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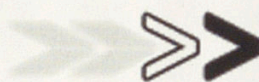
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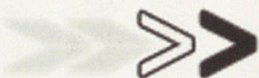
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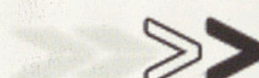
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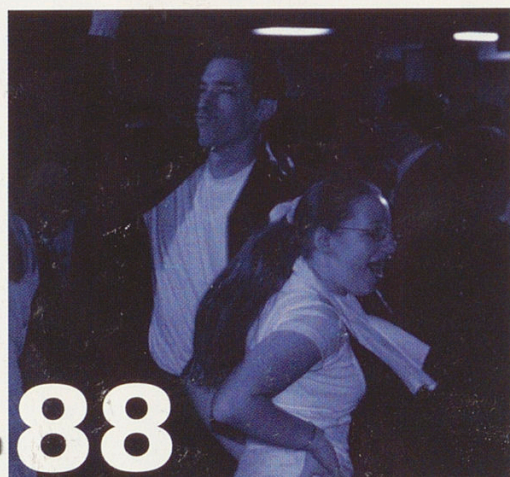
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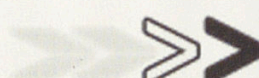
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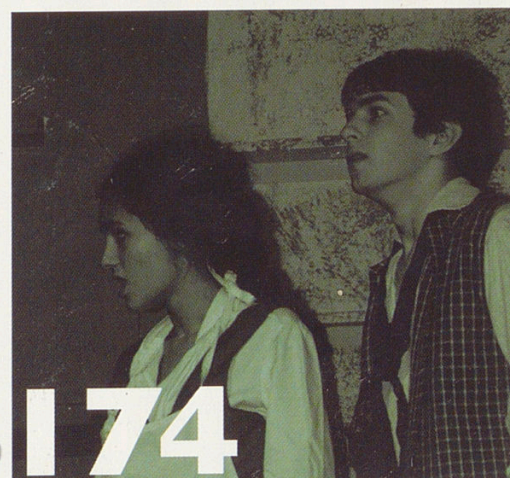
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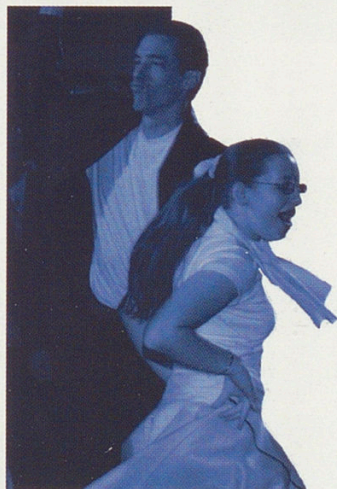
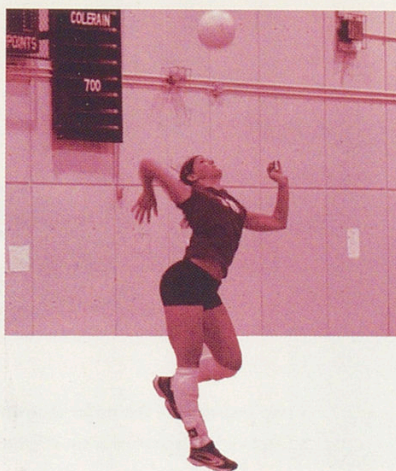
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**THERE'S MORE IN SYCAMORE.** This sign located on the borders of Sycamore Township inspired the theme for the yearbook. There really is more in Sycamore, and we mean that more than the fact that the word more is in the word Sycamore. Discover what more there is in Sycamore from the following pages.

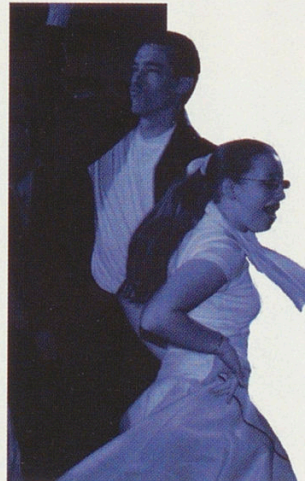




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**FALL** season meant Varsity Volleyball to **Lynne, Grannen, 12**. The team began their season in the summer but competitive play began in the fall. Find out more about girl's volleyball by turning to page 74.



**WINTER** was the season to dance! **Lehla Kisor, 9**, and date attended the Odd Couples Ball in February. Check out the *Now and Zen* theme on page 104.



**SPRING** begins with the annual musical. **Tara Zivkovic, 11**, and **Nate Kaplan, 10**, star as the baker and wife in *Into the Woods*. For more on the musical turn to page 182.



## There's **MORE** in Sycamore

**T**here is more in Sycamore for this year of 2004. More teachers, more students, more computers, more classes, more technology, more snow days, more threats, more restrictions. Yes, when we say more we mean more good and more bad. There was simply more of everything this year, which called for a new way to organize the yearbook. The year is organized by seasons; summer, fall, winter, and spring, and followed by the mugshot pictures and senior baby congratulations. Ironically, choosing the theme of More this year met us with more reductions in force and the need for more school funding. For the first time ever, Sycamore faced the challenge of cutting jobs, or reduction in force, and faced a projected 14.4 million dollar deficit. Though more was cut this year, more great things still occurred. Continue through the pages to find what more there was to Sycamore in the year 2004!

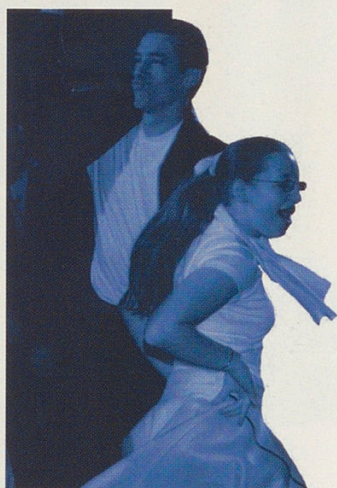


A full-page photograph of a young boy, Barak Saltzman, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. He is wearing a dark t-shirt and light-colored shorts, and is playing a large tuba. The background is a dense line of trees under a warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

# summer

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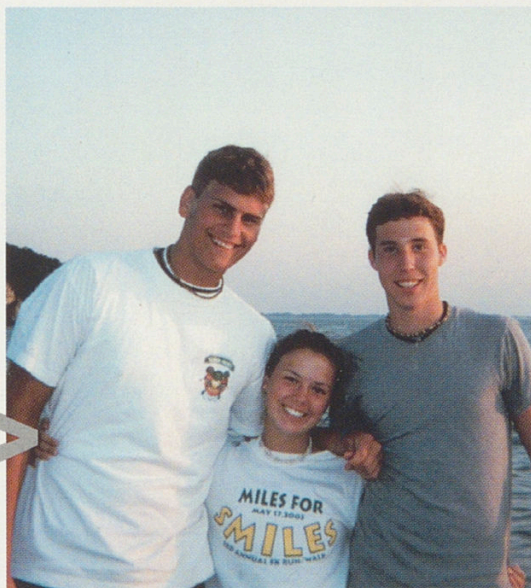
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## Wishing for more Summer days

**M**ore free time means more activities! The summer months were spent participating in athletic camps, academic workshops, theatrical performances, and preparation for the coming nine months of school. More classes added more summer work taking up more time during the summer, but vacations were a chance to relax. Check out the following section to see what happened before the school doors opened.



A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO SPEND AT THE BEACH. R.J. Mahoney, 12, Sarah Chapman, 12, and Greg Vorholt, 12, dipped their feet into Lake Erie in Northern Ohio. All three had a great time vacationing together.



NEWPORT! Shaili Ryan, 12, and Lauren Lehrner, 12, spent the evening in Newport. Newport was a popular hangout spot for many students. "I love the movie theatre at Newport because you can lay down," said Christina Thesing, 12.



# Fun in the sun

## Summer vacations and activities

By: Rachel Hochgesang and Shay Meisner

**S**CHOOL'S OUT! When the last bell rang at the end of the school year, students embarked on their long anticipated two and a half months of freedom. During these months, students did not have to worry about homework or tests, and could spend their days and nights as they wished. Many students took vacations with family or friends to various locations.

Those that spent their summers in

Cincinnati still managed to have fun. During the day students could be found at Kings Island, or around community pools. However, in the evening many students took advantage of the many dance clubs in the area such as Coconut Joe's, Jillian's, or Club Extreme.

However, in order to pay for these activities, many student had to work. Students took part in a wide variety of jobs such as lifeguarding and landscaping.

**What did you do last summer?**

"This summer was really fun. I went to Myrtle Beach with my family and I also hung out with my friends a lot!"

> Mimi Barkawi, 11

"I went to the Christina Aguilera concert this summer. She was hot!"

> Amy Petrocy, 11





**DINING IN STYLE.** Danielle Rinaldi, 9, and Staci Rader, 9, grabbed some food at a local restaurant in Myrtle Beach. The girls loved spending their summer days tanning and eating out



**SOAKING UP THE SUN.** Jill Sanchez, 12, Lindsey Ettinger, 11, Rachael Hochgesang, 11, and Alyssa Molnar, 11, spent their summer at the pool. This was a great way for them to relax and to see their friends during the summer months.



**ROWING DOWN THE COAST OF Maine.** Shay Meisner, 11, took a 22 day sailing trip on the Atlantic Ocean. This was her main adventure of the summer.



**POOL PARTY!** Sami Bruce, 9, Crystal Soho, 9, and Rachel Hershberger, 9, played around in the pool. During the fall, the girls cross country team raced every Saturday. The Saturday before the first race of the season, Coach Scott Popoff hosted a pool party at his house. The majority of the girls attended for great food and fun before their big race.





**WELCOME TO PANERA!** Corey Skurow, 11, worked behind the counter as a cashier. He also cleaned tables and helped customers in the bakery. "Panera is great because a lot of people I know come in every day," said Skurow.



Making money to spend through the year

# Summer employment

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Rachael Hochgesang

**S**UMMER CAME AND SUMMER WENT. But during that time, students did not just spend their time with their friends or soak up the sun. Students from all grades found jobs and ways to make money in order to ensure an awesome school year.

Students worked over the summer, with jobs from lawn care to life guarding. Students held job titles from everything including cashiers, sales representatives, food service,

and life guarding. **Margo Rosen, 10**, spent her summer working as a receptionist at the Blue Ash Recreation Center. Although she worked long hours, she greatly enjoyed receiving her paycheck.

"I liked getting my paychecks, even if they weren't for that much. Still it was pretty exciting," said Rosen.

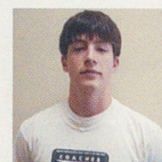
Although, many students enjoyed working and found jobs, in which, they could work with friends. Others disliked working and could

not wait for summer to be over. "I hated working in the summer at Ceder Village Nursing home because I never had time to go out with my friends. If I could do it all over again, I would just live off my parents," said **Sumbul Alam, 12**.

Whether or not students enjoyed working over the summer, they all agreed receiving money was the greatest part about working.

## Was there an advantage to having a summer job?

< **Chris Holsher, 10** >



"The advantage of having a job is always having money. Especially when you have a car and have to pay insurance."

< **Christina Terilli, 12** >



"I had two jobs over the summer. Hard work pays off!"

< **Alex Hunter, 10** >



"I worked this summer so that I could go out without asking my mom for money."

< **Amy Donofrio, 12** >



"Definitely. I don't have many friends, so getting outside of my basement and working helps me to pretend that those I view from school are my buds, it's great!"



### WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN A SMOOTHIE?

Working at Plant Smoothie. **Alle Foster, 12**, and **John Wright, 10**, spent their summer working at Plant Smoothie. Together they prepared delicious smoothies and memorized over thirty recipes for fruit blending.



### WOULD YOU LIKE FRIES WITH THAT?

McDonald's was a favorite among teenagers for fast food and also as a great place to work. **James Swantco, 12**, and **Kerra Sampson, 11**, shared shifts together over the summer as co-workers. Together they both worked the drive thru window, cashiering and serving french fries. Although, McDonalds could be busy, Swantco and Sampson took time to talk with their manager.

# 48%

of the student body was hard at work during the summer months.



# Summer!

## School's out... almost

Students spend their summer working on schoolwork

By: Sam Pollak

**S**CHOOL'S OUT! This thought circulated the school on June 7, the last day of classes. It was the beginning of the summer break. Time to relax, right? Wrong. Summer school and summer assignments plagued many students' summers.

Sunday night before the start of school is an all too common time for finishing up that reading assignment due the first day. Summer homework is a common activity for students over the summer, and many despise it.

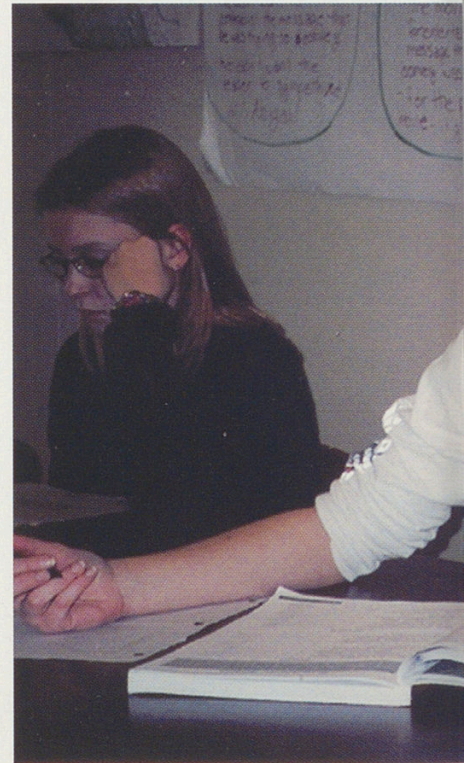
"I finished altogether probably an hour before school. Procrastination all the way!" said **Nick Philpott, 9**.

The high school offers many classes to pick

from, but only seven periods a year in which to fit them in. Summer school can be the alternative. For four hours a day during four weeks in the summer, some of those annoying requirements such as gym credits, can be taken care of to make room for the more enjoyable classes, or even senior early dismissal.

"Summer school was ironically pretty fun. I didn't think I would like it, however it kept me busy and made me feel productive. I also had a good class," said **Kareem Elgazzar, 12**.

Whether it was getting that makeup credit for geometry or staying up late to finish the last paper for English Lit. on Sunday night, just about every student has some sort of school work for the summer.



## Summer school by numbers

**518** students participated in summer school.

**15** classes were offered for original credit.

**11** classes were offered for makeup credit.

**24** teachers taught summer school

**6/9 - 7/25** were the days that summer school classes were offered for original credit. Makeup courses started seven days later

**8:00 - 12:00** were the hours that summer school ran in the morning.

**12:30 - 4:30** were the hours that summer school ran in the afternoon, but only for physical education classes.

Summer school is a way to take required courses and therefore make room in your regular schedule for other courses

> **Mrs. Dot Fricke**, Staff

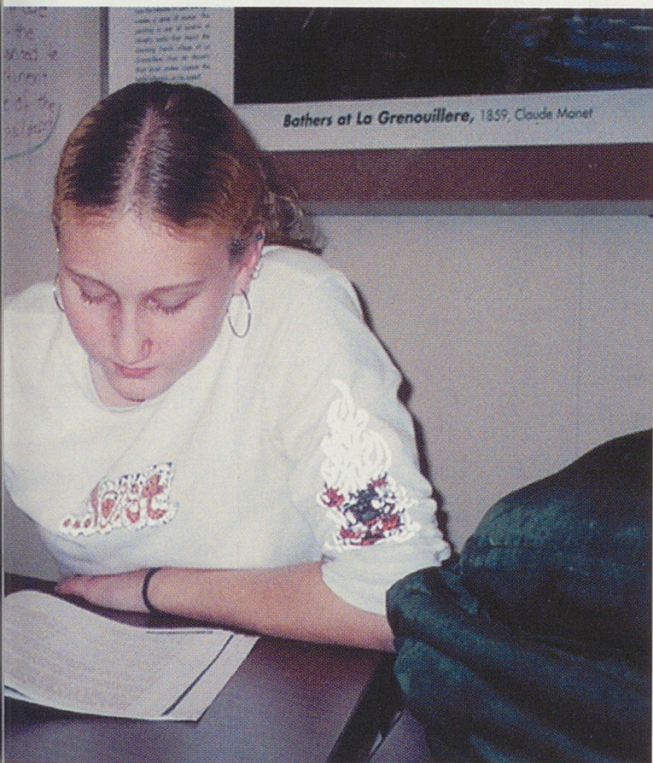
Summer school is a great place to catch up or work ahead. It is on half days and has a relaxed atmosphere.

> **Mr. Doug Mader**, assistant principal





**STUDENTS HAVE TIME FOR STUDY HALLS BECAUSE OF SUMMER SCHOOL.** "[Summer school] helped clear up my schedule for the next year," said **Ashley Barwick, 12**. Barwick took a gym course over the summer and now has room in her day to take a break in a study hall.



**518 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUMMER SCHOOL.** While some have mixed feelings about their experience, many had positive remarks. "Summer school was a blast!" said **Lauren Sherman, 9**.



**STUDENTS WORK ON THEIR COMPUTERS IN A COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLASS OVER THE SUMMER.** Students worked with the Visual Basic programming system and "Alice", a 3-D graphics program. **Molly Finn, 12**, created many teacher-made assignments, one of which was a calculator.

## What do students think of their summer assignments?



**< Megan Wright, 11 >**

"I don't think that we should have summer assignments because we work hard enough during the year. We should have a break."



**< Jana Schibler, 10 >**

"[Summer School]'s good for foreign languages. It's good because you don't have to take the whole year again."



**< Katie Hull, 9 >**

"I think [summer assignments] are a good way to keep you involved in some academic activity over the summer. It prepares you."



# Summer Workshops and camps

By: Hope Wolfe, Ashley Kindberg and Laura Eastes

**S**UMMER TIME WAS MEANT FOR RELAXATION,

However, not all students spent their time at home in the sun. Students from every grade and background planned and spent their summer at camps and workshops to pick up new ideas on a variety of things.

The faculty flocked to Harvard University for a week of intense leadership workshops. Mrs. Cheralyne Jardine, Dr. Keith Kelly, and Miss Laura Fibbe represented the high school and shared their ideas and interests with teachers from around the world. But the workshop was not all work, one night the trio went to a Boston Red Socks game and another night they feasted on lobster dinners.

In preparation for another successful year, The Leaf and The Log staffs whisked away to camps to develop new ideas on techniques and design. The Leaf staff attended a journalism camp at Ball State University and The Log staff

traveled to Gettysburg College for the Yearbook Experience Camp. Students took classes and picked up knowledge on design, layout, and writing.

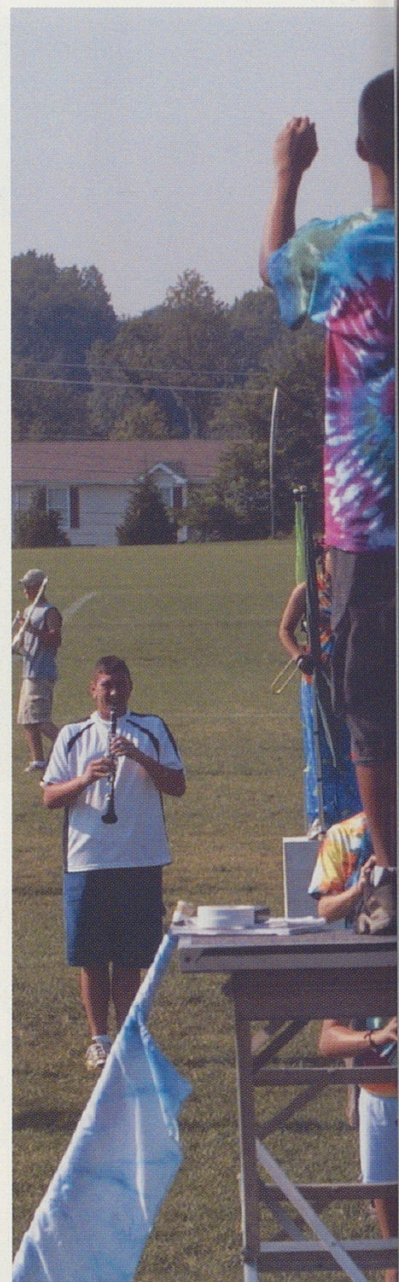
Although many students traveled far away for camps, others choose to stay close to home and school. The marching band participated in their annual band camp. For two weeks in the summer, band and color guard students were drilled in preparation for their upcoming show. Although, the marching lasted from 8 AM to 8 PM, the group did spend a day at the Little Miami River for a canoe trip.

Many athletes were tied up during the summer due to the mandatory sports camps they had to attend or help out with. Both the girls and boys basketball teams were forced to help at the Sycamore basketball camps for grades three through six. The players taught the young kids how to dribble, shoot, and the fundamentals of basketball. The

girls lacrosse team sponsored a camp as well for young players. Other fall sports teams participated in conditioning events and practices in August.

Other students choose to go to camps and workshops for things that interested them. Jenny Breed, 12, spent her summer attending college at Savannah College. Breed earned college credit by taking advantage of a summer program, in which she took film classes and even developed her own movie. Gabe Goldstein, 11, took his musical talents to a drum camp in order to improve for his band, Still Rock Steady.

Students and faculty enrolled in camps and workshops all hoping to improve or have fun. The end result was that students and faculty brought back their experience and new ideas in order to benefit the high school. And with these new ideas and thoughts our school became so much more.



## Q&A with Dr. Keith Kelly, principal, on the leadership workshop at Harvard

**q:** What was your purpose for attending Harvard over the summer?

**a:** A team from the school district attended a workshop at Harvard to learn how to become better teachers and to work on school goals pointed at where the school is going to go in the long run. Some of the goals related to classroom instruction, technology, diversity, and school climate, such as spirit. We want to create a culture in school where teachers are sharing.

**q:** What did you bring back from Harvard?

**a:** How to become a better leader and get others to do so as well. Teach students and teachers to learn from one another and share what they have to say and how they go about things. Giving teachers the opportunity to go see one another and their teaching methods. Basically, we want to create a culture where we learn from one another.

**q:** If you could have the opportunity to do it again, would you?

**a:** Absolutely! The coolest part was getting to know some of the teachers from our district because I am new and I did not know much about how they felt about the school environment.

12 **“It was the best professional growth experience I ever had. It was really exciting to go to a place like that. I’ve always wanted to go so it was rewarding for me. I learned a lot from people all over the country.” Dr. Keith Kelly, principal**



**THEY GOT THE BEAT!** The marching band took center stage over summer, practicing every week day, during band camp. **Michael Santos, 10**, leads the band as one of the drum majors along with **Elizabeth Moster, 12**. The group used band camp as a way to learn their marching show, "Scottish", performed at all football games. Band camp occurred over the month of August. But not all days were work. The band took a canoe trip on the Little Miami and spent another day at Montgomery Park for a picnic.



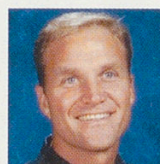
## What did you do over the summer?

< **Sam Ochstein, 11** >



"As I look back at my time spent in Hawaii, I think of how many connections I made with nature and the native people of Hawaii."

< **Jim Stoll, Athletic Director** >



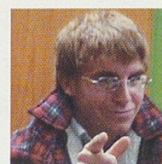
"I think summer camps are a great opportunity for athletes to stay in shape throughout their year, to improve their skills for the upcoming sports season, and a healthy activity to participate in."

< **Gabe Goldstein, 11** >



"Drum camp was a lot of fun! It helped me improve my drumming skills for my band, Still Rock Steady. I learned a lot of new tricks."

< **Cullen Lunning, 12** >



"I went to basketball camp. It was quite fun because we stayed up all night and had little shindigs with my buddies, stealing each others' snacks and knocking on peoples' dorms and running through the hallways in the early mornings!"

"I think camps are really helpful because it gives you a great chance to get ahead of the upcoming season."

> **Abby Listo, 11**

"Soccer camp was so cool. I loved to get up early in the morning and put on fresh shinguards and do mad headballs all day!"

> **Jen Latessa, 11**

"It was a great opportunity to network with other teachers from all over the country. We learned a lot."

> **Ms. Laura Fibbe, Teacher**



# What's going on in The sports zone

Summer and Fall pro/college sports news **By: Sarah Jarnicki**

**JULY 4-** Arrested in Eagle, Colorado for sexual assault. Posted \$25,000 bond.

**JULY 6-** The public learned about the assault.

**JULY 18-** Officially charged for a class 3 felony of sexual assault. Held a press conference with wife, Vanessa.

**AUGUST 6-** Hearing took place.

**SEPTEMBER 12-** Defense attorneys say that publicity would prohibit a fair trial.

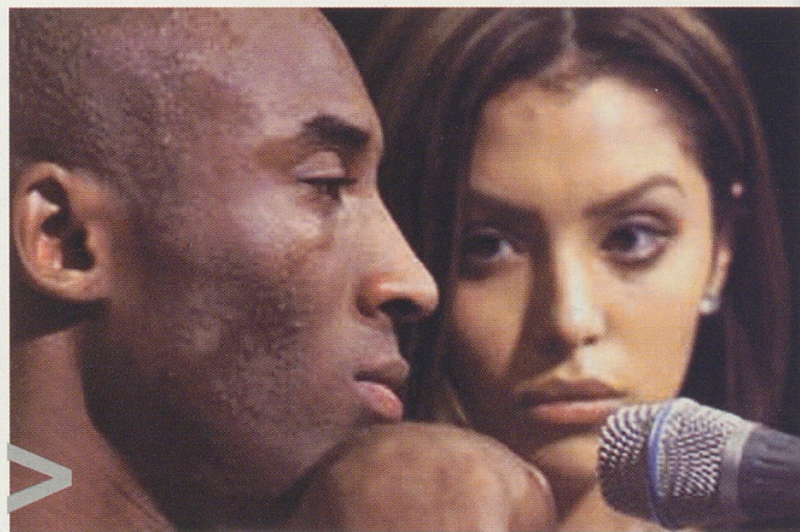
**SEPTEMBER 17-** Accusers name is leaked on a website.

**SEPTEMBER 29-** Judge ordered Vail police to turn over records of 9-1-1 calls made from accuser.

**OCTOBER 2-** Los Angeles Lakers team members report his absence at training camp.

**OCTOBER 3-** On 48 Hours, a friend of the accuser said she attempted suicide twice this year, but felt emotionally strong as the case proceeded. The prosecutor asked for nearly \$200,000 to cover expenses, including hiring strangulation specialists and other expert witnesses.

**OCTOBER 4-** Appeared at The Staples Center for his first practice of the season.

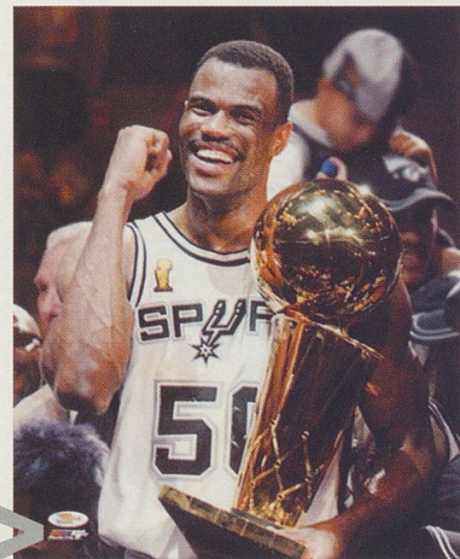


KOBE BRYANT AND HIS WIFE, VANESSA LAINE react to the media for the first time since the charges were pressed. The couple wed in April of 2001. On November 10, citing a lack of evidence, the Judge's order also served as a warning to prosecutors that their case was weak at best. Kobe Bryant remains out of jail on a \$25,000 bond.

I think Kobe should be given a second chance. Unlike other players like Allen Iverson, he has had a spotless record until now.

> **Jonathon Hom, 10**

**T H E  
BENGALS  
F I N D  
SUCCESS** in Marvin Lewis. Part of the NFL for 11 years and coach of 3 Super Bowl teams, Coach Lewis led the Bengals to a more successful season. Over the past 12 years, the Bengals held a record of 55-137. The Bengals finished this season 9-11.



**DAVID ROBINSON ENDS HIS CAREER THE WAY MOST ATHLETES DREAM.**

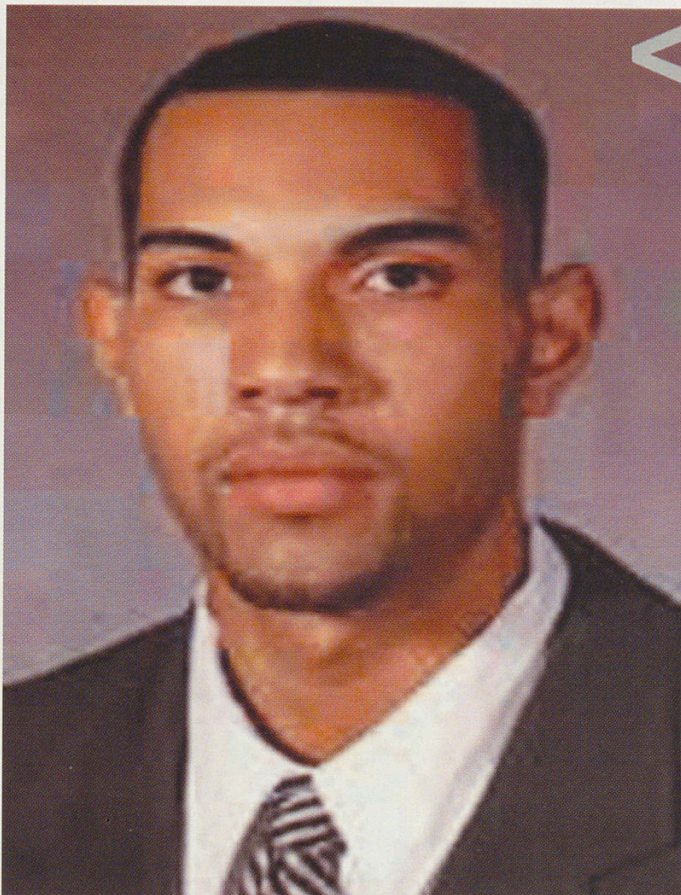
"The Admiral" Robinson, part of the, San Antonio Spurs beat the New Jersey Nets 88-77 to win the series and NBA championship 4-2. This was the final game of Robinson's 14 year career in the NBA.





**BARRY LARKIN HAS SPENT THE LAST 18 YEARS WITH THE REDS.**

The Reds management felt that they needed to get rid of the Shortstop and add younger players to the team. Larkin was furious, as he did not want to be apart of any other club. He wanted to finish his career as a Cincinnati Red and that is just what he did.



**PATRICK DENNEHY MURDERED.**

A junior at Baylor University in Texas, he was shot twice in the head by his teammate, Carlton Dotson. Dennehy had just transferred from New Mexico and was expected to be a key player at Baylor. He averaged 10.6 points and 7.5 rebounds for New Mexico.

It shows what a team can do at any level, college or professional, that if you have the heart and play hard all year you can win championships. That's what the Florida Marlins did, once Jack McKeon became apart of the team. They never looked back after that.

> JD McFarland,9



**FLORIDA MARLINS BEAT THE NEW YORK YANKEES.**

Josh Beckett of the Marlins pitched a complete game shutout in Game 6 at Yankee Stadium to wrap up the World Series 4-2 for the Marlins. The trophy was designed by Tiffany's in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the World Series and is therefore unlike all others.



# Summer News

Hot events that struck the world

By: Chris Bregger



**COLLAPSING ON THE SET OF HIS CURRENT TV SERIES**, "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," John Ritter died September 11. Ritter was the voice of Clifford on the PBS animated series "Clifford the Big Red Dog," and won an Emmy award for his role as Jack Tripper on the 1970's sitcom, "Three's Company." He was 54 years old.

**COMEDIC LEGEND BOB HOPE dies at the age of 100.** Hope first earned fame on the vaudeville circuit, starred on the Broadway stage, and appeared in more than 75 films, starred in more than 475 TV programs and 1,000-plus radio programs. As the master of the one-liner, he often used himself as the target, he is also synonymous with entertaining U.S. troops, during World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the 1991 Persian Gulf War. President Kennedy presented him with the Congressional Gold Medal, and in 1998 Britain's Queen Elizabeth awarded him honorary knighthood. "The King of Comedy" passed away peacefully at his home on July 27.



## Bombs over Baghdad

### Dates and Dollars

- 19<sup>th</sup>** of March American anti-aircraft fire and explosions, called "Shock and Awe" marks the start of the War in Iraq.
- 9<sup>th</sup>** of April the city of Baghdad fell. Statue of Saddam Hussein is torn down.
- 1<sup>st</sup>** of May, President Bush addressed the nation from the USS Abraham Lincoln under a banner reading "Mission Accomplished," and declared an end to major combat operations.
- 87** billion dollars President Bush requested to reconstruct and occupy Iraq and Afghanistan.



### What happened in Iraq?

**J**uly 22, a tipster betrayed the location in Mosul of Saddam Hussein's sons, Uday and Qusay. A strategic raid and firefight killed them, considered two of the most notable faces of the Baathist regime in Iraq.

President Bush called their deaths proof "the former regime is gone and will not be coming back." The Pentagon released photos and video of the dead bodies of the two brothers, in order to convince a disbelieving Iraqi public. These deaths did not end the Iraqi resistance, as attacks on coalition forces actually increased in the late summer and into the fall.



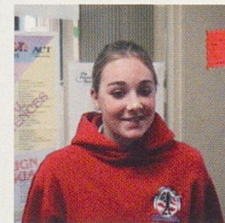




**New York City lies dark on Thursday, August 14 in one of the biggest blackouts in U.S. history.**

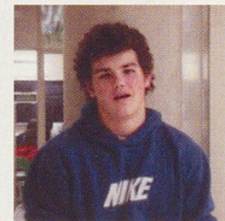
Approximately 60 million were left without power stretching from Michigan, to northern Ohio, through much of Pennsylvania, up to Vermont, New York, and the Canadian province of Ontario. Investigators later traced the outages to three power line failures in Ohio.

**What were your reactions to the blackout over the summer?**



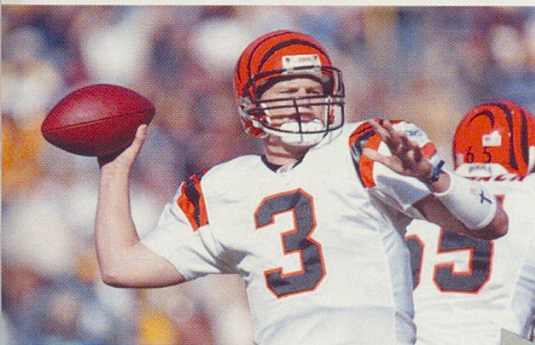
"I felt bad for the people because most of the cities that were affected were major technology using cities, so a lot of people were in a rut."

> **Sarah Lapin, 10**



"I was confused when I saw thousands of people walking down the highway on the news."

> **Luke Cody, 11**



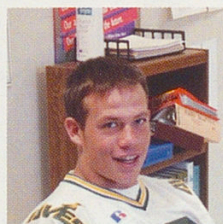
## <Changes in Cincinnati>

**THE BENGALS AND THE REDS MAKE SEVERAL MAJOR CHANGES.** The Bengals replaced former head coach Mike Brown with NFL veteran coach Marvin Lewis, who made a few noticeable changes with the Bengals defense. Jon Kitna (pictured left) helped lead the Bengals through their best season since 1989, when they went to the Super Bowl. They ended the season with a record of 9-11. The sudden uprising in the Bengals play brought a new joy to the city. With games selling out right and left, the Cincinnati fans brought back the WhoDey chant, known notoriously around the NFL. **"WHODEY, WHODEY, WHODEY THINK GONNA BEAT THEM BENGALS TODAY?!"**

Disappointed by their first-half, the Reds got rid of General Manager Jim Bowden and replaced him with Jim O'Brien. Manager Bob Boone's position was filled December 4 by Dave Miley, (pictured left) Miley, a 24-year veteran of the Reds organization, managed the club's young players at triple-A Louisville. He received a one-year contract with a club option for another season, when promoted to Cincinnati as its 57th manager.

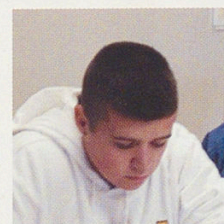
## PRE-SEASON PREDICTIONS

**How do you think the Bengals will do with their new coach Marvin Lewis?**



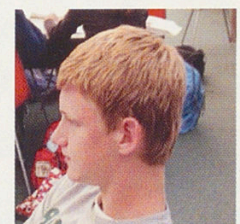
"I think the Bengals will still stink, and they should not have let Neil Rackers go, he is the best."

> **Cory Mangus, 11**



"I think they will still be terrible and they will only win two games."

> **Brandon Griesinger, 11**



"I think that they will improve a little, but they will make no great strides."

> **Elliot Skopin, 10**



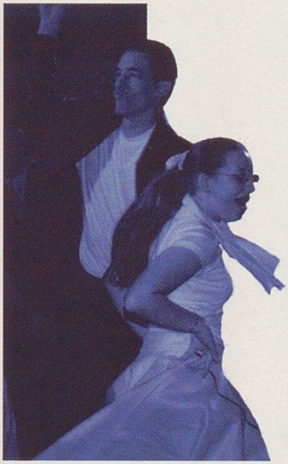


# fall

**FALL** season meant varsity volleyball to **Lynne, Grannen, 12.** The team began their season in the summer but competitive play began in the fall. Find out more about volleyball by turning to page 74.







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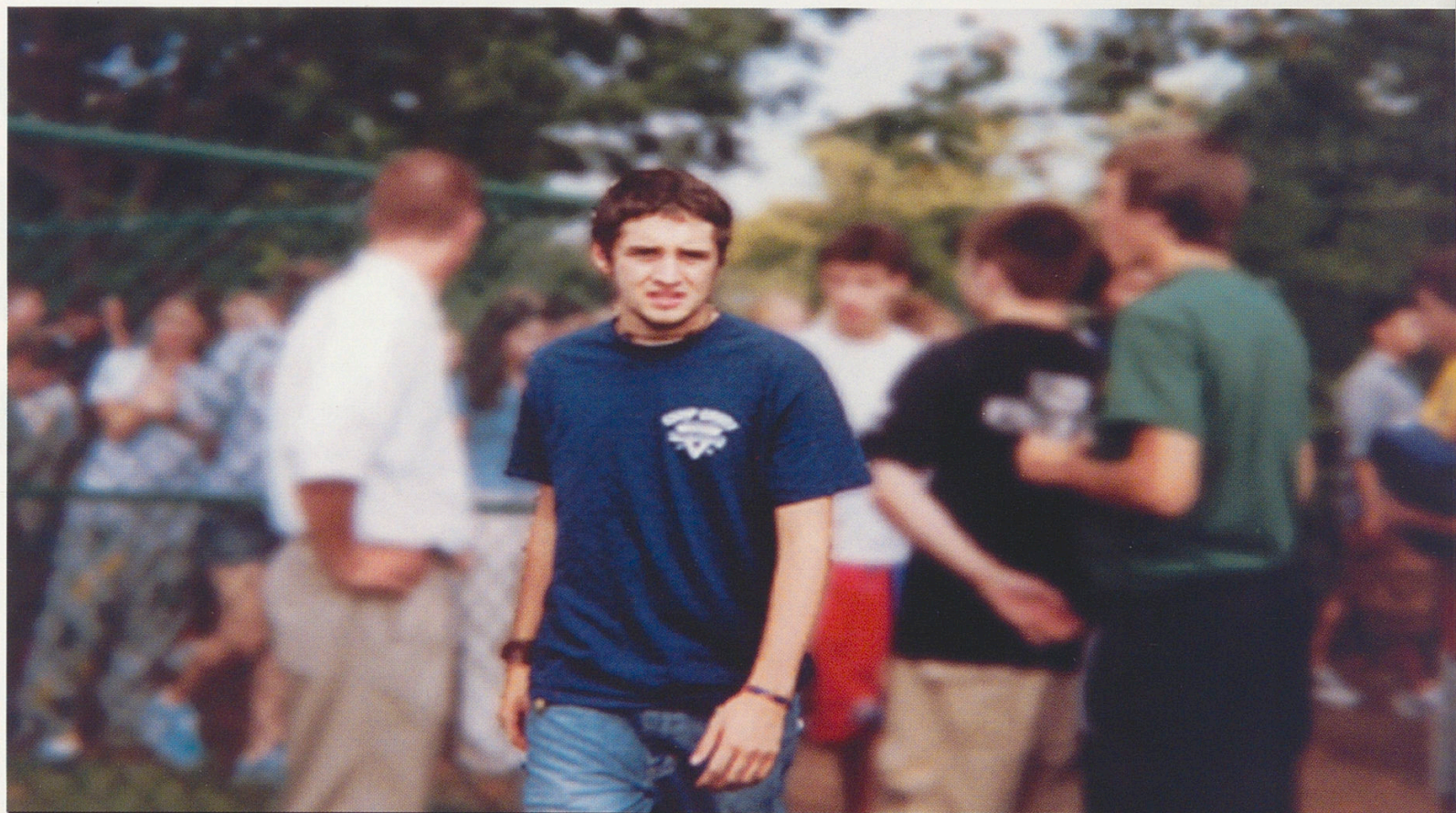
## Back for more Fall-ing back into school

**M**ore classes were offered in 2004, including the Cisco Networking System, which offers employment at the course completion. See page 28 for more new classes. And with more opportunities came more obstacles. On September 4, a bomb threat was found in the girl's lower commons restroom causing the entire school to evacuate to the track for an hour and a half. Page 20 has more on that story.



# Evacuation Bomb threats

Shacky start to beginning of year **By: Laura Eastes**



**ONE SCARY DAY!** On September 4, the fire alarm went off at the end of fourth bell and students exited the building. Cameron Rademacher, 12, walks towards the soccer stadium. Students were outside for a total of 80 minutes, during this time students and staff sat in the stands and on the track.

**T**HE EIGHTH DAY OF SCHOOL **BEGAN** with a series of bomb threats that lasted to the middle of September. On September 4, a female senior used the bathroom and found a threat written in a stall. The senior immediately informed **Mr. Jim Skoog**, associate principle. Skoog took the threat seriously and closed the bathroom then met with the administration.

The administration found the threat no laughing matter and decided the best choice for the safety of the school was to evaluate immediately. The evacuation came in the form of a fire alarm and students and staff moved

outside to safety. The police department was called and arrived quickly. The police and the bomb sniffing dogs entered the building and searched the building.

Meanwhile students gathered outside. It began to occur to many students, after being outside for over 15 minutes, that this was no ordinary, fire drill. Rumors began to fly and students' stomachs began to rumble. After thirty minutes, students and staff were moved to the track stadium to wait out the remainder of the drill.

The fire drill lasted eighty minutes. After those eighty minutes, students re-entered the building and were sent back to fourth bell.

**Dr. Keith Kelly**, principal, came on the loud speaker. Kelly announced that there had been a bomb threat but the police and dogs had been through the entire building and no bomb was found.

Students were shocked at the news of a bomb threat and many were outraged.

"It was ridiculous that we can't trust our classmates to do the right thing," said **Brittany Wissing, 9**.

"I feel really bad for the person who made the threats. They must have a lot of issues," said

**Mike Shewmon, 12**.







**ON THE WAY TO SAFETY.** Sarah Yanow, 11, Brian Lipps, 12, Jessica Sebastian, 12, and Abbie Tepe, 9, Move from the gold parking lot to the track stadium. The way in to the track was crowded and difficult for all the students to walk through,



**SEARCH FOR SAFETY.** Students and staff that were in the history and global language wings were forced to walk around the outside of the school to the stadium. The path on the backside of the school was wet and muddy from the night's rain.



**WASTED TIME.** After about 45 minutes, the administration announced that lunch would be served outside. A few minutes later, the administration announced that the building would be cleared and students would be able to return for classes. After 80 minutes outside students returned to shortened classes and no sixth bell.

The bathroom threats were so stupid. Somebody was just writing them so they could get out of class.  
 > Emanuel Rezene, 10

## MORE numbers

- 1 girl's restroom opened
- 7 boy's restrooms opened
- 3 days of tightened bathroom security

## Down to one

Over 1,000 girls share one restroom



**W**HEN THE FEMALES THOUGHT THINGS COULDN'T GET

WORSE, Dr. Keith Kelly, only one girls' restroom to be open. The restroom chosen was the upper locker restroom. The restroom chosen only contained seven stalls

and two sinks. Girls were forced to wait in line and sign in before entering the restroom. If the girls used a stall, as soon as they walked out a teacher, assigned to monitor the restroom, entered and examined the stall. The teachers were to look for bomb threats. The security was put into place for the pursuit of finding the student responsible for the bomb threats. After three days of one bathroom, the rest of the restrooms opened up.

"I can't believe that over 1,000 girls had to use the same restroom for three days!" said Alyssa Eastes, 9.

There were six bomb threats found in the bathrooms. Two of the threats were found last spring and the others were found in the fall. The threats were all found in the girls restrooms.



## Did you Know...

- >"The Aviator" means confident green baron maneuvering skillfully to blow his attackers out of the sky.
- >The class of 1929 was the first to graduate from Sycamore Schools.
- >The first homecoming dance was in 1952.
- >The first winter dance was in 1954.
- >The first odd couples was in 1988.
- >There are 17 AP courses.
- >705 students have been commended for the National Merit since 1974.
- >There has been four additions to the building since it was built 30 years ago, this August.
- >The "Aviator" mascot came to be through a contest, and was submitted by the Blue Ash Airport.



# Say what?

Everything you never knew

By: Alix Zuberbuhler

**D** ID YOU EVER WALK DOWN THE HALLS AND NOTICE SOMEONE NEW? Have you ever wondered what everyone else is up to after school? This page is here for you to learn a little bit more about each other. With over 2,000 students and faculty members, getting to know each other can be pretty difficult sometimes. Every one of us has our own things we like to do, our own circle of friends, and our own lives outside of school; the trick is to come together for a more enjoyable high school experience.

"Our school has so many different styles and it's really hard to find your group of friends," said **Brittney Martin, 10**.

**44%** of the student body said that they did not know everybody's names in their classes, and wish that they did!



**EVERY DAY AT 11:00, THE FIRST LUNCH BELL RINGS.** As the tables fill up, friends get together and talk about anything they want, with no teachers around. The cafeteria makes an average of \$ 2,800 a day, and about 260 students purchase the school lunch each day, for \$2.50.







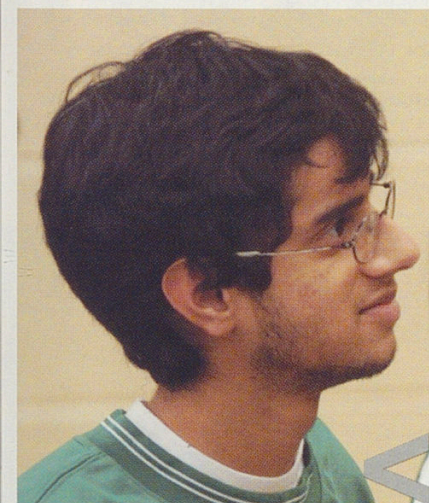
**59%**

said they walked down the halls and saw somebody new everyday.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN STUDENTS WERE INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN NOVEMBER. To get nominated for NHS was not easy. Each student must show great academics, and receive high recommendations, 30 hours of volunteer work, and a good attitude. Not many schools can say they nominated 118 members into the National Honor Society!

## Colleges favorite numbers 1600 and 36

High School students are familiar with the acronyms SAT and ACT, but how many students can say that they got perfect scores on them? This truly is a trivia fact: how many students in Sycamore aced these placement tests?



**THE SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST.** Nitin Sekar, 12 aced the SAT with a score of 1600. On top of this prestigious accomplishment, Sekar was Secretary of Hours for the National Honor Society where he led the Rainforest/SPCA coin drive.



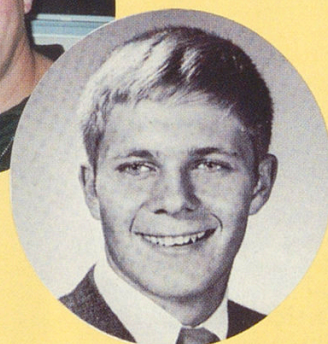
Lois Kwa, 12 scored a 36 on her ACT! With pretty much any college of her choice accepting her, it was a tough decision. "I was just glad I didn't have to take the test again," said Kwa.



Reed Chacksfield, 1976



Chris Allen, 1970



Steve Imhoff, 1970

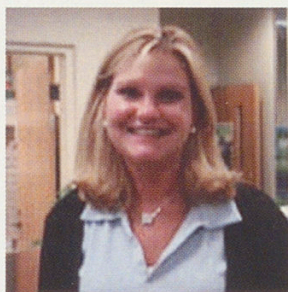
### Now & Then:

WHEN THESE TEACHER'S GRADUATED, WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE BACK FOR MORE? Mr. Reed Chacksfield, Mrs. Chris Allen, and Mr. Steve Imhoff all could not get enough the first time around, so they are back for seconds! Check out their high school senior picture, and compare to their teacher photos.



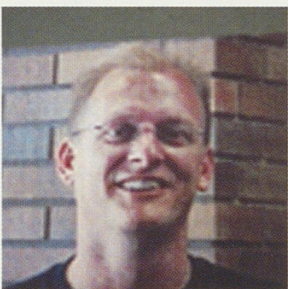
"Sycamore is wonderful! But if there were a couple things I would change it would have to be all the paper work and the traffic. I hate it!"

> **Mrs. Michelle Wheeler,**  
Guidance Counselor



"The Phys. Ed department here has so many different classes you can take. There is one perfect for every student."

> **Dr. Dan Carl,**  
Gym Teacher



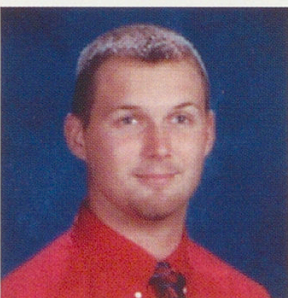
"This is my 24th year teaching and I have taught all levels from seventh to twelfth grade. The experience so far has been excellent and my department is amazing. They would drop anything to help me out."

> **Mrs. Jacqueline Wyatt,**  
French Teacher



"Compared to the school I student taught at, Sycamore seems much more organized and the other staff members are more friendly."

> **Mr. Chuck Ogden,**  
Social Studies Teacher



"One hard thing has got to be the traveling between each bell to different rooms. It can be tiresome at times but I have fantastic kids so they make it easier."

> **Ms. Katrina Cordova,**  
Math Teacher



"So far my experience at Sycamore has been very positive. I have enjoyed the teaching and the staff has been most welcoming."

> **Mr. Ciaran Prendergast,**  
History Teacher



#### A WELCOMING CAKE FOR THE NEW STUDENTS.

Breakfast was more than cake. Other food was provided for the students like bagels and orange juice. The new students socialized amongst themselves as well as with student mentors, teachers, principals, and counselors.

"Overall the breakfast turned out very successful. We had the most people attend by far this year," said **Mrs. Sue Koehler,** guidance counselor.

Insight from fresh faces.

# New

By: **Lindsay Crum & Ashley Austin**

**WE ALL KNOW HOW FRUSTRATING IT CAN BE WALKING THROUGH THE CLUTTERED HALLS.** But imagine if you did not have a single clue who anybody was! To

help the new students adjust, the annual "new student breakfast" was held during first bell on September 4 in the IMC. This was a way for them to meet people and feel more comfortable about their new school environment. It was sponsored by the parent group S.H.A.P.E who invited the parents of the new students to attend as well.

During the breakfast students engaged in games and were introduced to many opportunities. They learned about the various courses, clubs, sports, and organizations that they can partake in and it really seemed to help the students get an idea just how much more there is to Sycamore. One of the most difficult aspects of being the "new kid" is probably trying to find your way around without getting lost. The packed hallways do not help much either when late and rushing to a class.

"Make sure if you ask for directions somewhere, that you ask a teacher or an administrator. Sometimes upperclassmen find it amusing to send you the totally opposite way of where you want to go," said **Anthony Huron, 9.**

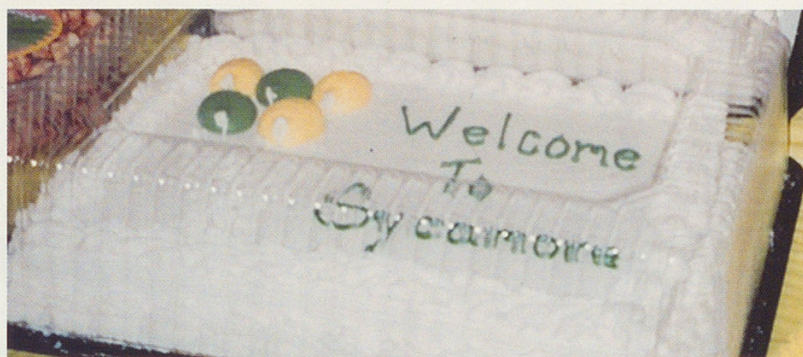
Once they found their way around the building, the new bodies noted the differences from their previous, school, city, or even country. **Mr. Ciaran Prendergast** came from Espom, England. He exchanged History class teaching positions with **Mrs. Marilyn Ray** as a part of the Fulbright Exchange. This fifty-seven year old program trades American administrators and teachers with others around the world. There are about 200 participants annually.

Prendergast looked most forward to, "meeting new people and experiencing a new culture and society, the challenge of teaching different materials in different ways to different students, the chance to visit those parts of the USA that I only know from the movies."

There were 17 new teachers, and 87 new students, which only added to the diversity of the school. This allowed for all different types of cultures to interact and blend in together.

"It was a bittersweet moment, Mrs. Ray leaving because I was sad to see her go, but I knew she was going to have a great experience in England." **Corrie van Amerongen, 12**





"Coming from Moeller, one major difference is definitely the girls. Another is that the teachers here are less outspoken than at private schools, and in general people are nicer."

> **Matthew Albonetti, 12**

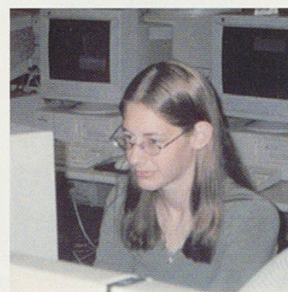


**CHRISTINE MINANO ENTERS HER FOURTH YEAR AS AN ENGLISH TEACHER.** One aspect of her new position was the fact that she taught a newly developed program totally based on technological learning in the classroom. Her students did not use books, papers, and pencils, they used the computer! For example, when it came time to take a test they were administered on the computer. Also when an assignment was due, there was a digital drop box the students put their work in, and for presentations, students made slide shows or movies instead of using regular posterboard.



"It was hard moving into a school with so many cliques and groups. Especially in the middle of your junior year. That made it hard to fit in I guess."

> **Ashley Bochnovich, 11**



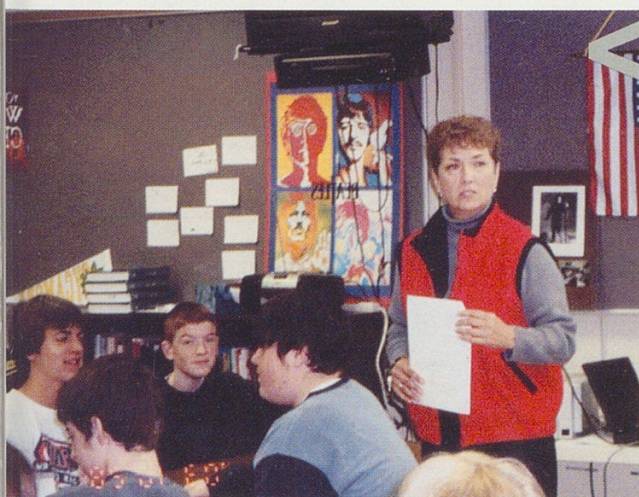
"I met a lot of new people at the new student breakfast. There are a lot more opportunities with so many different clubs and classes to choose from."

> **Kaitlin Johnson, 10**



"In general, Sycamore is a lot bigger than the school I moved from in Maine. And it just takes time to get used to everything."

> **Navpreet Lekhi, 9**



**MS. DEBBIE PRICHARD, NEW TO THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT,** is highly qualified in various subjects allowing for a wide-range of learning.

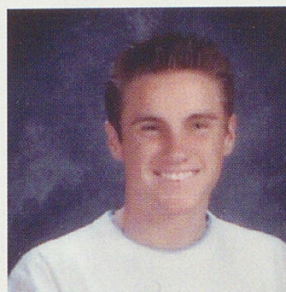
"I teach under the broad umbrella of English. Specifically I have taught English 9-12, AP Language and Composition, AP Literature, Comparative/Classical Mythology, and Arts and Humanities," said Prichard.

She was one of the many outstanding teachers helping to ensure the diversity of education for students.



"Coming in the middle of the first quarter made it stressful, but luckily I had known some students that go here already so I guess that gave me an advantage to making friends"

> **Abby Listo, 11**



"[I came from a private school.] Public schools are a lot better. Usually people prefer the uniforms, but personally I think they're terrible!"

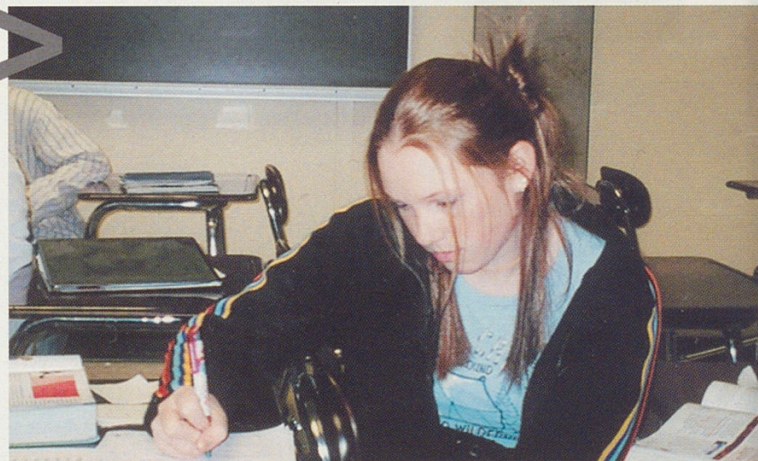
> **Ian Wilson, 11**



# New criteria created by state Department of Education raises the bar

By: Sam Pollak

**KELSEY KRESS, 9 PREPARES FOR THE NEW GRADUATION TEST SHE WILL TAKE.** The OGT took over the position previously held by the proficiency tests. "I don't think they should make such a big deal about it. They overstress it," said Kress.



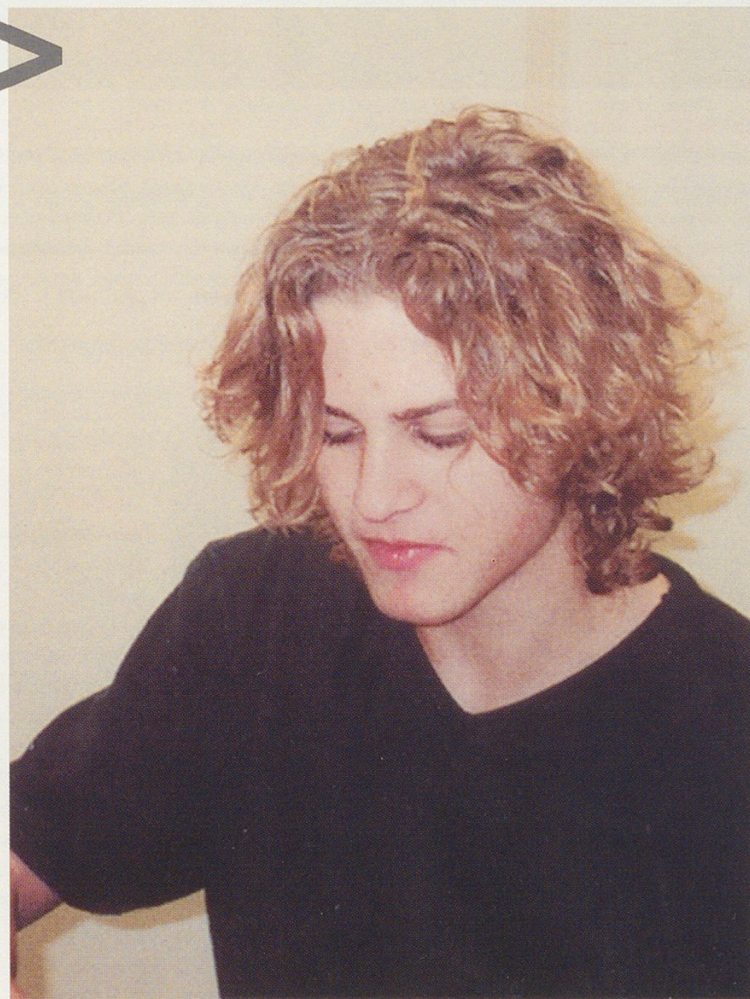
"It's good and bad that the [incoming] freshmen don't have to take the proficiency tests."  
— Jim Kastrup, 10

## State instituted the OGT Freshmen will be the first to take the new graduation test.

**T**HE FRESHMEN WILL BE THE guinea pigs for the Ohio Graduation Test. The OGT replaced the proficiency tests as the newest edition to the graduation criteria. Freshmen will take the OGT during their sophomore year as a prerequisite for graduation. In freshman classes, students prepared for the test with their teachers as part of the curriculum. The teachers also tried to incorporate subjects that are on the OGT into their daily lesson plans. The OGT will be administered during five days. Though it sounds very much like proficiency tests, the format, material, and higher standards make it a brand new test all together.



**THE OGT LOOMS OMINOUSLY OVER THE HEADS OF THE FRESHMEN.** The future sophomores are subject to multiple practice tests in preparation for their new graduation test. "We're the guinea pigs of the OGT," said John Davies, 9.





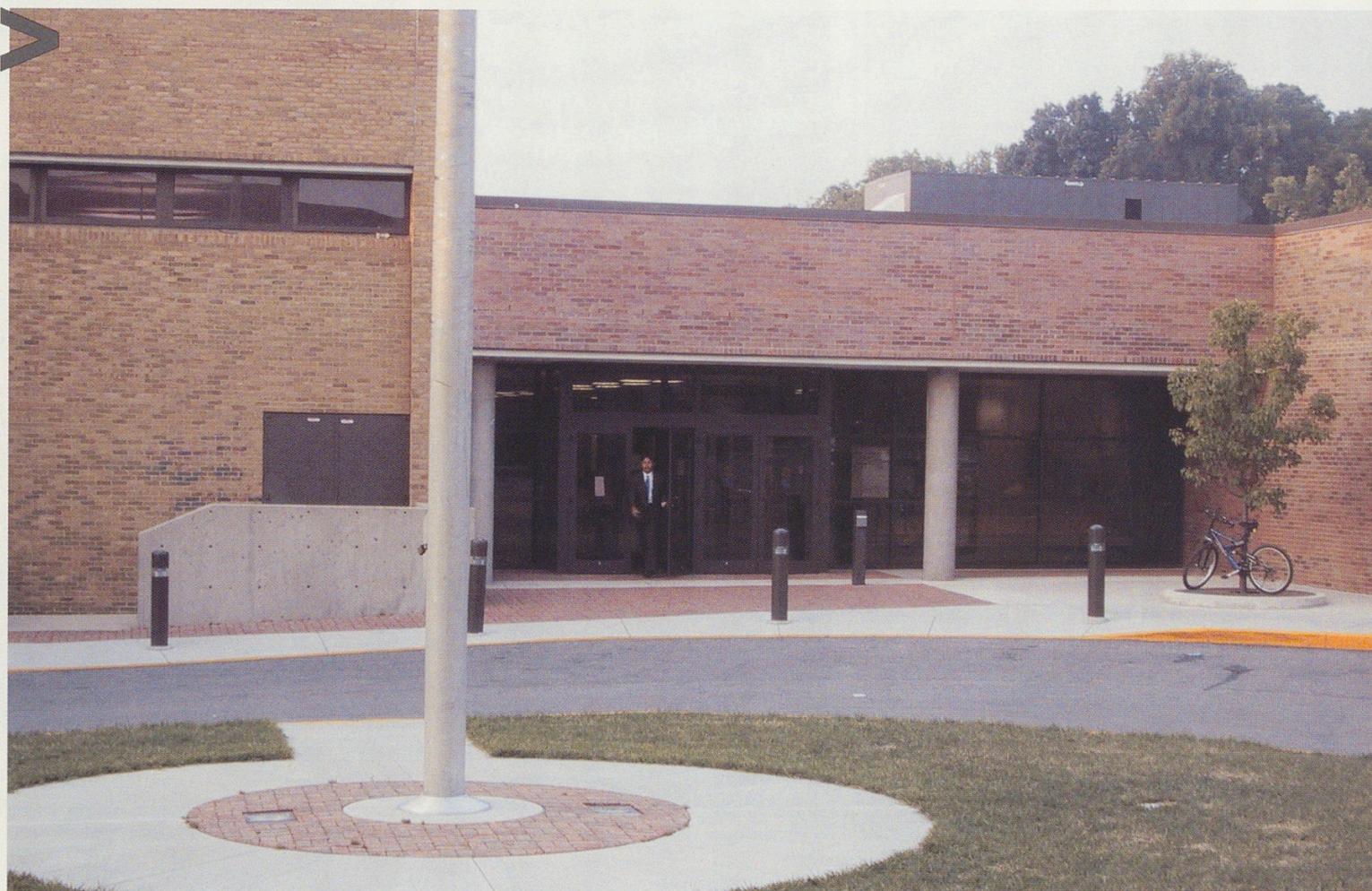
### Results of the 2002 proficiency test given to freshmen:

- 98%** at or above the proficient level in citizenship.
- 85%** at or above the proficient level in mathematics.
- 98%** at or above the proficient level in reading.
- 99%** at or above the proficient level in writing.
- 97%** at or above the proficient level in science.

**THE SYCAMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETS 22 OUT OF 22 INDICATORS ACHIEVING A RATING OF "EXCELLENT"**. The state of Ohio has graded the schools mainly on student performance. The percentages of students at or above the set proficient level were above the state standard in all subjects.

### The school is graded too Ohio grades schools now more extensively

**A+** **T**HE STATE OF OHIO developed new criteria for rating public schools. The state now grades schools on their students' performances based on the proficiency tests and attendance rates. Other items counted on the School Report Card include average enrollment, number of teachers and their salaries, average expenditures per student, and the number of students enrolled in each ethnic or racial group. Also reported are proficiency rates from previous years, which have overall remained fairly constant at above the state standard. The school achieved the top rating of "Excellent" for the fourth year in a row.





# Course Descriptions:

## More courses bring new opportunities

By: Danielah Blackburn

**STRAYING FROM THE NORM.** More classes were added in the English, mathematics and technology departments. These new classes gave students a new outlook, and a way to succeed in everyday subjects.

**Literature and media** was offered to seniors who had completed Academic American Literature. This course focused on the study of contemporary culture in literature and media. The students developed an understanding of the rapidly changing cultural context in which we live. The culminating product of this course was a student scripted and produced video documentary in which the student explored the relationship between the individual, and the values and ideas of a rapidly changing society.

**Multivariable Calculus** was an accelerated course that covered topics typically studied by college sophomores majoring in mathematics. Enrollment in this class required a score of a 4 or a 5 on the BC Calculus AP exam or a grade of an "A" or a "B" in the AP Calculus BC course plus instructor approval. Topics studied in the course included multivariable calculus, differential equations, discrete mathematics including combinations and math contest preparations.

The **CISCO** Networking Academy program utilized the CISCO Networking Academy curriculum and was ideal for students considering computer related degrees and careers. This was the first step for students working towards their CCNA certification. The Level I program was offered to juniors. They were exposed to fundamental concepts such as IP addressing, subnet masking, and advanced networking scenarios as they learned network theory and built computer networks from scratch. The second level course, offered to seniors, built upon their fundamental knowledge of computer networks. Students explored routing protocols, Wide Area Network schemes, and router design configuration. Topics included VLAN's, ARP, switching, protocol migration, encapsulation, IXP, and ISDN.



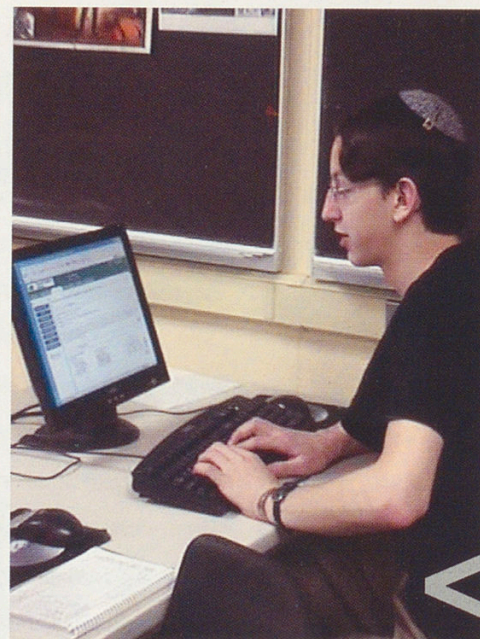
**SENIORS ERIN POWERS AND TRACY WOODBURN READ AND RESPOND TO MANY MESSAGES** during an in class discussion board. These students used computers daily to help them understand the importance of literature and media. Working on the computer all the time can be a great break from the everyday written work that makes hands tired. Now, instead of their hands being tired, they get tired eyes.





### THE CISCO NETWORKING CLASS SPENDS TIME

everyday working on learning new techniques that will bring them closer to their CCNA Certification. The students learned how to build computer networks completely from scratch. They also covered topics such as IP addressing, subnet masking and advanced networking scenarios.



### IN THE LITERATURE AND MEDIA CLASS

students used technology everyday for in-class discussion boards and regular essays. The students were also responsible for doing some DV editing. Some of the students, such as **Aaron Binik-Thomas, 12**, even made their own signatures to put at the end of their projects just like some professional film makers do.

### SOMETIMES THE STUDENTS EVEN TEACH

the teachers: **Nitin Sekar, 12**, and **Dennis Jiang, 12**, worked on a complex problem during **Dr. Keith Brakenridge's** sixth bell class. Spending just five minutes in this class will make your head dizzy from all the confusing equations.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT: EVEN AT LUNCH.

Multivariable calculus student **Jacob Lee, 12**, works hard trying to solve the equations that boggle his mind. This college sophomore level class was no joke. These students worked hard in this class but they say if you like math it is a lot of fun.



### THERE ARE TWO LEVELS IN THE CISCO

**PROGRAM**, here **Jeff Tucker, 11**, and **Alex Souders, 11**, work in the CISCO I class. Both of these students worked to advance to the CISCO II class next year and eventually earn their CCNA certification. This certification will open up many doors as far as jobs and will also better prepare them for higher level technology classes in college.

**NO, HALF THE CLASS IS NOT OUT SICK,** this is the class. The multivariable calculus class had only seven senior students: **Mark Schibler, Nitin Sekar, Dennis Jiang, Jacob Lee, Tianlai Lu, Karen Staubach** and **Nathan Schneider**.

**What do you think of the new classes that were added?**



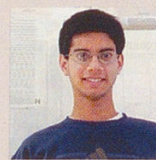
"...gives the students the ability to use very efficient computers...The superb experience and training by Sycamore staff allows student to experience a new realm of the digital world."

> **Aaron Binik-Thomas, 12**



"CISCO requires a lot of work but in the end it will open many job opportunities for people like me."

> **Jeff Tucker, 11**



"Multivariable Calculus is a great class because it is challenging and if you do not know the right answer it's OK because often times the teacher doesn't either."

> **Nitin Sekar, 12**



# Dressing from head to toe

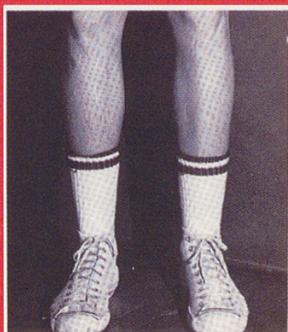
## No shoes, no shirt, no service

What styles hit the halls? By: Carly Mandel



**FOUR STUDENTS WITH FOUR DIFFERENT FASHIONS.** (1) **Dena Spector, 10**, wore traditional khakis with a floral T-shirt and headband. Accessories played a big role in female fashion, it could make or break an outfit. (2) **Chris Bregger, 11**, showed off his jeans from Kohls, and a zip-up sweatshirt over a navy blue T-shirt. "I don't know how much my clothes are because my mom buys them for me," said Bregger. Some people, such as (3) **Cullen Luning, 12**, sported the classic sweatshirt and shorts combination. Luning's Nike shoes were very popular but could run up to be \$100. The shorts that Luning wore, from Champs, could be about \$20, and along with his sweatshirt, his outfit could total \$170. Very original styles like long skirts and homemade purses and scarfs were also trendy, (4) **Camille Jeanett, 12**, fashioned a long lightweight skirt, scarf, sweater and blouse.

## Analyze This:



WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT, the same shoes dads wore, could be the same shoes their children would wear! **Rachel Washburn, 10**, loved her red Converse's. "I bought them two years ago at Journey's for about \$20. At first I bought them because they looked cool and then they became popular," said Washburn. These same Converse shoes, which used to be used for basketball, were spotted around the halls.





**A BLAST FROM THE PAST:** Many styles were similar to those of the 1950's, '70's and the '80's. The 1950's brought the short dresses with the colored toolings, or tough mesh. This fashion was shown at Homecoming. Shoes from the 1970's, like the popular Converse's, began to pop out of dad's closet. Although these ever trendy shoes were meant for men, many girls began to wear them. Finally the 1980's, Steve Madden shoe stores brought out the neon pumps (or high heeled pointed shoes). Likewise neon colors showed up more and more in the halls, colors such as green, teal, pink and blue.



However, the most popular outfits for guys displayed by **Sam Ochstein, 11**, were, baggy jeans, boxers, a belt, and Abercrombie and Fitch shirts or sweatshirts. Girls had much different styles. The shoes had to match the pants which matched the hair piece, which matched the shirt. Traditionally girls tended to wear: the most popular shoes (such as Nike, Sacony, or NewBalance), tight fitting flared jeans, a cute top like an off-the-shoulder sweater or a tight fitting T-shirt. Whether a girl or a boy, style played a big part in the halls.

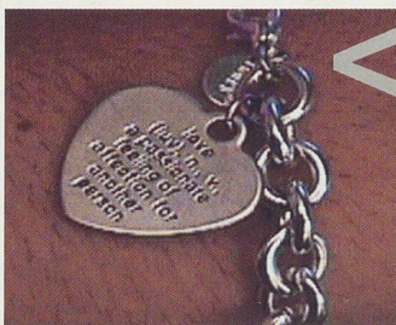
**43%**

Of 50 girls polled said they would shop at Express if given \$1,000.

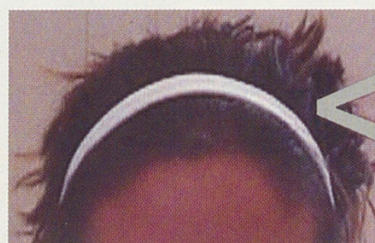
**SHOES.** Merideth Juergens, 12, travels in her sandals purchased freshman year. Juergens loved her worn in sandals so much that she used duct tape to save them. "I would urge anyone to buy these shoes, only if they weren't discontinued!" said Juergens.



**ACCESSORIES.** Catherine Phillips, 11, with her bracelet that says Love (luv). n., v., a passionate feeling or affection for another person. Tiffany's and Co. introduced them seven years ago, and they became a trend to wear three years ago. This trend was highly influenced by the media and many stars, such as Sarah Jessica Parker. Many people bought "knock off" brands, such as this one, because the real ones were purchased at about \$150.



**HAIR.** Christina Rispoli, 12, wears her homemade headband, made from a pair of sweatpants. Many girls had been doing this for some time, but they showed up more and more as the year went on. Rispoli, and many other girls, made these because it was a lot cheaper than purchasing them.



"I go for comfort and originality. My style is my style, and no one else's. I normally wear jeans and a trendy top, but not because everyone else does."

> **Lindsay Crum, 12**

"I will wear anything that fits my style. I like comfortable clothes, I don't care where I shop as long as it's cheap and cute."

> **Alix Zuberbuhler, 12**

"Some of the trends that seem to be in are heading towards punk and gothic, so I am going to different stores, like Wet Seal, to buy what I like."

> **Kim Doris, 12**



# Proper Conducting

## Keeps everyone In marching band in line

By: Katie Loftspring

**C**LICK, CLICK, CLICK. were the opening sounds that the percussion made at the start of every performance. Although the season is over, these sounds will not be forgotten. Each year a new group of faces is added to the mix. These new members, usually the incoming freshman class, must attend an extra week of band camp during the hot summer months. Here, these "rookies" learned the basics necessary to be successful in marching band. Following the first week, the entire band gets together to learn the routine for the season.

"I like being in marching band, because I get to meet new people each year," said **Michael Guder, 12.**

The band had a wonderful season obtaining many titles and awards. Under the direction of **Mr. David Swift, Mr. Jeff Bieler, Mr. Gary Langhorst,**

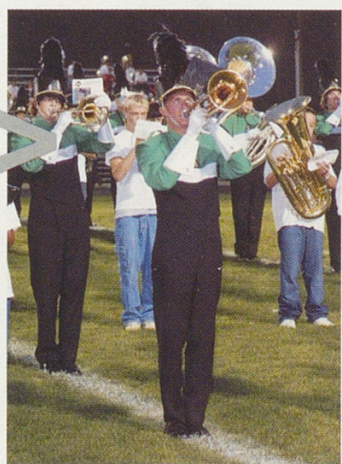
**Mr. Lonnie Stover,** and **Mr. Clint Hott,** the band was named Grand Champion at the West Clermont Competition, and also won awards for their outstanding percussion. In addition to competing in contests almost every weekend, the band performed at every football game. They pumped up the crowd and provided entertainment during the half. In order to obtain the right frame of mind,

members must pump themselves up for the games. Before Friday night football games each section of the band got together for dinner. At these dinners, members of each section not only got physically energized, but also psychologically energized.

"The section dinners before the games are great. We have a lot of fun, and get ready for the big game," said **Brian Murphy, 12.**



**COMING TOGETHER.** Each year the marching band gets together with grades 5-8 to put on "band night." Band night fell on the homecoming game. They were able to put together a spectacular performance for the large crowd.



**ALL LINED UP.** Many hours were spent at band camp perfecting this technique. Being able to get the same beat is crucial for any band, especially a marching one. This is just one of the many things on which they were judged at competitions.

**PRE-PERFORMANCE RITUALS.** Just as in athletics, the band also takes time to stretch before performing. Stretching is extremely important in order to avoid pulled muscles.



I'm glad we got a 'one' at state. We really deserved to do well after all of our hard work during the season.

> **Phil Barbe, 12**

The many hours in the hot summer days are well worth it when you have the best performances possible and win Grand Champion.

> **Rachel Costello, 11**







**ROAST THOSE FIREBIRDS!** This float depicted a firebird roasting on a grill and showed some true spirit while pulling the Junior class into first place! The junior class topped off the pep rally with a fantastic win!



**VENCONMIGO A LA supermercado!** Come with us to the supermarket! People heard the hum of the banjo as Mike Rosa, 12, went South of the border with his tremendous tunes winning second place. Joining him front and center were Susan Shuller, 12, and Nikki San Miguel, 12.

# Float competition

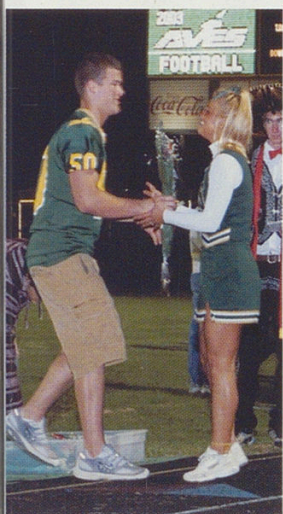


**THE SOPHOMORES HAD A mini fiesta** on their float. Sombreros and cacti decorated the float as it headed south of the border. They shook their bon bons into third place in the contest.



**THIS BOWL OF CHEESE FLOATED** down the street along with several very spirited freshmen. The Freshmen came in last place for the float building contest.

## pep rally



"I think it's sweet how they do this (present flowers) every year, and it's a great way to end our senior season."

- Gina Sylvester, 12. (pictured with Matt McKeown)



"The senior relay race was really scary because it was so hard to get my teammates where I wanted them to go."

- Liesbet Michiels, 12.



"There were two things that people said to me in that car, 'nice car' and 'wow you guys are still alive!'"

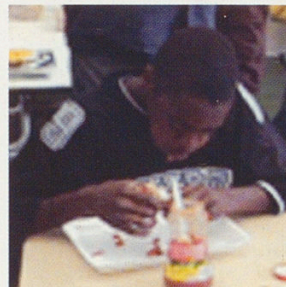
- Mr. Steve Imhoff.

(pictured with Gene Specktor.)

# Spirit week

October 6 - October 10

## Monday



Jay Zesaguli, 11, must have really stuffed his face to win the burrito eating contest. He had an advantage because his fellow competitor got sick.

## Tuesday



Mike Rosa, 12, was really enthusiastic on this day. He wore a sombrero the size of Mexico during crazy hat day. He showed some wild spirit.

## Wednesday

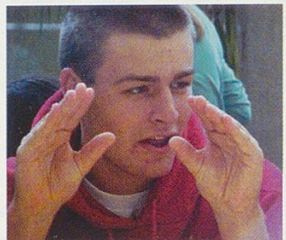
No school! Teacher Records Day

## Thursday



Kicking some major pinata at lunch during pinata smashing day. He gave out free candy for the whole commons. Lots of students also busted their moves dancing to the macarena.

## Friday



Hip hip hooray for spirit day! Students gave a shout out for our green and gold spirit during the dancing contest, like John Kattleman, 12. He was getting ready for that big dance.

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# Seniors

## Haunting The Halls

Costumes and Characters Come Alive

By: Shaili Ryan and Lindsay Crum

**H**ALLOWEEN WAS ONE OF THE MOST memorable days for the graduating seniors. The creative minds of the class of 2004 came to life with imitations of pirates, rock stars, and even giant fruits and vegetables.

"I had so much fun being a carrot! We only rented the costumes for the day though and I wish we could have kept them," said, R.J. Mahoney. All day long the students followed their regular class schedule until sixth period. At that time all seniors were called to the gym to watch the "parade of costumes," A group of teachers from the panel of judges for the event.

Students were not the only ones wearing outrageous outfits though. The teachers also suited up showing off their senses of humor. Costumes included Charlie Brown worn by Mr. Dan Buchanan, and Magic Johnson from the Lakers portrayed by Mr. Antonio Shelton. But some of the best costumes were those where students dressed up as their teachers.

"Mr. Bob Gregory is the coolest teacher I know. It was an honor to be him for Halloween," said Mike Maher. To conclude the celebration Mr. Jim Skoog, the senior class principal, announced the day's winners. As the students exited, they received complimentary treat bags provided by mothers who donated their time and energy into making this day possible. They were Mrs. Laura Knauer, Mrs. Margie Adler, Mrs. Pam Harris, and Mrs. Terry Faulkner. Before the conclusion of the day, students met up with their friends to get one last snap shot before it was time to go home.



## "And the Winners are..."

### Best Individual

Captain Planet: Reggie Philpott  
The Hulk: Adam Bookbinder

### Cutest Individual

Brutus Buckeye: Josh Shaftel

### Scariest Individual

Michael Meyers: Willie Million

### Most Creative Individual

Sasquatch: Josh Kostreva

### Best Impersonator

Bob Gregory: Michael Maher

### Most Bizarre Group

Spice Girls: Steve Shaw, Nick Perkins, Mike Prince, Brian Kelly

### Best Impersonator of a Famous Person

Kramer: Devon Rhodes

### Scariest group

Grease Monkeys: Alle Rorie, Sammy Shaffer, Jessica Alexoff

### Best Boy Duo

Blind Man and dog: Steve Przywara, Cullen Luning

### Best Girl Duo

A League of Their Own: Karen Domas, Tori Earls

### Cutest Group

Asian Tourists: Nikki San Miguel, Albert Wu, Caspar Yen, Kevin Newman, Bailey Su, Michael Oshita, and Dennis Jiang.

### Funniest Group

Spinal Tap: Lauren Malone, Sydney Morton, Lauren Bernstein, Meredith Juergens

### Best Group

12 Days of Christmas: Amy Rickards, Meaghan Ebetino, Anait Grigoryan, Carly Roth, Erin Wigger, Laura Bills, Reena Sikdar, Liz Brodzinski, Kim Haugen, Katherine Buckingham, Poorvi Dalal, Karen Staubach

### Most Creative Group

Scrabble: Molly Finn, Abby Reagan, Susan Shuller, Elesha Roser, Kelly Beech, Lindsay Darbonne, Bethany Marks







**FRIGHTENING.** Alle Rorie, Sammy Shaffer, and Jessica Alexoff looked like they had been working in an auto shop for the day. These girls were the winners of the Scariest Group.

**"THIS IS IT MAVERICK."**

Matt McKeown and Mike Kelly dressed up as the dynamic duo of Goose and Maverick from the movie *Topgun*. Both Kelly and McKeown looked great by themselves, but looked best when seen together. This costume caught everyone's attention, and received an honorable mention at the awards ceremony.



**ON DUTY.** Katie LeBuhn, Tracy Woodburn, and Victoria Fleming, dressed up as officers on duty. Even though they did not receive any awards, their costumes definitely stood out as being very memorable. These costumes were well thought out and put together.



**DOUBLE WORD SCORE!** Molly Finn, Abby Reagan, Susan Shuller, Elesha Roser, Kelly Beech, Lindsay Darbonne, Bethany Marks dressed up as scrabble pieces spelling out seniors on one side, and aviator on the other. This unique idea earned them the award of most creative group.



**HAVING CHRISTMAS A** little early, Amy Rickards, Meaghan Ebetino, Anait Grigoryan, Carly Roth, Erin Wigger, Laura Bills, Reena Sikdar, Liz Brodzinski, Kim Haugen, Katherine Buckingham, Poorvi Dalal, and Karen Staubach designed their costumes to fit the 12 Days of Christmas. They won the prestigious Best Group Award.

**WALK THE PLANK.**

Jason Butler dressed up as Captain Jack Sparrow from the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean*. His actions definitely fit the part. Butler walked around school with the same mannerisms as Johnny Depth did in the actual movie. Butler's fine costume and performance earned him an honorable mention.

**ROCK ON.** Lauren Bernstein, Meredith Juergens, Sydney Morton, and Lauren Malone posed for a picture a bit differently than they are normally dressed. The girls showed off their senses of humor by dressing up as Spinal Tap. This creativity snagged them the award for funniest group.



**OUT TO SEE THE SIGHTS.** Nikki San Miguel, Albert Wu, Caspar Yen, Kevin Newman, Bailey Su, Michael Oshita, and Dennis Jiang won cutest group by dressing up as Asian Tourists with a tour guide.





Homecoming Dance

# Fiesta time, let's party

**A**MAZEMENT AND SURPRISE WENT through students mind as they entered the commons to see a Mexican paradise. The school had been transformed into a traditional Mexican fiesta for the homecoming dance "South of the Boarder".

The homecoming dance took place on October 11, 2003, from 9 to 12. The event was sponsored by Student Council. Student Council sold tickets for the dance, made arrangements for the dance and took on the huge task of decorating. The decorating process began the Friday before the dance and continued till a few hours prior to the start of the dance. The decorations were unique and went well with the theme.



**CAN IT GET BETTER THAN THIS?** A night of fun and glamor complete with a date and a school dance with all your friends, every girl's dream. **Cameron Rademacher, 12**, stole away **Kristin Grueninger, 11**, from her date, and swept her off her feet, making her smile.



**THE FIRST HIGH SCHOOL DANCE IS THE BEST.** For freshmen, homecoming was their first high school dance. Many freshmen were excited, nervous and scarred all in one. One couple who washed away their nervousness on the dance floor was **Chris Tom, 9**, with his date, **Clara Hsieh, 9**. The two spent the evening dancing and laughing. The two both agreed by the end of the night, high school dances were fun.

By: Ashley Bochnovich and Kelsey Kiley

But beyond the decorations this was one hot tamale of a dance. Students gathered on the dance floor to boogie down to hits ranging from the B-52's "Love Shack" to the slow dances like Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You". Music blared from the speakers as students got down.

Unfortunately, the music stopped and the homecoming week came to a close. Students left that morning with pleasant thoughts of the "South of the Boarder" homecoming dance and could not wait till the next time to boogie down.

**SWAY TO THE RHYTHM OF THE MUSIC.** **Richie Clark, 10**, comfortably embraced **Amanda Cone, 10**, as they smiled their way through the night. It was a great time for these two.



**SHAKE YOUR TAIL FEATHER.** **Gloria Burkhart, 10**, and **Nick Perkins, 12**, dance to the beat of the DJ's hot music. A variety of music was played from Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to music from 50 cent's "In the Club". Many students had a reason to dance because of all the activities that took place prior to the dance. The cross country teams had competed in the G.M.C. race and the JV football team played against Lakota West.

## Taking it to court

# The supreme court

By: Katie Loftspring

### A Word From the Court. . .

"I was so excited to be princess my freshman year. It's such an honor and I feel so special that my class voted for me."

> **Meredith Love, 9.**

"I'm so happy that so many people voted for me. It was a lot of fun to be princess of our sophomore class"

> **Lisa Ramstetter, 10.**

"I'm glad that people thought that I deserved such a distinction."

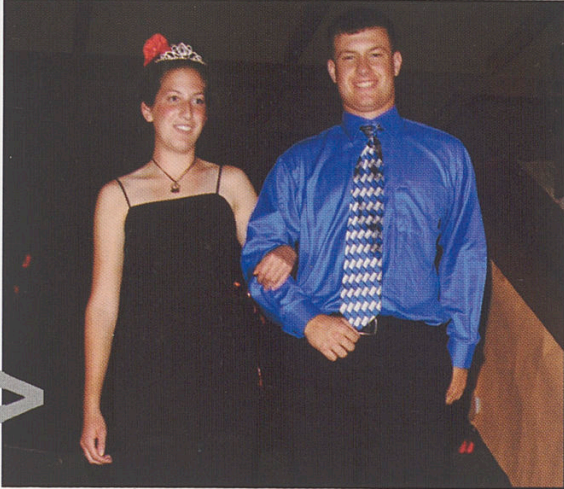
> **Brad Konerman, 12.**

**A VIEW FROM THE TOP.** Senior prince and princess **Meaghan Ebetino**, and **Brad Konerman** walked gracefully down the stairs. This was the first time that either had been nominated, and both felt honored to receive such a distinction.

**A**ND THE VERDICT IS. Decided by a jury of their peers, those sentenced to homecoming court were required to ride on a personalized float in the homecoming parade, appear on the field during the halftime show of the football game, as well as to attend the dance the



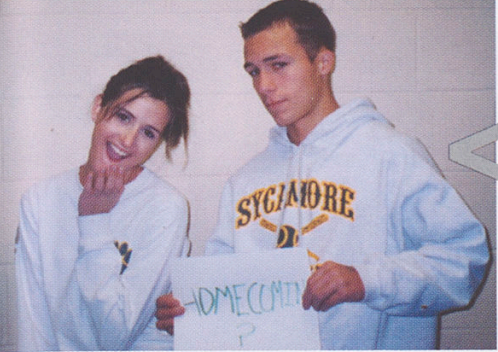
**AND THE WINNERS ARE.** **Robin Hunsucker, 12**, and **Brett Banks, 12**, were named homecoming king and queen. Following this announcement, neither could stop smiling as the two enjoyed their first dance together as king and queen.



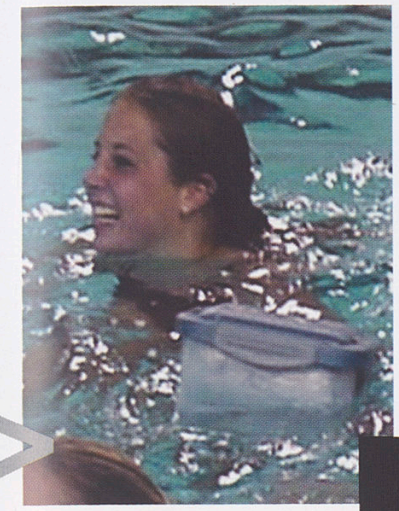
**MAKING THEIR ENTRANCE.** Junior prince and princess **Tommy Crabill** and **Emily Tolos** locked arms as they walked down the stairs at the dance. After being in the court for the past two years, Crabill was excited to finally be named homecoming prince.

following evening. Those judged worthy of this honor were freshmen **Pat Fox** and **Meredith Love**, sophomores **Lisa Ramstetter** and **Sandy Berry**, juniors **Tommy Crabill** and **Emily Tolos**, and seniors **Meaghan Ebetino**, **Brad Konerman**, **Robin Hunsucker**, and **Brett Banks**. The ultimate sentence was imposed upon Banks and Hunsucker who were named king and queen.

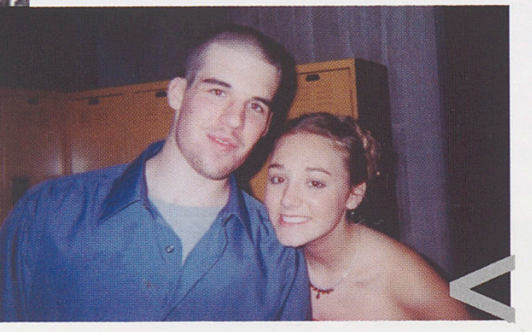
The court was voted on three times. Beginning on September 26, the top five from each class were selected. Then on October 2, the court was narrowed down to the top two from each class. Finally on October 10, the winning votes were cast.



**THE SIGNS WERE THERE.** **Andy Johnson, 11**, surprised **Ashley Bochnovich, 11**, with signs in class. When she arrived to class, ten people stood, up each holding letters that spelled "Homecoming." Johnson stood at the end holding a question mark. Bochnovich was quick to reply "of course."



**GOING TO DEEPER levels.** **Mike Koebel, 12**, asked water polo player **Amy Krone, 10**, to homecoming, by placing his football jersey along with a rose in a Tupperware container at the bottom of the pool. Upon recovering this package, Krone was delighted to accept his offer.



**SPECIAL DELIVERY.** **Brad Bartlow, 12**, asked his date **Sarah Lapin, 10**, by delivering cookies to her house. Dressed in uniform, along with helpers, spelled out "Homecoming" with a question mark. Lapin enthusiastically replied that she would love to go.



**LABEL THAT ONE A Success.** **Matt Summerlin, 9**, asked his girlfriend **Rachel Hershberger, 9**, by changing the label of a Jones Soda bottle, so that it read homecoming? Hershberger is an avid collector of the Jones Soda bottles, and upon getting the message, excitedly screamed yes!

## More than a question

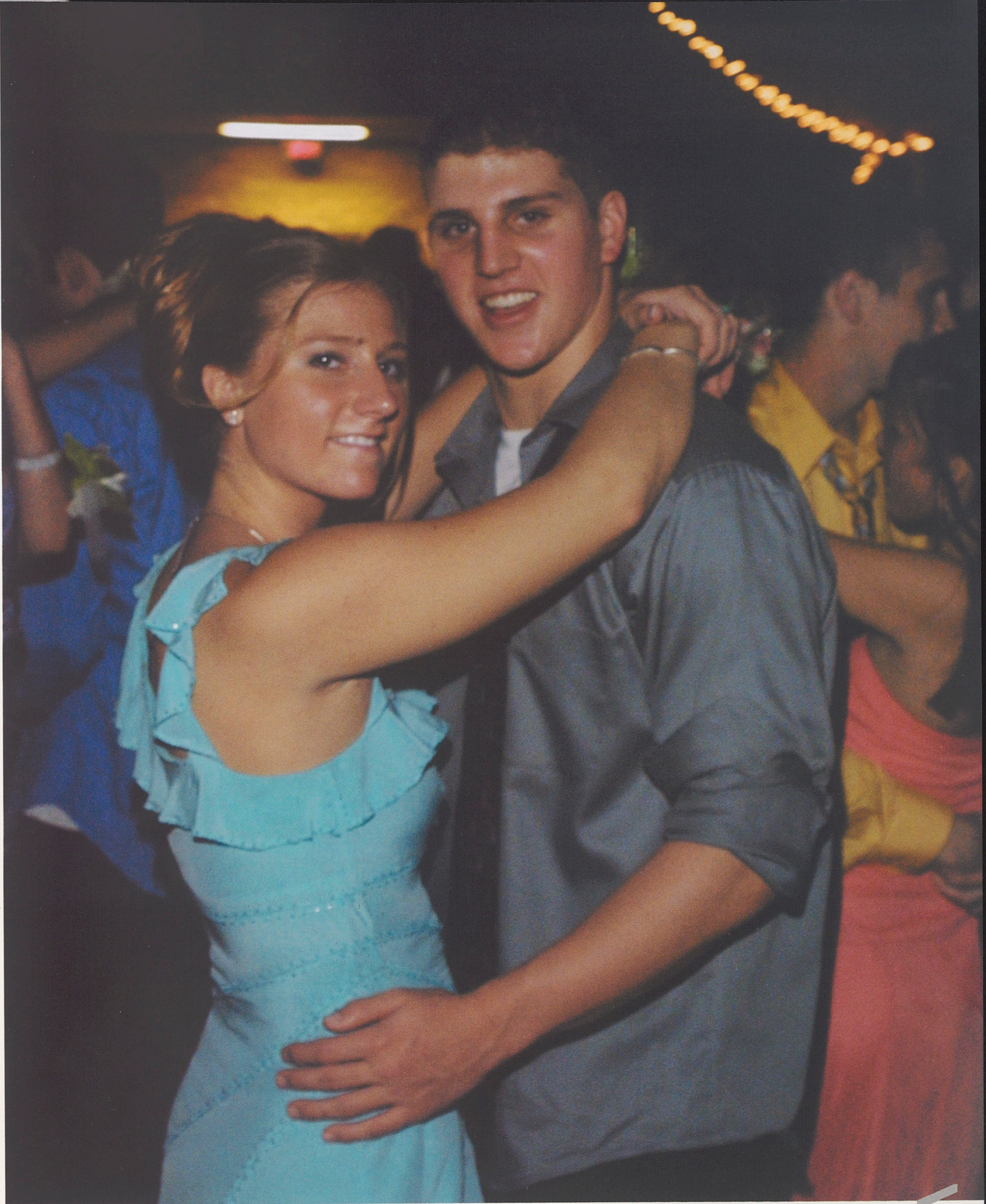
Students devise elaborate ways in which to secure a date to homecoming.

**I**NVESTING WISELY. It was an investment of time, creativity, emotions, and money. Always striving to be more creative than the next guy, students devised elaborate methods of "popping the question." Following a positive response, students were then forced to invest both time and money with family and friends in order to make the evening memorable. Some girls borrowed dresses from friends, while others

bought their own.

"Homecoming was AMAZING! I spent a while looking for my dress, but when I found it I knew it was the one I wanted. It just looked good on me. I was glad I had a dress, so that I could stop stressing. I definitely had more fun this year than last. I liked everything about the dance. The music was great, the people I spent the night with were fantastic, and my date looked hot," said **Margo Rosen, 10**.

"How much did it all cost?"	
\$30-\$100	Dinner
\$15-\$35	Corsage
\$5-\$10	Boutonniere
\$25.00	Tickets (per couple)
\$20	Pictures



**ONE INCREDIBLE HOMECOMING DANCE.** **Heath Tameris, 11**, and his date **Megan Brown, 11**, danced together at the "South of the Boarder" homecoming dance. Tameris asked Brown to the dance by sitting outside one of her classes, in a suit holding a rose. But the suit was no ordinary suit. It was a Speedo swimming suit. Tameris then asked Brown to be his date for homecoming. The offer was too good for Brown to resist.



# Ven Come with us migo

## South of the Border- Homecoming Game

By: Ali Sinclair, Sarah Chapman, and Jaime Orent

SPIRIT REACHED SOUTH OF THE border throughout spirit week and into the weekend of Homecoming. The Thursday night pep rally pumped up students for the game against Lakota West the following night. Parade floats rolled onto the field, beginning the festivities, which included the annual float competition (won by the junior class), humorous class skits, musical chairs, and performances by the Flyerettes and cheerleaders. Dressed in festive costumes, seniors Jason Oppliger and Brett Banks shared the role of Masters of Ceremony, entertaining the crowd with their banter. Marching band played at both the pep rally and the game to energize the crowd. That energy must have been present on the field as well, because the team came away victorious: 31 to 28.



"FIGHT THE TEAM ACROSS THE FIELD" plays as the football team runs out on the field. The varsity cheerleaders hold the banner that the team breaks through as they enter the stadium. The banner was donated by the football moms.



MY LITTLE BUTTERCUP. SENIORS CULLEN LUNING AND DEVIN RHODES busted out those oldies dance moves. They serenaded each other and the crowd, and must have pleased the judges because they dragged in first place for the senior skit.



"IN DA CLUB". HIP HOP MOVES IS what it's all about according to Sam Ochstein, 11, and Mike Turner, 11. These boys gave us all a little taste of those fancy moves.

SHAKE THOSE POM-POMS BOYS. SAM COLE, 10, AND Nate Kaplan, 10, showed their love of cheerleading. They wore old cheerleading uniforms and showed off their own personal cheers of appreciation to those cheerleaders. Who said cheerleading isn't a sport?



## class skits

WATCH OUT FRESHMEN. Hilary Fingerma, 9, Branden Battle, 9, and Liz Walsh, 9, got jiggy with it in front of the screaming crowd. Just beating it to those oldies tunes





**CAUGHT IN THE ACT.** The guard shows off their routine at the Amelia competition. This competition, and competitions like it, was extremely competitive. However, the guard was able to come out on top, bringing back many awards throughout the course of the season.



**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.** Amanda Kisor, 11, practices her routine at band camp. Much attention was paid to detail when perfecting these routines. The girls make sure that everything was perfect before they step onto the field at games and competitions.

**THE LOOK OF SUCCESS.** The guard marches off the field after a competition at Amelia. The smiles on their faces reflect yet another successful performance. These girls were always ready and willing to put in the time needed in order to be successful.



"All of the girls worked really hard, and we ended our season with great results because of it."

> Jessica Uchtman, 12

## Behind these flags

Color guard waves on the competition

By: Katie Loftspring

**N-SYNC.** That is just what these girls were. At every game and competition, their flags flew through the air perfectly in-sync. Along with the marching band, they appeared at Friday night football games and traveled to various competitions. Here, they drew in crowds and won awards. Under the direction of **Ms. Angie Hott**, and led by senior captain **Jessica Uchtman**, the guard ended their season with wonderful and much deserved

results. As well as the band, Color Guard was required to attend camp during the hot summer months. These long, hot summer days were spent preparing routines for upcoming games and competitions. One should not be deceived by their smiling faces and pretty costumes. These girls really had to work. They were required to carry heavy white boxes back and forth from the fields to the school. These boxes were just one of the many necessary props for routines.

Hard work did not stop there. At the start of the school year, they practiced long hours after school.

"All of the time we put in before and during the season really paid off. We placed highly at competitions. It was great to end my senior year on a good note," said **Emily Parker, 12.**

Just because the Marching Band season ended, did not mean that Color Guard did. Many of these girls chose to participate in the Winter Guard during the off season. This was a great way for them to refine their skills for the upcoming season.



# Let's go Back to the 80's, STAG style

By: Lauren Truax and Mimi Barkawi



**AND TO OUR LEFT, JOSH LEE, 10, GIVES A TOUR OF MOUNT RUSHMORE TO ONLOOKERS.** All onlookers shared the story of their travel to Mount Rushmore and experiences in their life. Each segment was with a different onlooker at Mount Rushmore. The segments were humorous but sent serious messages to the audience.



**LOOKING VERY INTERESTED SYDNEY MORTON, 12, AND MARK LEVY, 12, ACT AS TOURISTS AT MOUNT RUSHMORE.** The play gave an opportunity for many people to get involved because there were many roles to fill. The opening of the play began with all actors and actresses on the stage as tourists. The tourists stared in wonder at the sight of Mount Rushmore.

**T**HE FALL PLAY WAS A COMBINATION OF TWO PLAYS, *Snapshots* and *Love, Death and the Prom*. The plays were hilarious as well as serious.

*Snapshots* told the story of tourists at Mount Rushmore. Several tourists were given time in the spotlight to share a story of why they had traveled to Mount Rushmore. *Love, Death and the Prom* was a funny play that left the audience laughing out loud. The cast began their practice on September 10th and raised the curtain on October 2, 3, and 4 for their showing.

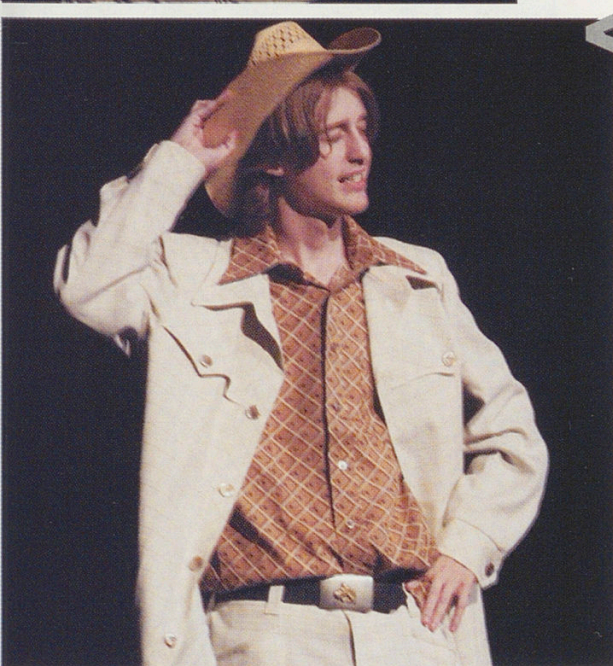
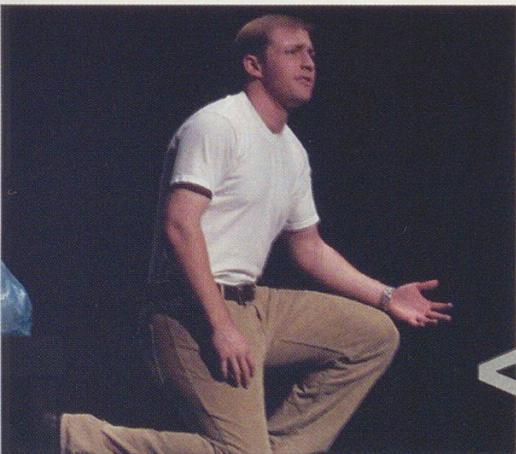
"It was a great experience, we didn't have much time to pull it off, but we did awesome," said **Nate Kennedy, 11**.

Instead of holding auditions, the roles were assigned by how the actors performed at the **STAG** showcase. The two plays gave students a great chance for getting involved. There were numerous roles to fill and there were no lead roles. The play had a great turn for not only actors and actresses but as well as an audience. The crowd cheered and applauded as the curtain went down.





**DEEP IN CONVERSATION.** Andrew Wehling, 12, as Did, and his brother Bobby, played by Matt Evans, 11, discuss the sights of Mount Rushmore. They both performed a hysterical relationship of two brothers settling their differences while on vacation at Mount Rushmore. The two portrayed a lot of emotion throughout their skit.



## Who's Who in... *Snapshots and Love, Death, and the Prom*

### SnapShots

A Quick Tour of the Monument	
Guide	Josh Lee
Scene at Mount Rushmore	
Bobby	Matt Evans
Did	Andrew Wehling
Tyler Poked Taylor	
Loyal	Jonathan McPike
Rock Scissors Paper	
Girl	Dara Lind
Little Pezidents	
Dave	Sammy Kanter
Karen	Jennifer Brunker
Defacing Patriotic Property	
Man	Dustin DePenning
Thrift of the Magi	
Trey	Mark Levy
Tina	Mandy Weger
Night Out	
Man	Brandon Battle
Women	Amber Jolly
Here & Now	
Man	Neil Heyman
The Great Father	
Man	Max Deutsch
Women	Tara Zivkovic
American Klepto	
Women	Libet Wilfong
Becoming American	
Instructor	Katie Kitchin
Women in Dress	Molly Reigers
History Lesson	
Maggie	Sydney Morton
Bomb Squad	
Man	Nate Kennedy
Ranger	Alan Dicken
On Lincoln's Head	
Babe	Mollie Fingerman
Annette	Julia Albain

### Love, Death, and the Prom

Reverse English	
Monti	Tara Zivkovic
Barbara	Libet Wilfong
Billy Bob	Brian Barasch
Commercial Break	
Dick	Mark Levy
Jane	Mandy Weger
TV Ensemble	Matt Evans, Sammy Kanter, Katie Kitchin, Sasha Pinkerton
Logical Conclusion	
Tom	Alan Dicken
Mark	Brian Barasch
Jason	Josh Lee
Art	Neil Heyman
Skip	Nate Kennedy
Millions	
Ellen	Dara Lind
Samantha	Molly Reigers
Cheating	
Betts	Amber Jolly
Ellen	Mollie Fingerman
Donna	Emily Rock
Wanda	Jennifer Brunker
Nightstream	
Suzi	Sydney Morton
Jason	Neil Heyman
Blood	
Lola	Amber Jolly
Marsha	Dara Lind
Annette	Sasha Pinkerton
Rules	
Carl	Jonathan McPike
Linda	Julia Albain
Prom	
Wanda	Katie Kitchin
Jack	Mark Levy
Don	Sammy Kanter
Zan	Molly Reigers
Dora	Emily Rock
Max	Andrew Wehling

## Backstage

**q:** How many hours did you spend practicing?

**a:** Each skit had 2-3 hours a day of rehearsals before production week.

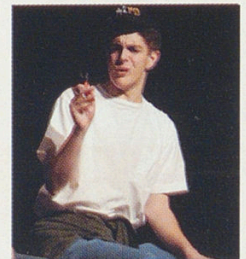
**q:** Did you enjoy performing one night over any other?

**a:** Saturday night was the best performance and the most fun.

**q:** Overall, did you feel that the play was successful?

**a:** Yeah, I thought it went really well. We had a good audience.

## Pass



**SHOWING EXPRESSION!** Sammy Kanter, 11, performs his pez skit. His wife spent all their money on pezz presidents and got into a fight. They settled their differences and found a way to get home.





**A BIT OF FRESH AIR AFTER ANOTHER TOUGH MORNING OF SCHOOL!** Students stroll to Dulle Park for the Wellness Walk. The walk was sponsored by Student Assistance Council and H.O.P.E.. Leading the way were **Emily Saltz, 11, Shakerra Sampson, 11, Kelsey Kiley, 10, Katie Daniels, 10, and Katherine Chang, 10.**

I loved being a part of passing out the "I am Loved" pins because it is like a wave of red on back packs across the school that lasts all year.

> **Jessica Sebastian, 12**

# The kids of S.A.C.

Student issues group helps all students one issue at a time

By: **Laura Eastes**

**R**EADY TO HELP STUDENTS. Co-President, **Amy Donofrio, 12,** and treasurer, **Jessica Sebastian, 12,** begin the meeting

with discussing up-coming events. The Student Assistance Council Club met twice each month and planned an event every month to deal with a student issue. In October, the club planned The National Red Ribbon Week the 23rd thru the 29th. During the week, the club had a banner for students to sign for being drug free, passed out stickers to celebrate the Red Ribbon Week, and of course, red ribbons were passed out and worn throughout the week. The group welcomed students to school in December with red "I am Loved" pins. The purpose of the pins was for promoting suicide prevention. Later on in December, the group came over the morning announcements and announced the Lights on for Life event. A sign hung in the commons to encourage others to support safe driving during the holiday season and drive with their lights on throughout the day.



I love S.A.C. because I feel we really get a chance to help the school with problems every student has to deal with. I like feeling like I make a difference in students' lives.

> **Amy Donofrio, 12**

## S.A.C. sponsored events

### September

New student breakfast and new student mentor program starts.

### October

Red Ribbon Week and Wellness Walk

### November

Self-esteem week and Turkey Day

### December

Lights on for life and "I am loved" pins

### January

Relaxing exam environment

### March

Grim Reaper Day

### April

Prom Promise





# Helping Students Help each other

## Peer Mediation there when needed

By: Laura Eastes

**T**HE PEER MEDIATORS were always there to help all students in solving their problems peacefully and preventing further conflict. Peer Mediators were trained for 18 hours in conflict resolution skills and fully qualified to help in any situation.

The Peer Mediators had more to go through than just the training to become a mediator. Students filled out applications at the beginning of the year. The applications asked for three signatures of staff members, who would recommend the student to become a mediator. The students interested also had to pledge to be alcohol and drug free and write an essay

explaining why they would want to be a mediator and what skills would they bring to the mediation group. After this in-depth process, **Mrs. Sue**

**Koehler**, adviser, picked the cream of the crop and the training began.

The Peer Mediators took a lot of time out of their everyday life to help the students. Their contributions to the mediation process were extremely successful.

### The Simple Facts on Peer Mediation

- 1 Peer Mediation was open to all students who wish to solve problems peacefully.
- 2 Peer Mediators were trained with 18 hours of conflict resolution.
- 3 There were 30 trained mediators.
- 4 The peer mediation process was confidential and no adult was present during meetings.

I am a Peer Mediator because I like helping others solve their problems and I feel the process really works in finding peaceful solutions.

> Jenn Cook, 11

# Mentors Freshman enter school

## With ease thanks to upperclassmen mentors

By: Laura Eastes

**T**HE FRESHMAN MENTOR PROGRAM was a new program for the school. The idea for the mentor program came from **Kristen Barngrover, 10**, who thought a club should be started to help freshmen become more acquainted with the school. Student Council Adviser and math teacher, **Mrs. Jennifer Ulland**, agreed and loaned her talents to Barngrover. Together they created the Freshmen Mentor program.

The program was designed for upperclassmen to become a mentor to an incoming freshman and tell them all the necessary stuff about the high school. The club was approved last spring,

and applications to become a mentor came in. Many students applied and all were accepted. When freshmen orientation rolled around in the end of summer, all freshmen had been assigned mentors. Ulland and Barngrover passed out the names to freshmen and some of the mentors were on hand to meet their classmates.

The program was a new and great way for freshmen to get to know the school they would be attending for four years.

I feel that The Freshmen Mentor Program was such an awesome opportunity to really positively influence kids who are really just trying to find who they are at that point. I feel like I got out of it as much as they did.

> Amy Donofrio, 12

### Freshman Mentor Program

- 1 All freshman were assigned to a mentor.
- 2 Any sophomore, junior or a senior who applied for the program could become a mentor.
- 3 Mentors were given the names of four or five freshmen.
- 4 The freshmen were given the names of their mentor as well.



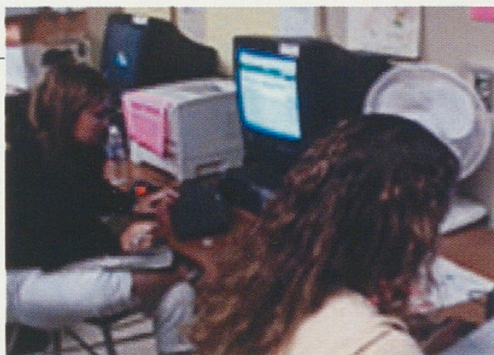
# Lasting forever

## Presenting memories

Yearbook staff does this, and so much more

By: Carly Mandel

**PRESERVING FINAL MEMORIES.** Lindsay Crum, 12, and Kim Doris, 12, work diligently on their pages. They joined yearbook their senior year so they could make their senior yearbook a great recollection of their last year in high school.



Working hard

**N**OT ONLY DOES *THE LOG* SELL advertisements, and sell yearbooks to the student body, it

builds a book that will last students for years to come. The yearbook staff consisted of thirty-five students. "I joined yearbook because journalism

interests me and I want to be a magazine editor in the future," said

**Kelsey Kiley, 10.** Being a part of *The Log* was a big responsibility but also

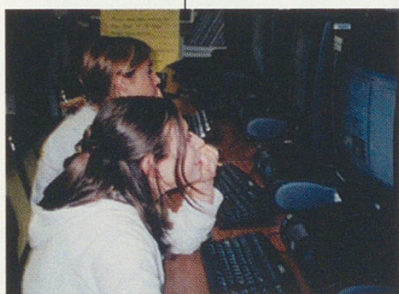
had great rewards. **Molly Finn, 12,**

**Laura Eastes, 12,** and **Jessica Zanger,**

**12,** competed in a summer workshop and came home with two awards. These

included Best Theme, won by all of the Log Staff, and Most Complete Ladder, the

contents of pages, awarded to Eastes.



**DEEP IN CONCENTRATION.** Sarah Jarnicki, 10, and Mary Sauer, 12, spend time on their pages right before a deadline. The girls used class time or came in after school to complete the pages.



**HEAD OF IT ALL.** Molly Finn, 12, took the responsibility of being the editor and chief of the yearbook. Finn spent countless hours after school and in-class editing pages, making a ladder, and designing the section dividers. Finn also decided the theme of the Log, more after the saying of "There's more in Sycamore."

### F.Y.I.

**\$60**

Price of the 2003-2004 Log yearbook and DVD.

**436**

Pages in the yearbook, all designed and completed by staff members.

**35**

Staff members on *The Log*.

**2**

Classes of yearbook in a day.

It is a lot of hard work being the editor, and it keeps me very busy, but to see the final product is really rewarding.

> **Molly Finn, 12**

At first I joined yearbook because it was a way to fill up my school schedule, but I have learned to like it a lot. It is a really fun class and I have the opportunity to cover anything I like.

> **Ashely Bochnivch, 11**

Being on *The Log* staff is a lot of hard work, but it is so rewarding. I am able to write about the things that occur each day. I can't wait to see the end result.

> **Danielah Blackburn, 12**



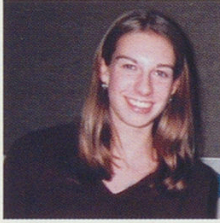


# Free Write stuff the

Creative Writing Club had the right stuff for excellent year

By: Laura Eastes

What is the best part about Creative Writing Club?



"The best part is the collaboration of enthusiastic and talented young writers."

> Anne Barngrover, 12



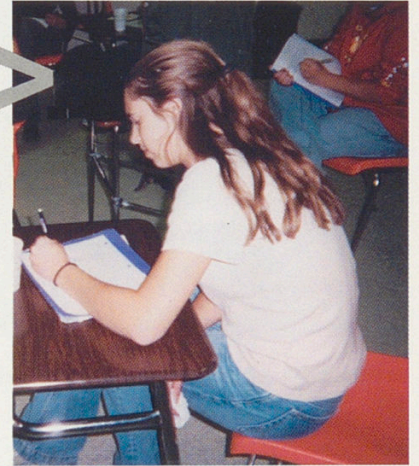
"Reading the random stories people write...It is really funny."

> Lori Demuth, 12



"The chance to share writing with others who are just as interested in having their voice heard as you.."

> Ayla Rapoport, 12



**PENS UP!** All the Creative Writing Club's meetings began with a free write for five minutes. After the free write, the club members would discuss possible topics for a writing prompt. A prompt would be chosen and the member would write for 15 minutes then share his/her writing.

**T**HE CREATIVE WRITING CLUB met every two to three weeks and had an awesome hour of writing. Students would meet for writing and enjoy music and snacks while doing so. The group would start with a free write or vomit writing, for warming up, then move in to a serious prompt. The prompt would be on topics the club had discussed earlier in the meeting. However, students were able to write about any topic they wished to.

Last year, Anne Barngrover, 12, and Ayla Rapoport, 12, sought to make a club in which students could relax and write about anything they choose.

"I am so glad Anne and I founded the club during our junior year. The students that I have met through the club are absolutely amazing writers and people. I am privileged to have the opportunity to be part of such a committed and caring group of students," said Rapoport.

## Lots of fun g

Extra-curricular discussions

By: Laura Eastes

### 451 Book Club's Top Books

1 *Survivor*

By: Chuck Palhnisk

2 *Confederacy of Dunes*

By: John Toole

3 *The Beautiful and Damned*

By: F. Scott Fitzgerald

**T**HE 451 BOOK CLUB was a relaxing way for students to discuss excellent literature while enjoy the thoughts from their peers. The club met every month on Wednesdays and discussed the book the club had chosen for that month. The club members voted on all books that were decided to be read by the club.

The meetings were usual less then a hour long and students were able to add their thoughts to a discussion not lead in the usual English class way. The students did not talk about the theme or plot but the way they felt when reading the novel and their overall thoughts on the books picked.

The meetings always began the same, students would suggest possible books for that month and Mr. Ben Reardon would also added his ideas to books.

"We read good books, and then we talk about them. Despite the lack of chocolate, life doesn't get much better than that."

> Emily Rock, 12



# Tutoring Revising

Writing Center tutors help students obtain the final draft

By: Katie Loftspring

## ORGANIZATION AND PUNCTUATION EASE FRUSTRATION.

Writing Center tutors were teachers or students who volunteered their time to help students improve their writing. These tutors helped revise papers, fix grammar and style mistakes, or simply gave students a second opinion of their work. Located

in Room 114, students could either make an appointment for a conference, or simply walk in. No matter what occasion, there was always someone there to help.

"It's nice to feel that I'm helping people with their writing, while at the same time I'm improving my writing skills as well," said tutor **Emily Rock, 12**. Working in the Writing Center

provided one teacher with the following insight.

"I would like to see more of a variety in writing assignments. I often see the same topics over and over again," said **Mr. Tom Gaffigan**.

The Writing Centers tutors helped ease students frustration while revising their papers. With all this available help, many students were able to achieve the desired grade on their papers.

# Get Wired

## At a whole new level

With Avesonline

By: Katie Loftspring

## ARE YOU CONNECTED?

Avesonline.org was used to obtain information concerning sports, clubs, student life stories, and tons more. Students, teachers, and parents accessed this site to look up sports scores and schedules, read the daily bulletin, and even used it as a link to blackboard.

"I use Avesonline to look up the game times

of different sports," said **Elyse Cristos, 12**. Students enrolled in this course were responsible for developing content, graphics, daily updates, as well as selling ads for the web-page. Each day for 50 minutes in class, and often for additional time outside of class, these students committed themselves to keeping the web-page complete and updated. **Mr. John Robinson** guided the students with his technology experience and

skills, thus creating a wonderful reference tool for all to use.

"Avesonline has advanced greatly this year due to the hard work of my fellow students, as well as the new leadership of Mr. Robinson," said **David Polaniecki, 12**.

In addition to maintaining the web-page, students participated in competitions with other schools hoping to win scholarship money.

# Decaffeinated

## Coffeehouse league

Poetry Club substitutes poetry for caffeine

By: Katie Loftspring

**DECAF PLEASE.** This unique and talented group of students was energized by reading, writing, and discussing poetry. On "Make a Difference Day," these students generously shared their love of poetry by reading it to the elderly residents residing at both Brighton Gardens and The Seasons.

"This was a valuable experience because I got constructive criticism from a member of the Garden's audience," shared **Adam Bahir, 11**. Not only did these students reflect on published poetry, they discussed their own original poetry as well.

"I enjoy the discussions. I like hearing other people's perspectives," said **Nicole Smile, 11**.

**Mrs. Maxine Bookbinder** was the adviser to these students who chose to get a head start on the kind of thinking that many students do not experience until after high school. The club's president, **Macki Nakao, 11**, said:

"We have a lot of talented poets. It is really interesting to see everyone's different writing style, and their way of sharing it."





**THE FINAL DRAFT.** Mrs. Maxine Bookbinder suggests possible revision options to **Claire Mondro, 10**, in the Writing Center. Peer editing was also an option for students in the Writing Center, if a teacher was not available. With all of the help offered, students could certainly receive the desired grade on their writing assignment.

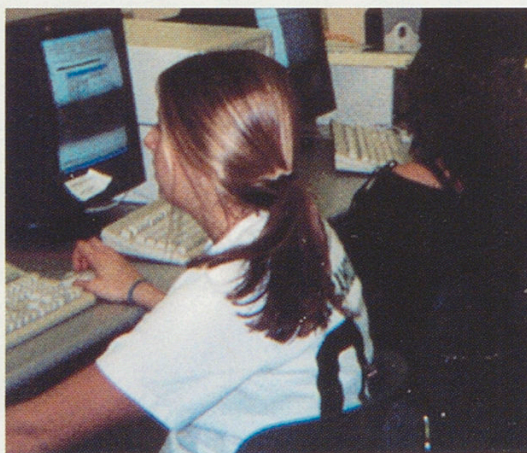


**REVISING.** **Abbey Hull, 11**, puts it all together working on the final draft of a paper. Being able to work on papers directly from the Writing Center gave students the chance to ask questions if they came across problems in their writing. Multiple revisions increased the odds for a superior paper.

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE.** Mrs. Heather Hammel grades papers while she waits for her next student. Students who utilized the writing lab either signed up for an appointment, or stopped by to see if a tutor was available.

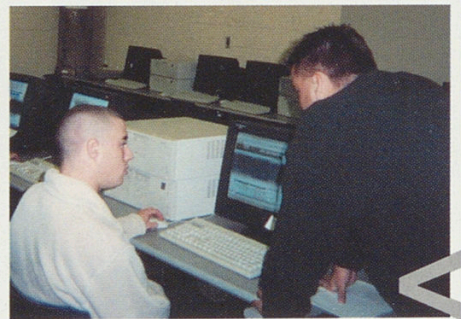


**TIME TO WORK.** **David Polaniecki, 12**, and **Scott Langhorne, 12**, work productively on their web-page assignments. Each student was responsible for keeping up with his/her section of the web-page. The web-page is updated daily in order to keep its readers well informed.

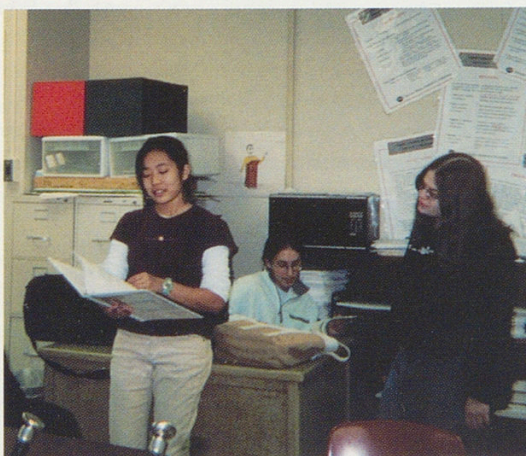


**HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.** News Editor, **Gretchen Bloomstrom, 12**, worked hard to finish her section of the web-page. Editors and writers aim to provide balanced coverage of the news and of its significance.

**CONFERRING.** Adviser **Mr. Mike Robinson**, and Editor in Chief **Kyle Pruitt, 12**, discuss the web-page. The editor in chief and adviser were responsible for all of the content of the site. Editor in chief is a huge responsibility. Pruitt worked very hard, thus creating a very successful web-page.



**COMPOSING.** **Natalia Mitsui, 11**, writes some poetry. Being able to hear the different creative works of fellow members, was just one of the many rewards of being a part of Poetry Club. Members were able to express their feeling in the form of poetry, and hear the feelings of others.



**DISCUSSING.** Club members **Maki Nakao, 11**, **Adam Bahir, 11**, **Natalia Mitsui, 11**, **Sara Raskin, 11**, and **Mimi Kao, 11**, discuss some poetry. Discussions were just as interesting as reading poetry. Members could explore different views, some of which they may not have thought of on their own.



**READING.** **Amy White, 11**, listened intently while club president, **Maki Nakao, 11**, read some published poetry. Often times at meetings, members read through published poetry and they tried to adopt the authors different writing styles.



# Until Friday night lights end

A run through of the varsity football season

By: Mary Sauer and Katie Loftspring

## The Team



**GET THIS PARTY STARTED.** Steve Shaw, 12, and Brain Kelly, 12, led the team onto the field for the homecoming game. The cheerleaders held the banner and the team ran through it. The crowd went wild and the team was pumped for a victory.



**Row 1:** Jesse Key, 12, Tom Ellsworth, 10, Ryan Davis, 10, Steven Shaw, 12, Willie Million, 12, Joey O'Gara, 10, Andrew Shaver, 11, Danny O'Gara, 12, Drew Schwaegerle, 10, Max Vansluys, 10, Brandon Powell, 11, Dominique Buenavides, 10, Chris Holscher, 10. **Row 2:** Zach Tawney, 11, Bernie Wen, 12, Mike Kelly, 12, Charles Forte, 11, Brad Konerman, 12, Joshua Henderson, 12, Myron Craddock, 10, Nick Perkins, 12, Brian Kelly, 12, Aj Gold, 11, Ryan James, 10, David Grubbs, 11. **Row 3:** Taunta Taylor, 11, CJ Battle, 12, Victor Morillo-Delerme, 10, Steven Koppenhafer, 11, Ryan Keller, 11, Francisco Morillo-Delerme, 11, Cory Mangus, 11, Matt McKeown, 12, Brian Fox, 12, Trevor Harris, 12, Brian Dougherty, 10, Steve Freedman, 12. **Row 4:** K.C. Doell, 10, Brandon Bracher, 11, Jordan Taylor, 10, Mike Fox, 12, Brian Tacy, 11, Eric Knox, 10, Braxton Sadler, 10, Garin Giles, 11, Dan Pyles, 10, Alex Souders, 11, Derrick Donaldson, 11. **Row 5:** Dan McMullen, 12, Alex Kapcar, 10, RJ Mahoney, 12, Scott Kelly, 10, Patrick Christensen, 12, Chris Thompson, 10, James Smith, 12, Mark Sedziol, 10, Mike Koebel, 12, Sean Waters, 10, Joel Richardson, 12, David Hall, 12. **Row 6:** Mr. Brian Conatser, Ms. Lauren Laskowski, Mr. Nick Fallat, Mr. Tom Adams, Mr. DJ Izowski, Mr. Andrew Marlatt, Mr. Adam Futscher, Mr. Brian Heffron

## The Story

**LIVE FOR IT, DIE FOR IT, RESPECT IT.** And that is just what this team did. With a new offensive strategy and numerous plays to master, these guys gritted their teeth and forged ahead. They were driven not only by their motivation to succeed, but also by the very enthusiastic crowd. The team was really able to come together and bond. Every Thursday night before home games, the guys walked the

field. They did this not only to bond with one another, but also to get pumped up for the following day's game. In addition to walking the field, the guys also had team dinners. At these dinners the team not only got physically energized, but also psychologically energized. Bonding is important in any team sport. It allows the players to feel like they are part of a team, rather than just an individual. A team that gets along well off the field, will most likely play

together better on the field.

Although the scoreboard may not have always reflected the team's character, it was evident to coaches, parents, and fans. This team had the spirit of success. This could have been the most valuable play learned. This will guide them in the years to come.

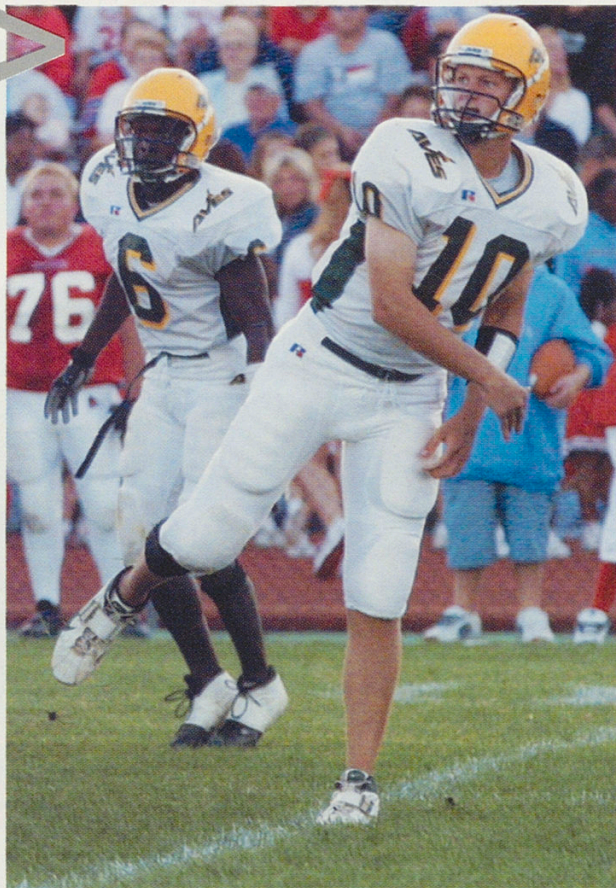
"The best decision I ever made in life, was to play football at Sycamore High School," said

**Brian Fox, 12.**

**"We need to take advantage of our opportunities in the red zone." Mike Fox, 12**





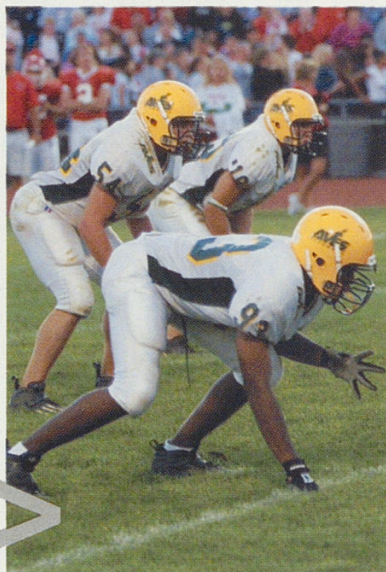


**PASS COMPLETE.** Great work by the offensive line helped **Danny O'Gara, 12**, launch the ball down the field. O'Gara used both power and precision.

**DEFENSE!** **CJ Battle, 12**, and his teammates grabbed hold of the opponents. Because of the guys tough defense, Harrison was unable to gain any yards on the play.



**GET READY.** The team set up for the next play. Because of the long list of plays, it was common for the offensive linemen to take time out to plan their next attack.



**PUNT!** **Josh Henderson, 12**, kicked an extra point for the team. Henderson had a great season, helping the team out by not only kicking the extra points, but by playing a receiver as well.

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
West Carrollton	WIN	35	13
LaSalle	WIN	22	20
Fairfield	LOSS	17	20
Lakota East	LOSS	0	14
Princeton	LOSS	28	62
Oak Hills	LOSS	7	27
Middletown	LOSS	35	41
Lakota West (homecoming)	WIN	31	28
Milford	WIN	26	6
Harrison (senior night)	LOSS	35	38

## The Comments

"Going into the season, I had high expectations for our team. We worked extremely hard in the off season and grew closer together. Even though our record doesn't show it, we did have a good team and great coaches. The games we lost came down to six or seven plays which usually didn't fall our way. Still, week in and week out, we worked hard on the practice field and went into each game thinking we could win."

> **Matt McKeown, 12**

"This team worked extremely hard to achieve everything they have achieved. Although things did not always work out the way we wanted them to, this team showed great determination and grit. I am very proud of them!"

