincinnati Dance Team member**, and **Mrs. Chris Allen, English teacher**, raised the standards of the Flyerettes.

"The coaches are so dedicated to doing everything they can to help us and they are just awesome," **Megan Jones, 11.**

Off to boot camp it was.

"We had seven two-hour practices within a two week period. It was insane, but we worked so hard and we were happy with our performance. That's all that really matters," said **Carly Gilbert,**

By: Jaime Orent and Tamar Ingber

11. All of this extra practice was to gear up for the Flyerette's first competition in January. They placed 5th out of 7 teams in their Varsity Jazz division. This was the first competition that the team had ever participated in.

"This year, we are more of a team. We are more supportive of each other, we dance more in unison than ever before, and we get together frequently just for fun," said **Sara Kauffman, 10.**

The Flyerettes were truly a family, they had team dinners, holiday parties, sleepovers, and even organized a big sister/little sister program. They danced hard but along the way managed to have a blast.

"I really enjoyed the dinners we had before some of our games, it really helped us be a team outside of school," said **Melissa Brook, 10.**

It is obvious that the Flyerettes have more than just a passion to dance.

"If you have the chance to sit it or dance...I HOPE YOU DANCE!" said **Jennifer Grossman, 11.**





"I love our new coaches because although they aren't as strict, they still make us work hard. So, we look our best!"

- Alex Hunter, 11

Fight the team across the field! The entire Flyerettes squad showed off their team spirit. From their gold pom-poms to their famous high kicks, the Flyerettes synchronized performance amazed the entire student body. "It's such an honor to be a Flyerette," said Sari Goldhoff, 10.



Row 1: Megan Jones, 11, Sandra Rossin, 12, Amy Petrocy, 12, Heather Hess, 12, and Alexandra Hunter, 11. **Row 2:** Jillian Romansky, 11, Carly Gilbert, 11, Jennifer Grossman, 11, Rachel Washburn, 11, Sari Goldhoff, 10, and Lori Adler, 10. **Row 3:** Ashleigh Carman, 10, Marissa Gunnarsson, 9, Crystal Sohn, 10, Amanda Ross, 10, and Melissa Brook, 10. **Row 4:** Hilary Fingerman, 10, Alexa Fogler, 9, Jill Cohen, 9, Sara Kaufman, 10, Anna Stone, 9, and Amy Austin, 10.

GIRLS VARSITY FLYERETTES

Mason 20-8
Hamilton 20-6

January 30th competition
placed 5th out of 7 teams for Seniors (13 +) for large group jazz

Vital Statistics

Most Improved Dancer Heather Hess
Team Captain Amy Petrocy

"Dancing is just as much of a sport as anything else. We condition and work hard at our practices to look our best at performances."

- Heather Hess, 12

"You can't talk about something until you try it. Then, you can truly know how demanding dance really is."

- Sara Kaufman, 9

"I always get so mad when someone says that Flyerettes isn't a sport because we work just as hard - if not harder - than all the other sports teams."

- Jillian Romansky, 11

Dance - Just short of sport?

"I say come watch us practice only once and you'll see that dancing is a real sport!"

- Sandra Rossin, 12

"No comment."

- Anna Stone, 9

"Don't knock it till you try it!"

- Jennifer Grossman, 11

"Flyerettes is most definitely a sport! It takes a ton of effort and practice to be good and to perform at games, just as basketball needs to practice for their games."

- Jill Cohen, 9

"Dancing takes just as much physical endurance and standing as any other sport-like activity out there. We are a team.

When one person messes up, it truly effects the whole group, even if they make an amazing save, just like any other sport team sport."

- Hilary Fingerman, 10



CLIMBING TO THE TOP

Memories for all

By: Jen McLaughlin
and Kyle Spicer

Go Figure

4th
in the city

179
steals

81
3 pointers

2nd
in the GMC

360
free-throws

Winter season, for most sports, began when the weather gets cold, it starts to snow outside, and the month of December comes around. Ask a Lady Ave when her season begins for basketball and you will get a much different response.

"We do so much in the pre-season, we go to Louisville camp and play in two summer leagues in order to prepare us for the season" said **Abbie Tepe, 10.**

The team worked incredibly hard during the off-season with summer camps, conditioning, and just getting together to play. Perhaps their hard work contributed to their excellent season.

The Lady Aves finished 4th in the city and had an unforgettable season. The team caused many upsets throughout the season, one game comes to mind, Princeton. Princeton was ranked #1 in the GMC and had only one loss, to, you guessed it, Sycamore.

"It was awesome to finally beat Princeton by 14 in front of our home crowd. They were undefeated in the GMC for the past two years until that night." said **Allison Ivers, 11.**

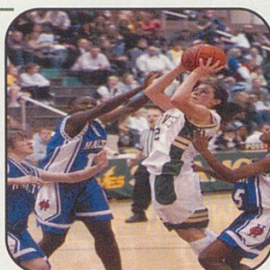
The leadership that this team held was unbelievable. Seniors: **Natalie Wade, Jamie Nesbit, Ginny Trembalay, and Laura Steiner,** contributed to the team immensely and will be greatly missed.

"The seniors were awesome this season because they were all leaders in one way or another" said **Kim Standen, 11.**

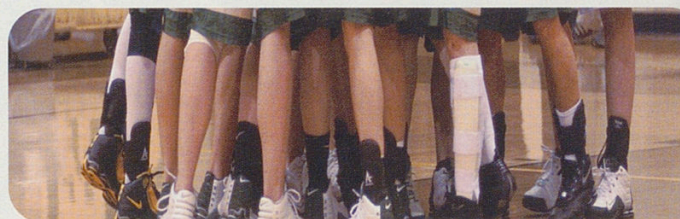
The season had an upsetting end with a loss that was recorded as an upset. However that does not change the fact that this season will be one to remember 4th in the city, 2nd in the GMC, and 1st in the senior's hearts.

Laura Steiner

"This was a fun season. Everyone got along really well. We had a lot of fun off and on the court. It was an awesome way to end my highschool basketball career. I will never forget this season and Merva will always live on."



senior moment



Kim Standen, 11, jumps for the layup. Standen was an asset to the team's offensive as well as defensive play. She was described as an overall great team player.



Kristen Hammergren, 10, jumps for the ball. Her height and skill contributed greatly to the success during the season. Hammergren was also one of the team's leading scorers.





Natalie Wade, 12, gets in her defensive stance. Wade led the team in the most three-pointers ever scored by a Lady Ave. She also made the most three's in the entire Greater Miami Conference.



Kevin Steiner, 9, Drew Schwaegerle, 11, and David Broxterman, 11 running with the Aves Flags. Steiner, Schwaegerle, and Broxterman were present at every single game, home and away, and considered to be the team's "number one fans". They even tailgated to the last tournament game all the way out in Harrison.



Row 1: Kim Standen, 11, Laura Steiner, 12, Abbie Tepe, 10, Natalie Wade, 12, and Jamie Nesbit, 12. Row 2: Ginny Tremblay, 12, Molly Morrow, 11, Allison Ivers, 11, and Karen Nesbit, 10. Row 3: Coach Hayden, Layne Huller, 11, Sophia Quick, 10, Kristen Hammergren, 10, and Coach Buchannan.

Girls Varsity Basketball

Overall Record 17-3

Seton	47-41	Glen Este	48-39
Oak Hills	46-47	Princeton	47-33
Lakota West	50-41	Milford	56-24
Lakota East	62-23	Oak Hills	56-38
Colerain	47-40	Mason	45-41
Princeton	57-53	Lakota East	46-41
Hamilton	50-30	Mercy	49-39
Middletown	55-22	Colerain	53-49
Fairfield	41-15	Lakota West	46-40
Hamilton	59-27	Hamilton	51-40

Vital Statistics

Most Rebounds	Kristen Hammergren
Most three pointers	Natalie Wade
Most points	Laura Steiner
Most assists	Laura Steiner
Most steals	Abbie Tepe



Abbie Tepe, 10, struggling for the ball. Tepe was one of the teams most aggressive players. Although she was short her skills, jumps, and aggression contribute to the Lady Aves starting line-up.



Jamie Nesbit, 12, shoves her way through an opponent. Nesbit's strength gained the team many easy baskets. She was one of the toughest players on the team.



Ginny Tremblay, 12, shows her intimidating defensive stance. Tremblay was one out of four seniors that really contributed to the teams success. They will surely be missed.

SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

Team work and practice: a winning combination

By: Caitlin Bokulic

Go Figure

3

times the
freshman team
played Princeton

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people cut
during tryouts

6

practices a
week

While they play on different teams, have different players and coaches; the Freshman and JV basketball teams closely parallel each other.

The teams started off the season with a tryout that proved to be strenuous for some because of injuries. However, in the end tryouts proved to be beneficial to everyone.

"Everyone made the team this year, but I am still always nervous for tryouts because you never know what is going to happen," said **Rita Klofta, 11**.

Once the teams were decided they went to work on improving their offense and defense.

The teams played really well and it can be attributed to their intensity in practice and before games.

"The practice before games the whole team is really focused. On the bus before away games everyone is really intense and focused because you really have to mentally prepare for away games," said **Stacy Shutts, 11**.

After the teams put in a tough effort out on the court the parents rewarded the team with dinner.

"After everyone of our games our parents all make us dinner and we have a pasta party, it really helped our team bond and become close," said **Joanna Lin, 9**.



Ali Shewmon, 9, shoots the ball during a free throw. The JV girls team toughest opponent was Princeton High School. The team ended with a great year finishing the year with a winning season.

FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL Overall Record 11-8

Seton	22-32	Milford	33-13
Oak Hills	26-45	Oak Hills	26-36
Lakota West	31-29	Lakota East	29-21
Lakota East	21-14	Mercy	18-42
Colerain	37-27	Colerain	30-21
Princeton	26-37	Lakota West	30-27
Hamilton	32-26	Hamilton	35-22
Middletown	32-26	Middletown	39-27
Fairfield	25-29	Lakota West	29-32
Princeton	21-33		

Vital Statistics

MVP Joanna Lin
Coaches Award Jackie Pittman

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL Overall Record

Lakota East	44-19
Mercy	35-24
Colerain	42-48
Lakota West	24-51
Hamilton	39-27
Middletown	58-32



Row 1: Alex Cooper, 10, Ali Shewmon, 9, Emily Stivu, 9, Meredith Love, 10, and Rita Klofta, 10. Row 2: Stacy Shutts, 10, Elan Williams, 10, Kionna Davenport, 11, and Abby Austin, 10. Row 3: Coach Harris, Jacqueline Roesch, 11, Abby Reedy, 9, Morga Brooks, 11, and Leah Morand, 11.



Row 1: Melanie McLanghlin, Hannah Meyers, Emily Hess, and Lauren Lynn. Row 2: Jacqueline Pittman, Sabira Sadat-Hossieny, Sarah McCormick, Sara Sadat-Hossieny, and Kelly Cassidy. Row 3: Devon Feagans, Rima Takieddine, Coach Reedy, Joanna Lin, and Lindsay Laroche.



Coach Harris instructs Jacqueline Roesch, 11, on what play to use in the game. Roesch was a starter for the JV basketball team and played in almost every game. Coach Harris helped the team by encouraging them during tough games against teams like Colerain.

Jacqueline Pittman, 9, throws up a shoot while being blocked by the opposing team. The freshman team's biggest competition was Lakota West. They played West three times and lost only once in the first round of the tournament.



The team congratulates the Lakota East Hawks on a good game. This tradition is customary basketball; going down a line and shaking hands with their opponent. While none of the girls were cut from the team they still had to work hard in games to be a part of the starting line-up.



Lauren Lynn, 9, protects the ball from the other team. "During stretching our team would tell stories we had a really fun season," said Lynn. Due to this stretching the girls were able to maintain an injury free season.

"Quotes From The Field"



"I enjoyed getting to become a team and watching our team improve." -Rita Klofta, 11.



"It was fun to play with my friends because we have known each other for a long time." -Stacy Shutts, 10.



"I really like being on the team because we are like a family." -Joanna Lin, 9.

●●● POUNDING DOWN THE MAT

Fighting for the top

By: Anna Alemagno

Go Figure

5

district
qualifiers

14

weight
classes

10

GMC
schools

7

seniors

They had seven placers in GMCs, 5 district qualifiers, and sent 2 to state. The Varsity Wrestling team began their season with the leadership of senior tri-captain's **Zach Tawney, Victor Crenshaw, and Ross Patterson.**

The varsity team brought home a 1st place trophy from the Roger Bacon Duals which included Roger Bacon, LaSalle, Reading and Northwest.

At the home invitational, January 14th and 15th seniors, **Zach Tawney** and **Victor Crenshaw** came in first place along with **Donny Herrington, 9**, wrestling at 103.

"It's a lot harder. But, it's a lot more rewarding than junior high wrestling," said **Herrington.**

As the season progressed the team devolved more discipline, losing many wrestlers.

"I had knee surgery so I was out for the season. I got to sit aside and watch as our team went from a bunch of guys to a real high class team," said **Luke Tawney, 10.**

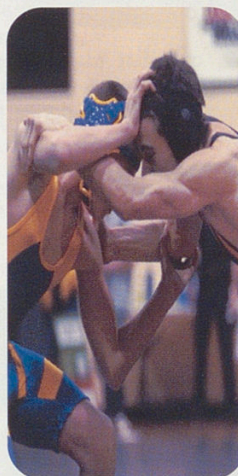
The wrestlers trained hard to prepare for each match, especially districts, sectionals, and state.

"The state tournament was a lot harder than I expected because there was tough competition," said **Victor Crenshaw, 12.**

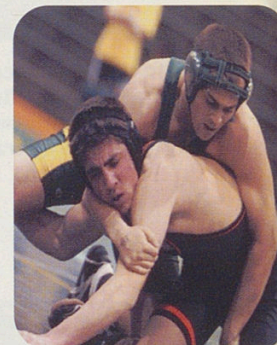
Overall, the varsity wrestlers excelled through hard work and dedication.



Coach Wilms and Coach Staggs are two of the varsity coaches. Many of the wrestlers felt that their new coaches pushed them harder than they were pushed in past years. Still, the boys agreed that the hard work paid off.



171 pounder **David Grubbs, 12** takes down his opponent at the Sycamore Invitational. **Grubbs** received 4th place at the tournament for his weight class.



One of the youngest members on the varsity team is **Donny Herrington, 9**. He has contributed to the team's success while wrestling at 103. **Herrington** won the Sycamore Invitational and came in 2nd at GMC's.



Third year varsity wrestler, **Zach Tawney, 12**, won 3rd place at GMC's. In the 135 weight class, **Tawney** saw intense competition at sectionals winning X. **Tawney** ended the season with a record of 25-5.

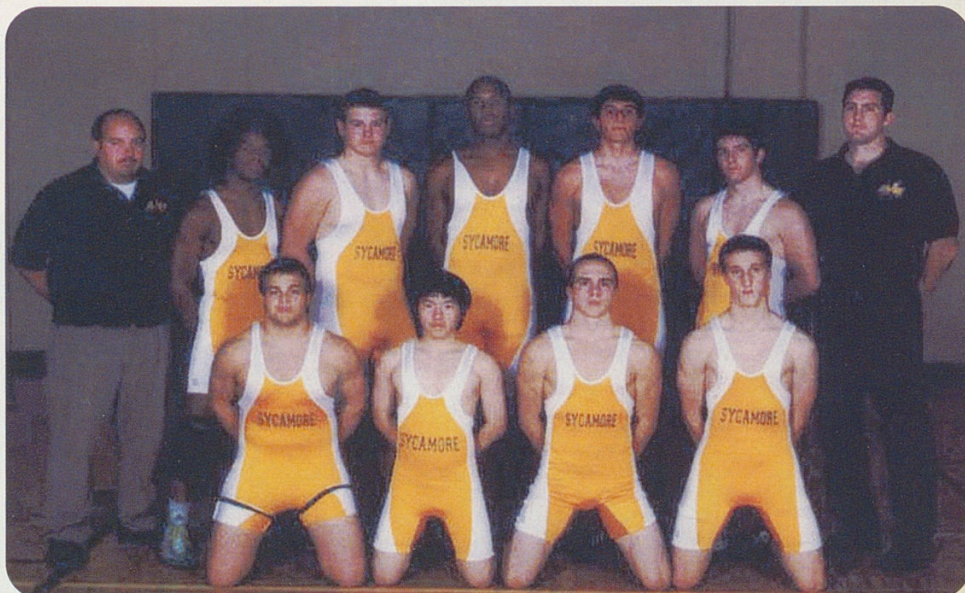
Varsity Wrestling Overall Record 4-2

Reading	W 42-34
Roger Bacon	W 42-31
Duals	W/L
Miamisburg/ Harrison	10th
Coaches Classic	4th
Fairfield	2nd
Invitational	L/W
Sycamore	2nd
	3rd

Vital Statistics

Most Pins in the Least
Amount of Time
(Fairfield Invitational) **Caleb Lipsey**

MVP at Coach's Classic **Victor Crenshaw**



Row 1: David Grubbs, 12, Jingyi Sun, 12, Zach Tawney, 12, and Mark Sedziol, 11. Row 2: Coach Wilms, Victor Crenshaw, 12, Dorian Goins, 12, Ra'ed Samman, 12, Ross Patterson, 12, and Coach Staggs.



Victor Crenshaw, 12, is a 2-year state qualifier. Crenshaw placed X at state and 1st at GMC's. Crenshaw's overall record was 27-1 with 13 pins and many tech faults.

"Quotes from the Mat"



"This year we're not as strong as last year, since we don't have a full line-up." -**Ra'ed Samaan, 12.**



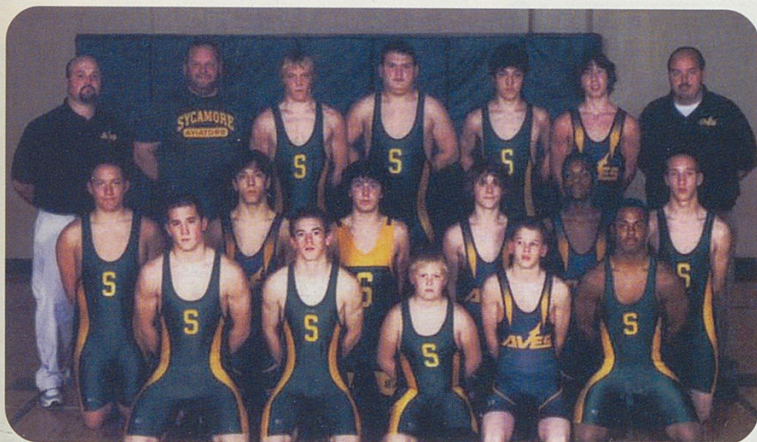
"As a first year wrestler, it was much more challenging than I expected. But I was a beast." -**Matthew Baranowski, 9.**



"We got two new coaches and it's beginning to show. As a team, we are learning many more techniques." -**Zach Tawney, 12.**



"Wrestling is hard work, but it's a good workout. It's a lot of fun when you win matches." -**Kevin Hoard, 9.**



Row 1: Joey Alemagno, 9, Donny Herrington, 9, Jonathan Trost, 9, Chris Belker, 9, and Kevin Hoard, 9. Row 2: Eddie Saurber, 9, Nir Weiner, 9, Chris Williams, 9, Nate Blessing, 9, Jon Key, 9, and Matthew Sedziol, 9. Row 3: Coach Carroll, Coach Traub, Scott Ferris, 9, Geoff Peters, Tony McClure, 9, Matt Baranowski, 9, and Coach Wilms.

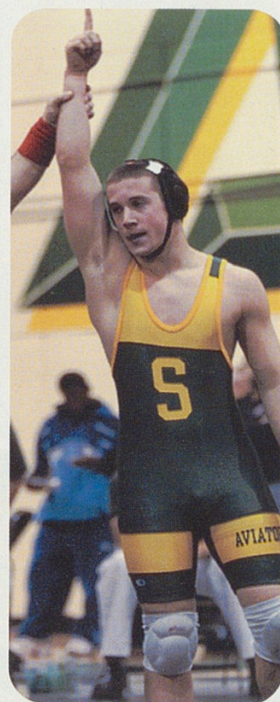
FRESHMAN WRESTLING Overall Record 0-7

Millford	L
Mason/West Brown	L
Roger Bacon Duals	L
Oak Hills Inv.	L
Western Hills	L
Purcell Marion Inv.	L
Princeton/Mt. Healthy	L

Vital Statistics

Most Improved **Matthew Baranowski**

MVP and Sycamore
Invitational Champ **Donny Herrington**



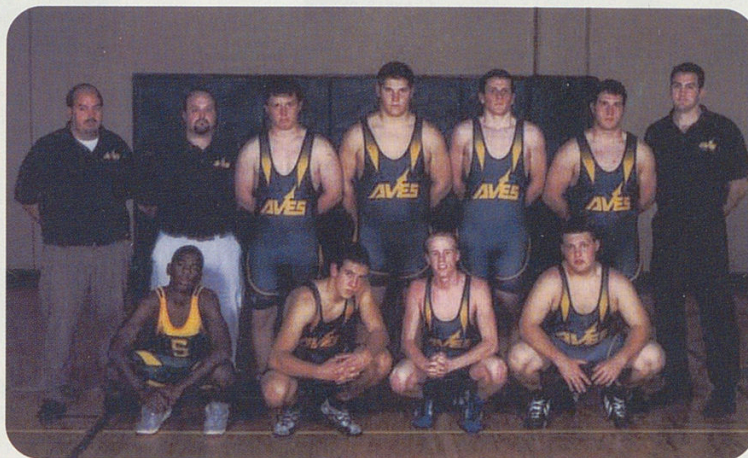
Joey Alemagno, 9, wrestled on varsity along with Donny Herrington, 9. Alemagno placed 6th at the Sycamore Invitational. Even with a back injury, Alemagno continued to dominate on the mat at 152 pounds.

JV WRESTLING Overall Record 5-3

Millford	L
Western Brown	W
Mason	W
LaSalle	W
Lakota East	L
Mount Healthy	W
Roger Bacon Duals	L
Reading	W

Vital Statistics

MVP **Joey Fixler**
Most Pins **Zach Star**



Row 1: Will Shufford, 10, Zach Grimm, 10, Luke Tawney, 10, and Zach Star, 10. Row 2: Coach Wilms, Coach Carroll, Ben Rosen, 10, Caleb Lipsey, 10, Joey Fixler, 10, Dan Pyles, 11, and Coach Staggs.

FROM THE FACEOFF TO THE CREASE

Succeeding with slap shots

Go Figure

1

shutout

32

regular season
games

2

freshmen

7

home games
(at Sports Plus)

By: Jennifer Konerman

Under great leadership, the varsity hockey team had a successful season and a memorable experience. The guys had many role models on the team to follow.

The seniors provided great leadership to help the underclassmen. The coaching urged the players to do their best and always give their all.

"Coach Cooper taught us the real way to play hockey- the Canadian way," said **J.D. McFarland, 10**.

Leadership came from other sources as well, whether it was from upperclassmen or even the younger players. No matter what class, though, they had fun with each other which contributed to a great season.

"We had a great season. We had a great group of guys, so we had a lot of fun," said **Dan Rubin, 10**.

The teammates had fun at practices and elsewhere, such as their frequent pasta parties. Many of them had played together for years and had made friendships and new acquaintances with new players.

The group of players made the season great because they all had fun no matter how the season was going. Many players were injured, but the team stayed strong.

"Our hardcore hockey team suffered many injuries this season. There was many a game when I would shed the blood of myself or another man," said **John Krzyminski, 11**.

"Quotes From The Field"



"Maybe not the best, but definitely the most attractive team in school, and we have a lot of fun." -**Peter Lukasek, 12**

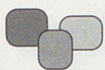
"This year's sophomore class was outstanding. Tobin and McFarland are the next Gretzky and Messier. Rubin is definitely the next Dominic Hasek. They were a great addition to our team." -**Chris Luken, 11**



Dan Rubin, 10, faces a tough St. Xavier opponent. Rubin had a great season, with impressive stops and aggressive plays. The team counted on him because of his hard work and dedication to his post at goal.



Matt Napierski, 12, fights for the goal. He had a successful season, with over 30 goals and 20 assists. His team players respected him because he worked hard and never gave up.





Jeff Ellingham, 12, looks for the pass. He acted as one of the captains and played hard as a leading offensive player. Ellingham was clearly an aggressive player, as he had over 25 goals and played nearly every game.

Varsity Hockey

Overall Record
14-16-5

Trinity	10-1	Troy	6-3
Worthington Kilbourne	11-2	Perrysburg	3-5
Upper Arlington	5-7	Troy	1-2
North Central	1-7	Springboro	3-3
Southview	1-1	Beavercreek	2-2
Badin	6-2	Lancaster	4-2
Talawanda	1-6	Hudson	1-5
Beavercreek	4-1	Bethel Park	0-6
Talawanda	2-2	LaSalle	12-0
Glenbrook South	1-10	Centerville	4-4
Mount Carmel	0-9	St. Xavier	7-2
Brother Rice	3-7	Talawanda	0-3
St. Joseph's	7-2	Moeller	1-6
Moeller	1-3	*Beavercreek	4-3
Springboro	4-7	*Moeller	2-3
Team Kentucky	10-3	**Gahanna	4-1
Lakota East	4-3		
St. Xavier	5-1		

* - League Tournament

** - State Tournament

Vital Statistics

MVP

Jeff Ellingham

Spirit Award

Matt Napierski

Coach's Award

J.D. McFarland

Most Improved Player

Chris Luken

Alex Martin



Row 1: Alex Martin, 12, Kyle Esterkamp, 11, Jeff Ellingham, 12, Coach Deryck Cooper, Matt Napierski, 12, Coach Geoff Turk, John Krzyninski, 11, Dan Rubin, 10, and Andy Graves, 9. Row 2: J.D. McFarland, 10, Paul Procaro, 11, Jeff Heslin, 11, Ben Moster, 9, Derek Bahler, 11, Nadeem Mirza, 12, Peter Lukasek, 12, Sean Tobin, 10, Chris Luken, 11, and A.J. Gold, 12.



Eric Knox, 11, supports the guys at a home game. He went to every home game he could and supported the guys tremendously as their official "Superfan." "I enjoy going to the games because of the action and good food at Sports Plus. The players work hard to put on an excellent show of athleticism," said Knox, now two-year appointed Hockey Superfan.



PULLING OFF THE HAT TRICK

Victorious from the Assist to the Zamboni

By: Jennifer Konerman

Go Figure

5

shutouts

131

goals scored

3

months of
games

2

overtime
games

Success comes with pride, as many junior varsity hockey players found after their season of victories one after another.

Their astonishing record was thanks to their upbeat attitude and intense teamwork.

"Everyone on the team contributed in some way which helped us to become such a good team. This allowed us to beat many tough teams and led to a very successful season," said **Matt Cadwallader, 11**.

Many of their games, while triumphant, were won with last-minute shots on goal and quick actions made by the offense. This made games thrilling to watch, but even more thrilling to play.

"Our games were always exciting because of our team's ability to come through in the clutch to pull out the win," said **Steve Ross, 10**.

Newcomers to the team loved being a part of the united and energetic team.

"Being my first year playing hockey, I didn't know exactly what to expect. I experienced first hand that there is no substitute for the feeling I get when slamming players into the boards," said **Phil Wight, 12**.



Greg Kash, 10, beats out his opponent for the puck. Kash, with his obvious hard work and determination, fought for the puck whenever he could. This helped the team gain possession and eventually the win.



Get ready for the face off! A St. Xavier opponent and **Steven Ross, 10**, get ready to restart the game. The faceoff was a vital part of the game as it determined possession of the puck. **Ross** was skilled in this area and had the quickness needed for a successful initiation of the play.



Joe Herrick, 10, slips through the defense. A tough and skillful offense was key for a player to score. **Herrick** obviously put this into play, seeing as he scored over 10 goals. He had great pride in his team, as he explains, "It's not the fact that we're really good, it's the fact that we look good being good," said **Herrick**.



JUNIOR VARSITY HOCKEY

Overall Record

16-6-4

Centerville	3-3	Elder	10-1
Worthington Kilbourne	2-1	Elder	8-0
Upper Arlington	1-0	Dublin	5-4
Springboro	10-0	Upper Arlington	1-4
St. Xavier	3-2	St. Charles	3-4
Mason	2-5	Moeller	3-3
Badin	2-9	LaSalle	8-1
Upper Arlington	3-5	St. Xavier	8-1
St. Xavier	5-4	Moeller	1-1
St. Xavier	7-1	St. Xavier	1-1
Springboro	10-0	Clay Henry	0-3
Lakota Thunderhawks	11-1	Elder	8-0
Eastside Aeros	10-0	Springboro	6-1

Vital Statistics

MVP

Spirit Award

Coach's Award

Most Improved

Kyle Esterkamp

Doug Coughlin

Steve Ross

Tony Huron



Charge! David Grupp, 11, struggles to get to the puck first. He was a vital leader for the team and many of the underclass players looked up to him for his abilities and hard work.

Though we play on ice, our team is not like ice because our hearts are warm, not cold.

-James Hutson, 10

Row 1: Steve Ross, 10, Jeremy Zola, 11, Coach Copoolse, Kyle Esterkamp, 11, Coach Sidor, Dan Rubin, 10, Coach Acome, Doug Coughlin, 11, and Emily Dirr, 9. Row 2: Dan Schwartz, 12, Scott Spear, 11, James Hutson, 10, Greg Kash, 10, Matt Scheer, 9, Matt Cadwallader, 11, Phil Wight, 12, Tony Huron, 10, Joe Herrick, 10, Andy Graves, 9, and David Grupp, 11.



Using his offensive skills, James Hutson, 10, passes the tough St. Xavier defensive players. With help from his defensive line, including Scott Spear, 11, he was able to keep the goals coming. This is clear as the offense keeping up their 16 wins for the season. He showed his appreciation to the leaders, including coaches. "Our season record was the best ever. I'd like to thank Coach Andrews because he was the brother I always need," said Spear.

Boys swimming champions for 10th year

Go Figure

13th

place at state

2nd

place at
Sectionals

By: Lauren Truax

Again with no surprise boys swimming continued their dominance of the GMC by winning for the 10th year in a row. The team also was recognized by Channel 19 FOX news on Friday, February, 18 as their Team of the Week. The Boy's coach **Dr. Dan Carl** accepted the award on television.

The season was strong with a 2nd place finish at the sectional meet and a 4th place finish at districts. **Heath Tameris, 12**, and **Mark Bernstein, 11**, were the only individual qualifiers for state, 200 IM, 100 Breaststroke, 500 Free, and 100 Butterfly, respectively. The boys also had their 200 Medley relay and 400 Free relay qualify for state. **Andrew Wittkuguel, 11**, **Ben Parker, 12**, and **Alphonse Harris, 10**, swam on the relays at state.

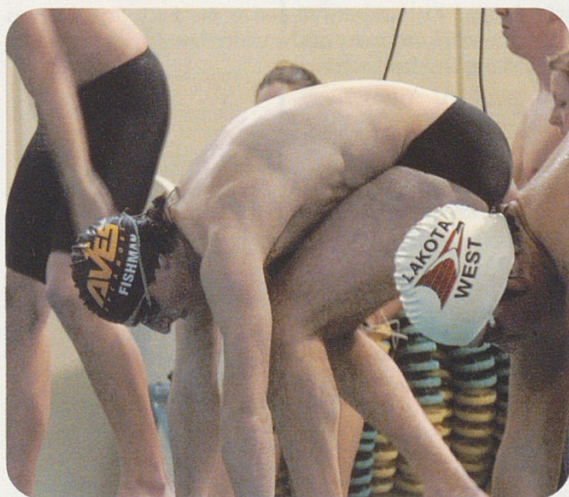
The team was so strong at the end of the season because of all their hard work. When most people were having fun vacationing on winter break, the swimmers were having double practice. Winter break is referred to by swimmers as, "hell week." Although the practices were hard they were worth it in end.

"Swimming was a great way to learn self discipline," said **John Wilkes, 11**.

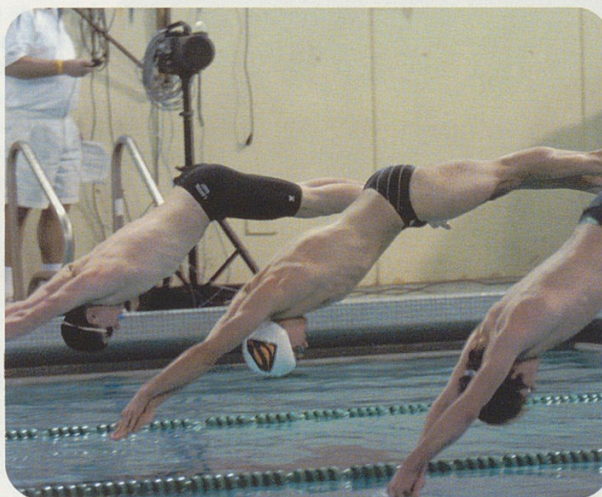
The team had lots of fun throughout the season at pasta parties and other bonding activities.

"My favorite part of the season was travel trips because I missed school," said **Andrew Wittkuguel, 11**.

The excellence proved that the boys swimming team had a legacy the are sure to continue for the years to come!



Jamie Fishman, 11, getting in position for his race. Fishman was a member of the JV team. Throughout the season meets were held having both JV and Varsity swimmers compete.



Streamline! Andrew Wittkuguel, 11, is about to enter the water. The dive and start was crucial to the beginning of the race. Especially for short race events like the 50 or 100 meter freestyle.



Getting focused for his race, Ben Parker, 12. It was very important for a swimmer to be in the right mind set before their race. It helped them perform to their full potential.



Row 2: Coach Dave Lienesch, Matt Oberly, 9, Tal Shulman, 10, Jamie Fishman, 11 and Coach Dan Carl. **Row 3:** Mitch Heltman, 10, Jules Rosen, 12, John Wilkes, 11, Carter Roust, 9, and Elliot Skopin, 11.



Row 1: Heath Tameris, 12 and Ben Parker, 12. **Row 2:** Andrew Wittkuguel, 11, Alphonse Harris, 11, Mark Bernstein, 10, Jon Su, 10 and Alan Kelpie, 11. **Row 3:** Coach Alan Wight, Jamie Dowdall, 9, Colin Hanner, 9, Jason Kao, 9 and Coach Dan Carl.





Alan Kelpe, 11, swims hard. Most swimmers dreaded swimming butterfly because they believed it was the hardest stroke. However, Kelpe excelled at the stroke and therefore enjoyed swimming butterfly.

Boys Swimming

Milford	111-67	Larry Lyons	3rd
LaSalle	135-51	Inv.	
Moeller	112-71	Southwest	4th
Worthington	3rd	Classic	
Inv.		Lakota E&W	154/
Canton	3rd		103/69
Christmas		GMC	1st
Inv.		Sectionals	2nd
Mason	95-91	Districts	4th
		State	12th

Vital Statistics

MVP	Heath Tameris
Most Improved	Mark Berstein
Rookie of the Year	Jamie Dowdall
Spirit of Sycamore	Ben Parker
JV Most Improved	Elliot Skopin
JV Hardest Worker	Carter Roust
JV Rookie of the Year	Matt Oberly

Question & Answer with Heath Tameris

2nd in 100 breast-stroke at state



Q: How did you train in order to make it to State?

A: I trained a lot, which consisted of about 5 hours a day. I had to wake up at 4:55 a.m. 3 days a week, it wasn't fun.

Q: Did you have any pre swim rituals?

A: I like to be by myself before a big race, but if it's a small race, I don't really have any rituals.

Q: How long have you been swimming?

A: Since I was 4. So about 14 years.

Q: Why did you start swimming?

A: I'm not sure, but I think it's because my dad swam and he's a coach.

Q: What is your favorite memory from High School Swimming

A: All of my junior year season.

●●● SWEET SIXTEEN IS DOMINANCE

Girls swimming champions again

Go Figure

By: Lauren Truax

16
consecutive
years of GMC
wins

4
seniors

1
GMC coach of
the year

5
practices
missed because
of snow

Continuing with tradition, girls swimming won GMC's for the sixteenth year in a row. The girls won seven of the twelve events including all three relays. Also, **Dr. Dan Carl** won GMC coach of the year and **Amy Krone, 11**, won GMC swimmer of the meet. The team was also recognized by Channel 19 FOX news as their Team of the Week.

The state team consisted of two individual qualifiers, **Krone** and **Erica Kao, 9**. Also **Grace Denny, 11**, **Chelsea Keller, 10**, **Kenzie Kassoff, 9**, and **Sarah Porter, 11** were members of the state relay teams.

The team all got along during the season. Although sometimes girls fight, it did not occur during their season.

"This year was fun because the team was really close, which made the practices a lot more tolerable," said **Chelsea Keller, 10**.

Team bonding activities were held, such as sleep overs, pasta parties, and after swimmeet parties. All of the team bonding activities brought the team closer together and made the freshmen feel welcome.

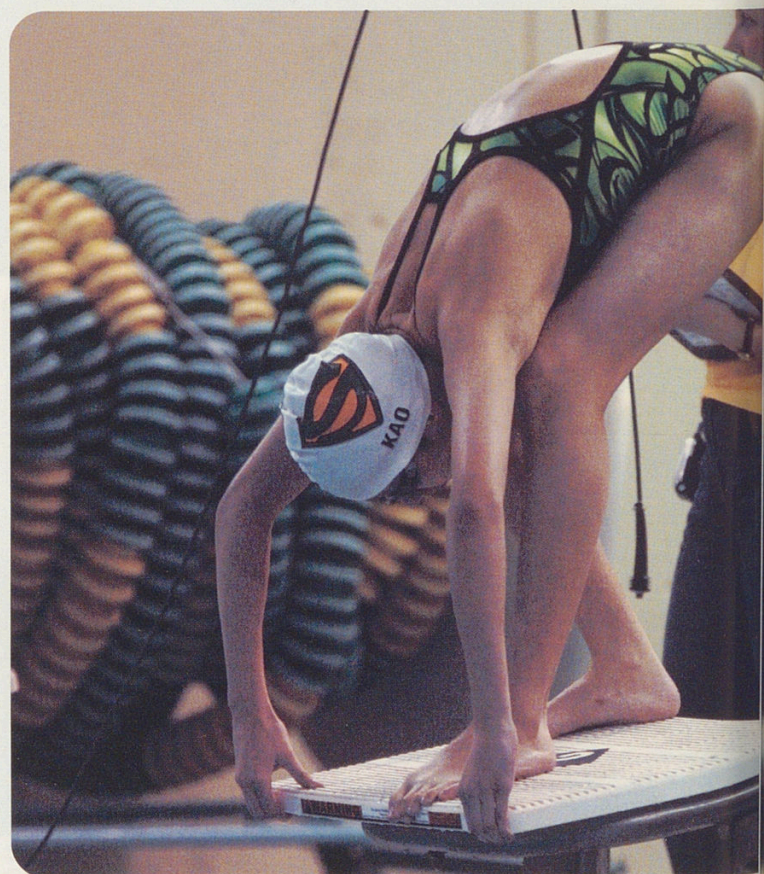
"Swimming was awesome because **Lauren Truax** and I really bonded as the senior leaders," said **Megan Brown, 12**.

Girls swimming had an exceptional season with wins all over the city. Winning the GMC for the 16th year was a great accomplishment for the team.



Goofing around as usual, **Megan Brown, 12**, and **Lauren Truax, 12** keeping the atmosphere fun. As seniors **Brown** and **Truax** lead the team and made sure all enjoyed other aspects of swimming, not just the races. They will be greatly missed by the team.

Concentration. **Erica Kao, 9**, prepares to enter the water for her race. **Kao** won 200 IM and 100 breaststroke at GMC, which is extremely good as a freshman. **Kao** was also a member of the state relays. She contributed greatly to the team's success.



"Quotes from the Pool"



"My most memorable moment was when our assistant coach, **Alan Wight**, and I had a joke about "why you gotta be like that." It was lots of fun." -**Sarah Porter, 11**.



"My most memorable moment was when the snow cancelled five practices over winter break." -**Rachel Costello, 12**.



"Take your mark...beep." Grace Denny, 11, at the beginning of her 100 backstroke. The start of the race was crucial to how successful the swimmer swam.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Milford	108-77
Mt. Notre Dame	134-46
Ursuline	73-112
Worthington Inv.	1st
Canton Christmas Inv.	3rd
Mason	111.5-71.5

Larry Lyons Inv.	6th
Southwest Classic	8th
Lakota E&W	142/100/87
GMC	1st
Sectionals	4th
Districts	5th
"B" Districts	2nd
State	12th

Vital Statistics

MVP	Amy Krone
Most Improved	Erica Kao and Kenzie Kassoff
Rookie of the Year	Erica Kao
Spirit of Sycamore	Rachel Costello
JV Most Improved	Laura Tufts
JV Hardest Worker	Brittany Lawrence
JV Rookie of the Year	Allison Coleman



Row 1: Rachel Costello, 12, Dina Dendramis, 12, Lauren Truax, 12 and Megan Brown, 12. Row 2: Amy Krone, 11, Sarah Porter, 11, Grace Denny, 11, Alexandra Perrotti, 11, Gina Bohl, 11 and Claire Mondro, 11. Row 3: Coach Alan Wight, Paige Keefe, 10, Chelsea Keller, 10, Katey Miller, 10, Catherine Zang, 10 and Coach Dan Carl. Row 4: Debra Lipson, 9, Christina Noland, 9, Kenzie Kassoff, 9 and Erica Kao, 9.



Row 1: Nicole Hall, 11, Olga Martychenko, 11, Anna Fryer, 11, Allison Coleman, 9, Laura Tufts, 9 and Rachel Meyers, 11. Row 2: Coach Dave Lienesch, Sam Bruce 11, Brittany Lawrence, 10, Leah Brand, 11 and Coach Dan Carl.

HEAD FIRST INTO SUCCESS

Going Off the High Dive

Go Figure

5

practices per week

1

first place finish

4

team members

Going head first into the water may not be on the list of your favorite things to do, but for the diving team, it was close to number one. This team spent five days a week practicing diving from 8:45p.m. - 10:00p.m. For some people, that may have been when they were already asleep!

These members, believe it or not, were not up for sleeping, they were up preparing for competitions.

"I love practice. We always have a great time. Also, since I am the only girl on the team, I get to spend quality time with the guys," said **Stephanie DiMasso, 11**.

If anything got her nervous, it was definitely not the fact that she was the only girl on the team.

Besides the helpfulness of practice on its own, the coach **Jack Phipps** helped the team members by motivating them and assisting them with enhancing their diving skills.

"He gives the motivations and reality checks as I need them," said **Lavardo Pennerman, 11**.

Besides the helpful support and advice

from the coach, the teammates, the five of them, were able to watch themselves on TIVO, which helped them see where they need improvement.

As far as competition goes, in no way does it every intimidate the divers.

"My biggest competition was and is myself," said **DiMasso**.

Obviously, the cold pool water did not stop this diving team from putting their hard work to good use in the competitions.

Of course, the hard work this team has put in did not go unnoticed in the GMC, when the teammates placed first, second, fifth, and sixth!

While some of the diving team members are more serious about diving than others, in terms of their future pursuits in the sport, at this point in time, that was not an obstacle in any way to the effort that was present at every competition this team has participated in.

One thing is for sure: although there were only four team members, in no way did that serve as a hold-back for this team.



Backwards or forwards? Stephanie DiMasso, 11, is shown here at a diving competition doing first a backward dive, then a forward dive. As the captain of the team, her leadership skills have helped enhance the team's performance and motivate the divers. She has been a diver for eight years and planned to continue diving even after high school.



Ready, set, dive! Stephanie DiMasso, 11, Matthew DiMasso, 9, and Brian Ruff, 10, practiced their diving skills. Their practices were five days a week for an hour and a half.



Row 1: Matt DiMasso, 9, Stephanie DiMasso, 11, Coach Jack Phipps, Amanda Cone, 11, Brittany Martin, 11, and Lavardo Pennerman, 11.

DIVING

Southwest Classic Meet:

Lavardo Pennerman 5th
Matt DiMasso 12th
Brian Ruff 13th
Stephanie DiMasso 6th

GMC:

Lavardo Pennerman 1st
Matt DiMasso 2nd
Brian Ruff 5th

Larry Lyons Invitational:

Brian Ruff 8th
Lavardo Pennerman 3rd
Stephanie DiMasso 5th

“My favorite part about diving is trying that new hard dive.” - Lavardo Pennerman, 11

“Quotes from the Pool”



“The best part is when I’m mid-dive and something in my head tells me I did the dive right.” - Matt DiMasso, 9.

“I wanted to do something close to gymnastics with as much fun.” - Lavardo Pennerman, 11



Spotlight on..... Stephanie DiMasso

Q: How do you feel during matches?

A: At times I feel really nervous, and sometimes I freak myself out, but I try to calm down and have a good time.

Q: What made you decide to participate in diving?

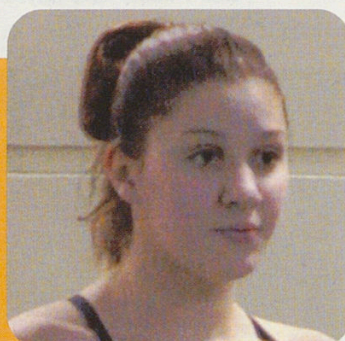
A: I’ve been diving since 4th grade in Michigan, and my coach at the time was my gym teacher and got me interested in diving.

Q: What are your favorite parts of diving?

A: My favorite parts are getting to meet people from all around Ohio, and lots of them end up being really good friends of mine.

Q: What traditions, if any, do you have before matches?

A: We have no traditions, we stretch and try to clear our minds, but during practice Mike Pennerman and I play rock, paper, scissors when we are on the board to see who goes first.



Preparing for the dive, Matthew DiMasso, 9, experiences his first high school diving experience. He was a strong and persevering addition to the team and always showed consistent effort. There was no doubt that he will continue to be just as hard-working a team member later in his diving experiences.



Brian Ruff, 10, on the verge of his dive. The water looked deep, but that never stopped him from getting in in style. Constantly a great addition to the team, his integrity and support for other team members greatly contributed to the team’s success.



TEAM CHECKS PERFECTION AGAIN

Setting Records

Go Figure

By: Tamar Ingber

16

total wins in
the season

1st

team All-GMC

32

pieces on a
chess board

0

total losses in
the season

What team was undefeated winter season? Chess. Which Varsity sport finished their season with 16 wins, zero losses, and only two ties? Chess.

"They did it again. Sycamore should be proud of the Chess team's accomplishments," said **Coach Keith Brackenridge**.

Sycamore's Chess Team won the Greater Miami Conference, GMC, after their 18 total matches.

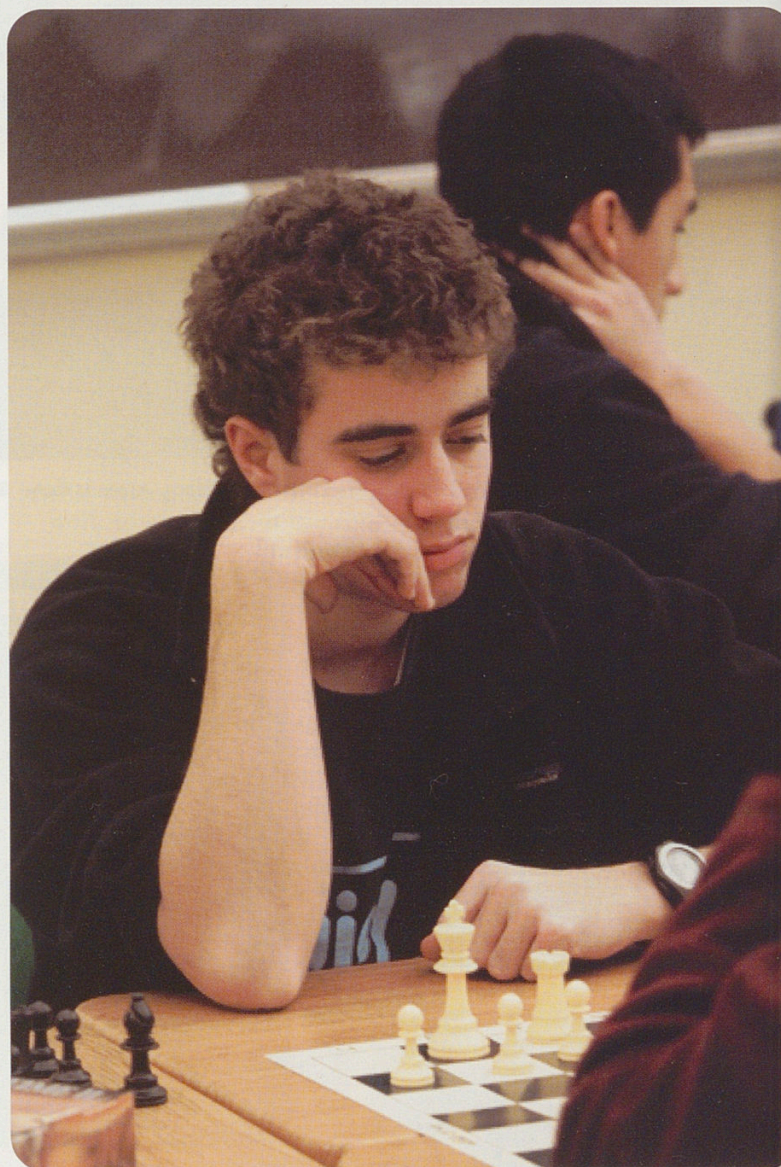
Throughout the season, they approached other undefeated teams. For example, Lakota West was favored to win before their match began because they returned all of their player's from last year's lineup. Sycamore won a close contest and had an excellent victory that moved Sycamore into solo first place in the conference.

"It's a hard game," said **Chester Chen, 10**.

The Chess team even joked and went to the Gregory Center to work their great arms into the best shape: 1st team all GMC.

"My senior year has been fun but one of the greatest parts was Chess," said **Arthur Wang, 12**.

Proud yet humble the Chess team seemed to minimize the huge win of the team. Another season, another GMC title, and they think next year, let's do it again!



Take your time! Aaron Schneider, 12, took his time as he decided on his next move. "I wish I would have played more, but I have no regrets on our great season," said Schneider.

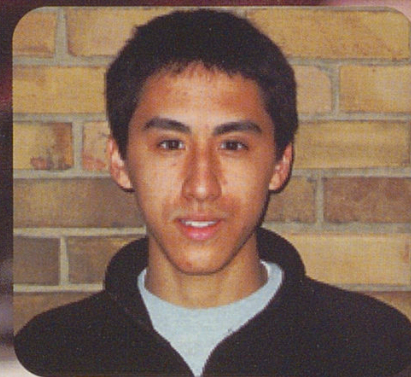
AWARDS



Arthur Wang, 12.
Earned: GMC Player of the Year



Jeffrey Andrews, 12.
Earned: 1st team All GMC



Andrew Ng, 10.
Earned: 2nd team All GMC



Do glasses make you smarter? No, Christopher Yen, 10, just needed his glasses to see his opponent be outwitted. Yen greatly improved and became a strong asset to the team.



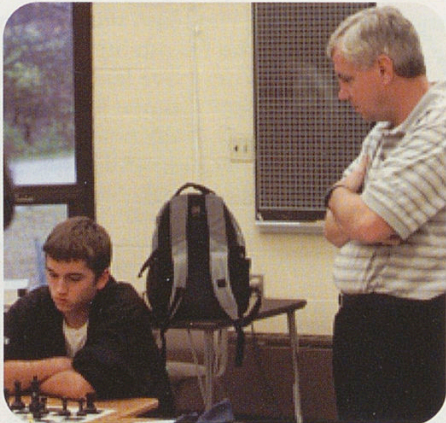
Girls Varsity Soccer
Overall Record
16-0-2

Colrain	5-0	Colerain	5-0
Milford	3-2	Milford	2.5-2.5
Hamilton	5-0	Hamilton	4-1
Middletown	5-0	Middletown	3-2
Lakota West	3-2	Lakota West	4-1
Oak Hills	5-0	Oak Hills	5-0
Fairfield	5-0	Fairfield	4-1
Lakota East	5-0	Lakota East	5-0
Princeton	3-2	Princeton	2.5-2.5

Vital Statistics

- GMC Player of the Year Arthur Wang
- 1st Team All-GMC Jeffrey Andrews
- 2nd Team All-GMC Andy Ng
- GMC Coach of the Year Keith Brackenridge

Watch and see! Jeffrey Domas, 11, played hard, especially when the team coach was nearby. Coach Keith Brackenridge watched from the sidelines and coached his team. Brackenridge recieved the honorable title of GMC Coach of the Year.



hat him good! Chester Chen, 10, played hard against every opponent. As a sophomore, Chen impressed the team by beating many of his difficult opponents.



Finish strong! Andrew Ng, 12, finished his high school career at the top of his game. Ng planned ahead, and his effort paid off as he finished the season 2nd Team All-GMC.



BEYOND KNOWLEDGE

The guts, the glory, and the power of mind

By: Caitlin Bokulic

Go Figure

5

Members on the varsity team

1

Place in the GMC

3

Practices a week

70

Questions in a match

Quick, what is the name of the 1837 collection of Nathaniel Hawthorne's tales that probably comes from a line in Shakespeare's work? The answer, *Twice Told Tales*, this question was part of the rigorous tryouts.

"Tryouts were really difficult because we had to take a test with information ranging from random books to math; plus the competition was fierce," said **Venkat Shanker, 12**.

To most people the Academic Team doesn't seem like anything more than a group of really smart people answering questions. However, this team has to endure just as much sweat dripping, anxious, and pressured-packed sport's environment as does any other sport.

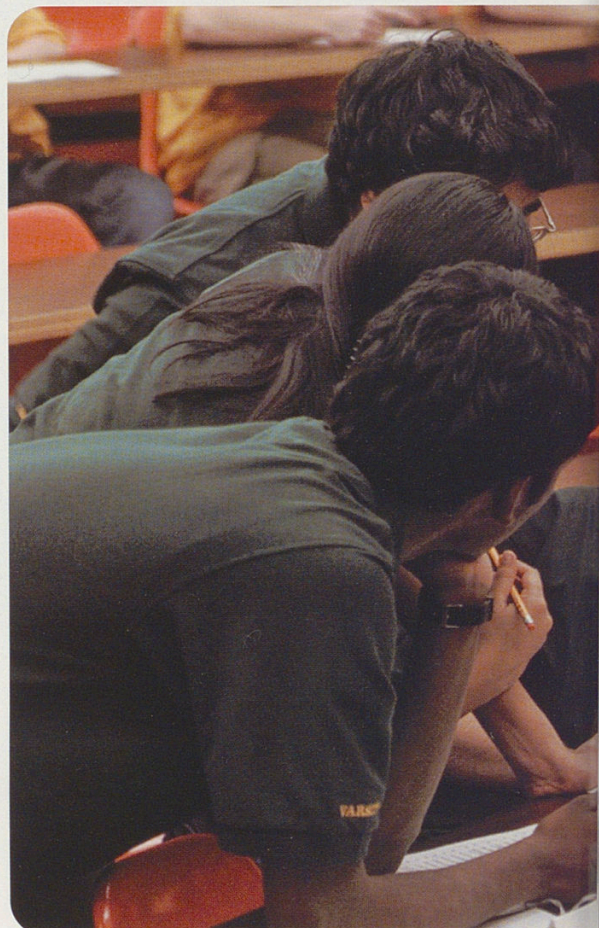
"Several of our matches have been nail-biters, so we normally don't have spectators because it needs to be quiet in order for us to hear the questions," said **Aaron Friedman, 12**.

The team prepared by attending practice every week and having the coaches rattle off questions from topics like Ohio Government.

"We really don't know everything though, we know a lot of general stuff that we can use to help us figure out the questions that we don't know," said **Sanjay Choudhury, 10**.

The team really enjoyed being around each other and the friendships that they have made due to this team. They have learned a lot and not just what the capital of New Guinea is (Papua.)

"I really enjoy being on the team and I enjoy going to practices and being challenged every day," said **Samuel Snow, 10**.



ACADEMIC QUIZ TEAM Overall Record 13-0

Milford	68-53	Oak Hills	77-48
Milford	69-42	Fairfield	62-44
Middletown	73-79	Colerain	88-65
Middletown	63-47	Lakota West	71-62
Hamilton	70-47	Lakota East	67-36
Hamilton	79-77	Princeton	67-33
Oak Hills	63-36		

Vital Statistics

All Conference

Aaron Friedman

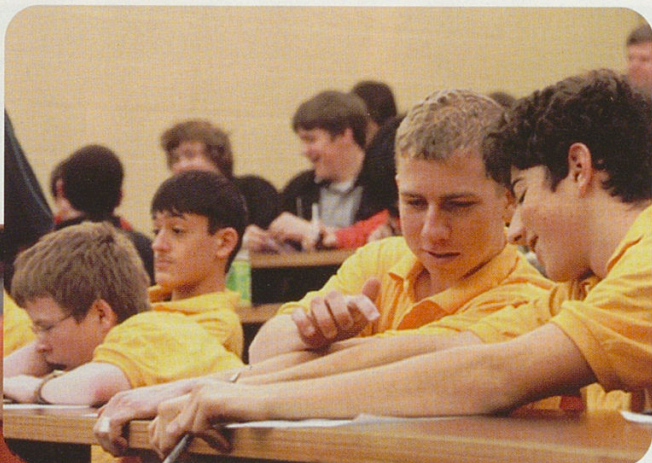


Coach Clark, Ruth Thompson, 10, Aaron Friedman, 12, Mark Dapkins, 9, Jason Kao, 9 and Coach Hoffert

Team members not shown: Elia Burkhart, 12, Parth Majmudar, 12, Shriy Raghavan, 12, Ahilan Sivaganesan, 12,

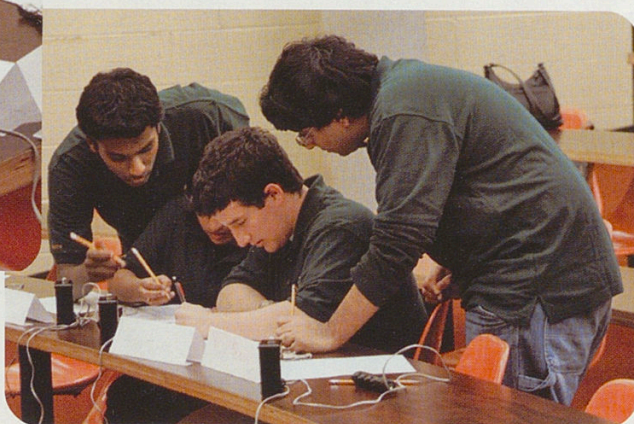
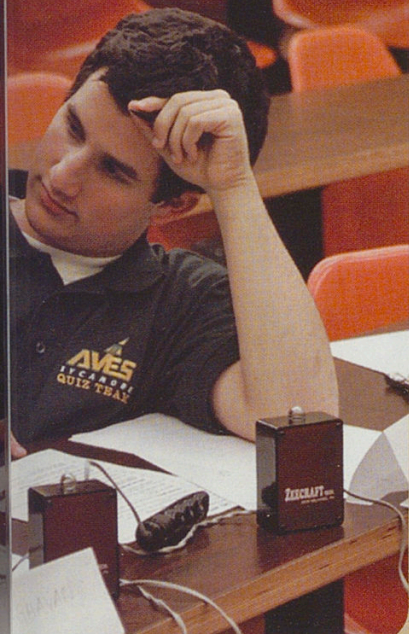
JV: Jeff Andrews, 12, Sanjay Choudhury, 9, Sam Snow, 10, Daniel Zimmer, 10 and Elizabeth Wei, 9





Watching their team Sanjay Choudhury, 9, Mark Dapkins, 9, Jeff Andrews, 12 and Samuel Snow, 10 confer on what they think the answer is. They were part of the JV team because only 4 people participate at a time. They joined the varsity team at all of their competitions.

Contemplating the answer, Aaron Friedman, 12, Parth Majmudar, 12, Shriya Ragavan, 12 and Ahilan Sivaganesan, 12 discuss an answer. The team was comprised of five varsity members with four people playing at a time. The team would practice these problems on the bus ride over to competitions.



"We're all pretty proud of being a member of the Academic Team, we are all very competitive."
- Elizabeth Wei, 9



"The team is really fun, we have a good time competing together."
-Shriya Raghawan, 12

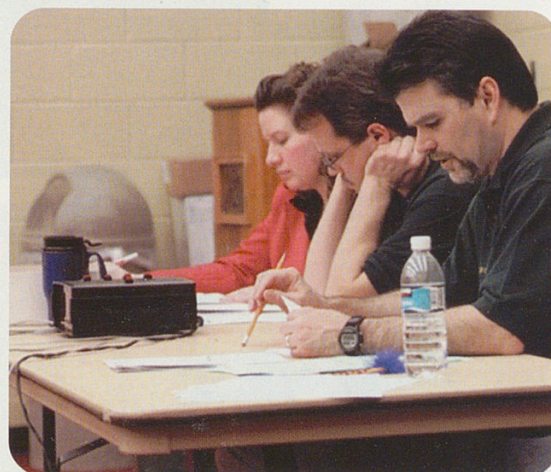


"I think that we get respect from the school, through not necessarily as a sport."
-Aaron Friedman, 12



Working out the problem Ahilan Sivaganesan, 12, Shriya Ragavan, 12, Aaron Friedman, 12, and Parth Majmudar, 12, each contribute to the problem. The team competed in five different academic areas. Our school has a player who specialized in each subject.

Coaches Mel Hofeet, Coach Ken Clark, and an advisor, look over the series of questions that will be given to their team. The coaches attended every match-up and quiz their teams on the bus ride over to the matches. The coaches helped review the questions during the match.



Buzzing in Parth Majmudar, 12, Aaron Friedman, 12, Shriya Radhawan, 12, and Ahilan Sivaganesan, 12, respond to the question given by the judges. The teams not only had to figure out the answer quickly they also had to be able to buzz in fast. The teams got as long as they needed to answer the questions.



●●● SERIOUS BOWLING

Through Gutterballs and Turkeys

By: Kelsey Kiley

Go Figure

9

girls on the team

11

boys on the team

With the addition of a new Girl's Bowling team, it was a building season for all involved. The three teams were not focused so much on scoring as perfecting the skills needed for success.

