

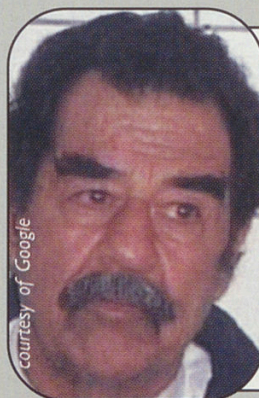
# “Ladies and Gentlemen, We got him!” Saddam Hussein captured!

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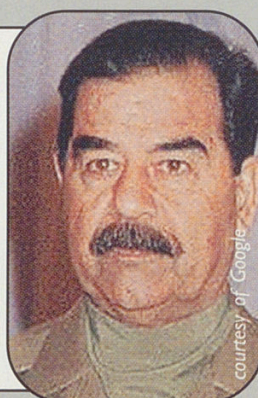
**A**FTER CLOSE TO 15 YEARS OF STRUGGLE IN IRAQ, SADDAM HUSSEIN'S REIGN OF TERROR IS OVER. On December 14, 2003, the former dictator of Iraq was found hiding in a spider hole in a hut outside his hometown of Tikrit. US intelligence gained a tip from a captured Iraqi official as to where Hussein was hiding. The tip was correct; Hussein was in a hole just big enough for one person to lay down in. 750,000 US dollars along with many Iraqi legal documents were also found with the dictator. Hussein surrendered to US troops with his hands up.

Paul Bremer, the US administrator in Iraq, delivered the news to the world. “Ladies and gentlemen, we got him,” said Bremer as he opened the press conference announcing Hussein’s capture.

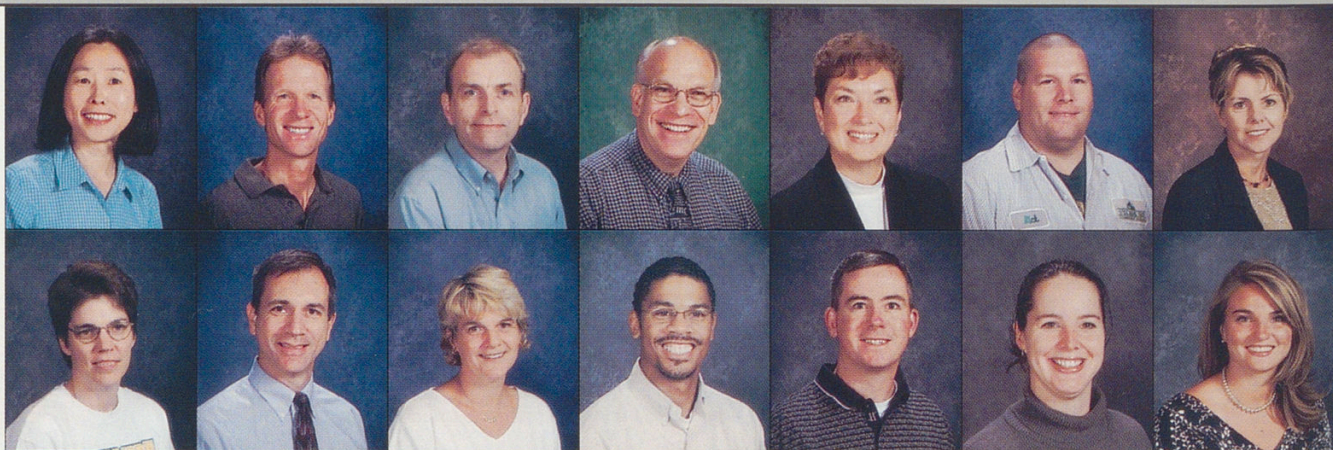
While the capture calls for celebration, the new problem is how to try the former dictator. Some requested that Hussein be immediately put to death as punishment for his crimes, but the US government insists on a fair trial. The location, however, is in question. Many, including President Bush, believe that this trial will be a great test for the new Iraqi court system and he should be tried there.



**IN US CUSTODY,** Hussein was given a shave, left. The new image was compared with a picture of Hussein from previous records, right. There is no question of whether or not this is the real dictator.



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