> **Mr. Tom Adams**, Head Coach

"Football has become an important part of our lives and we have bonded because of it and now all my best friends are guys on the team,"

> **Mike Koebel, 12**



# Show No mercy

## JV and freshmen football

By: Shay Meisner

**V**ERSATILITY AND BUBBLING  
TALENT WERE THE HALLMARKS  
OF THE JV AND FRESHMEN

**FOOTBALL TEAMS.** Great JV offense combined with the brains and brawn of the defense led to significant scoring opportunities. Although, the scoreboard may not reflect a winning season, the JV team played with a winning spirit. The team proved to both coaches and fans that they had it in them to be successful in the future. The freshmen team was undefeated in 8th grade, but faced tougher competition their first year in high school. No problem! They ended their season 9 and 11! All of the hard work and time both of these teams put in definitely paid off. The two teams will combine next year and move to Friday nights.

**WORKING IT OUT ON THE FIELD.** Tom Ellsworth, 10, Sean Richardson, 10, Drew Schwaegerle, 10, Brandon Powell, 11, and Brian Dougherty, 10 worked well together on the field. Teamwork was essential to both offensive and defensive play. The guys ability to work was rewarded by numerous wins.



**CAREFUL FOOTWORK.** Tom Ellsworth, 10, faked out the other team. Ellsworth's ability to work with other members of the team, and smart play contributed a lot to the team.



**GETTING OPEN.** Brandon Powell, 11, looked for the open man to whom to pass the ball. Getting open and setting plays was crucial to the team's offense. Throughout the season, the team accumulated numerous plays that they preformed in a game situation. They used practice time to perfect these plays, and also add new ones.

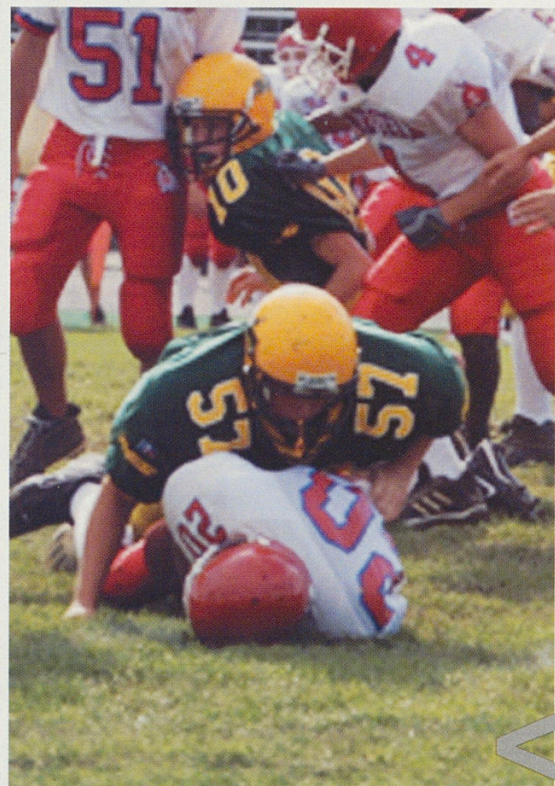
**44** **<<** "We didn't land on Plymouth Rock, Plymouth Rock landed on us." Samuel Ochstein, 11



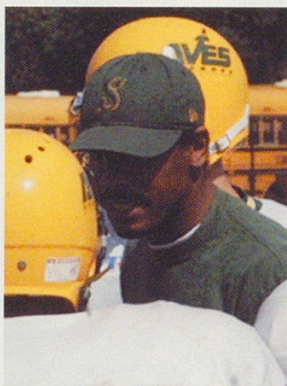
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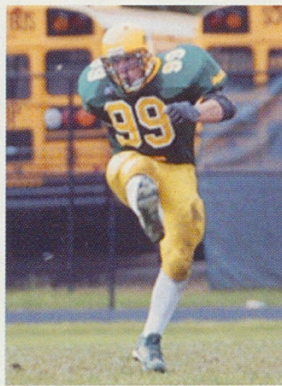
**Row 1:** Mike Byrd, Shadall Park, J.D. McFarland, Evan Langley, Mitch Allen, Kevin Mack, Jake Pennington, Luke Tawney **Row 2:** Andrew Hancher, Kevin Buenivides, Max Hilb, Jeff Rubenstein, Kyle Kaugung, Stephen Caudill, Chris Haunert, Mike Ellsworth, Sean Tobin **Row 3:** BJ Evans, Cody Jones, Garrett Steed, Cameron Luning, Donnell, Hughes, Kyle Battle, Boyce Harris, Mike Latessa, Nicholas Wylie, Matt Grant, **Row 4:** Tramain King, Brian Conner, Bryon Brown, Ben Weaver, John Norkey, Zach Grimm, Mark McAninch, Zach Starlan -Weider, Brian Shrimpton, Tyler Grimm, Dennis Blieden, Bobby Rice, Alex Patterson, Pat Fox, Joey Fixler, Ed Jones, Eric Barbro, Tracey Bracher, Brian Kissinger, Tom Hughes, Caleb Lipsey **Row 5:** Rob Reis, Sean Pfirrmann, Tim Vaught, Andy Star, Mr. Dan Buchanan



**SMACK DOWN!** John Norkey, 9, laid the smack down on the opposing team. This tackle showed Norkey's outstanding defensive play.



"Every JV game is an experience that will prepare you for the next level, Friday nights!"  
 > Mr. Hank Ray



"It was a long year but, we proved we couldn't be beat in the GMC's"  
 > Caleb Lipsey, 9



"We sent two kids to the hospital in our GMC Championship game, and then the game was over!"  
 > Michael Latessa, 9

## JV

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
West Carrollton	Win	40	7
LaSalle	Loss	8	26
Fairfield	Loss	6	26
Lakota East	Loss	0	44
Princeton	Loss	6	38
Oak Hills	Loss	0	35
Middletown	Win	36	12
Lakota West	Loss	24	35
Milford	Win	26	6
Harrison	Loss	6	35

## Freshmen

Opponent	Win/Loss
Elder	Loss
Franklin	Win
Fairfield	Win
Lakota East	Win
Princeton	Win
Oak Hills	Win
Middletown	Win
Lakota West	Win
Milford	Win
Harrison	Win





# Smaller squad

## Varsity football cheerleading

By: Emily Wolfram and Kim Doris

**R**IBBONS, GLITTER, MAKEUP, AND ENDLESS SMILES REFLECTED THE EXUBERANCE OF THIS SMALLER SQUAD. Undaunted by sun, rain, wind, or snow, these smiling girls brought cheer to even the gloomiest of fans.

"With fewer girls we seemed to bond more than in previous years," said **Ember Kelly, 12**. Summer practice conducted by

new coach, **Ms. Holly Hanes**, was followed by a week long cheer camp. Camp provided the first major opportunity for bonding. At cheer camp the team learned and performed dances, cheers, chants, various tumbling skills, and challenging routines.

The actual season blasted off with the annual varsity cookout. This energizing activity, brought the girls even closer together.

"When the season started I was a little worried about how the girls would work together. As the season progressed, the girls became really close and I hope the rest of the squads I coach will work as hard as these girls did," said Hanes.

The season ended on senior night. As the girls walked down the football field for the last time all of their hard work and dedication paid off. These were the memories that would last forever.



**KEEPING THE ECSTATIC CROWD INVOLVED IS ALWAYS TOUGH!** At the pep rally **Christina Terilli, 12**, and **Ally Senefeld-Naber, 12**, involved the crowd in a "go fight win cheer." "It was always fun to have the fans participate in the cheers.



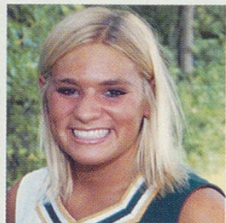
**NEW WARM-UPS!** The girls held a car wash in order to raise money. **Ember Kelly, 12**, **Melanie Jones, 12**, and **Jennifer Singer, 11** worked hard for the money they earned.



**SOUTH OF THE BORDER!** The cheerleaders participated in the annual homecoming parade. Varsity decorated their own truck with spirit and good luck. Each also used Mexican items to display the homecoming theme.







"This was my first year on the team and I didn't know exactly what to expect but I had a lot of fun and I'm glad I tried out."

> **Gina Sylvester, 12**



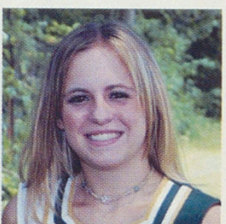
"It has been so much fun cheering the past 6 years and now that I am captain it has made it all worth it."

> **Ally Senefeld-Naber, 12**



"This season has been exciting. I've been waiting to be a senior cheerleader forever. Now that it's here I'm excited but also sad it is going to end."

> **Chrstina Terilli, 12**



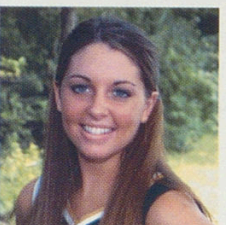
"Being captain has been exciting. I thought it was going to put a lot of stress on me but everyone worked well together and we had a great time."

> **Emily Wolfram, 12**



"I've been cheering all 4 years of High School and finally it's my senior year! Even though it's exciting the last game of the season was sad knowing it was over."

> **Ember Kelly, 12**



"Being on varsity was fun. Our school needs more school spirit but I still enjoyed myself."

> **Melanie Jones, 12**



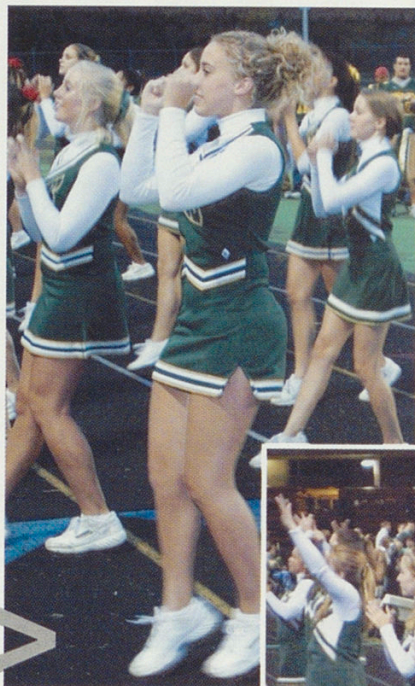
"At first it was intimidating to be on varsity but the seniors made us feel comfortable and now we work really well together."

> **Kati Bakes, 11**



"Cheerleading is fun. Varsity has been really exciting and I'm looking forward to being a senior on varsity next year."

> **Kristin Grueninger, 11**



**FIGHT SONG!** Krista Wesselkamper, 11, shows off her moves following a touchdown! Wesselkamper's positive attitude, and smiling face helped not only to pump up the crowd, but the football players as well. This school spirit led to wins for the football team.



**LET'S HEAR IT!** Standing in front of your student body can always be tough but the squad shows no fear. Smiling away, you can tell they really enjoy what they are doing. Enthusiasm always contributed to participate by the students in the stands.



**Row 1:** Jen Singer, 11, Melanie Jones, 12, Ally Senefeld-Naber, 12 **Row 2:** Ember Kelly, 12, Alyssa Molnar, 11, Kati Bakes, 11, Kristin Grueninger, 11 **Row 3:** Emily Wolfram, 12, Krista Wesselkamper, 11, Christina Terilli, 12, Gina Sylvester, 12, Annie Alemango, 11,





"Our first season for football has been a really great success, and our cheerleaders have really improved."

> **Misha Arnold, 9**



"Our season was great! I had a lot of fun with all the girls. Cheering at every game was really fun too!"

> **Liz Wallace, 11**



"I like cheering at the high school, there is so much more excitement and the fans are a lot more into the game."

> **Rachel Bucalo, 9**



"We had a really great season, and our team is really looking forward to competition."

> **Sachi Sunamoto, 11**



**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER.** At the Homecoming game, all three squads came together for one great night. This was an experience that the girls will never forget. Since the freshmen and JV squads are not used to cheering in front of such a big crowd, they were extremely excited and full of energy for this game.

**WE'VE GOT SPIRIT!** Liz Wallace, 11, and Kristen Holthaus, 10, showed their spirit. The girls loved to watch the football players and enjoyed the anticipation whenever the team was about to score. "I loved watching our team score and cheering for them," said Holthaus.



# Cheering even louder

Junior Varsity and Freshmen cheerleaders bring new spirit to the crowds.

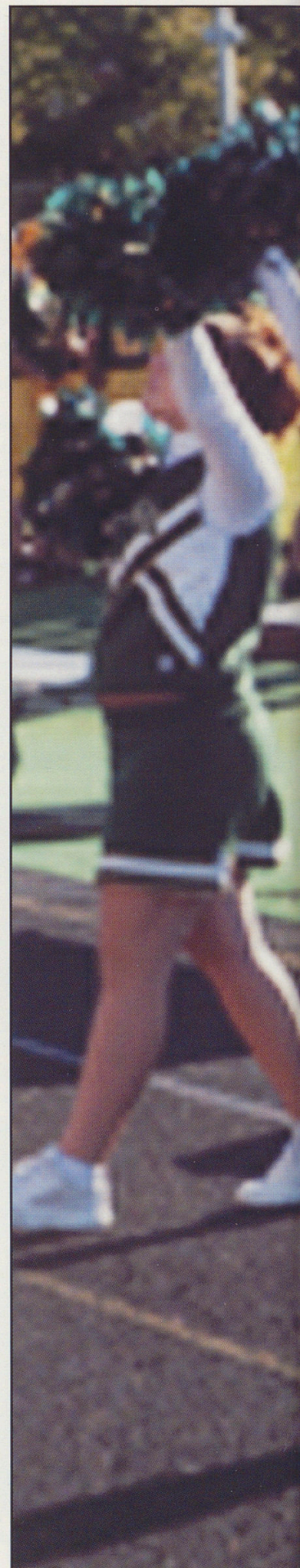
By: **Mimi Barkawi**

**TWIST AND SHOUT!** And that is just what these girls did. Rain or shine, home or away, they were the ones pumping up the crowds at football games. Not only were they there during the game, but for the pregame show as well.

"I loved to cheer pregame. I felt it got the crowd

going and spirits up before the players stepped onto the field," said **Alexa Polites, 10**. With so many practices and games, the girls on the squads became very close, almost like family.

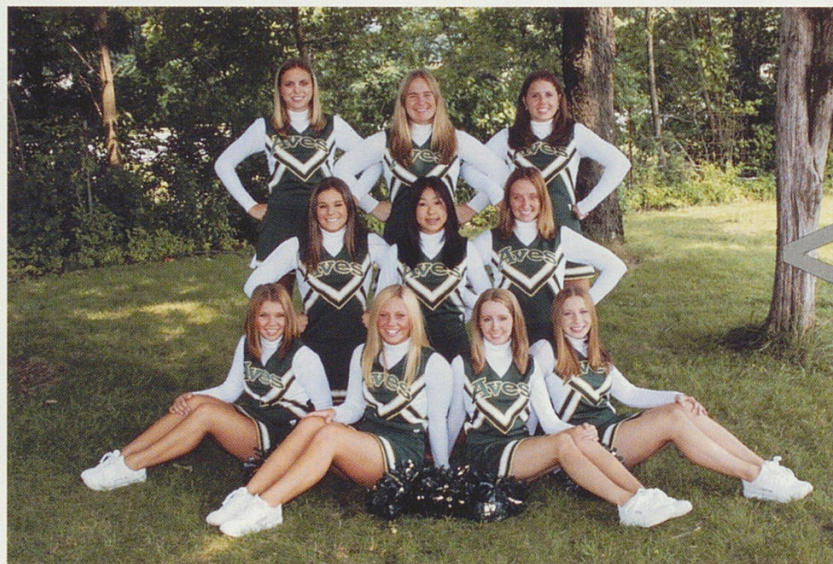
"I loved to cheer during the Freshman games. Learning the dances, and spending time with my squad was really fun," said **Crystal Flanagan, 9**.







**SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!** Lisa Murphy, 9, showed her spirit by cheering loudly and perfecting every move. The pom poms gave the crowd an extra boost and raised spirits.



**Row 1:** Elizabeth Back, 10, Kristen Holthaus, 10, Liz Wallace, 11, Leah Drapkin, 10 **Row 2:** Alexa Polites, 10, Ji-Eun Chae, 10, Tricia Branham, 10 **Row 3:** Carrie Herrell, 11, Jackie Kelly, 10, Jessie Seneveld-Naber, 10



**Row 1:** Crystal Flanagan, 9, Lauren Tatum, 9, Misha Arnold, 9, Molly Udom, 9 **Row 2:** Natalie Barger, 9, Rachel Bucalo, 9, Jordan Sirkin, 9, Lisa Murphy, 9, Megan Whitmore, 9.



**PRACTICE PAYS OFF WHEN IT IS GAME TIME.** The team showed off their moves at one of the many football games they had to cheer. They learned many cheers and enjoyed showing off the dances to the crowds.



# All the time Going all out

Varsity girls soccer did not mess around when on their turf

By: Chris Bregger

**T**HE VARSITY TEAM had a decent season with a handful of wins and the same in losses.

**Coach Debbie Klemt** was pleased but stated "Our team was very young and very talented, but the youth and lack of experience really hurt our team."

The team did very well in the tournament. "Our regular season was



**Jessie MacLean, 10**, punts the ball after making one of many saves throughout the season. MacLean had a great season with countless huge plays. She was one of the many younger players on the field.

all right but we really shined in the tournament," said **Chelsey Baughard, 11**.

The girls ended up fourth in the GMC with a record of 8-8-3. **Kim Sykes, 11**, received an impressive 1st team all league, **Colleen Posey, 11**, got 2nd team all league and **Julie Hull, 10**, was also named 2nd team all league.



THE LADIES ON THE VARSITY SQUAD LINE UP TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO THE NATION JUST BEFORE ONE OF THEIR MANY BIG GAMES. The team shows unity by standing together showing support for one another. This also gets the girls pumped to start the game off strong and put the opponent away as fast as possible.

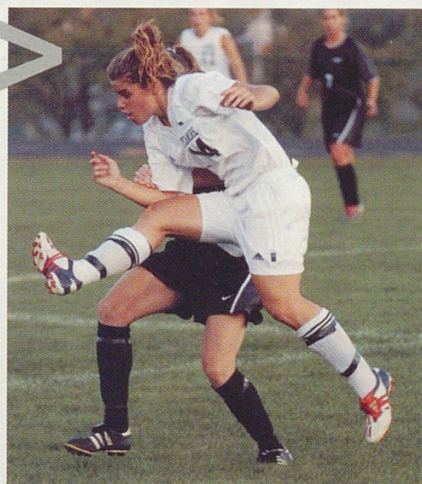






**Row 1:** Meghan Bimschleger, 12, Katie Hurst, 12, Jessica Lane, 12, Stacy Meyer, 12, Jennifer McMahon, 9  
**Row 2:** Emily Morgan, 10, Rachel Yanow, 11, Jessie MacLean, 10, Shelly Burkhart, 12, Sarah Yanow, 11, Dana Fahlbusch, 10, Julie Hull, 10  
**Row 3:** Coach Stacy Solman, Abbie Tepe, 9, Kristen Livingston, 9, Kim Sykes, 11, Sarah Ash, 11, Chelsey Baughard, 11, Colleen Posey, 11, Jennifer Latessa, 11, Coach Debbie Klemt.

**ONE OF THE THREE FRESHMEN ON THE VARSITY FIELD.** Kristen Livingston, 9, volleys a ball to her teammate. She played all out and never let up.



**OFFENSE.** Julie Hull, 10, cuts her defender and moves the ball downfield. Hull was a strong player on the field.



**PLAYING THE GAME.** Colleen Posey, 11, jumps for a header while Abbie Tepe, 9, waits for the ball to come to her. These two players worked well together despite their age difference.



## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Mason	TIE	2	2
Lebanon	LOSS	0	2
Centerville	LOSS	0	1
Lakota West	LOSS	0	6
Walnut Hills	WIN	1	0
Colerain	LOSS	0	1
Lakota East	WIN	2	1
Mercy	TIE	1	1
Anderson	LOSS	1	2
Middletown	WIN	4	0
Loveland	LOSS	2	1
Hamilton	WIN	9	0
Fairfield	LOSS	0	1
Milford	WIN	3	1
Oak Hills	TIE	3	3
Princeton	WIN	3	0



## Gold



**Row 1:** Alexandra Borzotta, 9, Lauren Goedde, 9, Laura Forcade, 10, Molly McCarthy, 9, Katie Anne Reiner, 9, Brooke Whitton, 9 **Row 2:** Rita Klofta, 9, Sam Kahn, 10, Maggie Crutcher, 9, Jenny Lawrence, 10. **Row 3:** Sam Burdett, 9, Julie Sauer, 9, Cheryl Thoerner, 9, Coach Emily Sweeney.

## Green



**Row 1:** Coach Scott Seivering, Tina Emery, 10, Karen Nesbitt, 9, Layne Huller, 10, Jen McLaughlin, 10, Blythe Reinhart, 10, Coach Christina Garibay-Lynch. **Row 2:** Chi Chi Ononye, 9, Nina Budde, 9, Susie Tufts, 10, Gloria Burkhart, 10, Morgan Herlihy, 10, Leah Morand, 10. **Row 3:** Tasha Hissett, 10, Julie Sanchez, 9, Kim Oshita, 9, Kayse Burdett, 11, Sarah Deger, 9.



**GREAT SAVE.** Tina Emery, 10, of the green team, blocked the opposing team's shot on goal in the Lakota East game. Emery was a crucial part of the team's success. Not only did Emery make great saves, but smart passes to her teammates as well.

**VICTORY.** The girls gold team ran off the field after winning one of their games. Although the scoreboard may not have reflected a winning season, the girls won at making new friends and perfecting their skills for the next season.



# Working On and off the field together

Girls Green and Gold Junior Varsity Soccer

By: Hope Wolfe and Nikki Wissing

**WHO EVER SAID GIRLS CAN'T PLAY FOOTBALL?** The girls junior varsity green and gold teams understood the meaning of being part of a team. The girls worked hard throughout the season not on their soccer skills, but on team bonding as well. It was the green team's flawless unity that led them to their 15-1 season. One of the team's strengths was their coach

Scott Seivering.

"The girls successful season was due to their hard work and their own will to win," said Seivering. In order to be a part of such a wonderful team, the girls had to sacrifice part of their summers for camp and tryouts.

"Although summer training and camps were challenging it was well payed off by our wonderful season." said Blythe Reinhart, 10.

**CAREFUL FOOTWORK.** Julie Sanchez, 9, used her skills to keep the ball away from her opponent. The countless hours of practice really paid off in game situations, enabling the green team to finish their season 15-1.





## Green

## Gold

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them	Opponent	Win/Loss
Mason	WIN	1	0	St. Ursula	LOSS
Lebanon	WIN	4	0	Mason	LOSS
Centerville	WIN	2	0	Notre Dame Academy	LOSS
Lakota West	WIN	4	1	Centerville	LOSS
Walnut Hills	WIN	3	0	Oak Hills	LOSS
Colerain	WIN	4	0	Milford	TIE
Lakota East	WIN	5	1	Notre Dame Academy	WIN
Mercy	WIN	3	1	Mercy	WIN
Anderson	WIN	5	0	Anderson	WIN
Middletown	WIN	7	0	Mason	LOSS
Loveland	WIN	1	0	Centerville	LOSS
Fairfield	WIN	3	1	Milford	WIN
Milford	WIN	3	1	Oak Hills	WIN
Oak Hills	LOSS	1	2	St. Ursula	LOSS
Princeton	WIN	4	0		

“The summer conditioning and tryouts were worth my time and effort because it got me in shape for the season.”

> **Lauren Goedde, 9**

“Being on the JV green team has been fun and a good season. Our team really got along and worked well together on the field.”

> **Morgan Herlihy, 10**

“Practice sure does pay off in game situations.”

> **Julie Sauer, 9**

“I had a group of girls who wanted to improve, who enjoyed being around each other, and who showed me that they don't give up. I had so much fun with them, and I think we all learned something about the game. Plus, to see that much improvement in each of their play is the best reward for me.”

> **Emily Sweeney, Coach**

“Being goalie is a very intense position, but I love it!”

> **Sam Kahn, 10**





**MOVE OUT OF MY WAY!** Mark LeBoeuf, 12, stepped in front of his opponent in his conquest for the soccer ball. LeBoeuf led the team to the win against Colerain. LeBoeuf received a scholarship from Tuscon University for soccer and planned on taking his excellent playing skills to the college level.



**SCRAMBLE FOR THE SOCCER BALL.** Josh Henderson, 12, and Tommy Crabill, 11, take off for the ball, in hopes of getting to it before the opposing team. Henderson ran after the ball in order to keep the ball away from the Colerain players. Henderson scored the winning goal on this victory against Colerain. The final score was 1-0.

**TAKING HIS SHOT AT THE GOAL.** Matt Gartner, 12, zoomed down the field and prepared to take a shot. Gartner played outside wing in this game against Colerain. His quickness and agility helped tremendously in this win.



# Soccer

## Better than ever

Post season play leads to big victories

By: Shay Meisner, Rachael Hochgesang and Laura Eastes

**WHO WOULD HAVE** thought prior to the soccer season that this team would have a winning record and would compete in post season play. Not many. The newspapers and local media gave no attention to the team and, therefore, the soccer team went on to win eleven games, lose four and tie four - a winning season.

It all began against Elder. The boys entered their first game with new cleats, shin guards, and fresh uniforms. The whistle blew and Josh Henderson, 12, Brain Lipps, 12, and Matt Gartner, 12, dominated the field with offensive speed. It did not stop there. Zac Schmitz, 12, sent the ball flying from back field

into the goal to score the first shot of the season. From there the boys went on to win their first game, a shutout 2-0.

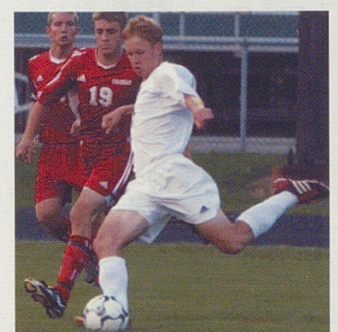
The season continued and the team kept winning, but the competition began to get tougher. The team was forced to play the number one team in the Greater Cincinnati area, Lakota West. However, that did not scare the boys. The team began an eighty minute game of gutting it out soccer. Within the first two minutes, Tommy Crabill, 11, took a shot on the goal and from then on the game was intense. A questionable call led the game to a penalty kick and Lakota West succeeded in a goal. Lakota West would attempt again to score

a goal but their offense collapsed thanks to the great plays made by Henderson, Uchenna Ononye, 12, and Matt Livingston, 12. At the end of regulation the score was tied. Although the boys were unsuccessful in the win, they had shown everyone what they were made of.

The boys would again have to show what they were made of to a very good St. Xavier team. For this match, everything was on the line, including advancing on to regional action then on to state. They began quickly and Todd Juran, 11, scored the one and only goal for the team. A fake play was made, which made St. Xavier think Henderson was going for the goal but instead Juran

took it to the net.

St. Xavier was able to get a shot off of the boys but the team kept battling. In the end the game came down to a shoot-out. The boys walked away without a victory, but gladly accepted their medals.



**Brain Lipps, 12.**





**GET THAT BALL OUT OF THERE.** Tommy Crabill, 11, used all his might and leg to get the ball away from the opposing team. Crabill played center midfield and took care of keeping the opposing teams out of his area.



**A QUICK BREAK TO THE GOAL.** Rob Kirkpatrick, 11, zoomed down the field with his shot to score a goal. The team scored usually about one to two goals a game, but against Princeton the team scored a season high: five goals!

**ROW 1 :** Brandon Taylor, 12, Jake Levy, 11, Zeyad Schwen, 11, Michael Prince, 12, Rob Kirkpatrick, 11, Steve Kramer, 11, Tommy Crabill, 11, **ROW 2:** Thomas Broxterman, 12, Joshua Henderson, 12, Greg Vorholt, 12, Zac Schmitz, 12, Uchenna Ononye, 12, Mark LeBoeuf, 12, Mason Quick, 12, Matt Gartner, 12, Matt Livingston, 12, Brian Lipps, 12, Coach Rick Cooper.

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Elder	WIN	2	0
Mason	TIE	1	1
Anderson	LOSS	1	2
Moeller	WIN	2	0
Lakota West	TIE	1	1
La Salle	TIE	1	1
Colerain	WIN	1	0
Lakota East	LOSS	2	3
Middletown	WIN	1	0
Loveland	WIN	2	1
Hamilton	WIN	3	0
Fairfield	TIE	1	1
Milford	WIN	3	1
Oak Hills	LOSS	0	1
Princeton	WIN	5	2
Walnut Hills	WIN	3	0
Princeton	WIN	5	1
Anderson	WIN	3	2
St. Xavier	LOSS	1	2





# When you play as a team Winning is easy

JV A team finished strong

By: Chris Bregger

**O**UR TEAM MADE MANY GREAT STRIDES AND OUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION PAID OFF IN THE END,"

said **Coach Brian Wissel** Wissel's attitude was the same as many of the players.

"We finished the season off very well and I am proud of all that we accomplished," said **Ellis Kreinik, 10**, team captain.

The team also enjoyed many fun pasta parties

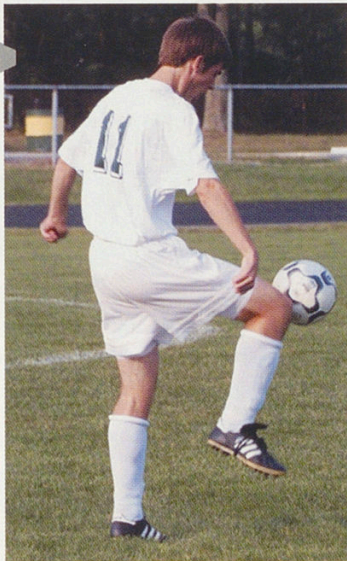
and long bus rides. This was also one team that loved to practice. **Kevin Crook, 10**, said "Practice with Coach Wissel and **Coach Chris Shrimpton** was always fun because we always did fun drills and made fun of baseball. Shrimpton did not exactly like that but it was still fun."

The players never gave up and it paid off in the end, all of their hard work made the season a successful one. The Junior Varsity "A" team finished the season with an 8-3-5 record.

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Elder	TIE	0	0
Mason	TIE	2	2
Anderson	TIE	0	0
Moeller	WIN	1	0
Lakota West	WIN	2	1
LaSalle	LOSS	0	1
Colerain	WIN	1	0
Lakota East	LOSS	0	1
Middletown	WIN	1	0
Loveland	WIN	4	0
Hamilton	WIN	5	0
Fairfield	WIN	1	0
Milford	LOSS	1	2
Oak Hills	TIE	0	0
Princeton	TIE	0	0
Walnut Hills	WIN	1	0

AFTER A BALL IS PLAYED TO HIM, **Kevin Crook, 10**, traps the ball at his feet. Crook dominated the field. He consistently placed skillful crosses into the middle of the field.



SACRIFICING HIS BODY FOR THE TEAM AGAIN IS **Zach Mayer, 10**. Coach **Wissel** said that Mayer constantly held no regard for his body. All he cared about was the team and its success.



**Row 1:** Sam Ochstein, 11, Ryan Kanto, 9, Phillip Trotta, 9, Guang Li, 11. **Row 2:** Jonathan King, 10, Mark Minevic, 9, Nate Kaplan, 10, Zach Mayer, 10, Ben Moler, 10. **Row 3:** Coach Chris Shrimpton, Michael Mallette, 10, Ellis Krienik, 10, Ryan Knowles, 10, Doug Kralstein, 11, Sean Caldwell, 9, Todd Juran, 11, Kevin Crook, 10, Coach Brian Wissel.





## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss
Mason	LOSS
Anderson	LOSS
St. Xavier	LOSS
Moeller	LOSS
Oak Hills	LOSS
Milford	LOSS
Turpin	LOSS
Elder	LOSS
Centerville	LOSS
Fairfield	LOSS
Elder	LOSS
Mason	WIN
Turpin	LOSS
Milford	LOSS
Oak Hills	T I E
Fairfield	LOSS



**Row 1:** Javier Valez, 9, Brian Ruff, 9, Elliot Donovan, 9, Steven Schmidt, 9, Aleksander Jovie, 9 **Row 2:** Bryan Wool, 9, Chris Knave, 9, Matt An, 9, Taylor Jensen, 9 **Row 3:** Coach Frank Patterson, Mark Aslanides, 9, Adam Woll, 10, Brett Faeth, 9, Indi Ekanayake, 9, Will Eckert, 9, Yuto Nikanishi, 10

# Rough season

JV boys encounter a disappointing season **By: Chris Bregger**

**D**ESPITE THE MANY LOSSES most of the team said it was still a fun season. The team enjoyed many fun practices and pasta parties.

"The players just need to develop their games and they will be very well off in a few years," said **Coach Frank Patterson**. He also stated that there were many inexperienced players that had a lot of potential.



"The team struggled the entire year and it was very hard to keep coming back but now that it is over I am glad that I kept with it. It was a sports experience I have never had before," said **Adam Woll, 10**.

These athletes obviously played not for the glory of victory but for the love of the game. The players will and determination to win will get them not only far on the field but far in real life.

**TO RESUME PLAY, Aleksander Jovie, 9**, throws the ball downfield. Jovie always works his hardest at practice and during games. It is this determination that made him a successful player.



# FOUR! Swingers

It's all in the hips... By: Alix Zuberbuhler

**W**HENTHE SEASON STARTED , the freshman, sophomores and juniors who made up this team all came together to form one of the most successful teams in school history. From day one, everyone knew it would be a great season because the girls got along so well. The first match against Lakota West set the season off to a somewhat rocky start, but once they got their first-match jitters out of their systems, they came back to beat Seton, Indian Hill, and Hamilton Badin. From then on, the season was filled with both ups and downs, but never did the girls lose their spirit.

With no seniors on the team it gave the underclassman a chance to step up and show their leadership. Lots of talk about an awesome learning season echoes on and off the course. They finished 4th in the GMC's!



**GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!** Jackie Roesch, 10, Lizzie Lohse, 9, and Julie Gardner, 10, get together after a match for some dinner, along with Coach Keith Brackenridge. There's nothing like a little team bonding at the end of every game.



"My most challenging match was the one against Lakota East because we killed them by a stroke, and won, even though they were ranked Number One at the time."

> Jackie Roesch, 10

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Lakota West	LOSS	198	197
Seton, Indian Hill, Hamilton Badin	WIN	199	200,203,274
McAuley, Colerain	WIN	202	192, DNF
Princeton	WIN	181	211
Wyoming, Colerain	WIN	186	204, 209
Fairfield	LOSS	201	189
Lakota East	WIN	193	194
Mason, Turpin	WIN/LOSS	199	197, 217
Middletown, Lakota West	WIN/LOSS	199	192, 238
Fairfield Invitational	10TH PLACE	395	
Oak Hills	LOSS	201	184
Milford	WIN	179	201
GMC Tournament	4TH PLACE	791	
Princeton	WIN	191	215
MND, Middletown	WIN/LOSS	187	170, 210
Taylor, Hamilton	WIN	177	185, DNF
Fairfield	WIN	193	210
Sectional Qualifier	6TH PLACE	387	







**HOLD THAT HOLE!** Coach Keith Brackenridge stopped the girls in the middle of a match to catch this shot. With all the practice, they still had time to enjoy each other. Top row: **Christy Cassidy, 10, Grace Denny, 10, Jackie Roesch, 10, Amber Jolly, 11,** Bottom row: **Lizzie Lohse, 9, and Julie Gardner, 10**



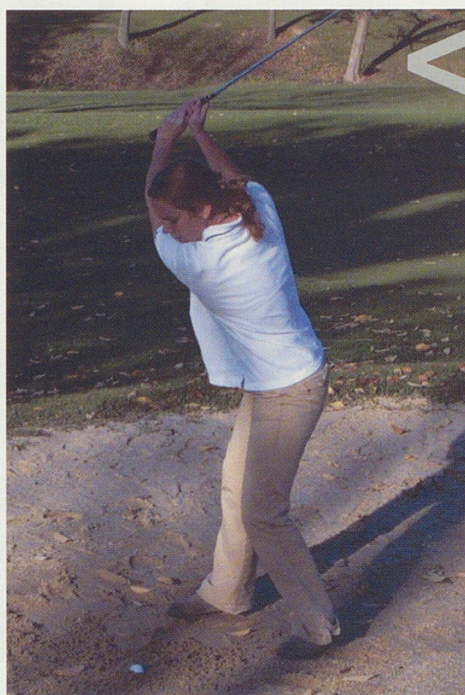
“I hit a ball over this big lake and was so proud...Until my ball hit a goose, rolled back and dropped in the water!”  
 > **Emilie Saltz, 11**



**Jackie Roesch, 10, Lizzie Lohse, 9, and Grace Denny, 10,** take a quick second to talk over each other's scores. “We broke the school record like four times,” said Roesch. It was a very successful season for these girls.



**LUCKY GOOSE.** Julie Gardner, 10, Emilie Saltz, 11, and Jackie Roesch, 10, smile after winning a match against Lakota East. Their team mascot, the plastic goose was known to give the girls good luck each match. The team made **Coach Keith Brackenridge** drive around with it on match days, to bring them extra luck!



“My most memorable time of the season was probably when I got my best score ever. I was so proud of myself, and after that I kept getting better.”  
 > **Christy Cassidy, 10.**



# Swingin' around

## Varsity golf

By: Sarah Chapman

**T**HE VARSITY A AND B TEAMS PROVED they were always up to the challenge.

They fought every match and maintained their composure and class to have a great season! The coaches had their players strive to achieve success and each member always came ready to practice hard. The varsity teams were led by seniors **Jeffrey Adler**, **Brad Bartels**, **Robert Knauer**, **Scott Langhorne**, **Sean Raffel**, **Jeff Schechter**, and **Mark Suntay**. These players demonstrated the right way to play golf. At the Fairfield Invitational, the varsity team ended up placing 3rd out of 30 teams!



**CHIP SHOTS ARE ESSENTIAL** in winning. **A.J. Donaldson** II, exemplified how to nail the shot. Someone pull out the flag, it is about to go in the hole!

**Row 1:** Paul Procario, 10, Jeff Schechter, 12, Brad Bartels, 12, Cam Swaboda, 11, **Row 2:** Jake Webb, 11, Rob Faulkner, 10, Sean Raffel, 12, Robert Knauer, 12, Coach Jerry Capehart.



**THE BIG TOURNAMENT.** The East-West Tournament was a great opportunity for senior golfer's, such as **Jeff Schechter**, 12, to participate. Multiple door prizes were awarded, including dinner provided by the Golden Corral. The West team wrapped up the Senior Classic with the win.



**Row 1:** Jeffrey Adler, 12, Kyle Forcade, 11, Jon Mazzei, 11, Matt Kursmark, 11, **Row 2:** Mark Suntay, 12, A.J. Donaldson, 11, Coach Jerry Capehart.



### Varsity Green

Opponent	Result	Us	Them
St. Xavier	LOSS	168	158
Mason	LOSS	166	165
Madeira	LOSS	169	161
Finneytown	LOSS	163	162
Western Hills	WIN	171	205
St. Xavier	LOSS	178	153
Fairfield	LOSS	176	162
Mason	WIN	162	174
Oak Hills	WIN	164	169
Kings	WIN	161	177
Fairfield	LOSS	168	155
Elder	LOSS	171	165

### Varsity Gold

Opponent	Result	Us	Them
Lakota West	LOSS	326	318
Oak Hills	WIN	300	314
Hamilton	WIN	169	173
Princeton	LOSS	176	158
Middletown	LOSS	178	153
Colerain	LOSS	168	157
Fairfield	WIN	157	160
Lakota East	LOSS	324	311
Milford	LOSS	167	165



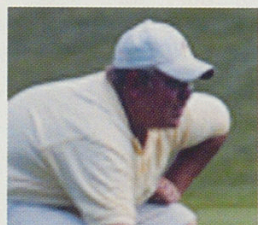


**Row 1:** Andrew Flint, 10, Brian Telljohann, 10, Corey Schwartz, 9, Brian Langhorne, 9, Kyle Esterkamp, 10, **Row 2:** Coach Pau Phillips, Niko Suntay, 9, Frank Ebetino, 9, Matt Smith, 10, David Valenti, 9.

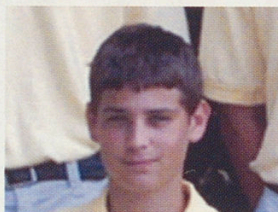


## Junior Varsity

Opponent	Result	Us	Them
Moeller	WIN	164	165
Milford	LOSS	167	164
Lakota East	LOSS	180	176
St. Xavier	LOSS	171	154
Oak Hills	LOSS	187	174
Princeton	WIN	176	197
Hamilton	LOSS	176	171
Fairfield	WIN	157	182
Colerain	WIN	175	183
Mason	LOSS	176	171
St. Xavier	LOSS	183	170
Middletown	WIN	176	192
Lakota West	WIN	328	332
Moeller	LOSS	192	175

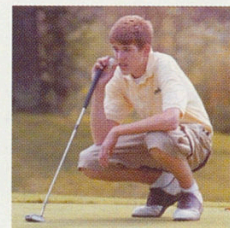


"I went to Golf Ranch, spending several hours practicing during the season to help prepare for matches."  
**>Kyle Esterkamp, 10**



"In the beginning of the year, we played practice rounds at the course to decide who played in matches that week."

**>Corey Schwartz, 9**



"St. Xavier was our biggest challenge because we have never won against them before."

**>Frank Ebetino, 9**

# Puttin' it down

Junior varsity golf

By: Sarah Chapman

**LINING UP FOR THE PUTT.** Concentrating on finishing the hole is **Niko Suntay, 9**. Suntay contributed to the team's 2nd place finish in the St. Xavier Invitational shooting an 84.



## THE JUNIOR VARSITY MEN'S GOLF TEAM ENDED THE SEASON WITH A GMC RECORD OF 5-4.

The start of the season was rough but the boys ended the season with an overall record of 6-9. Repeating the same feat as the 2002 team did, the team beat the Moeller Crusaders for the first match of the year. The St. Xavier Invitational was the first tournament in which this team participated. **Niko Suntay, 9**, shot an 84, and **Matt Smith, 10**, finished with a 79, which lead the junior varsity team to a 2nd place finish! They ended up with a team score of 157 against Fairfield. This was the lowest for nine holes of any coached team by Coach Paul Phillips. After a rough start, the junior varsity finished up the match season winning their last 4 out of 5 games. **Kyle Esterkamp, 10**, **Matt Smith, 10**, and **Brian Telljohann, 10**, helped lead with individual low scores in matches against Colerain, Fairfield, and Middletown. They ended the season on a high note by finishing in 3rd place in the Lakota Invitational at Potter's Park.





## Do you have a certain thing you do before a race?



"My mom leaves me a note on my mirror every morning before a race and it's for good luck. And toads are good luck."

> **Kelli Rogers, 10**



"I like to draw a smiley face on my hand so that when I looked down at it during the race it would remind me to think happy thoughts."

> **Susan Shuller, 12**



"I try not to think about the race till we're on the starting line because I get real nervous. And I wear my lucky sports bra."

> **Amber D'Sousa, 11**

# Running

## Up to speed

Girls cross country sprints through the season **By: Laura Eastes**

**T**HERE HASTO BE SOMETHING MORE TO CROSS COUNTRY THAN JUST RUNNING BECAUSE EVER YEAR MORE THAN FORTY GIRLS JOIN THE TEAM.

"It is an opportunity to meet so many wonderful girls," said **Victoria Biddle, 10**.

The season began in August and was filled with early morning runs before the start of school.

The girls competed every Saturday at various locations around Ohio. At the Greater Miami Conference Meet the girls pushed themselves to a second place finish, beating the third place team by only five points. **Kelly Willis, 10**, **Kelli Rodgers, 10**, and **Amy Sanders, 11**, finished in the top fifteen and received first team all conference. **Theresa Steinhardt, 11**, **Jennifer Latessa, 11**, and **Claire Lu, 12**, finished in the top twenty five and

were awarded second team all conference honors.

But the racing did not stop after a top finish in the GMC. The girls set their sights on the district race and showed up with a whole lot of confidence. The girls shined as they ran to a fourth place victory and prepared to move on to the regional race. At the regional race, the girls competed against the top teams in the state of Ohio. With extremely fast times the girls finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of twenty teams. The girls didn't advance on but four of the seven were invited to compete in a race at Fairmont for only the best cross country runners in the state of Ohio.



**Row 1:** Becky Schmidt, 12, Anait Grigoryan, 12, Rachel Newsted, 12, Liesbet Michiels, 12, Anna Kwa, 9, Brittany Stephens, 9, Mei Hsieh, 9, Lois Kwa, 12, Leah Daniel, 11, and April Zhang, 9. **Row 2:** Ashley Moore, 9, Beth Cundiff, 10, Margo Rosen, 10, Crystal Sohn, 9, Abby Harris, 9, Sara Hahn, 10, April Wang, 11, Sami Bruce, 10, and Amy Sanders, 11. **Row 3:** Coach Missy Hardy, Laura Eastes, 12, Jenna Bridgewater, 12, Kelly Willis, 10, Laura Woolf, 11, Jennifer Latessa, 11, Claire Lu, 12, Amy Donofrio, 12, Jackie McAninch, 10, Katie Gruening, 11, and Jena Whitman, 12. **Row 4:** Coach Tim Robbins, Rachel Hershberger, 9, Kelsey Kiley, 10, Katie Danils, 10, Susan Shuller, 12, Kelli Rodgers, 10, Whitney McKee, 9, Sarah Imhoff, 11, Theresa Steinhardt, 11, Jennifer Steinhardt, 11, Audry Kang, 9, and Coach Scott Popoff.







**FINISH STRONG.** Mei Hsieh, 9, sprinted toward the finish line. The girls owe their ability to finish strong to the many hours they spent at practice throughout the season.



**CONSTANT PAIN.** SENIOR CLAIR LU PUSHED THROUGH THE PAIN FOR THREE YEARS. Lu ran in the varsity Greater Miami Conference Meet and finished 21st right behind teammate Theresa Steinhardt, 11. The girls finished with less than a second apart on their final time.

**PUSHING THROUGH THE CROWD AND MOVING UP.** Becky Schmidt, 12, Jena Whitman, 12, Whitney Mckey, 9, and Beth Caundiff, 10, ran and sprinted through the crowd of runners. The races were full of over 100 runners from schools all around the state.



**SPRINTING TO THE END.** Jennifer Steinhardt, 11, gave it her all as she headed towards the finish line. In cross country the girls sprinted to the finish line with hopes of receiving their PR (personal record). As the girls sprinted closer and closer to the finish, they were able to see a large timer which gave them motivation to reach their PR.

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Place
Greenville Invitational	8th
Princeton Invitational	5th
Eaton Invitational	3rd
Brookville Invitational	1st
Harrison Invitational	8th
Fairmont Invitational	6th
Ed Leas Invitational	4th
GMC League Meet	2nd
Districts Meet	4th
Regionals Meet	9th

**KILL THE HILL!** The phrase was very popular for the girls on many hilly courses. Ashley Moore, 9, and Whitney Mckee, 9, pushed themselves up to the top at this hill at the Fairmont Invitational. Kill the hill!





# No Longer Just a Game

Men's Cross Country is a Way of Life

By: Kelsey Kiley

**T**HINK ABOUT IT. Cross country is not a game, like football or soccer. It is a sport. Only the best and most unique individuals can do it, and do it with happiness. The boys on the cross country team knew this. They did everything for cross country, and for the love of racing. It was a feeling of pride, exhaustion, and exhilaration. When a runner finished, he either displayed extreme unhappiness, knowing he did not push himself as far as he could go, or jubilantly collapsed, realizing he had gotten the best time in his entire career of racing.

Running can not leave the soul. It is a part of who a person is. Boys cross country recognizes this. They sacrificed lazy summer mornings in bed for sweat and pain and future victories. The team woke up at ungodly hours to run endless miles, even during the school year. These boys ran after tiring school days, ran on Friday mornings, ran over the weekends, they ran for the sake of running. Cross country ate nothing but pasta on Fridays, drank water constantly, and it was early

to bed, early to rise for the weekends, knowing they had a race in the morning. Still, these guys did it willingly, and so their aching muscles and sore legs were healed with laughter and jokes, smiles and friendship.

All their hard work and effort paid off when the team blasted through their meets, placing first and second in a majority of races, showing the power of the team, and the strength of the runners. GMC's were an excellent show of the mighty force that was Boys cross country, beating 8 other teams on what could easily be called the roughest course of the season. It was hilly, hot, and challenging. The guys had run with passion, and continued on to Districts, at the Voice of America course. There, because of the luck of the draw, they were pitted against some of the toughest teams in their division, and ended up placing fifth, missing Regionals.

In spite of this, one individual shined through, and ran a great personal race, qualifying to run at the next level. **Jules Rosen, 11**, had placed

4th in his GMC race with a time of 16:36. Districts went even better, with a finishing time of 16:24, and 6th place. From there, he ran in Troy, Ohio, with a 5k time of 16:19, ranking 13th. Rosen then progressed to State, in Columbus, Ohio, on Halloween weekend. Saturday morning, November 1st, Jules Rosen was a runner in the State race, the fourth straight year the Cross Country Posse (CCP) has sent a runner to state.

However, Rosen was not the only star runner. **Alphonse Harris, 9**, with 17:05, **Yavuz Inanli, 10**, with 17:26, **Brian Weber, 10**, with 17:29, **Ben Sage, 11**, with 17:38, **Grant Sperry, 12**, with 17:46, and **Taylor Williams, 9**, with 17:48 all moved up in rank or landed on the list of all-time best 3.1 mile times in men's cross country. Before this season, the team was unranked, and at the end of this spectacular season, they were seventh in the city. The guys knew this; that seventh place came from their sweat and desire.

## Team Photo



**Row 1:** from left to right Luke Bryce, 10, Dennis Jiang, 12, Taylor Williams, 9, Zak Gilbert, 9, Mike Apke, 9, Reggie Philpott, 12, Brian Weber, 10 **Row 2:** Alphonse Harris, 9, Tony Semones, 10, Jeff Cohen, 10, Ben Nava, 10, Grant Sperry, 12, Tianlai Lu, 12, Alex Herbe, 10 **Row 3:** Sam Cole, 10, Max Glassner, 10, Jamie Fishman, 10, Andy Ng, 11, Joe Bloom, 11, Sean Wright, 11, Michael Lanner, 10 **Row 4:** Mark Myers, 12, Jack Pryzwara, 9, Todd Whitman, 10, Jules Rosen, 11, Ryan Abitz, 10, Elliot Skopin, 10, Ben Sage, 11, Kyle Fitch, 11, Nick Hatfield, 12, Coach Jim Smanik







"It's the team unity. Everyone cheers for everyone else, and you always know that you truly are a part of the team. It is the spirit of the CCP that's so strong that we keep coming back, even after we graduate."

> **Mark Myers, 12**



"Running into the final stretch, with everyone screaming and cheering for you, while you race to the finish, is the best part of cross country."

> **Kyle Fitch, 11**



"What makes XC so great is the people I get to enjoy it with. It takes a certain type of person to run the way we do, and I am privileged to be able to compete with them."

> **Grant Sperry, 12**



"Everything is awesome- the team, the kids, the meets, getting into shape. Even though running isn't the most fun thing ever, cross country is awesome-I'd recommend it to anyone."

> **Brian Weber, 10**



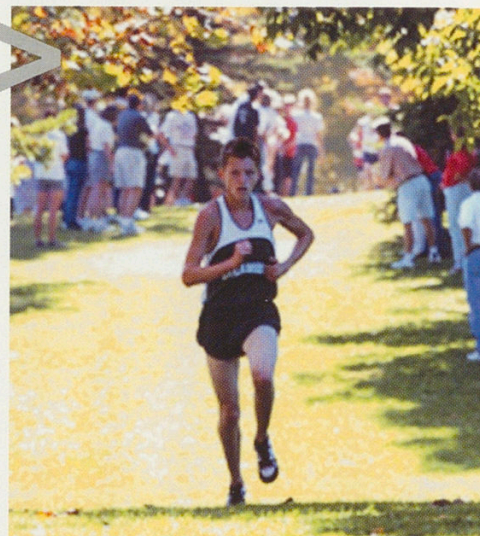
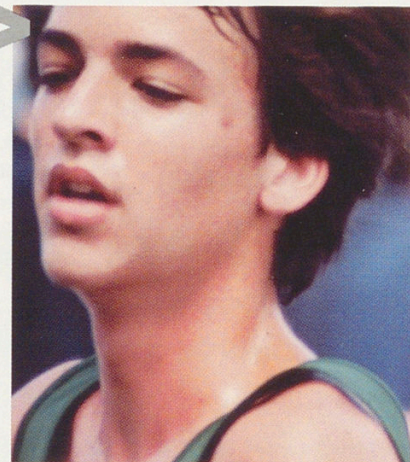
"The racing experience is unbelievable. It's a mix of excitement, fear, sweat, exhilaration, and pain. But when it's all over, you know it was worth it."

> **Taylor Williams, 9**



**SOLID VARSITY RUNNER.** Ben Sage, 11, was a solid varsity runner, who improved his time by two minutes between the first and last race of the season. With a personal record of 17:38 in the 5k (3.1 miles), Sage was a member of the elite 17-Minute Club, and rapidly got faster. It was a rocky season with his times going up and down, but Sage always ran his hardest, and was a force on the course.

**STILL RECRUITING NEW GUYS.** Max Glassner, 10, was a recent addition to the team as a sophomore. With a personal record of 21:27, in a 3.1 mile race, he proved that even the new kids on the course could survive a school's toughest sport. Overcoming obstacles was difficult, especially when the biggest hurdle was the attitude of the runner, because as a new runner, it can be hard to ignore the pain and run faster. The guys knew this, and just tried harder.



**JULES ROSEN, 11, KICKS SOME BUTT AT GMC'S.** The Greater Miami Conference was held at Harbin Park, and the team did excellent, beating out 8 other teams for 2nd place. Rosen finished in 4th place with a time of 16:36.48. He got even better, with a personal record of 16:19, ranking 5th in the history of Men's Cross Country.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS.** Instead of praying, the men's cross country team did the circle cheer. The varsity runners met in the middle for a pep talk, then they held hands and ran as fast as they could, ring-around-the-rosy style, yelling thunderously, they then met in the middle again and roared "CCP!" The varsity teammates spoke of this routine with smiles, knowing how it pumped them up for success.



## Scoreboard

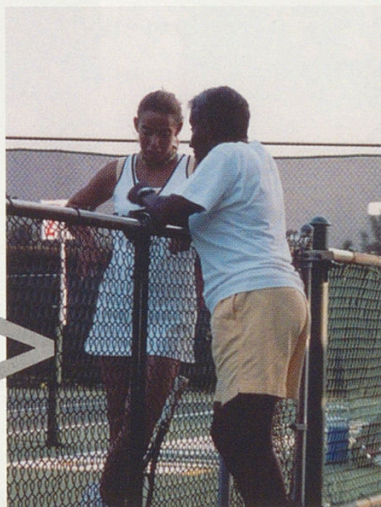
Meet	Rank	Number of Teams
Fairfield	4	17
Lakota	14	18
Princeton	4	25
Milford	1	18
Harrison	4	16
Fairmont	5	26
Eaton	2	18
GMC	2	10
Districts	5	15
Regionals	Jules Rosen- 13th	129 runners
State	Jules Rosen- 36th	149 runners



**ALWAYS A READY SMILE.** Sandy Berry, 10, always had a smile for everyone, even after a race. Races took every ounce of effort a runner had, in order to push himself to the limit, and get the best time he was capable of getting. The boy's cross country team did all that and more. They were always together, having a riot at the infamous pasta parties, showing up at meets to support their runners, and giving a great show of team unity. Joining the boy's cross country team earned you friends to count on, who would be there, no matter the effort it took.



**THE DOUBLES TEAM OF** Erica Smith, 12, and Laura Ebetino, 11, chat during a match. This pair tied for first place in the conference with their team mates **Caitlin Bokulic, 11,** and **Maggie Koetter, 10.**



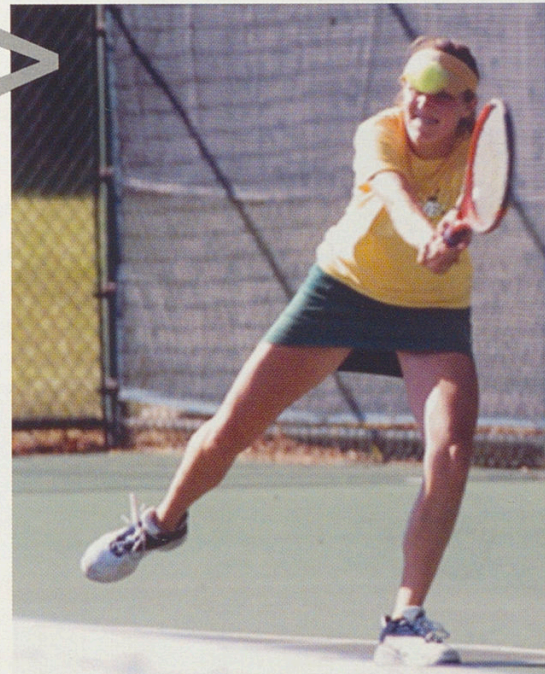
**AN INTENSE GAME.** Jenny Belsky, 10, and Coach Maxine Yates conference in between matches. Belsky has been a main contributor since her freshman year. She made it individually to state, and also was featured 1st team singles in the *Cincinnati Enquire*.



**CONCENTRATING HARD** is Meaghan Ebetino, 12. Ebetino was a member of the varsity tennis team in both her junior and senior years. She played both singles and doubles, pairing up with her sister, **Laura Ebetino, 11.** "I am so proud of the girls! We had an amazing season and we also had so much fun!" said Meghan Ebitino.



**KIM THOMPSON, 12, ANTICIPATES** her opponent's next move. Thompson, who played varsity tennis all four years of high school, shared a first place league finish in singles with teammates **Jenny Belsky, 11,** and **Caitlin Bokulic, 11.** "It's nice to go out senior year on this good note," said Thompson.



**HIGH ENERGY AND AGGRESSION AID CAITLIN** Bokulic, 11, as she reaches for a difficult hit. Along with her first place standing as half of a duo, Bokulic finished the season with the best overall singles record in the GMC.

## Q&A with Maggie Koetter

- q:** How many years have you been playing tennis?  
**a:** I started when I was 11, so 4 years.  
**q:** What has been the highlight of your tennis career so far?  
**a:** Going to state as a freshman! It was definitely exciting!

- q:** Who is your favorite tennis player on the pro tour?  
**a:** My favorite tennis player is definitely Anna Kournikova. She's a good player but is also a model.  
**q:** What is your goal for next year?  
**a:** My goal for next year is to be playing singles. Team goal, to make it as far as we can with smiles on our faces!





# Game, Set, Match

## Aceing their way through

By: Sarah Jarnicki



**ACE!** Serving up the ball is **Krittika Baravkar, 11**. She is sporting the girl's tennis slogan: "I win like a girl!"

**ONE WORD TO SUM UP THE VARSITY GOLD'S SEASON WOULD BE AMAZING.** During

the regular season, the girls went 15-2 which led them to districts. Not long after, **Jenny Belsky, 11**, and number one doubles team **Maggie Koetter, 10**, and **Caitlin Bokulic, 11**, headed for state.

"The 2003 gold tennis team had another successful year. The team were co-champs of the GMC making it a record 15 years of winning the conference," said **Coach Maxine Yates**.

Belsky, Bokulic, Koetter, **Kim Thompson, 12**, **Laura Ebetino, 11**, and **Erica Smith, 12**, were the GMC's all conference first team. **Leah Zipperstein, 12**, made 2nd all conference team playing number 3 singles. Since 1989, Sycamore Girls tennis has been conference champions.



**Row 1:** Krittika Baravkar, 11, Jenny Belsky, 11, Maggie Koetter, 10, **Row 2:** Emily Crabill, 9, Erica Smith, 12, Caitlin Bokulic, 11, Kim Thompson, 12, **Row 3:** Caroline Hodgson, 9, Meaghan Ebetino, 12, Coach Maxine Hoyles-Yates, Laura Ebetino, 11, Leah Zipperstein, 12.

### Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Anderson	WIN	5	0
Loveland	WIN	3	2
Lancaster	WIN	5	0
Lakota West	WIN	5	0
Colerain	WIN	4	1
Middletown	WIN	5	0
Lakota East	WIN	4	1
Ursuline	LOSS	2	3
Hamilton	WIN	5	0
Fairfield	WIN	5	0
Bevercreek	WIN	4	1
CHCA	WIN	4	1
Milford	WIN	4	1
Oak Hills	WIN	5	0
Princeton	LOSS	2	3
Mercy	WIN	4	1
Turpin	WIN	4	1
Kettering	WIN	5	0
Centerville	LOSS	2	3

**THE DUO OF MAGGIE Koetter, 10, and Caitlin Bokulic, 11, proved they were force to be reckoned with.** They placed first in the conference, their league record was flawless. The pair ended the season by competing at the state tournament, along with their teammate **Jenny Belsky, 11**.



# Reaching for an ace Slam across the net

Girls varsity green tennis

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Jamie Orent

## Scoreboard

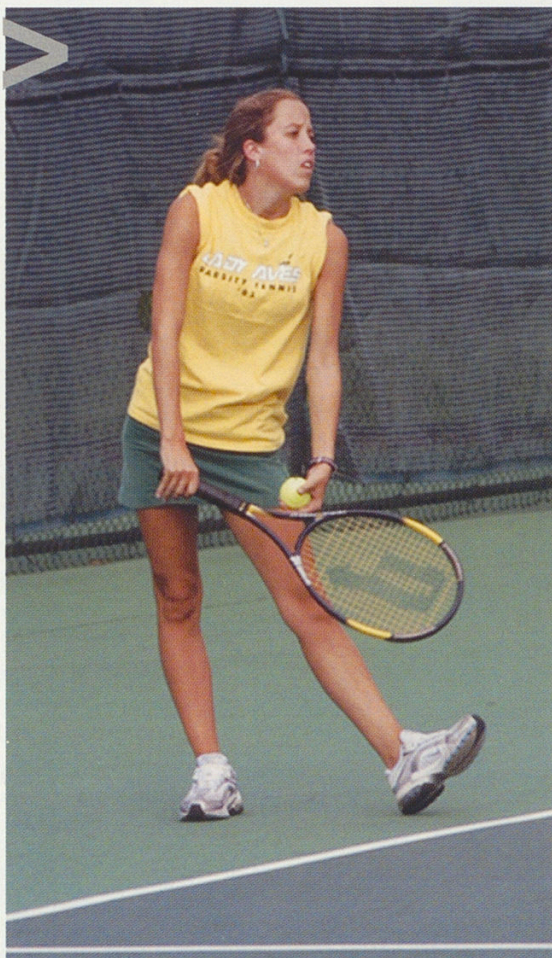
Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Mercy	WIN	3	2
Milton Union	WIN	3	2
Troy	WIN	3	2
Loveland B	WIN	5	0
Reading	WIN	5	0
Lakota East	LOSS	1	4
Wyoming	WIN	3	2
Kings	WIN	3	2
Mariemont	WIN	4	1
Summit CD	WIN	3	2
Upper Arlington	LOSS	0	5
Pickerington	LOSS	1	4
Ursuline (JV)	WIN	4	1
Western Hills	WIN	5	0
Mason	LOSS	2	3

**C**LAPPING AND CHEERING COULD BE HEARD FROM THE

**CROWD** as once again the girls varsity green tennis team brought home another victory. These girls practiced hard and in the end the victory was their reward. They had a remarkable record of 11-4 and each and every one of them tried their best. Some memorable moments from the season are when **Mari Tsubota, 10**, hurt herself at a match but was able to play through it and help the team overall win 3-2.

AS SHE GETS READY TO SLAM A SERVE, ERIN POWERS, 12, GETS FOCUSED.

Powers played first singles for her senior year. Powers helped lead the girls team to their 11-4 season.



Row 1: Nikki San Miguel, 12, Courtney Harmon, 9, Sayuri Kogami, 11, Row 2: Erin Powers, 12, Bavisha Vala, 12, Belinda Wen, 10, Mari Tsubota, 10, Row 3: Megan Ellingwood, 10, Anne Barngrover, 12, Coach Shawn Barone, Christine Meier, 10, Janice Ahn, 11.



**THROW HIGH. CONCENTRATE. CONTACT.** These are the thoughts rushing through **Christine Meiers', 10**, head as she gets ready to serve the ball. This was Meiers' first season on the team and according to her it was full of good times and hard work. "We had a really great season, we put lots of time and effort into fulfilling our potential as a team. We also had a lot of fun with our new coach Shawn," said Meiers.





## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Anderson	LOSS	1	4
Mercy	WIN	4	1
Loveland	WIN	5	0
Lancaster	WIN	5	0
Wyoming	WIN	5	0
Kings Mill	WIN	5	0
Lakota West	LOSS	2	3
Colerain	WIN	5	0
Summit CD	WIN	5	0
Hamilton	WIN	5	0
Mariemont	LOSS	0	5
Fairfield	LOSS	1	4
Lakota East	WIN	3	2
CHCA	WIN	4	1
Milford	LOSS	2	3
McAuley	WIN	5	0
Oak Hills	WIN	5	0
Turpin	LOSS	1	4
Princeton	WIN	5	0



Row 1: Katie Kettlehake, 9, Saba Ahmad, 10, Megan Feng, 9, Rachel Washburn, 10, Row 2: Coach Rodney Miller, Ariane Lannelongue, 11, Heather Lo, 10, Emily Wehmon, 9, Kristy Barngrover, 10, Anita Raheja, 9.

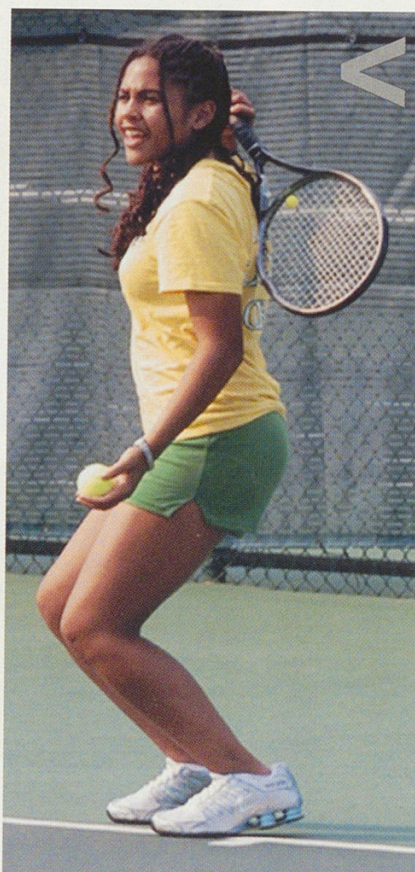
# With unforgettable memories Serving up victories

Girls junior varsity green tennis

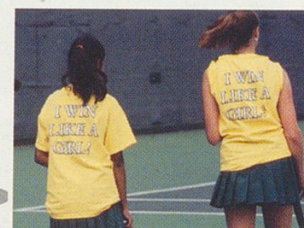
By: Sarah Jarnicki and Jaime Orent



**REACH FOR THE ACE!** Ariane Lannelongue, 11, stretched high as she showed off her awesome overhead. Congratulations to Lannelongue because she was a finalist at the number 3 singles position in the GCTC tournament at one of the last matches of the season.



**WIN LIKE A GIRL,** was the team slogan. This was because these girls loved to show off their tough skills.



Saba Ahmad, 10, and Heather Lo, 10, display the team slogan.

"Our team was so much fun! We were all really close and it was great hanging out with these girls!! GO AVES!" said Kristy Barngrover, 10.

The team truly did win like girls with a record of 13-6.

"IT WAS MY FIRST YEAR AT SYCAMORE AND ON THE TEAM. Everyone was really nice and we had a great season!" said Jackie Nussbaum, 10. Nussbaum played doubles for the JV team. Her consistent serve contributed a lot to matches.



# Pass by the competition

## First in region since 1986

### Boys water polo returns to state

By: Lauren Truax

**T** **EAMWORK.** The boys water polo team had a great season, finishing first in the region and qualifying for state. It was the first time since 1986 that the boys won the regional tournament. The team was lead by returning key players, **Algis Aukstuolis, 12, Scott Keller, 12, Joe Krone, 12, Rob Truax, 12, Heath Tameris, 11, Greg Bieler, 12** and **Mark Schrock, 12**. The boys continued with the tradition of dying their hair bleach blonde when they qualified for state. They had to dye their hair a day early because there was no school on the Friday before state, and wanted to show off their new do. The team had four players receive all-state. These players were, **Heath Tameris, 11**, and **Rob Truax, 12**, who received first team, **Greg Bieler, 12**, and **Scott Keller, 12**, who received second team, and **Joe Krone, 12**, who received honorable mention. Although the boys had an upset at state by receiving fourth place, their season was the best to come in the past years.

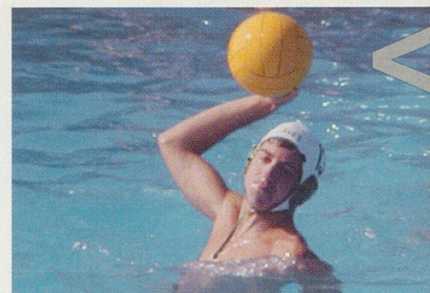


**LOOK AT THOSE MUSCLES, Heath Tameris, 11**, gets ready to take a shot. Tameris has been a varsity player since freshmen year. His strength and great athletic ability have been an asset to the team.



**KEEP THOSE HANDS UP! Algis Aukstuolis, 12**, plays great defense and protects the goal. Whenever the team is man down, the boys keep both hands up to help protect the goal. Many times the strong defense helped.

**GETTING READY TO SHOOT Nate Herrel, 12**, winds up for his power shot. The team practiced their shooting everyday. It helped their offense improve greatly through their powerful shots.



**Row 1:** Brian Clements, 12, Brian McMillen, 10, Robert Truax, 12, Guy Wiener, 12, Scott Keller, 12, Alan Klepe, 10, Andrew Witetkugel, 10, Nate Herrel, 12. **Row 2:** Shawn Wylie, 12, Philip Wight, 11, Ben Parker, 11, Heath Tameris, 11, Mark Schrock, 12, Greg Bieler, 12, Algis Aukstuolis, 12, Joe Krone, 12, Vicent Ahn, 10, Coach Chad Packer

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
St. Francis	TIE	9	9
McDowell	LOSS	7	16
Huron	LOSS	6	8
Pioneer	WIN	8	4
Napoleon	WIN	8	6
St. Francis	WIN	9	1
Upper Arlington	LOSS	9	11
St. Francis	WIN	9	7
Milford	WIN	15	10
Rockford	LOSS	7	8
Troy	WIN	16	5
St. Francis	LOSS	6	7
Upper Arlington	WIN	11	10
Kilbourne	WIN	6	3
Napoleon	WIN	12	5
Thomas Worthington	WIN	6	3
Milford	WIN	13	4
Princeton	WIN	15	5
Napoleon	WIN	11	4
Milford	WIN	17	11
Upper Arlington	WIN	8	7
St. Francis	LOSS	8	10
Upper Arlington	LOSS	8	9





**THE SENIOR BOYS DRESS UP AS A MOB FOR THEIR SENIOR PICTURE, (LEFT TO RIGHT) Nate Herrel, 12, Mark Schrock, 12, Brian Clements, 12, Algis Aukstuolis, 12, Greg Bieler, 12, Rob Truax, 12, Shawn wylie, 12, Scott Keller, 12, Joey Krone, 12, and Guy Wiener, 12.** The senior class was extremely large and had a great season. Their class consisted of half the whole boys water polo team.



**TRYING TO BLOCK THE BALL, Joey Krone, 12, Mark Schrock, 12, and Robert Truax, 12.** A major part to the boys success was their defense and always being ready to block the ball. Many times all the boys had both hands up and the other team had nowhere to shoot the ball.



**YELLING AT THE OTHER TEAM, Robert Truax, 12,** attempts to block a shot. As a goalie Truax yelled at the other team when they had a break away in an attempt to make him mess up. It sometimes worked and always was fun to watch.

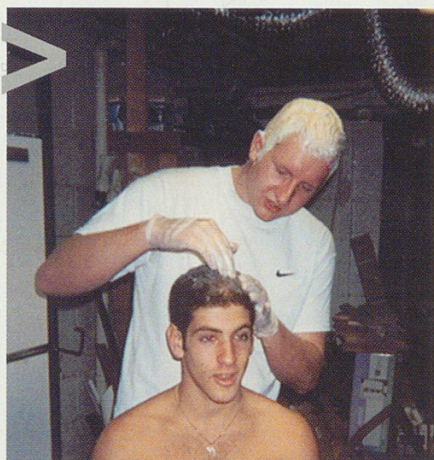
#### PLAYING OUTSTANDING DEFENSE

**Mark Schrock, 12,** keeps his hand high. Strong defense players always have a hand up to block their opponents pass or shot. The boys did a great job of standing on the man on defense.

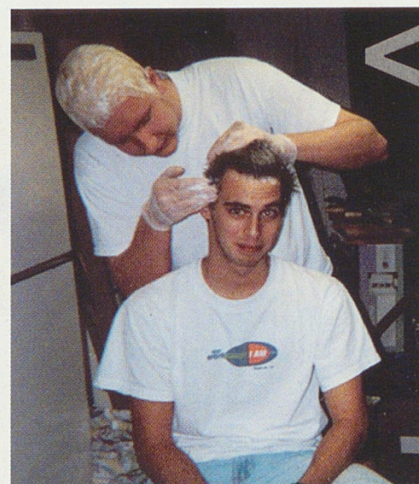


**THE TEAM GIVES EACH OTHER HIGH FIVES AFTER THE GAME.** It is the boys tradition to always give each other high fives after shaking the other teams hands. The tradition shows intimidation and helps the team bond.

**GETTING A NEW LOOK Guy Wiener, 12,** waits for **Greg Beiler, 12,** to finish putting in the hair dye. The boys trust each other to dye their hair. It was part of the bonding experience.



**LOOKING PLEASED WITH THEIR NEW COLOR : Algis Aukstuolis, 12, Guy Wiener, 12, and Scott Keller, 12.** Their hair will later have a green look from the chlorine. Still the boys enjoy dying their hair and continue with the tradition.



**WAITING PATIENTLY** while **Greg Beiler, 12,** puts on the dye, **Robert Truax, 12,** is excited. It is a long process from dark brown hair to bright blonde. The boys watch movies while waiting for the dye to work.



**GREAT BLOCK.** Goalie **Allyson Harmon, 12,** makes a great save during the Milford game. Harmon was a crucial part of the team's defense.





## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Worthington Kilbourne	LOSS	8	13
Canton Glen Oak	WIN	18	3
Napoleon	LOSS	3	5
Upper Arlington	LOSS	6	9
Princeton	WIN	11	6
Milford	WIN	7	2
Princeton	WIN	16	7
Milford	LOSS	5	6
Upper Arlington	LOSS	2	8
Thomas Worthington	WIN	8	5
Worthington Kilbourne	LOSS	4	7
Napoleon	TIE	3	3
Milford	WIN	7	5
Princeton	WIN	14	7
Sylvania Northview	WIN	10	4
Napoleon	LOSS	5	6
Canton Glen Oak	WIN	11	6
Milford	WIN	8	6
Upper Arlington	LOSS	4	7
Princeton	WIN	8	6
Worthington Kilbourne	LOSS	1	13
Thomas Worthington	WIN	19	10



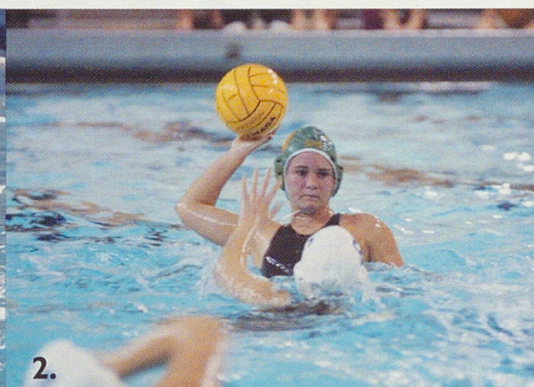
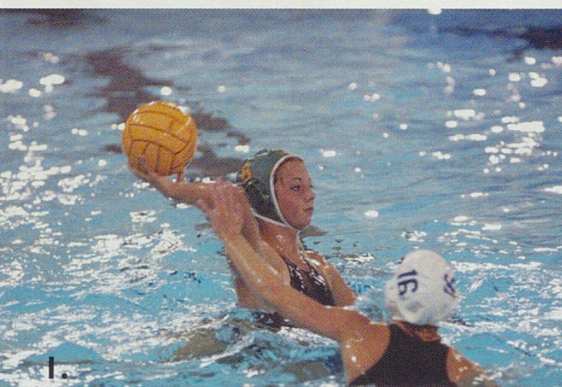
**Row 1:** Jen Witte, 12, Gretchen Bloomstrom, 12, Suzanne Wight, 12, Katie Loftspring, 12, Allyson Harmon, 12, **Row 2:** Alex Perotti, 10, Katie Hess, 11, Erica Weber, 11, Lauren Truax, 11, Sarah Porter, 10, Rachel Myers, 10, Chelsea Keller, 9, Paige Keefe, 9, **Row 3:** Coach Emily Reitenbach, Kim Bieler, 10, Amy Krone, 10, Katie Kirschner, 10, Emma Troendle, 10, Claire Mondro, 10, Brittany Lawrence, 9, Julie Bonn, 10, Nicole Hall, 10, Coach Jan Jordan

# Teamwork

## Earns 3rd in state

### Girls water polo

**By: Katie Loftspring**



**1. GOING FOR THE GOAL.** Amy Krone, 10, got around her defender and headed toward the goal. Krone was one of the varsity starters, and contributed a lot to the high number of points scored during the season. **2. DRY PASSES.** Chelsea Keller, 9, passed to one of her teammates as her defender quickly approached. Dry passes were very important. A wet pass gave the defense a chance to set up. **3. SET UP!** Jen Witte, 12, waited for her teammates to set up a play. Getting open, and setting up plays was a crucial part of the team's offense.

## The Story

**H**ARD WORK, DETERMINATION, AND SACRIFICE. These were the key

elements to the girls' success. Each of the girls sacrificed both sleep and social lives in order to be a part of this state-qualifying team. During the season, the girls endured long, hard practices both morning and afternoon.

"Practices are very focused on becoming better players, but it is still a fun atmosphere," said Erica Weber, 11. In addition to the many hours of

practice, the girls traveled great distances to tournaments, and gave it their all at every game. At times they played up to four games per tournament. In the end, it all paid off. The girls had a great season finishing 3rd at the state tournament in Columbus.

"Placing 3rd in state was a great way to finish the season. All of the girls worked really hard, and it was a much deserved accomplishment," said Katie Hess, 11.

The girls success can be attributed to not only

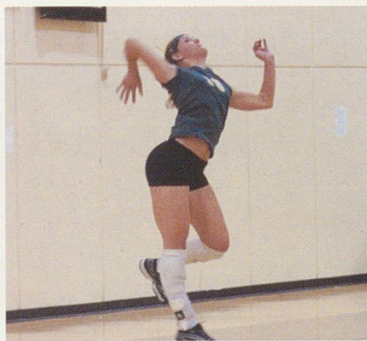
their hard work at practices and at games, but also to their ability to play well together as a team. A team that gets along out of the water, will most likely play together better in the water. Water polo was all about pasta parties! Pasta parties were a great way for the girls to "fuel" up for big games, as well as a means for them to bond as a team. At these parties the girls ate tons of pasta, watched videos of previous games, and got fired up for the upcoming game or tournament.





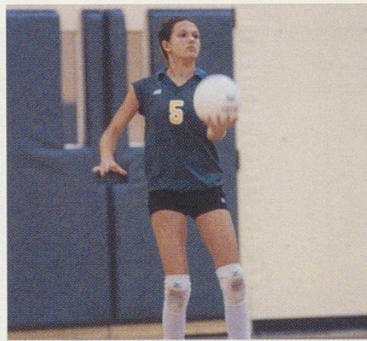
"I had a blast; I never thought I could have become such good friends with the underclassmen before the season even started!"

> Courtney Siemer, 12



"Even though we didn't have a very successful season game-wise, we really got along great with each other and learned a lot."

> Lynne Grannen, 12



"It was an amazing experience playing with so many different girls, and I will never forget my senior volleyball season!"

> Karen Domas, 12

# One team

## Four classes

Aww buddy!

By: Alix Zuberbuhler

**T** HREE FRESHMAN, THREE SOPHOMORES, TWO JUNIORS, AND FIVE SENIORS came together to build a team of all four classes, for the first time ever. The coaches decided to start building a team for the future as well as now.

Although the season started out kind of rocky, once the players became more comfortable with each other both on and off the court, things got much smoother. A big turning point in the season was the trip to Canton, Ohio. Each year, it gives the new team a chance to bond, through playing games and traveling together.

Before the season began, each teammate made a stool to put in the "hole." All the stools went into the hole for pre-game pep talks and post-game celebrations.

"Decorating the stools was one of my favorite activities that we did together, we got to go outside and get paint everywhere." said **Hatsuna Nakanishi, 12.**

The season took a turn when they claimed their first victory against Xenia. "I was a little skeptical after losing our first two games, but it felt so much better when we got our first win against Xenia." said **Carly Conlon, 9.**

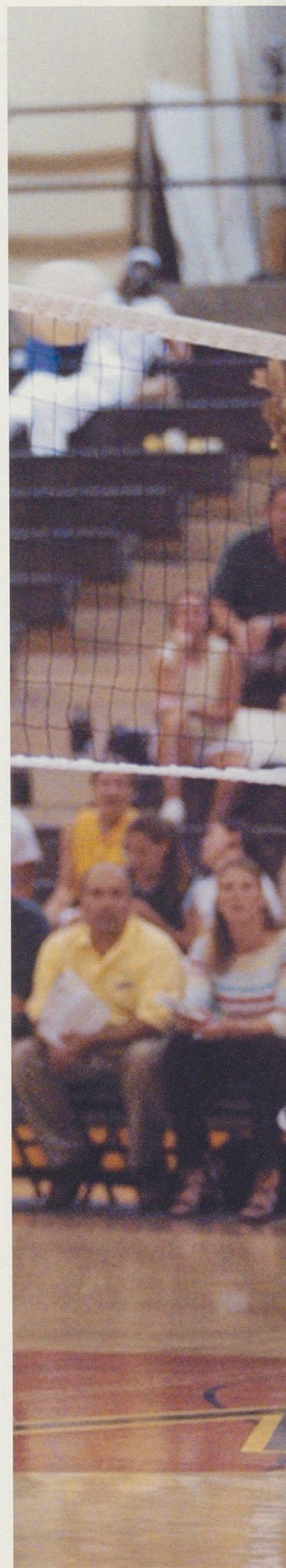
From then on, the girls competed tough and finished with their heads up, despite some tough games and struggles. Overall the season was successful as the girls worked together to form friendships and bonds to make them not only better volleyball players, but people as well.

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss
McNicholas	LOSS
Whitmer	LOSS
Xenia	WIN
Lima Central Catholic	WIN
Lakota West	LOSS
Piqua	LOSS
Colerain	LOSS
Lakota West	WIN
Middletown	WIN
Roger Bacon	LOSS
Beavercreek	LOSS
Mason	LOSS
Loveland	WIN
Hamilton	WIN
Fairfield	LOSS
Boone County	LOSS
Highlands	LOSS
Milford	LOSS
Harrison	LOSS
Mt. Notre Dame	LOSS
Oak Hills	LOSS
Princeton	WIN
Harrison	LOSS



Row 1: Tricia Welsch, 10, Hatsuna Nakanishi, 12, Hope Lohmueller, 9, Carly Conlon, 9, Row 2: Karen Domas, 12, Kyle Spicer, 10, Heather Hampton, 11, Sarah McGrath, 9, Ginny Tremblay, Row 3: Coach Jason Testerman, Lynne Grannen, 12, Brittani Gray, 10, Courtney Siemer, 12, Stacy Anders, 12, Coach Paul Melnick.







**1-2-3 BLOCK!** Lynne Grannen, 12, and Courtney Siemer, 12, jump together to block Colerain's spike. Teamwork was essential to winning games.



**GAME TIME!** The girls got together in the middle of the court before the start of each match. Here they engaged in pep talks to motivate each other for the game. A team that plays well together, and is mentally prepared for the game will ultimately succeed.

**THE YOUNGER GIRLS PAY CLOSE ATTENTION** as they watch the game. The role of these girls was just as important as the role of the girls on the court. They were always there cheering on their teammates not only in games but in practice as well.



**TIME OUT!** Coach Jason Testerman kept the girls' heads' in the game by calling a time out. During time outs, both coaches, Paul Melnick, and Testerman gave the girls pointers on how to be successful in the game. Both coaches and players learned plays throughout the season that were very beneficial in game situations.

**"THE HOLE"** shows how spirited the girls really are. The girls took turns decorating this room before each game. This activity got the girls "pumped up," and ready for victory.





# Tough losses, *Keep the faith* tough team

JV girls volleyball **By: Laura Eastes**

**T**HREE STRAIGHT LOSSES  
WAS HOW THE junior  
varsity girls volleyball team began their season.

Although the team lost many of the remaining games, the girls did pull together to win six games.

"Our team was skilled and athletic, but we had trouble putting those assets to work," said **Lina Aukstulis, 10**.

Despite the record the team had a great season. The girls became good friends and bonded over pre-game

dinners in which their parents would provided pasta **Jen Mott, 10**, and **Alison Ivers, 10**, hosted pool parties and slumber parties for their teammates.

"We did have a team sleepover, pool party and dinners before every home game. These experiences brought our team closer and helped us play better together," said **Jen Mott, 10**.

Although the season did not go quite as planned many of the girls collected memories over key wins.

"My favorite game was Loveland. We played awesome and won," said **Sophia Quick, 9**.



**UP, UP AND AWAY GOES THE BALL.**  
**Maggie Brown, 10**, moved to make the play in spiking the volleyball over the net.



**Row 1:** Emily Beech, 9, Amanda Siebert, 10, Annie Broadus, 9, and Kim Standen, 10. **Row 2:** Sarah Soled, 10, Maggie Brown, 10, and Trish Gannen, 9. **Row 3:** Allison Ivers, 10, Grayce Ruehlmann, 10, Sophia Quick, 9, Lina Aukstulis, 10, Jen Mott, 10, and Coach Emily Abrams.

We had a couple of set backs due to some players getting injured throughout the season. However our team pulled through and ended up having an overall successful season.

> **Jen Mott, 10**



**MOVING TOWARDS THE BALL TO HIT IT OVER THE NET.**  
**Annie Broadus, 9**, jumped up to spike the ball. Teammates **Kim Standen, 10**, and **Emily Beech, 9**, prepared to hit the ball in case of a bump pass. **Sophia Quick** along with Beech, Broadus, and **Trish Gannen** made up the freshmen on the Junior Varsity volleyball team.

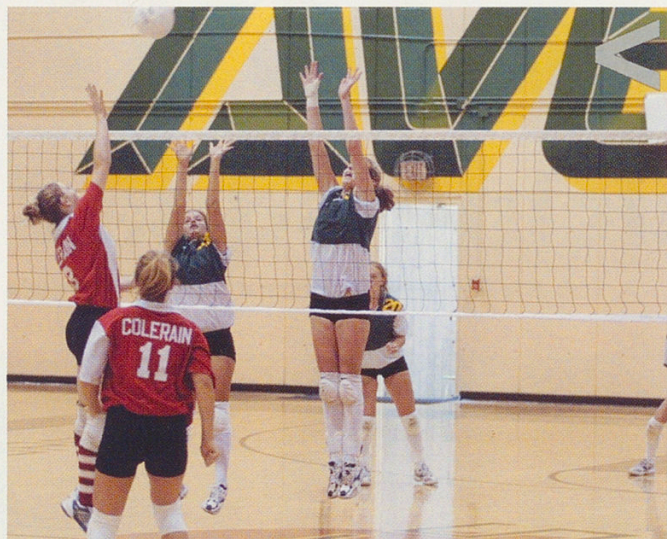
"We did our best and had fun! The girls were a great group to play with. I think we laughed more than we played."

> **Emily Beech, 9**

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss
McNicholas	Loss
Lakota West	Loss
Piqua	Loss
Colerain	Win
Lakota East	Loss
Middletown	Win
Mason	Loss
Beavercreek	Loss
Loveland	Win
Hamilton	Loss
Fairfield	Win
Boone City	Win
Highland	Win
Millford	Loss
Mt. Notre Dame	Loss
Oak Hills	Loss
Princeton	Loss





**UP IN THE AIR FOR ACTION!** Brittney Rothe, 9 moved and pushed her way off the floor in order to slam the volleyball away from her side of the net. The team worked together to pull off key plays, like the play Rothe made.

The highlight of the season was when we played Milford and our team tried so hard. Even though we lost. I know that all the girls tried so hard to come back and win.

> Molly Essell, 9

I don't think our record was a good representation of our season. Even though we didn't always win, we had some great games and a lot of fun. Everyone improved, too.

> Emily Petrocy, 9

# Dig it, Spike It! Bump it

## Freshmen girls volleyball

By: Laura Eastes

**T**HE GIRLS FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL TEAM BEGAN THEIR SEASON BEFORE SCHOOL STARTED AND CONTINUED WAY INTO OCTOBER.

The team competed against teams from Ohio as well as teams from Kentucky. Because of a tough schedule the girls played hard but did not always win. However, the girls played tough and made many memories while doing so.

"My favorite game was against Hamilton. It was the first game I started setting a 5-1 and I think all the girls did great adjusting to the line up and we pulled through and won the game," said Molly Essell, 9.

"During our last game against Princeton, we were down 13-1 but then came back and tied. Even though we still lost, I think it was a great accomplishment," said Emily Petrocy, 9.

The team spent just as much time on the court as off the court. Petrocy hosted a sleepover at her house for the team. Together the girls organized a wedding shower for the coach, Jen Mathie. Essell and Anna Hulett, 9, both had parties for the team as well. All the parties overall helped the girls become closer to each other and more confident in their play.

As much as the girls enjoyed the season they were excited for it to end. On November 11, the girls participated in sports awards and were honored by their peers, parents, and coaches for all their hardwork.



**1. LET ME SEE YOU GET LOW.** Freshman volleyball player, Brittney Rothe bumped the ball away from the team side. Up to the ceiling. Stacy Schutts jumped up to hit the volleyball over the net with high speed. The team practice after school, throughout the season to work on spiking, hitting, and bumping. **2. NOTHING BUT NET!** Emily Petrocy slammed the ball over the net and on to her opponents side of the net. Petrocy hosted a team sleepover at her house after a match.



**Row 1:** Grace Naugle, Brittney Rothe, Laura Reagan, Nina Laybourne, and Molly Essell. **Row 2:** Coach Jen Mathie, Emily Petrocy, Kelly Lebuhr, Anna Hulett, Kristen Hammergren, Holly Phillips, and Rosie Griffen.



# “ Been there, taped that! ”

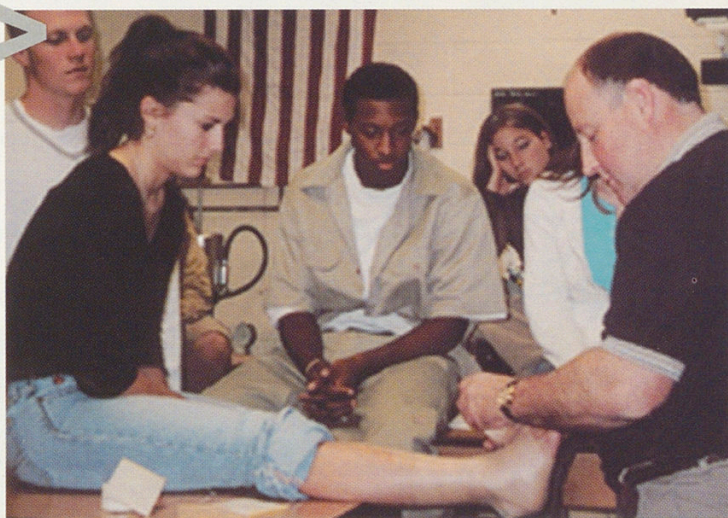
## The sports medicine squad

By: Emily Wolfram and Lindsay Crum

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

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

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



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



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

> **Megan Sweeney, 12**

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

> **Scott Morrison, 11**

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

> **Lauren Kilburn, 12**

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



“The best thing about being a student trainer is the ability to make sure athletes are hydrated efficiently.” **Brandon Taylor, 12**



# Strength Trainers

## Insight into the life of a strength coach

By: Lindsay Crum and Emily Wolfram

**BLEED SYCAMORE!"** said **Coach Brian Conatser**. Being

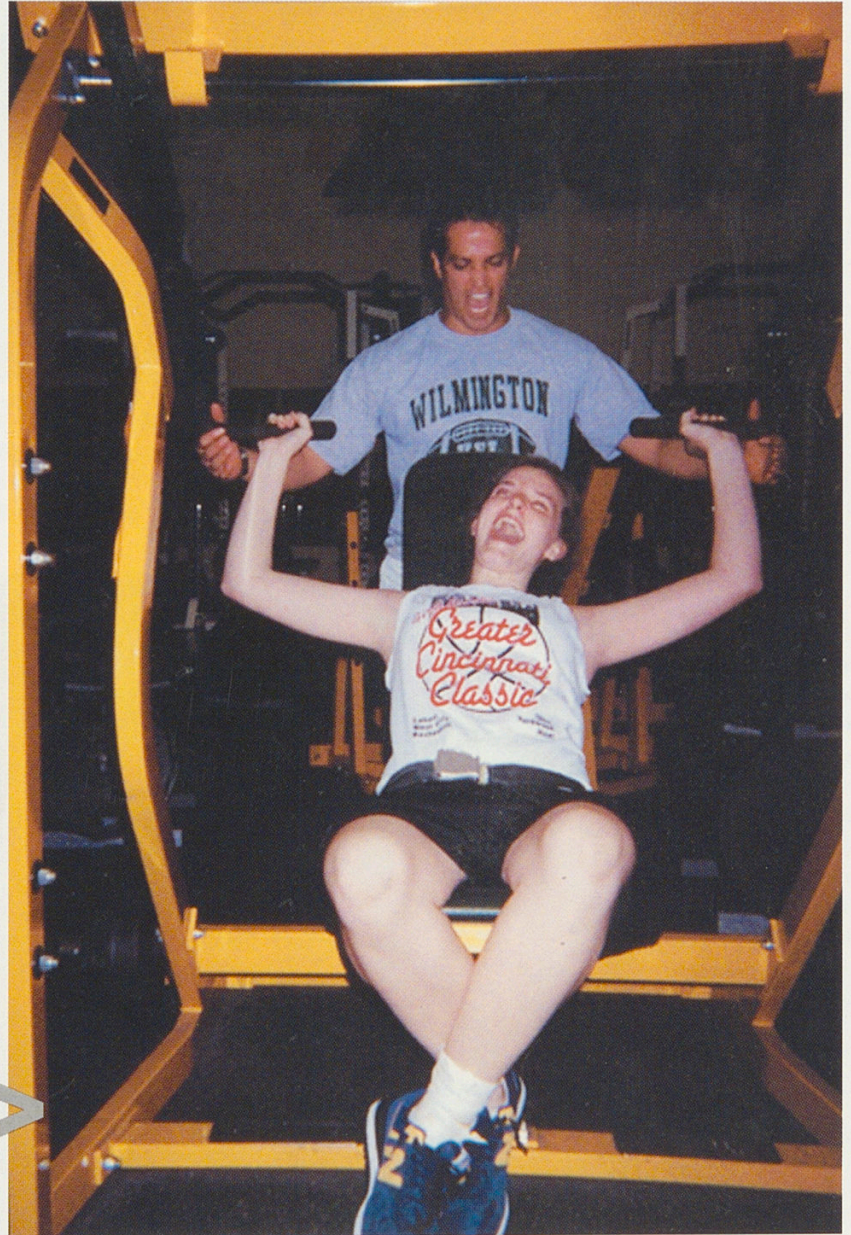
a teacher as well as a strength coach requires a lot of time and dedication. Both jobs are equally important to our strength

instructors who balance their time between the class room and the weight room. While Conatser spent his mornings teaching, **Lauren Laskowski**, the other strength coach, attended school in order to obtain her teaching degree. Being in the classroom with the athletes aided in the teacher student relationship. Knowing the students intellectually provided in the end for a better workout. Having experience with the athletes during school hours enabled the communication and trust to thrive reaching full potential physically and academically.

Due to our astounding facility, the weight room was arranged and organized in a systematic approach that Conatser, and Laskowski have created. The set up of the weight room was purposely designed to propel the athletes to the best of their ability and allow for a total body workout.

"The rationale behind this structure was to focus on the entire muscle range instead of developing only some," said Coach Laskowski. The athlete's needs are always the most important and our coaches make sure to provide the right workouts for each individual team and its members.

**INTENSITY IS KEY!** **Coach Conatser** spots **Alison Ivers, 10**, as she lifts vigorously. The main goal of the strength program was to push the athletes to the best of their ability. The concept of "force reps" was used to ensure all teams used their maximum strength and became stronger.



### Q&A Coach Conatser

**q:** What is a typical work day schedule for you being a teacher and a weight strength coach?

**a:** I arrive at school around 7:00 A.M. and my contract requires me to stay until 3:00 P.M. I am normally in the weight room from then until 6:00 and usually attend any evening sporting events.

**q:** What is trying to be accomplished with how the weight room has been set up?

**a:** The intention of setting up the weight room in that order, was to get the most efficient total body workout. Athletes can work on different sets of muscles instead of the same ones all the time.

**q:** How does being a teacher aid in your relationships with your student athletes?

**a:** Teaching helps me to get to know the kids on a intellectual level, which in turn allows me to provide for their personal needs in the weight room. Also, I teach biology which I can apply in my coaching.



# Sports

## Learning experiences

### Training future athletes

By: Shaili Ryan and Ashley Austin

**A** S THE SENIORS PROGRESSIVELY MADE THEIR WAY TO GRADUATION the future students were also learning and growing towards a new year. The varsity players had the opportunity to train younger athletes at a camp during the summer.

"Every year I look forward to teaching the younger kids [Flyerette] dances, it is amazing how much they look up to all of us, and one day they will be in our shoes," said **Tracy Woodburn 12.**

"I think it's good for the lacrosse program to hold these

camp, because it gives the younger kids a chance to learn the basics for when they play at the High School," said **Nick Perkins, 12.**

As the summer came to an end so did the week long camps. In the end each athlete took something home. The varsity players left their knowledge, their pride, and their everlasting spirit in those participating in the camp. Once again the secrets of the game were left behind to the next generation of athletes.

**TAKING TIME OFF** from the hard practices, the varsity boys football team gave a helping hand at the Anthony Munoz Football Camp. Some athletes actually helped out and others just took the inspiration out of being there. It prepared the varsity boys to host a camp of their own.



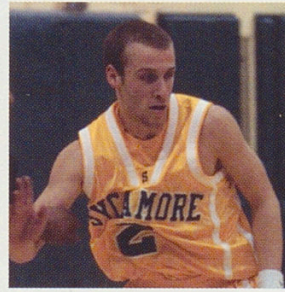




**IT HAS BEEN A 14 YEAR TRADITION** for the varsity volleyball girls to host a camp for 50 younger girls grades 5-8. This week long camp involved fun games and competitions, such as a serving contest. They learned the meaning of teamwork along with the skills for the game.

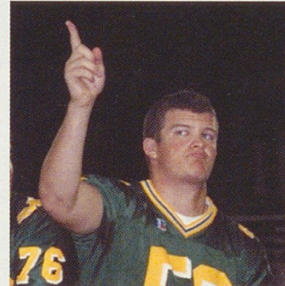
about  
**2000** athletes participated in the summer camps.

**WITH A WINNING SEASON LAST YEAR**, the varsity lacrosse team was ready to come to camp. They taught all their skills to the campers. "It could be a little frustrating at times keeping control of the little kids, but overall it was well worth it," said **Mike Kelly, 12**.



"I really enjoyed the camp because when I was younger I really looked up to the counselors."

> **Patrick Tepe, 12**



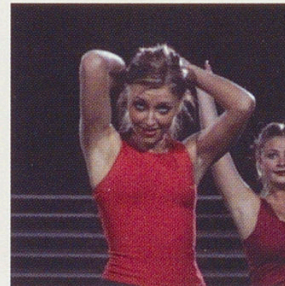
"It was great being able to work with the little kids and seeing the future of Sycamore Football."

> **Matt McKeown, 12**



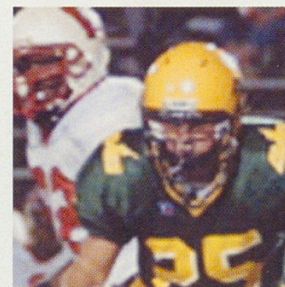
"It's exciting to watch them get better through the years of coaching them."

> **Megan Sweeney, 12**



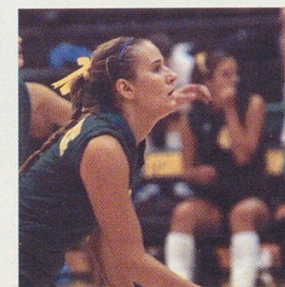
"I enjoyed working with the little kids, it was hard at times, but all together it was a lot of fun."

> **Cali Allen, 12**



"It was a lot of fun working with the younger kids, I'm going to miss it next year."

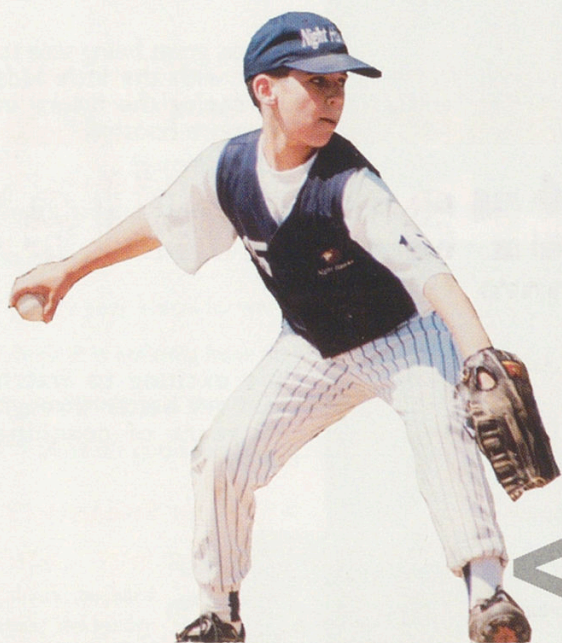
> **Brian Kelly, 12**



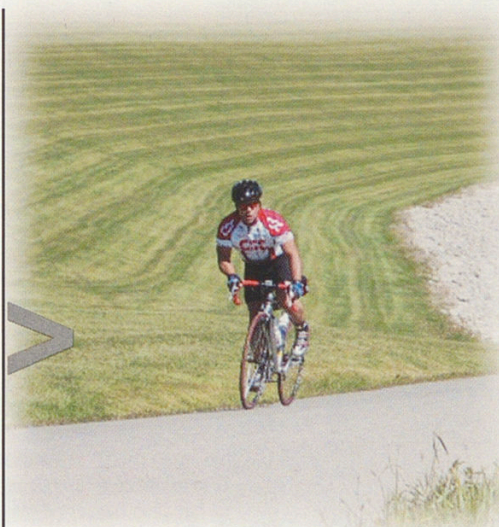
"I remember how excited I used to get when I attended summer camps, now it's even more exciting to get to be the head of the [Volleyball] camp."

> **Courtney Siemer, 12**





**GETTING READY TO PITCH.** Dean Hampton, 10, joined a recreational baseball team during the summer. This helped him prepare for the school baseball team before the season started. "I really enjoyed playing for the Nighthawks baseball team. We had a really great team and it was a lot of fun," said Hampton.



**ELEVEN MINUTES!** Mr. Brein Miller, history teacher, participated in the Deer Creek Pineman triathlon. He swam 1.25 miles, biked 56 miles, and ran 13.1 miles, in the half race September 20 in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. He trained months in advance by swimming a mile, biking 20 miles, and running about 5 miles daily. His goal was to complete the course in 8 hours, and crossed the finish line in seven hours and forty-nine minutes - eleven minutes better than he set out for!





**MAKE THAT JUMP!** Kelly Beech, 12 (left), and Jana Schibler, 9, jump the posts with ease. Beech has been riding for 8 years while Schibler has for 7. Both ride in Loveland, Ohio. The sport became a regular routine for them. Seven days a week they spent a minimum of 2 hours tending to their horses and riding. About 4 times a year they would compete, as they are pictured here, in Northern Ohio and Northern Kentucky. Typically, about 20+ riders would compete in their bracket and Beech and Schibler always placed within the top 5.



# <Going the extra mile>

## Sports outside of Sycamore

By: Mimi Barkawi & Rachael Hochgesang

**54%**

of students said they have participated in sports outside of the school during their high school years.

**T**HERE IS MORE IN SYCAMORE, but sometimes students can not get enough! Whether it be to stay in shape for the school season during the off season, or because a sport is not sponsored by the school, students participated on teams or individual events to make their days complete.

Students were not the only people in the school to work out on their, teachers did as well! Peruse these pages to find out more about your teachers and classmates!

**THROW THAT BALL!** Greg Bieler, 12, gets ready to make a throw during his water polo game. Water polo is just one of the many sports that students participated in outside of the school. Bieler played for the River City H<sub>2</sub>O Polo Team. They traveled outside of Cincinnati, to Chicago for a tournament and came in first place.



**POSING FOR THEIR TEAM PHOTO.** Row 1: Jeremy Miller, 11, Dan McGrath, 11, Mike Turner, 11, Zach Barsman, 11, Joel Badanes, 11, Adam Trick, 11. Row 2: Johnathon Grossman, 11, Tyler Springmyer, 11, Sam Ochstein, 11, Brad Elkus, 11, Coach Bill Kramer, Steve Kramer, 11, Todd Juran, 11, and Nick Valeriani, 11. These students had a great time during their recreational baseball season. It was a good way for them to stay in shape during the lazy summer months.

I had a super time playing baseball with all my friends from school! We all had a lot of fun throughout the season, without the stress of being on a school team.

> Todd Juran, 11



**STUDENTS IN MR. CHAD HUSTING'S SCIENCE CLASS** researched hot air balloons as part of the curriculum. All students participated in activities with extra help for those who need it. The class built working models of balloons as well.



**STUDENTS USE INTERNET ACTIVITIES DURING SCHOOL TO RESEARCH.** This class is a mixture of students on and off IEPs. Some of this student's classmates are part of the inclusion program and **Mrs. Lynn Toney** is there to help them with any questions they have regarding reading comprehension.

[During the transition course,] I have a student helper... and a former student helper who has early release also stop by a few days a week. This is wonderful to have age appropriate role models for leisure skills.

> **Mrs. Jennette Horton**, staff

# Fitting into a High school class

By: Sam Pollak

All students have equal educational opportunities

Blending  
into the  
school  
day

**B**EFORE, STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WERE SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE SCHOOL; now, students on individual education plans (IEPs) take part in classes originally designed for "normal" students. The goal of the inclusion program is for special needs students to assimilate into regular classes, rather than spend the entire day one-on-one with their tutor. Now when someone walks into any given class, there is a good chance that one of the students the person sees is on an IEP. Students participate fully in class activities and discussions, but also receive special attention for their individual needs.



"The goal [of these classes] is to provide inclusion for all students, while providing special attention to those who need it."

> **Mrs. Candace Fening**, Speech Pathologist







**PART OF THE HORTON TRANSITION** consists of recreational activities. If the weather is nice enough, students will go outside to play wiffleball or other games. If the class stays inside, students can go to the gym to play with some of the items there, or they can stay in the classroom and play board games.

**STUDENTS WORK IN MRS. MARNIE MAY'S READING CLASS** designed to help students who have trouble reading English or just need extra help. **Mrs. Candace Fenning**, staff, far left, helps to run the class and gives special attention to students needing further guidance. This class is a very diverse mix of ESL students, IEP students, and others.

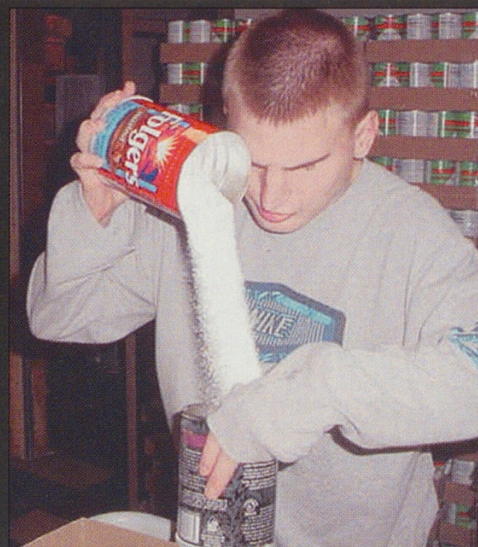


## In the Community

**A** PART FROM BEING IN SCHOOL, special needs students taking part in the Horton Transition have the opportunity to participate in different job settings around the community. The Horton Transition was designed for special needs students on individual education plans to get ready for the move out of school.

"Does it make sense for them to be sitting in an English or Math class?" said **Mrs. Jennette Horton**, course instructor. "What does make sense is them learning how to be more independent with life skills and have the opportunity to be supported in vocational settings." As part of this course, the school connects with community-based adult service agencies to help families with special needs students transfer out of school and into the world.

Students also occasionally took field trips out into the area to visit businesses such as grocery stores to practice proper conduct and procedures in these environments. When not venturing outside of school boundaries, students practice skills important for an independent life-style, such as money and time. This is just one of the classes designed to give an equal opportunity education to all.





# Current **Fall** Events

By: **Nikki Wissing & Linsy Ogden**

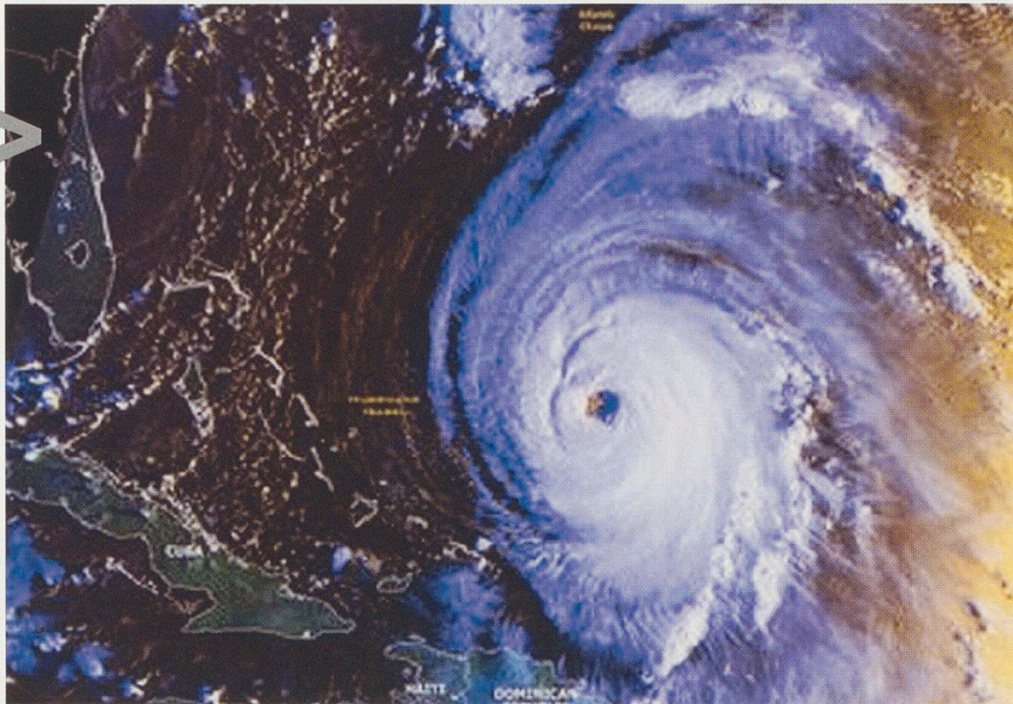
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**SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, WILDFIRES RAGE THROUGHOUT THE CITY.** Friday, October 24, fires began spreading in southern California. By Sunday evening fires had blackened 264,000 acres, leaving 14 dead and destroying 250 homes. An Arson was the cause of at least 4 of the 10 wild fires.



"I feel sorry for all the people effected by the fires in California because families lost their homes and all of their belongings."

> **Dennis Bleiden, 9**



**HURRICANE ISABELLA STRIKES THE east coast.** The hurricane caused eleven deaths and left millions without power or homes. The hurricane also caused the Potomac River to overflow leaving the water running through the streets in Alexandria, West Virginia. Soon the homes were fixed and families were reunited.



"I felt really bad for the people in the hurricane and i was also effected by it because my summer house was destroyed!"

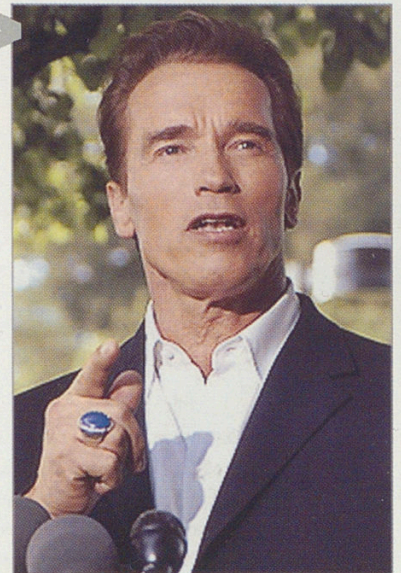
> **Sarah Ganson, 10.**

"I think it's weird that Arnold Swarzenegger is running for office because he doesn't seem like the political type."

> **Brittany Doris, 10**



**ARNOLD SWARZENEGGER BECOMES governor of the "Sunshine State."** With a \$38 billion budget deficit and energy crisis, Californians recalled Governor Gray Davis, making him the second governor in U.S. history to be recalled. After campaigning among the 135 candidates, bodybuilder-turned actor, republican Arnold Swarzenegger, won the election on October 7.



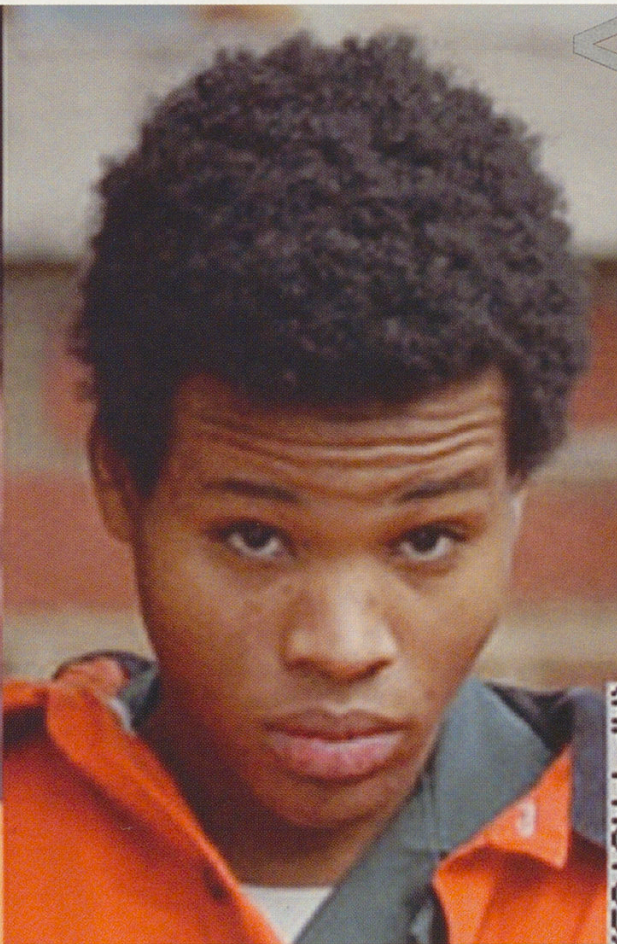
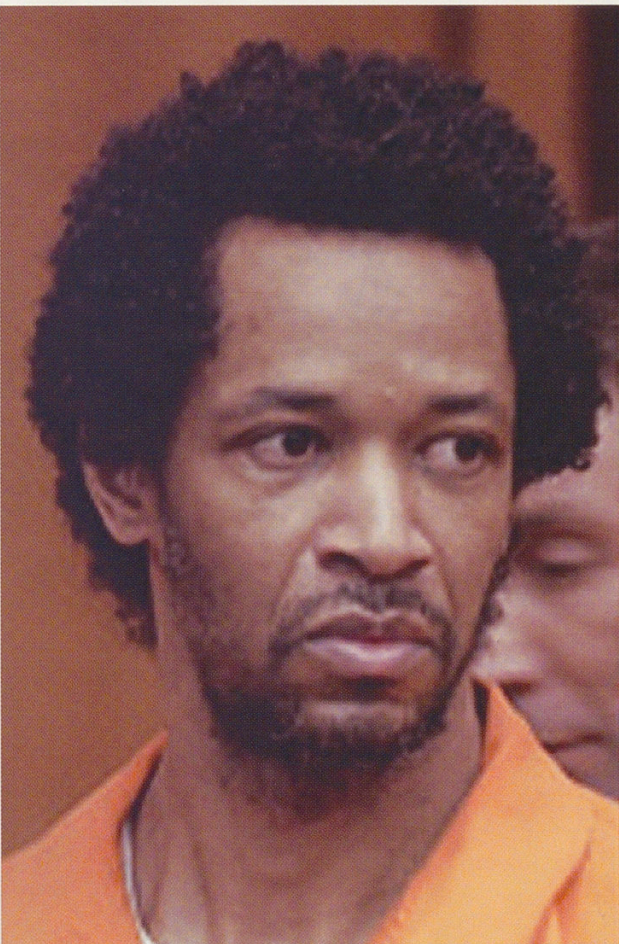


**OCTOBER, 2002 TEN PEOPLE'S LIVES WERE LOST AND THREE WERE WOUNDED**

due to two snipers in the Washington D.C. area. Lee Boyd Malvo and John Allen Muhammad were charged with shootings in Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Arizona, and Washington state. Malvo was stationed at the Chesapeake Correction Center, next to Virginia Beach, where the trial took place. Malvo, who was 17 at the time of the shootings, confessed to authorities, and was charged with murder and terrorism. He pleaded insanity, saying that he had no control over his actions. A jury found him guilty of murdering FBI analyst Linda Franklin and recommended life in prison with no parole.

Muhammad was found guilty of murdering civil engineer Dean Harold Meyers and the jury recommended the death penalty.

Both Malvo and Muhammad were among the first to be charged under Virginia's new terror law, which was passed as a result of the 9-11 tragedy. It made a murder defendant eligible for capital punishment if the crime was intended to intimidate the public or influence the government.



**FAMOUS POPSTAR,** Michael Jackson surrendered to the Santa Barbara Police Department after having a warrant out for child molestation. After entering jail, his bail was placed at \$3 million dollars and he was released less than an hour later. A thirteen year old boy that had stayed in a his bedroom claimed that he was molested by Jackson. Child molestation charges could leave him with up to eight years in prison. His trial is set for January 9th at the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

"I think the media is making a bigger deal about the Michael Jackson case because he is famous."

> **Cherie Hunnicutt, 12.**



**TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA.** Terri Schiavo is being fed through a feeding tube after collapsing and suffering from cardiac arrest in 1990. She has been declared in a vegetative state for 13 years. Michael Schiavo, her husband, testified in court seeking to cut off the feeding tube and let his wife die. He testified that his wife would never want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents, still hoping for their daughter's recovery, fought his efforts to stop the feeding tube. The Florida courts decided that she would be able to die in peace, based on evidence they found saying that she would want the life prolonging measures to discontinue. On the other hand, the legislatures said that she should continue with the feeding tube.







# winter

**WINTER** was the season to dance! **Lehla Kisor, 9**, and date attended the Odd Couples Ball in February. Check out the *Now and Zen* theme on page 104.





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## More snow Winter season

**M**ore snow days. The winter season was spent playing in the snow during our two snow days and two late arrivals. More sports accomplishments filled this season as well.

For the first time in school history the Men's Varsity Basketball team became district champs, and the Varsity Wrestling team took the GMC title for their season. As for the history buffs, there will be no more History Fairs. Curriculum changes do not allot time for it in the future. For more on the winter season, keep turning the pages.



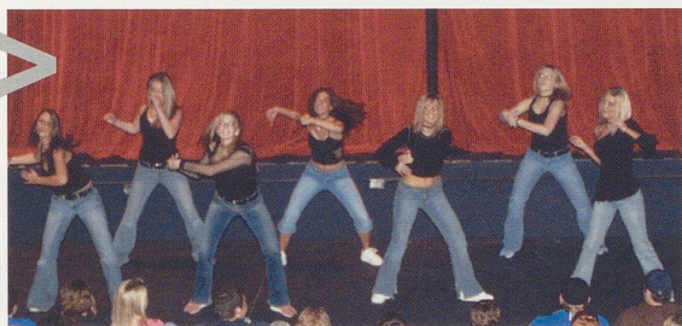
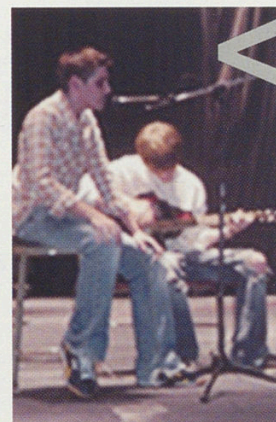
**PERFECTLY IN TUNE.** Jeff Miller, 11, of the band Still Rock Steady, was lead guitarist at the Battle. The band members included drummer, Gabe Goldstein, 11, vocalist, Jesse Steele, 11, and bassist Alex Young, 11. This band was mostly reggae, funk rock which got their inspiration from a variety of different artists.



**ONE WITH THE MUSIC.** Chris Grannen, 11, of the Pinstripes, played bass at the battle. In addition to Grannen, the Pinstripes is made up of juniors Matt Kursmark, Jared Goldfarb, Ben Pitz, Mikey Sarasin, and Candace Washburn. This mostly ska group claimed first place at the battle.

**KEEPING THE CROWD BUSY BETWEEN bands.** Paul Buccalo, 12, and former student, Daniel Cox, performed between the bands Toliver and Last Word. With Cox on vocals and Buccalo on acoustics, the crowd was pleased to be entertained between bands.

**BLIND REALITY.** Members included Dexter Payne, 10, Andrew Flint, 10, Brian Telljohann, 10, and '03 graduate, Chris Flint. The band was first started in the winter of 2003 and has a hard emo/punk sound.



#### ADDING A DIFFERENT FLAVOR TO THE EVENING.

In addition to the musical acts between bands, the Flyerettes performed. The girls presented an original dance that kept the attention of the crowd with their in-sync moves and modern dance techniques.

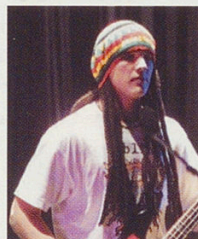
#### WARMING UP THE CROWD.

Cameron Rademacher, 12, and Mike Rosa, 12, were the MC's for the night. The duo definitely kept the crowd pumped up with their hilarious comments and skits during the evening.





## A word from the stars



Sycamore has seen in a long time.

"All in all, I think that everyone had a fun experience. We rocked the house and blew the system. I think that these were the best bands

> **Alex Young, 12**



"We were up there doing something we like to do, and when people positively responded to that it was just the most incredible feeling."

> **Jared Goldfarb, 11**



bright, and we are excited for what lies ahead."

> **Mike Maher, 12**

# Face With our own stars face

## Battle of the bands

By: Shay Meisner

**F**INAL DECISIONS. Following three days of auditions with nineteen bands beginning on November 10, five bands were judged worthy to perform on stage at the battle on December 6th. The

panel of judges was made up of thirty-two volunteers who showed up for a judges' meeting on November 10th. In the past, judging has not been so popular.

"The interest for judging was extremely high compared to last year," said **Becca Maher, 10**. Although the only requirement to judge the battle was to attend the judges' meeting, the judges were obligated to critique and judge each band without showing any favoritism.

The five bands selected were: Last Word made up of **Mike**

**Mahe, 12, Dan Schoenberger, 12, Brandon Spear, 12,** and **Dan Parsons, '03**, Still Rock Steady made up of **Jeff Miller, 11, Gabe Goldstein, 11, Jesse Steele, 11,** and **Alex Young, 11**, Toliver made up of **Brett Banks, 12, Jason Opplinger, 12,** and **Jeff Schear, 12**, Blind Reality made up of **Dexter Payne, 10, Andrew Flint, 10, Brian Telljohann, 10,** and **Chris Flint, '03**, and The Pinstripes made up of **Chris Grannen, 11, Matt Kursmark, 11, Jared Goldfarb, 11, Ben Pitz, 11, Mikey Sarasin, 11,** and **Candace Washburn, 11**.

At the Battle these bands were given their chance to shine before their peers. The bands had the option of performing either cover songs, or original compositions. The bands were even allowed to use special effects such as special lighting and fog machines. Students attending the battle, got involved by getting out of their seats and cheering for their favorite bands.

Each student in attendance, was given a chance to vote for their favorite band following the battle. Once all of the votes were tallied, The Pinstripes came out victorious.

## Battle Basics

**Date:** December 5

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Cost:** \$10

**How were the bands chosen?**

Nineteen bands auditioned in November before student volunteer judges. The top five were then chosen for the battle.

**How many judges were there?**

32

**How were in-between acts chosen?**

They were volunteer, including some of the bands that did not make it into the battle.

**What did the bands perform?**

They performed both cover songs, and original compositions.

Courtesy of The Leaf

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST.** **Dan Parsons** an '03 graduate was the lead vocalist for Last Word. Other members included guitarist **Dan Schoenberger, 12,** bassist **Brandon Spear, 12,** and drummer **Mike Maher, 12.**



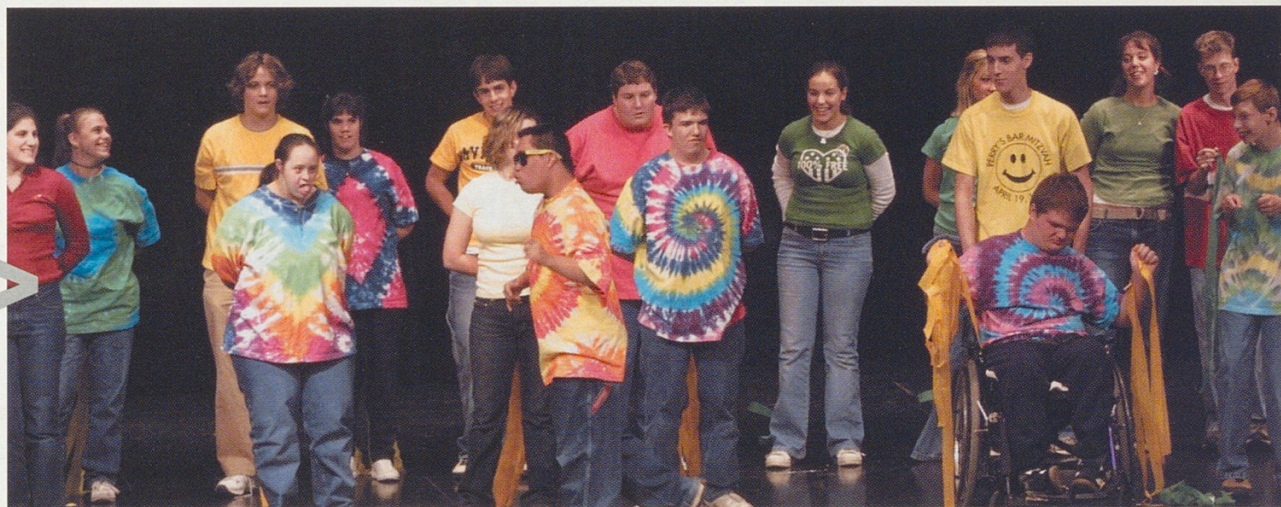
# It's showtime

## Lights, camera, action

Variety show

By: Mary Sauer and Ali Sinclair

**MANY STUDENTS GOT TOGETHER** to show the audience their true colors. The lyrics of this song said it all. "Your true colors are beautiful like a rainbow." They were supporting all their different colors with their multicolored outfits. What a talented group!



**Will Dyess, 10**, really knew his stuff when he sang along with his guitar. "He didn't play no rock and roll, he sang a gypsy song." He warmed up the rowdy crowd for the rest of the performers.

### "IT'S SHOWTIME" LINE-UP

#### Flyerettes.....She Bangs

(Cali Allen, Ashley Austin, Sari Goldhoff, Jennie Grossman, Heather Hess, Megan Jones, Sarah Kaufman, Lauren Malone, Olga Milaychev, Amy Petrocy, Nicole Rhenish, Amanda Ross, Tracy Woodburn)

#### Will Dyess.....The Last of the Gypsies

#### Ashleigh Carmen.....What A Wonderful World

#### True Colors.....True Colors

(Brad Altman, Kati Bakes, Brandon Battle, Amanda Bower, Katherine Buckinham, Allen Dicken, Amber D'Souza, Hilary Fingerman, Mollie Fingerman, Marc Fried, Chrissy Hall, Kim Haugen, Katie Hurst, Jason Hong, Meredith Kahan, Nate Kaplan, Christine Kehayes, Nate Kennedy, Robbie Knodle, Ali Kramerfiely, Josh Levy, Catherine McCarthy, Kathy Milbrandt, Sara Osner, Brandon Paul, Alex Ranus, Robert Reed, Ben Rinsky, Greg Schlueter, Ashley Schwartz, Jessica Sabastian, Annie Sluka, Shaina Smilovitz, Kim Thompson, Joey Winning)

#### Sammy Kanter and Libet Wilfong.....Come What May

#### Brown Town.....Indian Mix

(Sherar Jayaraman, Kavita Joshi, Nav Lekhi, Nadeem Mirza, Shriya Raghavan, Anita Raheja, Julie Saha, Venkat Shanker, Hina Siddiqui, Reena Sikdar, Amqit Singh, Nagesh Singh)

#### Jacob Lee and Lois Kwa.....Smells Like Teen Spirit

#### Tiara Jackson.....I Believe In You And Me

#### S.W.E.E.T.....Route 66

(Mollie Fingerman, Andrea Lee, Sydney Morton, Alli Pohl, Molly Reigers, Annie Sluka, Candace Washburn, Libet Wilfong)

#### Nick Nat Diddle Tap.....Tribute To JMS & Co.

(Nick Fields, Nat Haward)

#### Sycamore High School Teachers.....Aquarius

### INTERMISSION

#### S.H.A.G.....Breaking Up Is Hard To Do

(Brad Altman, Dustin Amrine, Brian Barasch, Adam Bellos, Alan Dicken, Justin Edell, Chris Hall, Neil Heyman, Micah Kamrass, Nate Kaplan, Nate Kennedy, Josh Lee, Josh Levey, Jonathan McPike, Joel Parker, Tyler Wall, Andrew Wehling)

#### Sara Kaufman.....Work It

#### Kimberly Johnson and Sasha Appatova.....La Tempesta e' Ardata

#### Jennie Mehl, Michelle Mehl, and Sarah Wessling.....A Whole New World

#### Meredith Juergens.....A Case Of You

#### Mollie and Hilary Fingerman.....Sisters/Steppin' Out

#### Square Root of 513.....Who's Next?

(Jake Blackburn, Emmanuel Bakarema, Michael Loannor, Terrell Knight, Batisiri Zesaguli)

#### Amber D'Souza.....Don't Know Why

#### The Sound Featuring James Brown.....Sex Machine

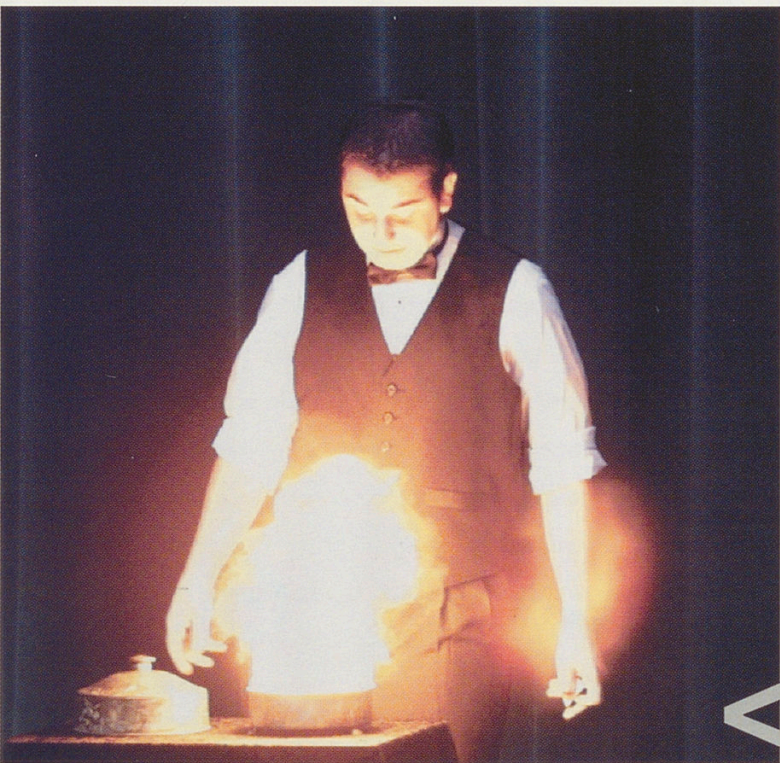
(Chad Baumer, Jamie Breitman, Elia Burkhart, Nick Fields, Nate Kennedy, Laura Moushey, David Tarai)

#### Sydney Morton and Tara Zivkovic.....Nowadays

#### Joann Witt.....Tribute







**ABRA CADABRA!** Brian Barasch, 11, accompanied by Mr. Paul Chiaponne, Assistant Principal were the hosts of the show. They amazed the crowd. Barasch lit the night on fire with all of his tricks.



**THEY WERE PLAYING "NICK NAT DIDDLE TAP!"** Nick Fields, 12 and Nat Howard, 12, shocked the crowd with their talent. They had a real show going on with tricks like throwing their sticks in the air. They even had time to take a sip of their pop.