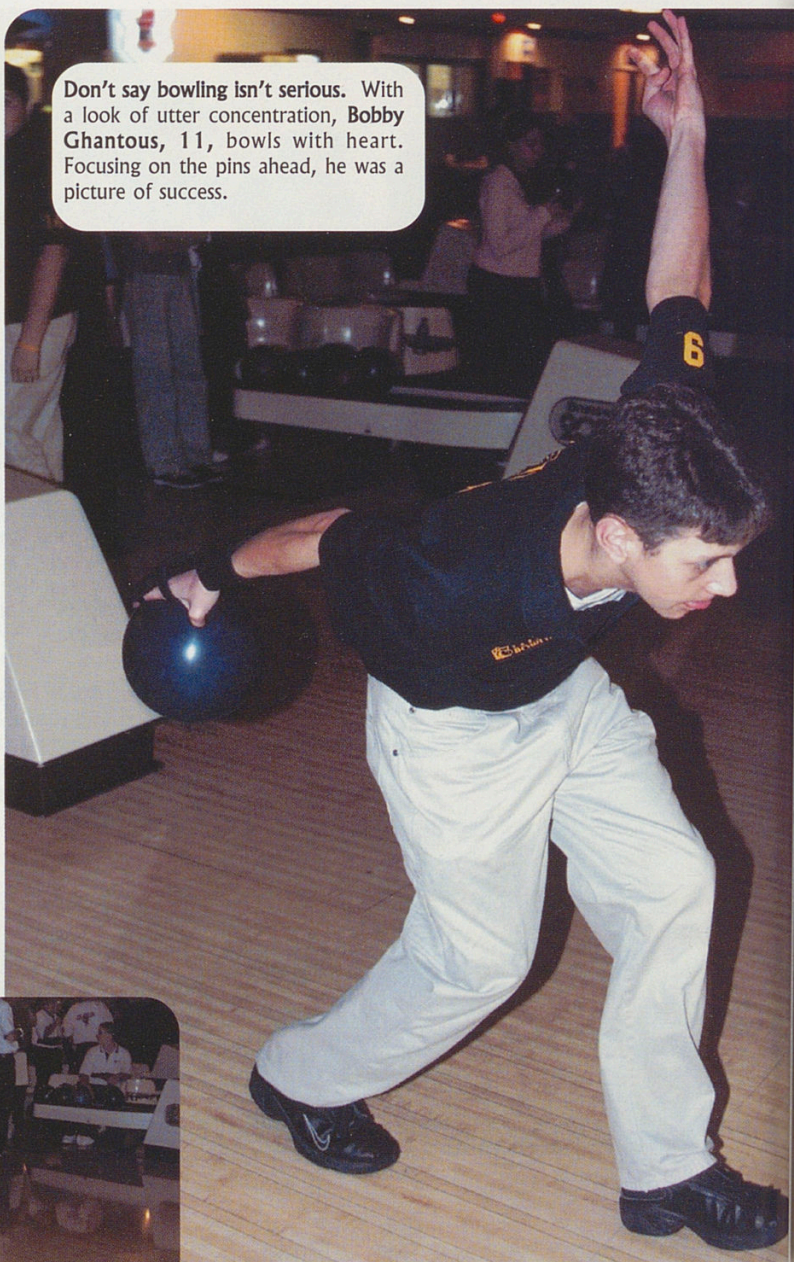
The season was difficult, with the wins all being pulled away from Lakota East. Boy's Varsity won twice against them, and Boy's JV, as well as Girl's, pulled off a victory once each. "It was a good time, and the team improved with practice, we just played against a lot of people that take bowling very seriously and competitively, even in the off season," said **Bobby Garfield, 11**.

Bowling was unique in how easy and fun it was to practice, and can be played all year round.

"Bowling is my passion... my life!" said **Deena Schwen, 9**.

With many enthusiastic young players, much of the team will be returning next year.

Don't say bowling isn't serious. With a look of utter concentration, **Bobby Ghanous, 11**, bowls with heart. Focusing on the pins ahead, he was a picture of success.



Erin Pohl, 9 smiles as she prepared to knock down the pins. With enthusiasm, she exhibited the desire needed for scoring. That, along with skill and practice.



Boys Varsity Bowling

Lakota West	2261-1870
Lakota East	2159-2041
Colerain	2160-2044
Middletown	2427-2029
Hamilton	2358-1868
Milford	1973-1888
Fairfield	2506-1936
Oak Hills	2637-1828
Princeton	2587-2396
Colerain	2659-2128
Lakota East	2132-2016
Milford	2394-2313
Lakota West	2476-2179

Vital Statistics

Regional Attender	Rob Faulkner, 11
Highest Average	Nick Schmidt, 9

Boys JV Bowling

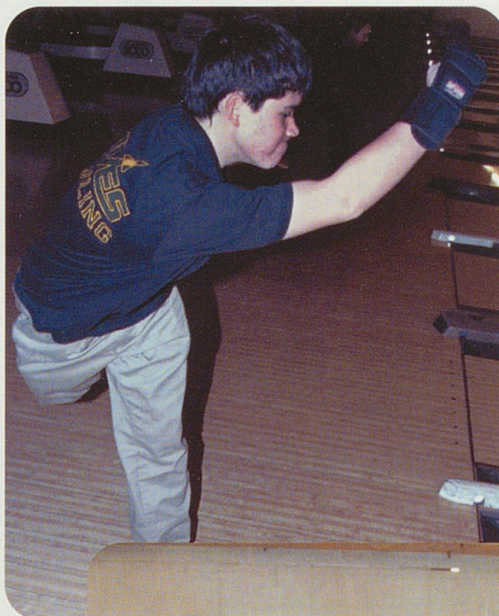
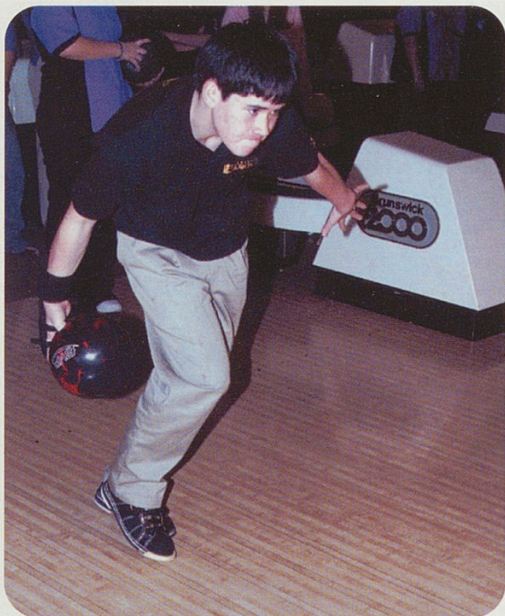
1-12

Lakota West	Loss
Lakota East	Win
Colerain	Loss
Middletown	Loss
Hamilton	Loss
Milford	Loss
Fairfield	Loss
Oak Hills	Loss
Princeton	Loss
Colerain	Loss
Lakota East	Loss
Milford	Loss
Lakota West	Loss

Girls Bowling

1-12

Lakota West	1609-1249
Lakota East	1563-1419
Colerain	1651-1401
Middletown	1783-813
Hamilton	2275-1379
Milford	1833-1429
Fairfield	1992-1106
Oak Hills	2388-1514
Princeton	1938-1059
Colerain	1755-1369
Lakota East	1516-1284
Milford	1856-1375
Lakota West	1691-1362



Easy as one, two, three. In one fluid movement, **Nick Schmidt, 9**, smoothly bowls to victory. Practice makes perfect, because one slip of the wrist, and the ball will end up in the gutter and no points for the team.

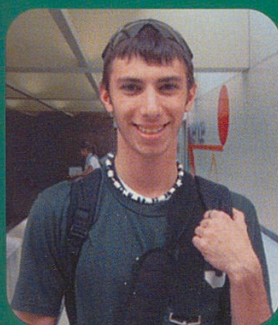


With style and flair, **Max Hilb, 10**, sends that ball down the lane with gusto. It was just as important to have a signature bowl-style as it was to actually knock down the pins. Actually, the pins were more important, but still, adding a twist of fun was good too.



The warm-ups do not look the same as other sports, but they are just as important. **Alexis Ponticos, 9**, **Erin Pohl, 9**, **Alyssa Mazzel, 9**, and **Hillary Moore, 9**, worked on those bowling skills. Rolling the ball back and forth increased wrist flexibility, and a perfect strike could be as simple as a twist of the wrist.

"Quotes From The Alley"



"Why wouldn't you play? It's free bowling. Our coach was awesome, we were really tight. We played poker on Sunday nights, and its not like the sport is very energy consuming..."
-**Rob Faulkner, 11.**



"I thought we had a really close team. Everyone supported each other, and really stood behind you."
-**Kelly Haddix, 9.**



"I have been bowling for at least six years outside of school, so it was nice to participate in a team sport and get to be with some really great guys."
-**Adam Maurath, 11.**

SHAPING UP

Tennis grows to expectations

By: Kelsey Kiley

Go Figure

2

seniors

10

wins

4

freshmen

tough schedule created a rough season for boys varsity green tennis. Led by **Coach Rob Stoneberger**, in his fourth year of coaching, the guys faced some of the top Division I and II teams with gusto.

"The team showed tremendous growth and determination throughout the season. We started with a rough stretch while we played some of the best teams in the city. During this time we discovered the key elements to be successful playing at this level. The team hit its stride mid season and finished the regular season winning the last six matches against some tough competition," said **Coach Rod Stoneberger**.

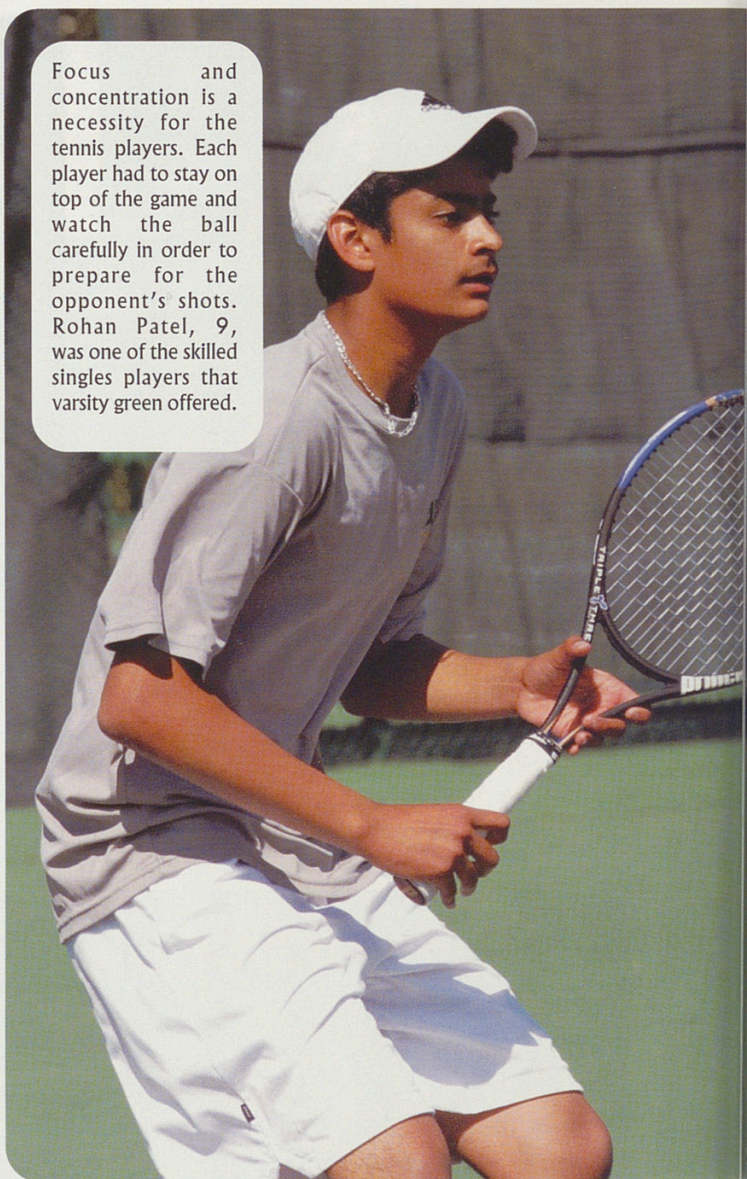
Top returning players were **Jeremy Miller, 12**, and **Jon Grossman, 12**, and **Matt Hall, 11**, **Max Glassner, 11**, and **Karthik Rao, 11**. Leading the freshmen as the top singles player was **Rohan Patel, 9**.

"Varsity green tennis was a great experience for me and the team. We had our ups and downs, but in the end we pulled through," said **Patel**.

The season started out slow, but as the team pulled together, the wins started coming, and the guys created a lean, green, tennis machine. With a final record of 10-6, the season was a success.

"The team was energized with the addition of four freshmen. **Patel, Nadel, Jungerwirth** and **Stoltz** all played gutsy tennis and have proven that the future of tennis is in good hands," said **Stoneberger**.

Focus and concentration is a necessity for the tennis players. Each player had to stay on top of the game and watch the ball carefully in order to prepare for the opponent's shots. Rohan Patel, 9, was one of the skilled singles players that varsity green offered.



Row 1: Karthik Rao, 11, Michael Nadel, 9, Chester Chen, 10, Eric Stoltz, 9, and Bobby Jungerwirth, 9. Row 2: Jeremy Miller, 12, Max Glassner, 11, Matthew Hall, 11, Jon Grossman, 12, and Rohan Patel, 9.

BOYS GREEN TENNIS Overall Record 10-6

Upper Arlington	3-2
Mason	1-4
Taylor	5-0
Summit	2-3
St. Xavier	0-5
Indian Hill	0-5
Finneytown	3-2
Princeton	4-1
Wyoming	2-3
St. Xavier	1-4
Centerville	5-0
LaSalle	4-1
GTCA	4th place
Moeller	3-2
Anderson	4-1
Elder	3-2
Centerville	5-0
Sycamore Cup	3rd place

Vital Statistics

Senior Leadership

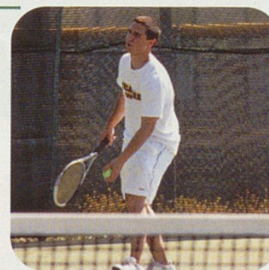
Jeremy Miller
Jon Grossman

Freshman Future

Rohan Patel
Mike Nadel
Bobby Jungerwirth
Eric Stoltz

Jon Grossman

"We play euchre every bus ride, and we have had some great games. The best was when Jeremy (Miller, 12) and I were down 8-0, and we came back to win 10-8. Also, Eric Stoltz (9) is the man."



Jeremy Miller

"My best memory from tennis was when Zach Mayer, 11, and I beat Jon Grossman, 12, and Daisuke Wada, 11, 8-6 in a super tie breaker, in the finals of the 2004 Sycamore Cup."

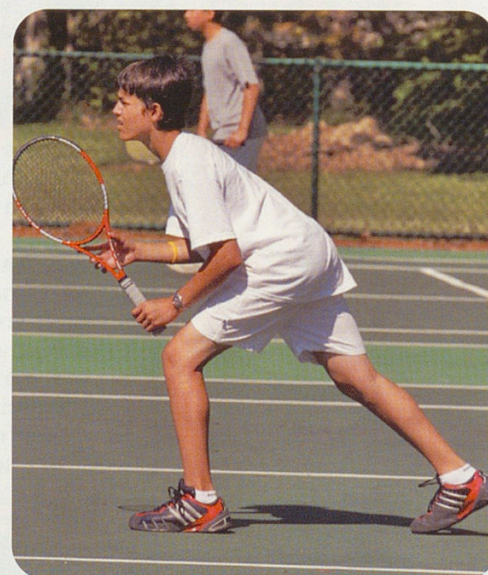


Friends, teammates, and partners in crime, Karthik Rao, 11, and Chester Chen, 10, played with skill. "We had a great time this season, especially hilarious bus rides, playing cards," said Chen and Rao. The team really bonded as they traveled to matches.

As an incoming freshman, and already on the varsity green team, Michael Nadel, 9, was one of many competent players. "A great season with many ups and downs. I had an intense match against Upper Arlington, and look forward to it next year," said Nadel.



In team practices, the guys run to prepare for the endurance needed in the matches. Eric Stoltz, 9, had strong legs, a strong will, and a strong game. Stoltz played with enthusiasm and was an active member of the varsity team.



"Quotes From The Court"



"We started out slow, and as the season went on, our team bonded together and started to pull out the close matches. The guys were awesome and I'm looking forward to having another great season next year."

- Max Glassner, 11



"This season was great for me personally. With such a tough schedule, I have really improved as a player."

-Rohan Patel, 9



"In my mind, the best part of the season was being able to grow closer with the team. We spent a lot of time together on the bus for away matches. The Upper Arlington match was the best feeling because we pulled out a close win and didn't get back til 10:30 p.m."

-Matthew Hall, 11

OUT HITTING THE COMPETITION

Off season work pays off

By: Caitlin Bokulic

Go Figure

3

rank in the city

2

junior captains

1

freshman on
the team

5

courts won at
GMC's
(all of them)

Coach Mike Teets doesn't always make it easy for the guys but he really does know how to make a good team. Long before the season began **Coach Teets** held early morning weight-lifting sessions, that started promptly at six o'clock in the morning. If you came a minute late you might as well go home.

"One time I came to morning practice and I was a minute late according to the school's clock, and **Coach Teets** didn't let me count that weight lifting work-out," said **Alex Gibberman, 12**.

The hours spent off the court building up muscle were matched by the hours that they spent on the court honing their skills. Practices lasted about two hours and the time was spent doing footwork drills and working on their consistency.

"Practicing with **Coach Teets** is fun but you have to work hard and you cannot mess around," said **Martin Dennis, 9**.

What he ended up doing was building a team that has been dominant throughout the season, giving the best teams in the city tough competition.

"From the beginning of the season our top five was pretty much set, but after that, any one of our players could have played at second doubles; there were a number of combinations," said **Jordan Cohen, 11**.

The team took their depth to the GMC tournament where they blew out the competition and won the title for the second year in a row.

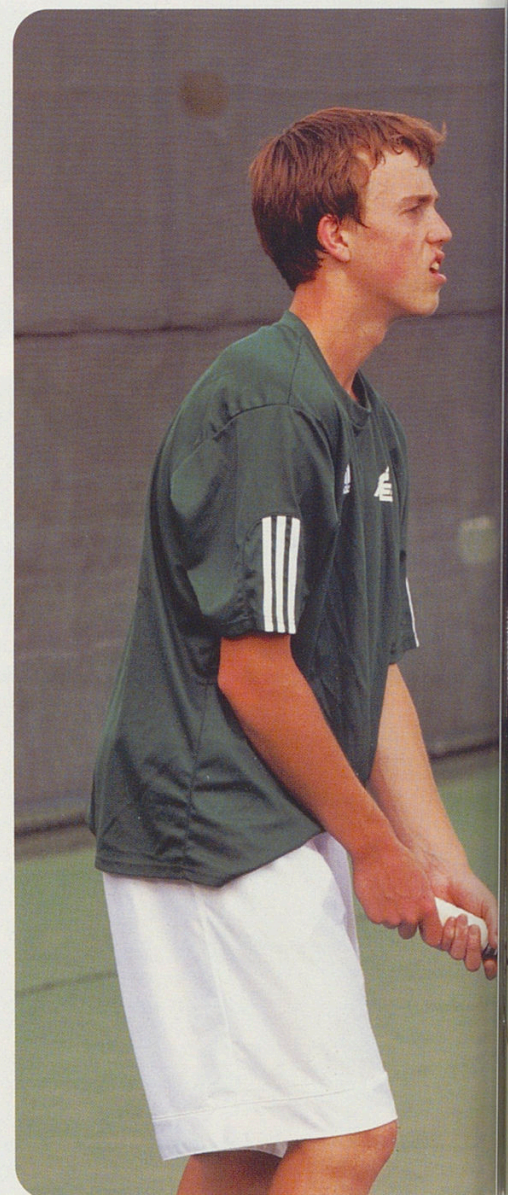
"We came into GMC's knowing that we were going to win a couple individual titles but the fact that we swept all the titles was an accomplishment that promoted our year long goal of working as a team," said **Jared Steinberg, 12**.

With their hard work and strong support and leadership from their coach, this team with underclassman leading the way, will continue to crush the competition.



Keeping his eyes on the ball, Carl Bernstein, 10, prepares to hit a backhand. He had a great season defeating Division Two State Doubles champion Ryan Schidler from CHCA. He helped lead the team to win the GMC tournament.

Showing off his perfect form, Sandy Berry, 11, gets ready return the ball to his opponent. Berry played first singles for the entire season. He has stepped up his leadership role after playing second singles last year.



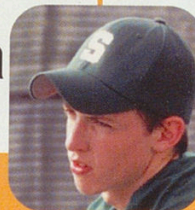
Showing off his forehand skills, Ethan Arenstein, 10, moves toward the net. This season he played first doubles with Manoj Rajagopal, 11. The team later mixed up there line-up for the sectional tournament where Arenstein and Rajagopal played second doubles and Sandy Berry, 11, and Carl Bernstein, 10, played first doubles.





Jordan Cohen, 11, prepares to return a serve during a match. Jordan has a 6-2 record with three different partners at second doubles, and is 1-0 at first. He and Jared Steinberg, 12, were GCTCA Honorable Mention All-City doubles selections last year.

Spotlight on..... Greg Martin



Q: What do you think of being captain?

A: I get to work with a great bunch of guys. It is a great team to lead and they all listen and Manoj (Rajagopal) is a great co-captain.

Q: Who is your toughest opponent?

A: Kings and St.X

Q: What did the team do preseason?

A: We went weightlifting every morning and we tried to get out and practice as much as we could on the court.

Q: What do you think of Mr. Teets as a coach?

A: I like him, I think his morals are in the right place. He has a good sense of humor but he is serious when he needs to be. He is a good leader.

Q: What do you think is the strength of your team?

A: Our depth, we have both good upper and underclassmen that spreads through the ranks.

“
Playing #1 singles is a
good experience and I was
glad to be able to lead the
team.”

- John Berry

Row 1: Carl Berstein, 10, Alex Gibberman, 12, Manoj Rajagopal, 11, Martin Dennis, 9, and Ethan Arenstein, 10. Row 2: Jared Steinberg, 12, Jordan Cohen, 11, John Berry, 11, Greg Martin, 11, Zach Mayer, 11, and Coach Teets.



Boys Tennis Gold

Overall Record

15-3

Milford	5-0	Turpin	5-0
Columbus Academy	5-0	Hamilton	5-0
St. Xavier A	2-3	Fairfield	5-0
Lakota West	5-0	GCTCA	6th
Colerain	5-0	Oak Hills	5-0
Lakota East	4-1	GMC	1st
Anderson	5-0	CHCA	3-2
Middletown	4-1	Princeton	5-0
Lexington	4-1	Lasalle	4-1
University School	0-5	Kings	1-4

Vital Statistics

John Berry	16-6	Areinstein/Rajagopal	22-6
Carl Bernstein	16-5	Steinberg/Dennis	10-2
Greg Martin	14-6		

All 7 players 1st team all GMC



●●● V IS FOR VICTORY

Determination always pays off

By: Sarah Jarnicki

Go Figure

19

matches

16

victories

10

home matches

4

freshmen

After a rough start during tryouts and conditioning for many returning tennis players, the men's junior varsity tennis team had a successful season.

The season opened off to a great start by defeating one of the toughest teams, Elder.

"We weren't doing well in practice and Elder seemed pretty confident on the courts, but somehow we all regained our skills in the nick of time for the big match," said **Joey Fixler, 10.**

Overall, the team had a great season. Hopefully, this will prepare them for varsity in the future. Varsity A **Coach Mike Teets** occasionally leads the JV team through workouts.

"I guarantee you no other junior varsity team in the state worked as hard as this team did, I guarantee you that no other varsity team is working as hard," said **Teets.**

There was constant motivation from coaches, parents and teammates. Although, the boys feel there is a lack of support from the school just because they are a junior varsity team.

"Even if we have an undefeated season, students don't really come to tennis matches in general. But if it was a basketball team for example, the whole school would be at their games. We need some die hard fans!" said **Indi Ekanayake, 10.**



Talk about team work! Faraz Malik, 9, smashed a volley across the court. Joe LeCroix, 10, and Malik collaborated together to make a winning team.

BOYS TENNIS Overall Record 16-3

Elder	3-2	Turpin	3-2
LaSalle	3-2	Hamilton	5-0
Mason	3-2	Fairfield	3-2
Summit	5-0	Milford	4-1
Colerain	4-1	Oak Hills	3-2
Lakota West	3-2	St. Xavier B	2-3
Lakota East	4-1	CHCA	4-1
Anderson	3-2	Princeton	3-2
St. Xavier A	1-4	Seven Hills	5-0
		Moeller	2-3

Vital Statistics

MVP

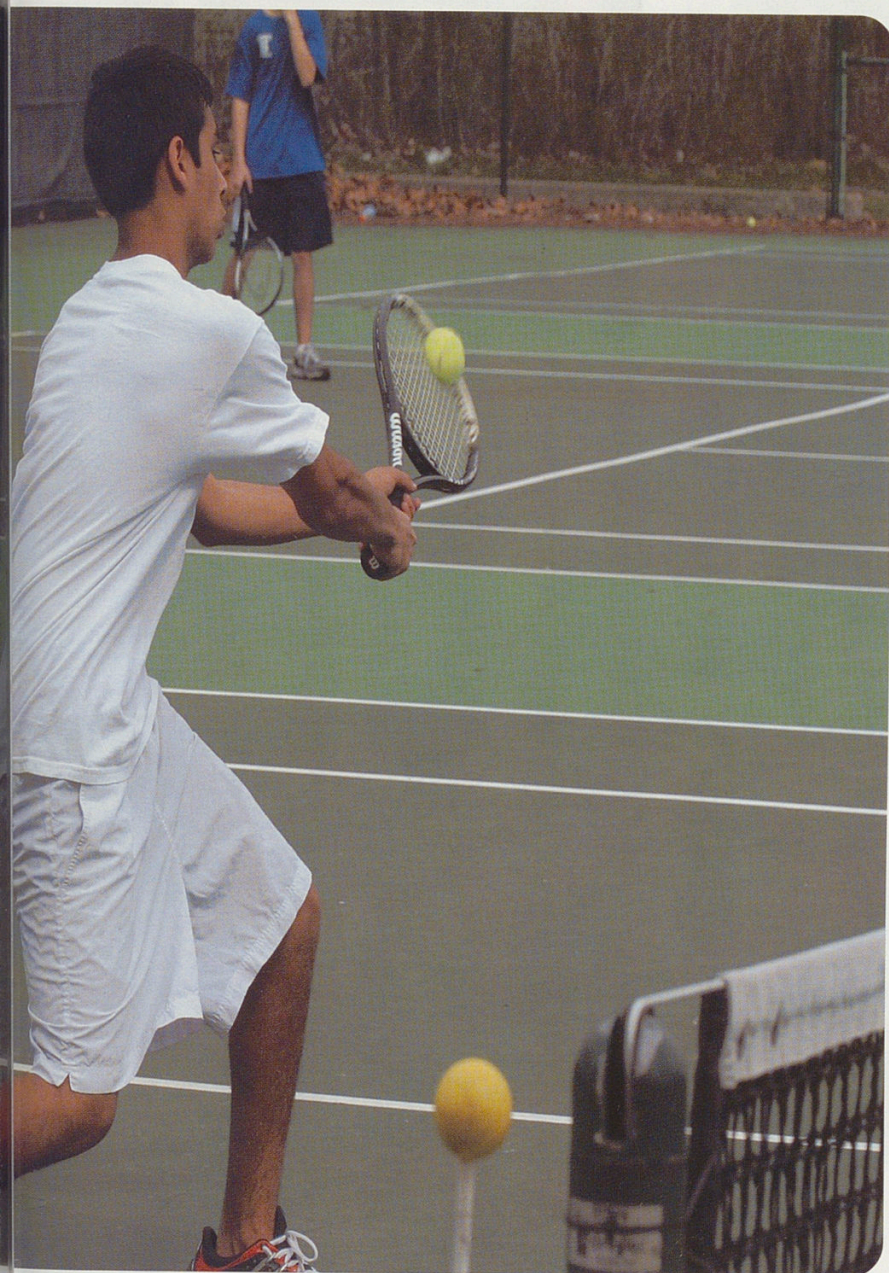
Most Improved

Indi Ekanayake

Fazail Rahmav



Row 1: Faraz Malik, 9, Nick Schmidt, 10, Fazail Rahmav, 10, and Artie Gendelman, 10. Row 2: Indi Ekanayake, 10, John Fixler, 9, Matt Gold, 10, Aaron Slovin, 9, and Kalyaan Rao, 9. Row 3: Coach Maclin, Joey Fixler, 10, Remy Lannelongue, 10, and Jojiro LeCroix, 10.



"Quotes from the Court"

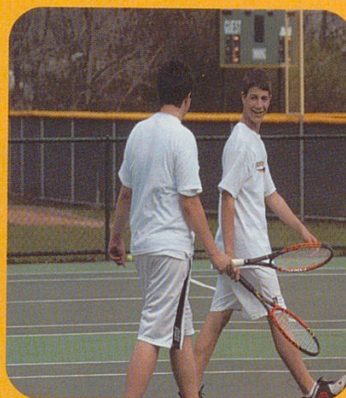
"We had a pretty successful season, although it didn't end the way we hoped. But, we beat X!"

- Artie Gendelman, 9



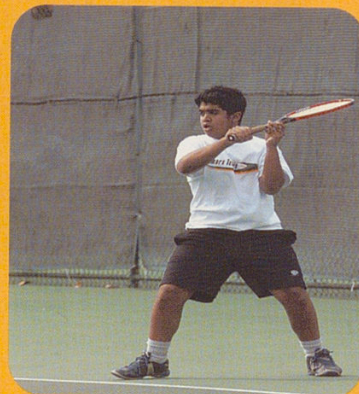
"I had a lot of fun playing with Aaron. We became closer friends and he helped improve my game."

-Nick Schmidt, 10



"I played multiple positions and it was fun because sometimes I got to play with someone else, but other times I got to play by myself."

-Fizale Rehman, 10



Question with Indi Ekanayake & Answer



Q: How long have you been playing tennis?

A: A really long time! At least six years I would say.

Q: What was the most memorable moment of the season?

A: Beating St. X B, definitely. And you can't forget Faraz's "look".

HITTING, RUNNING, AND SCORING

Rounding Third and Heading for Home

Go Figure

By: Samantha Kahn

148

total hits

1

homerun

.267

team batting
average

2

players
second team
all GMC

It's spring and that means it's time for softball! Although there was not a winning record, the season was fun. The girls each made individual and team goals.

The most common team goal was not to get shut out. The team came very close to this goal with only three shutouts.

"It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game. I believe that the team played with heart and that's all that matters," said **Lauren Lynn, 9**.

Team unity helped with some great wins. For spring break the team went to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. During the season there were also team cookouts.

"Even though we had a rocky season games wise, we still found a way to become really close and always had fun. We are already getting pumped for next year's season to be much better," said **Leah Morand, 11**.

Robbie Knodle, 12, was the team manager for four years. He was the one senior this season. There was never a foul ball or bat left when Robbie was around. Robbie will be missed!

"We had lots of fun. I made a lot of close friends and fond memories. We were young, so next year we will be better with more experience," said **Annie Broadus, 10**.

The girls improved each game and played well as a team. There are high expectations for next year!



Strike three and you are out! Alex Rogers, 10, delivered a great pitch. When pitching was needed Rogers along with other players stepped up to the job.

What a great swing! Sara Hahn, 11, kept her eye on the ball and sent it flying. Hahn was one of the team leaders for hitting.



It's time to hit! After every inning of defense, the team got together and got pumped up to hit. Team unity was very important.



GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

Overall Record 4-18

Middletown	1-5	Middletown	6-9
Milford	1-12	Hamilton	1-4
Hamilton	2-14	Lakota East	2-11
Fairfield	1-7	Oak Hills	2-4
Seton	2-5	Lakota West	0-10
Lakota East	6-2	Princeton	14-5
Oak Hills	8-5	Fairfield	2-7
Lakota West	0-10	Colerain	8-13
Princeton	7-4	Centerville	0-4
Colerain	4-8	Centerville	3-5
Milford	1-16	*Colerain	2-12

*State Tournament

Vital Statistics

Rookie of the Year	Aly Mazzei
Most Improved	Rita Klofta
Will To Win	Jacky Roesch
Best Defensive Player	Lauren Lynn
Best Offensive Player	Leah Morand
Player of the Year	Sara Hahn
Coaches Award	Sara Hahn



Row 1: Lauren Lynn, 9, Aly Mazzei, 9, Katie Swantko, 10, and Sara Hahn, 11. Row 2: Annie Broadus, 10, Molly McCarthy, 10, Rita Klofta, 10, Tricia Welsch, 11, and Jacky Roesch, 11. Row 3: Coach Debbie Klemt, Kelly Cassidy, 9, Sarah McCormick, 9, Chelsea Riedel, 10, Alex Rogers, 10, Leah Morand, 11, and Coach Mary Lunning.



I got it! Jacky Roesch, 11, called for the ball and made a great running catch in the outfield. Players in the outfield were very vital and covered a lot of ground.



Kelly Cassidy, 9, hustles to first! After safely reaching first Cassidy rounded the base to see where the ball was. The coaches were pleased with her performances during the season.



Tricia Welsch, 11 sees the ball into her glove. After making a great play Welsch was ready to throw the runner out at first. Great defensive plays helped win ball games.



Nothing is going to get by! Chelsea Riedel, 10 was ready for anything that was hit her way. Riedel was new to the team, but made a great impact.

HITTING THE FIELD TOGETHER

Teamwork throughout the season

Go Figure

3

grade levels

57

stolen bases

133

runs scored

7

innings in a game

By: Samantha Kahn

The season has begun! The team started out the year with a great win. The girls got really close and improved each game. Although the season was not a winning one, the team played better in the second half of the season.

"This year was a rebuilding year, but still lots of fun. I will miss all of the girls a lot, and I look forward to next year," said **Laura Reagan, 10.**

Many memories were made and the friendships formed were unforgettable.

"After playing softball for nine years, and this being my last, I have enjoyed this year as much if not more than the others. I've learned something new and have improved every year. Softball is something that has always been a part of my life and I will always cherish the memories," said **Kristen Holthaus, 11.**

Injuries unfortunately plagued the team. Many girls had to play positions that they were not used to. The girls stepped up and played where ever they were needed.

"I feel like everyone on our team improved a lot this season. We all tried new postions and learned new things. We started off with very few wins, but we came back and were able to beat many teams the seond time we played them," said **Hannah Myers, 9.**



What a great slide! Emily Petrocy, 10, hustled to beat the throw at third and was safe. Petrocy was among the team leaders in stolen bases.

GIRLS JV SOFTBALL Overall Record 6-15

Middletown 18-9	*Lebanon 5-16
Milford 8-9	Milford 12-6
Hamilton 1-12	Middletown 13-12
Fairfield 0-10	Hamilton 6-16
Seton 9-8	Lakota East 0-11
Lakota East 8-12	Oak Hills 4-17
Oak Hills 3-18	Lakota West 0-15
Lakota West 0-10	Princeton 12-6
Princeton 20-8	Fairfield 4-14
*Mason 4-14	Colerain 2-15
Colerain 4-17	

*Mason Tournament

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Emily Petrocy
Best Defensive Player	Sam Kahn
Most Improved	Kristen Hodgdon
Coaches Award	Kriten Holthaus
Coaches Award	Laura Reagan



Row 1: Laura Reagan, 10, Kristen Holthaus, 11, Jillian Steinberg, 10, Hannah Myers, 9, and Rita Klofta, 10. Row 2: Jessica Pelfrey, 9, Shelli Coppoolse, 10, Kristen Hodgdon, 10, Rachel Myers, 11, and Katie Swankto, 10. Row 3: Coach Hollis Haggard, Sam Kahn, 11, Alex Rogers, 10, Tiffney Gilbert, 11, Chelsea Riedel, 10, Emily Petrocy, 10, Coach Lindsay Farroh, and Claire Meyer, 11.





's a hit! Jillian Steinberg, 10, put a great swing on the ball and sent it flying. Steinberg was an asset to the team with her bat and her defensive plays that she made.



Bring me in! Sam Kahn, 11, waited on second for her teammate to hit the ball. Kahn was ready to run on the crack of the bat.



Hit it to me! Shelli Coppoolse, 10, was in her ready position with her glove in the dirt ready for a ground ball. Coppoolse made great plays at third and short stop.

She's ready to hit! Jessica Pelfrey, 9, glanced down at the coach for her signs. Pelfrey always made great contact with the ball.



●●● SWINGING FOR THE FENCE

Hitting close to home

By: Elizabeth Crutcher
and Kristin Grueninger

Go Figure

7

seniors

28

total games in
the regular
season

16

total team
members

6

regular season
wins

Practice makes perfect, and this team has the effort to show it. With a rocky start, the baseball squad tried hard to make their season exciting and a good practice for next year.

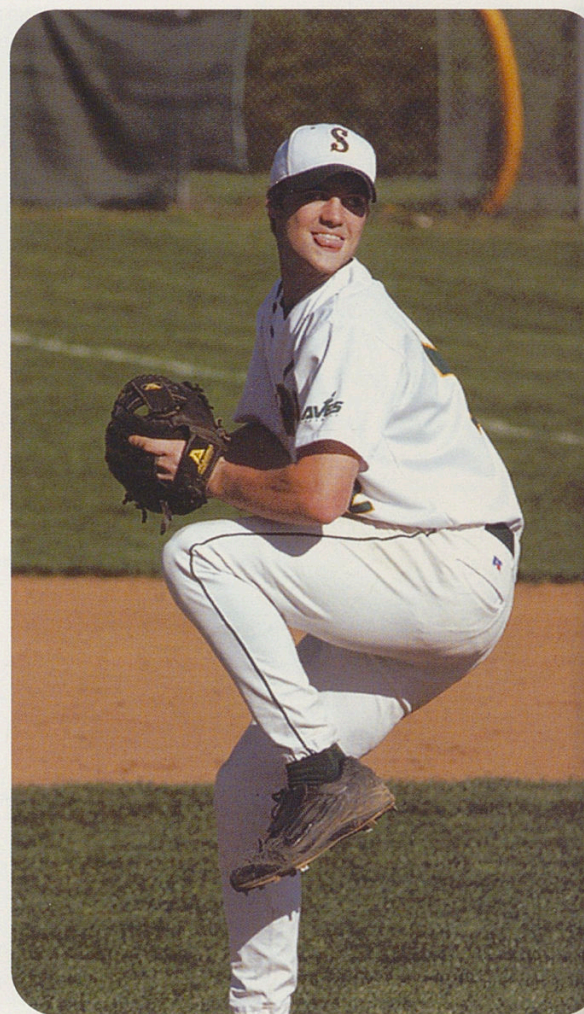
"Next year looks very promising because of our large number of players returning and our advanced coaching staff," said **David Broxterman, 11.**

The year had its drawbacks and its ups and downs, but for some the year was worthwhile because of just one game: Moeller. Crosley Field, on April 18th, the baseball team took down Moeller 6-5. For many, this made the losses obsolete and boosted their spirits but for one game.

"Although our record wasn't the best, we beat Moeller and that made the season worth it for me," said **Andy Johnson, 12.**

In the end, the guys came together and learned a few key lessons: to play as a team and stick together no matter what. Though they had to bring themselves through tough times, they pulled themselves together and learned teamwork. They're thankful for this year, for the most part, because they in turn learned a few things for next year's season.

"We had a rough season, but in the end we came together as a team," said **Dean Hampton, 11.**



Get ready for the pitch! David Broxterman, 11, wound up for the delivery. Broxterman led the team in innings pitched with 36 and had a team high 26 strikeouts.



Row 1: David Broxterman, 11, Raymond Kowatch, 12, Daniel McGrath, 12, Brandon Haunert, 12, Francisco Morillo-Delerme, 12, Dean Hampton, 11, Brian Dougherty, 11, Alexander Speckert, 12, Richard Clark, 11. Row 2: Coach Shrimpton, Mitchell Allen, 10, Ian Weider, 10, Joseph O'Gara, 11, Robert Peters, 11, Edward McCormick, 12, Andrew Hancher, 10, Andrew Johnson, 12, Coach Friedhoff, and Coach Renner.



GIRLS SOCCER
Overall Record
6-22

Colerain	4-9
Colerain	10-24
Lakota East	1-6
Lakota East	2-3
Middletown	3-8
Middletown	6-7
McNicholas	2-6
Hamilton	0-2
Hamilton	0-6
Shroder	17-2
Fairfield	4-8
Roger Bacon	16-8
Roger Bacon	7-6
Fairfield	4-7
Milford	4-10
Milford	2-14
Oak Hills	5-9
Oak Hills	0-10
Princeton	1-5
Moeller	6-5
Princeton	2-8
Loveland	2-7
Lakota West	4-7
Lakota West	6-15
Kings	1-10
Amelia	10-7
Anderson	6-1
Glen Este	0-1

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Alex Speckert
Best Defensive Player	Dan McGrath
Senior Leadership	Andy Johnson
Junior Leadership	David Broxterman



Dean Hampton, 11, reaching to tag out the base runner. As shortstop, Hampton had many great plays through out the season. He feels as though he has improved greatly and will continue to next season.

This wasn't our greatest season... but it was a fun season.

-Alexander Speckert, 12.



Ready for the pitch! Francisco Morillo-Delorme, 12, dominated with his aggression for the game. He had two stolen bases and four hits for the season.



Group huddle! Teamwork was essential to the success of this group as they needed communication and hard work for the season to be a success. They started off rocky, but came back later with their determination and drive.

●●● BATTER UP



Taking the field with pride

By: Jen McLaughlin

Go Figure

4

consecutive
wins by JV

138

runs scored by
the freshman
team

Spring time came and that could only mean one thing, baseball season. The time had come to get out bats, gloves, and baseball hats. The boys got ready for tryouts to begin the season of the ideal American game, baseball. JV started up slow, gaining momentum towards the middle of the season.

"We started out slow as a team but then developed strength as the season went on," said **Ryan Davis, 11.**

Certain games showed how far the team had really come with comebacks such as McNick.

"It was tough to develop team unity with players moving up and down between JV and

varsity, but in the end we pulled through in the clutch," said **Sean Tobin, 10.**

All in all the JV team had a great season ending up with a 10-16 record.

"This team was a pleasure to coach, and I am looking forward to next year to see the strides that each player made in order to help our varsity program," said **Coach Sean Pfirman.**

The freshman team started out slow as well but developed into a team as they learned to play together. They showed how well they could play together in games such as Princeton and Oak Hills. They were tight but in the end they came together and pulled out a win.



Joe O'Toole, 11 slides into 3rd base. O'toole's speed provided the JV team with many steals. His speed also helped him with the many bunts and hits that he had.



Row 1: Sean Tobin, 10, JD McFarland, 10, Matt Grant, 10, Joe O'toole, 11, Vitcor Morillo, 11, Michah Goldfarb, 10, and Charles Mueller, 10. Row 2: Coach Pfirman, David Valenti, 10, Brian Shrimpton, 10, Ryan Davis, 11, Jack Pryzwara, 10, Brian Conner, 10, Dan Bauder, 10, Ian Swaboda, 10, and Coach Schearing.

JV BASEBALL

10-16

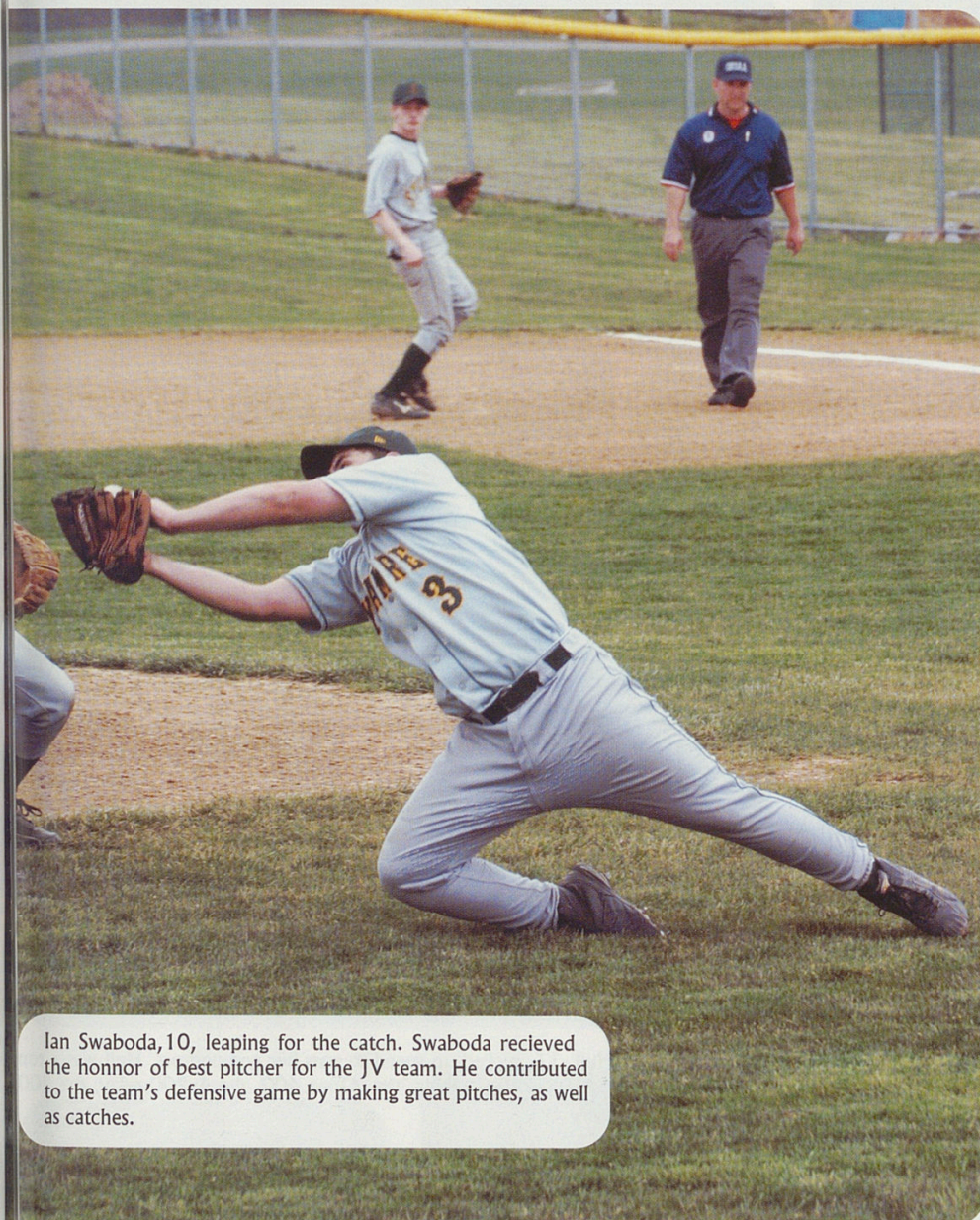
11-3

Colerain	L	McNick	L
Lakota East	L	Fairfield	L
Lakota East	W	Milford	W
Middletown	W	Princeton	L
Middletown	W	Moeller	L
Loveland	W	Loveland	L
McNick	L	Lakota West	L
Hamilton	L	Oak Hills	W
Hamilton	W	Lakota West	L
Fairfield	L	Princeton	L
Fairfield	L	Kings	W
McNick	L		

Vital Statistics

Most valuable pitcher	Ian Swaboda
Most valuable offensive player	Joe O'Toole
Most valuable defensive player	Joe O'toole





Ian Swaboda, 10, leaping for the catch. Swaboda recieved the honor of best pitcher for the JV team. He contributed to the team's defensive game by making great pitches, as well as catches.



Jeff Ketchum, 9 attempting to make a tag. Ryan Davis, 9, was there to back the play up. They always had each others' back.



Andrew Hancher, 10, throwing the ball from the outfield. He threw out many runners that were trying to advance to the next base. Hancher was a great asset to the team.



Row 1: Ried McLean, Scott Anders, Joey Alemagno, Nick Miller, Ryan Neville, Ryan Davis, Jeremy Kiner, and Tim Dougherty. Row 2: Coach Martin, Jordan D'Souza, Drew Kruger, Jon Bates, Marty Rossman, Jeff Ketchum, Bryce Lindsay, Kyle Dolan, Andrew Molnar, Nate Kroell, Drew Ficher, and Coach Buchanan.

BOYS FRESHMAN SOCCER

Overall Record 4-13

Colerain	L 0-13	Milford	L 6-10
Colerain	L 2-10	Oak Hills	W 21-19
Lakota East	W 11-9	Lakota West	L 4-9
Lakota East	L 7-11	Oak Hills	L 1-9
Mt. Healthy	W 22-5	Lakota West	L 7-10
Hamilton	L 1-7	Princeton	W 7-5
Hamilton	L 17-20		
Fairfield	L 10-17		
Fairfield	L 6-10		
Mason	L 7-18		
Milford	L 9-21		

Vital Statistics

Most Wins Pitching

Jeff Ketchum

RUN, RUN, RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN

If these girls can't catch you, nobody can.

By: Kelli Rogers

Go Figure

60

girls on the team

9

seniors

10

hours practiced each week

8

regional qualifiers

From mid March to late May, sixty girls devoted themselves to running. The girls track team began competing shortly after spring break and did not stop until they had finished first in two meets, a solid fourth in the GMC, and sent an entire relay team and four other individuals to regionals. Their hard work and countless hours of practice showed as they made a strong showing at each meet.

"This was a season filled with multiple successes that culminated into a very strong, balanced team by the District Meet," said **Coach Scott Popoff**.

All coaches were pleased with the results of their practices and pep talks.

"The season started off bumpy but towards the end, kids started to catch on, making it a really enjoyable season," said **Coach Hank Ray**.

It took a combination of many successful events, both track and field, to create a winning team.

"By the end of the season, many of my shot and discus team members emerged as some of the areas finest competitors," said **Coach Andrew Marlatt**.

Not only did the girls compete well together in the meets, but they became friends off the track as well. The team dressed up on meet days and made GMC shirts to pump themselves up and encourage people to come watch them.



Get ahead! Julie Hull, 11, picked up speed to pass her competitors. Hull was a top sprinter for the team as a junior, racing the Open 400, the 4x200 relay, the 200 dash, and the 4x400.

Girls Track

Fairfield	5 of 25	Anderson	2 of 15
Ryle	1 of 13	Mason	5 of 15
Milford	1 of 14	GMC	4 of 10

Vital Statistics

MVDistance
underclass
MVMid-distance
underclass
Top Sprinter
MVThrow

MVJump

MVRelay 4x100

Coaches Award

Most Improved

Kim Sykes
Alison Kirgis
Chelsey Baughard
Devon Feagons
Julie Hull
Morgan Brooks
Ellie Farr
Anna Pittman
Mary Plona
Ali Shewmon,
Meredith Love,
Danielle Vickers,
Julie Hull,
Caroline Dunn
Heather Hampton
JenniferSteinhardt
Amy Sanders



Morgan Swedberg, 12, clears the hurdles with ease. She worked hard and dedicated time to perfecting her form throughout the year. Going into her senior year with hurdle experience already under her belt, Swedberg made her last year especially memorable by qualifying for regionals in the 100 hurdles.



“Quotes From The Track”



“It was really cool being part of the relay team because I got a lot of experience during meets.” -
Ali Shewmon, 9.

“Track was awesome. It was a lot different than junior high, but in a good way.” -
Deena Shwen, 9.



Don't hit the bar. Maria Kellison, 10, showed off her perfect form at the GMC meet. It took hard work and practice for her to be able to get this far off the ground.



Catching the pack. Kim Sykes, 12, raced her first year of track as a senior. She became a vital part of the team in the 4x8 relay as well as the 1600 meter run.



The home stretch. Chelsey Baughard, 12, was a leading senior on the track team. She raced the Open 400, the 4x4 relay, and an occasional 800.



Shot out of a cannon! Morgan Brooks, 11, used all she had at the GMC meet. With 34 feet as her best throw, Brooks had a successful season and was a threat to other competitors.



Row 1: Jennifer French, 9, Stephanie Creque, 10, Ali Borzotta, 10, Staci Tauber, 9, Rachel Bucalo, 10, Brittany Stephens, 10, Lauren Goedde, 10, Sabira Sadat-Hossieny, 12, Sara Saday-Hossieny, 12, Christine Kuhlman, 10, Anna Reis, 9, Aarti Vala, 9, Dara Burris, 9 Row 2: Kimberly Oshita, 10, Anna Pittman, 11, Maggie Crutcher, 10, Caroline Dunn, 10, Christina Wilson, 10, Meredith Love, 10, Jacy Cagle, 9, Allison Pyles, 9, Harini Venkitarama, 9, Emily Kosel, 9, Alison Kurgis, 9, Melodie Jeng, 9 Row 3: Coach Marlatt, Ariane Lannelongue, 12, Kim Sykes, 12, Danielle Vickers, 11, Morgan Swedberg, 12, Jessica Tufts, 9, Heather Hampton, 12, Theresa Steinhardt, 12, Shannon McLoughlin, 9, Sarah Vaz, 10, Kelly Wills, 11, Coach Sweeney Row 4: Coach Ray, Katie Wolfe, 10, Rachel Hershberger, 10, Kelli Rogers, 11, Dorese Langston, 11, Elaina Blatt, 11, Morgan Brooks, 11, Marybeth Stucker, 9, Jennifer Steinhardt, 12, Julie Sauer, 10, Brandy Sears, 11, Sarah Soled, 11, Mary Plona, 9 Row 5: Coach Newberry, Devon Feagans, 9, Amy Sanders, 12, Anna Kwa, 10, Chelsae Plageman, 9, Chelsey Baughard, 12, Kim Bernie, Ellie Farr, 9, Dina Dendramis, 12, Krittika Baravkar, 12, Nadia Khan, Emily Hess, Deena Schwen, 9.



HURDLING TOWARDS A VICTORY

Sprinting to success

By: Lauren Truax and Liz Crutcher

Go Figure

13

seniors

6

coaches

17

events

Boys track had a successful season with runners qualifying for regionals. **Ben Sage, 12**, qualified in the 300 meter hurdles. Also, many runners accomplished very high placings at the GMC. After the winter track season many of the runners were in shape and ready to start the spring season.

"I joined track because when I run, I feel like I'm flying," said **David Morton, 11**.

Track, for many, was an escape. Running, for all of these boys, was something enjoyable, not a chore or punishment. They enjoyed running long distances and competing in their events with their teammates.

"Track was lots of fun. Training with the guys was always interesting and we all did well in the end of the season," said **Alphonse Harris, 10**.

Track had a unique sense of teamwork and effort. They bonded as a team early on, allowing them to achieve their goals with team unity as the season progressed.

"Track was a good way for me to get involved with sports. I really enjoyed the shot put," said **Venkat Shanker, 12**.

If anything, track was the perfect sport for those who didn't like sports. Anyone who wanted to be a part of a team joined track, and was thankful for it in the end.



That's effort! Zach Tawney, 12, rushed to the pole. He was in the top three in the GMC for pole vaulters.

"Quotes From The Track"



"I really toned a lot of my skills this track season with pole vaulting. I'll be much more improved for next year."

-Zach Tawney, 12

"I had an awesome time. We all worked really hard and I think it showed."

-Dorian Goins, 12



Just one more! Ben Sage, 12, struggles over yet another hurdle. His determination and drive never faltered, as he was in the top four for both 300 and 110 meter hurdles in the GMC.





Vital Statistics	
Coach's Award	Joe Bloom
Most Valuable Upperclassman	
Distance Runner	Yavuz Inanli
Most Valuable Lowerclassman	
Distance Runner	Taylor Williams

Row 1: Sanjay Choudhury, 9, Ben Foley, 9, Josh Sharp, 9, Kevin Hoard, 9, Terrance Boggs, 9, Shannon Williams, 9, Tom Zajdel, 9, Alexander Rock, 9, Kevin Semones, 9, James Austrow, 9, and Will Varwig, 9. Row 2: Zach Star, 10, Luke Tawney, 10, Zachary Grimm, 10, Kevin Lin, 10, Dan Meier, 12, Aaron York, 10, Joseph Bloom, 12, Pat Wilsey, 11, and Alex Herbe, 11. Row 3: Coach Marlatt, Lauri Reponen, 10, Alphonse Harris, 10, Mateo Villamizar, 9, Taylor Williams, 10, Yavuz Inanli, 11, Robert Garfield, 11, James Broyles, 12, Tony Semones, 11, Mark Albain, 9, Adam Aleksa, 10, and Coach Sweeney. Row 4: Coach Newberry, Brian Weber, 11, David Morton, 11, Billy Tang, 10, Venkat Shanker, 12, Vaughn Ward, 12, Zach Tawney, 12, Rob Kirkpatrick, 12, Claudius Delaney, 10, Sam Cole, 11, Kevin Crook, 11, Zeyad Schwen, 12, and Kyle Battle, 10. Row 5: BJ Evans, 10, Byron Brown, 10, Jules Rosen, 12, Ben Sage, 12, Erron Jones, 12, DeAndre Jackson, 10, Ed Jones, 10, Dan Pyles, 11, Dorian Goins, 12, Taunta Taylor, 12, and Coach Hunter.

“This track season was a real learning experience. I really improved a lot over the past months.

-Brian Weber, 11.”



This one is close! Yavuz Inanli, 11, hurries to his teammate. His skills, along with his teammates', was what put this track team in the GMC's top eight for relays.

THEY SPIKE TO VICTORY

Setting and spiking for success

Go Figure

7

seniors

17

wins that
shattered the
losses

24

gym shoes on
the team

4

first and second
All Conference
team members

By: Kyle Spicer

Who had an amazing season this year? Boys volleyball did! They had a successful season. Contributing factors to that were the captains and all of the seniors.

The seniors included **Brad Elkus, Todd Juran, Chris Grannen, Curtis Jones, Tim Gaulty, Tommy Crabil,** and **Steve Kramer**. Without all of these elements, the season would have not been as good as it was.

"Our team was well put together and strong in many areas," said **Assistant Coach Paul Melnick**.

This led the team to a 17-7 record. Many of the team's athletes won other awards for their playing. **Curtis Jones, 12,** and **Chris Grannen, 12,** both made first team all Conference for their performances.

Todd Juran, 12, and **Steve Kramer, 12,** both made Second Team All Conference. Not only did the players receive awards, **Head Coach Stan Kaniecki**, recieved Coach of the Year award over all other GMC coaches.

"He is a great coach, and they are all great players. Everyone deserved those awards," said **Cameron Luning, 10**.

With the off season coming up, players will prepare for the next killer season.

"I can't wait!" said **Brian Kissinger, 10**.



Todd Juran, 12, making a back row spike against the competition. Juran had been playing on the volleyball team for all four years of his high school career. He improved every year.

Most Memorable Moment



"My most memorable moment was when we won on Senior night. It was awesome!" said **Chris Grannen, 12**.

"The best part of the season had to be when we beat LaSalle. The team finally came together and played amazingly as one," said **Chris Holscher, 11**.



Brian Kissinger, 10, and Todd Juran, 12, block Lakota East's weak side hitter. Both men were key players in the team's defense. Defense was a huge part of winning volleyball games.





Cameron Luning, 10, jump serves a killer ball to the opposing team. Luning has been a varsity player since his freshman year. He was a key player for the volleyball team.

Boys Volleyball Overall Record 17-7

Centerville	L	Elder	W
Oak Hills	W	Fairfield	L
Purcell	W	Lakota West	W
Marion	W	Moeller	W
McNicholas	W	Princeton	L
Middletown	W	Lakota East	W
Lakota East	W	Mason	W
Centennial	W	St. Xavier	W
LaSalle	L	Fairborn	L
Westerville S.	W	LaSalle	L
Milford	W	Mason	W
Roger Bacon	W	Purcell	W
Hamilton	W	Marion	L

Vital Statistics

MVP
Most Improved

Chris Grannen
Tommy Crabil



Row 1: Chris Holscher, 11, Curtis Jones, 12, Steve Kramer, 12, Cameron Luning, 10, Tim Gaulty, 12, and Todd Juran, 12. Row 2: Coach Melnick, Brian Kissinger, 10, Scott Morrison, 11, Brad Elkus, 12, Anthony Marquardt, 10, Chris Grannen, 12, and Tommy Crabil, 12.



●●● SETTING UP THE FUTURE

Young talent and hard work proves a good combination

By: Caitlin Bokulic

Go Figure

9
underclassmen

6
players on
a court

25
points to win
a game

It is not easy to play a demanding sport like volleyball, where matches have no time limit and can last five games. However, the guys JV team does a good job at keeping up with the demands of the sport.

The team had practices that would last two to three hours. At practice they would do drills to help improve everything from spiking to setting to learning how to serve an ace.

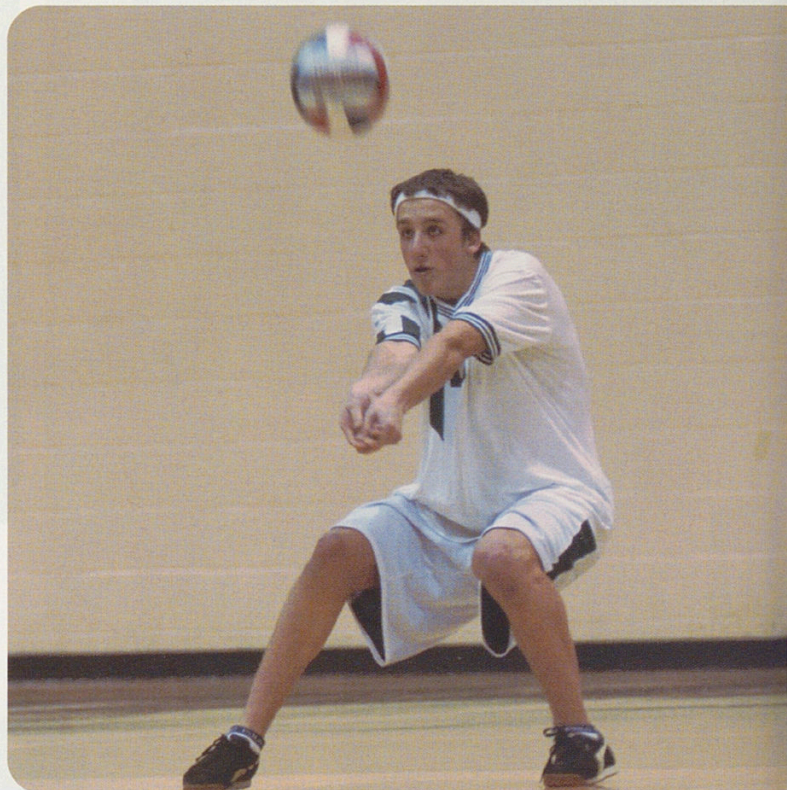
"Practice was hard especially for the freshman because we had to set up all the nets and equipment before each practice and game," said **Justin Butler, 9**.

After the hard practices the team had to prove what they were made of on the court. The team had to travel out to Elder, where they faced their toughest opponent.