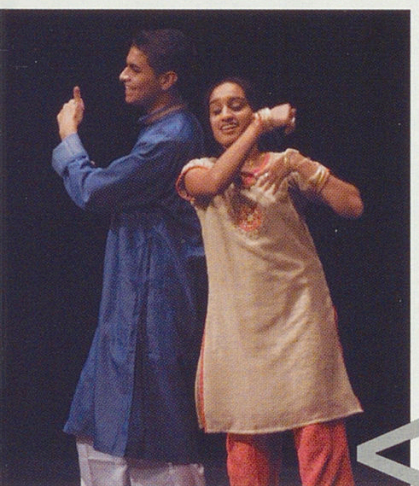
This was one of the best variety shows yet. I have never seen so much talent in my entire life!

> David Chapman, 9

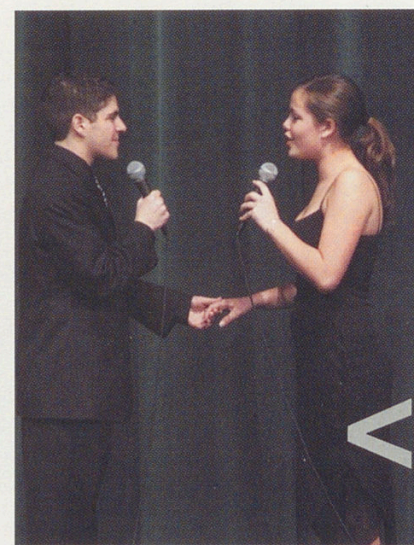
**T**HE VOCAL BOOSTERS PRESENTS "Its Showtime." Teachers and students participated in the "Showtime" line-up. This didn't just happen over night. Everyone had to try out and get admitted. Along with having the students partake in this event, every year the

teachers get together and put on a number for the crowd. With singing, dancing, magic, and more the audience was at the edge of their seats! It was a way for all the students and staff to show off their flair and give the people an incredible time!

**THE 60'S ARE BACK!** Mollie Fingerman, 12, Andrea Lee, 11, Sydney Morton, 12, Alli Pohl, 11, Molly Reigers, 11, Annie Sluka, 10, Candace Washburn, 11, and Libet Wilfong, 11, in their group called S.W.E.E.T. sang "Route 66" to a rowdy crowd. They were rocking!



**Shekar Jayaraman, 12, and Kavita Joshi, 11,** were part of an exciting group. They called themselves Brown Town and danced to a mix of Indian music. Impressing the audience, they also brought a great deal of spice to the show.



**WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DUET!** Sammy Kanter, 11, and Libet Wilfong, 11, amazed everyone with their unbelievable voices while singing "Come What May." They sent chills up and down each person's back.



# Global Language

## Deck the halls

Great Times, Good Food

By: Rachael Hochgesang & Shay Meisner

**M**ORE THAN JUST A PARTY, the annual “Deck the Halls” gave students a chance to decorate the hallways with holiday ornaments. Students also got the opportunity to try different types of food from various foreign countries, and have a chance to bond with other global language students.

“Deck the Halls was a great way to discover more about foreign languages and have fun at the same time,” said **Brett Bowers, 11.**

In addition to Deck the Halls, Global Language Clubs partook in many

other activities. **Spanish Club** had their annual Taco Bell day as well as going on a field trips to Norwood View Elementary School. They played games and read stories to students there, all of whom were Spanish speaking immigrants. **French Club** celebrated Saint Nicholas Day, filling stockings with candy. **Japanese Club** had an origami day to help the students learn more about Japanese activities and customs. **American Sign Language** students got together with St. Rita's School for the Deaf for several activities as well.



**LISTENING TO THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON.** Stacy Meyer, 12, Tori Earls, 12, Katie Conner, 12, and Jenna Bridgewater, 12, lined the walls of the global language wing with many others listening to SWEET melodies. The female a cappella group joined the festivities by caroling outside of the American Sign Language room. These ladies sat under the Christmas light display of the American Sign Language Club that lined the hall with the sign “I Love You.” They had a great time relaxing after working hard to decorate the hallways.





**ORIGAMI!** Japanese Club held meetings after school to plan for Deck the Halls. During meetings members contributed by making origami to hang in the halls.



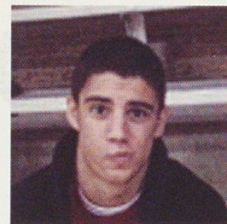
**LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW.** The cold weather inspired students to draw pictures of snowflakes, snowmen, and other winter scenes. This artwork helped make the global language halls even more diverse.



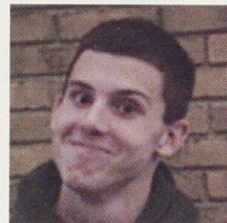
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** Decorations from all different holidays were scattered through the Global Language hallways. Students were able to see how other cultures celebrated, as well as enjoy decorations for their own holiday.



"Diversity is important."  
**> Nick Valeriani, 11**



"It was an enriching experience that gave me great joy."  
**> Steve Pryzwara, 12**



"I really enjoyed being a member of Hebrew Club. It was great trying all different kinds of food during Deck the Halls."  
**> Logan Dick, 11**



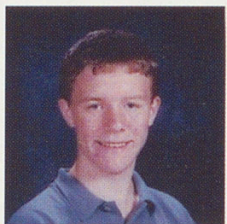
"I like being involved in a global language. The activities we get to do give us an opportunity to meet new people."  
**> Krista Wesselkamper, 11**



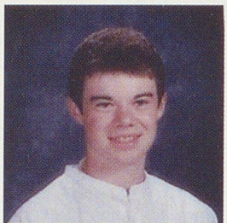
"I like the food."  
**> Mike Rosa, 12**



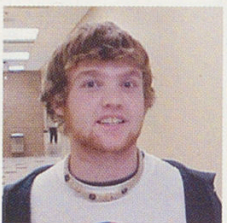
"Japanese Club is a lot of fun, you get to experience the Japanese culture"  
**> David Beaver, 11**



"I like Spanish because I find learning about other cultures intriguing."  
**> Dylan Wolf, 9**



"I always thought Deck the Halls was a cool activity."  
**> Jeff Miller, 11**





# Cooling down Warming up

By: Carly Mandel

To a cold winter in ....

**F**OR THIS FIRST TIME IN SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS TEMPERATURES ROSE TO 63

DEGREES ON JANUARY 3. But despite 60 degree weather, it was still winter break.

"I slept all winter break. It was great because I caught up on all of the sleep I had lost. But now, unfortunately, after an amazing break I have exams to study for. They should really give us exams and then the break so that we can actually have something to relax from, it makes a lot more sense," said **Katie Daniels, 10**.

There is so much to celebrate from Christmas to New Years. The winter season brings joy and cheer. Many students such as **Mallory Mandel, 12**, spent the vacation on cruise boats. "It [New Years] was amazing. Everyone on the boat was standing in the main hall watching the ball drop on the big screen, and then once it did thousands of balloons dropped from the ceiling," said Mandel.

The state of Ohio changed the amount of calamity days the schools are allowed to miss, such as snow days, from five days to three days.



**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO.** Trying to grind, **Chris Bregger, 11** finds a log that looks fit to grind. Throughout the trip Bregger and his family skied all of the 5 different peaks on the one resort. "It was the coldest I have ever been, even under all of my layers I could feel my toes freezing," said Bregger.



**COSTA RICA.** Traveling around the beautiful country of Costa Rica, **John Zalucki, 11** and **Nick Zalucki, 10**. Getting away from the winter cold in Cincinnati, the Zalucki brothers explored riding ATV's, fine dining and being introduced to new cultures.







**DUNN RIVER FALLS, OCHOS RIOS, JAMAICA.** Climbing up a waterfall about one mile high with white water splashing down had never been so much fun. This was **Mallory Mandel's, 12** favorite stop on her four stop cruise over New Years. She also went snorkeling, and jet skiing.



**COLORADO.** Ms. **Beth Quinones** and her son, while in Colorado, did many snow related activities. Some of which were her family's favorite sport, snow mobiling. Quinones and her family love the snow.

## What did you do for winter break?

**Ali McGuinness, 10.**

"I went out of town to visit my Grandparents. My sister and my brother came home and I hung out with my friends. It was a lot of fun."

**Max Vansluys, 10.**

"My winter vacation consisted of three things. One: Went to North Carolina. Two: hung out with friends and Three: Partied. It was probably the most eventful break of my life and I would do it again in a heartbeat."

**Stacie Pike, 9.**

"This will not come as a surprise to anyone who knows me, but the whole winter break I was grounded. So it was pretty much like every other weekend, just longer."

**Mrs. Beth Quinones, Science.**

"My family skis, snowboards, snowmobiles, ice skates and sleds. We revel in the winter environment."



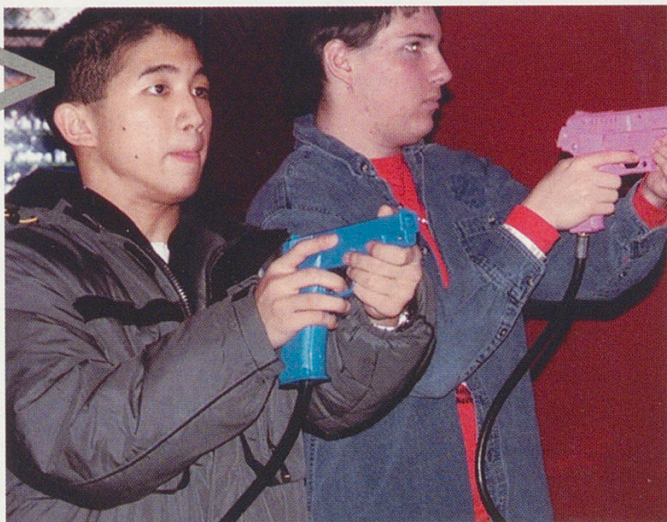
ROW, ROW, ROW,  
YOUR BOAT GENTLY  
DOWN THE STREAM?

Lauren Wilson and Jena Wittman paddle fiercely to get out of the whirlpool. These ladies worked to overcome the vicious currents to save their virtual lives.



PUT EM' UP SHOOT  
EM' DOWN.

Dennis Jiang and Eric Berman take their weapons and do their best to protect the local civilians. Criminals better not wander around this neck of the woods.



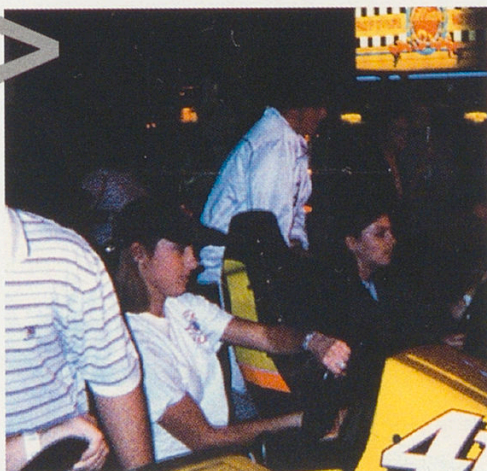
WHO SAYS YOU  
NEED TO BE ON  
ICE TO GET THE  
HOCKEY  
EXPERIENCE?

Certainly not Michelle Mehl, as she shows her skill by serving the puck to her opponent. Shooting back and forth, the puck was flying all over the room!



LADIES, START YOUR  
ENGINES!

Mary Sauer and Lindy Herrick race for first place. With that smooth control they might be joining the Nascar circuit. Vroom-Vroom and they're off! This was one of the many racing games available that night. There was also motorcycle racing, tank racing, ski racing, and skateboarding.



MMM... Taking a break from playing, Rachel Gross refuels. There was a good selection of food, ranging from buffalo wings and chips to celery and cookies. Jillian's catered and supplied enough food so that no one would leave hungry.





**BRIAN LIN (A.K.A. "The Pool Shark")** runs the table with some intense competition. This is not a guy to fool around with. Beware, he just might bite you.



**THE HEAT IS ON** as **Tracy Woodburn** screams with *The Screamer's* vicious shocks. This was a bizarre experience for seniors, holding on to bars that vibrate simulated an electric chair!



**CORRIE VAN AMERONGON** gets a taste of the future with this high-tech virtual reality game. Jumping from student to space commander is no easy task. However, van Amerongon seems to have everything under control.



# Jillian's

## No more exams!

Senior's last stressful week of exams ends in fun **By: Sarah Chapman**

**SENIORS FACED THEIR LAST EXAMS** and once the stress was over with, they got to let loose at Jillian's. Seniors purchased their tickets January 14-16 and 21 for \$15.

The fun began when they boarded the bus at 9:45 P.M. from school and headed to the always happening nightclub in Northern Kentucky.

Once the seniors arrived, they bombarded the bowling lanes and soon pins were flying

left and right.

"We were looking forward to dancing but the dance floor wasn't open so it wasn't as fun as I thought it would be," said **Melanie Jones**.

With the abundance of virtual video games, new realities were introduced as students entered into the cyberworld. From racing cars, and boating, to being a cop, and playing sports, hanging out at the arcade was a popular pastime.

"The kayaking and hyperbowling were the best," said **Anne Barnegrover**.

Pool was available and many showed off their stuff as they hit the stripes and solids.

The night could not last forever, so the students returned to the school via the school buses at 2:45 a.m.

Jillian's proved to be a great host for the school, and senior night was truly a time to remember. The privilege was greatly appreciated by the students.



# “All night students enjoyed line dancing, break dancing, or just bustin’ some of their own moves on the dance floor!”

## Where the Wild Things Are

By: Nikki Wissing and Kelsey Kiley

**W**INTER FORMAL WAS WILD!

The theme was based on the book “Where the Wild Things Are,” by Maurice Sendak. The theme gave students a chance to be crazy and enjoy the great decorations which took hours for Student Council to set up. Some students chose to come in larger groups with many couples, while others chose a more romantic way and went solo with their date. Winter Formal gives the girls a time to show off their creativity and think of exciting and new ways to ask guys to go with them. Ideas ranged from writing “WINTER” in the snow to stretching out in that special boy’s parking spot, the more creative the better! The dress style was short and accessories to add that extra special touch were sometimes as simple as adding a boa or sunglasses. At some moment throughout the night everyone was on the dance floor nervously displaying their moves for the rest of their classmates. Many students chose to dance the majority of the time with their dates, but others decided to leave and party with their friends! As the music wound down, the hot and exhausted students left the building with tons of memories.

**COUPLES ALL CAME TOGETHER FOR THE LAST SLOW DANCE** of the night. Being the last dance, everyone wanted to spend it with that “someone special”, who in most cases would be their date. With their arms wrapped around each other, everyone’s thoughts were about how such a great night was coming to an end.

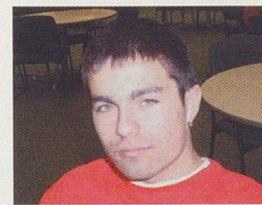


**EMMA TROENDLE, 10, ANDREW YEE, 12, ALEX STONE, 12, RACHEL WASHBURN, 10, ERIC KNOX, 10, and SARAH LAPIN, 10** spent the night with their dates and with all of their close friends nearby. Many people who attended the dance chose to arrive and dance with a group of friends rather than a more romantic approach by going with just their dates.



“It was really fun, I liked the theme and the music was good too!”

> Jackie Roesch, 10

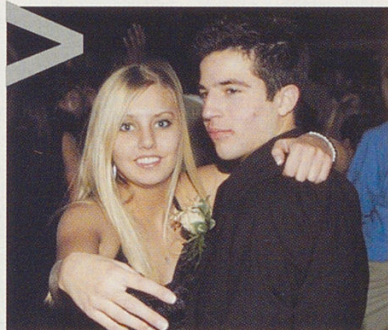


“I was surprised that the music was as good as it was because our DJ was actually a teacher!”

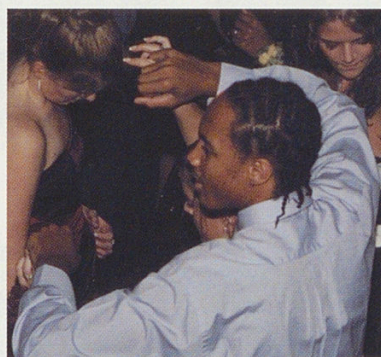
> Max Van Sluys, 10



**HANGING OUT** at their last Winter Formal, **Sammy Schaffer, 12**, and her date, **Mike Fox, 12**, enjoyed themselves. As seniors, going to the dance, made the night a lot more memorable for both of them. Hopefully this night met their expectations of having a great time and gave them something to remember!

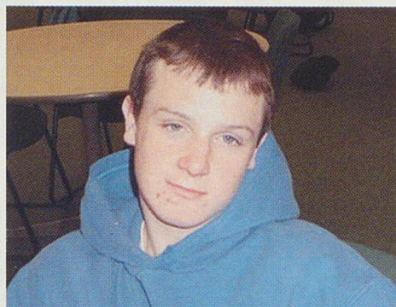


**JASON BUTLER, 12, LAUREN DURIG, 12, CAMERON RADEMACHER, 12, and SYDNEY MORTON, 12**, seem to be enjoying themselves. This group of friends spent the three hours laughing and having a good time. With friends around, the dance was much more fun, and it kept you from having to search around the dance floor for someone to dance with! Rademacher chose a more casual type of attire and Butler decided to stand out in a black and white lace suit, rather than the traditional black or colored shirt and jacket.



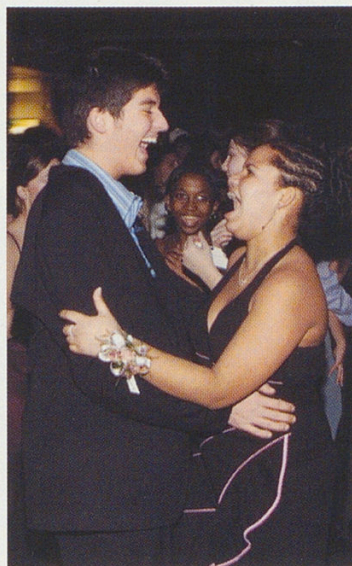
**SHOWING OFF HIS DANCING MOVES**, **Kyle Battle, 9**, prepares himself for the rest of the night. Although the dance floor was packed, he still found space for himself to let loose and show everyone his great dancing abilities. It did not matter who was watching or what music was playing, he decided to dance!

**STRUTTING HIS STUFF** on the dance floor, **Brian Kelly, 12**, gets caught up in the action. Rather than the usual dancing, Kelly chose to use his tie and dance in his own particular way. He wasn't afraid to break away from the normal dancing and do his own thing! Girls watched in amazement and awe as he boogied the night away.



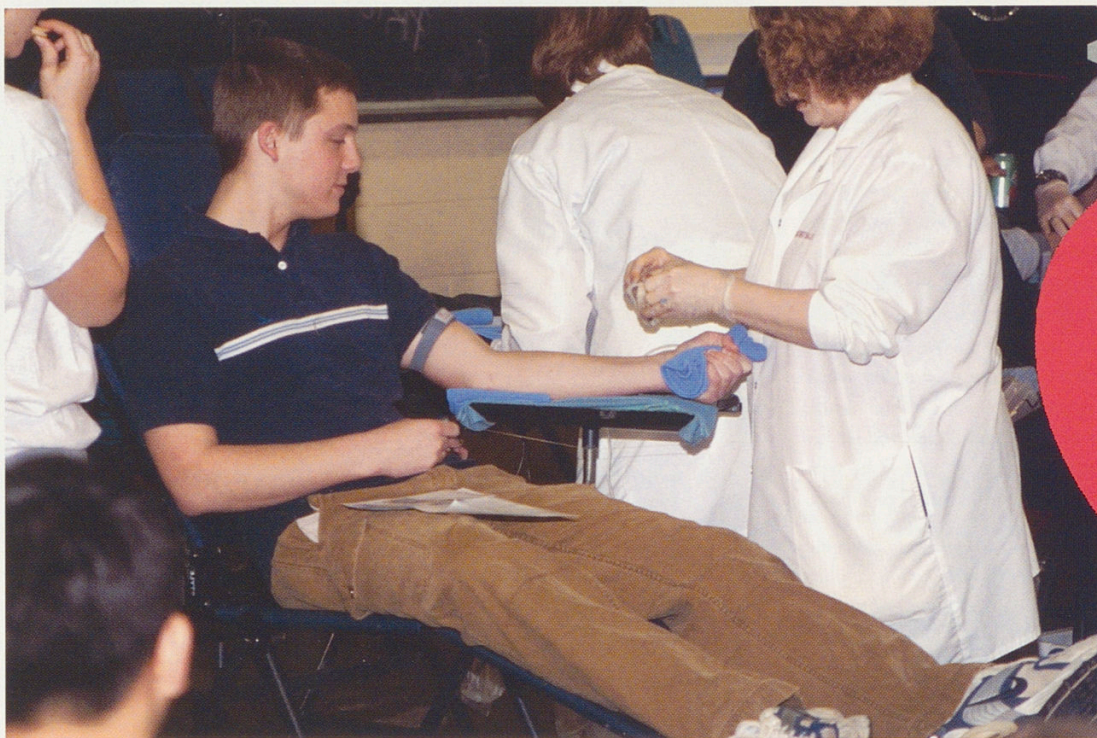
“Me and my girl got some grub together and then danced! It was the most fun I've ever had at a dance thanks to my girl!”

> **Branden Haurert, 11**



**LAUGHING AND DANCING**, **Michael Daniels, 11, and Kera Brown, 11**, show that they are really enjoying themselves. These two hung out together at the dance and spent some quality time with each other for the three hours they had. The dance gave each of them a chance to show off their best attire and to look great!





**THE FIRST STEP.** The nurse prepares **Joe Pittman's, 12**, arm for the needle. She cleans it with iodine.

**BE NICE TO ME  
I GAVE BLOOD  
TODAY!!!**



**“Blood is life. Just give it.”**

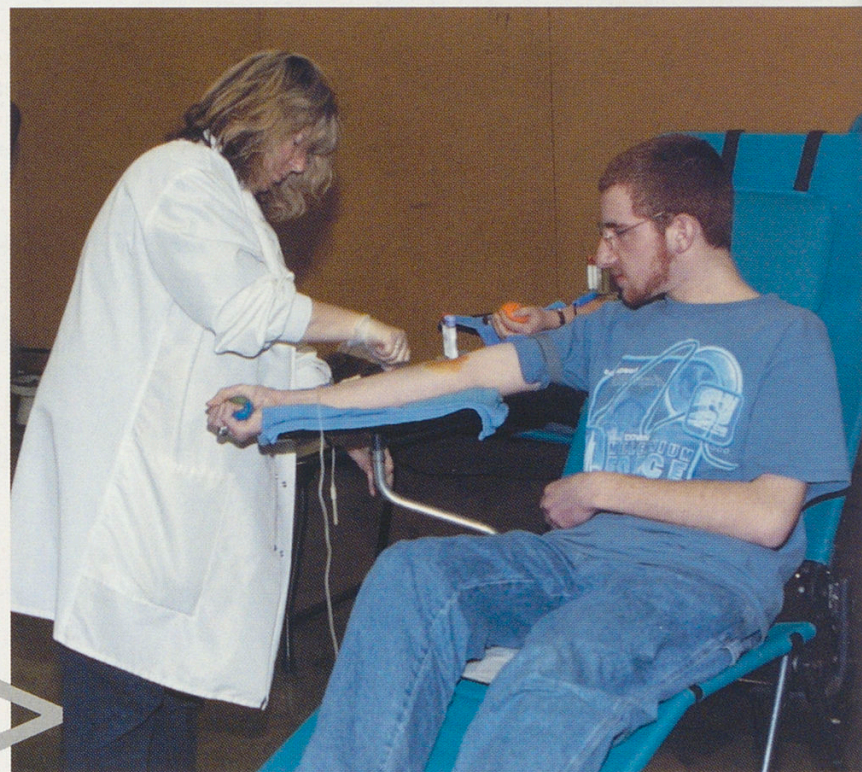
## **Student donations save lives**

By: Mary Sauer

**Y**OU CAN SAVE A LIFE AT THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN! On February 27, students were able to step up and save a life. Hoxworth Blood Center came to school and with the help of Student Council provided the opportunity to donate blood. Students have to go through a selective screening process in order to find out if they are eligible to donate. It is recommended that donors should eat breakfast because “When you give blood it takes a lot out of you,” said **Lindy Herrick, 12**.

Since Hoxworth does not accept everyone's blood, there are stations set up to screen potential donors. The first station is filling out paper work. If your paper work is acceptable, you move on to the next station, the finger prick (iron test) and questionnaire. In station two, a second set of questions are asked involving such information as, “Have you been out of the country?” “Have you had any ear piercings in the last year?” If the qualifications are not matched, then you are unable to donate.

If you pass the second station, then you move on to giving blood. After the procedure is complete, you are sent to refuel.

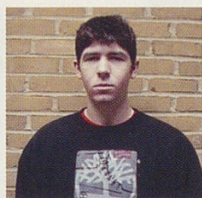


**ALMOST FINISHED.** **Jared Drapkin, 12**, watches as the nurse takes out the needle and cleans up his arm. After she finished, he went to the snack table to replenish himself with cookies and orange juice.



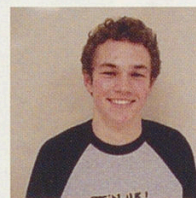


## How was your experience?



"I was very scared and the nurse was making it worse by telling really bad jokes. It ended up OK and I am glad I could donate my blood to help people who need it."

>Robin Hunsucker, 12

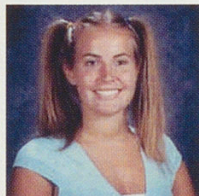


"I wasn't scared at all. I think needles are pretty cool. It only took five minutes and it was so easy. The cool thing was when the blood shot out of my vein. It felt really good to give blood to save a life."

>Brandon Taylor, 12

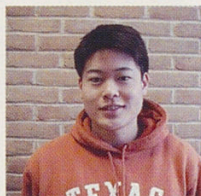
"Amazing. The whole experience was capped off by my blood squirting out of the tube and onto the floor"

>Scott Langhorne, 12



"At first I wasn't worried about giving blood, then I realized that I have a mild phobia of needles and got a little scared but it turned out to not be bad. It felt good to give blood."

>Bernie Wen, 12



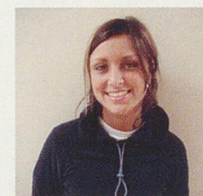
"I thought it was going to be worse than what it was. I didn't even feel sick."

>Jessica Lane, 12



"I wasn't too scared or nervous because when I did this last year I was completely fine. But for some reason I got kind of light headed and nauseous. That lasted about two seconds and then I was fine. But it was completely worth it."

>Cali Allen, 12



**FILLING UP THE BAG.** Ashton McDougal, 12, keeps her arm covered so she does not see the blood flow into the bag. This helps keep the grin on her face.

**162** people tried to donate.

**52** people were turned down because they did not fit the requirements or could not finish donating.

**116** pints were donated.



**THE PLACE TO SAVE.** This is just one time throughout the day that the room was filled with donors. People donated from second bell to seventh bell.



# Bringing a little Zen into Now

By: Ali Sinclair and Sarah Chapman

**T**'WAS THE NIGHT OF NOW AND ZEN!

**ALL** night long, students and their guests boogied to the beat. The idea of this dance is to unite the students with their parents and encourage communication between the very different lives of teens and adults. Not only do the students bring their own parents, they bring friend's parents, grandparents, teachers, and coaches. Dancing to the beat of the Re-bops was a change for the students instead of their normal hip hop DJ.

"I thought it was the best Odd Couples yet: Best designs, best sounds, and the best crowd," said **Mr. David Swift**,

one of the band members, and band teacher.

Before the dancing even started, everyone began with an abundant amount of appetizers while in anticipation for their large meal to come.

"I thought the food was very good, considering I heard it was horrible," said **Brittany Lawrence, 9**.

S.H.A.P.E. presented a spectacular dinner made possible by the cost of the tickets being \$48 a couple. After tummies were full, couples headed out to the dance floor to show off their moves. The zen theme was represented throughout the gym, where the dinner was held, as well as in the commons creating a state of serenity.

**74%**

wanted to go to Odd Couples

**26%**

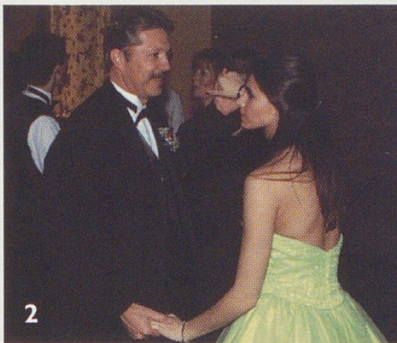
said it was their parents idea to go



**1. HAVING A BALL WITH HIS MOM**, Elliott Skopin, 10, dances to *The Rebops* all night long. Mr. Paul Alexander, a teacher at the Jr. High, and his band played for the crowd that night. It was a nice twist to listen to Oldies played by the band instead of a DJ at the other dances.

**2. DOING SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS TIME!** After dancing with her dad, Lauren Faulkner, 12, joined Mrs. Linda Gartner, Jr. High choir teacher, on stage. She sang "Lean on Me" to the crowd. "I had a great time singing with Mrs. Gartner. It brought back a lot of great memories from the Junior High," said Faulkner.

**3. YUM YUM! THE DINNER** for the night went along with the theme of the dance. Everyone went to the buffet for their choices of Lo Mien noodles, rice, mashed potatoes, chicken, and beef. **Michael Stubblebine, 11**, and his mother got stuffed from the large variety. They then headed off to the start the festivities.

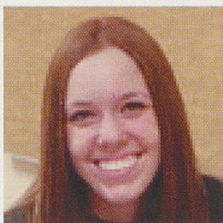


**WHAT A COUPLE!** ANGELA CORNEJO, 12, and her father stopped for a minute to pose for a picture. After the wonderful dinner, and the incredible dancing, they ended the night with a slow song before heading home.



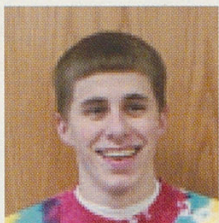
"I thought it was really cool, and the decorations were awesome! The school did a really good job of putting it all together."

>Joe Rosati, 9



"I had a really good time with my mom and the decorations were really elaborate. I definitely plan on going again!"

>Brandy Sears, 10



"Odd Couples is a nice contrast to all the other dances. The dance was more for the parents, but I still enjoyed myself."

>Sean Wright, 11



"As a senior, it was my first Odd Couples, so I went out and bought a new dress."

>Katie Gordan, 12

**"The dance was very well organized and they did a wonderful job with the dinner arrangements and the accompanying centerpieces."** David Polaniecki, 12





**BOOGYING TO THE BEAT!** EMILEE BANKS, 12, and her father didn't miss a beat. Right after dinner was finished, they went out on the dance floor.



# “Pancake Day is great because all different work is collaborated into one big art show.” > Emily Tessel, 12

## Flipping for the arts

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Jaime Orent

**M**arch 13, marked the 42nd annual Pancake Day. This annual weekend long event brings together the Sycamore School District's art, orchestra, and band programs. From 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. the gym was lined in artwork and the commons was filled with music and

food. The \$5.00 pancakes, juice, milk, sausage, coffee, and tea meal was made by the Sycamore Band and Orchestra Boosters (SBOB). The money raised purchased new instruments, uniform repairs and up coming trips for the junior high and high school instrumental groups.



**PATIENCE IS THE ESSENCE OF ART.** Justin Smith, 11, works hard on his pot in **Mr. Paul Melnick's** ceramics class. This pot was featured at Pancake Day.

**DISPLAY OF INTERESTING WORKS.** Many different exhibits were displayed throughout the gymnasium. This exhibit by **Max Deutsch, 12**, portrayed the many different styles of art that the Art Seminar students produced.







**INTERESTED BYSTANDER.** People went to see the amazing array of artwork displayed during the Fine Arts Weekend. Exhibits such as photography, fashion design, ceramics, and architectural design were featured. Also, artwork from the district elementary schools as well as E.H. Greene and the Jr. High were mixed in with the high school art work.



**ALL DRESSED UP! ASHTON MCDUGAL, 12**, made this dress in Ms. Debbie Klemt's clothing construction class. McDougal dressed as a princess for senior Halloween and wore this dress.

## ARCHITECTURAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

Community members of all ages explored the exhibits. Entries of work varied among the art teachers. Some teachers selected the work to enter in the show and some teachers left it up to the students whether they wanted to display their creations or not.



**IN ART SEMINAR, STUDENTS WERE FACED WITH THE CHALLENGE TO PAINT THEMSELVES. LOIS HARRIS, 12**, did just that. The artists were to experiment with color as well, and use large brush strokes.

## KATE MCINERNEY, 12, MIXES HER MEDIA BY INCLUDING A PLASTER MASK IN HER PAINTING.

Art Seminar is a great class for the artists who truly enjoy everything about art. Also, Seminar gives students the experience to know what to expect in a college level art course.





## Characters

Dotty/ Mrs. Clackett  
Lloyd/ Director  
Poppy/ Asst. Stage Manager  
Tim/ Stage Manager  
Brooke/ Vicki  
Garry/ Roger  
Fred/ Philip  
Belinda/ Flavia  
Selsdon  
Swings

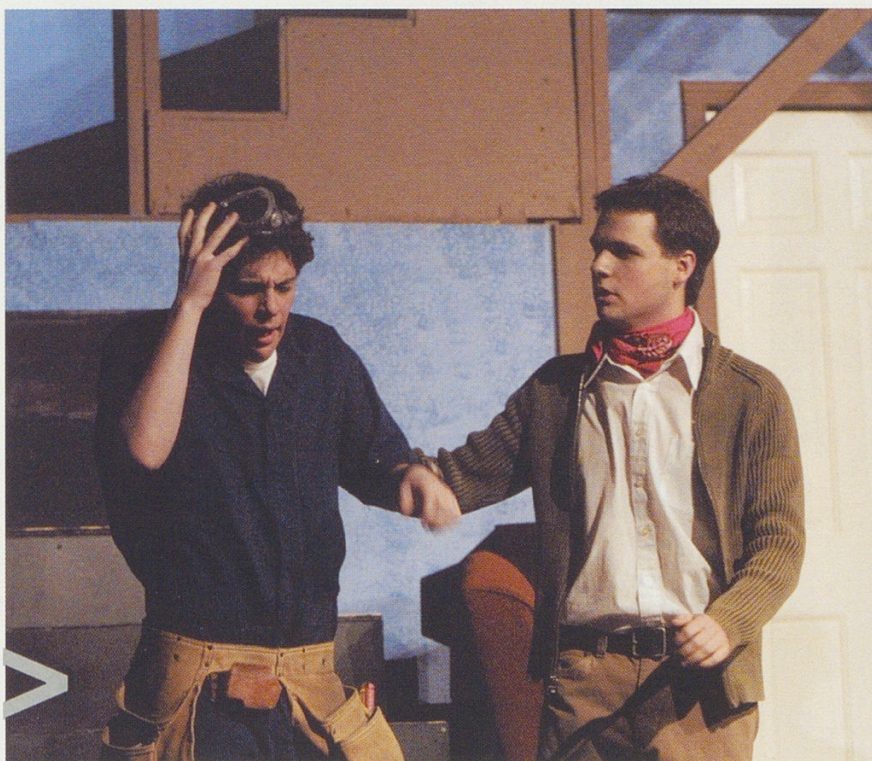
## Principals

Sydney Morton  
Andrew Wehling  
Mollie Fingerman  
Sammy Kanter  
Tara Zivkovic  
Mark Levy  
Jonathan McPike  
Julia Albain  
Neil Heyman  
Branden Battle and  
Blair Bailey

## Understudies

Jennifer Brunker  
Nate Kennedy  
Dara Lind  
Taylor Scruggs  
Libet Wilfong  
Alan Dicken  
Brian Barasch  
Sheila Campbell  
Branden Battle  
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**ANDREW WEHLING, 12, COMFORTS SAMMY KANTER, 11.** Kanter played Tim, the stage technician, who had been up 48 hours fixing the stage for the opening performance. Wehling, casted as the director, tried to keep him under control.



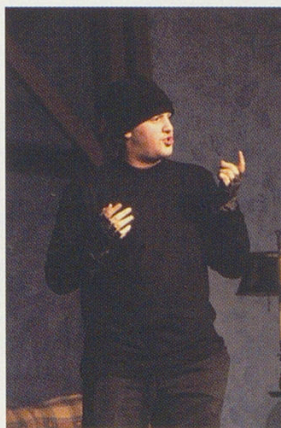
**TRYING TO KEEP THE DOOR FROM FALLING OVER, JULIA ALBAIN, 11, AND JONATHAN MCPIKE, 12,** manage a strong saving grip. On the dress rehearsal night everything was falling apart. The first performance was not any better, luckily it was all in the script!

**LOOKING DECISIVE, SYDNEY MORTON, 12, TAKES THE LEAD.**

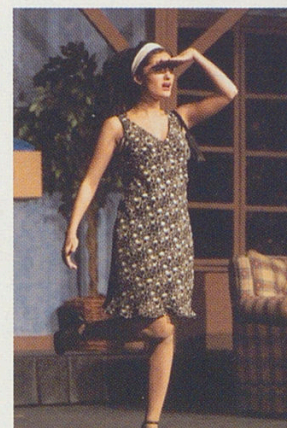
She played Mrs. Clackett, the housekeeper. Morton was an active member in STAG and was in many of their productions.



**HE TRIED TO BE INCONSPICUOUS. NEIL HEYMAN, 12,** dressed in all black, and stayed in character, as one who drinks, all three acts. Heyman played Selsdon, the burglar.



**SEARCHING FOR THE DIRECTOR IS TARA ZIVKOVIC, 11.** The director was somewhere in the audience. By using the stage and the seating area, it got the audience more involved.





# Could anything else go wrong?

## The worst nightmare of actors

### The Winter Play

By: Lauren Truax

**NOISE'S OFF WAS THE WINTER PLAY AND WAS A COMEDY.** Auditions were held in late

November and the results were posted before winter break. The actors had to be dedicated to their play, and give up much of their free time on winter break.

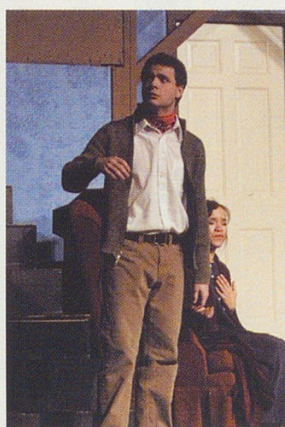
"There was a crunch for time, so we had to give up our winter break. But in the end it was all worth it," said **Julia Albain, 11**.

The play was about another play's dress rehearsal, first performance, and closing night. The plot was based on the many complications faced. The second act of the play showed the audience the back stage while the play was being performed. All the fights and upsets were viewed. The audience enjoyed the different view of the play and being able to see the chaos that happened when the stage manager yells "Noises Off!"

**THE SEARCH FOR A MISSING CONTACT LENSE.** Mollie Fingerman, 12, Tara Zivkovic, 11, and Sydney Morton, 12 search for Zivkovic's character's missing contact. The missing contact was one of the many problems the cast had to deal with before the performance. Eventually they found her contact, and then she lost it again!



**FILLED WITH emotion, Mark Levey, 12, gives his performance.** Levey played the real estate agent in *Noises Off*. His conniving boobietraps played on the characters kept the audience on the edge of their seats.



**ANDREW Wehling, 12, directs his cast members toward success.** Directly involved with the cast as the director, he added to the play's chaos by being romantically involved with a cast member. This caused confusion and more noise to *Noises Off*.



**LOSING HIS PANTS, JONATHAN McPike, 12, carries on with business.** He was told there was poison on his pants and that he had to take them off. It was a highlight of the winter play.



# quiz

- a. Two
- b. Two to Three
- c. All of the years he has directed
- d. Six to Eight

1. \_\_\_ How many hours a day an average student practices?
2. \_\_\_ What bell does orchestra practice?
3. \_\_\_ How many years have an average student played for?
4. \_\_\_ How many times has the orchestra received a one at OMEA with Mr. Smarelli as director?

1. b 2. a 3. d 4. c



**ANDREA NADEL, II,** playing the cello at the Senior Spotlight Concert. She was the cello sections leader. The spot is decided upon by playing tests in which the students are scored.

## Hard work pays off

“Orchestra is my favorite bell of the day because you can catch a nap and hang out with really cool people.”

By: Lauren Truax

**THE ORCHESTRA PERFORMING AT THE SENIOR SPOTLIGHT CONCERT.** The students had to give up a year course of their schedule to be in orchestra. Also orchestra is not a weighted class so it can effect students GPA's.





**JEFF DAPKINS, 12, PERFORMS**

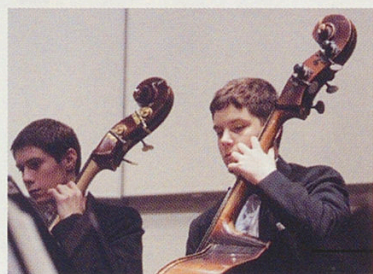
his solo with strong emotion. At the Senior Spotlight concert seniors are given the opportunity to play a solo. One student even gets the opportunity to be conductor.



**FOCUSED ON THE MUSIC,**

**Nick Sibel, 11,** is playing the bass.

The winter concert was held at the junior high. All of the Sycamore orchestras, grades 5-12, perform and at the end there is one song they all play together.



**SARAH HANSON, 9, INTENSELY PLAYS THE CELLO.**

Schools from all over come to the high school to compete in the OMEA competition. Students have to help work the competition by being judges helpers or working other jobs.



**AUDREY KANG, 9, and SARAH HANSON, 9, performing.**

Pancake Day is an annual production where people get to enjoy food while listening to music. Tickets were sold in advance and the day of the event.



**MR. DAVID SMARELLI**

passionately conducts the spring concert. The final concert was held in the spring at the junior high. Again, all of the grades of orchestra students perform and all played a piece together at the end.



**C**ONTINUING WITH TRADITION. The orchestra received a one at the OMEA Competition.

The competition was held at Sycamore High School and many hours were spent in practice for the competition.

"It takes a lot of work to get ready for the OMEA, but in the end when we receive straight ones it is really worth it," said **Ashely Cummings, 11.** They had to play four pieces, one being a sight reading piece that they had never seen or played before. It was the orchestra's 12th time receiving a one at the OMEA competition.

The annual Tag Day, which was on September 6 is the official kickoff. It is when the students go door to door asking for money to use for orchestra. Parents and students volunteer their time driving around to many neighborhoods. The orchestra needs the money if they want to be successful and get to compete in various judged contests.

Five students qualified for the Ohio All-State Orchestra. They were **Louis Kwa, 12, Nicole Smile, 11, Andrea Lee, 11, Anna Kwa, 9, and Gerald Torres, 12.** Many of the orchestra students also took private lessons and played in other orchestras on top of being in the school orchestra. There was a Chamber Orchestra which had practices once a week after school. They performed 3 times and went to all the elementary schools and performed. It is made up of 12 violins, 4 violas, 4 cellos, and 2 bases. Auditions were held in the beginning of the year for a spot in the orchestra.



**NICOLE SIMILE, 11, SITTING FIRST CHAIR AT THE SENIOR SPOTLIGHT CONCERT.**

The concert chair changes throughout the year depending on how well the students perform on their tests. The test is graded and factored into their quarter grade.



**THE TREBLE CHOIR DRESSES WARM FOR THE WINTER CONCERT.** Adding to their voices and appearances, these girls show off their talent by choreographing their songs. Treble choir holds tryouts freshman year and accepts members in grades 10-12.



**MIXED CHOIR TRAINS YOUNG SINGERS** in advanced vocal production to experience all mediums of choral music. This ensemble is a mixture of freshman boys and girls who want to be involved in the singing process. There are no auditions, they automatically get to be a part of this choir if they desire. At the Fall Concert the mixed choir sang 3 pieces: "Three Contemporary Latin Settings", "Free Ride" and "America the Beautiful."



"It is too early to sing because we have choir second bell."

>Katie Swantko, 9



"Choir is fun because of the relaxing atmosphere."

>Adam Bellos, 11



"Choir is fun because I like to sing."

>Will Snuffed, 9.





# Harmony

## Music is brought to life

By: Ashley Kindberg, Hope Wolfe and Linsy Ogden



**SKYLINE CHILI NIGHT WAS FEBRUARY 23.** It was a night where choirs, parents, and teachers took over the Cornell Road Skyline. From serving, like **Brian Barasch, II**, to hosting and bussing to preparing meals it gave the choirs a chance to shine off stage by raising money for the choir boosters.



**M**R. DUANE CROWE AND MS. JULIE DIMA PREPARE THE CHOIRS FOR CONCERTS AND COMPETITIONS BY REHEARSING IN CLASS **EACH DAY.** The music department offers four different choirs for school credit: Chamber, Treble, Mixed, and Touring Company.

Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) Large Group Contest is a major part of second semester for the choirs. About 40 schools participate in the choral competition alone, and are rated on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being Superior, 2 being Excellent, etc. Chamber and Treble choir competed and received a Superior rating, while Mixed choir performed an exclusive concert at home.

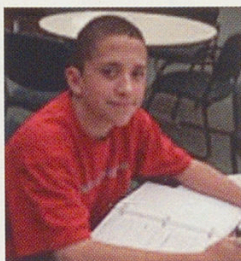
Another annual event for the choirs is Skyline Night. It is a fundraiser put on by Vocal Boosters to benefit, with scholarship money, all students majoring in the field of music in college. The grand total netted \$1100.00.

"Skyline Night is always a blast because we know that ALL the proceeds will go to educate future musicians," said Crowe.

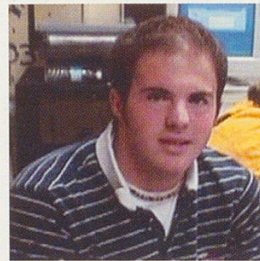
**Chamber Choir is a highly select group that sings advanced choral music.** This choir ensemble is designed for students who have great passion for classical and choral music. This choir has a mixture of girls and guys in grades 10-12. Auditions took place freshman year. This ensemble is often referred to as "Sycamore Sound," because the overall blend and balance is carefully sculpted everyday to assure a good tone. At the fall concert Chamber choir sang: "Hymn to the New Aged", "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Armed Forces Salute", "Somewhere", from *West Side Story*, and "Ose Shalom."



"I'm so proud to be a part of Chamber. The affinity of all the kids and the unique blend of voices will surely make for both a pleasing sound and productive year."  
**>Amanda Bower, 12**



"It is a good way to hang out with your friends and go on trips. Overall choir is just fun!"  
**>Jeff Brown, 11**



"The choir sounds really good this year and we have a good balance and blend."  
**>Josh Levey, 11**

**Chamber Choir, Mixed Choir, Treble Choir**



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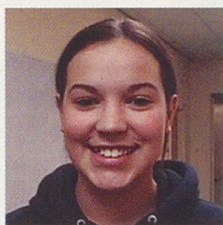


# Dance like everyone is watching... Sing like everyone is listening

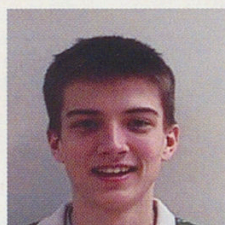
By: Jaime Orent

**T**HEY SING, THEY DANCE, THEY ARE FULL OF **ENERGY** and always ready to make people smile. Who are they? The choirs of course! SWEET and SHAG are extra curricular choirs while Touring Company met during the school day. Touring Company is a mixed group of guy and girls, SWEET is an all girls barbershop quartet, and SHAG is an all-boy barbershop group. They practiced before and after school to achieve great recognition throughout the city.

These groups individually won contests such as the 2004 Greater Cincinnati Area High School Barbershop Quartet Contest as well as many others. "It has been a pleasure watching these groups grow into our finest ensembles at Sycamore High School," said **Mr. Duane Crowe**, choir director. As you can see, these talented young men and women put *more* hard work and dedication, not to mention *more* fun into their performances so that these choirs can be *more*.



“It’s nice to be in a group of girls when we are the leaders because it’s easier to stay on task.”  
 > **Anne Sluka, 10**

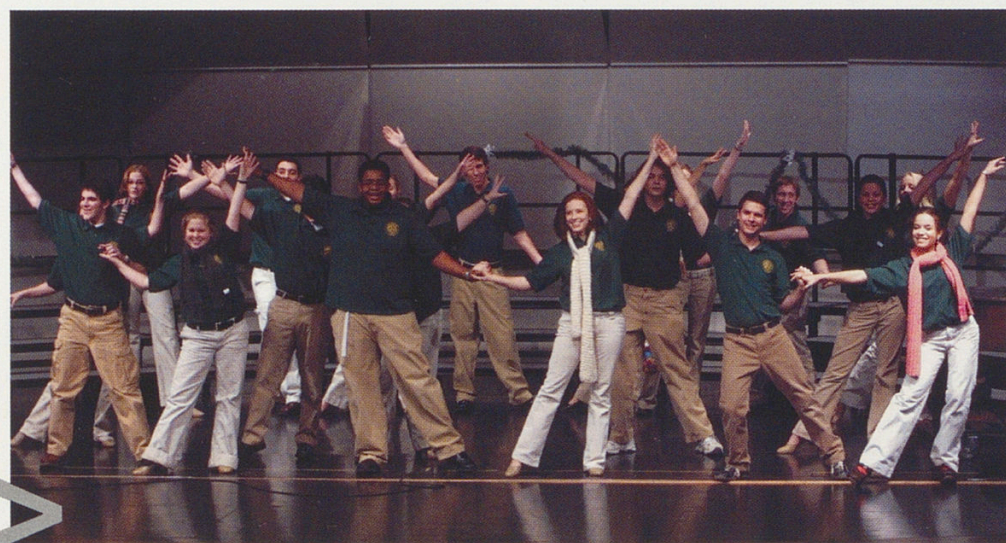


“I just like singing and it’s a different group. It’s all guys and we sing acapella and everyone is just really cool.”  
 > **Dustin Amrine, 9**



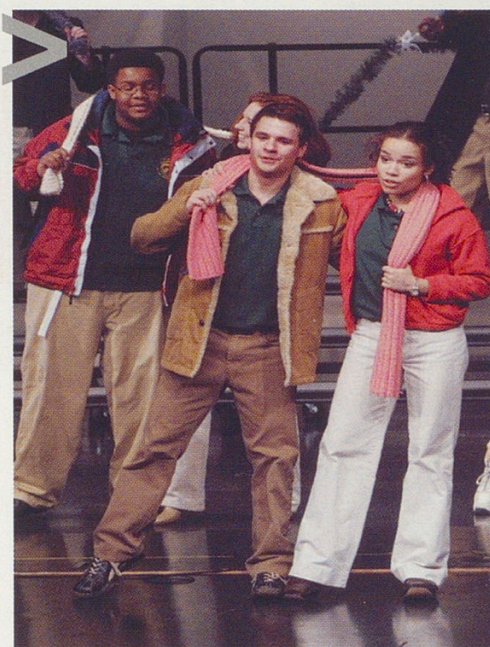
“Our choir directors make the difference between our choirs and other schools’ choirs.”  
 > **Julia Albain, 11**

## < Touring Company >



**THE PERFECT POSE.** The men and women of Touring Company added style and flair to the end of their long awaited performance. Touring Company, known as the co-ed show choir group, stunned crowds with their amazing voices as well as energetic performance using many intricate dance steps to capture their audiences’ eye.

**TAPPING THOSE HEELS.** Nate Kennedy, 11, dances with Elizabeth Stinger, 12, and Andrew Wehling, 12, and Sydney Morton, 12, as they sing along to the music and share some of that winter spirit. The holiday concert featured many different kinds of music, staying of course in the holiday spirit, and this group spared nothing when it came to a great performance.





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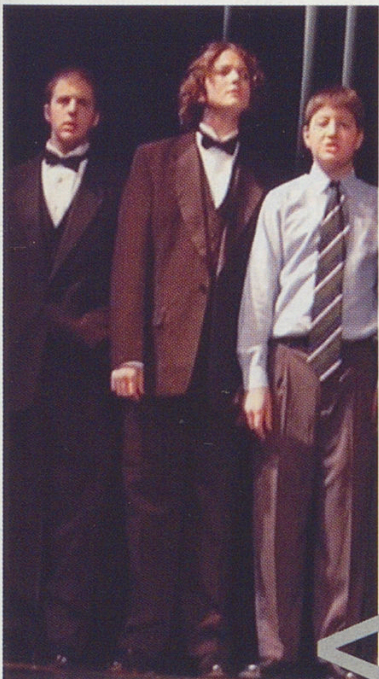


**THE PERFECT STANCE.** Alli Pohl, 11, Molly Reigers, 11, Annie Sluka, 10, and Sydney Morton, 12 gave the crowd a piece of that award winning talent. These girls participated in many different competitions in the area ranking in first place in the 2004 Greater Cincinnati Area High School Barbershop Quartet Contest.



**CLAP FOR CHOIR!** Mollie Fingerman, 12 and Annie Sluka, 10 clapped along as they sang to reach out to the crowd on a more personal note. Fingerman, as well as Sydney Morton, 12, directed the acapella group. They practiced after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for an hour.

## < SHAG >



**STANDING TALL AND PROUD.** Josh Levy, 11, Alan Dicken, 10 and Micha Kamrass, 9 serenaded the crowd with their snazzy SHAG tunes. SHAG, or Sycamore High Acapella Group, met after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for about an hour. Neil Heyman, 12, led the group.



**STANDING IN LINE.** The boys of SHAG showed off their individuality as they drenched the audience with their wonderful acapella voices. This barbershop group had an array of boys from all different grades that worked together to produce strong sound.



Concert bands steal the show with superior ratings

# Music makers

By: Rachel Hochgesang and Shay Mesiner

**B**EING A MEMBER OF THE BAND required a lot of effort and hard work. The Sycamore Winds, and Wind Symphony were two of the most elite bands. An audition was held to determine which band one would play in. **Mr. David Swift** was the director of the Sycamore Winds and **Mr. Lonnie Stover** and **Mr. Gary Langhorst** were the directors of the Wind Symphony.

The Sycamore Winds and Wind Symphony were separate concert bands but during the fall quarter the bands were combined to form the marching band. The marching band played at the football games

as well as competitions.

"All competitions are my favorites--the adrenaline, the challenge to be my best. That's the same whether we're baking at Universal Studios or getting our keys frozen shut in Canton," said **Laura Moster, 11**, on the topic of marching band.

The Winds and Wind Symphony performed at a winter concert in January and at Pancake Day. At Pancake Day the Wind Symphony played songs such as *Air*, and *Suite from Bohemia*, while The Winds played *Toccata*, *Army of the Nile*, and *Symphonic Dance, No. 3*. The annual Pancake Day, on March 13 was an opportunity for the bands to show off their skills and

raise money for the band and orchestra program. The booster parents prepared all you can eat pancakes for the audience to enjoy for a price of five dollars. All the money raised went to new instruments and uniform cleaning.

"Playing in front of an audience is fun," said **Cathryn Niehaus, 9**.

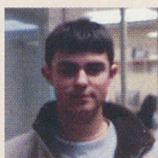
The Winds received a *superior* rating at the OMEA Large Group Contest. To top off an extensive year, the bands played a final spring concert. To finish the spring concert properly, *Stars and Stripes* was played by all the seniors.

## DEDICATION.

Hours of practice and hard work went into preparing for the Pancake Day concert. But after practicing everyday during fifth bell, the trumpet section was finally ready to show their hard work. **Zack Goldman, 9**, **Emanuel Rezene, 10**, **Tim Maxon, 11**, **Corey Gross, 9**, **Jonathan Schepers, 10**, **Mark Macanich, 9**, and **Jason Blatt, 9**, play a passage from *Suite from Bohemia*.



What do you enjoy most about band?



"I like the fact that everyone is continually getting better at playing and all the practices help."

> **Chris DeMuth, 11**



"I like to play and create music. Band gives me the opportunity to learn more about music and playing unique styles."

> **Sara Imhoff, 11**



"I'm continually challenged to improve and it gives me a strong goal to strive towards."

> **Julie Mueller, 11**







#### HORNS UP AND READY TO PLAY.

Under the direction of **Mr. Gary Langhorst** the band took the stage ready to perform. Langhorst conducted two of the pieces played at Pancake Day.



#### TIME WELL SPENT. Mr.

**Lonnie Stover**, director of The Wind Symphony, thanked the students, parents and the music department for all their support and effort in putting on the Pancake day. Stover also announced the pieces played throughout the performance.

**TAKEN IT TO THE TOP.** Top of the note. **Brian Murphy, 12**, performed his trombone for the Pancake Day concert. Murphy was a member of the Winds and experienced the winning section the night before due to the Winds Band receiving an superior rating at an OMEA concert.



**TAKE IT AWAY.** Beating away on his drum was **Scott Morrison, 10**. Morrison was playing in the percussion section. The percussion section was very different from the other sections because they were able to play different instruments for each piece. Morrison was able to play snare drum and symbols for the Pancake Day concert.



#### TIME FOR THE CLARINETS

**TO PLAY.** Showing off their excellent clarinet skills, **Tim Gaulty, 11**, **Meghan Harley, 9**, and **Dori Bahir, 10**, play a passage from *Disney Blockbusters*. *Disney Blockbuster* was a piece of music that combined music from Disney movies. From *Aladdin*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast*, the Wind Symphony played it all.

**COUNT YOUR RESTS!** Band members **Sam Stoughton, 12**, **Chad Baumer, 11**, **Eric Berman, 12**, and **Michael Santos, 10**, counted patiently for their turn to come in.



# Discussing tough issues and having fun

## Black Student Union helps break down racial barriers

By: Danielah Blackburn

**H**AVING FUN DISCUSSING IMPORTANT ISSUES, going on scavenger hunts Black History presentations and the Kwanzaa presentation, Black Student Union (BSU) had a great year filled with tons of fun activities. One of the main purposes of BSU has been to help promote diversity in the school and to help break down any racial barriers.

The annual scavenger hunt, which was one of their first events, has been a favorite of the club members for some years now and was said to be one of the best meetings they had. Also, greatly enjoyed by the members were the "keep it real" sessions where they discussed many issues important to teens today such as violence, teen pregnancy and drugs.

However, out of all their meetings their biggest event was the Kwanzaa program in December. This program required many hours of practice and dedication from the members. The Kwanzaa program included a short play performed by the students and some of the acts that were also featured in the school's variety show. The program also included a dinner for all who attended.



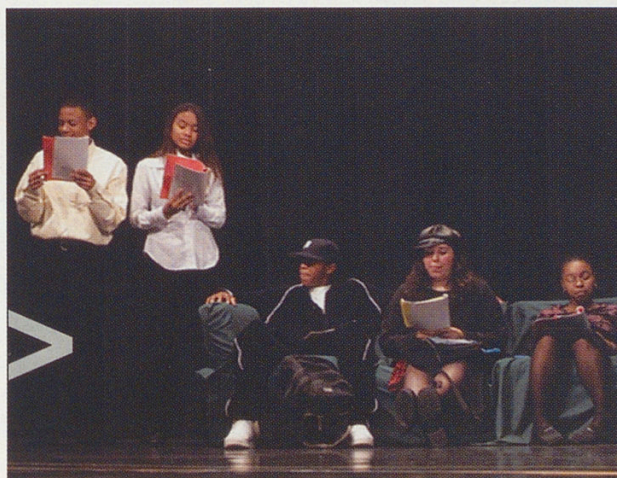
**DURING KWANZAA THE KINARA IS LIT** for seven days. There are three red, three green and one black candle; one is lit each day starting with the black candle. Each day focuses on one of the seven principals of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

**ALONG WITH THE PLAY AND** readings about Kwanzaa, there was also a performance by **Tirara Jackson, 10**. She sang Mariah Carey's song "Hero" to close the program. Jackson also performed in the variety show in October.

We had a "Keep it real" session where we talked about issues that affect us as teenagers such as racism, teenage pregnancy, guns, violence and a variety of other topics.

**>Cherie Hunnicut, 12**

**THE PLAY CALLED,** *The Joneses' Kwanzaa Celebration* was written by **Ms. Gretchen Washington, Dan Love '03** and **Lee Langston III, '03**. The play was about how Kwanzaa began. At the end members told of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.





# Building strong friendships

## Cosmopolitan Club helps new students adapt

By: Danielah Blackburn



ALL THE MEMBERS OF COSMOPOLITAN CLUB gathered together to experience the holiday of Thanksgiving. This was just one of the many events they have each year to help the students learn about their new country and build strong friendships. Mrs. Janene Chavis, their advisor, shares one of her own holiday traditions with the students and has each student say what they are thankful for.



### SHARING EACH OTHERS' COMPANY

and cultures. All the members of Cosmopolitan Club gathered together for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. They have all bonded through their common struggle of being in a new country and a new school with a new primary language.

**IMAGINE**; coming to a new country that you know nothing about. Not knowing many people at the new school; it is possible even to have trouble communicating because of a language barrier. What to do? Join Cosmopolitan Club. This club is dedicated to helping students who have moved from other countries learn more about the country they are in and help them adapt to their new school.

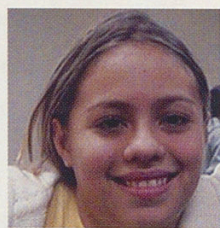
Cosmopolitan Club had many activities such as a Thanksgiving dinner, where the students experienced what the holiday is all about. Each student brought a dish from their native land; and their teacher Mrs. Janene Chavis, brought a turkey. It has become a tradition to go around the table and have each student say what they are thankful for. They also bring music from the countries they have come from, and show everyone how they dance in their country. In addition to the holiday season, the club had a secret friend gift exchange in December.

School wide activities were another reason for the club to meet. During the fall, the club attended a football game together and in the spring attended the school musical.

Whether the students stay in America, or move to another country, this club provides a chance to meet more people in the school, and to learn the culture.



"At the Thanksgiving dinner I only got to eat the chocolate cake because I was late but it was still a lot of fun."  
 >Jing Jing Ni, 11



"I think it's fun to make friends with so many people from so many different countries."  
 >Daniella Martos, 9



"At the football game I enjoyed hearing the band play when the team scored and the cheerleaders. The whole experience was great"  
 > Nanxi Shi, 10



"It was interesting to get to know people from other countries"  
 >Aoi Ito, 10



"Cosmopolitan Club is fun because I hang out with people from all around the world and learn about their different traditions."  
 >Tal Shulman, 9



# Hitting the slopes View from the top of the world

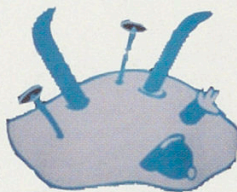
Ski Club raced down through the snow **By: Chris Bregger and Kelsey Kiley**

**P**AY YOUR FIVE DOLLAR BUS FEE, GET YOUR JACKET, AND DO NOT FORGET THAT SKI PASS. Student after student went with sponsors,

Ms. Pat Clark, Mr. Paul Melnick, Dr. Gene Donatelli

and Mr. Chris Kloesz to get a taste of snow from Perfect

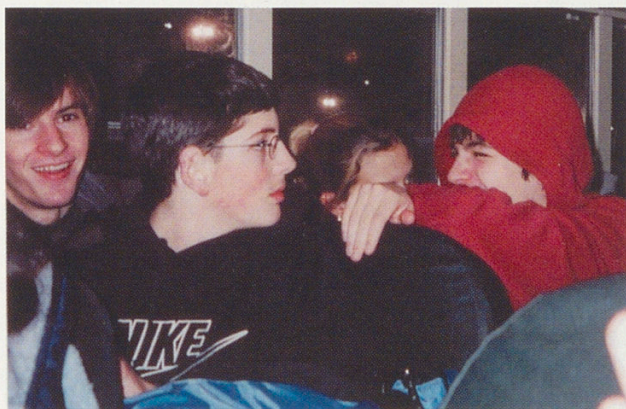
North Slopes. Even though the season had a rough start with temperatures above 60 degrees in January, Ski Club still managed



to hit the slopes. Better late than never is what many Ski Clubbers were saying after their first visit of the year occurred four visits later on January 6. Snow days are rare in Cincinnati, so students headed to Perfect North, because ANY snow is GOOD snow. It is a break from the monotony of gray winter days, an escape from homework, if just for a few hours, and a vacation for everyone who needs it.

## < A day on the slopes with ski club >

### The Trip There



IT IS A GUYS' NIGHT OUT. Kevin Crook, 10, Nick Mastrusario, 10, and Max Glassner, 10 were ready to have some fun that night at Perfect North. They went rocketing down the slopes as a break from everyday pressures.

### Falling Down and Having Fun

**DO NOT LAUGH!** Everyone falls down once. In this case it happened to be Jaime Orent, 10 after a tricky run called Showtime. Aaron Schnieder, 11, stood by, smiling at the very least, before he helped her up. Then it is on to more skiing!



IT'S A SMOOTH RIDE DOWN FOR Liz Tripp, 10. Ski Club members range from beginners to the experts. Those used to skiing in Colorado and Utah make do with the slopes at Perfect North. No matter what skill level, everyone finds something fun to do!

### Dinner At The Lodge



SARAH LOGAN, 12, in the lodge after dinner. Many students hang out in the lodge for several hours because there is always fun and of course everyone's favorite, plenty of food. This is also a great place to relax because let's face it, skiing makes you tired!

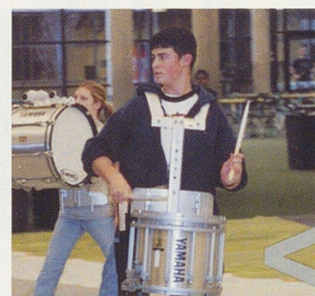
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students belonged to Ski Club. That is about 11 % of the student body!

### It's A Wild Ride Down







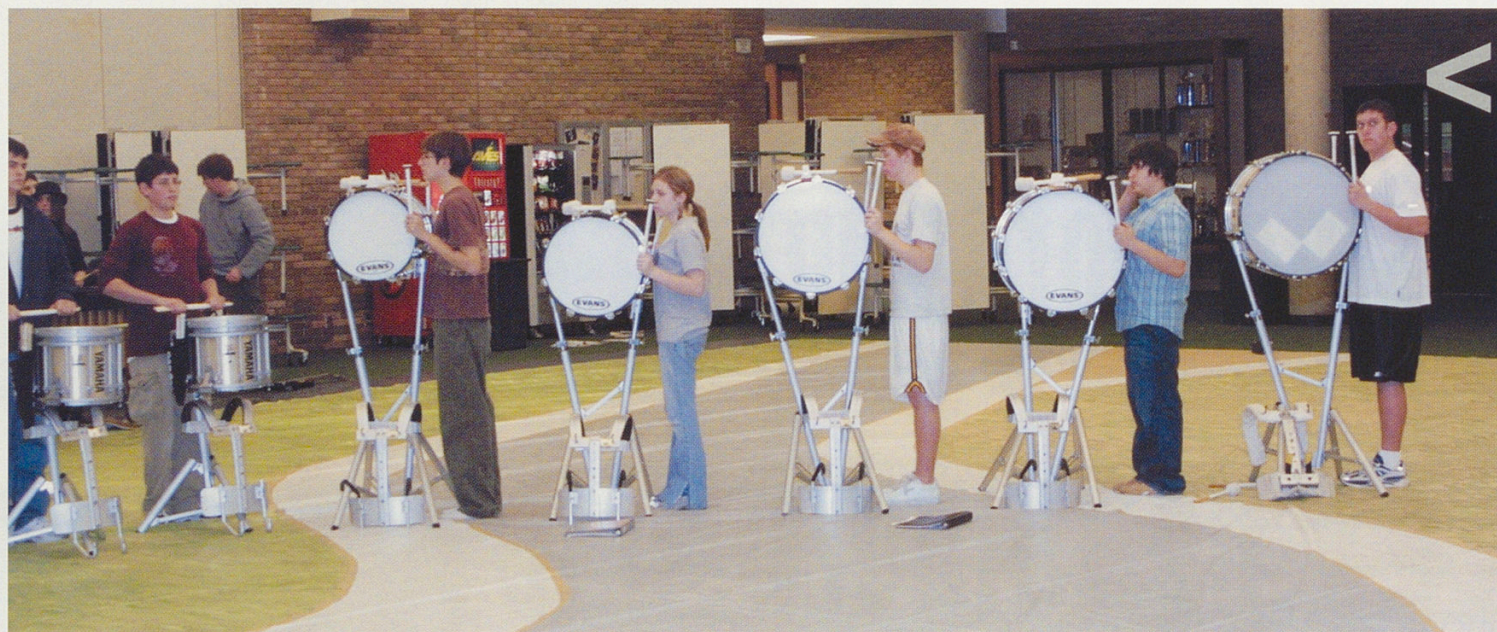
1. Who was the conductor?

2. How many people are in winter drumline?

3. How many competitions did the line participate in?

## Quiz

1) Mr. Lonnie Stover. 2) 33 members are in the drumline. 3) 3 competitions.



"ON MY STREET" was the theme of the Drumline. The thirty-three members played "Is She Really Going Out with Him", "Dagnet Theme", "Bad Boys", and "Play That Funky Music White Boy." Saturday, February 14 the line competed at Miamisburg and placed 2nd out of the 9 lines present.

# Never a dull moment Drumline...

The team that is always practicing

By Kelsey Kiley and Chris Bregger

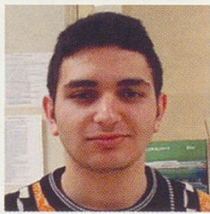
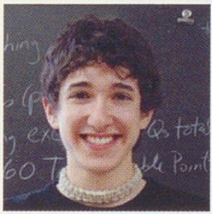
**W**HAT IS THAT RACKET? Many who returned to school Friday afternoons may have wondered this. Once they reached the commons, THEY REALIZED that it was merely the Harmonious beats of winter drumline.

With a team of 33, these students made some noise, and great noise at that. Senior **Nick Fields**, did something out of the ordinary for the drumline. His Director **Mr. Lonnie Stover**, asked him to write two tenor saxophone parts. Stover said,

"I would not normally ask a student to do this, but Nick has done an exceptional job as both a player and a leader in drumline."

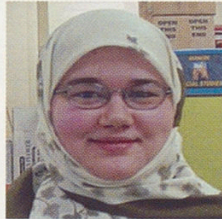
This competitive group has always had a reputation of being a little out of the norm. They have used scratching, beatboxing, and rapping in previous competitions. With different techniques like these, who knows what will come next! These drummers did not attend the World Championship in San Diego, California, because the cost was too prohibitive.





**"WE ARE THE SDT, THE SYCAMORE DEBATE TEAM,"** said **NASSER HADDAD, II.** Haddad, the president of the debate team started the club in 2002. His partnership with **Jared Goldfarb, II,** in the cross-ex debate format ended with great success.

**"I LIKE ARGUMENTS,"** said **JARED GOLDFARB, II.** Goldfarb helped lead the debate team to victory at the Centerville Tournament, therefore, qualifying himself and **Nasser Haddad, II,** for state.



"Debate team is a great way to understand other points of view."  
**>Mary Anne Refaei, II**



"Debate lets us explore all sides of an issue-even when I didn't think there was an issue."  
**>Matt Evans, II**



"What can I say? I just like to argue."  
**>Kimberly Johnson, II**



# 'We just love to argue...' Using words instead of fists

State bound...holding tight...

By: Jaime Orent

**THESE STUDENTS ARE UNLIKE ANY OTHER.** They love to debate and when they debate, they know their subject matter. Debate team was a club that found victory in its first year. This group of four or five core students met after school with NKU Professor Steven Weiss to practice debating which led them to state. Although they were unable to go to Cleveland to compete at state, in other competitions they debated in many categories from duet, to prose and poetry, but specialized in controversy, which was a brand new format.



**READY, SET, DEBATE.** The debate team listens carefully as NKU Professor Steven Weiss, gives some advice for the upcoming competition. They debated on many different issues, such as universal health care.

**A WALK IN THEIR SHOES.** **Matt Evans, II,** and **Nasser Haddad, II,** listened as **Jared Goldfarb, II,** gave his point of view on the constructive resolved topic. These after school meetings helped prepare the team for whatever would be thrown at them at state.





“SHWAC is a great way for students to improve themselves and expand their ideas while making friends.” > **Mr. Sam Gibbs**

# Do not sweat the small stuff...

By: Jaime Orent



**DISAGREEMENT IN THE CROWD.** Sycamore High World Affairs Club (SHWAC), president **Shekar Jayaraman, 12**, gives his opinion on the topic of the day. As president of the club, he helped organize trips to places such as the Dayton Model UN competition at the University of Dayton where many club members were acknowledged.

SHWAC is a model UN that is meant to improve knowledge of global affairs, diplomacy, problem solving and public speaking.

**SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?** SHWAC officers led discussions at meetings. These meetings helped prepare the SHWAC members for a Security Council (model UN) held here in March, as well as crisis simulations in the future. Practice discussions such as these helped to keep the club members active and on their toes.

“If you have a strong interest in debating or discussing current world issues, then SHWAC is the right thing for you.”

> **Nrupa Borkar, 12**

“SHWAC is a great way to learn more about the world around us through discussion and debate.”

> **Jacob Lee, 12**

“Providing a forum for debating world affairs is the main goal of SHWAC.”

> **Nathan Schneider, 12**



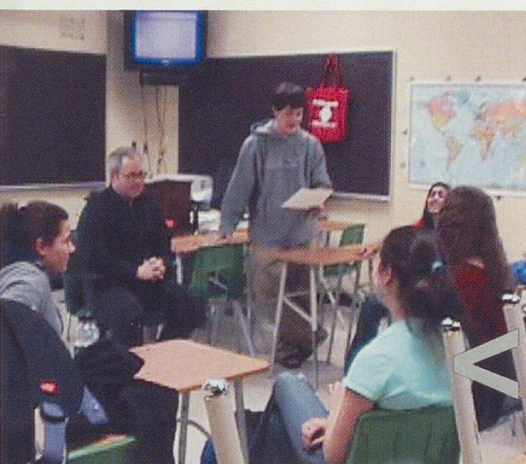
# Trials and tribulations...

By: Jaime Orent

**TWO TEAMS, EIGHTEEN PEOPLE AND ONE LAWYER; SO IT BEGINS.** Mock Trial spent much of the school year preparing for their big scrimmage in February. “Auditions began

the second week of October and continued on until the fourth week. There are two teams, each consisted of four lawyers and four witnesses. We also have two individuals who agreed to be alternates just in case a regular

member could not attend,” said **Mr. Eric Wise**, Mock Trial advisor. Our team did a great job and received many recognitions for our witnesses and lawyers.



**THE CROSS EXAMINATION BEGINS.** The members of Mock Trial prepared to cross-examine their witness. These boys and girls had regular meetings where they practiced the same debate so that they would be ready for their time in the courtroom. There were two teams each consisting of four lawyers and four witnesses.

**THE GAVEL SLAMS.** The courtroom becomes silent. The Mock Trial team gathered for weekly practice. Practices like these led certain team members to success such as **Jasmine Nazek, 10**, who received recognition for best attorney. **Dennis Jiang, 12**, **Sasha Appotova, 11**, and **Sarah Imhoff, 11**, all received recognition as best witnesses.



# Lending a hand to the community... Helping the youth, step by step

By: Abby Listo

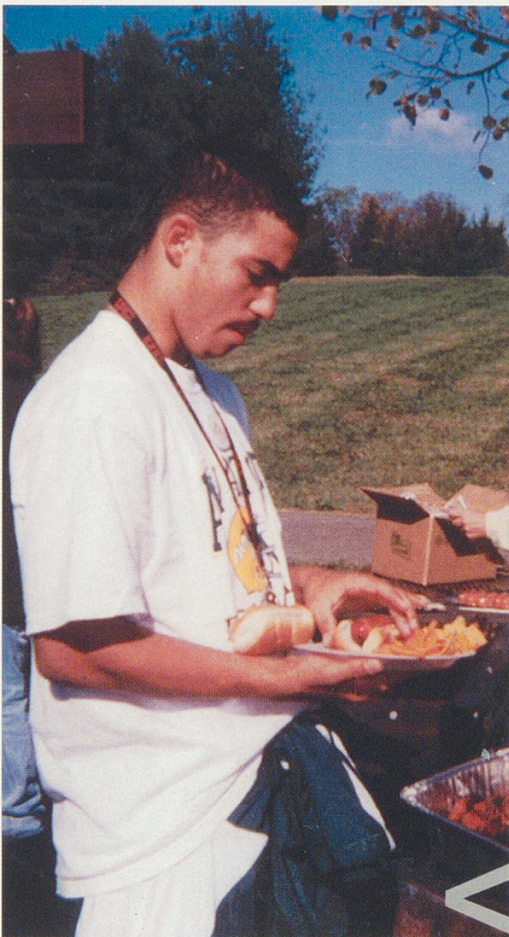
**H**ope was a special club that focused on ways to help teenagers deal with things that can be very hard to verbalize. They do helpful things to relieve stress in student's lives.

"Hope is a really unique club because it was started by students. It's a great opportunity to get involved with issues, like stress and suicide, that are directly affecting students within our school and community," said **Kim Thompson, 12**.

During exam week, they said a helpful hint every morning to better prepare students for their exams. This was also a group that came together to help prevent students who have thought about suicide or any other dangerous situations. They were a group you could talk to about serious problems that occurred in teens' lives.

**Mrs. Susan Warm** was the adviser for this club. She was also a school student assistance counselor.

A similar yet different organization were the **counselors' groups**. The counselors' groups gave students a place to come and talk about things that were on their minds. The counselors helped students with their everyday problems, and if there was something specific going on in their life. There were sixteen groups that specialized in specific problems. These groups helped students make better decisions about things that were troublesome in a teenager's life. The counselor groups had a Wellness Walk which raised money for MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). SAC and Hope helped organize it as well. Fifty students were excused from fifth bell class to walk to Dulle Park on Deerfield Road in October.



**A PICNIC ON A SCHOOL DAY?** It seemed unbelievable but the 50 students who signed up for the Wellness Walk got to enjoy a picnic complete with hot dogs, chips, pretzels and Sara Lee Cakes and Pies. **Josh Henderson, 12**, gets his hot dog.

**ON THEIR WAY TO THE PARK.** **John Stoughton, 12**, and **Natalie Sayre, 9**, walk away from the high school on their way to the park for the Wellness Walk. The Wellness Walk was sponsored by H.O.P.E. and Student Assistance Council. The Wellness Walk was a fundraiser in which students paid \$10.00 and walked to the park for a picnic.



**50%**  
of youth who have attempted suicide once  
will attempt it again within the next three  
years.

**23%**  
of students meet with student  
assistance counselors

**IN CHARGE OF IT ALL.** The H.O.P.E. Club board was responsible for planning all the events and conducting meetings. **Ms. Susan Warm**, counselor, took on the challenge of advising the club and board members **Alle Foster, 12**, **Samina Piracha, 11**, **Kim Thompson, 12**, and **Sonia Ahmad, 11**.







**LOOK AT ALL THOSE CANS.** Ms. Kate Juenger's, global language, first bell Spanish class collected enough cans to force her classroom to be taken over by cans. Her class collected an average of 32 cans per student and tied with Mr. Tim Newberry's math class for third place. Ms. Debbie Nimmo's class placed fourth with an average of 40.14 cans per student. Although Juenger's class did not collect the most cans per student they did receive a special recognition award for collecting a total of 3,392 cans. For that a donut and bagel party was given to Juenger and her class.

# Learning to serve others

By: Abby Listo



**UNBELIEVABLE!** After inductions on November 17, National Honor Society was able to organize and collect over a ton of cans from all first bell classes during December. Kati Bakes, 11, and Amy Rickards, 12, both National Honor Society members, help in carrying the cans to the truck so that they can be delivered to the food bank.

**W**ITH THEIR CANDLES ABLAZE, one hundred and eighteen juniors and seniors were inducted into the **National Honor Society.** A 3.6 GPA, 30 hours of volunteering, recommendations and extra-curriculars were required for induction. "It's awesome that through NHS I can combine the two things I love most, volunteering and academics," said **Ally Senefeld-Naber, 12.** A variety of projects were carried out by NHS, which was run by seniors: **Vidya Venkataramanan**, President, **Nikki San Miguel**, Vice President, **Karen Staubach**, Treasurer, **Amy Rickards**, Programs Director, **Ben Taylor**, Secretary of Attendance, and **Nitin Sekar**, Secretary of Hours.

## NHS Projects:

- > Annual Canned Food Drive: cans collected weighed a total of one ton
- > Coin Drive: \$500 to the SPCA. \$944 to Save the Rainforest Foundation in Brazil
- > Helping Hands: 1200 lunches made over three meetings. Taken to Zion Baptist Church and distributed downtown to the homeless.
- > Measles Week.: April 12-16. Over \$1000 raised, meaning over 1000 lives were vaccinated, thus saved!





**THE MEMBERS OF JETS** were honored for their second place finish in competition. They received a plaque from a representative of University of Cincinnati, which awarded their hard work and dedication.



**JUNIOR ENGINEERING TESTING SOCIETY.** The team collaborates before a competition. Preparation consisted of practice tests and group get-togethers, such as this.



**PATRICIA TROY, 10 AND SRIKAR KARANAM, 10** evaluate the mass of the plastic. The plastic that they are weighing will be part of the Dropping in a Microgravity Experiment, and will be combine with other elements.

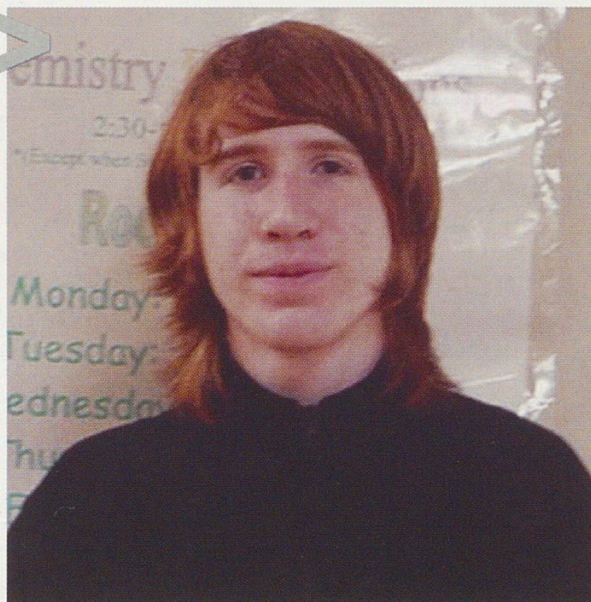


**THE FINAL COMPETITION.** Uniformed in NASA attire are, **Christine Troy, 12, Patricia Troy, 10, Srikar Karanam, 10, and Jacob Lee, 12.** The team is interviewed during their competition.

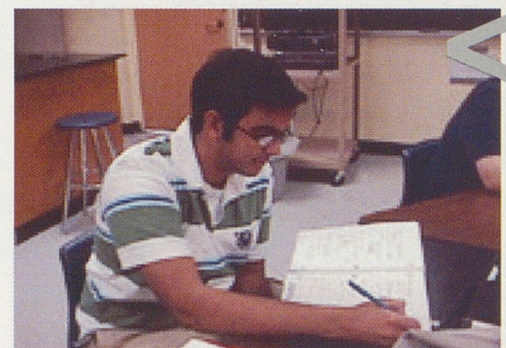
**THE BOX THAT PATRICIA TROY, 10, MRS.. CINDY PARROTT, JACOB LEE, 12, AND CHRISTINE TROY, 12** are making is the entire experiment that they are constructing. If something were to break, this container would keep all the components safe.



**WITH A CATAPULT BY HIS SIDE, Marc Stewart, 12,** does not know the meaning of fear. At competition, all of Stewart's work finally paid off as he proved to be victorious. He catapulted his way to a gold and silver medal. The gold was awarded for practical data gathering and the silver for sense reforming. He beat out some of the brightest and smartest people in the city and proved his excellence in the field of science.



**CONCENTRATION. Venkat Shankar, 11,** works hard to prepare for the competition, which was held in Southern Kentucky on November 14th. Shankar won a silver medal in the competition.





# ENGINEERING jets

Doing something different... **By: Sarah Chapman**

**M**ost clubs may watch movies or go on ski adventures. Not this club! These senior men and women challenge themselves as they take on college-level engineering problems. With their skills, they compete against other schools, solving problems with exceptional accuracy. The team qualified for both the regional competition as well as the national. They finished in second place with a score of 59 in the regional challenge and

look to do even better as they gear up for whatever may come their way on the national level. The team is in division five going up against other schools in the area. The team has already surpassed the scores they achieved last year and look to do even better in the future. The competition itself consists of two parts. The first part is the regional level where the group is given ten objective problems, with each problem consisting of ten sub parts. From there, if a

team qualifies for nationals, they face the second part of the competition. This part consists of five of the problems that were given during the first part of the challenge. The group works together as they perform tasks and vie for first place. Members of the club include **Christine Troy, 12, Kim Haugen, 12, Karen Staubach, 12, Robert Truax, 12, Nat Howard, 12, Dennis Jiang, 12, Marc Stewart, 12, and Tianlai Lu, 12.**

# NASA dime

Who said a dime wasn't worth anything? **By: Sarah Chapman**

**F**OR THE FOURTH YEAR students participated in Dropping In a Microgravity Environment, commonly known as DIME. Run by NASA, DIME is a program in which students compete with one another, and allows them and their teachers to create and build a science experiment. Team member's **Christine Troy, 12, Jacob Lee, 12,**

**Patricia Troy, 10, and Srikar Karanam, 10,** worked hard on building their experiment and taking it to Cleveland on April 19-22 for the big competition. For this year's experiment, students composed "Fluid Projectiles in Microgravity: which consists of spraying water into baby diapers while they free fall [diapers]. At the beginning of the year students wrote a proposal on Fluid Projectiles.

Only four proposals were accepted from around the country, and one of the proposals that our students wrote was admitted. The students included in the proposal why they wanted to create the experiment and what was needed to get it done. The competition was open to every high school in the United States.

# Science Olympiad

Brains over Brawn

**By: Sarah Chapman**

**T**HE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD is where brains win over brawn every time. The competition was held Friday, November 14th at Cumberland University in Southern Kentucky. The team met every Monday with the other competitive science teams to formulate strategy. Members included **Alihan Sivaganesan, 11, Marc Stewart, 12, Allison Lacker, 11, Maki**

**Nakao, 11, Shriya Raghavan, 11, Andy Ng, 11, Venkat Shankar, 11, Sara Rashkin, 11, and Megan Miraglia, 11.** The purpose of the meetings was not to practice for the competition, but to plan out who did what and in what events each person would participate. On Saturday, March 20, these science students competed successfully in the regional Science Olympiad, and walked away with a number of individual

honors. **Andy Ng, 11, Ahilan Sivaganesan, 11, Marc Stewart, 12, and Sam Kim, 11** all were awarded gold medals.

"I didn't do anything to prepare for the competition. The last day I volunteered to go to the tournament. For the silver medal that I won, I actually guessed for the last four problems," says Kim. Students have shown vast improvement compared to last season's Science Olympiad team.



# On the ball....

## Another slamming intramural season

By: Jaime Orent

“LIKE TO WATCH THE GOOD TEAMS PLAY, and I like to see people who normally are not involved in activities involved in something,” said **Mr. Kevin Wittman**, second year intramural coach. People running, sweat dripping, a round orange ball beating the gym floor, Intramural basketball is what it is all about.

But what is the real deal behind these basketball games? Experience is not needed to play the 30 minute games. Put together a team of ten close basketball playing friends and have a blast! Whether in the couch potato or competitive league, fun is always a huge factor in intramural games, right down to the championship.

**SCREECHING BASKETBALL SHOES SKIM THE COURT** as the Juggernauts battle the True Aviators for the championship game. This game was held during all three lunch bells on February 26 after the True Aviators challenged the Intramural champions, the Juggernauts, to a rematch from the December 20 game that the Juggernauts won 48-44. The True Aves took the lead at halftime 38-33 but in the fourth the Juggernauts fought back to tie the game at 47. The Juggernauts pulled through finalizing the season with a record of 8-0 winning the championship game 52-49.

### Winner's Corner

#### THE JUGGERNAUTS 8-0.

Seniors, **Row 3:** Scott Langhorne, Mike Rosa, Matt McKeown, Matt Gartner, John Kattelman, **Row 2:** Trevor Harris, Nick Egloff, David Polaniecki, John Steel, Pat Christensen, **Row 1:** Jason Oppliger, Danny Frank.



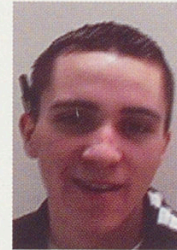
The most important aspect to our winning was our size and our quickness.

>Mike Rosa, 12



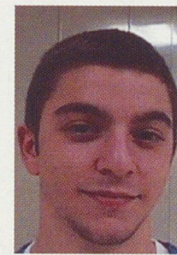


# Why is the team named that?



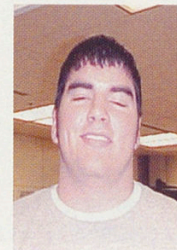
"We are the **Lucky Charms** because we are magically delicious."

<Mark Schibler, 12 >



"Ryan Davis and I have this cool hat with **Fighting Squirrels** on it, so we decided to use it."

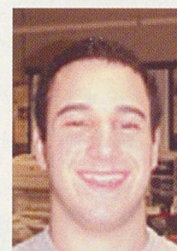
<Matan Scheier, 10>



"Well, I knew a man **bojangles** and he danced for me in worn out shoes. Silver hair,

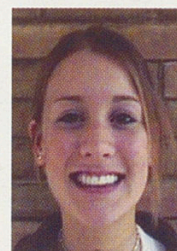
ragged shirt and baggy pants, the old soft shoe. Mr. bojangles, Mr.Bojangles DANCE!"

<Dan McMullen, 12>



"The character **Juggernaut** originates from the X-men. That shows our strength."

<David Polaniecki, 12>



"**The Yellow Strawberries** wanted something really fun that showed how weird we like to be as well

as establish that we are the only all girls team and we love it."

<Katie Daniels, 10>



## GETTING INTO THE HEAT OF THE GAME IS WHAT NICK VALARIANI, 11 IS DOING.

He and his team, The Inappropriately Named team, played the BARC Rollers with intense competitive skill because a winning season was dependent on this game. The Inappropriately Named team had a record of 3-4 and the BARC Rollers ended the season 4-3.

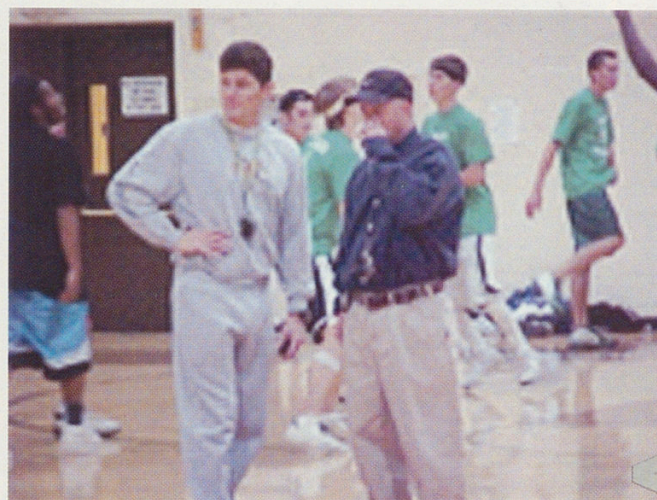


## THE HEAT IS ON.

Travis Wood, 12, of the BARC Rollers attempted to speed things up against Dan McGrath, 11 of the Inappropriately Named team. These guys played their hearts out in the last game of the season in an effort to make this game the best and leave with a bang.



**HOLDING ON FOR DEAR LIFE.** Intramural basketball players brought the ball up the court. Guys dropped like flies attempting to score in the last game. The Intramural season lasted from November 3rd to January 5th.



**SUPERVISING THE SPORT.** Mr. Brien Miller and Mr. Kevin Wittman, the teachers in charge of Intramurals speculate on the amazing games going on before their eyes. These history teachers organized the intramural season and oversaw court times and team records.



# Winter events

## The major news

By: Kelsey Kiley

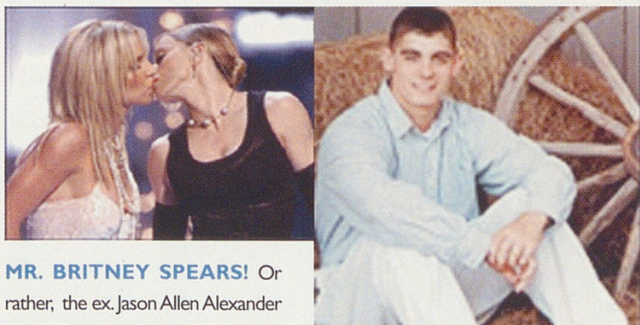


**FOR THE FIFTH STRAIGHT YEAR**, more people have been slain in Cincinnati than the year before. "It's safe to say that we have a crisis," said Councilman David Pepper, Chairman of City Council's Law & Public Safety Committee. "We're now in the company of cities that have reputations of being very dangerous." 90 percent or more of Cincinnati's homicides are tied to street-level drug dealing. All over the country there have been spikes in the homicide rates, attributed to increases in gangs, whose primary money-making activity is drug dealing. The disputes then lead to guns and violence, resulting in higher rates of murder.

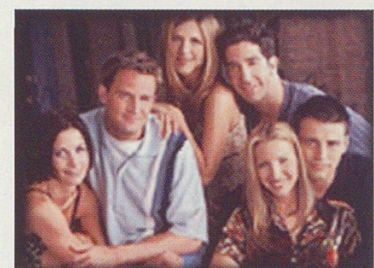
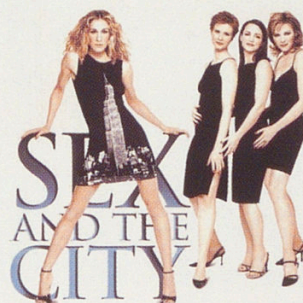
**WHO GETS 162 MILLION DOLLARS?** In the multi-state Megamillions jackpot payoff, there was an unexpected twist. Elicia Battle claimed she lost the ticket with the winning numbers, and asked an Ohio judge to stop lottery officials from paying Rebecca Jemison, the declared winner. In a shocking twist, Battle backs down, admits she lied, because she wanted "to win so badly" for her family.



Elicia Battle



**MR. BRITNEY SPEARS!** Or rather, the ex. Jason Allen Alexander took Britney Spears' hand in marriage at the famed Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada in December. Spears only lasted 55 hours before getting the marriage to her hometown friend annulled. Earlier, in September, Spears was part of MTV's Video Music Awards opening act, which included Madonna, Christina Aguilera, and herself kissing.



**WHO HAS NEVER SEEN A SINGLE EPISODE** of these classics of our generation? The HBO masterpiece, *Sex and the City*, and NBC's stunning success, *Friends*, each aired for six seasons. Both shows aired their season finales as the show's finale during the winter season.





# MAD COW U.S.A.



## Mad Cow Terror

**T**HE FIRST APPEARANCE OF MAD COW DISEASE IN THE UNITED STATES

caused a panic and a widespread ban of USA meat around the world. Mad cow disease, or BSE, is a brain-wasting disease usually transmitted to cows and spread through the consumption of brain and spinal cord tissue. A number of nations have banned U.S. beef imports since the BSE cow case was announced, including Japan, South Korea, Australia, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Russia, Mexico and China. The cow who started it all was purchased from a herd in Canada, relocated to the state of Washington, and the United States Agriculture Department recalled over 10,000 pounds of meat to remove the threat of tainted animal products reaching consumers. The remainder of the herd will be tracked.

## Sniper on I270

Courtesy of nbc4columbus

“You just can’t believe someone would be sick enough to be shooting at cars,”

>Missi Knisley, victim’s daughter-in-law.



## PLAYING A DEADLY GAME.

Charles McCoy shot at the cars and people on

Ohio’s interstate 270, and killed a sixty-two-year-old woman. One of those shots lead to the death of Gail Knisley, who was riding in the front seat of her best friend’s car.

“You just can’t believe someone would be sick enough to be shooting at cars,” said 35 year-old Missi Knisley, Gail Knisley’s daughter-in-law. “It’s a nightmare, telling my children that someone intentionally shot their grandmother.”

The interstate runs through southern Franklin County and is sparsely populated by woods, industrial sites and suburban neighborhoods. A task force investigating the 20 shootings at cars, school buses and homes arrested McCoy in Las Vegas. Relief is in sight for terrorized Ohioans.



**SOARING THROUGH THE AIR...** Mike Kimmey, 11, jumps to get the ball before his opponent. Being aggressive was a very important aspect and Kimmey didn't hesitate to jump right in. Determination is a key part of the game that all players have to possess in order to successfully complete their season. Kimmey proved, once again, to his team his everlasting drive of determination as he always did what was best for the team.



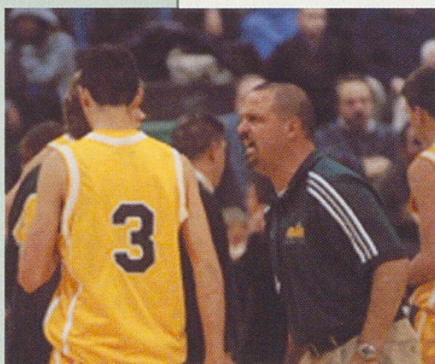
**STAND BACK AND WATCH AS PAT TEPE, 12, GUARDS HIS OPPONENT.**

Defense was a very important part of the game and the guys portrayed it well throughout their season. They had many close games where their performance on defense determined the ending score.



**BOYS GET TOUGH!**

**Coach Rob Matula** used his spirit to pump the boys up. At every game, Matula could be spotted running up and down the court putting all the emphasis on his boys' performances. **Scott Langhorne, 12**, took his coach's advice, making him one of the top players.



**IT IS TIME TO GET THIS GAME STARTED!**

Like every other game, the boys began with a team huddle. The respect for each other and the love of the game really held the team together. The players had a very close bond, therefore working well with one another came easily.



**REACHING FOR THE BASKET... MARIO**

**Kirkendal, 12**, uses his height to his advantage. It wasn't always easy to make a shot over the opponent, but it's obvious that height enhanced our chances this season. Many of our teammates were able to block shots and score because they hovered over the competition. It does pay to be tall in the game of basketball.





## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/ Loss	Us	Them
Madeira	WIN	55	44
Lakota West	WIN 2OT	58	56
Colerain	WIN	63	37
Lakota East	LOSS	55	54
Beavercreek	LOSS 2OT	58	56
Middletown	LOSS	55	52
Hamilton	LOSS	42	68
Fairfield	WIN	55	50
Milford	WIN	62	53
Princeton	LOSS	60	62
Oak Hills	LOSS 2OT	57	64
Lakota West	LOSS	43	48
Colerain	WIN	57	51
Ryle	WIN	62	47
Lakota East	LOSS	82	88
Middletown	WIN	52	51
Hamilton	LOSS	50	78
Fairfield	LOSS	42	46
Walnut Hills	WIN	52	51
Milford	WIN	71	56
Lakota East*	WIN	69	65
Princeton**	WIN	58	55
Hamilton***	LOSS	55	65



**Row 1:** Alex Young, 11, Brad Konerman, 12, Mike Kimmey, 11, Cullen Lunning, 12, Pat Tepe, 12, Sean Klonne, 12, Scott Langhorne, 12, **Row 2:** Coach Rob Matula, Mario Kirkendall, 12, Andy Reed, 12, Devin Rhondes, 12, Robby Peters, 10, Danny Frank, 12, Steve Pryzwara, 12, Coach Stan Kanecki.

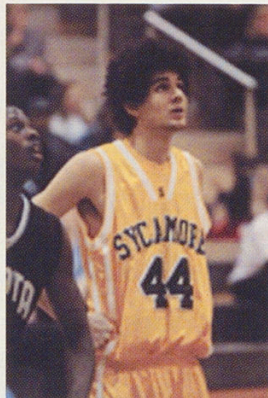
### Tournament

- \* Sectionals @ 5/3 Arena, March 7
- \*\* Districts @ Cintas Center March 13
- \*\*\* Regional Semi-Finals @University of Dayton March 18

# We believe 'Sweet Sixteen' hoops

By: Kim Doris & Emily Wolfran

**T**HE SEASON SEEMED TO SNEAK UP ON US ALL. The first few games seemed quieter and less crowded than seen in the past. Following in the same direction as the football season the dedicated fans sprung to excitement. However, from some where out of the blue things started to pick up. The fans started to finally fill the stands as the games started to become excitingly close too many times. After the blow out to Hamilton, the team started gaining wins. The team as well as the school spirit took a giant leap upwards and continued to escalate for the rest of the season. For the first time in the school's history the team won districts continuing onto the semi regionals. Being defeated by Hamilton during the semi regionals on March 18, the team did not leave the court without a fight. The boys took the lead in the third 36-34 but trailed by 5 by the end of the period. The team lost 65-55 to Big Blue. As the team walked off the University of Dayton court to the official end of the season, the fans stood cheering forever proud at the team's outstanding effort. In the school's 60 year history, this was the greatest tournament run by its basketball team. With a 13-11 record, the fans still believe!



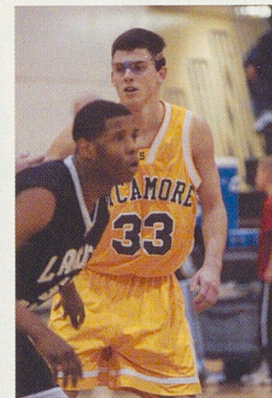
"We have good team chemistry and I am excited that it is finally my senior year."

> Andy Reed, 12.



"I had a lot of fun on the team. Everyone was really nice to me and I can't wait to be back for next season."

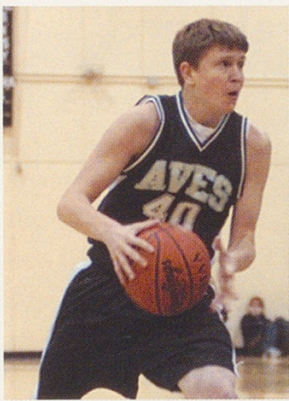
> Robby Peters, 10.



"Our record didn't indicate how good our year was. We didn't have much luck in close games but we still had fun."

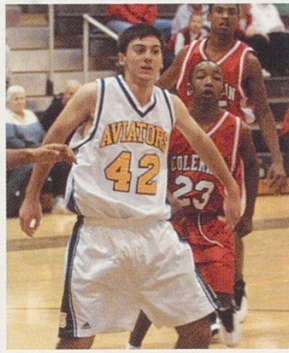
> Steve Pryzwara, 12.





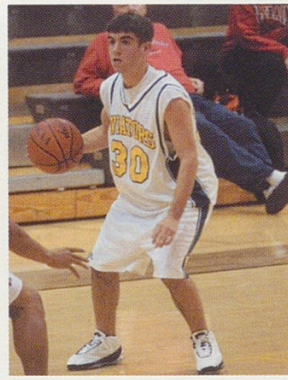
"Basketball was great! Overall I played my best, and I felt my team did the same"

> **Adam Woll, 10.**



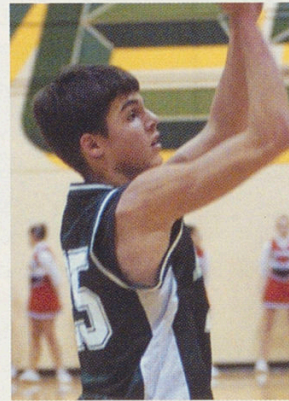
"The J.V. season could have been better but we practiced a lot and had a great time playing basketball."

> **A.J. Donaldson, 11.**



"I had a fun time playing basketball. It was a great season."

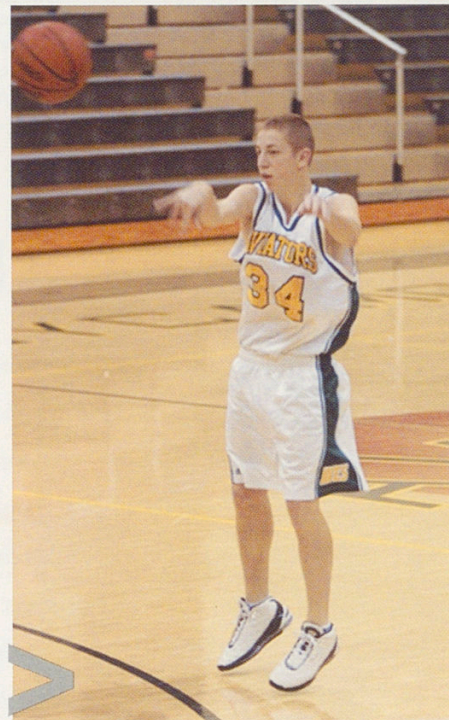
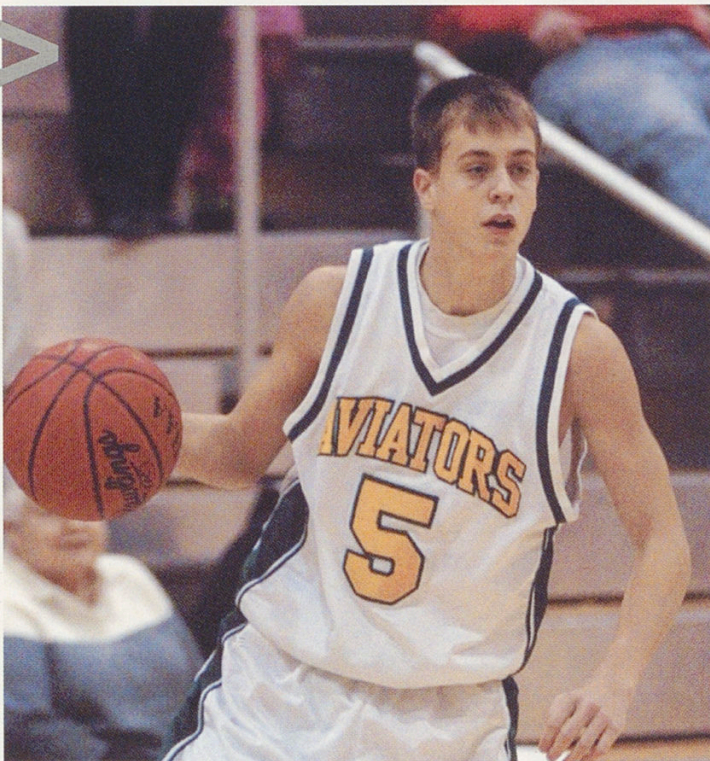
> **Dean Hampton, 10.**



"This season was a lot of fun. We worked really hard during practice and it paid off on the court."

> **Ryan Knowles, 10.**

**DETERMINATION IS A KEY.** Basketball is a demanding sport requiring lots of determination and effort. **Ritchie Clark, 10**, shows off his skills on the court. He played great offense and defense throughout the season, and helped his team add those "W"s to the scoreboard.



**TODD JURAN, 11, SHOWS HIS SKILLS!** Juran was a key player for his team. He always gave his best effort and came out on top. "I enjoyed playing with my team. We had a really great season," said Juran.

# Hangar hoopstars

Determination is key **By: Mimi Barkawi**

**J**unior varsity finished the season strong, winning their last five games in a row. However, with that achievement came some heartbreak. Seven of their ten losses were decided by 4 points or less. An intense match-up for the JV team was Milford. The first time they met the Eagles, they lost by 20 points but came back later in the season and defeated them by 20. The sophomore team had its moment with Milford

as well. They took their final win, and final game, to overtime beating the Milford Eagles 45-41. That win boosted their final record to 6-14 (6-10 GMC). **Nate Kaplan, 10** and **Andre Sonnenberg, 10** each landed in double figures scoring 12 points against Milford, and **Joey O'Gara, 10**, sunk two threes.

"We were determined to win our last game," said Kaplan. Determination is key, and determination paid off for both these teams.







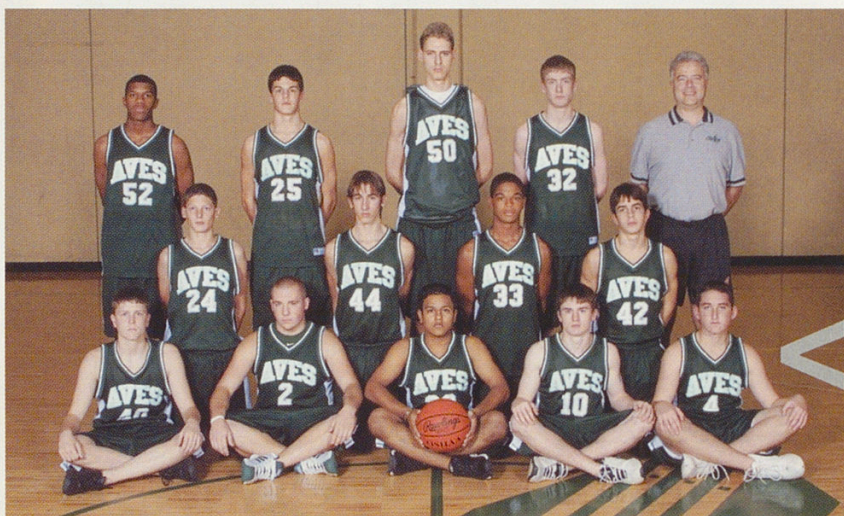
**SHOOT!** Dom Buenivides, 11, goes for the three pointer during the JV game. Junior Varsity was coached by newcomer **Mr. Rob. Reis**, 8th grade American History teacher at the Junior High School.

## Junior Varsity Team



**Row 1:** Ritchie Clark, 10, Mark Shuller, 11, Dom Buenivides, 11, Dean Hampton, 10, Steve Kramer, 11, Mike Latessa, 9. **Row 2:** James Broyles, 11, Todd Juran, 11, Andy Johnson, 11, Chris Grissom, 10, David Broxterman, 10, Kyle Battle, 9, A.J. Donaldson, 11, Coach Rob Ries

## Sophomore Team



**Row 1:** Adam Woll, 10, Drew Swagerle, 10, Nagesh Sing, 10, Joe Toole, 10, Zach Mayer, 10. **Row 2:** Joey O'Gara, 10, Ryan Abitz, 10, Ryan James, 10, Nate Kaplan, 10. **Row 3:** Danny Fluker, 10, Ryan Knowles, 10, Andre Sonnenberg, 10, Pat Norwine, 10, Coach Jim Spangler

## J.V. Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Seton	<b>SCORES NOT REPORTED</b>		
Lakota West			
Colerain			
Lakota East			
Middletown			
Hamilton			
Mercy			
Glen Este			
Milford			
Fairfield			
Oak Hills			
Princeton			
Lakota West			
Colerain			
Lakota East			
Middletown			
Hamilton			
Fairfield			
Milford			
Mason			

## Sophomore Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Lakota West	LOSS	39	53
Colerain	WIN	54	43
Mason	LOSS	42	48
Lakota East	LOSS	41	49
Beavercreek	LOSS	28	41
Middletown	WIN	61	46
Hamilton	LOSS	39	45
Beavercreek	LOSS	34	54
Fairfield	LOSS	41	50
Milford	WIN	45	50
Princeton	LOSS	58	60
Oak Hills	LOSS	44	52
Lakota West	LOSS	36	52
Colerain	LOSS	31	48
Mason	LOSS	30	32
Lakota East	WIN	39	33
Middletown	WIN	49	40
Hamilton	LOSS	47	52
Fairfield	LOSS	46	47
Milford	WIN	45	41



## Gold

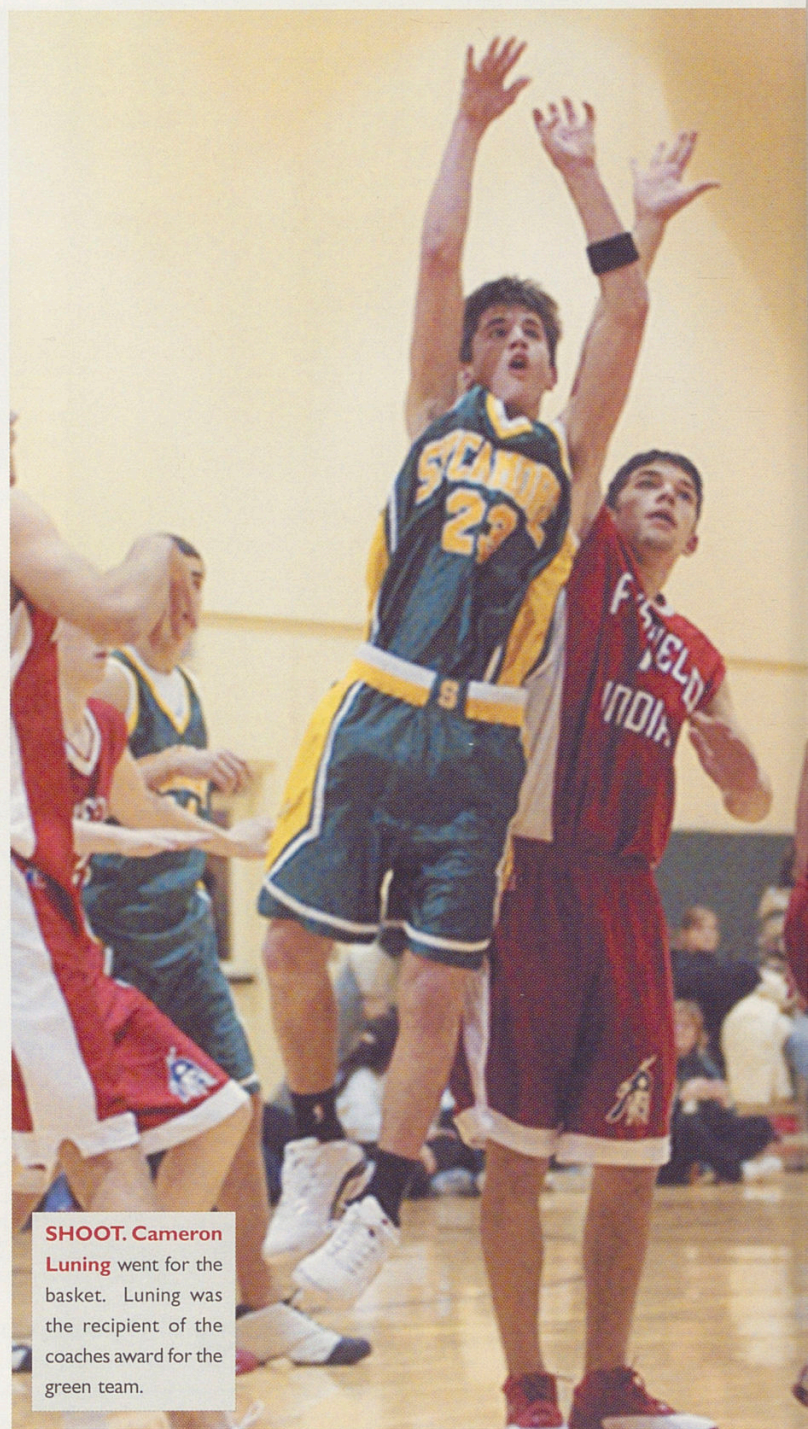


**Row 1:** Kevin Mack, Andrew Hancher, Kevin Buenavides, Ryan Kantor, Brian Knodle, Tyler Grimm **Row 2:** Claudius Delaney, Sean Caldwell, Tony Marquardt, Stephen Caudill, Ben Moler, Coach Mike Hahn.

## Green



**Row 1:** Jeff Rubenstein, Matt Gant, Cameron Luning, Philip Trotta, Michael Goldfarb, Cody Jones. **Row 2:** Boyce Harris, Frank Ebetino, Jack Przywara, Mike Byrd, Alex Reed, Mitch Allen, Coach Andrew Marlatt.



**SHOOT.** Cameron Luning went for the basket. Luning was the recipient of the coaches award for the green team.

# Bouncing Into action back

Freshman green and gold basketball

By: Kim Doris

## THE BOY'S FRESHMEN GREEN AND GOLD BASKETBALL TEAMS

**BOTH HAD A TOUGH SEASON.** With

so many tight games and close losses the boys learned all about what determination means. The boy's gold basketball team ended their season with 7 wins and 10 losses. Although they happened to gain more losses than wins, they had some impressive victories. Two of the most outstanding games played were the

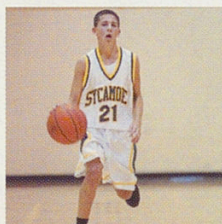
defeats over Oak Hills and Princeton. The boys did however suffer a losing streak but that was quickly diminished by the next few wins.

The coach's award for the gold team went to **Stephen Caudill, 9**. As for the green team, the coach's award went to **Cameron Luning, 9**. The green team coincidentally also ended their season with 7 wins but due to the tournament they participated in they ended with 11 losses. The green team had

similar tough games and many close wins or losses. Two of their most glorifying games were played against Lakota East and Middletown. With much determination the boys showed off their skills proving they knew how to play the game. Both teams saw plenty of defeat and an equivalent amount of success. With the strong coaching and everlasting spirit of the players both teams ended with a decent record.







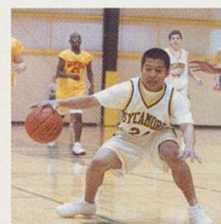
"We had a pretty good season. I had a lot of fun and can't wait to be back next year."

> **Ryan Kantor, 9**



"Overall, I think that we had a good season. I was glad that we were able to pull it together and come off our losing streak."

> **Stephen Caudill, 9**

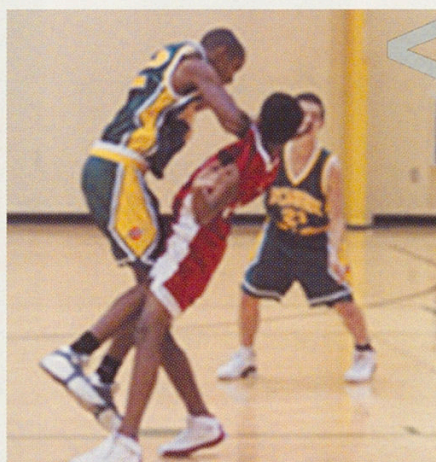


"The season was alright. If I return next year, I hope that we will have a better record."

> **Kevin Buenavides, 9**

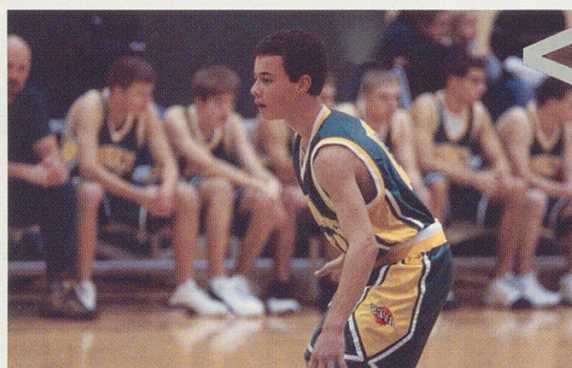


**JUMP BALL.** Claudius Delaney, of the gold team jumped for the ball at the tip off. This jump ball occurred at the start of the game. A member from each team competed for a chance to tip the ball to one of his teammates



#### TOTAL CONTACT.

**Mike Byrd** of the green team fell on his opponent after he jumped for a rebound. Rebounding was important in game situations, both after the opposing shot as well as after your team's shot. A loose ball could quickly be claimed for a quick sprint down the court, or another shot at the basket.



#### "I'M OPEN." Philip Trotta

of the green team, waited for a pass from one of his teammates. Communication is essential for offensive play in basketball.

## Gold

## Green

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them	Opponent	Win/Loss
Colerain	SCORES NOT REPORTED			Madeira	LOSS
Fairfield (white)				Garfield	WIN
Middletown				Fairfield	LOSS
Wilson				Geo Washington	WIN
Lakota West				Milford	WIN
Garfield				Mason Holiday Tournament	LOSS
Princeton (gray)				Wayne	LOSS
Oak Hills				Wilson	LOSS
Fairfield (red)				Lakota East	WIN
Milford				Princeton (red)	LOSS
Geo Washington				Fairfield (white)	LOSS
Ryle				Middletown	WIN
Lakota East				Lakota West	LOSS
Princeton (red)				Oak Hills	LOSS
Colerain				Princeton (gray)	LOSS
Walnut Hills				Garfield	WIN
				Wilson	LOSS

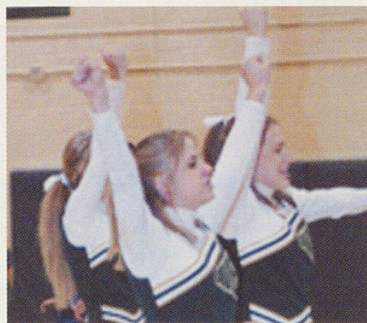




"Being on varsity was a great experience. Cheering at all the games was really fun."  
 > **Jen Singer, 11**



"Our season was great. I loved dancing and cheering in front of the crowds."  
 > **Katie LeBuhn, 12**



"Cheering at the games was really fun. We had a great squad, and worked very hard."  
 > **Emily Wolfram, 12**

## Cheering louder for every game

Varsity basketball cheerleaders shows crowds what they've got

By: **Mimi Barkawi**

**CHEERLEADERS LEAD THE WAY.** Being a cheerleader was not as easy as the squad made it look. With lots of cheers and dances to remember these girls worked hard throughout the season. Practicing sometimes three hours a night was just part of the squad's daily routine. The cheerleaders helped to keep the crowds spirits up during the game, and they helped the team to victory with all their faith and spirit. For some of these girls, being on varsity was a

new thing. Varsity cheerleaders had to work extra hard because they were the ones who entertained during big games. Knowing all the cheers and dances was critical for these girls because the crowd loved to watch them.

"Varsity is a big step from J.V., but it is more fun cheering at the big games," **Kati Bakes, 11**. The seniors on the squad practiced extra hard, for this was their last high school season of cheerleading. With coaching skills led by **Angie Ray**, these girls had an amazing season.



**Row 1:** Anni Alemagno, 11, Alyssa Molnar, 11, Katie Bakes, 11, Jen Singer, 11, Sachi Sunamoto, 11 **Row 2:** Christina Terrilli, 12, Katie LeBuhn, 12, Allyson Senefeld-Naber, 12 **Row 3:** Ashton McDougal, 12, Emily Wolfram, 12, Melanie Jones, 12.

**STIFF ARMS AND** straight wrists. **Ember Kelly, 12**, helped pump up the crowd at a home game. She made sure to keep her arms stiff and her wrists straight so that the cheer would look better.



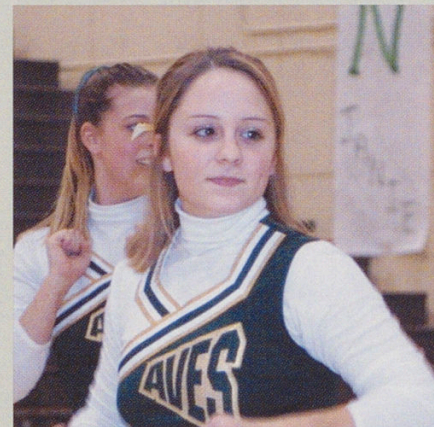




**KATI BAKES, 11, SHOWS HER SPIRIT.** Basketball cheerleading could be very demanding at times with a lot of dances and cheers to remember. Keeping a smile on her face, Bakes kept the crowd cheering and her team going with her constant enthusiasm and knowledge of all the dances and cheers.

**KEEP CHEERING!**

**Anni Alemagno, 11,** showed her spirit for the basketball team. Alemagno's cheering was a great inspiration for the basketball team. She yelled as loud as she could and always kept a smile on her face. "I had a great time with my squad. It was a lot of fun," said Alemagno.



**PUMPING UP THE CROWD!**

**Melanie Jones, 12,** got the crowd up on their feet and cheering. Jones was a senior cheerleader, and always worked very hard on her cheers. Not only are the cheerleaders supportive of one another. Jones was always up and ready for another cheer to show her spirit.

**STAYING IN SYNC!**

**Allyson Senefeld-Naber, 12,** stayed in sync with her other cheerleaders. Senefeld-Naber always had a smile on her face while she was cheering. All of the girls training paid off on the court when they went to perform. Senefeld-Naber was a senior varsity cheerleader this year, and enjoyed every bit of it. "I love when the crowd gets involved. It pumps everyone up!" said Senefeld-Naber.







"I have been cheerleading for 7 years now and every year is just as fun as the last one."  
 > **Kristen Holthous, 10**



"It's fun to be a junior on JV cheerleading because I get to watch the varsity games and be with my friends."  
 > **Katie Smith, 11**



"I enjoy cheering because it makes me feel good to get the crowd involved and to pump the players up."  
 > **Amanda Siebert, 10**

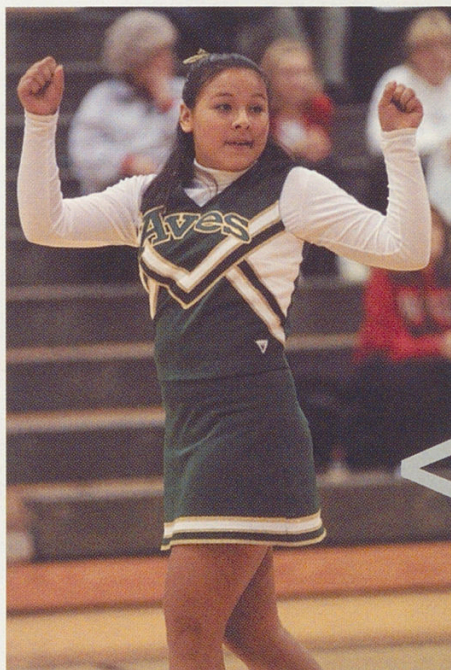


"Being a cheerleader is fun because you can dance and tumble all in one sport!"  
 > **Beth Cundiff, 10**



**KEEPING THE CROWD ON THEIR TOES, MOLLY UDOM, 9, PUTS HER ALL INTO HER CHEERS.** Being a cheerleader was very rewarding to many, because they get to have fun and show their personalities at the same time. The girls helped lead the freshman team to a successful season.

**BASKETBALL GAMES WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT THE SPIRIT OF THE JV CHEERLEADERS.** Jackie McAninch, 10, showed her enthusiasm while cheering on the players. The JV girls worked very hard to perfect their cheers and dances to make the games more entertaining.



# Let's get fired up

JV and freshman basketball cheerleaders

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Jaime Orent

**WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, YES, WE DO.** We've got spirit, how about you? They sure do! As the cheerleaders helped to keep their players optimistic and lead them to victories. Their enthusiasm was continuous. They were more than just pretty girls with pom poms, it was very rewarding for most of them.

"Being a freshman cheerleader, I have noticed how far we have come these past couple of months, improving on our jumps, cheers, and dances. We have come together as one group getting along well with each other. There are times where we need to be serious and learn a routine, or other times where we can have fun and cheer at football and basketball game. All together, I love it and this experience has been great," said **Misha Arnold, 9.**

**GREEN AND GOLD.** **Misha Arnold, 9,** cheered loudly from the sidelines. Arnold was a part of the freshmen squad and always kept her spirits high.







## JV



**Row 1:** Amanda Siebert, 10, Tricia Branham, 10. **Row 2:** Katie Smith, 11, Kristen Holthous, 10, Julie Gardner, 10. **Row 3:** Jessie Seinfeld-Nabor, 10, Kendel Morozack, 10, Lindsey Ettenger, 11, Beth Cundiff, 10.

## Freshmen



**Row 1:** Lauren Tatum, 9, Megan Whitmore, 9, Lisa Murphy, 9, Rachel Bucalo, 9. **Row 2:** Jordan Sirkin, 9, Molly Odum, 9, Misha Arnold, 9, Krystal Flannagin, 9.



I thought it was neat how we all got together before varsity games and all three squads had dinner together. It was a nice way to meet new people and bond with your friends.

>Lisa Murphy, 9



# Rule the court

## Girls varsity basketball finishes second in the GMC

By:Lindsey Crum and Emily Wolfram

**S**KEPTICISM SURROUNDED THE girls basketball team. With an extreme lack of height, many players were forced to step up and fulfill roles they normally were not used to, which in turn aroused uncertainty about how successful their season would be. Despite the disbelief, the outstanding ladies triumphed finishing second overall in the GMC behind Princeton.

"I couldn't have been happier with a second place finish even though I know we had the talent for first. Princeton definitely had a height advantage over us but we gave them a good game," said **Coach Paula Hayden**.

Many of the team members had to withstand injuries and sickness throughout the season which caused difficulty in practice and changes in lineups. But one of the most controversial topics of the season was attendance at the games.

For the first time, the boys and girls teams alternated Tuesday/Friday and Wednesday/Saturday games hoping that more people would come to both. In fact, it did just the opposite. The turnout for the boys was about the same but it seemed to be that the women's games had less of a crowd, especially on weekends.

These minor set backs ceased to phase the team's spirit, as the ladies entered the post season tournament with the goal of winning the sectional title. This meant defeating McAuley in the second round, the team who knocked them out of play in the prior season, and then conquering the second ranked team in the nation, Chaminade Julianne. Unfortunately, the girls had a heartbreaker against McAuley losing a well played game by four which in turn ended their season with a 17-5 overall record.



**PASS THAT BALL.** At guard position, **Bethany Marks, 12**, was in charge of setting up the plays. Marks was also the team captain. As team captain, she kept the ladies focused and together all the time.



**Row 1:** Natalie Wade, 11, Lindsay Crum, 12, Bethany Marks, 12, Abbie Tepe, 9. **Row 2:** Kelly Spry, 11, Laura Steiner, 11, Kim Standen, 10. **Row 3:** Coach Paula Hayden, Susan Shuller, 12, Allison Ivers, 10, Megan Sweeney, 12, Ginny Tremblay, 11, Karen Nesbitt, 9, Coach Dan Buchanan. **Not Pictured:** Jamie Nesbitt, 11.

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Seton	Loss	51	61
Lakota West	Win	45	39
Colerain	Win	50	39
Lakota East	Win	62	17
Middletown	Win	53	36
Hamilton	Loss	54	57
Mercy	Win	37	30
Glen Este	Win	40	37
Lakota West	Win	47	32
Milford	Win	47	29
Fairfield	Win	48	34
Oak Hills	Win	41	39
Princeton	Loss	43	53
Colerain	Loss	53	54
Lakota East	Win	59	24
Middletown	Win	45	37
Hamilton	Win	50	44
Fairfield	Win	49	15
Milford	Win	57	34
Mason (Senior Night)	Win	45	16
Western Hills	Win	64	28
McAuley	Loss	47	51







**BOTH FEET OFF THE GROUND.** Megan Sweeney, 12, was the height for the team. Sweeney led the team in rebounding and provided excellent defensive plays. Her amazing leaping abilities and speed led the team to a 17-5 record.



**D-FENCE.** Susan Shuller, 12, reached up and over a Lakota West player in order to block a shot. Shuller could always be counted on for blocking shots, and scoring. At the end of the season, she was awarded a spot on the second team all GMC Conference team.



**ONE OF THE FEW.** Karen Nesbitt, 9, played on the varsity as a freshman. Although it was her first year playing on the varsity level, Nesbitt received plenty of playing time. She suffered an ankle injury early in the season but was back to help the team in tournament time.



"My main reason for playing is just to go out and play my best while having a good time with my friends."

>Annie Oliver, 9



"I have never coached an undefeated team before and it was an awesome experience I will never forget. These girls are to be commended for all their hard work and toughness over the season. They truly deserve all the championships they win!"

>Coach Stephany Reedy



"We had an awesome season and went undefeated! We got along and worked well as a team."

> Kristen Hammergren, 9



## Hands off

# Freshmen girls dribble their way to fame

By: Joy Bostick

**H** EADING INTO THE YEAR END FAIRFIELD Tournament, the freshmen girls basketball team was yet

to lose a game. After some quality wins, they met the undefeated Badin girls in the finals.

Trailing throughout the game, the girls kicked into gear and pulled off a 50-45 victory. Alex Cooper, Nina Budde, Meredith Love, Sophia Quick, and Kristen Hammergren, were the starters, but the undefeated season was earned with a deep roster,

"We had an awesome season and are hoping to do just as well next year," said Annie Oliver.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF A GAME... THE HUDDLE. The huddle is where the action begins. Coach Stephany Reedy instructs the girls on their game to try to help them bring home a win. The support and dedication from this team showed their true sportsmanship and revealed them to be great team players.



## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss
Mother of Mercy	WIN
Milford	WIN
Fairfield	WIN
Oak Hills	WIN
Princeton	WIN
Lakota West	WIN
Colerain	WIN
Lakota East	WIN
Middletown	WIN
Hamilton	WIN
Fairfield	WIN
Milford	WIN
Mason	WIN



Row 1: Meredith Love, Rosie Griffen, Emily St. Cyr, Annie Oliver, Rita Klofta, Brittany Rothe  
Row 2: Alex Cooper, Stacy Shutts, Sophia Quick, Kristen Hammergren, Nina Budde, Coach Stephany Reedy.





## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Seton	WIN	39	35
Lakota West	LOSS	23	32
Colerain	WIN	39	37
Lakota East	WIN	40	13
Middletown	WIN	44	27
Hamilton	WIN	53	38
Mercy	WIN	45	23
Glen Este	WIN	35	34
Lakota West	WIN	35	28
Milford	WIN	39	22
Fairfield	WIN	32	6
Oak Hills	LOSS	39	40
Princeton	LOSS	35	36
Colerain	WIN	24	23
Lakota East	WIN	49	22
Middletown	WIN	36	24
Hamilton	WIN	36	31
Fairfield	WIN	42	22
Milford	WIN	35	23
Mason	LOSS	31	38



**Row 1:** Leah Morand, 10, Abby Austin, 10, Julie Hull, 10, Jessie Maclean, 10, Jacky Roesch, 10 **Row 2:** Coach Victor Harris, Tina Emery, 10, Grayce Ruehlmann, 10, Layne Huller, 10, Molly Morrow, 10, Jen Mott, 10, Coach Julie Haverkos

# "I thought we had a great year with a great group of kids. It was absolutely a wonderful season," < Coach Julie Haverkos. Pushing themselves to the next level

By: Joy Bostick

**T** **EAMWORK.** Composed entirely of sophomores, Coach **Victor Harris's** JV girls basketball team had a 16-4 record.

**Layne Huller, 10**, led the team with 7 points per game, while **Leah Morand, 10**, led the team in rebounds with an average of 5 per game, and **Julie Hall, 10**, had 26 assists.

Another key player was **Jackie Roesch, 10**, with 72% accuracy at the free-throw line.

With just a handful of seniors graduating and an incredible freshmen class, the JV girls

will continue to work hard in hopes of landing a spot on the varsity roster next season.



**RACING DOWN THE COURT.** Alex Cooper, 10, played on both the freshman and junior varsity basketball teams. She was extremely dedicated, and showed great talent throughout the season.

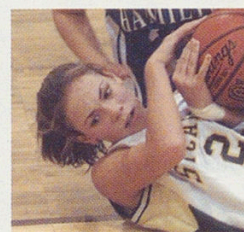


**"PLEASE, JUST GO IN!"** Jessie MacLean, 10, and Molly Morrow, 10, anxiously waited to see if the shot would go in. Following shots and getting rebounds was a crucial part of the team's success.