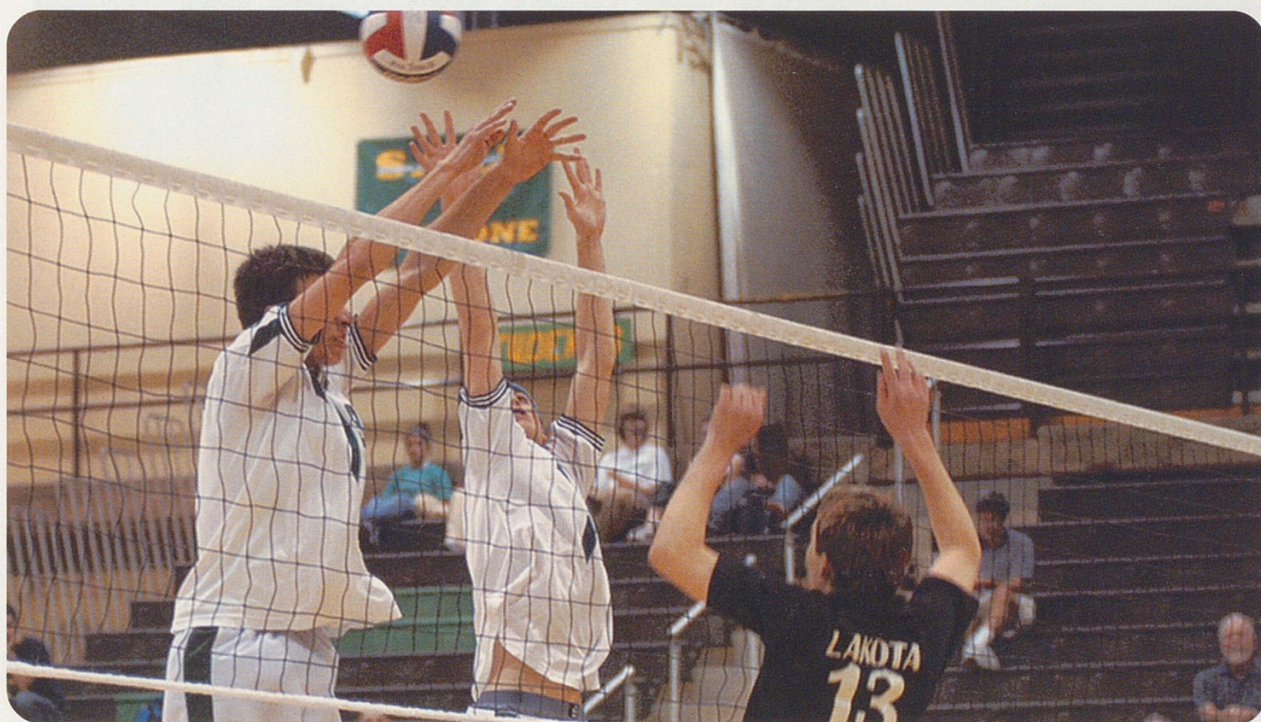
"A lot of matches were really close. We did have to travel a lot to get to them and the bus rides were really boring," said **Nicko Suntay, 10**.

Even if it did not always work out on the court the team was always there for each other off the court. They would spend time going out to dinner and bonding as a team to help improve their on the court connection.

"Throughout our grueling season our tight-knit team improved greatly and we had a lot of fun playing together," said **Stuart Soloman, 11**.



Michael Mallette, 11 bunts the ball back during the game. Volleyball games can last up to five games, the first team to win three out of the five games wins the match. Each game is played to 25 with the team having to win by two points.



Reaching to new heights, Robert Faulkner, 11, tries to get the ball back over the net. The team played a tough game against Lakota East and came out with the victory in the end. The team had to travel a lot playing over half of their games away at other schools.

Boys Volleyball JV
Overall Record
17-6

Centerville	L	Lakota West	W
Oak Hills	W	Moeller	L
McNick	W	Princeton	W
Middletown	W	Mason	W
Lakota East	W	St. X	L
Milford	W	Fairborn	L
Roger Bacon	W	Lasalle	W
Hamilton	W		
Elder	L		
Fairfield	W		

Vital Statistics

Coach's Award **Stuart Solomon**
Justin Butler



Row 1: Junix Alcayaga, 9, Justin Butler, 9, Cody Jones, 10, Joshua Karp, 11, Tracey Bracher, 10, Brian Langhorne, 10, Joel Su, 9. Row 2: Robert Faulkner, 11, Nicholas Mastruserio, 11, Stuart Solomon, 11, Alex Reed, 10, Kevin Mack, 10, Michael Mallette, 11, Nicko Suntay, 10

Robert Faulkner, 11, sets the ball for Joel Su, 9, to spike to the other team. They helped to lead the team to a great season. The teams' only major fault game in a loss to their toughest opponent, Elder.



Informing each of the plays the team huddles together during a timeout. The team was coached by Kelly Luning. The team was also lead by many underclassmen who will also help the team in the future.

Getting in position, Cody Jones, 10, gets ready to return the ball. The team had a good season with a winning record. Most of these players will replace the seven senior varsity players.

Giving a congratulatory hug to his teammate, Robert Faulkner, 11, and Alex Reed, 10, celebrated their win over Lakota East. The team was really close and was always there to help one another. They would go out to eat after games.

Leaping way above the ground, Niko Suntay, 10, spikes the ball back to the other team. A spike was when a player is given an easy ball by his teammate and he jumps into the air and hits the ball really hard into an open space. Spikes are one of the most difficult skills in volleyball.

●●● EXCEPTIONAL SEASON

Final four reached again

By: Lauren Truax

Go Figure

21

total games
won in the
season

15

wins on the
road

2500

miles traveled

8

seniors

Mel Klein, 12, sprints down the field. Klein was one of the fastest runners on the team. She was also a key defender in the games.



Lacrosse practice did not officially start until February, however the girls trained hard during the summer and through the fall and winter seasons. The captains ran the pre-season conditioning. The captains were **Jamie Nesbitt, 12, Mel Klein, 12, Ginny Tremblay, 12, and Meredith Post, 12.**

"Although early conditioning was hard it made the start of the season easier and allowed for more success during the season," said **Meredith Post, 12.**

The team also gave up part of their spring break to continue practicing. They played in the intense cold while their friends were at the nice warm beach. The girls did have time together while they were home on spring break.

"It was hard to see my friends leave for spring break vacation, but it was good for us to practice and become a tighter team," said **Lauren Truax, 12.**

Although the team had a hard loss against Cleveland Heights in the final four, it was said that the game was one of the best games played ever. The girls fought hard but in the end Heights won by one goal in the last minute of the game.

"I will miss the intense coaching of **Coach Ed Clark**, but most of all I will miss the girls on the team. We all became so close it will be hard not to be playing with them next year," said **Meghan Crosby, 12.**

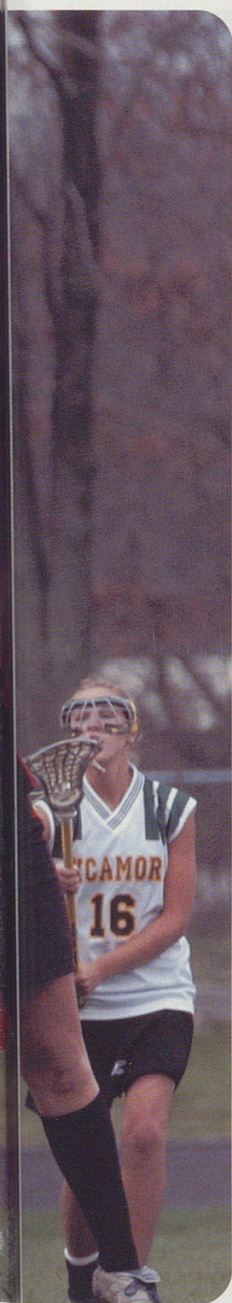


Starting the game with the draw, Jamie Nesbitt, 12, looks for the ball. Draw control was key to win games. Winning the draws was always a goal for the girls games.



The girls celebrate with Coach Ed Clark after his 100th win. The team made Clark a plaque with a picture of every team he coached here. They also gave him a 100 dollar bill in honor of his 100th win.





Ginny Tremblay, 12, runs through her defenders. Tremblay was a strong defender and offender for the team. She also was a strong leader as one of the four captains.



Maggie Brown, 11, schools her opponent. Brown was the leading scorer in the state and achieved her 100th goal mid season. She played low attack and helped lead the offense.

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Overall Record

21-3-1

Manual	12-1	MICDS	11-5
Ballard	13-1	Mariemont	13-8
Thomas-		Worthington-	
Worthington	12-7	Kilbourne	19-4
Indian Hill	20-2	Ursuline	20-2
Lakota	22-2	St. Ursula	14-1
Lake Forest	9-4	Columbus Academy	8-12
Wooster	15-1	Dublin-Jerome	12-3
Mariemont	12-7	Lafayette	17-5
Indian Hill	15-2	Ursuline	19-4
New Trier	10-5	Wellington	23-3
Loyola	6-8	Mariemont	9-4
Hinsdale Central	9-2	Cleveland Heights	11-12
Lake Forest	6-6		

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Maggie Brown
Best Defensive Player	Meredith Post
MVP	Jamie Nesbitt
Most Improved	Jen Mott
Hustle Award	Mel Klein
	Lizzie Lohse



Row 1: Lauren Truax, 12, Meghan Crosby, 12, Rosie Griffen, 10, Christine Taragano, 11, Grace Naugle, 10, Mackenzie Stevens, 9, Courtney Harmon, 10, and Brittney Rothe, 10. Row 2: Lizzie Lohse, 10, Morgan Herlihy, 11, Melanie Klein, 12, Stacy Shutts, 10, Allison Bell, 10, Jamie Nesbitt, 12, Melissa Sedziol, 12, and Cheryl Thoerner, 10. Row 3: Coach Kuhnell, Jen Mott, 11, Laura Ebetino, 12, Ginny Tremblay, 12, Karen Nesbitt, 10, Meredith Post, 12, Maggie Brown, 11, and Coach Clark.





SMALL NUMBERS MIGHTY TEAM

JV and Freshman team combined

Go Figure

55
games won in
the season

21
wins that
shattered
records

Small numbers turned out for the first day of lacrosse try outs for the JV and Freshman team. A tournament was held at home which the varsity helped run while the JV/Freshman played in the games. After the tournament was first rained out it was rescheduled for the next weekend. The girls played hard matches but came out the overall winners of the tournament.

"It was great to participate in a tournament on our home field because we got a lot of support from fellow players, friends, and family," said **Liz Walsh, 10.**

The Freshman coach from last year, Tara Schaefer, returned as the JV coach. Lauren Martin was the Freshman coach. However since neither team had enough players, they often

practiced together and competed in games together.

"It was nice to practice with the Freshman team because it helped us get to know them, which helped us play better in the games," said **Sarah Hansen, 10.**

Some players got to move up to practice with the varsity team after their season was over. It benefited both the varsity team and the girls from the JV team. It allowed the varsity team to have extra bodies to put in during practice and it helped the JV girls improve their skills greatly for next year.

Most of the girls attended the varsity games to watch and learn. It was a great way for them to improve their game. Just by watching a higher level of game the JV and Freshman players improved greatly over the season.

"I love watching the varsity girls play and practice because it showed me what I had to be like to be able to play on the varsity team and to maybe play in college," said **Jackie Pittman, 9.**

By: Lauren Truax



Go for the ground ball! Erika Brandewie, 11, was a good overall leader for the team. She especially helped lead the offense.



Beating her defender, Liz Walsh, 10, runs toward the goal. Good stick skills were key to being a successful lacrosse player. Walsh contributed to the team's success with her advanced stick skills.





Get low! Melanine McLaughlin, 9, and Makenzie Stevens, 9, went for the ground ball. Winning ground balls was essential to win games.



Row 1: Alex Bidwell, Allie Coleman, 9, Kelsey Tremblay, Erin Pohl, Ayaka Matsui, Emily Dirr, Christy Miller, and Sanya Dosani. Row 2: Jackie Pittman, 9, Laurie Taragano, 9, Alexandra Barrett, Melanie McLaughlin, 9, Alexis Ponticos, 9, Karen Borholt, and Anne Hersman. Row 3: Coach Schaefer, Daniela Maktos, Emily St. Cyr, Morgan Campbell, Erika Brandewie, 11, Audry Kang, 10, Emily Wehman, Sarah Hansen, 10, Brittney Gardner, Liz Walsh, 10, Linda Mendez, and Coach Martin.



●●● SLASHING ALL OUR COMPETITION

Reaching New Goals

By: Liz Crutcher and Kyle Spicer

Go Figure

17
total games
in the regular
season

11
home games

Spending the off season working hard and striving for perfection really seemed to pay off for the men's lacrosse team. The team finished the season undefeated.

"We worked really hard and made a lot of improvements. No matter what the end of the season brings we all know we tried our hardest and we succeeded in becoming a better team," said **Alexander Young, 12**.

Everyone gave their all and never gave up, a trait unique and appreciated by the team.

"This season was great, everyone put a lot of effort into every game and we never gave up and we always finished strong," said **Todd Whitman, 11**.

The talent on this team was overwhelming, as everyone had skills and the drive to succeed.

"Our team had a fantastic season; we played every game to the best of our ability. The whole team always had such an intensity for the game, it made playing lacrosse really fun," said **Ellis Krienik, 11**.



George Wright, 12, attacks the goal during the Cathedral game. Wright quickly gets past the defender to score the goal. Cathedral was ranked #1 in the state in Indiana.

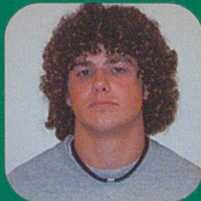


Alexander Young, 12, attacking the defender, tries to get the ball loose. Attacker Young was one of the leading scorers for the team. During the off season ground balls were something the team really tried to improve.

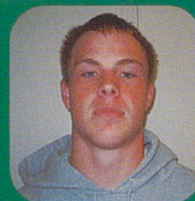
"Quotes From The Field"



"Although we have had our best season ever, it won't mean anything if we don't win state again." - **Christopher Bregger, 12**.



"I got 5 penalties in one game, which was pretty sweet. I think that has to be a record." - **Luke Cody, 12**



"All the hard work we put in during the off season is paying off and hopefully we continue working hard to reach our objectives." **Steven Koppenhafer, 12**.



"Everything came together in the end due to all our hard work. I feel like the defense really improved also through out the season" - **Johnathon Zalucki, 12**



Boys Lacrosse
Overall Record
15-0

Summit	17-4
Dublin Jerome	10-8
Westerville South	19-3
Sylvania	14-6
Dublin Coffman	15-11
Indian Hill	8-7
Anderson	16-8
Moeller	13-11
Olentangy	20-5
Mariemont	19-13
Cathedral	9-6
CCD	13-7
Hilliard Darby	15-3
Lakota West	14-10
St. Xavier	10-18

Vital Statistics

Most Ground Balls	Todd Whitman
Leadership	Ryan Ferris
Most Improved	Phil Hardy



Todd Whitman, 11, faces off against an opponent. Whitman was aggressively fighting off the Cathedral player to win the ball. As a middie, Whitman was a huge contributor to the team.



Row 1: Chantrice Pickett, 9, Jesse Steele, 12, Andrew Shaver, 12, Ryan Keller, 12, John Krzyminsky, 11, Jingyi Sun, 11, Nate Shlimme, 10, Edward O'Connor, 11, Benjamin Weaver, 11, Mark Sedziol, 11, and Brent Hammergrin. Row 2: Christopher Bregger, 12, Andrew Cain, 12, Luke Cody, 12, Andrew Johnson, 11, Michael Kahn, 11, Ryan Ferris, 12, Aaron Gold, 12, Ellis Kreinik, 11, Andy Routt, 11, Jamie Fishman, 11. Row 3: Coach Tom Nugent, Adam Walsh, 12, Todd Whitman, 11, Garrett Stead, 11, David Sokol, 11, George Wright, 12, Steven Koppenhafer, 12, Johnathon Frank, 12, Alexander Young, 12, Derek Bahler, 11, Elliot Skopin, 11, Thomas Irwin, 10, Phillip Hardy, 12, Kyle Fitch, 12, Johnathon Norkey, 11, Tyler Shlimme, 12, Mike Latessa, 12 and Coach Chuck Ogden.

PLAY HARD OR GO HOME

Fighting to succeed

By: Anna Alemagno

Go Figure

3

coaches

7

sophomores

28

freshman

12

home games

Dedication, desire, strength, and teamwork. The JV lacrosse team has improved each of these skills since the team began practicing. Lots of work and determination allowed for the team to greatly improve. They learned how to work together as a team and therefore won more games because they were one single unit not just a bunch of guys on a field.

Lacrosse had been a growing program for the past couple of years. More players returned each year, contributing to the team's victories. Also, more kids are playing in Jr. High and become a part of the team in high school.

"It's really great to see the guys play fundamental lacrosse at that level," said **Ryan Ferris, 12**, varsity lacrosse goalie.

Ferris has played lacrosse since junior high and has helped his brother, **Scott Ferris, 9**, reach his maximum potential. They pass with each other and shoot on goal. Basic skills develop a great lacrosse player.

The team worked together to accomplish what needed to get done in order to win. Still, they struggled with injured players like **Adrian Cone, 9**.

"I think our team's pretty good this year. We've only had a few losses and I think our team will play well in the tournament," said **Cone**.

The team also learned by standing on the sidelines during all varsity lacrosse games. The boys would all dress and cheer their team on during the games. While also cheering they were learning what it took to play at a varsity level. Also, just by watching a better team, the boys became a better team. This team unity helped the JV to success.



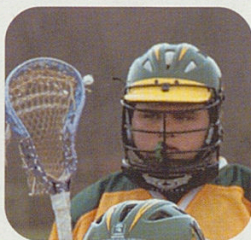
Passing to score. Jake Hiudt, 9, prepared to receive a pass from one of his teammates. **Hiudt's** hard work and determination helped his team to a successful season. **Hiudt** was also a great asset to the team. His attitude both on and off the field helped to motivate players to always do their best.



Row 1: Gannon Kast, 9, Vitor Rosa, 9, Brian Silverman, 9, Jake Hiudt, 9, Alex Gennett, 9, Rob Philpott, 9, Joey Bartl, 9, Stephen Carnes, 9, Tony Miller, 9, and Kevin Hall, 9. **Row 2:** Kevin Hess, 9, Aleks Jovic, 10, Sam Snow, 10, Allen Streck, 9, Cory Boskind, 9, Zek Gilbert, 10, Michael Evers, 9, Kyle Papia, 9, John Bregger, 9, Scotty Ferris, 9, Josef Majehrzak, 9, Benjamin Kreinik, 9, Aaron Cain, 9, and Geoff Peters, 9. **Row 3:** Adrian Cone, 9, David Barnard, 10, Corey Schwartz, 10, Dimtriy Bikmayev, 9, Taylor Straubing, 9, Jack Ricci, 10, Matt Scheer, 9, Adam Merz, 9, Andrew Mott, 9, Greg van Amerongen, 10, Jeff Uckotter, 9, Jamie Dowdall, 9, and Coach Nocito.

Question & Answer

Geoff Peters
JV Lacrosse



Q: What is the difference between playing at the jr. high and the high school level?

A: I did not play in Jr. High.

Q: How is it going up against older players?

A: The competition is good.

Q: What do you bring to the team?

A: A big guy.

Q: Has the team improved?

A: We learned to work together.

Q: What's the best thing about lacrosse?

A: You get to hit people.



Jamie Dowall, 9, carries the ball across the field. Assisting him on offense is Dmitriy Bikmayev, 10, and Kyle Papia, 10. The players showed how much teamwork they have during their game against St. Xavier.



With the large number of incoming freshmen, the JV team brought up new players. The boys agree that they had difficulty working with each other's strengths. Yet, towards the end of the season the team worked on unity and were able to fight for more wins.



After an awesome stop, Jason Kastrup, 10, congratulates teammate Benny Krienik, 9. The boys played a great game against St. Xavier. With a final score of 20-6, the JV team showed everyone who was boss.

Coach's

"Last year I coached at the junior high, and now I'm coaching again after two years. This season we lucked out, since the freshman class is so large there are a large number of freshman players. The sophomores and juniors are always very talented.

- JV Lacrosse Coach,
Greg Necci



Corner

HARD, AGGRESSIVE, AND INTENSE

Bandages, Ice, and Therapy

Go Figure

78

Gregory Center
workout machines

7

running and
elliptical machines

2

full time trainers

1

ice
machine

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Kelsey Kiley

Sprained ankles, torn achilles, fractured arms? These were some of the reasons that students often had to visit the trainers office. **Mr. Perry Denehy** and **Ms. Dana Dunn** are trained ATC's. They both agreed that the most common visit to the trainers office, was to get ice or to get their ankle wrapped

"I hurt my wrist at volleyball practice one day and Perry saved the day with the ice," said **Steve Kramer, 12.**

But don't forget the hard working trainers who were often in the Gregory Center at all times to assist the students.

"We believe in hard, aggressive, intense training. Our theory is based on progressive resistance coupled with 'phase' training. The bottom line is we incorporate basic strength exercises challenging the athlete to work hard at maximum intensity throughout the years, promoting an excellent training environment, and to close the gap between strength potential and actual strength in the shortest time possible," said **Mr. Brian Conatser.**

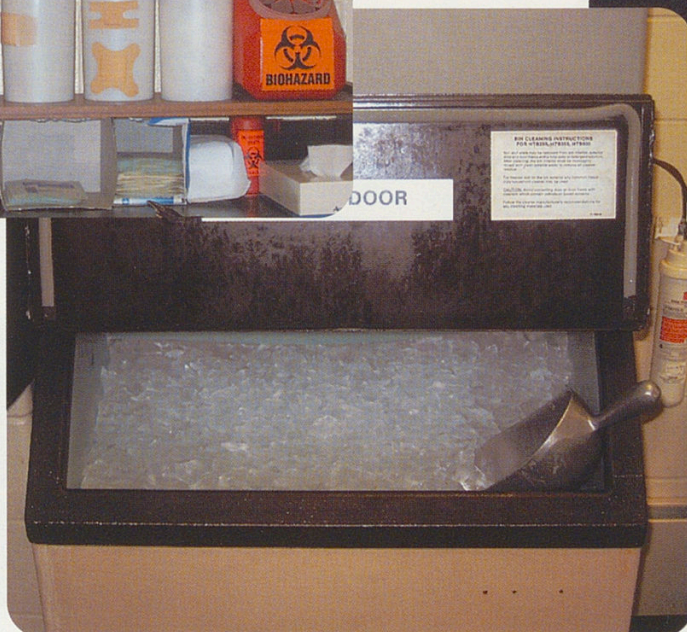
Conatser is a trainer at school along with **Mr. David Broxterman.**

"He is intense and it's hard during the workout, but he really pushes you to become stronger. The end result is awesome!" said **Kyle Spicer, 11.**

Spending time and effort at the Gregory Center was well worth it. The athletic trainers spent lots of time with the strength coaches preventing injury.



What would athletes do without the ice machine and the band-aids? They were good for easing the pain of aching muscles and joints. Some students even poked a hole in the ice plastic bag, and it became a nifty waterbottle. The bandages were equally helpful in preventing infection and cleaning up blood.



The Gregory Center was a generous gift to the high school, and was open everyday. Students and alumni frequently used the machines, it was a great opportunity to work out right after school. Every team made use of the facilities, especially on days that it rained.



As an athlete at the high school, it was impossible to get through all four years without visiting the Sports Medicine room. Many students often stopped by to get ice or just to say hello to Mr. Denehy or Mr. Broxterman. Right by the upper girl's shower and locker rooms, it was a staple for ice and bandages.



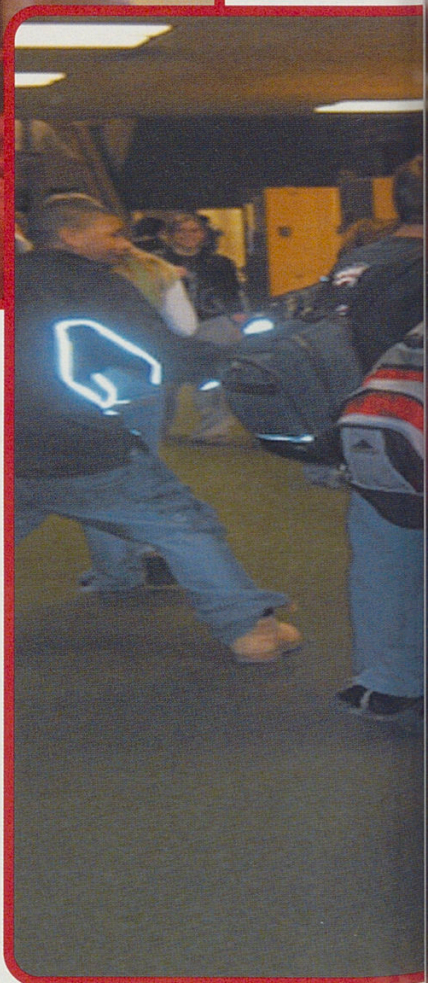
The best way to prevent accidents was to go straight to the source and lay a good foundation of health. Mr. Denehy taught both Sports Medicine as well as the school required Health class. He lectured on the dangers of dehydration, and pushed for stretching before and after exercise.

Denehy and company acquired an ambulance in addition to their little green water-machine. It was donated from the EMT's in Mason, where Denehy volunteered. The green golf-cart was used to transport injured athletes back to the trainer's station, and the ambulance was used for severe cases.

Baby Steps

UNDERCLASS

TALK ABOUT BEING under pressure! **Zach Starr, 10**, reviewed the test booklet as freshmen and sophomores were required to take the Ohio Graduation Test in order to graduate. Juniors practiced the OGT, however, it did not count. Check out pages 254-255 to see what your classmates thought about this test!

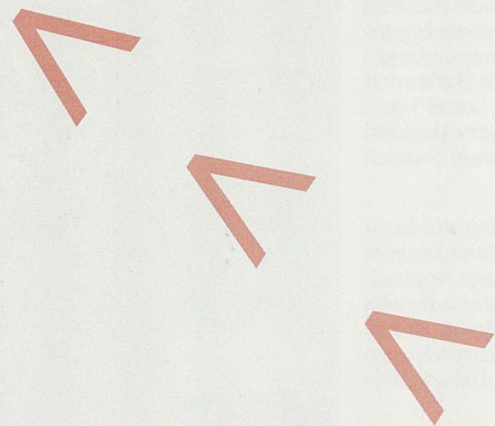
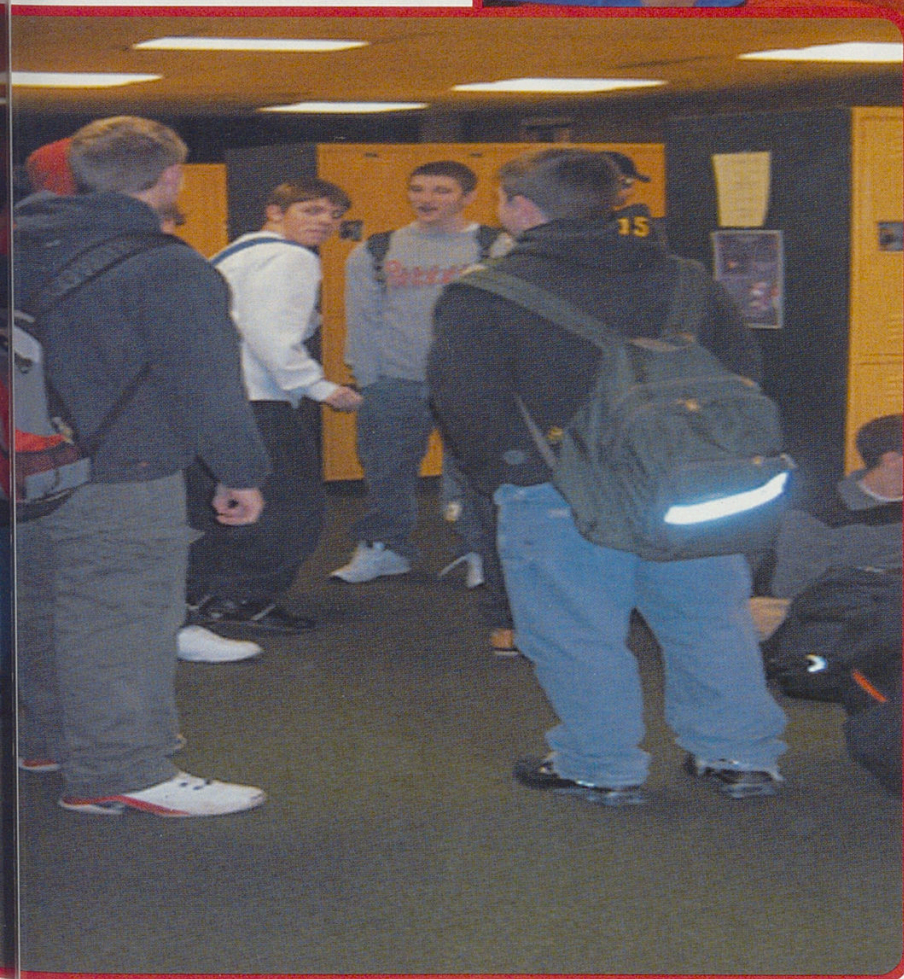


ANOTHER CROWDED hallway. Sometimes freshmen didn't always understand! Be sure to view the seniority page on 238-239 to see what all the fuss is about!



Sole Searching Seniors

Basking in the limelight, Kristin Grueninger, Alyssa Molnar, Annie Alemagno and Zach Tawney show off their costumes. The seniors continued the tradition and showed off their costumes in a parade for the school. The winners recieved prizes, like gift cards and candy bags. Check out pages 276-277 to see...!



Michael Abitz
Adam Abraham
Farrah Ahmad
Aaron Ahmed
Mark Albain
Junix Alcayaga
Joe Alemagno

Anjali Alm-Basu
Meaghan Alston
Lissa Amin
Scott Anders
Emily Ash
Christopher Ashton
Benjamin Askey

Lauren Attebery
James Austrow
Dana Bahir
Amanda Baird
Frank Bakes
Parker Baldwin
Matthew Baranowski

Niharika Baravkar
Laura Barbe
Alexandra Barrett
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Michael Bartlow
Daniel Bauder
Jennifer Baum

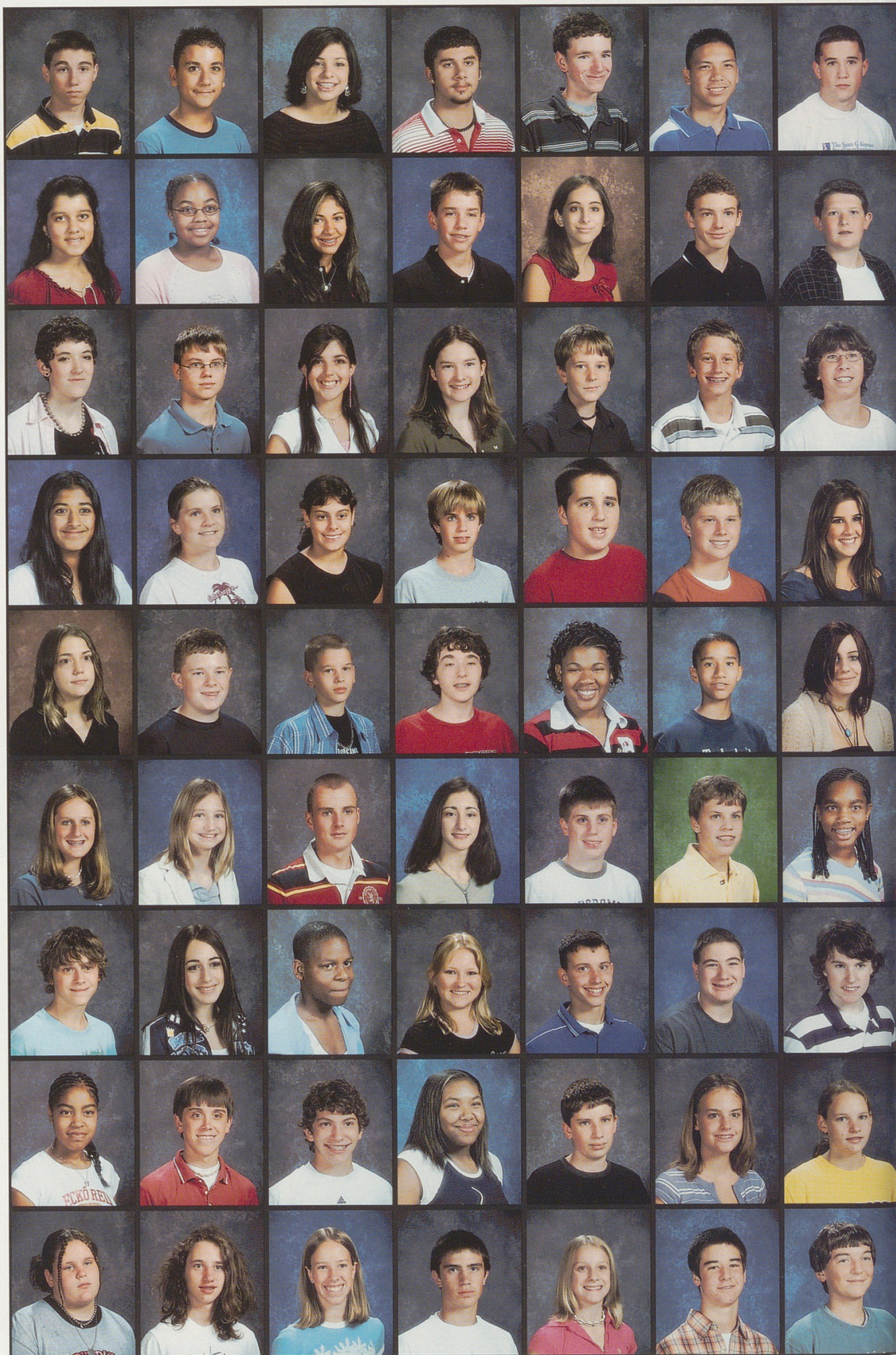
Rebecca Beasley
Mark Beaver
Christopher Becker
David Benkner
Audrey Benton
Andrew Bere
Polly Berman

Kimberly Bernie
Mary Bidwell
Dmitry Bikmayev
Gabrielle Biordi
Oliver Birkhead
Shannon Bitzer
Nancy Blanks

Nathan Blessing
Jessica Boggio
Terrance Boggs
Maria Borisevich
David Bortz
Cory Boskind
Benjamin Bostick

Crystal Boyd
Jonathan Bregger
Philip Brodrick
Jasmyrn Brooks
Bryan Brown
Kathryn Brown
Dara Burris

Ashley Burton
Justin Butler
Jacy Cagle
Aaron Cain
Jaimee Caldwell
Michael Caligaris
Collin Campbell



Tanning Traumas

By: Samantha Kahn



"I tried tanning once at the tanning beds even though I know that it causes cancer. I have only done it once and decided that it wasn't worth the risk of getting skin cancer. I would much rather do a natural tan in the sun with 30 SPF," said **Mallory Evers, 9.**



Mystic tan was a different way to get tan but results were not always what was expected.

"I thought the mystic tan would be more effective and it would be easier, but it just ended up scaring me and I looked orange. The tanning bed is worse for you but it looks a lot better," said **Chelsea Skurow, 9.**

"I think tanning beds are bad for your skin and mystic tan makes you orange," said **Ashley Smith, 9.**

There were many new tanning places to go but tanning did not always get the results people wanted.

Although some students go tanning, others don't feel the need to. "I don't go tanning because I don't want to pay to get tan when I can just get tan outside. I know that tanning can be damaging so that is another reason why I don't pay to go to the tanning beds," said **Jessica Pelfrey, 9.**

Ian Campbell
Stephen Carnes
Jonathon Casey
Kelly Cassidy
Jeffrey Caudill
Nicholas Cefalu
Helen Chang

Eric Chapel
Alan Chen
Boris Chen
Jane Chernyak
Amber Chitwood
Jung Choi
Sanjay Choudhury

Electra Chronis
Johnson Chu
Joshua Clark
David-Kei Codere Maruyam:
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Brandon Cole
Luke Cole

Allison Coleman
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Dorian Coninx
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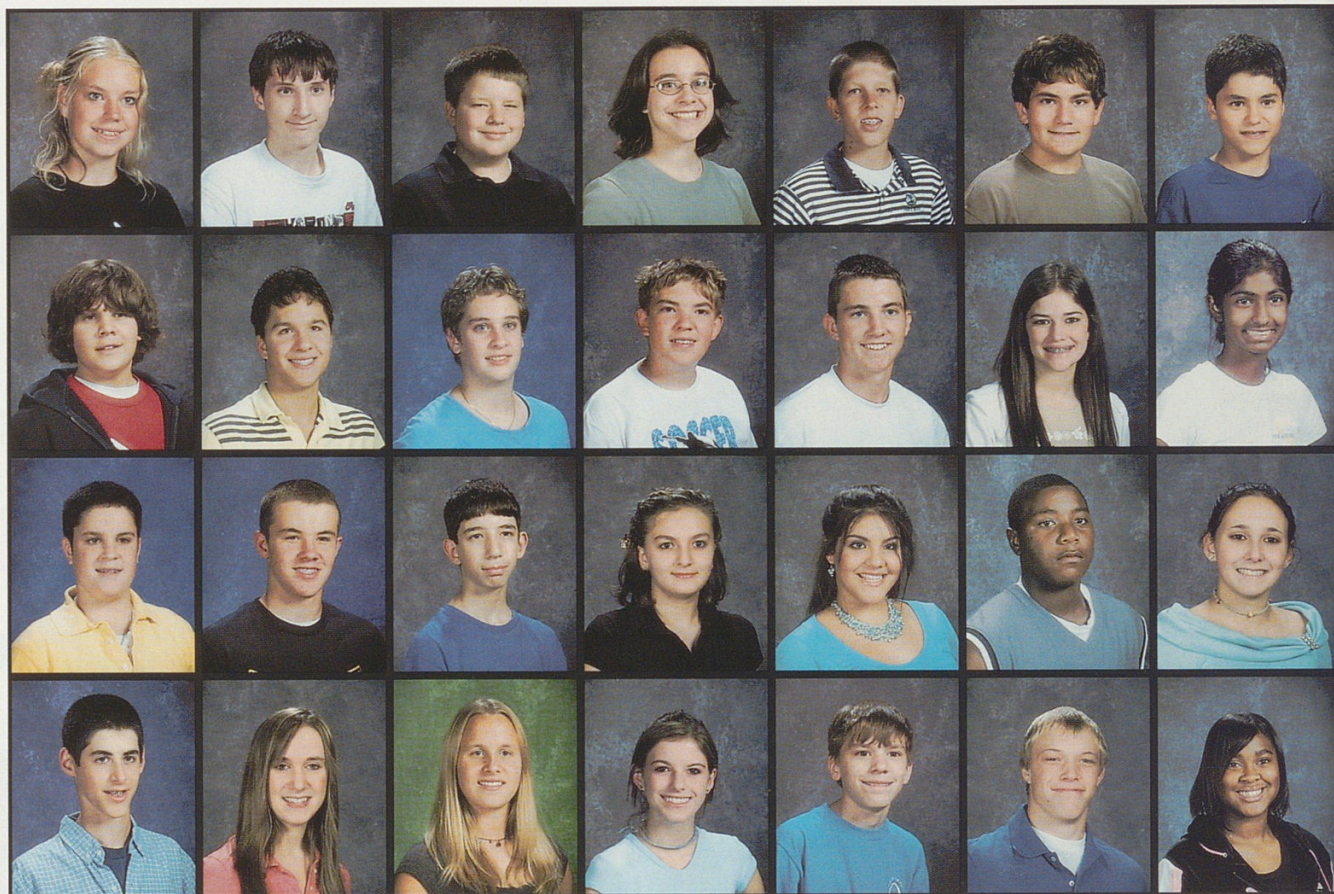
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David Dannenberg
Mark Dapkins
Marie Davidson
Kelly Davis
Ryan Davis

Mary Day
David Debruine
Michael Decourcy
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Simren Dhaliwal

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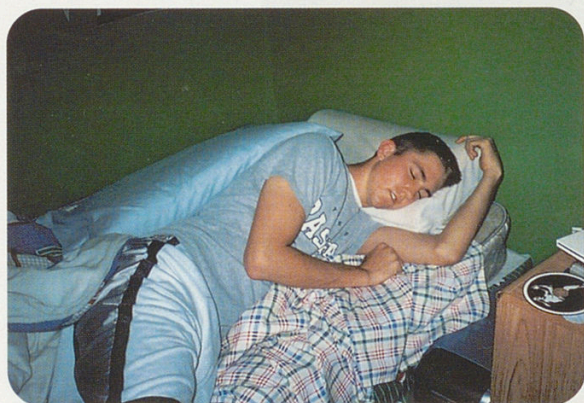
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Ozlem Erden
Daryella Escobar
Dwight Evans
Mallory Evers

Michael Evers
Kelsey Fairhurst
Ellen Farr
Devon Feagans
Timothy Fenstermaker
Scott Ferris
Brittney Fields



A day in the life...

By: Jennifer Konerman



Dolan wakes up at an early hour to get ready for the day ahead. After he arrived at school, he proceeded to his locker and to his first bell class, geometry, with **Mr. Steve Imhoff**. "I'm lucky because I like all of my teachers this year," said **Dolan**.

Beginning his day at 6:10, **Kyle Dolan, 9**, got ready for a busy day ahead.

He rode the bus, affectionately known as the "Big Cheese," to school and went to his locker, getting prepared. This included his favorite class, **Ms. Kate Juenger's** Spanish class third bell.

Leaving school after his last bell, English class with **Ms. Marnie May**, was his favorite part, however. Many freshmen began activities or continued beloved sports and pastimes, like baseball.

"I play shortstop, and I love it. Baseball is my favorite sport. I play

it all summer and during the spring.

After school, sports, and homework finally came the weekend, when he experienced exciting nights at home.

"I sit around and watch TV, hang out at friends' houses, and basically just lounge around. I have an older brother and sister so when they come home from school, we hang out too," said **Dolan**.

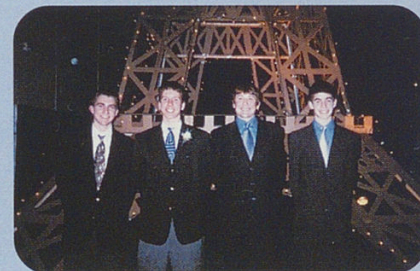
His day ends much later, around 11:00, when he finally gets to sleep after his loads of homework. **Dolan's** day was a typical freshman experience, with new teachers, new sports teams, but a great new experience nonetheless.

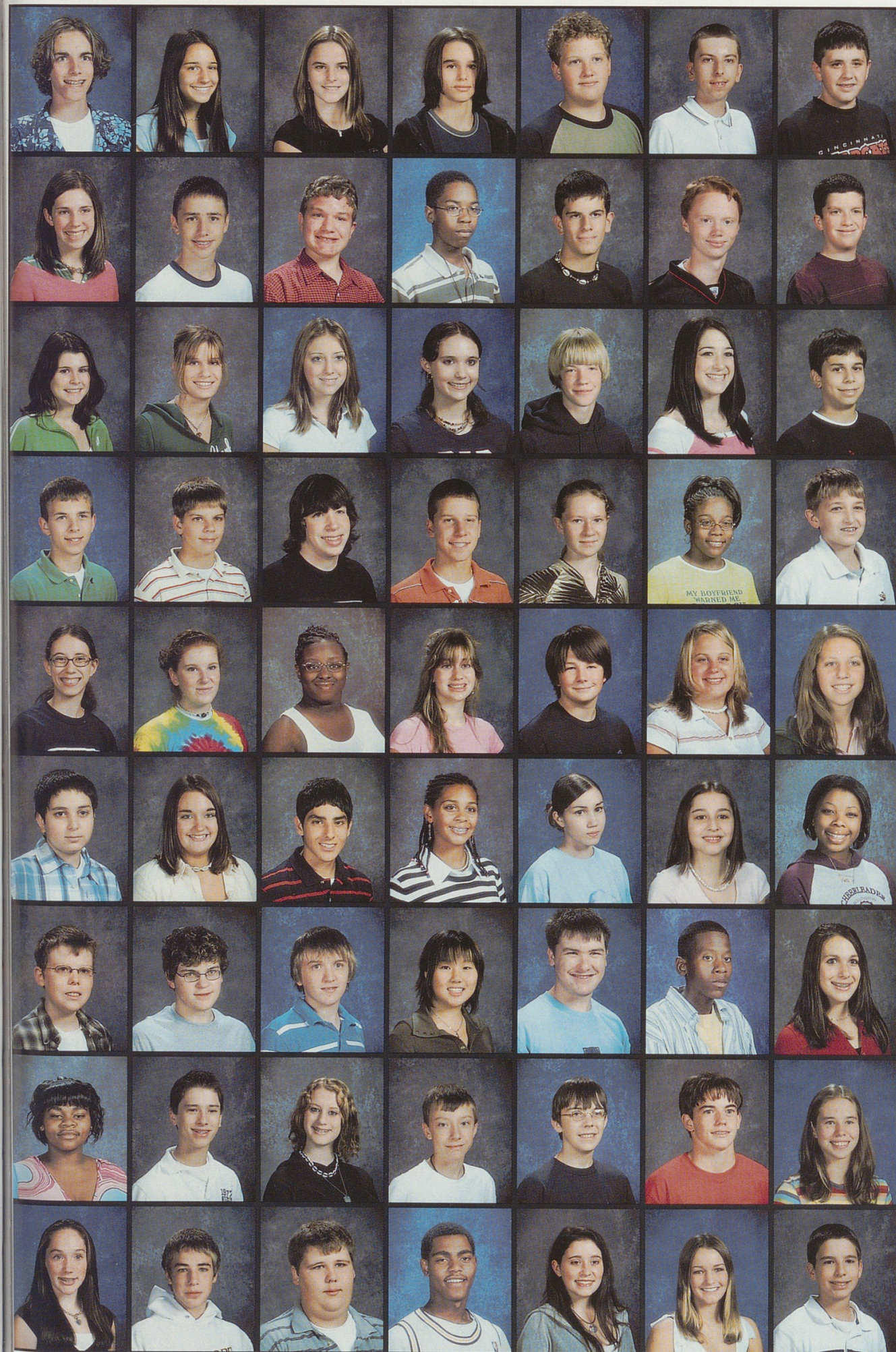
A typical day as a freshman...



Get ready for the hit! Baseball was one of the best times of the day for **Dolan**. He looked forward to that bell at the end of the day so he could play his sport.

Dolan, Christopher Gindele, Bryce Lindsay, and Taylor Knowles enjoy Odd Couples Ball. These friends had a good time together, as always. They loved to let loose on the weekends and have some fun.





Adam Finke
Anne Fiorenza
Brittany Fiorito
Christopher Firor
Nathan Fischer
Charles Fisher
John Fixler

Alexa Fogler
Benjamin Foley
James Fox
Michael Frasier
John Frederick
Aaron Fried
Robert Friedman

Laura Friedmann
Jordanne Fritsch
Raegan Galinari
Rebecca Gamble
John Gaynor
Torri Geisler
Michael Gelfand

Artie Gendelman
Alex Gennett
Matthew Gillespie
Christopher Gindele
Lina Goldenberg
Sharae Gooding
Andrew Graves

Rachel Greenberg
Hannah Gross
Tiara Grove
Marissa Gunnarsson
Jean-Michel Gunther
Abigail Haas
Anna Habib

Tamir Haddad
Kelly Haddix
Kevin Hall
Kaydee Hamer
Carly Hamilton
Shannon Hammer
Hillary Hampton

Saul Hananel
Justin Hanks
Colin Hanner
Yukimi Harada
Sean Harrington
Tim Headen
Sarah Healey

Jameria Heard
Nicholas Hegyesi
Allison Heil
Maxwell Helmsworth
Christopher Helton
Donald Herrington
Anne Hersman

Emily Hess
Kevin Hess
David Hiatt
Jerrian Hill
Lindsay Hill
Margaret Hill
Jacob Hiudt

Joseph Hiudt
Kevin Hoard
Anna Hochgesang
Donald Hoeper
Daniel Hogg
Destiney Hundley
Amara Hunter

Samantha Hunter
Sunella Hunter
Arjan Hura
Shante Jackson
Shawnay Jackson
Rebecca Jahn
Steven James



How much are these siblings alike?

Erika Kio, 9

Favorite sport: swimming
Favorite movie: *The Lord of the Rings*
Favorite singer/band: Emmanuel Pahud (flute player)
Favorite place: Europe
Favorite book: *Gone with the Wind*
Favorite store: Barnes and Nobles
Favorite TV show: Friends

Jason Kio, 9

Favorite class: study hall
Favorite sport: water polo
Favorite movie: *Hart's War*
Favorite singer/band: Green Day
Favorite place: my room
Favorite book: *Starship Troopers*
Favorite store: Micro Center
Favorite TV show: Simpsons



Laura Tufts, 9, Suzanna Tufts, 11, and Jessica Tufts, 9, have fun vacationing at an aquarium in Honolulu. This was the real deal: two twin sisters and a third older sister. It was not just double the good time, but triple!

Reese Jarrett
Melodie Jeng
Joanne Jih
Avra Joffe
Courtney Johnson
Ryan Johnson
Zachary Johnson

Alan Jone
Joseph Jones
Amber Jordan
Robert Jungerwirth
Renee Kalberg
Erica Kao
Jason Kao

Kenzie Kassoff
Elizabeth Kasson
Gannon Kast
Jason Kastrup
Melinda Kelley
Neil Kelly
Amanda Kempke

Jeffrey Ketchum
Jon Key
Nadia Khan
Nancy Kidnocker
Kweon Kyeong Kim
Erin Kincaid
Jeremy Kiner





Alison Kirgis
Josef Kisor
Jennifer Kissinger
Lauren Klapp
Taylor Knowles
Danielle Koegel
Jasmiina Korhonen

Edward Kornfehl
Kristopher Korte
Emily Kosel
Sara Kowatch
Adam Kozlove
Benjamin Krienik
Nathan Kroell

It's all in the family

By: Feana Krimerman

Childhood memories may be sweet with someone to share your embarrassments, successes, and failures. The problem is, when it comes to high school, it is not all about sharing memorable moments. So how did students react to having their brother or sister in the same school?

"It is nice to have someone to ask for help on homework. Plus, we can help each other in class," said **Adrian Cone, 9**.

The younger siblings have someone familiar at school, so as not to feel so alone and overwhelmed. The other siblings benefitted just as well, however.

Whether it was to share experiences, or share homework, siblings became helpful tools in enhancing a high school experience. The question was: was it really

so positive?

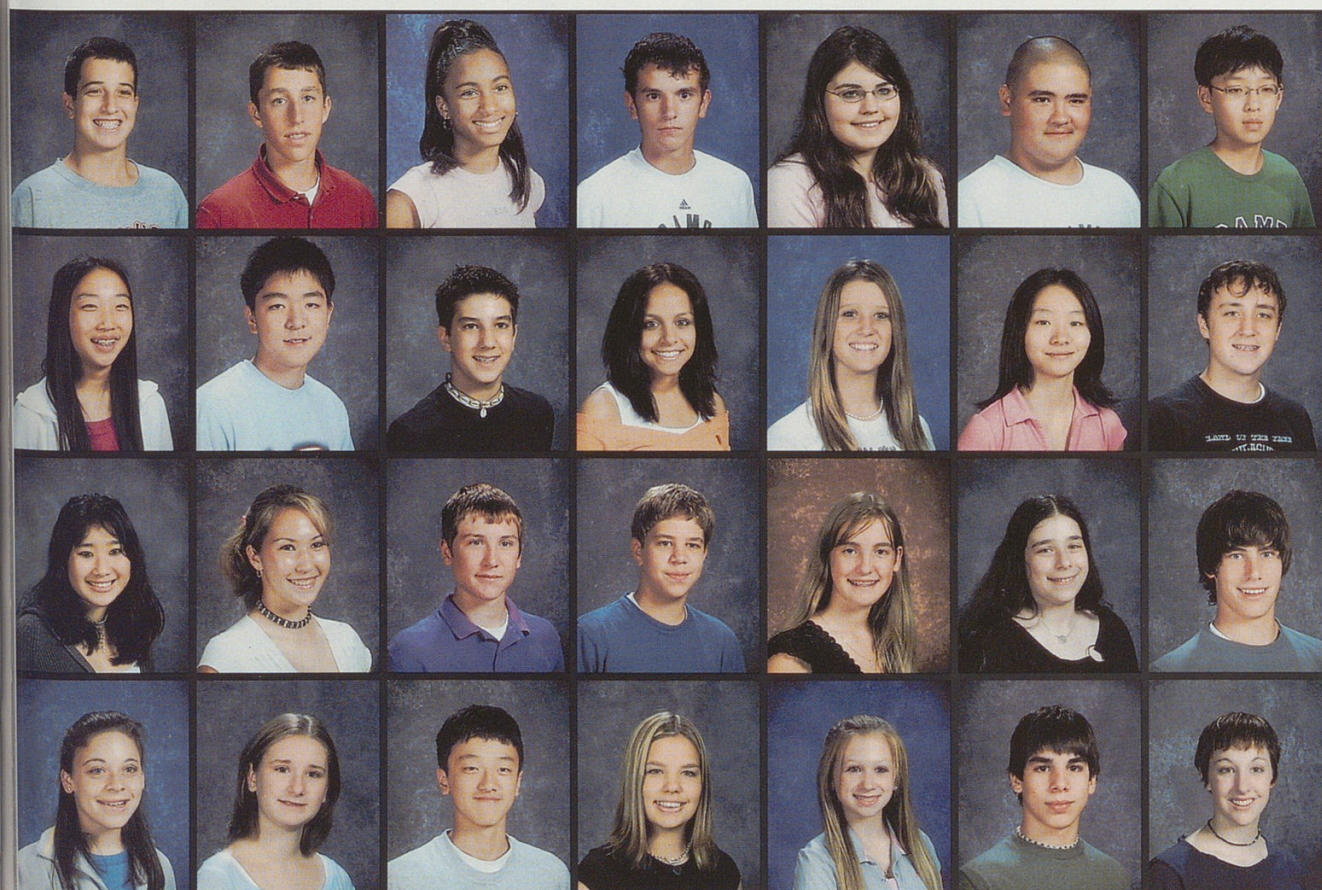
While fitting in became a key aspect of high school for many teenagers, siblings have sometimes acted somewhat as obstacles.

"When we have class projects, we have to share materials that are limited at home," said **Jackie Pittman, 9**.

So sometimes sharing is not the colorful and bright image of two teens using supplies and saying "pass the markers please."

Well, before getting too gruesome, the positives of having siblings in the school, for the most part, seemed to outweigh the negatives.

Maybe it was "Planet of the Apes" on weekends, but on school days, there seemed little to complain about.



Andrew Kruger
Scott Kruger
Alanna Langston
Remy Lannelongue
Lindsay Laroche
Jojiro Lecroix
Cheol-Woo Lee

Jennifer Lee
Timothy Lee
Andrew Leonard
Camille Lesar
Brittany Lewis
Xia Li
Jade Liddell

Mara Liggett
Joanna Lin
Bryce Lindsay
Trent Linhardt
Christine Linz
Sonya Lipkina
James Lipsey

Debra Lipson
Casandra Listro
Jack Liu
Cetti Logan
Jessica Logan
Luis Lopez
Natalie Ludy

Seniority: Gripes and grumbles of the upperclassmen

By: Jaime Orent and Kelli Rogers

For centuries those young'ns who have entered high school have asked the eternal question: Why such heated feelings between upperclassmen and underclassmen?

"Why can't we all just get along!" said **Abbie Haas, 9.**

Well, for those that have continued wondering, here are the top five reasons why the upperclassmen find opportunities to disagree with freshmen. No worries, when the current underclassmen become upperclassmen, they'll not only understand, but will feel the same way.

It's not something that should be taken personally, freshmen everywhere have encountered the same issues with their beloved upperclassmen.

1) Freshmen crowded the halls. It was frustrating when upperclassmen wanted them to walk faster and not stop in the

middle of the hall.

2) Confidence was good, but being too egotistical was not.

3) Having older boyfriends/girlfriends seemed cool to the underclassmen, but upperclassmen had first dibs.

4) Drama and gossip only reminded upperclassmen of their Jr. High days; the ones they left behind.

5) Upperclassmen were older, therefore they did deserve respect. When freshmen become sophomores, they'll understand. But freshmen shouldn't fret about it, more years = more wisdom.

Just keep in mind, upperclassmen didn't really dislike freshmen, but had to keep up the tradition. Maybe with a little cooperation from both ends, and a little education for both ends as well, the ongoing dialogue can be put to rest.

"We could all be cool with each other," said **Avra Joffe, 9.**



Move out of the way! One of the biggest gripes that upperclassmen had with the underclassmen was that they constantly crowded the hallways. It was understood the first few days of school trying to find classes, but by mid-year, upperclassmen were waiting for the freshmen to learn to walk single file.

Advice to incoming Freshman:
Be respectful

Why do you think upperclassmen resent underclassmen?



"I think because we're younger, we're like the younger brother, so they think they can treat us like one."

-**Kelsey Fairhurst, 9**



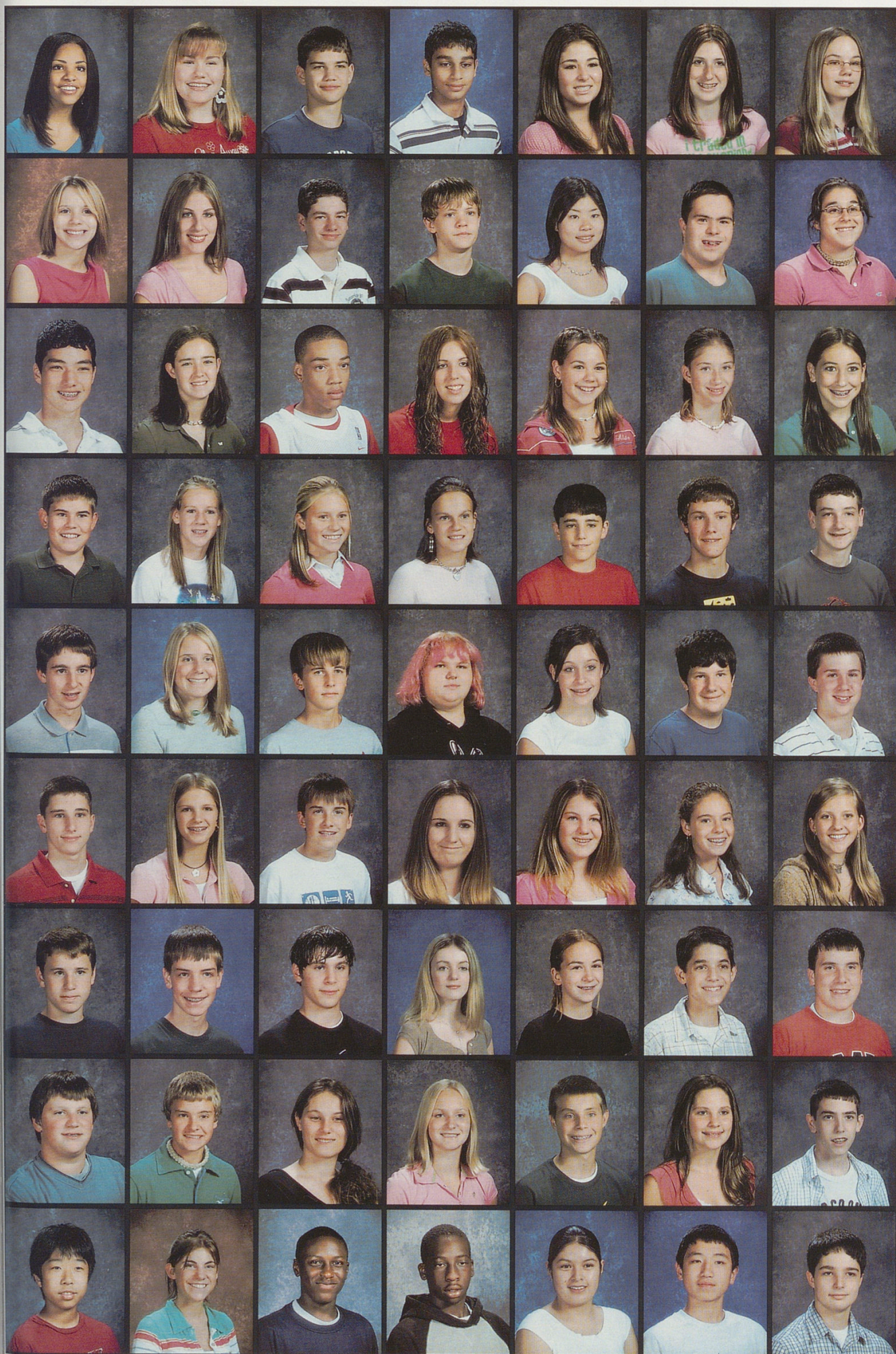
"...because they think they're better than us- so they can give us trouble."

-**Adrian Cone, 9**



"I think it's because underclassmen tend to copy upperclassmen on clothes, and even going to their parties."

-**Melanie McLaughlin, 9**



Stacy Lutz
Lauren Lynn
Josef Majchrzak
Faraz Malik
Melissa Mandell-Brown
Casey Manning
Jennifer Margolis

Meagan Martin
Elizabeth Massey
Kyle Mastruserio
Ray Matsuda
Ayaka Matsui
Ryan Mavriplis
Alyssa Mazzei

Anthony McClure
Sarah McCormick
Ray McCray, Jr.
Megan McDonagh
Kayla McDonald
Angela McGibney
Melanie McLaughlin

Reid McLean
Shannon McLoughlin
Sarah McMillen
Lauren Mehl
Kean Mervis
Adam Merz
Cody Meyer

Anthony Miller
Christy Miller
Cooper Miller
Eliza Miller
Mary Katherine Miller
Michael Miller
Nicholas Miller

Andrew Molnar
Michaela Mondro
Daniel Montague
Chelsea Moore
Hillary Moore
Kate Moore
Aimee Morton

Benjamin Moster
Andrew Mott
Charles Mueller
Jennifer Murphy
Hannah Myers
Michael Nadel
Ryan Neville

Logan Newman
Alex Newsted
Amanda Nichting
Christina Noland
Eddy O'Connor
Kendall O'Keefe
Matthew Oberly

Keisuke Oda
Jessica Ogden
Alden Olverson
Aloysius Ononye
Yekina Palacios
Weili Pan
Kyle Papia

Cierra Parrott
Priya Patel
Rohan Patel
William Payne
Jessica Pelfrey
Tiffany Pennington
Nicholas Perrotti

Emily Peter
Geoffrey Peters
Robert Philpott
Evan Pineo
Nawid Piracha
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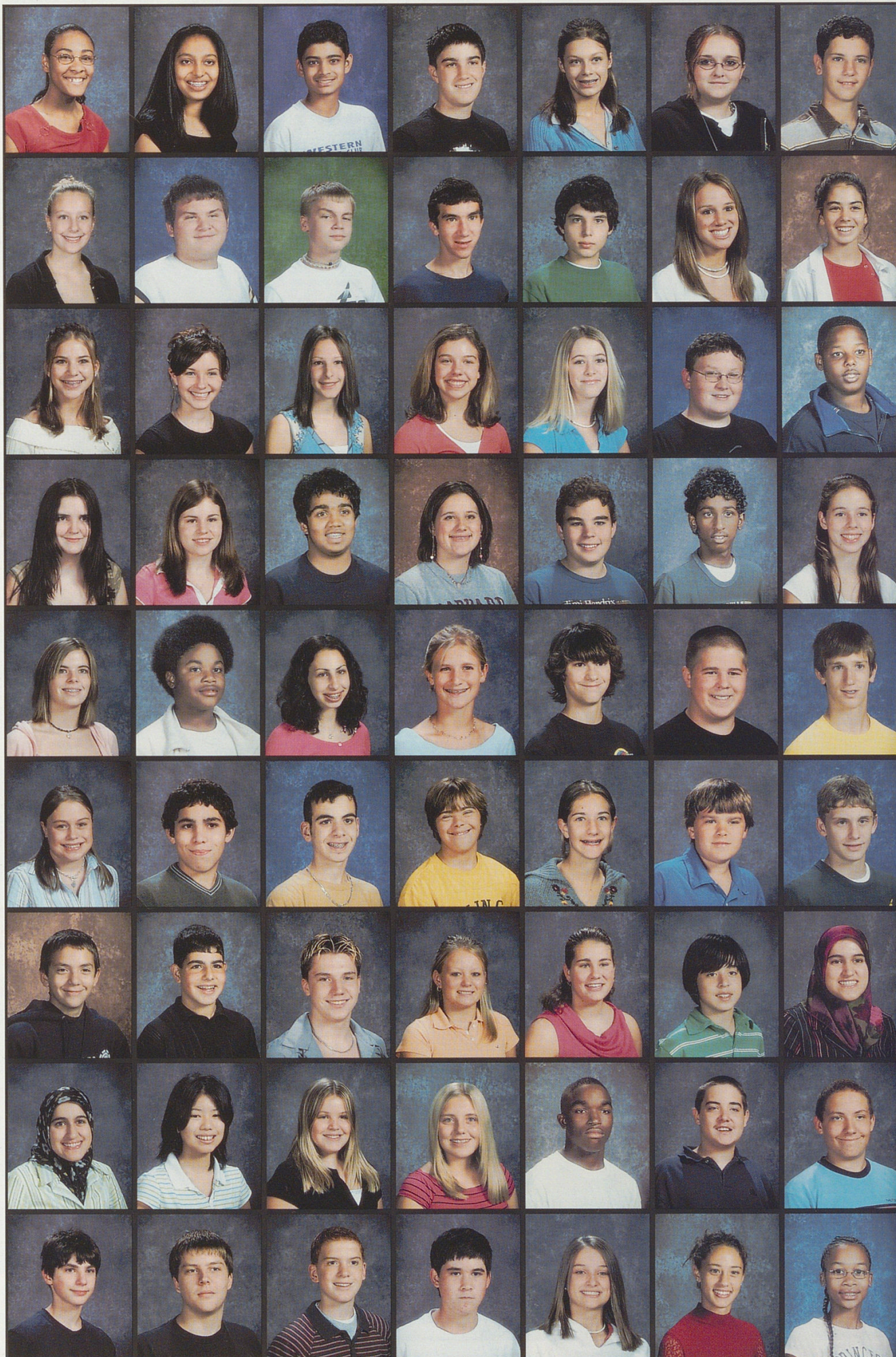
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Deena Schwen
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What is your cause?

By: Caitlin Bokulic

If you took a look around the school, the mall or even watched television you would see the biggest fashion trend: bracelets supporting a cause.

"I saw my sister wearing the bracelet and then I started wearing one to support the school," said **Ryan Neville, 9**.

The trend began with Lance Armstrong's Livestrong bracelets in support of testicular cancer. Since then, there has been every type of bracelet supporting everything from breast cancer to bracelets that raised money for the hurt Princeton football player, Victor.

The proceeds for all of these bracelets go to help fight each bracelets' cause.

"I wear the Livestrong bracelet because Lance Armstrong inspires me," said **Jonathan Bregger, 9**.



Striking a pose, Laura Wacksman, 9, shows off her Livestrong bracelet. She was among many freshmen who wore the bracelets to school. These bracelets allowed students to show their support without saying anything.



These are among the many bracelets that people are wearing throughout the school. The Livestrong bracelet helped fight testicular cancer while the orange ones fought diabetes. Wearing the white bracelet showed support for the damage caused by the tsunami. The Susan G. Koman foundation helped to raise money for their breast cancer foundation by selling pink bracelets for people to wear.



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Showing affection

By: Anna Alemagno

The bell rings, class is over. Friends congregated in the hallway and couples meet up against the walls. From holding hand to locking lips, many students showed affection regularly during school.

The school rules about student Public Display of Affection (PDA) were as follows: "Students should conduct themselves in a socially appropriate manner and refrain from excessive forms of affection." So is it wrong to make-out inbetween bells?

"It doesnt bother me at all. I just walk by and dont pay attention to it anymore," said **Lissa Amin, 9**.

"As long as people don't strip off their

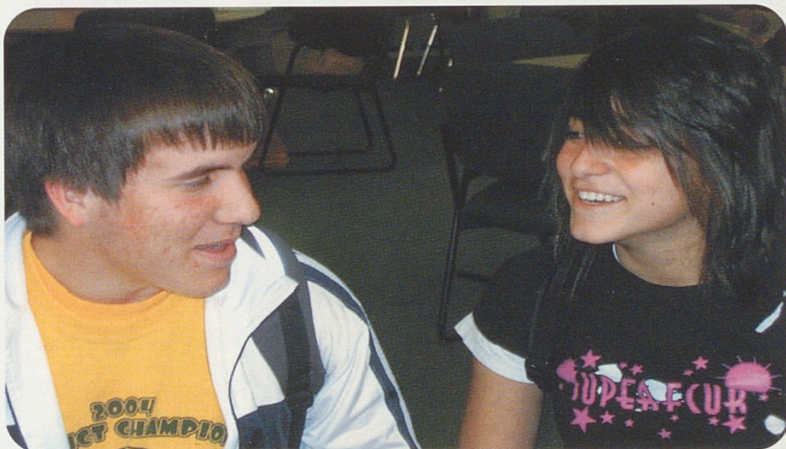
clothes in the middle of the hall, then anything is fine," says **Becci Jahn, 9**.

The more provocative a couple acts the more uncomfortable the observing students become. Usually, the underclassmen see the juniors and seniors kissing and holding hands and interpret their behavior as what is expected in high school.

The administration was laid-back about PDA, and rarely enforced it. Since there were normally couples kissing and hugging between every bell, most faculty members viewed it as normal.

"There is a time and a place, school is not the place. Plus, it gives students a bad reputation," said **Mr. Chuck Ogdan**.

Two freshman that are often chatty between bells are **Ryan Neville, 9**, and **Becci Jahn, 9**. Sharing the opinion of many other students, they didn't feel that PDA was a problem. Still, they both agreed that many of their peers go overboard during school.



Camera Shy Freshman

Jonathan Bates
Andrew Foster
Dadakhon Ibragimov
Marissa Jacobs

Kellen McIntosh
Aisha McNeal
Laurence Razenj
Ersan Refai

Jane Robertson
David Shirley
Stephanie Smith

Kurtis Yauger

Harrison Steinbuch
Kevin Steiner
MacKenzie Stevens
Eric Stoltz
Anna Stone
Austin Stone
Taylor Straubing

Allen Streck
Amy Streeter
Mary Beth Stucker
Joel Su
Mark Szymczak
Rima Takieddine
Laurie Taragano



What do you feel is appropriate for school?



"When two people are really going at it, it's gross and shouldn't be going on at school."

-**Torri Geisler, 9**



"I don't think it's wrong since I'm a part of it. Why would it be inappropriate to kiss my girlfriend?"

-**Chris Gindele, 9**



"I think holding hands, hugging, kissing on the cheek, and saying I love you is appropriate."

-**Geoff Peters, 9**



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Lauren Taylor
Megan Taylor
Ronald Taylor
Thomas Teddleton
Matthew Teegarden

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Brittany Theis
Jacob Thiele
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Ashley Thomas
Robert Thompson, Jr.
Ruby Thompson

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Jonathan Trost
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Laura Tufts
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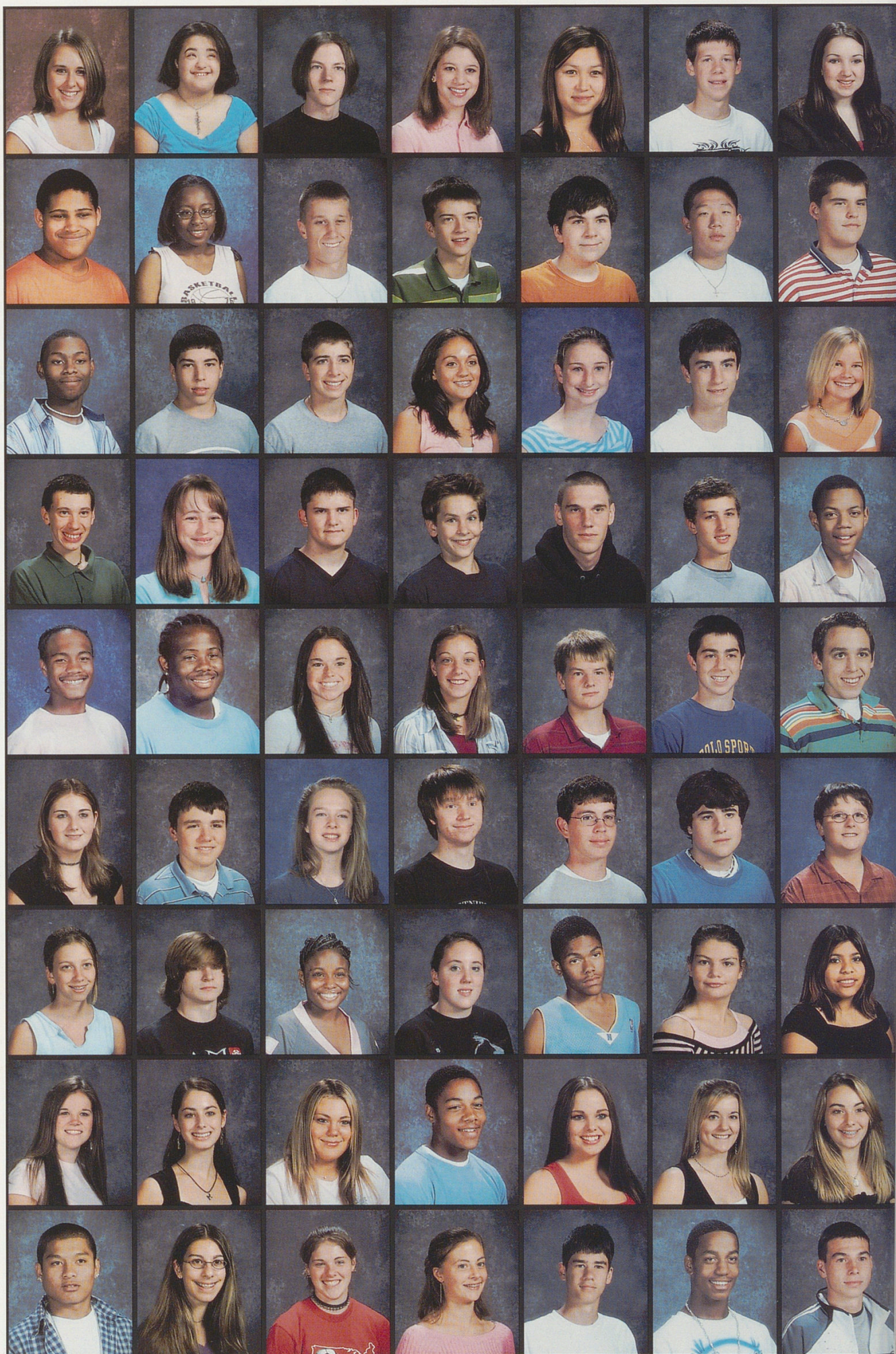
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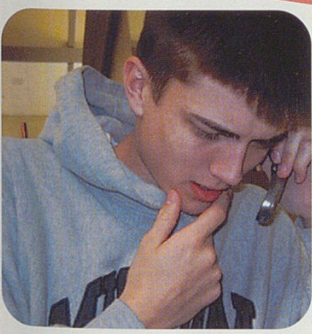
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Frank Ebetino

William Eckert
Indika Ekanayake
Marisa Ellison
Michael Ellsworth
Molly Essell
Bradley Estes
William Evans II

"I love technology...
But not as much as you, you see... But I STILL love technology..."
- Kip in Napoleon Dynamite



Some people are never caught without their cell phone. **Dustin Amrine, 10**, was one of them. Having a phone was crucial to get a hold of anyone, with everyone's busy schedules.

Getting through the daily life was impossible without the necessities. Except life got warped, and the necessities became a cell phone and the completely vital iPod.

"I love cell phones because its my way to be connected with everybody," said **Caleb Lipsey, 10**.

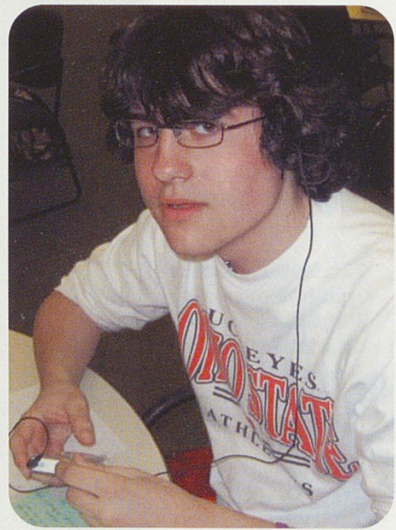
Maybe some people looked at that as excess, but there was no doubt that it was impossible to get through the day to day without using a computer at the very least.

By: Kelsey Kiley

From classes like Computer Applications and Communication Technology Graphics, to the papers written in English, school was big on the techie front, then it was home to Instant Messengers, e-mails, and online journals like Xanga, or the always popular myspace.

"I just like bugging people online as well as in person," said **Liz Walsh, 10**.

Whether you noticed it or not, technology was there, making life easier.



Rocking out! iPod's were making everyone's lives easier. With all of his music in one place, **Dennis Blieden, 10**, was pleased as punch with his.

Too Cool for Ghouls?

By: Amanda Evans

Even though they are halfway through their high school careers, many sophomores still dressed up for Halloween.

"I definitely celebrated. I dressed up as a V-Tech from the Boston Red Sox," said **Katharine Swantko, 10**.

Sophomores also found other ways to celebrate despite not dressing up.

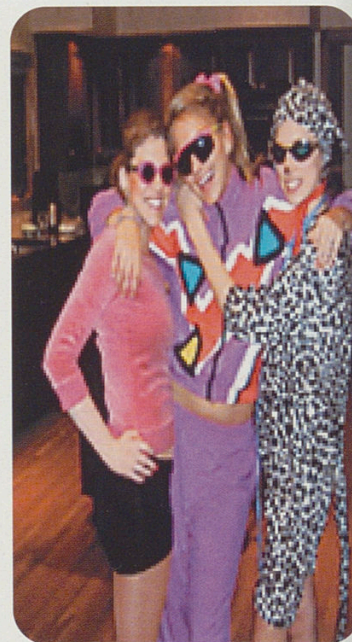
"I felt like I was too old to dress up but I still hung out with friends," said **Kevin Mack, 10**.

Some students also passed out candy and spent time at home. Since Halloween fell on a Sunday this year, staying out too late wasn't an option for most. A few, however, were able to go out with friends.

"My parents didn't mind me going out even though it was a school night, it was Halloween," said **Christopher Haurert, 10**.

Despite their age, students proved they could still have fun on a holiday that's geared toward a younger crowd.

Laurie Adler, 10, Caroline Hodgson, 10, and Katie Hull, 10, dressed up for Halloween. Although they wore different costumes, they still went out together. They proved they were not too old to celebrate the holiday.



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Adina Farber
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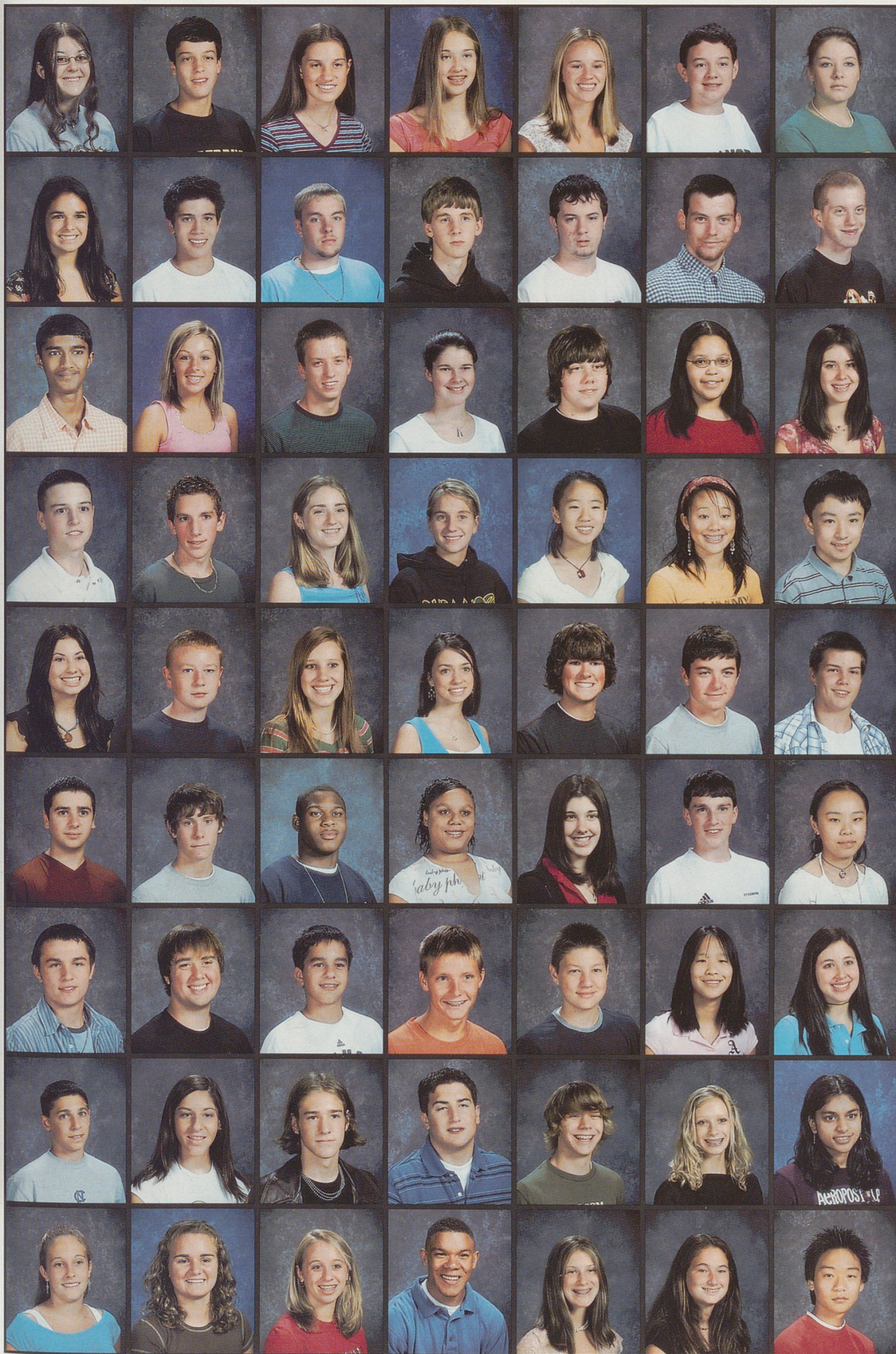
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Matthew Gold
Micah Goldfarb
Sari Goldhoff

Zachary Goldman
Georgy Golubitsky
Patricia Grannen
Sarah Griesinger
Rosemary Griffen
Tyler Grimm
Zachary Grimm

Corey Gross
Robert Grueninger
Eric Gunter
Christopher Hall
Natalie Hamant
Kristen Hammergren





Alexandra Hananel
Andrew Hancher
Sarah Hansen
Meghan Harley
Courtney Harmon
David Harmon
Keisha Harp

Abigail Harris
Alphonse Harris
Boyce Harris
John Hasselbeck
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Nicholas Hayes
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Laurel Herring
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Maxwell Hilb
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Caroline Hodgson
Clara Hsieh
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Jinwei Hu

Lauren Hughes
Thomas Hughes
Anna Hulett
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James Hutson
Joseph Hutson

Alex Ioannou
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Taylor Jensen
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Sara Kaufman
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Paige Keefe
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Abby Kessel
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Kelly Lebuhn
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Lauren Levey
Karen Levy

Rebecca Levy
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Meredith Linde
David Linz
Caleb Lipsey
Hope Lohmueller

Elizabeth Lohse
Melissa Long
German Lopez
Allison Lott
Meredith Love
Cameron Luning
Minadora MacHeret



Tuning into reality TV

By: Amanda Evans

Once again, reality TV shows have dominated the air waves. Much like the last few years, the emerging number of the coveted shows has risen even more.

From Survivor to Trading Spaces, there has been no shortage of "real life" entertainment for America to watch.

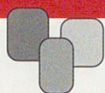
"The Real World was my favorite because every season of it just gets funnier," said **Alexander Reed, 10.**

Students also favored shows that related directly to high school life.

"Laguna Beach was a surreal take on high school but it was still entertaining to watch," said **Carolyn Dunn, 10.**

"I personally enjoy the Simple Life. Paris Hilton is a babe," said **David Chapman, 10.**

Whatever show you're into, watching TV was always a good time to relax. Among the top choices were American Idol and The Apprentice.





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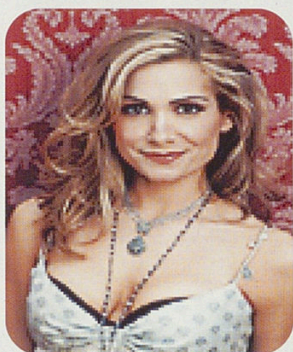
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Misha Mitsnefes
Kayleen Mole
Benjamin Moler

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Stephen Morgan
Tyler Morton
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Keith Murphy

Lisa Murphy
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Keri Nerl
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Cathryn Niehaus

Alexiy Nikiforov
Rebecca Nitzberg
Derrick Noble
John Norkey
Derrick Novle
Shanee Nuckols
Michael Oliver



Jen Schefft became the third Bachelorette in ABC history. She along with 25 guys explored New York City and got to know each other. Ultimately, she chose to remain alone.



The cast of Survivor: Palau heads toward the beach. They were left with nothing on the island. Needless to say, roughing it was an understatement.



Laguna Beach's Steven and Kristin share a quiet moment. The show was really popular and chronicled teenage drama. Relating to the cast was effortless.

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Lukas Ovington
Alex Patterson
Donald Patterson
Jacob Pennington
Emily Petrocy
Marguerite Pharo

Holly Phillips
Nicholas Philpott
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Derryl Pierce II
Anastasia Pike
Aleksandra Pinkerton
Olivia Poff

Samuel Pollak
Quinlan Porter
John Przywara
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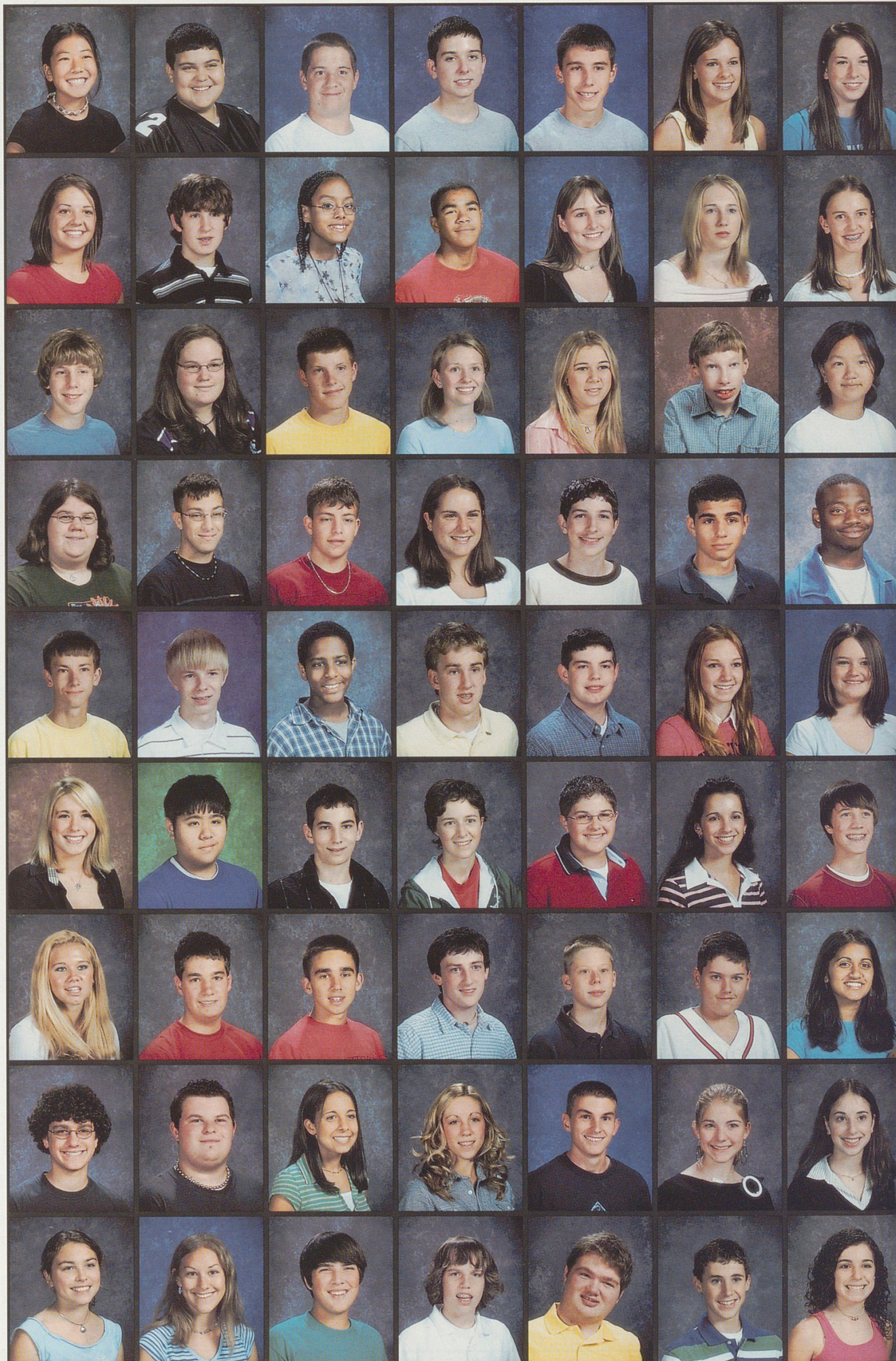
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Jeffrey Rubenstein
Daniel Rubin
Brian Ruff
Sean Ryan
Julie Saha

Barak Saltzman
Matthew Sams
Julie Sanchez
Julie Sauer
Dirk Sayre
Natalie Sayre
Jessica Schaengold

Katherine Schatz
Elyse Schenker
Taylor Scherch
Nathan Schlimme
Gregory Schlueter
Steven Schmidt
Rachel Schneider



Entertain us!

By: Jen McLaughlin

It's a Monday afternoon and you just decided to get your homework out. You're hand subconsciously reaches for the channel changer, and SURPRISE! *Anchorman* is on HBO.

The entertainment industry occupied our lives to the greatest extent. Movies and music were the top entertainment for our, not so exciting, lives.

"My favorite movie this year was *Raising Helen* because I could laugh and cry at the same time," **Maria Thomas, 10.**

Friday nights are often spent with a barrel of popcorn viewing this week's "latest hit" or vegging in front of the TV with a local blockbuster new release. Movies varied from

Mean Girls, *The Ring 2*, and *The Notebook*.

"My favorite movie that I saw in theaters was *Hitch* because it was funny and cute at the same time," said **Christina Wilson, 10.**

When we weren't lounging out in front of the TV, music was pumping through our ears. Ipod's suddenly dominated the music scene, yet CDs were still a popular item.

Boy bands and pop stars were fading out and into the picture come bands playing their own instruments and singing instead of dancing.

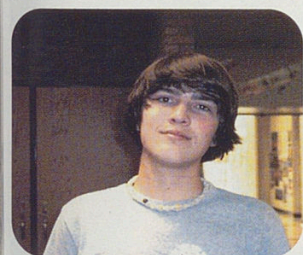
Whether we were glued to the movie theater screen or dancing along to our CDs we were always entertained.

What was your favorite movie?

"Euro trip!"
-**Alex Cooper, 10.**

"The Lizzie McGuire Movie is the best!"
-**Sarah Degger, 10.**

"10 Things I Hate About You is a classic"
-**Julie Sanchez, 10.**



Action! "Fight Club is my favorite movie," said **Taylor Scherch, 10.** *Fight Club*, a popular flick along with other action favorites, was big among the guys.



"My favorite movie is *Crazy Beautiful*," said **Megan Martin, 10.** One of the leading roles in that movie is played by Kirsten Dunst. Dunst is a popular actress known for her roles in both *Spiderman* movies as well as *Wimbledon*.



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Erin Schuch
Corey Schwartz
Samantha Schwartz
Yeri Serrano
Heather Sexton
Grant Shardelow

Whitney Sheblessy
Lauren Sherman
Brian Shrimpton
William Shufford IV
Tal Shulman
Stacy Shutts
Amardeep Singh

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Samuel Snow
Min Young Sohn
Jordan Sosna

Rachel Souders
Sarah Spitz
Emily St. Cyr
Kara Stabler
Krysten Stabler
Zachary Star
Garrett Steed



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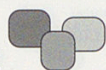
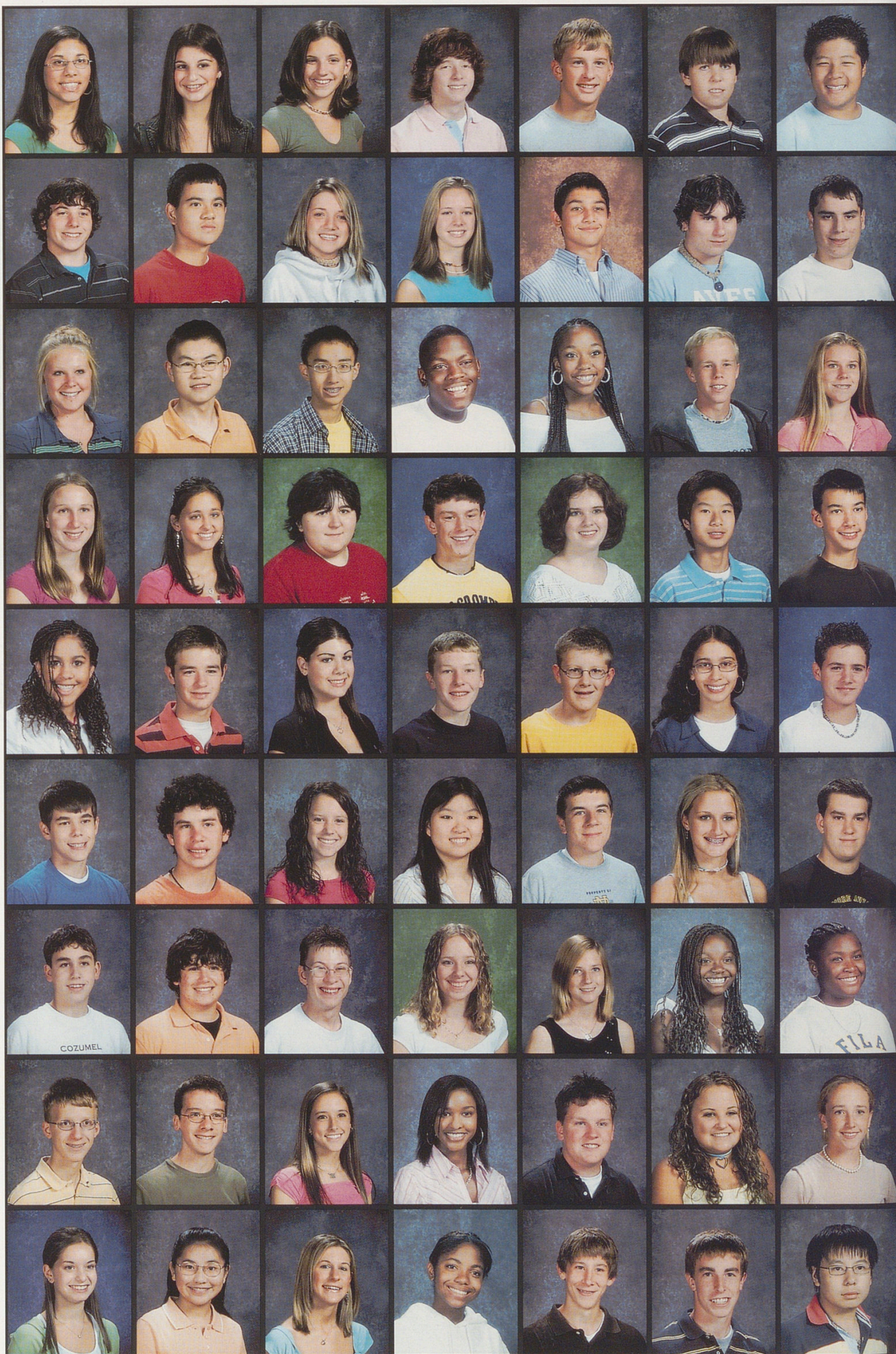
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Bryan Woolf
Nicholas Wylie
Jason Xu





Sweet Sixteen

By: Kelsey Kiley

"I think it's weird how there are certain ages that everyone gets so worked up about. I didn't think turning 16 would be any different than turning 15, even though it's claimed to be 'sweet 16.' In some ways, I've changed my thinking on that. I didn't feel more mature or anything of the sort, it was just an extra special birthday that didn't consist only of my family and I going out for dinner. It was one that I will remember every little detail for the rest of my life," said **Rosie Griffin, 10**, with her new car and lacrosse teammates, **Stacy Shutts, 10**, **Cheryl Thoerner, 10**, **Allison Bell, 10**, and **Liz Walsh, 10**.

Somehow, no matter what age you were, the next year up sounded SO much older. 19 was so much older than 18, 18 than 17, but one of the biggest jumps was definitely 15 to 16.

"Finally driving is awesome, so that makes being 16 amazing!" said **Maria Thomas, 10**.

Undeniably, most of it is about the car. 16 equals, for many people, a license. The ability to drive was a taste of freedom.

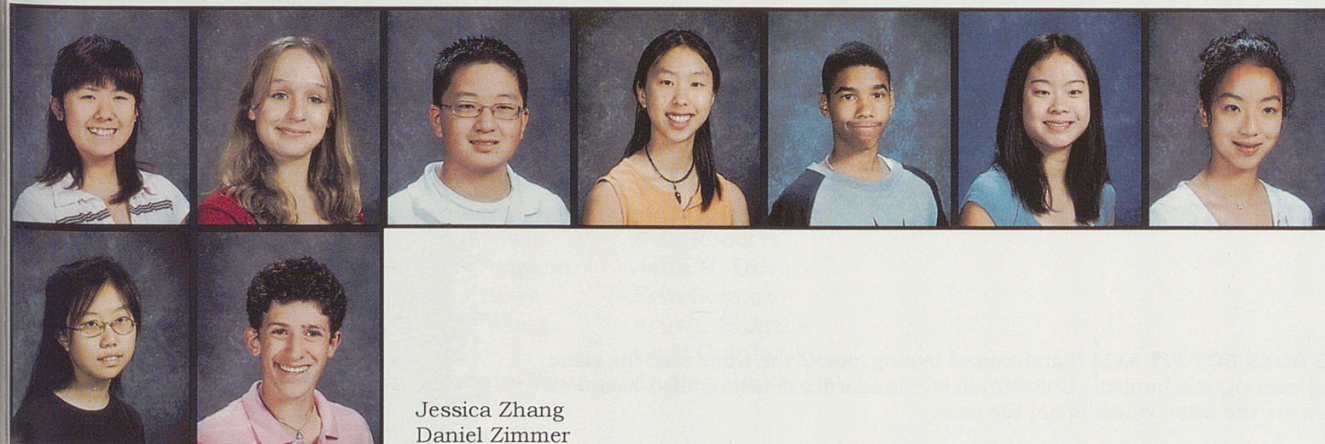
"Driving is pretty sweet because you don't have to roll up to places with your parents next to you, aside from driving, it's okay. The responsibility meter has gone up and it feels people expect more out of you," said **Steve Ross, 10**.

To turn 16 was to also be halfway through high school. Many will be 18 when they graduate, and it was a shock to realize high school was almost over.

"The whole summer I counted down the days until my sweet 16 which also meant getting my license! Turning 16 was made to be such a big deal and when it happened, I didn't feel any older until school started again, knowing I was one or even two years older than some people in my grade." - **Shelli Coppoolse, 10**



"I find no difference in being sixteen... It is just another year." - **Mitch Allen, 10**



Kaori Yamada
Annie Yamson
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Jessica Zhang
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No Child Left Behind (NCLB): Stakeholders plead for accountability

By: Jaime Orent

Three years ago the American people listed education as their top priority in public opinion polls.

Parents demanded accountability, taxpayers demanded value, businesses needed better educated employees and students stuck in poor performing schools (according to state tests) needed change. The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law was signed in Hamilton, Ohio in 2001 and went into effect the following school year.

This law has accomplished a lot in three years. All 50 states now have internal and external accountability plans in place which were designed to lay the foundation for continuous school improvement as well as individual student average yearly progress (AYP). Teachers are required to meet highly qualified standards and schools are rated by each state dependent upon their students standardized test scores.

Twenty-two states (including Ohio),

however, are experiencing difficulties measuring up to the test boundaries, meanwhile acknowledging that federal funds will be pulled from those states which do not comply with NCLB. The goals are set by each state and not the federal government.

Most of the objections to the law have focused on the testing provisions, but most states already have the testing infrastructure in place. Federal funding was increased 40% during the past three years.

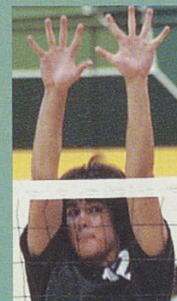
As a nation, we spend more than \$530 billion for K-12 education, which is more than the gross domestic product of Russia. Of that amount less than 1% is devoted to student assessment.

Major arguments against NCLB: (1) unfunded monolith; (2) standardized testing does not fit all students and is in direct violation of special needs students IEPs.



NCLB LEARNS ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL! Standardized testing means the same test, the same constraints and the same scoring mechanism. Unfortunately, standardized testing also assumes that all student test takers are the same which is not the case.

Our state
report card
rating:
Excellent



"In order for NCLB to function properly all stakeholders' interaction must be present,"
-Brian Kissinger, 10



"There are many questionable aspects related to the formation and contents of NCLB."
-Laura Fisher, 10



"NCLB has good intentions, but it is too unrealistic and impractical in the aspects of standardized testing, funding, school and teacher accountability."

-Sam Pollak, 10

What do sophomore test takers think of NCLB?

Testing, testing!

OGTs: Not just another test

By: Kyle Spicer

Proficiencies were so last year! Ohio Graduation Tests are in. Also known as OGT's, those tests were very important. The new test was a requirement to graduate for all of the classes after the Class of 2006.

All who did not pass would have the chance through the rest of their four years of high school to pass. Usually around the time students were used to taking Proficiency Tests the new test was given but there was a change in the test, the procedures and the scoring.

"I felt like I was prepared for it. The teachers worked in a lot of preparation for the test before hand," said **Emily Petrocy, 10.**

"I wore my lucky underwear so I think I did well," said **Zach Gilbert, 10.**

Each day during that week, juniors and seniors were only allowed to come to school at 9:50 AM. It was a nice break for the upperclassmen.

"I was just bummed I didn't get to sleep in," said **Jake Pennington, 10.**



Zach Starr, 10, focuses on doing one of the many practice OGT questions. The sophomore class had many of these to prepare for those important tests. That was something the teachers really focused on.



Nina Budde, 10, gets pumped up after having finally completed the dreaded OGT's. The OGT's were all throughout the first week of March. All of the freshman and sophomores took these.



Emily Petrocy, 10, smiles after discovering the OGT was not as hard as teachers made it out to be. A majority of teachers agreed to that too. Hopefully that was the truth when everyone got their results back.

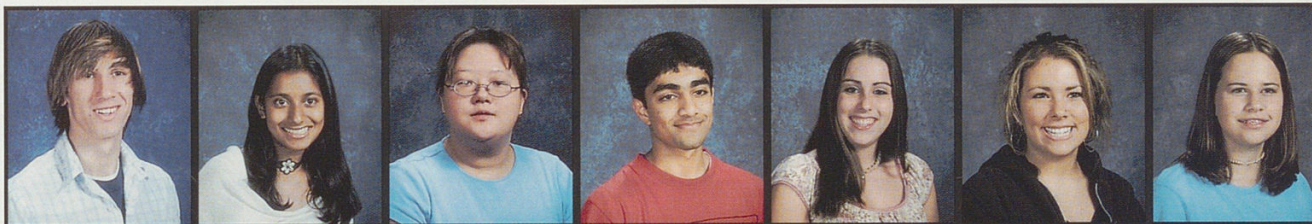
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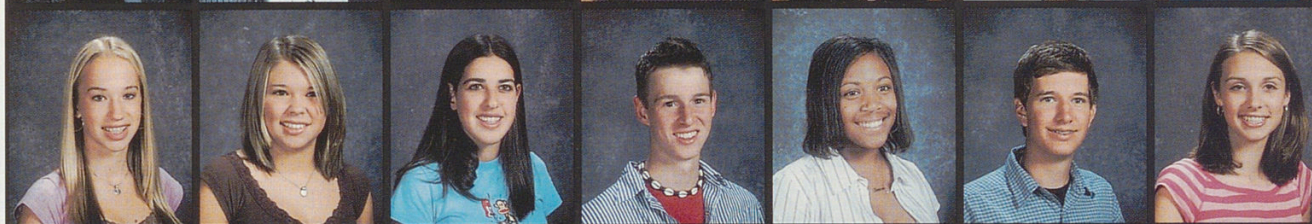
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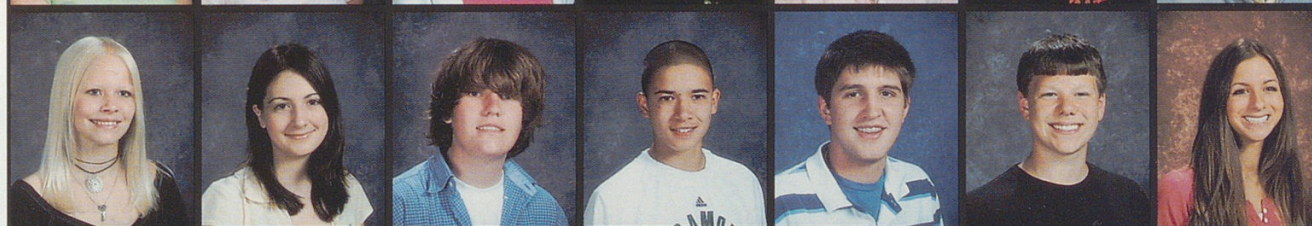
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Funky new cuts

By: Tamar Ingber

Did you get a haircut? Get highlights? Let a friend dye your hair? Hair has always been a great way to express one's personal style or make a statement.

Nayla Takkedine, 11, cut her long hair for Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from medical hair loss, to support her friend and former Sycamore student **Adrienne Westcott**.

"I was just sick of my blonde hair. It wasn't because of Ashlee Simpson. Everyone calls me Ashlee now that I dyed my hair!" said **Scott Kelly, 11**.

Kristin Vice, 11, went all out including: bleaching her entire head after receiving extensions,

and finally dyed the bottom tier of her hair black. **Vice** loved the new dramatic look, but couldn't wait to change it again.

However, **Brittany Gray, 11**, had a short wispy look at the beginning of the year, mimicking Halle Berry, but Gray loved change. She later decided on longer braids.

"I just go to Great Clips and get a haircut," said **Jeremy Zola, 11**. **Zola** went for a more simplistic deal: just a trip to the barber shop every once in a while.

Others changed their hair to change their look.

"Once you go blonde, you never go back!" said **Margo Rosen, 11**.

Rosen is a natural brunette but swears she was meant to be blonde.



after

Flipped out to long luxurious braids!
Brittani Gray, 11

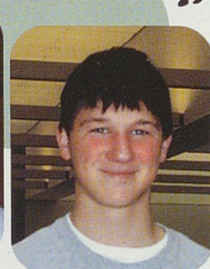


before

Shorter and sweeter!
Kyle Spicer, 11



Blonde to black!
Scott Kelly, 11



Lighter and Darker!
Kristin Vice, 11

Have YOU dramatically changed your hair?

17%



Brian Clark
Richard Clark
Jeffrey Cohen
Jordan Cohen
Samuel Cole
Jonathon Coleman
Lisa Collins

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Amanda Cone
Douglas Coughlin
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Ryan Cummins
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Stephanie Dimasso

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Stephen Donnellon
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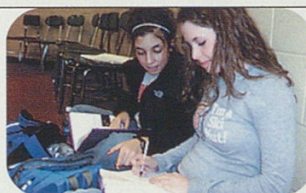
Suddenly 1600 Is Not So Perfect

By: Samantha Kahn

The SAT has changed dramatically! Students stressed out about the old test, but there was even more to worry about on the new SAT. A 1600 used to earn a perfect score. The new test was changed to 2400.

The analogies were eliminated and an essay was put in their place. Also, new shorter readings were added. The nagging quantitative comparisons were eliminated. New material from third-year college preparatory math was added as well.

"The SAT is a fair way to assess college-bound students...



It is time to prepare for the SATs! Jess Senefeld-Naber, 11 and Christine Taragano, 11, were quizzing one another on a few words. English Seminar, taught by Mrs. Christine Allen, was a great course to help students prepare for what was on the SAT.

fair but cruel," said Paul Procaro, 11.

"I think the changes are good because otherwise they are not testing how well students think on their own," said Laura Moushey, 11.

Nationwide, over 1.4 million students took the SAT.

"I don't think that the SATs should have as much weight as they do. It is too much pressure for one test which is ultimately going to determine your future," said Alex Kapcar, 11.

The changes on the SAT were very mixed as would be expected for the first year.





Julia Gardner
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Carly Gilbert
Tiffany Gilbert

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Michelle Goodlander
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Brittani Gray
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Abhijeet Gummavavelli
Isela Gutierrez
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Tasha Hissett
Kyle Hoffman
Dorothy Hogg

What do you think about the changes made on the SAT?



"The essay prepares you better for college."

-Stuart Solomon, 11



"I think they are stupid because the writing is subjective."

-Jacky Roesch, 11



"I'm glad there are no more analogies because I was always horrible at those."

-Patrick McLoughlin, 11



"I think the essay is unfair because you can't express yourself well enough in 25 minutes."

-Bashir Rawas, 11



"I think the changes, the essay especially, will better distinguish people and their abilities."

-Grace Denny, 11



"The changes are a travesty!"

-Daniel Schear, 11



Video Games

By: Jen McLaughlin

X-Box, Nintendo 64, Playstation 2, Game Cube, Super Nintendo; we played it all.

"My favorite game is Madden 2005 because I've had every Madden since '96 and its a tradition to buy it every year," said **David Sokol, 11**.

Other favorites include Halo 2, Vice City, NCAA baseball, and Tony Hawk.

"Tony Hawk is the best game because you get to be the skateboarder," said **Allison Ivers, 11**.

Many, however, were under the

impression that videogames were simply a "guy thing."

"NO! They're not just for guys, the cool girls know where its at!" said **Ivers**.

On November 2nd Halo 2 came out to the public. Boys were lining up as early as 12 a.m.

"I begged my mom to let me stay home that day to go play the game, but she wouldn't let me," said **Joey O'Gara, 11**.

However, **Marcus Bryce, 11**, spent the day at home addicted to the TV screen.

Video games have taken over our lives! But hey, they're fun!



Jonathan Herrick, 11, loves to play video games. One of his favorites was Grand Theft Auto, pictured above. Other games that occupied his X-box included Madden football and Halo 2.

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Shane Holtz
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Andrew Hooper
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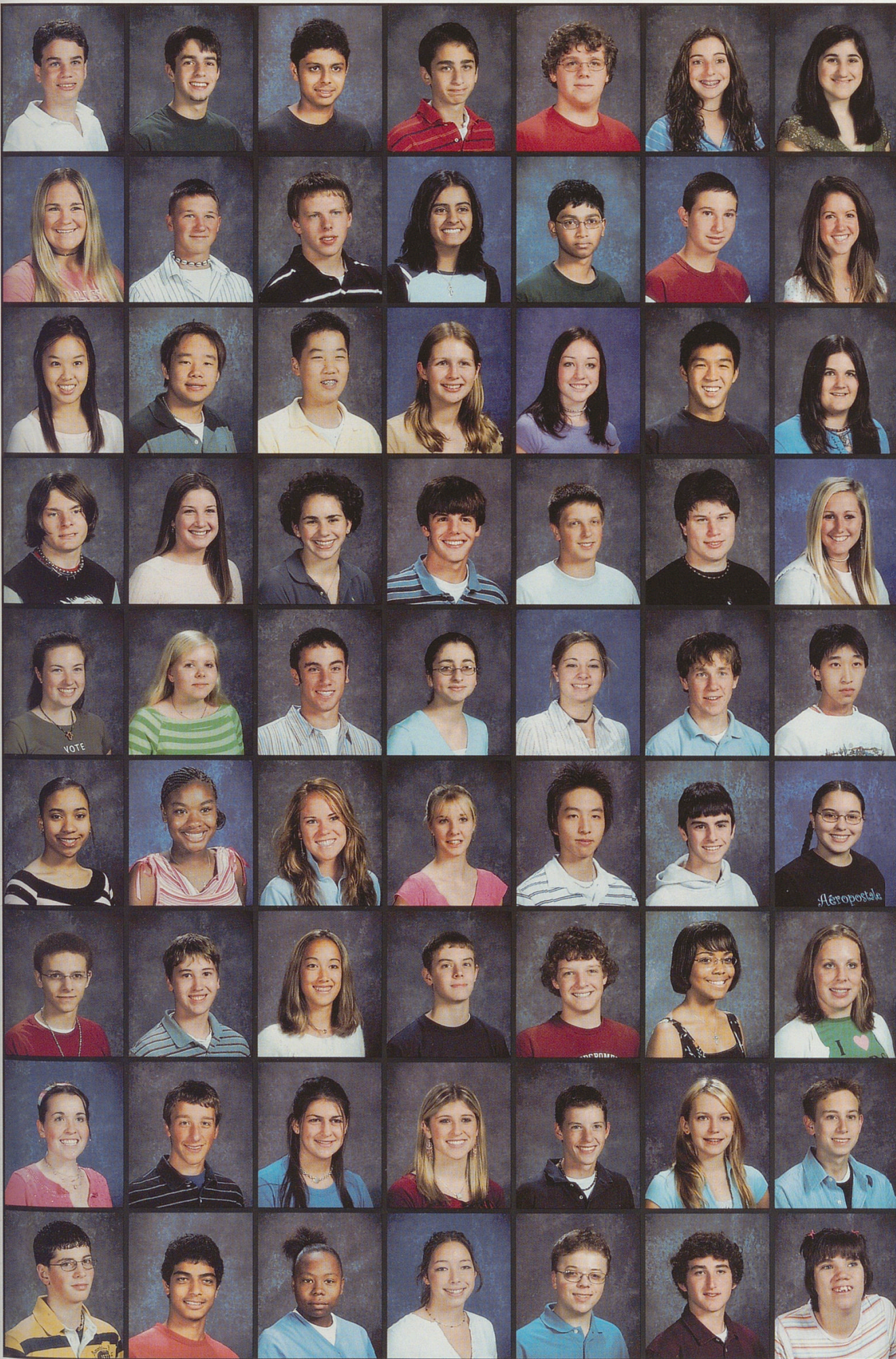
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Jessica MacLean

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Ali Matbouli
Britney Mathews
Mikiko Matsuzaka
Adam Maurath
Zachary Mayer
Kathryn McCarthy



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Morgan McFarlin
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Kellen McIntosh
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Austin Nesbit
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Robert Peters



Cafeteria Cuisine

By: Kelli Rogers



It's fries vs. fruit. Who was the winner? It depended on each student's personal preference. Some students could have probably eaten fries everyday, while others could not have lived without their apple or turkey sandwich.

Everyone knew that eating healthy was important, but that was easier said than done. Fries or a turkey wrap? The choice was the student's own, but the hard-working ladies of the cafeteria made sure to provide everyone with as many choices as possible.

This year, the goal was to reduce the fat in many of the available treats such as muffins and ice cream.

"We're always looking for more healthy options that the kids will buy," said **Mrs. Felice Chapman**, Supervisor of Child Nutrition.

Besides the usual bagels and cookies, Montgomery Inn Day was popular with many hungry students. In just one day, the cafeteria sold 660 Montgomery Inn sandwiches, and 500 baskets of chips.

Yet another option: salad. Salads were a good way to eat healthy and add some color to a lunch with cheese, bacon, tomatoes, or eggs.

"If it's a good day I get my salad with bacon, eggs, and a tomato. If it's a bad day, there are only salads with cheese, which makes me unhappy," said **Kelsey Kiley, 11**.

Most everyone found something they fancied in the cafeteria, and remembered to balance those fries with a piece of fruit or two.

What do you eat at lunch?



"I've eaten a bagel, cream cheese, cookies and a Diet Coke every day of high school."

- **Paige Buffington, 11**



"I eat a pretty big lunch: usually two sandwiches, a banana, an apple, an orange, a bag of chips, and some peanuts."

- **Todd Whitman, 11**



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Caitlin Pikna
Daniel Pink
Aaron Pitman
Anna Pittman
Jonathan Plona

Bikem Polat
Alexa Polites
Sarah Porter
Paul Procaro
Daniel Pyles
Trent Rademacher
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Bashir Rawas
Kathryn Rawlinson
Blythe Reinhard
Michael Reinhardt



driving disasters

By: Tamar Ingber

Driving made the biggest impact on most juniors. Although for the majority, the impact was realizing how easily it was to get around, for some that impact was more literal. Many juniors banged, crashed, or totaled their cars. Some accidents could not be prevented.

"I hydroplaned at two miles per hour into my math teacher's car!" said **Michael Kahan, 11**.

He had hit a patch of water, and saw his car in actual slow motion collide into the car ahead. However, other accidents were not actually

accidents, but rather misjudgments.

Many students were very privileged. The majority of juniors drove to school; however, the areas around school can be dangerous with the high numbers of new drivers. Accidents even happened directly after school.

Kelsey Kiley, 11, had begun her daily drive home, but at Snider Road **Kiley** saw the car ahead brake. She could not brake in time and damaged both her car and the car of **Doug Coughlin, 11**.

Driving disasters occurred and the majority of first year drivers in Ohio, and Sycamore, got in an accident in their first year.



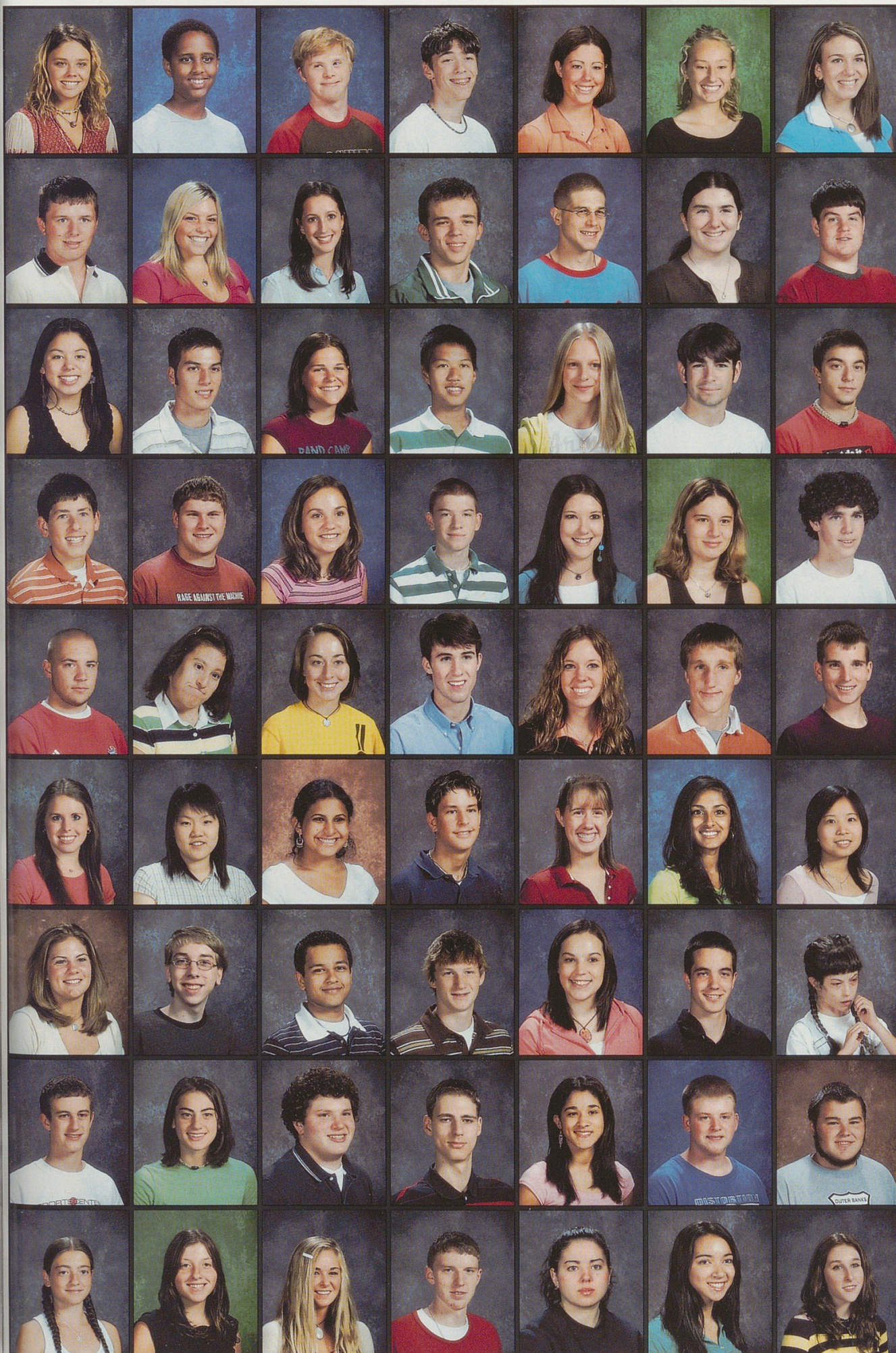
He stands gloomily by his totaled car. "I was going to get pizza with a friend and the roads were slippery. Going around a bend on Kemper Road, I fishtailed. The rear end of my car hit a pole. I had four pizzas in the backseat and they were ejected from the car. I was not injured and neither was my passenger but my car was. My parents admitted, 'We knew we shouldn't have gotten you that car.' I still wanted to get a new car because for awhile I drove my sister's Civic," said **Paul Procaro, 11**. The damage was estimated at \$17,000, which classified the car as "totaled," because the repair would have cost almost 70% of the car's worth.



Ka-Boom! "On a rainy day I was going down Weller Rd. in a rush. Right when I got to turn, my car slid right into a telephone pole. Then, I crashed into the guardrail next to the pole. It all happened so fast!" said **Sabah Ahmad, 11**. **Ahmad** remembered her rainy experience and always got a little nervous driving on the wet roads.

Some come away with luck. "I was driving home on Hopewell Road. My right wheel began to go off the road, and I couldn't get it back on, so I jerked my wheel left. There was a car approaching from the other side, so I quickly turned my wheel right. My car started doing 360's and I couldn't stop it. The car spun into a fire hydrant. My car was totaled and I was in my car upside down. I had difficulty getting out, but fortunately I got out safe because I was buckled up," said **Sarah Ganson, 11**. Luckily for her, after her car was destroyed, **Ganson** drove her father's car to school. It had more room to relax but **Ganson** missed her blue Corolla.