"This was the best season of basketball ever. We were all sophomores so we all had a blast. There was never a dull moment!"

> Jessie MacLean, 10



"Our team did very well with a record of 16-4. We all got really close and had so much fun! I love all the girls, and I can't wait till we're seniors to do it again... TOGA!"

> Layne Huller, 10



# One incredible wrestling season

Greater Miami Conference Champions By: Lindsey Crum and Emily Wolfram

**T**HE SEASON WAS NOTHING SHORT OF PHENOMENAL FOR THE wrestlers. Starting a new tradition, the team successfully captured the GMC conference title for the first time in the schools' history.

Not only were they conference champions but many of the team's members were successful in securing spots in the state tournament.

The title was a team effort put fourth by **Zack Tawney, 11**, **Buddy Crenshaw, 12**, **Victor Crenshaw, 11**, **Brad Blieden, 12**, **Dan Seota, 12**, **Greg Khulman, 12**, and **David Hall, 12**, who all placed in the top four of their classes.

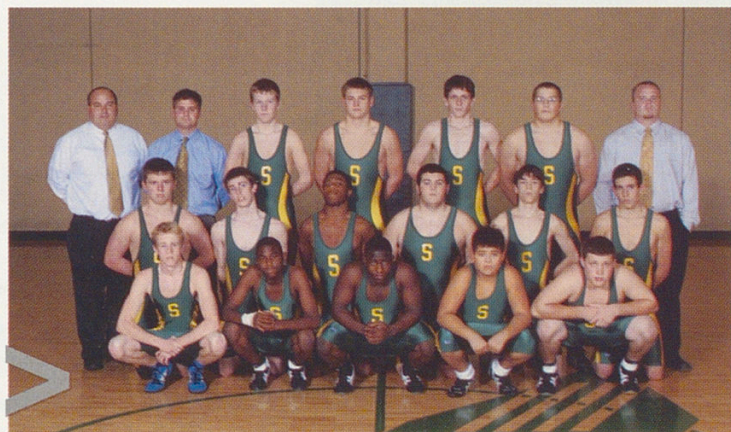
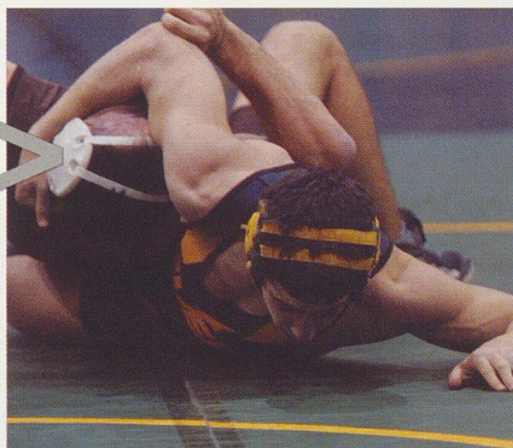
For the JV wrestling team the season was full of dedication and hard work. Intense practices forced upon them, extreme hardships, such as grueling injuries, and excessive weight loss. Cutting weight always seemed to be a serious issue because it caused fatigue, lack of concentration, and exhaustion. Despite these side effects the wrestlers were committed to making weight and refused to let it end their season.

"Wrestling was fun and monumental," said **Mark McAninch, 9**.

**THE CHAMPION.** The referee holds **Victor Crenshaw's, 11**, hand up high as he announces the winner of the wrestling competition in the 135 weight class. Crenshaw won the event and competed in the Division 1 state meet. At the state competition he finished fourth.



**PIN HIM DOWN.** **Dan Serota, 12**, took down an opponent at the Sycamore Invitational. Serota was a top wrestler and helped his team finish first in the GMC tournament. Coach Staggs order GMC Champions t-shirts three weeks before the tournament because the team was so confident they could win.



**JV Wrestling:** Row 1: Luke Tawney, 9, Myron Craddock, 10, Shadale Parks, 9, Mark McAninch, 9, Zack Starr, 9. Row 2: Ben Rosen, 10, Nick Wylie, 9, B.J. Evans, 9, Teddy Pashal, 10, Josh Rissover, 11, Zack Grimm, 9. Row 3: Coach Wilms, Coach Weeks, Greg van Amerongen, 9, Brandon Brasher, 11, Joey Fixler, 9, Sean Waters, 10, Coach Lucan.



**Varsity Wrestling:** Row 1: Dan Serota, 12, Zack Tawney, 11, Buddy Crenshaw, 12, David Grubbs, 11, Victor Crenshaw, 11. Row 2: Coach Weeks, Mark Schedule, 10, Brad Blieden, 12, Ross Patterson, 11, R.J. Oliver, 11, Dan Piles, Coach Lucan. Row 3: Coach Makovich, Coach Staggs, Chad Rosen, 12, Raed Saman, 11, David Hall, 12, Steve Shaw, 12, Greg Kuhlman, 12, Coach Price, Coach Wihlms.



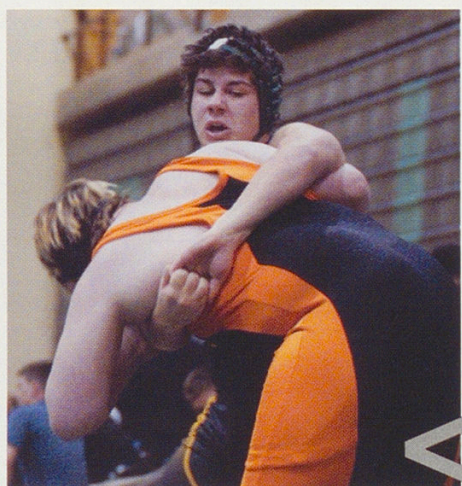




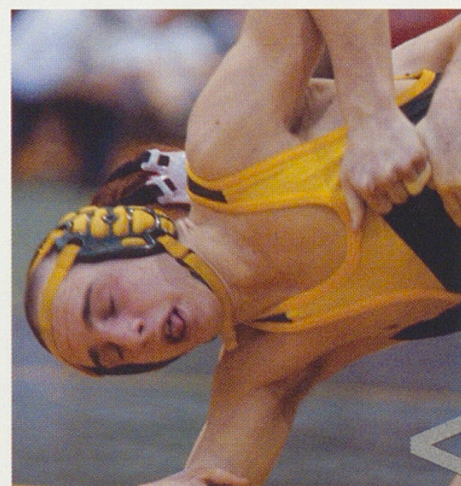
**GOING DOWN FOR THE COUNT.** Greg Kuhlman, 12, pinned his opponent to the ground. Kuhlman experienced 23 pinnings for his senior season. At a recorded of 40-9, Kuhlman made it to the state competition and was awarded First Team All Conference honors. Kuhlman also won the GMC in his weight class.

## JV Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Princeton	WIN	39	9
Lakota East	LOSS	51	24
Oak Hills	WINN	40	18
Western Hills	WIN	48	15
Mason	WIN	48	24
Western Brown	LOSS	27	46
Western Brown Inv.	2ND	-	-
Western Hills	WIN	45	24
Roger Bacon	WIN	39	33
Mt. Healthy	LOSS	36	45
Lakota West	LOSS	24	53
Purcell Marion Inv.	4TH	-	-
Mason	WIN	27	19
Fairfield	LOSS	15	47
Oak Hills	LOSS	19	26
Lakota West	LOSS	27	40
PurcePurcell Marion Inv.	8TH	-	-
Northwest Inv.	9TH	-	-
Oak Hills Inv.	12TH	-	-



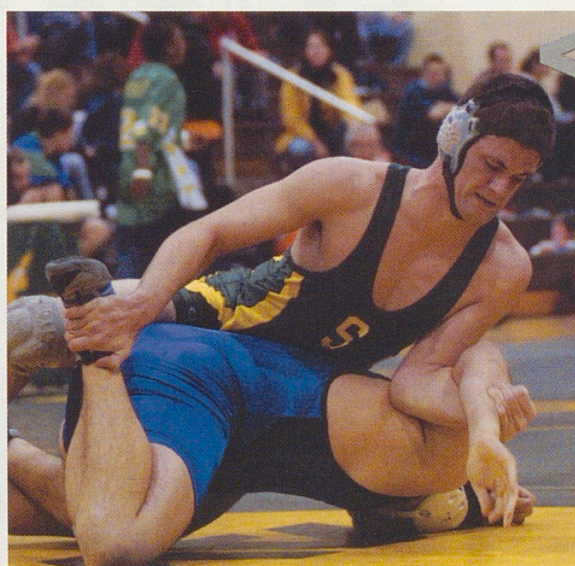
**TAKING DOWN THE OPPONENT.** R.J. Oliver, 11, battled his opponent to the ground. Oliver wrestled to a record of 19-17. Oliver's effort helped his team win the GMC tournament.



**A BIT OUT OF BREATH.** Zack Tawney, 11, fell to the mat. Tawney wrestled in the 130 lbs. weight class. In the GMC, Tawney had the best record with 16 pins.

## Varsity Scoreboard

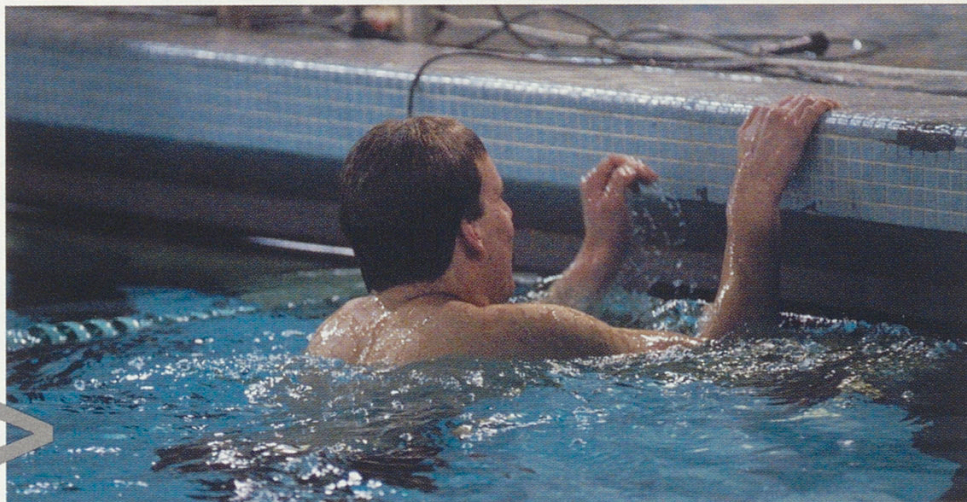
Opponent	Win/Loss
Lakota East/Princeton	WIN/LOSS
Roger Bacon Duels	WIN
Hamilton/Milford	WIN/WIN
Harrison/Miamisburg	WIN/WIN
Coaches Classic	7th
St. X.	5th
Sycamore Inv.	1st
Middletown/Reading	Not Reported
Loveland Duels	Not Reported
Lakota West/ Hamilton	Not Reported
GMC Tournament	1st
Districts	4th



**A SEASON OF GLORY.** For David Hall, 12, all his dreams came true for his senior season of wrestling. The team finished first in the GMC tournament. Hall finished first in his weight class in the tournament and held the title of GMC champ in the 215 weight class. Hall was also awarded with the first team all conference honors. To finish off the excellent season, the team finished fourth at the District meet.



**CONCENTRATION.** Mike Pennerman, 10, focused before leaving the board. Even with countless hours of practice, the wrong frame of mind can be detrimental to a diver in a meet. One diver performs at a time guaranteeing concentration and safety in the water.



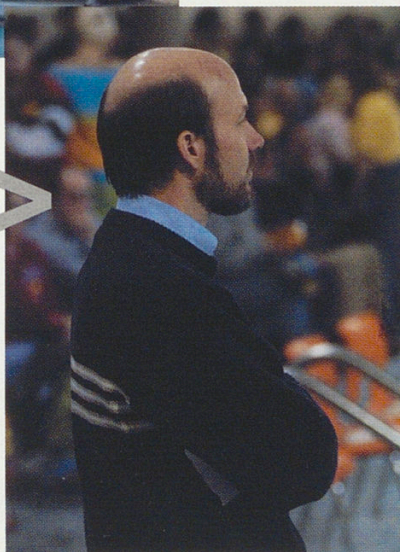
#### WHAT'S MY SCORE?

Former swimmer **Mark Schrock, 12**, got out of the pool anxiously awaiting his score. This was Schrock's first year on the team, and he dramatically improved from the beginning of the season to the end. With any sport it is sometimes difficult to join your senior year. Because of Schrock's good attitude and extra effort, he was able to make the transition.



**TUCK POSITION.** Brian Ruff, 9, tucked his body in order to achieve his desired score. The diver's form mattered from the second they left the board until they hit the water. Straight legs, pointed toes, and good form significantly impacted the judges' decisions. Each dive had a specific difficulty level determined before the start of the meet.

**WISDOM.** Coach **Jack Phipps** closely watched the team's dives during the meet. Coach Phipps has had a long history with the diving program, acting as head coach for the past twenty years. Phipps was even a member of the school's team for four years while in high school. Phipps was always there supporting his team in the early morning and late evening hours.



#### THE PERFECT BOUNCE AND HEIGHT.

**Stevi DiaMasso, 10**, found the correct height in order to complete her dive. Each diver adjusted the board for safety and to achieve the best momentum for their dive. The board's bounce effected the height and distance of the dive.



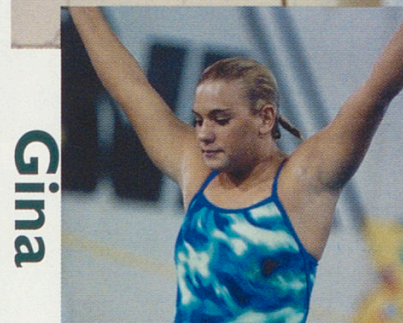




## Senior Spotlight



**Gina Sylvester** a four year varsity diver, concluded her season with a 4th place finish at the state meet. This was a great accomplishment for her, surpassing her 5th place finish from the previous year. In addition, Sylvester won the GMC and finished second at the district meet.



**Gina**

**Sylvester**



**Row 1:** Mike Pennerman, 10, Nick Mayer, 9, Coach Phipps, Stevi DiaMasso, 10, Brian Ruff, 9, **Row 2:** Gina Sylvester, 12, Sarah Stoced, 9, Amanda Cone, 10, Brittany Martin, 10, Mark Schrock, 12.

## Platform above the rest

# Divers take season to greater heights

**By: Katie Loftspring**

**L**ESS WAS MORE. No splash was best for divers. A clear entry earned more points for veteran divers **Gina Sylvester, 12**, and **Stevi DiaMasso, 10**, as well as for rookie divers **Mike Pennerman, 10**, **Brian Ruff, 9**, and **Mark Schrock, 12**.

Five days a week at 8:00 p.m. during the winter season, these divers came back to

school for an hour of diving practice. Although diving is really an individual sport, there was nothing individual about this group of students. There was always someone there whether it be at practice or during a meet, to congratulate, or to give advice on how the individual could improve their dive.

With only two returning divers, the season started out a little rocky, but concluded just

the opposite.

"Some of the divers were quick to learn their six dives, and some had trouble. Overall I am satisfied with the team," said **Coach Jack Phipps**. Sylvester finished first in the GMC and 4th at the state meet. Divers Pennerman and DiaMasso placed 11th and 13th in the district meet.

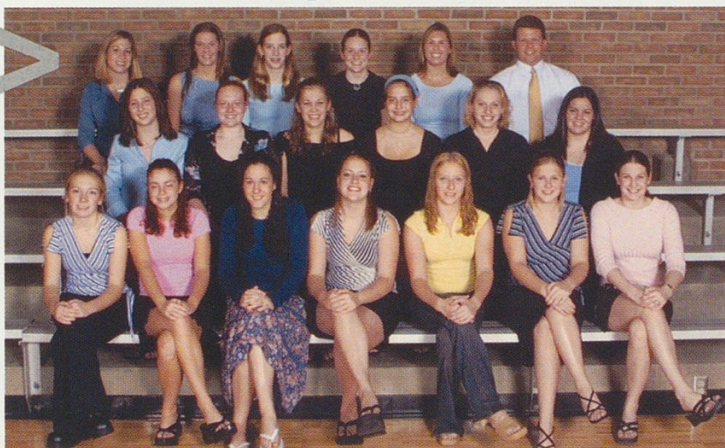


## Varsity



**Row 1:** Katie Loftspring, 12, Suzanne Wight, 12, Rachel Wang, 12, Lauren Bernstein, 12, Courtney Siemer, 12, **Row 2:** Gina Bohl, 10, Sarah Porter, 10, Paige Keefe, 9, Chelsea Keller, 9, Lauren Truax, 11, Katie Hess, 11, Erica Weber, 11, **Row 3:** Dina Dendramis, 11, Lauren Kindrick, 9, Christina Huron, 11, Grace Denny, 10, Megan Brown, 11, Amy Krone, 10, Rachel Costello, 11 **Row 4:** Coaches Alan Wight, Dan Carl

## Junior Varsity



**Row 1:** Rachel Meyers, 10, Amanda Charney, 11, Alex Perotti, 10, Samantha Bushong, 10, Anna Fryer, 10, Brittany Lawrence, 9, Katie Kirschner, 10, **Row 2:** Christine Meier, 10, Kim Bieler, 10, Emma Troendle, 10, Julie Bonn, 10, Lina Aukstulio, 10, Erin McMullen, 10, **Row 3:** Coach Jessica Ruggiero, Nicole Hall, 10, Claire Mondro, 10, Corrie van Amerongen, 12, Allyson Harmon, 12, Coach Dave Lienesch



## Unbottled Girls propel water

To a 4th place state finish

By: Katie Loftspring

### HEADS, SHOULDERS, KNEES, AND TOES.

These girls were submerged in water for nearly nine months, yet they still emerged smiling. Not only did the girls swim during the regular four month season, but many participated in water polo in the fall, and club swim teams during the summer months. This was because of the self-satisfaction acquired in three ways: winning, eating, and toning. Any parent that hosted one of the many pasta parties throughout the season knew that the food had to be ready when the girls entered the door. Through

hard work at the many practices, they converted food energy into muscle and speed.

Throughout the season the girls practiced six days a week, for sometimes up to four hours a day. They forfeited their winter breaks, and came in during the school year in the early morning hours and stayed until the late evening so that they could be the best that they could possibly be.

Challenged by a new coach, the girls did their

best to impress. Their efforts earned them a 1st place finish in the GMC, and a 4th place finish at the state meet.

"What was so great was how well the girls on the team got along with one another. Everything was a little out of whack with a new coach, but after a while we got use to it. Ask any swimming girl what she thinks of when you say "moobs." Now that's something that I will never forget," said **Courtney Siemer, 12.**

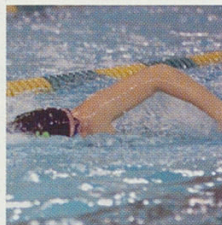






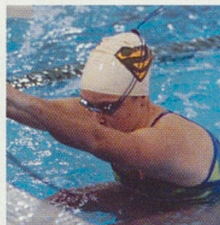
"We had a really awesome team this year. All of the girls messed together well making all of the hours we spent in the pool go by fairly quickly."

> **Jen Witte, 12**



"Making up half of the seniors that swam JV, I am very confident in saying that swimming is a ....point in my day. Thank you."

> **Corrie van Amerongen, 12.**



"Our team had a big transition in coaching this year, but everything happens for a reason. The best part of swimming is the fact that we are all so close."

> **Grace Denny, 10**



"The unity on the team is great. There was always someone at the end of your lane cheering you on during a race."

> **Katie Hess, 11**



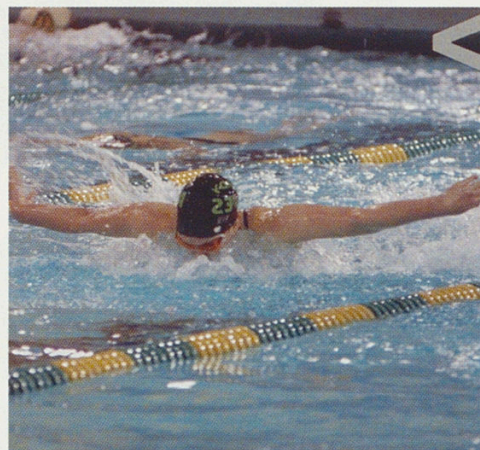
"The sophomore class was awesome this year. Getting lost and trips to Wendy's were the highlights of my season."

> **Amy Krone, 10**



**SPRINT!** Lina Aukstuolis, 10, sprinted backstroke down the pool. This was Aukstuolis's second year on the JV team, and her times dramatically improved from the previous season. Her good attitude and extra effort in practice ended her season with great results.

**TAKE YOUR MARK.** Courtney Siemer, 12, prepared to dive into the water for her race. Siemer was a major asset to the team. Her positive attitude, excellent work ethic, and ability to compete in almost any event contributed greatly to the team's success.



**ON TOP OF THE WATER.** Lauren Bernstein, 12, got way out of the water on her 100 yd. butterfly. Bernstein was named swimmer of the GMC meet following her first place finishes in the 100 yd. butterfly and the 100 yd. backstroke. She was a crucial part of the team's success and will be greatly missed.



**GREAT SWIM.** Suzanne Wight, 12, was all smiles upon seeing her time after her race. Going your best time in a race makes all of the hours of hard work at worth it.

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Milford	WIN	132	54
Princeton Duals	2ND	----	----
Mt. Notre Dame	WIN	105	81
Ursuline	LOSS	76	96
Worthington Inv.	----	----	----
Viking Classic	5TH	----	----
Holiday Invite	----	----	----
Larry Lyons Inv.	2ND	261	288
Mason	WIN	124	62
Southwest Classic	5TH	163	----
Lakota East/West	WIN	161	97-68
GMC	WIN	362	221
Sectionals	2ND	297	----
Districts	4TH	210	----
Districts Invite	----	----	----
State	4TH	132	----



## Junior Varsity



**Row 1:** Coach Jessica Ruggiero, Abhijeet Gummadavelli, 10, Alex Herbe, 10, Mitch, 9, Tal Shulman, 9, Coach Dave Lienesch. **Row 2:** Jamie Fishman, 10, Phil White, 11, Elliot Skopin, 10, John Wilks, 10, Nate Herrel, 12.

## Varsity

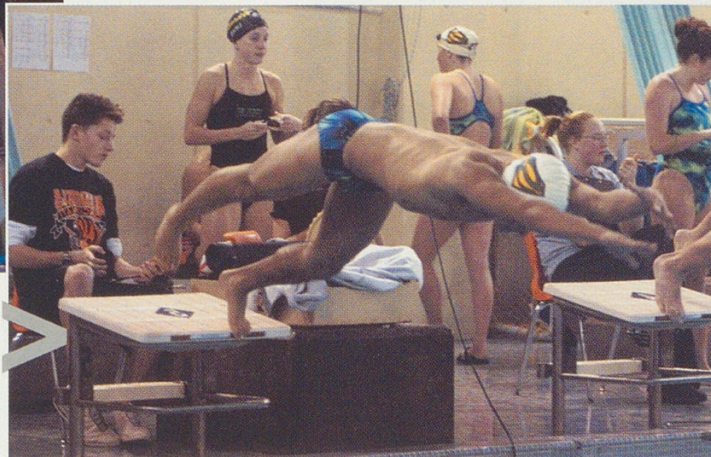


**Row 1:** Dmitri Sorokin, 12, Agis Aukstuolis, 12, Brian Clements, 12, Rob Truax, 12, Joe Krone, 12, Greg Bieler, 12. **Row 2:** Andrew Wittkugall, 10, Jon Su, 9, Mark Bernstein, 9, Alan Klepe, 10, Vince Ahn, 10. **Row 3:** Coach Alan White, David Levitt, 10, Ben Parker, 11, Heath Tameris, 11, Coach Dan Carl.



**VINCE AHN, 10, DRIVES OFF THE BLOCK AND INTO THE WATER.** After the dive, the swimmer goes into a tight streamline to go further out in the pool. The more time spent under water, the less energy exerted swimming the race.

**WAITING FOR THE START, Scott Keller, 12,** gets ready for his race. The start of a race is a crucial part of a swimmer's event. It can give them the extra millisecond off their time that they need to make it to state.



## Unstoppable

# Boys swimming champs again

By: Lauren Truax

**T**HE BOYS CONTINUED THE TRADITION OF winning GMC's. It was their twelfth time winning and their ninth year in a row. The team had new additions, their head Coach **Dr. Dan Carl** and assistant Coach **Alan White** to the program. The boys adjusted to the new coaching style and had a very successful season. The state team consisted of, **Heath Tameris, 11, Andrew Wittkugall,**

**10, Scott Kellar, 12, Joe Krone, 12, Greg Bieler, 12, and Algis Aukstuolis, 12.** Tameris and Aukstuolis both qualified individually for state in the 100 breaststroke. Tameris was first at districts with the time 56.89. At state the 200 medley relay placed 9th, 200 free relay placed 11th, and the 400 free relay placed 13th. Tameris placed 4th and Aukstuolis placed 23rd. The boys team was 14th in the state.



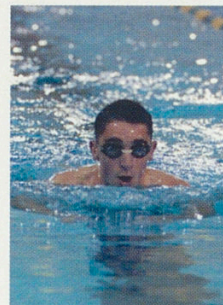


## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Milford	WIN	----	----
Princeton Duals	1ST	----	----
Lasalle	WIN	108	73
Moeller	WIN	122	46
Worthington Inv.	----	----	----
Viking Classic	----	----	----
Holiday Inv.	----	----	----
Larry Lions Inv.	2ND	325	334
Mason	WIN	104	81
Southwest Classic	6TH	202	----
Lakota East and West	WIN	153	88/83
GMC	WIN	329	193
Sectionals	WIN	378	270
Districts	6TH	124	406
Districts Inv.	----	----	----
State	14TH	51	263



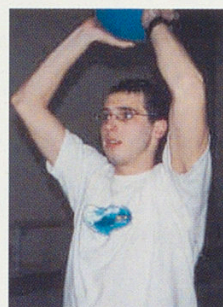
"Who needs showers, deodorant, and cologne when the fresh aroma of chlorine attracts girls?"  
**>Algis Aukstulius, 12**



"Having been my first year of swimming, I was unaware of the dedication and effort that was necessary to be a good swimmer."  
**>Jamie Fishman, 10**



"After we win a swim meet, I go home and eat donuts."  
**>Joe Krone, 12**



"There's one reason I go to 5:00 A.M. morning practice; donuts."  
**>Rob Truax, 12**



"This season was a great finish to my high school swimming career."  
**>Scott Keller, 12**



"The boys were an exceptional duel meet team because they had a lot of depth."  
**>Dr. Dan Carl**



**HEATH TAMERIS, 11, FLYS THROUGH THE WATER.** Heath was a major asset to the team and their winning GMC's for their 9th year in a row. He was also a state qualifier in 100 breaststroke and the relays.



**ENTERTAINING THE CROWD DURING THE JV AND VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES.** Pointed toes, straight arms and smiles were all needed when performing a kick line routine. It is not as easy as it looks-having to make sure everyone's kick is in sync and the same level takes a lot of practice. The Flyerettes are known for their strong and very high kicks. "Kick routines are easy, fun and probably one of the most crowd pleasing dances, the only bad thing is you definitely will feel it in your legs the day after," said **Nicole Renhenisch, 11.**



# FLYERETTES

## Dance divas

By: Ashley Austin

**WHEN THE HALF TIME BUZZER ROARS DURING THE BOYS J.V. AND VARSITY BASKETBALL GAMES** it is time for the show

stopping Flyerettes to take the court. Practicing two to three times a week was routine for the dancers to perfect their performances at all home games. The season started off in the summer when both J.V and varsity teams went to a dance camp at Bowling Green.

"This is what really brought the teams together and was a great bonding experience for everyone," said **Jill Romansky, 10.**

Jazz, kick, pop and hip-hop are the different types of dances that were taught at the camp, then used later on in the season. Throughout the year the girls had fund raisers, bake sales and a mini-clinic to help support the team's costs.

"This being my last year on the team, I know I am going to miss all my girls, I was one of the three original freshman to ever make the varsity dance team including **Ashley Austin, 12** and **Cali Allen, 12.** All three of us have grown so close together I don't know what I'm going to do with out them!" said **Tracy Woodburn, 12.**



**QUALIFYING FOR NATIONALS AT BOWLING GREEN SUMMER DANCE CAMP.** **ROW 1:** Tracy Woodburn, 12, Cali Allen, 12, Lauren Malone, 12, Ashley Austin, 12. **ROW 2:** Amy Petrocy, 11, Amy Austin, 9, Sarah Spitz, 9, Nicole Rhenisch, 11, Rachel Washburn, 10, Amanda Bowers, 10, Marissa Ellison, 9, Megan Jones, 10. **ROW 3:** Sara Kaufman, 9, Alex Hunter, 10, Heather Hess, 11, Jill Romansky, 10, Carly Gilbert, 10, Jennie Grossman, 10, Lori Adler, 9, Ashley Corpenner, 10, Hillary Fingerman, 9.

**RED HOT!** Shaking it to Ricky Martin, the girls end with a bang to start off their season at the fall sports pep rally. "I'm really excited to see the start of the season, I think we have a good team and the seniors make it fun," said **Megan Jones, 11.**







**ROCKING IT OUT AT THE BATTLE.** The senior and junior Flyerettes did a hip-hop dance to the Britney Spears and Madonna song, "Me Against the Music" "This had to be one of our best performances ever! We were so close to the audience it was unbelievable!" said **Amy Petrocy ,11.**



**FUNKIN' IT UP A LITTLE BIT, THE VARSITY DANCE TEAM TAKES A BREAK FROM THE EVERYDAY BLACK AND GOLD OUTFITS.** Brightly dressed in school spirit AVES tops and trucker hats, the girls made a one of a kind appearance at the Winter pep rally. Hip-hopping to a Britney Spears remix this team really got the crowd going. Turning, jumping, leaping and a few stalls were involved in this dance. "Not having much time to practice before this pep rally had everyone nervous, but we definitely pulled it off! Since this was the last pep rally for us seniors, we had to perfect this dance so the extra practices were worth while," said **Lauren Malone, 12.**



**DANCERS CAN CHEER TOO!** Cheering on the boys at every pregame the varsity dancers got the crowd pumped up! "This part of the game is fun because it gets us ready for our half time shows, the cheers are easy so it's usually nothing to worry about," said **Lori Adler, 9.**





Buzzing in

# Competing for their place

By: Joy Bostick

**T**HE GREATER MIAMI CONFERENCE (GMC) WAS established in 1966. Twenty years later, quiz team was added to the competition roster, and this season our team took the title! With a 17-1 record, it was the 7th time the team won the conference, twice being co-champs. More accolades were awarded as well. **Coach Mike Romer**, science teacher, was named Coach of the Year, **Nitin Sekar, 12**, made first team all conference, and **Aaron Friedman, 11**, was named second team all conference.

In years past the teams were titled A and B. But the GMC enacted a rule that all teams must be labeled varsity, JV, and freshman, so the two quiz teams competed under the names Varsity and JV for the first time.

"I think the quiz team is respected because we represent our school as strong competitors in the field of academics. More importantly the team itself is highly competitive and holds very high expectations for itself," said Romer.





**SOMEBODY HAS TO HAVE THE JOB OF ASKING THE ACTUAL QUESTIONS.** Here, **Mr. Mike Romer**, science teacher, is reading the questions to the teams. Some of the categories include World Geography, Literature, US Government, US History, and Math.

#### FIGURING OUT THE CORRECT ANSWER

is not the easiest or the fastest thing the quiz team does. Here the team is working through a very difficult problem with pencil and paper. After each member reaches an answer, they collaborate as a team before hitting the buzzer.

**ANTICIPATION.** The team, **Aaron Friedman, 11**, **Ahilan Sivaganesan, 11**, **Nitin Sekar, 12**, and **Shriya Raghavan, 11**, listen to the question. A match consisted of three 30 minute games. Varsity competed first and last and the JV team took the second game. 70 questions were asked each game.



**Row 1:** Abhijeet Gummadavelli, 10, Aaron Friedman, 11, Emily Rock, 12, Reggie Philpot, 12, Shriya Raghavan, 11, Nitin Sekar, 12. **Row 2:** Coach Mike Romer, Dennis Jiang, 12, Nathan Schneider, 12, Jacob Lee, 12, Josh Lee, 10, Venkat Shanker, 11, Ahilan Sivaganesan, 11.

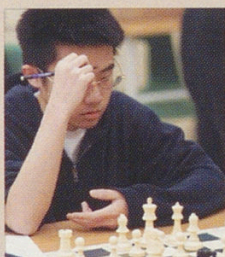
## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Milford	WIN	64	61
Milford	WIN	84	69
Lakota East	WIN	70	61
Lakota East	WIN	84	64
Middletown	WIN	2	1
Princeton	WIN	52	36
Princeton	WIN	61	25
Lakota West	LOSS	71	76
Lakota West	WIN	91	84
Hamilton	WIN	74	39
Hamilton	WIN	81	57
Fairfield	WIN	48	30
Fairfield	WIN	75	23
Oak Hills	WIN	64	26
Oak Hills	WIN	85	64
Colerain	WIN	66	51
Colerain	WIN	67	54



"I learned to play chess at age 7 and I have been playing ever since."

> **Arthur Wang, 11**



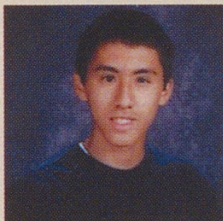
"I feel confident because we're a relatively good school, and when we play against each other, we are playing against some of the best in the district so we are pretty confident."

> **Meaghan Ebetino, 12**



"I was born playing chess."

> **Andy Ng, 11**



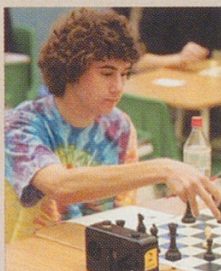
"Although I'm not as good as the rest of the team, I still try my hardest to do well."

> **Mason Quick, 12**



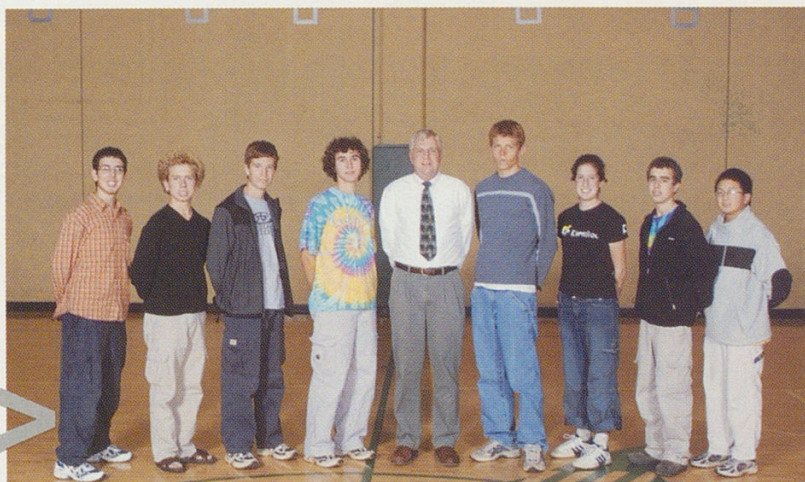
"As long as you have confidence in yourself, you can succeed against all odds!"

> **Alton Lee, 11**



## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Lakota East	LOSS	2	3
Middletown	WIN	5	0
Princeton	WIN	3.2	1.5
Lakota West	LOSS	2	3
Hamilton	WIN	5	0
Fairfield	LOSS	2	3
Oak Hills	WIN	4.5	.5
Colerain	WIN	4	1
Milford	WIN	3	2



Adam Bahir, 11, Jeff Andrews, 11, Steven Barbian, 10, Alton Lee, 11, Dr. Keith Brackenridge, Ben Sage, 11, Megahan Ebetino, 12, Aaron Scheneider, 11, Chris Yen, 9.

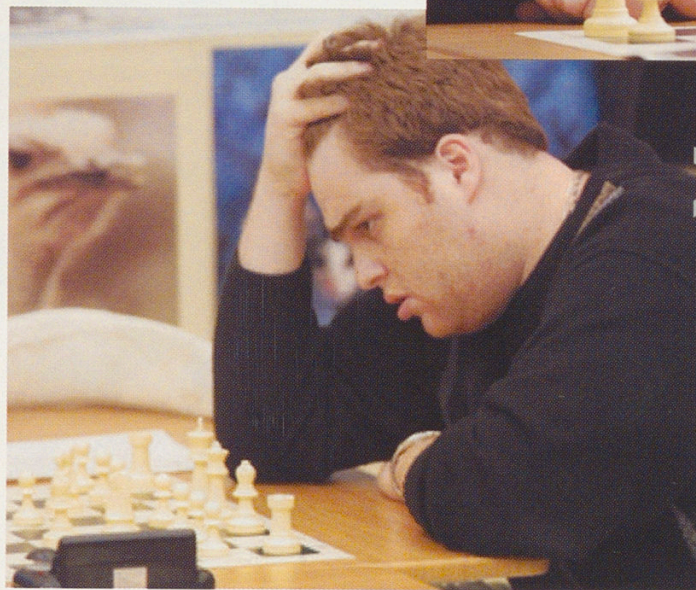
**Not Pictured:** Leah Boyll, 11, Nasser Haddad, 11, Samuel Kim, 11, Chris Korte, 11, Parth Majmudar, 11, Alex McIntosh, 11, Dimitry Mezhvinsky, 11, Megan Miraglia, 11, Andrew Ng, 11, Braxton Sadler, 11, Arthur Wang, 11, David Tarai, 11, Ajit Srinivasan, 11, Nicholas Seibel, 11, Dennis Jiang, 12, Dimitry Kats, 12, Michael Loban, 12, John Steele, 12, Mason Quick, 12, Caspar Yen, 12, Chris Yen, 9, Frank Ebetino, 9, Ryan Thornton, 10, Bashir Rawas, 10, Manoj Rajagopal, 10, Jonathan King, 10, Michael Kim, 10, Abhijeet Gummadavelli, 10, Jeff Domas, 10, Ryan Cummins, 10.





◀ **PONDERING HOW HE WILL DEFEAT HIS OPPONENT.** CasperYen's, 12, victories helped his team's overall performance. Yen's 6-2 record made him one of the best leading players.

**WRITING DOWN HIS EVERY MOVE AS HE PLAYS THROUGHOUT THE GAME.** Jeffrey Andrews, 11, brought a lot to the team mentally and physically. Andrews was proud of maintaining his 3-0 record not losing one match.



▶ **MICHAEL LOBAN, 12, CONTEMPLATES HIS NEXT MOVE.** His great skills contributed to many of the team's wins. He had a stupendous attitude and showed up to practice everyday ready to take on his next opponent.

# Working Together

## Piece by piece

By: Hope Wolfe, Linsy Ogden, and Ashley Kindberg

**T**HE CHESS TEAM HAD AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF TALENT.

Dennis Jiang, Michael Loban and Caspar Yen, all seniors, were the "lead players." They played in almost every match. Dr. Keith Brackenridge, math teacher as well as the head coach, taught them different strategies and helped them improve.

**Wow! Look at these scores...**

**Dennis Jiang:** 6-7-5

**Andrew Ng:** 15-3-0

**Casper Yen:** 13-3-1

**Jeff Andrews:** 3-0-0

**Michael Loban:** 7-8-1

**Arthur Wang:** 13-4-1

The team practiced on Tuesdays and Thursdays by playing chess and occasionally Brackenridge lectured them on certain chess aspects. The chess team frequently signed out books from Brackenridge's "chess library" to read and study on their own.

The team has a great record with 13 wins and only five losses ending the season in fourth place!



# Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Trinity	TIE	3	3
Dublin Coffman	LOSS	3	4
Gahanna	WIN	3	0
Dublin Scioto	WIN	5	1
North Central*	LOSS	2	5
Southview*	LOSS	1	5
Talawanda*	LOSS	1	0
Southview*	WIN	1	6
Columbus(Ind.)	LOSS	1	0
Elder	WIN	12	2
St. Xavier	LOSS	1	4
Toledo Central Catholic	TIE	4	0
Elder	WIN	13	0
Beavercreek	WIN	1	0
Elder**	WIN	12	0
Upper Arlington**	WIN	2	1
Moeller**	LOSS	0	7
St. Xavier**	LOSS	2	3
Dublin Coffman***	LOSS	0	3
LaSalle***	WIN	6	0
Dublin Scioto***	LOSS	6	7
Gahanna***	WIN	4	2
Talawanda^	LOSS	2	3
St. Xavier^	WIN	2	0
Moeller^	LOSS	1	4
Talawanda	LOSS	1	3
Troy	LOSS	1	8
Centerville	LOSS	1	10
Beavercreek	WIN	5	3
Moeller	LOSS	2	5
Springboro	WIN	6	1
Gahanna	WIN	4	0

Most Assists: 17, Matt Napierski  
 Most Goals: 23, Jeff Ellingham  
 Most Points: 37, Jeff Ellingham  
 Highest +/-: +13, Matt Napierski

\* Dipalo's Tournament  
 \*\* Moeller X-mas Tournament  
 \*\*\* Gartz Memorial  
 ^ City Block  
 ! Senior night

**TO RAISE SPIRITS BEFORE THE GAME, THE TEAM** comes together to get a loud cheer. The varsity team played more like a team than ever near the end of their long and memorable season. These boys truly went out with a bang, winning against some very difficult teams.



**Row 1:** Loren Brook, 12, A. J. Gold, 11, Nadeem Mirza, 11, Paul Morris, 12, Jory Zola, 12, Nate Packwood, 11, Adam Bookbinder, 12, Cliff Spurlock, 12, Andrew Yee, 12. **Row 2:** Coach Chris Schiff, Coach Ted Sidor, Coach John Neeb, Alex Martin, 11, Paul Procario, 10, Matt Napierski, 11, Jeff Ellingham, 11, Will Sanders, 12, Jeff Heslin, 10, John Krzyminski, 10, Phil Barbe', 12, Coach Kyle Kinzie, Coach Brandon Hendrix.





“To win at hockey you must put the puck in the net more times than the other team.” > **John Kryzminski, 10**

By: Chris Bregger and Kelsey Kiley



**PAUL MORRIS, 12, SKATES ACROSS CENTER ICE TOWARDS HIS GOAL.** Morris had 16 goals and nine assists in his final year on the team. He helped his team towards their many wins near the end of the season.

**T**HE SEASON HAD ITS HIGH'S AND LOW'S JUST LIKE ANY OTHER. For

instance, shutting out St. Xavier once, yet losing two times to them in other games. Success came near the end of the season for this young avid hockey team. Players such as **Jeff Ellingham, 11**, and **Matt Napierski, 11**, led the team in goals and assists. While **Jory Zola, 12**, had a total of eight shutouts, a new team record. Not to be forgotten was **Daniel Rubin, 9**, who was the backup goalie, who also came up with a few big wins including a shutout against the notorious Upper Arlington over winter break.



**SKATING DOWN THE ICE, MATT NAPIERSKI, 11, GOES AFTER THE PUCK.** Napierski finished the season with 14 assists. He was known as a team player, looking out for others before himself.

**LEADING THE TEAM WITH SAVE AFTER SAVE WAS Jory Zola, 12.**

In fact, Zola was the most successful goalie in the team's history. During the season he accumulated a record crushing eight shutouts. The previous record had been set by Jeff Marsh ten years ago. Zola was a major part of the team's success, but he said that he could not have accomplished it without great defense.

DURING THE OFF SEASON WE ALL LIKE TO PLAY ROLLER HOCKEY ON THE CUL-DE-SAC.

> **Jory Zola, 12, goalie**



**WILL SANDERS, 12, cuts around his defender to shoot on goal.** Sanders was a team leader in his fourth year with the hockey team. He had an outstanding season with 15 goals and 15 assists showing that he is a great all around player.



“The JV hockey team was quite exceptional. We beat teams no one thought we could, and that was spectacular.”

>Doug Coughlin, 10



“JV hockey had a successful season, defeating teams we have not won against in years. Our record has also increased greatly from last year’s season.”

>Joe Herrick, 9



“This season we needed respect [...]. Coach Sidor was like the father I never had.”

> Jon Herrick, 10



## Scoreboard

Opponents	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Trinity	LOSS	3	4
Springboro	WIN	9	2
LaSalle	LOSS	2	5
Brebeuf	LOSS	2	5
Newark*	LOSS	2	5
Springboro*	WIN	10	0
Centerville*	LOSS	1	5
Upper Arlington	LOSS	1	9
St. Xavier	WIN	2	1
Dublin	LOSS	0	4
Badin**	LOSS	0	5
Alter**	WIN	2	0
Elder**	WIN	12	0
Southview**	WIN	2	1
Upper Arlington	LOSS	1	4
Springboro	WIN	6	0
St. Charles	LOSS	1	2
LaSalle	LOSS	2	4
Dublin	LOSS	1	3
Centerville	LOSS	2	3
St. Charles	LOSS	0	4
Brebeuf	LOSS	1	4
Moeller***	LOSS	0	7
Brebeuf***	LOSS	3	5

\*Terry Weiland Tournament

\*\*Moeller Christmas Tournament

\*\*\*Moeller JV Tournament



**Row 1:** Jon Herrick, 10, Chris Luken, 10, Tony Huron, 9, Derek Bahler, 10, Dan Rubin, 9, Dan Schwartz, 11, Greg Kash, 9, Matt Cadwallader, 10, Kyle Esterkamp, 10 **Row 2:** Coach Sidor, David Grupp, 10, Joe Herrick, 9, J.D. McFarland, 9, Scott Spear, 10, James Hutson, 9, Doug Coughlin, 10, Steve Ross, 9, Jeremy Zola, 10, Coach Kenzie, Coach Hendrix.





There's no other feeling like smashing someone into the 'boards'... and it's addictive. >David Grupp, 10

## Wild and rough... JV hockey plays hard

By: Kelsey Kiley and Chris Bregger

**H**OCKEY INSPIRES A PASSION IN ALL WHO PLAY AND WATCH, and JV is where it all begins.

The players of today's team are tomorrow's varsity winners. The season was tough, but there were highlights. There was a close game versus long time rival St. Xavier and the team came out victorious.

They repeatedly won against Springboro, and did spectacularly well in the Moeller Christmas Tournament. A lot of players shined, from their love of hockey, their abilities in the game, and their determination. Aided by their teammates, they flourished, especially under the coaching styles. Hockey is an addiction, an obsession that fuels the spirit.



**EVERYBODY READY?** Steven Ross, 9, got set to fight for the puck, as he faced off against the opposing lineup. The freshmen were an important asset to the team. They brought in a fresh-faced vitality to the hockey season.

**TYPICAL OF THE TEAM'S PERSONALITY,** James Hutson, 9, smashes his rival to the ground. Defense was a crucial part of team strategy. The hockey players were known for their energy and willingness to fight and this led to a thrilling season for the players as well as spectators.



**AND ITS DAVID GRUPP, 10, HEADING TOWARDS THE NET WITH THE PUCK!** Grupp was a key player, with his fair share of goals and assists. He was known as a great team player, always putting teammates before himself.



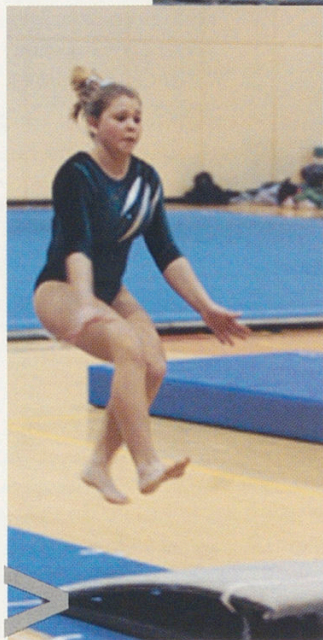
**BOLDLY PASSING THE PUCK TOWARDS THE NET,** Chris Luken, 10, shoots with skill. The hockey team would not have made it through the season without their heart pounding offensive action. This ferocious play was provided by the experienced sophomores and excited freshmen.



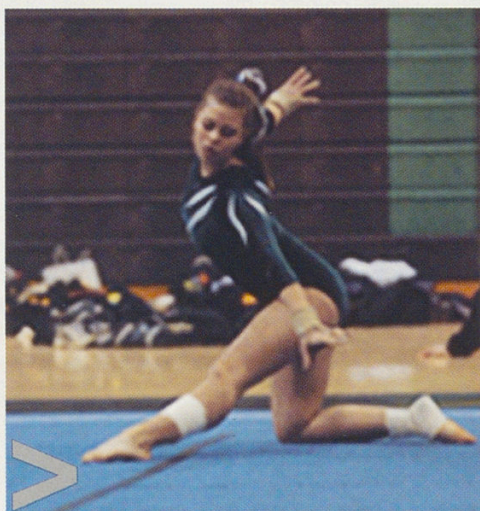
**STRATEGIZING.** Kristin Grueninger 11, talked to her coach about her vault before she stepped onto the floor. Collaboration on strategy and pep talks were one in the same. Confidence on an event was very important.



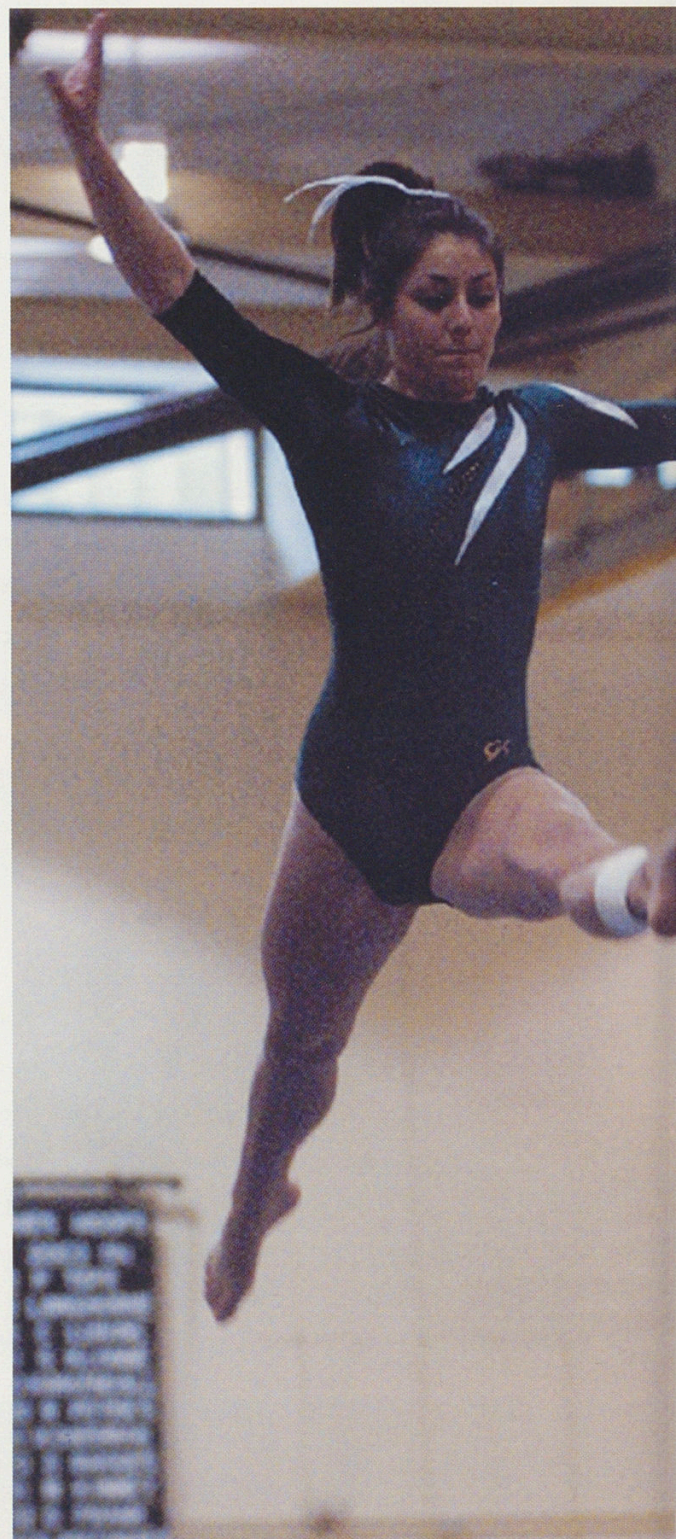
**THE BACK PIKE.** Lauren Goedde, 9, did a back pike as her dismount off the beam. Her teammates silently cheered for her so that she could concentrate.



**STICK IT!** Liz Back, 10, did a hurdle onto the spring board. She then did a handspring onto the vault and spotted the mat to stick her landing.



**POSE FOR THE JUDGES!** Katie LeBuhn, 12, began her floor routine with an original move. With all eyes on the mat, the girls had to practice days on end in order to perfect their routines.



**ONE OF THE FOUR.** Rachel Washburn 10, did a posed scale on the balance beam. The other three events for women's gymnastics are uneven bars, vault, and floor.





# Tumbling

## to the top....

By: Kim Doris and Emily Wolfram

**T**RYOUTS BEGAN IN THE LATE FALL, although no cuts were made potential gymnasts dropped out after a few days due to the challenging skill level and intense conditioning. The tryouts lasted two weeks; left were thirteen girls with determination and love for the sport. They were now a team.

The girls participated in many bonding activities; such as the two pasta parties. One before their first meet and one before the Sycamore Invitational.

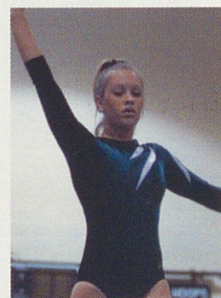
Every Monday they had the opportunity to practice at Kids First, which is a huge gymnastics and sports complex on Kemper Road. Additionally, once a week they practiced with the CCD team.

The team was riddled with injuries. **Katie LeBuhn, 12**, had shin splints, **Kristin Grueninger, 11**, along with **Krista Wesslekamper, 11**, experienced different knee problems and **Abby Listo, 11**, fractured her ankle at practice, one week before districts. In the end, the girls surpassed not only goals of the team but many personal expectations. They seemed to bond more then ever before.

"Having only one senior on the team I know we're all going to miss her, but I along with the other girls on the team can't wait to come back next year," said Listo.



"Gymnastics has been a lot of fun it was a lot more easy going, but I think we did really well through out the season."  
 > **Rachel Washburn, 10**



"I had a great season and I can't wait until next year when I'm a senior on varsity, Katie did a great job and hopefully I will do the same."  
 > **Kristin Grueninger, 11**



"Being captain and the only senior on the team, I felt sort of like their mother. Being with them everyday made me realize how much I am going to miss them when it's over. I LOVE YOU GIRLS!"  
 > **Katie LeBuhn, 12**



"This year was a lot more laid back due to the new coach. The change took a lot to get used to but we still progressed in our skills and had an amazing time."  
 > **Sachi Sunamoto, 11**



**Row 1:** Coach Bardes, Becca White, 11, Rachel Washburn, 10, Katie LeBuhn, 12, Elizabeth Back, 10, Sachi Sunamoto, 11, Krista Wesslekamper, 11, **Row 2:** Shoshana Arnow, 9, Sandra Zuend, 10, Abby Listo, 11, Kristin Grueninger, 11, Carre Herrell, 11, Lauren Goedde, 9.

**LEAP!** Abby Listo, 11, did a leap on the beam. The girls choreographed their routines in practice.

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Snowflake Inv.	<b>SCORES NOT REPORTED</b>
Lakota East Inv.	
Anderson Inv.	
Indian Cup Inv.	
Sycamore Inv.	
Cincy Champ	
CCD Districts	



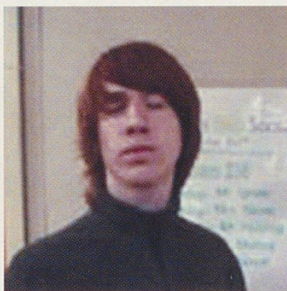
#### A BRAND NEW MISSION.

A newbie works on her footwork. The most difficult for new comers is the en guard stance: this is the primary position from which everything else is launched. After they practice some preliminary drills, they gather for practice bouts, the coaches give advice and tips along the way occasionally pointing out that saber is a cutting weapon, not a thrusting weapon.





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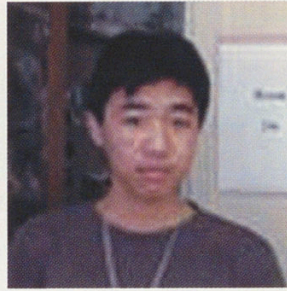
“Basically, you only try fancy moves when you can't get by with simple ones.”

> **Mark Stewart, 12**



“Fencing is an awesome sport which I'm really glad to finally have at the H.S. We have almost 45 people on the team to I think that when we finally compete were going to kick some serious tail.”

> **Leah Daniel, 11**



“It's a heck of a lot of stabbing fun.”

> **Cun Yong Jiang, 12**

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## On guard

# Fencing, the dueling sport of the middle ages

By: Shay Meisner

**N**EW TO THE SCHOOL YEAR IS THE **FENCING CLUB** advised by **Mr. Ronald Hochstrasser**. The team worked with Salle Du Lion Fencing Clubs from around greater Cincinnati. The club was split into two teams. The foil team was headed by Hochstrasser, and the Saber headed by **Tony Borzotta, 12**, and **Mark Stewart, 12**.

The cost for this club worked like this: a \$160.00 deposit, of which \$20 was kept as a user fee. The rest was returned. There was a participants fee of \$50, which covered school entry in the Southwest Ohio High School Fencing Association. Participants were also required to buy their own glove; they usually run from \$18-\$35 a piece. The differences between the teams are that the saber team's target area is from the waist up, it is a Cutting Weapon. The

Foil Teams target area is the Torso . Only Thrusting the weapon.

Tournaments are run the same for both teams, but in a unique way. It works like this: each fencer signs up and is placed in a pool. There can be any number of pools. Each fencer in the pool fences everyone else in their pool. The goal in a pool bout is to score as many touches (points) on your opponent as possible, and to prevent him from scoring on you. After the pools, each fencer is ranked according to how many points he/she has earned in their pool and are placed in a ladder tournament, or elimination bouts (DE's). The highest ranked fencers fight the lowest ranked fencers. The bouts range to 15 points. The person who gets first place in the DE's gets first in the overall tournament.



**Row 1:** Christine Troy, 12, Leah Daniel, 11, Patricia Troy, 10, Cathryn Niehaus, 9, Heather Troxell, 10, Alice Wang, 10, **Row 2:** Elena Hissett, 12, Tasha Hissett, 10, Cun Yong Jiang, 12, Srikar Karanam, 10, Allison Lacker, 11, **Row 3:** Jeffery Dapkins, 12, John Ellingham, 12, Wells Huskey, 11, Robert Tolley, 10, Warwick Johnston, 10, Katie Hess, 11, Mark Stewart, 12, Tony Borzotta, 12.



**FIGHTING THEIR WAY TO THE TOP.** As two fencers practiced their Good Guy/Bad Guy drills, which highlights footwork and timing. “Tony (fellow coach) and I feel that it is important for the team to drill so they don't pick up more bad habits.” **Coach Mark Stewart, 12**



# Underclass

## Award recipients

Underclass awards ceremony: May 12

### Art

Eric Battin, Photography Medallion (tie)

Chad Baumer, Photography Medallion (tie)

Langdon Liggett, Mt. St. Joseph Exhibit Award

Kathryn Palmisano, Scholastic Art & Photography Award, Photography Honorable Mention

Meredith Post, Mt. St. Joseph Exhibit Award

Emily Tessel, Junior Art Medallion; Scholastic Art Award: Silver-Drawing

#### Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition

Chad Baumer-Photography Regional Winner

Logan Dick-Photography Regional Winner

#### Youth Art Month Regional Student Art Exhibit

Katherine Firor

Blaine Jordan

Patrick McLoughlin



### HISTORY

Nasser Haddad, American History Medallion

Halley Mendanhall, Historical Society Local Research Special Award

Samuel Snow, World History Medallion

#### State History Day Winners

Janice Ahn

Adam Bahir

Krittika Baravkar

Leah Boyll

Dina Dendramis

Jared Goldfarb

Dara Lind

Halley Mendanhall

Ross Patterson

Shriya Raghavan

Aaron Schneider

Arthur Wang

Philip Wight

Sean Wright

#### History Day Regional Winners

Ashley Cummings

Phillip Hardy

Nathaniel Kennedy

Joshua Levy

Maki Nakao

Jennifer Steinhardt

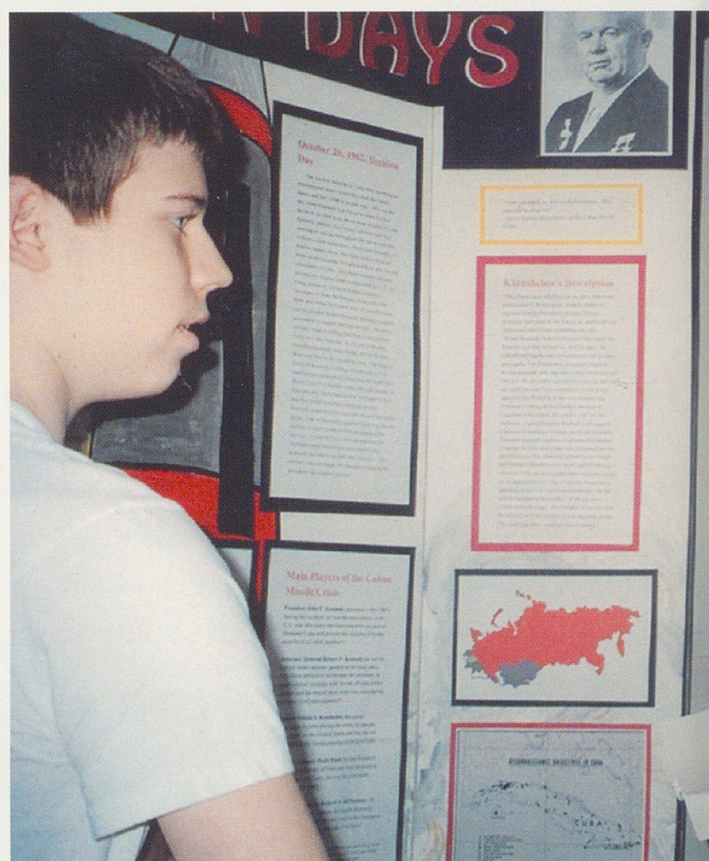
Theresa Steinhardt

April Wang

Erica Weber

Megan Wright

Jonathan Zalucki



### Science

Robert Amster, Biological Systems Medallion

Srikar Karanam, NASA DIME Competition

Meetra Mehdizadeh, Chemistry Medallion

Ahilan Sivaganesan, Physics Medallion; Bausch & Lomb Science Award;

Dupont Challenge Science Essay Finalist

Patricia Troy, NASA DIME Competition

Brian Weber, Environmental Systems Medallion





## English

Laura Fisher, Freshman English Medallion

Dara Lind, Junior English Medallion

Michael Santos, Sophomore English Medallion



## Music

Todd Baumer, Music Elective Medallion



**HISTORY FAIR JUDGING.** After school on March 4, all history students stood by their displays in the main gym. **MICHAEL STUBBLEBINE, II**, answers the judges', **DR. KEITH KELLY**, and **MR. SAM GIBBS**, history teacher, standard questions asked to determine the finalists to compete at regionals, held at Raymond Walters.

## Global Language

Joel Badanes, Achievement for Excellent Progress in Hebrew

Katie Bakes, German American Citizen's League Award

Leah Daniel, Youth for Understanding Scholarship Award (Full Scholarship to Japan)

Abbey Holian, Super Signer Award

Laura Moster, German Medallion

Andrea Thomas, Super Signer Award

Annabeth Young, Youth for Understanding Scholarship Award (Full Scholarship to Japan)

### National French Contest

Anna Arays, Level II, National Rank 6

Laura Eckman, Level III, National Rank 8

Laura Fisher, Level II, National Rank 4

Julia Gardner, Level II, National Rank 4

David Harmon, Level II, National Rank 6

Dorothy Hogg, Level II, National Rank 8

Bikem Polat, Level II, National Rank 6

Zahra Sadat-Hossieny, Level II, National Rank 4

Rachel Shaftel, Level II, National Rank 4

Amy White, Level II, National Rank 6

Daniel Zimmer, Level II, National Rank 9

### National Latin Exam Gold Medal & Summa Cum Laude Certificate

Robert Amster, Latin Novice I-Perfect Paper

Elizabeth Brill, Latin Novice II

Amit Chandra, Latin Intermediate III

Jamie Fishman, Latin Intermediate III

Aaron Friedman, Latin Intermediate IV

Kavita Joshi, Latin AP

Anna Kwa, Latin Novice II

Kevin Lin, Latin Novice II

Christopher Luken, Latin Novice I-Perfect Paper

Parevi Majmudar, Latin Intermediate III

Karthik Rao, Latin Novice II

Thomas Ryan, Latin Intermediate III

Daniel Schear, Latin Intermediate III-Perfect Paper

Pratima Shanbhag, Latin Intermediate III

Christopher Uchtman, Latin Intermediate III





# Journalism

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## National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) All

American award / Great Lakes Interscholastic Press

Association (GLIPA) First Place winners / Columbia

## Scholastic Press Association's Gold Medal winners:

Marcus Bryce

Jordan Cohen

Jennifer Cook

Daniel Grosser

Susie Shutts

Marc Storck

Claire Thompson

April Wang

Amy White

## The Ohio Professional Writers and the National

## Federation of Press Women Award:

Ali Newton-Feature,

Susie Shutts-Feature

Marc Storck-Reviews

April Wang-Column

## Hemingway Feature Writing Award-Kansas City Star / Ball

## State University's Crossroad finalists

Ali Newton

April Wang



## THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

## JEFFERSON BOOK AWARD GOES TO...SHRIYA RAGHAVAN, 11.

Book awards are prestigious recognitions based upon grades. Counselors nominate students and prominent Universities, such as Harvard, Yale, and UVa, acknowledge the students with hopes that the student will consider their school when applying to college.



# Math

Chester Chen, American Mathematics Competition "AMC-10A" School Winner

Aaron Friedman, Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Contest Honor Award;

Ohio Math League Contest Series School Winner; Calculus Medallion

Zachary Goldman, Algebra II Medallion

Karen Nesbitt, Geometry Medallion

Ahilan Sivaganesan, American Scholastic Mathematics Association Contest Series-School Winner;

American Mathematics Competition "AMC 12B" School Winner

## American Invitational

## Mathematics Exam Qualifier

Jeffrey Andrews

Chester Chen

Matthew Evans

Aaron Friedman

Kimberly Johnson

Carol Kao

Christopher Korte

Allison Lacker

Jamie Nesbitt

Shriya Raghavan

Eric Shen

Ahilan Sivaganesan

Li Tan

Billy Tang

Arthur Wang

## Rose-Hulman Math Contest

Kimberly Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 11<sup>th</sup> grade female

Shriya Raghavan, 1<sup>st</sup> place 11<sup>th</sup> grade female

Anita Raheja, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 9<sup>th</sup> grade female

Billy Tang, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 9<sup>th</sup> grade male

Janli Zhang, 1<sup>st</sup> place 9<sup>th</sup> grade female

## Mathematical Tests of Scholastic Achievement

Li Tan, 1<sup>st</sup> place-Algebra II

Ahilan Sivaganesan- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Calculus

Joshua Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Algebra II



## HISTORY DAY REGIONAL WINNERS.

Awarding Maki Nakao, 11, and Ashley Cummings, 11, is Mrs. Valorie Nimeskern, history teacher. Nine other students were regional winners.





# MORE

## underclass awards

Continued



**THE AMERICAN HISTORY MEDALLION.**  
Nasser Haddad, II, accepts his plaque from Mrs. Rosemary Ennis, history teacher. The Medallion is the top award given by each department, earned by students through a test or performance in class.

### Other

Lauren Christensen, Warren Eby Memorial Award

Matthew Evans, Rensselaer Medal

Aaron Friedman, Michelson-Morley award; Xavier University Service Book Award

Amber Jolley, Congress Bundestag Scholarship

Ariane Lannelongue, Amith College Book Award

Rakesh Mannava, Williams College Book Award

Laura Moster, Mercantile Library Timothy Crane Day Award

Andrew Ng, Yale University Book Award

Catherine Phillips, Junior Marketing Education Medallion

Shriya Raghavan, California Institute of Technology Signature Award;

University of Virginia Jefferson Book Award

Sara Rashkin, Mt. Holyoke Book Award

Ahilan Sivaganesan, Northwestern University Book Award

Theresa Steinhardt, Junior Drafting Medallion

Arthur Wang, Harvard University Book Award

#### Great Oaks

Bryan Berger, VICA 3<sup>rd</sup> place regional winner: Commercial & Residential Electricity

Duncan Latta, VICA 2<sup>nd</sup> in state: Aviation Maintenance

Zhong Pan, VICA 1<sup>st</sup> place Regional Winner: Automotive Technology

Channel Sisco, VICA 2<sup>nd</sup> place regional winner: Cosmetology

#### Dr. Martin Luther King Award Through

#### the Southwest Ohio Education Association

Brandon Hatfield

Laura Woolf

#### Counselors Medallion

Janli Zhang

Ahilan Sivaganesan

Samuel Snow

Michael Santos

#### National Technical Honor Society

Curtis Bowling

Zhong Pan

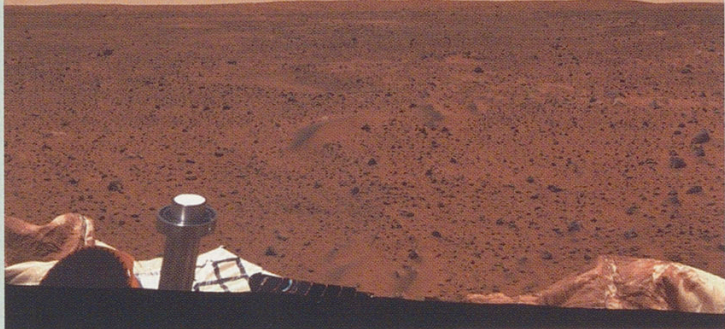
Jared Snyderman





# World (and Space) Events

courtesy of NASA.gov



**THE MARS ROVER SPIRIT** captures amazing pictures of the martian surface. The landing of this robot was a great accomplishment for the scientists at NASA since the last attempt was a failure. Fervor brought on by the success of this mission prompted President Bush to announce his intent to send men to Mars.

"I like that the president wants to explore more, but I'm disappointed that it costs so much money."  
> Zack Goldman, 9

"I'm afraid that we will not see peace [in the Middle east] within our generation because old hatreds die slowly."  
> Shirly Mills, Hebrew Teacher

**FIGHTING CONTINUES IN Iraq** even after the war is officially over. A brief rise in the amount of attacks against U.S. officials and soldiers followed the capture of Saddam Hussein, but Coalition Forces still maintain control. Rebuilding the decimated country has become a very costly process and the military campaign alone has cost \$25 billion.



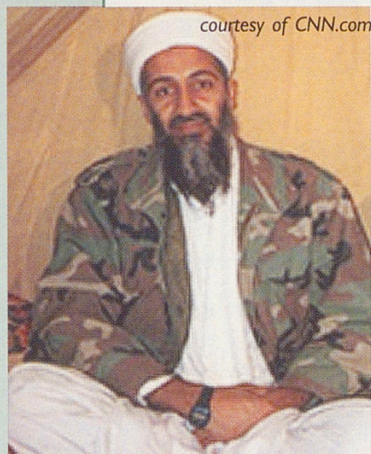
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**THE CONFLICT CONTINUES** between the Israelis and Palestinians in Israel. Peace negotiations between Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to end the fighting have taken place, but seemingly gotten nowhere. The latest progress has been that Israel has disassembled some of its settlements in the West Bank as well as slightly eased security in the Gaza Strip.

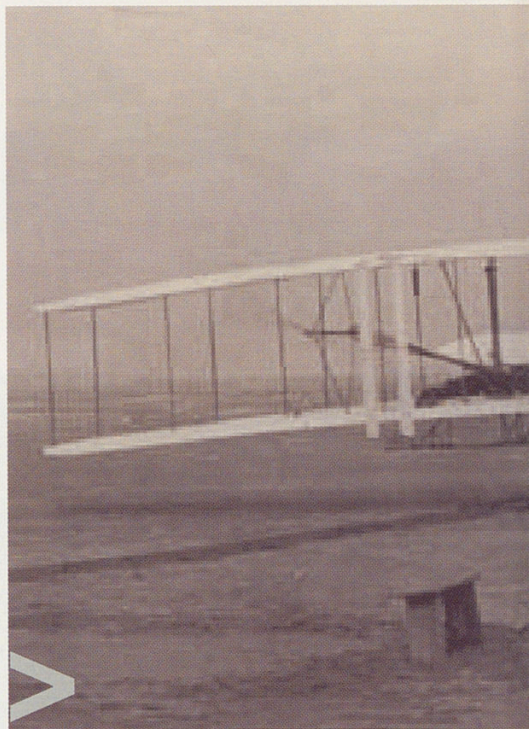


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**NEW TAPE OF BIN Laden's voice found by U.S. Intelligence.** After harsh analysis, the audio tape was confirmed to be of the Al Qada terrorist Osama Bin Laden, who was responsible for the September 11 terrorist attacks. The tape called for Muslims to aid other Muslim countries in the Middle East to fight the U.S. and other pro-U.S. countries.



courtesy of CNN.com



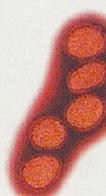
**DECEMBER 17, 2003** Marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of powered flight by the native Daytonians, the Wright Brothers. In a tribute to Orvil and Wilbur, the Experimental Aircraft Association planned to build and fly an exact replica of the original Wright Flyer. Unfortunately, the replica never got off the ground, so the association will try again in 2004.

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students were absent every day during the flu season. An average of 30 students per day reported to the nurse's office with flu-like symptoms. According to the Center for Disease control, 10-20% of Americans contract the flu.

## Flu outbreak

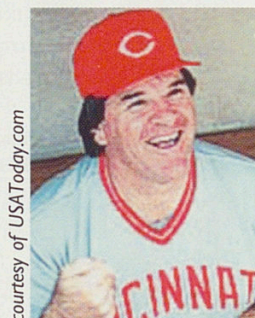
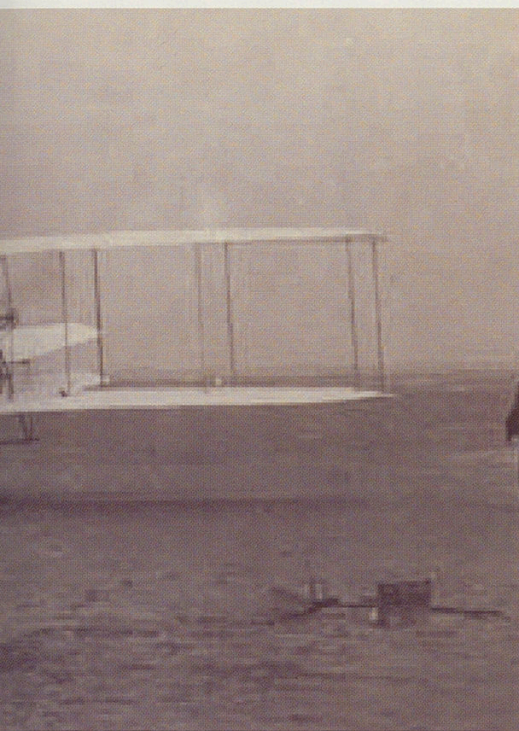
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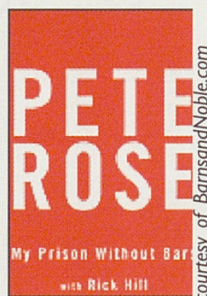
**INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS** in the U.S. reached nearly epidemic levels in the fall. During this season, 20 deaths of children under the age of 18 were reported. The outbreak was unusually early and flu cases were reported in all 50 states. A new, less painful type of vaccination was developed: a mist. This new nasal spray has been proven effective at fighting the flu and caused people to be less apprehensive about being vaccinated.





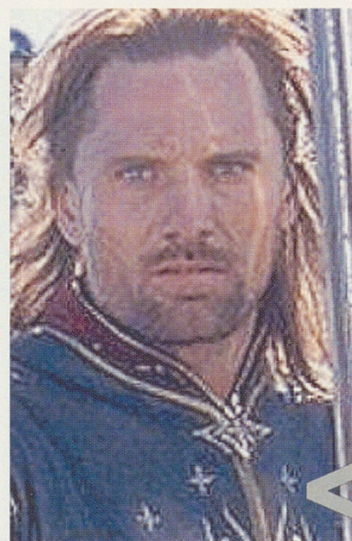


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**AFTER 14 YEARS OF ISOLATION, FORMER CINCINNATI REDS PLAYER PETE ROSE ADMITS TO BETTING ON BASEBALL.** Rose was exiled from the Great American pastime after he was accused of betting on his own team. He denied this claim, but was shunned from the sports world, including the Baseball Hall of Fame, and at one point, was arrested for tax evasion. In his autobiography, *Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars*, Rose openly admits to his previous accusation. The book sold over 1,000 copies and rekindled the fight to reinstate Rose into the game of baseball.



courtesy of Google

**VIGGO MORTENSEN PLAYS KING ARAGORN** in *The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*. The movie concluded the trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien, and in this movie, Aragorn was reinstated as the rightful king. The movie was extremely popular and made over \$3 billion.

# More News

Winter brought the flu, celebrations, enormous movie earnings, and criminal trials

By: Sam Pollak

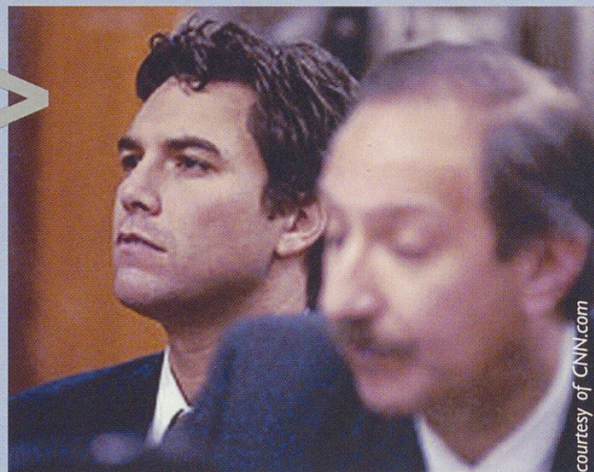
## You have the right to remain silent...



courtesy of CNN.com



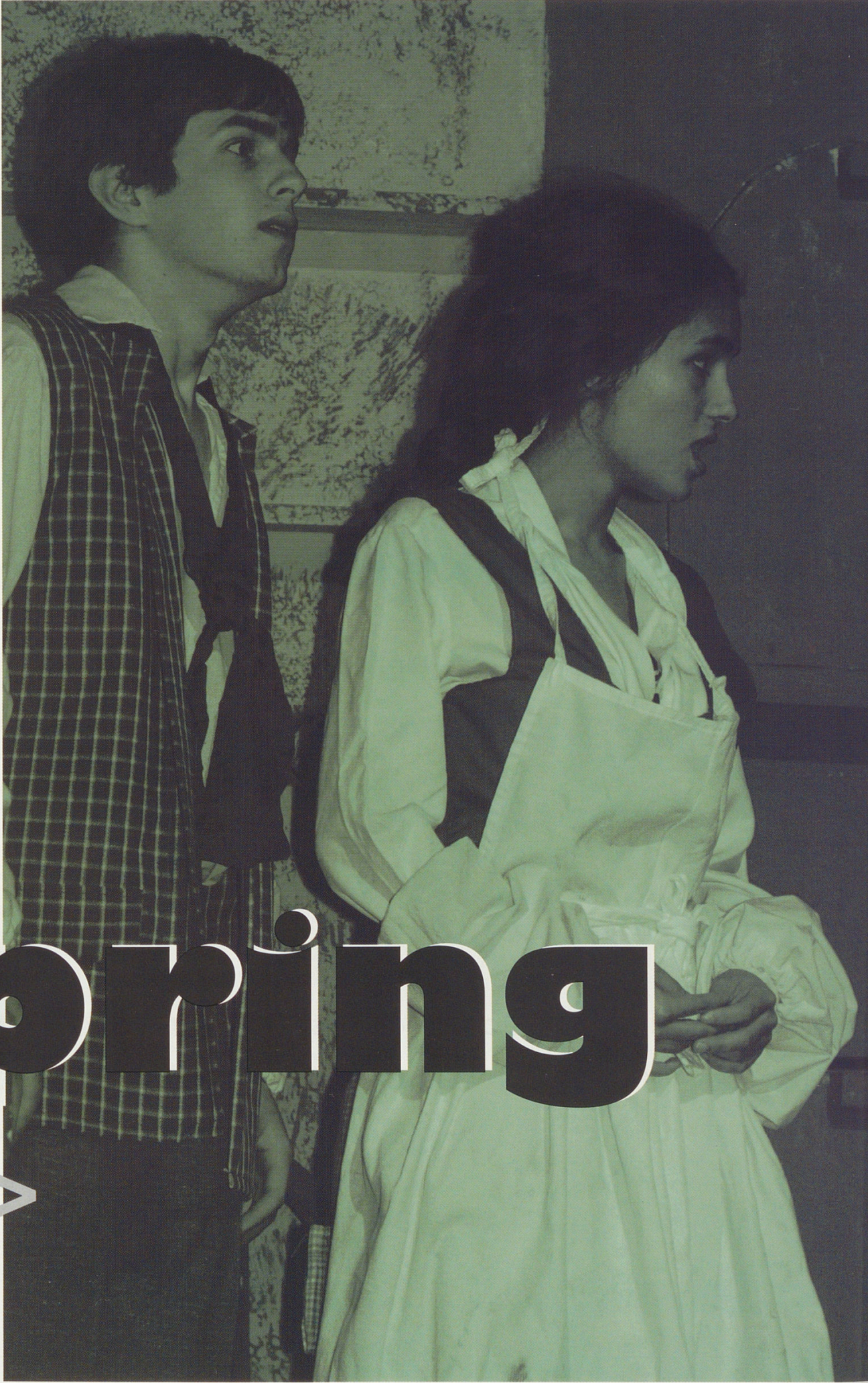
**MICHAEL JACKSON, left, and Scott Peterson, right, appear after being accused of criminal charges.** Jackson was charged with seven counts of child molestation and two counts of administering an intoxicating substance to commit a felony. Peterson was charged with two counts of murder: one for his wife and one for his unborn son.



courtesy of CNN.com

**TWO CRIMINAL TRIALS** captured the minds of the American people as they gained unprecedented attention from the media. The biggest trials of the year were of superstar **Michael Jackson**, who was charged with child molestation, and **Scott Peterson**, who was charged with the murder of his wife, **Laci Peterson** and their unborn child. Both men have pleaded innocent. In regard to his own case, Jackson said that it was all right to sleep with children. "Before I would hurt a child, I would slit my wrists," Jackson said. Scott Peterson also pleaded innocent to harming anyone, even though all evidence seemed to point to his guilt and could send him to death row. Laci Peterson was found on a California beach less than a mile from her dead unborn baby. Peterson's wife had been reported missing since Christmas of 2002, and when she was found dead, her husband was arrested. Autopsy reports, however, report gruesome details of the murders that do not point toward Peterson's character. Will either suspect be convicted of the charges? The jury is still out.



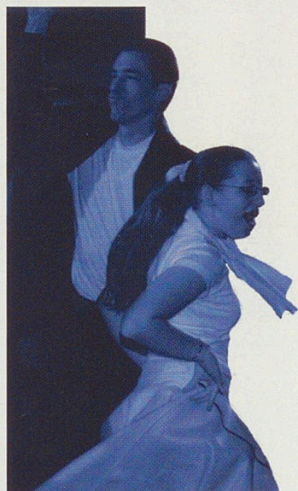


# spring

**SPRING** begins with the annual musical. **Tara Zivkovic, 11**, and **Nate Kaplan, 10**, star as the baker and wife in *Into the Woods*. For more on the musical turn to page 182.







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## No more Spring fever

**M**ore bugs in the air than there have been for 17 years! The return of the cicadas brought more hype than the first ever academic assembly held on April 8. Even more treats were the GMC All Sports Trophy and the promised unveiling of the \$2000 + mascot costume at the senior picnic. But more than anything else was the success of senior skip day. Keeping the tradition alive, the Monday after prom, almost 300 seniors stayed home for rest and relaxation!



# “I went bowling. It was really fun!” > Crystal Sohn, 9

## Spring break

By: Kim Doris and Shaili Ryan

**E**ACH WINTER THE CALENDARS COME OUT AND THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS, it is months away from spring break. School let out Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed a week long vacation at various destinations. Whether it was Colorado to hit the slopes, the sun at the California beaches, or

a kick back week in good old Cincinnati, it was a well needed break. Many students also hit various areas in Florida and got the opportunity to see the beauty in Cancun, Mexico; making these the two most popular vacation spots. The students sadly returned to class April 4- and the countdown resumed until the freedom of summer arrived.



**MUSICAL REHEARSAL.** Spring Break for over 70 students was spent on stage at school. Jonathan McPike, 12 Sammy Kanter, 11, Mandy Weger, 12, and Amber D'Souza, 11, practice a scene from the story *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Turn to page 182 for more on the musical.





**YOU WANNA PLAY?** Then during spring break you stay. Each lacrosse player has a decision to make before the season starts. You give up your spring break or you do not play. During spring break they not only attended games and hour long practices but they delivered and mulched yards as a fund raiser.

**GETTING READY FOR A DAY IN THE SUN.**

Lauren Sherman, 9, and Kayla Hearl, 9, enjoy the beautiful beaches of Clearwater Beach, Florida. Although this may have been their first spring break in high school, there are still many more to come.

**FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME.** The J.V. baseball team doesn't let spring break get in the way of their game. Like all other spring sports, the JV baseball team also stays in town during spring break to practice and begin their season.





# Invasion of the little people

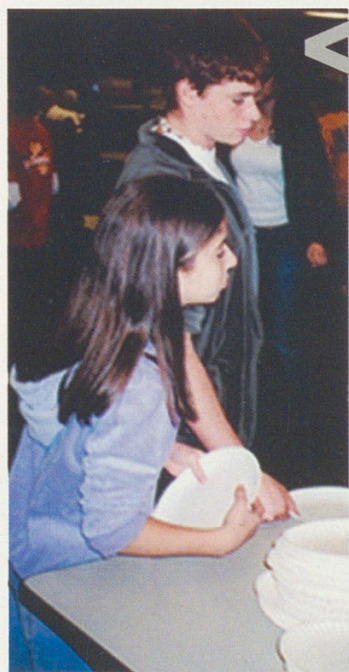
Brothers and sisters of seniors came to experience a day with their older sibling

By: Ashley Austin and Shaili Ryan

**T**HEY CAME. THEY CONQUERED and they left. The little sibs of seniors took over the school on November 6.

Little Sibs Day was like no other day before. Little kids arrived with their older brothers and sisters and were treated to a breakfast. The day continued for the little sibs with a dodge ball game with their older seniors and attending fourth and fifth bell classes. For lunch the sibs were treated to a pizza party.

Finally, after the high school was conquered by the little sibs, the buses arrived to take them back to their schools.



**A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THE COMMONS PIZZA.** Jory Zola, 12, and his little sis grab their plate for pizza. Student Council arranged for pizza, chips, cookies and drinks to be provided for the seniors and their little sibs.



**ALL SMILES.** Sofia Khan, 12, and her little brother could not stop smiling while participating on Little Sibs day. The little sibs began the day in the commons eating breakfast, then joined their older seniors for fourth and fifth bell class, a pizza lunch was provided and the seniors and little sibs finish out the day with a dodge ball game. Little Sibs day was sponsored by Student Council.

“Lil’ Sibs day was awesome, because I got to skip all my classes and spend all day with my brother. Lunch was amazing and so was dodge ball, but I wished I was on the other team so I could have got my brother out, but in all it was a fun day.”

> Christina Terilli, 12

“I had a lot of fun taking my little sister around and her getting the experience of the high school. I thought all the activities they had planned made the day a lot better.”

> Trevor Harris, 12

“It was nice to spend time with my sister and show her around her future school.”

> Jory Zola, 12

“It was kind of annoying having her (his little sister) around because I didn’t get any work done.”

> Michael Bassin, 12

“Lil Sibs day was so much fun. I really enjoyed showing my sister around the high school and spending the day with her.”

> Kim Doris, 12

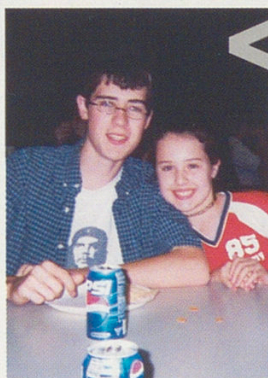
“This day was something to remember, I know I will and my lil sib too. I know all the kids were excited to come.”

> Lauren Wilson, 12

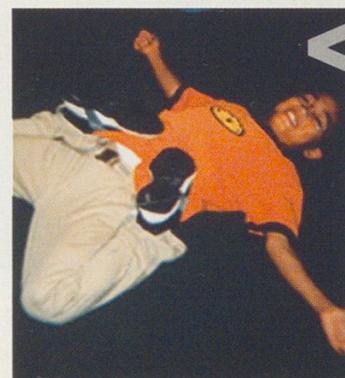
## The Day in Review



**TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, LITTLE SIS.** Corrie Van Amerongen, 12, shows her little sister the ropes of producing a newspaper. During fourth and fifth bell, the little sibs got a taste of what high school classes were all about. From A.P. Calculus to World Literature, little sibs were shown what high school was like.



**A LITTLE QUALITY TIME WITH THE LITTLE SIS.** Kyle Harley, 12, and his little sister enjoy the unusual lunch they spent together. All participating seniors and their little sibs were offered a pizza party in the commons



**ATTENTION TAKER.** Nikki San Miguel’s, 12, brother stole the show with his human pretzel trick. Through out the day, students constantly asked San Miguel’s brother to roll into a pretzel.



# Home cooking in the commons

## Senior dads treat seniors to lunch

By: Ashley Austin and Shaili Ryan

**A** LONG LASTING TRADITION THAT reminded seniors that graduation was on its way. The senior dads cooked an unforgettable lunch for their seniors. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and cookies were provided by senior parents and served by the volunteer dads.

"It was a nice change from the everyday cafeteria food, I really liked the hot dogs," said

**Audrey Schmidlin, 12.**

The Senior Dad's Cookout was one of the many monthly treats the seniors received throughout the year. But unlike many before the seniors received a whole lunch meal for free.

"I had no idea that this was happening, but when I got to lunch it was a nice surprise and we all enjoyed our dads cooking," said **Kim Doris, 12.**

**TIME TO CHOW DOWN!** Mason Quick, 12, Mike Kelly, 12, and Matt McKeown, 12, enjoyed their lunch from the Dad's Cookout. A variety of food was served from hot dogs to brownies and many seniors found the cookout as one of the best senior treat days. "I look forward to the senior treats every month, but this one by far would be my favorite," said Quick.



### The Menu

**Hamburgers  
Hot dogs  
Cheddar wrights  
Potato Chips  
Cheetos  
Pasta salad  
Brownies  
cookies  
soda  
water**



**TIME TO EAT.** After walking through the picnic style lunch buffet line, Mark Lebouf, 12, RJ Mahoney, 12, and Albert Wu, 12, sat down for their cookout lunch. With a menu filled with hamburgers and cookies, most seniors chose to participate.



**NEXT!** Finally, after waiting in line and pondering the picnic all through fifth bell, Sam Stoughton, 12, and Mike Guder, 12, got their chance at the cookout. Unlike in years past, the cookout became an indoor cook in. Rain poured on Monday, April, 12 and seniors were forced to enjoy the cookout indoors.



“The debates taught me how to become a better public speaker.”  
 > **Claire Thompson, 10**

# To Be or Not To Be?

By: Hope Wolfe and Ashley Kindberg

**T**HE SOPHOMORES WERE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TIME CONSUMING DEBATES that every sophomore has to experience in their English class.

The English teachers decided on the topic; block scheduling. The teams prepared weeks before spring break, so all students were able to understand everything they needed to know about block scheduling and how to debate properly. The team that won from their English class moved on to debate the winners from other English classes.

The final debate took place April 8, in the little theater. The final two

debate teams were from Mrs. Melissa Wolfe-Izworski's Honors English class against Mrs. Melissa Sullivan's Accelerated class during sixth bell.

The winners hailed from Wolfe's third bell. The team members were Brian Weber, Jordan Cohen, Warwick Johnston, Lisa Ramstetter, and Danny Haaser and argued the negative side. The five members were rewarded with a \$15 gift certificate to Montgomery Book Club and the semifinalist received a similar prize of \$10.

## The Main Arguments Block Scheduling

Affirmative	Negative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; More one on one time with teachers and students.</li> <li>&gt; Students are able to go more in-depth with learning materials.</li> <li>&gt; More relaxed and less stressful environment where students would be able to work on homework in class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Students may loose concentration in class.</li> <li>&gt; Sycamore is already one of the top high schools in Ohio featuring excellence in education.</li> <li>&gt; With the budget cuts, where would the school find the money to train the teachers?</li> </ul>



THE WINNING TEAM FROM MRS. MELISSA WOLFE'S CLASS HAD many outstanding arguments on block scheduling that lead them to victory! They all prepared and worked well together as a team that made them the best sophomore team in their grade. The team members were Brian Weber, Jordan Cohen, Warwick Johnston, Lisa Ramstetter, and Danny Haaser.

## Q&A

**q:** How did you prepare your students for the sophomore debate?

**a:** We practiced speaking and researched material on the topic (etc.). The process took about a month and it was a wonderful experience.  
 > Mr. Jim Tinsley

**q:** What was the key to your students winning the debate and how were they different from other teams?

**a:** I saw evidence of many teams truly collaborating, our entire class worked together. Each individual had unique strengths and styles which complemented one another.  
 > Mrs. Melissa Wolfe



< Mrs. Melissa Wolfe-Izworski  
 Mrs. Lisa Dunster >



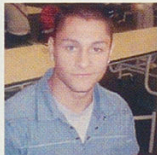
**q:** What qualities did you look for when deciding who the final winning team would be?

**a:** Well constructed and supported arguments, strong questions during cross examination and good sportsmanship.  
 > Mrs. Lisa Dunster





What was your favorite part about the picnic?



"I really enjoyed getting the chance to hang out with my friends and have fun for one bell of the day."

> Tom Ellsworth, 10



"Not having to go to my 5th bell was great and getting hit in the head with three frisbees!"

> Adam Maurath, 10



"The basketball tournament was fun to watch and the guys played really well."

> Jackie Roesch, 10

# It's cooking time

## Skipping 5th bell is not a crime

Sophomore Cookout By: Hope Wolfe and Ashley Kindberg

THE WETTEST SPRING in 35 years forced the sophomore picnic into the Gregory Center. The picnic was scheduled to take place on the soccer field and track, but the rain moved the class indoors. **Brittney Martin**, **Jackie McAninch**, and **Emma Troendle** dry off before sitting down for lunch.



THE SOPHOMORE PICNIC WAS HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 30 and due to all the rain, it was held in the Gregory Center instead of out on the track. This was

the second year in a row that the sophomore picnic had to be held inside due to weather conditions.

Although it was moved inside, the sophomores still had a good time eating, listening to music, playing frisbee, and being with their friends, and getting to miss their fifth bell class while being served pizza and Subway. You got your choice of turkey or ham sandwiches with all the extra stuff you needed like Pringles, candy, pop and pretzels.

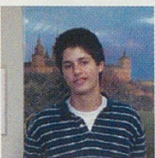
The DJ at the sophomore picnic was no other than **Mr. Eddie Clark**, internal sub. Clark was a previous DJ for many places and parties. To help the school out he stepped up and showed his skills on the tables. The students liked the idea of having a DJ, they believed it made the picnic more entertaining.



THE SOPHOMORE PICNIC WOULDN'T BE THE SAME WITH OUT FAST EDDIE CLARK. **Mr. Eddie Clark** took time off from his internal sub position to spin tunes for the sophomore picnic. He is always ready to have a good time.

"I felt that the class picnic really benefitted the sophomore class. A lot of students attended which made it fun, especially getting out of 5th bell."

> ClaireThompson, 10



"It was not your typical picnic, sitting on the gym floor (in the Gregory Center), but it was still a good time."

> Jordan Cohen, 10



"It could have been better by trying to reschedule the picnic so we could have it outside. Also, trying to make more fun out of it would have been nice."

> Max Vansluys, 10

What are your thoughts on the picnic?



“*Into the Woods* was full of wishes and told the story of classic fairy tales with an interesting twist.”

# I wish, I wish, I wish...

By: Danielah Blackburn & Lauren Truax

**F**AIRY TALES CLASH TOGETHER, WITH SOME interesting twists as well, in the musical *Into the Woods*. This musical originated on Broadway seventeen years ago and is still just as popular as it was when it first opened. A story about fulfilling dreams, the play begins with each main character in the connected stories making a wish.

For instance, Little Red Riding Hood wishes to go to her Grandmother's house and Cinderella wishes to go to the festival (the ball). In the story there were not exactly any main characters but all of the wishes were connected to each in order for the baker and his wife to have the child they longed for. In order to do this, they must obtain an item from each one of the other stories without changing the outcome.

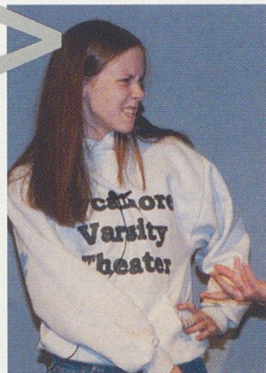
The only change in the stories was during Act II, some of the characters in the play were killed by the giant's wife, who had come to seek revenge on Jack for killing her husband. This was put in the play to show that not all fairy tales have happy endings and to watch out what you wish for.

## Rehearsals



**LIBET WILFONG, 11, AS CINDERELLA HELPING HER STEPSISTERS, ALLI POHL, 11, AND Katie Kitchin, 12, get ready for the festival.** The Baker's wife had to get Cinderella's gold slipper to meet the witch's demands. Although it was hard, the Baker's wife finally got the slipper by giving Cinderella her own shoes instead because they would be easier to run in.

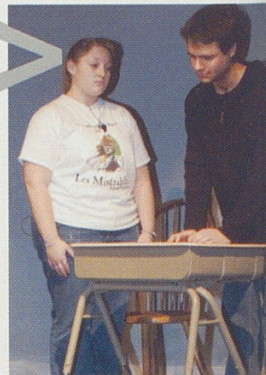
**ACTING AS ONE OF** the evil stepsisters is **Katie Kitchin, 12.** The actors held many rehearsals before the main production and practiced in regular clothes while their costumes were being designed. Their final rehearsals were dress rehearsals to make sure everything worked smoothly.



**EVAN LIGHTNER, 12, Christina Kitko, 12, and Tian Lu, 12,** practice in the pit for the musical. Auditions were held for the pit positions. Many band, marching band, or symphony members participated in musical pit.



**MOLLIE** Fingerman, 12, and **Andrew Wehling, 12,** practice being the baker and his wife. Fingerman and Wehling were in many plays throughout their high school careers. However, they spent extra effort in making their last high school play a success.





## Into the Woods

<b>Narrator</b> Jonathan McPike	Tara Zivkovic	Corey Gross	Cat Pikna
<b>Cinderella</b> Kati Bakes	Mollie Fingerman	<b>Grandmother</b> Christy King	<b>Spotlights</b> Blair Bailey
Libet Wilfong	Christy King	Kate McInerney	Hilary Fingerman
<b>Cinderella's Stepmother</b> Julia Albain	Kate McInerney	<b>Witch</b> Jennifer Brunker	Becca Maher
Jessica Nedelman	<b>Cinderella's Prince's Steward</b> Adam Bellos	Sydney Morton	Aaron Thomas
<b>Cinderella's Stepsisters</b> Amber Jolley	Josh Lee	<b>Rapunzel</b> Elizabeth Stinger	<b>Stage Crew</b> Anna Arrays
Katie Kitchin	<b>Jack</b> Alan Dicken	Lindsay Darbonne	Ruchi Asher
Alli Pohl	Sammy Kanter	<b>Rapunzel's Prince</b> Brian Barasch	Adam Bahir
Andrea Thomas	<b>Jack's Mother</b> Amber D'Souza	Nate Kennedy	Allie Bunyan
<b>Cinderella's Father</b> Aaron Friedman	Meredith Kahan	<b>Rapunzel's Prince's Steward</b> George Benson	Adina Farber
Josh Levey	<b>Mysterious Man</b> Taylor Scruggs	Eric Sher	Janice Feng
<b>Cinderella's Mother</b> Meredith Juergens	Matt Evans	<b>Giant's Voice</b> Mandy Weger	Hilary Fingerman
Molly Reigers	<b>Milky White</b> Kyle Pieper	<b>Stage Manager</b> Robert Truax (SR)	Lauren Hughes
<b>Cinderella's Prince</b> Neil Heyman	Mandy Weger	Emily Rock (SL)	Annie Kanter
Mark Levy	<b>Little Red Ridinghood</b> Amanda Bower	<b>Sound Board</b> Leah Daniel	Lehla Kisor
<b>Baker</b> Nate Kaplan	<b>Wolf</b> Dustin DePenning	Zack Goldman	Becca Maher
Andrew Wehling		<b>Lights Board</b> Steve Rozo	Jennifer Manning
<b>Baker's Wife</b>			Meetra Mehdizadeh
			Sasha Pinkerton
			Nathan Schneider
			Aaron Thomas
			Annabeth Young

## How did this year's musical compare to musicals in past years?

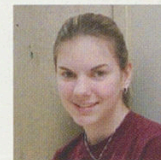
### <Ali Newton, 11>

Last year's musical was a more sophisticated story line making the actors stress more, however, the show was still amazing."



### <Emily Freedman, 11>

"The second half was more interesting than the first because it was funnier."



### < Maria Oliver, 12 >

"Having two casts was interesting because, depending on the night you went, it would be completely different because of the different personalities of the casts."



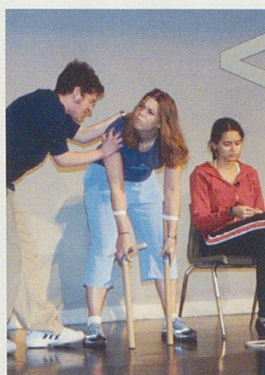
**ON HER WAY TO GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE,** Amanda Bower, 11, skips along. Little Red Riding Hood was depicted as an innocent girl who liked to eat sweets. The Baker and his wife had to get her cloak to have their baby.



**LISTENING TO THE CURSE PUT ON THEIR HOUSE** by the witch, Tara Zivkovic, 11, and Nate Kaplan, 10. The Baker and his wife had to get a cloak as red as blood, hair the color of corn, a slipper made of gold, and a cow the color of milk. If they retrieved all the items then they could have the child they longed for.



**AMBER JOLLEY, 10,** getting into character as one of the stepsisters. At the end of the play Jolley and her sister were blinded by Cinderella's friends' birds. Their mother then led them around by a rope.



**PLEASE MOM!** Sammy Kanter, 11, cries over having to sell Milky White, Mandy Weger, 12. Jack's mother, Amber D'Souza, 11, made Jack sell the cow to gain money for the family.



**SHOWING** control, Jonathan McPike, 12, watches on as the narrator. The musical was told by a narrator. At the end the actors turned against the narrator and gave him to the giant who killed him.



## < MORE MONEY >

### Boys

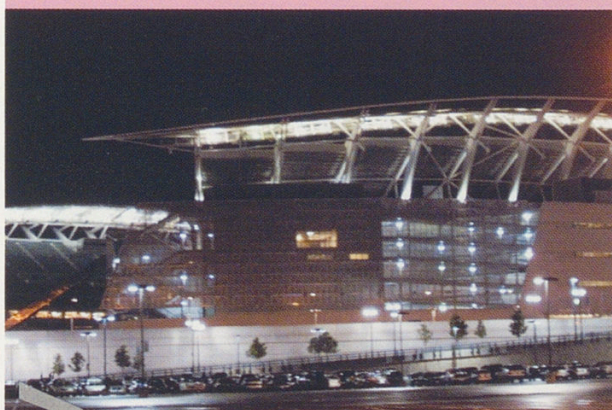
Tuxedo \$140

Corsage \$20

Dance Tickets \$50

Dinner \$75

**Total= \$285**



**PAUL BROWN STADIUM.** Home to the Cincinnati Bengals and High School Proms.

### Girls

Dress \$125

Hair \$45

Accessories \$20

Nails \$40

Boutonniere \$10

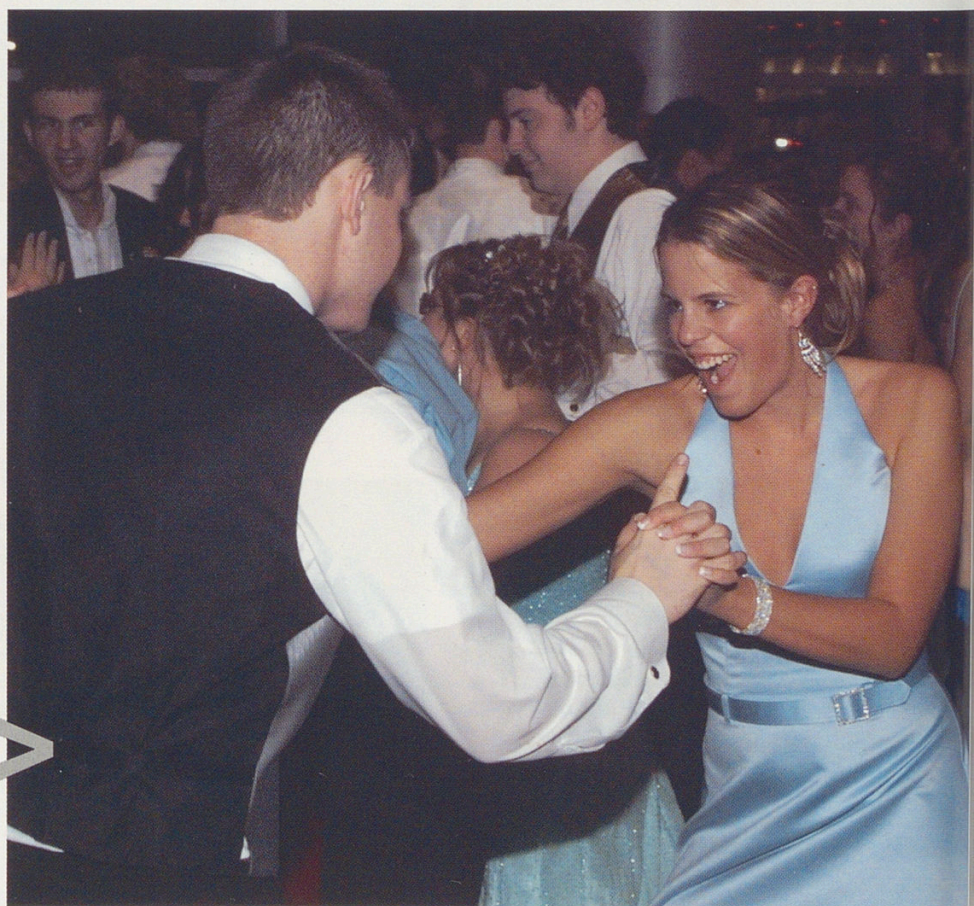
Pictures \$12

After Prom Tickets \$20

**Total= \$272**

**SWING DANCING.** BRAD KONERMAN, 12, and KIM THOMPSON, 12 dance in style to the music. Student Council, specifically the junior class, planned prom, which included hiring a DJ, reserving Paul Brown Stadium, decorations, and the deck of cards passed out at the doors at the end of the dance.

**SENIOR ROYALTY.** SUSAN SHULLER, 12, and REGGIE PHILPOTT, 12, walk down the steps at Paul Brown Stadium, crowned as Prom King and Queen. Coronation voting took place the week preceding the dance, ten people were nominated.





# PROM

## Once upon a time in

*A Secret Garden...*

**By: Mary Sauer**

**P**ROM HAPPENED RAIN OR SHINE AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM. This magical night was the largest prom in the school's history. The evening took a lot of preparation and money. Starting weeks in advance girls began shopping for dresses and making appointments, while guys were fitted for tuxedos.

The exquisite evening consisted of dining at a nice restaurant and dancing through the night.

The time passed all too quickly. The DJ played favorites throughout the night. It came to a perfect end when the last song *Take My Breath Away* was played.



**A SECRET GARDEN FACING THE CITY.** Paul Brown Stadium hosts dances on the river side of the stadium, and the city side. Students and faculty chaperones danced next to the lights of downtown Cincinnati.



# SURVIVING

## another morning at school

but not in class...After Prom!

By: Sarah Chapman

**A**FTER MANY HOURS of preparing and setting up for after prom, students entered the building for many games, prizes, raffles, inflatable games, mazes, and much, much more. After hours of craziness to get ready, go out to dinner, and 3 hours of dancing, the students headed over to the high school for some more fun! The night was just beginning for anyone who did not attend prom. Survivor-Sycamore! was the theme and successfully transformed the school, reflecting several Survivor locales. Over 900 students attended and hundreds of parents and adults made it all possible. From 12:30 a.m. until 5:00 a.m. food from Planet Smoothie, Montgomery Inn, Pizza Tower, Subway, Skyline and many more local restaurants was served. \$33,000 was raised throughout the year from Planet Smoothie and Krispy Kreme donut sales, donations from the community and parents transformed the commons, main gym, and global language wing into a party that survived until the late hours of the morning.



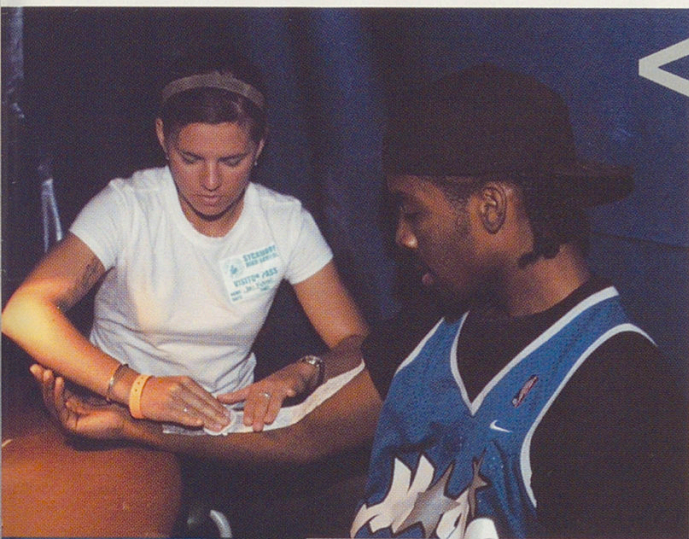
**ERRR!** These two go head to head trying to stretch the limits in this grueling competition. **Sarah Yanow, 11**, and **Jared Kagris, 12**, try their hardest to see who truly had the most skill.

**DOING SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT.** Instead of having more inflatable games in the little gym, there were activities, such as cornhole, pool, and foosball. **Josh Shaftel, 12**, and **Loren Brook, 12**, compete in the classic tailgating game.

**WE MAY NOT BE IN JAPAN...** but **Mike Koebel, 12**, and **Shaili Ryan, 12**, celebrate one of its main sports. Going at it in full sumo gear, each try to take down the other.







**DO NOT WORRY QUITE YET PARENTS, THESE ARE NOT THE REAL THINGS.** Rather, **Rashad Rasheed, 12**, gets a tattoo of the fake variety, showing off to all of his friends. "The tattoo was great. After Prom was great. On the other hand, the tattoos could have been a little more gangsta," said Rasheed.



**WHEEE!** Shakin' and slidin', **Colleen Posey, 11**, cruises her way on down. She was able to take advantage of one of the many obstacle courses offered at After Prom. With no fear, she exemplifies a true survivor.



**GAMBLING THE NIGHT AWAY.** Jeff Schechter, 12, RJ Mahoney, 12, Lauren Malone, 12, Joey Stein, 12, and Adam Bellos, 11, look to win the big stakes. As the intensity of the all powerful Craps table heats up, each look to hit it big and come out with some prizes. They do so by exchanging the play money for raffle tickets to enter in the sweepstakes.

**MONEY, MONEY, MONEY.** Allie Foster, 12, has her wildest dreams come true as she wins some big money in the money machine. "It wasn't as good as last year because there wasn't as much real money. Last year I won \$50, and this year I only won \$11. They just didn't refill it with real money as often," said Foster.



**What did you think of After Prom?**



"I would have rather paid more for the ticket to have a better After Prom."

> **Loren Brook, 12**



"Whoopin' people at the obstacle course was fun."

> **Jingyi Sun, 11**



"It's kind of like being kicked in the stomach. Breathtaking at first but then just downright painful."

> **Paul Morris, 12**



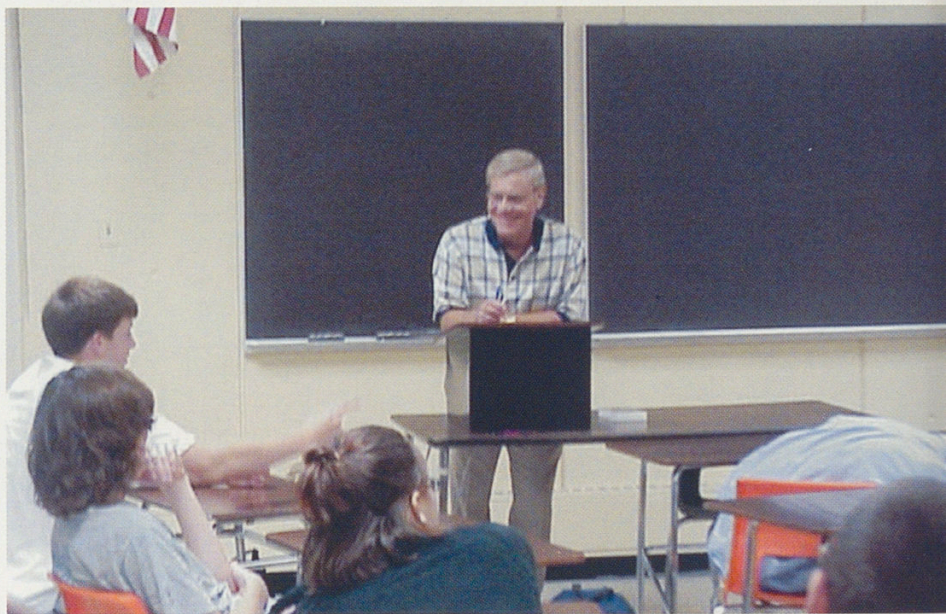
# Teachers

## Gone but never forgotten

They cannot stay any more, but will be remembered for forever more

By: Jaime Orent

**TEACHING LIKE A PRO-MR. PAT BALLINGER**, teacher of 30 years is finally deciding to leave Sycamore behind. As an English teacher of 26 years, he has had the opportunity to touch the lives of hundreds of students who have walked these halls. Whether retirement is what they had in mind, or even resignation, many teachers have found the unusual budget cuts forcing some to find a job elsewhere. From a single year, to thirty-six years, these teachers have all provided outstanding service to the district and have helped maintain our five year rating of excellence by the state of Ohio. As well as doing all of this, they worked extremely hard to promote average yearly progress of all students. Each leaves a legacy with many memories knowing that they have made a difference in students' lives and will be missed greatly.



**MS. EMILY REITENBACH** has held many different positions throughout the school district. She was a softball and water polo coach as well as a special needs teacher, and attendance assistant over the past four years. She left to get married Memorial Day weekend and attend college full time. "It was great having Coach Reitenbach back this year, we will miss her next year." **Lauren Truax, 11.**



I'm only a freshman and it's unfortunate that I won't get a chance to get to know many of these teachers in my next three years of high school.

> **Sam Pollak, 9**



**MS. JULIE DIMA HAD BEEN THE CHOIR director for five years.** She left Sycamore for a new teaching job at Turpin High School. This fine lady was in charge of the choreography for all of the choirs, she was the choral director/choreographer for Touring Company. She also worked with SWEET and SHAG, as well as teaching Guitar I classes and music theory. She was also the vocal coach for the musical. As a major asset to the drama department, Mrs. Dima will be greatly missed.



**MRS. GINGER SHAVER HAS served as both a secretary and test coordinator over the past 6 years.** She left the first week of April to assume a position with a law firm in Cincinnati. "Mrs. Shaver is the epitome of a professional. She is super organized and anticipatory to the extent of seeing what was to happen or making sure the required testing happened. She coordinated the schedule of all the national and state test." **Ms. Pat Clark.**

**Turn to page 302 for  
MORE teacher  
retirements**







**MRS. SHIRLEY MILLS HAS BEEN THE teacher of Hebrew and Spanish for 12 years.** Having started the Hebrew program at the high school level, she led student trips to Spain, Israel and England.



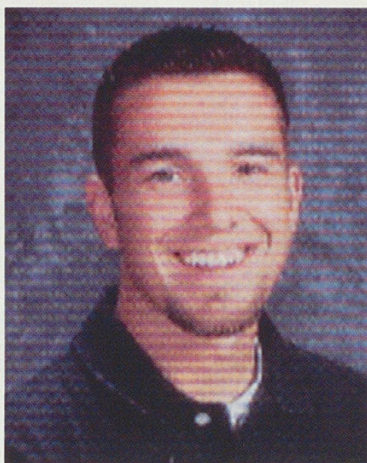
**MRS. JENNETTE HORTON HAS BEEN IN the district for the past seven years.** She was a special education teacher. She and her husband moved to North Carolina so she could begin working on her doctorate at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.



**MRS. DEBBY GUTZWILLER, was the marketing teacher for 36 years.** She started the spirit shop in her marketing classes where she taught students how to run a successful business. She also advised the DECA Marketing Club. In her retirement, she will expand her own business, K-12 Outfitters, an embroidery and screen printing company.



**MRS. SHERRI ELMORE HAS BEEN AT Sycamore for longer than you can imagine.** She was a 1987 graduate and her mother is a teacher at Maple Dale. She is the mother of three little boys, and what her students loved most about her was her personality and helpful attitude.



**MR. DAN WILLEN, HAS BEEN A strength coach for the past three years.** He also worked in sports medicine and helped to develop and work with teams such as girl's lacrosse. He is on his way, trying new things in his new job at Princeton High School in the fall.



**MRS. CANDACE FENNING WAS ONLY able to be here for one year.** She was a speech pathologist and worked specifically in IBE programs. Reduction in force caused her to find a job elsewhere. She is now taking a job in Milford.



**MR. ERIC WISE HAS BEEN A HUGE ASSET to our school for the past four years.** He was the Mock Trial adviser as well as the Debate Team coach leading them to State. He taught law and social studies.



**MRS. SUSAN WARM HAS BEEN WITH US for the past eight years.** In her work as a student assistance counselor she has touched many lives and will be greatly missed by all. She also helped as the adviser for the club HOPE and all of the student interest groups. She hopes to come back for at least three days a week in the future.



**MR. EDDIE CLARK HAS BEEN A PERMANENT PART of our building for the past two years.** He was the lacrosse coach for our award winning girls varsity lacrosse team as well as a permanent substitute. He also was the disc jockey for the sophomore and senior picnic.



# SENIORS Last supper

Senior picnic > Thursday, May 20

By: Molly Finn

**M**ORE MEMORIES MADE AND PAST MEMORIES REMEMBERED.

All of the seniors were bused to G. E. Park for their Senior Picnic. There were games set up all around the park to ensure a day full of fun. Sand volleyball, corn hole, basketball, relay races, four square, and many more games awaited the seniors arrival. Lunch was Subway and home made desserts served by the senior parents. The picnic was concluded by gathering all the students who went to the various district elementary schools to take a school reunion picture. More memories were recalled while new ones were being made.

**HOPSCOTCH!** Sporting her Montgomery Elementary graduation t-shirt, **Laura Bills** takes a turn at the old recess game. Comments all around at the picnic were, "I remember I use to do that at recess everyday...but now I don't remember how to play!"



**ONE LUNCH BELL!** The seniors enjoy their lunch time together as one group outside, not split up into three lunches at 30 minute intervals in the commons. Senior parents organized the food, and its distribution to hungry kids who spent the day running around outside.





Four square brought back great memories of recess in elementary school, with cherry bombs, poison ivy, and black magic...what fun! > Susan Shuller, 12



**CORN HOLE WAS THE HOPPIN' PLACE TO BE.** This game became very popular over the past few years. Who would have thought tossing a bean bag in a hole could entertain? **Lauren Romansky, Mike DeAngelo, Brian Fox, Nick Eggloff, Mike Koebel, Jordan Goodwin, Karen Domas, Brett Banks, Bethany Marks, and Preston Scruggs** were all competing to win the intense game of corn hole.

**THEY'RE BACK!** After seventeen years, the cicadas returned to Cincinnati and dropped in on the senior picnic. Although, one unlucky senior had the privilege of having a cicada land on him, the cicadas were not too bothersome. Cicadas mostly left seniors alone but were attached to the trees.



# Graduation

## The final farewell

Seniors final day together as a class

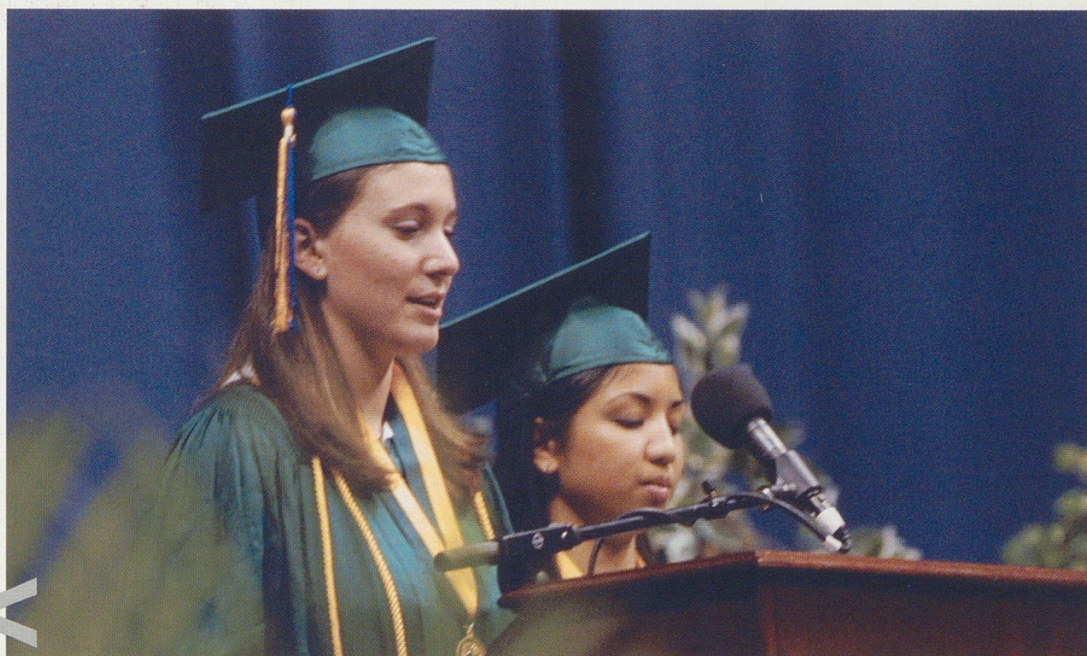
By: Molly Finn

**M**ORE CHANGES were made to the graduation ceremony than in years past. Originally it was supposed to be held at the Shoemaker Center Sunday, May 30 at 1:00 P.M... However, due to water damage at UC's gymnasium, graduation was changed to Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 P.M.. at Xavier's Cintas Center. Another change was , suggested by the student body. A new award was presented

during the ceremony : The Heart of Sycamore, to **Michael Rosa.**

Auditions were held in early May for graduation speakers and soloists. The graduation speakers included **Nikki San Miguel, Susan Shuller, Rachel Gross, Corrie van Amerongen, and Emily Rock,** The soloists were **Lauren Faulkner, Michelle Ludy and Mollie Fingerman, Andrew Wehling,**

**DISTRIBUTION OF 485 DIPLOMAS.** Dr. Keith Kelly shook each student's hand after their name was called by either **Mr. Jim Skoog, or Mr. Doug Mader.** Seniors were handed the green certificate holder on stage, and picked up their actual diploma in the Cintas Center's auxiliary gym after commencement, where they turned in their cap and gowns.



"THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU GUYS IN FULL LENGTH DRESSES WITH MATCHING HATS," said **Susan Shuller** and **Nikki San Miguel.** Their speech was about firsts, listing the many firsts the Class of 2004 was a part of: the Gregory Center, the new auditorium, and even girls having to sign in to use the rest room during the season of bomb threats. San Miguel was the senior class Student Council President, and Shuller was the Student Council President.

**WE BELIEVE!** Thanks to **Mr. Steve Imhoff,** the seniors marched out of commencement under the words of the year: "We Believe." This saying took the varsity boys basketball team to the regional semifinals in the state tournament.







**THE LARGEST NUMBER OF TEACHERS TO ATTEND COMMENCEMENT IN THE PAST 10 YEARS.** Teachers lined the rows of graduates, and the last 3 rows behind the seniors! Several attended to personally present their child's diploma. The hoods the teachers wore represented their degrees in college and education.





# FAVORITES

## Hottest music people and places

Top Ten's for the 2003-2004 school year

By: Emily Wolfram and Lindsay Crum

### MUSIC

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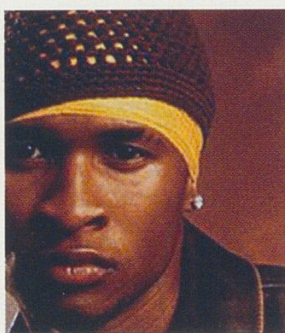
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2. Usher "Yeah"
3. Twista "Slow Jams"

#### ALBUM

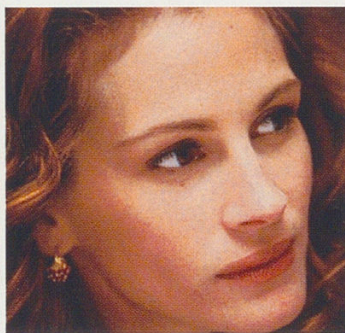
1. Blink 182
2. Outkast
3. Linkin Park

#### ARTIST

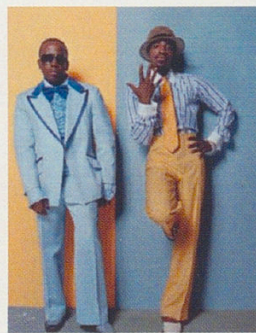
1. Linkin Park
2. Dave Matthews Band
3. Kenny Chesney



Usher



Julia Roberts



Outkast



Johnny Depp

### PEOPLE

#### ACTOR

1. Johnny Depp
2. Will Ferrel
3. Adam Sandler

#### ACTRESS

1. Julia Roberts
2. Jennifer Aniston
3. Charlize Theron

#### ATHLETE

1. Chad Johnson
2. Lebron James
3. Lance Armstrong

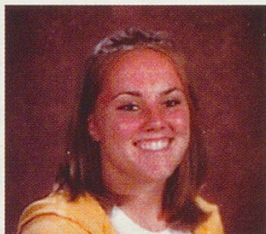




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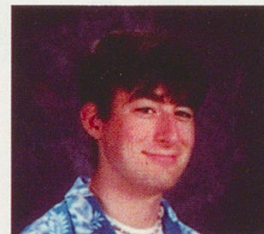
<Jessica Lane, 12>

"I don't really have a lot of free time because I am always busy with sports but when I do I like to sleep."



<Jeff Schear, 12>

"In my free time I like to sleep and play guitar."



# ENTERTAINMENT

## T.V. SHOW

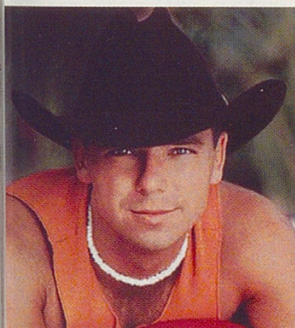
1. Chappelle Show
2. Friends
3. Sex and the City

## MOVIE

1. Return of the King
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## BOOK

1. Davinci Code
2. Lovely Bones
3. Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars



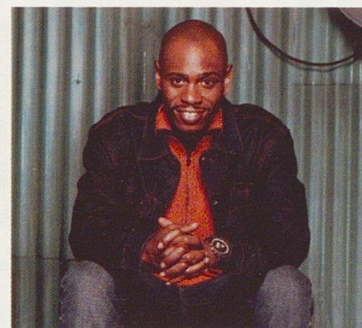
Kenny Chesney



Chad Johnson



Return of the King



Dave Chappelle

# SPENDING

## STORE

1. Good Will
2. American Eagle
3. Hollister

## PAST TIME

1. Partying
2. Playing poker
3. Sleeping



# Thoughts pile from students in...

## Leaves of Thought

By: Laura Eastes and Linsy Ogden

IT ALL CAME TO AN END FOR THE LEAVES OF THOUGHT STAFF AT their banquet at the Cheese Cake Factory when over dinner they wrapped up a successful year. The staff worked to produce two issues of the literary magazine and made a profit of \$194.00.

*Leaves of Thought* was a literary magazine that produced students' poems, short stories, photos and drawings. The magazine was released twice each year. The *Leaves of Thought* staff was able to collect students' writing by flyers and envelopes in English classrooms, in which students could submit their work. As deadlines approached for submission, students' work rolled in for the *Leaves of Thought* staff to evaluate. The submitted entrees went through judging and editing, before they could be selected to be placed on

the pages. After careful judging, the top short stories and poems were selected. Then the staff worked together to fit all the entries together with illustrations. The final copy was published and sold at lunch for a dollar.

The *Leaves of Thought* staff finished up their dinner just as they had finished up their literary magazine. Good-byes were said to editor **Emily Rock, 12**, and the staff left their wonderful Cheesecake meal with thoughts of next year.

### Thoughtful thoughts on *Leaves of Thought*



*Leaves of Thought* was a literary magazine produced by students and featured student poems, short stories, photos, and art work.



Two issues were produced.... fall and spring.



Issues were sold for a dollar each at lunch.

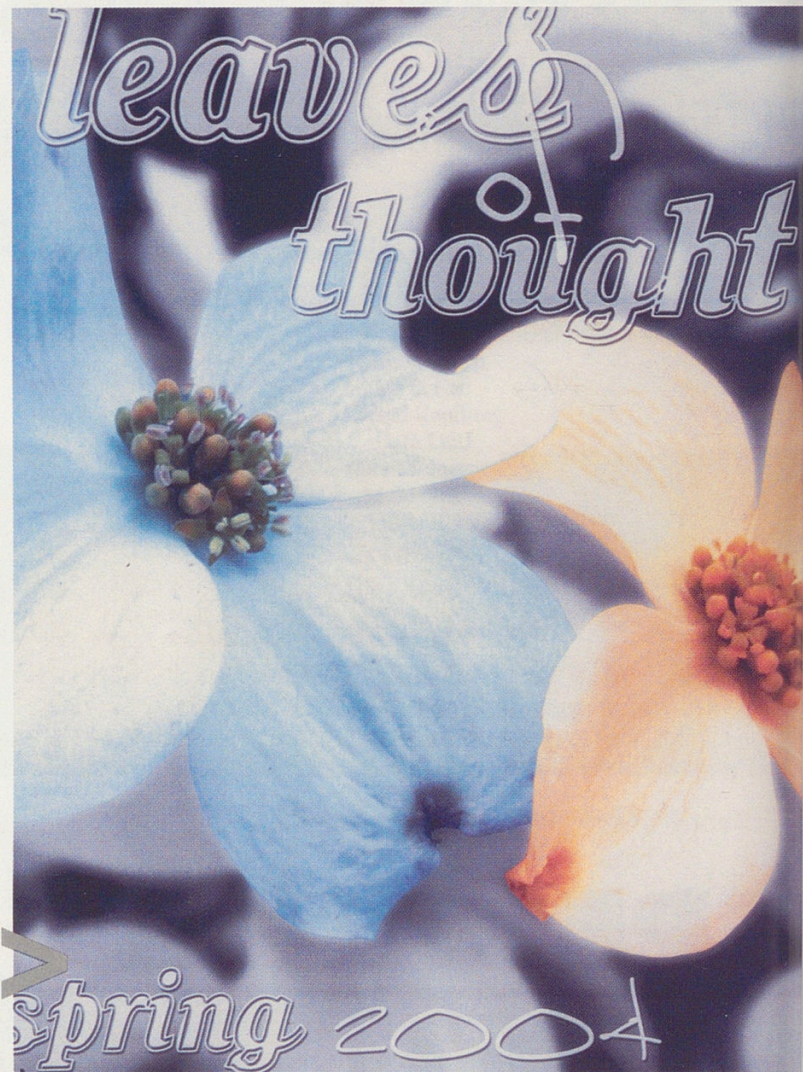


The *Leaves of Thought* staff made over \$194.00 from selling their spring and winter issue.



The *Leaves of Thought* staff went through all entrees and picked many for publication in the magazine.

**THE FINAL PRODUCT.** After many long weeks and hours the *Leaves of Thought* literary magazine was complete. This cover was designed by **Jessica Zanger, 12**, and appeared on the spring issue.



### Q&A with April Wang, 11.

**q:** What was the process the *Leaves of Thought* staff went through to produce the magazine?

**a:** First, we have everybody turn in stories in our envelopes, then three people judge each entree, next we pick the top ones and lastly we place them on the page and illustrate them. Then the magazine is complete.

**q:** How many meetings or how long did it take, overall to produce *Leaves of Thought*?

**a:** Three or four meetings are used to work on producing the magazine and then each person spends two hours at home.

**q:** What was the best thing about being a member of the *Leaves of Thought* staff?

**a:** Everybody was very nice and Mrs. Allen was an excellent adviser.





# the leaf

## The Voice of Sycamore

By: Laura Eastes

**A BIT OVERJOYED ON DEADLINE DAY.** April Wang, 11, and Susie Shutts, 11, finish up the mini mag for one of the issues. Each month a mini mag was produced and was inserted into the newspaper. Topics of the mini mag ranged from Battle of the Bands to College bowl games.



**A**N AWARD WINNING STUDENT NEWSPAPER flooded the halls on distribution days.

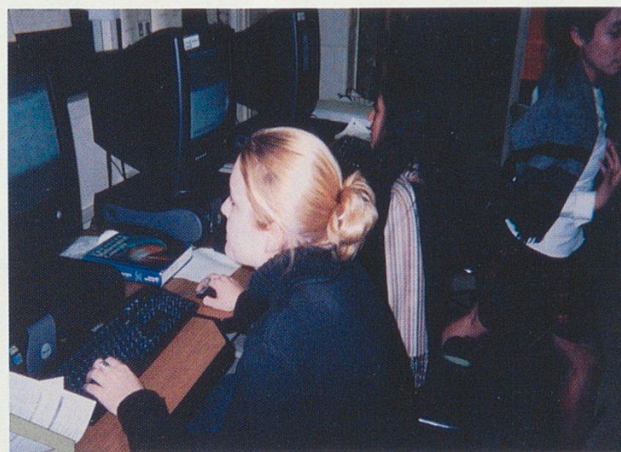
From world wide news to facial hair features, the *Leaf* covered it all and left no stone unturned.

Seventy -six students from every grade, every sport, and every activity came together each day to produce a newspaper each month. *The Leaf* covered every area of the school including student life, news, opinion, editorial, feature, sports, spotlight and a mini magazine on various topics each month.

"Newspaper for me had been like one continuous ego-booster. It's one thing to just write, but to be recognized and congratulated for my work by people I hardly know is an amazing feeling," said Amy White, 11.

*The Leaf* was a stepping stone for many students into journalism. Corrie van Amerongen, 12, and April Wang, 11, were finalist for the Earnest Hemingway Award from the Kansas City Star in the feature category. Wang also won a paid internship for *Crossroads* magazine at Ball State University for the summer.

*The Leaf* staff worked very hard each month to produce a newspaper over 40 pages. But even after long hours on deadline days, the *Leaf* staff always came back for more with new ideas on next month's issue. *The leaf* won GLIPA's Buckeye, CSPA's Gold Medalist, NHSPA All American and numeros OPW awards as well.



**TAKEN THE PAPER TO BED.** Corrie Van Amerongen, 12, worked extra hard as editor and chief to finish the paper each deadline. As editor in chief she was in charge of editing all the pages, coming up with a story ladder as well as making sure the staff completed their articles every month and that thousands of dollars in ad revenue were secured.



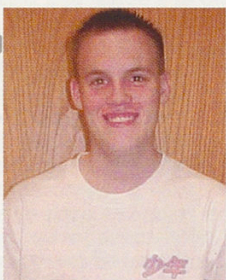
## Animai Club

# Diverse Artists all in one

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Sarah Chapman

**BOW DOWN TO THE PRESIDENT OF ANIMAI CLUB, BRIAN MURPHY, 12.**

He started animai with his English teacher, Mrs. Christine Minano, and hopes more students express interest in Japanese Art.



At my previous school, Aiken, I was facilitator for 2 years. I saw my student with Animai on his folder. We decided to start a club so more students could learn about Animai.

> Mrs. Christine Minano

**SAILOR MOON TO THE RESCUE! MELANIE RASCH, 9,**

said sailor moon and Yo-gi-oo cartoons sparked her interest in animai. "Anamai Club is fun, we watch movies every Monday and Wednesday on Japanese culture with Animai included," said Rasch.

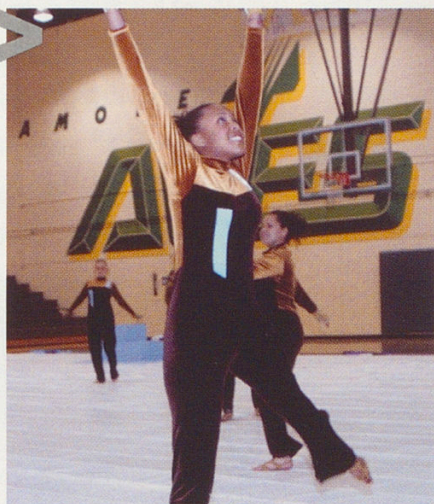


## Winter Guard

# Taking it to the next level, Winter style

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Sarah Chapman

**PLEASING THE CROWD, ANGEL BALLARD, 10,** shows her enthusiasm and love for dance. Winter Guard allows you to do more than just dance. Flag twirling and meeting new people are also involved.



**TWIRLING THEIR FLAGS, WINTER GUARD DOES IT ALL. MELLISA SEDGZIOL, 11, JESSICA BURK, 9, and DANNI DOUGHTI, 10,** entertain many. Winter Guard is a very competitive dance group.



## Q&A with Cydney Wayne



**q:** How long have you been participating in Winter Guard?

**a:** Since last year when it was created.

**q:** Why did you join?

**a:** I thought it was cool to be a part of a new thing. Little did I know it would succeed. Winter Guard is a great thing to be in.

**q:** Are you involved in anything else?

**a:** Winter Guard takes up most of my time. But I am apart of the Choir Board.





# Advancing to a successful future

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Sarah Chapman

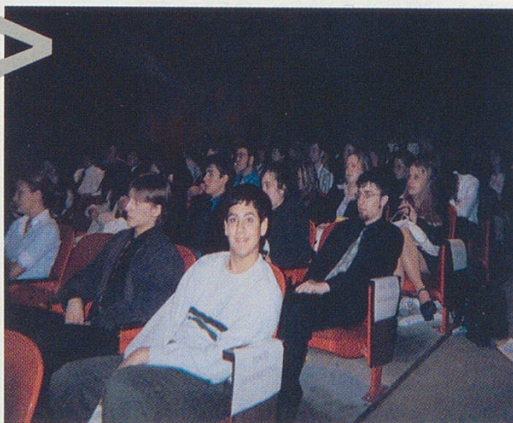
**H**AVE YOU SEEN the new and improved bookstore, called the "Spirit Shop" and wondered who started it? The marketing students in a club called DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America). In DECA, students compete with other schools internationally. These students are placed in real life situations which test your knowledge on marketing

situations. **Casey Mack, 12, Brian Kelly, 12, Emily Parker, 12, Andrew Carman, 12, and Kyle Murphy, 12,** attended the DECA state competition at the Hayatt Regency in Columbus. Mack competed in the Full Serve Restaurant, and Kelly competed in the Quick Serve Restaurant category. Parker, Carman, and Murphy wrote a 30 page manual about the Spirit Shop. These three placed in the top ten.



**AND THE AWARD GOES TO... CASEY MACK, 12!** Mack accepts his award he won for DECA by dealing with real life situations for restaurant's. This is his major for college.

**WAITING TO COMPETE, MATT KORBAL, 11, STAYS PATIENT.** Korbal competed in Food Marketing. This was a popular choice of competition.



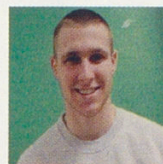
## Why do you like clubs?

"I have been working with Operation Smile since my Freshman year and as my involvement grew, my dedication to such a great cause escalated."



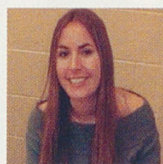
**> Sarah Richards, 12**

"By participating in DECA I have experienced real life situations that I will face in the future since my major in college is marketing."



**> Casey Mack, 12**

"I really like this organization [Operation Smile] because it's for a really good cause because we raise money for kids with facial deformities and everyone deserves to smile!"



**> Robin Hunsucker, 12**

"Operation Smile is a great organization that helps kids and family which is a very rewarding experience."



**> Amy Petrocy, 11**

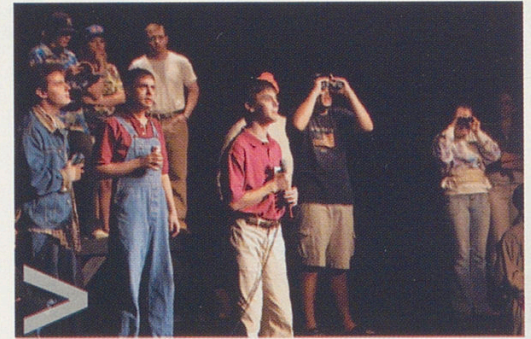


# Exit stage left

## Sycamore Theatre Arts Group

**EARN WHAT STAGE LEFT REALLY MEANS IN THE SYCAMORETHEATREARTS GROUP (STAG).**

The theatre group provides every student with the opportunity to exhibit their theatre skills. Positions range from directing to acting to stage crew. STAG is an extracurricular activity open to all students with an interest in theatre. Students in STAG participate in productions throughout the year as well as community service projects. Students are required to record their hours in all parts of the theatre such as management or technical supervision. These hours accumulate into points. At the end of the year, STAG awards, thespian status, stars, and point plaques are issued to students that have shown excellent performance. By the way, stage left is the actor's left, not the audience's.



**STAG PUTS ON THE FIRST PRODUCTION OF THE YEAR, "SNAPSHOTS".** The short skits that made up this play depicted aspects of everyday life, such as love, death, politics, and art. Each scene featured different actors/actresses that are/were part of the STAG group.

# Students excel in more than just math class

STAG / CAPPIES / Art Club / GLHS

By: Sam Pollak

## GLHS



**J**EREMY ZOLA, 10, lights his candle commemorating his induction into the GLHS. The

Global Language Honors Society is a three-year-old program designed solely to honor students who excel in the study of any one of the seven offered global languages. Students wishing to join are required to have an "A" average in the class and be in at least the Intermediate IV level (except for ASL, which must be Intermediate III). Students who joined this year were honored in an induction ceremony that took place on April 28.



**MRS. HEIKE SCHADE INDUCTS HER German Students into the GLHS (top).** At right, **Mrs. Maggi Cobb-Wessling** (far right) performs a speech in sign language as she helps her ASL students join the group. Her students were **Samantha Adams, 12,** and **Jenna Bridgewater, 12.**



The Global Language Honor Society is a great way for our department to recognize the outstanding students in our program.

> **Mrs. Carol Ihlendorf,**  
Global Language Department Head



**JONATHAN MCPIKE, 12, PERFORMS** in one of the four acts that made up the "OneActs". The "OneActs" is a series of separate, one-act plays that are written, produced, and directed by the STAG students. The play was entirely student-driven and the STAG coordinator, **Ms. Leslie Knotts**, was available only as backup.



**"NOISES OFF"**, the winter play, aroused laughter from the entire audience. The show was the story of a director trying to help his actors put on a production. Shown from the front, behind, and in between, the slapstick humor that was part of the play combined with subtle jokes created an uproar of laughter from the viewers.



## CAPPIES

**THE CRITICS AND AWARDS PROGRAM** For High School Theatre (Cappies) allows students from around the

Tri-State/Greater Cincinnati area to attend and review other high school productions. Cappies has reviewed many of the school's past plays, especially, "Noises Off". Student critics raved about the play calling it "not far from professional" and "a complete mastery of movement." Our critics included seniors **Neil Heyman, Mark Levy**, and **Andrew Wehling**, as well as juniors **Brian Barasch, Dara Lind**, and **Molly Reigers**. Each year ends with the Cappies Gala, a Tony-like awards program with songs and sketches from nominated shows.

STAG's a great place to meet people, to learn stage things, and to help the community.

> **Blair Bailey, 9**



**ART CLUB CREATED A MURAL** in one of the women's bathrooms in Symmes Elementary. The project was a surprise gift to the faculty members. **Max Deutsch, 12**, leans out to paint greenery inside the rest room.

## Artclub

**ART CLUB IS AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY** that gives

students an opportunity to express their artistic skills. Students in the club participate in art projects around the community. Activities included a mural for the Tall Stacks festival, face painting in the Bethesda sponsored "Hike for Hospice", painting a mural in a women's rest room at Symmes Elementary, and creating Christmas ornaments for "Kicks for Kids".

**THE TALL STACKS MURAL** (left) was a work in progress for over a month and a half. The painting was based on a piece called *The Long Bill* by James Henry Beard. Art Club also designed and presented a float (bottom) in the Homecoming parade that featured cacti from the Southwest.



Art Club allows people a chance to express themselves and give back to the community. Art Club has always been a fun and exciting outlet for those enthusiastic about art.

> **Ayla Rapoport, 12**  
Club President



# Bike rides

## Moving around the city

Races and relays, cycling club does it all

By: Carly Mandel

**C**YCLING CLUB WAS STARTED THREE YEARS AGO BY MOLLY DWYER, THEN, A SENIOR. Since that time, the club had gone on several bike rides, some leisurely, some exhausting, with groups that varied in size. President, **Aaron Schneider, 11**, has been a member of the club since its

inception. While the club did not hold regularly scheduled races or meetings, one constant had been the 12-hour Calvin's Challenge cycling race held in Springfield, OH each May. A team of five students headed to the race on May 1st.

"The race was grueling!" said **Coach Mike Gutekunst**.

The champion was the rider who covers the most miles during the 12-hour period. Team members each hoped to ride more than 150 miles during the race, which would qualify them as the new school record holders.

# Contests

## More than math, it is a competition!

Math Club does more than solve problems. By: Carly Mandel

**C**OMPETING IS NO PROBLEM FOR THESE MATH EXPERTS. 10 competitions, and about 16 tests, students in Math Club took math and made it competitive. Math Club was also highly victorious in competitions. Lead by President **Dennis Jiang, 12**, Vice President, **Shriya Raghaven, 11**, and Secretary, **Tianiai Lu, 12**, the team participated in

competitions such as the series of six Ohio Mathematics League (OML) tests, and the American Scholastic Mathematics Association (ASMA).

"The OML students placed second in Ohio against approximately 120 schools statewide, we were very successful!" said **Dr. Keith Brakenridge**, math department advisor.

American High School Mathematics exam, or better

known as AMC (American Mathematics Competition) was a competition that has been around for 60 years! This contest was separated into two tests, AMC-10 and AMC-12. AMC-10 was for students in grades 9 and 10, while AMC-12 was for grades 11 and 12. From this test students could qualify to compete in the American Invitational Mathematics Exam.

# Statesman

## Leaders of tomorrow

"Democracy is not a spectator sport." By: Carly Mandel

**G**OING PAST THE LIMIT TO HAVE IN-DEPTH DEBATES ABOUT STUDENT'S OPINIONS ON WORLDLY ISSUES. JSA, or Junior Statesman of America, not only had important discussions, but it also got to participate

in nationwide conferences. JSA is the largest high school student-run organization in America. The Sycamore chapter gives students an opportunity to participate in discussions, thought talks, debates, and simulations about current affairs, government, politics, law, and foreign affairs. Membership is open to anyone

regardless of political affiliation. There are 3 overnight conventions held each year that give students the opportunity to meet with other high school students from across the region to participate. These conventions also provide a chance to socialize with students from other schools during planned activities.







**BOYS READY TO RIDE.** Just before the biking began boys **Mark Schrock, 12, Nick Fields, 12, Greg van Amerongen, 9, and Nat Harward, 12** prepped for the long journey ahead of them. Riders roamed the trails for 12 hours of biking, hoping to cover more than 150 miles.

**RIDER SCHROCK TAKES ON ANOTHER HOUR.** It was a struggle but he finished. Schrock rode for 12 hours, through sharp turns, steep hills, and many obstacles. For most riders this was no stroll through the park. Riders always had to be aware, however they still had some opportunities to enjoy the beauty of the surrounding nature.

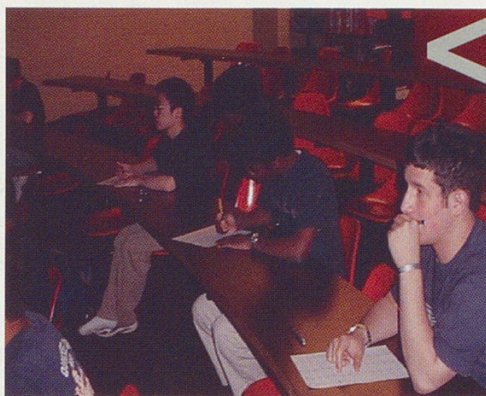


**IN THE END...STILL STANDING.** After 12 hours, the four bikers, **Schrock, Fields, van Amerongen, and Harward** finally finish. After the strenuous ride the boys took a long breather. With a water break here and there the boys get congratulated at the final finish line by their coach **Gutekunst**.



**THE MATH CLUB STUDENTS TOOK A TOTAL of 20 tests throughout the school year.** Each test could qualify the student to take another test. Not only did the Math Team compete against other schools statewide and nationwide, but they also competed against themselves and other teammates. They worked hard together to help each other achieve their goals.

**MEDALLION MATHEMATICS TESTING.** One of many tests consisted of puzzling questioning that were screened on the overhead at the front of the class. This test was said to be one of the most difficult tests of the year. **Aaron Freidman, 11**, was concentrating on the question, "If  $P(A) = 0.3$  and  $P(B) = 0.4$  and  $P(A \text{ or } B) = 0.58$ , then what is  $P(A \text{ and } B)$ ?"

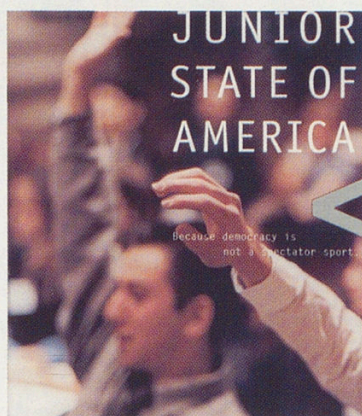


**SECOND PLACE IN OHIO for the American High School Mathematics Exam (AHSME).** Brackenridge took 38 students to this competition, of those, 19 qualified to take the American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME). Those 19 kids were, **Li Tan, 9, Shriya Raghavon, 11, Dennis Jiang, 12, Arthur Wang, 11, Chester Chen, 10, Eric Shen, 11, Allsion Lacker, 11, Chris Korte, 11, Aaron Friedman, 11, Jamie Nesbitt, 11, Mimi Kao, 11, Kimberly Johnson, 11, Matt Evans, 11, Jeff Andrews, 11, Billy Tang, 9, Ahilan Sivaganesan, 11, Karen Staubach, 12, Nat Harward, 12, and Tianlai Lu, 12.**



**SISTERS SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.** Twin sisters, **Rima and Noura Dabdoub, 12**, displayed that in JSA there is room for two. The girls worked together to try to get information on the upcoming debates.

**JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA.** The front of this JSA magazine read "Because democracy is not a spectator sport!" The students in JSA proved this to be true. In JSA, students met to discuss such topics as pro choice and the situation in Iraq.



**WORKING HARD TO WIN.** **Rima Dabdoub, 12**, studies to win the next competition. Debates were held four times a year, spring, summer, winter and full. JSA did not have enough participants to go to two of the regional debates, but the two that they participated in they placed very well.



Random Acts of Kindness Club is all about doing nice things for people without expecting recognition in return. > **Susan Shuller, 12**

# Plain and simple: being nice

By: Jaime Orent

## THE IDEA FOR RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS CLUB

(RAKC) was sparked at a leadership conference that **Susan Shuller, 12**, and **Robin Hunsucker, 12**, attended over the summer. When talking about ways to improve school climate, an idea for a kindness club formed.

One activity was set up after school by the committee and enjoyed first bell by the students. RAKC'ers placed candy underneath a few desks in all first class rooms and the voice of the morning announcements, **Brad Konerman, 12**, instructed the students to look under their desks. Random students enjoyed a treat and experienced the kindness of their fellow classmates involved in the club.

Students were not the only ones involved in the club. "Mr. Steve Imhoff, Mr. Randy Lothrop, and Mr. Stan Kaniecki were very inspirational because they are the greatest RAKC'ERS of all," said Hunsucker.



**HELPING FRESHMAN WITH A SMILE.** Simple acts of kindness were what RAKC was all about. **Mike Rosa, 12**, and **Susan Shuller, 12**, were great examples when it came to random acts of kindness and they proved it by helping these freshman with their homework.

## Equestrian Club...

# Hurtling into the top five

By: Jaime Orent

**THE IDEA WAS A SIMPLE ONE.** A club where students could ride horses and attend equestrian competitions with other students and have fun while working hard.

"Not all members own horses, or even ride. All members do share a passion for horses though. There are a lot of people who have never ridden and most don't own a horse," said **Monica Samuels, 11**.

**Kelly Beech, 12**, made this idea a reality. Beech, a rider of 8 years helped form Equestrian Club with **Jana Schibler, 10**, who has been riding for 7 years. Both girls ride in Loveland, Ohio seven days a week spending a minimum of two hours tending to and riding their horses. They travel about four times a year for competition in Northern Ohio and Northern Kentucky.

**JUMPING HURTLES.** **Jana Schibler, 10**, and her horse jumped the posts with ease. Schibler competed in the Lexington Horse Trials in Lexington, Kentucky on her Arabian horse, Dancy. She did 3-day eventing, which is a competition made up of 3 different disciplines: show jumping, dressage, and cross country.



**OVER THE FENCES.** **Kelly Beech, 12**, competed with her horse Dijon in the Lexington Horse Trials. She placed fifth out of 25 riders in the eventing discipline. Beech competed in many other tournaments, always placing within the top five.



I started Equestrian Club because I wanted the horse back riders to meet each other and learn from each other's different experiences.

> **Kelly Beech, 12**





**SOUTH OF THE BORDER STYLE.** Senior student council members posed on their float for the homecoming parade. Homecoming was only one of the major events that student council chaired. From the floats, the parade, the court, the dance and all of the decorations, student council worked extremely hard to make the entire homecoming event very memorable.



**THEY ARE ALWAYS THERE BEHIND THE SCENES.** Finishing up all those little things that need to be done. Who are they? The members of student council. Elections are held at the end of the school year for positions to be filled the following year. These young men and women worked extremely hard to do so much more for the school. And much of what they did went unrecognized. They planned every last detail of dozens of activities that occurred, including Little Sibs Day, Student Exchange, spirit wear sales, Homecoming, Winter Dance, Prom, lunch activities and the morning announcements.

"People don't appreciate how much we really do for the school. If something happened, we most likely did it," said **Liz Walsh, 9.**

# Elected students

## Getting it done...All of it

By: **Jaime Orent**

**LIFTING WITH HER KNEES.** Laura Steiner, 11, makes a funny face while helping to set up Winter Formal decorations. The theme was "Where the Wild Things Are" and these students put hard work and effort into making it so that the commons looked wild.



**READY SET EAT!** Student council members gather around **Daniel Schear, 10**, as he attempts victory in a chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream eating contest. Although Schear lost the contest to **Jennie Grossman, 10**, the ultimate goal was achieved. Having fun and working together. Student council did many programs this summer including many mixers to teach the council members how to have a great time while working together.

Student council gets it done: every year. Nike says 'just do it', so we do, and we LOVE it.

> **Emily Tolos, 11**







# The REDS

**MARGE SCHOTT, FORMER OWNER OF THE CINCINNATI REDS, DIED AT AGE 75 ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2.** She was hospitalized three weeks prior to her death for breathing difficulties, and repeatedly needed treatment for lung problems in recent years. Christ Hospital did not release a cause of death. Schott was well-known to all of Cincinnati. She will be remembered for her World Series win in 1990, her outspokenness, her dogs, her cigarettes, her generosity to the Cincinnati Zoo, her love of baseball and most of all her passion for the Cincinnati Reds.



**"THE OLD LEFT HANDER IS ROUNDING THIRD AND SIGNING OFF."** Joe Nuxhall, the Voice of the Reds retired at the end of the Red's 2004 season. He was a part of the Reds for 51 years; as a player and 36 of those years as a commentator. He joined the Reds at age 15, the youngest ever to play in the Major League. It will be hard for both the players and the fans to watch Reds baseball without Nuxhall being a part of it.

**THE OLD KENWOOD TOWNE CENTER AT DUSK.** The mall was renovated in order to compete with other shopping centers such as Rookwood Commons. New stores and restaurants were opened up including *The Cheesecake Factory*, *Forever XXI*, *Pottery Barn* (relocated), *Smoothie King*, *Sigrid Olsen*, and *Macchiatos*. *CVS* and *Illuminations* were removed for the new additions and *Ruby Tuesdays* relocated across Montgomery road.



"Tallstacks was really fun, the acting classes got to perform a skit which was really cool. All the different things to do there were really awesome, I'd so go again."

> **Rachel Washburn, 10**



"I'm happy that they are making all these new additions to the mall, because things like the Cheesecake Factory and Forever 21 will attract more people."

> **Belinda Wen, 10**



"I think they should direct their money more towards the poverty of Cincinnati and helping people get more education, instead of spending the money on a team that isn't even good."

> **Dylan Wolf-Sweeney, 9**



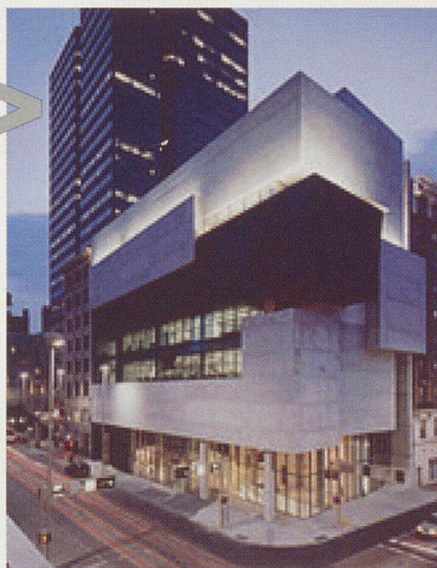
"I'm scared of the cicadas, I have to walk down the street that's lined with woods and trees. I'm probably going to get hit with a bunch of them."

> **Claire Alexoff, 9**



"I think that Marge Schott was a good lady and I think she will be someone Cincinnati will always remember."

> **Ember Kelly, 12**



**ON JUNE 7, 2003 THE CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AFTER 2 YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION.** This 35 million dollar building and its beautiful design is one of Cincinnati's biggest tourist attractions. It was designed by Zaha Hadid, the first woman to design an art museum. It is made up of ramps, glass, and concrete surfaces that fit together like a jigsaw puzzle.



**TALLSTACKS. THE MUSIC, ART AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL WAS HELD IN OCTOBER.** A celebration of Cincinnati being one of the top 6 largest cities 150 years ago when steamboats ruled the rivers.





# Cincinnati

## more changes

renovations, retirements, returns...

By: Alix Zuberbuhler, Sarah Chapman & Sarah Jarnicki



**THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER OPENED IN BETWEEN THE GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK AND THE PAUL BROWN STADIUM.** Although it is surrounded by two sports venues, it has the potential to overshadow them in importance to the city. The Freedom Center pays a tribute to those who risked their lives to help free others from slavery. It raised 90 million out of the 110 million needed from Cincinnatians all around, which is why it is such a good representation of our city. North of the Ohio River was free in the days of slavery, which is the reason why the Freedom Center was built on the riverfront.

**IT'S NO SURPRISE** when we say that Cincinnati is not the most entertaining, exciting, happening city on earth, but it is not that bad, right? Or is it?

Cincinnati has been growing and growing as new buildings, businesses and things to do are popping up faster than we know it. Things such as the new addition to the **Kenwood Towne Centre**, **The Freedom Center**, **Tallstacks**, and **the Cicada Invasion**, are all new additions to Cincinnati. Year by year, Cincinnati is accumulating more and more tourist attractions and reasons for out of towners and locals to enjoy their time in the city.

## They're ba-a-ack....

The Broad X Invasion.



**S**ome of us may remember the last invasion of the

cicadas, but it does not compare to what recently came. An estimated 90 million swarmed the Cincinnati area in 1987, while the return of the

noisy insects in 2004 reached 5 billion. The harmless bug that emerges from the ground every 17 years came in May and flew around for 6 weeks. Cicadas came out to mate one time. The female lays 400-600 eggs on tree branches where they sit until August and fall to the ground. The eggs fall into tiny cracks in the earth, where they spend the next 17 years until they return as adults. Their familiar loud, obnoxious buzzing sound is also known as their mating call. Within 2 days, the buzzing sound of these creatures was so loud, you were not able to carry on a normal conversation. Some people waited 17 years for this, while others dreaded it. Either way, you were not able to escape the cicadas!



# memories

## Tommy's Story:

**T**ommy Crabill, 11, woke up to see the window on the opposite side of his room shoot in and hit the wall. He quickly climbed off the top bunk of his bed and crawled to the door.

"I do not remember sounds. I do not remember seeing anything else. The only thing I heard was my mom's voice on the other side of the door," Crabill reminisced.

'It is a tornado Tommy we have to go downstairs!'

"We pulled on the door but the wind was too strong. All of a sudden, I could feel the floor under me begin to tilt. The same feeling you get when you are at the top of the roller coaster, getting ready to plummet to the ground. I do not remember hitting the ground, I was knocked unconscious."



Crabill woke up on a bed of sharp bricks. His legs were wet with blood. As he felt around him, he could not figure out where he was. He said he thought that he was in his room but then he realized that he was buried under the destroyed parts of his house. Crabill, his mom, and his older sister were all buried under the crushed house laying in the front yard.

"Emily, my younger sister, was nowhere to be seen, until hours later. I rummaged around to try and figure a way out, but I was trapped under a 10' by 10' wall of my house," said Crabill.

He dug himself around to grab a hold of something above him, just as he did his mom yelled for him. It was her ankle he had grabbed.

"If I had not found her leg it might have taken maybe an hour longer to find me."

Crabill was pulled out by Dr. Dye, a Blue Ash fireman, who is now ironically Crabill's dentist. Thankfully all of Crabill's family survived with a few cuts and scrapes. Although Crabill had the most damage, 30 stitches.

"It is of course a life altering experience. Not many people have lived through an F4 tornado."

## Rebuilding the future >



**D**oesn't that house look familiar? This house on Cornell Road,

across from the high school, was destroyed by the tornado, and is pictured after it was rebuilt. Many houses on Cornell were rebuilt due to complete destruction.

At the school a tornado memorial garden was made and new sports fields were added after all of the trees were torn down. The memorial garden has several new trees planted and a few benches.



With all of the destruction, there was still some good that came out of it. We were left with great athletic fields due to the loss of trees, so students no longer had to commute to elementary schools and the junior high. Also, we have corrected our weather sirens so now everyone can hear them when they go off. This was a major problem when the tornado occurred with the malfunctioning of the sirens. People slept in while the storm raged outside.

So many people have been killed by a tornado, when you live through one, you realize how little control you have.

> **Tommy Crabill, 11**



## The Facts:

Type	Wind Speed	Effects
F0	40-72 mph	Chimney damage, tree branches
F1	73-112 mph	Mobile homes pushed off foundation
F2	113-157 mph	Mobile homes destroyed
F3	158-205 mph	Roofs and walls torn down, cars
<b>F4</b>	<b>206-226 mph</b>	<b>well constructed walls and homes</b>
F5	261-318 mph	Homes lifted off foundation and thrown





# TORNADO

## 5 year anniversary

April 9, 1999 - April 9, 2004 By: Carly Mandel and Chris Bregger



**SHATTERING LIVES FOREVER** on Friday, April 9, 1999, the tornado passed but memories did not. In less than 12 seconds many lives were changed. It was the most unexpected natural disaster to hit Ohio since the 1970 tornado that hit Cincinnati in the same location as '99's: Montgomery, Blue Ash, and Symmes.

**1,000,000**

Dollars worth of damage to the high school. The roof over the pool, cracked skylights, and playing fields (dugouts, bleachers, grass terrain) were destroyed.

**200,000**

Were without electricity. 15,000 would not receive power until the following Sunday.

**200**

Homes were destroyed and 400 had major damage.

**14**

Million dollars estimated in structural damage in Sycamore Township, not including property damage to homes and businesses

**4**

People were killed and at least 47 people were treated at area hospitals.



**Bold, Creative, Complex...**

# Artwork and awards

**By: Rachel Hochgesang**

**T**HERE ARE A WIDE VARIETY OF ART CLASSES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS with each class producing numerous talented artists. Students have the opportunity to enter their artwork into many different competitions, such as, The Scholastic Art Awards, The Governor's Awards, Montgomery Women's Club Art Show, and many more. The artwork was made in different classes including drawing, painting, art I, art II, art seminar, photo, fashion design, woodworking, and ceramics. All of these courses are taught by either **Mr. Robert Gregory, Ms. Gayle Marsh, Mr. Bart Inwood, Mrs. Margaret Copfer, Ms. Debbie Klemt, Mr. Tom Beschler, Mr. Paul Melnick, Mr. Mike Hahn** or **Mrs. Kat Rakel-Ferguson**.



**DISPLAYING ARTWORK.** Art Seminar student, **Lizzy Klein, 12**, shows off the art pieces she has worked on throughout the year. Her portfolio won a Scholastic Award.



**HONORING ALL** who served. **Kelly Beech, 12**, designed a stamp as a tribute to those who served in the armed forces. This, as well as one other design of Beech's, won a Scholastic Art Award.



**COMPLEX AND cutting edge.** **Sergey Kahn, 12**, creates his images by placing three or four different negatives in different enlargers and combines them by blocking and adding different images. This picture is a part of Kahn's award winning portfolio.

**KEEPING IT SIMPLE.** **Sarah Sonneborn, 12**, captures beauty in the simplest of things. This photo won the best individual picture in the Scholastics Art awards.





**EXPRESSING HER JOY AND GRATITUDE THROUGH HER ARTWORK.**

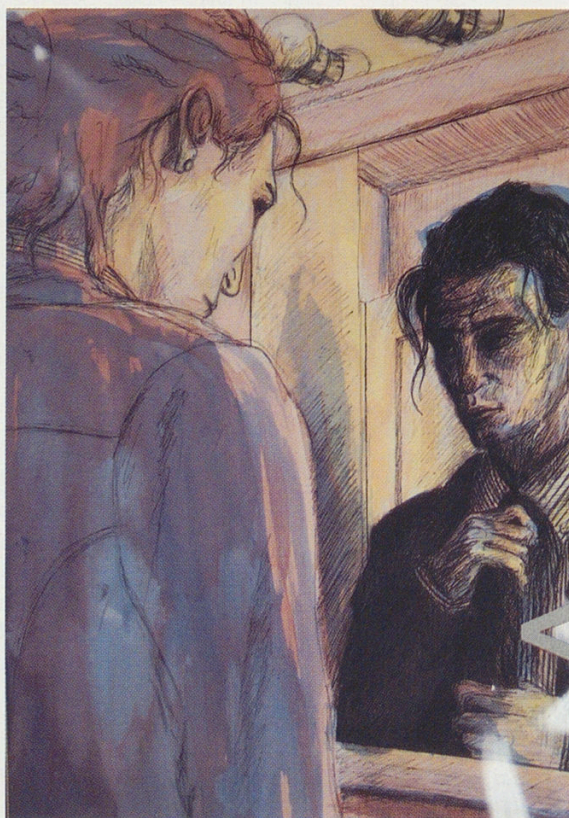
**Elesha Roser, 12**, came to Sycamore her senior year from Zimbabwe. Her artwork, of her friends, was entered in the Scholastic Art Show and won the silver award.



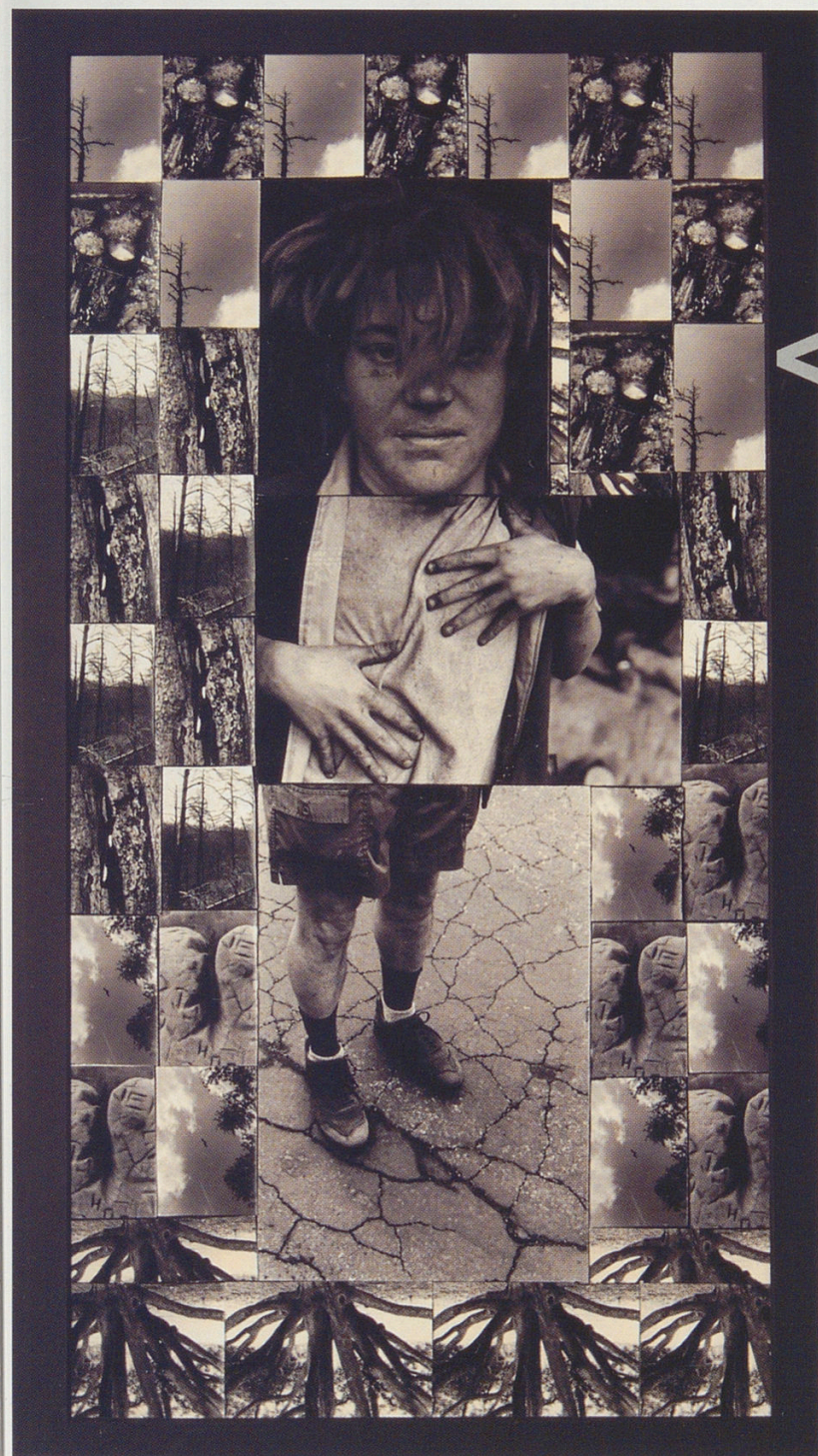
**"DAYDREAMING."** Jessica Zanger, 12, created this by manipulating a picture on the computer. Her piece received an honorary mention at the Scholastic Art Awards.



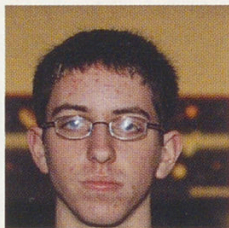
**CREATIVE AND COMPLEX.** Dan Mullholland, 12, transfers his photographs onto the computer where he rearranges them. Mullholland then prints up to 150 various size images in the darkroom.



**TALENT AND EXPERTISE.** Jason Butler, 12, won the Governor's Regional award for his artwork "Mirror." "It felt really good. I got a lot of praise, and it was a great opportunity to show my work to a large amount of people for free."

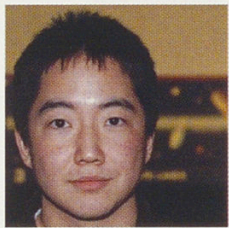






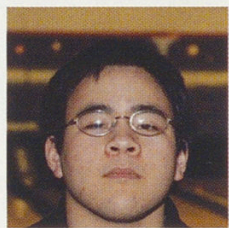
"I had a lot of fun this season, even though we didn't win any games. We all had a good time with each other."

> **Nate Herrell, 12**



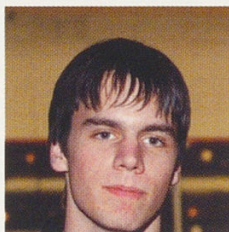
"It didn't matter that we didn't win a game all year. The important thing is that we had fun and the best part was that it was all free."

> **Michael Oshita, 12**



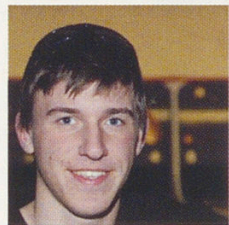
"I was disappointed I only got to play for one year. I made this a memorable year and bowled my little heart out."

> **Nick Sestito, 12**



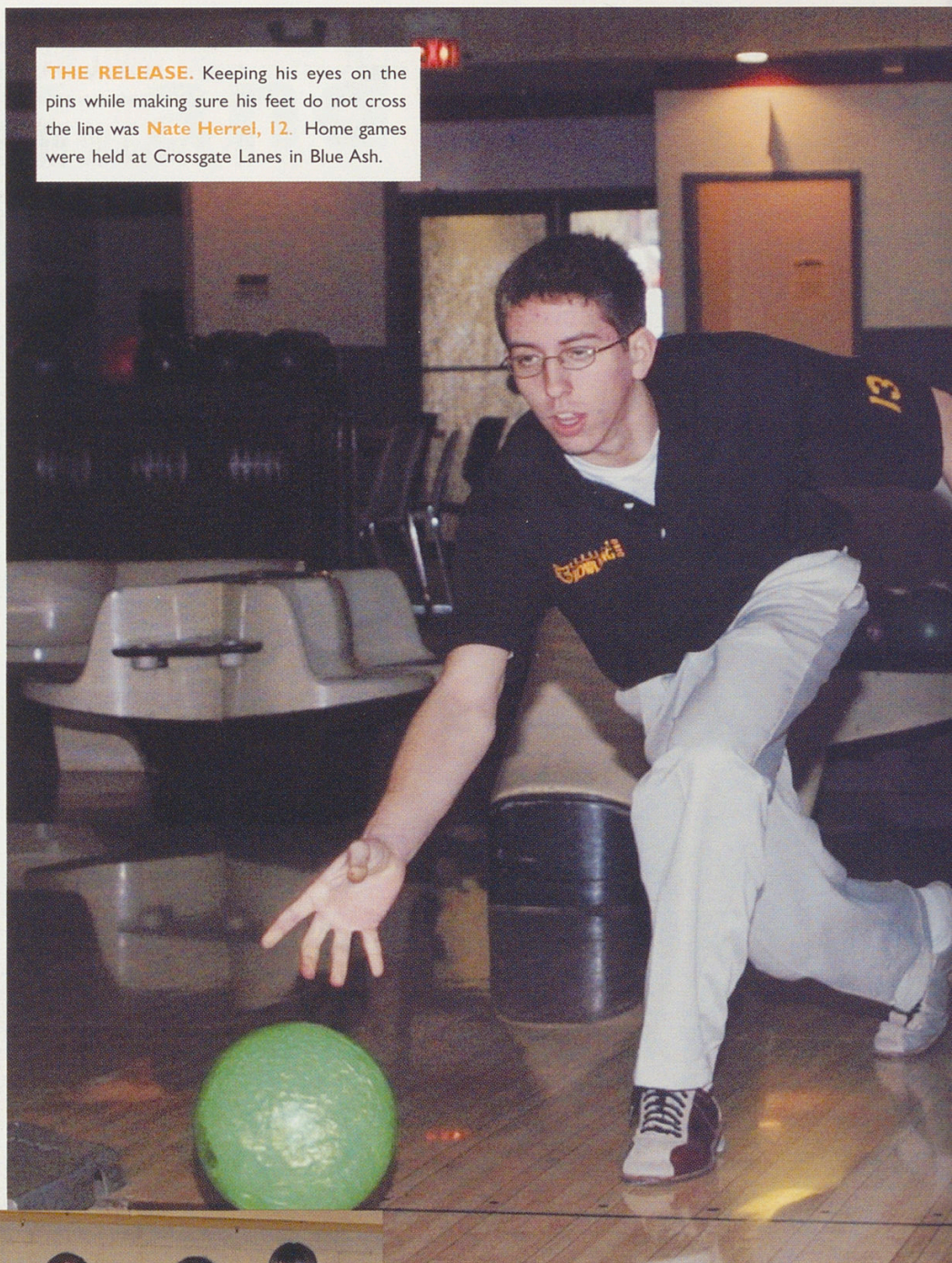
"Bowling is a microcosm of the human existence. I am not sure how but it sounds good."

> **John Ellingham, 12**



"We did it. We lost all of our games."

> **Josh Kostreva, 12**



**THE RELEASE.** Keeping his eyes on the pins while making sure his feet do not cross the line was **Nate Herrell, 12**. Home games were held at Crossgate Lanes in Blue Ash.



**Row 1:** Robert Ghantous 10, Jon Bake, 9, Joshua Kostreva, 12, Nick Sestito, 12, Joel Parker, 10. **Row 2:** Michael Petticrew, 12, Nick Seibel, 11, Michael Oshita, 12. Coach Jessie Wood, TJ Bake, 12, Nate Herrell, 12, Jon Ellingham, 12.

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss
Hamilton	LOSS
Milford	LOSS
Princeton	LOSS
Colerain	LOSS
Princeton	LOSS
Hamilton	LOSS
Milford	LOSS
Lakota West	LOSS
Oak Hills	LOSS
Lakota West	LOSS
Oak Hills	LOSS
Lakota West	LOSS
Colerain	LOSS
Oak Hills	LOSS
Fairfield	LOSS
Fairfield	LOSS





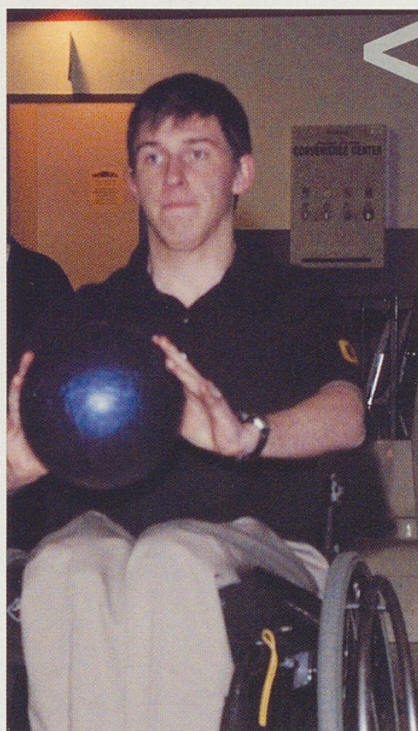
“We did fairly well with what we had, and if we had the time we could’ve done better”

## Knock down those pins!

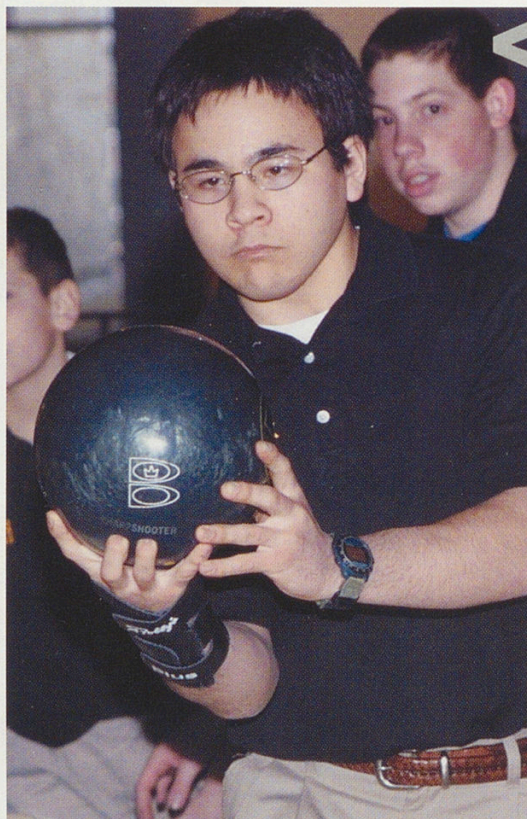
By: Mimi Barkawi

**S**OME PEOPLE THINK BOWLING IS a sport they play after school or on the weekends with their friends. But for these guys it is more than just a recreational activity. The guys on this team take bowling very seriously. They practice hard, trying to perfect each move and work on getting all strikes every frame.

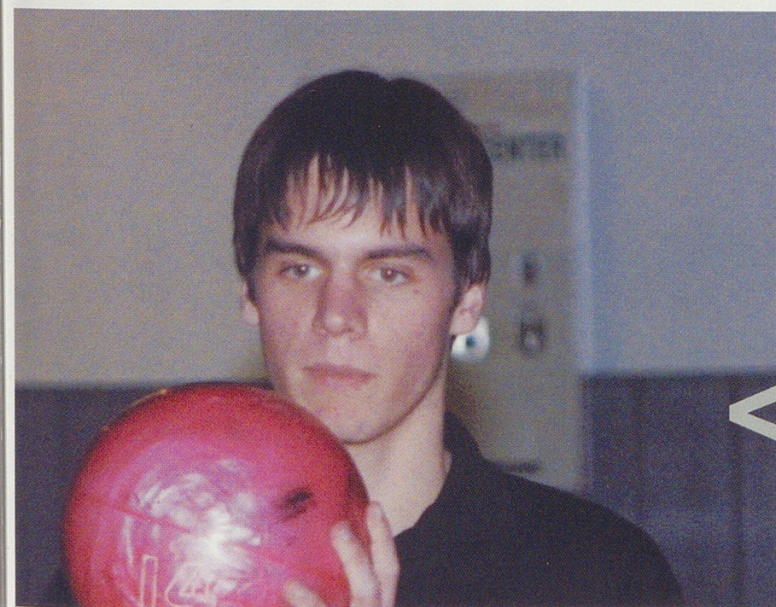
This is the first year we have had a bowling team, and the team went up against other GMC schools who have had a bowling team for years. The bowling team was started by Nick Sestito, 12. The team started practicing during winter break, and went on all through the rest of the winter season.



**JOSH KOSTREVA, 12 KEEPS HIS EYES ON THE PINS.** Bowling is a sport in which one has to keep their complete focus and concentration. Kostreva does a great job of this. He always tries and goes for the strike. Having good technique when you throw the ball is an asset to your game, and follow through can help dramatically.

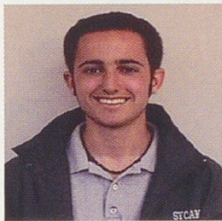


**WITH FIRST YEAR BOWLERS COMES NERVOUSNESS.** Being the first members of the Bowling Team can be a bit nerve wracking. Nick Sestito, 12, tries his best to keep all those butterflies inside, and keep his poker face on.



**CONCENTRATION IS A KEY TO GETTING THE STRIKE.** Jon Ellingham, 12, is very focused when he is up to bowl. Ellingham was a leader on the team, and did his best to improve his game. He learned from his mistakes, and tried to perfect every move. When bowling, one should always keep their eyes on the front pin to get a strike.





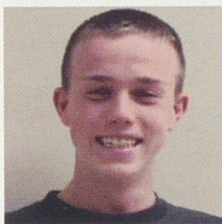
"The best thing on our team is we have great pride and effort. I think in the long run this will lead us to a successful season"

> Alex Gibberman, 11



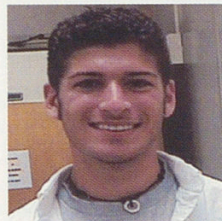
"I think we will have a good season because we have a lot of new talent along with a lot of strong returning seniors."

> Kevin Newman, 12



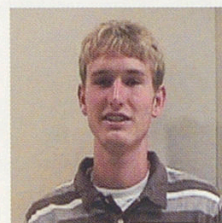
"Tennis is a fun sport for the reason that I enjoy socializing with Lance and Manoj. Also, I like to lay the smack down on Carl Bernstein."

> Sandy Berry, 10



"We have a deep team and we hope to continue the great tennis tradition."

> Jason Arenstein, 12



"We're looking forward to an exciting season. My goal is to make it to state."

> Lance Koetter, 11

**ATTACKING THE VOLLIES.** Kevin Newman, 12, was ready for the toughest competition. Newman played third singles and was definitely a main aspect to the team.



## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
FAIRFIELD	WIN	5	0
TURPIN	WIN	4	1
LAKOTA EAST	WIN	4	1
CENTERVILLE	LOSS	2	3
MIDDLETOWN	WIN	5	0
LAKOTA WEST	WIN	5	0
UNIVERSITY	LOSS	1	4
LEXINGTON	LOSS	0	5
HAMILTON	WIN	5	0
INDIAN HILL	LOSS	1	4
COLERAIN	WIN	5	0
MILFORD	WIN	5	0
OAK HILLS	WIN	4	1
ST XAVIER	LOSS	2	3
PRINCETON	WIN	3	2



Row 1: Ethan Arenstein, 9, Carl Bernstein, 9, Manoj Rajagopal, 10, Alex Gibberman, 11, Greg Martin, 10 Row 2: Kevin Newman, 12, Bernie Wen, 12, Lance Koetter, 12, Sandy Berry, 10, Jason Arenstein, 12, Coach Mike Teets.





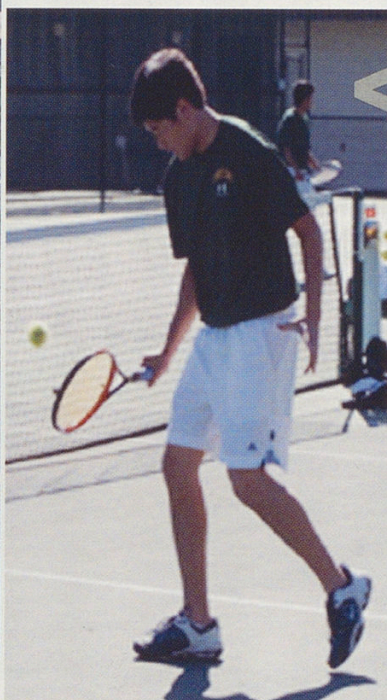
# “We have great talent this year. Hopefully, we will achieve our goals and be GMC champs” < Carl Bernstein, 9

## Serving up aces

By: Sarah Jarnicki

**T**HE VARSITY BOYS TENNIS TEAM HAD YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON. The boys won the GMC title for the 15th consecutive year. “We have a terrific group of men this year. Leading the way were the Tri-Captains: **Jason Arenstein, 12**, **Lance**

**Koetter, 12**, and **Kevin Newman, 12**. “They were great examples in the 6:00 a.m weight lifting, during the fall and winter, and their effort every day in practice is outstanding and truly showed. The three of them have set big goals, and we look forward to achieving them during the season,” said **Coach Mike Teets**.



**VOLLEYING WITH AUTHORITY, BERNIE WEN, 12**, gets the job done. Wen played number one doubles with teammate **Alex Gibberman, 11**. “Alex and I work well together and hopefully we can do this throughout the season to take us to state,” said Wen.



**GETTING INTO IT. LANCE KOETTER, 11**, slams a backhand down the court. Koetter plays number one singles and went to state.



**COURTESY ON THE COURT. Greg Martin, 10**, and **Manoj Rajagopal, 10**, congratulate each other on a good match. Rajagopal and Martin were new to the team and truly made a difference.



## Junior Varsity

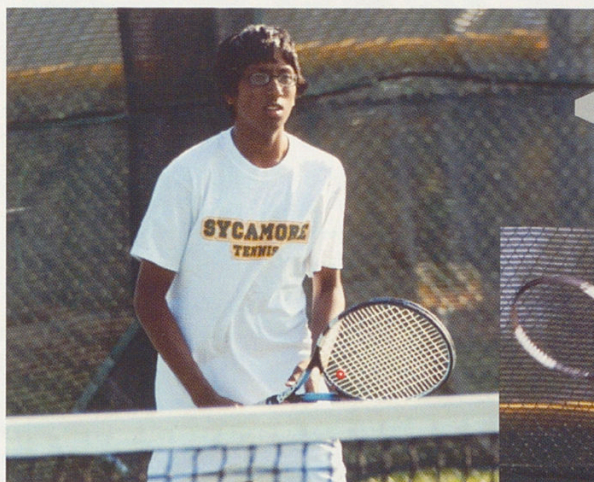


**Row 1:** Josh Karp, 10, Karthik Rao, 10, Chris Tom, 9, Anchie Huang, 10, Abhijeet Gummadavelli, 10. **Row 2:** Matt Gold, 9, Indi Ekanayake, 9, Joey Fixler, 9, Daniel Pink, 10, Nick Zalucki, 10.

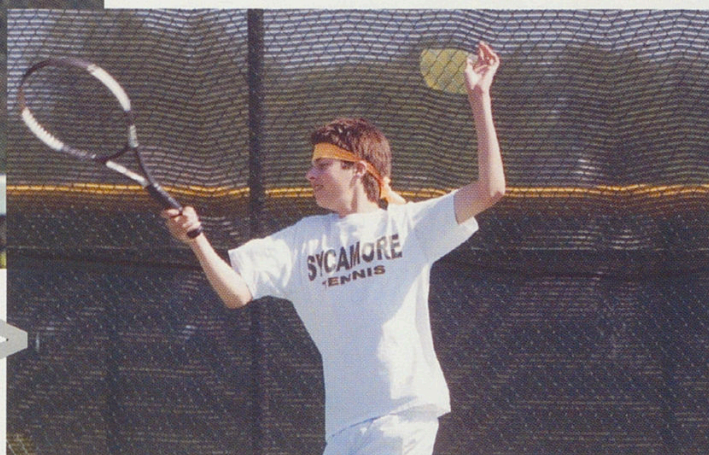
## Varsity Green



**Row 1:** Ben Mazer, 12, Jared Steinberg, 11, Chester Chen, 9, Jeremy Miller, 11. **Row 2:** Zach Mayer, 10, Jordan Cohen, 10, Max Glassner, 10. **Row 3:** Matt Hall, 10, Okan Kaya, 12, Daisuke Wada, 10, Jon Grossman, 11.



**PREPARING TO ATTACK.** Karthik Rao, 10, waited diligently for the ball to be returned to his court. This tenacious tennis player gave effort, talent, and time. He helped out the team by playing first doubles as well as third singles.



**SLAMMING IT HOME.** Jordan Cohen, 10, showed off his super skills as well as his team spirit with his yellow headband. Cohen, and his doubles partner Jared Steinberg, 11, had an awesome season winning first doubles at the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Coaches Association tournament.

# Kings of the court Absolutely smashing

By: Jaime Orent

**T**HESE BOYS SPARED NOTHING when it came to serving up a successful season. The JV tennis team, with **Coach Chuck Ogdan**, and the Varsity green tennis team, with **Coach Rob Stoneberger**, practiced hard with an unrelenting attitude toward victory. With their close matches, these tough fighters held in until every last second. **Okan Kaya, 12**, won second

singles, while **Matt Hall, 10**, won third singles, and **Jeremy Miller, 11**, and **Zach Mayer, 10**, won second doubles overall in their division. Varsity Green Tennis was also able to bring home the gold in the GCTCA Coaches Classic flight C and finished off the season with a record of 7-7. Junior Varsity also had a strong finish with a season record of 7-6.



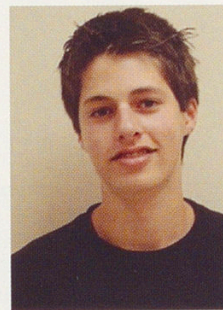


## Varsity Green

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Taylor	WIN	5	0
Talawanda	WIN	5	0
St. Xavier B	LOSS	1	4
Centerville B	WIN	4	1
Mason A	LOSS	1	4
Princeton B	WIN	5	0
Upper Arlington B	LOSS	2	3
Princeton B	WIN	5	0
Wyoming	LOSS	0	5
LaSalle	LOSS	2	3
Centerville B	WIN	4	1
St. Xavier B	LOSS	0	5
Upper Arlington B	LOSS	2	3
Finneytown	WIN	4	1

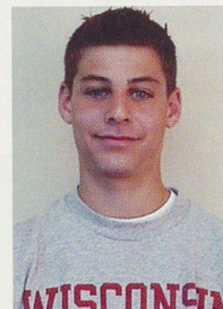
## Junior Varsity

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Fairfield	LOSS	2	3
Centerville	WIN	3	2
Turpin	WIN	5	0
Lakota East	WIN	4	1
Lakota West	LOSS	1	4
St. Xavier A	LOSS	0	5
St. Xavier B	LOSS	2	3
Colerain	WIN	5	0
Milford	WIN	5	0
Oak Hills	WIN	3	2
CHCA	LOSS	2	3
St. Xavier	LOSS	0	5
Princeton	WIN	5	0



"We were a pretty strong team throughout, especially as far as doubles. A lot of my teammates played with each other on the JV team last year so that was a plus."

> **Jordan Cohen, 10**



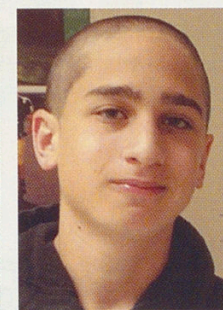
"We won our tournament, four out of five championships and we won second and third singles as well as first and second doubles, so we should have a strong finish to the end of the season."

> **Jared Steinberg, 11**



"It's been a great year so far and we've learned a lot from Coach Ogden and we've taught him a lot about tennis as well. We are lucky because we have a really strong team."

> **Nick Zalucki, 10**



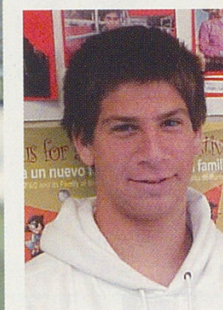
"We've gotten better since the beginning so by the end of the season we should be able to achieve anything."

> **Josh Karp, 10**



"It's all about good sportsmanship. GO AVES!"

> **Karthik Rao, 10**



"We've had a steady lineup throughout the year. We've had our share of ups and downs but I think we're going to pull through."

> **Jeremy Miller, 11**



### SMASHING THE COMPETITION.

**Joey Fixler, 9**, knocked 'em dead with his fantastic forehand. This freshman was known as "the surgeon" because he cut his opponents apart, losing only two matches the entire season.



**BATTER UP.** Katie Conner, 12, stepped up to the plate during a game. Conner was the returning pitcher and was ranked 3rd in the city and 2nd in the GMC for strike outs. She signed on with Gannon University on a softball scholarship for next year.



**GREAT CATCH.** Tricia Welsch, 10, made an amazing catch during a game. Catching the ball was crucial in game situations. Always catching the ball helped to keep the opposing team's score low.



**ALWAYS ALERT.** Kristen Grueninger, 11, kept her eyes on the ball. As a returning varsity player, Grueninger played second base and helped her team to many wins throughout the season.



**RUNNING TOWARDS HOME.** Jackie Roesch, 10, ran toward home plate in hopes to score a point for her team. This was Roesch's first year on varsity.



You're outta here!

# Varsity girls softball

By: Linsy Ogden

**T**HE VARSITY GIRLS  
SOFTBALL TEAM WORKED  
HARD TO FINISH

**STRONG.** With more losses than wins the girls were still proud of their season. **Ms. Debbie Klempt** was the girls' varsity coach. She was selected to be in the Ohio High School Softball coaches Hall of Fame. She had a lot to do with the girls' winnings. The team respected Mrs. Klempt with much gratitude.

"We were very young but the kids worked hard

and improved throughout the season, Katie Connor set a record of 203 strike outs," said Klempt.

The eleven girls who played at the varsity level prepared for the season in their own way. Some played other sports while others practiced in the Gregory Center.

As the season progressed, the players felt that they improved in their game. Pressure sometimes got to them, but that did not slow them down, they had each other to always cheer them on.

Team bonding was very important, it's what kept these girls on the right track throughout the season.

The season was hard for the girls with more losses than wins but they never gave up. All the girls showed a terrific amount of effort to be great players and to be loyal to their teammates. The varsity girls knew from the start to just have fun, no matter if they won or not. Seasons come and go but the girls will never forget the time shared together on the field.







**GOING FORTH THE WIN!** During the game, the girls huddled up for a quick pep talk. Between the top and bottom of each inning the team met just outside of the dugout and pumped each other up. These talks also helped the girls bond throughout the season.

“Once again the season started out a little rocky. However, two years ago we had a record that didn't quite reflect how well we can really play, and that took us all the way to state. As our coach has said, we still have an opportunity to do what no other team has done, go to state with a double digit loss record.”

> **Karen Domas, 12**

“Although we didn't have a winning season we bonded and had a great time together”

> **Katie Connor, 12**

“There was never any drama because we worked together and took constructive criticism very well.”

> **Jill Sanchez, 12**



**Row 1:** Jackie Roesch, 10, Sarah Hahn, 10, Katie Conner, 12, Kristen Gruening, 11 **Row 2:** Jill Sanchez, 12, Karen Domas, 12, Leah Morand, 10, **Row 3:** Coach Debbie Klem, Tori Jones, 12, Melanie Kinnamon, 10, Kelly Willis, 10, Tricia Welsch, 10, Coach Mary Lunning

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Lakota East	LOSS	2	5
Fairfield		0	9
Oak Hills	LOSS	3	4
Lakota West	LOSS	0	4
Colerain	LOSS	0	8
Hamilton	LOSS	0	2
Milford	LOSS	1	2
Centerville	WIN	2	1
Middletown	WIN	7	2
Lakota East	WIN	---	---
Oak Hills	WIN	2	1
Middletown	WIN	1	0
Lakota West	LOSS	1	3
Hamilton	LOSS	0	6
Colerain	LOSS	2	9
Fairfield	LOSS	2	8
Milford	LOSS	0	6
Seton	WIN	2	1
Princeton	WIN	10	0
Princeton	WIN	6	4
Mason	LOSS	0	6



## JV



**Row 1:** Jennifer Owens, Katie Swantko, Kristen Holthaus, Megan Fingerman, Rachel Meyer  
**Row 2:** Annie Broadus, Krista Wessellkamper, Laura Moster, Lisa Ramstetter  
**Row 3:** Coach Linsey Farroh, Heather Hudson, Erica Campbell, Tiffney Gilbert, Sam Kahn

## Freshmen



**Row 1:** Katie Schatz, Lauren Levey, Jillian Steinberg, Laura Reagan, Emily Petrocy  
**Row 2:** Alex Rogers, Molly McCarthy, Rita Klofta, Elana Williams  
**Row 3:** Kristen Hodgdon, Nicole Fischer, Lauren Sherman, Katy LeBlond, Shelli Coppoolse

# Softball

## Swinging their way to victory

JV and freshman teams

By: Rachael Hochgesang

**T**EAM BONDING AND motivation helped the freshman and JV softball teams have a great season. The coaches also played a big part in making the season memorable.

"The team is well rounded and we get along with each other well. The coaches also helped out a ton," said **Shelly Copoose, 9**.

For many freshmen it was their first year playing softball for a school team, but they quickly learned the technique of the game. The whole team worked to share skills with one another and helped improve each others game.

"It's my first year playing but the team helped me learn how to play and we're have a really good season so far," **Rita Klofta, 9**.

The JV team had a great season, and also

supported their teammates, giving them advice and assistance.

"The whole team got along really well and we all helped each other out," **Lisa Ramstetter, 10**.

Both the JV and freshman teams were full of supportive players. Encouragement from teammates made each game fun, regardless if they won or lost.







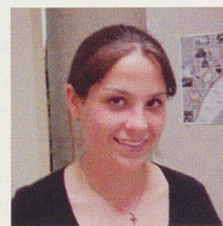
"This is my third year on the JV softball team and let me tell you, it gets better every year."  
**> Krista Wesselkamper, 11**



"We got through the year with a few bruises but it was well worth it."  
**> Jennifer Owens, 10**



"Being on the team has brought everyone closer and we are all able to work together."  
**> Kristen Holthaus, 10**



"It was a great season. People had doubts about our team but we ended up being second in the GMC."  
**> Katy LeBlond, 9**



**WIND UP.** Erica Campbell, 11, pitched for the JV team. She helped her team a great deal by striking out opposing players.



#### GROUND BALL!

Katy LeBlond, 9, was a major factor in her team's success. She pondered what her next move would be to help out the team.



#### HUDDLE! Coach Linsy

Farroh gives the JV team a pep talk during a game. This kept the team's spirits up throughout the game.

**HIT THAT BALL!** Claire Meyer, 10, was ready to hit a home run. She helped lead her team to victory with her talent at batting.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Fairfield	LOSS	0	12
Lakota East	WIN	7	3
Oak Hills	WIN	13	6
Lakota West	LOSS	0	15
Hamilton	WIN	7	3
Milford	LOSS	2	9
Centerville	WIN	5	4
Middletown	WIN	12	5
Lakota East	LOSS	7	8
Oak Hills	WIN	6	1
Middletown	WIN	16	1
Lakota West	LOSS	1	16
Colerain	WIN	9	1
Fairfield	LOSS	0	15
Milford	WIN	12	5
Seton	WIN	6	4
Princeton	WIN	17	1
Princeton	WIN	18	3
Colerain	WIN	4	2

**JV**

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Northwest	WIN	15	5
Lakota East	WIN	19	5
Fairfield	WIN	14	7
Oak Hills	WIN	9	4
Lakota West	LOSS	4	12
Hamilton	WIN	12	0
Centerville	LOSS	5	15
Centerville	LOSS	5	20
Middletown	WIN	15	10
Lakota East	WIN	13	6
Oak Hills	LOSS	9	10
Middletown	WIN	15	9
Lakota West	LOSS	0	3
Harrison	LOSS	1	6
Colerain	WIN	26	18
Fairfield	LOSS	9	13
Tallawanda	WIN	18	2
Middletown	WIN	11	4
Oak Hills	WIN	6	4
Lakota West	LOSS	4	7
Harrison	LOSS	15	29
Hamilton	WIN	15	0

**Freshmen**



# Roundin' third, Headin' home

Varsity Boys Baseball

By: Hope Wolfe

**T**HE VARSITY BOYS KNEW they had to start the season off strong to keep up with last years' outstanding record of 17 wins. Sure enough, they did with a 3-1 win against Lakota East on April 1st. The team conditioned and had tryouts for six weeks before their season started.

"Conditioning was well worth it because it maintained our stamina out on the field and helped us continue to win," said **Mike Rosa, 12.**

However, some of those practices were forced to be held inside due to weather conditions. March 10th was the first time the team got to head outside to begin practice on the new field. Sod was placed down

throughout the infield to help improve grass growth.

"The field looked a lot better than last year, you get a better bounce on the infield when the sod is growing," said **Andy Johnson, 11.**

The boys feel as though they have a good team bonding because the majority of them have been playing together for a while.

"We have been together for 6 years now, so we understand each other's strengths and weaknesses," said **Jon Kattelman, 12.**

The seniors on the team had never beaten rival Milford at the varsity level in five attempts. This year the team pulled through with a huge win over the Eagles 7-3, two games in a row!

"Milford is a big game for all of us, they've beaten us pretty good the past few years and

we owe them," said **Pat Christensen, 12.**

One of the team's biggest wins was against Hamilton, Big Blue. Before playing the Aves, Hamilton was undefeated, but the team pulled through and crushed them 8-2.

The team won sectionals, which is the first time the varsity level has done this in six years. They went on to play Springboro, and at the beginning it was looking like they weren't going to make it. In the bottom of the fifth they came back from a score of 14-3 and defeated them 16-15 which sent them to play in the regionals against Dublin Scioto. The team had a huge win with a score of 7-0 against Scioto but could not compete with Reynoldsburg. Although they lost to Reynoldsburg 9-2, the team was still proud because this is the farthest they have been since 1990.

## Team Photo



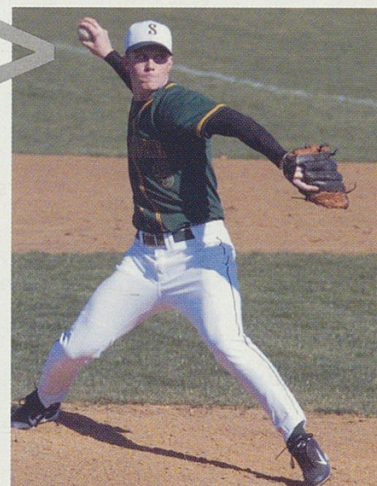
**Row 1:** Coach Heffron, John Steele, 12, Pat Christensen, 12, Mike Rosa, 12, Scott Langhorn, 12, Robby Peters, 10, Danny Frank, 12, Jon Kattelman, 12, Andy Johnson, 11, Coach Chris Shrimpton. **Row 2:** Nick Egloff, 12, Dan McGrath, 11, Alex Speckert, 11, Brian Dougherty, 10, Matt Hahn, 12, Branden Haunert, 11, Nick Haunert, 12, David Broxterman, 10.



**"We knew the pitching would be good, the hitting has been a pleasant surprise!" Coach Shrimpton**



**GOING FOR THE OUT! PAT Christensen, 12, stretches his arm out for an invigorating pitch.** He went to every practice and every game looking for success and victories. He contributed a lot to the team with his great pitching throughout the season.



**EAGERLY WAITING FOR THE BALL TO COME** his way, **Scott Langhorn, 12,** watches every batter take a swing. Langhorn contributed to the team greatly by always being ready to take action and cause outs.

**MAKING HIS WAY AROUND THE bases, Matt Hahn, 12, hustled his way to second base to get there safely.** The good attitude he brought to the field helped the team and kept them positive.



**READY FOR THE CATCH! MATT HAHN, 12,** signals to his pitcher what ball to throw next. With Hahn's positive attitude and willingness to show to every game, he brought a lot to the team.

On the last district champion team, **Kevin Youkilis, '96,** played defense. On May 17, 2004, **Youkilis,** as a rookie for the Boston Red Sox, hit a home run his first time at bat.



**JUMPING HIGH! Alex Spekert, 11,** never let a ball get by him. He helped his team get a big out and was ready for more balls to come his way. This was Spekert's first year on varsity, and he proved that he belonged there.

**Catch this Fact:**

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Lakota East	Loss	7	11
Lakota East	Win	3	1
Middletown	Loss	2	3
Middletown	Win	7	6
Hamilton	Win	8	2
Hamilton	Loss	5	6
Mason	Win	8	4
Fairfield	Win	6	3
Glen Este	Loss	3	11
Oak Hills	Loss	8	11
Fairfield	Win	6	3
Plymouth Salem	Loss	3	14
Milford	Win	7	3
Milford	Win	7	3
Oak Hills	Win	7	5
Oak Hills	Win	4	1
Princeton	Loss	1	4
Princeton	Win	10	1
Lakota West	Loss	14	15
Lakota West	Loss	12	11
Colerain	Win	2	1
Colerain	Win	11	1
Ross	Win	11	1
Moeller	Loss	10	17
Amelia	Win	10	0
Anderson	Win	5	4
Moeller	Loss	0	5
Springboro	Win	16	15
Dublin Scioto	Win	7	0
Reynoldsburg	Loss	2	9



"We seem to play well most of the time, we have one bad inning in the infield and that costs us a win."  
> John Steele, 12



"Baseball is not just a game, it's life!"  
> Nick Haunert, 12



"We have a pretty good bunch of guys. We started off slow but I think we are going to finish strong."  
> Nick Egloff, 12



**TAKING A TIME OUT.** The freshman team always used all of their time-outs to confer with each other about the next play. The catcher and pitcher were always on the same page. This helped the team to reach victory every game, and strike out the opposing team's batter.



**GETTING READY TO GET THEM OUT.** The freshman team always did their best to stop the other team from rounding bases. **David Valenti, 9**, is waiting on base for a runner to come so he can get him out.

**BEING PREPARED AND READY FOR ANYTHING.** **Joey O'Gara, 10** is ready and waiting for the pitch to round his bases. O'Gara was a great base runner. He kept his eye on the pitcher and knew whether to steal a base or wait for the pitch.



## Freshman



**Row 1:** Tom Stoughton, Chris Knaver, Sean, Tobin, J.D. McFarland, Matt Gant, Micha Goldfarb, B. J. Evans **Row 2:** Coach Steve Imhoff, Mitch Allen, Brian Shrimpton, Ian Weider, Jack Przywara, Jason Blatt, Andrew Hancher, David Valenti, Eric DeMuth, Coach Dan Buchanan.

## JV



**Row 1:** Victor Morillo-Delorme, 10, Francisco Morillo-Delorme, 10, Dean Hampton, 10, Joey O'Toole, 10, Michael Mallette, 10, Andrew Samuels, 11, Brian Conner, 9, **Row 2:** Coach Jessie Wood, Ray Kowatch, 11, Richie Clark, 10, Ryan Davis, 10, K. C. Doell, 10, E. J. McCormack, 11, Brant Osborne, 10, Stuart Soloman, 10, Joey O'Gara, 10, Coach Sean Pfirman.





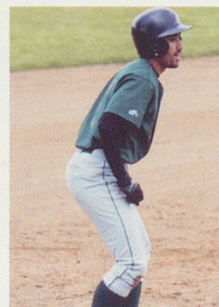
**DETERMINATION.**  
Dean Hampton, 10, has played baseball for 2 years, and this is his first year on J.V. Thinking quickly and a fast arm gave Hampton the ability to get the ball to his team mates quickly in order to complete a play, and get ahead.

# 3 strikes and you're out Swinging for a home run

By: Mimi Barkawi

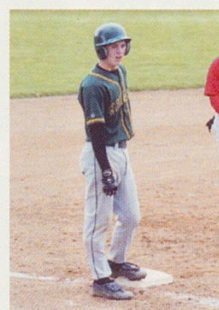
**T**HE J.V. and freshman baseball teams had many great qualities of a successful team.

Through out the season the team played with unity that surpassed many other teams among the GMC. The J.V. team started off with a great season winning three consecutive games against schools like Lakota East, Hamilton and Middletown. The freshman team had great coaching skills by **Mr. Dan Buchanon**, who made the team practice hard, and knew exactly what to do on the field. Players such as **Mitch Allen, 9**, and **Ian Weider, 9**, lead the team to victory by scoring home runs every game. The J.V. team had leaders like **Dean Hampton, 10**, and **Francisco Morillo, 10** who attended every practice and gave their best effort. Both teams had great coaching skills by **Mr. Steve Imhoff** for the freshman team, and **Mr. Jessie Wood** for the J.V. team. Both coaches worked hard with their teams during practice, and when it was game time, both coaches made sure the team was ready. With a final season of 9-10 for the J.V. team and 7-13 for the freshman team, it is apparent that both teams have worked hard, and had an enjoyable season.



"I had a great season. We worked hard and tried to win every game."

> **Francisco Morillo, 10**



"Playing on J.V. was great. The season was really fun, and we worked really hard during practice."

> **Michael Mallette, 10.**

## Junior Varsity

## Freshmen

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Middletown	WIN	7	2			
Lakota East	WIN	7	4	WIN	5	4
Hamilton	WIN	5	3	LOSS	2	10
Hamilton	LOSS	5	6	LOSS	1	14
Fairfield	WIN	6	3	WIN	3	3
Glen Este	LOSS	3	11			
Middletown	WIN	7	6	WIN	17	7
Fairfield	WIN	6	3	LOSS	0	10
Milford	WIN	7	3	WIN	23	15
Milford	WIN	7	3	LOSS	3	5
Oak Hills	LOSS	3	6	WIN	6	14
Princeton	WIN	4	1			
Princeton	WIN	10	1	LOSS	5	8
Lakota West	LOSS	1	4	WIN	4	3
Harrison	LOSS	11	12			
Lakota West	LOSS	13	14	LOSS	6	11
Colerain	LOSS	5	7	LOSS	2	4
Colerain	WIN	11	1	LOSS	8	15
Moeller	LOSS	2	17	LOSS	2	10



**ARIANE LANNELONGUE, 11**, jumping her best! Jumping high was not always easy! As the season progressed, Lannelongue and her teammates diligently tried to improve and perfect their high jumps. She attended practice daily, listened to her coach, tried new strategies and always was a positive team influence.



**APRIL ZHANG, 9**, hands off the baton to her teammate, **Anna Kwa, 9**. The team of four worked well together and tried its best to get the fastest time around the track! As the relays went on, teammates and friends cheered encouragement from the sidelines.



**JUMPING INTENSELY.** Heather Hampton, 11, charged towards the finish line. Hurdling was not easy, but for Hampton she always tried her hardest! Her determination to win and her work ethic contributed to the total track team effort throughout the whole season.



**Row 1:** Christina Wilson, 9, Kelsey Kiley, 10, April Wang, 11, Anna Kwa, 9, Maria Oliver, 12, Mei Hsieh, 9, Ali Borzotta, 9, Nina Laybourne, 9, Lauren Goedde, 9, Brittany Stephens, 9, Sarah Imhoff, 11, Nadya Oliynyk, 10, Sarah Porter, 10 **Row 2:** Dori Bahir, 10, Caitlyn Reuscher, 11, Laura Woolf, 11, Abby Harris, 9, Crystal Sohn, 9, Lori Claire Adler, 9, Mimi Kao, 11, Anna Pittman, 10, Maggie Crutcher, 9, Ashley Moore, 9, Katie Hull, 9, Rachel Hershberger, 9, Sarah Soled, 10, Christine Meier, 10, Kayla Hearl, 10 **Row 3:** Amy Sanders, 11, Maria Kellison, 9, Meredith Love, 9, Sayuri Kogami, 11, Tori Earls, 12, Emily Tolos, 11, Rachel Washburn, 10, Julie Hull, 10, Rachel Yanow, 11, Sarah Yanow, 11, Rachel Newsted, 12, Jennifer Latessa, 11, Chelsey Baughard, 11, Christina Terilli, 12, Jessica Lane, 12, Danielle Vickers, 10 **Row 4:** Coach Hank Ray, Coach Nick Fallot, Coach Nick Wissel, April Zhang, 9, Morgan Swedberg, 9, Blair Higgins, 11, Ariane Lannelongue, 11, Kelli Rogers, 10, Megan Sweeney, 12, Heather Hampton, 11, Jennifer Steinhardt, 11, Theresa Steinhardt, 11, Coach Scott Popoff, Coach Anthony Shelton, Coach Chris Luken





## Scoreboard

Opponent	Place
Coaches Classic	10th
Milford Invitational	3rd
Sycamore Gold Baton	2nd
Anderson Invitational	2nd
Mason Invitational	3rd
GMC Meet	2nd
Regional Meet	

Going the extra mile...

# Running towards success

By: Nikki Wissing

**T**HROUGHOUT THE YEAR THE track team never paused in their quest for success. Each day the team practiced

after school and started conditioning way before their first meet. Many of the girls, in order to keep in shape, participated in Winter Track, until the preseason conditioning began. The girls on the team worked well together and grew together throughout the season. The team changed for the better because a number of girls who competed in spring soccer came out for the track team, prompting improvement in certain events. The team did well during the season, worked hard to decrease their times and improved their skills.

"The girls have a very good sense of togetherness that they show at every meet," said **Coach Hank Ray**. As a team they did various things to get to know each other and become better friends while preparing to

compete, such as making T-shirts. The team bonded well and encouraged their teammates at each meet. As members of the track team throughout their high school careers, they grew incredibly as runners.

"I remember when **Rachel Newsted, 12**, was a sophomore and how timid she was as a runner and watching her now as a senior dominating in her events is evidence of individual growth," said Ray.

The girls were runners up in the GMC, with **Megan Sweeney, 12**, being a GMC champion for clearing 5'4" to win. In addition, **Julie Hull, 11**, was named champion in the 800, breaking her own school record to qualify for the state meet by running a 1:14.6. The team, made up of **Chelsey Baughard, 11**, Newsted, **Meredith Love, 9**, and Hull, qualified the 4 x 400 relay team to the state meet.



**AMY SANDERS, 11**, ON A high speed chase to the finish line. Sanders worked hard during the season to improve her skills and build up her endurance.



"It's so exciting to win GMCs. It is the goal of every season-it is such an honor to place first among such good athletes."

> **Megan Sweeney, 12**  
(GMC Champion)



"The chemistry on the track team was great. All the girls from each grade worked really well together, and we had such a range of talent in all classes. For example, our four by four relay team broke a school record and each runner was from a different grade."

> **Julie Hull, 10**  
(GMC Champion)

**DORESE LANGSTON, 10**, competes in the shot put event. Langston always threw her hardest to try to improve her distance. Working everyday on mastering the shot and discus was hard, but paid off at the end of the season.



**HURDLES ARE ROUGH.** Running as fast as possible, not even slowing down for the three and a half foot tall obstacle in the way leaves a lot of people frantic. Not **Luke Tawney, 9**, though. As an incoming freshman, he was one of the few new and brave souls to join the hurdling aspect of track.



**RELAYS REQUIRE THE best from all the runners, not just one.** **Brian Weber, 10**, does his part to help win the race, a competitive runner through and through. All of the members of the track team must work together as a group in order to succeed, and succeed they did.

**SHARIF RASHEED, 12, JUMPS with heart.** As a tough competitor in both track and football, Rasheed was a crucial member of the team, with many successful long jumps under his belt. According to **Coach Hank Ray**, "Sharif was a quiet leader who did everything by example."



**Row 1:** Coach Brian Wissel, Joe Bloom, 11, Ben Rinsky, 10, Eric Prather, 11, Taylor Williams, 9, Tony Semones, 10, Pat Williams, 11, Venkat Shanker, 11, Zach Grimm, 9, Sharan Bijlani, 9, Billy Tang, 9, Dustin Amrine, 9 **Row 2:** Coach Nick Fallat, Jules Rosen, 11, Kevin Crook, 10, Mike Pennerman, 10, Alex Herbe, 10, Zach Star, 9, Luke Tawney, 9, Kyle Battle, 9, Alphonse Harris, 9, Yavuz Inanli, 10, Brian Weber, 10, Justin Edell, 10, Alton Lee, 11 **Row 3:** Ben Hue, 11, Ryan Billman, 11, Zach Tawney, 11, Rob Kirkpatrick, 11, David Helmken, 11, Dom Buenavides, 11, Charles Forte, 11, Bobby Garfield, 10, Jeff Cohen, 10, Patrick Wilsey, 10, Michael Lanner, 10, Steven Pace, 11. **Row 4:** Coach Jim Smanik, Coach Anthony Shelton, James Broyles, 11, Grant Sperry, 12, Mark Meyers, 12, Reggie Philpott, 12, Ryan Sayre, 12, John McElwee, 12, C.J. Battle, 12, Jesse Key, 12, David Polaniecki, 12, James Smith, 12, Zeyad Schwen, 11, Ben Sage, 11, Coach Hank Ray, Coach Chris Luken





# Boys track races with the wind

# Setting the track on fire

By: Kelsey Kiley



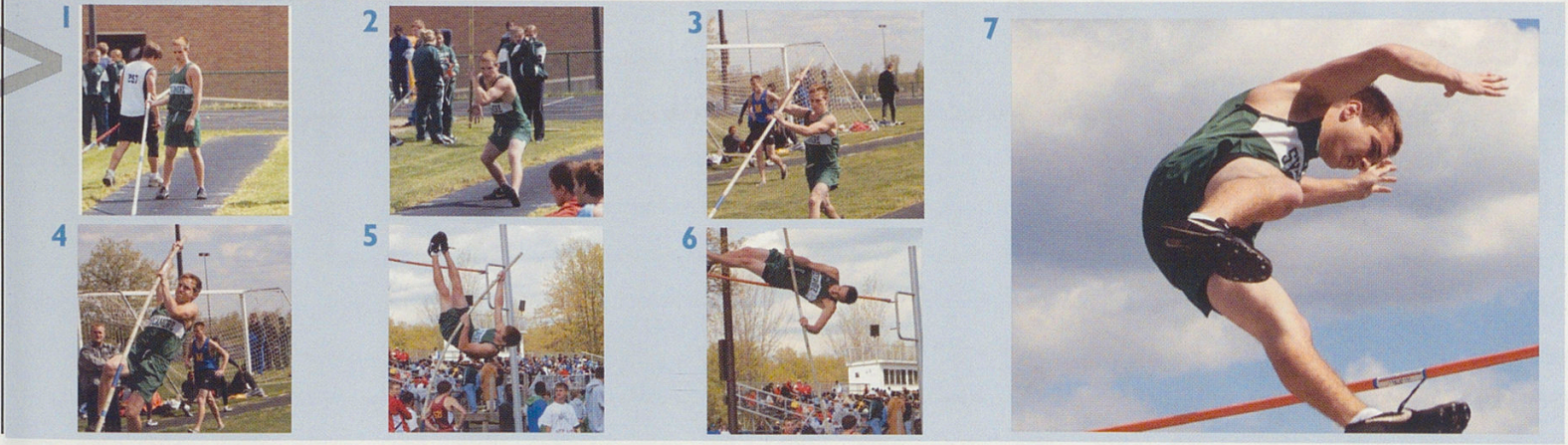
**O**N YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO! Boy's Track offers many competitions, and it all depends on racing style. With short bursts of energy, **Jesse Key, 12**, was sprinting down the 100 meter stretch, or **Zeyad Schwen, 11**, was starring in the 400 meter dash. There was even the possibility of pole vaulting to victory like **Ryan Sayre, 12**, who was 4th at GMC's and 10th at regionals. The boys had a great time, competing together as a team. The only home meet, the Gold Baton, was a fantastic chance to show off abilities as the relay teams raced around the track, with spectacular showings given by **Luke Tawney, 9**, **Yavuz Inanli, 10**, and **James Smith, 12**. At Mason and Anderson, the guys pulled off 2nd places, and in the East Invitational they were 3rd. The team went all the way to GMC's finishing off at 9th. With a lot of strong sophomores and juniors, it was a solid team, and with the addition of some spectacular seniors, boys track had a good season.

**BEN SAGE, 11, IS A BEAST WHEN IT comes to hurdling.** With a focused start and a bang of the gun, Sage races down the stretch, leaping with his long legs over the hurdles, a vital aspect of boy's hurdling with a 00:15:40 110 meter high hurdle dash.

## Scoreboard

Meet	Place
Coaches' Classic	12th
East Invitational	3rd
Milford Invitational	5th
Gold Baton	5th
Anderson Invitational	2nd
Mason Invitational	2nd
GMC League	9th

## A VAULT IN THE LIFE OF ZACH TAWNEY, 11







**Row 1:** Cameron Luning, 9, Sam Ochstein, 11, Cullen Luning, 12, Tim Gaulty, 11, Greg Vorholt, 12  
**Row 2:** Brad Elkus, 11, Chris Grannen, 11, Zach Schmitz, 12, Andy Reed, 12, Coach Stan Kaniecki.  
**Row 3:** Curtis Jones, 11, Todd Juran, 11, Mark Suntay, 12, Steve Kramer, 11, Mark Schibler, 12

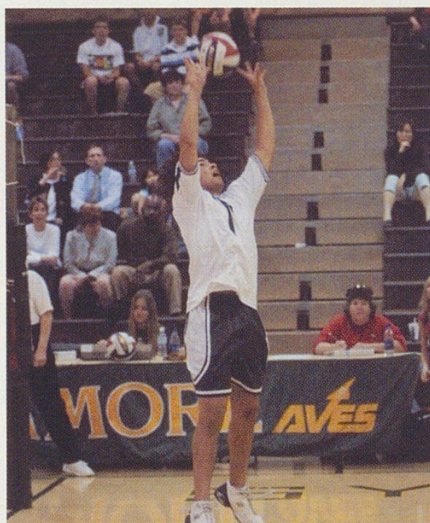
## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss
Elder	WIN
Middletown	WIN
Lakota East	WIN
Milford	WIN
Hamilton	WIN
Worthington Kilbourne Tourney	W,W,L
Mason	WIN
Fairfield	WIN
McNick, Edgewood	WIN
Lakota West	WIN
Princeton	WIN
Moeller	LOSS
Purcell Marion, Loveland	WIN
St. Xavier	LOSS
LaSalle	LOSS
Oak Hills	WIN
Mason-State Tourney	WIN

## Men's Volleyball

# Getting low, but rising above

By: Alix Zuberbuhler



**1. COACH KANIECKI AND HIS TEAM HUDDLE TOGETHER DURING THE TIME OUT.** The team gets ready to get back onto the court to dominate their opponent. With their outstanding winning season, they did not need much motivation! **2. BUMP, SET, SPIKE!** Setting the ball is **Curtis Jones, 11**. He ran all over the court to get the ball to the net for the hitters to spike down on the other side. **3. IN ORDER TO WIN GAMES, YOU HAVE TO HAVE GREAT SERVES. CURTIS JONES, 11,** gets ready to get an Ace! After every point, the team gets together in the center to congratulate the server.

## The Story

The GMC title was taken, and so much more from this season. Not only was this one of the best teams in school history, but they also claim to have had the most chemistry and the most fun together.

"Sycamore mens volleyball = goofy, fun and good. Have you seen the love?" said **Zac Schmitz, 12**.

They started their season out with a big win against Elder, and ended it with a huge win in the Mason State tournament. They advanced in the tournament to face Elder one more time and lost. Since the team had such great chemistry, that contributed a lot to their winning season.

"Volleyball is really fun because it is so laid back and everyone gets along. We have a lot of fun playing

together. The enthusiasm generates the intensity that helped us win big games. I think we will go down as one of the best in Sycamore's history," said **Mark Schibler, 12**.

More success surrounded the team as well, **Coach Stan Kaniecki** was awarded the GMC coach of the year!





**THE HEIGHT ADVANTAGE.** Taking the first bump, or set, as opposed to his usual third spike is **Andy Reed, 12**. His dominance in the middle position kept the team advancing all the way to the GMC title.

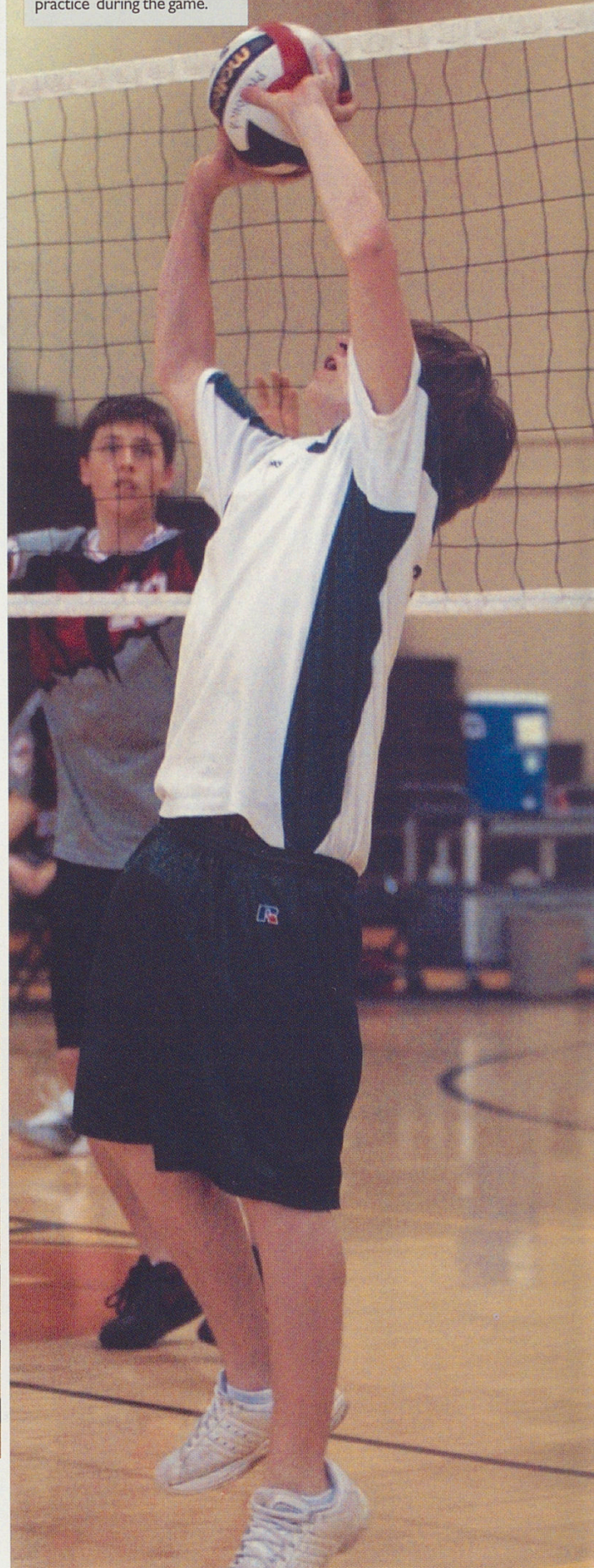




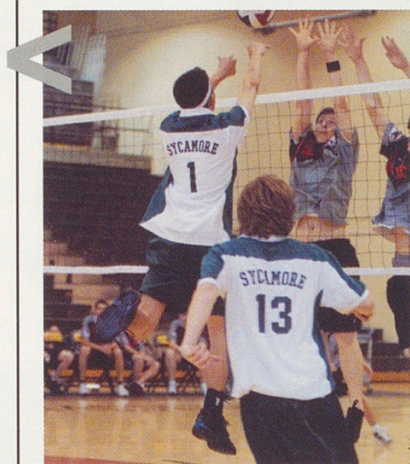
**TAKING IT TO THE NET.** Getting ready to hit the ball, **Brain Kissinger, 9**, jumps up. Kissinger smacked the ball and scored another point for the team. As the other team members watched ready to help assist the ball over.



**SET IT UP!** Players learned how to spike, set, volley and much more at their practices. **Tracey Bracher, 9**, used his skills that he learned in practice during the game.



**FORM MATTERS.** Robbie Fulkner, 11, shows the other team and team mates how to get the ball over the net and still look good. Other players such as **Tony Marquardt, 11**, watch the ball successfully go onto the other side of the net.



**WATCH OUT** for Chris Holscher, 11, as he spikes the ball over the net. The other teams did not stand a chance with players like Holscher and assisting players like **Tracey Bracher, 9**.



**Row 1:** Brad York, Coach Chrissy York, Nick Suntay, 9, Robbie Faulkner, 10, Tracey Bracher, 9, JP Gaulty, 10, Martin Lenon, 11, Alex Reed, 9, Chris Holscher, 10, Brian Kissinger, 9, Tony Marquardt, 10, Scott Morris, 10, and Cody Jones, 9.





# Leaving nothing and taking everything To the net

By: Carly Mandel

IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO THE JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM THAT THEY HAD A GOOD SEASON BECAUSE THEY HAD A GOOD COACH. Working with a mix of freshmen, sophomores, and one junior, **Coach Chrissy York** took these boys and made them a team.

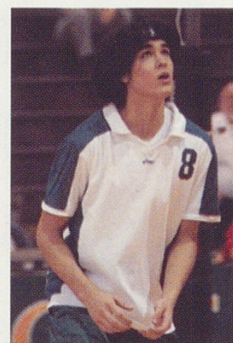
"It was been a pleasure coaching this group of gentlemen. Their desire to play and understand the game has motivated them to be better. For a coach, that is what you strive for. It is not always about having a winning record but how the game was played. And these boys caused every opponent to work for every point they received," said York.

Because there was no freshman team, the boys Junior Varsity team consisted of 11 boys, 5 freshmen, 5 sophomores and 1 junior, **Martin Lenon, 11**.

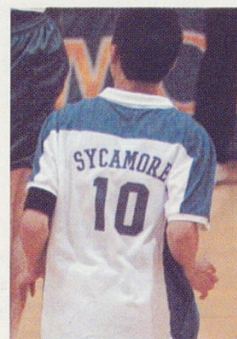
"There were some times that were better than others, like when I had to put up with the freshmen, but towards the end, I got closer than ever with them," said Lenon.

Overall, the team had a great season. They placed 3rd in the tournament and won many games. Many of the boys had to say that their most fun came from **JP Gaulty, 10**, the back line specialist. He would give the team pep talks and speeches before each game. This got the team pumped up and ready to play. Also, some other forms of team bonding consisted of playing poker in between games.

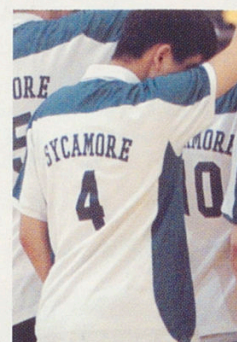
"Overall we had a pretty good season, I had a lot of fun and I am going to do it again next year!" said **Alex Reed, 9**.



"It was fun and exciting to play. But the most fun would have to be playing poker in-between games."  
> **Brian Kissinger, 9**



"Being the only junior it was hard because I had to deal with all of the freshman. But it was a good year and I am glad that Coach York decided to stay one more year with us!"  
> **Martin Lenon, 11**



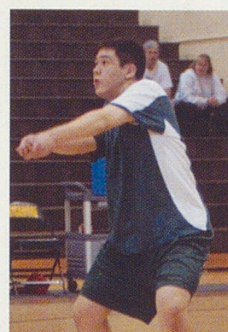
"Although I do not think that we had a good season, I still had a great time meeting new friends. I am following in my brother's footsteps, hopefully to get on the varsity team."  
> **Nick Suntay, 9**

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss
Elder	LOSS
Middletown	WIN
Lakota East	LOSS
Milford	WIN
Hamilton	LOSS
Centerville (JV)	LOSS
St. Xavier	WIN
Trinity	WIN
Centerville (Fresh)	WIN
Mason	WIN
Fairfield	WIN
McNick	LOSS
Edgewood	WIN
Lakota West	WIN
Princeton	WIN
Moeller (Fresh)	LOSS
Moeller (JV)	LOSS
Purcell Marion	LOSS
Loveland	LOSS
Oak Hills	WIN
St. Xavier	LOSS
LaSalle	LOSS
St. Charles	WIN
St. Xavier (JV)	LOSS
Moeller (fresh)	LOSS



**HUDDLE UP!** The team got together before, during, and after each game to have "pep talks." These were either to encourage the team to play harder or to congratulate them on their playing that day. Gaulty, along with Coach York help get the team excited to play. He would talk to them to get them in the "playing zone."



"I had such a good time. I gave the team pep talks during games to get the team fired up. I can't wait for varsity!"  
> **JP Gaulty, 10**



"At first we were all a little unsure that we could come together and form a bonding team, but then we came together and we are now closer than ever. It was also fun being the 'go-to boy'."  
> **Chris Holscher, 10**

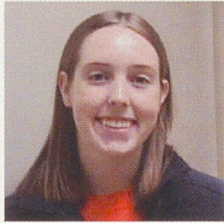




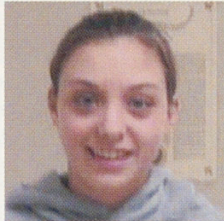
"Goalie is the most painful position."  
 > **Abbey Hull, 11**



"The best part about our team is the fact that we all get along so well and help each other through everything."  
 > **Caitlin Gilbert, 12**



"The competitiveness of the game and the support of all the teammates and coach are what I love about the game."  
 > **Jen Mott, 10**



"I like this year because it's more intense and a lot more fun than last year."  
 > **Allison Bell, 9**



"I like this year because it's more intense and a lot more fun than last year."  
 > **Becky Mowry, 12**

**STICKS UP IN A HUDDLE.** The teams did this as a ritual before each game. This gave them a chance to give each other encouragement before going onto the field.



## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Oldham, KY	WIN	14	5
Ravenwood, TN	WIN	11	1
Ballard, KY	WIN	16	2
Indian Hill	WIN	18	0
Mariemont	WIN	11	6
West Chester East	LOSS	4	14
Great Valley	LOSS	5	9
St. Ursula	WIN	16	2
Dublin Coffmann	WIN	5	3
Hudson	LOSS	7	9
Shaker Hgts.	WIN	10	2
Col Academy	WIN	8	6
Lake Forest	TIE	5	5
Loyola	TIE	6	6
Bloom Kennedy	WIN	11	3
Ursuline	WIN	14	6
Upper Arlington	WIN	11	9
Mariemont	WIN	17	1
Indian Hill	WIN	21	5
Marimont	WIN	11	6
Worthington	WIN	9	2



**Row 1:** Morgan Herlihy, 10, Liz Brodzinski, 12, Amy Rickards, 12, Courtney Harmon, 9, Julie Mueller, 11, Bailey Su, 12, Rosie Griffen, 9, Meghan Crosby, 11, Grace Naugle, 9 **Row 2:** Allison Bell, 9, Mel Klein, 11, Abbey Hull, 11, Maggie Brown, 10, Cheryl Thoerner, 9, Jamie Nesbitt, 11, Abbey Hollian, 11, Caitlin Gilbert, 12 **Row 3:** Coach Eddie Clark, Jen Mott, 10, Meaghan Ebetino, 12, Ginny Temblay, 11, Kim Haugen, 12, Meredith Post, 11, Laura Ebetino, 11, Karen Nesbitt, 9, Becky Mowry, 12.





“Passion, dedication, and all out effort has made this one of the top Lacrosse programs in the country” > **Coach Clark**

# Varsity girls lacrosse

By: Shay Meisner & Rachael Hochgesang

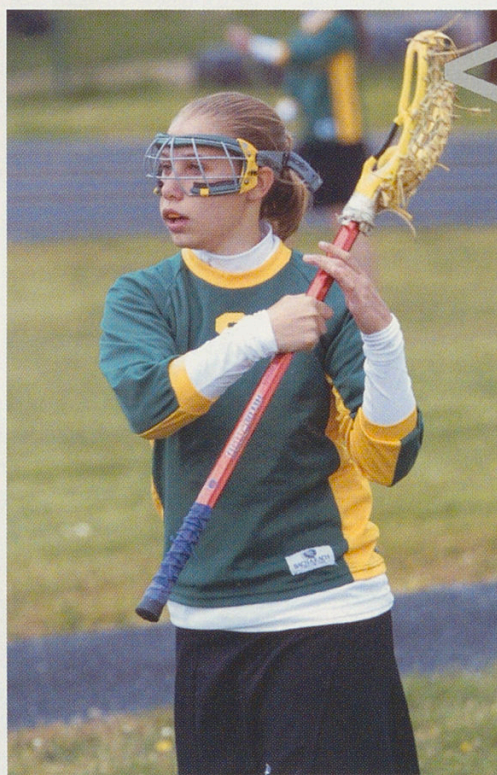
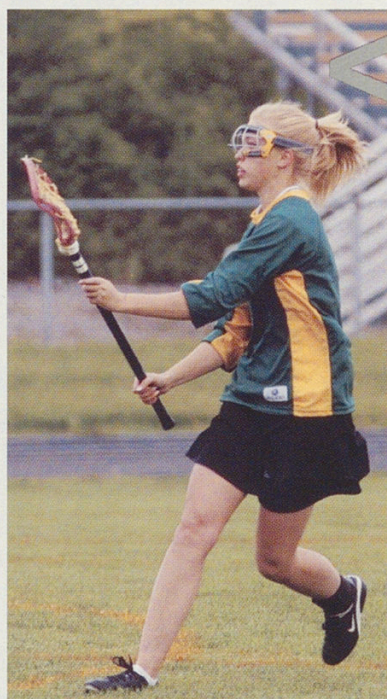
**L**OOK OUT FOR CHICKS WITH STICKS! Coached by **Ed Clark** and assistant coach **Joni Kuhnell**. The team started mandatory conditioning in January, followed by tryouts in late February. A variety of players who have played at all different

levels were chosen, including 6 freshmen. There were three captains, **Bailey Su, 12, Caitlin Gilbert, 12,** and **Jamie Nesbitt, 11**. The defense was lead by the tenacious junior class including: **Meghan Crosby, Ginny Tremblay, Mel Klein,** and **Meredeth Post**. Seniors: **Kim Haugen, Liz Broadzinski,** and **Meghan Ebetino**, all provided ample immobility in front of the new goalkeepers **Becky Morwry, 12** and **Abbey Hull, 11**. The Attack led by **Maggie Brown, 10, Amy Rickards, 12, Laura Ebetino, 11,** and **Morgan Herlihy, 10**, supplied the much needed support for the best Midfield in the State of Ohio. The girls made it to the final four in the state competition and faced returning champions Shaker Heights.

**HUSTLE!** There was no stopping **Caitlin Gilbert, 12**, one of the captains, from going after the ball. The team was fortunate to have her leadership.

**RUNNING, ATTACKING, AND GUARDING.** These were just some elements of lacrosse. **Meghan Crosby, 11** hustled down the field ready for anything.

**PEP TALK.** The team gave each member encouragement before a big game. This kept their spirits up and energy level high.







**Row 1:** Rachel Shaftel, 11, Jasmine Nazek, 10, Christine Taragano, 10, Renee Sabo, 10, Kate Scheineson, 11, Rachel Zakem, 10, Stacie Klein, 10. **Row 2:** Catherine Phillips, 11, Melissa De Jonckheere, 11, Lauren Truax, 11, Molly Beggy, 10, Laura Keough, 11, Nayla Takieddine, 10, Brittany Jochum, 11. **Row 3:** Chelsey Lutz, 10, Kyle Spicer, 10, Adrienne Westcott, 10, Erika Brandewie, 10, Elizabeth Tripp, 10, Kelsey Kangos, 10, Melissa Sedziol, 11, Coach Jennette Horton.

## Freshman



**Row 1:** Kimmi Oshita, Emily St. Cyr, Linda Mendez, Katie Abrams, Daniella Martos. **Row 2:** Morgan Campbell, Katie Anne Reiner, Liz Walsh, Brittney Rothe. **Row 3:** Coach Tara Schaefer, Stacy Shutts, Sarah Hansen, Emily Wehman, Audry Kang, Lizzie, Lohse, Brittaney Gardner.

### GOING TO GOAL, RACHEL Zakem, 10.

Despite problems with shinsplints, Zakem still worked and played hard. She was one of the leading scorers when she could play.



# Girls JV and freshman lacrosse strive for excellence Teamwork sticks

By: Ashley Kindberg and Lauren Truax

**WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES IN LACROSSE!** The girls said that there was better coaching and they had more fun. Both teams had a successful season.

Tryouts were held February 2nd for both teams. Any girl who was interested in playing was placed on a team. To make JV you had to

have some skill and know the game.

The girls practiced 5 days a week from 2:45 to 5:00. Practice consisted of doing shuttle runs, passes, plays, shooting on goal and drills.

The goals for both JV and freshman teams were to have a winning season through hard work and playing as a team. Freshman goal's were to improve and learn more in order to be prepared to play and compete at higher levels.

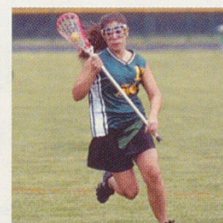
Their other goals were to have a winning record

and a good time.

Unity is a big part of the JV and freshman teams. JV likes to hang out together by meeting before away games in Coach Horton's classroom, which is the "apartment". They order food, watch *American Idol*, movies, do homework and relax. The freshman team captains **Liz Walsh** and **Stacy Shutts** did a great job of keeping their team in line and pushing everyone to do their best.







"I think Coach Horton is a good person, and puts lots of effort into coaching, as a second year coach she is the best!"  
**> Erika Brandewie, 10**

"Our team gets along well and we are definitely all friends who have a good time together."  
**> Stacie Klein, 10**

"We've come so far. We started as a measly 15 person team and became an awesome undefeated 15 person team!"  
**> Liz Walsh, 9**

"The girls and I on the team get along pretty well because we are together every day of the week."  
**> Catherine Phillips, 11**



**FAKING OUT HER DEFENDER, RACHEL Shaftel, 11.** Shaftel played center for the JV team, which meant she ran a lot because she played offense and defense. Shaftel improved her draw throughout the season and became a major asset to the team.



**TAKING A SHOT on goal, Lizzie Lohse, 9.** The freshman played with the JV team at their final tournament. The freshmen greatly helped the team succeed in winning games.



**1, 2, 3, LADY AVES! THE JV TEAM BRINGS it in for a cheer.** Whenever the team has a cheer they put their sticks together in the air. It promotes team unity and a cool visual.

## JV

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Anderson	LOSS	3	7
Mariemont	LOSS	1	9
St. Ursula	TIE	5	5
South Dayton	WIN	13	0
Dublin Coffman	WIN	6	5
Lakota	WIN	7	6
Columbus Academy	LOSS	3	9
McAuley	WIN	7	1
Lakota	WIN	7	6
Anderson	TIE	7	7
Mason	WIN	8	7
Ursuline	WIN	6	1
Upper Arlington	WIN	5	4
Mariemont	LOSS	3	6
Indian Hill	WIN	11	4

## Freshman

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Anderson	WIN	12	2
Kings	WIN	5	1
Mason	WIN	13	3
Lakota	WIN	9	3
Cincy Cougars	WIN	11	4
McAuley	WIN	9	1
Anderson	WIN	12	4
Ursuline	WIN	15	2
Cincy Cougars	WIN	15	0
Mercy	WIN	10	2





"I liked when Latessa didn't know the rules and he would just hit people from behind."

> **David Habib, 11**



"The theme of this season was band of brothers, and in the end that is what we really were."

> **Brad Bartels, 12**



"We are more than a team, we are really a brotherhood, a band of brothers, and whether we fail, or succeed we do it as a team."

> **Luke Cody, 11**



"The times that this team had together, both good and bad, I will never forget."

> **Phil Hardy, 11**

**DEFENSE!** Defender **Steven Koppenhafer, 11** used his longer stick to block passes made by the opposing team. A returning varsity player Koppenhafer was not only a leader, but a role model for the other players on the team.



## Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Hilliard Davidson	LOSS	6	12
Westerville South	WIN	15	9
Wellington	WIN	9	4
Moeller	LOSS	7	14
Hilliard Darby	LOSS	7	8
Indian Hill	LOSS	8	16
Lakota West	WIN	7	3
CCD	LOSS	8	12
Cathedral Indianapolis	LOSS	8	10
Mariemont	LOSS	8	10
Summit Country Day	WIN	12	3
St. Charles	LOSS	6	8
St. Xavier	LOSS	7	13
Wilmington	WIN	14	0
1 <sup>st</sup> round Hilliard Darby	WIN	17	7
2 <sup>nd</sup> round Mariemont	WIN	10	8
Semi finals Lakota West	WIN	8	7
FINALS St. Johns, Toledo	WIN	9	6



**Row 1:** Ryan Keller, 11, Rahn Avni, 12, Nick Perkins, 12, John Krzynski, 10, Brad Bartels, 12, Andy Cain, 11, Josh Shaftel, 12, Phil Hardy, 11, **Row 2:** Jeff Ellingham, 11, John Zalucki, 11, Andrew Schwartz, 12, Jesse Steele, 11, Ryan Ferris, 11, Cameron Radamacher, 12, Jordan Goodwin, 12, Brett Banks, 12, Todd Whitman, 10, **Row 3:** Kyle Fitch, 11, Ellis Krienik, 10, Nat Harward, 12, AJ Gold, 11, David Habib, 11, Chris Bregger, 11, Tyler Schlimme, 11, Mike DeAngelo, 12, Mike Kelley, 12, Steven Koppenhafer, 11, **Row 4:** Coach Tom Nugent, Ernie Harris, 12, Greg van Amerongen, 9, Luke Cody, 11, John Frank, 11, Matt Hershberger, 11, Mark Schrock, 12, George Wright, 11, Coach Jim Wilcox





**“Whether we fail or succeed we do it as a team.” > Luke Cody, 11**  
**Band of brothers,**  
**stronger than ever**

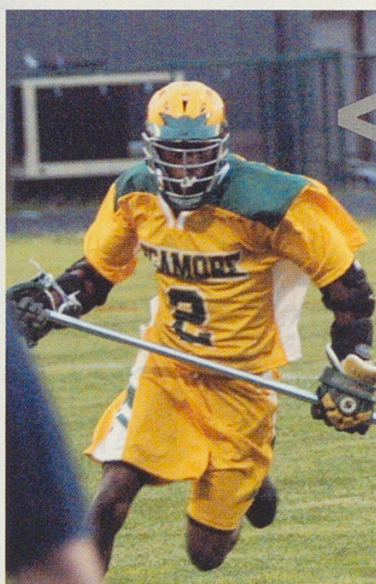
## Varsity boys lacrosse take Division II State Title

By: Chris Bregger

**S**TARTING THE SEASON WITH A huge mulch sale over spring break that made the lacrosse program nearly 10,000 dollars, these guys truly knew what team unity was. Over spring break the varsity lacrosse team spent at least six hours together daily. They moved down to Division II where

the teams were beatable. This showed in the first game of the season where the guys beat new divisional opponent Westerville South 15-9.

The boys finished the Division II season 5-9, but made their final record an even 9-9 when they played all through the state tournament and triumphed as the Division II State Champs, Saturday, June 5 at Dublin Coffman stadium in Columbus, Ohio.



**RUNNING TOWARDS THE GOAL.** Ernest Harris, 12, sprinted down the field in hopes of scoring on the opposing team. After long practices and hard drills, the guys are more than prepared to go up against a challenging team.



**ALWAYS ALERT.** Todd Whitman, 10, kept both of his eyes on the ball. Always being aware of what was going on during plays helped to ensure victories for the team.



**KEEP IT OUT OF THE GOAL!** Defender John Zalucki, 11, guarded the goal from a shot. Zalucki played tough defense throughout the season and learned that it was always important to protect your goal at any cost.



### THE ACTION STARTS

with the face off. Middle Michael Kahan, 10, begins the game as he tries to capture the ball faster than the opposing Kings player. Kahan scored the second most out of anyone on the team; he had 17 goals and nine assists.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them	Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Hilliard Davidson	LOSS	5	6	St. Xavier B	WIN	4	3
Kings	WIN	14	4	Moeller B	LOSS	5	7
Moeller	WIN	5	4	Moeller	LOSS	5	6
Hilliard Darby	WIN	11	7	St. Charles	WIN	7	3
St. Xavier B	LOSS	5	6	St. Xavier B	LOSS	3	9
Lakota	WIN	4	3	Anderson	WIN	8	7
Moeller B	LOSS	3	6	JV B City Tournament			
Moeller	WIN	4	4	-St. Xavier B	LOSS	2	6
Cathedral Indianapolis	LOSS	5	3	JV A City Tournament			
Indian Hill	LOSS	10	13	-Moeller	LOSS	3	4
Mariemont	LOSS	3	9				



**PUSHING HIS WAY PAST THE OPPOSING** defense, Derek Bahler, 10, moves in for another goal in the attack position. Bahler was the leading scorer for the team with 21 goals and eight assists. Bahler was also the teams co-captain alongside Elliot Skopin, 10.



## Junior Varsity boys lacrosse

# Moving in for the goal

By: Sam Pollak

**T**HERE IS NO PENALTY FOR A HIGH STICK IN LACROSSE. In fact, the boys of junior varsity lacrosse found out how high their sticks would take them. Although they may not have won as many games as they had wanted, the boys' spirit brought them to victory regardless of which team got more points. With a record of eight wins and 11 losses, the team showed its good sportsmanship to every opponent they faced. Leading the group were sophomores Derek Bahler and Elliot Skopin acting as captains. Bahler was also the teams top scorer

with 21 goals and eight assists. Together, the team's goalies, Peyton Copes, 9, and Andy Routt, 10, successfully prevented over 200 goals. The guys suffered a heartbreaking loss against Indian Hill (10-13), but that did not stop them from coming back to beat St. Xavier B (4-3) three days later. The excellent spirit and sportsmanship that represents the junior varsity lacrosse team can only be shown by a group as incredible as this one. Hopefully, some of these players will continue on to join varsity. Only good things can come in the future.







**Row 1:** Ryan Darbonne, 10; Sam Snow, 9; Zak Gilbert, 9; Nate Schlimme, 9; Matt Schroeder, 9; Jingyi Sun, 10; Aleks Jovic, 9; Steve Ross, 9; Ben Weaver, 9. **Row 2:** Peyton Copes, 9; Brian Clark, 10; Jeff Heslin, 10; James Hutson, 9; Andy Routt, 10; Adam Walsh, 11; Sam Weinberg, 9; Mark Sedziol, 10; Alex Cramer, 9; Michael Kahan, 10; Coach John Cummings. **Row 3:** Coach Dan Snow, Alex Johnson, 10; David Barnard, 9; Mike Latessa, 9; Dave Sokol, 10; Elliott Skopin, 10; Derek Bahler, 10; Thomas Irwin, 9; Garrett Steed, 9; Jack Ricci, 9; John Norkey, 9; Jamie Fishman, 10; Coach Ahmar Bajwa.



**GUARDING THE GOAL FROM THE OPPOSING team, Thomas Irwin, 9, plays effective defence.** Irwin worked with his fellow defensemen to stop the opposition from scoring. Together, they blocked countless numbers of potential goals and helped to lead the team to victory.



“Our team’s got a lot of heart. We could go far”  
 > **Sam Snow, 9**



“Everyone gets along well. It shows in our unselfish play.”  
 > **Michael Kahan, 10**



“We had a great time this season and we played great too.”  
 > **Derek Bahler, 10**



“This season was a blast; I had a great first year. I’m looking forward to tearin’ it up next year!”  
 > **Ryan Darbonne, 10**

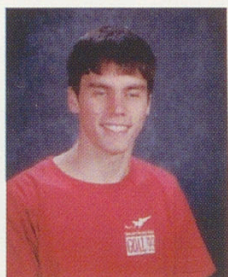


“Everyone had lots of fun this year, and everyone got along.”  
 > **Jamie Fishman, 10**



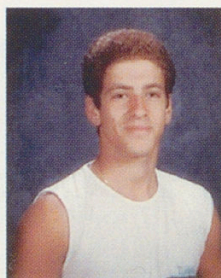
“If we don’t beat you on the field, we’ll beat you in the parking lot!”  
 > **Thomas Irwin, 9**  
 > **Zak Gilbert, 9**





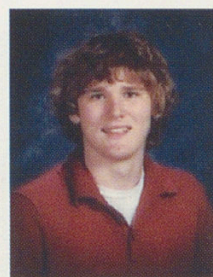
"The mission in Iraq isn't going well, in my opinion. But since we're there, the U.S. has the responsibility to see it through."

> **Jon Ellingham, 12**



"The efforts to make a more democratic and free Iraq are failing. The focus is too much on the big picture-rather than on the basic level-civil stability."

> **Guy Wiener, 12**



"I think that President Bush has done a great job so far, and the people of Iraq now have a brighter future no matter how soon the turnover will be."

> **Ben Taylor, 12**

# Spring

## Current events

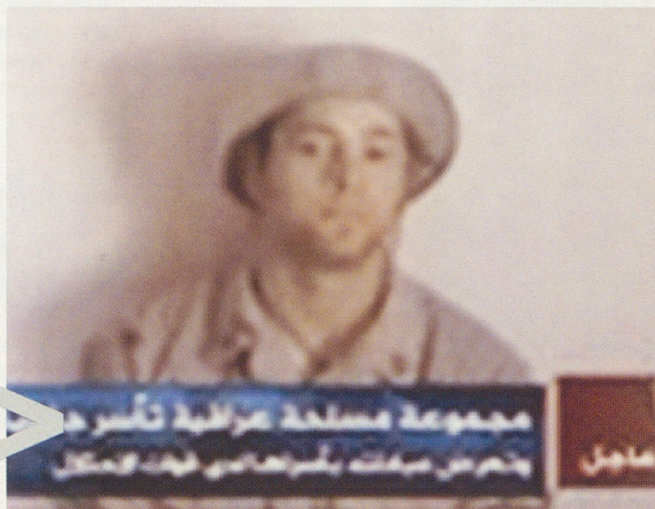
Springing into new things...

By: **Nikki Wissing**

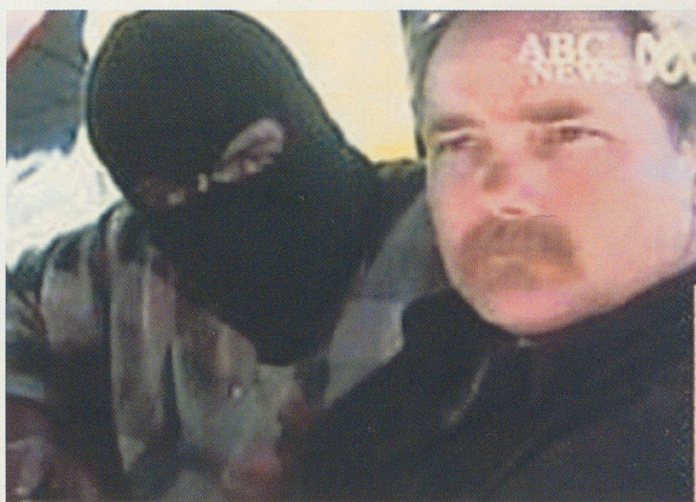
**S**PRING OFFICIALLY BEGAN MARCH 21 at one o'clock in the morning.

Here at home, drivers kept an eye out for the police because they became a lot more strict about teenagers

speeding and gave harsher punishments for those that do choose to speed. "Click it or Ticket" was also heard all over the radio and posted on interstate electronic billboards, warning people to wear their seat belts, or pay a ticket.



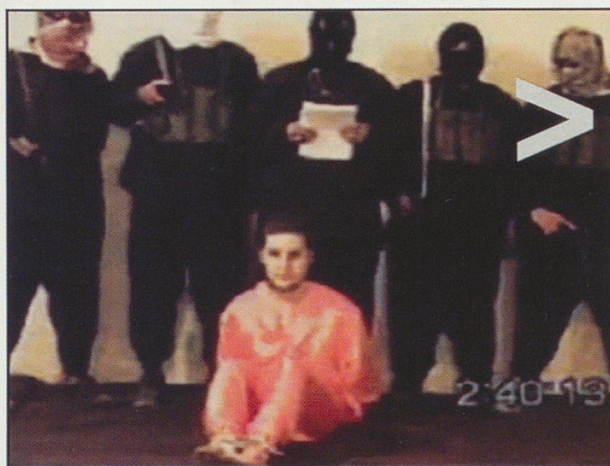
**HOSTAGES IN IRAQ.** Several Americans, three Japanese, two Arab aid workers, and eight Russians had been among those abducted. One of the Americans being **Pfc. Matt Maupin**, of Batavia, who was abducted near Baghdad when a U.S. convoy was attacked on April 9. The gunmen said that they were keeping him for the exchange of the prisoners captured by the occupation forces. In order to set the Japanese free, the Mujahedeen Brigades demanded Japan pull troops out of Iraq. There are also three Czech journalists and two Germans stationed in Iraq, but unaccounted for. However, there has been several releases. Seven Chinese, one Briton, and seven South Korean missionaries



were freed after being held by abductors for days. American contractor working in Iraq, **Thomas Hamill** was taken hostage when his convoy was attacked. On May 5, Hamill managed to escape from the Iraqi insurgents holding him during an ambush. April 14, a tape was received from Osama Bin Laden offering a truce to European nations if they pulled their troops out of Muslim countries. In the tape, Bin Laden also took the blame for the terrorist acts in Spain claiming that other terrorist acts will be pursued in countries supporting the United States' war on terrorism.







**PRISONER ABUSE.** The American prisoners were seen in the photographs smiling and giving a "thumbs up" while the Iraqi soldiers were being tortured in several different ways. For example, the prisoners were told to disrobe and dogs were placed on guard. Also, prisoners were forced to form pyramids while disrobed. Another way that the Americans tried to mentally and physically break down the soldiers was by covering their whole bodies in ice. After the pictures were released, the Iraqi insurgents sent the United States a video of an American civilian, **Nick Berg**, being beheaded. The reasoning for their actions was said to be in retaliation for the hazing and humiliation towards the Iraqi detainees. The American soldiers said that they were doing this in order to find out vital information on what the Iraqis were planning on doing next to the United States. Court marshals and investigations were arranged immediately.



**TRAINS IN MADRID** collided killing 200 people and injuring approximately 1,500 OTHERS. The two trains collided on the tracks March 11 at 8:16 A.M.. A military spokesman for al Qaeda in Europe said al Qaeda was behind the bombings in Madrid. The videotape, released by Interior Minister Angel Acebes and signed by Abu Dujan Al Afgani, says: "We declare our responsibility for what occurred in Madrid, just 2.5 years after the attacks in New York and Washington. It is a response to your collaboration with the criminals (U.S. President) Bush and his allies." In response to this attack, Spain elected socialist leader Jose-Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, replacing their former President, the popular party candidate, Mariano Rajoy, and withdrew Spain's troops from Iraq.



**ONE OF THE MOST VIEWED SHOWS** in America, was **The Apprentice**. Donald Trump, business magnet, hosted a reality show that hired Bill Rancic to The Trump Organization with a starting salary of \$250,000. The sixteen contestants were split into two teams. For 15 weeks, the teams received a dossier that explained the week's task, rules, and other instructions. Tasks ranged from having a lemonade stand in downtown New York to managing a Jessica Simpson Concert. At the end of every week the player from the losing team that Mr. Trump believed was the weakest player, was told by Trump himself, "You're fired."

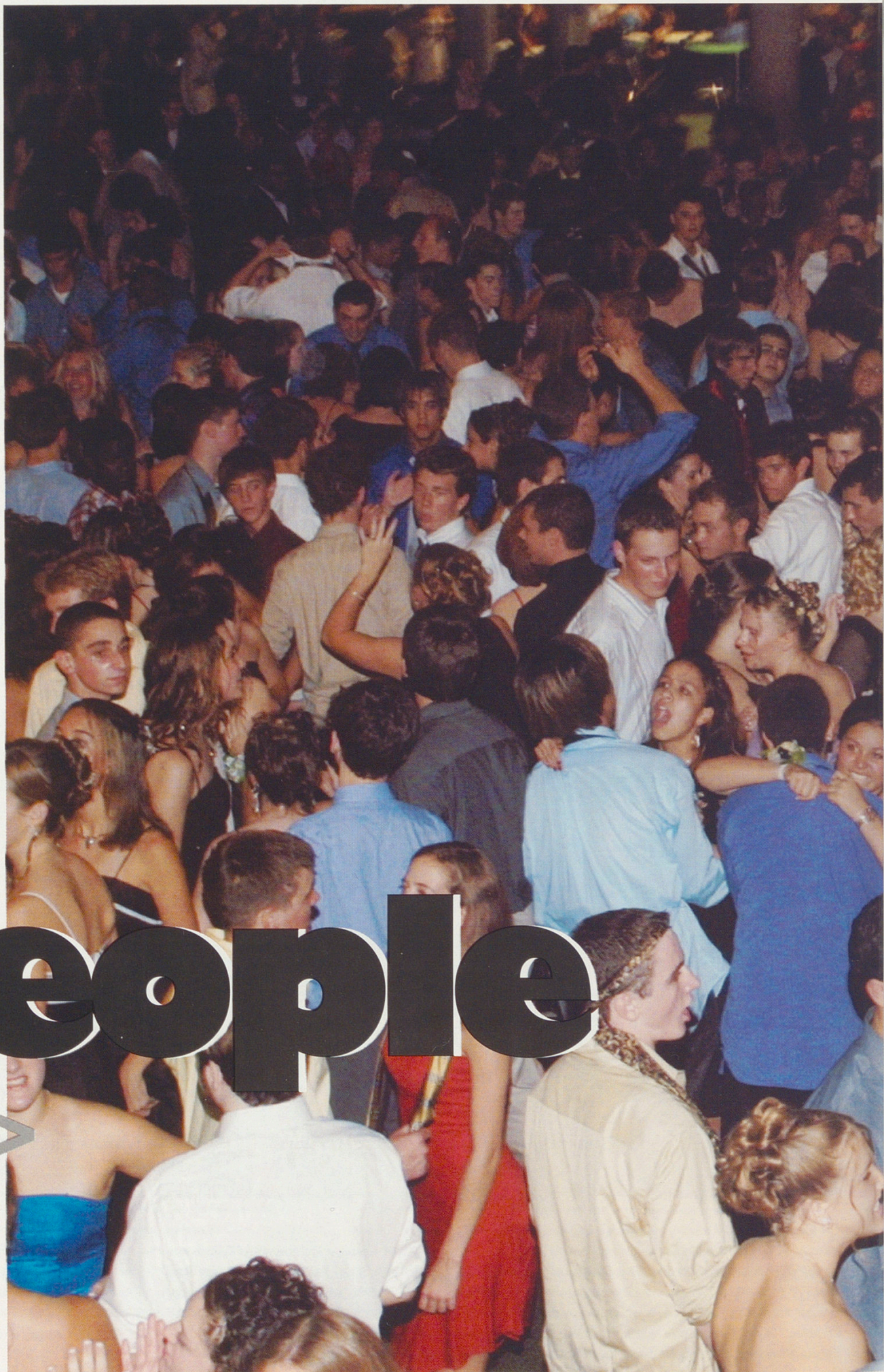


**CINCINNATI USES TWO** million gallons of gas per year to keep the city flowing. Gas prices were the highest they have been in thirteen years. They exceeded two dollars per gallon.



**THE CICADAS HAVE FINALLY** arrived. After 17 years, the projected five billion arrived on May 21. Believe it or not, cicadas are said to taste good. But because they come in such large numbers, predators actually get tired of eating them!

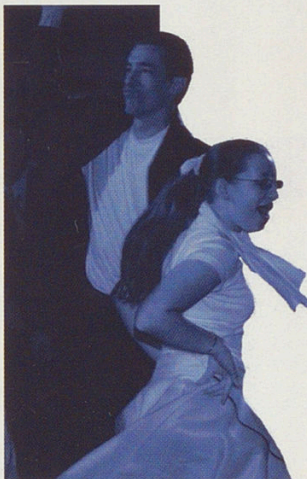




# people

**SO MANY FACES!** Almost 2000 students, how could you know every face? Explore this section to meet more people!





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## More faces Mugshot section

**M**ore incoming freshman than 2003 graduates, meant more faces in the halls this year. To get more details check out the numbers: 502 freshmen, 505 sophomores, 456 juniors, 493 seniors, and 178 faculty members.



# Shocking end to an exciting game

By: Lauren Truax

**F**OR AFTER PROM A STUDENT V. FACULTY BASKETBALL game was held to raise money. Many students came and participated in the half time activities. Tickets were \$4 for students and \$5 for adults. **Nikki San Miguel, 12**, won the I-Pod that was raffled off. In between the quarters and during half time, a free throw shot, half court shot and slam dunk contest were held. The game was close throughout but at the end when the score was 64 to 61, **Mr. Stan Kaniecki**, math teacher, made a 3 pointer to tie the game for the faculty. Many students thought the game was rigged and the faculty received more points than they earned. The administration said the game was scored the same for both sides. The students wanted to go to overtime, but the administration said no. The final score was 64 to 64, ending in a tie between the students and the faculty.

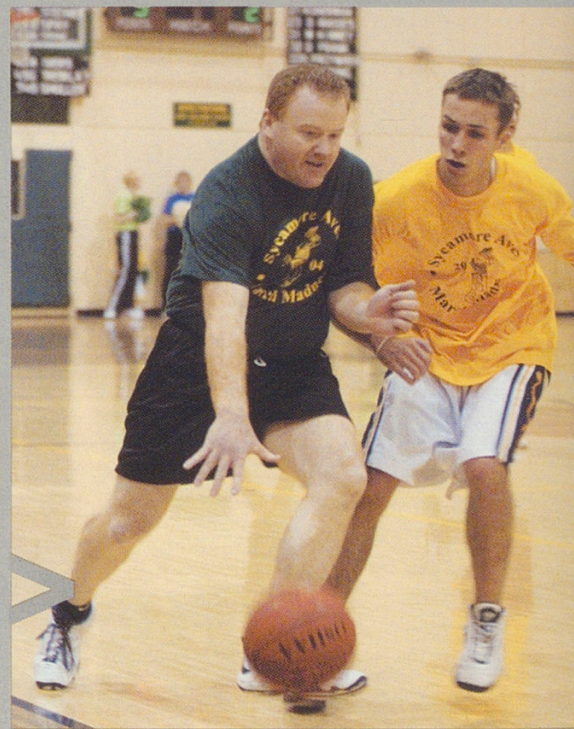
**JOEL RICHARDSON, 12, AND MR. ANDREW MARLATT JUMP FOR THE BALL.** Both were one of the tallest on their teams. Their height helped their teams excel and create an entertaining game.