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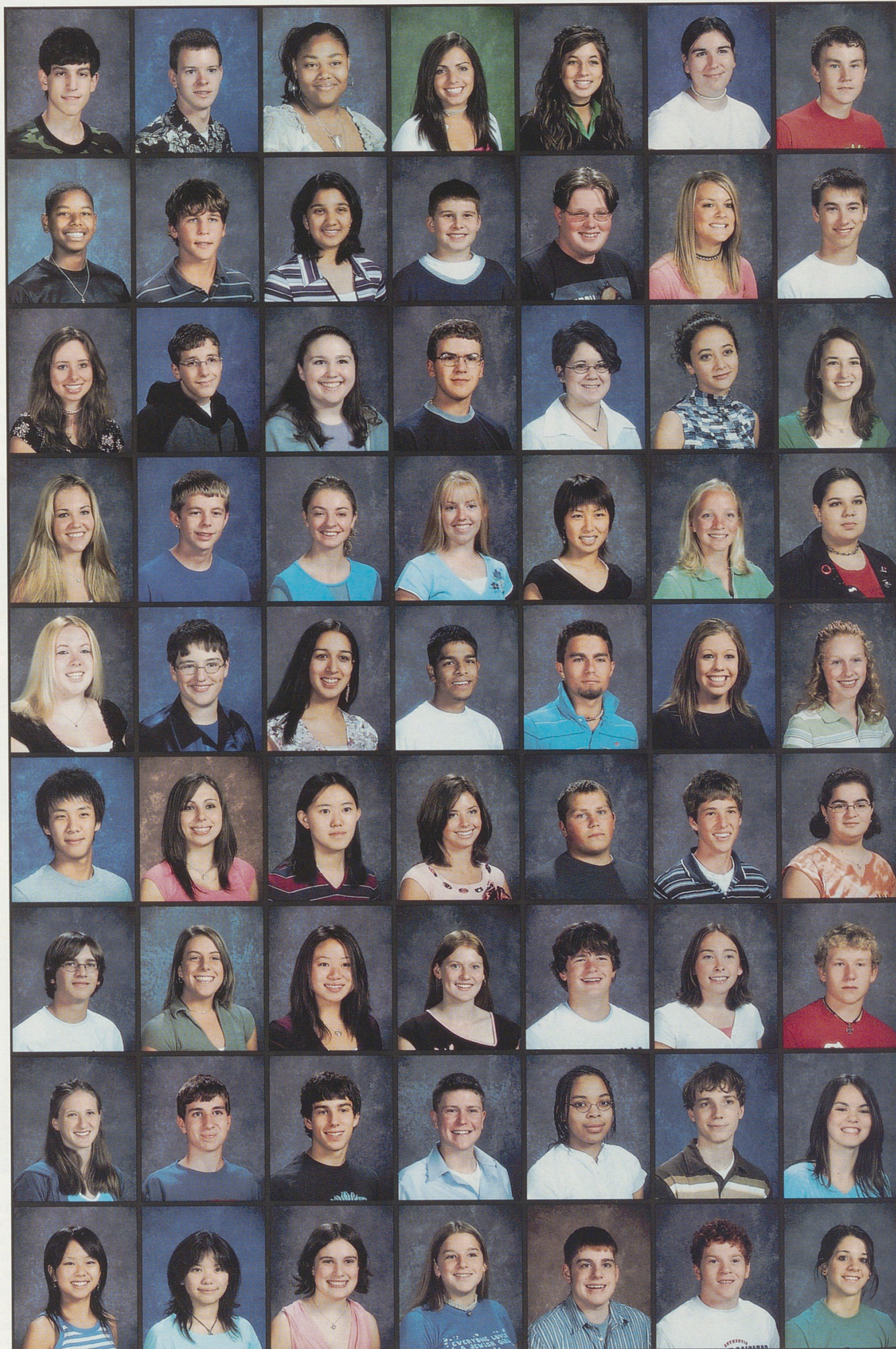
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Some early morning caffeine

By: Jennifer Konerman

Sometimes people just needed something in the morning to keep them going through the day.

For many, this was the delicious caffeine found from coffee places around town. Starbucks and Panera Bread Co. were the most common places to go, according to juniors.

Whether to study, eat, or simply catch up with friends, many went to coffee shops all around town, like the 11 Starbucks locations within 10 miles of the school.

Out of the many coffee locations in the area, Starbucks was the most often visited.

"When I got Starbucks in the morning, it made my day. It's quality coffee and kept me energized," said **Nayla**

Takiedine, 11.

Starbucks, for many of the studious ones, was a perfect place to study and do homework because of the quiet and comfortable atmosphere.

"The atmosphere at Starbucks helped me to concentrate more than at home with all of the noise. I went to Starbucks at least three times a week for that reason," said **Annie Sluka, 11.**

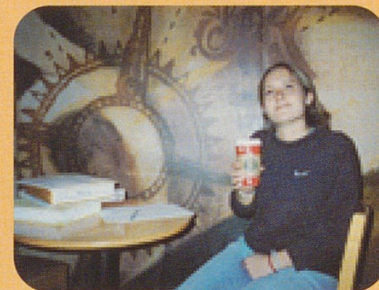
Talking to friends over a hot cup of coffee was also popular among many people who didn't get a chance to talk to friends during the school day.

No matter the reason, getting coffee in the morning helped many stay awake and stay focused during the day and for that both teachers and students were thankful.

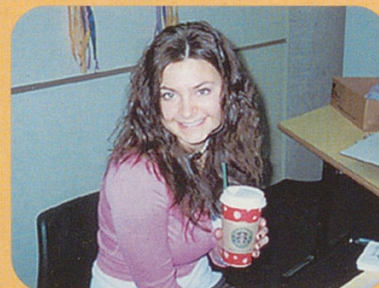
Morgan McFarlin, 11, Katie Daniels, 11, and Sarah Jarnicki, 11, start off their day at Starbucks. Many students stopped off to get coffee or breakfast before school or just to relax with friends. This was a nice way to start the day when many were running on four to six hours of sleep every night. The caffeine helped a lot of students stay awake and pay attention in class.



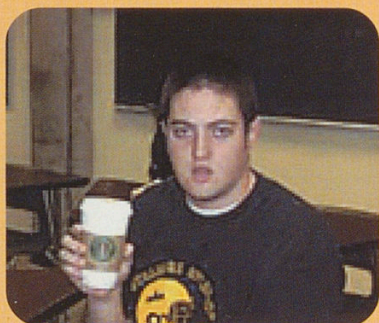
How often do you go to Starbucks in the morning?



"My dad and I had a tradition that every Friday morning we went to Starbucks and we sat and talked before I had to be at school." - **Maggie Brown, 11**



"I developed a coffee habit over winter break, so I need Starbucks to keep me going in the morning. My day feels incomplete without my morning coffee." - **Alex Hunter, 11.**



"Starbucks coffee is best served hot." - **Alex Kapcar, 11.**

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Innovation to the next level

By Feana Krimerman

What's new? Many teachers can say they did something creative and unique this year, but how many of them really took advantage of the word "original?"

Classes such as physics, chemistry, Spanish, and English were common candidates for creativity.

"The school is extremely diverse, well-run, and full of motivated students and staff,"

said **Mr. Tom Villani**.

Whether it was tie-dye day, shrinky dink day, or building a catapult, a musical instrument, or doing a creative English project, what students made impacted them far beyond the classroom.

One example was **Mr. Breen Reardon's** transcendentalist unit project.

"I was surprised that transcendentalism was actually interesting and I was able to relate

transcendentalist ideas to real life," said **Jaime Orent, 11**, a student of **Reardon's** accelerated English class.

Chemistry also took the ticket to creativity with their shrinky dink project. The class was already famous for its exotic activities like tie-dye day, but shrinky dinks took fun to a new level as students designed their



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Mrs. Dot Fricke

own key chains with little to no instruction. Now they could glide through the school equipped with more than just knowledge of chemistry.

"It was really enjoyable being able to take a day off of science and being allowed to just draw. The only thing lacking was more shrinky dinks," said **Billy Tang, 10**, a student in **Mrs. Margaret Stone's Accelerated Chemistry Class**.



Shrinky dink day in Mrs. Stone's Accelerated Chem class! The students received a special flat, translucent material on which they could draw any design they wanted with colored pencils. Shown is **Michelle Torres, 11**, observing one of the shrinky dinks.



Observing a version of a transcendentalist project done in the style of a yearbook, **Jaime Orent, 11**, a student of Mr. Breen Reardon's English class, learned about the philosophy as well as enjoyed the creativity of the project. Other projects included photo slides, children's books, drawings, song interpretation, and movie scenes.

What should we do?

By: Jen McLaughlin

Teachers and administrators were not only useful for our academic achievements but also offered advice for every day events. Their advice ranged from recommendations for succeeding in class to social matters.

"Ms. Gonda helped me a lot this year just by helping me feel more comfortable with myself. She is not only a great teacher but an excellent listener," said **Caitlin Bokulic, 12**.

For students some teachers provide excellent friends or role models. They can be helpful with persuading us to make good choices even though pressures of high school are high. Other teachers

provide less serious advice.

"Don't eat yellow snow," said **Mr. Chris Kloesz** when asked what advice he usually gives his students.

Although **Kloesz** offered to give a less serious response he is one of many teachers who provide an ear to students and their problems that may not always concern school.

"I enjoy getting to know students as young adults because they are an important part of what I do. I want only the best for them and I will do whatever I can to make that possible," said **Ms. Kate Juenger**.

Although teachers are often thought of as authority figures not to be interfered with, they supply us with words of wisdom on any matter presented to them.

"I appreciate what students are going through. I remember my high school days and how things can get tough. It's always nice to have someone to talk to, so I try and be there for my students."

-Mr. Kevin Wittman

Ali McGuinness, 11, and Ms. Kate Juenger share their friendship. **McGuinness** liked to talk to **Juenger** about what goes on in her life. **Juenger** was just one of the teachers who provide an ear and words of advice.



Mr. Tom Gaffigan
Mrs. Kaye Gaffney
Mr. Doug Gausmann
Mrs. Jane Ghantous
Mr. Sam Gibbs
Mrs. Paula Gill
Mr. Dave Gillette

Mrs. Liz Gonda
Mr. Rick Good
Mr. Bob Gregory
Ms. Sharon Guenther
Mr. Mike Gutekunst
Mr. Mike Hahn
Mrs. Heather Hammel

Mrs. Melissa Hardy
Mrs. Lorraine Hartke
Ms. Julie Haverkos
Mrs. Susan Helgeson
Ms. Allyson Henn
Ms. Diana Herald
Ms. Renee Hevia



"It's easy to talk to some teachers. For example I can talk to Ms. Juenger about anything. She just seems to understand me." -**Ali McGuinness, 11.**



Mr. Bart Inwood and Anthony Cole, 12 talk about various matters. Inwood was one of many teachers who gave advice to his students. His words of wisdom were appreciated.



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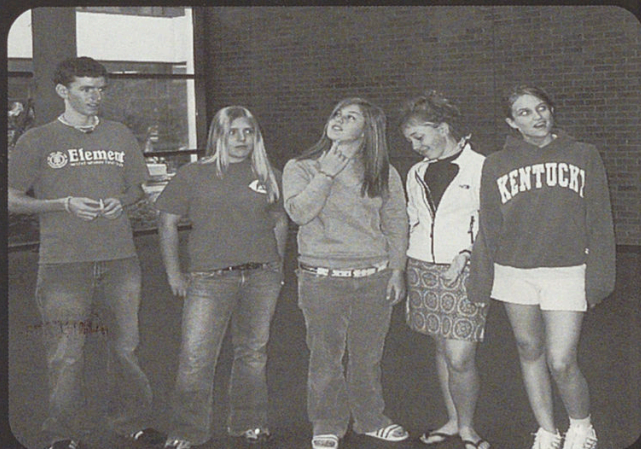
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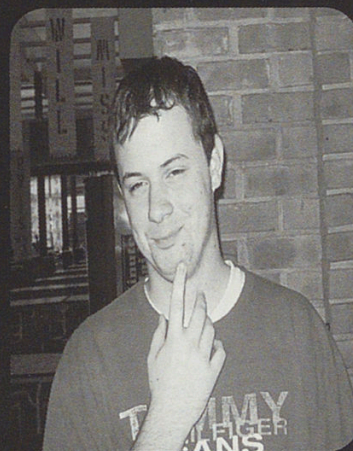


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Mr. Randy Lothrop
Ms. Harriette MacKenzie
Mr. Doug Mader
Mr. Andrew Marlatt
Ms. Gayle Marsh



Mark Albain, 9, Katlin Sanders, 9, Mackenzie Stevens, 9, Kelsey Tremblay, 9, Carley Schweet, 9, reflect on excuses they had made in the past. Even though they were all freshmen, they believed they learned excuses early on in life. Sadly, those excuses may carry on in the future as well.



Chris Haunert, 10, claims he had never made an excuse until he hit high school. Like many others, he is one of many students who claim their computer did crash, or the dog really ate his homework. The excuses would never end.

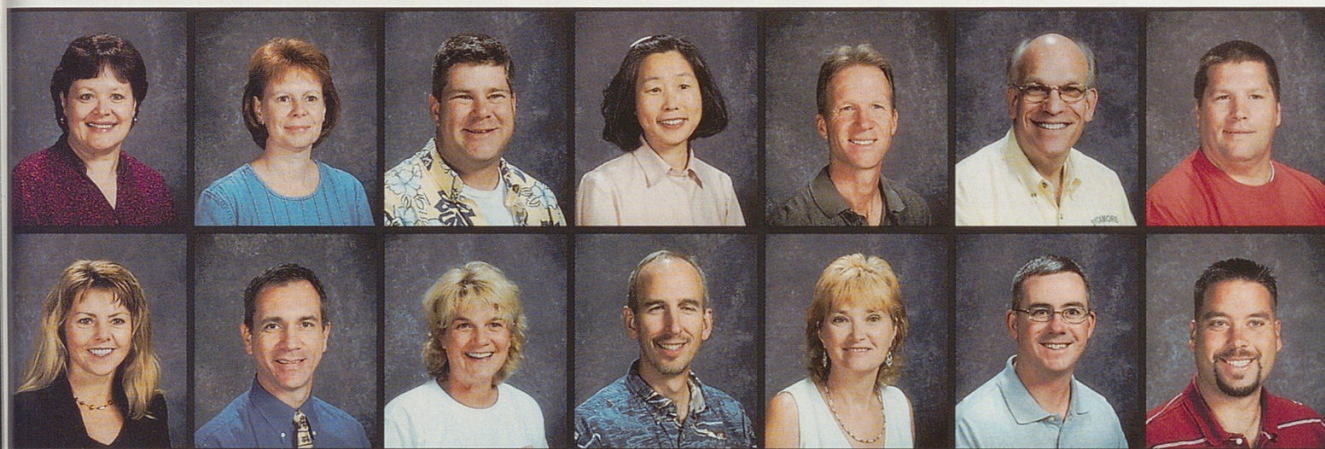
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Excuses, excuses

By: Kyle Spicer

Everyday, teachers heard excuses from their students. In the past we would all hear such excuses as, "The dog ate my homework," or "My computer crashed." Everyone has used them at one point during their school career.

Mr. Chris Kloesz, has a poster in his room that says, "Some people make excuses. Others find a way." He, like many other teachers, had posters or quotes in their room to show that they didn't want people's excuses. It was a good idea to prevent them.

"One of the best excuses I have heard was, 'the dog peed on my perspective drawing.' I later found out, that student didn't even have a dog," said **Mr. Bart Inwood**.

Because of the instability of more advanced technology these days, the ability to use excuses that refer to that is more common. Everyone has heard the printer broke excuse or something else that relates to technology.

"One of the most common excuses that I have heard is, 'You didn't tell me.' It drives me crazy!" said **Mr. Brien Miller**.

Excuses irritate everyone, whether it's related to school or not, but we all use them.



Suprised when asked if he had ever made an excuse, Joey Talmage, 10, replies, "Who doesn't?" Every teacher has heard them all and don't even choose to deal with them sometimes. Kids have become very creative in the stories and excuses that they have come up with now.



Teachers Retirement

The school year is almost over and unfortunately it is time to say good-bye to several of our friends and colleagues. Ten teachers retired this year, **Nancy Barbian, Ila Bedenkop, David Gillette, Robert Gregory, Steve Imhoff, Barbara Jones, Leslie Knotts, Gary Listermann, Gayle Marsh, and Richard Shuckman.**

They have shared their time with us by teaching our students numerous subjects and lessons.

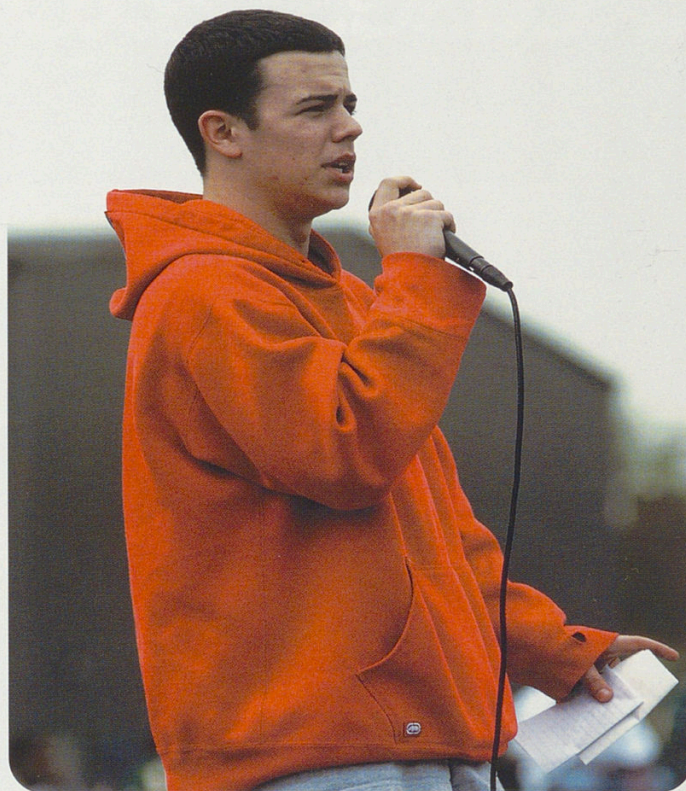
"Students are the reason teachers teach. They keep you young," said **Ms. Ila Bedenkop.**

Steve Imhoff, part of Sycamore Allumni, was given a retirement party on May 14th for all that he has contributed to the school. He was a baseball coach for a number of years as well as a Math teacher and tutor for our students.

"He's always been an amazing supporter of all clubs and sports. Everyone has always had something great to say about him," said **Mrs. Emily Sweeney.**

It is safe to say that these faces will surely be missed but they would always remain Aviators at heart.

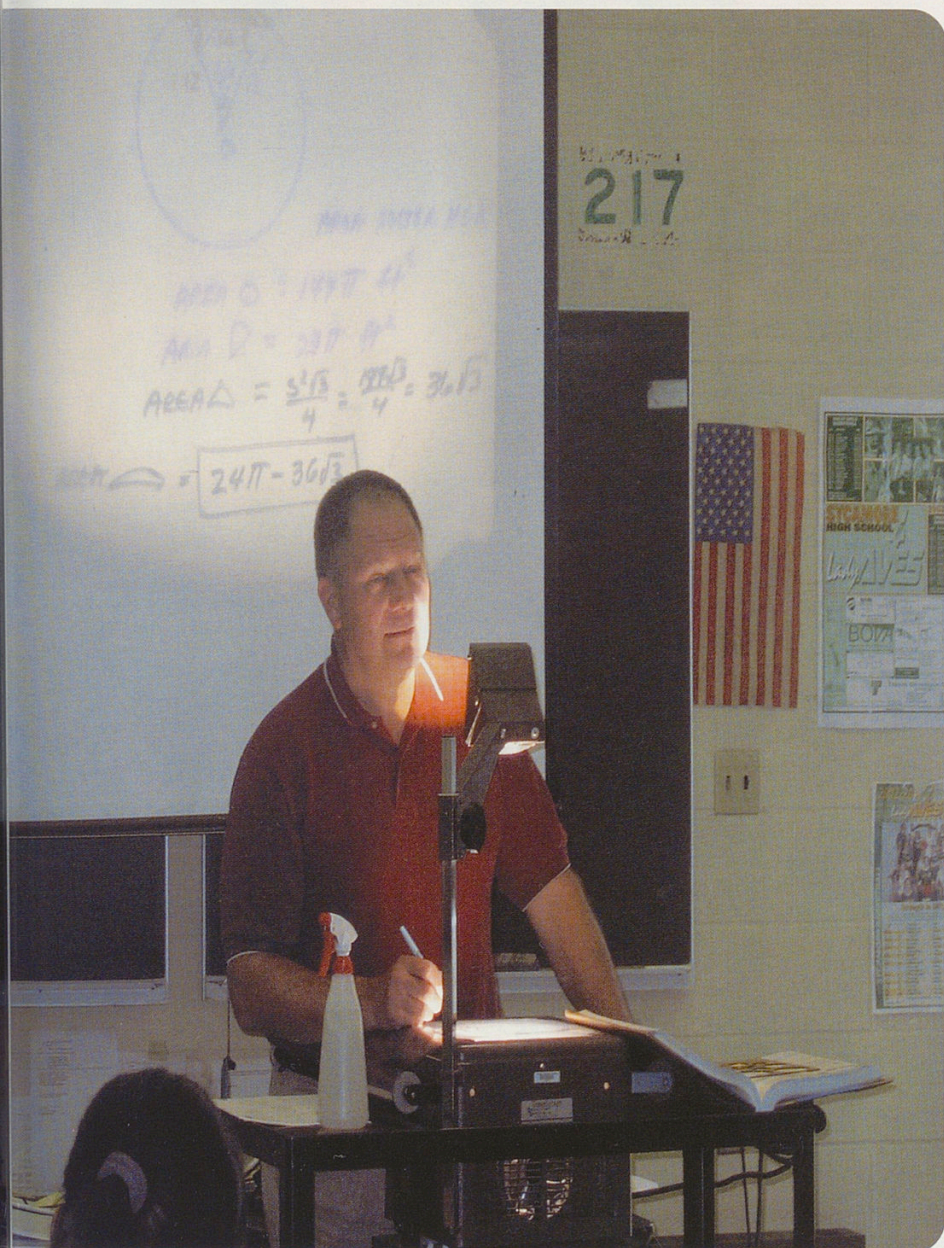
"**Mr. Shuckman** is going to be missed, he is one model American," said **Mike Turner, 12.**



Mike Turner, 12, gives Mr. Shuckman a shout out at a pep rally. Turner had the privilege of being taught pre-calculus by **Shuckman.** He clearly made an impact on his students.



A banner hangs in the commons in honor of May 18th, **Gary Listermann** day. **Listermann**, a P.E. teacher for 35 years, has great plans for after he retires. "After retiring, I look forward to traveling, fishing, hunting, golfing, skiing and taking better care of this old body! To all students and faculty: Keep fit. Eat right, exercise, and good bye!" said **Listermann.**



"What I love about teaching is watching the students increase their understanding and ability to express themselves with the medium of photography," said **Robert Gregory**.

Mr. Steve Imhoff teaches his **sophmores** geometry. He was truly going to be missed for many reasons. He was not only a math teacher, but a friend to most students and teachers who encounter him. **Imhoff** has been labeled "Mr. Sycamore" for everything that he has done for the school.



Mr. Mike Romer
Dr. Maria Sarasua



Mrs. Heike Schade
Mrs. Joan Schepers
Mrs. Danielle Scrase
Mr. Bob Seiple
Mr. Antonio Shelton
Mr. Chris Shrimpton
Mrs. Janis Shuller

Ms. Carry Simon
Mr. Jim Skoog
Mr. Jim Smanik
Mr. Dave Smarelli
Mrs. Leslie Smith
Ms. Connie Smith
Ms. Cynthia Stechnowicz



Learning from the new, cherishing the old

By Feana Krimerman

Thinking of teachers actually learning from you does not enter your mind much, right? The truth is, teachers did homework just along with you and went through the same experiences as you in the classroom, even if not to the same extent.

Learning in a comfortable environment is less intimidating than one that has never been seen before. So for the new teachers, their job in the classroom was similar, but their environment changed when they came here.

"The first year is definitely about learning how things work, what's expected, and what the atmosphere is like. It's a chance to really understand how I fit in, which is good for everyone to go through at some point," said **Mrs. Emily Sweeney**.

Mrs. Sweeney used to teach seventh grade English and a computer class. She transitioned into teaching English 10.

As much as the change was significant from teaching junior high to teaching high school students, **Mrs. Sweeney** was not exactly a newcomer. She coached here, and had acquaintances to help her feel more comfortable. She is a Sycamore grad.

In terms of the impression that the high school had on the teachers, it was certainly a larger school than they were used to, but that did not take away its individual qualities.

"This is an outstanding school. I am continually impressed with the level of talent in every area," said **Patcine Carlisle**, a vocal

music teacher.

Mrs. Carlisle felt that she has grown not only as a teacher, but also as a musician from her experience here. Even if change can be good, it was fairly drastic for many of the new teachers.

"I taught at the E.H. Greene School for seven years before I came here, so it was a big change! High school kids are lots of fun and so independent! It's been interesting to see how kids that I knew from E.H. Greene have grown and changed over the years!" said **AnnMarie Brubaker**, a special education teacher.

Mrs. Brubaker was one of those new teachers who learned change could be beneficial.

"It's given me a chance to see how the kids change and progress over the years after they leave the elementaries! It's also helped me remember a lot of things that I haven't thought about since I was in high school! I've made many new friends as well!" said **Mrs. Brubaker**.

Whether the teachers welcomed changing to a new school or not, it seemed the change did more good than harm.

Meeting new people and finding new places may have been a frightful experience at first, but it is part of life. Luckily, the journey continued well for this group of teachers.



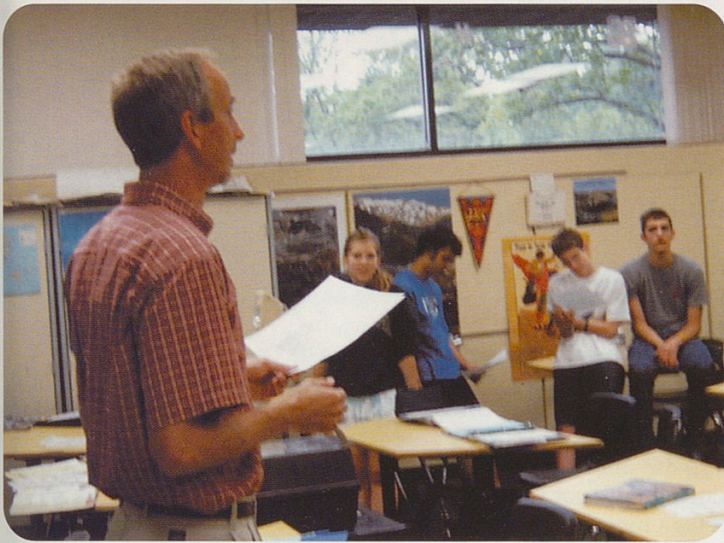
Mr. Joe Villari taught World History in style. He stood up at his lectern, and when he spoke he had the class's full attention. No wonder such a skilled teacher was so successful in teaching his students. **Mr. Villari** has been at the school for quite some time and has been looked upon as a role model to new teachers.

Mr. Jim Stoll
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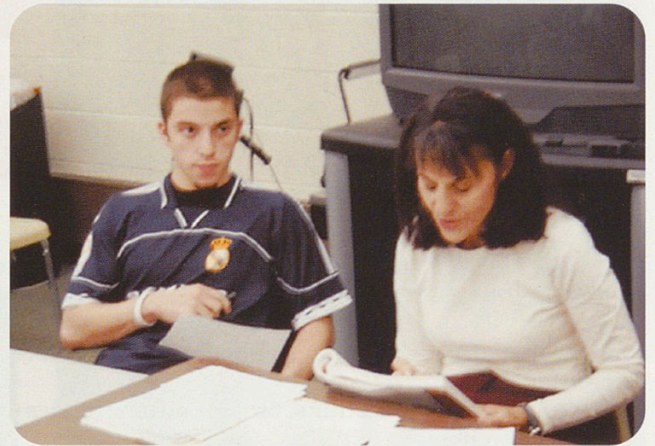
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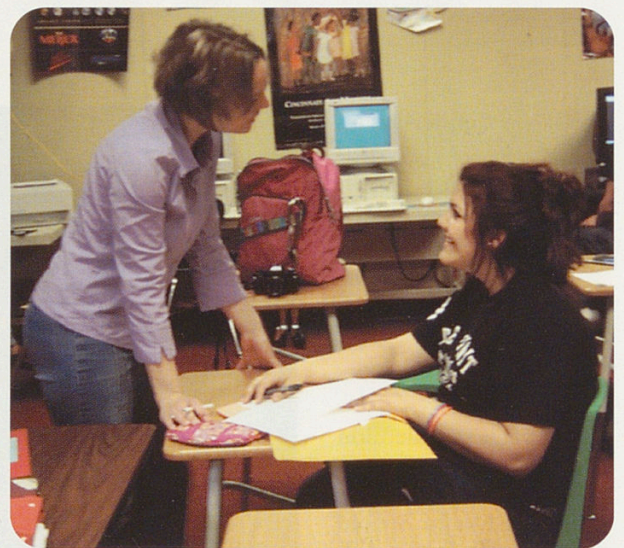
Mr. Tom Rapp has everyone on their feet! His enthusiastic and interesting teaching style often involves the class, not just mentally, but physically. He taught Spanish Novice in a memorable and unique way.



Hebrew time! Mrs. Miller taught Hebrew classes and offered individual help and attention to each student. She helped **Matan Schier, 11**, review for a test. Miller also was the adviser for Hebrew Club.



Mr. Mark Torlone enjoys activities that involve the entire group of students. Sharing ideas and learning together provided a spark to education that made it fun and worthwhile. Gaining off each other in Latin Vergil A.P. provided for a comfortable learning environment.



Study time! Ms. Amanda Corley spent her year enforcing productivity in school during Academic Study. If a student did not do their work, he or she would surely be caught.



Ms. Dottie Wasem
Ms. Gretchen Washington
Ms. Patricia Weitzel
Mrs. Robin Wells-Kamp
Mr. Ed Wendel
Mrs. Michelle Wheeler
Mrs. Helen White

Ms. Sharon Whitton
Ms. JoAnne Witt
Mr. Kevin Wittman
Mr. Tim Wolfe
Mrs. Melissa Wolfe-Izworski
Mrs. Sherry Wood
Ms. Carole Wood

Mrs. Jacqueline Wyatt
Ms. Phyllis Wylds





Who is behind that mask ?

Ghost, goblins, and seniors, oh my!

By: Anna Alemagno

It was hard for students to concentrate during classes, walk through the halls without tripping or avoid running into walls due to their elaborate costumes. Some desperate people spent over \$50 on their costumes, shopping at stores like Halloween Express and Costume Castle.

Most seniors borrowed outfits, props, and accessories from friends or family members.

"We shopped at *Good Will* and luckily we found the perfect costume," said **Chelsey Baughard**, who dressed-up as Lisa Turtle from *Saved By the Bell*.

At the beginning of sixth bell all the seniors gathered in the

gymnasium to parade around, showing off their costumes.

"It was cool going into the gym seeing 400 kids costumes," said **Amy White**.

The costume choices were as diverse as the students. There was everything from Mario Brothers characters to our school's favorite teachers. **Christopher Grannen** and **Andrew Samuels** dressed up as substitute teacher, Mrs. Kleinman.

This day had been building up for four years and the seniors finally got to enjoy their day.

"It was nice to get a break from the normal school schedule and have fun with my friends for a whole day," said **Kristin Grueninger**.

Sonia Ahmad
Janice Ahn
Julia Albain
Judd Alcayaga
Anna Alemagno



Ulisses Alemida
Ryan Anders
Jeffery Andrews
Maika Arnold
Sarah Ash

From the movie *Dodge Ball*, the Average Joes, **Abbey Hollian**, **Julie Mueller**, **Blair Higgins**, **Jamie Nesbitt**, **Natalie Wade**, and **Laura Steiner** battled in the hallways between bells the Vipers, **Meredith Post**, **Caitlyn Reuscher**, **Courtney Rothe**, **Sarah Yanow**, and **Rachel Yanow**. The girls caught everyone's attention with their actual dodge ball throwing.



Zach Tawney, Anna Alemagno, Alyssa Molnar, and Kristin Grueninger, ran around as the Baywatch crew. Along with carrying floaties, they also played the Baywatch theme song on their CD player. With music, whistles, and float devices, these seniors could not be missed.

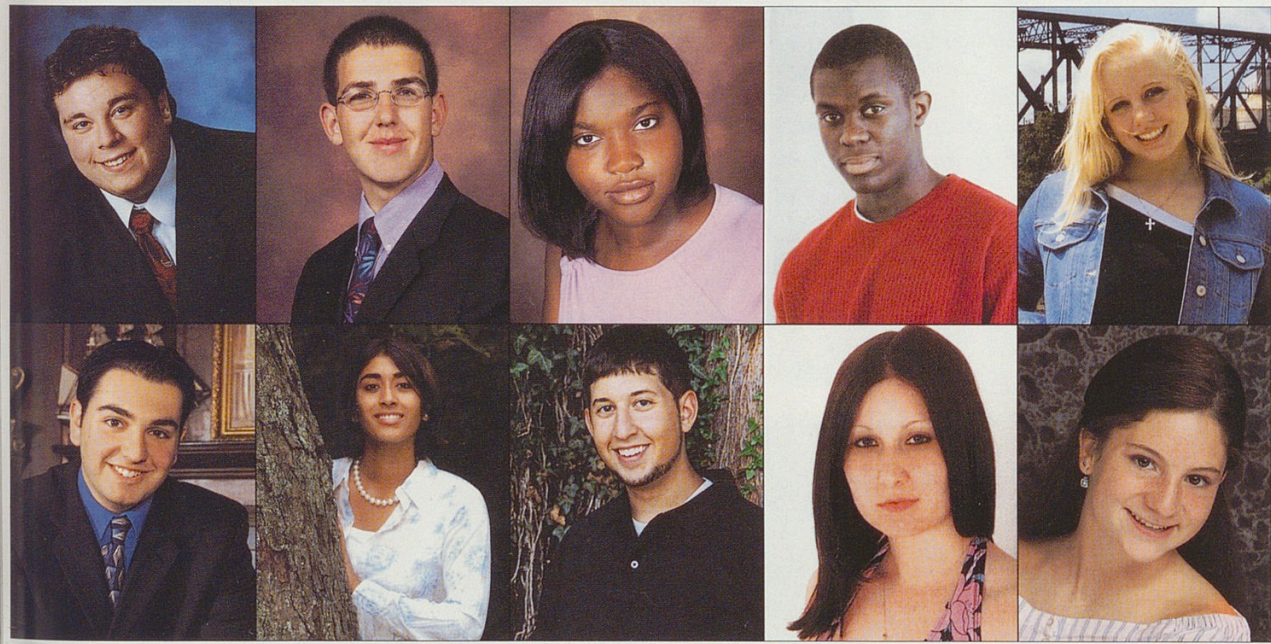


“it was fun
to be a
little kid
again.”

-Ali Newton



The winners for Most Creative Group was the cast from *Saved By the Bell*. **Daniel Meier, Jennifer Ramstetter, Megan Brown, Benjamin Matthews, Todd Kelly, and Chelsey Baughard** impersonated one of the most watched shows during the 90's. With old clothes from thrift shops, the students closely resembled the actual cast.



Joel Badanes
Adam Bahir
Annitra Bailey
Emmanuel
Bakarema
Katherine Bakes

Brian Brasch
Krittika Baravkar
Zachary Barsman
Jennifer Barwick
Chelsey Baughard



The winners of Best Group dressed as game pieces from Monopoly. **Maya Pillai, Laura Ebetino, Caitlin Bokulic, Krittika Baravkar, Ashley Cummings, Katie Grueninger, Virginia Tremblay, Sayuri Kogami, Lauren Jones, Jennifer Belsky, Kelly Spry, and April Wang**, dressed up in these costumes. The girls bought foam, spray paint, cardboard, and much more to construct their unique costumes.

Instead of trying to look younger, these boys wanted to be much older. **Andrew Shaver and Cory Mangus** dressed up as an old man and his wife. This creative costume idea helped them win Funniest Couple.



Break time

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As underclassman work, seniors play

For many seniors, the year has brought about abbreviated school days in the form of senior early dismissal. The break from having a seventh bell all together has left an extra hour in the day for seniors to do as they please, and catch up on some extra sleep.

"It's a good way to get stuff done and still have time to get enough sleep at night," said **Ali Newton**.

Students also used the time to work at part time jobs, or just hang out with friends. It also provided comfort to those who thought the days were never ending.

By: Amanda Evans

"I love it! It's a nice break from all the hectic days," said **Katie Smith**.

Not all seniors got the chance to experience the joys of early dismissal however.

"I regret not having early dismissal because I don't get that extra time during the day to rest before after school activities," said **Samuel Kanter**.

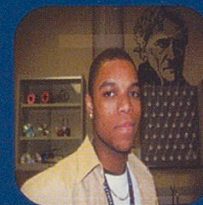
With or without it, students still found time to get work done, get time to sleep, and most importantly, have fun during their senior year.

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What is your take on senior early dismissal?



"It's a good opportunity to lower work load and enjoy your last year of high school," said **Andrea Thomas**.



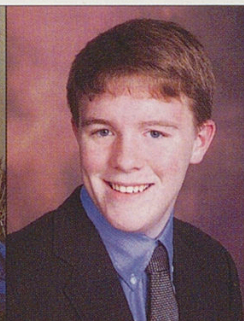
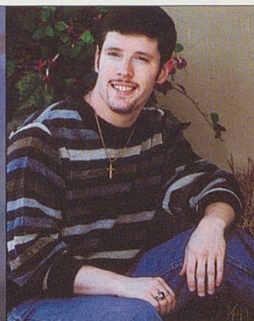
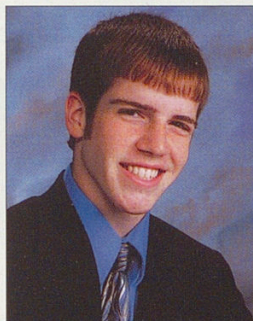
"I waited all high school for early dismissal and it was worth the wait," said **James Broyles**.

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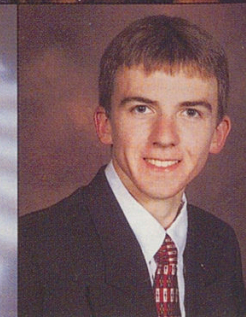
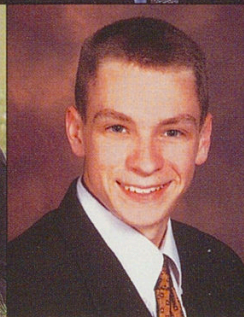
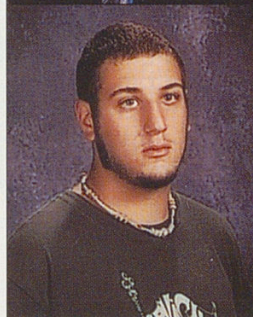
The senior parking lot is full now. Come 1:25 however, it would be mostly empty. Of course, there will be a few seniors left still in seventh bell.

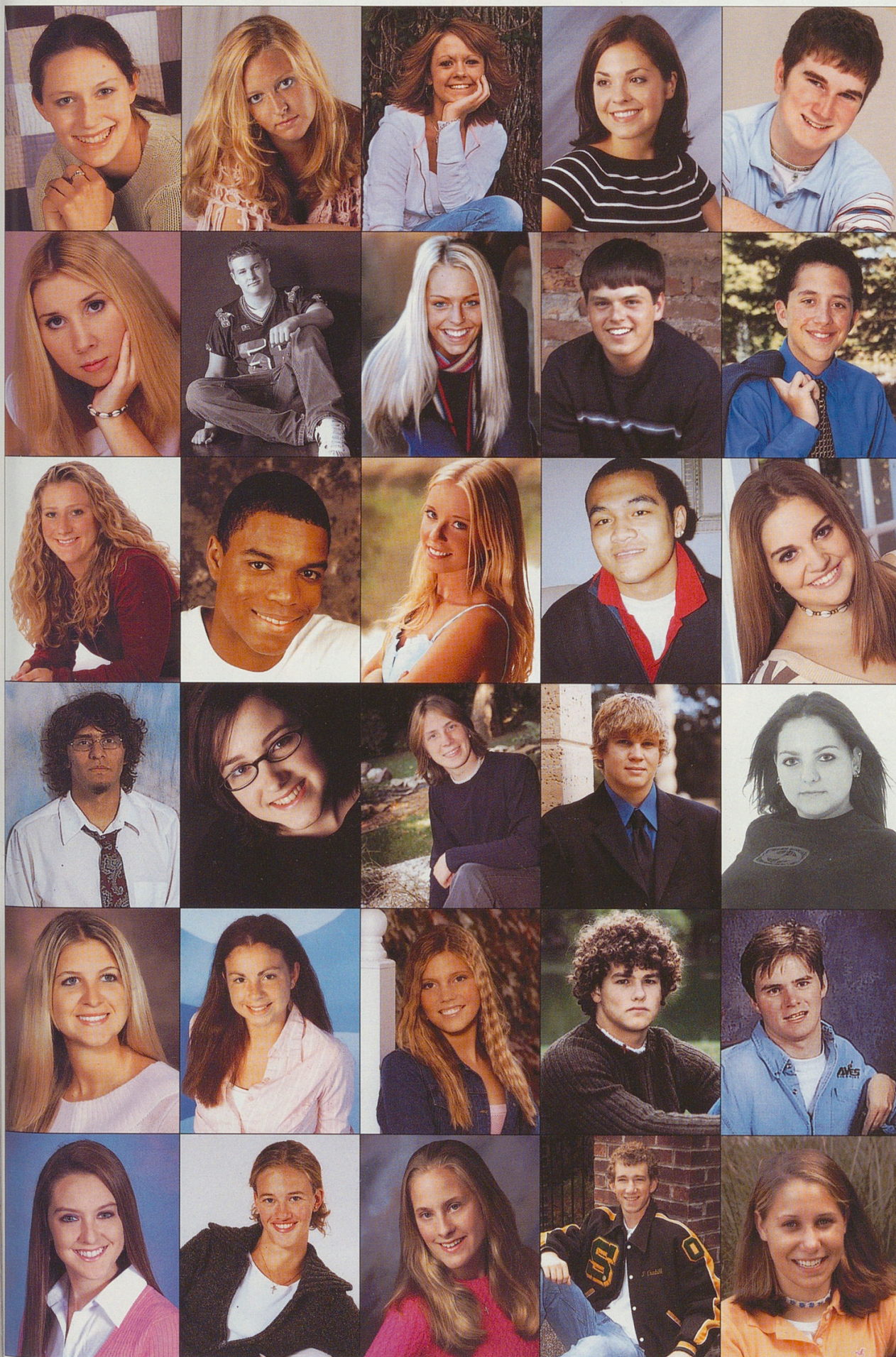


Chad Baumer
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Adam Bellos
Jennifer Belsky



Jordan Berman
Marianne Bernadsky
Ryan Billman
Hilliary Blind
Joseph Bloom





Caitlin Bokulic
Cassandra Booker
Brittany Borchard
Amanda Bower
Brett Bowers

Leah Boyll
Brandon Bracher
Ashley Brandenburg
Christopher Bregger
Jeffrey Brown

Megan Brown
James Broyles
Stephanie Bucklin
Dominique Buenavides
Kayse Burdett

Elia Burkhart
Laurel Burns
Andrew Cain
Brett Calhoun
Erica Campbell

Brette Chaney
Amanda Charney
Lauren Christensen
Luke Cody
Anthony Cole Jr.

Jennifer Cook
Rachel Costello
Emily Cox
Thomas Crabill
Meghan Crosby

A taste of what is to come

>>> Little sibs play high school

By: Caitlin Bokulic

As students walked through the hallways they noticed something a little different about their fellow students; they were all a lot younger than they were. No, this was not an illusion, it was the younger siblings of fellow classmates.

"It was cool to see the little siblings and how they look like their older brothers and sisters," said **Emily Koegel**.

The siblings walked into school with their siblings and got to experience high school for the first time.

"My sister was a little nervous walking into school because she did not know any of the other kids," said **Jules Rosen**.

The siblings joined their brothers and sisters in class where they learned what high school is all about.

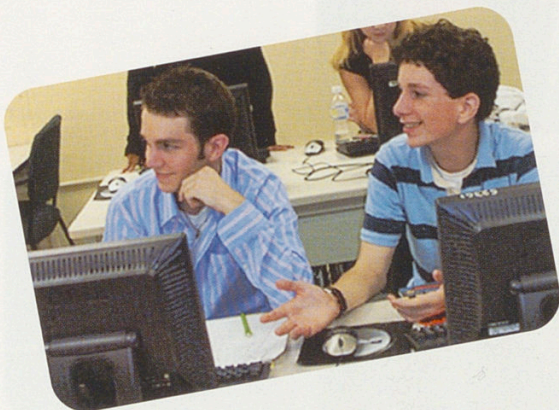
"Being in the classroom was a valuable experience because my brother learned that in high school you are more independent than in the other schools," said **Dan Meier**.

At the end of the day when their older siblings got to go home the little sibs boarded the bus back to their respective schools; but with a taste of their world soon to come,

"My sister is excited for high school. All of the teachers she met she really liked and she cannot wait to be in their classes," said **Sara Rashkin**.

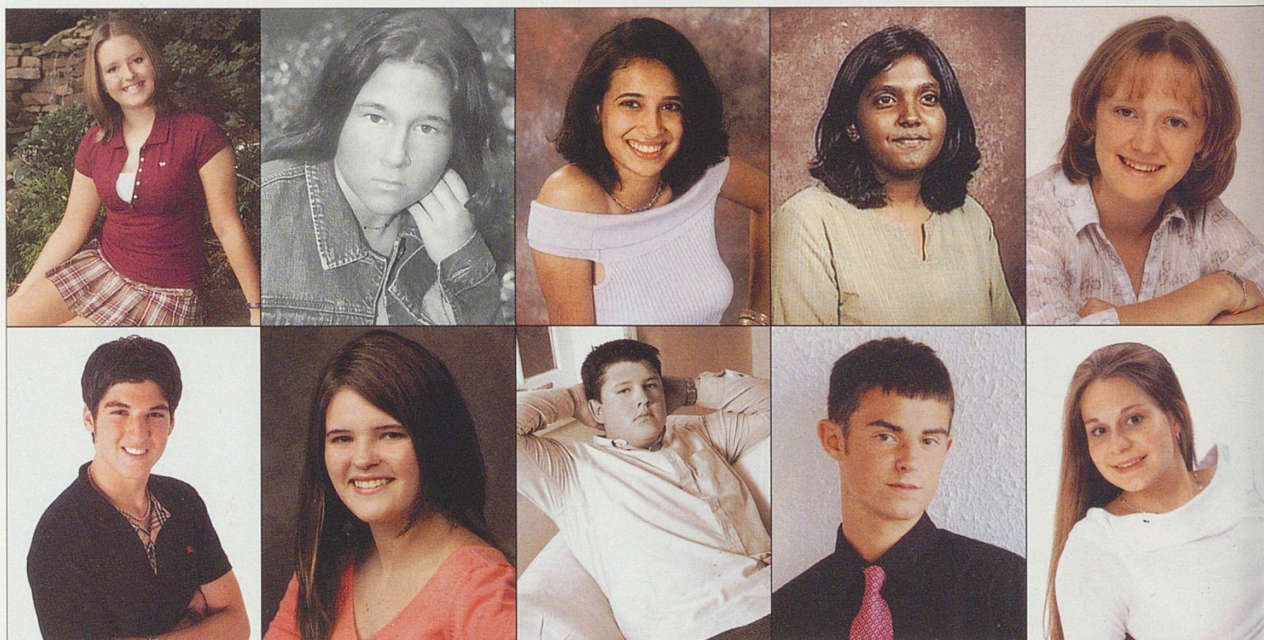


Carefully pouring their drinks, Sarah Wesselkamper and sister Krist Wesselkamper with Hanna Goedde, prepare for their pizza party. Student Council threw this party for all of the little sibs. The sibs then got to enjoy spending time in their older sibling's classroom.

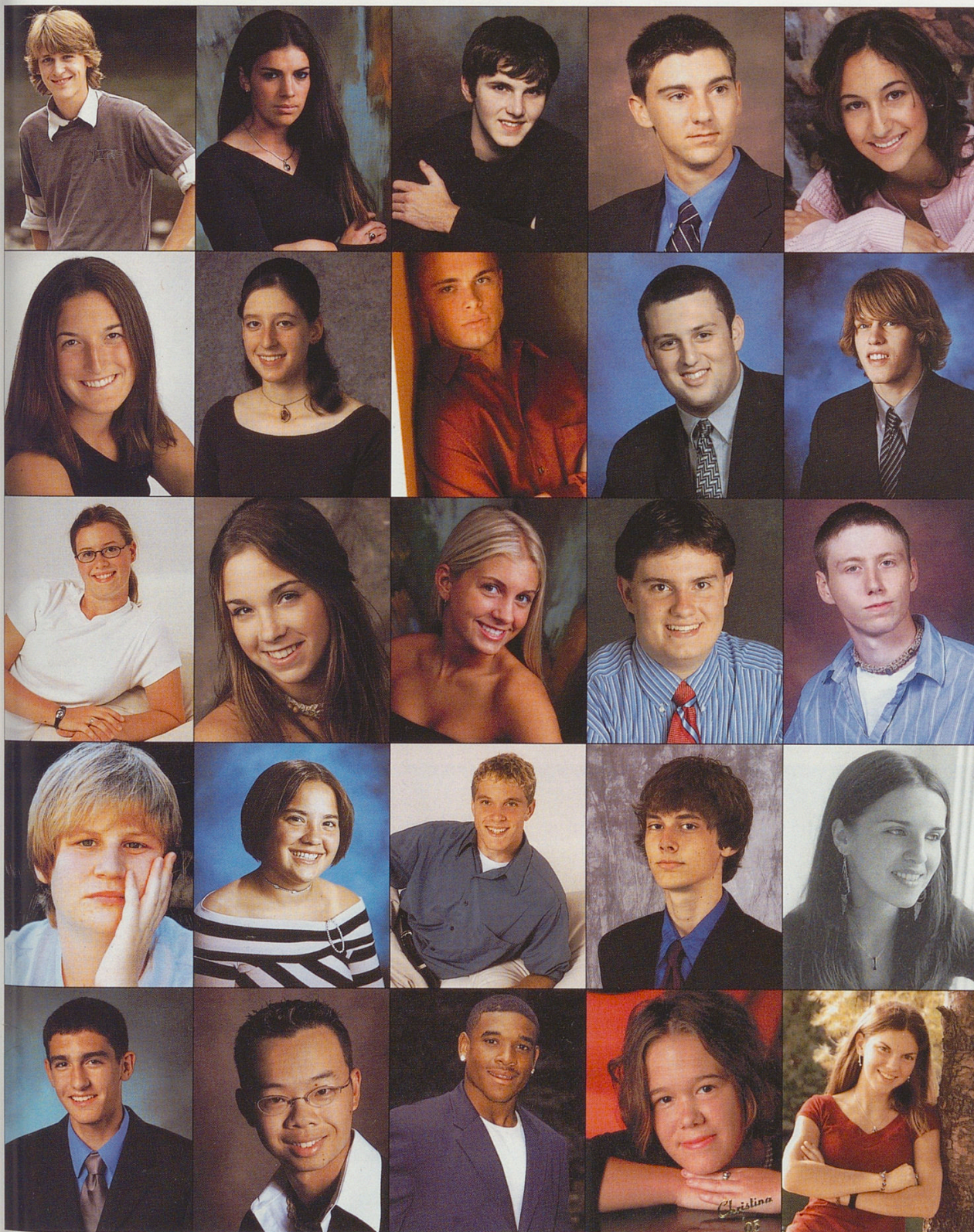


Oh, wow that is really funny; Ben Newland, 12, and brother Sam Newland, kid around in class. Ben showed his brother all the fun times that he will have in high school. All seniors who had siblings between 5th and 8th grade were allowed to bring them to school for the day.

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Ashley Cummings
Amber D'Souza
Indira Priyadarshini
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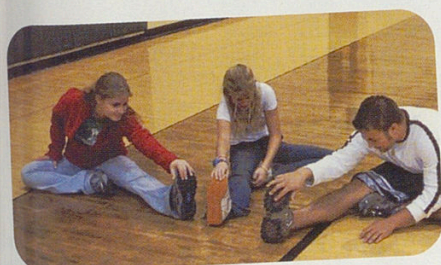
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Christen Emo
Lindsey Ettinger
Amanda Evans
Matthew Evans
Ryan Faith

Julie Fennessy
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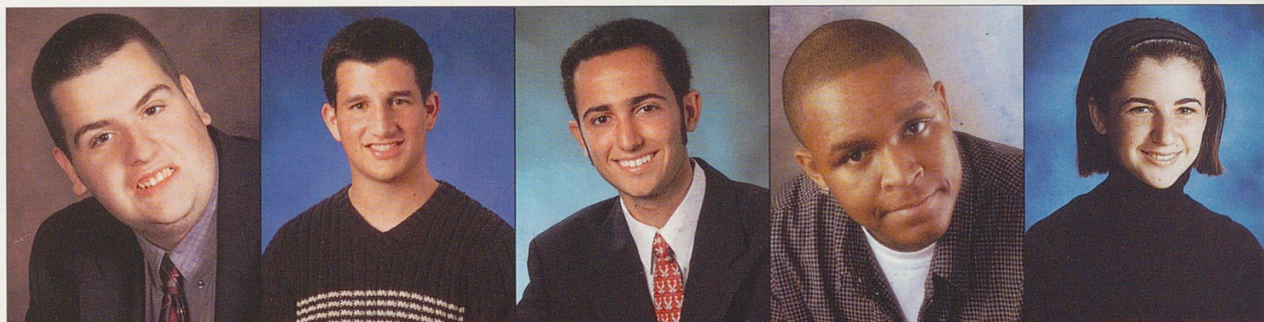


Stretching as far as they can reach, **David Grubbs** and sisters **Ariel** and **Samantha**, prepare for a hard day in the gym. David got to bring along both of his sisters to enjoy the day. Before gym class the girls got to enjoy a breakfast provided by student council.

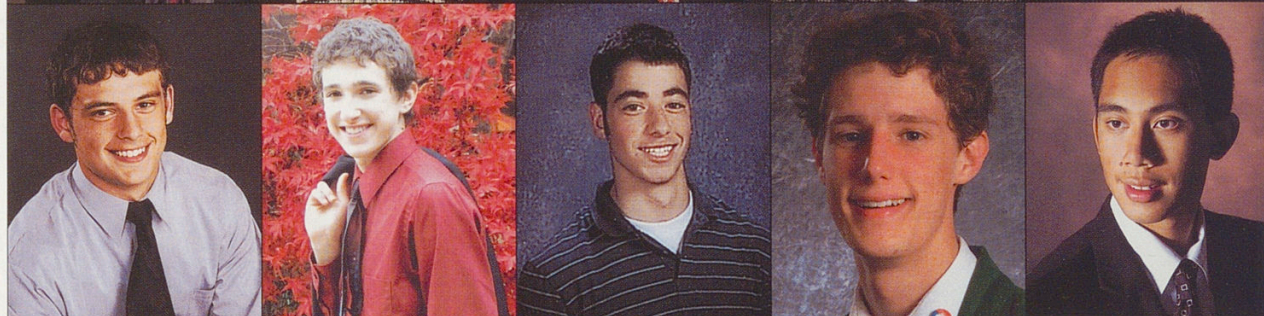
Walking to class, **Amanda Bower** and sister **Mackenzie**, calmly navigate their way through the crowded halls. They made sure to make it to class on time after a hard day of playing games. "My sister's favorite activity was dodgeball," said **Amanda Bower**.



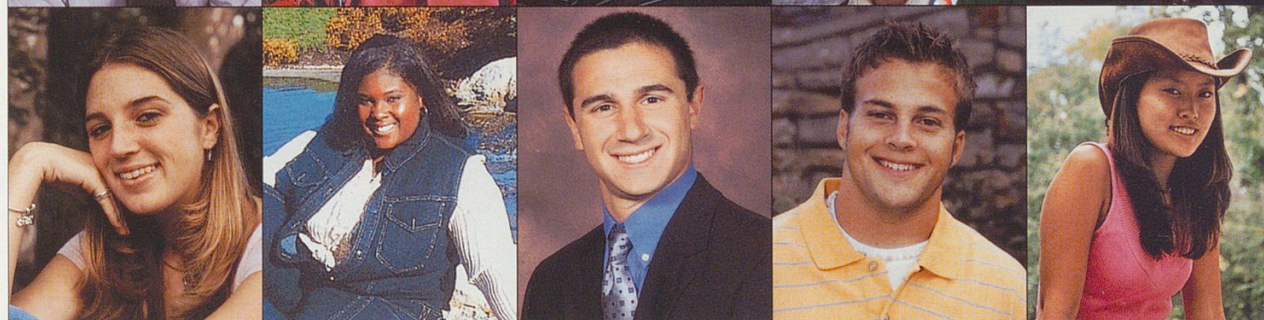
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Jared Goldfarb
Gabriel Goldstein
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Kelcey Grissom
Jonathan Grossman
David Grubbs
Katie Grueninger



A late night out >>>

Kicking back with friends

By: Kristin Grueninger

Staying awake until two o'clock in the morning, eating and drinking, glow bowling, pool, and games all night long. This reward was no other than Jillians Senior Night!

"Everything was great! It was weird though hanging out with everyone from school until two in the morning," said **Raymond Kowatch**.

The night was dedicated to the seniors. From bowling to dancing, you could do anything that was in Jillians.

Jillians was entirely rented out by the seniors' moms.

"It was a ton of fun. I had a blast and the food was wonderful. The moms did a great job putting it together," said **Heather Murphy**.

The only complaints heard

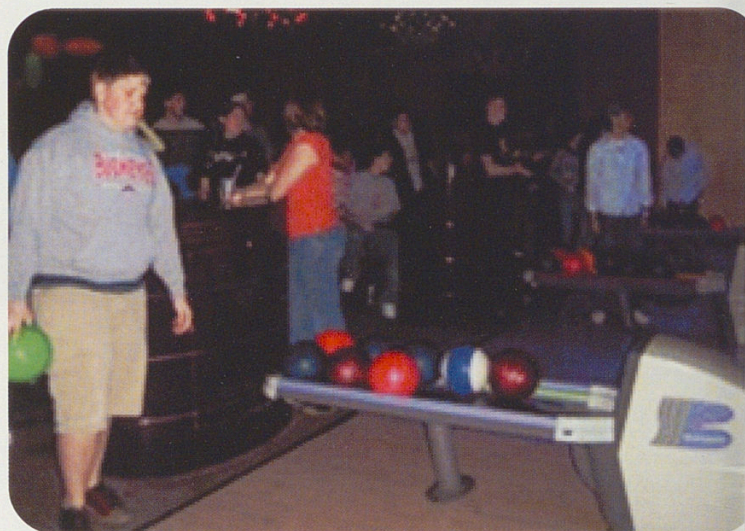
through the night were about the busing to and from school.

"I felt like an underclassmen again. I haven't ridden the bus since my freshman year. It brought back some wonderful memories," said **Taunta Taylor**.

Many groups of friends were spread through the seperate floors. Everywhere you turned there was someone doing something.

"I think I spent the entire night bowling. I took a break a few times to grab a snack but all the rest of the time I was a bowling fanatic," said **Justin Smith**.

All in all the night went as planned. No one was left behind and the seniors arrived safely back at the high school at 2:30 in the morning.



Scott Morrison and his buddies grab a lane as fast as they can. As soon as all the seniors arrived at Jillians the bowling alleys were packed. People got so involved that they bowled the entire night.





Kristin Grueninger
David Habib
Brent Hammergren
Heather Hampton
Phillip Hardy

Forester Harrington
David Helmkin
Caroline Herrell
Matthew Hershberger
Heather Hess

Katherine Hess
Robert Hessler
Blair Higgins
Rachael Hochgesang
Yakima Hoebbel

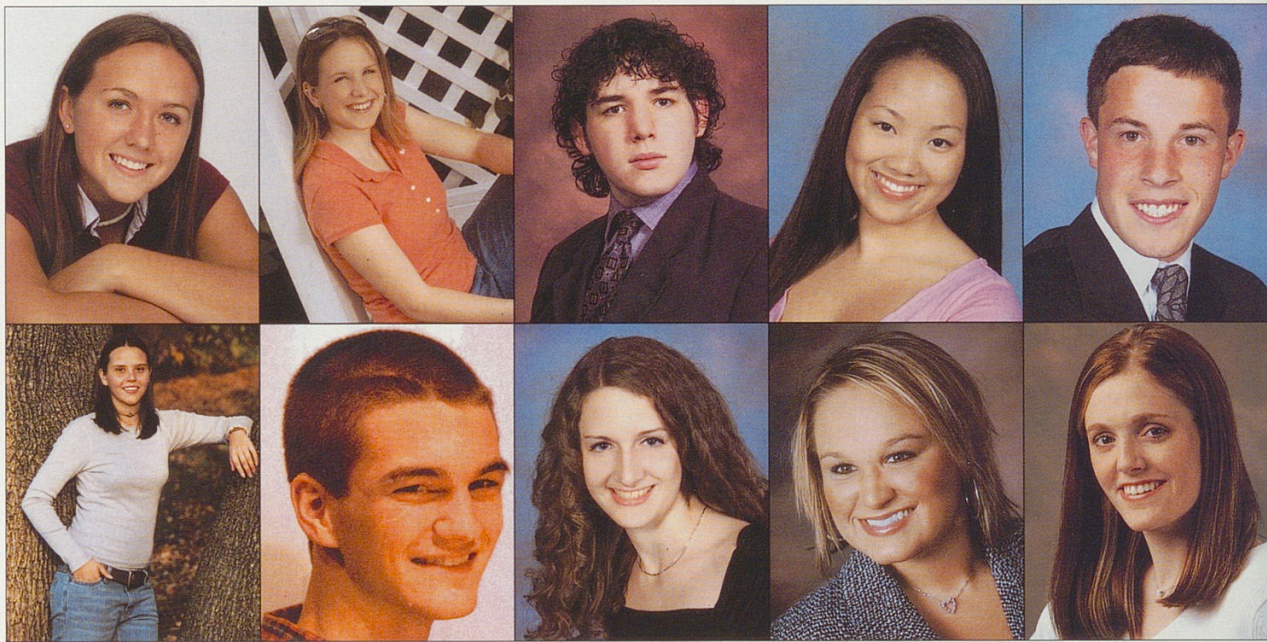


Colleen Posey and Todd Juran were waiting for their turn to bowl so they chatted for a while. They bowled for an hour and then decided to go to the top floor to groove to some music. Since the Winter Dance was in a few weeks, **Posey** decided to ask **Juran** to the dance. While they were dancing she got the dj to ask him for her. What a fun filled night!

Steven Koppenhafer, Rob Kirpatrick, Zach Tawney, and Nick Valeriani are busy concentrating on winning their game. The racing games were where everyone's competitive side came out. The first floor of Jillians was dedicated to all sorts of games. Whether it is a racing, shooting, or hitting game there was a game for everyone.



Abbey Holian
Heather Holley
Taylor Hortel
Connie Hsiung
Benjamin Hue



Abbey Hull
Dickerson Huskey, II
Sarah Imhoff
Danna Issacs
Rebecca Jemison

Donating Lives >>>

One pint at a time

By: Liz Crutcher

Every year students donate blood to Hoxworth's in order to help save lives. They got the feeling that they actually did something for someone else and that their benevolence would contribute to the saving of lives.

"I was really nervous about giving blood but it felt good to be helping other people," said **Julie Mueller**.

Many students had to overcome their fears of giving blood but did so in order

to do their part. However, students who participated were rewarded afterwards with juice and bagels from Hoxworth's.

"Even though it's really scary, it is for a really good cause and it's the least I can do," says **Jennifer Latessa**.

Hoxworth's collected 116 pints from Sycamore students with many students donating two pints each. The blood drive is a way for seniors to give to back to others.



Alexander Speckert lies down while giving blood. Students were told to sit back and relax while the blood was being taken. Some students were told to squeeze a ball in order to keep the blood flowing.