**MR. HANK RAY DRIBBLING DOWN THE COURT.** At the beginning of the game the faculty was fresh and energized, but by the end they were dragging from exhaustion.

“After such an amazing game I was disappointed they didn’t want to finish.”

**OFFICER PAUL PAYNE IS GUARDED BY ANDY JOHNSON, 11.** The students played tough defense throughout the game. They did not take it easy on the faculty.



## Students v. Faculty

### Syc Wit' It Students

Cameron “Long Range” Lunning  
Alex “Alley Oop” Cooper  
Nina “Budabuda bing!” Budde  
Andy “Magic” Johnson  
Kyle “Bet you can’t stop me” Battle  
David “DBrox pass the rock” Broxterman  
Leah “I’ve got the moves” Moran  
Julie “High Flyer” Hull  
Mike “The Rumbler” Rosa  
“Jumpin” Jon Kattleman  
Jesse “Can’t keep me from the Key” Key  
Joel “Take it to the hole” Richardson



### Fearless Faculty

Randy “Longarms” Lothrop  
“Lil” Andy Marlatt  
Jim “LeBron” Smanik  
Paul “Powerhouse” Payne  
“Leapin” Linsey Farroh  
Hank “Hang Time” Ray  
Keith “His airness” Kelly  
Doug “The Mailman” Mader  
Tom “Tomahawk” Adams  
Stan “The Man” Kaniecki  
Mike “Hot Shot” Hahn

**GO AVES!** Faculty Cheerleaders pictured **Mrs. Leschander, Mrs. Bare, and Ms. Maggi Cobb**, stuck to the “Go Aves” cheer to support both the students and faculty. They sported the “Aves” t-shirt line created by the school spirit shop.







Katie Abrams  
Ruba Abusway  
Jessica Adams  
Matthew Adams  
Nicholas Adams  
Lori Adler  
Adam Aleksa

Aaron Alexander  
Claire Alexoff  
Jonathan Allen  
Kimberly Allen  
Mitchell Allen  
Dustin Amrine  
Robert Amster

Matthew An  
Christopher Anders  
Michael Apke  
Ethan Arenstein  
Misha Arnold  
Shoshana Arnow  
Mark Aslanides

Amy Austin  
Matthew Baas  
Blair Bailey  
Eric Baird  
Jonathan Bake  
Eric Barbro  
David Barnard

Branden Battle  
Kyle Battle  
Sam Bedford, Jr.  
Emily Beech  
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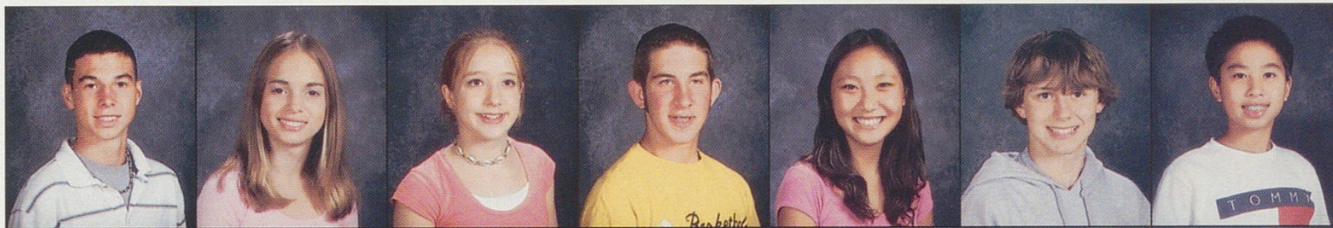
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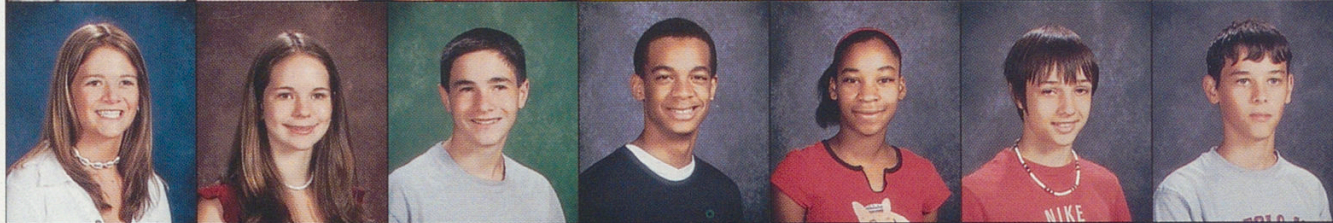
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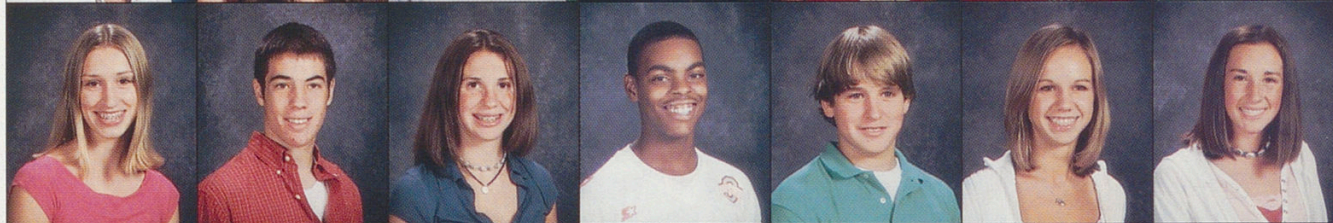
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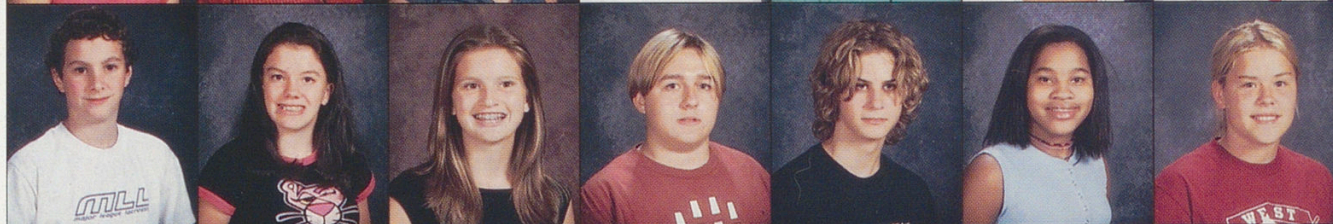
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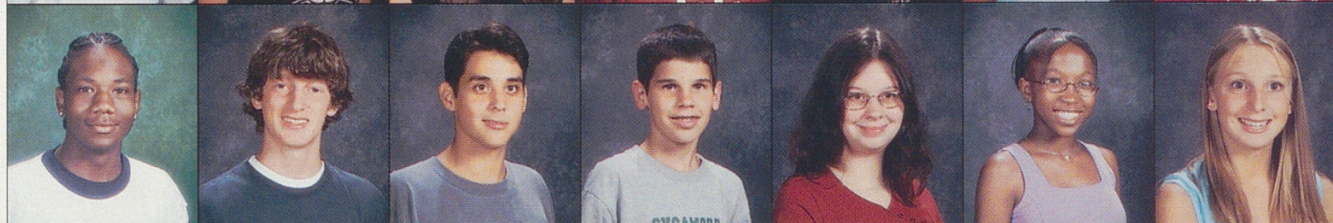
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Margaret Crutcher  
Anthony Daniels  
John Davies  
Tamara Dean  
Sarah Deger



Claudius Delaney, Jr.  
Eric Demuth  
Aaron Deutsch  
Elliott Donovan  
Sara Dorton  
Rashonna Duett  
Caroline Dunn



“Helping to prevent history from repeating itself.”

## Students educate international neighbors

By: Sam Pollak

I was going through my things from 7<sup>th</sup> grade the other night and I realized the American students have taught me more in a week than I learned that year that we studied the Holocaust.

> **Sarah Payne,**  
Rosebury student

**ELEVEN STUDENTS TRAVELED WITH Mrs. Shirley Mills to Britain from March 10-17. Back row: Leah Glassman, 11, Michael Bassin, 12, Mrs. Mills. Middle row: Jessica Zanger, 12, Danielah Blackburn, 12, Lauren Kahn, 10, Dena Rapoport, 10, Erica Smith, 12, Jacob Blackburn, 11, Nathan Scheider, 12. Bottom row: Katie Gordon, 12, Loren Brook, 12.**







Kelli Durham  
Taneisha Dyer  
Alyssa Eastes  
Justin Eaton  
Frank Ebetino  
William Eckert  
Indika Ekanayake

Marisa Ellison  
Michael Ellsworth  
Molly Essell  
Bradley Estes  
William Evans II  
Brett Faeth  
Kian Fallahi

Adina Farber  
Megan Feng  
Hilary Fingerman  
Megan Fingerman  
Patricia Fioratti  
Katherine Fischer  
Nicole Fischer

Laura Fisher  
Joseph Fixler  
Crystal Flanagan  
Patrick Fox  
Max Frecka  
Joseph Gaccione  
Matthew Gant

Brittaney Gardner  
Israel Garza  
Nicholas Gavin  
Stephen Gilbert  
Erika Gilliam  
Lauren Goedde  
Matthew Gold



**MRS. MARILYN RAY** worked with teacher Linda Hadrill from the all-girls Rosebury School to bring the American students to Epsom, England. The names of the British students were Miriam Courtney, Lucie Greenland, Sarah Payne, Rowena Oven, Laura Silva, Melissa Spill, Nikki Suwalski, Jackie Bale, Chittle Bhatt, Nazia Hurryman, and Maxine Davison.



"I am both honored and excited to have this opportunity to open the eyes of students to a very important moment in history."

> **Jessica Zanger, 12**

"I chose to teach Holocaust resistance because many people are aware of the deaths that occurred, but many people do not know about the resistance or the courage felt by the Jews in Europe at the time. I'm hoping to also learn from this experience through my research and teaching."

> **Dena Rapoport, 10**

"I thought it was a great experience to go to a different country to teach the students at Rosebury about this great atrocity, but also to learn from them about their culture at the same time."

> **Danielah Blackburn, 12**

## **A** S PART OF THE **FULLBRIGHT PROGRAM**, Mrs. Marilyn Ray, history teacher, exchanged places with British history teacher **Mr. Ciaran**

**Prendergast** to teach in England for the year. Students from **Mrs. Shirley Mills'** Modern Hebrew III and IV classes were given the opportunity to teach Ray's British students about the tragedy of the Holocaust. After watching England's WWII Remembrance Day, Ray noticed that there was no mention of the Holocaust, so she approached Mills with the idea. Mills and her students spent March 10-17 informing Ray's students about not only the horrors of the tragedy, but also the courage of the victims of the Holocaust. On the weekend, the students did some sight-seeing in London.



## MORE ON DATING

### Places to go on dates:

Movies  
Dinner  
Parties  
Mall

### First date:

Dinner and a movie

### Cost:

Couples split it or treat one another

### Curfews:

Curfews vary by age from 11:00 P.M. - 1:00 am. Others do not have curfews or are not allowed to date.

It all depends on the parents!

### Restrictions parents put on dating:

Must meet the person before going out

Cannot date

Cannot be in your room with your door shut

Must maintain good grades

Micah Goldfarb  
Sari Goldhoff  
Zachary Goldman  
Gera 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  
Christopher Haunert  
Nicholas Hayes

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# Dating... on again, off again!

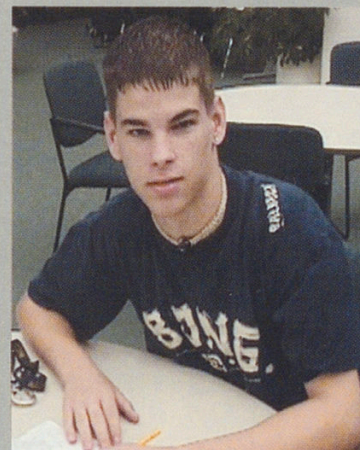
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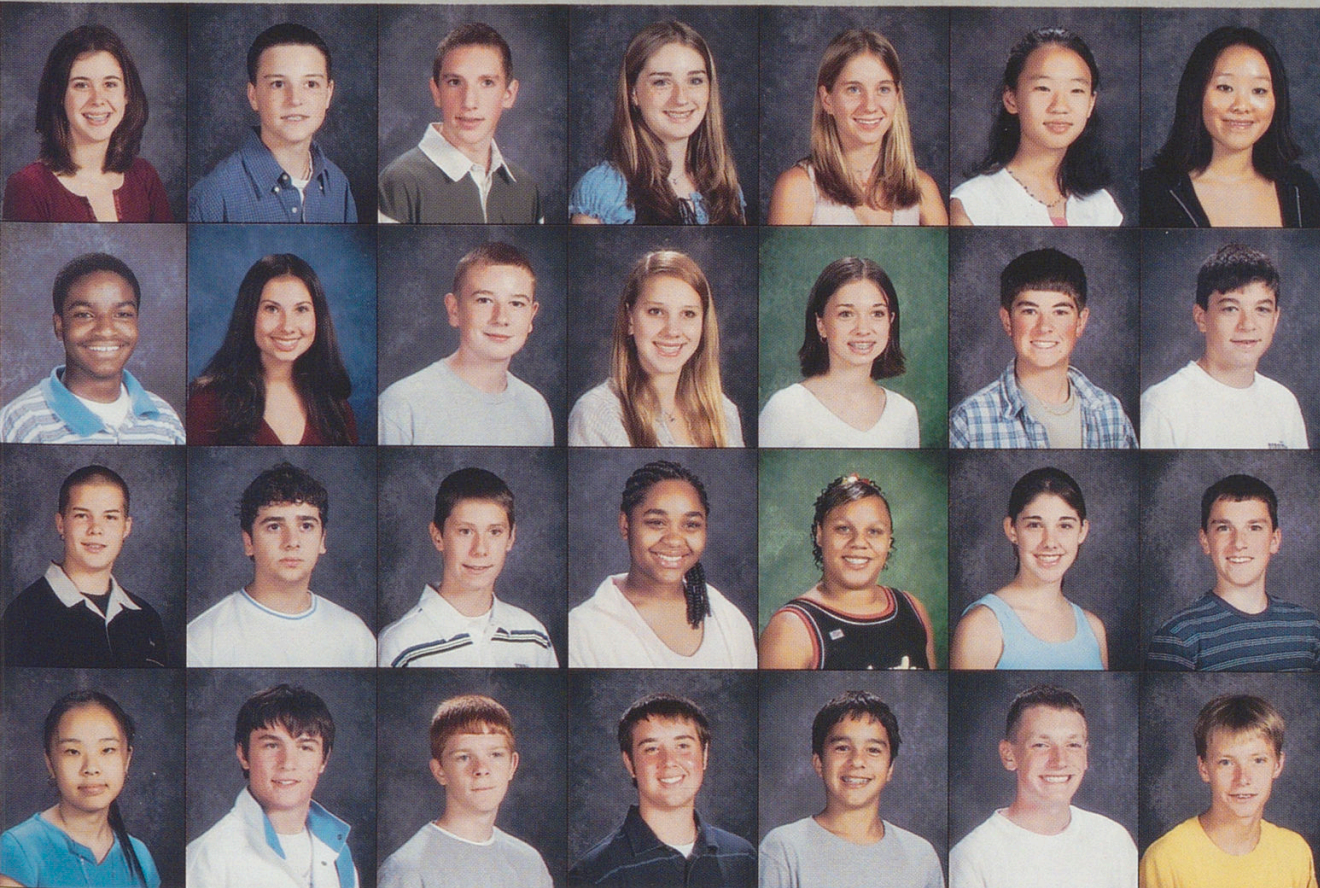
“Stay single and mingle!”  
 > **Linsy Ogden, 11**

**T**HE AVERAGE TIME SPAN of a teenage relationship is one year. For that one, some would give up their time outside of school, friendships, family time, and money all to this one person.

In a survey of 30 students, who have been in a high school relationship, 26 thought the relationship was worth it because they learned a lot from each other but simply grew apart.



“Relationships are very special, only sometimes! Really, only if the two people care about each other!”  
 > **Eddie Watenhopher, 11**



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 Maxwell Hill  
 Alexander Hill  
 Kristen Hodgdon  
 Caroline Hodgson  
 Clara Hsieh  
 Valerie Hsiung

Donnell Hughes  
 Lauren Hughes  
 Thomas Hughes  
 Anna Hulett  
 Katelyn Hull  
 Anthony Huron  
 James Hutson

Joseph Hutson  
 Alex Ioannou  
 Thomas Irwin  
 Diane Jackson  
 Tiara Jackson  
 Allison Jacobs  
 Taylor Jensen

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 Cody Jones  
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 Brandon Justes  
 Scott Kalberg



Micah Kamrass  
Audry Kang  
Anna Kanter  
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Gregory Kash  
Zachary Katchman

Kyle Kauffung  
Sara Kaufman  
Radhika Kedia  
Paige Keefe  
Chelsea Keller  
Maria Kellison  
Justin Kerr

Abby Kessel  
Katherine Kettlehake  
Daniel Keum  
Lauren Kindrick  
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Lehla Kisor  
Brian Kissinger

Rita Klofta  
Christopher Knauer  
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Alison Kramerfiely  
Kelsey Kress  
Heather Krumer

Christine Kuhlman  
Anna Kwa  
Brian Langhorne  
Evan Langley  
Valerie Lascelles  
Michael Latessa  
Arielle Lavigne

Brittany Lawrence  
Nina Laybourne  
Holly Leach  
Kathleen Leblond  
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Avi Levenson  
Lauren Levey  
Karen Levy  
Rebecca Levy  
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Meredith Linde  
David Linz  
Caleb Lipsey  
Kristen Livingston  
Hope Lohmuller  
Elizabeth Lohse

Melissa Long  
German Lopez  
Allison Lott  
Meredith Love  
Cameron Luning  
Minadora Macheret  
Kevin Mack





# Dazzling new smile

## Teeth whitening and tanning beds

By: Lauren Truax and Mimi Barkawi

### ARE YOU SICK OF LOOKING AT YOUR YELLOW TEETH?

Have you tried whitening toothpaste but it does not work, try any of these teeth whitening products. Teeth whitening has increased 300% in the past 5 years according to the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Whitening toothpastes, gels and even dental floss can be found at most grocery stores. Crest was the first to come out with a whitening product that could easily be purchased off the shelf with Crest

Whitestrips. Whitestrips are applied twice a day and stay on 30 minutes for 14 days. After Crest came Colgate and their Simply White. Simply White is applied by putting a coat of gel on the teeth twice a day for 14 days. Another option would be Colgate's Simply White Night, which is only applied once before bed.

At home teeth whitening is still another option. Although the price range can go from \$150.00-200.00, some dentists believe it is better for the teeth and the outcome lasts longer. Students

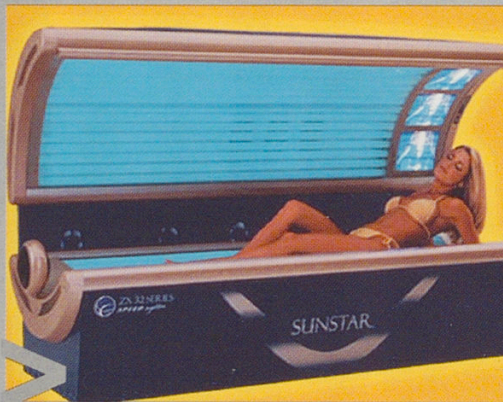
used the whitening products a couple of days for some extra shine for an upcoming event. The teeth still get whiter even if not used for all 14 days.

"There was a marked difference in the whiteness of my teeth even after just one time." said **Amanda Bower, 11**.

Along with pearly whites, having a nice tan makes you look great! People use the tanning bed for a year round tan, and a sun-kissed look.



**COLGATE'S SIMPLY WHITE** and simply white night are \$ 14.99. Simply White is easy to apply but it is hard to keep your mouth open to allow to dry. Simply White is starting to become more popular than Whitestrips.



**TIME TO TAN!** Tanning beds are a growing craze with many teenagers, and even some adults. It is popular to have a summer tan year round. Sessions for tanning can range from \$4 each time you go to \$50 for a package.



**CREST WHITESTRIPS** come with two different strips, one for your top teeth and one for the bottom. Although more expensive than Colgate Simply White, it does not have the bad taste when used. The Whitestrips are used for the same amount of time as Simply White.

**BEFORE** using teeth whitening products. Many people are not happy with the yellow tint on their teeth. By using any of the teeth whitening products shown above teeth become a new color.

**AFTER** using teeth whitening products. The teeth are safely turned from a shade of yellow to a bright shade of white. The new color of white should last six to twelve months before having to go through the process again.

## QUIZ

- At home teeth whitening
- Colgate Simply White or Simply White Night
- Crest Whitestrips

- Which teeth whitening costs \$150.00- 250.00?
- Which teeth whitening do you have to use twice a day for 30 minutes for 14 days?
- Which teeth whitening product can you use either twice a day or once at night?

1. a 2. c 3. b



# Communication

## Throughout the world

### Cell phones

By: Nikki Wissing and Linsy Ogden

#### DO CELL PHONES CAUSE CANCER?

Some researchers argue that brain cancer is directly linked to cell phone usage.

Those that believe that think extreme exposure to radio frequency radiation can have negative health effects. However, there is no proof that cell phones are actually the cause of cancer. The levels of radiation have been lowered since cell phones were introduced. In fact, some cordless phones have higher levels of milliwatts than some cellular phones. This does not mean that they are dangerous either, just an ongoing debate amidst the health world.

Even back here in school, cell phones have caused a debate. Introduced on March 9 by **Dr. Keith Kelly**, principal, if cell phones were seen in classes or hallways, they would be confiscated. Students spoke out about teachers following the policy, since some taught class wearing their cell phones on their belts. No matter what the resolve, cell phones are here to stay, and a consistent policy must be enforced.

#### Most Popular Cell Phone Companies:

Color display picture flip phones started out around \$30.00. Internet connection and calling plans varied in price among the companies. Some phones were free when used with a companies certain calling plan.



- 1 AT&T
- 2 Verizon
- 3 Sprint
- 4 Motorola
- 5 NexTel

Michael Mandell-Brown  
Jennifer Manning  
Anthony Marquardt

Meagan Martin  
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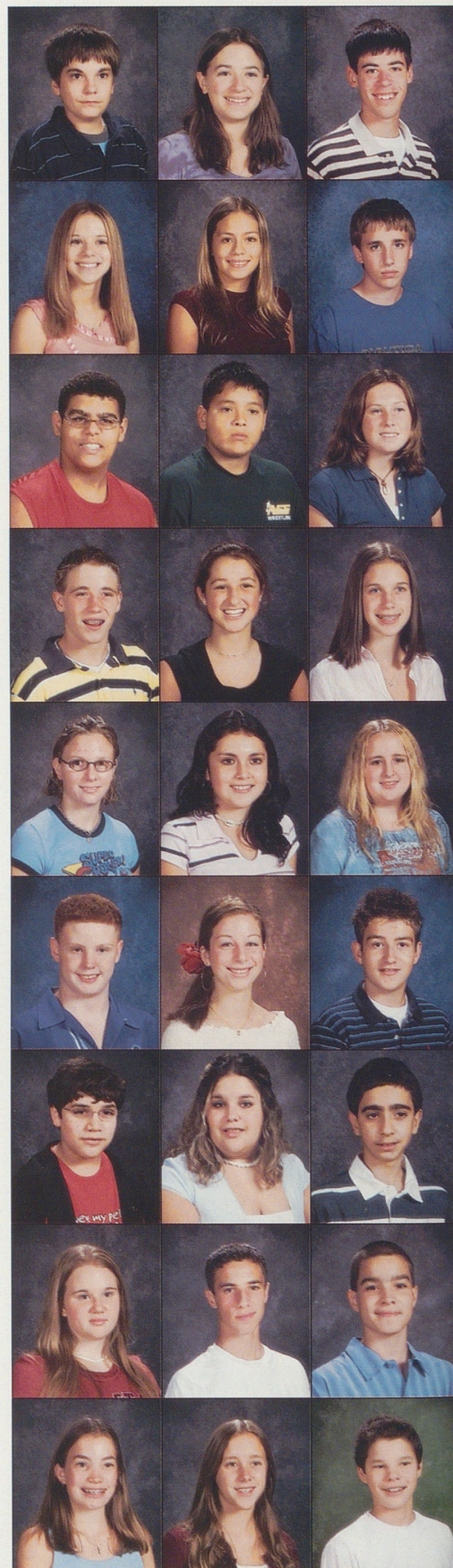
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Ruben Molina, Jr.

Emma Moody  
Ashley Moore  
Austin Morelock







Stephen Morgan  
Ran Morita  
Tyler Morton

Bradley Murphy  
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Shadale Parks  
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Donald Patterson  
Jacob Pennington  
Emily Petrocy

# Talking Online

Instant messaging

By: Nikki Wissing and Linsy Ogden

**Y**OU'VE GOT MAIL. Each day people are switching to different types of internet connections rather than the common "America Online" connection. Different and faster ways to connect to the internet are: Road Runner, Zoomtown, and Net Zero. Teenagers are spending multiple hours a day talking to their friends on Instant Messenger (IM) which may be addictive. AOL is the most easily and commonly used way of communication today. Technology has advanced so much, that the AOL instant messenger can be retrieved on cell phones. With more ways to connect, there are more conversations than ever!

## Are You Down With AOL Lingo?

What are the online abbreviations for these common phrases?

1. "Laugh out loud?"
2. "Got to go?"
3. "Talk to you later?"
4. "Love ya lots?"
5. "Be right back?"

1. LOL 2. GTG 3. TTYL 4. LYL 5. BRB





# The craze that's taking over

By: Sam Pollak

## Video Games



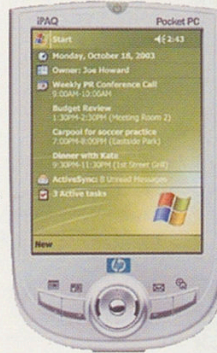
**V**IDEO GAMES CAN BE FOUND IN almost any household. Microsoft's XBOX, Sony's Playstation 2, and Nintendo's Gamecube dominate the gaming industry, each with unique games and features. Ranging from as young as 6 to as old as 40, gamers enjoy adventure, action, sports, and fighting on their consuls. Microsoft and Sony expanded their consuls to include complete home entertainment systems, consisting of DVD players to karaoke machines, but Nintendo remained strictly games. This may affect the survival of the company, therefore giving way to Sony and Microsoft. Whether a gamer loves fighting Ganondorf as Link or winning the playoffs as the Bengals, there is a game for everyone.

Logos courtesy of GameCube.com, XBOX.com, and PlayStation.com.

## Planbook or PDA?

**T** IRED OF WRITING DOWN ASSIGNMENTS IN A PLANBOOK? Personal digital assistants can make it easier. Some PDAs, such as the Compaq iPAQ Pocket PC, users can write in their normal handwriting and the computer will convert it to text to be saved later. Besides aiding in recording assignments, some PDAs can be used to access the internet as well as to play games. PDAs changed the way students plan for the future.

courtesy of Compaq.com



courtesy of Dell.com



## DOWNLOADING mp3s

**T** HE CHEAPEST way to get music is to download it. Originally, many companies such as Napster allowed listeners to access music for free over the internet. After lawsuits against these companies, many closed. Now, most companies charge around one dollar a song to download. Along with new companies such as iTunes by Apple, Napster has returned, now completely legal and charging money for music.



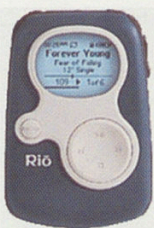
courtesy of Google.com

## Conventional or digital?

**C** AMERAS USED TO BE BULKY BOXES WITH ONE TIME flashes. Now, they can fit in spaces smaller than a CD. Digital cameras revolutionized photography in that a person shooting pictures does not need to wait one hour for their prints; they could be printed instantly. Some printers, such as the KODAK EasyShare Printer Dock, give the user conventional-quality prints from a digital camera. Also, combination digital cameras encompassing both video and still shots are marketed.

## PORTABLE music

courtesy of SonicBlue.com

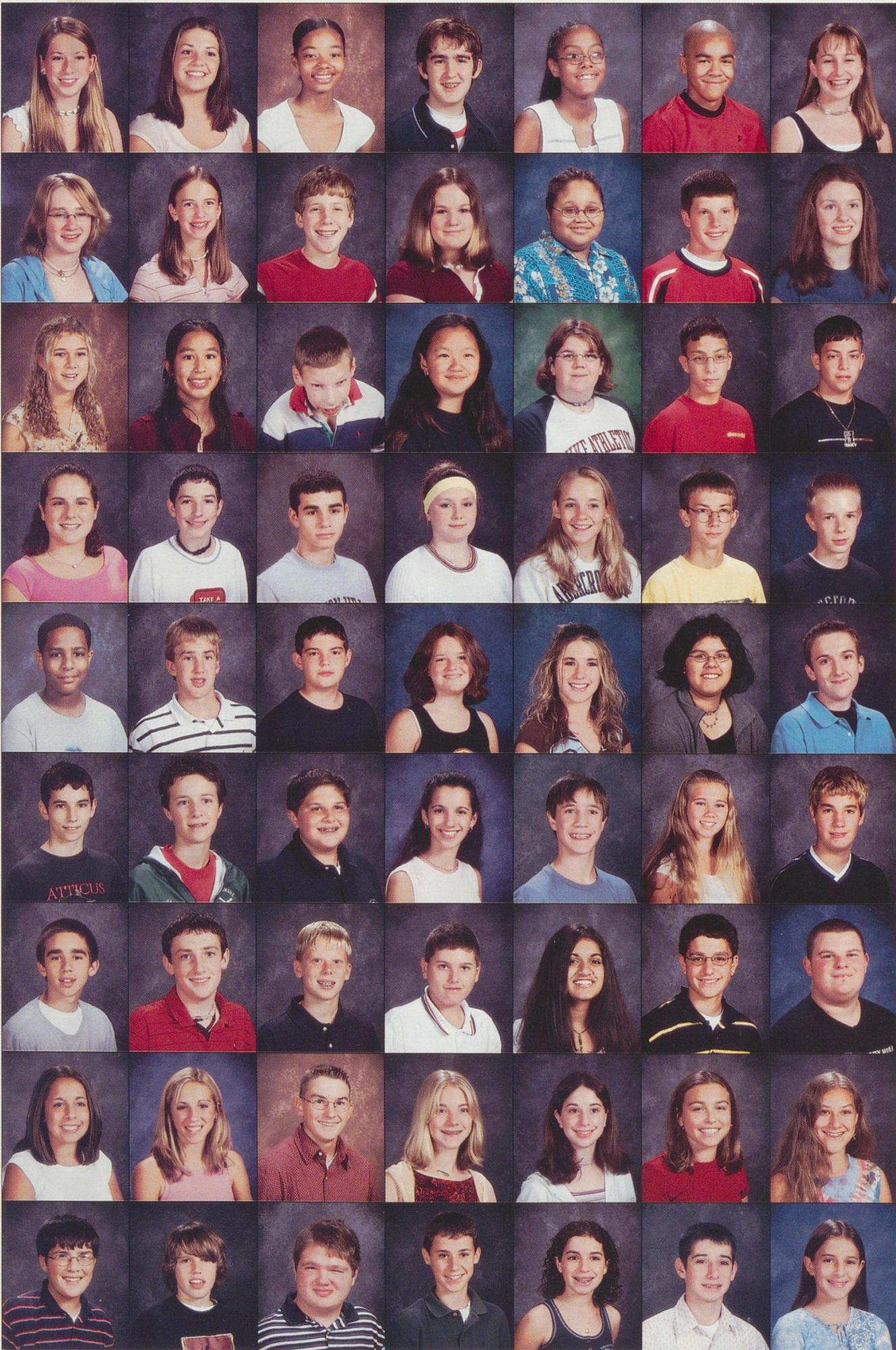


**L** ISTENING TO MUSIC on a boom box is great, but it's too bulky to carry around. The answer? Portable music. With the downloading music revolution, the music industry changed incredibly. Tape players became almost obsolete, and CD players as well as mp3 players, such as the Rio S50, took over. Players evolved from just playing 15-track CDs to playing CDs with 100 songs, encompassing FM receivers, and allowing for downloaded mp3 playback. Good-bye vinal, hello digital!



**STUDENTS WALK DOWN THE HALLS WHILE** listening to music. In this photo alone, there are at least 2 students with headphones on. Portable music has become a staple activity when moving from class to class.





Marguerite Pharo  
Holly Phillips  
Joy Phillips  
Nicholas Philpott  
Shantrice Pickett  
Derryl Pierce II  
Anastasia Pike

Aleksandra Pinkerton  
Olivia Poff  
Samuel Pollak  
Quinlan Porter  
Nathan Pritchett  
John Przywara  
Sophia Quick

Staci Rader  
Anita Raheja  
Alexander Ranus  
Melanie Rasch  
Shelley Rasnick  
Rammy Rawas  
Sammy Rawas

Laura Reagan  
Edward Reardon Iv  
Alex Reed  
Jessica Reese  
Katherine Reiner  
Daniel Renner  
Lauri Reponen

Noah Rezene  
Francis Ricci  
Robert Rice III  
Allison Rigsby  
Danielle Rinaldi  
Samantha Rios  
Kyle Roberts

Colin Roe  
Alexandra Rogers  
Joseph Rosati  
Amanda Ross  
Stephen Ross  
Brittney Rothe  
Steven Rozzo

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  
Matt Schroeder  
Erin Schuch



# Spending your money on the weekends

# \$trapped for Cash

\$o much to do, \$o much money to spend

By: Jaime Orent and Sarah Jarnicki

**N** EED ENTERTAINMENT? GOT DOUGH? Movie tickets, cd's, concerts, shopping, Kings Island passes; all types of entertainment paid for on the weekend. Doesn't it make you wish that money really did grow on trees? All of these things eat through your wallet, but who wants to sit home and do nothing all weekend? Entertainment is so expensive and dates are just as bad. Dinner and a movie is not

such an easy and cheap way to date anymore. So what else is out there? Parks and city events are always fun easy ways to save some cash. Creative planning is the first step to keeping yourself busy without spending your whole paycheck. Otherwise, you can bet a dollar that you will be working all week just to pay for your weekend expenses. How do students pay for all of these costs? Turn to page 8 to find out.

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A lot of things are over priced, but one thing that is really over priced is clothing. Clothes shouldn't be that much. A pair of pants can cost \$45. I know that it's name brand, but it still seems like way too much.

> Dorese Langston, 10

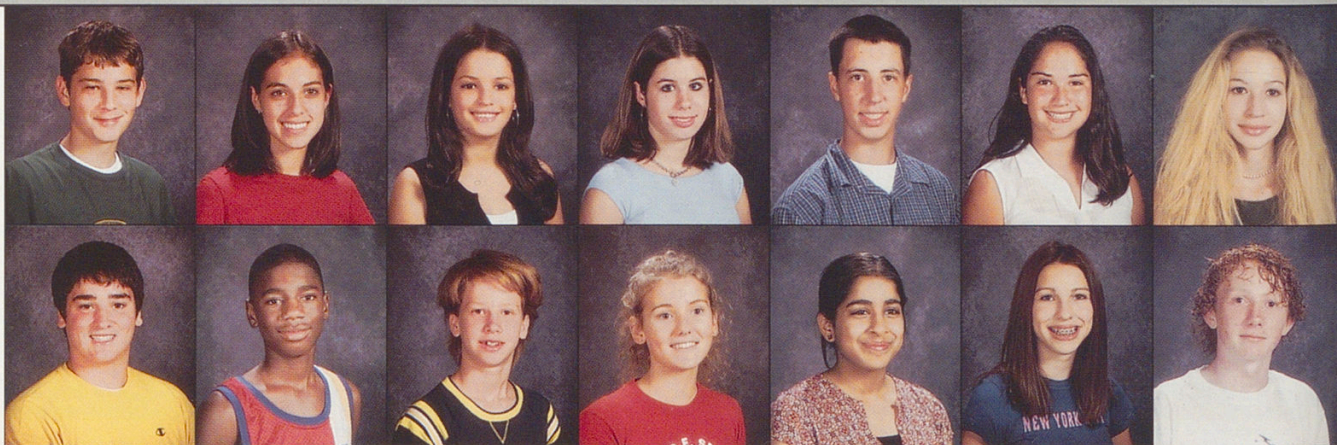
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## Costly Stuff

*Average Prices of Commonly Bought Goods*	*Jeans:.....	\$30.00
	*T-shirt:.....	\$19.50
	*Running shoes:.....	\$60-90
	*Tall cup of Starbucks coffee:.....	\$1.89
	*Movie Ticket:.....	\$8.50
	*CD:.....	\$12.00-19.00
	*Large pizza:.....	\$11.50-16.00
	*Pack of gum:.....	\$1.00
	*Kings Island Pass:.....	\$60.00
	*Skyline threeway:.....	\$4.19
	*Sycamore High School parking pass.....	\$75.00
	*Desktop Computer.....	\$1000
	*Gallon of Unleaded Gas.....	\$1.79
	*Bag of Lays Potato Chips.....	\$5.50
	*Concert Ticket.....	\$30-70

Corey Schwartz  
Samantha Schwartz  
Yeri Serrano  
Heather Sexton  
Grant Shardelow  
Whitney Sheblessy  
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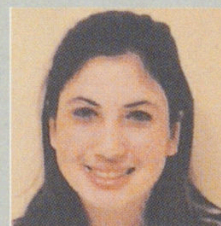
# Entertainment Expenses



**THE PERFECT GIFT.** Kelsey Kiley, 10, shops around for the perfect gift while still trying to keep in a regular price range. "I don't have a regular job, but I have to pay for all the 'social' things, so when I buy clothes and stuff, I have to keep it cheap," said Kiley.



**THE HONDA CIVIC WAS ONE OF THE MOST COMMONLY DRIVEN CARS** for teenagers along with the Honda Accord, as were various types of Toyotas and the Volkswagon Jetta and Passat. The 'lower' price along with great safety ratings and good 'wear and tear' value, made these cars among the most seen in the student parking lot. These cars cost anywhere from \$13,270 - \$21,820 new, to \$9,000-\$14,000 used.



"I like to go shopping and run to the sale racks, full price clothing is too expensive and I want to be able to have a lot of clothes versus only a few things that are expensive."

>Megan Frank, 10



"Everything is really expensive now, you can't find anything for under \$10."

>Nayla Takieddine, 10



"Usually on the weekends, I go out to a movie with a friend. It costs around \$8 for a movie plus dinner at La Rosas. If we split it, we each pay around \$10."

>Crystal Sohn, 9



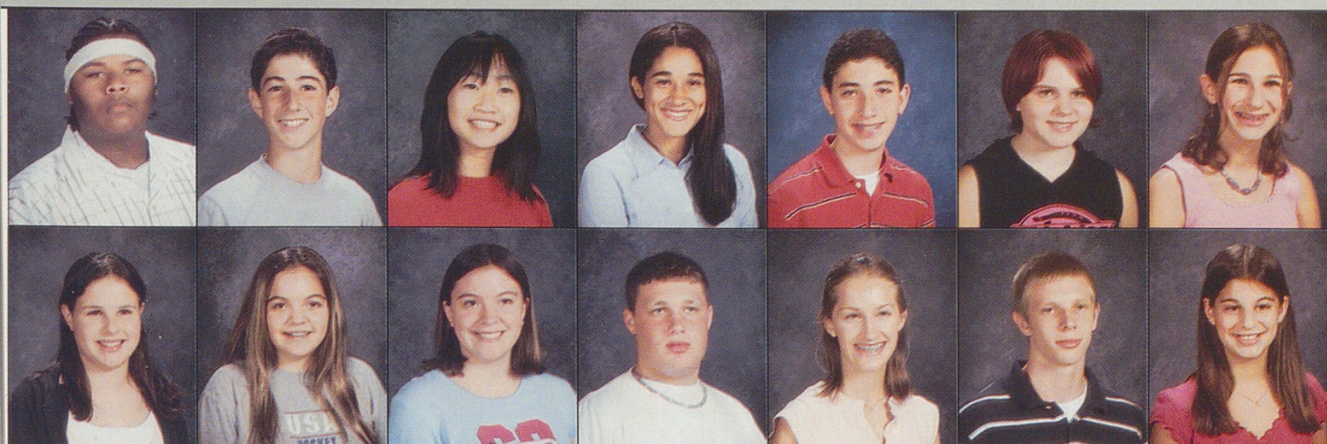
"I spend all of my money on food, especially on weekends because I don't like to eat at my house."

>Sarah Yanow, 11



"Gas is pretty expensive, a full tank is like 2 movie tickets and I go through about a tank of gas a week."

>Jules Rosen, 11



Christian Smith  
Samuel Snow  
Min Sohn  
Fabiana Sonneberg  
Jordan Sosna  
Rachel Souders  
Sarah Spitz

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Kara Stabler  
Krysten Stabler  
Zachary Star  
Natalie Staudte  
Garrett Steed  
Jillian Steinberg



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Thomas Stoughton  
Andrew Stubblebine  
Jonathan Su  
Matthew Summerlin  
Nicholas Suntay

Katharine Swantko  
Morgan Swedberg  
Luke Sweeney  
Shawn Sweeney, Jr.  
Ian Swoboda  
Brooke Talbot  
Li Tan

Billy Tang  
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Luke Tawney  
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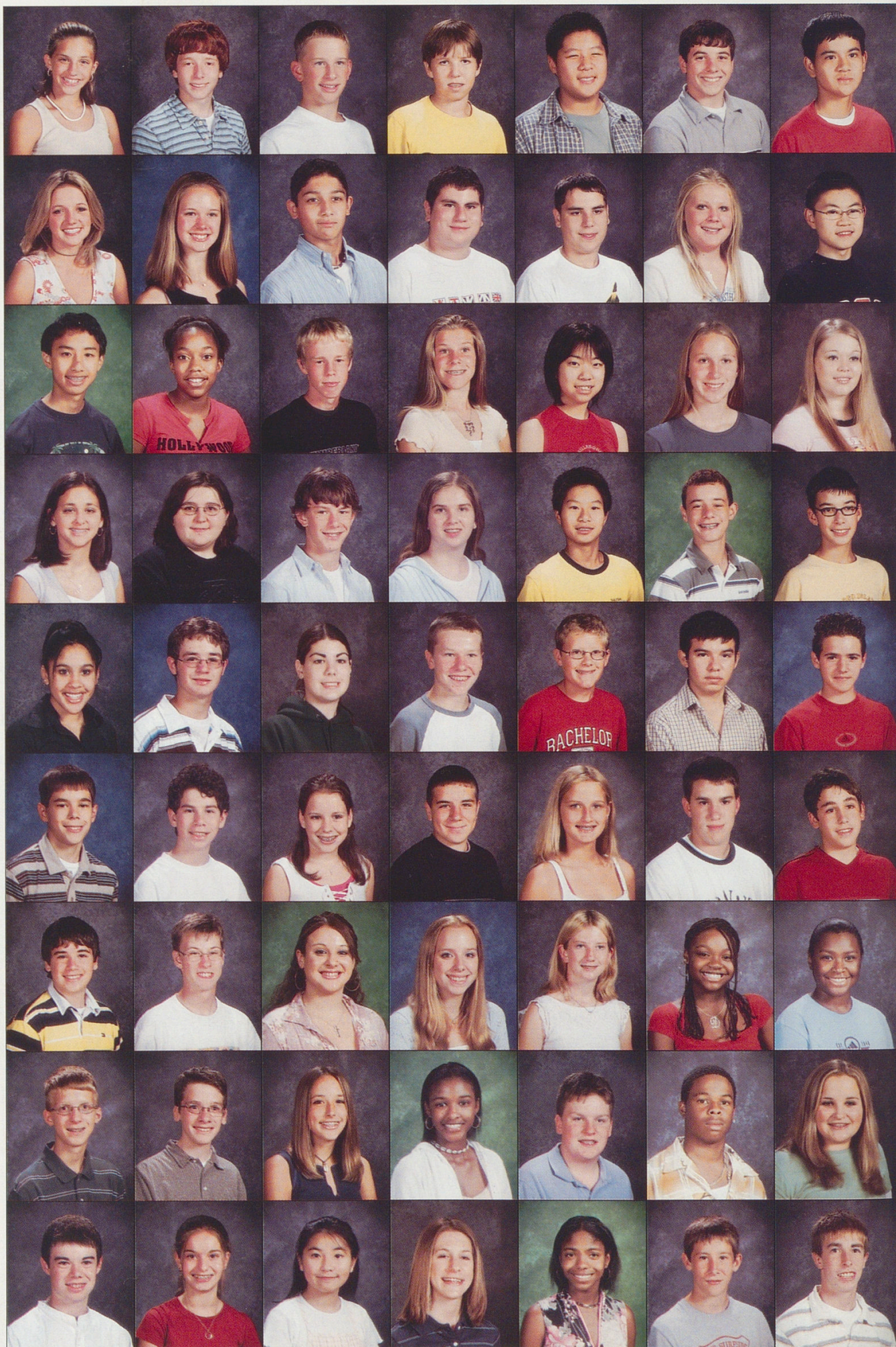
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Blair Wolkoff  
Michelle Wong  
Sarah Wood  
Erica Woodson  
Bryan Woolf  
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Jason Xu  
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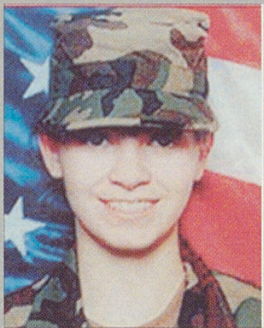
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Brian Schnell

Rachel Silverstein  
Andrea Smith  
Nicholas Thompson  
Grant Weber

## Jessica Lynch: Rescued P.O.W By: Kelsey Kiley

**T**HIS WAS THE first raid to free an American P.O.W. from behind enemy lines in half a century, and it was met with success. For family and friends, April 1 was a day of rejoicing. Lynch had been rescued from Nasiriya, where she had been held captive in Saddam Hussein Hospital. At the same hospital, an Iraqi doctor led the U.S. troops to the shallow graves of the other eight members of Lynch's company. One of them was Lori Piastawa, Lynch's roommate, and the war's first female casualty. However, Lynch didn't escape from harm. She was taken



to a hospital in Germany to be treated for gunshot wounds, fractures, two broken legs, spinal injuries and numerous other damages to her body and mind. After she underwent psychological counseling and several surgeries, she was transported to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. to recuperate.

Her story was that she attempted to fire her weapon but the Iraqi soldiers shot her several times before she had time to. The truth came out that her weapon was jammed and she had never tried to fire it, and her injuries were actually results of her Humvee crashing into an overturned trailer. She was offered a one million dollar book deal for her story.



"Jessica Lynch, an interesting story, but was it really as bad as it was, do we know what actually happened? What other sources do we have besides the media?"

> Moazam Khan, 10



"Whose she?"

> Krista Wesselkamper, 11





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Saba Ahmad  
Vincent Ahn  
Mohammed Aijaz  
Arturo Alderete, Jr.  
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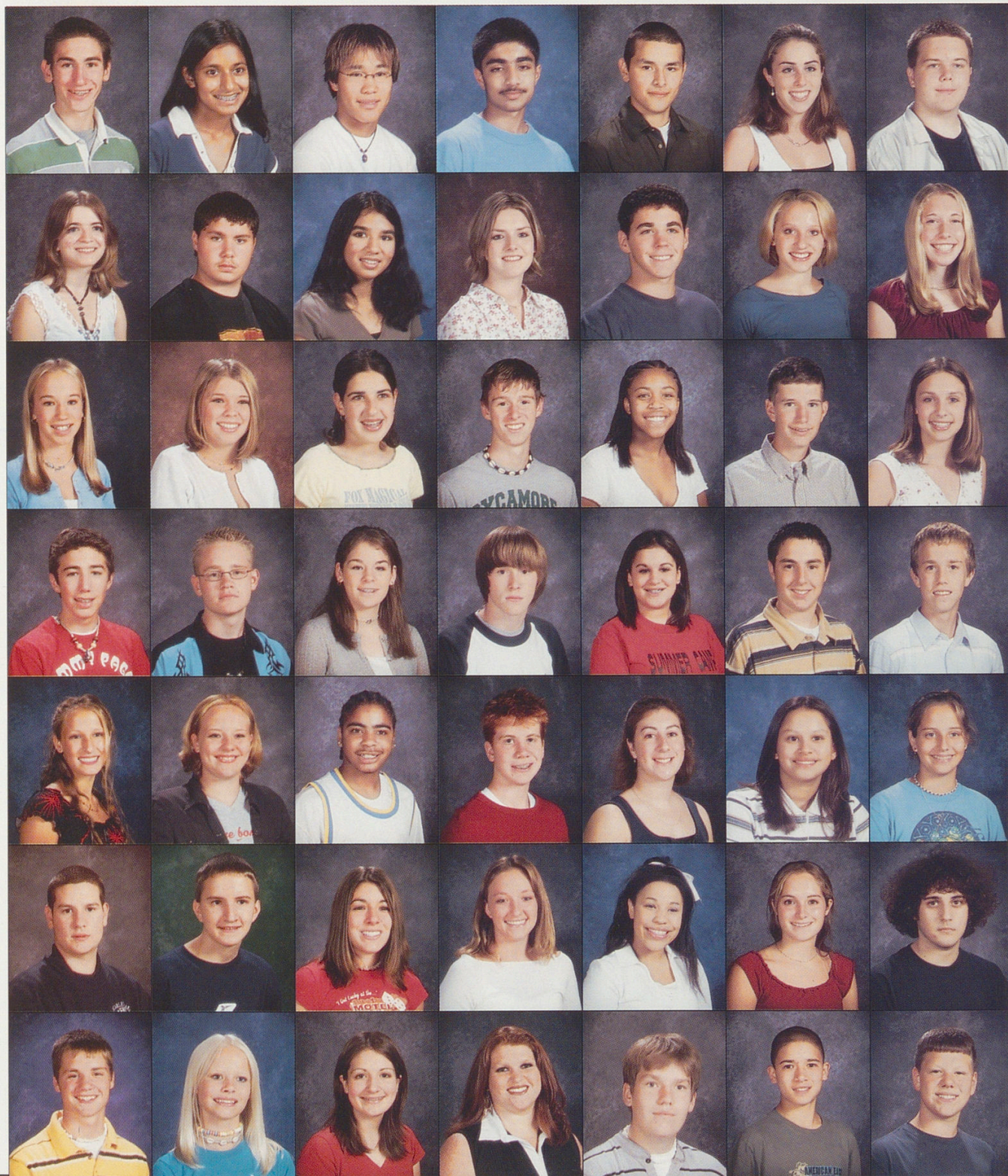
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Caryn Ben-Hur  
Jared Bernstein  
John Berry

Victoria Biddle  
Kimberly Bieler  
Delfon Blair  
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Gina Bohl  
Julie Bonn

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Margaret Brown  
Samuel Brown

David Broxterman  
Samantha Bruce  
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James Brutvan  
Marcus Bryce  
Grant Buckingham



**Caution:**

## Spark Notes may become addictive By: Katie Loftspring



**D** O NOT EXCEED MAXIMUM dosage.

Just as there is a need for pain killing addictive drugs following a major surgery, there is also a need for Spark Notes following assignments of too demanding teachers. Is it a sign of weakness to indulge? Is it borderline cheating? Let your conscience decide. Many students refer

to such tools as Spark Notes, Pink Monkey.com, or Cliff's Notes as a way to "brush up" their understanding of a novel, or as a substitute for actually reading the text. Possible side effects of over indulgence may include: lower test scores, a lesser understanding of the text, or a lesser appreciation of the literature. Please consult your teacher before using.







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Matthew Cadwallader  
Julia Caldwell  
Alexia Campbell

Sheila Campbell  
Timothy Campbell  
Samantha Carlentine  
Christina Cassidy  
Marisol Cerda  
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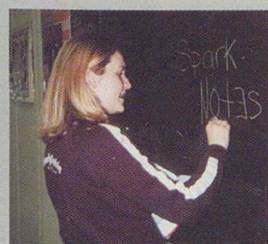
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Ryan Cummins  
Bethany Cundiff  
Darielle Daniels

Deacea Daniels  
Katherine Daniels  
Lauren Daniels  
Ryan Darbonne  
Kionna Davenport  
Gregory Davidson II  
Justin Davis

Ryan Davis  
Miguel De Vela  
Kathryn Delong  
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“I think Spark Notes are helpful tools when you're in a rut. But use, don't abuse!”  
- Corrie van Amerongen, 12.

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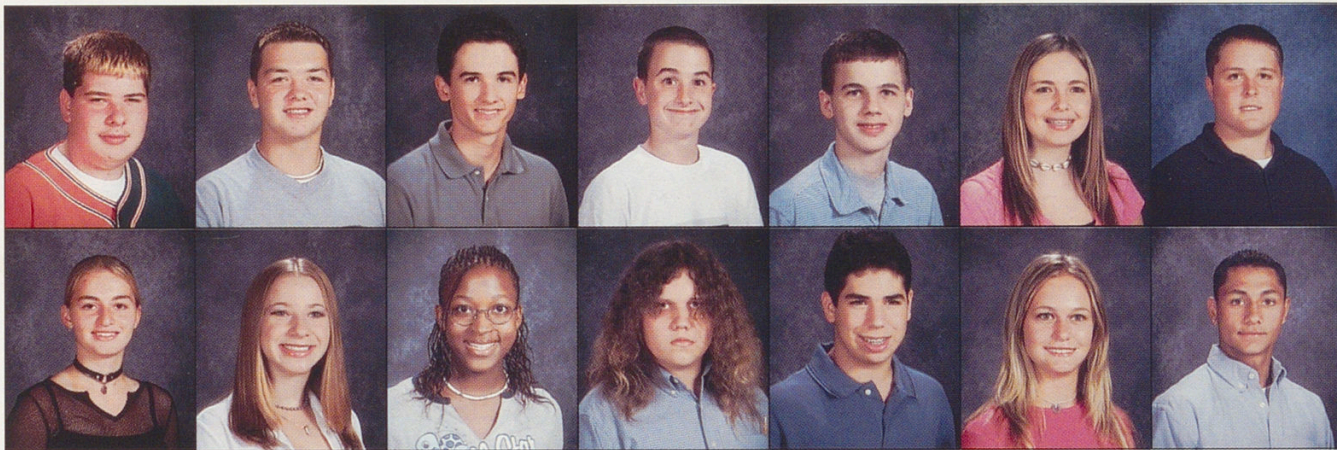
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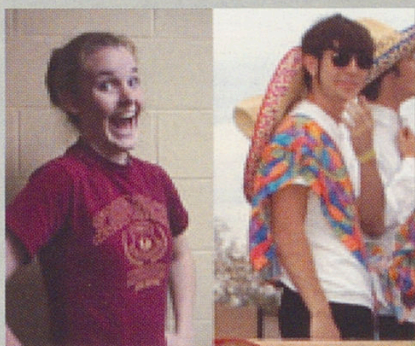


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**Allison Ivers, 10**, who lived next door to **Daniel Schear, 10**, who was on student council with

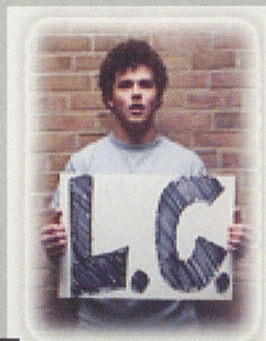


who played basketball with



**Lindsay Crum, 12.**

who has the same initials as

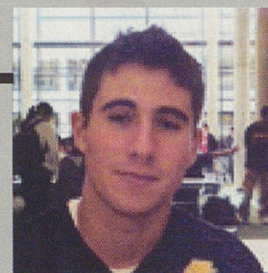


**Luke Cody, 11.**



**Robin Hunsucker, 12**, who was homecoming queen with **Brett Banks, 12.**

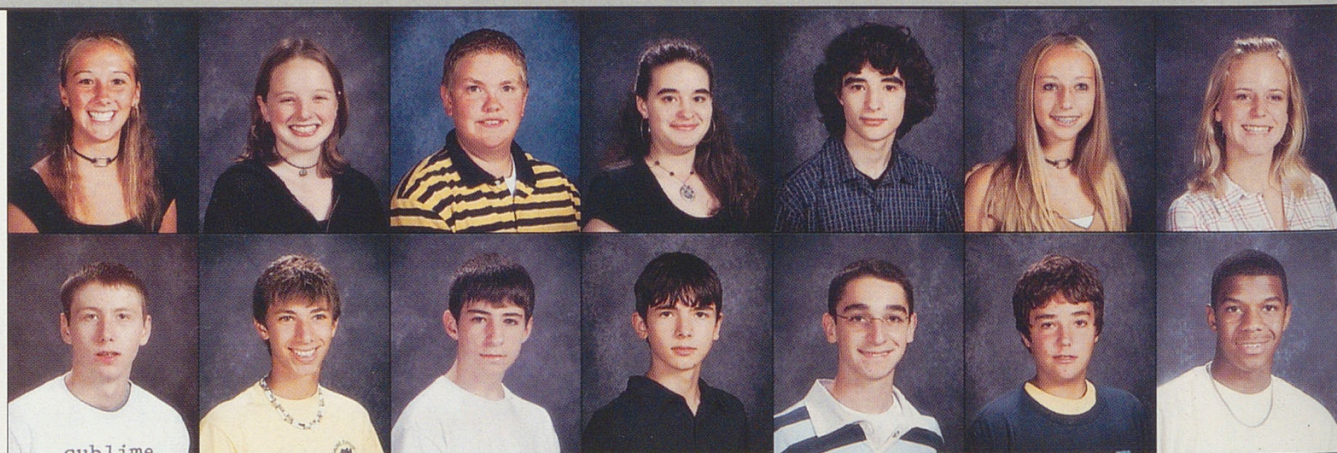
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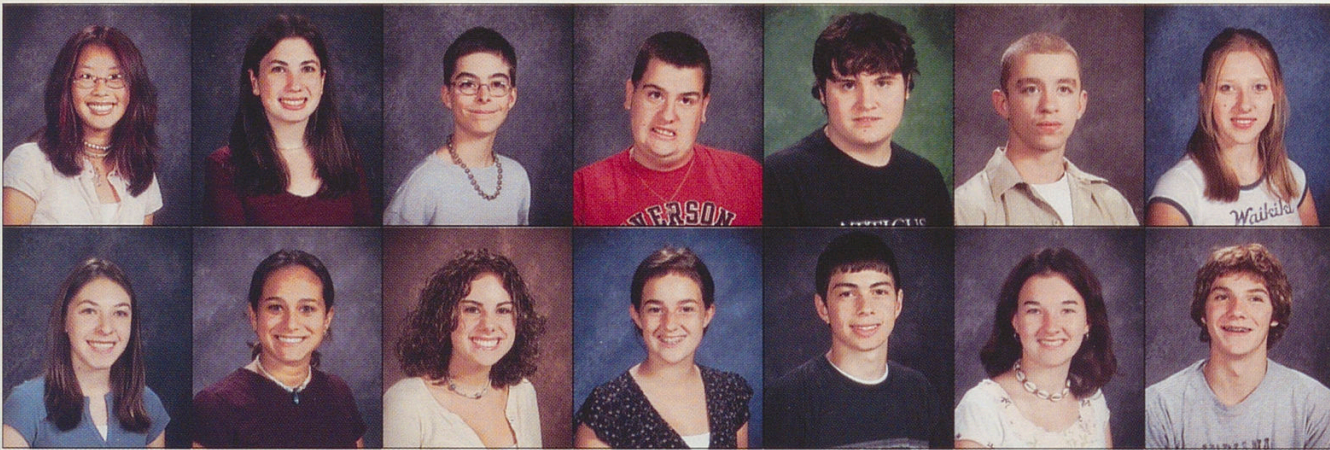
**Mike Kelly, 12.**

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Tabatha Essary  
Lanham Esterkamp  
Brandy Everett  
Edward Everett  
Dana Fahlbusch  
Jillian Fairhead

Ryan Faith  
Robert Faulkner  
Mikhail Finkel  
Robert Firor  
Jamie Fishman  
Andrew Flint  
Daniel Fluker







Laura Forcade  
Megan Frank  
Wesley Frank  
Marc Fried  
Eric Friedstrom  
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Kathleen Gearin  
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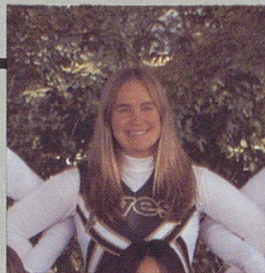
who was in the band  
Toliver with **Jason  
Oppliger, 12.**

who was a helper for



**Mr. Chris Kloesz,**  
English Teacher who  
dated **Ms. Nicole  
Porter** who was the J.V.  
Cheerleading coach for

whose brother is

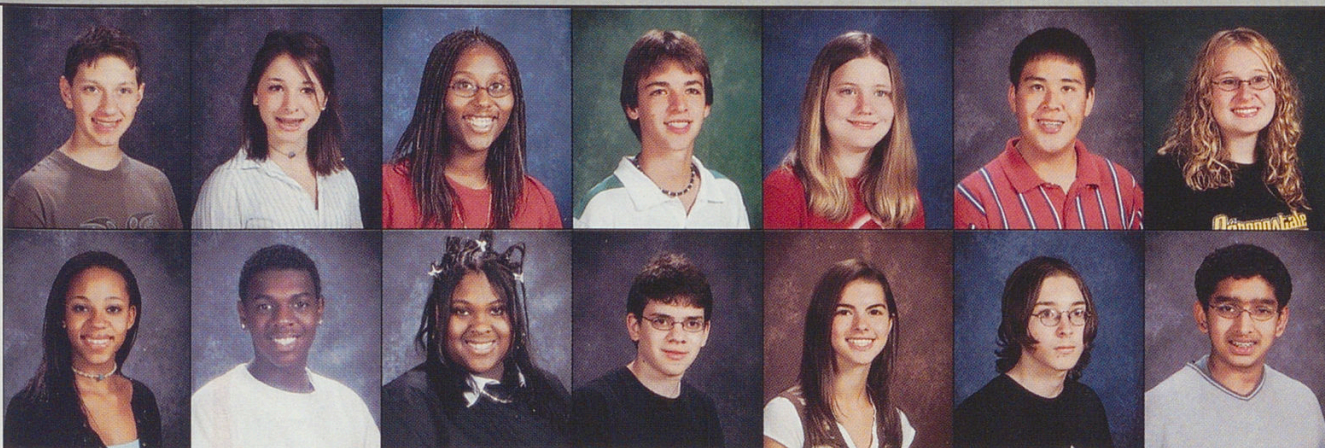


**Jackie Kelly, 10.**

**MORE PEOPLE, MORE  
CONNECTIONS.** This diagram  
shows how several students are  
all connected. Students and teachers  
are all interwoven with one another.  
Whether it be through class,  
neighborhood, family, or  
extracurricular activities, people always  
found a way to make new bonds.  
School is not only about an education,  
but making new relationships and  
expanding upon those that one already  
has. The people photographed here are  
only a microcosm of what can be  
accomplished if extra effort is made.

# MORE Connections

Connected as one **By: Ali Sinclair, Sarah Chapman, and Alix Zuberbuhler**



Robert Ghantous  
Carly Gilbert  
Tiffney Gilbert  
Max Glassner  
Michelle Goodlander  
James Graulty  
Samantha Graves

Brittani Gray  
Christopher Grissom  
Kelcey Grissom  
Daniel Grosser  
Jennifer Grossman  
David Grupp  
Abhijeet Gummadavelli



Isela Gutierrez  
Daniel Haaser  
Sara Hahn  
Christina Hall  
Matthew Hall  
Nicole Hall  
Amanda Hamberg

Sarah Hammer  
Dean Hampton  
Robyn Hampton  
Stella Harward  
Brandon Hatfield  
Michaela Hearl  
Joshua Hedges

Kenneth Heile  
Alexander Herbe

Morgan Herlihy  
Jonathan Herrick

Jeff Heslin  
Tasha Hissett

Yakima Hoebbel  
Dorothy Hogg

Kari Holdren  
Christopher Holscher

Kristen Holthaus  
Shane Holtz  
Jonathan Hom  
Andrew Hooper  
Schyler Hosler  
Anchie Huang  
Lindsey Hudspeth

Julie Hull  
Layne Huller  
Laura Hunt  
Alexandria Hunter  
Heather Hutson  
Kathryn Ibbotson  
Yavuz Inanli



## YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

We've got spirit

By: Kelsey Kiley

IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT  
SPIRIT IS NOT EXACTLY  
HUGE AROUND HERE, BUT WHEN

IT'S TIME TO GET PUMPED UP,  
STUDENTS ARE READY TO ROCK. Words

not heard since 1997 became the theme for  
the boys basketball season: "We Believe."

The story goes that when we played #1  
Woodward seven years ago, the fans started

chanting "we believe" intending to inspire  
the team to victory. Since it worked then,

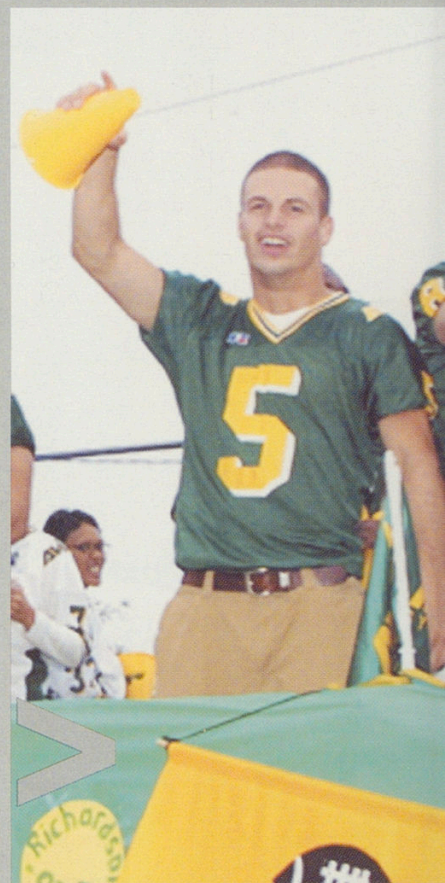
the school brought it back for the boys  
basketball season that has gone down in the

record books: our first appearance at the  
state's Sweet Sixteen. It goes to show school

spirit never ends, for we will always believe.

**WHAT'S A PARADE WITHOUT A MAJOR  
ATTRACTION?** Varsity football players, **Steve Shaw, 12,**  
**Pat Christensen, 12,** and **Kenny Minor III, 12,**  
**commanded** major attention in their football jerseys.

School spirit pumped up the team, and energy from the pep  
rally came through, for the football team crushed the Lakota  
West Firebirds 31-28!



"Sycamore is a school where it is easy to get caught up in school spirit. I think that is something every Aviator can be proud of." Brant Osborne, 10







Tamar Ingber  
Aoi Ito  
Allison Ivers  
Christina Jackson  
Monique Jacobs  
Ryan James  
Sarah Jarnicki

Michael Jemison  
Ashley Johns  
Alexander Johnson  
Kaitlin Johnson  
Tee Johnson  
Warwick Johnston  
Amber Jolley

**ANDY REED, 12** smashes the ball into the hoop with **Robby Peters, 10** on the assist. Boy's basketball had a fiery season, competing in Dayton for the regional semifinals against Hamilton, who moved on in the tournament and won State. Two pep buses transported students and several others car pooled up to Dayton to support the boys and show their "We Believe" spirit!



Alice Jone  
Megan Jones



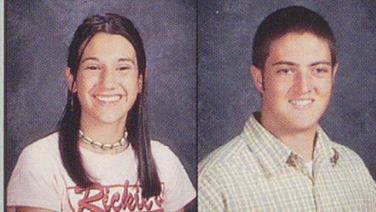
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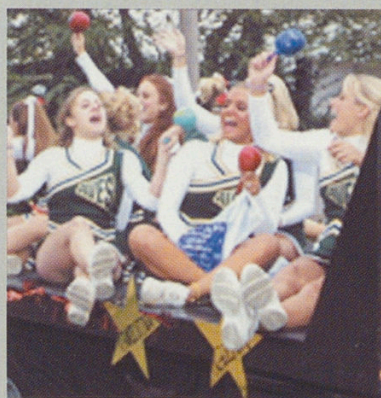
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Joshua Kamrass



Kelsey Kangos  
Alexander Kapcar



**I AM A cheerleader, hear me cheer!** Senior cheerleaders roared with spirit on their homecoming float. **Alle Seinfeld-Naber, 12, Gina Sylvester, 12,** and **Christina Terrilli, 12,** shriek with contagious enthusiasm. It was their time to spread cheer to all the parade watchers.



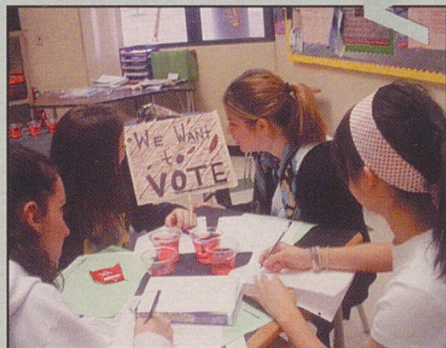
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Max Kielcz  
Kelsey Kiley



# Not so ordinary... Unusual assignments

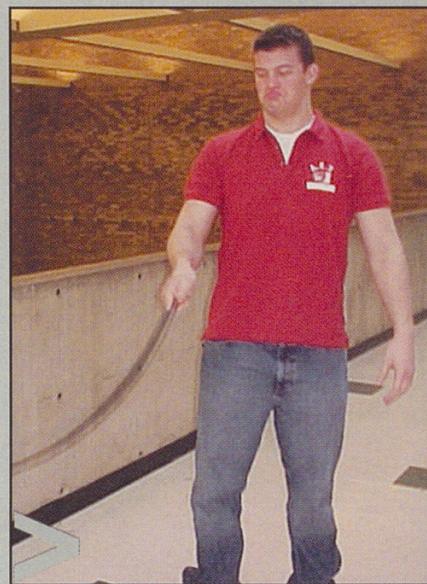
By: Sarah Jarnicki



**MRS. VALERIE NIMSKERN'S WORLD HISTORY CLASS CELEBRATES THE ROARING 20's.** Amanda Ross, 9, Liz Walsh, 9, Kristen Livingston, 9, and Crystal Sohn, 9, dress up as women activists. Each group in this class dressed up as different individuals who played an historical part in the era of the 1920's from inventors to artists and presented their researched images to the class.



**MOUSETRAP CARS.** Joann Lawrence, 12, Stephanie VonOhain, 12, and Lauren Wilson, 12, launch their car. This was one of the quarter projects in physics. Other assignments were to build a catapult, build a musical instrument and design a roller coaster on the computer.



**WAVE!** Completing a lab in his physics class, Matt McKewon, 12, measures waves. Students used slinkys and springs to carry out their hypotheses to reach conclusions about the physics of waves.

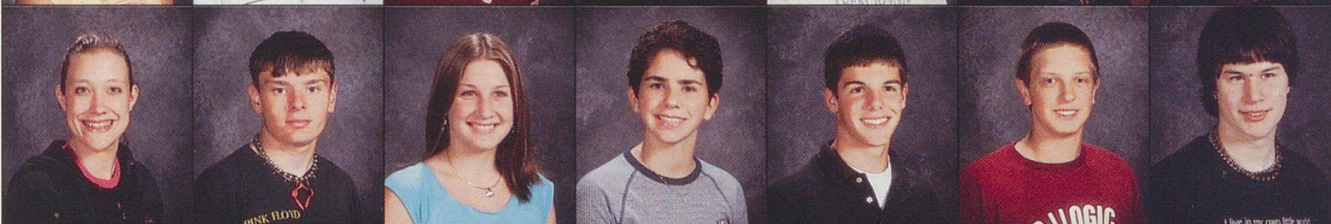
“Unique assignments make school different from just the ordinary day. It spices school up!”

> Jaime Orent, 10.

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Melanie Kinnamon



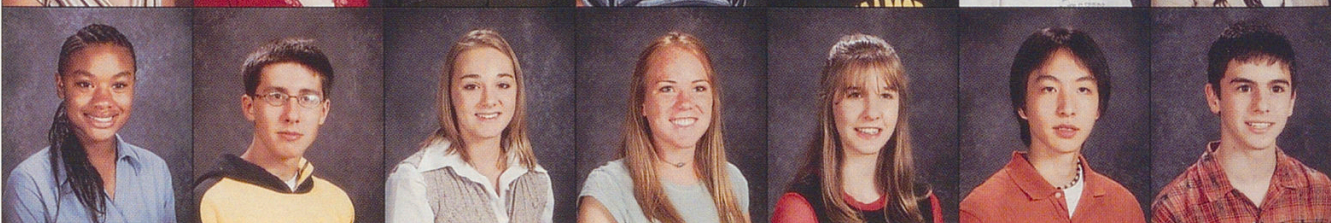
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Amy Krone  
John Krzyminski  
Robert Lam  
Devin Langston



Dorese Langston  
Michael Lanner  
Sarah Lapin  
Jennifer Lawrence  
Barbara Lawwill  
Daniel Lee  
Joshua Lee





# Parents for a few days

Health class is a required semester gym credit, and it is best known for its baby assignment. Students may "marry" another student in the class to split the responsibilities of the battery operated baby. The new "parents" respond to the cries of the baby with keys designated for food, diapers, and comfort.



"Having a baby for one day wore me out. It woke me up a few times in the middle of the night."

>Nate Kaplan,10



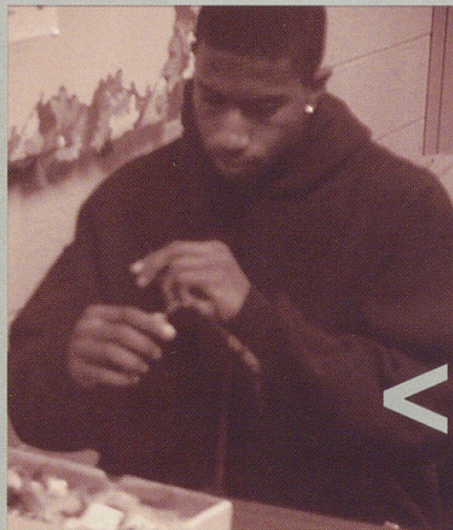
"I wasn't planning on having a baby anyway, but I think that this would help teens who are considering it."

>Rachel Zakem,10

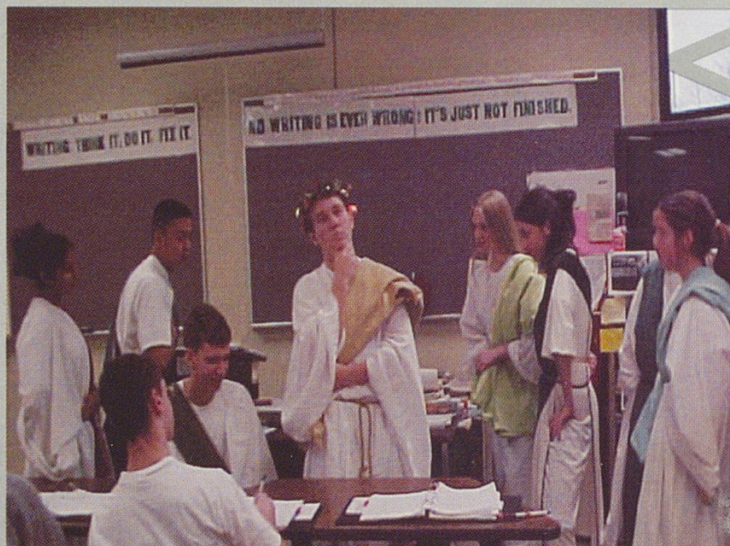


"The baby project made me realize what it would be like to have a baby."

>Jieun Chae,10



**ERNIE HARRIS, 12, CONCENTRATES DEEPLY.** He is making a fly fish for outdoor recreation. Other activities were canoeing and skiing, which included field trips for the students to show off what they had learned in the semester.



**BOW DOWN TO THE ROMANS! John Kraminski,10,** poses in Mrs. Christine Allen's accelerated English class. They read the famous *Julius Caesar* play by William Shakespeare and had to present a selected monologue.



Amelia Leonard  
Eliot Lesar  
David Levit  
David Linde  
Heather Lo  
Christopher Luken  
Chelsy Lutz

Jessica MacLean  
Rebecca Maher  
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Michael Mallette  
Carly Mandel  
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Gregory Martin

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Ali Matbouli  
Britney Mathews  
Mikiko Matsuzaka  
Adam Maurath

Zachary Mayer  
Jacqueline McAninch  
Kathryn McCarthy  
Joseph McDermott  
Morgan McFarlin  
Allison McGuinness  
Daniel McInerney



# Community Service project

By: Abby Listo

“I think students were surprised to see the dilapidated conditions of the inner city school,” said **Mrs. Marnie May**, Key Club adviser. Make a Difference Day was in October and Key Club took part. Volunteers accompanied May to Taft High School for a day of cleaning and restoration.

“My friends and I enjoyed helping the community by planting flowers and turning soil.”

>**Heather Lo, 10.**



“Community service is a win win situation. You help people out, and feel good about it.”

>**Warwick Johnston, 10.**

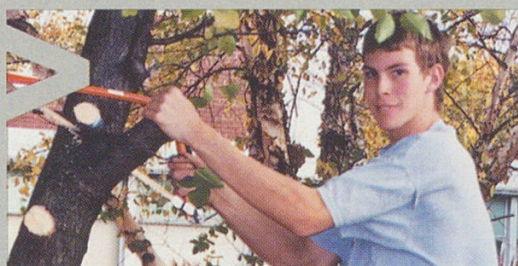
“It felt great helping out the community.”

>**Suzie Tufts, 10.**

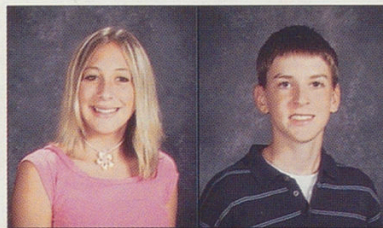


“The school looked a lot better when we left.”

>**Jonathan Plona, 10.**



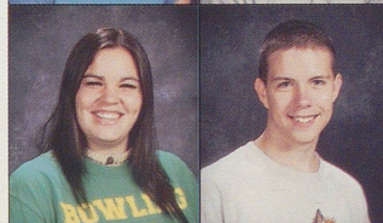
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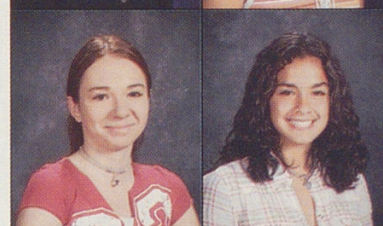
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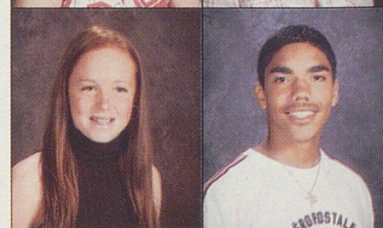
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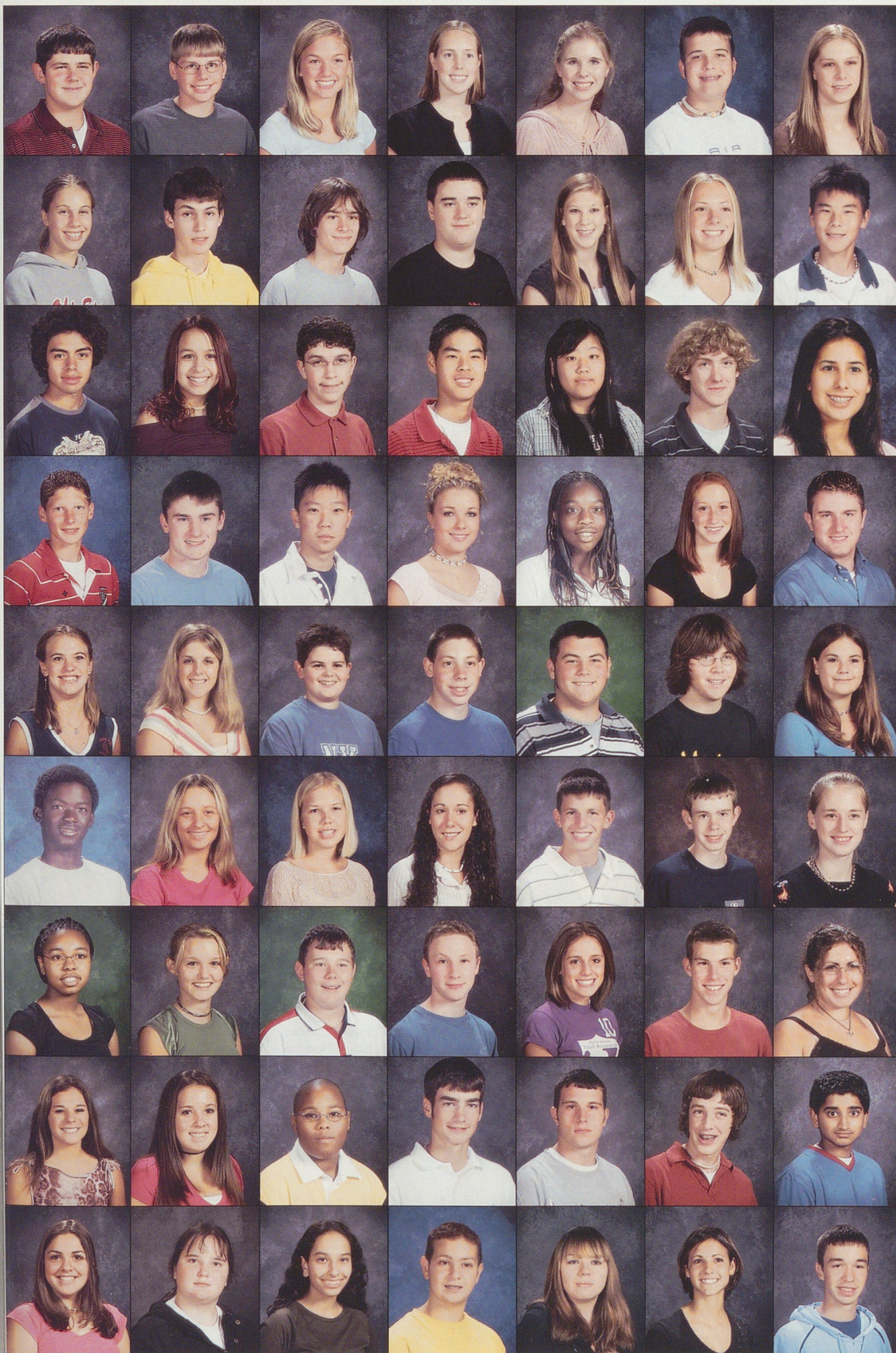
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Kendall Mrozek

Madeline Mudronja  
Sean Mulholland  
Thomas Mullikin  
Robert Murphy  
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Rachel Myers  
Yuto Nakanishi

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Lucian Newlin  
Hisashi Nishizu  
Yoo-Ri Noh  
Patrick Norwine  
Jackie Nusobaum

Joey O. Gara  
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Vincent Oh  
Nadezhda Oliynyk  
Chiagozie Ononye  
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Jason Pardee  
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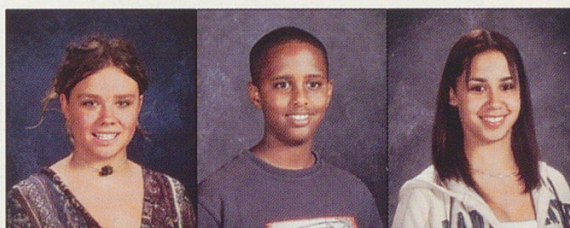
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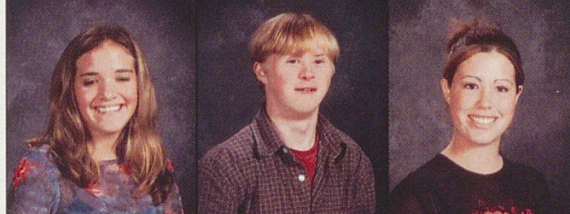
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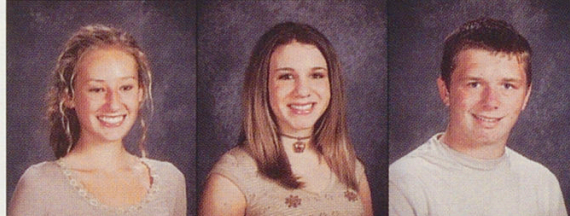
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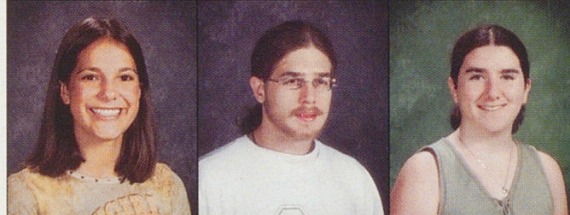
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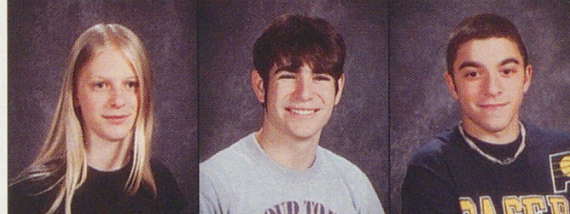
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## Talking with Torge

- q:** What program Exchange represents you?
- a:** I came with the Exchange Foundation.
- q:** Is there anything here in Cincinnati that you have fallen in love with (i.e. restaurant, store, etc.)?
- a:** I really like American football and Skyline Chili.
- q:** How does American high school differ from your high school?
- a:** At my school in Germany we have block scheduling, and every bell you would be in the same class with the same people. We also had longer breaks in between our classes so there was a lot more time to spend with your friends.
- q:** In your country, what do you do on the weekends or just for fun?
- a:** Mostly the same stuff you do in America, go to parties or discotheques or go to the movies.
- q:** Do you think this experience has affected your life in any way?
- a:** Yes, I think this trip has expanded my horizons by helping me learn about how other people think and live.
- q:** What is your favorite class here?
- a:** I have two, music theory and orchestra.





# Foreign Exchange between teachers and students

By: Danielah Blackburn

**O**n Thursday, October 23, students from all six of the global language clubs (ASL, French, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Latin and Spanish) gathered together in the IMC to hold their annual reception welcoming the two foreign exchange students and the students who had moved here from other countries.

**Torge Schiefelbein, 12** (Germany) was introduced by three representatives of the German club and **Kateryna Osnovikova** (Ukraine) were introduced by the Japanese Club. Both of the foreign exchange students were given Sycamore sweat shirts as their welcoming gift.

The twenty-four students who moved here were also recognized by having each club adopt four students. Each of them, after being introduced were given a Sycamore High School pennant to show their school spirit.

**SURROUNDED BY FLAGS FROM** all different countries, **Mr. Jim Skoog** gave a brief welcome speech. There were several speakers throughout the reception including many introductions of the new students by each of the language clubs.

**M****AKING DREAMS COME TRUE.** Living in a different country had been a life long dream of **Mrs. Marilyn Ray**, history teacher. Now this dream has come true with her participation in the Fulbright Program which is an exchange program for teachers from 33 different countries. Admitees into the program are matched with a person who teaches a similar subject and grade level. **Mr. Ciaran Prendergast** turned out to be the match. Ray was sent to teach at Rosebury School for girls in Epsom, England and Prendergast came here.

Only two hundred teachers were chosen for the Fulbright Program and then spread out across the world. There were months of paperwork and interviews in order to be accepted. When they finally made the switches, then came the challenge of being able to teach each other's classes. Prendergast taught two history preps here, while Ray taught six British history preparations there.





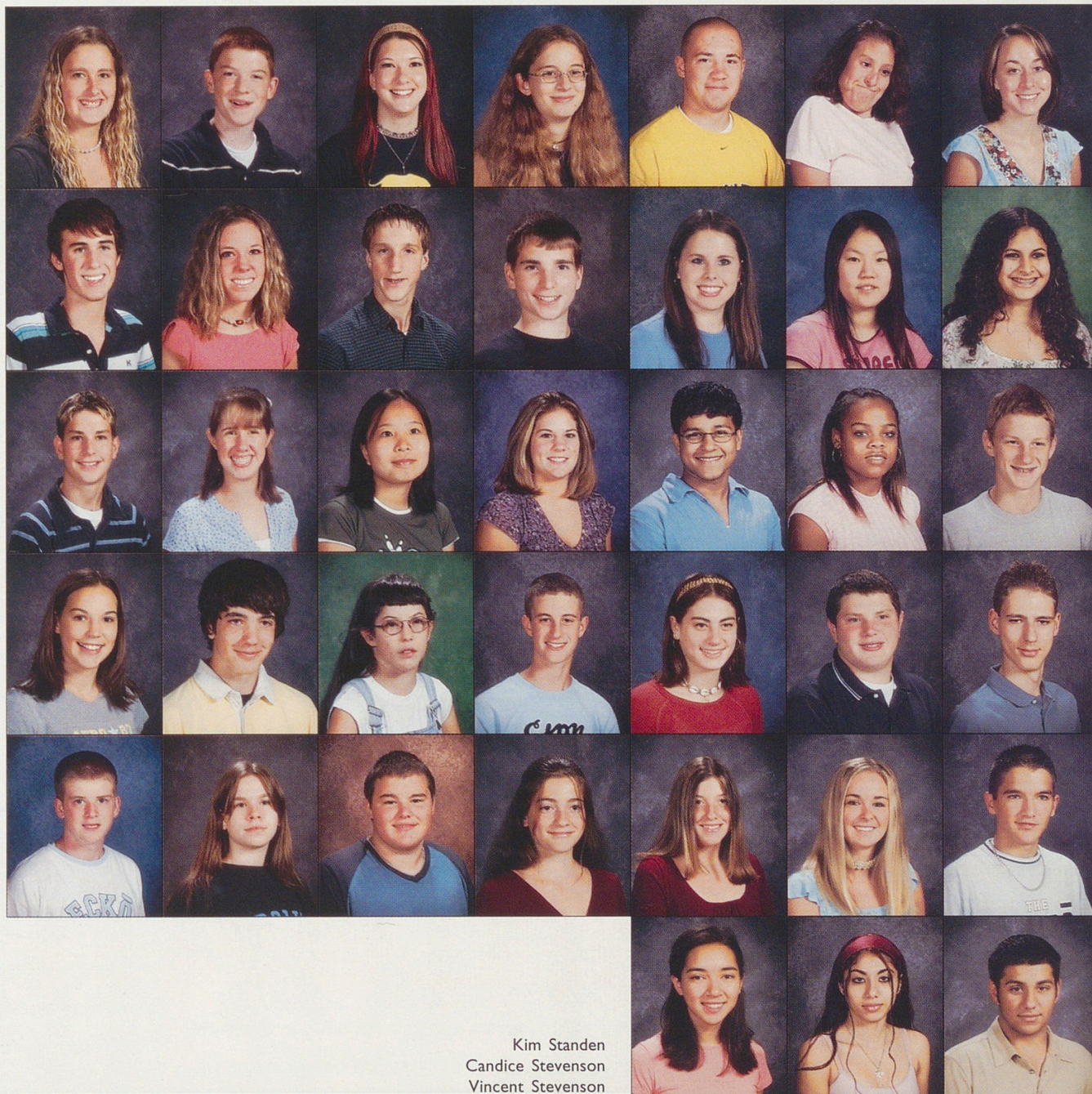
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Kim Standen  
Candice Stevenson  
Vincent Stevenson

## The Search Begins

By: Carly Mandel

Sophomores and juniors begin to search for the perfect college

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"I can't wait to go to college, but I'm really freaked out about actually deciding which place I'm going to spend the next four years of my life at."

>Kelsey Kiley, 10.



**When did you start getting interested in colleges?**

"At the beginning of the school year I became interested in looking for colleges. This is because being a sophomore, many students started talking about colleges."

>Adam Woll, 10.

"I am not interested in colleges yet. I think it is because I don't want to start looking because I don't have enough extracurricular activities, and from what I hear a lot of colleges look at that."

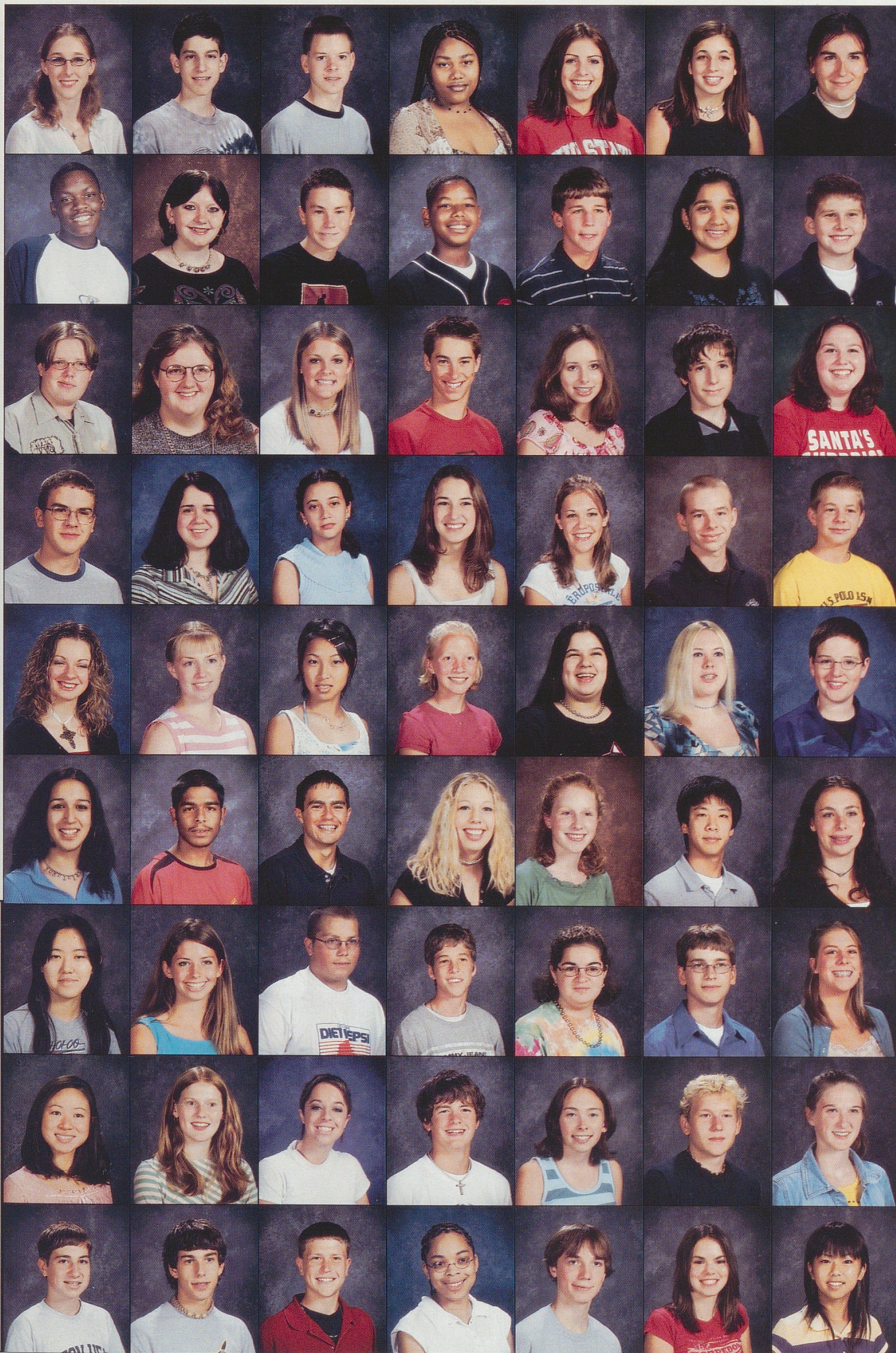
>Kayla Hearl, 10.

"I am interested in colleges. Probably because in a couple of months I am going to have to start applying to some. I am willing to look in to any college that will give me a scholarship... except the University of Michigan!"

>Brad Elkus, 11.







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Marc Storck  
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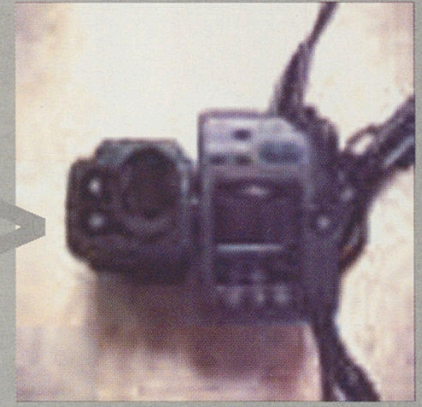
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**GET SMART WITH SMARTBOARDS.** Smartboards were another new adoptive technology. These white boards were made to look like dry erase boards but projected computer images on the screen. They were interactive chalkboards where the teachers wrote their notes and showed examples using normal computer programs but on a much larger screen.

**SHOOT, WATCH, DELETE, SHOOT.** This is one of the many digital cameras that were offered for student use. Need a camera? Need one fast? Students just head to the IMC and sign one out. Digital technology allowed pictures to be shot and then deleted. They were great for use in the classroom because the pictures could be printed within minutes. The digitals took great quality pictures with no price charged to get them developed.

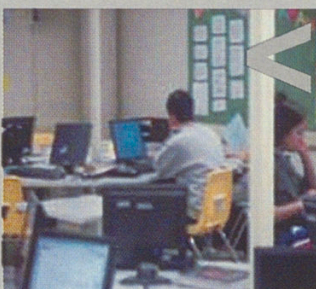
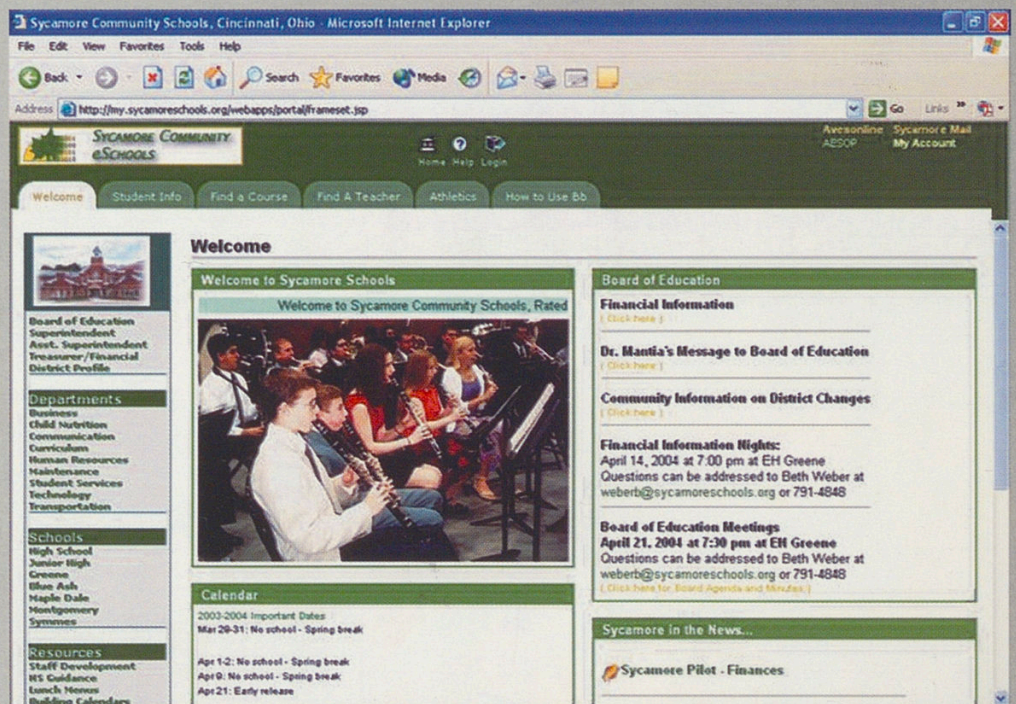


# From today into the future

Technology helps achieve more...  
more efficient, quicker and easier By: Jaime Orent

## BLACKBOARD, BLUEBOARD, WHITE BOARD what's with all these boards?

Blackboard was the website for students, parents, and teachers, in which they could access information from certain classes by certain teachers. Each of the teachers had their own site on Blackboard where they posted class information such as homework assignments and tests, course information as well as external sites for research help. Together everyone worked to bring Blackboard into common use to improve communication between pupils and their teachers as well as parents and teachers.

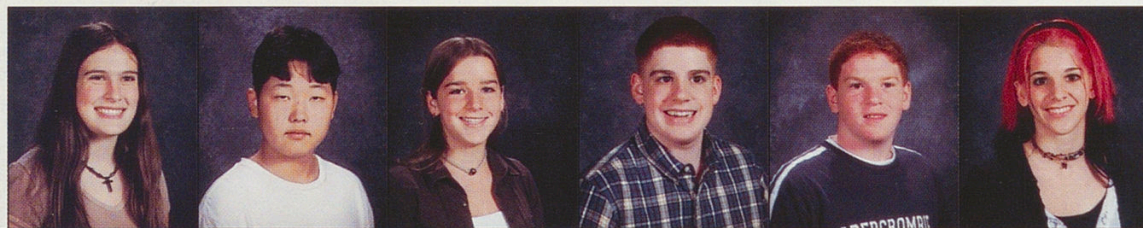


**READY SET LEARN! THESE STUDENTS** were hard at work in their technology infused English class. This class was the new way to take English. The students used computers for almost everything—even to take notes and testing. Homework was checked on Blackboard and all assignments and information were posted daily on-line.

"It saves time using the computer but it can also be very frustrating," said Sarah Jarnicki, 10, who had Mr. James Tinsley for this new Academic English class. With at least one computer in every room in the building, more and more of these classrooms were popping up and dreams of technology infused classrooms were a reality.







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David Knisley

John Curtis

Christopher Lyons

Candace Matsuda

Joseph Moreno

Austin Nesbit

Tyler Smetts

Edward Wattenhofer



**CISCO ACADEMY** makes debut. This new program which used to be offered at vocational schools was offered here. The intense college level class taught how to truly build a system and involved getting into the guts of computers and networks to learn how they work. Students learned about WAN's, LAN's, as well as OSI's and Ethernets.

**PHASE OUT THE OLD AND BRING IN THE NEW.** The building technology specialists (BTS's) worked all year to improve the computers and bring them up-to-date. Last summer approximately 250 new Dell computers were purchased and installed. All of the new Dell computers had fast processors, large hard drives, WinXP, and current software. The BTSs then worked to bring middle-aged computers up-to-date as well. The first step was to purchase additional RAM (memory) for the Omnitechs and ICT99 computers. Next the BTSs slowly installed WinXP and other software on those computers. This was an extremely time-consuming process. The memory had to be installed in the machines, then department specific software, by using a process called 'ghosting'. The goal was to convert all of the middle aged machines to WinXP by spring break of 2004 with the final goal of a total WinXP building within the next two years.

“Cisco Network Academy will prepare students for a technical career in the design and implementation of computer networks, which is something that will be more and more part of all our lives.”

**>Mr. Ken Clark, Cisco Program teacher**





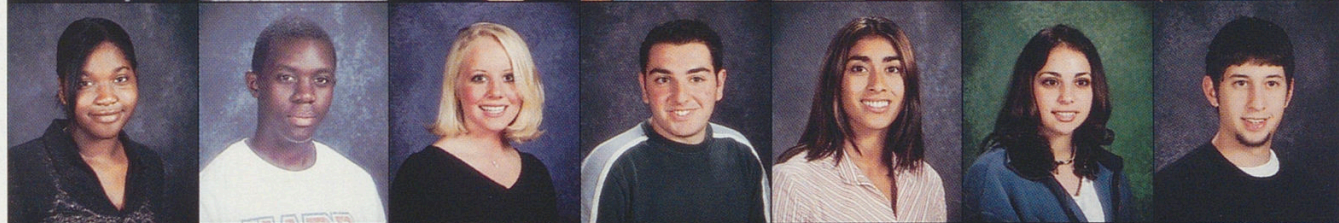
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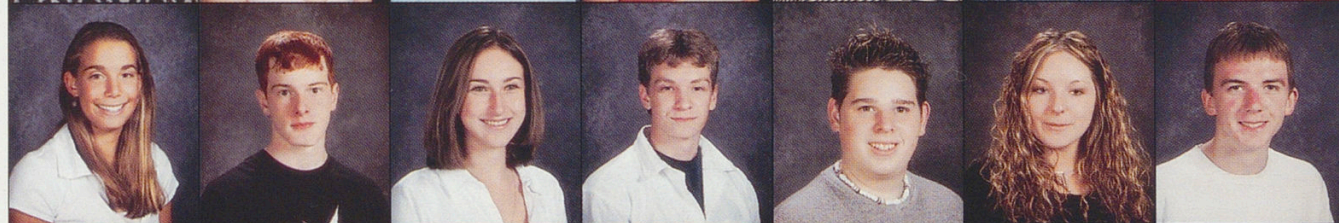
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Caitlin Bokulic  
Cassandra Booker  
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Myka Bowen  
Amanda Bower



## Rules in 2003 and 2004:

- 1> Leaving the campus for lunch is not an option, unless with a pass, which was only for Wednesdays.
- 2> Fighting or assaulting in school may lead to suspension, emergency removal, or expulsion.
- 3> Students are charged \$70 for a parking spot, and seniors and juniors ONLY are permitted to obtain a pass.
- 4> Use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs is not permitted on school premises, and if violated, results in suspension or immediate recommendation for expulsion.
- 5> The Healthy Food rules were enacted in the cafeteria in 2003 to help students maintain a better diet.
- 6> Be late 3 times and detention it is. Any more occurrences of being late may lead to Saturday's or extended days.
- 7> No skin showing; midriffs or undergarments showing are not allowed.
- 8> Locker and car searches are enforced to reduce students using tobacco, drugs, or alcohol.
- 9> No jackets or coats allowed in school.
- 10> No P.D.A. is still enforced as a rule and is not permitted.

## Rules in the 1970's:

- 1> SENIORS ONLY, allowed to go out to lunch, but got in trouble for taking the underclassmen with them.
- 2> Suspension for fighting in school was not as enforced.
- 3> No paid for parking spots. Anyone who had a license was allowed to drive to school.
- 4> Smoking lounge was allowed, which ended in 1988. Students were allowed to attend the smoking lounge between classes and lunch for a smoke break.
- 5> No healthy food rules.
- 6> Detentions were the main form of punishment, as well as teachers paddling students!
- 7> No skin showing; midriffs or undergarments were not permitted to show and no gum chewing.
- 8> No locker or car searches.
- 9> No jackets and coats allowed in school.
- 10> Pubic Display of Affection (P.D.A.) was not allowed.



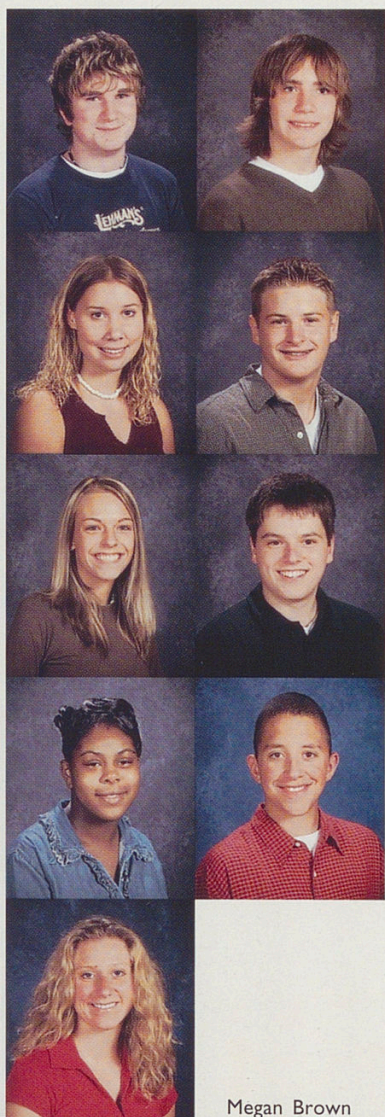


# Brookings School rules

Past and present

By: Sarah Chapman

From the 1970's to the 2000's, school rules have been altered, while some rules have been banished. It seems as if the rules have been getting stricter and stricter as the years go on. Students had a lot more privileges back then, such as seniors being allowed to go out to lunch. The high school during the 70's was at the current Junior High, and the cafeteria was too small to fit everyone in it, which allowed the seniors to be able to go out to lunch. In the 70's, discipline was not enforced as much as it is in the 2000's. Teachers were once allowed to paddle the kids as a form of punishment. Instead of getting Saturday's or extended days like we do now, the teachers at the high school used paddling to punish the students. In addition to all the new rules, some of the rules have remained the same, and are still enforced today. The dress codes have changed. Students are not permitted to have head-coverings, see-through garments, exposed midriiffs, strapless tops, spaghetti tops, or clothing that reveals undergarments. Violating these rules can result in a student warning, change of clothes, or office referrals. Repeated offenses are considered insubordination and may result in more serious consequences. Also, students should use good judgement in showing affection to one another. Any display of affection beyond holding hands is not acceptable.



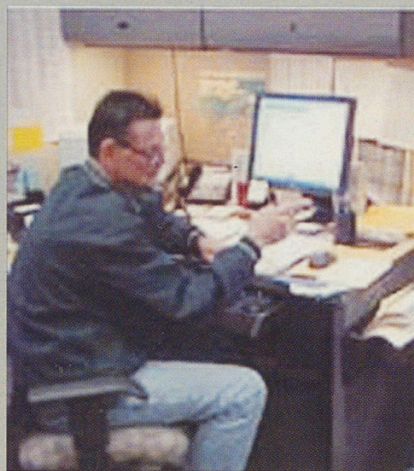
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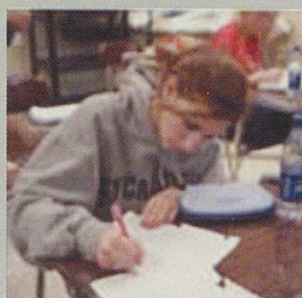


## IT IS IMPORTANT TO ABIDE BY THE RULES.

If one violates the school code, they will be given a fair chance to explain themselves. The administrators take the time to talk with the students and understand the problem. One should avoid trouble when at all possible, but if not, you will be getting one of the slips featured to the right and a visit to **Mr. Tom Beschler**.

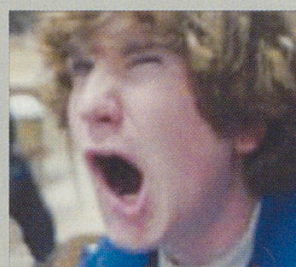
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How do you feel about the school rules?



"I don't think that the dress code is enforced as much as last year, because people can have their midriiffs showing and not get in trouble."

>Sarah Spitz, 9



"I don't like the school rules because they are too strict. It feels like jail."

> Brett Bowers, 11



# Pedal to the metal

By: Danielah Blackburn

getting your driver's license is a big deal

**F**inally being legally allowed to get behind the wheel instead of sitting in the "shotgun," is one of the biggest things about high school. The requirements for getting your license vary depending on what state you live in. In Ohio a temporary license can be acquired at age 15 and a half.

In order to acquire a temporary license one must pass an eye exam, take a multiple choice test on computer and fill out a few papers. Most of the questions on the test are based off of a booklet about Ohio driving laws that can be picked up at the DMV.

With a temporary license you are permitted to drive but only with a parent or an adult over the age of 21 in the passenger's seat. You must



drive 50 hours with a parent or adult, attend 24 hours of class instruction and 8 hours of in-car instruction.

There are a number of driving schools in the area that are dependable for driving lessons. But two schools in particular Jeff's driving school and AAAA Driving school offered discounts to students every year. Discounts usually averaged around \$200 off of the \$500 expense.

Minors must keep their temporary license for at least six months and complete all lessons before having the option to take their test. If 18-years-old, you are not required to take instruction, though it is recommended. In order to take the test simply call the DMV.

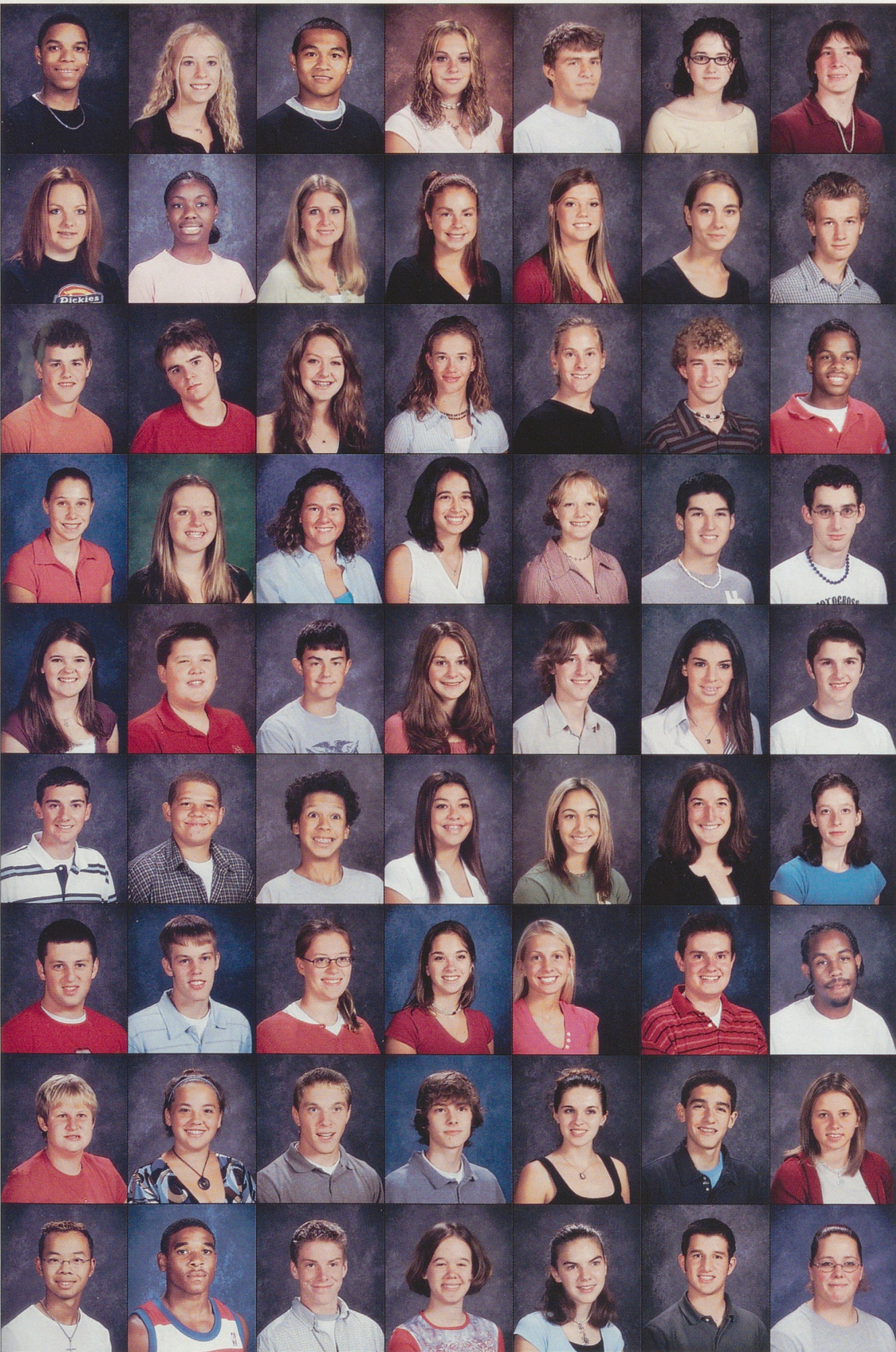
## TO SPEED OR NOT TO SPEED, THAT IS THE QUESTION



**I**MAGINE DRIVING along a road and suddenly overcome by nausea, speed to the nearest gas station. While en route to "up chuck", a policemen catches you speeding and proceeds to follow the car all the way to the gas station. He then waits there until the nausea subsides and generously rewards you with a lovely speeding ticket. Then proceeds to follow the car home to make sure everything is alright. This was the case for **Katy Gordon, 12** who was only going between 5 or 7 miles over the speed limit. The ticket she received required her to appear in traffic court where they fined her. So the lesson here is speeding does not pay under any circumstances; it takes away more of your hard earned money.







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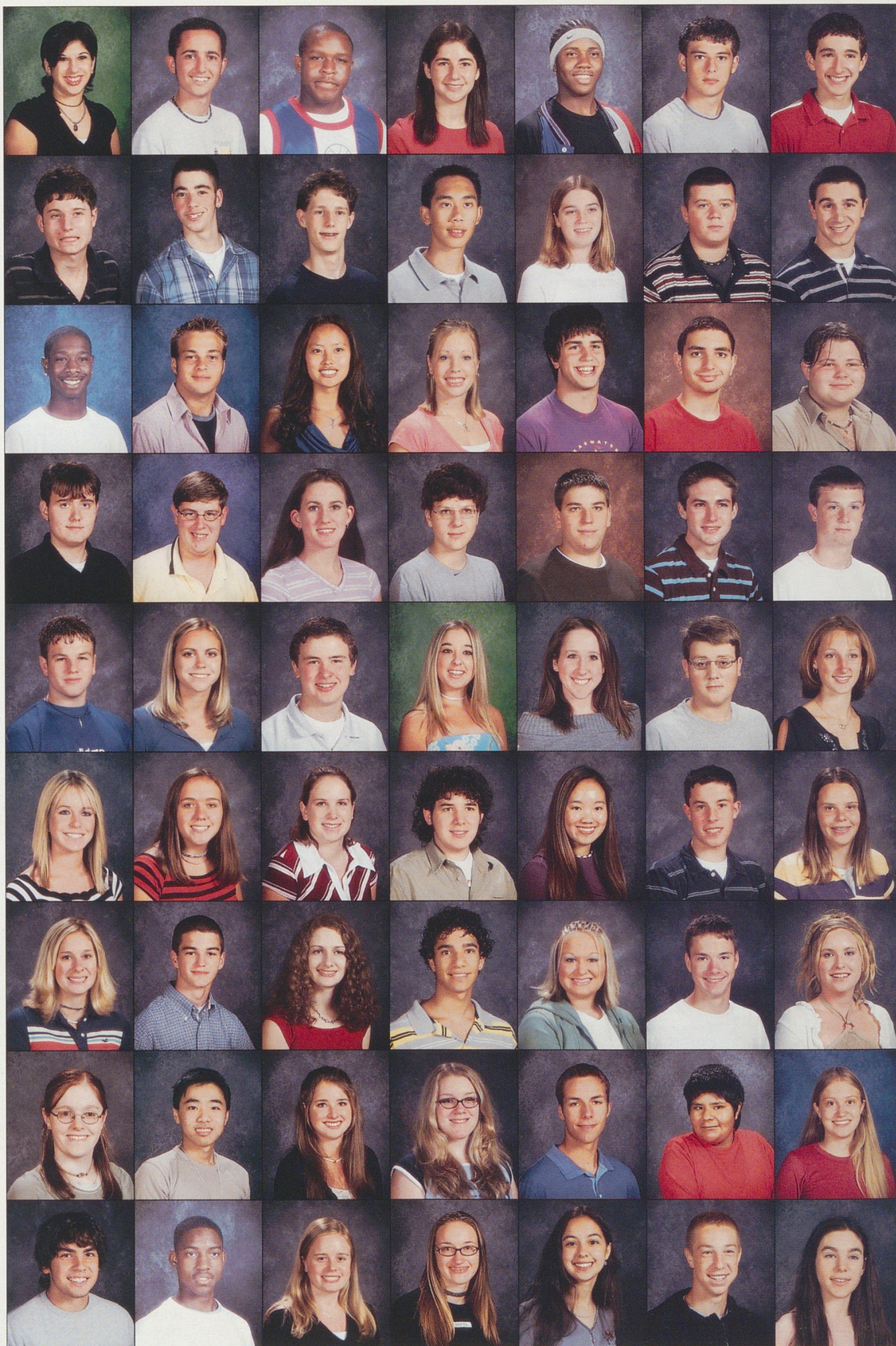
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# New SAT's

By: Abby Listo

Do you believe SAT scores determine success in college?

50% No, SAT scores prove nothing.

40% No, they show test taking ability.

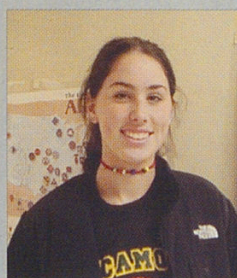
10% Yes, the SAT's measure success.

**S**TARTING IN THE YEAR 2005, students taking the SATs will be required to write an essay. The College Entrance Examination Board, a powerful group of 4,300 educational institutions-including most of America's leading universities-wants schools to produce better writers, so the New SAT will require an essay. It will also go beyond basic algebra and geometry for the first time to include Algebra II. These new sections will be

replacing two classic types of SAT questions: analogies and the math section that compares two complex quantities.

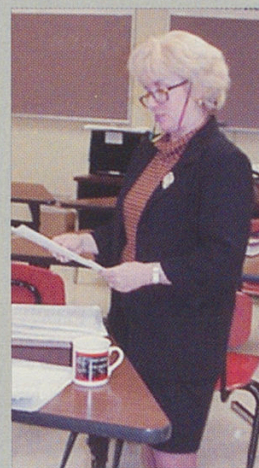
The changes to the test push school districts to alter their curriculums accordingly; therefore, the new SAT could actually help produce a national curriculum- a reform enacted without the passage of a single law!

The new SAT changes a perfect score from 1600 to 2400.



"There should be a standard [used to determine] for how smart people are, but the SAT's shouldn't be the only way to determine how smart people are."

>Meredith Post, 11.



"I am going to have to change my teaching methods by using less emphasis on analogies, more emphasis on writing, and I am purchasing a new work book for my students."

>Mrs. Chris Allen



"I think that they should not replace the analogies with a writing section because to me, analogies are better than just writing something that you probably will ramble on about."

> Kristin McMullen, 11.



**“What should be built on the sight of the World Trade Center?”**

**79%** Memorial

**9%** Business center

**2%** Nothing

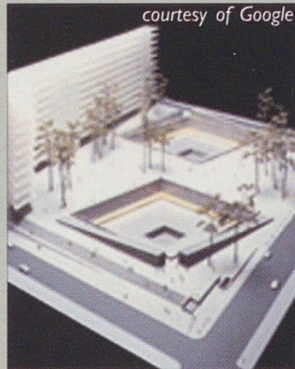
**5%** Both memorial and business center

**3%** Other

courtesy of Google



**MANY IDEAS ARE BEING** looked at for the new **Freedom Tower**. Scale models have been crafted of the building, left, and of the reflecting pools, right, that will take the place of the original Twin Towers. Also, many artists have imagined what the new site will be like for pedestrians, far right.



# 9/11/2001 Rebuilding Manhattan memories

Plans released for a memorial to the World Trade Centers.

**By: Sam Pollak**

**A**FTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, THE US WAS STRICKEN WITH GRIEF over the loss of thousands of lives in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks. The cleanup of the wreckage took over two years and plans to rebuild the area have been released and approved. Designed by Daniel Libeskind and David Childs, the new buildings will consist of metropolitan business centers built around the “footprints” of the original World Trade Centers. These footprints will be made into reflecting pools to commemorate the loss of the 2,752 victims.

Some, however, oppose the creation of any cosmopolitan center saying that the area is “hallowed ground”. Led by families of victims, opposers to the plans say that for the people whose remains were lost, this is their burial ground and is therefore sacred. If no further complications arise, ground-breaking is planned for September 11, 2004, three years after the terrorist attacks.

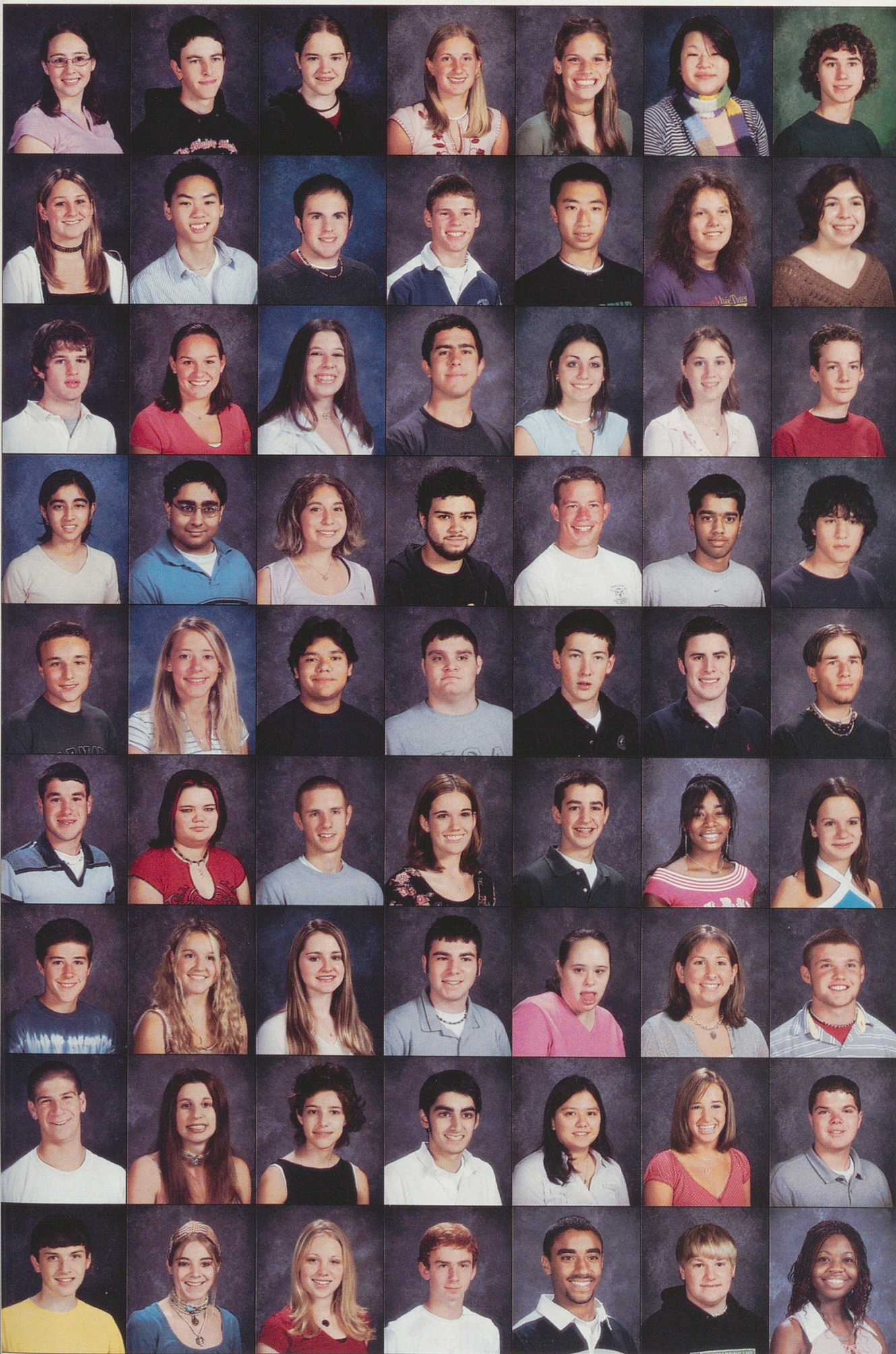
**MODELS OF THE** Freedom Tower propose the world's tallest building at 1776 ft. high. The height is meant to commemorate the year of the Declaration of Independence and the building will be a living memory of the 3,000 victims of terrorism on 9/11/2001. The tower will also be practical in that it will have 70 stories of office space, two floors of restaurants, and one viewing platform.



courtesy of MSNBC.MSN.com







Krystal Kruse  
 Matthew Kursmark  
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 Andrea Lee  
 Arthur Lee

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 Martin Lenon  
 Joshua Levey  
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 Cory Mangus  
 Rakesh Mannava  
 Hadi Mansy

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 Corinne Martin  
 Alvaro Martinez  
 Andrew Mason  
 Matthew Matsuzaka  
 Ben Matthews  
 Timothy Maxon

Jonathan Mazzei  
 Daniele McConnell  
 Edward McCormick Iv  
 Christa McDaniel  
 Daniel McGrath  
 Kristin McMullen  
 Jennifer Mehl

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 Shae Meisner  
 Halley Mendenhall  
 Dimitry Mezhevinsky  
 Katherine Milbrandt  
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 Jeffrey Miller

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 Rachel Miller  
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 Alyssa Molnar  
 Kyle Mondy

William Montague  
 Jaclyn Montgomery  
 Amanda Moore  
 James Morger  
 Francisco Morillo-Deleme  
 Donald Morrison  
 Kandice Mosley



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Melissa Muchmore  
Julie Mueller  
Philip Mullen  
Heather Murphy  
Andrea Nadel  
Maki Nakao

Matthew Napierski  
Austin Nesbit  
Jamie Nesbitt  
Benjamin Newland  
Rachel Newton  
Andrew Ng  
Jonathan Niehaus

Andrew O'Brien  
Samuel Ochstein  
Linsy Ogden  
Ronald Oliver  
Elizabeth Olson  
Kateryna Osnovikova  
Radheshri Oza



# Academic Pep Rally

By: Danielah Blackburn

**A**FTER A WEEK OF RECEIVING LITTLE GIFTS IN FIRST BELL, on April 8th, students packed into the bleachers of the gym while listening to the sounds of *The Pinstripes* ('03-'04 Battle of the Bands winners see page 90-91) not knowing why they were there. The big surprise turned out to be our first Academic Pep Rally with Dave Wagner of Channel 5 News presiding. The pep rally lasted over an hour because of the vast amount of students to be recognized. Many students were happy to be recognized and others enjoyed cheering their friends and classmates for their fine accomplishments.

Nadia Piracha, 12



"... I was like, 'I bet it's going to be me.' And then they called my name and I was excited because I've never won anything before. I got a gift certificate to the movies."

"I have to give kudos to the staff and the administration for trying to incorporate those students who have excelled in the classroom."

Jessica Chandler, 12



Steven Pace  
Matthew Packwood  
Nathan Packwood  
Kathryn Palmisano  
Joseph Panheri  
Benjamin Parker  
Ross Patterson

Brandon Paul  
Dania Pearson  
Alex Peffly  
Amy Petrocy  
Nick Petticrew  
Catherine Phillips  
Kyle Pieper

Samina Piracha  
Allison Pohl  
Colleen Posey  
Meredith Post  
Brandon Powell  
Eric Prather  
Andrea Premraj







Matthew Proudfit  
Nicholas Raby  
Mary Rafaei  
Shriya Raghavan  
Jennifer Ramstetter  
Sara Rashkin  
Samidha Redkar

Molly Reigers  
Caitlyn Reuscher  
Stephanie Rhenisch  
Kathryn Riesenberger  
Sunny Rim  
Joshua Rissover  
Deanna Rosen

Jules Rosen  
Courtney Rothe  
Olivia Sabatini  
Zahra Sadat-Hossieny  
Benjamin Sage  
Emilie Saltz  
Ra Sama An



**AN ENTHUSIASTIC SENIOR CLASS** waved their hands in the air in hopes to catch prizes that were thrown into the stands. Sycamore paraphernalia was what was thrown, such as t-shirts, hats and pennants. After each section of students was recognized, one of those names was then pulled out of a bag. The prize for each section was different, but most were either restaurant or movie certificates.

**THE EVENT THAT HIGHLIGHTED THE PEP** rally was the debate between the principals and some members of the quiz team. Dave Wagner asked the complicated questions to which the quiz team knew most of the answers. The quiz team then celebrated their victory over the principals by spraying them with silly string.



**DAVE WAGNER OF CHANNEL 5 NEWS** PRESIDED AS MC over the academic pep rally. He read the names and congratulated each and every student that received an award of some kind. As a thank you gift for coming, Wagner received a t-shirt and hat from the school's Spirit Shop.



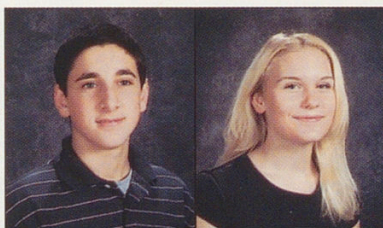
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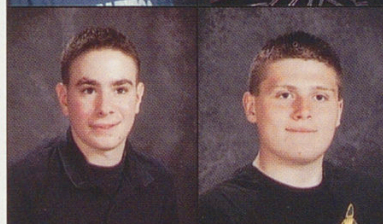
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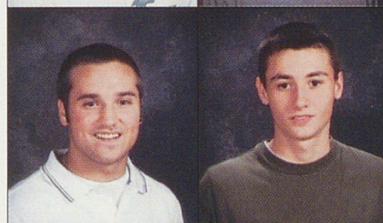
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William Souders  
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Mitchell Springmeier



Kelly Spry  
Ajit Srinivasan



## Simulated Reality: Grim Reaper Day

**O**N MARCH 4TH, 46 DIVERSE STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT cliques, grades and groups who were chosen by the Student

Assistance Council Board members, or nominated by a teacher participated in Grim Reaper Day. Grim Reaper participants were dressed in black cloaks covering their faces and body to represent someone killed in a drunk or drugged driving accident.

**Security Officer Paul Payne** and **Ms. Kate Juenger**, global language teacher, went throughout the day and interrupted classes to tell a true story about a victim. The story would explain the death of the victim the selected student portrayed and the student would put on a black cloak to represent this dead teenager. The Grim Reapers were restricted from talking.

Grim Reaper Day was a national event and many schools across the country participated. Although there was a set date as to when to conduct this event, Student Assistance Council (SAC) chose to participate on another day due to approval by the administration.

Student Assistance board members **Jena Whitman, 12**, **Amy Donofrio, 12**, **Laura Eastes, 12**, **Jessica Sebastian, 12**, and **Venkat Shanker, 11**, were very pleased with the overall event. Many hours of hard work and dedication went into the preparation of the event. A video was made by Donofrio, Eastes, and Sebastian that was shown before school started to explain the event's seriousness. At the end of the day, all grim reapers met together to remove their cloaks and debrief.

"It was hard not to talk and I missed out on a lot of things I could have talked about," said **Kristin Grueninger, 11**.