Blood Drive Facts

When: Friday, February 25th
194 People tried to donate
55 People turned down
116 Pints of blood donated
17 Double Donors

"I liked knowing that my blood saved four lives"
-Sarah Yanow



Many workers from Hoxworth came to the school for the day and set up shop in the upper gym. The volunteers were a huge help in making this blood drive successful. Of course, the people who donated blood were the true heroes of the day.

Brittany Jochum
Megan Jochum
Andrew Johnson
Jessica Johnson
Kimberly Johnson

Valencia Johnson
Curtis Jones
Lauren Jones
Kavita Joshi
Todd Juran

Rachel Kadetz
James Kagrise
Samuel Kanter
Carol Kao
Michael Kash

Anna Kaufman
Ryan Keller
Todd Kelly
Nathaniel Kennedy
Laura Keough

Michael Kimmey
Ashley Kindberg
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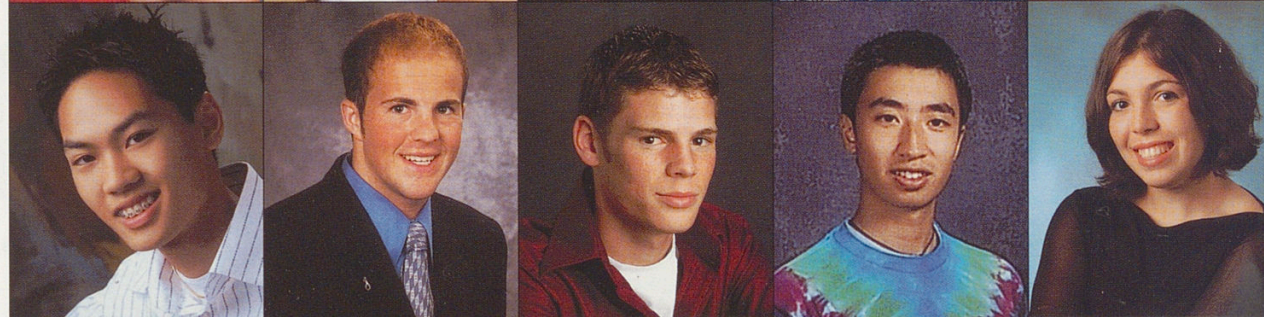
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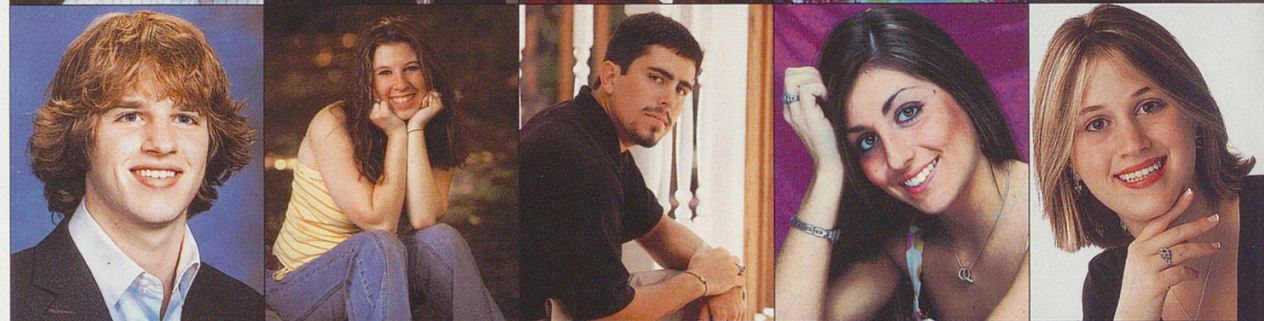
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Jennifer Latessa
Andrea Lee
Arthur Lee
Ashley Lehrner



Martin Ian Lenon
Joshua Levey
Jacbo Levy
Guang Li
Dara Lind



Kyle Lindhardt
Rachel Lipson
Efrem Lirtzman
Abigail Listo
Nina Loftspring



Timothy Lowry
Peter Lukasek
Christopher Lyons
Parvei Majmudar
Parth Majmudar



Mark Mallory
Amanda Mandell
Cory Mangus
Rakesh Mannava
Hadi Mansy



Lettin' Loose >>>

Seniors take a much needed break

By: Liz Crutcher

Senior spring break is a time that every high school student looks forward too. For most seniors it is a time for them to go on vacation without their parents for the first time. It is a much anticipated and needed break after all the hard work they have put in through the years.

"I had so much fun on spring break. It was a time for me and my friends to relax and have some fun. I will never forget all the good time we had together that week," said **Abbey Hollian**.

Every year students plan months ahead of time to prepare for how they are going to spend the week. The result of all of this hard work is hundreds of interesting stories and memories to tell their other friends.

"We didn't get our luggage back for two days. On a brighter note, while I was waiting in the airport John Kitna was standing next to me," said **Amanda Evans**.

For years to come seniors will remember all the exciting events that they got to participate in during their senior year and spring break is definitely one of the most memorable times.



Jennifer Ramstetter enjoys snorkeling during her spring break. **Ramstetter** and **Chesley Baughard** went to Hawaii for the week. **Ramstetter** was practicing her snorkeling skills above water before diving in for some underwater fun in Molikini, Hawaii.

Top 5 Spring Break Destinations:

1. Cancun, Mexico
2. Panama City, Florida
3. Destin, Florida
4. Siesta Keys, Florida
5. Honolulu, Hawaii



Anna Alemagno, Kathryn Smith, Elizabeth Crutcher and **Stephanie Rhenisch** go on Spring Break together in Siesta Keys, Florida. While they were down there they met up with **Julie Mueller, Abigail Holian** and **Blair Higgins**, who were also spending the week in Siesta Keys. The seven girls all went to dinner together.



Alexander Gibberman, Benjamin Newland, Jeremy Miller and **Mark Shuller** relax in the sun. The four guys spent their spring break on a cruise. The cruise made some stops in the Caribbean throughout the week.

"Spring break was awesome this year, it was a really nice vacation from school and my parents."

-**Christopher Bregger**



Under 18 not admitted

Birthday traditions >>>

By: Amanda Evans

Senior year marked a very important time for most students. Not only was it graduation, but for most, it was a time when they bridged the gap from child to adult. Throughout the year, many seniors celebrated their 18th birthdays. They marked this event by doing things they previously could not do. Tattoos and piercing are among the most popular activities.

"When I turned 18, I got a tattoo of my zodiac sign, a tiger, on my lower back. I got it because I wanted to do something rebellious," said **Marianne Bernadsky**.

"I got my nose pierced. It's something I've always wanted and I finally got a chance to do it," said **Courtney Rothe**.

"I got the backs of my biceps tattooed with the words 'Lion Heart, it represents my zodiac sign, a Leo," said **Charles Forte**.

Obviously, the moment they turn 18 was one that shapes who they are inside, and out.

Facts and Figures

Places:

Skincraft, Acme, Lambadi City, Queen City, Permanent Productions

Average Cost:

Prices range from \$50-\$65 for a navel piercing, \$40+ for a nose, and tattoo prices depend on the time it takes to complete.

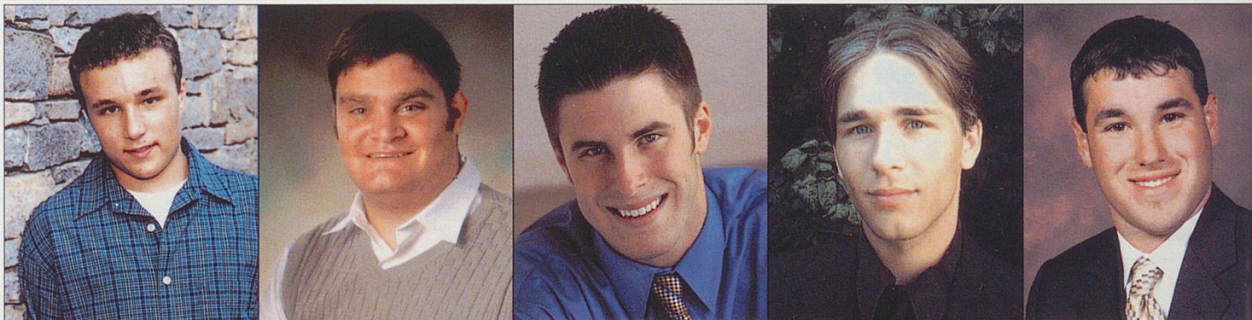
Length of Appointment:

Piercings generally only last a few seconds to complete, while tattoos take longer depending on the design.

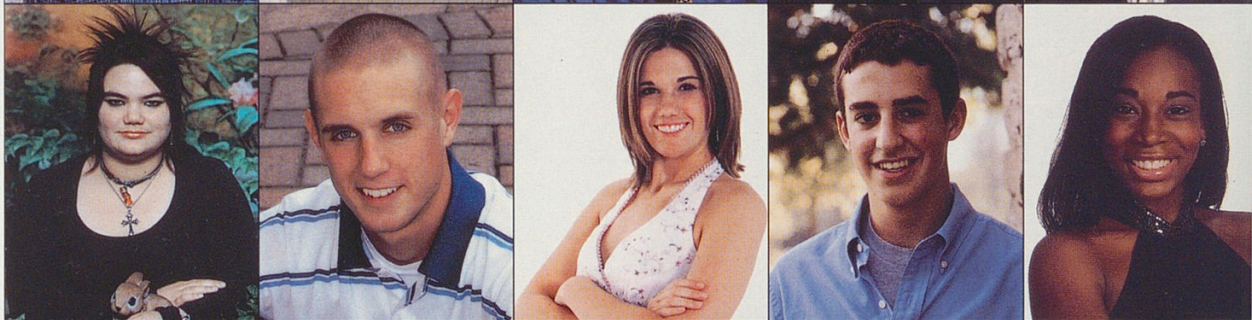
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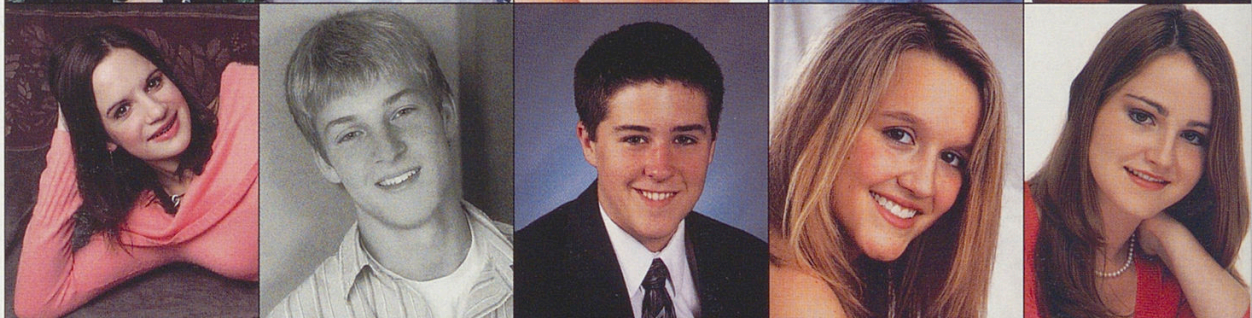
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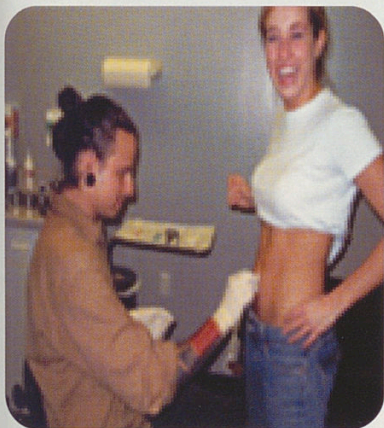


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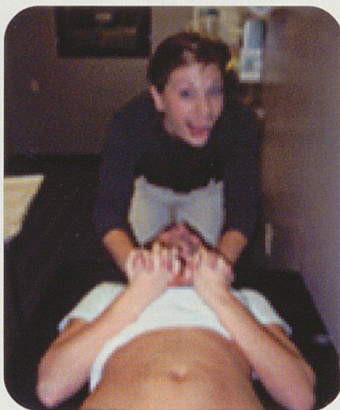
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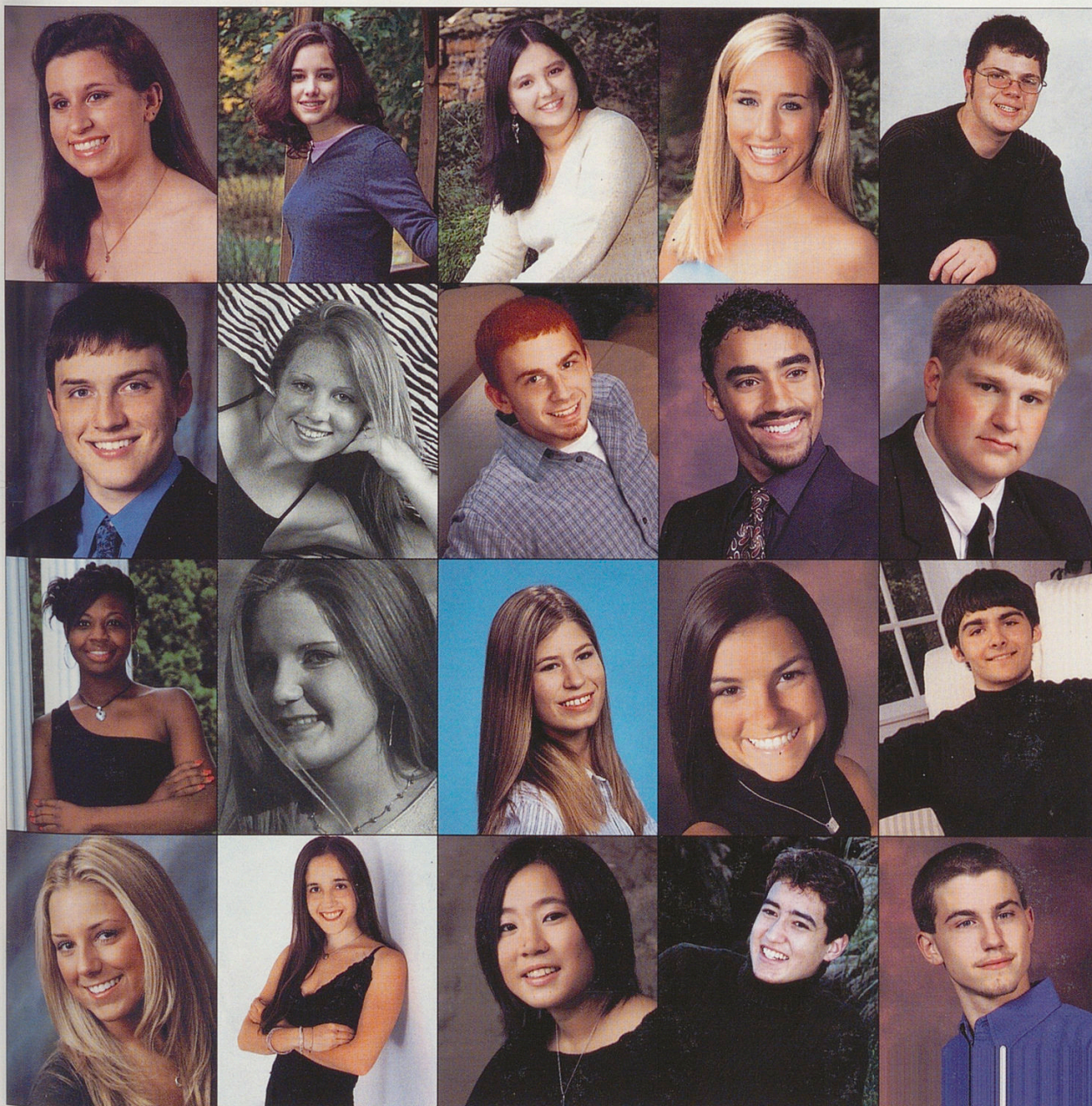
Alyssa Molnar gets the spot she wants pierced marked. They cleaned and prepped the area with antibiotics before piercing. Then they took a moment and talked about aftercare before the big moment.

Preparing for the needle, they have **Molnar** lay down on the table. She anxiously held **Kristin Grueninger's** hands and closes her eyes. She chose not to watch.



Clay, a piercer at Skincraft, makes final markings on **Molnar's** stomach. He then held the skin using clamps. He lifted it slightly, then he inserted the needle.

A few seconds later and it's all over. **She** admired her new jewelry. "It didn't hurt that bad," said **Molnar**. She would recommend that other people do it.



Rachel Miller
Megan Miraglia
Natalia Mitsui
Alyssa Molnar
Kyle Mondy

William Montague
Amanda Moore
James Morger
Francisco Morillo-
Delerme
Donald Morrison

Kandice Mosley
Laura Moster
Melissa Muchmore
Julie Mueller
Philip Mullen

Heather Murphy
Andrea Nadel
Maki Nakao
Matthew Naperski
Austin Nesbit



Back then >>>

When we were cool!

By: Liz Crutcher

Students have formed friendships that have lasted through grade school, junior high and high school. These friendships are some of the strongest bonds between these students.

"I've gone to school here for a long time and I have made some really good friends," said **Tyler Schlimme**.

For most seniors who have gone to school together over the years, they have countless memories of days long ago.

"I've had a lot of friendships that have totally disappeared after classes change or when I don't see them as much as I

had before. I also have a few friends that I've known since elementary school or even before that and even if we didn't see each other at school a lot we have still stayed best of friends until now. I don't think those friendships will ever stop," said **Krista Wesselkamper**.

Without a doubt we all have friendships that haven't worked out over the years but we also have friends who have stuck by us for years. These are the friendships what will continue to stay strong through college and the rest of our lives.

Then and Now

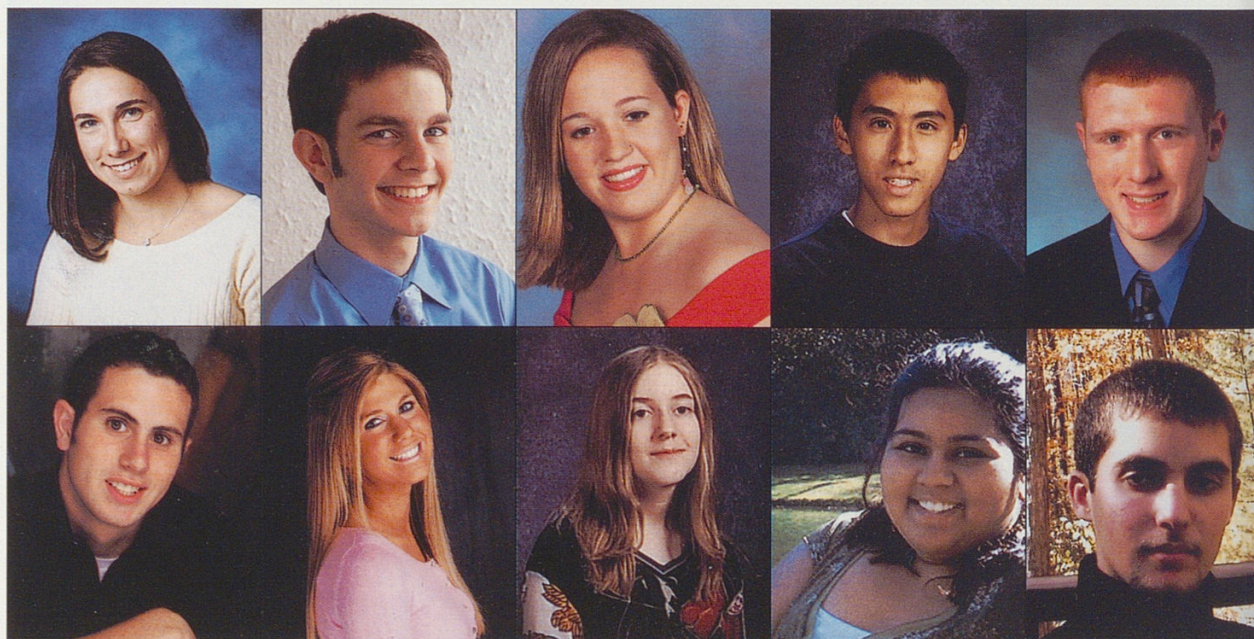


Brett Bowers and Gabriel Goldstein hang out in fifth grade. The two were enjoying their class trip to Camp Kern. Now in their senior year and they still remain good friends.

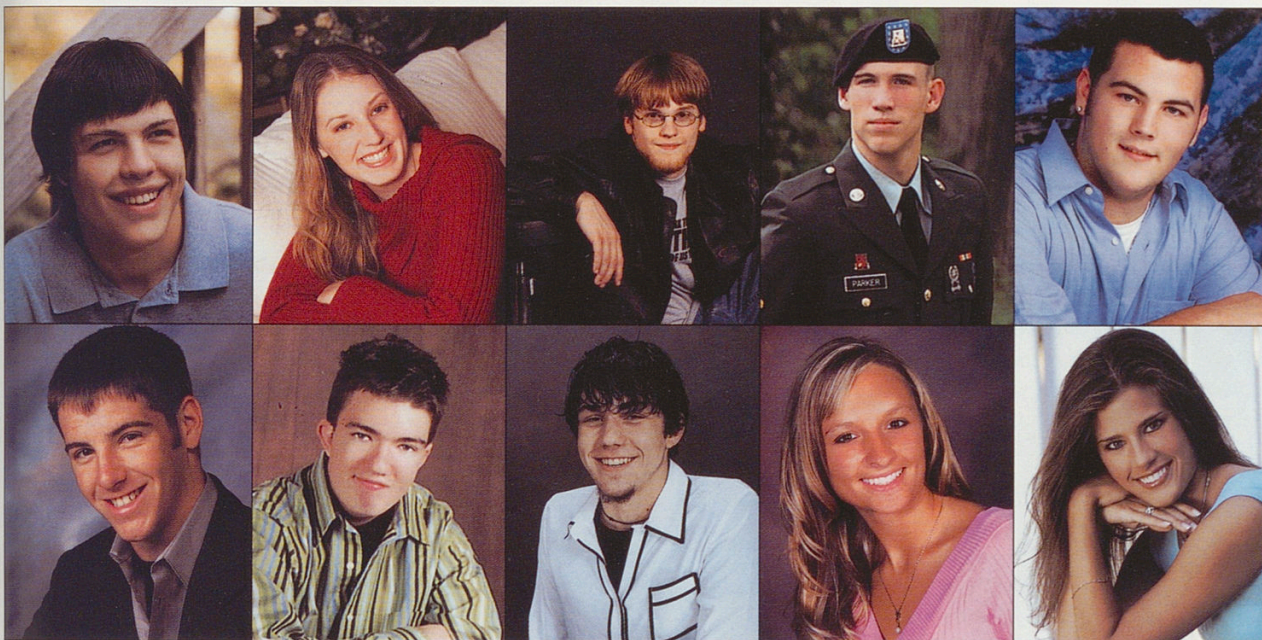


Chelsey Baughard and Alyssa Molnar enjoy themselves in sixth grade at Camp Ernst. Back then, Alyssa and Chelsey were inseparable things remain this way now. Although both are attending different schools next year they say they will always keep in touch somehow.

Jamie Nesbitt
Benjamin Newland
Rachel Newton
Andrew Ng
Jonathan Niehaus



Samuel Ochstein
Linsy Ogden
Elizabeth Olson
Radheshri Oza
Steven Pace



Nathan Packwood
Kathryn Palmisano
Joseph Pancheri
Benhamin Parker
Theodore Paskal

Ross Patterson
Brandon Paul
Alex Peffly
Melissa Perkins
Amy Petrocy

Way Back When



Christopher Bregger, Luke Cody, Robert Kirkpatrick, Steven Hartman, now attending St. Xavier, and **Nicholas Valeriani** have fun at recess. The guys took time out from playing basketball to pose for the camera. Recess at the Greene School was everyone's favorite time.



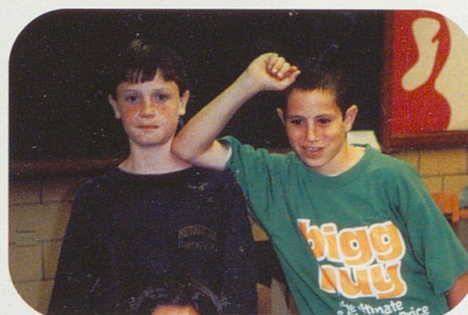
Nichole Stowers and **Rachel Shaffel** skate in fifth grade. Both girls enjoyed ice skating. The two girls still both ice skated during their senior year.



Stephanie Rhenisch, Rachael Hochgesang, and **Anna Alemagno** ice skate in the second grade. The girls celebrating **Alemagno's** 8th birthday party. She and **Rhenisch** continued to be friends and went to spring break together.

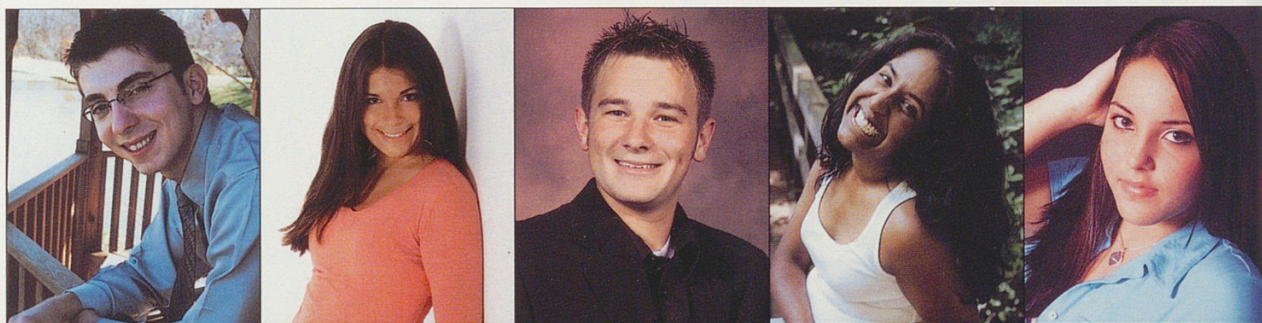


Elizabeth Crutcher, Melissa Zenz, now attends Ursuline Academy, **Sarah Yanow, Rachel Yanow,** and **Rachael Hochgesang** relax at a birthday party. The girls all went to Symmes Elementary together in 1st grade. The Yanow twins will attend Ohio State University together.

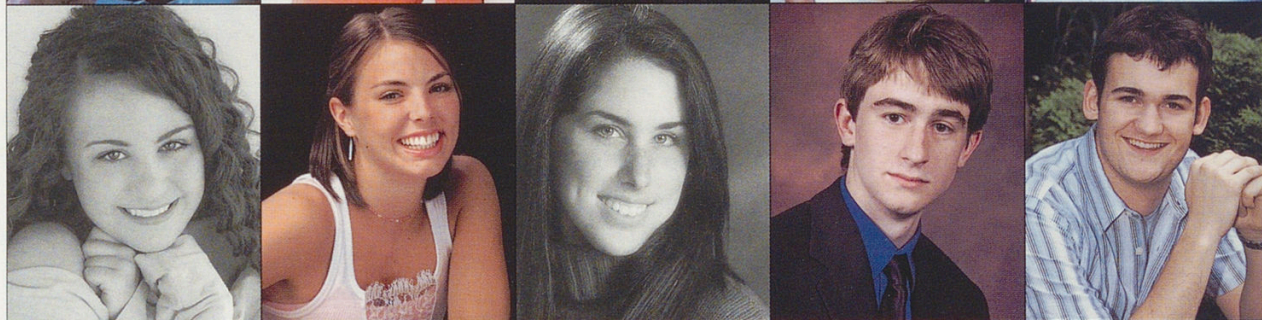


Brandon Haunart and **Sam Ochstein** have fun in class in fifth grade. Sam and Brandon had the same teacher at the E.H. Greene School. Things have not changed much, since their friendship has lasted through high school.

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Kyle Pieper
Maya Pillai
Samina Piracha



Allison Pohl
Collen Posey
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Matthew Proudfit



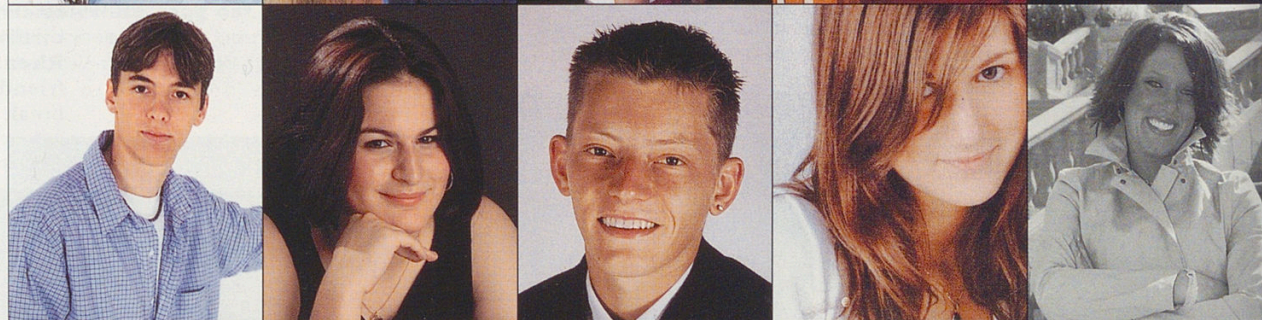
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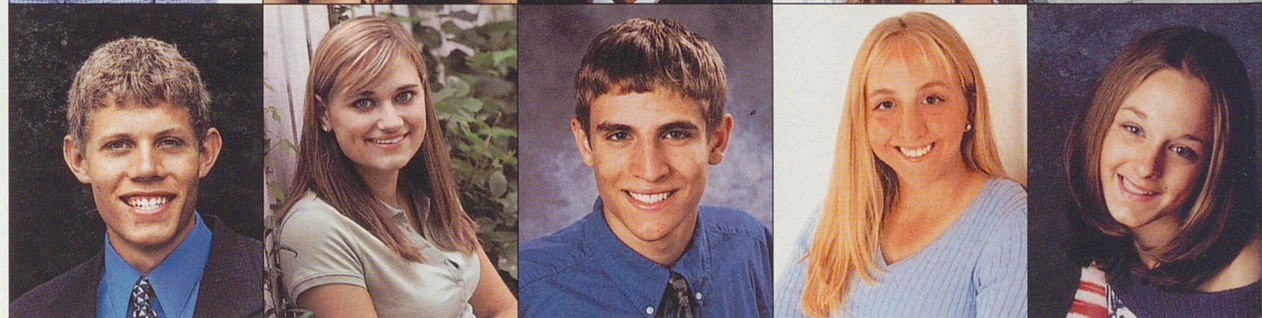
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Sunny Rim



Joshua Rissover
Deanna Rosen
Jules Rosen
Sandra Rossin
Olivia Sabatini



Benjamin Sage
Emilie Saltz
Andrew Samules
Monica Samules
Amy Sanders



A sign of appreciation

Banners show support

By: Caitlin Bokulic



Recognition and a thank you for the hard work that you have put in for the past four years. Every year for senior night students who were on a varsity sport got their name painted on a banner and hung in the commons for all to see.

"I really like the banners. It was awesome seeing my name up there for football," said **Ben Matthews**.

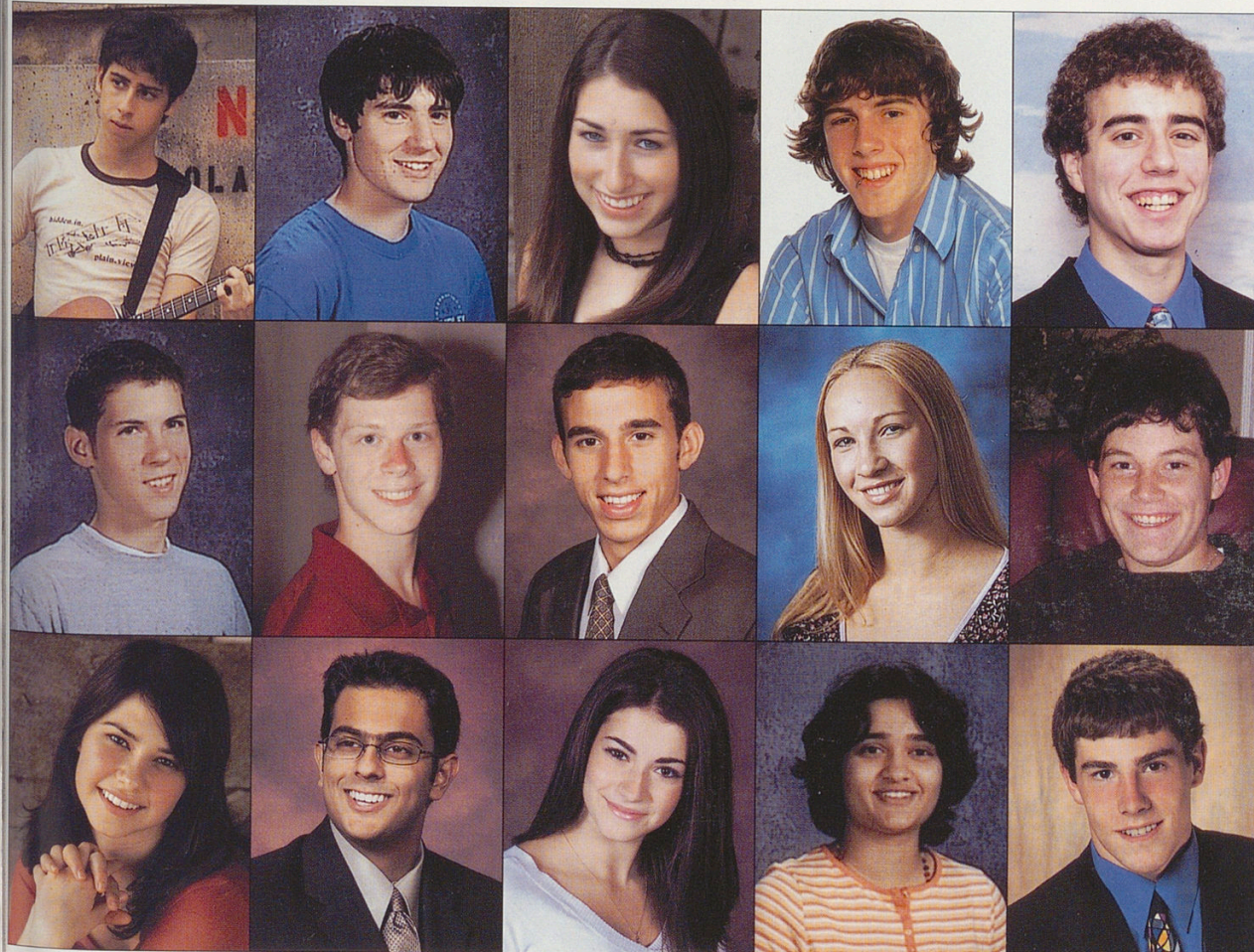
Mr. Steve Imhoff was the teacher who had taken it upon himself to make sure that each senior has their name hung.

"I made the banners because I think that students really liked to see their name hung up," said **Imhoff**.

The banners were something that the seniors could look at and be proud of. To watch the previous names be hung and then be among them is really something special.

"I like looking at the banner because it makes me feel special to see my name," said **Virginia Tremblay**.

Krittika Baravkar and Caitlin Bokulic's names hang up in the commons on senior night for tennis. The banner also commemorated the girls going to the state tournament. The banner hung in the commons for a week.



Jacob Sanders
Aidan Schapera
Kate Scheineson
Tyler Schlimme
Aaron Schneider

Daniel Schroeder
Daniel Swartz
Zeyad Swen
Melissa Sedziol
Nicholas Seibel

Rachel Shaftel
Venkat Shanker
Elaine Shapiro
Sumedha Sharma
Andrew Shaver



One last moment of glory

The sad part about leaving



By: Caitlin Bokulic

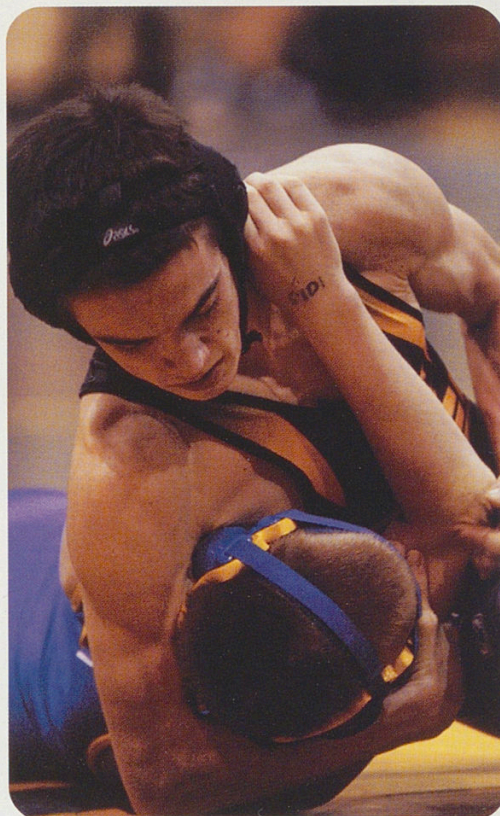
For many people their lives at school have revolved around playing one or more sports. So what happens after the last goal is scored, the last puck is shot and the last ace is made? That is the question that many of them are facing because they will not be playing a varsity sport while they are in college.

"I'm going to miss going to practice and being a part of a team," said **Francisco Morillo-Delerme**.

Even though they will not be playing a college level varsity sport they still have plenty of options if they want to continue to play a sport. Every college across the nation lets students have the chance to participate in athletics through club and intramural sports.

"I'm not going to be running next year in college but I'm going to join the equestrian club next year at Penn State," said **Jennifer Steinhardt**.

Even though at the end of the season they might not receive their varsity letter for playing in a sport, they can be guaranteed to be having a lot more fun. College is full of new experiences and whether you play a club or intramural sport or not, you are sure to have a blast.



Pinning his opponent down, **Zach Tawney**, gets another win for the season. He played three sports (football, wrestling and track) every year he was at Sycamore. **Tawney** will be attending the University of Tennessee next year.

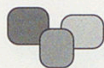
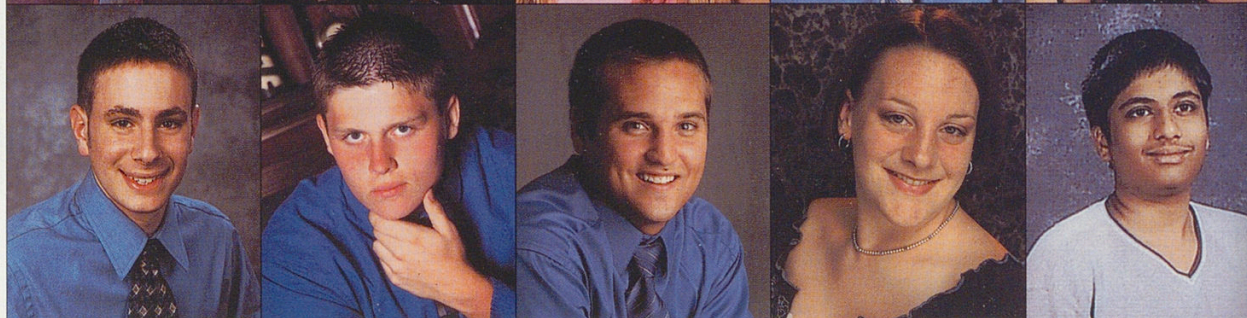
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Kathryn Smith



Jared Snyderman
William Souders
Alexander Speckert
Kelly Spry
Ajit Srinivasan





Jared Steinberg prepares to hit his backhand down the line. Like the rest of the seniors on the tennis team, **Steinberg** will not be playing a varsity sport in college. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin, where there are many opportunities to play club sports.

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Why are you sad about leaving school sports?



"I'm going to miss the friends I made and the fun road trips."
- Lauren Truax



"I'm going to miss having a daily routine of going to practice and playing a sport."
-Laura Ebetino

A



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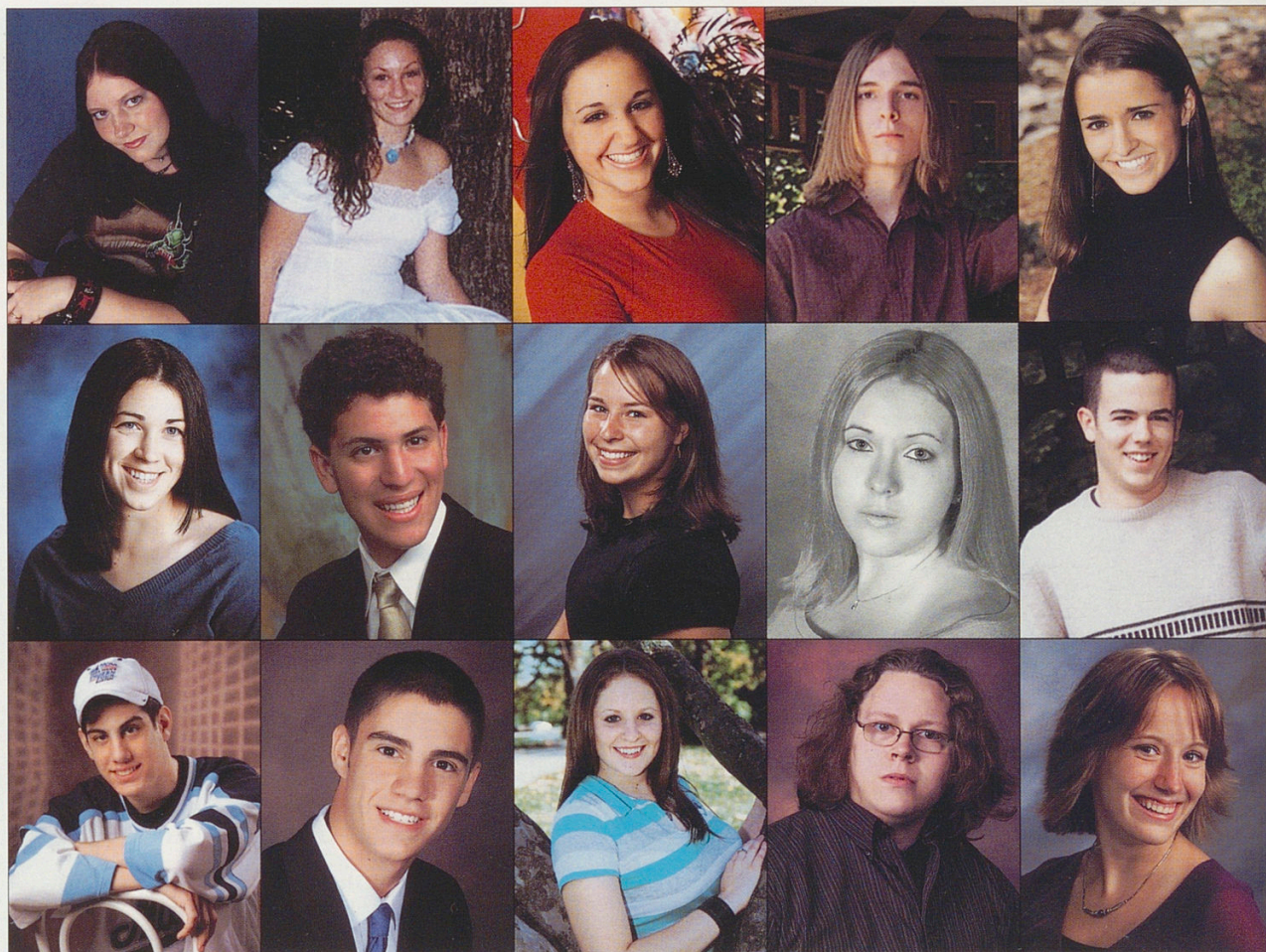
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Virginia Tremblay
Adam Trick
Lauren Truax
Brandi Turner
Michael Turner

Jake Valentine
Nicholas Valeriani
Alysson Visnic
Stephen Vonderwish
Natalie Wade



Senior Picnic>>>

By: Amanda Evans

Perhaps more anticipated than spring break is the senior picnic. A symbol of the last days of school, the picnic is a time for seniors to enjoy themselves with their peers they have shared their worlds with for the last 12 years.

"It was nice to just spend a school day relaxing with everyone before graduation," said **Megan Wright**.

The day was full of food, fun, and plenty of activities to keep students busy. There were water balloons, sand volleyball, cornhole, and ultimate Frisbee to name a few.

Not to mention football, soccer, and swing sets to play on. When students were tired of playing, there was more than enough food to eat, including Skyline Chili.

Unfortunately, the day wasn't all sunshine and blue skies. Halfway into the picnic parents and students were caught in a heavy down pour.

The rain temporarily put a damper on activities and spirits, but not for long. Once they finished eating, many students played in the rain. What was once a giant Twister board became a slip and slide, and sand volleyball became more like mud volleyball.

"Playing in the rain was a lot of fun. We ended up building a human pyramid on the Twister board," said **Benjamin Matthews**.

Although they were soaking wet and fairly cold, the fun did not stop for the students until the busses were loaded.

"It was definitely a good way to end the year," said **Sarah Ash**.

One thing is for sure, the picnic was unforgettable.

Jennifer Ramstetter saught a little revenge after being tossed in the mud. Fortunately the bus ride home wasn't miserable because she found some dry clothes. Other students were not so lucky and some bus drivers would not let the students on their buses.



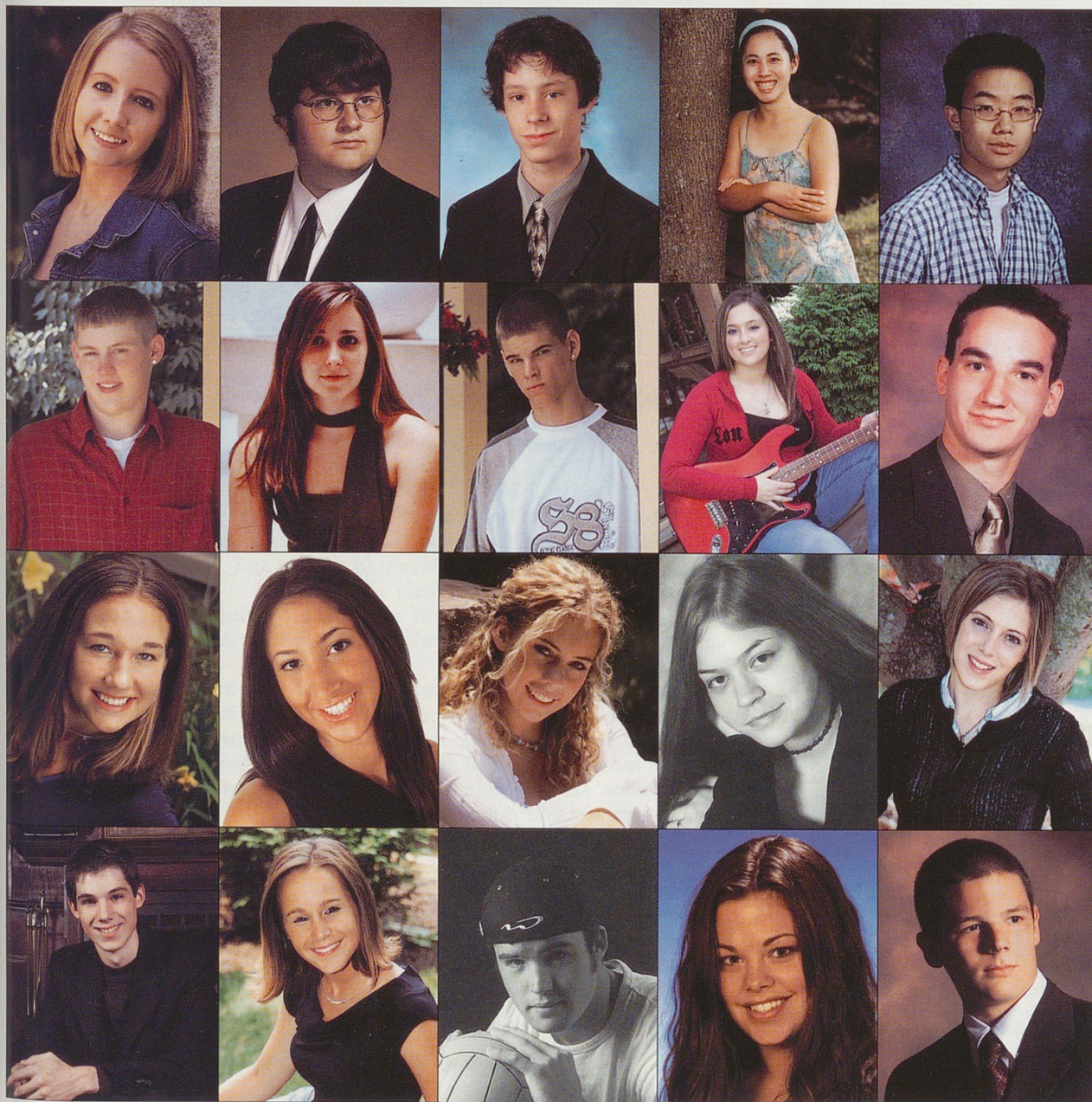


A giant game of Twister kept students busy. The plastic board doubled as a slip and slide once the rain started. Not only that, it was also the site of the human pyramid.

The sand volleyball court was a popular activity throughout the day. In addition to students, **Officer Paul Payne** and several parents participated in the game. Students also took part in regular volleyball on the other side of the park.



Emmanuel Bakarema, Victor Crenshaw, Matthew Jordan, Erin Jones, Dorian Goines, and Taunta Taylor hoop it up on the basketball court. They spent most of the day battling one another for the net. However once it rained, a more friendly game of knockout was started.



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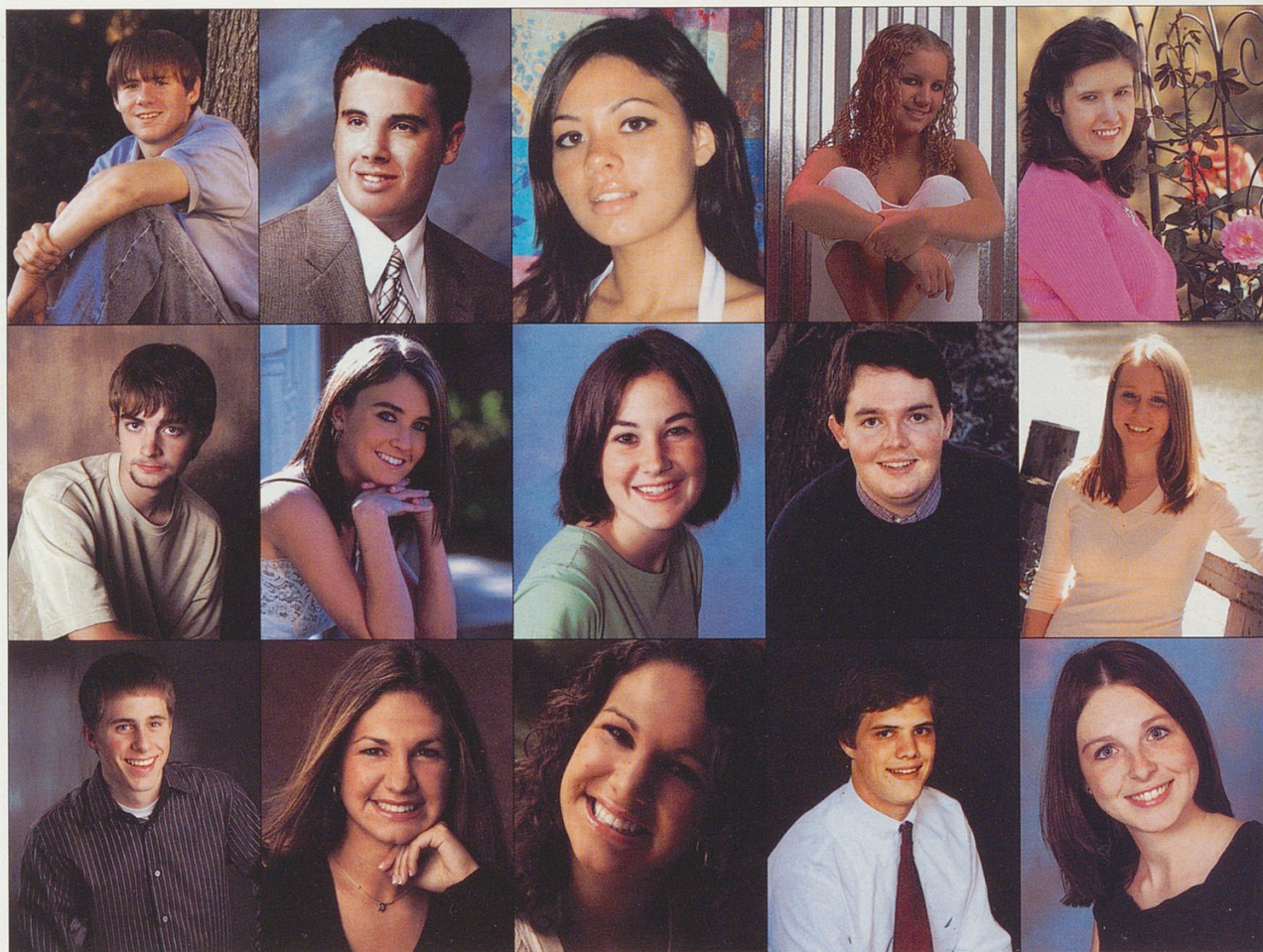
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Jamie Wislocki
Nicole Wissing
Diane Witt

Eric Woebbe
Hope Wolfe
Laura Woolfe
Mark Wright
Megan Wright

Sean Wright
Rachel Yanow
Sarah Yanow
Alexandaer Young
Christine Zach



Delicious Rewards

Parents provide lunch time treats

By: Caitlin Bokulic



Sprinkling toppings on their ice cream, Zach Barsman and Alexander Speckart enjoy the ice cream social. The students all got a choice of either vanilla, chocolate or mixed ice cream. This was one of the first senior treats of the year.

The privilege of being a senior extends far beyond the typical status of being at the top of your school. You also got to enjoy the privilege of having the underclassman watch and be envious of you for getting to eat the special treats given to you.

The senior parents spend months preparing senior treats which include everything from breakfast on the first day of school to an ice cream social.

"The senior treats were really cool. My favorite was make your own sundae, because I love ice cream. I think that it is really cool that the moms do these treats for the seniors every year," said **Adam Bahir**.

The most elaborate of the treats this year was the Dad's Barbeque where dads served students hamburgers and hotdogs along with baked beans, drinks and delicious desserts.

"The senior treats were awesome. The dad's look cute in their hats," said **Sonia Ahmad**.

The treats really add to senior year, it is something that the students look forward to. They can not wait to see the look on the underclassmen's faces when they eat their ice cream with whipped cream and chocolate chips.





Enjoying the delicious food Krittika Baravkar, Caitlin Bokulic, Sayuri Kogami, Theresa Steinhardt, Jennifer Steinhardt, Kelly Spry, Laura Ebetino, Virginia Tremblay and Lauren Jones pause for a moment to take a picture. The cookout was held in the back of the new commons in an area roped off from the rest of the school. The cookout had food that ranged from cheeseburgers to brownies to fruit mixes.



Jonathan Zalucki
Tara Zivkovic
Nora Zuberbuhler

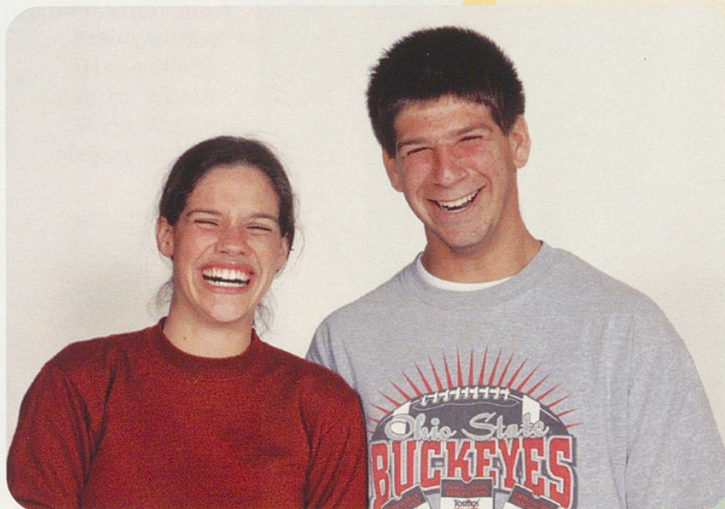
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Alexandra Appatova	Courtney Doris	Blaine Jordan	Brandon Murry	Mitchell Springmeier	
Meghan Baker	Berengere Fontaine	Matthew Jordan	Jin Jing Ni	Christopher Stamatakos	
Justinas Bartys	Jordan Gardner	Anthony Kalberg	Andrew O'Brien	Jingyi Sun	
Bryan Berger	John Frank	Elena Kalinichenko	Zhong Pan	Brian Tacy	
Jacob Blackburn	Dorian Goins	Matthew Kartal	Sonia Patel	Taunta Taylor	
Myka Bowen	Steven Hass	Samuel Kim	Heather Potter	Aaron Thomas	
Curtis Bowling	Nassar Haddad	Tiara King	Kenneth Pouncey	Christopher Trost	
Joshua Bowyer	James Hall	Duncan Latta	Brandon Powell	Jeffery Tucker	
Eric Brinkmann	Marko Hananel	Joshua Lester	Mary Anne Refaei	Prashant Varma	
Morgan Brown	Branden Haunert	Langdon Liggett	Courtney Rothe	Eli Waite	
Kateryna Chtelmakh	Timothy Heatherly	Natasha Mallery	Zahra Sadat-Hossieny	Vaughn Ward	
Viktor Chtelmakh	Amber Goltz	Alvaro Martinez	Ra'ed Sama'an	Patrick Williams	
Jonathon Coleman	Jason Hong	Matthew Matsuzaka	Kevin Schuck	Ian Wilson	
Jennifer Collins	Michael Ioannou	Christopher Maurath	Thomas Schuck	Michelle Winters	



Senior Superlatives

By: Elizabeth Crutcher, Kristin Grueninger, Alyssa Molnar, Annie Alemagno, and Amanda Evans



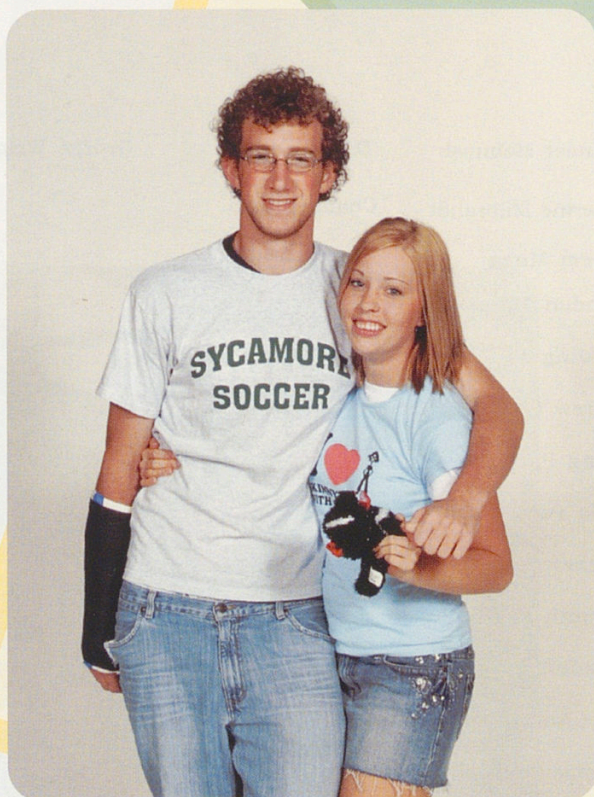
Best Smile

1. **Jeniffer Latessa and Jeremy Miller**
2. Daniel McGrath and Heather Murphy
3. Nicholas Valeriani and Nicole Smile



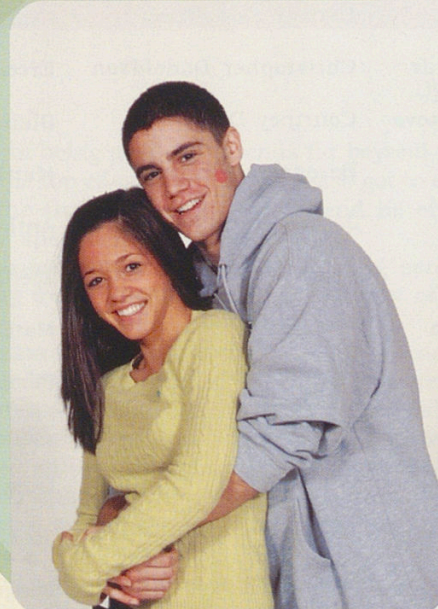
Best Eyes

1. **Miles Suer, Amy Petrocy and Emilie Saltz**
2. Jared Steinberg and Heather Hess
3. Edward McCormick, Britany Jochum and Alyssa Molnar



Cutest Couple

1. **Thomas Crabill and Kristin Grueninger**
2. Alexander Speckart and Heather Murphy
3. Jared Goldfarb and Tara Zivkovic



Biggest Flirts

1. **Nicholas Valeriani and Jennifer Ramstetter**
2. Samuel Ochstein and Alexandra Appatova
3. Andrew Johnson, Jennifer Singer and Heather Hess



Best Dressed

1. **Benjamin Newland** and Tara Zivkovic
2. Nadeem Mirza and **Allison Pohl**
3. Nathaniel Kennedy and Amanda Moore



Most Gullible

1. **Samuel Kanter** and **Carol Kao**
2. Daniel Meier and Lauren Jones
3. Venkat Shanker and Jennifer Ramstetter



Best Guy Friends Forever

1. **Raymond Kowatch** and **Daniel Meier**
2. Christopher Bregger and Luke Cody
3. Samuel Ochstein and Michael Turner



Least Likely to grow up

1. **Samuel Ochstein** and **Laura Woolf**
2. Cory Mangus and Colleen Posey
3. Alexander Young and Melissa Sedziol



Girl Best Friends Forever

1. **Laura Woolf** and **Jennifer Latessa**
2. Sarah Yanow and Rachel Yanow
3. Danna Issacs and Nora Zuberbuhler



Biggest Gossips

1. Sammuel Kanter and **Yakima Hoebbel**
2. **John Frank** and Shaina Smilovitz
3. Cameron Swaboda and Jennifer Singer



Most Likely to Be a Superhero

1. **Heath Tameris** and **Laura Woolf**
2. Zachery Barsman and Leah Boyll
3. Matt Napierski and Jamie Nesbitt



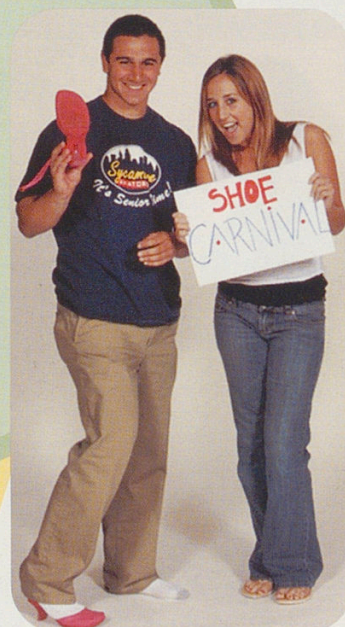
Most Likely to Be on Jerry Springer

1. **Cory Mangus** and **Kathryn Smith**



Most Changed Since Freshman Year

1. **Alexander Peffly** and **Susan Shutts**
2. Alexander MacIntosh, Rachael Hochgesand, and Caitlyn Ruescher
3. Jeffrey Miller and Anna Alemagno



Most Likely to Go Out to Lunch and Not Come Back

1. **Jeffrey Miller** and **Lindsey Ettinger**
2. Eric Shen and Courtney Rothe
3. Timothy Lowry, Melanie Klein and Hope Wolfe

Most Likely to be a Shoe Carnival Announcer

1. **Jonathan Grossman** and **Laura Woolf**
2. Venkat Shanker and **Alyssa Molnar**
3. Guang Li and Amanda Evans



Most likely to Win an Oscar

1. **Nathaniel Kennedy and Tara Zivkovic**
2. Samuel Kanter and Julia Albain and Kathryn Bakes
3. Matthew Evans and Andrea Thomas



Most Talented Musician

1. **Elia Burkhart and Andrea Lee**
2. Jeffrey Miller and Nicole Smile
3. Matthew Kursmark and Amanda Bower



Best Artist

1. **Emmanuel Bakarema, Andrea Lee and Janice Ahn**
2. Alexander MacIntosh and Langdon Liggett
3. Miles Suer and Emily Tessel



Most Likely To Succeed

1. **Ahilan Sivaganesan and Shriya Raghavan**
2. Jared Goldfarb and Amber D'Souza
3. Matthew Evans and April Wang



Mr. and Mrs. Sycamore

1. **Venkat Shanker and Laura Steiner**
2. Andrew Donaldson and Julie Mueller
3. Cameron Swaboda and Ashley Cummings



Most Wanted to be Stranded on a Desert Island With

1. **Dickerson Huskey and Heather Murphy**
2. Phil Wight, Laura Wolf, Kimberly Sykes and Jamie Nesbitt
3. Heath Tameris and Candace Washurn

>>> Senior Academic Awards

By: Jennifer Konerman

Department Medallion Awards

American Sign Language-

Laurent Clerc

Art

Band

Counselors'

Drafting

English

Japanese

Journalism

Latin

Math

Music Elective

Orchestra

Photography

Social Studies

Spanish

Theater

Vocal Music

Sean Wright

Rachel Shaftel

Chad Baumer

Aaron Friedman,

Shriya Raghavan

Theresa Steinhardt

Dara Lind,

April Wang

Shriya Raghavan

April Wang

Kavita Joshi

Aaron Friedman

Andrew Cain

Nicole Smile

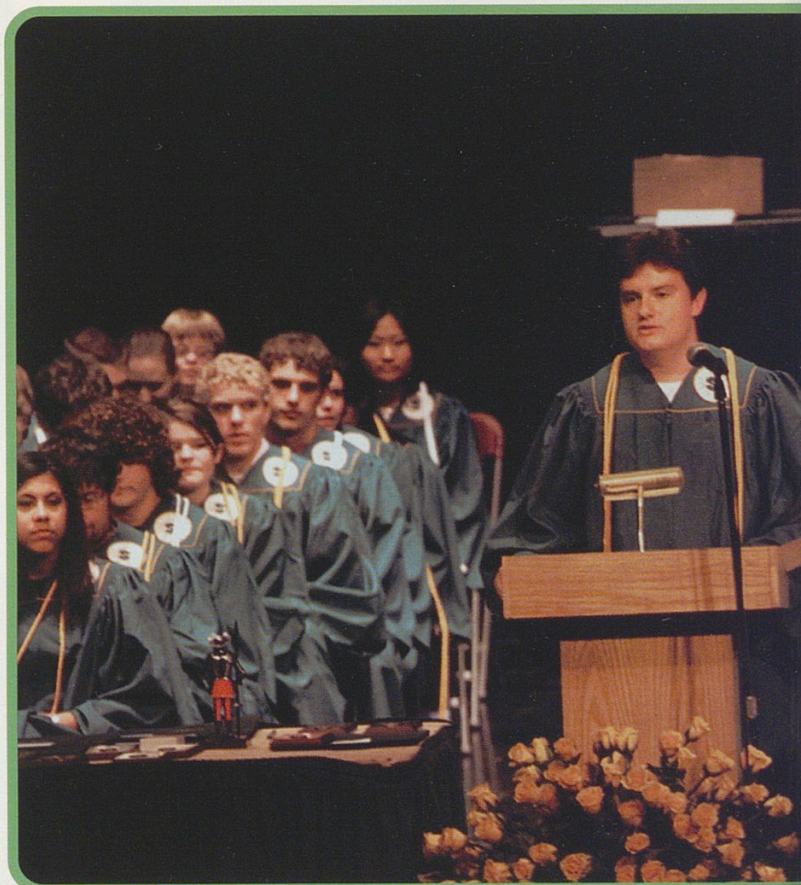
Chad Baumer

Sean Wright

Dara Lind

Samuel Kanter

Elizabeth Wilfong



Summa Cum Laude	53
Graduating with High Honors	147
Graduating with Honors	146
Diploma with Honors	192
National Honor Society Members	112

Alli Pohl, Dustin DePenning, and Candace Washburn stand in waiting for their awards. They all graduated with high honors. There were 147 seniors who left high school with high honors, graduating with an academic average of 3.6 or higher.