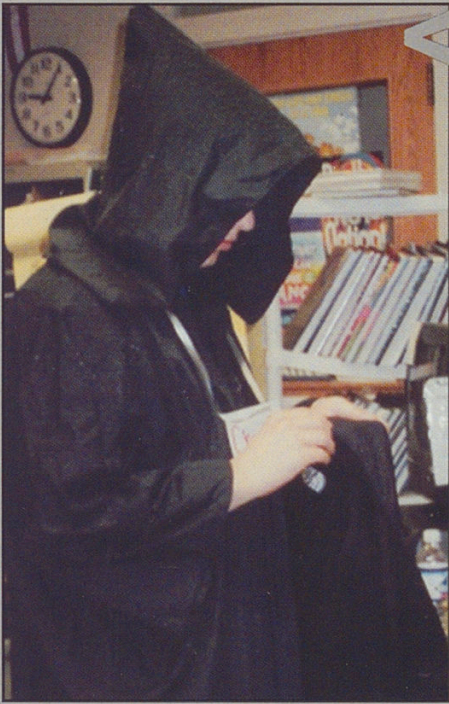
All participants agreed this was one influential day that was taken seriously.

People in our school have been directly effected by drinking and driving so when this day comes people are reminded of the consequences many are forced to face because of some people's selfish decisions.

>Amy Donofrio, 12

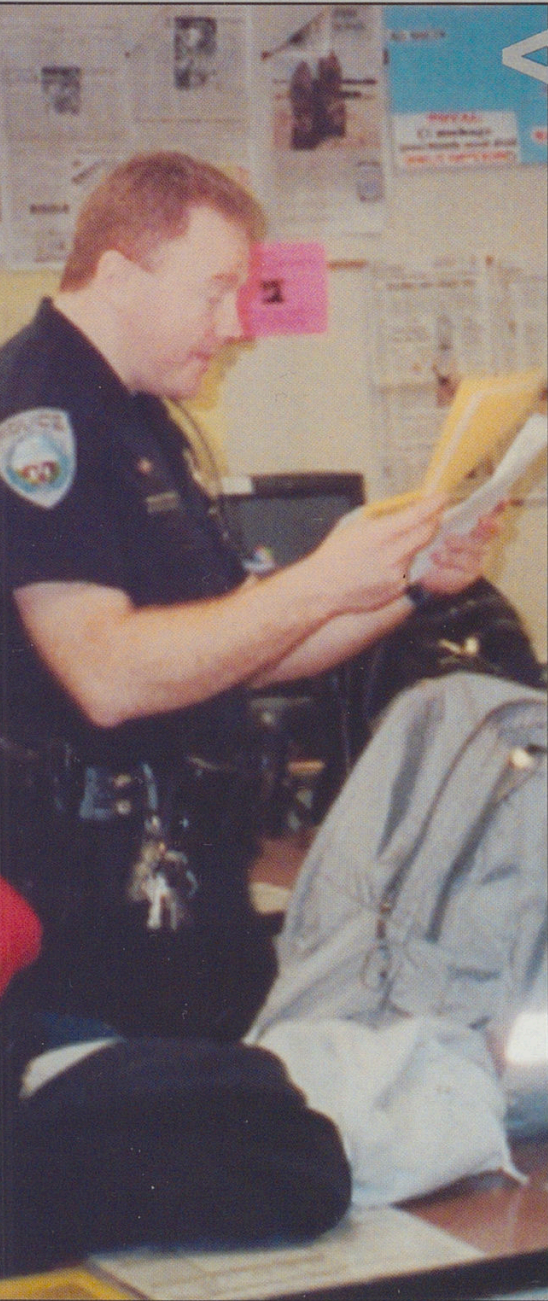






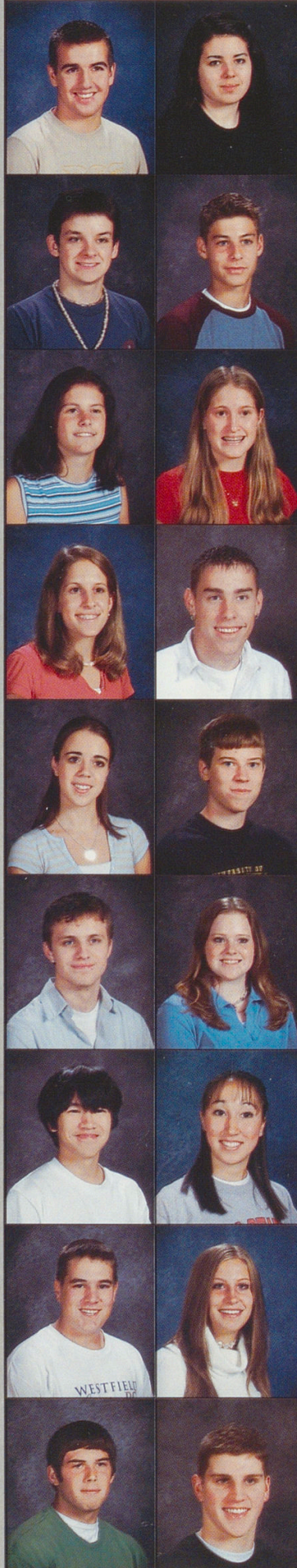
#### "AFTER CELEBRATING THE

end of the school year, a few friends piled into the bed of a pickup truck. All had been drinking that night, including the driver. The truck sped through a yellow light at the intersection of Fields-Ertel and Montgomery Roads. All four friends in the bed of the pickup truck were ejected. The driver survived, as well as three of the other friends. However, this one was killed instantly," a gravestone tells. The story was a true story that took place in Cincinnati. **Officer Paul Payne** and **Ms. Kate Juenger**, global language teacher, went through Payne's records on driving under the influence accidents to use this story for Grim Reaper Day.



#### "THIS YOUNG

person had just signed a letter of intent to play a sport for a major university. It was a dream come true. Upon returning home from the movies one Friday night, a drunk driver went left of center and struck this teen's car in a head-on collision. The young athlete died just days later of his injuries; however, the drunk driver walked away from the scene," said **Officer Paul Payne** as he announced to a class the death of a grim reaper. The grim reaper then was taken outside of the classroom to put on his black cloak. For the rest of that day the grim reaper was unable to speak. Payne continued his day addressing five classes each bell telling similar stories.



Christopher Stamatakos  
Svetlana Stancheva

Jesse Steele  
Jared Steinberg

Laura Steiner  
Jennifer Steinhardt

Theresa Steinhardt  
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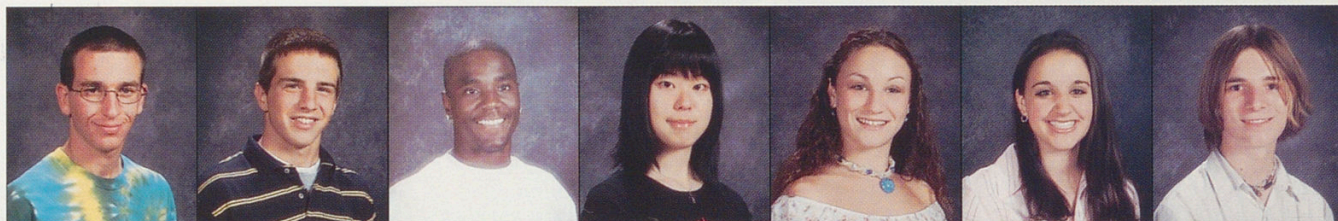
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Cameron Swoboda  
Kim Sykes

Brian Tacy  
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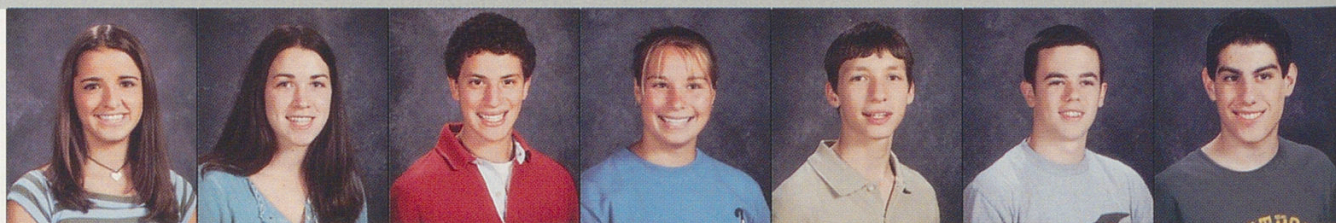


**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ARE the victors of Superbowl XXXVIII.** The Carolina Panthers were narrowly defeated after a heart pounding tie late in the fourth quarter, with both teams stuck at 29. The Patriots pushed forward, and in the last 10 seconds, won the game with kicker Adam Vinatieri. Tom Brady celebrates the teams victory 32-29. Brady has been the MVP for the Superbowl 2 of the last 3 years.

**AND XAVIER WINS the 71st Crosstown Shootout before 10,250 fans at the Xavier University Cintas Center!** The University of Cincinnati Bearcats versus the Xavier Musketeers ended with a score of 71-69 thanks to Lionel Chalmers making the game winning shot. He took a risk with 27 seconds left on the clock, and it paid off. The win was the fourth in the last five games in this rivalry for XU. It also ended a three-game losing streak for the Muskies who beat a top-10 team for the first time in five tries under head coach Thad Matta. Xavier kept it up throughout the NCAA March Madness Tournament, making it for the first time ever to the Elite Eight.



Emily Tolos  
Virginia Tremblay  
Adam Trick  
Lauren Truax  
Jeffrey Tucker  
Michael Turner  
Jake Valentine







Nicholas Valeriani  
Prashant Varma  
Alysson Visnic  
Natalie Wade  
Elizabeth Wallace  
Adam Walsh  
April Wang



**732 GOALS!** Brett Hull of the Detroit Redwings reacts after his 732nd goal. This put him in the Hall of Fame with Wayne Gretzky and Gordie Howe.

**LIFE IS CHAOTIC FOR 19- YEAR - OLD LEBRON JAMES.** He was the first pick of the NBA draft and was taken by the Cleveland Cavaliers. James averaged 16.8 points a game and was named rookie of the year.



# LAST SECOND WINS

## Down to the buzzer

More proffessional /college sports

By: Sarah Jarnicki



**LSU, BCS, USC, ... WHAT?** University of Southern California missed out on the Sugar Bowl because they were behind .16 from Louisiana State University in the BCS (Bowl Championship Series) poll. Louisiana faced the #3 ranked Oklahoma Sooners at the Sugar Bowl Sunday, January 4. Both teams had a 14-1 record at kickoff, but the LSU Tigers left New Orleans 15-1, beating the Sooners 21-14. As a result of the sports world questioning the BCS and the furious fans, the LSU Tigers and the USC Trojans were named co- National Champions.



Arthur Wang  
Candace Washburn  
Edward Wattenhofer  
Cydney Wayne  
Jacob Webb  
Erica Weber  
Alissa Werner



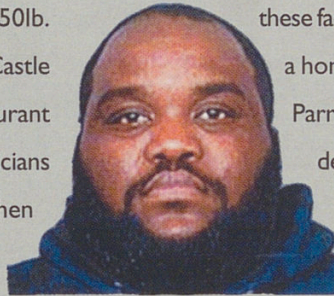
# Cincinnati again subject of national attention.

Is it the officer's job?  
Is it racism?

By: Sam Pollak

**N**ATHANIEL JONES, 41, dies in police custody after a violent encounter with Cincinnati police. 350lb.

Jones had been spotted asleep in his car outside a White Castle restaurant. Paramedics were called to the scene by restaurant staff, and later the police were called by the medical technicians who reported that Jones had become "a nuisance". When officers James Pike and Baron Osterman arrived, Jones was found dancing in the grass beside the White Castle parking lot. When police attempted to subdue him, Jones swung at the officials who then hit Jones repeatedly with their nightsticks. The officers yelled commands such as "Put your hands behind your back! Sir! Sir!" and others. After receiving many blows from the officers, Jones was finally taken down and handcuffed. Jones later died in police custody after being admitted to the hospital for his injuries. The report from



NATHANIEL JONES, 41

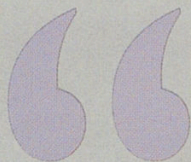
courtesy of Cincinnati.com

Hamilton County Coroner Carl Parrott proclaimed that Jones suffered from an enlarged heart, obesity, and had traces of PCP and cocaine in his body. While these factors may have played a role in Jones's death, it was still considered a homicide because it did not fit any other category. Because of this, Parrott wanted to create a new category of deaths that would include deaths in police custody.

Jones's death caused tension all over the city. Arguments over whether the officers involved in the struggle were to be held accountable for the death or if they were just doing their job.

According to Cincinnati Police Chief Tom Streicher, the tape was "by the book". "Even though it's ugly, even though it looks terrible, when I compare it to our policies, I don't see anything wrong there," said Streicher.

The Cincinnati Police department has redesigned their policies regarding violent suspects in response to angry citizens. Some citizens claim that racism played a role in this case while others agree with the police officers' actions. Some, however, have gone as far as to say that they will not stop protesting until Streicher as well as Cincinnati Mayor Charles Luken resign.



"He was a walking heart attack waiting to happen."

> Nick Philpott, 9

"Even though he retaliated and deserved to be in custody, they didn't need to beat him."

> Andrew Hancher, 9

"The cops were just defending themselves."

> Todd Whitman, 10

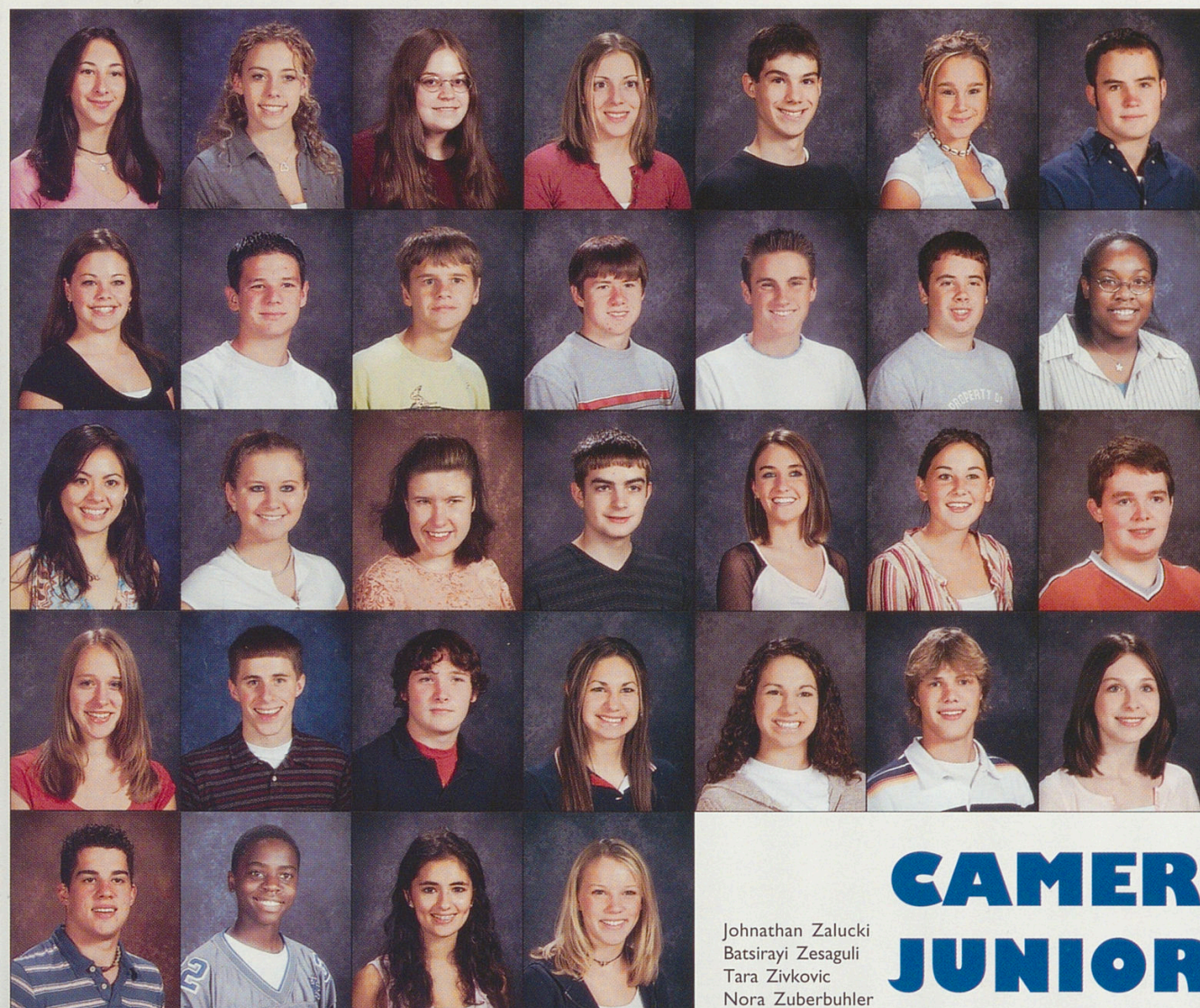


## OFFICERS STRUGGLE TO SUBDUE

350lb Nathaniel Jones. After sustaining several blows from the officers' nightsticks, Jones was finally taken to the ground and handcuffed. This video shot from the dashboard camera of one of the involved officer's cruisers has become the main leverage for both sides in the case regarding Jones.







Hailey Werthaiser  
Krista Wesselkamper  
Amy White  
Ashley White  
John White  
Rebecca White  
Philip Wight

Elizabeth Wilfong  
Marshall Williams  
Patrick Williams  
Benjamin Willis  
Ian Wilson  
Nickolas Wilson  
Michelle Winters

Jamie Wislocki  
Nicole Wissing  
Diane Witt  
Eric Woebbe  
Hope Wolfe  
Laura Woolf  
Mark Wright

Megan Wright  
Sean Wright  
George Wright IV  
Rachel Yanow  
Sarah Yanow  
Alexander Young  
Christine Zach

Johnathan Zalucki  
Batsirayi Zesaguli  
Tara Zivkovic  
Nora Zuberbuhler

## CAMERA SHY JUNIORS

Rebecca Abrams  
Arturo Alekrete  
Donaldson Ashley  
Curtis Bowling

Eric Brinkmann  
Morgan Brown  
Arthur Buevara

Daniel Calle  
Daniel Cox  
Alex McIntosh

Austin Nesbit  
Zhony Pan  
Corey Zimmer

SIX CINCINNATI POLICE OFFICERS WERE PUT ON LEAVE AS A result of the Nathaniel Jones case.

courtesy of Cincinnati.com



Guy Abrams

James Pike

Joehonny Reese

Jay Johnstone

Baron Osterman

Thomas Slade

## Racism in Cincinnati



courtesy of Cincinnati.com

IN APRIL OF 2001, TIMOTHY THOMAS, 19, WAS SHOT BY police officers in Over-the-Rhine sparking weeks of violent riots. Thomas was being chased by Officer Stephen Roach who believed that the suspect was reaching for a gun. Roach shot Thomas in what the officer thought was self-defense. Citizens saw this and called it racism since Thomas was a black man and unarmed killed by a white policeman.

These feelings have been brought about again regarding the Nathaniel Jones case, and once again, Cincinnati has made national news.





# Summer

## Requirments and Preparations

By: Hope Wolfe, Ashley Kindberg and Nikki Wissing

The summer gives teachers a chance to prepare for the upcoming school year. After taking a survey, it was found that the majority of teachers planned for the new school year by going into school one or a few times each week to gradually get prepared. A few ways to prepare were by revamping lesson plans/coming up with new lessons, collaborating with other teachers, taking graduate classes and workshops, working on curriculum, learning state guidelines, and most of all it was important to take a vacation to clear their head.

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Ms. Judy Ackley



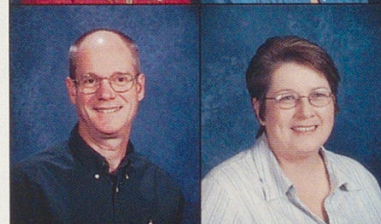
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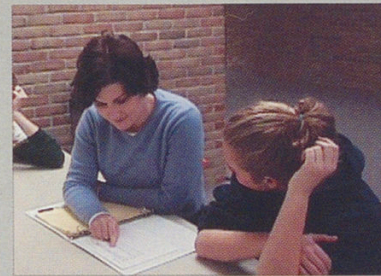
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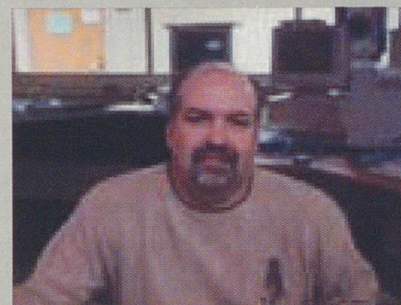


Ms. Kathy Barrow  
Mr. Battle



"Over the summer I took two courses from June 16th to July 17th. They made me consider what is really significant about what I teach and how to make connections with other subjects."

-Mrs. Melissa Wolfe-Izworski,  
English Teacher



"In my view a teacher's year never ends. It is a continuous thing to better ourselves all summer."

- Mr. Paul Melnick,  
Art Teacher

## How did you prepare over the summer for school?

43%

Learned to use Blackboard, a system enabling teachers to post assignments or bulletins to benefit students and parents.

23%

Took a college course to help learn even more about the subject they specialize in.

22%

Used other methods of preparing.

12%

Traveled in order to learn something from experience







Mrs. Bonnie Beckman  
Ms. Ila Bedenkop  
Mr. Tom Beschler  
Ms. Marie Billman  
Mrs. Maxine Bookbinder  
Ms. Bouk  
Mr. Charles Boyll

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Ms. Brice  
Mrs. Anita Bright  
Mrs. Christel Brown  
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Mrs. Jeanne Collins

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Mr. Brian Conatser  
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Mrs. Vicki Craycraft

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Mr. Duane Crowe  
Mrs. Nancy Cummings  
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Mr. Perry Denehy  
Mrs. Julie Dima

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Mrs. Lisa Dunster  
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Mrs. Dot Fricke  
Mr. Tom Gaffigan  
Mrs. Kaye Gaffney  
Mr. Doug Gausmann  
Mrs. Jane Ghantous  
Mr. Sam Gibbs

Mrs. Paula Gill  
Mr. Dave Gillette  
Mrs. Mona Glover  
Mrs. Liz Gonda  
Mr. Rick Good  
Mrs. Johanna Gordon



# Clean and healthy

New menus and excellent custodians

By: Laura Eastes

**E**ACH DAY STUDENTS CAME TO SCHOOL, THEY ATTENDED CLASS AND were helped by teachers and administrators.



**HELPING THE HUNGRY!** Mrs. Carol Combs, nutrition specialists, rang up Andy Shaver's, 12, lunch. Combs worked the register and always seemed to have the shortest line. Her quickness on the register helped many students out with allowing them more time to eat.

But teachers and staff were not the only adults students came into contact with. Each day students were helped by custodians and served lunch by nutrition specialists.

Although the nutrition specialists and custodians did not teach, they were just as important in making the school run properly. The nutrition specialist prepared lunch each day and ran the snack shack before and during lunch for chips, drinks, bagels, and pizza. The custodians cleaned the

lunch tables, changed light bulbs, arranged the stands in the gym for various activities and many other things.

The nutrition specialist held students in their best interest while they prepared a new nutritional/wellness policy for the 2003-2004 school year.

"Ala carte foods had to follow nutritional requirements. They must not have more than 10 grams of fat per serving. This is why we were not serving the donuts, larger cookies, some ice cream novelties, super donuts, etc.," said Mrs. Barbara Duncan, Nutrition Supervisor.

Custodians were recognize at the final boys basketball game for their hard work each season in arranging the stands and benches.



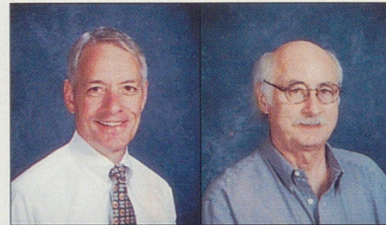
## HUNGRY? TRY THE SNACK SHACK.

Grant Steed, 12, picks out the perfect drink to quench his thirst. Cullen Luning, 12, heads towards the slushy makers and the pizza for his perfect lunch. The snack shack was located in the commons across from the regular cafeteria area where hot food was available. The snack shack sold snacks and drinks. From potato chips to chocolate chip cookies, the snack shack had it all.

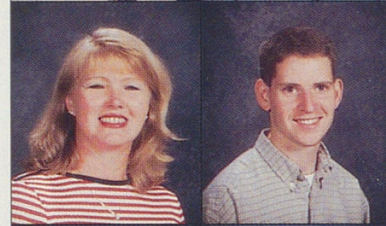
## How much did you have to shell out?

2.75	hot lunch served with main dish and two sides with milk.
1.00	12 oz. bottle of Powerade
.60	homemade chocolate chip cookies
.50	bag of chips

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Mr. Bob Gregory



Ms. Sharon Guenther  
Mr. Mike Gutekunst



Mrs. Debby Gutzwiller  
Mr. Mike Hahn



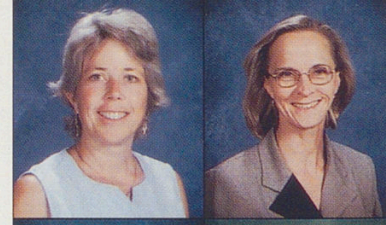
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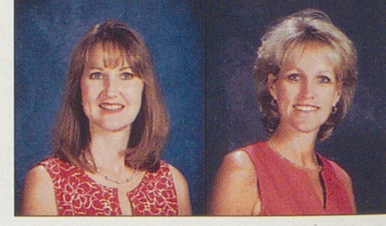
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Mr. Mike Jacobs  
Mrs. Barb Jones  
Mr. Steve Jostworth  
Ms. Kate Juenger  
Mr. Stan Kaniecki

Mrs. Diane Kasarda  
Dr. Keith Kelly  
Mrs. Judy Klefas  
Ms. Debbie Klemt  
Mr. Chris Kloesz  
Ms. Leslie Knotts  
Mrs. Sue Koehler

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Mrs. Shirley Lanner  
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Mrs. Brenda Leschander  
Mrs. Shannon Lindgren

Mr. Gary Listermann  
Mr. Randy Lothrop  
Mr. Doug Mader  
Ms. Gayle Marsh  
Ms. Jennifer Mathie  
Mr. Kenji Matsudo  
Mr. Rob Matula

Mrs. Marnie May  
Mr. Paul Melnick  
Mrs. Linda Michael  
Mr. Bob Mierenfeld  
Mr. Brien Miller  
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Mrs. Shirley Mills

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Mr. Tom Nugent

Mrs. Susan Odell  
Mr. Chuck Ogdan  
Ms. Mary Grace Oliver  
Mrs. Michelle Oltorik  
Mrs. Lorinda Ottaway  
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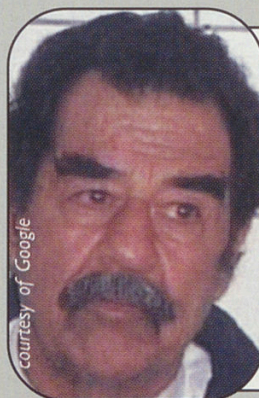
# “Ladies and Gentlemen, We got him!” Saddam Hussein captured!

By: Sam Pollak

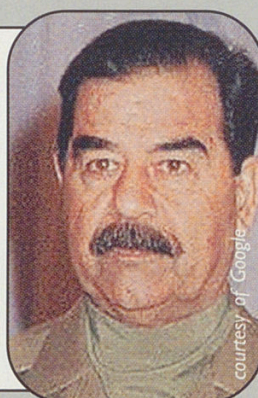
**A**FTER CLOSE TO 15 YEARS OF STRUGGLE IN IRAQ, SADDAM HUSSEIN'S REIGN OF TERROR IS OVER. On December 14, 2003, the former dictator of Iraq was found hiding in a spider hole in a hut outside his hometown of Tikrit. US intelligence gained a tip from a captured Iraqi official as to where Hussein was hiding. 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.

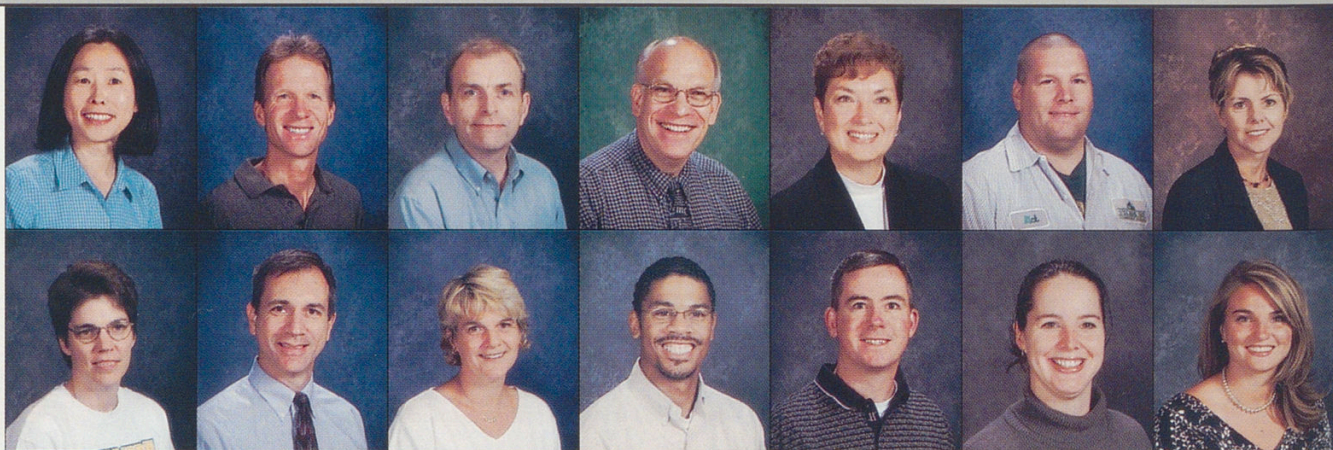
While the capture calls for celebration, the new problem is how to try the former dictator. Some requested that Hussein be immediately put to death as punishment for his crimes, but the US government insists on a fair trial. The location, however, is in question. Many, including President Bush, believe 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.



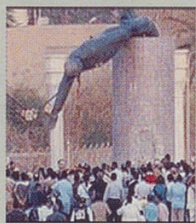
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Mr. Rick Pursley  
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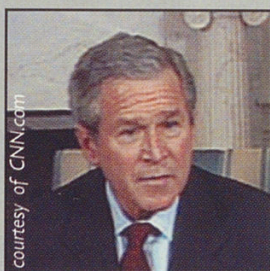




# Hussein's regime

**S**ADDAM HUSSEIN HAS LED A REGIME OF TERROR IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AGAINST HIS OWN

**PEOPLE.** Part of the justification of the US's actions was to end the crimes against humanity committed by Hussein. Over 400,000 Iraqis, including 40 of his own relatives, were executed by Hussein's regime. Separately, over 400,000 children have died because of poor conditions left uncorrected by their leader. Also, torture was legal and promoted by the dictator. The displacement of over one million people has also resulted from this regime. Now that Hussein is out of power, his reign is over. This was the goal of the US.



courtesy of CNN.com

ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR the war in Iraq was the suspected presence of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). US weapons inspectors found labs and chemicals that could have been used to

make these weapons. Some US officials, however, say that no WMDs were ever present. President Bush, on the other hand, is confident in the US intelligence systems and defends his decision to invade Iraq.

“The trial should be held in Iraq by the Iraqis, but it should be overseen by Americans, just in case something goes wrong.”

-Alex Patterson, 9

“Even without hard evidence of weapons of mass destruction, we can still convict [Hussein] of a large amount of war crimes and he's the same criminal we thought beforehand. He should still be tried and found guilty.”

-Dustin DePenning, 11

“I think that [Hussein's] trial should be held in Iraq because the Iraqis are the people that suffered from his regime.”

-Barak Saltzman, 9



Mr. John Robinson  
Mr. Mike Romer  
Ms. Christiane Rudolf  
Mrs. Maria Sarasua  
Mrs. Heike Schade  
Mrs. Joan Schepers  
Mrs. Danielle Scrase

Mr. Bob Seiple  
Ms. Rekha Sharma  
Ms. Ginger Shaver  
Mr. Antonio Shelton  
Mr. Chris Shrimpton  
Ms. Shuller  
Ms. Cathy Simon





Mr. Jim Skoog  
Mr. James Smanik  
Mr. David Smarelli  
Mr. Cory Smith  
Mrs. Leslie Smith  
Ms. Connie Smith  
Ms. Stacey Sollmann

Mrs. Stechnowicz  
Mr. Jim Stoll  
Mrs. Margaret Stone  
Mrs. Melissa Sullivan  
Mr. David Swift  
Mrs. Millie Tanner  
Ms. Lissa Tessel

Mr. Jason Testerman  
Ms. Tamara Thomas  
Mr. James Tinsley  
Mrs. Lynn Toney  
Mr. John Traub  
Ms. Mary Tuke  
Mrs. Jennifer Ulland



# Exploring

Going beyond the classroom and to new heights

By: Laura Eastes

**A**LTHOUGH IT MAY SEEM HARD FOR STUDENTS to believe, teachers have life outside of school. From June to August the time is theirs and most teachers decided to spend their time wisely.

From teaching workshops to plain old relaxing vacations, teachers did it all. **Dr. Keith Kelly**, principal, **Mrs. Cheralyn Jardine**, English, and **Ms. Laura Fibbe**, social studies, attended a leadership institute at Harvard University.

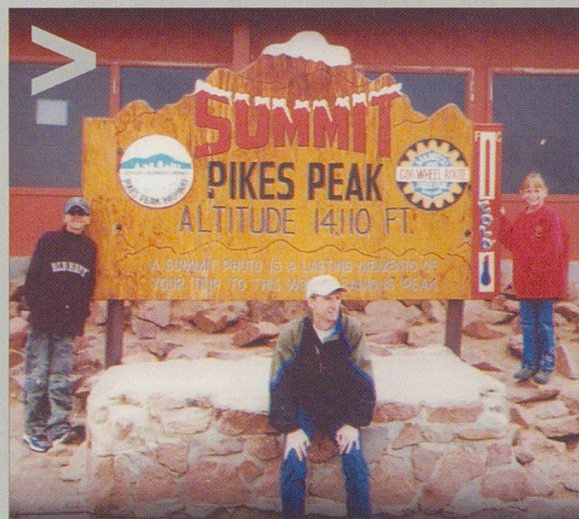
**Mrs. Kim Jarvis**, BTS, took a vacation with her family to the north east and ate at the pizza parlor in which *Mystic Pizza* was filmed.

Other staff members spent time in the Cincinnati area, conducting summer school or just plain relaxing.

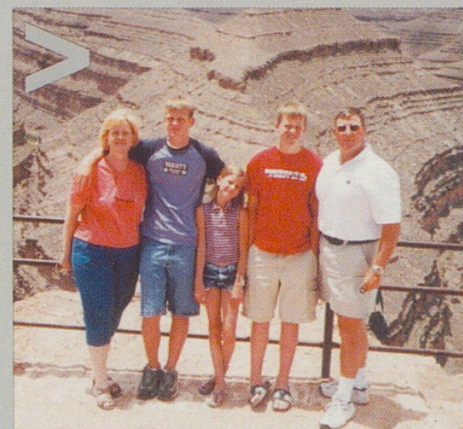
**Mrs. Melissa Hardy**, math, spent her summer with her new husband and step son. During the day, Hardy would attend the cross country conditioning with her team then spend the rest of the day with her step son. But Hardy was not the only teacher who spent their summer with her/his team. **Mr. Brian Conatser**, science, and the rest of the weight room staff kept the Gregory center open to students through the summer.

But summer came to an end and staff hurried back from the long summer days ready to explain their summers to students.

**ON TOP OF THE world.** **Mr. Bob Seiple**, science, and his family took a trip to Pikes Peak, Colorado. Seiple and his children made it to the summit of the mountain. Although they would like to think they were on top of the world the truth was that Pikes Peak is the 31st highest mountain in Colorado.



**TIME WITH THE FAMILY.** **Mr. Reed Chacksfield**, business, enjoyed spending time with his family over the summer at the Grand Canyon. The family choose to spend their summer vacation in Arizona, and check out the sights of the Grand canyon. Here, Chacksfield and his family gathered for a picture to remember their wonderful trip.







Mrs. Lisa Vanags  
Ms. Diane Varin  
Mr. Michael Veraldo  
Mr. Joe Villari  
Mrs. Maria Vincent  
Mr. Brad Walker  
Mrs. Susan Warm

Mrs. Ginny Warzon  
Ms. Dottie Wasem  
Ms. Gretchen Washington  
Ms. Pat Weitzel  
Mrs. Robin Wells-Kamp  
Mr. Bud Wendel  
Mrs. Michelle Wheeler

Mrs. Helen White  
Mr. Dan Willen  
Mr. Eric Wise  
Mr. Brian Wissel  
Ms. JoAnne Witt  
Mr. Kevin Wittman  
Mr. Tim Wolfe



**TIME TO PLAY BALL.** Math teacher, **Ms. Stacy Sollmann** spent her summer with her mom watching her little brother play college baseball. Sollman's brother played for Notre Dame University in Indiana, in which home games were only a few hours away.



**HERE COMES THE BRIDE.** In the Spring of 2003, **Mrs. Melissa Hardy**, math, was married to her long time boy friend Todd Hardy. Hardy and her husband spent the summer getting use to married life. Hardy spent lots of time with her new stepson and drove him to swim lesson at the Blue Ash YMCA.

I read many technology magazines! I'm always applying new ideas to better help or better assist students and staff in our building and district.

> **Mrs. Kim Jarvis**



Mrs. Melissa Wolfe-Izworski  
Mrs. Sheri Wood  
Mrs. Jacqueline Wyatt



## <CAMERA SHY FACULTY>

Tom Adams  
Asha Asher  
Jeff Bieler  
Clarence Bishop  
Tony Bishop  
William Bishop  
Joseph Boyd  
Reed Chacksfield  
Lynn Davis

James Dick  
Sheri Elmore  
Terrie Fellows  
Roger Hartke  
June Haverland  
Ted Hungler  
Kim Jarvis  
Jonathan Langdon  
Gary Langhorst

Cindy Larez  
Michael Lawson  
Andrew Marlatt  
Gerald Moore  
Dan Murray  
Daryl Needham  
Mary O'Callaghan  
Jim Osborne  
Brenda Patterson

Rick Schuckman  
Steve Seibert  
Jan Shuller  
Lonnie Stover  
Todd Strasser  
Don Testerman  
Mary Tom Westendorf  
Sharon Whitton  
Phyllis Wylds

# SECRETARIES

## Q: What does your job entail?

*5 out of the 13*

By: Mary Sauer



A: I am at the front office tending to the students' and parents' needs. I also organize the special needs department. >Mrs. Mary Holtzleiter

A: I assist students and parents at the front office and organize the music department. I do other side work like grading for the English department.

>Ms. JoAnne Witt



A: I work in the attendance office keeping track of students' attendance. I make phone calls, enter tardies, and write passes.

>Mrs. Jean Bryant

A: I am an internal sub, work in the attendance office, do hall duty, cover in school detention, and monitor after school bus duty.

>Ms. Mary Tuke (left)



A: I keep over 127 coaches on track and 1,200 plus athletes. I also help one of the busiest athletic directors in the GMC.

>Mrs. Paula Gill





# Retirements

## Their last year

By: Carly Mandel

Making their last year memorable, **Mr. Tom Graler, Mr. Paul Chiappone, Mrs. Carol Ihlendorf, Mr. Jim Osborne, Ms. Chris Rudolf, and Mr. Pat Ballinger,** took everyday one step at a time.

"While I am looking forward to a new and productive life after Sycamore, painting, raising alpacas, judging at dog shows, and doing volunteer work at schools, I will miss all the good and talented people.

"Mr. Osborne and I had a great relationship, I always enjoyed having him come in and speak. Words cannot describe how much he will be missed. I only hope that he comes back for visits from time to time,"

> **Ms. Ila Bedenkop.**

I do plan on coming back to visit from time to time. One thing I will not miss is the alarm clock going off at 4 a.m." said Rudolf.

Serving Sycamore for 26 years Ballinger said "If I wasn't a teacher I always wanted to be a pro football coach or a sportscaster. My passion other than teaching is sports."

Ranging from 26 years to 36 years, their time here was appreciated and they retire having earned respect.

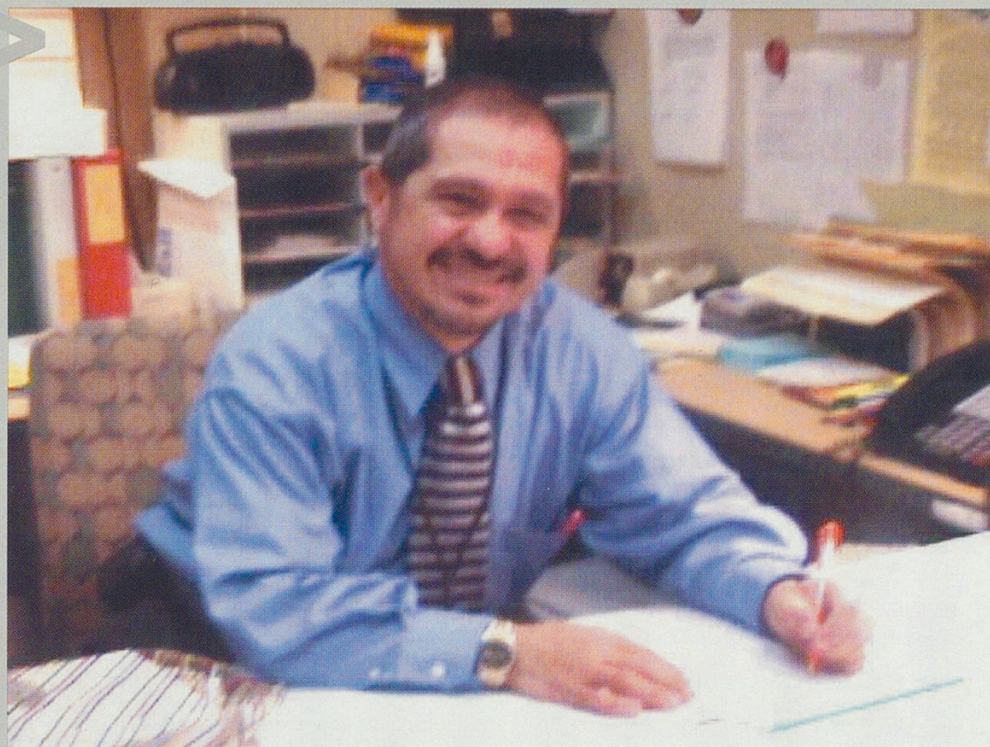
### Mrs. Carol Ihlendorf 30 years Teaching



**Q:** What was your favorite year to teach?

**A:** Every year has been special in its own way. There are always surprises, successes - and failures, and of course, special students and teachers.

### Mr. Paul Chiappone 32 years Teaching/ Administrating



**Q:** What are you going to do now?

**A:** When I retire, I'm going to continue to play piano professionally in greater Cincinnati. That was my major at CCM. I need to get back to my real passion- music.

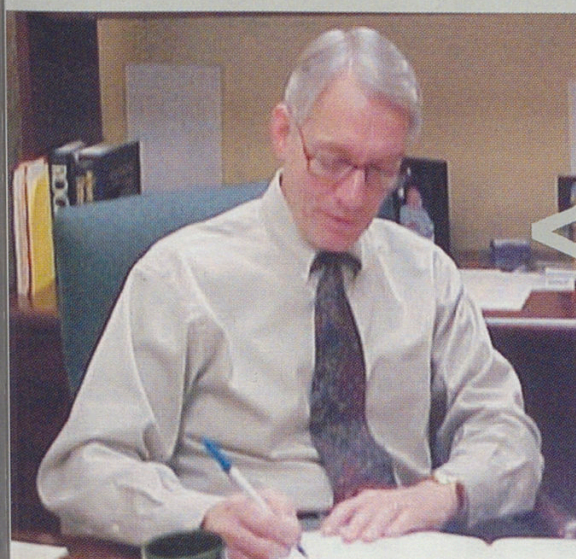
### Mr. Tom Graler teaching 36 years

**Q:** Where all have you taught?

**A:** This is my 36th year. 26 at Sycamore, 9 at Maderia, and 1 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

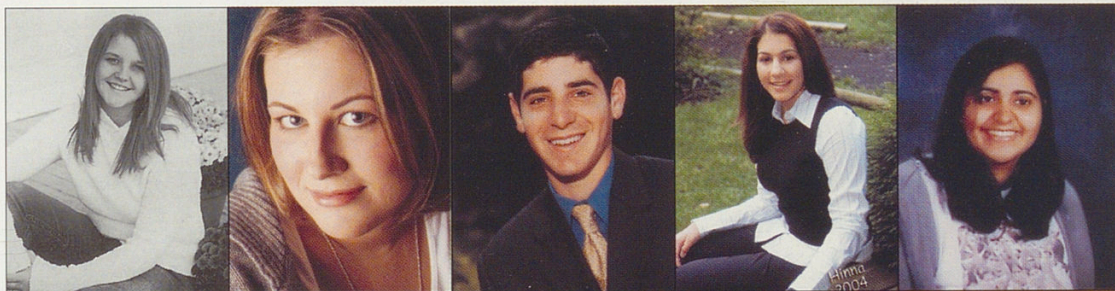
### Mr. Jim Osborne Custodial Services 30 years

Osborne also spoke to classes about life as a Native American. His speeches were inspiring and informational. Students always looked forward to them.

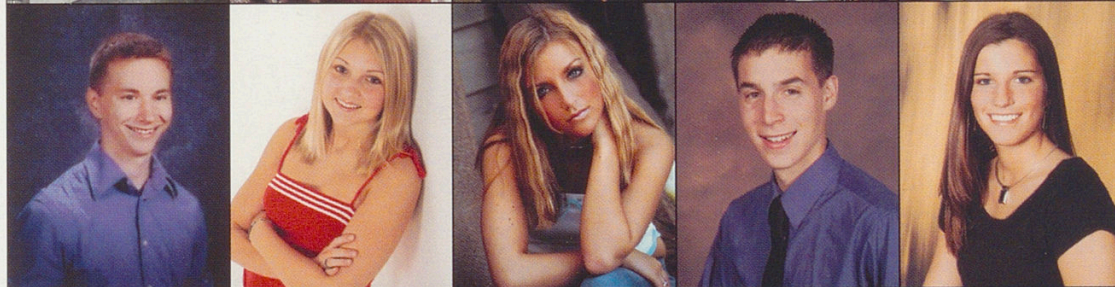




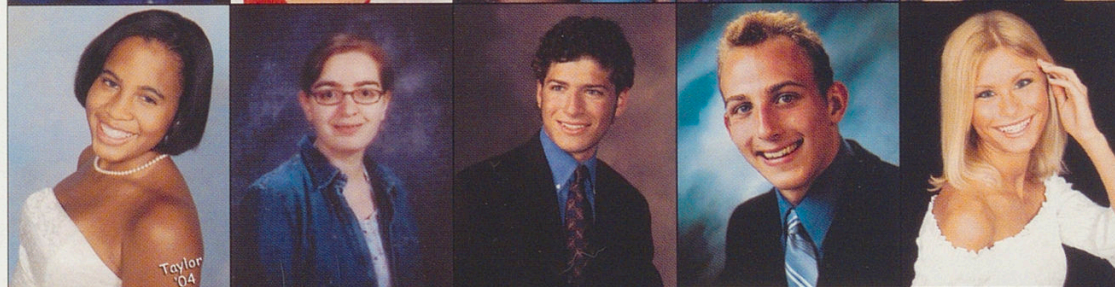
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Cali Allen  
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Stacy Anders



Taylor Anthony-Brown  
Ruta Arays  
Jason Arenstein  
Algirdas Aukstuolis  
Ashley Austin



Crysandon Aveyard  
Rahn Avni  
Brett Banks  
Emilee Banks  
Philip Barbe'



## Michigan's EEOC decision

# Are we doing the right thing?

By: Kelsey Kiley

**WHAT WAS BEING CALLED** "the most important test to affirmative action in 25 years," in April, the Supreme Court agreed to hear a case against the University of Michigan by three white students. They claimed that they were denied admission to the University's law school because of the school's race-based admissions policy, which gave advantages to certain skin colors.

Essentially, the University of Michigan wanted to continue to place favor on ethnicity in their admissions application process. Maintaining a diverse academic and working environment was the goal of many affirmative action supporters, including U. of M., whose representatives claimed that prohibiting race as a consideration in admissions could

"cut the representation of African American students at [their University] by more than two-thirds." However, affirmative action, especially in this case, was regarded as reverse discrimination. In other words, racism against Caucasians. The decision was expected to be a close one. Underneath all the discussions of pros and cons, wins and losses, it came down to a tie that arrived on June 23. The Supreme Court ruled "that minority applicants may be given an edge when applying for admissions to Universities, but limited how much a factor race can play in the selection of students," according to CNN. The Court outlawed the explicit racial point system in Michigan's admissions, but they supported the school's use of race to grant advantages and standoff between the opposing sides.





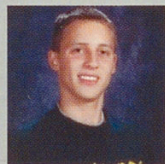
### <Jenna Bridgewater>

"I think that the colleges should look at the grades instead of what race the applicants are. College is about your academics, that should be all."



### <Joe Pittman>

"I don't think I should be penalized because I'm a white male. It's not like I chose to be born white, why should it be my fault that I don't get accepted into the college I want to go to for that reason?"



## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

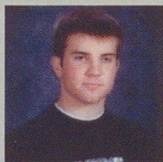
### <Bethany Marks>

"This shouldn't be an issue of race. The better qualified person should be accepted to the college of their choice. Basing college acceptance on racial ethnicity is not how it should be done."



### <Matt Herr>

"I think it's unfair. Somebody that isn't white and has a lower GPA shouldn't get into college over me just because of their ethnicity. It's racist against white people. All that should matter is GPA and test scores. PERIOD."



### <Lindy Herrick>

"I think that it is important for every school to have and take pride in their diversity of students- however, I believe that all students deserve the same opportunities regardless of race or ethnicity."



### <Jake Bloom>

"I don't think race should have anything to do with whether or not a person gets accepted to a college. The student with the better grades, test scores, and extracurricular should get in due to his or her hard work, not because he or she is a certain race."



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Anne Barngrover  
Bradford Bartels  
Bradley Bartlow  
Ashley Barwick

Elizabeth Basinger  
Michael Bassin  
Cameron Battle  
Christopher Battle  
Kelly Beech

Lauren Bernstein  
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Gregory Bieler  
Kristin Billger  
Laura Bills

Megan Bimschleger  
Aaron Binik-Thomas  
Danielah Blackburn  
Bradley Blieden  
Jacob Bloom



# The first morning of the last year...

By: Ashley Austin and Laura Eastes

What were you looking forward to in your senior year?

"I can't wait until senior prom, and spending the last days of high school with my friends."

> Greg Moler

"Getting out of Sycamore."

> Mike DeAngelo

"I'm looking forward to spring break, where we can get **crazy** and know we are done almost done... with school..

> Kim Doris

"The day that I get to leave and I know that I'll never have to come back.."

> Alle Rorrie

It never really hit me that it was finally senior year until the morning when all of us met in the commons for senior breakfast.

> Alix Zuberbuhler

Senior breakfast was a great way to start our first day of high school. But in a few months we would all be high school graduated.

> Lauren Romansky

THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTED AS QUICK AS

the summer ended. Seniors arrived at school with a welcomed surprise. The senior parents had arranged for a breakfast only for seniors. Tables were set up with bagels, donuts, coffee and orange juice. Senior students used the breakfast as a time to see friends and classmates they had not seen since the previous school year.

Before class started **Mr. Jim Skoog**, associate principle, introduced himself to seniors as their new class principle. He complemented the seniors on their good behavior and reputation they had as a class. A similar breakfast was held on the last day for seniors as well. Parents set up breakfast in the auxiliary gym before graduation practice Friday, May 21.

## FIRST DAY AS SENIORS.

The delicious food the seniors were offered to eat was all donated. Here, **Matt Livingston, Albert Wu, Danny O'Gara, Bernie Wen, Jordan Goodwin, Mike Fox and Matt Gartner** catch up before there first class.



Gretchen Bloomstrom  
Lisa Bonn  
Adam Bookbinder  
Lauren Borgmann  
Anthony Borzotta

Jennifer Breed  
Jenna Bridgewater  
Elizabeth Brodzinski  
Rachel Brogdon  
Loren Brook

Kara Brown  
Stephanie Brown  
Thomas Broxterman  
Lucas Bryce  
Paul Bucalo





# Seniors: treated as royalty

By: Ashley Austin and Laura Eastes

**B**EING A SENIOR HAD ITS ADVANTAGES. Once a month the parents treat all the seniors to something special as a tribute to their last year at high school.

From ice cream socials to Dad's cookout the seniors got their share of privileges. Most treat days corresponded with holidays like holiday cookies before winter break. Treats were given out graciously by parents at lunch. Seniors enjoyed the treats and always wondered when the next senior treat would be given out.



**SENIORS LOVE COOKIES.** Lisa Bonn, Patrick Tepe, Stacy Anders, and Jessica Lane gather around the holiday cookies. The senior parents provided holiday cookies for the students a week before winter break began.



**DID SOMEBODY SAY ICE CREAM.** Tori Earls, Kelly Beech, Danny Ghantous and Sam Stoughton prepare their dream sundaes for a senior treat day early in the school year. Vanilla ice cream was given to each senior and toppings such as syrups and candies were available to make each sundae fit their taste.



**A BREAK FROM EVERYDAY LUNCH.** Matt Gartner, Sean Raffel, Joey Stein, Kenny Minor and Paul Morris chow down their ice cream sundaes. "It was a good change from cafeteria food and it was free," said Morris.



Katherine Buckingham  
Shelley Burkhart  
Dustin Burris  
Jason Butler  
Kevy Cagle

Jennifer Caldwell  
Andrew Carmen  
Heather Case  
Jhessica Chandler  
Sarah Chapman

Patrick Christensen  
David Church  
Alexander Clemens  
Brian Clements  
Michael Collins



# Top Schools for the Seniors

College Comparisons By: Shaili Ryan and Ashley Austin

## Top 5 in-state colleges applied to



### Cost:

Tuition:\$6,336  
Room and Board:\$7,113

**Average GPA:**  
3.04

### Fast Facts:

UC's dance team won Nationals this year in Orlando. They received 1st in hip-hop, and placed in the top 5 in the other categories.

### Cost:

Tuition:\$6,624  
Room and Board: \$6,504

**Average ACT Score:**  
25

### Fast Fact:

OSU hosts one of the top business schools in the country. It's called Fisher School of Business.



### Cost:

Tuition:\$7,019  
Room and Board:\$6,680

**Average GPA:**  
3.64

### Fast Facts:

91% of current freshmen students did volunteer work during their high school career.



### Cost:

Tuition:\$7,320  
Room and Board:\$7,320

**Average GPA:**  
3.30

### Fast Fact:

February 2004 is the 200th year since Ohio University was established.



### Cost:

Tuition:\$5,940  
Room and Board:\$5,892

**Average GPA:**  
3.17

### Fast Fact:

65% of students participate in out-of-classroom activities.



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Ronald Crenshaw  
Elyse Cristos

Peter Crook  
Lindsay Crum  
Noura Dabdoub

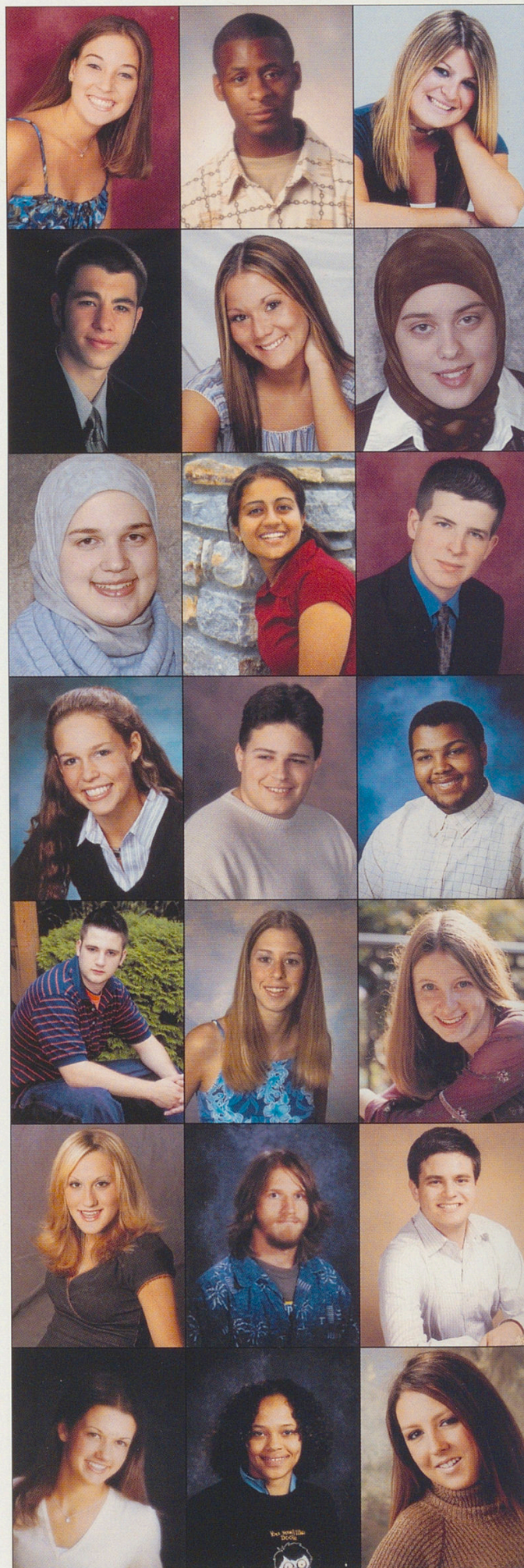
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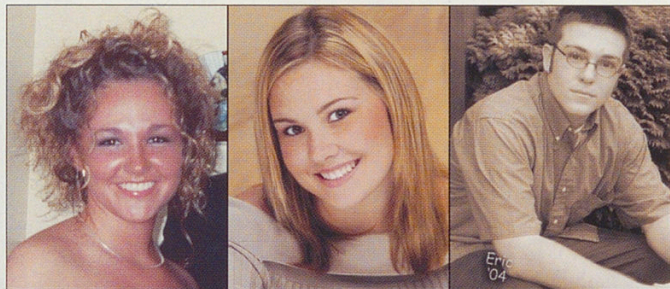
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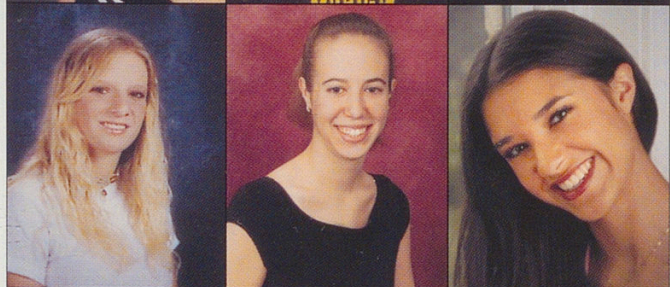
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Anthony Durbin  
Lauren Durig



Victoria Earls  
Laura Eastes  
Andrew Eaton



Meaghan Ebetino  
Nicholas Egloff  
Jonathan Ellingham



Lily Eriksen  
Rebecca Fairhead  
Lauren Faulkner



Ryan Fels  
Janice Feng  
Nicholas Fields



Mollie Fingerman  
Molly Finn  
Amy Fishman

## Top 5 out-of-state colleges applied to

### Cost:

Tuition:\$16,791

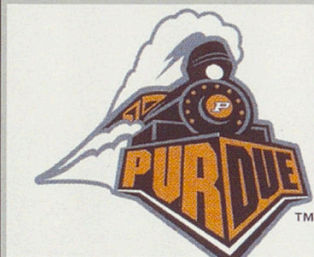
Room and Board:\$5,872

**Average ACT Score:**

25

### Fast Fact:

There are 30,319 students enrolled and 30% of them are from out of state.



### Cost:

Tuition:\$15,908

Room and Board:\$6,340

**Average GPA:**

3.0

### Fast Facts:

Has a moderately difficult entrance level, 76% of the applicants were admitted.

### Cost:

Tuition:\$23,314

Room and Board:\$6,366

**Average GPA:**

3.8

### Fast Fact:

95% of the freshmen return for their sophomore year



### Cost:

Tuition:\$38,293

Room and Board:\$9,240

**Average ACT Score:**

31

### Fast Fact:

89% of the students come from out of state and 97% of freshmen return for their sophomore year.

### Cost:

Tuition:\$37,491

Room and Board:\$5,152

**Average ACT Score:**

30

### Fast Fact:

83% of the incoming freshmen graduated in the top 10% of their high school class.





# Excusing Yourself-

## Why seniors think it's OK to do what they want

By: Ashley Austin and Shaili Ryan

**B** EING LATE TO SCHOOL,  
LECTURES THAT WERE  
FULL OF SLEEPERS, TARDIES

**USED** to go out to breakfast, students roaming the halls, those were all signs you have come across a senior. Seniors felt they were entitled to all of this. Some seniors began their senioritis earlier than others and some never bothered with senioritis. Most seniors began their lack of trying after the college acceptance letters had been received. Once seniors felt they were secure with their plans for next year they began

their senior slide into tremendous tardies and uncharted senior privileges.

By second semester, seniors were ready to leave school. Many had an idea of what they were going to do the following year and, therefore relaxed and had fun for the rest of the current year. The stress of college acceptance was lifted and all the worries of school were set aside. All there was left to worry about for the rest of the year was getting into their cap and gown and saying good-bye. Many seniors found it easy to say good-bye after beginning to count down the days till graduation way back in January.

“We should have seniority because we have been here the longest and we deserve it.”

>Alyssa Pharo

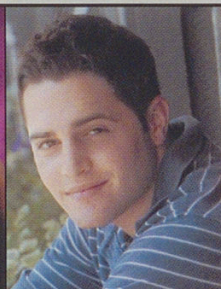
“We’ve had to put up with them (the administration and staff) for the past three years, now they can put up with us for a year.”

>Stephanie Von Ohain

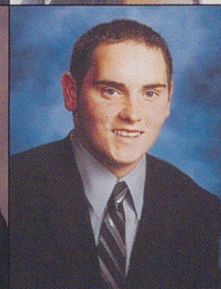
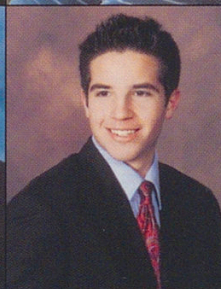
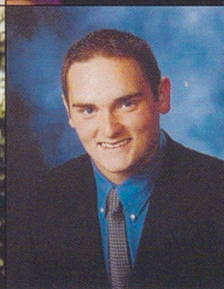
“Seniors should be excused because once we have applied and gotten into college, there is nothing to worry about.”

> Jenna Markley

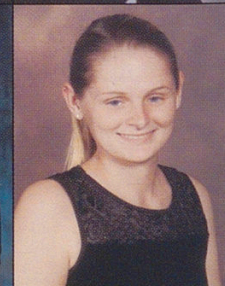
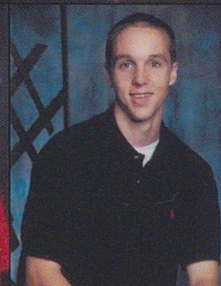
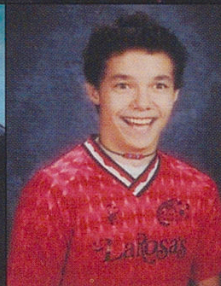
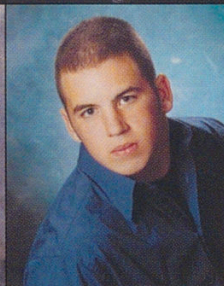
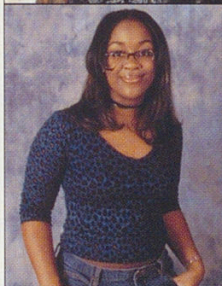
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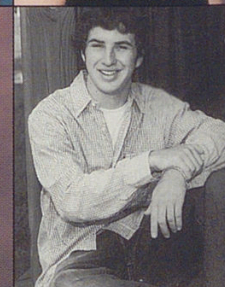
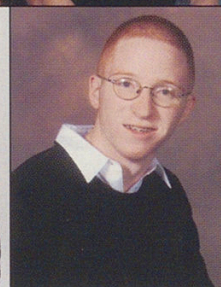
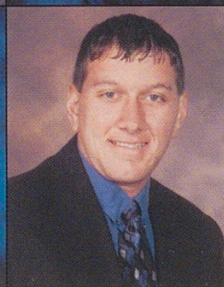
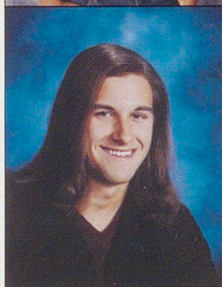
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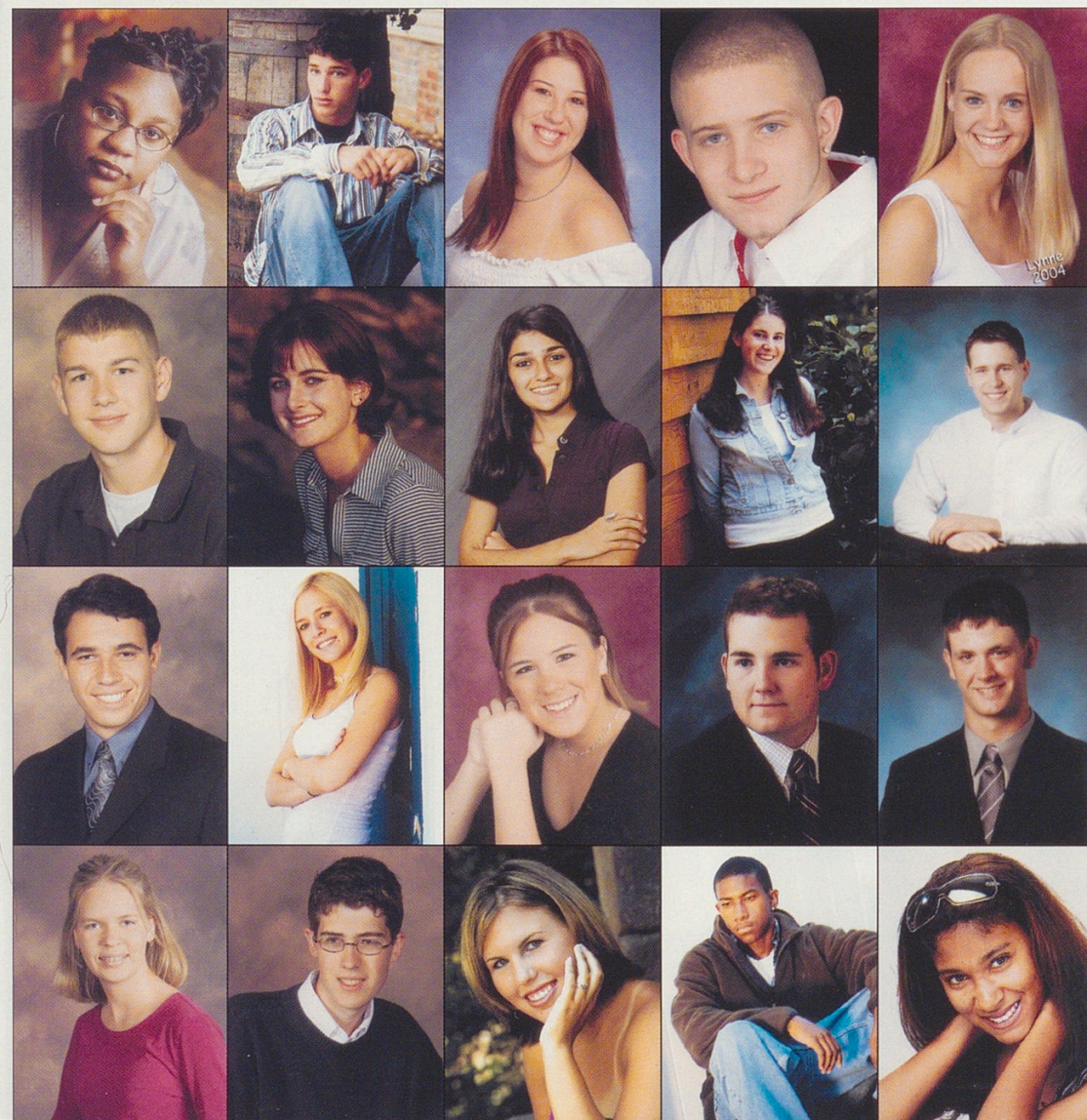
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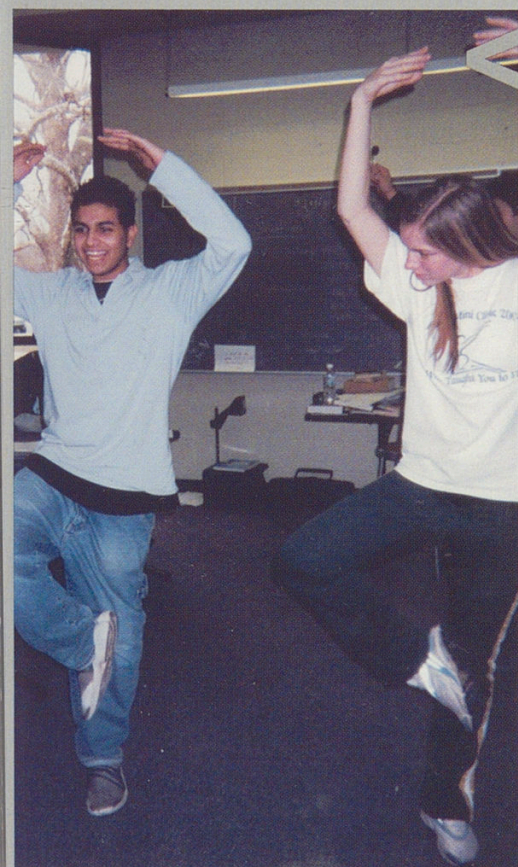


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Matthew Hahn  
David Hall

Emily Hall  
Kyle Harley  
Allyson Harmon  
Ernest Harris  
Lois Catherine Harris



**DANCING ON THE CEILING.** Shekar Jayaraman and Lauren Malone take time from their seventh bell world literature class to dance. Malone taught Jayaraman all the new dance moves along with the rest of the class. Although seniors are not required to enroll in a seventh bell some chose to, or their class schedule depended on it.



**TOO TIRED TO CONCENTRATE.** Jenna Markley takes a snooze during class. For some seniors school began to seem pointless after second semester and some chose to catch up on their rest rather than to participate. The main reason why seniors began to act this way was due to already being accepted to college and no second semester exams.

**IT IS 7:20 MONDAY MORNING** and guess where you can find most of the seniors...running in from the parking lot. After a long, eventful weekend, it was always hard for seniors to arrive to school on time, Elise Marrero tried to make it to class on time. For seniors it has always been a problem to make it to first bell on time.



# The green lot

## Senior parking privilege

By: Nikki Wissing and Ashley Kindberg

**I** T ALL STARTED FRESHMAN YEAR. As young, freshman, we rode the bus and watched as seniors exited in cars. Everyday we thought and counted down the years till we would be able to park in the senior lot. Most of us even had our dream spot picked out.

But then the year came when the senior lot was all ours. Although we had to pay \$75.00 for a pass, it did not matter. The senior lot was all ours!

Unfortunately, somethings have changed since freshman year and getting your spot may have been tougher than you thought. **Amy Donofrio** arrived to pick up her parking pass to find out she was stuck in the gold lot with the faculty. But Donofrio wasn't the only one. **Phil Barbie'** and **Mark Schibler** were just as disappointed to find they would have to park away from their friends.

Although some were left with a nightmare parking spot others found their spots to be very convenient.

Whether you sang the parking spot blues or praised the parking spot gods, at least you received a parking spot.



**GOOD BYE SCHOOL.** **Ben Taylor** zooms his car out of the senior parking lot after school gets out. Taylor, like most seniors, chose to leave school as quickly as possible after the bell rang.

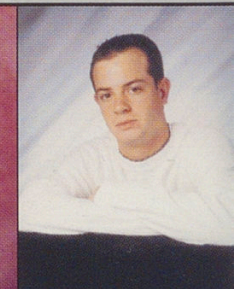
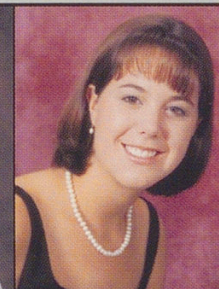
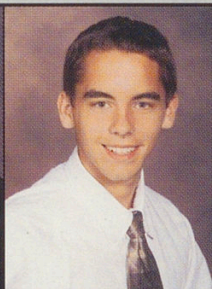
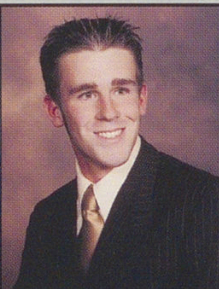
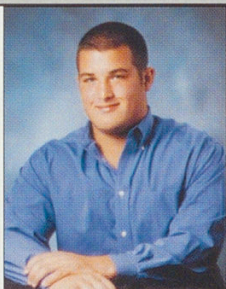
"The cops that are there make it worse and when the cops aren't there everything's fine, so the cops need to go!"

>Samantha Shaffer

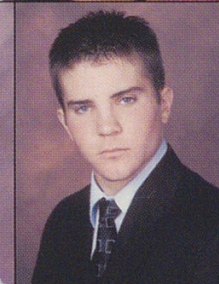
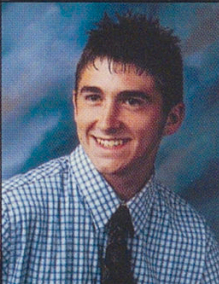
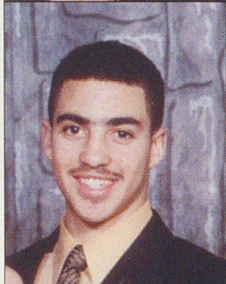
"They need to admit more people to class late because the traffic is what makes you late."

>Grant Steed

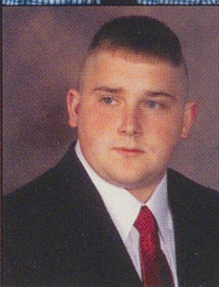
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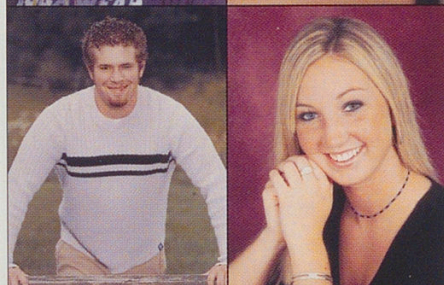




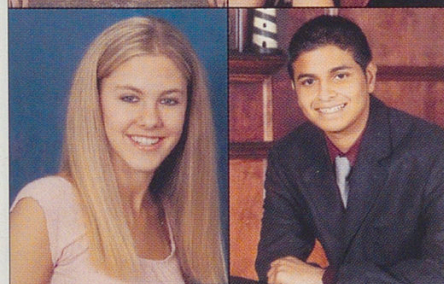
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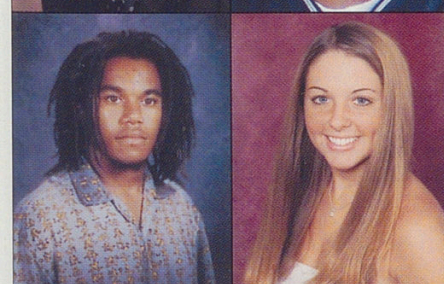
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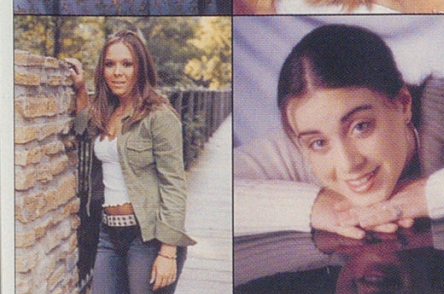
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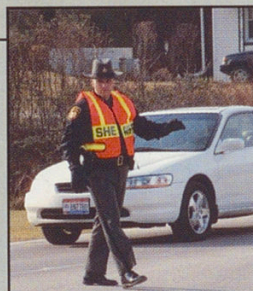


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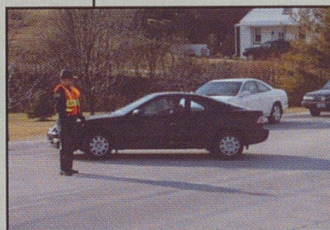
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## Morning Traffic



### STUDENTS HAD TO GET UP extra early in order to beat

the morning traffic. Three years ago a Hamilton County Police Officer was issued at each entrance to the school to help resolve the traffic. In the beginning, only one officer



was used to direct traffic, but after several accidents at the other entrance another officer was issued to help. Some seniors argue that the policemen cause more of a problem rather than helping the traffic go quicker. The officers had been issued new bright, orange vests to be more visible in the morning darkness.

## Spicing up the ride with personalized plates

**READ MY LICENSE PLATE!** Although not every senior had a personalized license plate, many seniors chose to add a special plate to their automobile. Seniors personalized their plates with everything from their names to their favorite sport. Personalized plates cost extra and finding the right word or name to fit on your license plate and finding it available, led some away from adding a special touch on their automobile. "I don't think it is that good an idea to have personalized plates because it increases the vulnerability of getting caught by the police," said **Casey Mack**. Others felt differently and opted for their speciality plate. "I got Laurz on my plate because that's what my family always use to call me when I was little," said **Lauren Lehrner**. Below were some personalized plates found in the senior lot. Lehrner, **Brad Blieden**, **Matt Livingston**, **Ashley Austin**, **Nick Seibel**, and **Jen Witte**.

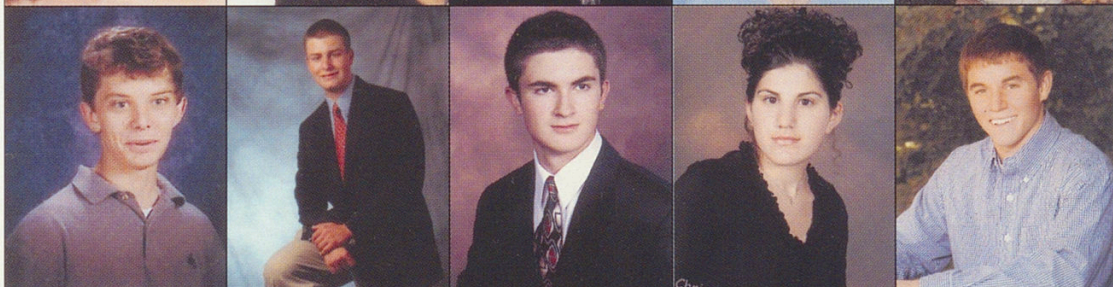




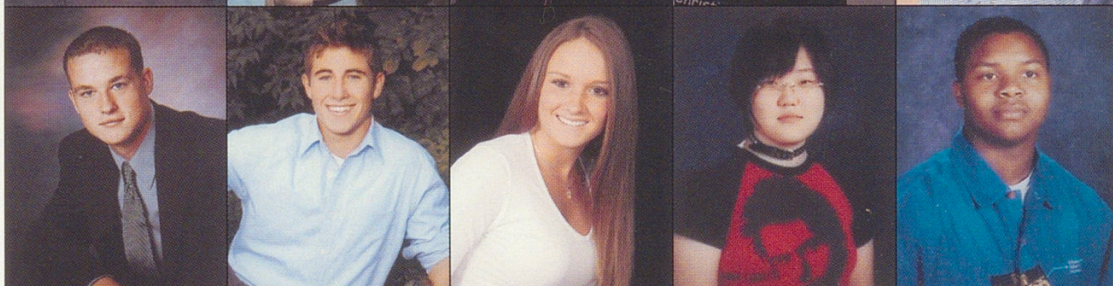
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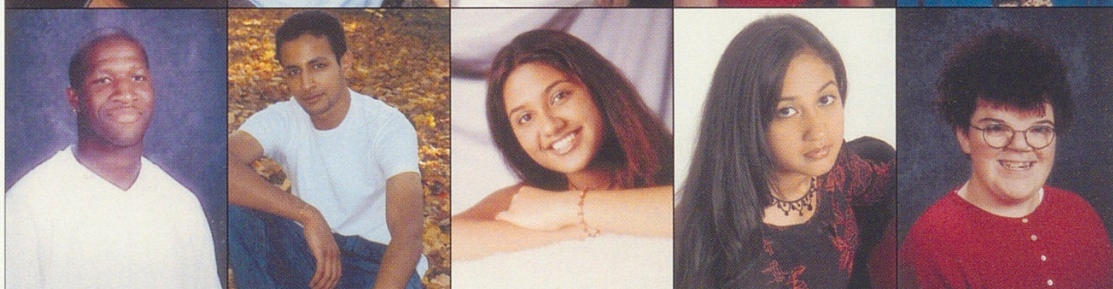
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Sofia Khan  
Lauren Kilburn



# Helping to make dreams come true

Guidance counselors worked around the clock to help make the future happen

By: Ashley Austin and Shaili Ryan

**A**S THE SENIOR YEAR BEGAN, guidance counselors' hard work came in to play. Counselors met with every senior individually and discussed with them their future after high school. Students and counselors began the college process at the end of their junior year and continued it through the rest of their high school career. Counselors wrote many letters of recommendation,

searched for scholarships for students and even called and spoke with admission counselors over the phone for students. Not only did counselors help with the application process, they also helped in processing scholarship applications. The college decision making process begins with selecting a college, moves to looking at that school's requirements, and then matching the student's scores, GPA, recommendations and fees to the school. Counselors direct the entire process.

## Every dream has a price tag!

**\$7,623**

The cost for one full time year of college classes at the University of Cincinnati

**\$825**

The cost for books for one year of classes at Ohio University.

**\$38**

The average cost for applying to public schools in Ohio.

**Priceless**

Entering and becoming the person you want to become at your dream school.

Prices for 2004-2005





## Elyse Cristos

### senior moment



"I decided I wanted to go to Miami awhile ago. So when i sat down to have the meeting with me counselor I already knew where my mind was set. She helped me know the requirements to get in and everything I would have to do from now on in order to secure my acceptance. Overall my counselor was very helpful with my admission to college."

Our guidance counselors provide a view of all that lies on the horizon of the future, whether that be college, apprenticeship program, the military or that first job. After reviewing options, students, parents and counselors can work together to develop a plan of actions that will help graduates reach that destination on the horizon.

> Ms. Sherry Case,  
guidance counselor

## Q&A

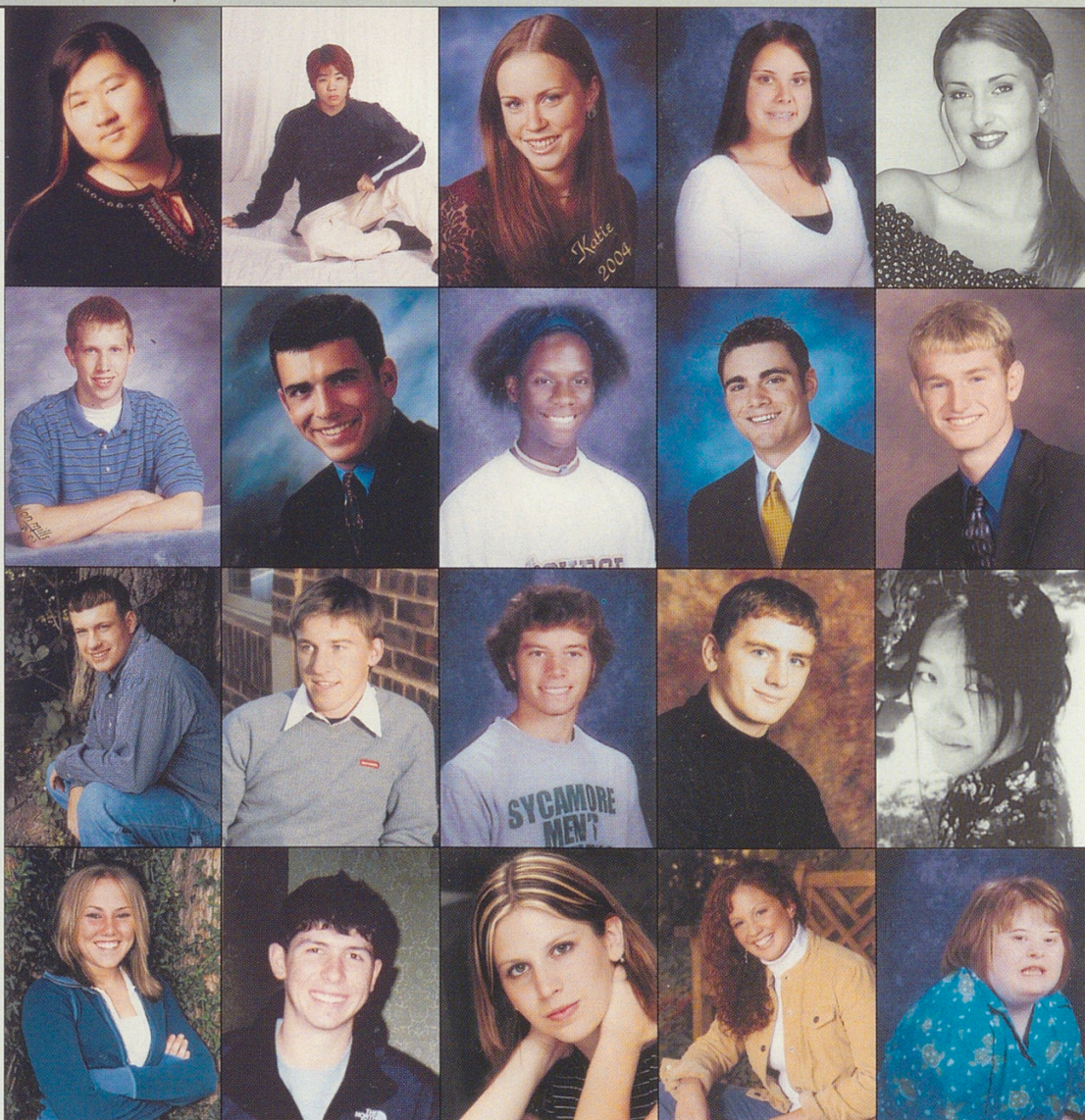
with Mrs. Michelle Wheeler, guidance counselor.

**q:** What do you recommend for seniors to take or do during their final year?

**a:** "I recommend seniors take a rigorous schedule, start the application process early and make the most of all their opportunities.."

**q:** What parameters do you use to guide seniors to realistically look at the costs of their dream school and compare it to the costs of their realistic school?

**a:** "I advise students to compare the cost of attending after they receive the financial aid award from each college. What appears to be as reasonable as others when the financial aid package is considered. To obtain financial aid, students must complete the FASFA and sometimes, other supplemental information.



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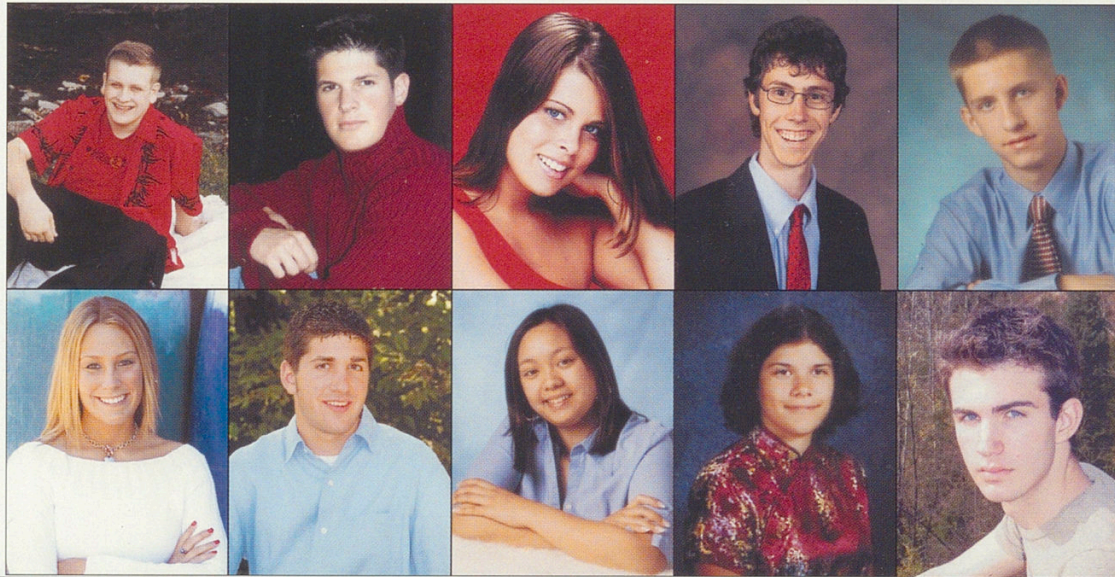
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Matthew Leach  
Mark LeBoeuf  
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Jacob Lee  
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Lauren Lehrner  
Evan Leitner  
Patricia-Anne Lenon  
Leslie Levine  
Mark Levy

## Grab your ballots!

By: Nikki Wissing and Carly Mandel

18 year-olds-voice opinions by casting votes.

**L**ABOR DAY MARKED THE START OF THE COMPETITION OF PARTIES TO BECOME PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. The candidates started their campaigning approximately two years before the actual presidential election took place. By campaigning so early, candidates were risking either hurting or helping the number of their supporters. Overexposure was a risk, but could also increase a candidate's recognition and gain support of voters.

**"What are the major issues in the 2004 election?"**

**1** Economy **3** Health Care  
**2** Education **4** War In Iraq

## 2004 Campaigns

### Determining America's Future

#### Candidates

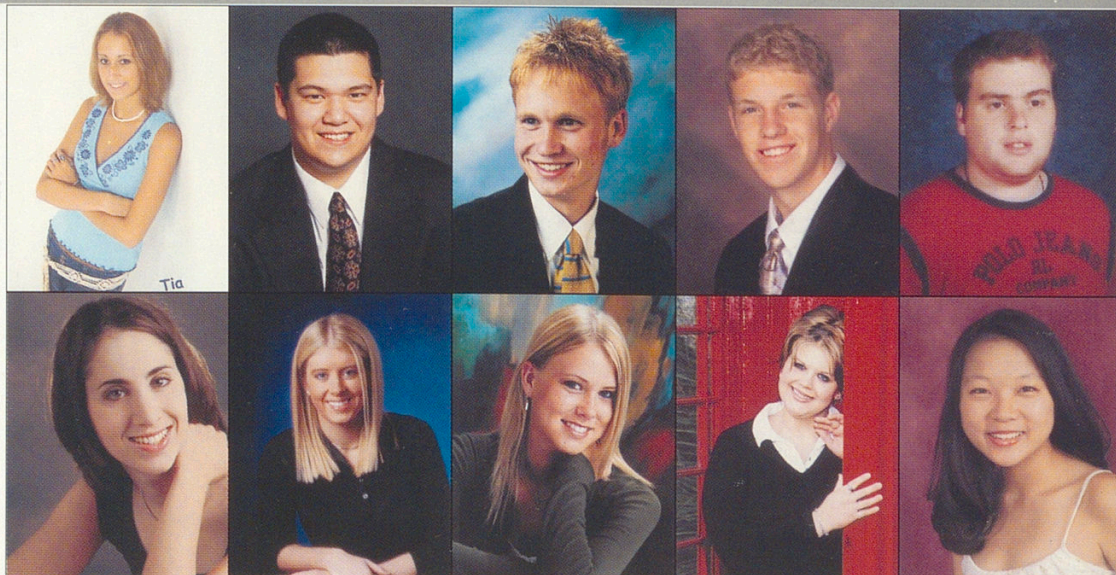
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General Wesley Clark, AZ.  
Senator John Edwards, N.C.  
Representative Richard Gephardt, MO.  
Senator John Kerry, MA.  
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Representative Dennis Kucinich, OH.  
Senator Carol Moseley Braun, IL  
Activist Al Sharpton, NY.

##### Republicans:

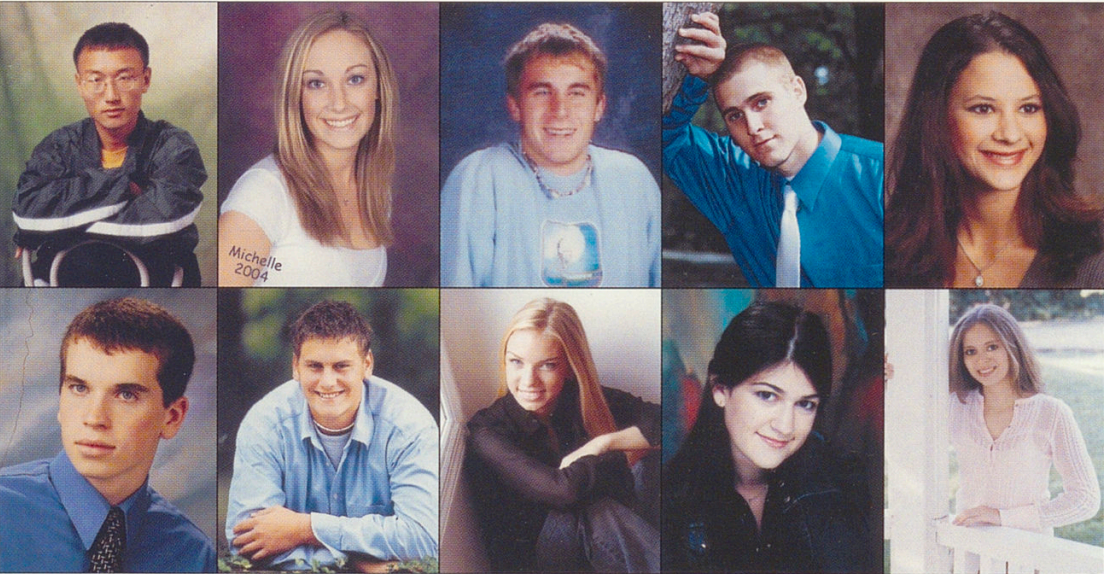
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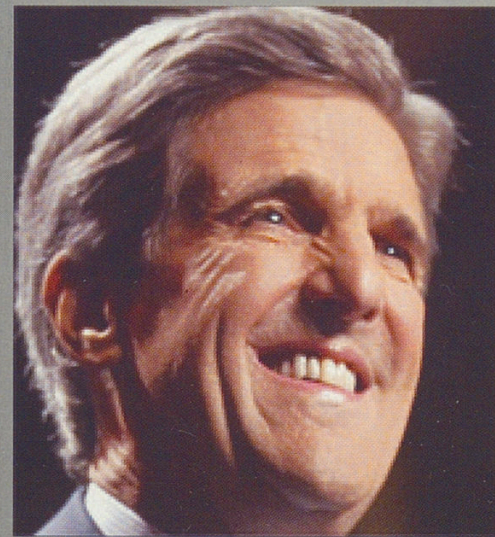
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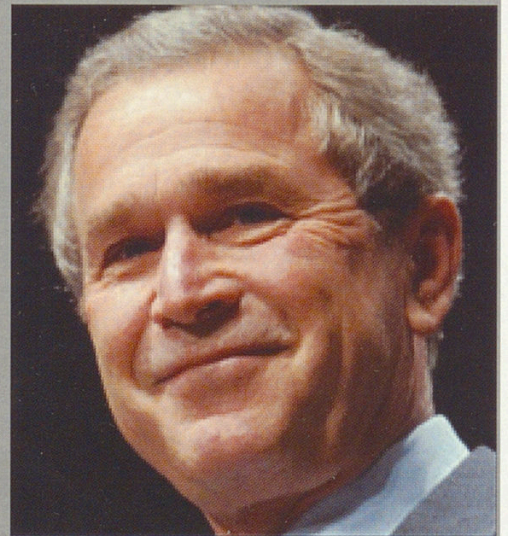
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**S**ENATOR John Kerry of Massachusetts knocked Senator John Edwards, of North Carolina, out of the race on Super Tuesday, March 2. While the polls said Kerry, many democrats think that Edwards is still a strong candidate for the 2004 Presidency.

President George W. Bush has held his own in the polls as well. He campaigns as his daily schedule as President allows.

It is up to you, so grab your ballot on November 2!



### What are your thoughts on the top issues of the election?



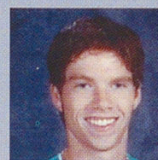
"Health care, education and economy can take care of itself. Often times presidents claim to be able to revitalize the economy, but you never know until they are in office."

>Tony Borzotta.



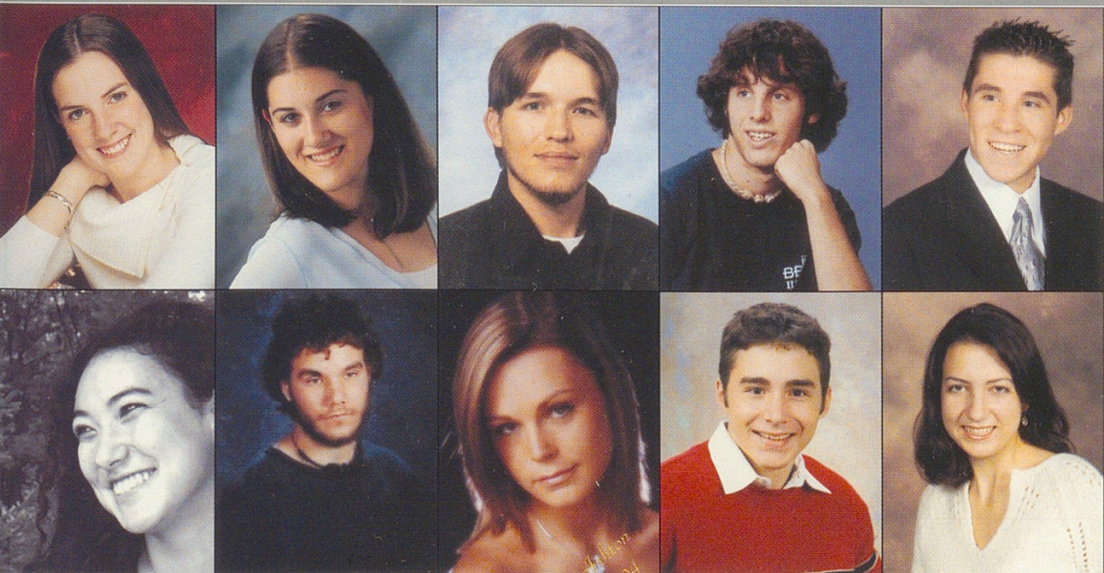
"The state of the economy is the biggest issue facing our country at this time."

>Michael Oshita.



"The war in Iraq needs to be followed through. If a democrat comes to power as the president, he is going to have to be responsible for the rebuilding of Iraq. There is talk of the democratic party downfall. If that is the case, go Oprah...go Hilary!"

>Kevin Newman.



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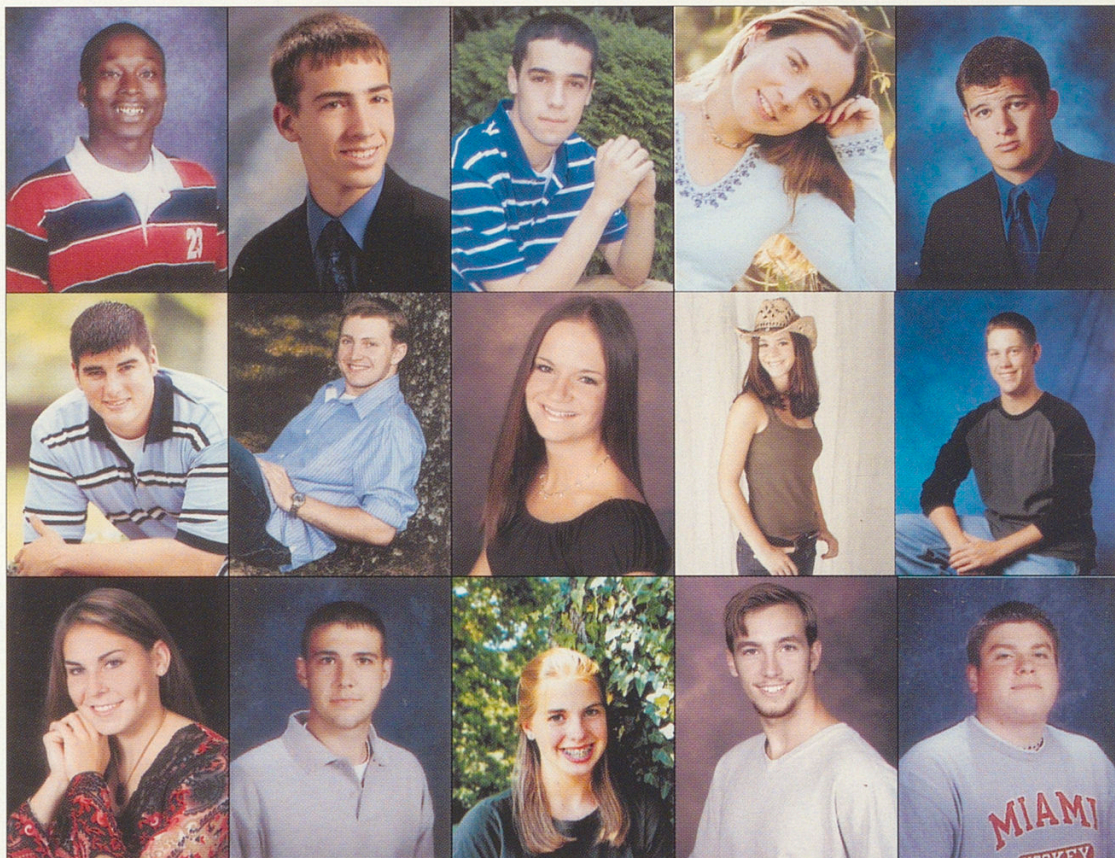
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Daniel McMullen  
Jonathan McPike  
Michelle Mehl  
Barbara Mellman  
Luke Melvin

Stacy Meyer  
Tommy Meyer  
Lisbet Michiels  
Jason Miller  
Paul Morris



# Goodbye, Leaving the nest

By: Laura Eastes

**R**EADY OR NOT HERE COMES THE FUTURE! For many seniors the future was fast approaching and plans were being made. From college bound seniors to future military officers dreams were coming true and the only thoughts left were of leaving the home or leaving the nest.

It may not have occurred to many seniors at first but as the school year began to weed down thoughts concentrate on leaving home and many of their friends.

Some seniors were overjoyed with leaving home and even Cincinnati. Others found it difficult to leave love ones and pack up and leave for college or a new life.

While some worried constantly about what the future would bring others remained optimistic and excited about what the future would bring. So as seniors said good-bye to teachers, friends, and family they waited patiently for their dreams to come true.

**DORM ROOM READY?** Although college life was several months away, raffles at after prom included prizes for the perfect dorm room. Televisions, ipods, gift certificates to Target and Lines and Things, and baskets full of what every one needs in their dorm room were raffled off to seniors. In the girls dorm basket (left) items included down comforter, two dry erase boards, a desk lamp, Barnes and Nobel gift card, clock, and many other dorm must haves.





# Any thoughts on next year?

"The thought of not being in my room with my stuff. And my bed."

> **Pat Christensen**

"I'm excited to spend a lot more time with my band and not school."

> **Mike Maher**

"I'm excited about getting out of this school and getting my own place where all the beautiful ladies can come and chill."

> **Rashad Rasheed**

"I can't wait to be on my own because I am a really independent person and the extra freedom will be very nice."

> **Lauren Romansky**

## What will you miss most?

"Free Food!"

> **Jena Whitman**

"My mom doing my laundry!"

> **Becky Schmidt**

"Time to sleep!"

> **Danielah Blackburn**

## What do you fear most about being on your own?

"I fear having to wear the same clothes over and over again because I wouldn't be able to do my laundry."

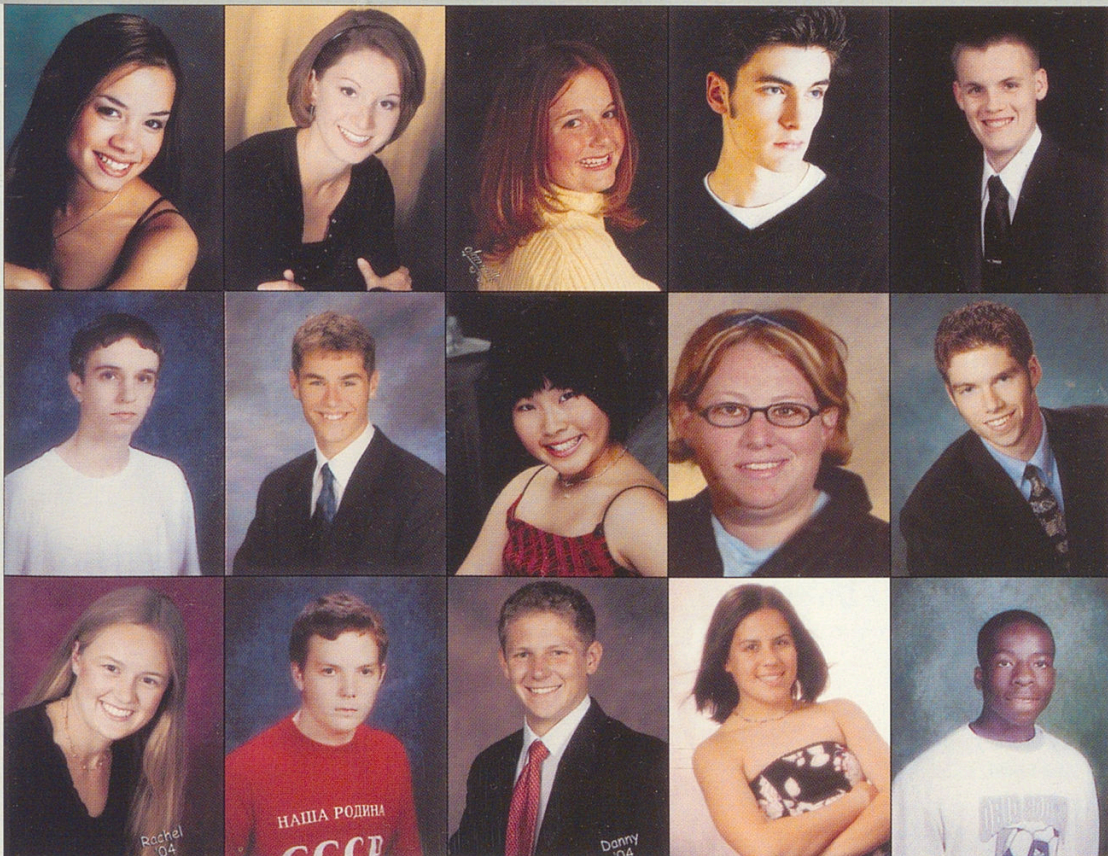
> **Eric Cox**

"Burning down my dorm with my portable straightener and not being able to find nice young men with facial hair."

> **Amy Donofrio**

"I fear most that someone will steal the teddy bear I sleep with."

> **Algis Aukstuolis**



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Becky Mowry  
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Kyle Murphy  
Mark Myers  
Hatsuna Nakanishi  
Jessica Nedelman  
Kevin Newman

Rachel Newsted  
Ivan Nikolaev  
Daniel O'Gara  
Maria Oliver  
Uchenna Ononye



# Spring break Senior style

By: Ashley Austin and Shaili Ryan

It's the week that every senior anticipates from the first day of senior year. Planning starts in advance when friends get together and figure out where they want to go and how much they are able to spend. Destinations range from anywhere around the world. Once the decision is made it's only a matter of waiting until the time comes to leave, which always seems like an eternity.

When the week is over and it is time to come home the memories will last and friends will never forget all the fun they had on spring break. For it was Senior Spring Break that made the end of year so great.



**ENJOYING SOME TIME AWAY FROM THE BEACH OF Cancun, Mexico.** Elyse Cristos, Jessica Lane, Lindsay Crum, Shaili Ryan, and Cali Allen out eating dinner Mexican style. "I had so much fun getting to experience something new with my friends, but when the week was over I was ready to come home and eat some American food," said Cristos.



**TAKING THE LAST DAY OF PARADISE ONE MOMENT AT A TIME!** Robin Hunsucker, Sarah Richards, Lauren Romansky, Christina Thesing, Stacy Anders, Lindsey Fohlen, Melanie Jones, Ali Sinclair, Sarah Chapman, Ashley Austin, and Courtney Siemer enjoy their last day in Cancun on the beach. "It was a fun experience to share with all my senior girls, and I will never forget all the crazy days and nights," said Sarah Chapman.

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Christopher Pardee

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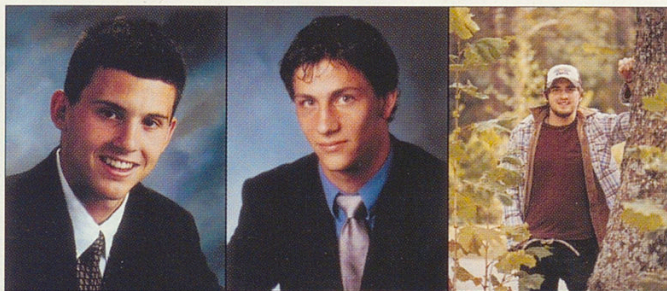
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Kyle Pruitt







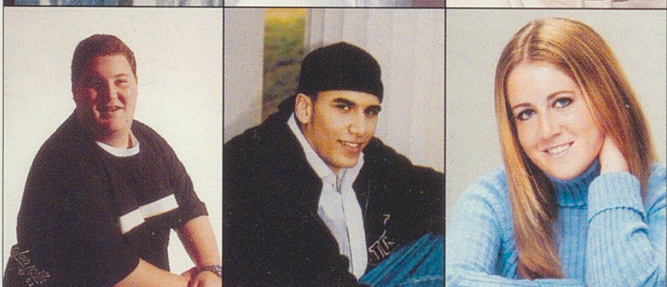
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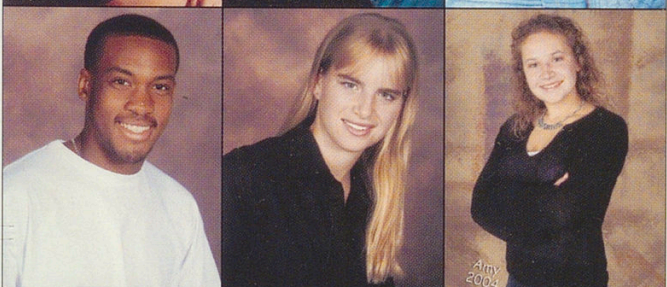
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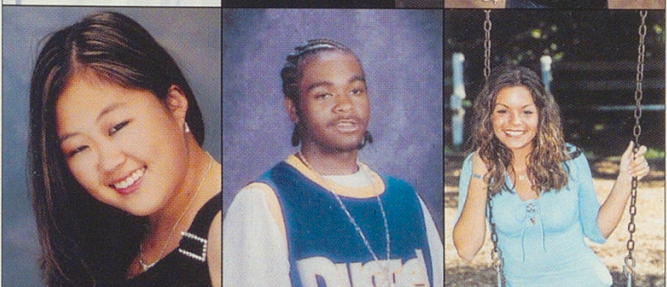
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Andrew Reed



Robert Reed  
Devin Rhodes  
Sarah Richards



Joel Richardson  
Nicole Richter  
Amy Rickards



Katherine Rider  
Desmond Riley  
Christina Rispoli



Brian Rissover  
Kristy Roberts  
Ryan Roberts



#### ENJOYING LOOKING AT THE UNDER WATER TREASURES.

Taking a break from the cruise ship, **Gretchen Bloomstrom** and **Jen Witte** go snorkeling at one of the many places they stopped. Throughout the week, besides being on the boat they got to stop at many different islands and see many new things.



#### RELAXING IN FLORIDA. Allyson Harmon and Michelle Mehl

spent their spring break together in Orlando. Together they spent a week full of shopping, swimming, sleeping and friends together. The two even spent a day at Disney's Pleasure Island.



#### SPRING BREAK SNOWFALL. Heading West to hit the slopes were

**Brian Lipps, Mark Schibler, Andy Reed** and **Brandon Taylor**, pictured. Taylor busted the tendons in his knee after one of the ski jumps in the mountains of Utah.



# Excellence in mind and heart

## Senior Recognition Night

By: Molly Finn

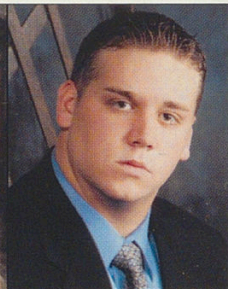
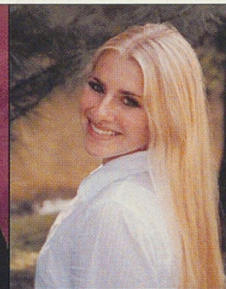
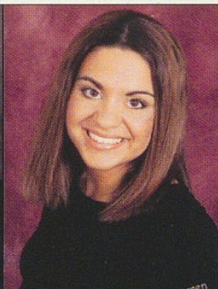
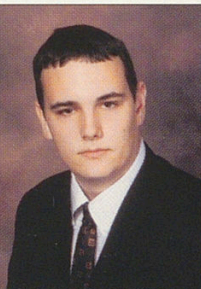
**MENTIS ET CORDIS EXCELLENTIA:** Excellence in mind and heart. The senior recognition ceremony was held May 27 at 6:00 P.M.. The 2 1/2 hour ceremony acknowledged high school academic achievements, presented memorial scholarships, and listed collegiate scholarships in a power point presentation. Gold cords represented High Honors, an average of 3.6 or higher for four years, and white cords represented Honors, achieving an average of 3.0-3.59 for four years. The ceremony was closed by the seniors standing and applauding all those who helped them achieve the accomplishments they were recognized for that night.

### <Department Medallion Awards>

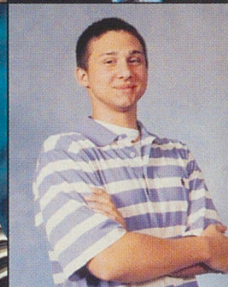
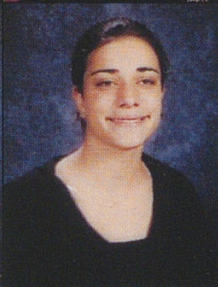
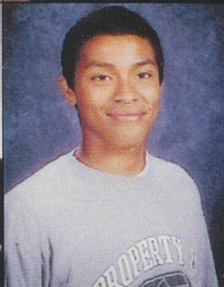
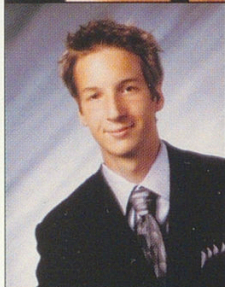
American Sign Language.....	Katherine Conner
Art.....	Nikki San Miguel
Band.....	Kristina Kitko
Counselors'.....	Robert Truax
Drafting.....	Michael Prince
English.....	Emily Rock
French.....	Tamar Pentelnik
Japanese.....	Nikki San Miguel
Journalism Newspaper.....	Corrie van Amerongen
Journalism Yearbook.....	Molly Finn
Latin.....	Christopher Pardee
Marketing.....	Casey Mack, Ashley Shafer
Orchestra.....	Elena Hissett
Photography.....	Sergey Kahn, Jamison Mullholland
Social Studies.....	Jeffrey Adler, Vidya Venkataramanan
Spanish.....	Victoria Jones
Theatre.....	Neil Heyman
Vocal.....	Andrew Wehling



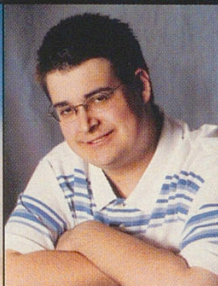
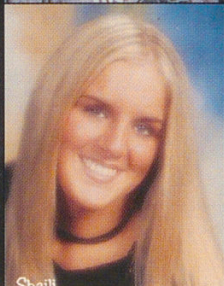
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Lauren Romansky  
Alexandra Rorie  
Michael Rosa



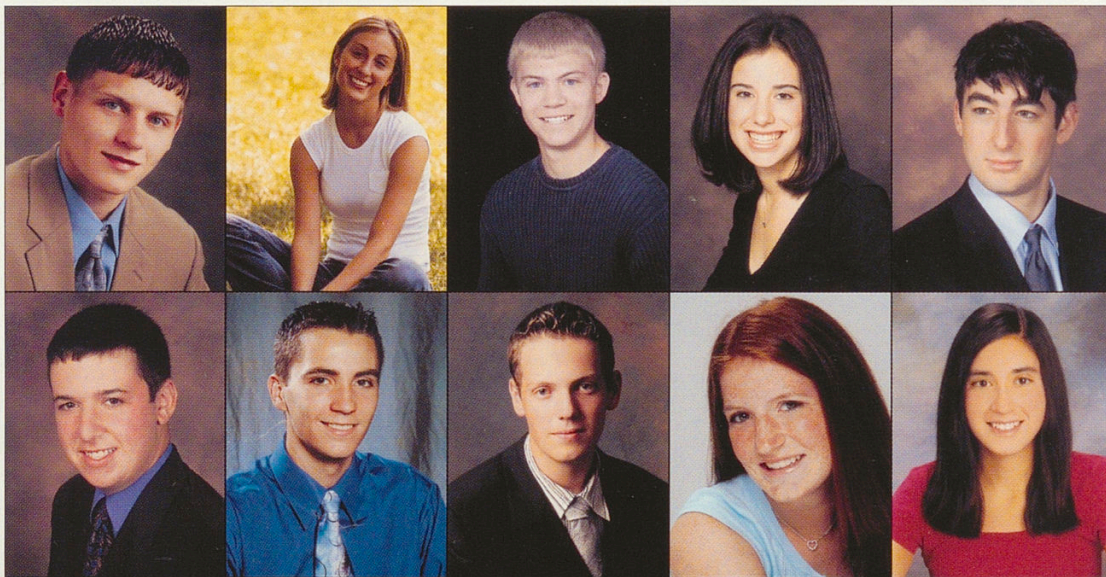
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Chad Rosen  
Elisha Roser  
Carly Roth  
Randall Rubenstein



Meaghan Ryan  
Shaili Ryan  
David Saltz  
Nikki San Miguel  
Jill Sanchez







William Sanders  
Mary Beth Sauer  
Ryan Sayre  
Rachel Schaengold  
Jeffrey Schear

Jeffrey Schechter  
Mark Schibler  
Torge Schiefelbein  
Audrey Schmidlin  
Rebecca Schmidt

## < Scholarships and Awards >

U.S. Air Force ROTC > **Gregory Bieler**  
 Rotary Service Above Self > **Michelle Potter**  
 NECC Howard D. Barns Memorial > **Karen Staubach**  
 Dennis G. Klasmeier Award for Outstanding School Spirit & Service > **Elena Hissett**  
 Montgomery Woman's Club > **Anait Grigoryan, Jonathan Kattelman, Mykhaylo Loban, Fan Claire Lu, Courtney Siemer, Rachel Wayne**  
 Montgomery Woman's Club Golden Achievement Award > **Nathanael Harward, Corrie van Amerongen**  
 Montgomery Woman's Club-Radia S. Pfingstag Memorial > **Michelle Potter**  
 Mark Mussari Memorial > **Brian Murphy**  
 Blue Ash Woman's Club > **Amy Donofrio, Danielle Fluker, Lisa Logston, Ryan Sayre**  
 Charleston & Shirley Wang > **Tianlai Lu**  
 Monica Kuchmar Memorial > **Marybeth Kenny**  
 Ann Neubeck Memorial > **Michael Petticrew**  
 Taiwanese Association of Cincinnati > **Elena Hissett**  
 Cincinnati Chinese Cultural Learning Association > **Janice Feng**  
 Roy J. Kennedy Memorial > **Robert Truax**  
 Joe Flege > **Shekar Jayaraman**  
 S.H.A.P.E > **Joseph Pittman, Susan Shuller**  
 Curt Peterson Memorial > **Molly Finn**  
 Philip Brown Memorial > **Willie Million**  
 Kathleen F. Stacy Award > **Lois Harris**  
 Sycamore Merit Award > **Bradford Bartels**  
 Jim Backus Award > **Jessica Nedelman**  
 John Philip Sousa Award > **Nathanael Harward**  
 National School Orchestra Award > **Gerald Torres**  
 Dr. Orval M. Conner > **Joshua Kostreva**  
 Sycamore Education Association > **Mollie Fingerman, Michelle Ludy, Elizabeth Stinger, Rachel Wayne**  
 Sycamore Vocal Boosters > **Jared Drapkin, Mollie Fingerman, Kathryn Hurst, Meredith Juergens, Michelle Ludy, Jessica Uchtman**  
 Sycamore Theatre Boosters > **Mollie Fingerman**  
 Ohio Board of Regents > **Emily Rock, Nitin Sekar, Karen Staubach, Marc Stewart, Vidya Venkataramanan**  
 Saint Barnabas > **Christine Kehayes, Becky Mowry**  
 Stephanie Everett Volleyball Scholarship > **Stacy Anders**

## < Student led ceremony >

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Nikki San Miguel**  
 National Anthem : **Sydney Morton and Meredith Juergens**  
 Senior Song "Forever Young">Bob Dylan: **Sydney Morton and Meredith Juergens**  
 Welcome Speech: **Michael Koebel**

## <More Numbers>

Summa Cum Laude: 72  
 High Honors: 158  
 Honors: 148  
 Honor Diploma: 205  
 National Honor Society: 117

## <National Merit Scholars>

### <SEMI-FINALISTS>

Janice Feng	Katherine McInerney
Michael Guder	Joseph Philpott
Dennis Jiang	Emily Rock
Amy Kim	Nathan Schneider
Lois Kwa	Nitin Sekar
Jacob Lee	Karen Staubach
Evan Leitner	Christine Troy
David Maze	Robert Truax

### <COMMENDED SCHOLARS>

Elizabeth Brodzinski	Christopher Pardee
David Hall	Carly Roth
Nathaniel Hatfield	Nikki San Miguel
Nate Herrell	Mark Schibler
Scott Keller	Marc Stewart
Swati Khambe	Vidya Venkataramanan
Jefferson Lee	Rachel Wang
Jonathan McPike	Andrew Wehling
Sydney Morton	Keren Weltman
Rachel Newsted	Suzanne Wight

16,000 students were selected in the 49th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Over 8,000 scholarships were awarded over \$32 million

<National Achievement Scholar>  
 James Smith

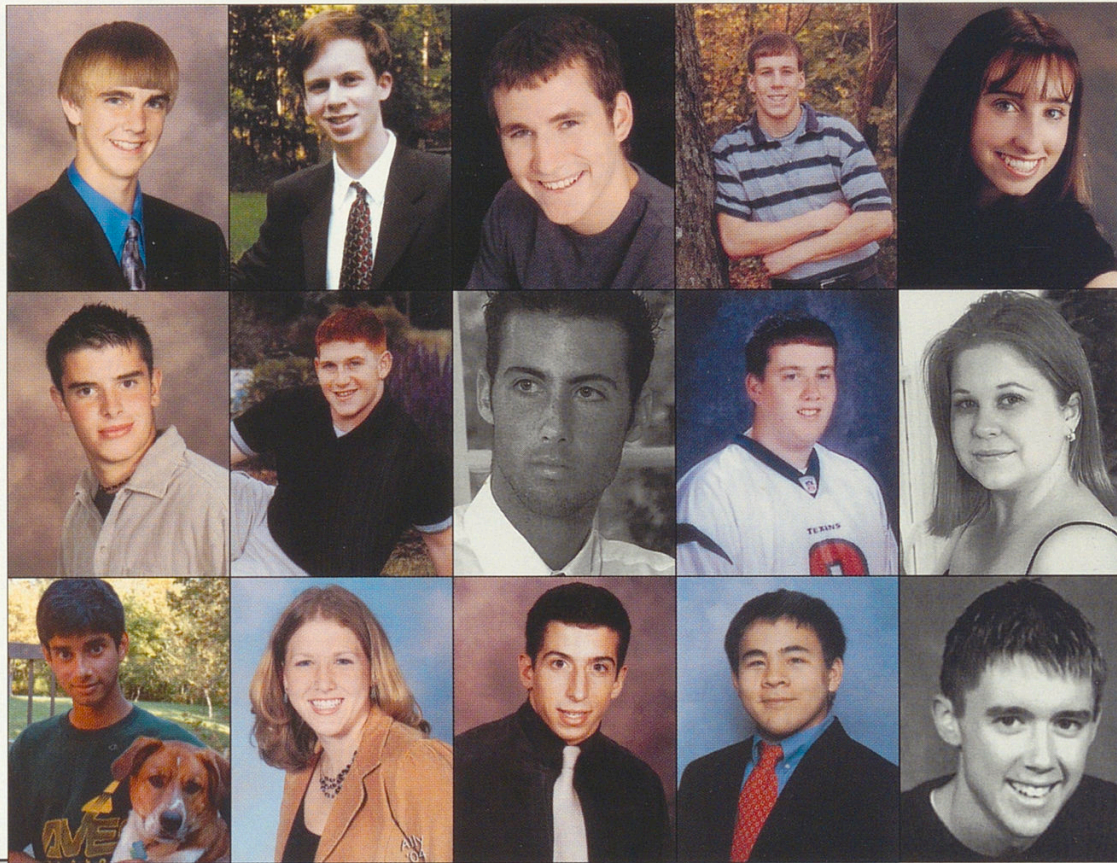




Zachary Schmitz  
Nathan Schneider  
Daniel Schoenberger  
Mark Schrock  
Amanda Schroeder

Brian Schuch  
Andrew Schwartz  
E. Preston Scruggs  
Steven Sears  
Jessica Sebastian

Nitin Sekar  
Allyson Senefeld-Naber  
Daniel Serota  
Nicholas Sestito  
Michael Sexton



# Most talked about debates

## Choosing a side on popular disagreements

By: Lindsay Crum & Emily Wolfram

**M**any changes have occurred throughout the last four years for the graduating class. A new administration has been staffed, rules and regulations have been adjusted, and new plans of action such as mandatory after school study halls have been put into effect. Realistically, these study halls are not much concern for the seniors because most have early dismissal, yet they still voice their opinion on the matter. Students who stay after school hours for whatever reason are required to be in a supervised classroom rather than walking through the halls.

"This is to prevent such things as theft," said

**Officer Paul Payne**, the school resource officer.

Another gravitating change for the senior class has been the dress code. Strict enforcement of the code has caused students to be sent home from school and events, or forced to wear something provided for them. Seeing Navels, spaghetti straps, and under garments were all forbidden, as they cause distraction. Even though styles for coming seasons supported revealing clothing.

The argument of parking passes was in debate constantly.

The cost for a parking pass was \$70.00 and the privilege could be taken away for tardiness. But some seniors failed to realize that the money did go to decent causes such as maintaining the facilities of the school and the parking lot itself.

Debates continued among the senior class through out the year but eventually the debate became how many days' till we graduate.

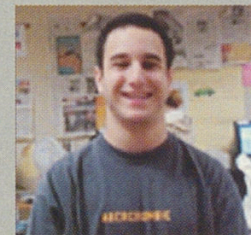
## AFTER SCHOOL STUDY HALLS

... Is mandated necessary?



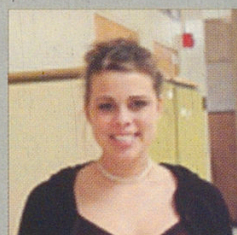
"We're going to be living on our own practically in less than a year, but the school won't let us stay after [school] without supervision, interesting."

> Gina Sylvester



"Personally I don't like them. High school students don't need baby-sitters."

> David Polaniecki

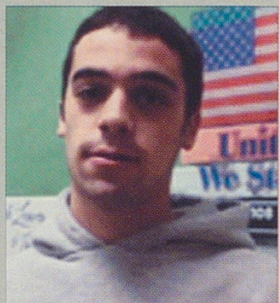


"If they prevent crime that's cool, but being watched after like incapable children is ridiculous."

> Katie LeBuhn

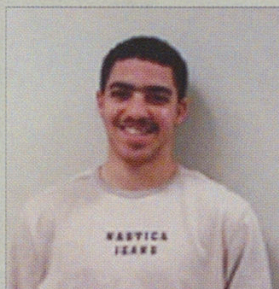






"Parking passes are ridiculous because you shouldn't have to pay to park in a public place."

> **Greg Moler**



"Parking passes are way too expensive. A senior who wants one should get one."

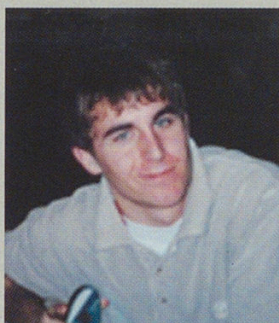
> **Josh Henderson**

# What was up with those parking passes?



"It's all right that they tightened up on the tardy situation but its ridiculous for them to take the passes away for being late."

> **Suzanne Wight**



"I think they are ridiculously over priced. I will never buy one even though I drive to school and still park in the parking lot."

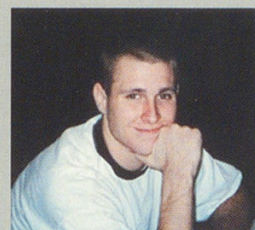
> **Cullen Luning**



"I think the principals have better things to worry about than what I wear to school everyday."

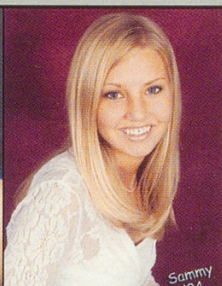
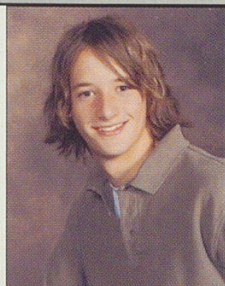
> **Alix Zuberbuhler**

## Is the dress code unfair, or are fashion trends too revealing?

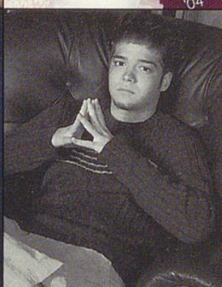
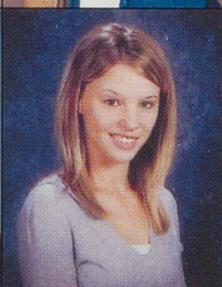
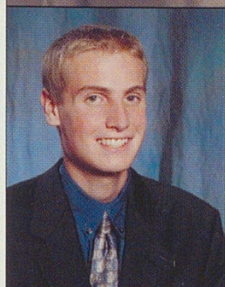


"I don't think the code is strict at all. If they wanted to be strict we would all be wearing uniforms."

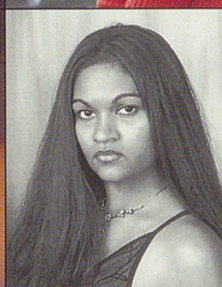
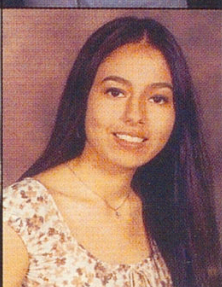
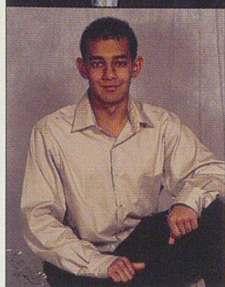
> **Casey Mack**



Andrew Shafer  
Ashley Shafer  
Samantha Shaffer  
Joshua Shaftel  
Steven Shaw



Michael Shewmon  
Christa Shirley  
Joshua Shivers  
Mera Shtiewi  
Susan Shuller



Faisal Siddiqui  
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Courtney Siemer  
Reena Sikdar



# Now & Then

A Blast from the Past **By: Alix Zuberbuhler**

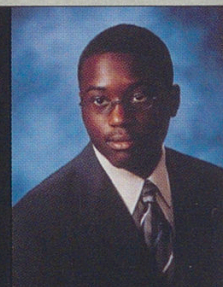
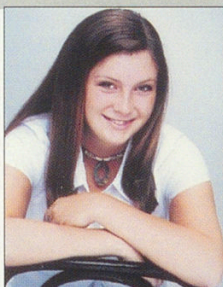


**ALL GROWN UP!** Kim Doris, Laura Eastes, Jessica Alexoff, Tracy Woodburn, Ember Kelly, Nick Egloff, and Mike Kelly, get together on the playground way back when. Even though recess isn't the highlight of our day anymore, these seven seniors still make time to have some fun together.

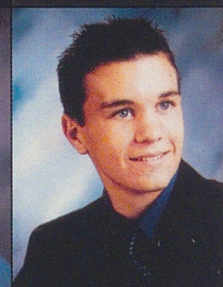
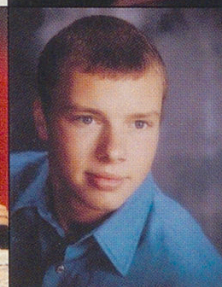
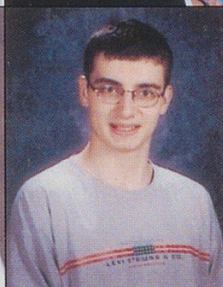
**O**n our first days of grade school and junior high, senior year seemed like a million years away, but now it's here. As we say our good-byes and spend our last moments together, it's good to look back on when we were growing up. New friendships were formed, and old friendships stayed strong, but no matter what happened in the past four years, our friends will never be forgotten. When we came into freshman year, we had no idea what lie ahead of us and as we get closer to graduation, all we have are memories of the past four years together. We've all experienced the fights, the parties, the drama, the laughs and the cries and no matter what happens in the future, we will all remember this as the time of our lives.