National Merit Scholars

Sasha Appatova

Adam Bahir

Amber D'Souza

Brad Elkus

Matthew Evans

Aaron Friedman

Jared Goldfarb

Nassar Haddad

Matt Hersberger

Kimberly Johnson

Kavita Joshi

Mimi Kao

Allison Lacker

Dara Lind

Rakesh Manneva

Daniel McGrath

Laura Moster

Dimitry Mezhvinsky

Andy Ng

Shriya Raghavan

Ahilan Sivaganesan

Arthur Wang



Amber D'Souza receives her award from **Mr. Kenji Matsudo**. She won awards such as the Summa Cum Laude and the high honors diploma. She also received over 14 scholarship awards.



Matthew Evans speaks to the class. As the "Welcome" Speaker, he spoke to the parents and students about the year. He, as well as a few other students, spoke at the beginning of the ceremony.



Memorial Fund Recipients

In Memory of Amy Gilton
In Memory of Kyle Jones
In Memory of Kathy Kiessling
In Memory of Eugene Luckey
In Memory of Josh Lutterbei
In Memory of John Meeker
In Memory of Dominic Million
In Memory of Larry Nelson
In Memory of Anne Neuback
In Memory of Curt Peterson
In Memory of Brion Rech
In Memory of Robb San Marco
In Memory of Jim Shea
In Memory of Hannah Widmer
In Memory of Tom Willging
In Memory of Michael Dillon
In Memory of Nic Corradini
In Memory of Philip Brown
In Memory of Scott Adams
In Memory of Monica Kuchmar
In Memory of Lonnie Mahone

Michael Daniels
Venkat Shanker
Emilie Saltz
Melissa Perkins
Brittany Borchard
Benjamin Newland
Justinas Bartys
David Beaver
Emily Tessel
Virginia Tremblay
Emily Cox
William Souders
Jared Snyderman
Laura Ebetino
Matthew Hershberger
Caroline Herrell
Andrew Shaver
Rebecca Jemison
Laura Keough
Zahra Sadat-Hossieny
Kyle Mondy

University of Cincinnati- Juried High School Show

Janice Ahn
Rachel Shaftel

Emily Tessel
Dustin DePenning

Xavier University- Juried High School Show

Janice Ahn
Andrea Lee
Meredith Post
Rachel Shaftel

Emmanuel Bakarema
Langdon Ligget
Jules Rosen

National French Contest Top 20% in Ohio
National School Orchestra Award
National Science Bowl- 6th Place in the Nation
Overture Award in Creative Writing
Overture Awards Fine Art- Honorable Mention
Overture Regional Winner- Photography

Laura Eckman
Andrea Lee
Aaron Friedman, Ahilan Sivaganesan, Shriya Raghavan, and Arthur Wang
April Wang
Langdon Ligget
Chad Baumer

Generous Soles

Chelsey Baughard warms up on her back deck. She takes time out from playing with her sister to pose for the camera. For more of Chelsey, look at page 319.



Amanda Evans chills out in her blow-up pool as a baby. Relaxing used to be a whole lot simpler back then. Check out page 327 for more.



Little Christopher Demuth leans on his dog for support. Luckily, the dog seems just as happy as Chris. See more of Chris on page 311.



Zach Barsman

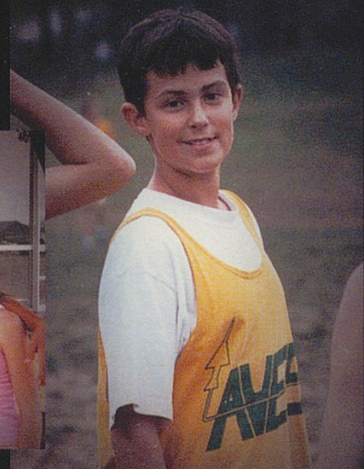
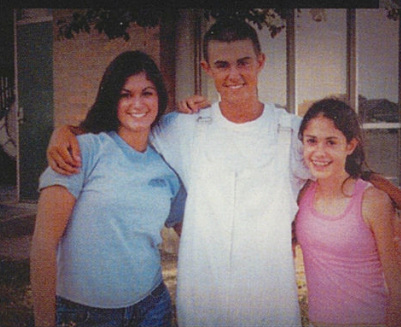
Zach,
You are the best. You
are bright, kind,
funny- a wonderful
friend, son and
brother. We are so
proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sherry



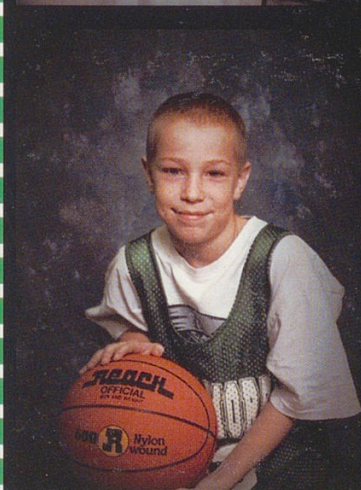
Chris Demuth

To our son- your heart
and soul shine in your
eyes. The little boy who
was always on the go.
You have grown from
playing with sticks to
making music with
them. May the rhythm
of life forever beat
strongly for you. Keep
dreaming (SCV).
We love you,
Dad and Mom



Todd Juran

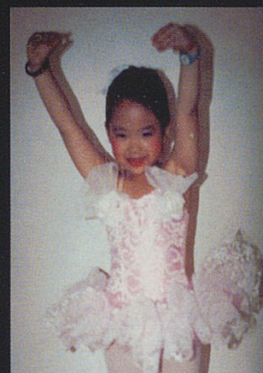
Todd,
You've always been
such a good sport!!!
Congratulations!!!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Emily,
Noah and Jennie



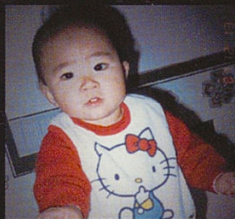
Connie,
Congratulations on your great
achievement! We are so proud of
you. May you appreciate what
you have and find happiness
along the way.
We love you very much,
Mom Dad and Valerie



Connie
Hsiung



Sayuri Kogami



Congratulations Sayuri! Keep your dreams and reach for the stars!! Good luck at college.

Love,
Mom and Dad
You are the best sister.
We love you!
Akari, and Yuya

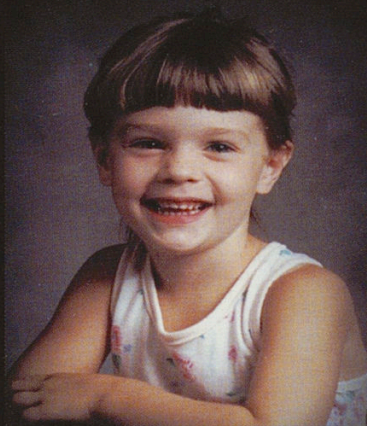


Nicole Stowers



You knew we'd use this photo someday. What better place than in your senior yearbook? We're so proud of you! But you'll always be our baby!
Mom and Dad

Kristin Grueninger



Kristin,
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. You have grown into a fun, loving and caring person. Continue to grow and share your talents. Congratulations!

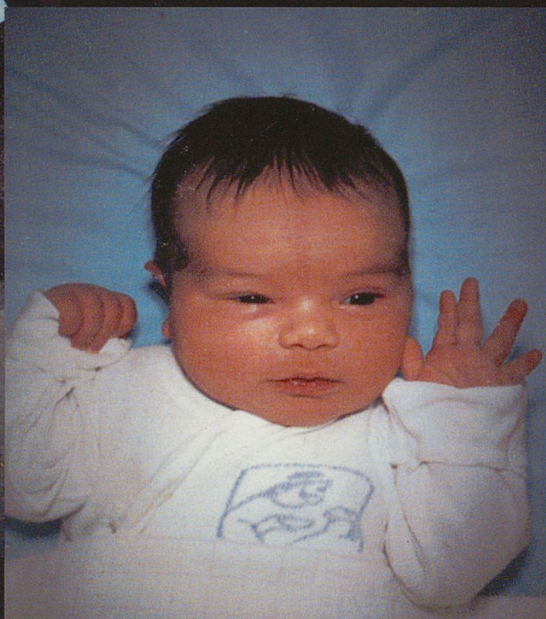
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Rob



Catherine Phillips

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your back
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand

With love,
Mom, Dad, and Family





Jennifer and Theresa Steinhardt



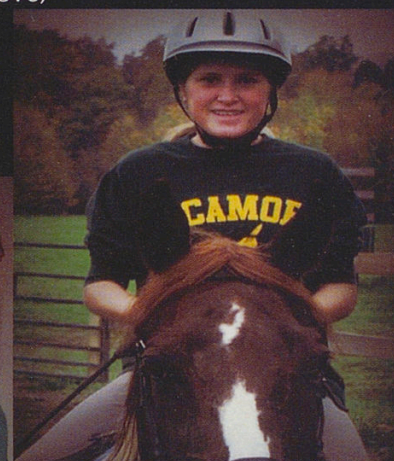
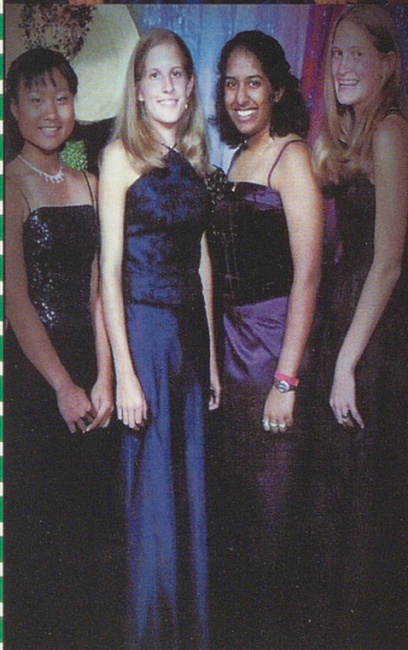
There's so much fun in having two
Especially when as nice as you
So much alike, forever linked,
And yet you're also quite distinct

You may share a birthday and a name
And many interests are the same
But one likes math, the other history
Theresa plays the piano, Jen reads a mystery

Both of you have accomplished so much
In your classes, cross country, volunteering and such.
Your kindness and caring have been plain to see
Yes, you've made us proud as we can be

Your future awaits you - opportunities galore
Follow your dreams and you'll find so much more
Theresa and Jennifer, you are our blessings from above,
To our two beautiful girls, we offer our love

Mom and Dad



Laura Ebetino

Laura,
You have been a joy since the day
you were born. Congratulations,
we are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Meaghan, and Frank



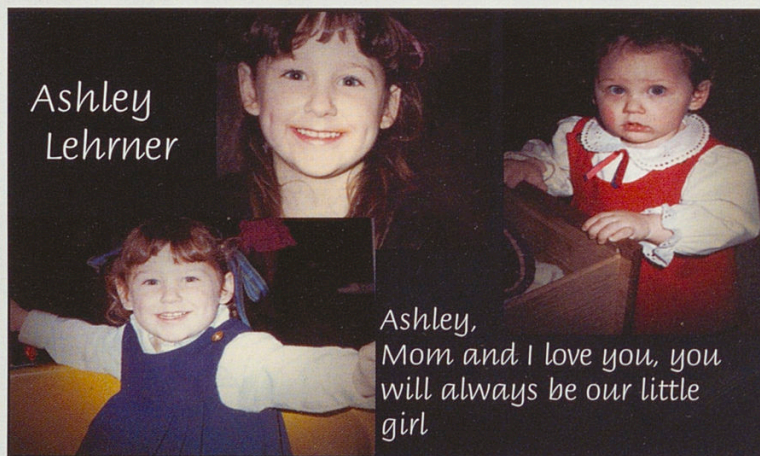
Troop 678

To the ladies of troop 678: Dara, Amber,
Kimberly, Annitra, Catherine, Amy, Rachel, Leah,
Mandy, and Maki,

Thank you for letting us be a part of your lives for the
past 12 years. Thank you to your parents for sharing
you with us. All our best wishes for your dreams to
become realities.

Margaret Sanders, Sherry Lind, Colleen Phillips

Ashley Lehrner



Ashley,
Mom and I love you, you
will always be our little
girl

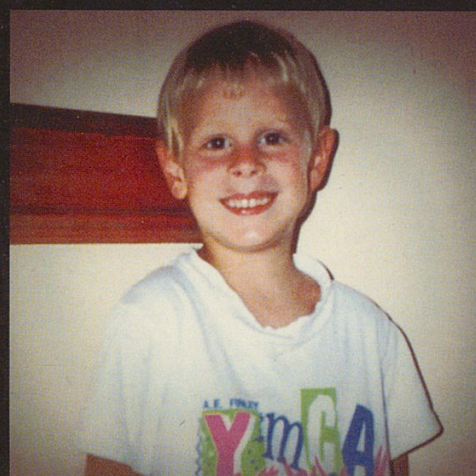
Daniel Schwartz

In the last seventeen years we have watched you grow
From a baby in Raleigh to a boy in Plano

And later when we moved to Cincinnati
We watched you grow fast which was good for hockey

We are all proud of the young man you have become
Congratulations Dan!

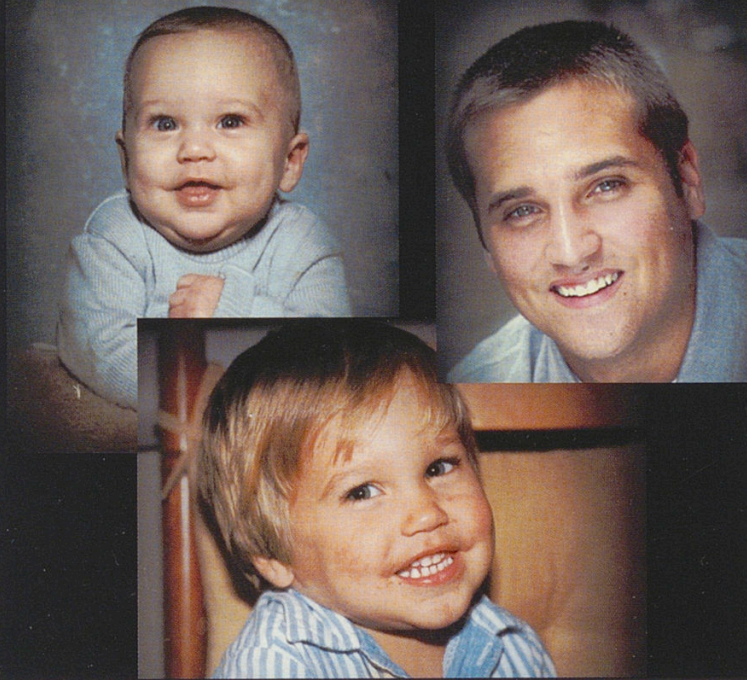
Love,
Eric, Dad, and Mom



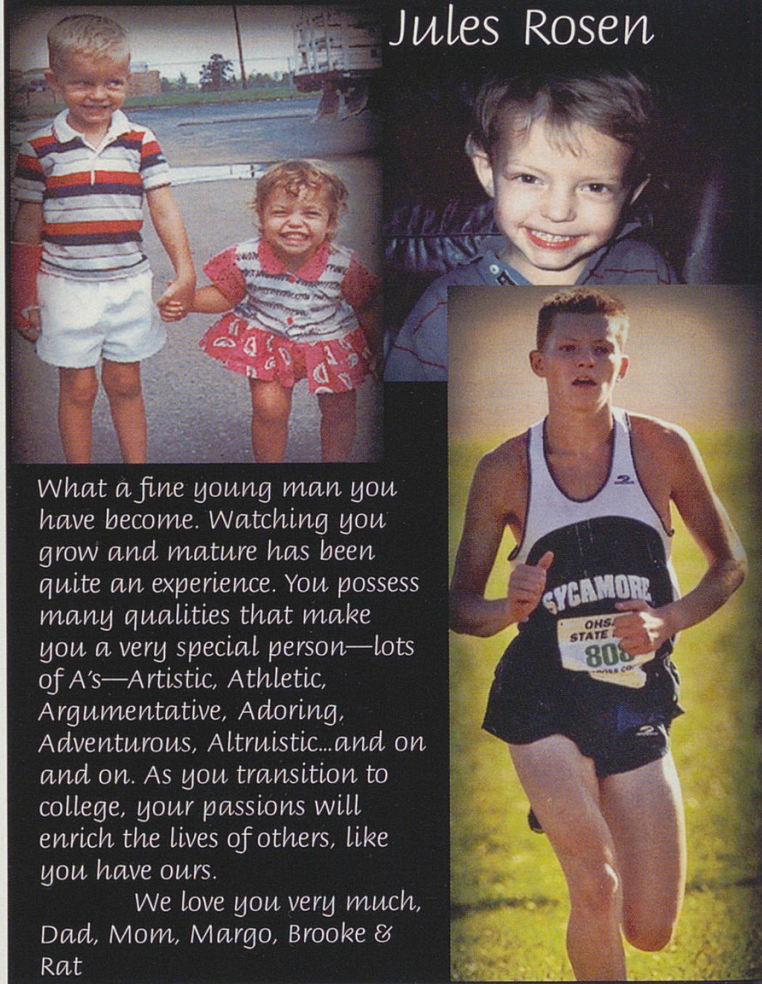
Alex Speckert

We are proud of the caring young man you have become. We know you will continue to be the best you can be.

We love you,
Dad and Mom, Robby- Cleo and Layla, Adam
and Brad



Jules Rosen



What a fine young man you have become. Watching you grow and mature has been quite an experience. You possess many qualities that make you a very special person—lots of A's—Artistic, Athletic, Argumentative, Adoring, Adventurous, Altruistic...and on and on. As you transition to college, your passions will enrich the lives of others, like you have ours.

We love you very much,
Dad, Mom, Margo, Brooke & Rat

Hailey Werthaiser



We wish you the best life has to offer. You have filled our hearts with love and pride. We love you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Ahilan Sivaganesan

Congratulations, Ahilan! We applaud your enthusiasm, perseverance, great accomplishments, and, above all, the person you are. It's been a wonderful 18 years. Good luck!

Love,
Amma and Appa



Jennifer Latessa



Jen,
You continue to amaze us with your creativity, determination, kindness, love for life and sensitivity towards others. Keep that great smile and sense of humor and the gift you have of adventure and imagination. You have overcome all the obstacles placed before you and are stronger for it. You will always be our beautiful butterfly.

Love you!

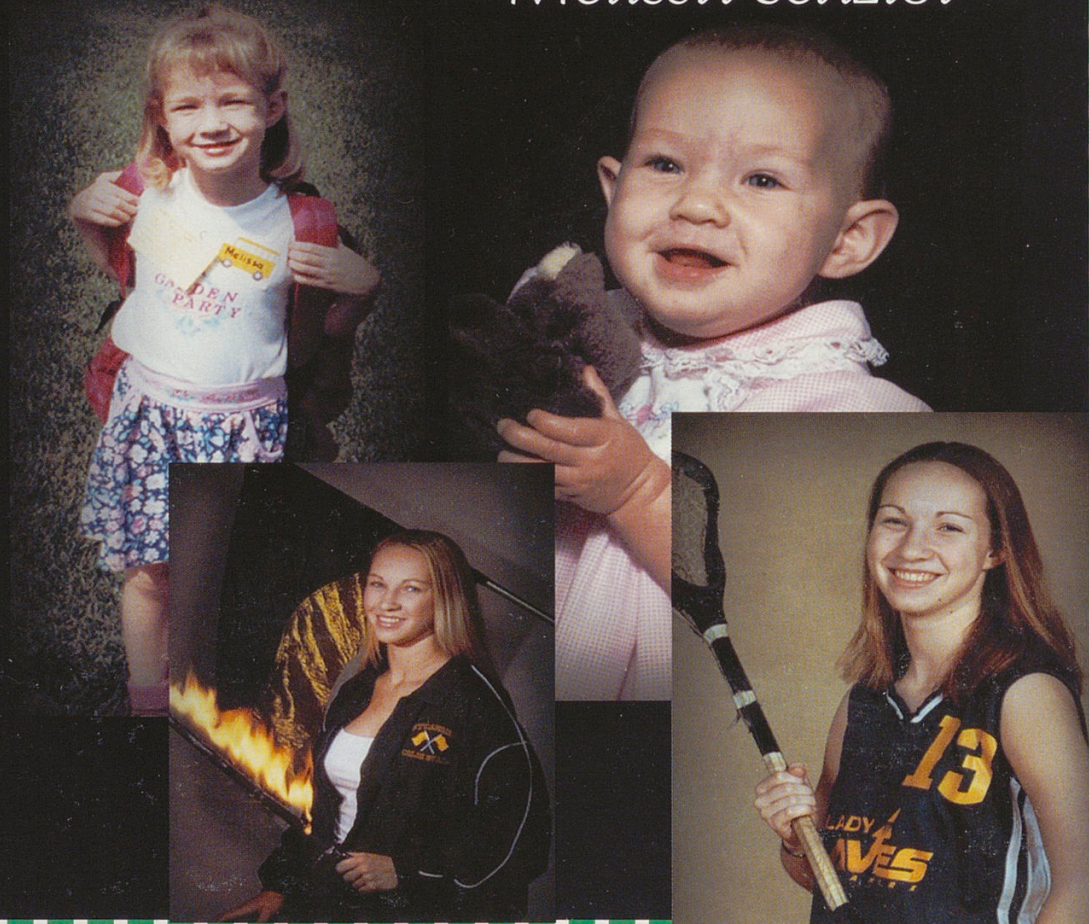
Amy, Allie, Mike, Dad, and Mom



Melissa Sedziol

Melissa,
You are our favorite wonderful daughter and a special sister one could have. You have grown to be an exceptional lady. You have many gifts and talents. A bright future awaits you. Dream big and go for it! Congratulations Melissa!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Michael,
Mark, and Matthew



Deborah Miller



Dear Deborah,
We are so proud of the
beautiful and
thoughtful woman you
have become. We will
love you always.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Lauren

Deborah

Jenny Belsky



Jen,
you make everyday of
our lives very special. We
enjoy being with you so
much. A parent could
not have more pride
then we do for you. We
are always here for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad!!!

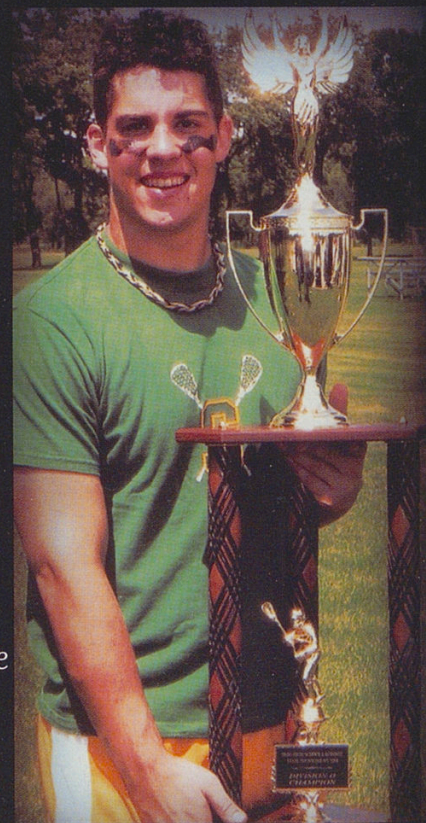


John M. Zalucki

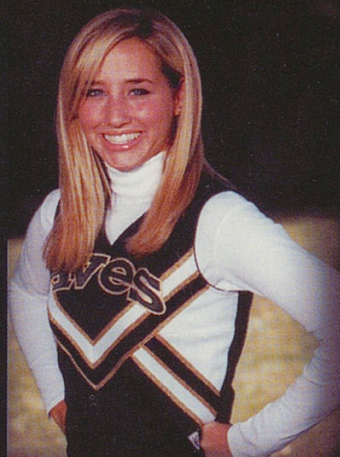
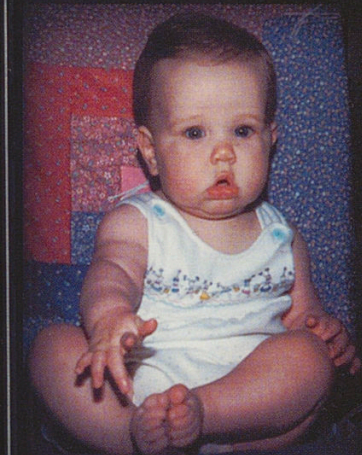


Johnathan,
Congratulations on three great years at
Sycamore!
You have always had a passion inside
you which has allowed you to succeed in
all you do. This strength will enable you
to grow and realize all your dreams.
We are so proud of you and know that life
holds many wonderful things for you!
Believe in all your passions!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Nick, and Alina



Alyssa Molnar



Alyssa
Congratulations! We
are so proud of you
and are confident that
you will succeed in
whatever you choose to
pursue. Thank you for
always bringing so
much joy into our lives.
We love you and wish
you much happiness!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Andrew



Caitlin Bokulic



Dear Caitlin,
We love you more than the
world. We believe in you
and know that with your
genuine concern for others,
your winning smile, your
intellectual curiosity, and
your determination, that
you will succeed in
anything you desire. You
are truly a blessing!
With love,
Mom, Dad, and Erin

Edward McCormick

EJ,

To our "little" fireman, John Deere lovin', Ford truck drivin', Irish MAN;
Your whole family, both near and far, are very proud of you. We wish you only
happiness and success as you pursue your dream to be a "big" fireman.

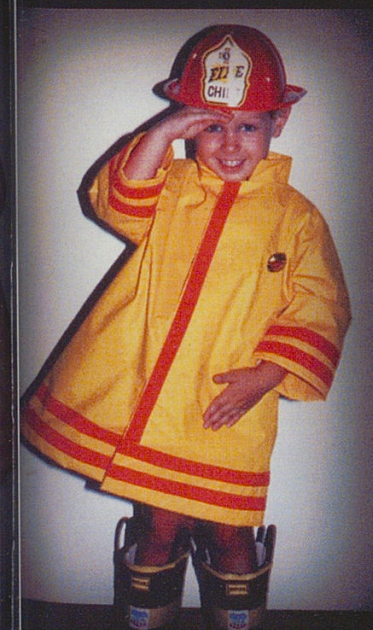
An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your
back
May the sun shine warm upon your
face.
May the rains fall soft upon your
fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of
His hand.

We LOVE you,
Mom, Dad, and Sarah

A Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
Whenever flames may rage;
Give me strength to save my life,
Whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late
Or save an older person
From the horror of that fate
Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout.
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling
To guard my every neighbor
And protect his property.



Tommy Crabill

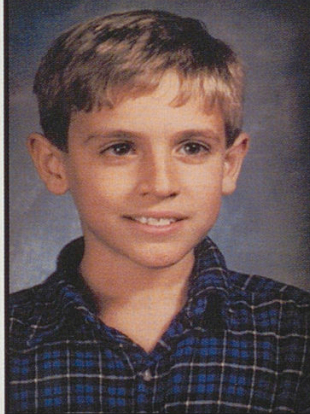


Keep smiling. Your happiness is infectious to all around you. We love you.
Mom, Dad, Carrie, and Emily

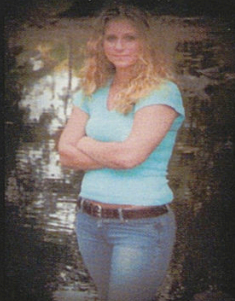


Andrew Samuels

Congratulations Andrew! We love and are so proud of you.
Mom, Keith, Adam, Josh, Jenna, Emily, Carrie, and Melanie



Megan Brown

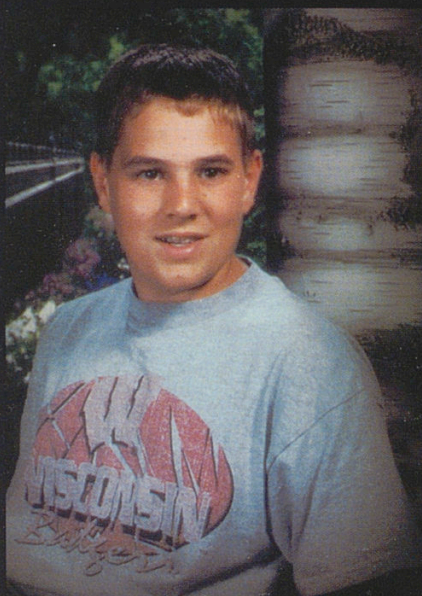


Congratulations! We are so proud of you. May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Cameron Sean Swoboda



Cam,
The man, the myth, the legend....
We are so very proud of you-
Congratulations and good luck.

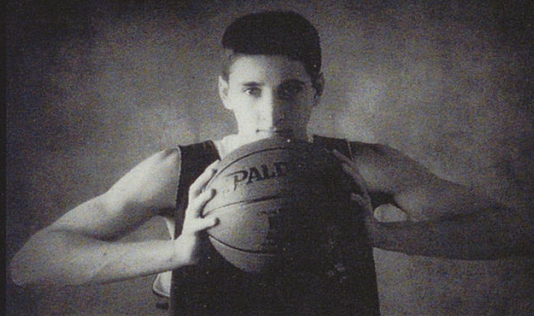
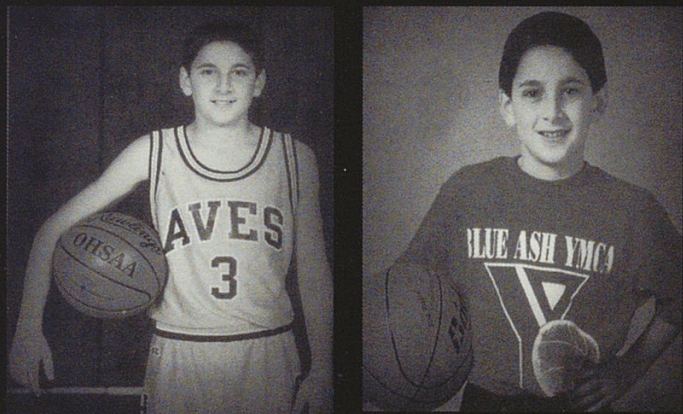
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Ian



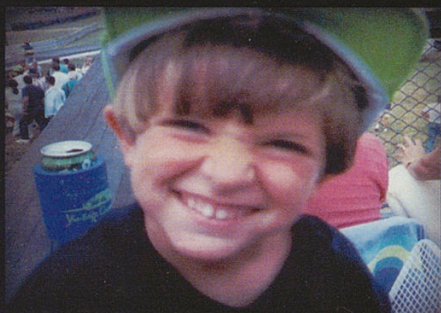
Mark Shuller

It's been fun watching you spread
your wings in preparing to fly like
an aviator. Congrats and good luck.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brynn, and Abby



Jimmy Kagrise



I'm so proud of you and all you've
accomplished. May all your dreams come
true. Always believe in yourself and strive to
be the best that you can be.

Love,
Mom and Jared

Chelsey Baughard



Chelsey,
Take the wings we've
given you and soar!
Remember always to not
get so caught up in life
that you forget to live!
We are so proud of you
and we love you-
Mom and Dad



Mandi Mandell



Mandi,
The day you were born our
world became a better place.
Keep smiling. Keep laughing.
Keep pursuing your dreams.
Remember that you can reach
whatever goals you set out to
achieve. We will always be your
biggest and loudest
cheerleaders.
We love you-Always
Mom and Dad

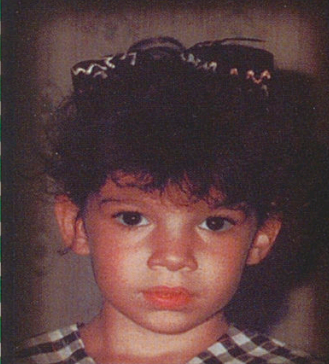


Logan Dick

"Put your future in good hands- your own."

We are so proud of you. We are looking forward to the future adventures of "Super Logan."

Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Evan



Kim Sykes

Dear Kimmy:

Congratulations!

What joy we've had in watching you grow and become an adult.

Your determination and insight will always help you achieve your goals.

We are so proud of you.

Live your dreams, for the future is what you make it. God bless you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jen



Jake Sanders

Wow...time flies...We are so proud of you!!! Go out and make a difference in the world...Remember, "Life's a journey, not a destination."

xoxoxoo Mom, Dad, Sami, and Zoey



Jen Ramstetter

Keep smiling, Jenny poo!

We're proud of your leadership and accomplishments. Good luck at Miami-Oxford!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nancy, Lisa, Ann, Paul, and Brian



Lauren Jones

Congratulations, Lauren! Best wishes in all you do. We love you!

Dad, Mom, and Ryan

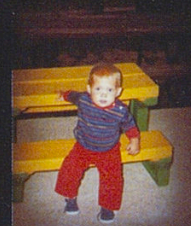


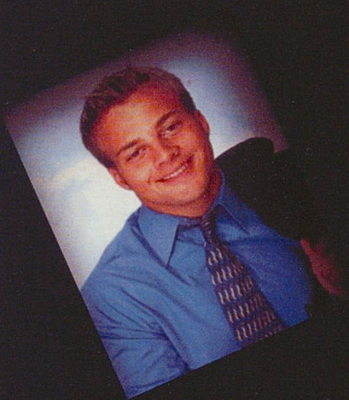
Jeff Miller

Congratulations!

We wish you success and Happiness for your future.

Love Always,
Dad, Mom, Kevin, and Christy





David Grubbs

For such a stud,
You are a true gentleman.
You never cease to make us laugh,
And remind us how fun life can be.

When you smile,
It literally lights up our world.
Nothing can stop the genuine love and dedication
you radiate.

It's hard not to adore someone as cute as you, Mookie!

Congratulations and thank you,
You will always be our little Doovidle!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jenny, Samantha, and Ariel



Melanie Klein

You are a treasure in our hearts!
We hope your
future will be happy, healthy,
and fulfilling.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Stacie

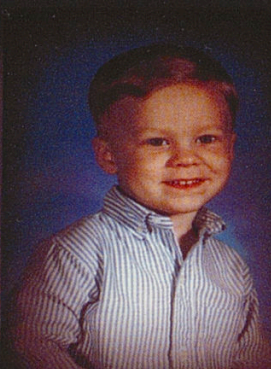


Rob Kirkpatrick

"Of those whom much is given,
much is required."
-John F. Kennedy

Rob, we are so proud of you!
Your character, integrity,
intelligence,
and judgment will serve you well in
the future.
We love you.

Mom, Dad, Beth, and Katherine



Alton Lee

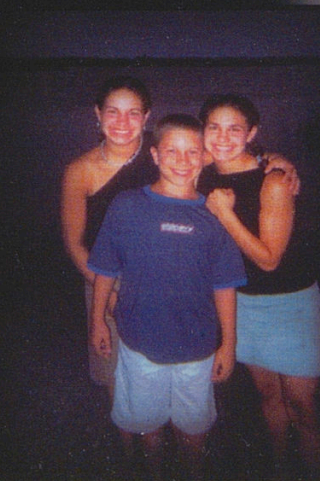


"AWESOME ALTON" remains on the move since his first steps. Now WE WISH you THE BEST as YOU SEEK GALAXIES, BECOME ALL YOU CAN AND ENJOY THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY!!

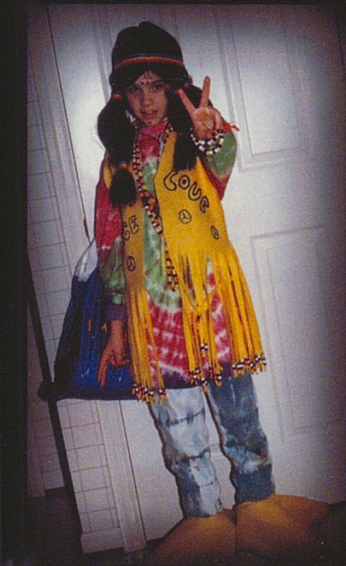
LOVE,
Mom, Father John, Aaron, Ayla, and Anne

Sarah and Rachel Yanow

Rachel and Sarah,
Remember to:
Keep your eyes on the stars,
Keep your feet on the ground,
And never take life too seriously!
Love you near and far,
Mom, Dad, and Paul

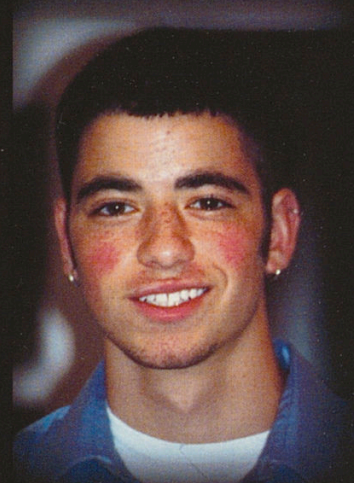


Lindsey Ettinger



Congratulations
Lindsey!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Gabe Goldstein



To our sweet boobaloo-
Wishing you good luck
and success in whatever
you choose to do.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and April

Joel Badanes

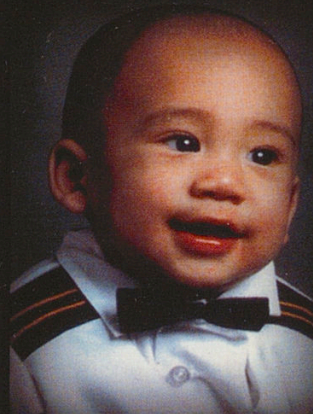


"There are places I remember
all my life though some have
changed. Some forever not for
better; some have gone and
some remain. All those places
had their moments with
lovers and friends I still can
recall...I know I'll often stop
and think about them..."



Joel,
I wish you all the very best as you leave one
chapter of your life and begin another.
Remember- All my loving , I give to you.
Forever,
Mom

Tim Graulty



Dear Tim,
We are proud of your
accomplishments through the
years- from elementary school
in Symmes, to middle school
in Japan, to high school in
Sycamore. Above all, we are
most proud of the young man
you have become. Know that
you have our full support as
you move forward in your life.
We are sure you will succeed
in whatever you choose to do
Our love always,
Mom, Dad, J.P., Chris, and
Nina



Brittany Borchard

We are so proud to see how
You have grown over these last 4 years
Into a beautiful woman, working
Toward the career you want.
We all love you very much
And pray for your happiness.

Mom, Dad, Tiffany,
Randy, Denise, & Gabrielle



Emily Freedman

Keep on groovin'!
Love,
Your biggest fans,
Mom, Dad, and Alex



Cydney Wayne

Best wishes and congratulations on
your graduation. As you begin a more
challenging part of your education, keep
reaching for the stars and stay true
to yourself. Keep holding on to your dreams
because they really do come true.

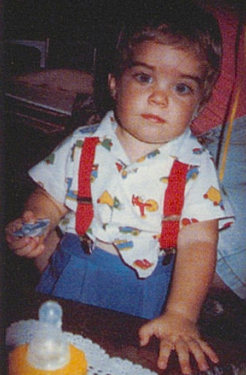
With love,
Dad and Susan



Eric Woebbe

Eric,
You have been a challenge, but
the reward is seeing what a bright
young man you have grown to be.
We know you will accomplish great
things!
We love you and will always
be here for you!

Mom, Dad, and Melissa



Monica Samuels

This day marks a new beginning
with new opportunities waiting for you.
You have all you need to make your
dreams come true. Aim high and have
fun doing what you love to do.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Jeff Brown

Dear Jeff-

You can't imagine how quickly these 18 years have passed for us. We've been so blessed to have you as our son. You've been an easy child to raise and have grown into an outstanding young man. You will enjoy much success and happiness in your life. Don't ever lose your kind heart and your wonderful spirit.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Nicole Smile



Thank you for being such a wonderful daughter. You are a special blessing. May the Lord richly bless you with a lifetime of peace, joy and fulfillment in all you do.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Kyle Pieper

You stole my heart the minute I held you in my arms. We are so proud of you, Kyle.

Continue down the path of success and soar...the sky's the limit.

Now go find your dreams. Congratulations.

We love you,

Mom and your adorable sister, Courtney



Mark Wright

Mark,
From the moment you were born you've
given us nothing but joy.
We are so proud of your accomplishments
and the wonderful young man you've become.
We believe in you and will be behind
you every step you take along life's path.
Remember, the best things in life aren't things.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nana, John, and Sarah



Jennifer Singer

Jennifer,
You are our sunshine.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Melissa,
& Laura



William DeCourcy

continue to work hard, and
make what you do matter.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Michael



Jared Steinberg

Jared-
Oh the places you'll go!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself
Any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you
know what you know,
And YOU are the guy who'll decide
where to go.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jordan and Jillian

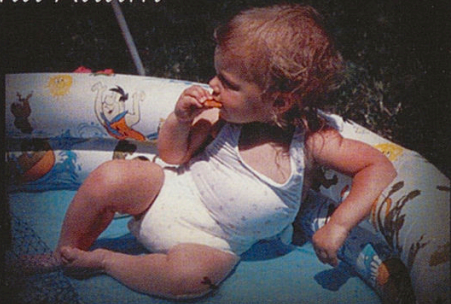


Congratulations class of 2005!!!

Amanda Evans

Amanda,
We're proud of your
accomplishments and wish
you much happiness and
success.

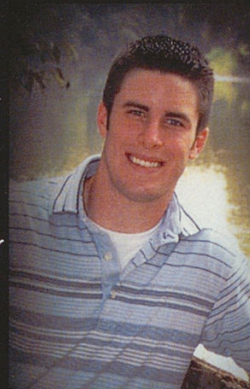
We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Adam



Ben Matthews

Find your passion and success
will find you.
Follow your heart and what you
know is right. We are so very
proud
of you and know that you will
have a bright future. "Buddies for
life."

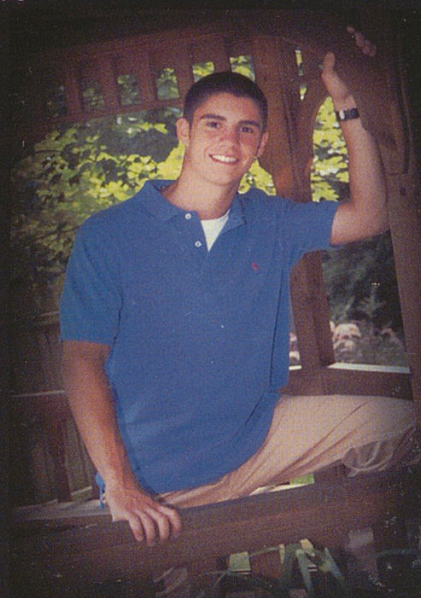
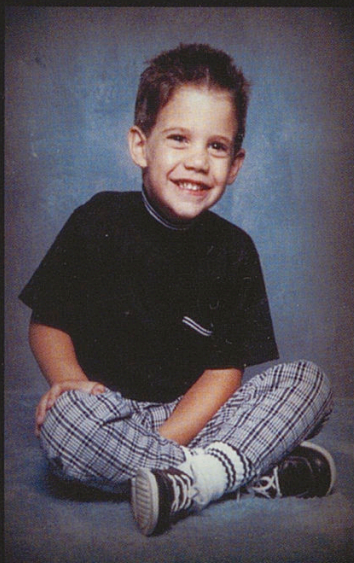
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jason



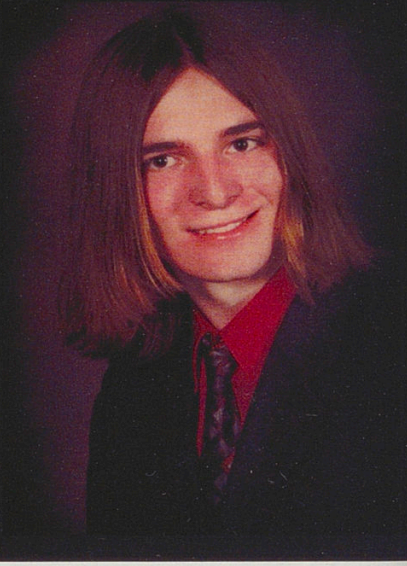
Nick Valeriani

Dear Nick,
The Cincinnati years will always
hold great memories.
Now it's time to go after your dreams.
We are so proud of the person you've
become and we'll be cheering
for you every step of the way!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Dion T. Tindera



The key to happiness is having dreams. The key to success is making them come true. We know you will be successful in whatever you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Michela

Robbie Knodle



Robbie Knodle,
We are proud of you
and the wonderful
young man you have
become.

Love always,
Mom and Dad



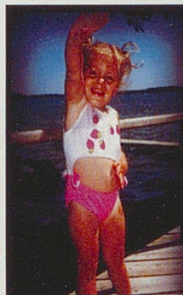
Jeremy Miller



Herme,
Keep on smiling- stay as
kind as you are- stay
healthy and strong- And
you won't go wrong!
We love you,
Mom and Dad



Ashley White



This has only been the first chapter.
Your adventure continues. Remember
to enjoy life, be thoughtful and true
to yourself. And, that we'll always be
here for you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Andrew

Shae Meisner



We are so proud of your courage and maturity. Now you are onto a new chapter. Enjoy your life and fulfill your dreams.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Leah Boyll

"There is a candle in every soul,
Some brightly shining,
Some dark and cold.
There is a spirit who brings the fire
Ignites his candle and makes his home

Carry your candle,
Run to the darkness.
Seek out the hopeless,
confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all
to see it.
Take your candle and go
light your world!"



"Let your light shine before others,
so that
They may see your good works and
give
Glory to your father who is in
heaven."

-Matthew 5:16
Love,
Mom and Dad



Maika J. Arnold



We wish you a great journey!
Find and experience great
friendships, God's love and
meaningful adventure. May
you find your passion and live
life to the fullest.



Heather Hess

*Any dream can become reality
if only we believe in it enough.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Kevin, & Kyle*



Laura Keough

*Laura, my youngest,
"Oh the places you'll go!"
I respect and admire who you've become- even as
you've faced some of life's major challenges so
early.*

*May your hopes and dreams come true.
You've only just begun!
My love & support forever,
Mom*

You so enriched your Dad's life!!



Andrew Samuels

*Andrew,
Beyond the grades
and your
persistence on the
field and in the
classroom, your
part in our family
has made me very
proud of you!
Love,
Dad*



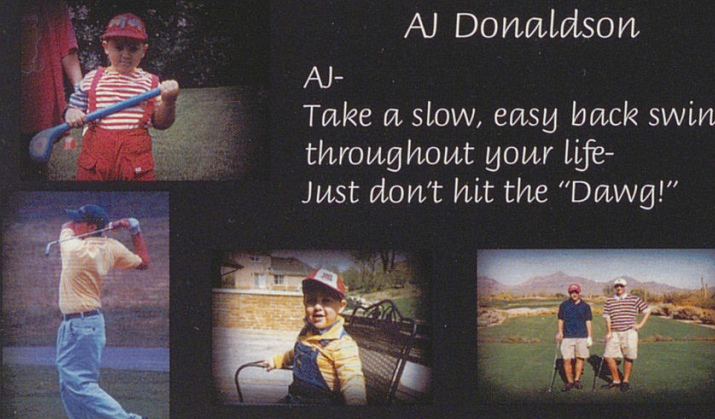
Phillip Hardy

*P.C.
Happiness comes in many forms.
Always be happy, be smart, and be safe.
We're so proud of you!
L.O.L.
Mom, Dad, and Doug*



AJ Donaldson

*AJ-
Take a slow, easy back swing
throughout your life-
Just don't hit the "Dawg!"*



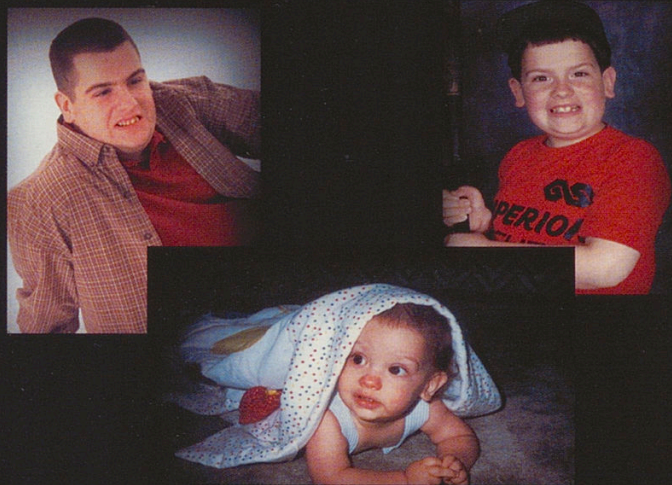
Marc Fried

Dear Marc,

Never loose your ability to dream of all you can do:

Yours is the Earth and everything in it. And, which is more, our Marc, you *can* reach for the stars.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad & Aaron

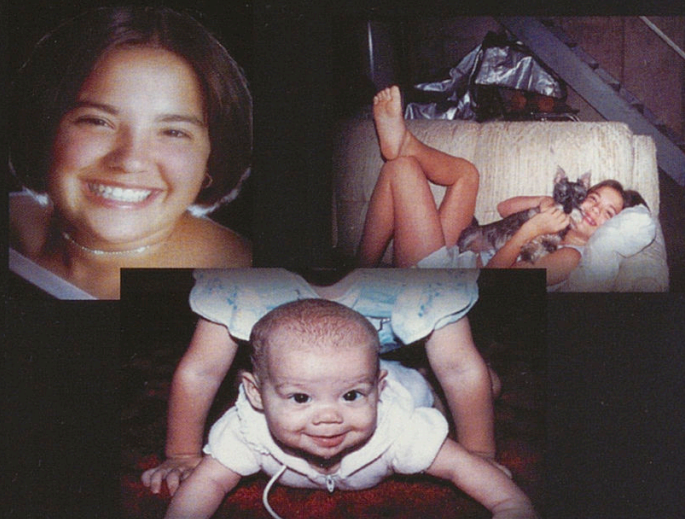


Sarah Fenstermaker

Sarah,

Job well done! We are so proud of you.
Always remember we love you!

Dad, Mom, Becky, & Sarah



Andy Johnson

"Follow your heart and your dreams will come true."

We love you and will always believe in you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Erik



Heather Murphy



Heather,

When you were a baby we used to say, "She's too good to be true."

Eighteen years later we look at you and still think the same thing.

You are extraordinary and we love you beyond words.

Mom, Dad, Tony & Kenny





Samina
Piracha



Even though we sometimes wish you'd stay our "klitzekleine Min" (teeny-tiny Mina) forever, we are so proud of the wonderful young woman you became.

With all our love,
Your Mom, Dad, Nadia, Nawid, and Saeed

You may be saying
good-bye to High
School, but hello to
your future!
"For I know the plans
I have for you,"
declares the Lord
(Jeremiah 29:11)
Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Emily

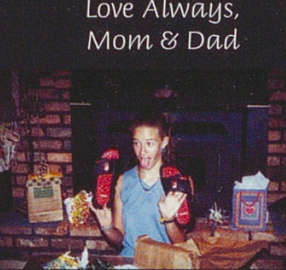
Katie Hess



Rachel Costello

You always were ready for the camera!
We know you will be passionate about
the next chapter of your life—just like
the one you're finishing.

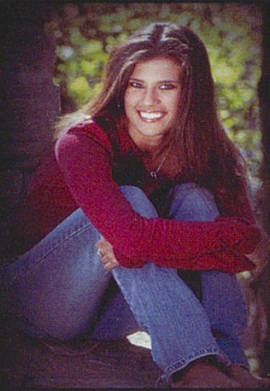
Love Always,
Mom & Dad



Amy Petrocy

You have brought us joy
since the day you were born.
We are proud of the special
person you have become.
As you move on may you
accomplish wonderful
things, find happiness along
the way, and carry our love
deep in your heart. God
bless you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



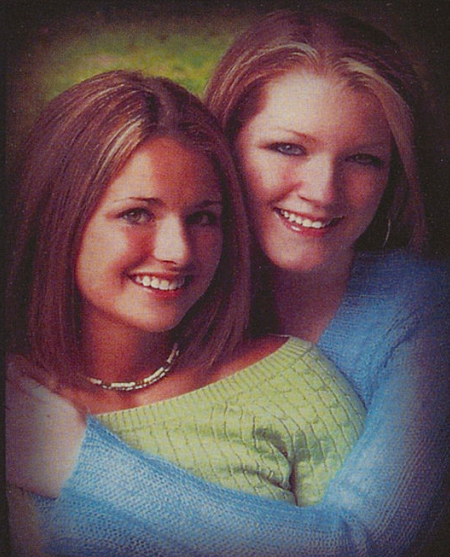
Hey Wink,
Our most brilliant, fashionably chic, creative,
vegetarian, righteous, globe-hopping daughter.
We like your style! Let your heart and spirit
guide your path- your attitude and
determination will ensure a fascinating life's
journey. We're proud of you.
Love,
Dada & Mom

Ali Pohl

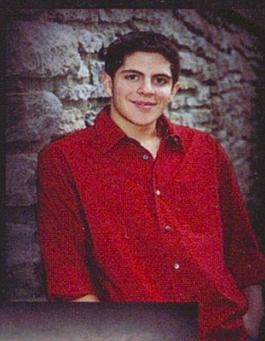
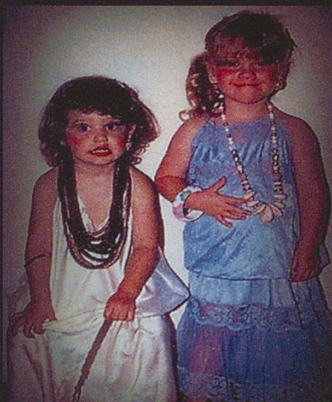


Life may have its dips, but a
dancer dances thru them.

As you take separate paths into the
world, remember and treasure your
past.



Megan & Brittany
Jochum



Sammy,
Words to live by:

Sammy Kanter

"stop talking or you'll loose your voice"

"Georgie, no thumb!"

"have a magical day" and

Always believe in your dreams!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Annie



Ali Newton



May your future be
as bright as your
dreams. We will love
and support you
always.

Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad

"The future is
full of doubt,
indeed, but
fuller still of
hope."- John
Lubbock



Jamie Wislocki

A more loving,
wonderful, and
beautiful daughter
and sister could not
be found. We thank
you.

With love,
Mom, Dad, Andrew,
and Joey

May you flow gently
with the river of life.



Colleen Posey

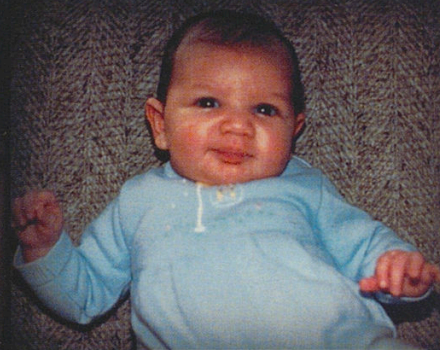
We are so proud of your
strong character and
drive to succeed. What a
joy it has been to share
the last 18 years with
you. We will be at your
side as you venture out to
the next chapter of your
life in Alabama.

Good luck.

We love you,
Mom, John, Ryan, Kelly,
and Maggie



Brian Barasch



Brian,

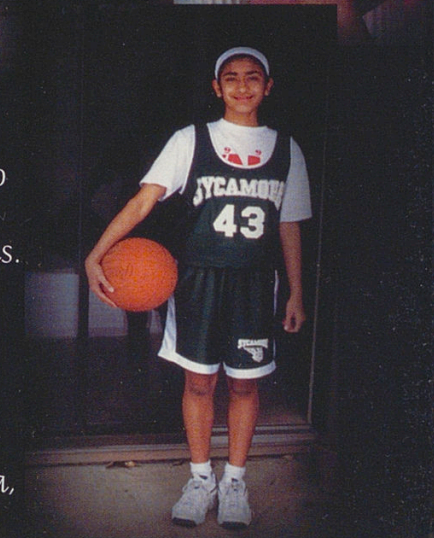
You have shared your joy of life through music
and we will enjoy seeing you continue to make
beautiful music as you fulfill your dreams in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Steph

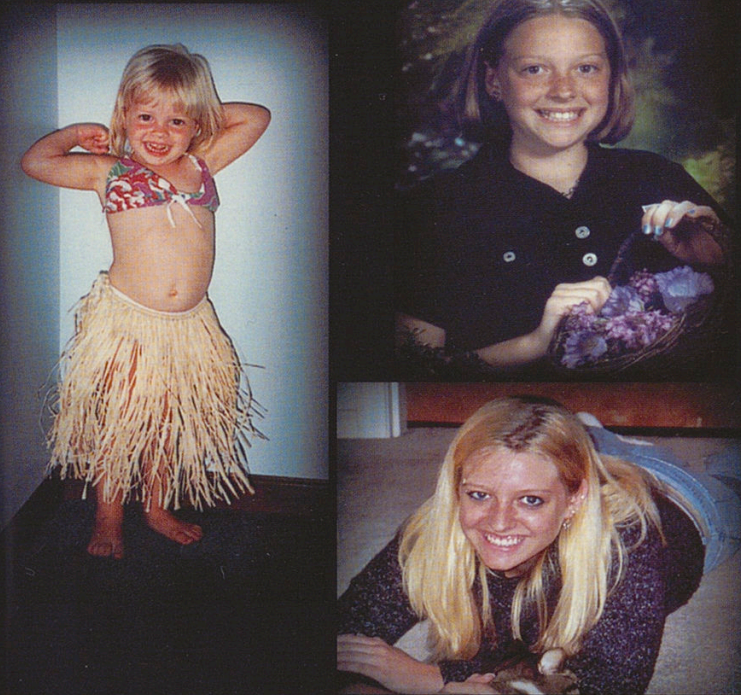
Krittika Baravkar



Your bright smile
radiates happiness
where ever you go. Go
spread this joy and
reach for your dreams.
We will always be
there with you each
step of your
way. Congrats-
Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Niharika,
Aayush

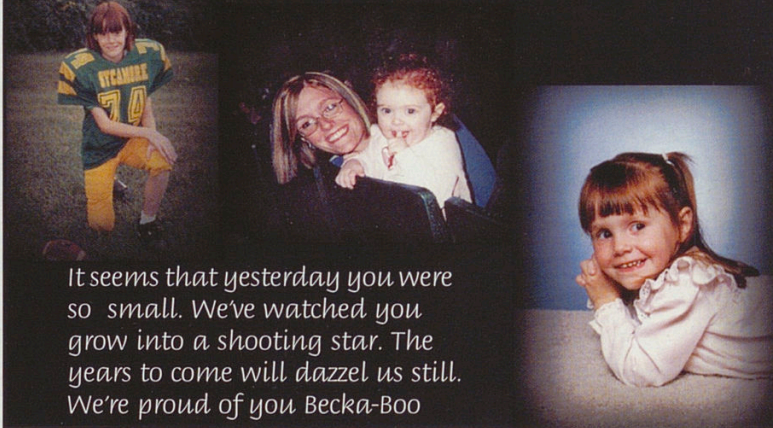


Cassandra Booker



You've made us very proud!
We love you,
Mom, Jim, Dad, Cheryl, Jess,
Maggie, Hannah, and Jimmy

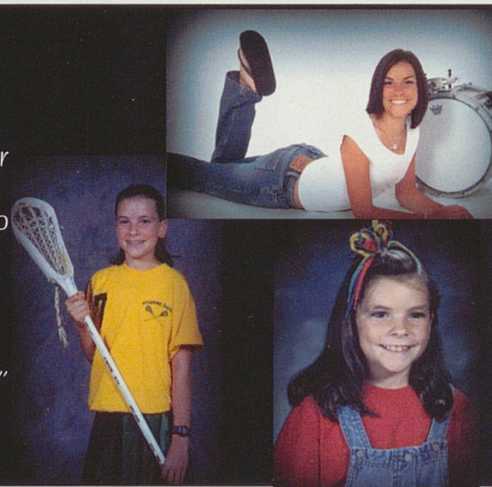
Becky Jemison



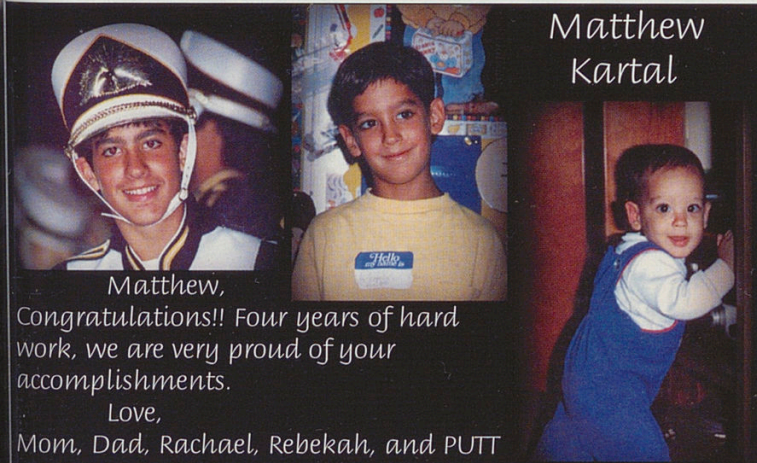
It seems that yesterday you were
so small. We've watched you
grow into a shooting star. The
years to come will dazzle us still.
We're proud of you Becka-Boo

Julie Mueller

James 1:27 NIV
"Religion that God our
Father accepts as pure
and faultless is this: to
look after orphans
and widows in their
distress and to keep
oneself from being
polluted by the world"
We love you,
Mom and Dad



Matthew Kartal



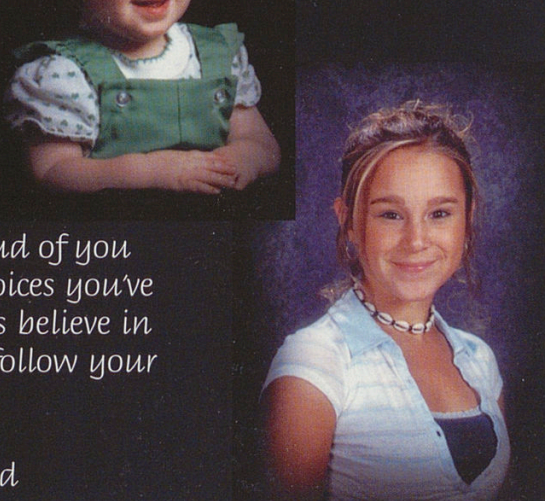
Matthew,
Congratulations!! Four years of hard
work, we are very proud of your
accomplishments.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Rachael, Rebekah, and PUTT



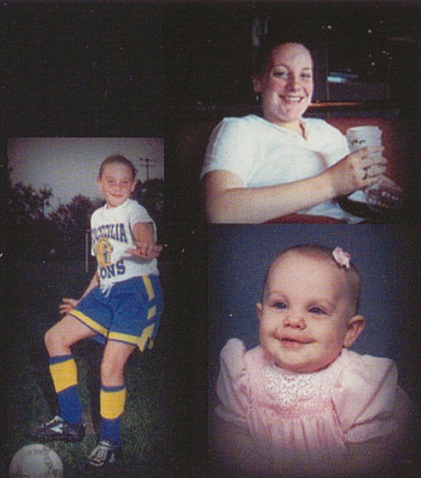
Becca White

Becca,
We are so proud of you
and of the choices you've
made. Always believe in
yourself and follow your
dreams.
We love you!
Mom and Dad



Kelly Spry

We are so proud of all your
achievements. As you close one
chapter in your life, you are
starting to write another. The
best is yet to be. Be the best you
can be at whatever you choose
to do. We love you and we will
miss you, but most of all, we
admire you. You will always
be our piddlin'-poot.
From your #1 fans,
Mom, Dad, and Emily



Emily Tolos

Eyes that twinkle,
Smiles that glow,
You are a friend to all,
And always our star!

Love,
Mom & Dad

I love you Sizer,
Stacy



Matt Proudfit

God has richly blessed us with the
gift of you, our son. We love you more
than words can express. We are very
proud of the man you have become.
Thank you for the joy you have given us.
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Matt
'05



Jacob Blackburn

Jake,
"Life is a song, G-d's love is the Music."
You have always been such a joy and
melody to our lives and to those
around you. Can't wait to see how this
final music composition turns out.
Love you son!
Mom & Dad

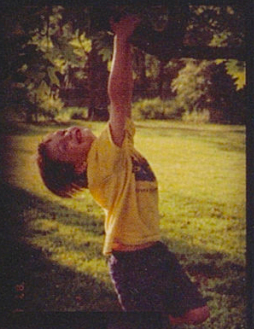
Congratulations Yoda! You did it!
Love you bro,
Danielah



Andy Montague

Andy,
You have grown into such a fine young man.
We are so proud of you! Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Danny & Sarah



Annitra Bailey

Congratulations!
You make us proud.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Alicia



Megan Esrig Miraglia

To the world you might be
one person,

But to us you are the world!

Love forever,

Mom and Steven



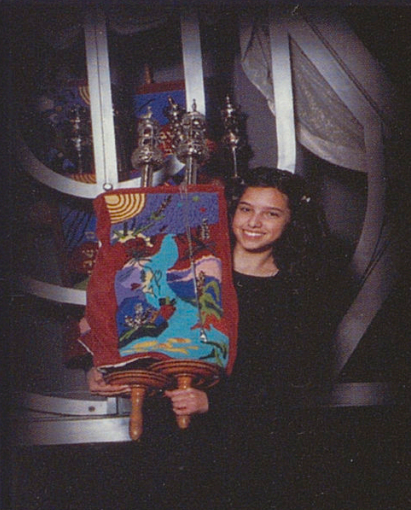
What lies behind us and
what lies before us are small
matters compared to what
lies within us.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



You must be the change you
want to see in the world.

-Mahatma Gandhi



Live as if you were to die
tomorrow.

Learn as if you were to live
forever.

-Mahatma Gandhi

Genius without
education is
like silver in the
mine.

-Benjamin Franklin



John White



Congratualtions on your graduation! We know there will be many more great accomplishments in your future and we can't wait! We are very proud of you!
Love Always,
Mom, Bob, Nick, Sam & Charlie

Dan McGrath

Congrats and good luck!
Love you,
Mom, Dad, and Sarah



Ashley Kindberg

Best of luck to you in all of your life adventures! You have made us very proud as a daughter and a person!
All our love,
Mom, Dad, & Family



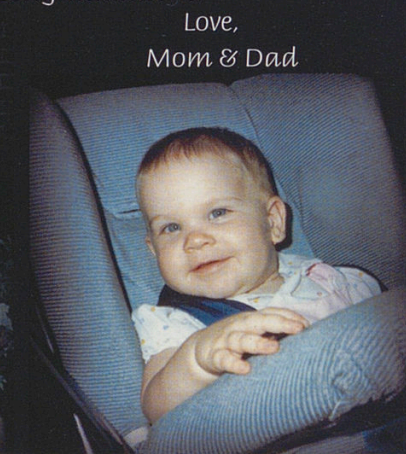
Heather Amber Holley



Heather Holley

We have been blessed to watch you grow and mature into a beautiful young woman. You have always made us proud and thankful to have you as a daughter. Now that it is time for you to end this chapter in your life and begin a new one. We have no doubt that you will exceed all our hopes and wishes for you. Congratulations!

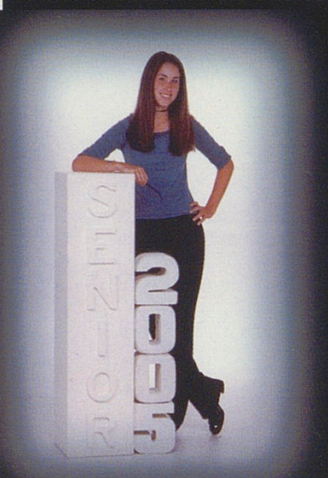
Love,
Mom & Dad



Meredith,
You have been a blessing since the day you were born. You have brought laughter and happiness to your family. Watching you grow to be such a loving, talented individual will serve you well in life. We are proud to be your parents and sister.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Katie

Meredith Post



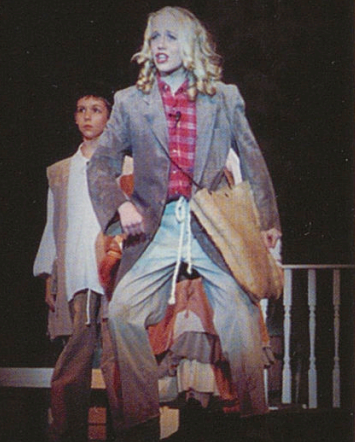
Kati Bakes

We cherish the
compassionate,
determined woman
you've become.

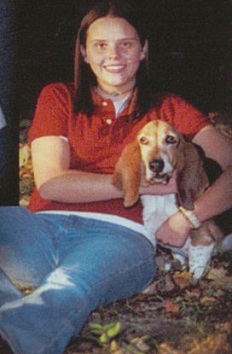
Love,
Mom, Dad, Frank,
and Lynn



"You've got to find what
makes you want to climb,
Don't turn back, work on
toward that Light.
Baby, just got to follow your
heart,
Now its your time to start."



Abbey Luann Hull



Follow your dreams. I am
proud of who you are.

Love,
Mother

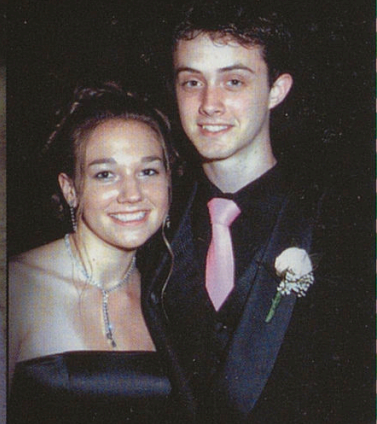


Lizzy...always smiling...
We're so proud of you and
wish you much success
and happiness.
We love you,
Mom and Maggie

Liz Crutcher



Erica Weber



"A Secret Garden"
Prom May 1, 2004

Dear Erica,
I couldn't be more proud of
you! You are a truly
beautiful woman- inside
and out! Follow the Lord
and your heart.
Unconditional love always,
Mom



Joshua Blake Bowyer

Our son, Grandson, Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle, Cousin, Nephew, and Friend.

You are an amazing person and a fine human being. Wherever you go, whatever you choose to do, we will ALL be behind you 100%.

We love you to the moon and back again.





The years have come and gone
and now it's time to graduate.
Stay just how you are. Great job-
Love Always,
Dad & Sharon



Liz Crutcher

Kate Scheineson

May you always be "wild with
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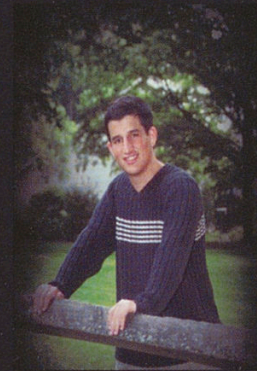
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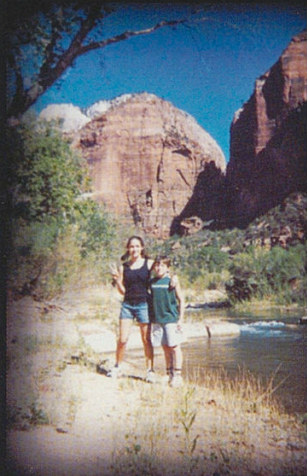
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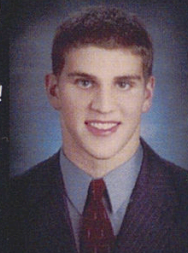


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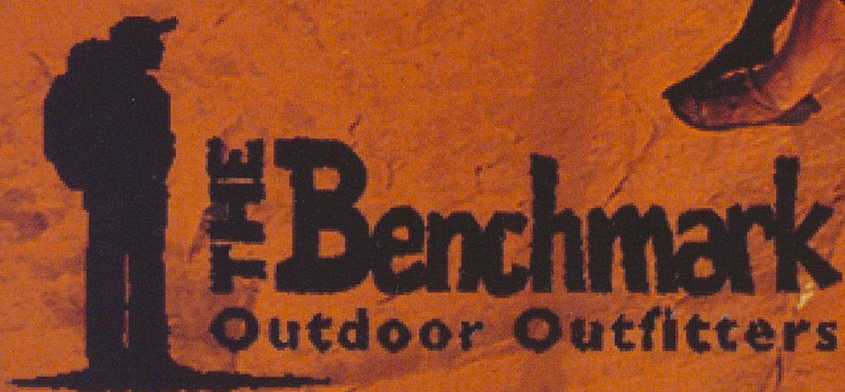
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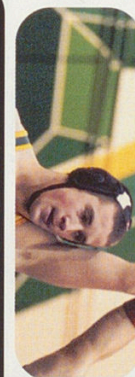
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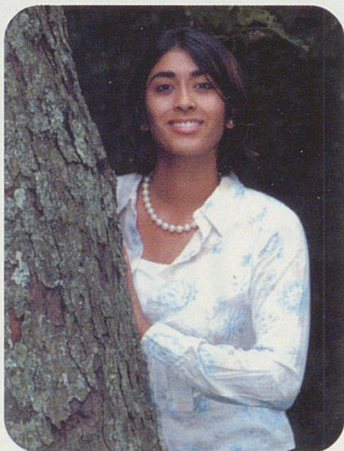
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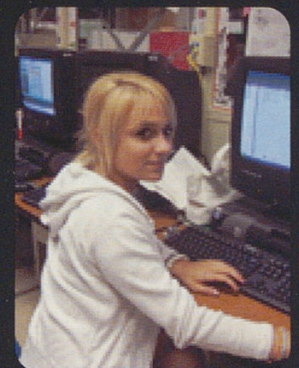
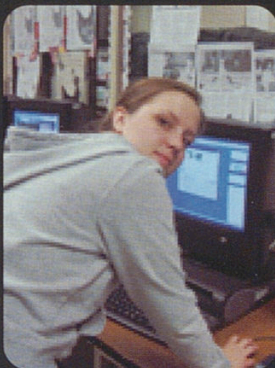
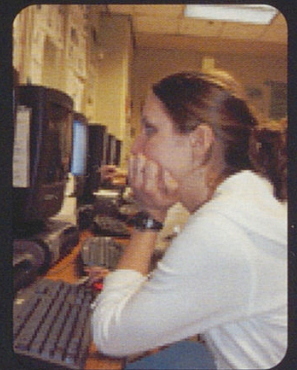


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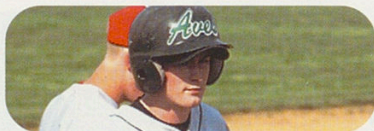
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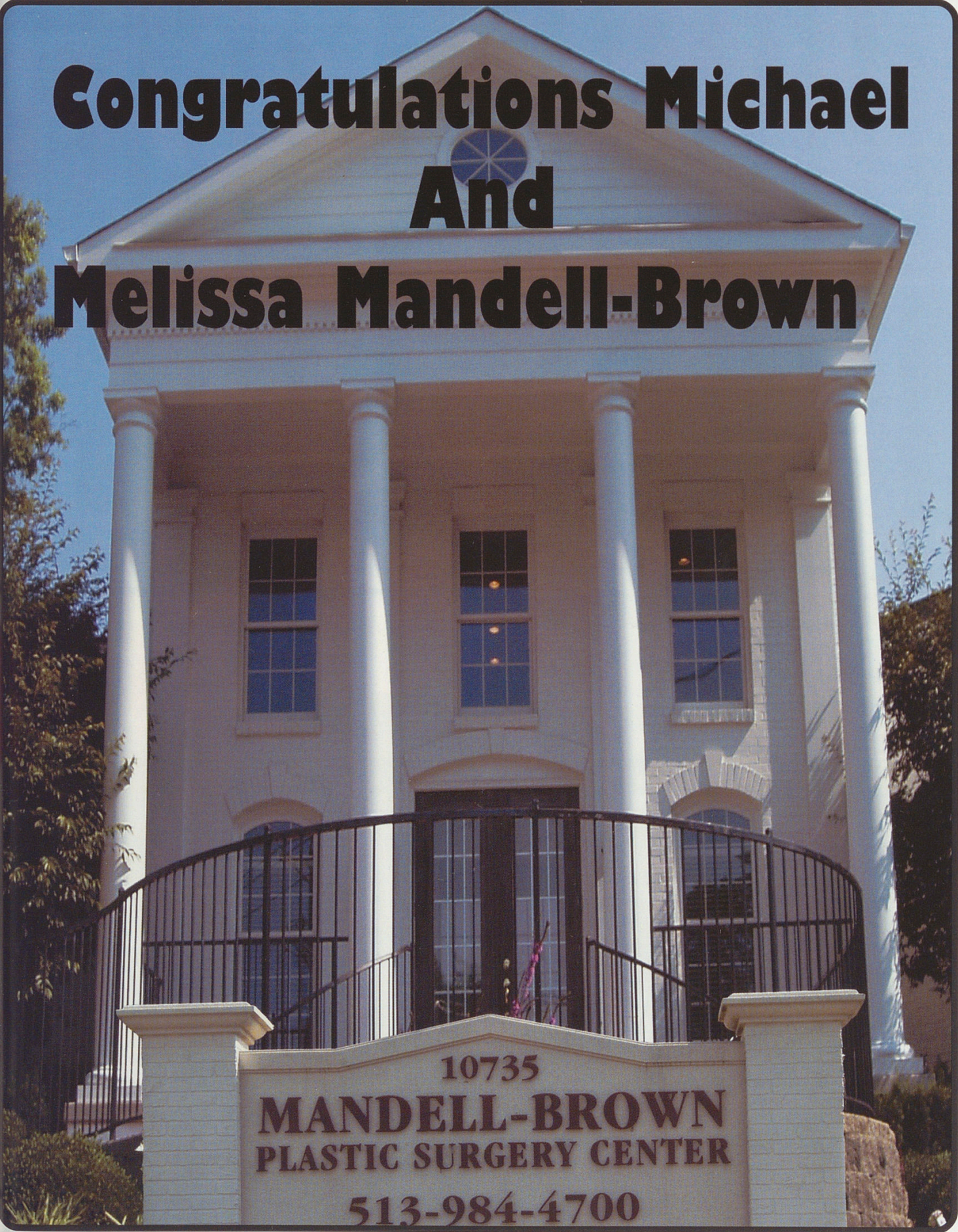
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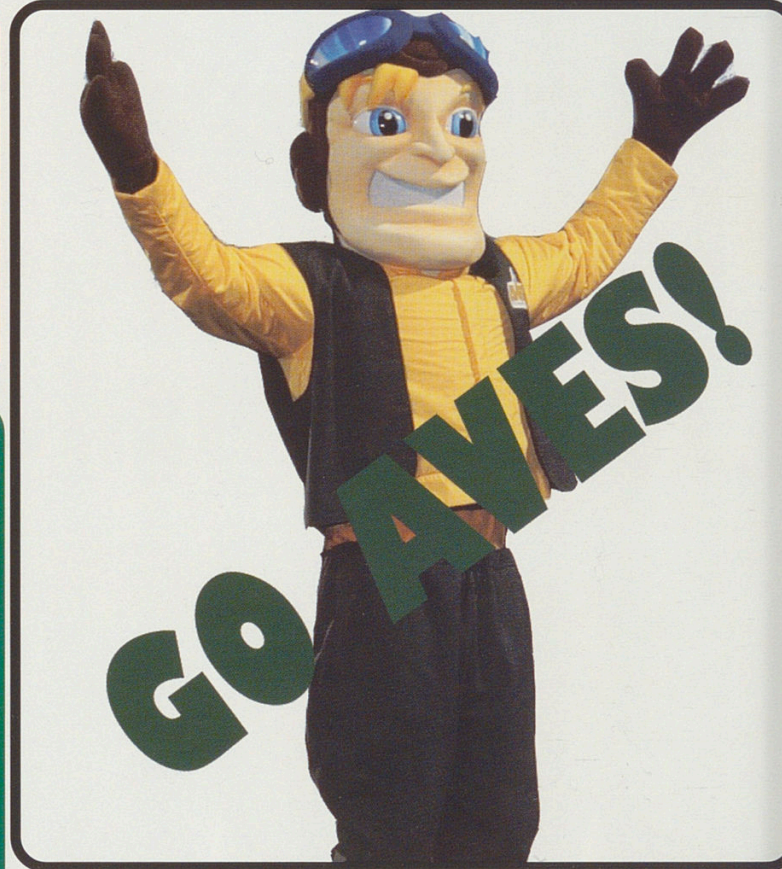
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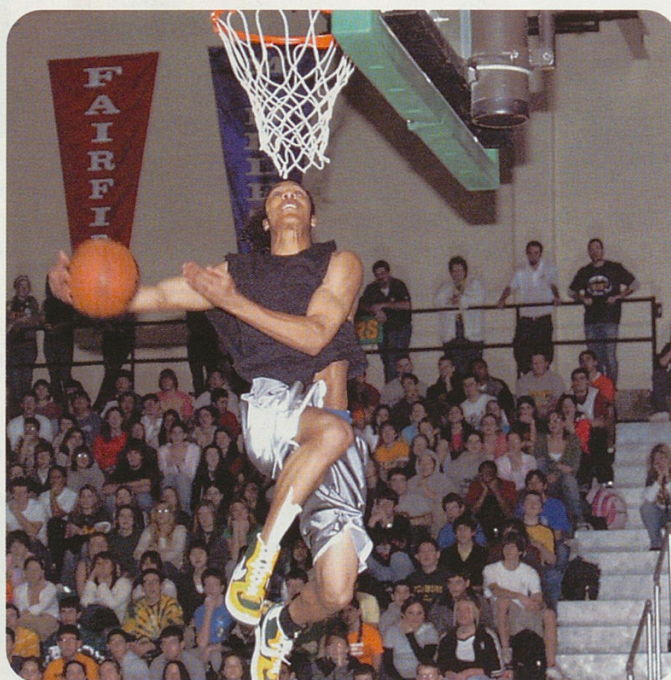
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Hail!
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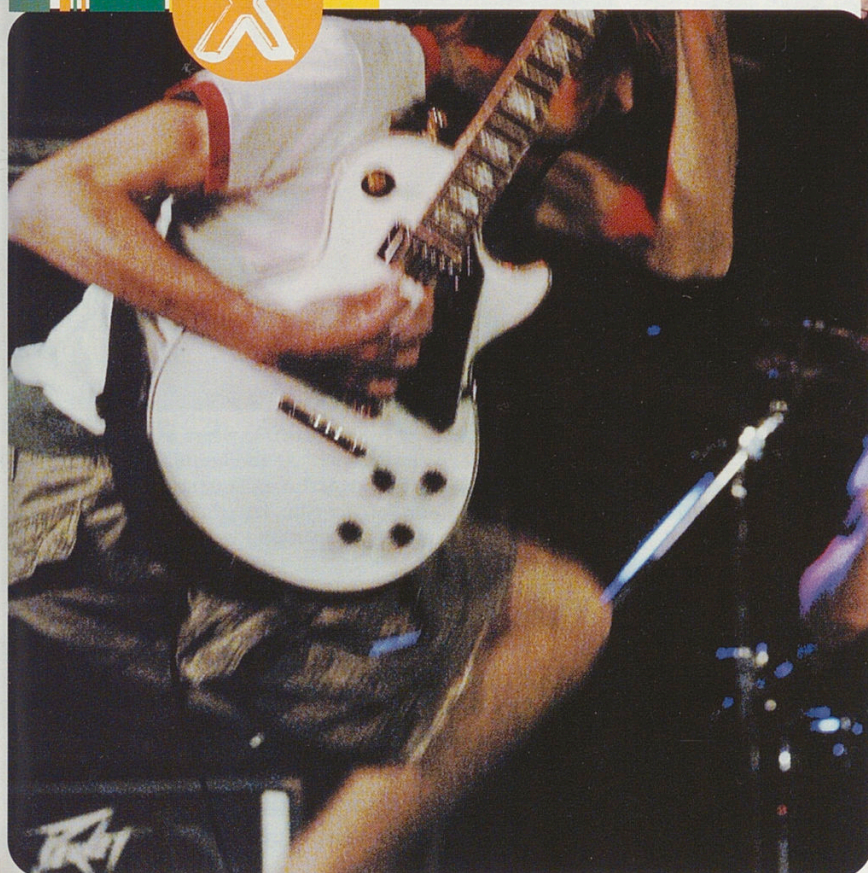


Each one of those tall and buff guys wowed the crowd with their seamless dunks. **Matt Jordan, 12**, had one of the particularly amazing shots that made jaws drop. Coming from underneath the net, he used his powerful arms to smash the ball in.

If they're honest, for many students, the best part of Diversity Day was the sheer amount and variety of food. With a previously purchased ticket, each student could try a little bit of everything, from countries all over the world. Different religions and cultures were represented, with huge trays and plates of food available.



Rocking out! At Battle of the Bands, it was incredibly helpful if the bands jumped around and rocked out. **Ryan Abitz, 11**, of Two Years Notice obliged his fans with some serious rock star jumping.



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A lot of time is spent on each float. Student Council members and other students take lots of pride in the floats, especially with all the hard work and hours spent working on them. It is a lot of fun to see the floats, and it really pumps up the student body.

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Having a visible "Aviator" was a lot of fun for students, and **Alyssa Molnar, 12**, gave the SuperFan a super high five. He was present at every pep rally and big game, and all eyes were on this mascot.

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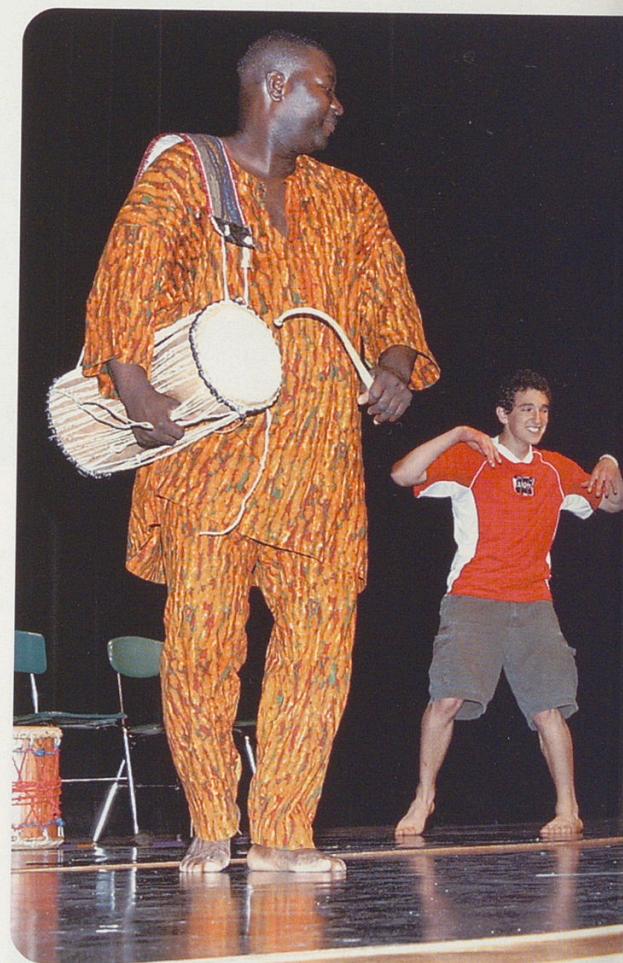


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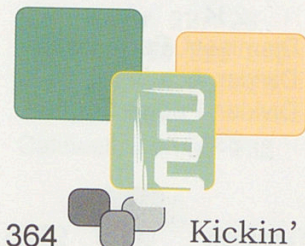
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If they're honest, for many students, the best part of Diversity Day was the sheer amount and variety of food. With a previously purchased ticket, each student could try a little bit of everything, from countries all over the world. Different religions and cultures were represented, with huge trays and plates of food available.



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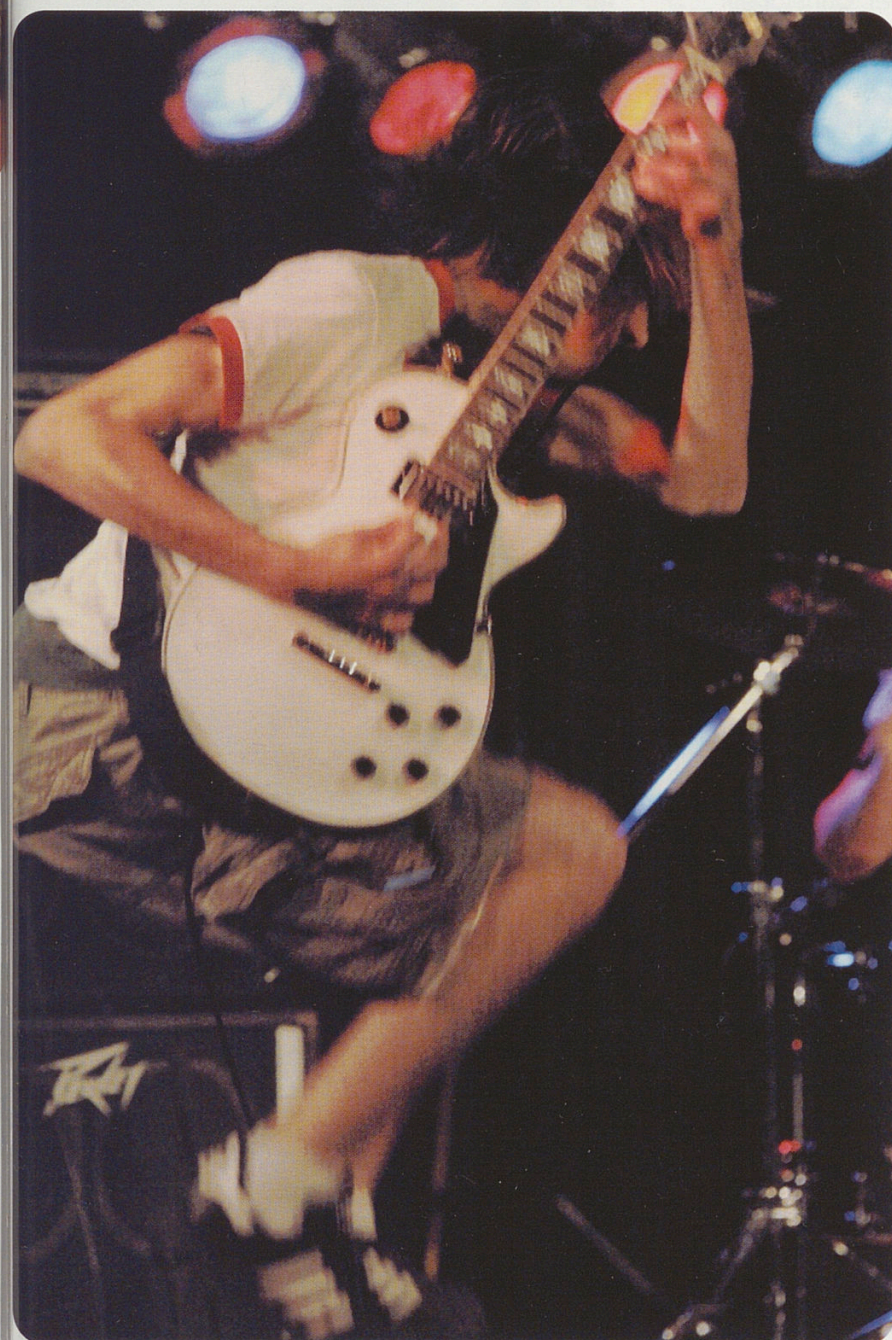


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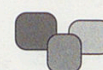
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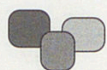


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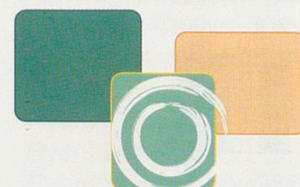
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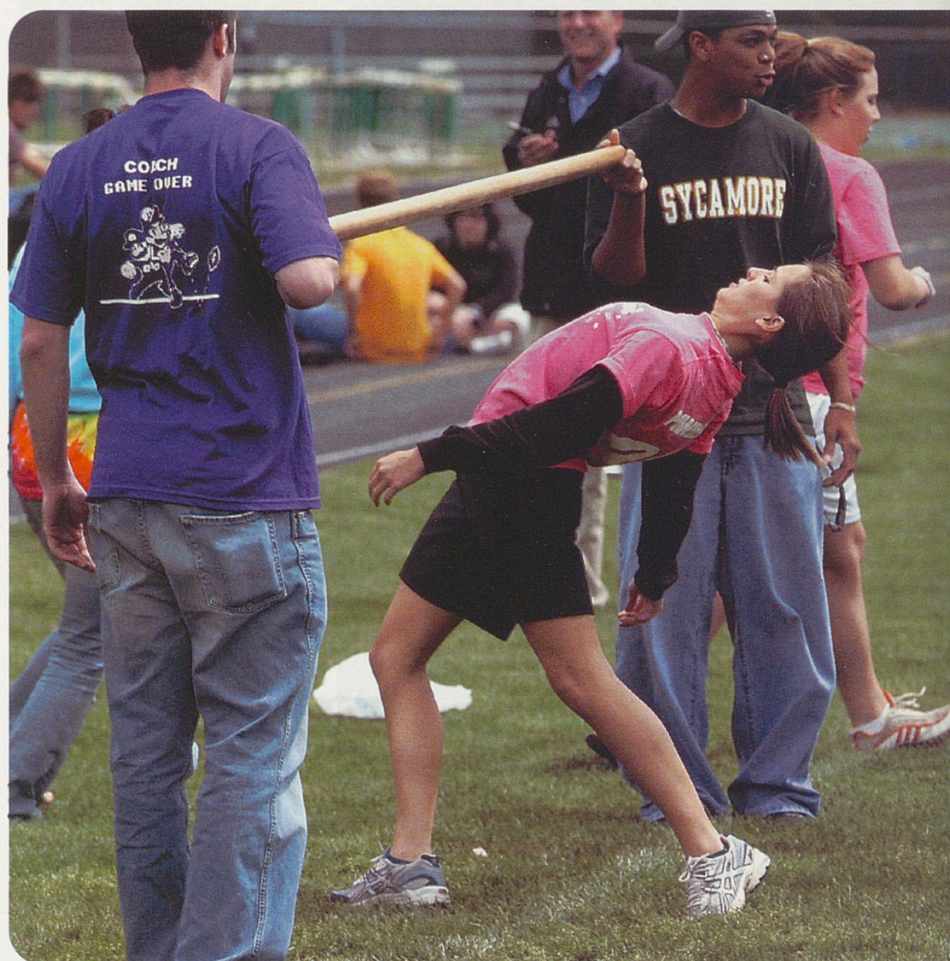
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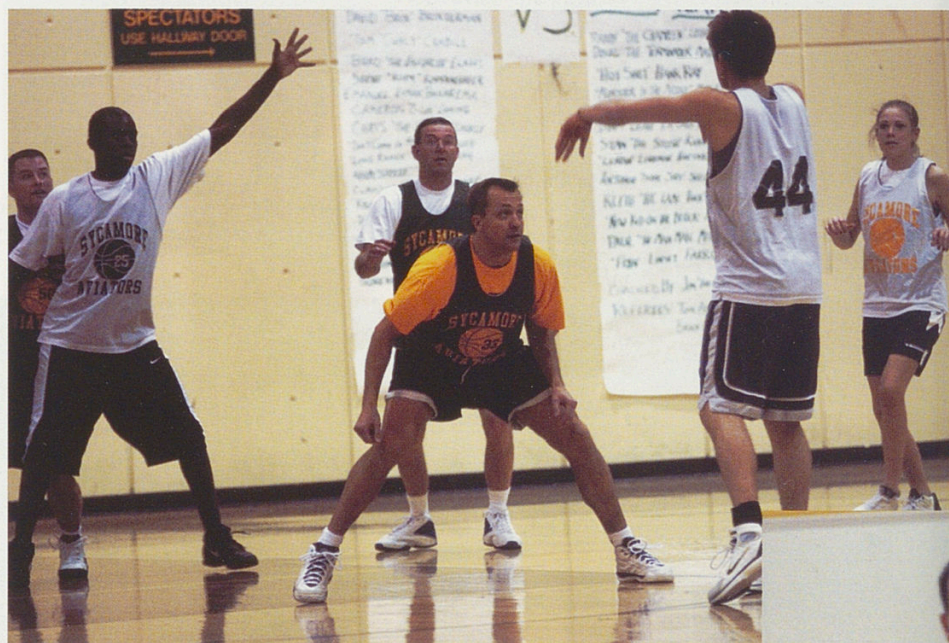
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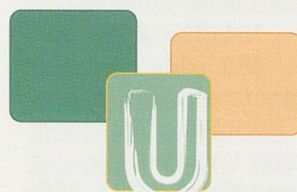
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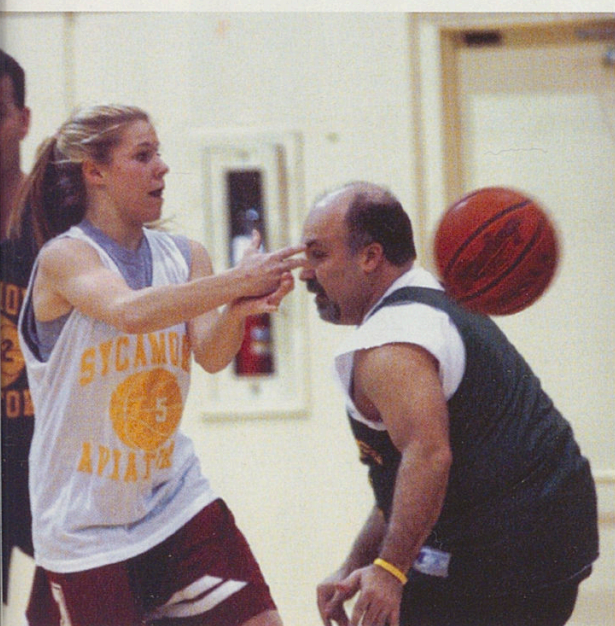


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With both sides full of pent up aggression (maybe the teachers more than the students), it was a battle for victory at the student-teacher basketball game.

It was a game where the men were separated from the boys. Or women to girls, whichever. **Mr. Doug Mader**, with his serious face on, guarded **David Buchberger, 11**, as the students headed for the net.



Girls can play too, especially those on the basketball team. Abbie Tepe, 10, left Mr. Randy Lothrop and Mr. Paul Melnick in the dust with her super passing skills. Lothrop played basketball almost every Friday morning, but it was with other teachers, so Tepe and others' skills surprised him. The teachers rallied, and it was a close game.

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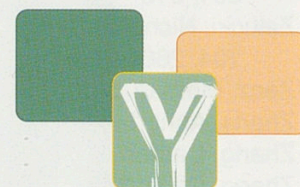
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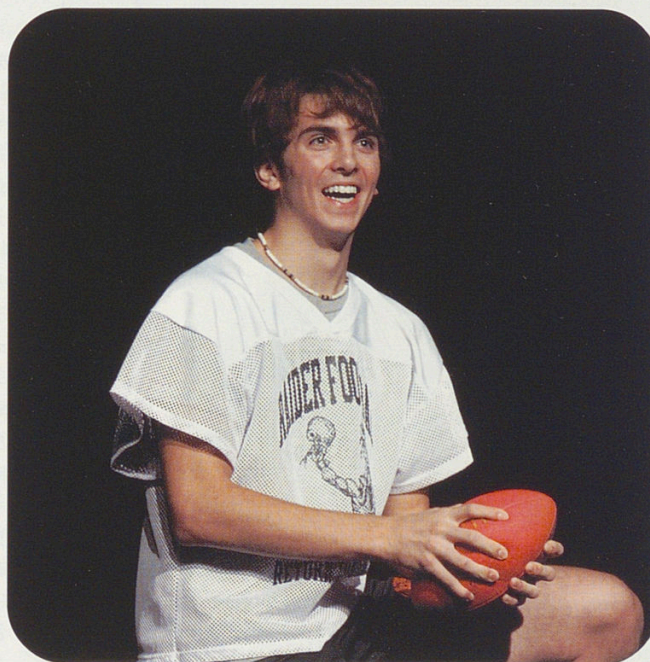
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Summer is officially over when Band Camp starts. The Color Guard has two seasons: Marching Band and Winter Guard. Both seasons were competitively evaluated and awards were plentiful. Dina Spektor, 11, perfects her performance.



The fall play is a series of vignettes. **David Morton**, 12, was Sycamore's selection for the Overture Award in Drama. The CAPPIES Awards were also impacted by Morton.



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It's all about individuality. There are 1,963 of us here and we are all trying to find our place. Why? Because we want to be individuals. The theme for this yearbook is Take a Walk in Our Shoes. Most of us want to be noticed, to be recognized. We want to find our place here at high school and for that place to carry on into our lives. Each of us want to find our niche, and with about 75% of us participating in extracurricular activities and around 60 extracurriculars to choose from, increasing every minute, this is very possible and highly probable.

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Take a Walk in Our Shoes...



Who would ever think that your parents could be fun? **Jeff Miller, 12** had a blast dancing with his mom at Odd Couples. There was a live band, made of teachers from the district, that played classic songs that everyone knew and loved.



Zach Star, 10 concentrates hard on his test! The Ohio Graduation Test took the place of the proficiency tests. While the freshmen and sophomores had to take the test the whole week juniors and seniors arrived at 9:55.



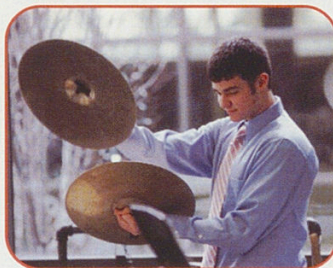
SAC provides a learning experience. Grim Reape Day showed effects of students killed by drunk drivers. Students, dressed in black cloaks, could not talk for the day.

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Let the 'March Madness' begin! **Mr. Andrew Marlott** and **Kyle Battle, 10** fought for a rebound in the students vs. staff basketball game. The faculty was tough but could not compete with the students. The final score was 66-59.



Pancakes, music and art, makes for a great day. **Christopher Demuth, 12** played the symbols with the band at Fine Arts Weekend. The fine arts celebration was a chance for everyone to see great art work and hear music from the students in the entire school district.

"Arrive Alive" sends a very true and scary message. Arrive Alive was a simulated drunk driving crash with teenagers who had been drinking before prom. **Benjamin Sage, 12** was the driver under the influence and had to endure a field sobriety test. This event made many think twice before they drank before prom.

Everyone counts the beats to stay together. The band sounded great and played as one. The concert was a big success after many long hours of practicing.



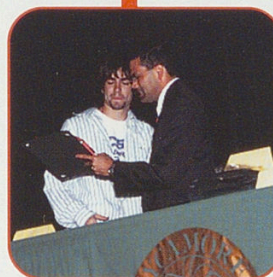
Hit those notes! Students sang and danced at the spring coral concert. The concert was a crowd favorite, Beauty and the Beast.

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It's party time! **Eric Knox, 11** scrambled through the obstacle course at After Prom. There were many activities to do and there were lots of delicious food selections from which to choose.



Mentis et Cordis Excellentia, Excellence in Mind and Heart. **Daniel Schear, 11** showed much mind and always excelled in Latin. **Mr. Kenji Matsudo** presented the University of Virginia-Jefferson book award to **Schear**.



STAG did it again! Sycamore Theater Arts Groupe put on another dazzling and entertaining performance. **Samuel Kanter, 12, Brandon Cole, 10, and Matthew Evans, 12** put forth their best effort in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* as they did in every other performance.



Who said girls can't play football? **Rachel Yanow, 12** tried to run past **Jessica MacLean, 11** to score a touchdown. The annual Junior vs. Senior powder puff game was a good one and ended in an 18-18 tie.

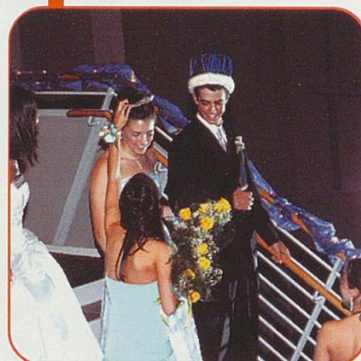
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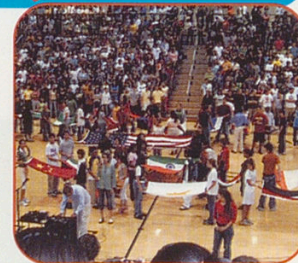
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Franciso Morillo-Delerme, 12 slides on the slip-n-slide to end a great relay at the Spring pep rally. The relay incorporated all spring sports in one way or another. There was also a tug of way and a dance competition between classes.



It's a magical night and one to be remembered. "A Starry Starry Night" was indeed just that, a night with stars in the sky and perfect weather. **Virginia Tremblay, 12** and **Daniel McGrath, 12** were crowned prom king and queen.



Food, dancing, and meeting new people, who could ask for more? Diversity day was filled with activities guest speakers, including Marvin Lewis, and an ultimate feast with food from different countries at lunch. Every student was represented at the closing ceremony when flags from different countries, where students were from were brought out.

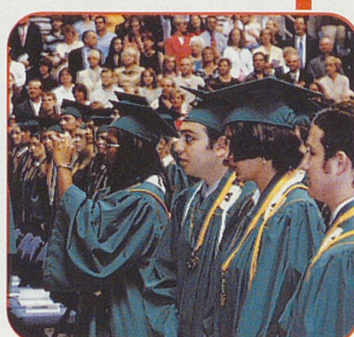


There is one last thing to do before graduation. **Daniel McGrath, 12** received the *Dennis G. Klasmeier Award for Outstanding School Spirit and Service*. The ceremony went very smoothly.

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One last pull should do it! **Jonathan Grossman, 12, Marshal Williams, 12, Miles Suer, 12, Kyle Fitch, 12, and David Habib, 12** all worked together in the tug-of-war. Although there was inclement weather the seniors still made the best of their senior picnic.



The time has finally come! After four long years the class of '05 graduated. The ceremony was held at the Cintas Center. 480 students were in the graduating class.

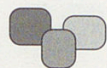
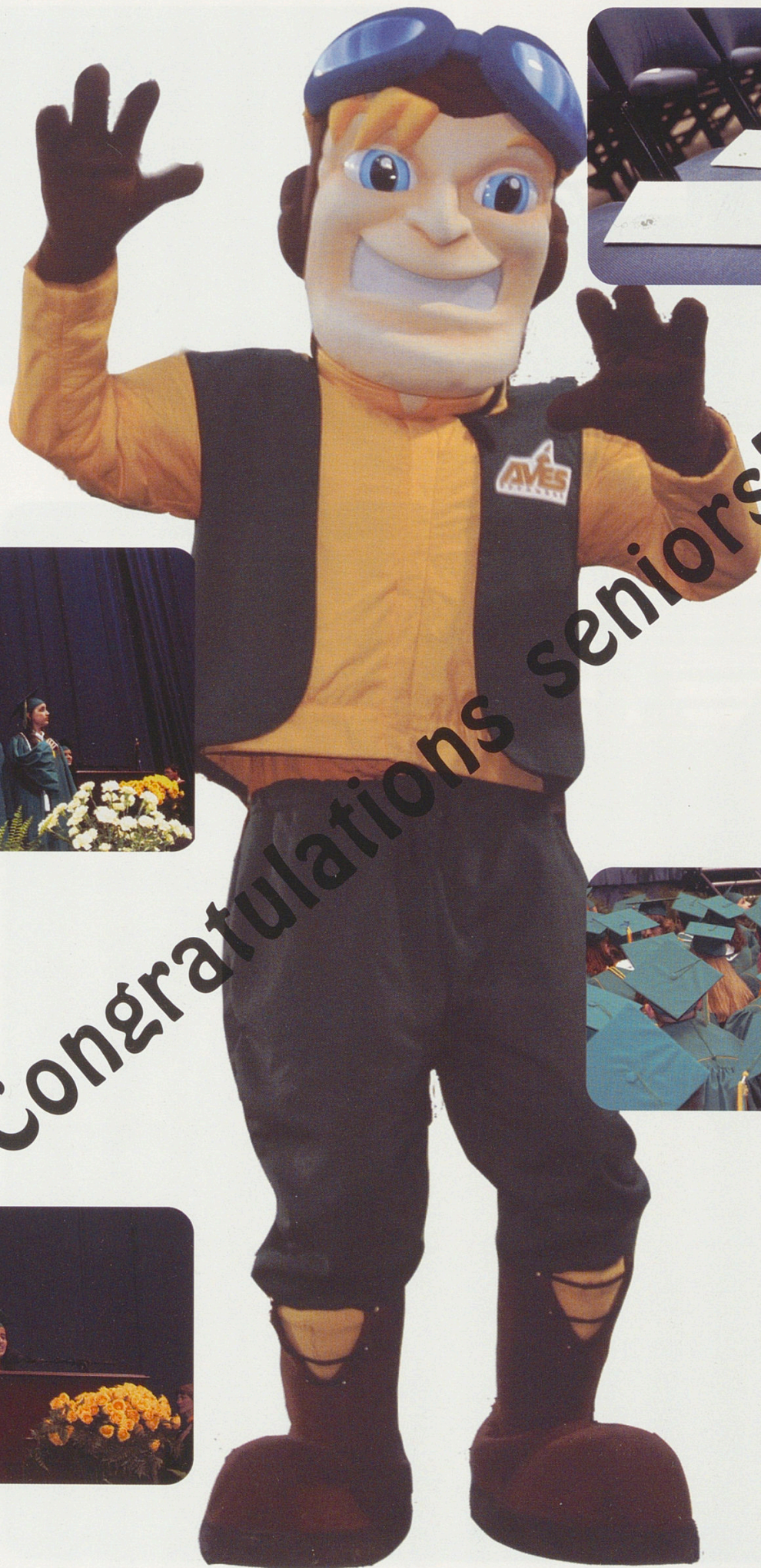
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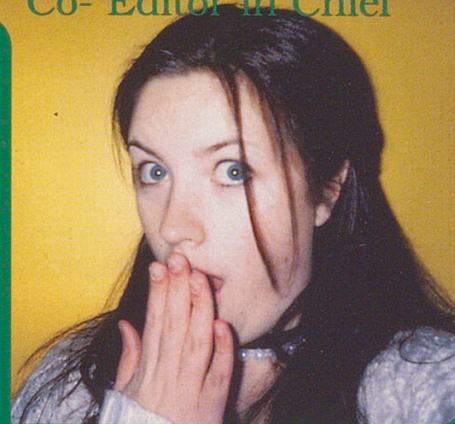
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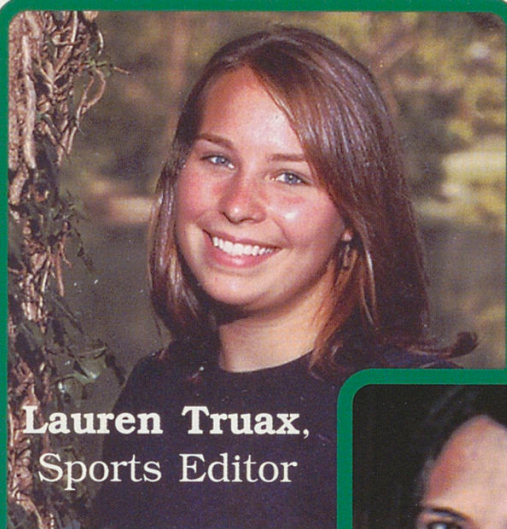
Representing the student body, Matt Jordan, 12, Sami Hunter, 9, Kyle Dolan, 9, Sara Kaufman, 10, Venkat Shanker, 12, Jenni Reinhart, 11, Joe Stinger, 10, Abbie Tepe, 10, Alli Pohl, 12, Ellis Krienik, 11, James Lipsey, 9, and Megan Jones, 11, hang out in the commons. They had different interests and the options available were outstanding! From sports to clubs to spirit weeks, there were many ways to get involved.



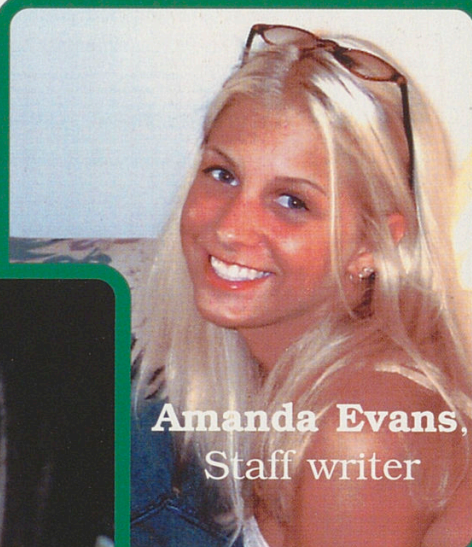
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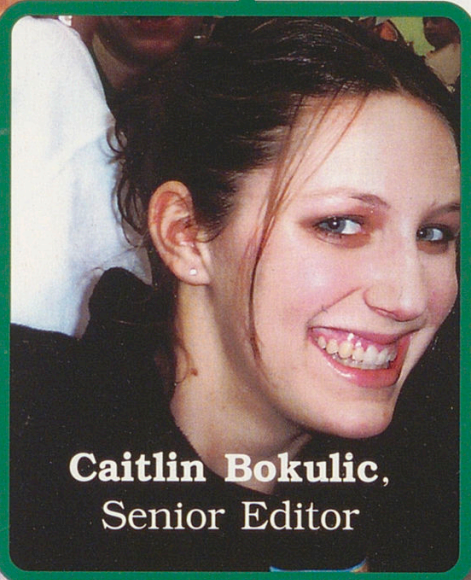


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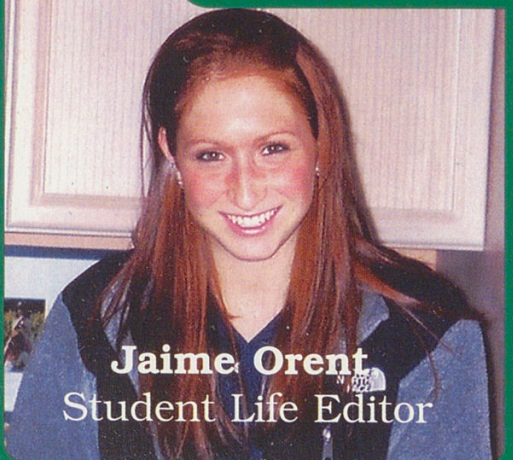


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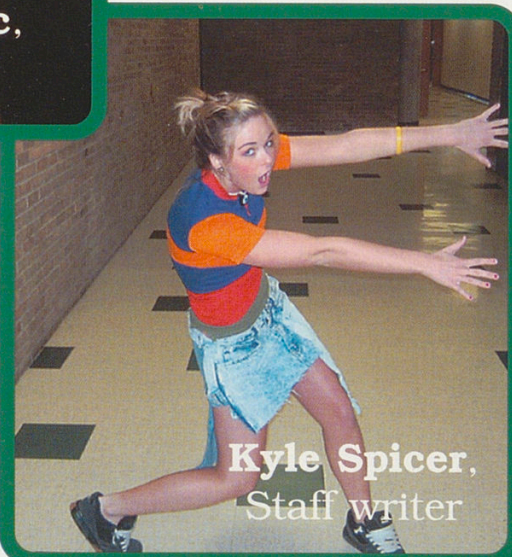
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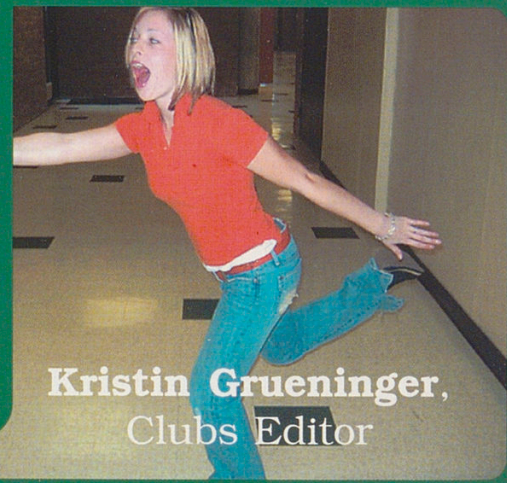
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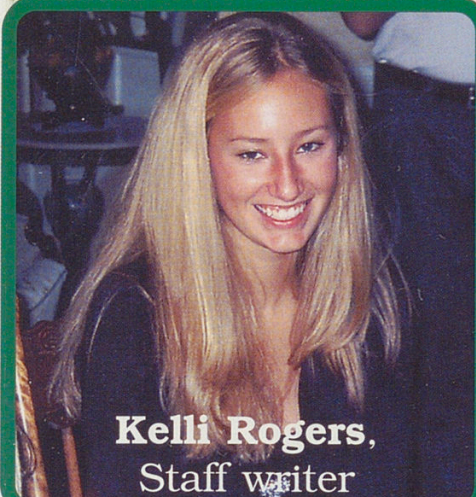
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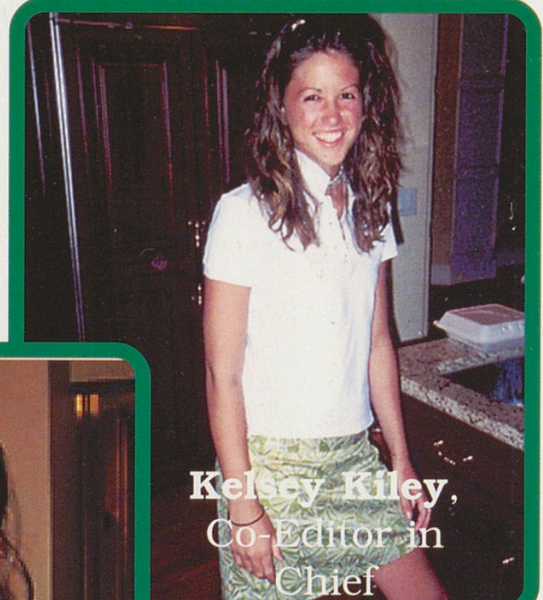
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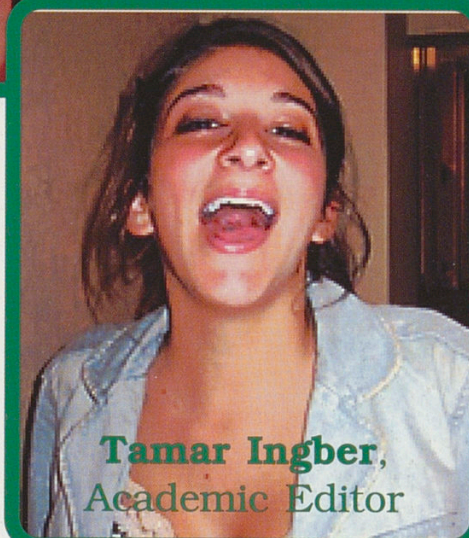
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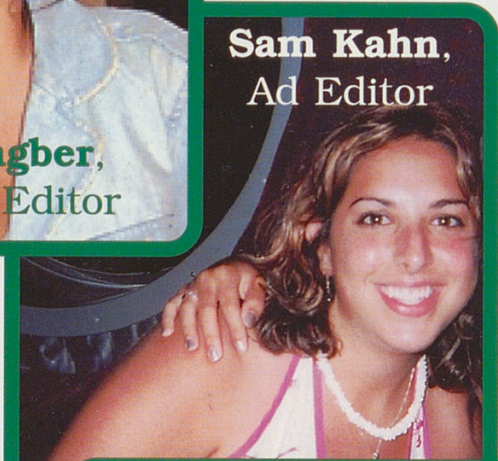
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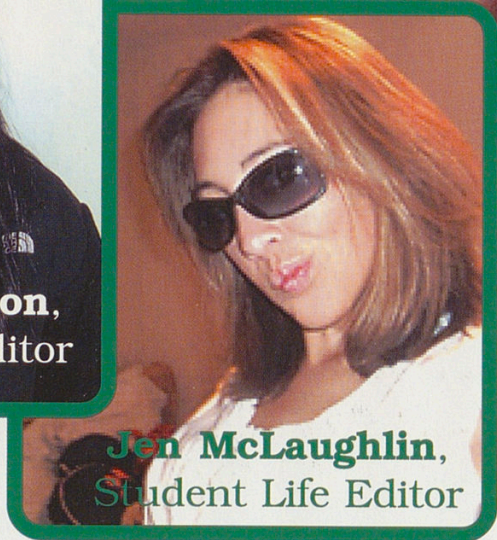
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