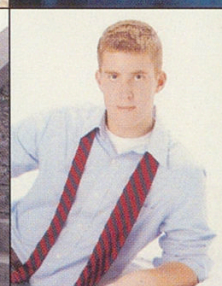
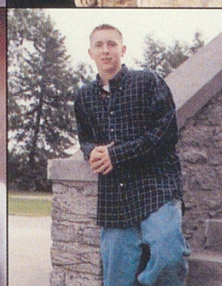
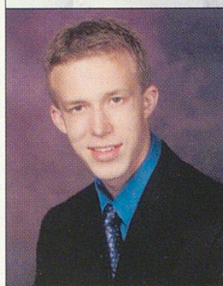
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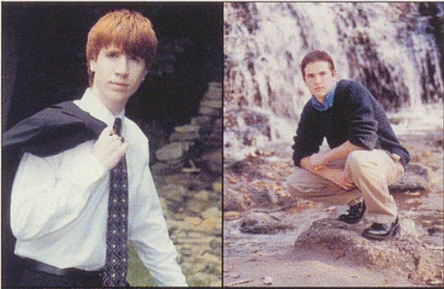
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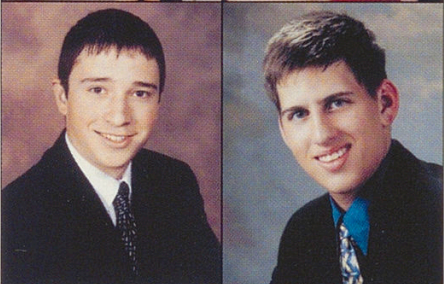




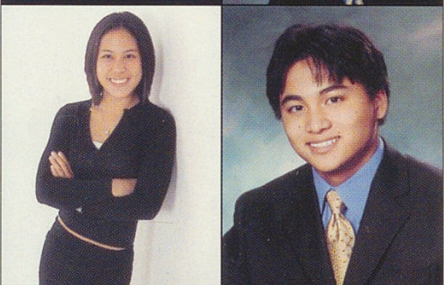
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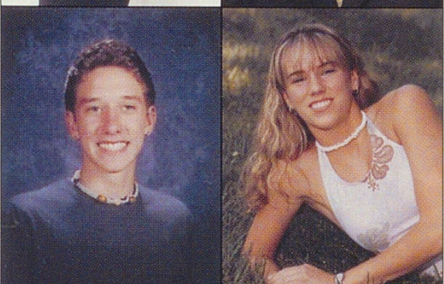
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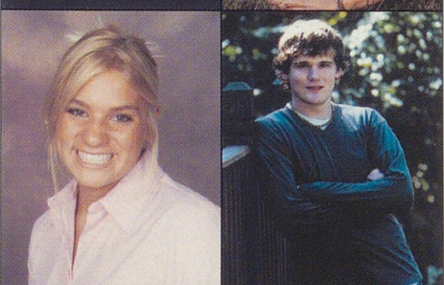
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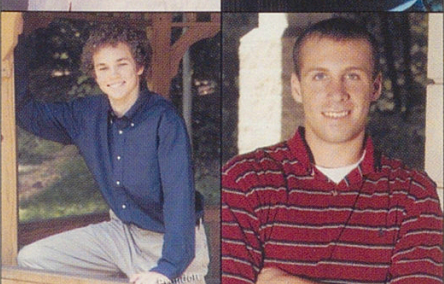
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James Swantko  
Megan Sweeney



Virginia Sylvester  
Benjamin Taylor



Brandon Taylor  
Patrick Tepe



**FROM THE PLAYGROUND, TO HIGH SCHOOL,** Lizzy Klein, and Jenny Breed, have been friends since they can remember. These two know everything about each other, so they rely on each other when it comes to school, family and friends. Having a best friend like this makes high school that much better.



**"I'LL BE RIGHT OVER WITH A BAG OF CLOTHES!"** said Mary Sauer. Sauer and Kelly Beech, have been friends since elementary school. Since then, they have made memories that will last forever. Being next door neighbors for awhile made their friendship even stronger.



**Cameron Rademacher, Danny O'Gara, and Jeff Schear** all dressed up back in the day! Their senior ID pictures show how they have grown, yet still look the same! No matter what has happened in the past four years, these three still remained friends.



Christina Terilli  
Christina Thesing  
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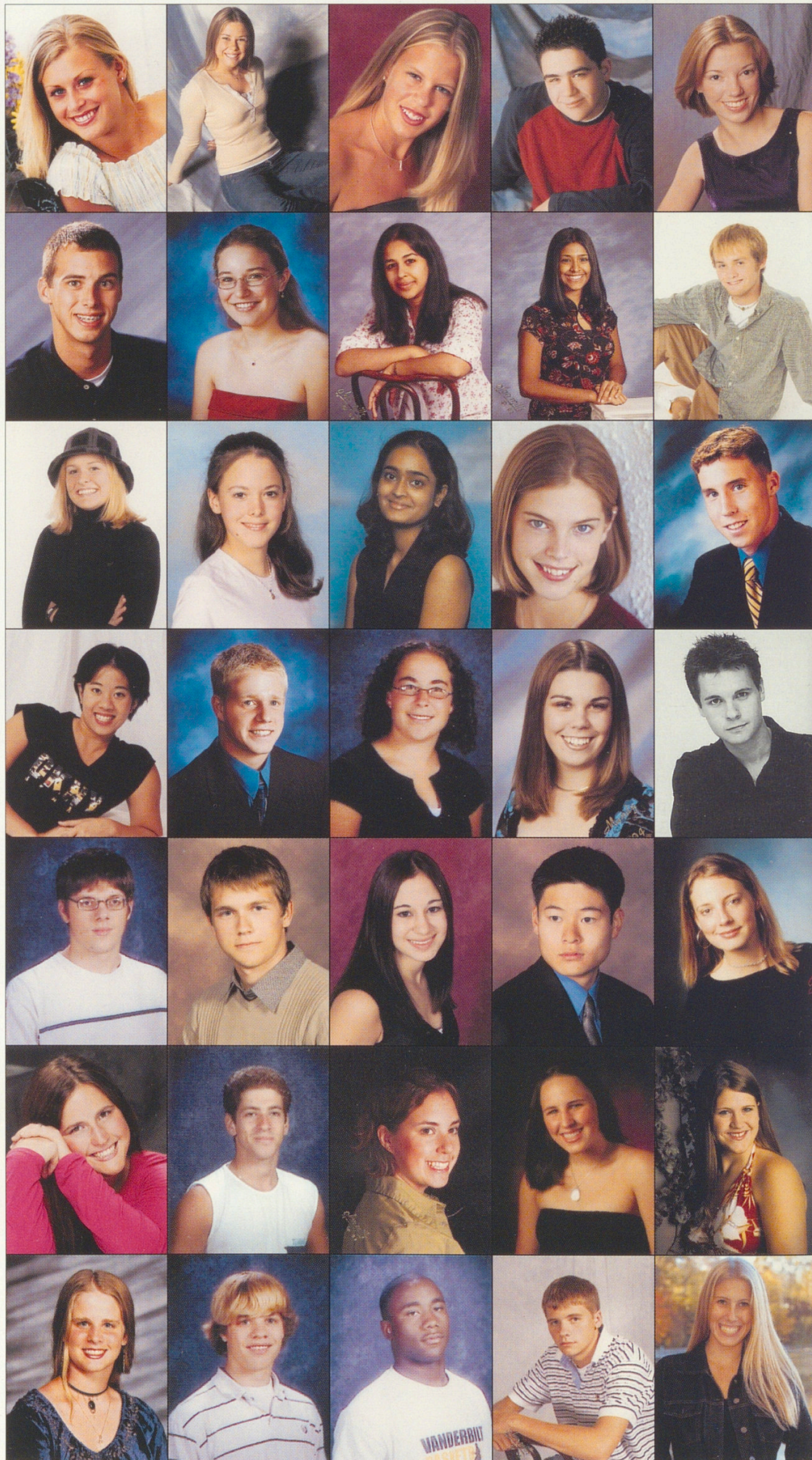
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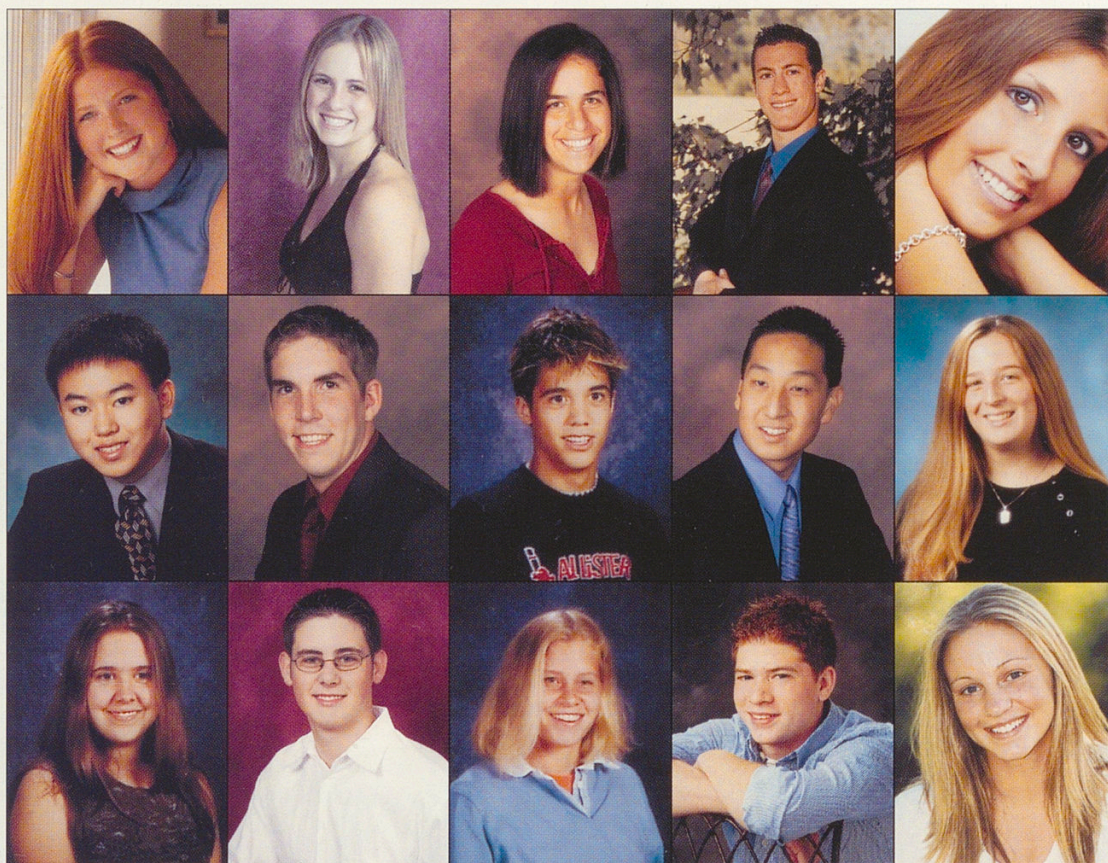
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Lindsay Wilhelm  
Peter Wilkens  
Giles Williams  
Michael Williamson  
Lauren Wilson







Jennifer Witt  
Emily Wolfram  
Rachel Wolfson  
Travis Wood  
Tracy Woodburn

Albert Wu  
Shawn Wylie  
Andrew Yee  
Casper Yen  
Jessica Zanger

Courtney Zielinski  
Adam Zinnecker  
Leah Zipperstein  
Jorin Zola  
Alix Zuberbuhler

## <CAMERA SHY SENIORS>

Terrance Bake  
Eric Berman  
Nrupa Borkar  
Joy Bostick

Jose Cos  
Eric Cox  
James Dashley  
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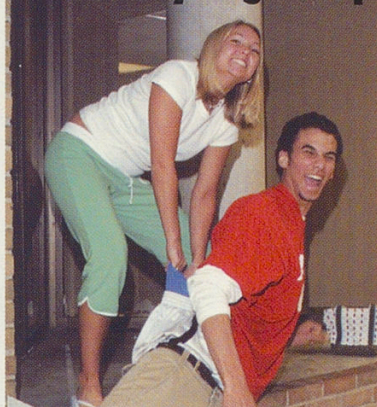
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### Senior Superlatives

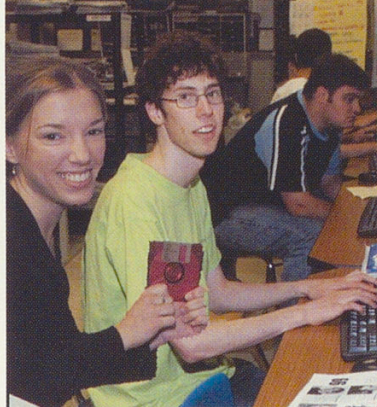
# Predict the future

#### Least likely to grow up



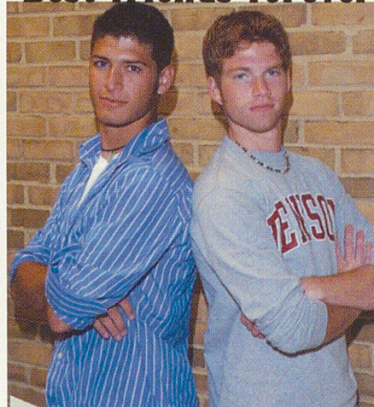
1. Lauren Malone & Devin Rhodes
2. Jessica Alexoff & Brian Schuch
3. Stephanie Von Ohain & Brian Lipps

#### Next Bill Gates



1. Karen Staubach & Jacob Lee
2. Christine Troy & Dennis Jiang
3. Sammy Shaffer & Nathan Schneider

#### Best friends forever



1. Jason Arenstein & Kevin Newman
2. Mike Kelly & Matt McKeown
3. Nick Perkins & Joey Stein

#### Best friends forever



1. Lizzy Klein & Jenny Breed
2. Katie Conner & Megan Bimschleger
3. Susan Shuller & Bethany Marks
3. Amy Donofrio & Jena Whitman
3. Mandy Weger & Katie Kitchen



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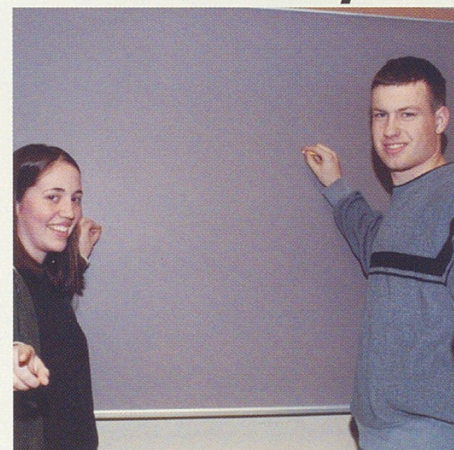
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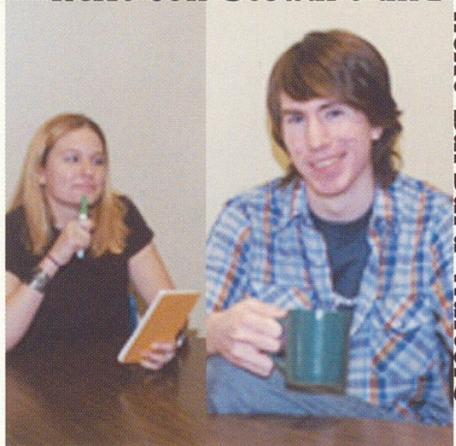
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1. Carly Roth & Brad Konerman
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## Next Jon Stewart and



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1. Jason Oppliger & Corrie Van Amerongen
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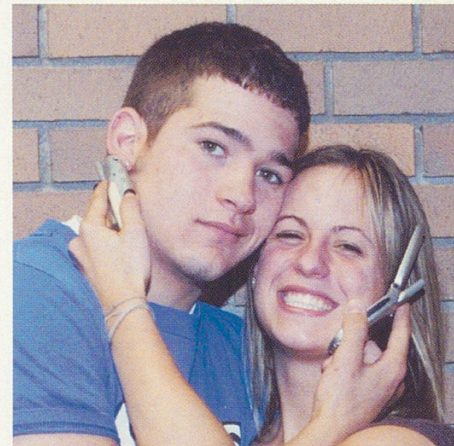
## Most likely to go out to



lunch and not come back

1. Lisa Bonn & Dimitry Katz
2. Emily Wolfram & Nate Valenti
3. Courtney Seimer & Mike Deangelo

## Most attached to



their cell phones

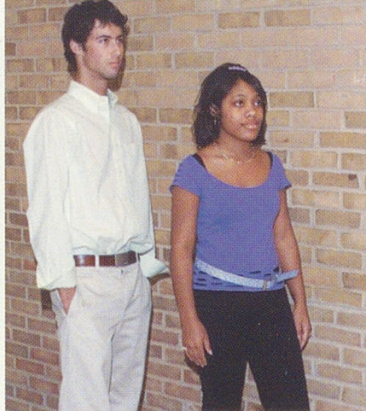
1. Emily Wolfram & Brad Blieden
2. Lauren Lehrner & Jake Bloom
3. Kim Thompson & Greg Moler

## Best smile



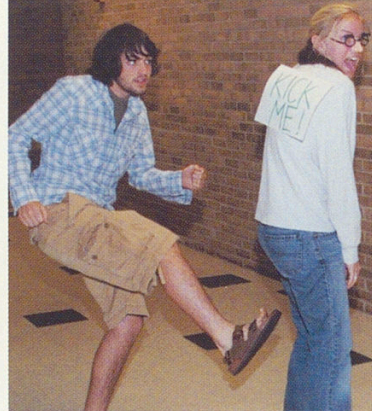
1. Cali Allen & Shekar Jayaraman
2. Ember Kelly & Mike Kelly
2. Alyssa Pharo & Joey Stein
2. Stacy Anders

## Best dressed



1. Sydney Morton & Preston Scruggs
2. Antrice Smith & John Steele
3. Lisa Logston & Evan Leitner

## Class clown



1. Lauren Malone & Devin Rhodes
2. Sydney Morton & Cameron Rademaker
3. Melanie Jones & Mike DeAngelo

## Biggest flirt



1. Ashley Austin & Mike Rosa
2. Karen Domas & Brian Kelly
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## Hottest car



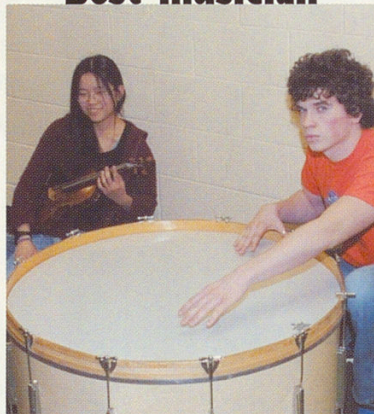
1. Karen Staubach & Joey Stein
2. Ashley Austin & Brett Banks
3. Emilee Banks & Brian Schuch

## Best eyes



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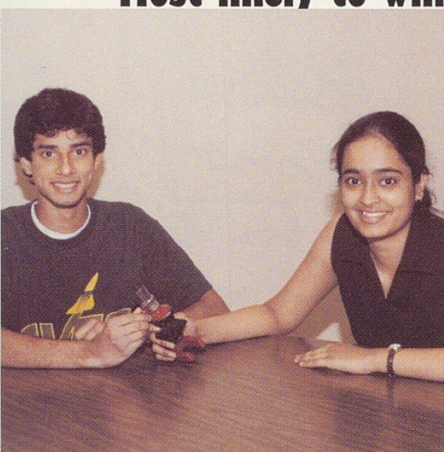
## Most artistic



1. Nikki San Miguel & Jason Butler
2. Lizzy Klein & Terrel Knight
3. Ayla Rapoport & Dan Mulholland

## Most likely to win

the Nobel Peace Prize



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## Most likely to

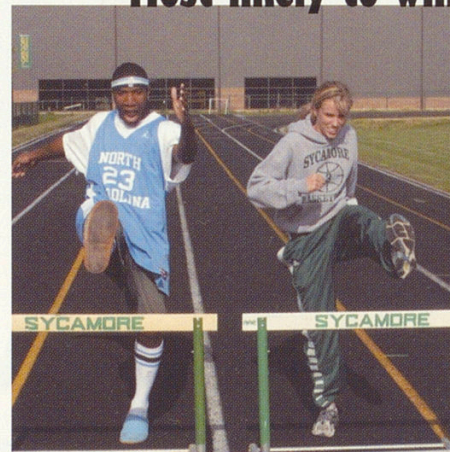
organize a protest



1. Rachel Gross & Aaron Binik-Thomas
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## Most likely to win

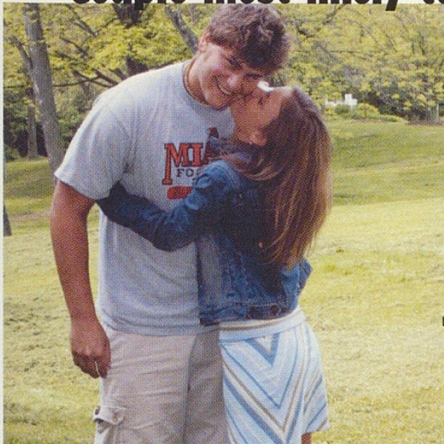
an Olympic medal



1. Megan Sweeney & Jesse Key
2. Gina Sylvester & Algis Aukstolis
3. Lauren Bernstein & Matt McKeown

## Couple most likely to

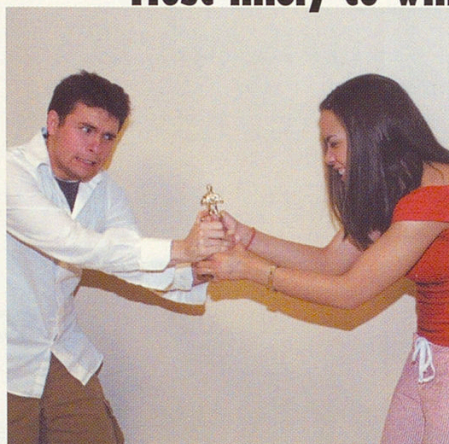
be seen on "Newlyweds"



1. Sarah Chapman & R.J. Mahoney
2. Kelly Beech & Danny O'Gara
3. Lauren Malone & Joey Stein

## Most likely to win

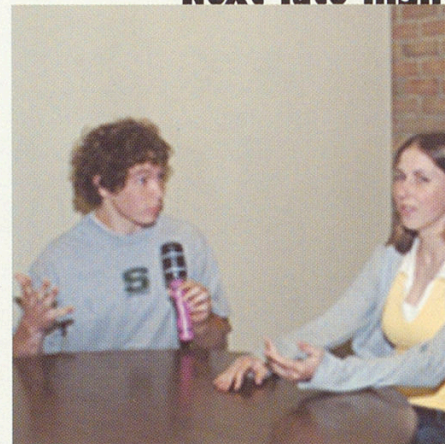
an Academy Award



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2. Mollie Fingerman & Neil Heyman
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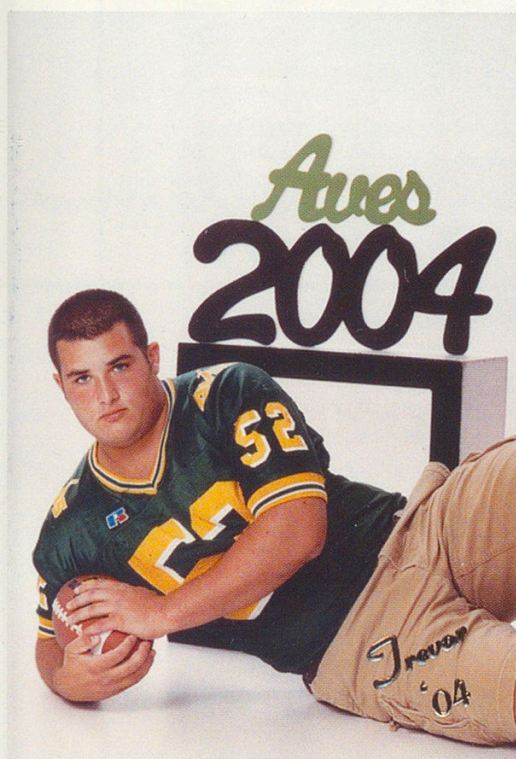
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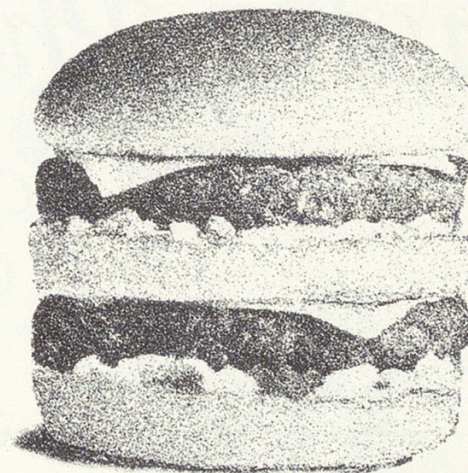
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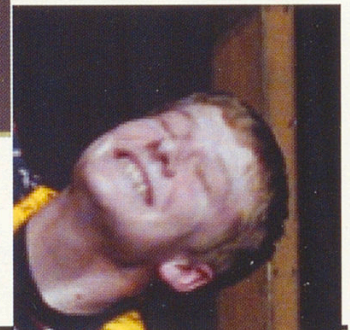
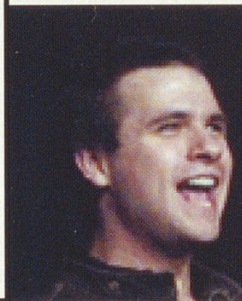
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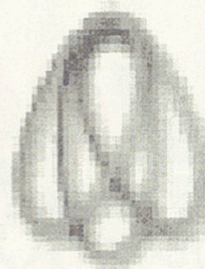
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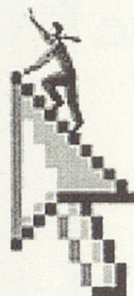
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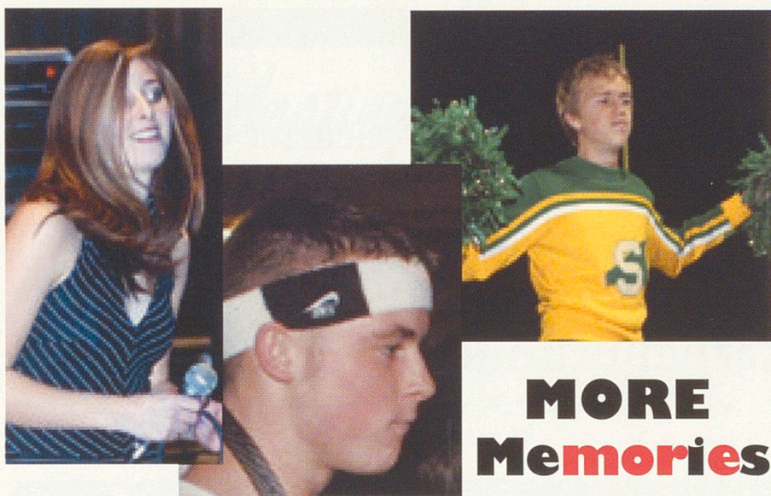


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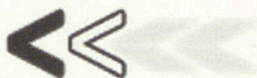


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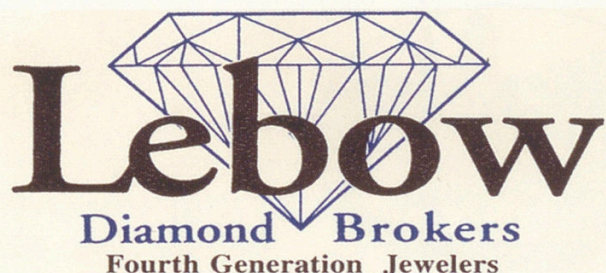
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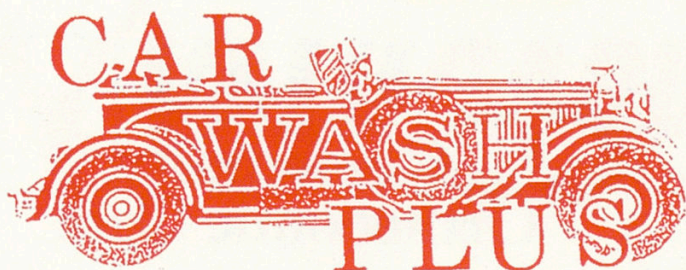


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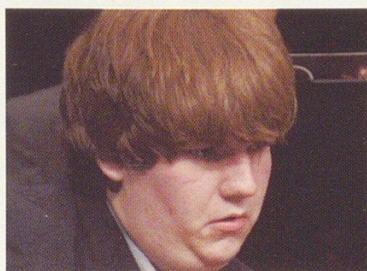
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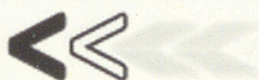
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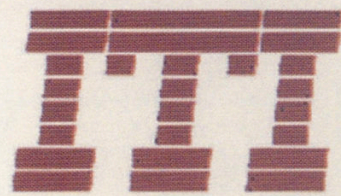
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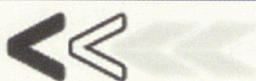




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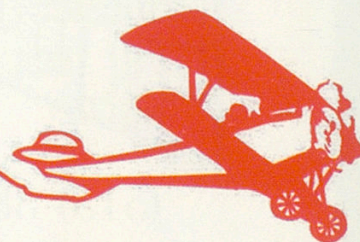
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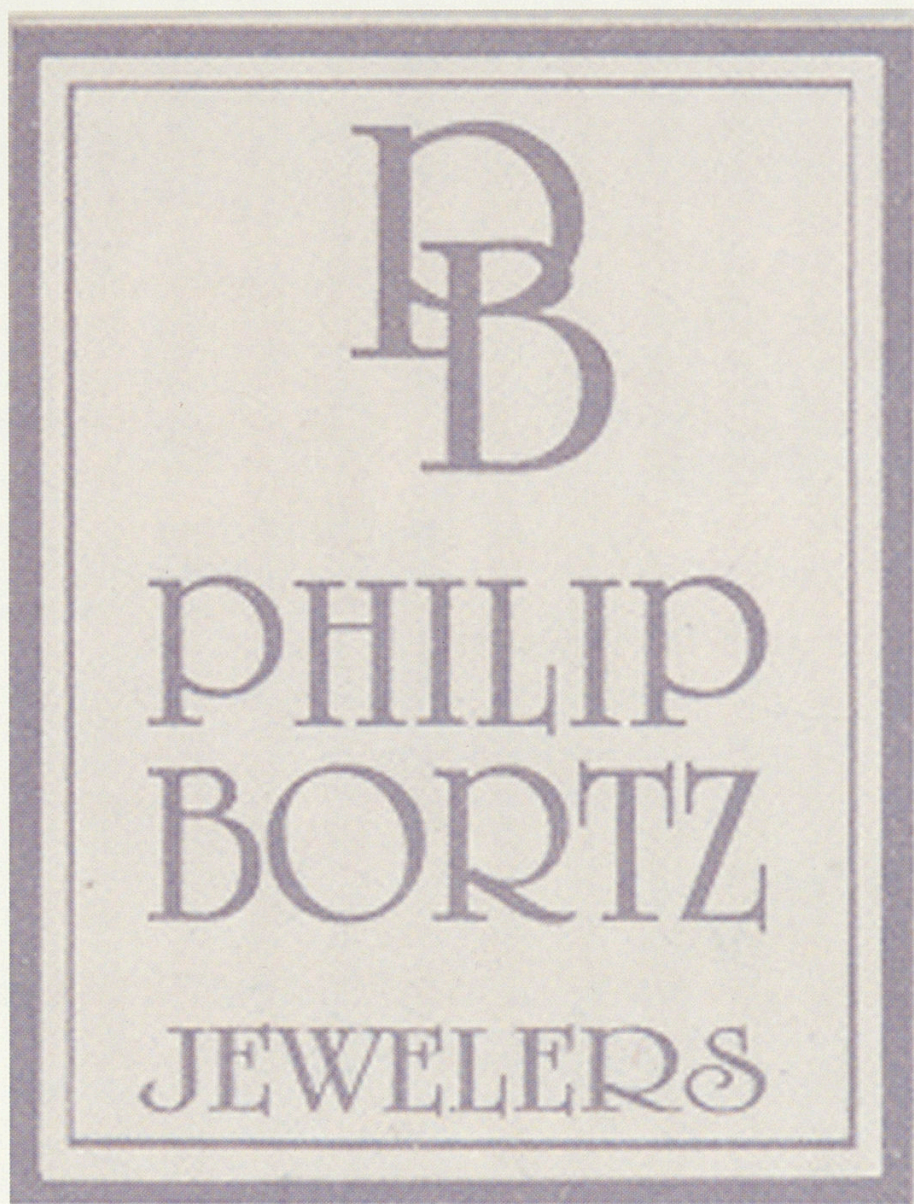
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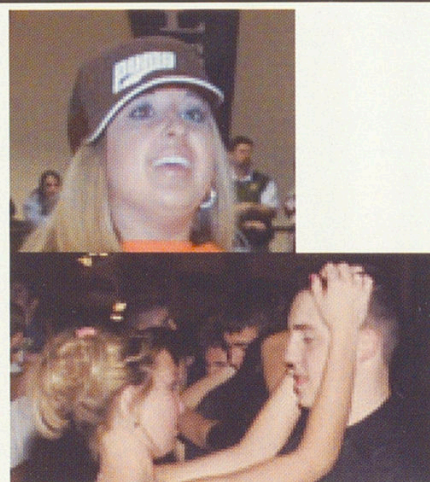




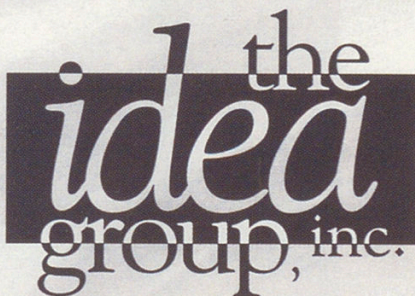
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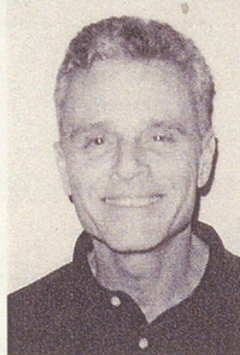
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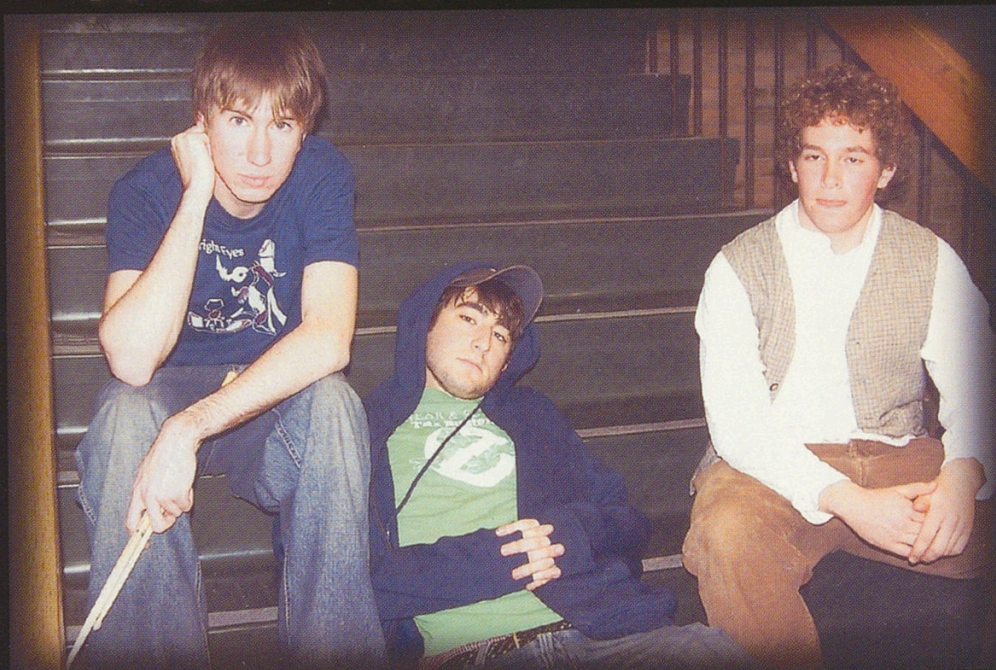




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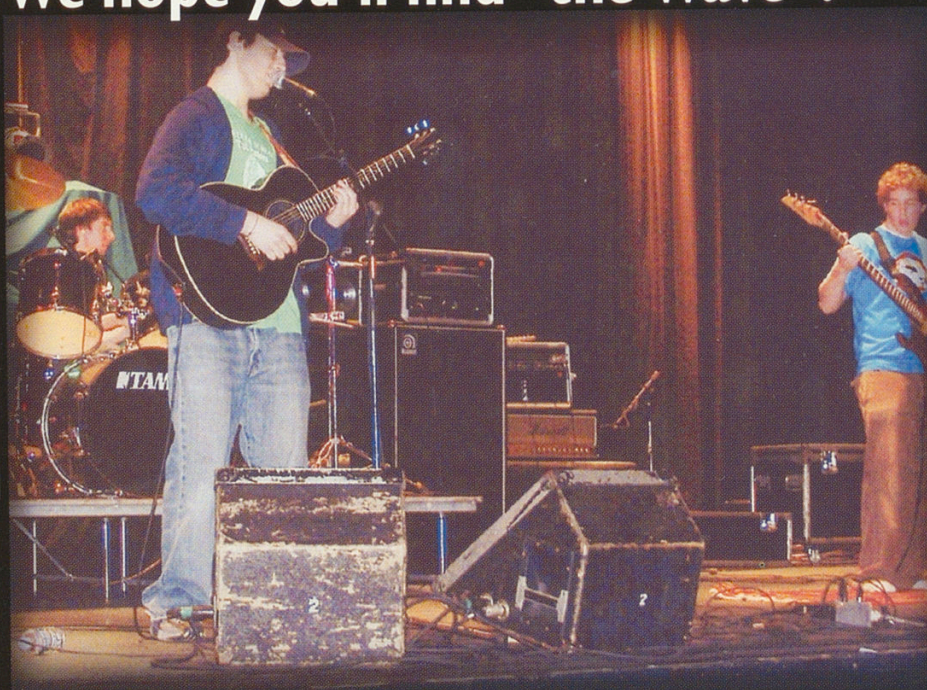
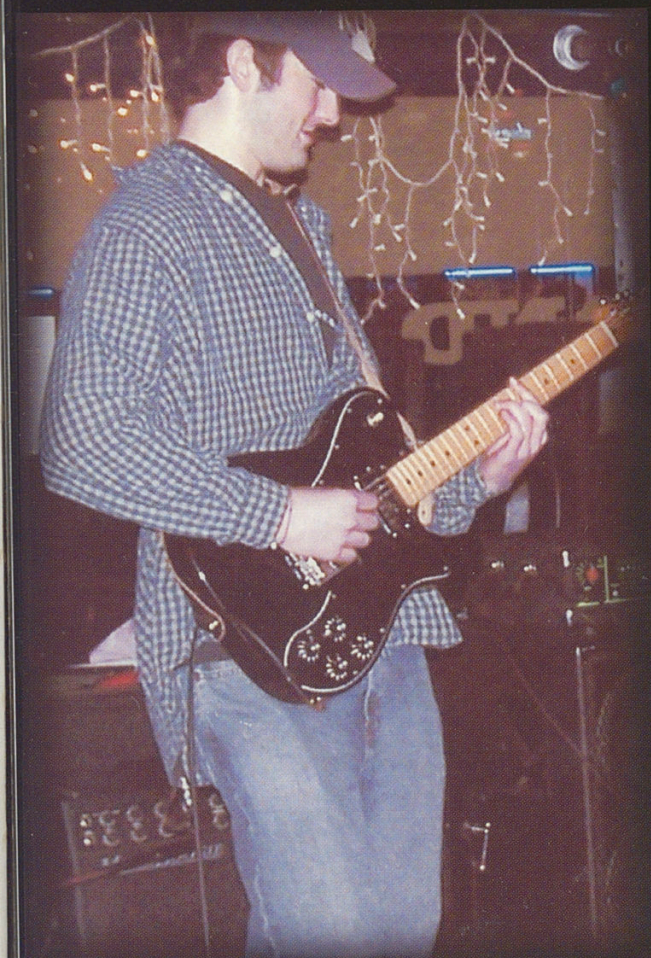


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Whatever you do...  
We hope you'll find "the Wave"!**

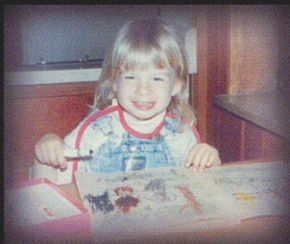




## **Anne Barngrover**

Keep on writing and  
following your dreams.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, &  
Kristy



## **Abby Reagan**

A job, well done! You are a  
wonderful person and we  
are proud of you!

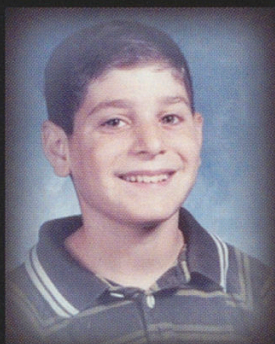
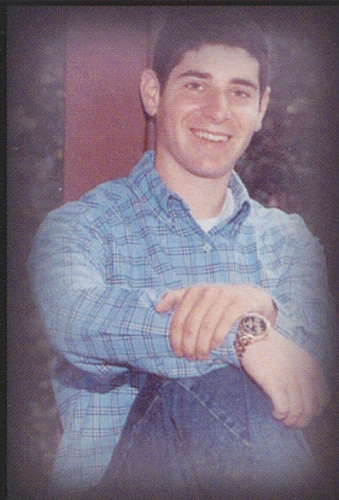
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Emily, &  
Laura



## **Jeffrey Adler**

Congratulations!

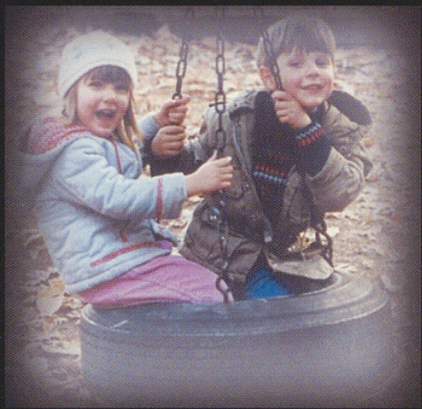
We are so proud of you. Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Julie, & Lori



## **Jory Zola**

May your future be as  
bright as the hair on your  
head!

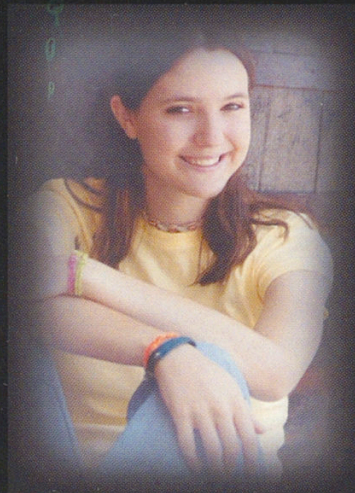
WE LOVE YOU  
Mom, Dad, Mandi, Jeremy  
& Sammy



## **Alexandra Foster**

You have grown to be an  
exceptional young lady with many  
gifts and talents. We love you  
very much.

Mom, Dad & Nate



## **Allyson Harmon**

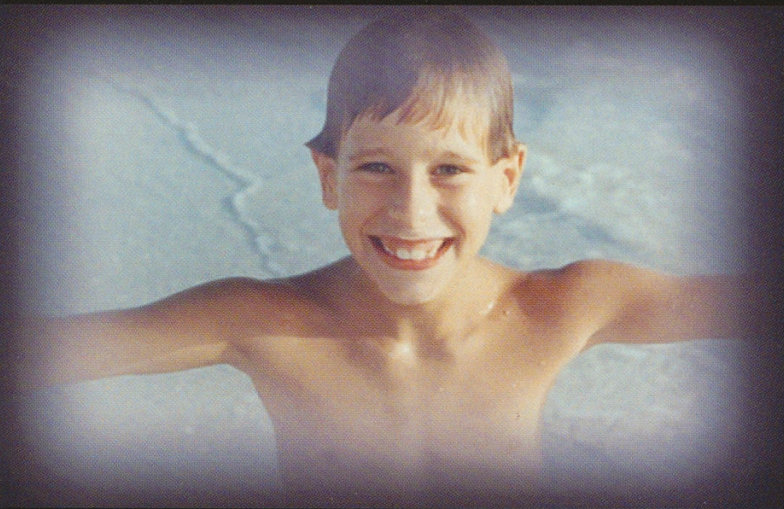
"Most folks are about as  
happy as they make up  
their minds to be."  
-Abraham Lincoln

Keep smiling!

Love forever,  
Mom, Dad and Courtney



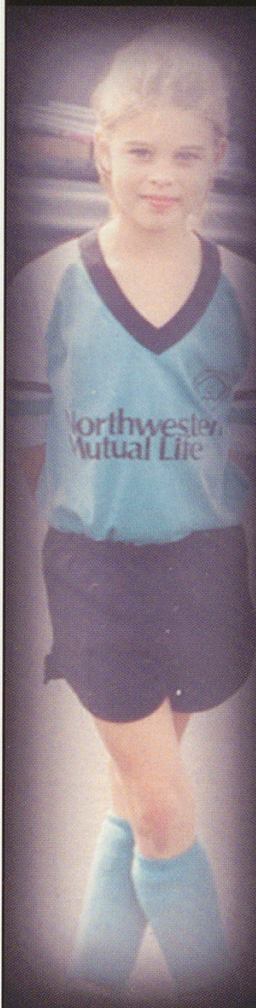
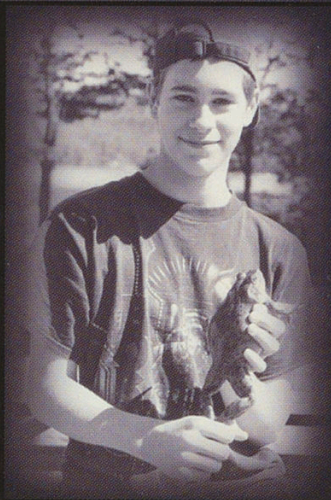




## ***Austin Grow***

From frog to a prince?  
You're a great son A. J.

Love you!  
Mom



## ***Katie LeBuhn***

You cheer up everyday of my life.

Love,  
Mom & Kelly



## ***Lauren Bernstein***

Lauren,  
You are the most  
wonderful daughter,  
sister, friend. So full of  
life! We're so proud of  
you. Dream big and  
reach for the stars!  
Remember anything is  
possible.

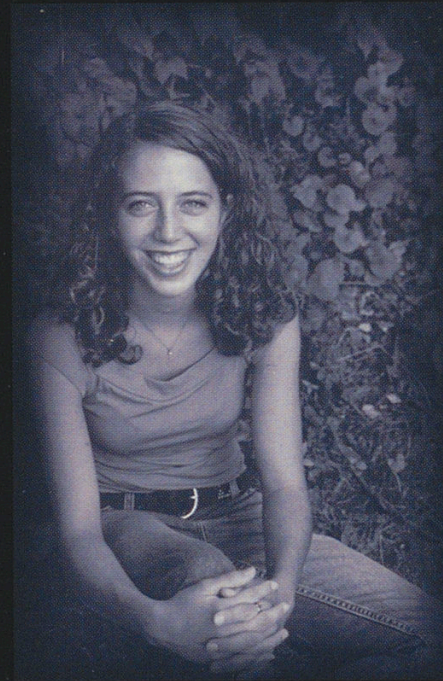
We love you,  
Mom, Neil and Mark





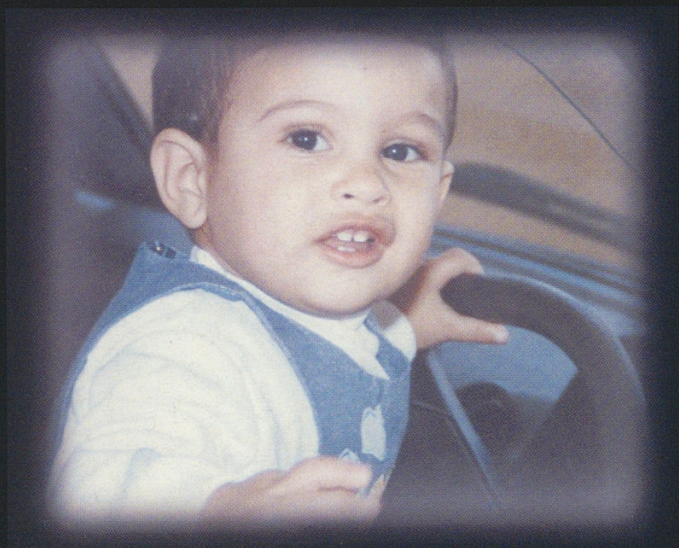


**Jenna  
Bridgewater**



Always remember,  
Smile, it makes  
people wonder what  
you've been up to!

We love you little, we love you  
big...OINK!!  
Mom, Dad, Chelsey, and Kaley

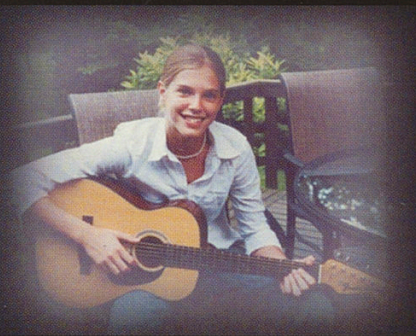


**Joe  
Barkawi**

Congratulations Joe. You make us very proud. Follow your dreams.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Mimi, and Sarah





## **Stephanie Von Ohain**

To our wonderful daughter Stephanie:

We are so proud of you.

We know you can accomplish anything you set out to do.

Go for it, and never forget we love you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



## **Audrey Schmidlin**

We are so proud of you.

"Attitude is Everything" has been your key to success.

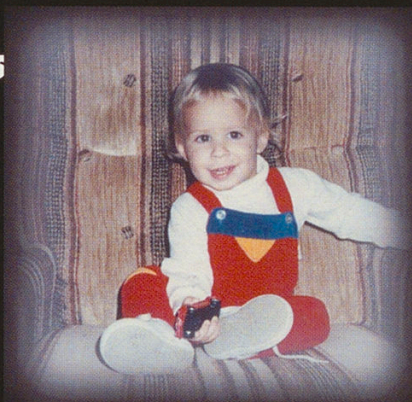
You are truly our "Queen of Everything" and "Princess of Quite a Lot" - our Flower.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Joe, Kevin, Tyler, and Nathan



## **Geoffrey Davis**

You have become a wonderful young man and I'm so proud of you.



Follow your heart, never lose your sense of humor, and you will be a success in all you do.

I love you,  
Mom



## **Emily Hall**

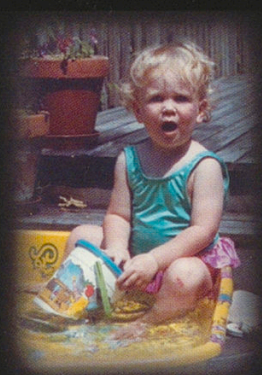
Em,

You have become everything we dreamed of and more. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Congratulations,

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Matthew

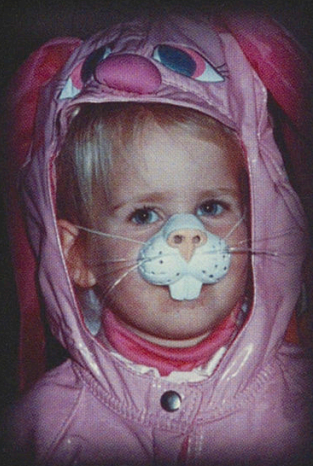






## ***Sarah Richards***

We love and miss our cute little baby  
but admire and adore  
the woman she has become!



Love,  
Mom and Dad



## ***Sarah Richards***

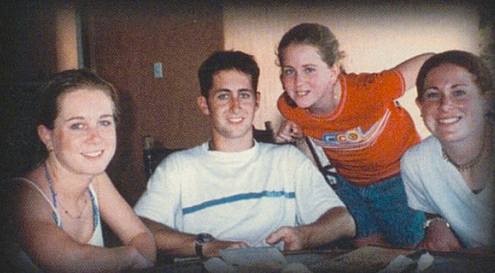


Sarah,  
We welcomed you into our hearts (especially when Mom told  
us we couldn't return you to the hospital!)

We watched you grow  
from a cute little baby  
to a real babe!  
How did you get to be  
taller than us?



Love,  
Doug, Robin & Meredith







## **Stephanie Brown**

Steph,  
 we love you more than words  
 can say! We are so proud of all  
 you've accomplished and the  
 beautiful person you've become!  
 As you head off to college, may  
 you accomplish great things, find  
 happiness along the way and  
 always carry our love deep in  
 your heart.

God Bless You Always,



Love,  
 Mom & Dad, Maggie & Jeff

## **Jenny Breed**

Jenny,  
 You've come a long  
 way since this first  
 year of preschool,  
 but you are still  
 the greatest  
 daughter anyone  
 could ever have!  
 We wish you all  
 the best in college  
 and beyond.

Love,  
 Mom & Papa Dick



## **Danny O'Gara**

We love you,  
 We support you,  
 We believe in you,  
 And we miss you already  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad & Joey





## ***Danielah Blackburn***

Danielah,

You are like a precious stone, whose radiance and worth are beyond measure; a strength to those around you. You are truly a gift from God, and, to the world, a treasure yet to be discovered.

Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Jake



## ***Rachel Gross***

Jitterbug,

Shoot for the moon! Grab some stars along the way!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



## ***Mary Beth Sauer***

Princess Mary,

Continue sharing your strong virtues and convictions with others as this will lead you as far as you rule your kingdom.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Julie



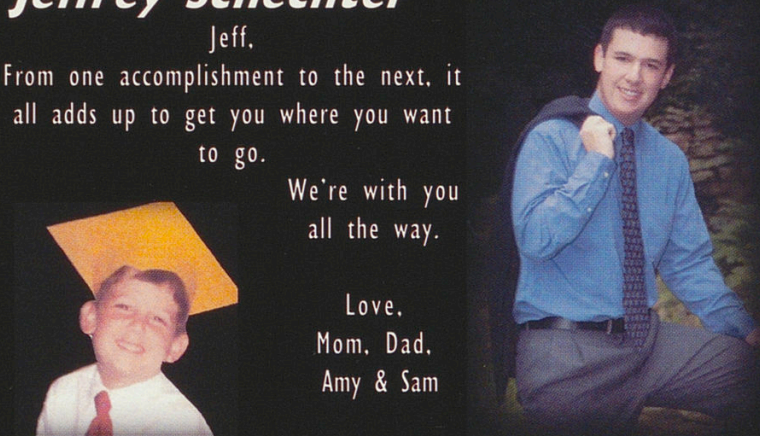
## ***Jeffrey Schechter***

Jeff,

From one accomplishment to the next, it all adds up to get you where you want to go.

We're with you  
all the way.

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Amy & Sam



## ***Adam Zinnecker***

Congratulations!

What a wonderful young man you have become. You were a joy to raise and so special to me. When you were little I held your hand- now I hold you in my heart. You are loved beyond words! A bright future awaits the fun loving and adventurous person you are. Continue to develop all your special talents.

Be passionate about your dreams.

Always give life your best shot.

Believe in yourself and in God and may He continue to guide you.

There is nothing you can't do.

I will always be your safe harbor.

Now spread your wings and fly!

From your greatest fan and supporter,

I love you and will miss you,

Mom





## ***Lindsay Crum***

Linds-

You are all the things we dreamed you would be...

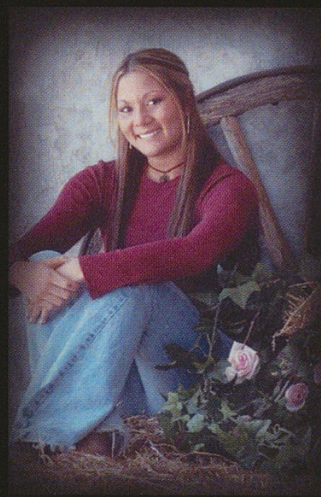
Loving, intelligent, determined, athletic, spirited and compassionate.  
You've grown from a beautiful little girl to a beautiful young woman!

May all your dreams come true!

We're so proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Matt & David



## ***Loren Brook***

From Ghostbuster to Graduate,  
You have "busted" your way to  
a great future!

Wishing you all the best,  
we are so very proud.

Love,

Dad, Mom, Melissa and Daniel



## ***Rebecca Fairhead***

No one could be any prouder of you than we are!

Congratulations, Rebecca!

We love you very much,  
Mom, Dad and Jill

Psalm 121: 3,7- He will not let your foot slip- he who  
watches over you will not slumber. The Lord will keep  
you from all harm- he will watch over your life.







## Sarah Chapman

Sarah,  
Obstacles are what you  
see when you take your  
eyes off your goal.  
Uh-Uh... For real?

Love,  
Aunt Christy & Uncle Kilowatt



## SENIOR



MORE



MEMORIES

## Elise Marrero

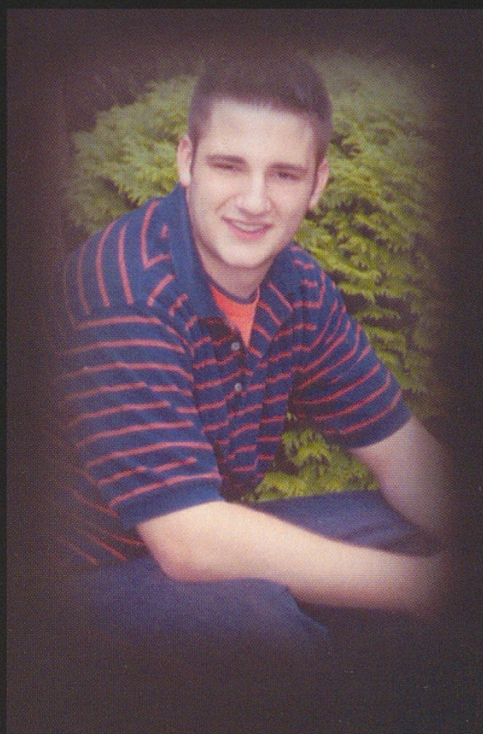
May you bring as much joy  
to those in your future,  
as you've given to your  
family and friends in your  
past.

We are very proud of you!

Love you,  
Mom

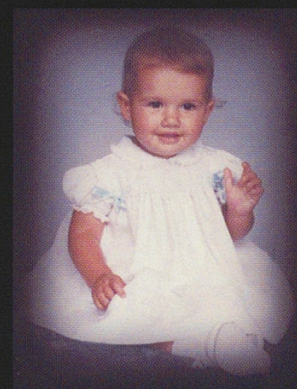


## Anthony Michael DeAngelo



Dream what you want  
to dream;  
Go where you want  
to go;  
Be what you want  
to be;  
Because you have only  
one life and one chance  
to do all the things  
you want in life.  
Congratulations Mikey!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Andrea,  
Buckwheat and Zoe



## Karen Domas

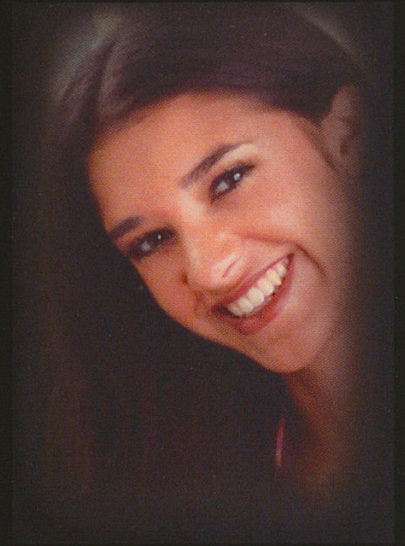
Karen-  
Congratulations! We are so proud of  
you and  
your achievements. Keep your smile and  
enthusiasm in all you do and your life  
will be filled with happiness and  
continued success.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Chris, Laurie, and Jeff



## Lauren Faulkner

A parent's pride and love are two things that are immeasurable!  
Congratulations Lauren Faulkner you did it with excellence!



## Stephanie Decker

From your birth to your first day of kindergarten to your senior year, you have always been a joy. We are very proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Brad



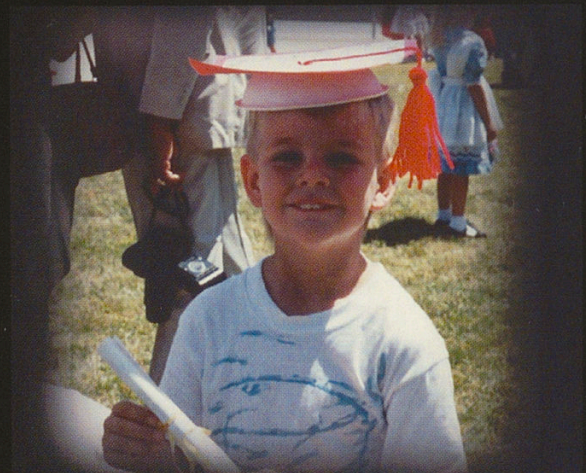
## Zachary Schmitz

Zac,

It seems that it was just yesterday you were graduating from kindergarten. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and the person whom you have become. We wish you great happiness and success.

Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom & Dad





## Katherine Buckingham



Congratulations!  
We are so proud of you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Lauren Lehrner

Lauren, you have been the joy of our life  
and always the most important person in  
our life.

Love,  
Mom and Dad-  
Your biggest fans

Good luck in your future.



## Sam Stoughton

We're so proud of you and  
all you've accomplished.  
Hope all of your dreams come  
true.

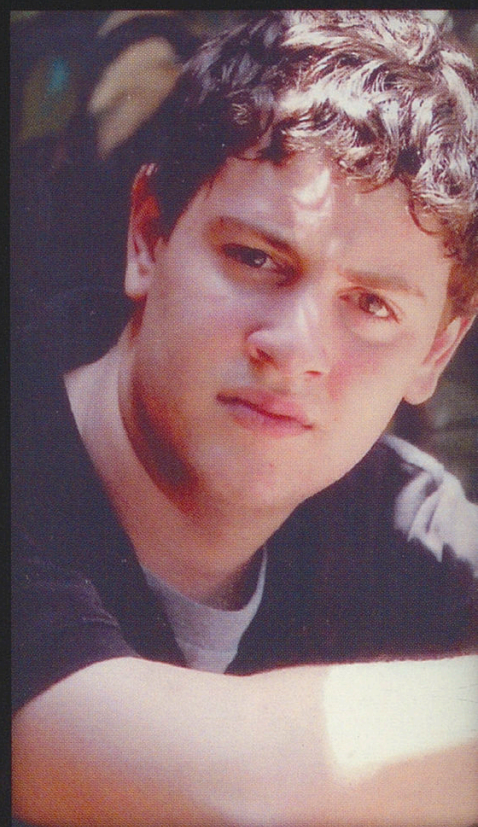
Love,  
Mom & Dad



## Neil Heyman

You shine in all your roles.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and the rest of your fan  
club





## Nicole Richter



Honey, you made it.  
We Love Ya!

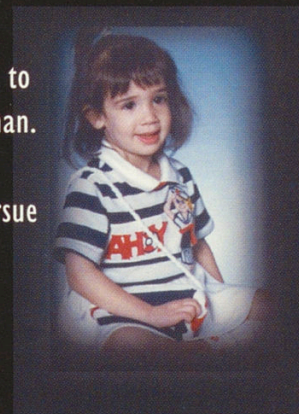
Mom & Dad

## Erica Smith

You've grown from an adorable baby to  
a beautiful young compassionate woman.

You make us proud everyday -  
and our amazement grows as you pursue  
your dreams.

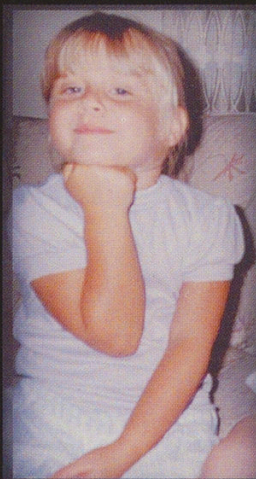
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Bryan & Jaclyn



## Christina Terilli

I love you and I am  
so proud of you.

Love,  
Mama



## Ayla Rapoport



Ayla-  
Wide eyed and  
wonderful.

Love,  
Your Family

## Meaghan Ebetino

Meaghan,  
You have been a joy since the day you  
were born.  
Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

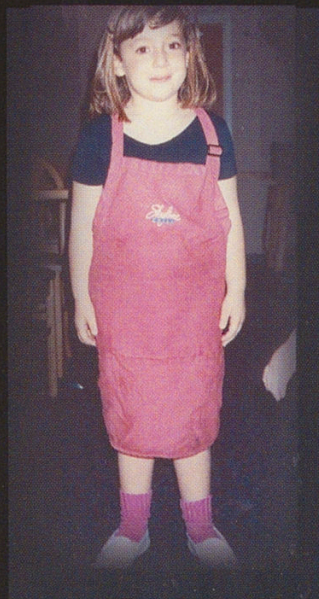
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Laura & Frank



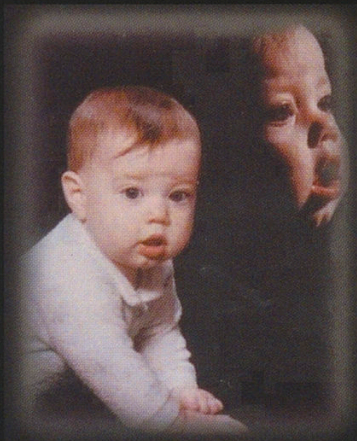
## Mollie Fingerman

You can be or do anything  
you put your mind to.  
Reach for the STARS!

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Hilary





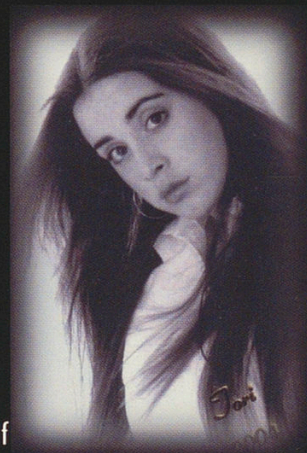


## ***Victoria Jones***



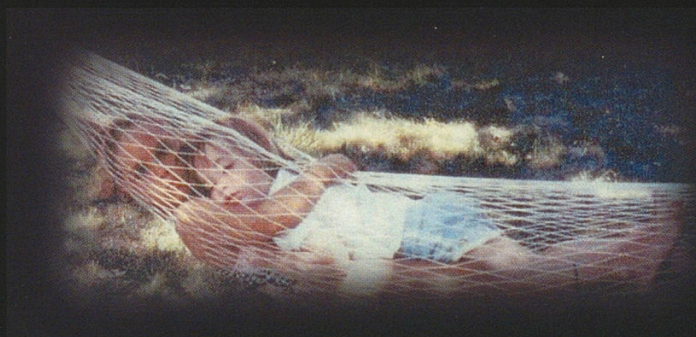
Vivacious  
Intense  
Christian  
Thrifty  
Original  
Rambunctious  
Imaginative  
Artistic

Joyful  
Ornery  
No-no  
Energetic  
Soya-mia



We love you and are proud of you.  
God bless you. Continue your path of  
excellence and achievement.

Mom, Dad, Libby & Edward



## ***Elena Marie Hissett***



You were a joy to raise. Almost perfect,  
remember that the best is yet to be.  
We know you can accomplish anything you set out to do  
because you have courage, compassion, and integrity.

Always give life your best shot.

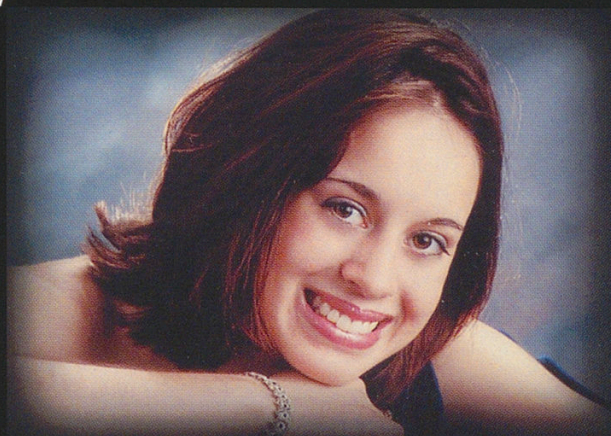
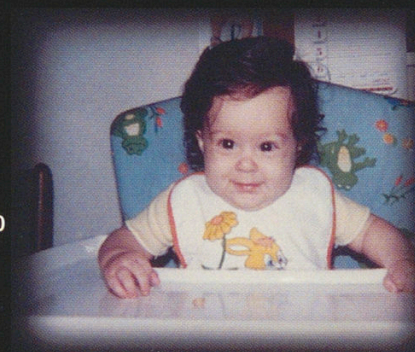
Try new things, and learn new things.

And know this: The Art of being wise is the art of knowing what to  
overlook,

because it's not always where you're going,  
but the ride you choose along the way!

Don't forget your family are very proud of you and  
we are behind you every step of the way.

You are loved,  
Mom, Dad and Tasha



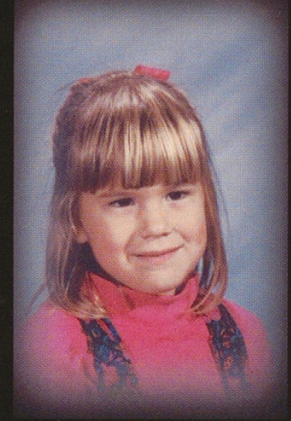




## ***Amy Fishman***

We are very proud of you!  
May all your dreams come true!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jamie



## ***Janelle Guthrie***

Congratulations Janelle.  
We are so proud of you!

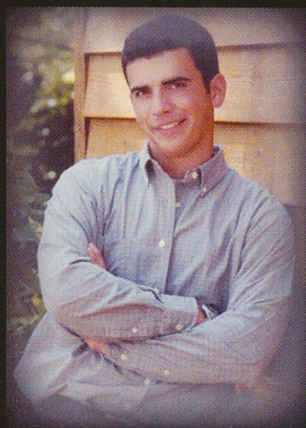
Love,  
Your family



## ***Robert Knauer***

It is amazing how time has flown,  
we are so proud of you and  
all of your accomplishments.  
No matter where you go,  
you will never be alone - our love  
will always be with you.  
Congratulations!!

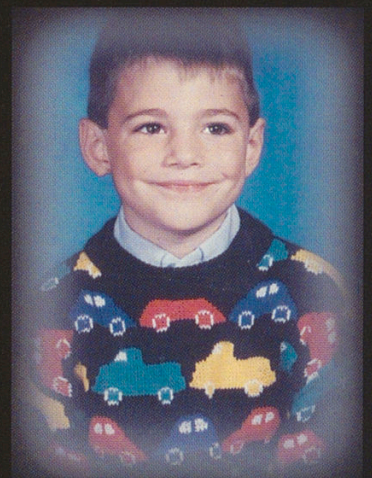
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Christopher & Maddie



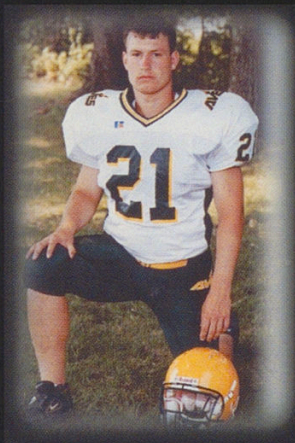
## ***Mike Koebel***

From your first day of preschool to  
kindergarten at Symmes and now  
graduation, you have been a joy in  
our lives. We want to thank you for  
all the years of watching you play  
soccer, basketball, baseball, and football.  
You made our job as parents look  
easy because it was with you. We are  
so happy you will be continuing your  
journey at Miami.

We love you,  
Mom & Dad



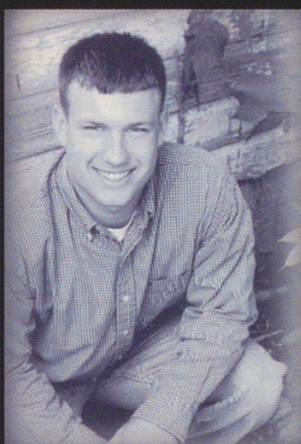




## Brad Konerman

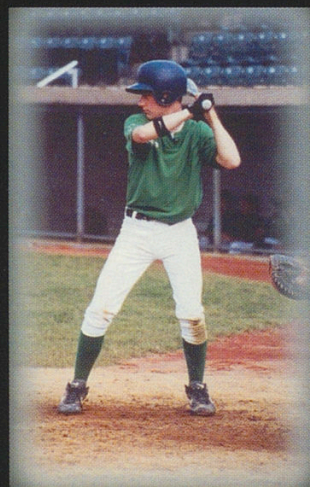
My Son,

Watching you grow has been the delight of my life. I look at you and wonder what dreams you will dream what mountains you will climb, what joys you will have. I know there will be tears and struggles as well, but my prayer is that you will grow into the man you



are meant to be.

Love forever and always,  
Mom, Dad, Jennifer, and Kyle



## Shelley Burkhart

Shelley (Shake & Bake) Burkhart,

Dear World,  
Bring our Shell-Bell wonderful adventures  
And protect her from the Storms of Life  
We love her so much!

Mom, Dad  
Beverly and Gloria



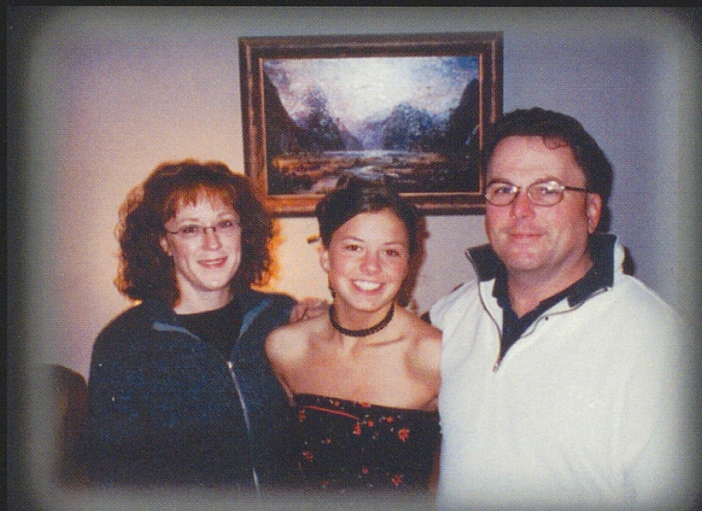
## Sarah Chapman

Sarah-Bo-Barah,

Watching your spirit grow and flourish has brought us incredible joy. Your laughter and lightheartedness will make your world a wonderful place.

Have fun!

We love you and like you,  
Suzanne and Dad







## Jared Kagrise

I am so proud of you and the choices you have made as I've watched you grow into an incredible young man. May your life be filled with happiness and success.

Love always,  
Mom and Jimmy



## Molly Finn

Good golly Miss Molly, we are so proud of you! May your spirited dedication and determination bring you many more successes in life!

Love always,  
Mom and Dad, your brothers, sister,  
and nieces

## Amanda Morgan

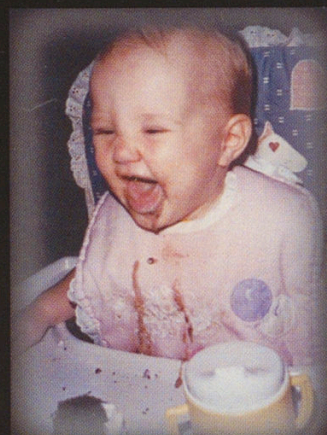


## Jessica Lane

It's been a joy and a pleasure watching you grow over the years! You are turning into an amazing young woman. The best is yet to come!

Hold on to your memories and embrace the future. We are very proud of you and love you more than you know. Congratulations! We'll always be here for you!

Love always,  
Mom, Dad, Brian, and Kristina

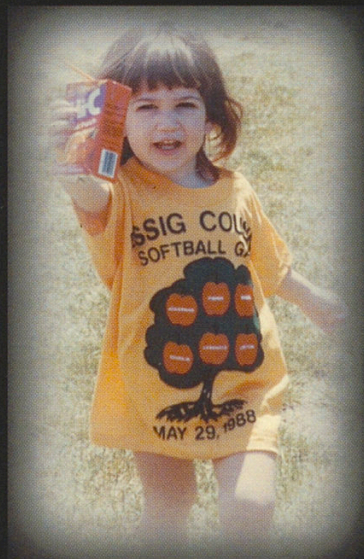




## ***Mallory Mandel***



We have always told you that you were our favorite color. It takes a special person to bring together all of the colors of the rainbow. You brighten the room and bring excitement to everything you do. We are proud of you and your accomplishments. We love you always.



Love,  
Mom & Dad

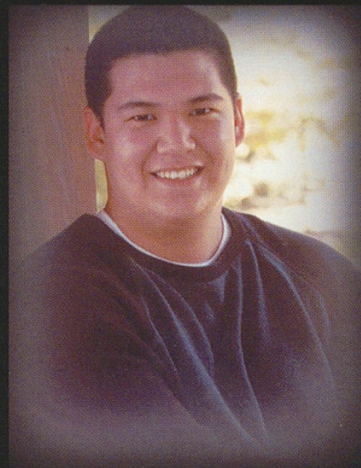
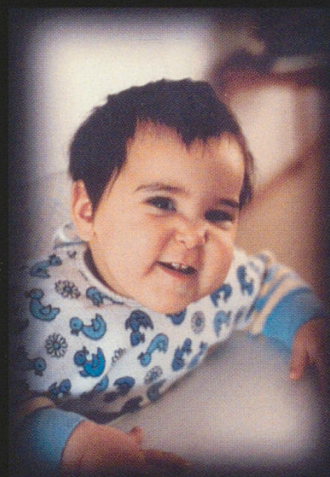


## ***Nadia Piracha***

Dear Nadi,

Always keep that wonderful smile and reach for the stars in your bright future! We are extremely proud of the amazing person you've become.

With all our love,  
Mom and Dad, Mina, Nawid, and Sidi



## ***Brian Lin***

We are so proud of you and the great young man you have become! Always believe in yourself and continue to strive to be the best that you can be. We love you very much!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Marissa & Joanna



## ***Laura Eastes***

You will always be a star  
in our eyes!

"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  
the Lord hold you in the  
palm of his hand."

-Irish Blessing

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Alyssa

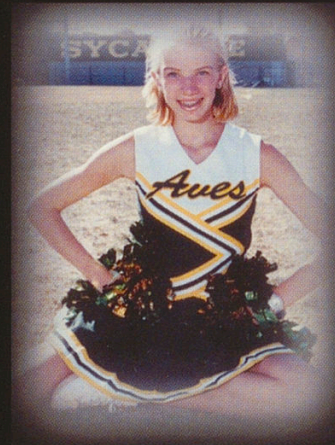
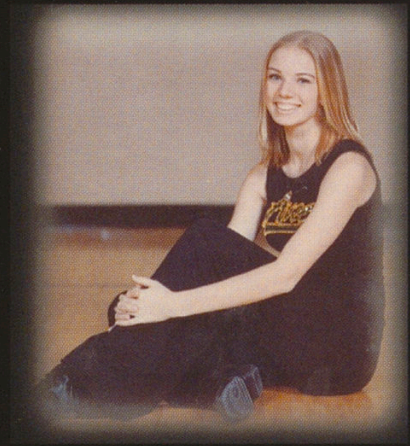
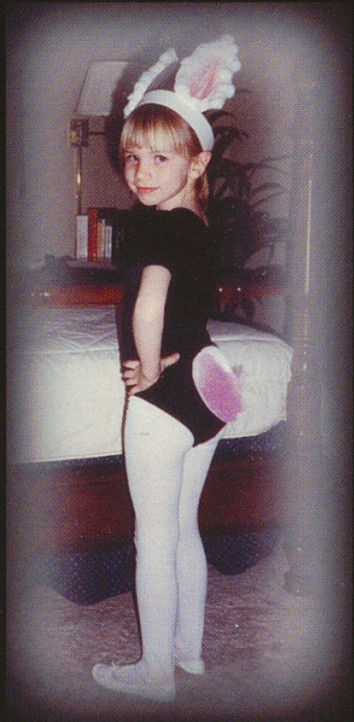




## Lauren Malone

Be who you are and say what you feel,  
Because those who mind don't matter  
And those who matter don't mind.

-Dr. Seuss



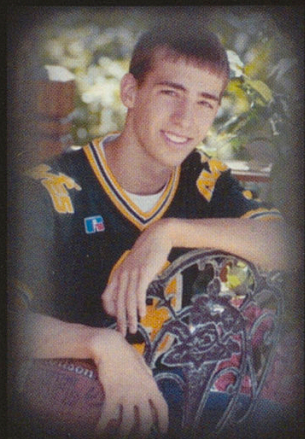
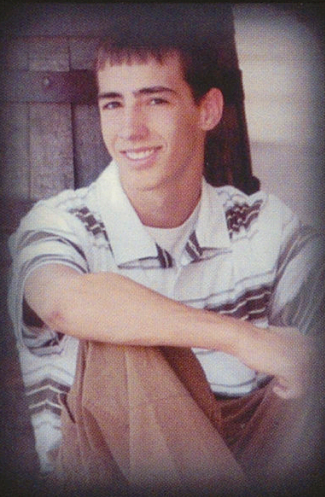
We are proud of the person you have become.  
We look forward to the person you will be.

Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, and Jillian

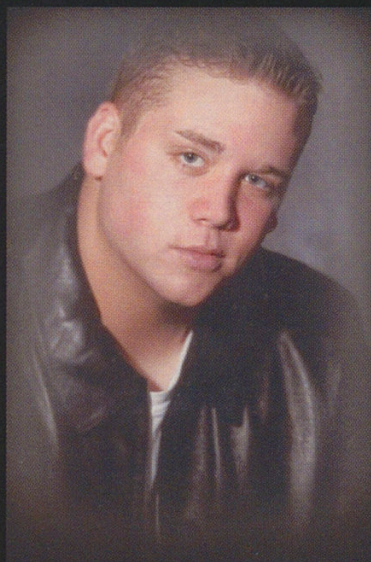
## Kenny Minor

A son like you brings more than pride...  
You bring smiles and laughter to family  
moments, warmth and caring to the lives  
you touch... and an ever-deepening  
happiness to the hearts of everyone lucky  
enough to be part of your life.

Love,  
Mom & Dad





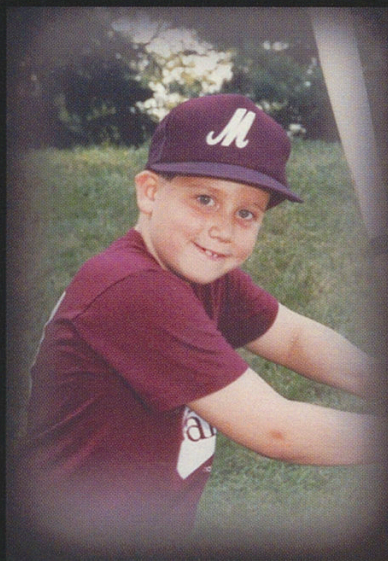


**Mike Rosa**

Make a wish...  
Give it wings...  
Let it fly!

We are so proud of you, Mick!

Love always,  
Mom, Dad, and Audrey



**Emily Rock**

"As I push back the green curtain  
climbing still upward  
sunshine greets my eyes  
bright and comforting  
I am at the top of the world  
nothing is impossible  
nothing  
and I can touch the sky."

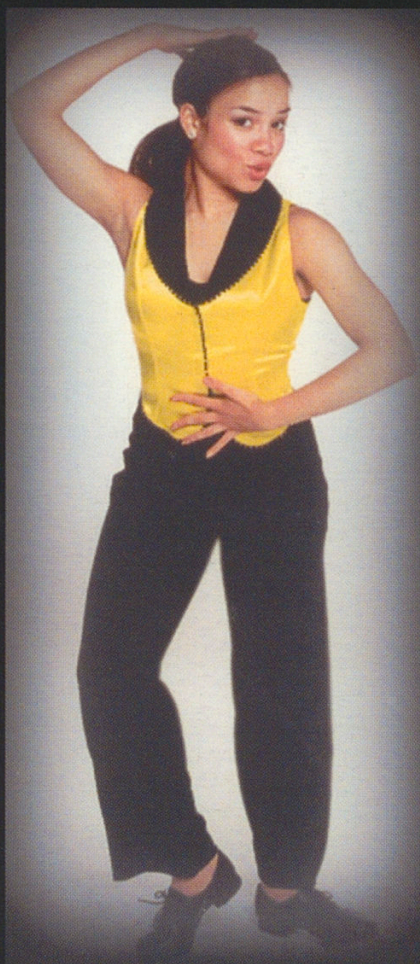
-E. Rock

Emily, as you reach for your dreams  
we are here to cheer you on. For all  
that you've achieved and for all  
that you are, we are so proud of  
you!

Congratulations!



With much love,  
Mom, Dad, and Alexander



**Sydney Elaine Morton**

To our favorite Syd,

What lies behind us and what  
lies before us are tiny matters compared to  
what lies within us.

Love always,  
Mommy, Daddy, and Stanley







**Jill Sanchez**



**"You are quite remarkable!  
You take it all in stride.  
Your gentle disposition hides,  
The strength you have inside.**

**Your thoughts are ever secret,  
They are locked away and  
sealed.  
And you just keep growing  
better  
Like the lilies of the field."**

**With Love,  
Dad, Mom, Jessie & Julie**

## **Steven Rose**

**You are the joy of our lives.  
We are very proud of you.**

**Love always,  
Mom, Dad, Tim, Shannon, and  
Brenna**

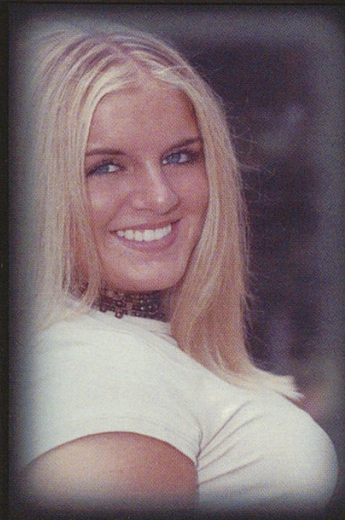


## **Shaili Ryan**

**You have the power to  
make a differences in this  
world-  
Look forward to taking  
on the grand adventure of  
life, living, and always  
remembering to be  
yourself!**

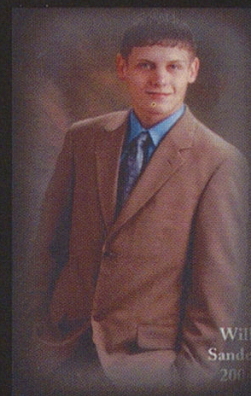
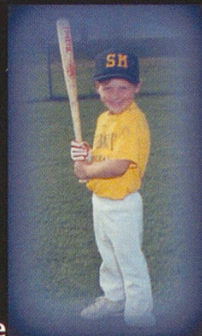
**We love you and are so  
proud of you.**

**Love,  
Mom XO**



## **William Sanders**

**You're a loving son and brother, kind,  
caring and thoughtful. You've brought so  
much joy and laughter to our lives over  
the years and have turned into a  
wonderful young man. We know you'll  
keep working towards your dreams and  
be successful in whatever you decide to  
do. We'll always be here for you when  
you need encouragement or just a  
helping hand. We love you and are very  
proud that you are our son. We hope the  
very best for your future, always be  
yourself and let God lead you through  
your life.**



**Congratulations  
We love you  
Mom, Dad, Katlin and Abbagail**

**Senior Congratulations**



## ***Becky Mowry***

**Congratulations,  
We believe in you. May you continue to  
stay on the right path and know that the  
family supports you through your life.**

**Love,  
Mom, Dad, Beth and Brian**



## ***Jessica Zanger***

**Jess, you are...**

**Passionate for truth  
In love with the great lyric  
Loyal to your friends  
Collector of family  
Ready to laugh out loud  
Melted by babies  
Perfectionist procrastinator  
Curious about reasons**

**Starkly honest  
Impatient with conservatism  
Hungry for music  
With a soul of an artist  
And a heart for the world.  
A perfect Jessica the way you are!**

**The whole world awaits you!  
We love you and are so proud  
that you are our daughter!**

**Mom and Dad**





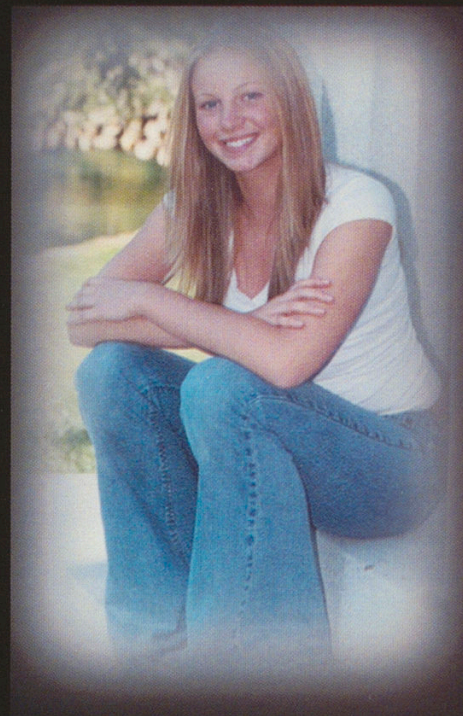
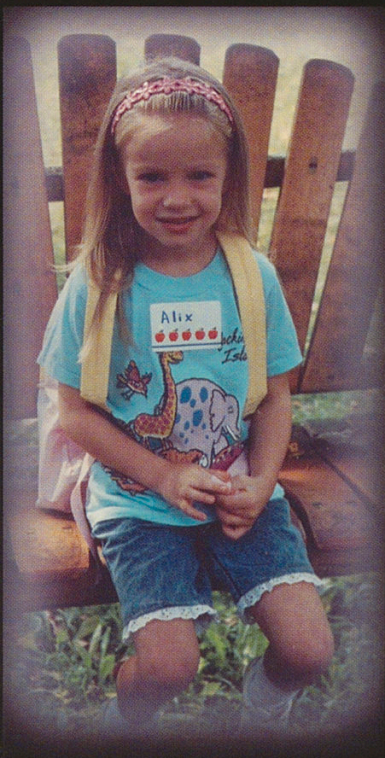
## ***Alix Zuberbuhler***

I am proud to be your parent.  
Follow your dreams.

Love always,  
Mom

You are - the sparkle in my eyes and the pride in my heart, the courage that gives me strength and the love that gives me life - my inspiration and the best gift I ever received.

-Louis Carruthers



## ***Mark Schibler***

God has blessed us abundantly with the gift of you, our son. We love you more than words can express. Our joy is complete in seeing you journey onward into this next stage in your life. Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jana and Brett

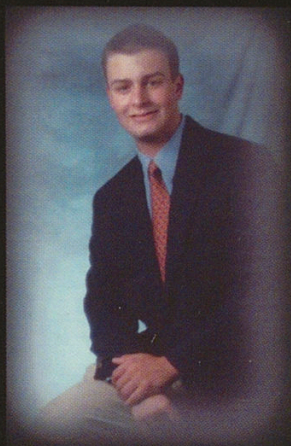


## ***Jon Kattelman***

We are very proud of the man you have become. We wish for you the courage to do what is right and the wisdom to lead you to a joy filled life. Thank you for the happiness you have given us.

Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



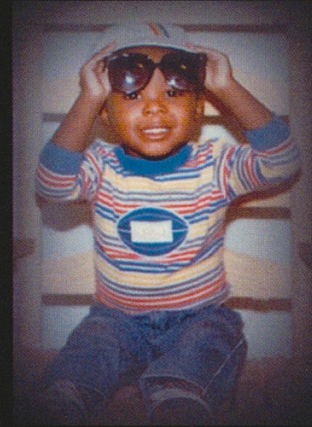




### ***Samantha Shaffer***

Dear SLTITWWW,  
We are very proud of you and your  
accomplishments!  
We love you!

Mom & Dad

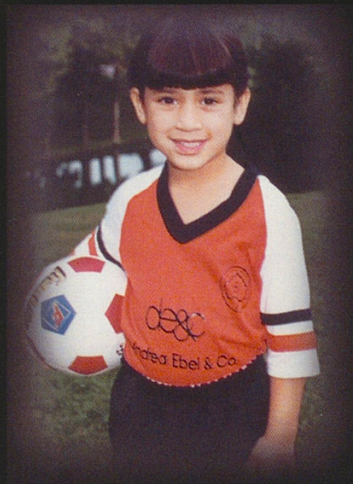
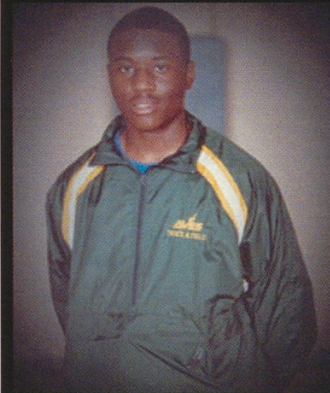


### ***James Smith***

Congratulations!

We are very proud of the  
young man you have  
become.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Ashley



### ***Becky Schmidt***

Sisco, you have had an awesome school  
career. You excelled in all areas. We  
could not be more proud or love you  
more.

Follow your dreams.

Love  
Mom, Dad, Nick

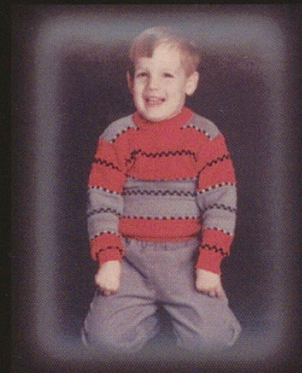
### ***Karen Staubach***

Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



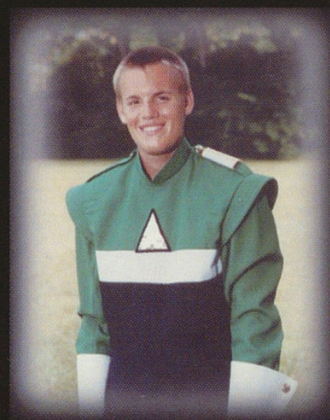
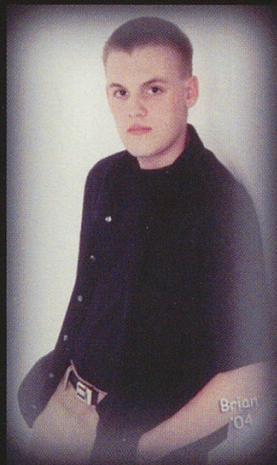




## ***Brian Murphy***

We have loved watching you grow from an inquisitive little boy into a caring, sensitive young man. Obstacles in your life have made you stronger. Stay true to God, yourself, and those you love and live each day to the fullest.

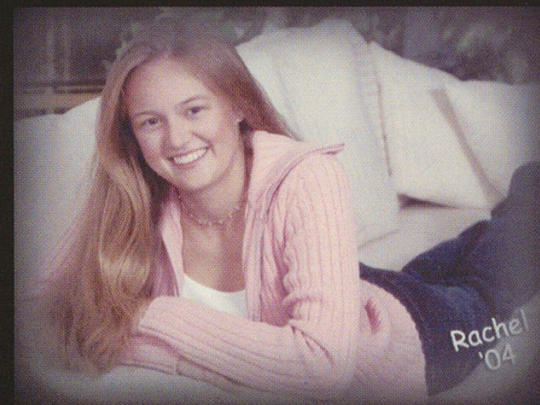
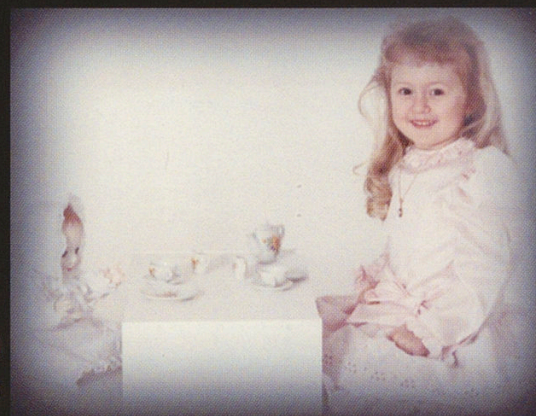
We love you,  
Dad, Mom, & Lisa



## ***Rachel Newsted***

Rachel, your time in high school has passed by so quickly. It's hard to believe we are sending you off to college already. This will be an exciting adventure for you. As your parents, we are very proud and excited for you. Your brother Alex is excited too, we are not sure if for the same reason, though! Be true to yourself and you will reach all your dreams.

We love you,  
Mom and D.C. &  
Dad and Alex







## ***Rachel Schaengold***

You have created so many great memories of wonderful times... always lighting up everyone's lives with your beautiful smile and outgoing personality... a great daughter and sister... continue to shine next year in Washington, D.C. ...  
Love and Congratulations!!!

Mom, Dad, and Jessica



## ***Corrie van Amerongen***

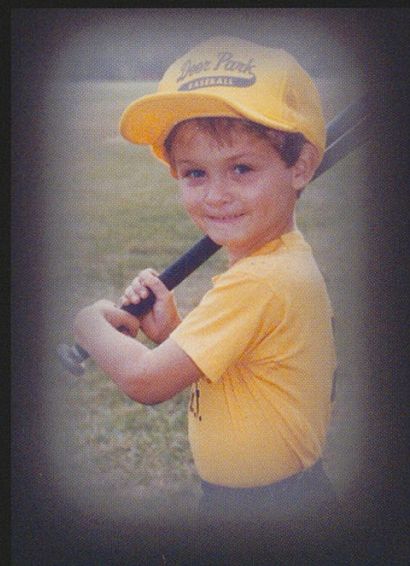
That's our girl!

Congratulations on your graduation!

Love,  
The Van Clan



## ***Nathan Valenti***



Nate,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you!  
Good luck with college and all your life time journeys!

Love you,  
Mom & David





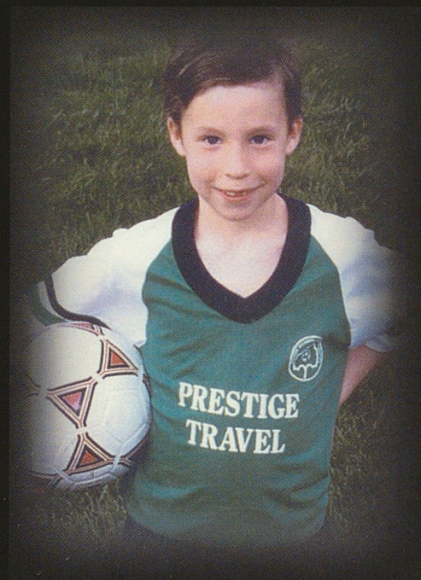
## ***Lisa Bonn***

Although you weren't born  
into royalty, you'll always be  
our Princess. Congratulations  
and good luck in everything  
you choose to do.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Greg, and Julie



## ***Greg Vorholt***



Go get 'em Tiger!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Kim and Karen

## ***Mandy Weger***

So now that it's time to leave  
this place,  
Drexel is the next stop for this  
cute little face.

Trust in your talents as you  
follow your dreams,  
and we'll watch for your name  
up on the big screen.  
We love you and we're proud  
of you.

Mom, & Dad

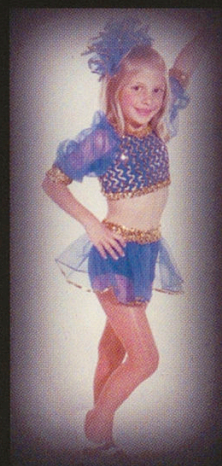
Good Luck at Drexel.



## ***Tracy Woodburn***

Congratulations on your  
graduation! We wish you lots of  
love, happiness and success in  
your future.

Mom, Dad, John and Katie





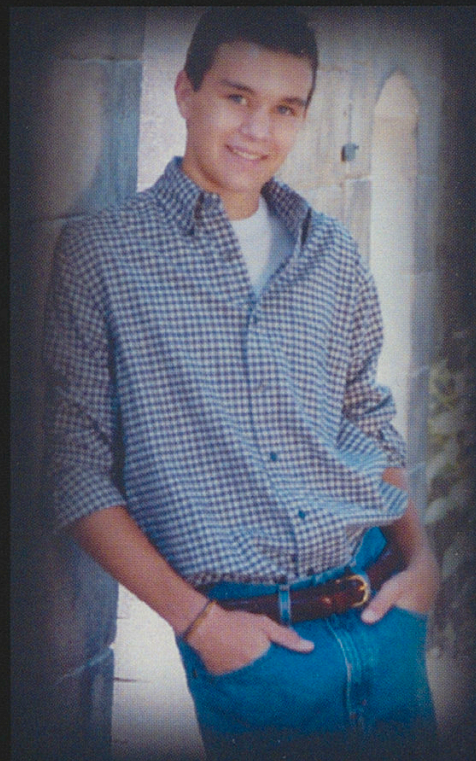
## Grant Sperry



From California to Ohio...  
you have exceeded our  
expectations. You have met  
challenges head on and used  
your creativity, artistry and  
talent to make it look easy, and  
make us look good. From the  
day you were born, you have  
blessed our lives and those of  
many others. We are so proud  
of the young man you have  
become. Stay true to yourself.  
Be passionate about your  
dreams. "Depend on the Lord  
in whatever you do, and your  
plans will succeed"

Proverbs 16:3

We love you,  
Mom, Dad and Elisabeth

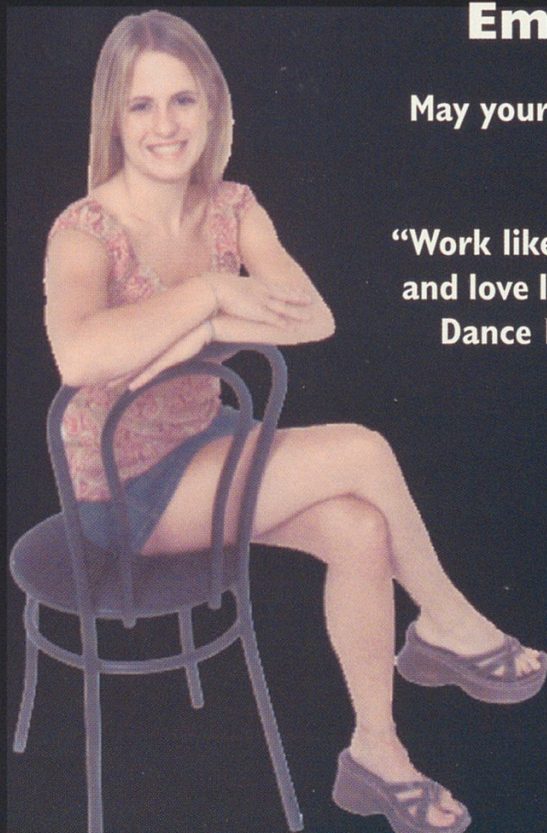


## Emily Wolfram

May your life be filled with love and  
happiness.

"Work like you don't need the money  
and love like you've never been hurt.  
Dance like nobody's watching."

Love,  
Mom and Dad

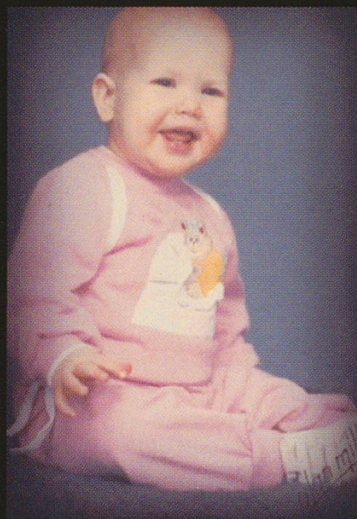




## Allyson Senefeld-Naber

"Go confidently in the direction  
of your dreams. Live the life you  
have imagined."

-Henry David Thoreau



Ally-  
You make us proud.  
Congratulations as your dreams  
come true!

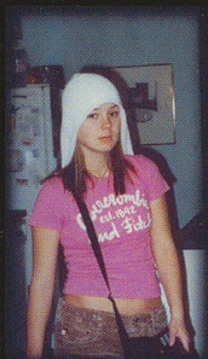
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jessie, and Rachel



## Sarah Chapman

Sarah,  
We have two  
questions for you:  
1. Does your face  
hurt?  
2. What were you  
eating under there?

Love,  
Suzanne & Dad



## *Sycamore Fight Song*

Fight the team across the field  
Show them we are to fear  
Set the halls reverberating  
With a mighty cheer  
S-H-S!

Hit them hard and see how they  
fall

Never let them touch the ball

Hail!

Hail!

The gang's all here and we'll win  
this ball game tonight!





## ***John Steele***

**John-  
Way to go!**

**Mom, Dad, Sarah, & Matt**



## ***Mark Suntay***

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**We are so proud of you.**

**With high school completed, bigger and exciting challenges are ahead of you.**

**We wish you all the good luck, success and happy memories in college.**

**Keep up the good work.**

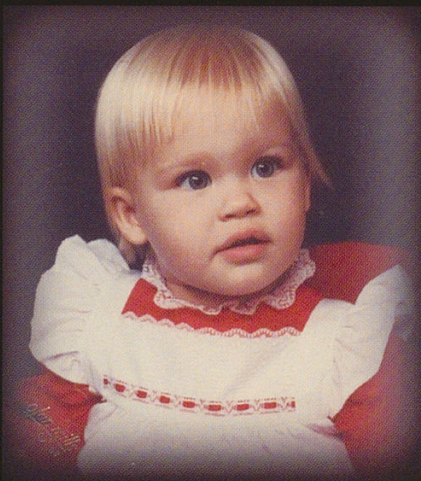


**We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Tim, Niko and  
Mika**





## Ashley Austin



Ashley,  
Every day of your life is a challenge!  
We are very proud of you and  
your lifetime accomplishments.  
Always remember, your family will be  
there for you  
in good and bad times.  
Congratulations and good luck.

Love always,  
Dad, Mom and Amy



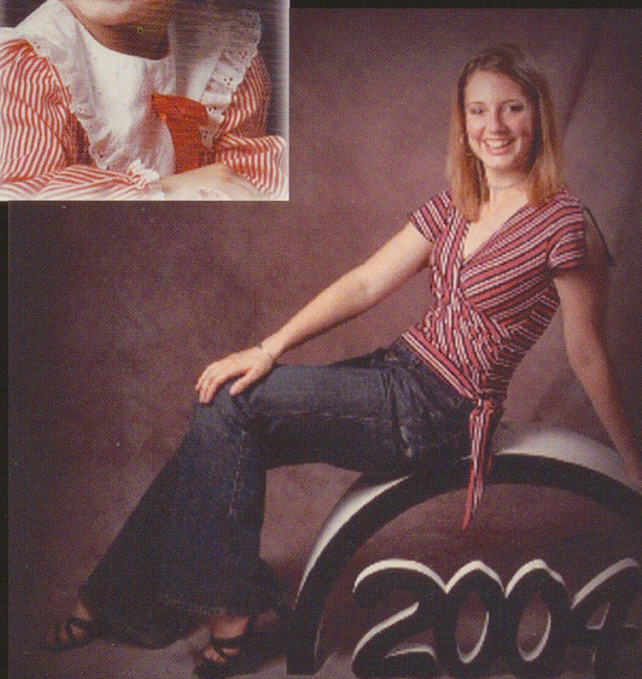
## Sarah Wessling

"Twenty years from now you will  
be more disappointed by the  
things that you didn't do  
than by the ones you did do.  
So throw off the bowlines. Sail  
away from the safe harbor. Catch  
the trade winds in your sails.  
Explore. Dream. Discover... and  
never let formal education get in  
the way of your learning."

-Mark Twain

Enjoy college; enjoy life. We  
are so proud of everything  
you do!

Love,  
Mom and Dad





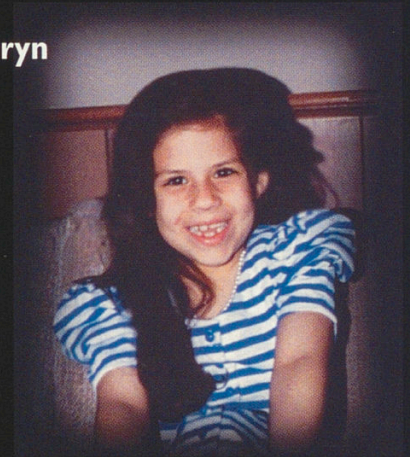
## **Maria Danielle Oliver**



You are more beautiful than a rainbow after a spring shower. Your accomplishments shine brighter than the stars in the sky. We love you so much and we are so proud of you and all you have done.



Love,  
Dad, Mom, R.J., Annie, Nancie, John and Kathryn



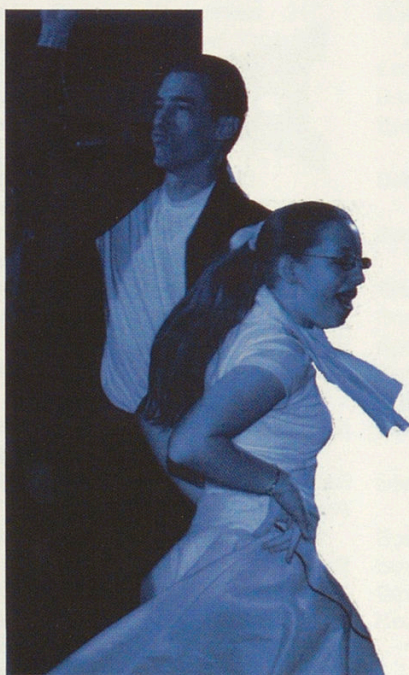
## **Steve Shaw**

**Steve,**  
**We are so proud of all you have**  
**done and all that you will do.**  
**Good luck and we love you!**

**Love,**  
**Dad, Grandma, Grandpa and Alex**







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 Montgomery Arts Commission Photography Competition-1<sup>st</sup> Place Awards-Victoria Jones, 12, Ayla Rapoport, 12.  
 Mount St. Joseph Exhibition Awards; Kelly Beech, 12, Lizzie Klein, 12, Elesha Roser, 12.  
 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Contest-Jason Butler, 12.  
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 Preston Scruggs, 12-Honorable Mention and Silver Award Photography  
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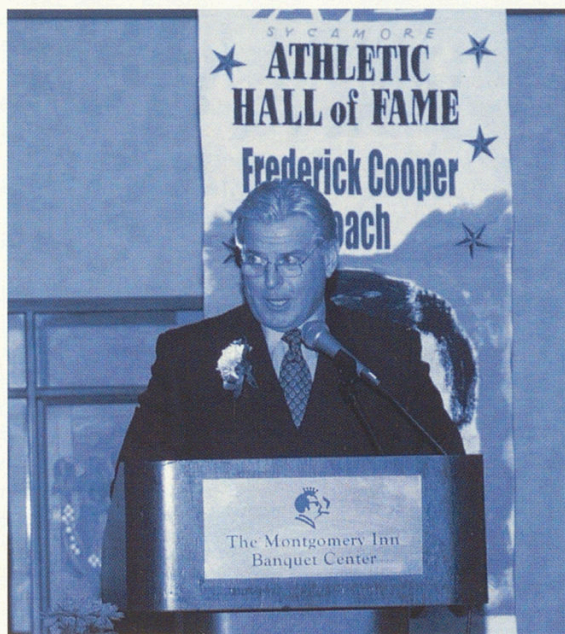
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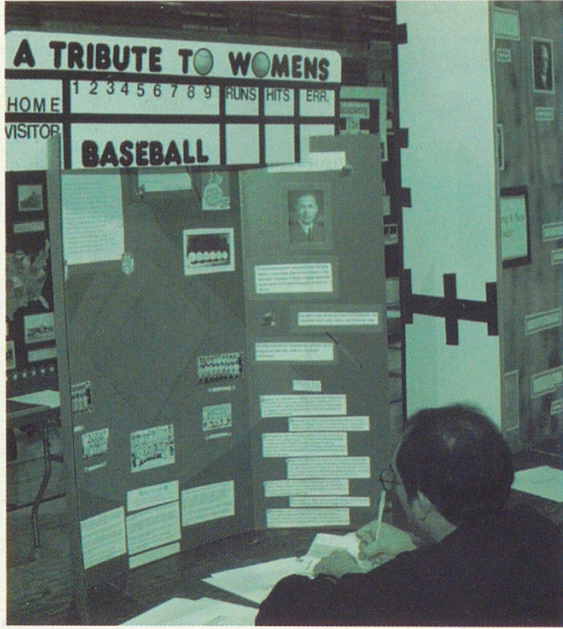
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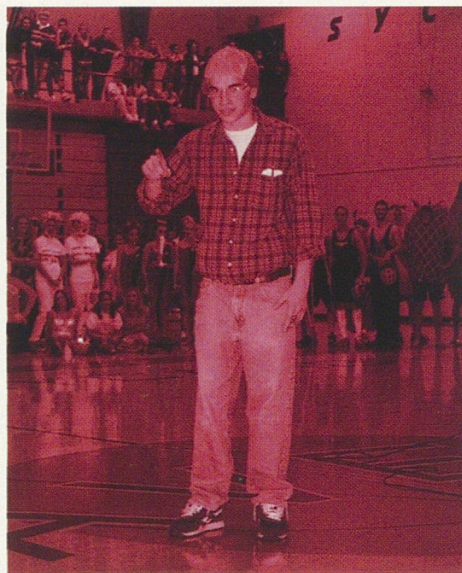
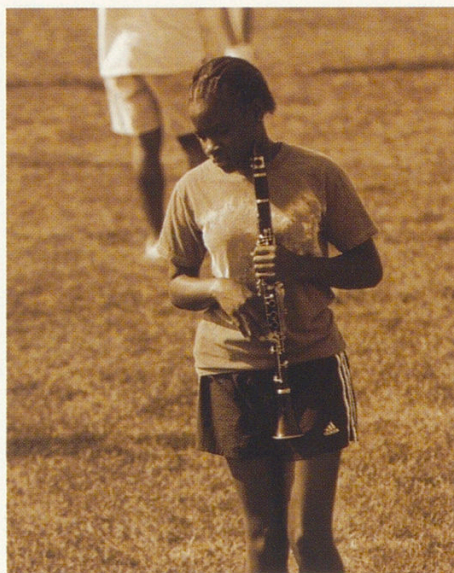
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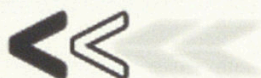


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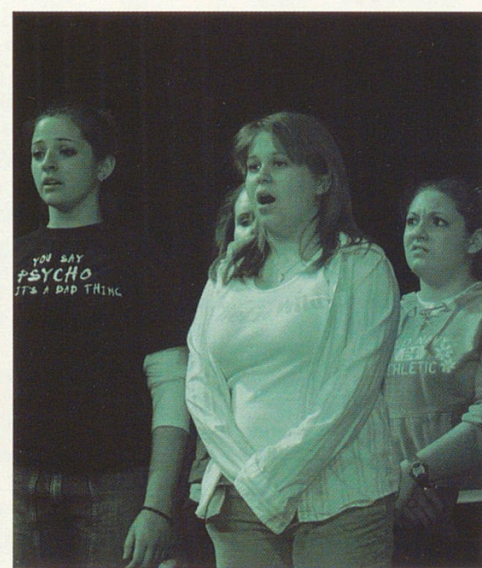
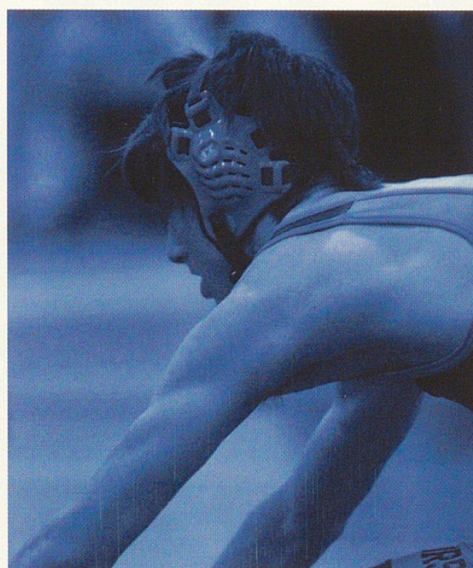
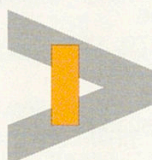
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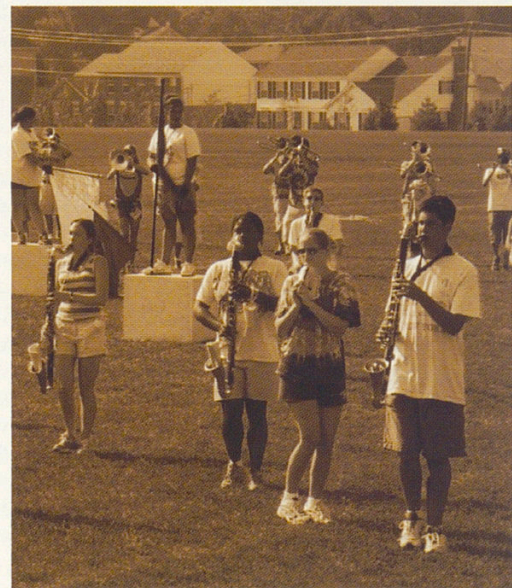
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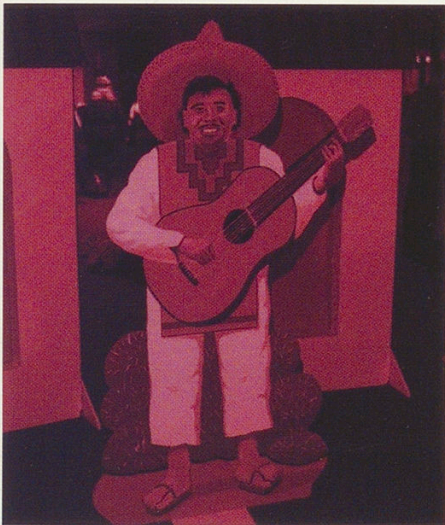
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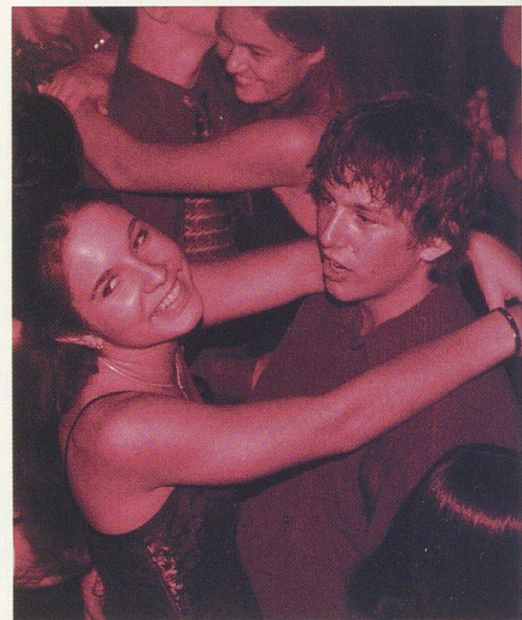
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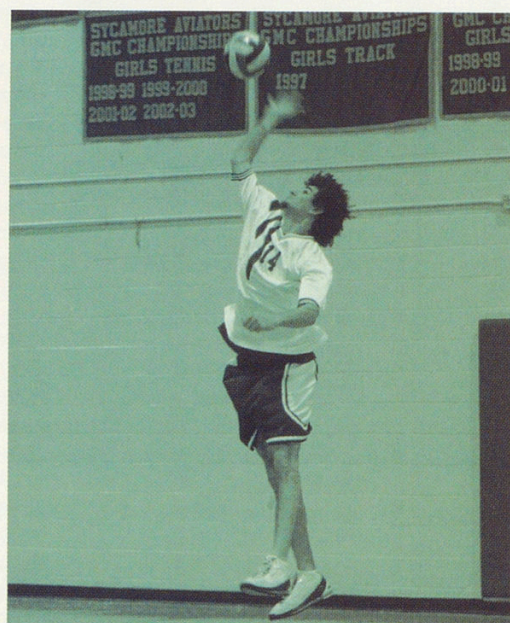
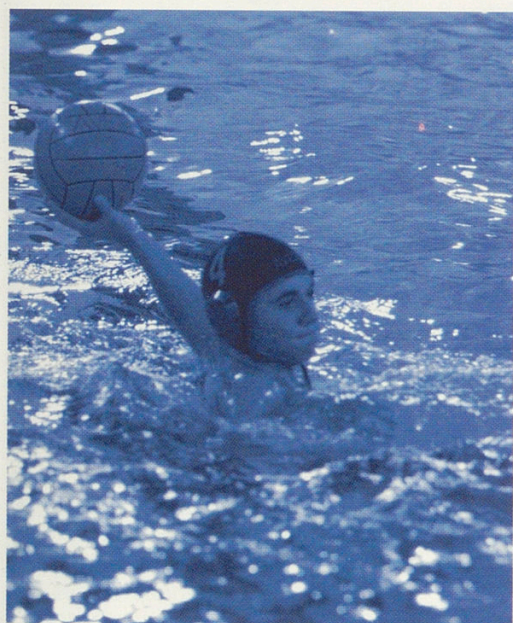
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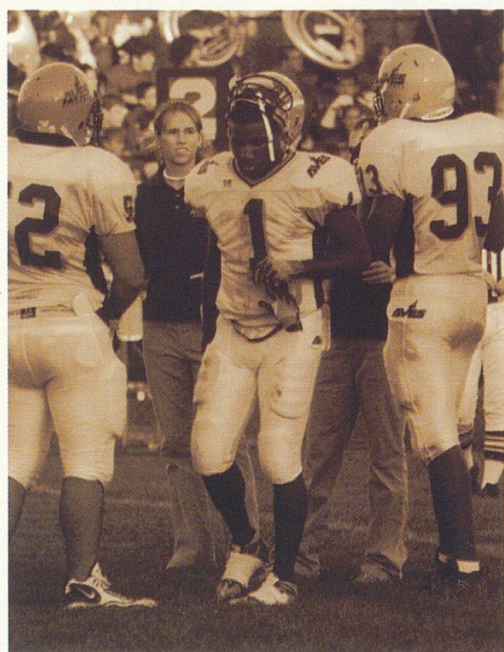
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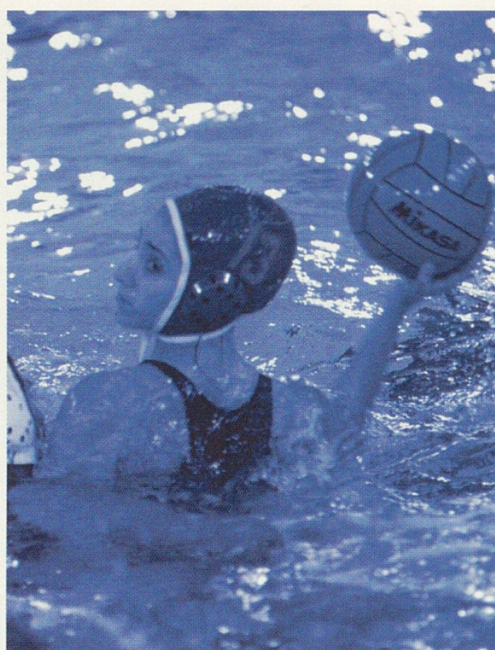


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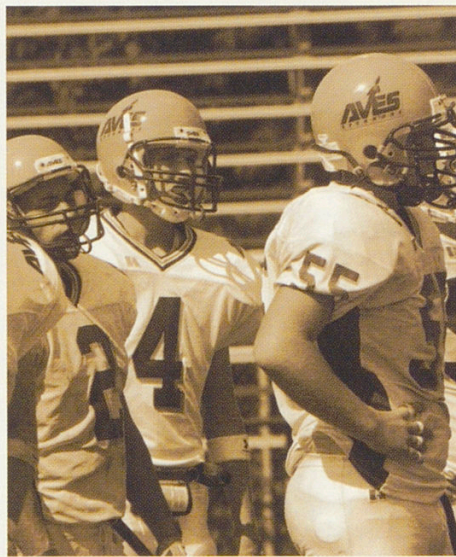
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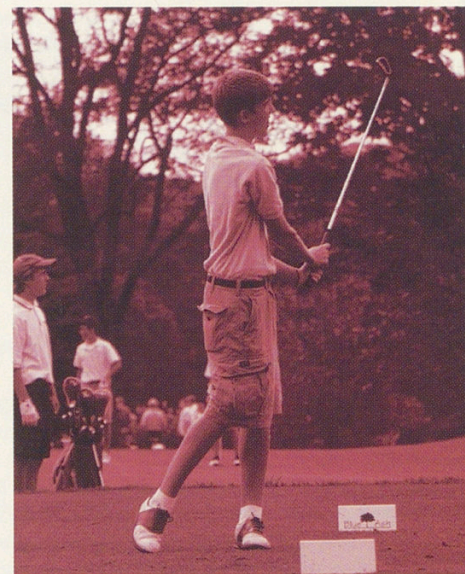


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# SYCAMORE

**THERE'S MORE IN SYCAMORE.** Even when you leave Sycamore, you are reminded that *There's More in Sycamore*. Whether it be the traffic on Cornell road, where this sign is located, or the number of National Merit semifinalists, 16 this year alone and 305 since 1974, there is more of everything in this school district and community.







**T**hough no Powder Puff game was played in the spring, there was still more to Sycamore. More sports were added to the schedule, such as bowling and fencing, and more teams went farther in state tournaments. More scholarships were awarded, while district board members became more conscientious of the school's budget. More state-wide testing was performed as students participated in more groups to make it more enjoyable to transition into high school. Teachers acquired more asset training while gaining technological skills to allow full access to students' standing in their classes. More AP classes were proposed and more communication connected the school with the Principal's Advisory Committee and the Teacher Leadership Council. So as you can see, there's *More In Sycamore*.



# 1-2-3 GO AVES!



## Alma Mater

Hail, Sycamore to you we sing this  
song,  
Home of the Aviators, brave and  
strong,  
Courage and pride belong to all  
who sing,  
Sycamore High School over all is  
king!

## Fight Song

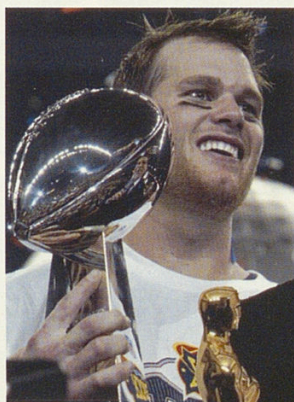
Fight the team across the field  
Show them we are to fear  
Set the halls reverberating  
With a mighty cheer  
S-H-S!  
Hit them hard and see how they fall  
Never let that team get the ball  
Hail!  
Hail!  
The gang's all here and  
we'll win this ball game tonight!



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# World Events



The United States heightens the war on terrorism by initiating a "shock and awe" campaign that liberates the Iraqis from former leader Saddam Hussein's regime. Further military actions resulted in the death of his sons Odai and Qusai and the celebrated capture of Hussein himself.



Architect Michael Arad's design, "Reflecting Absence," is selected for the World Trade Center memorial.



Eleven Russian coal miners are rescued after being trapped 2,625 feet below ground for six days.



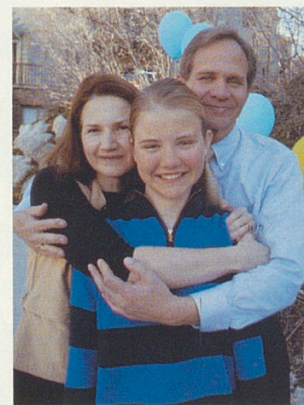
Astronomers discover M4, the oldest known planet, estimated to be 12.7 billion years old.



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promises to relocate 17 Gaza Strip settlements.



Iranian Shirin Ebadi receives the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian efforts.

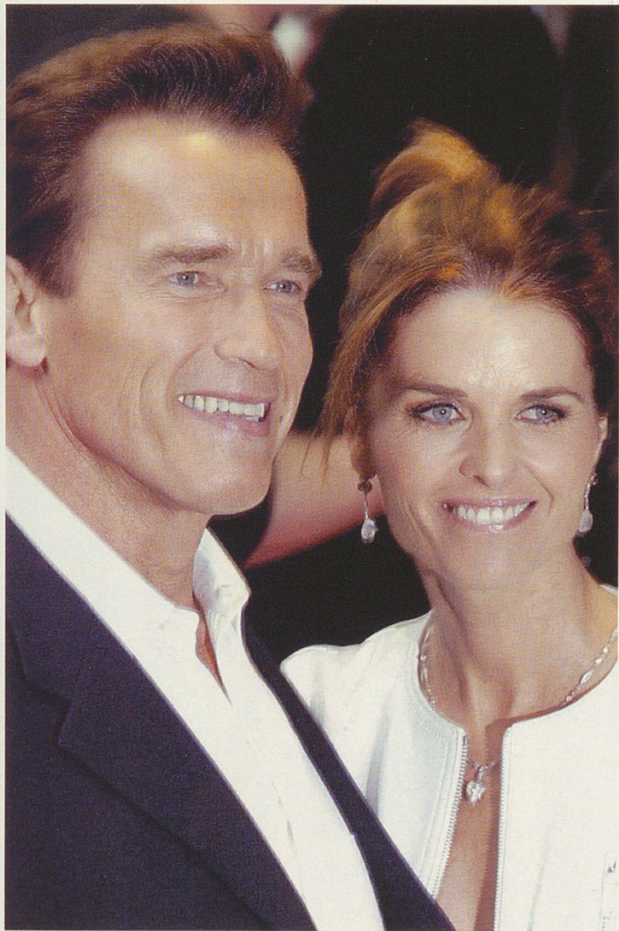


Nine months after she was abducted, Elizabeth Smart is found alive in Utah.



While serving in Iraq, more than 500 American troops are killed and more than 3,000 are wounded.





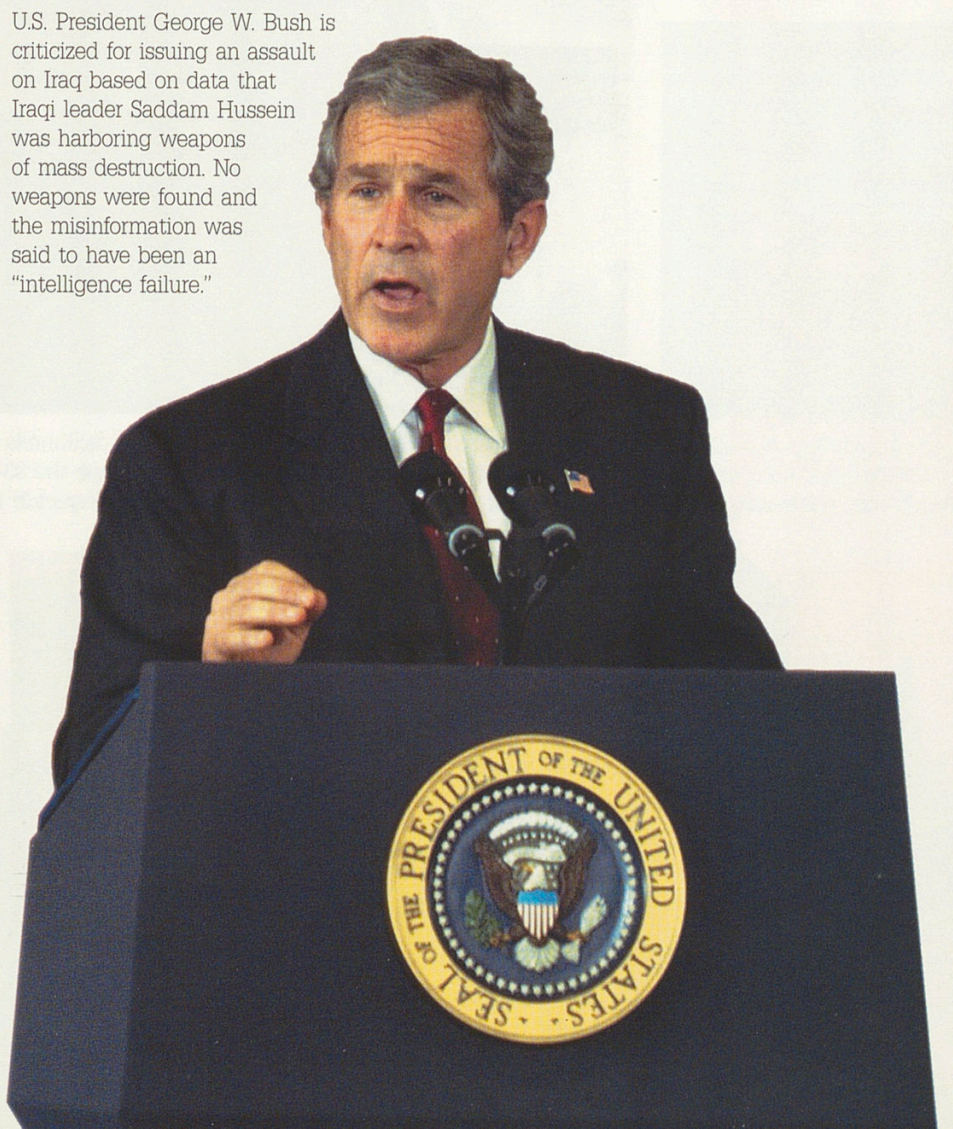
Californians voice disapproval of Gray Davis by voting Arnold Schwarzenegger governor in a recall election. Wife Maria Shriver resigned her seven-figure position with NBC News.



China, Taiwan and Canada are hit hardest by the deadly SARS virus. SARS killed more than 900 people and infected thousands worldwide. In an attempt to isolate the virus, breathing masks were worn, travelers were screened for symptoms and patients were quarantined.



Europeans endure one month of temperatures that soar above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The record-breaking heatwave killed more than 19,000 people, withered crops, sparked wildfires, caused power outages and melted Alpine glaciers.



U.S. President George W. Bush is criticized for issuing an assault on Iraq based on data that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was harboring weapons of mass destruction. No weapons were found and the misinformation was said to have been an "intelligence failure."



# World Events



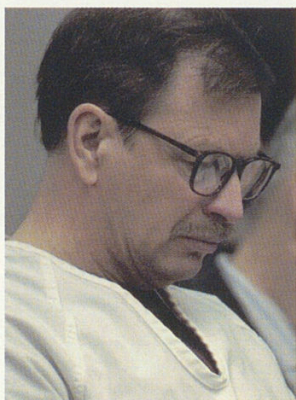
Martha Stewart is convicted on multiple charges related to her sale of ImClone stock.



The United States Federal Reserve enters a colorful \$20 bill into circulation.



The "Protect Act of 2003" urges states to administer the Amber Alert system.



Gary Ridgway, known as the Green River killer, admits that he murdered 48 women in Washington state.



Pope John Paul II celebrates his 25th anniversary as pope. Despite the debilitating affects of Parkinson's disease the 83-year-old pontiff presided over an anniversary Mass that drew tens of thousands of people to St. Peter's Square, Vatican City.



The Homeland Security Department requires armed law enforcement officers on certain international flights.

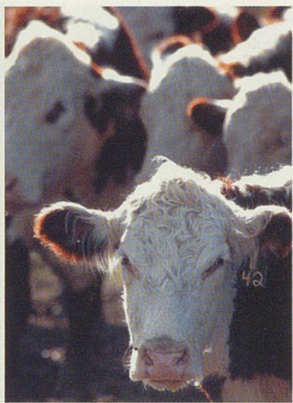


Gyude Bryant becomes the leader of Liberia's postwar government. Former leader Charles Taylor was exiled.

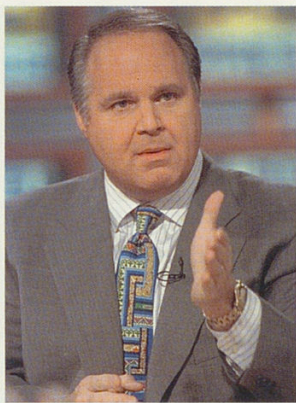


Three capitol buildings close for cleanup when ricin is found in Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's mailroom.





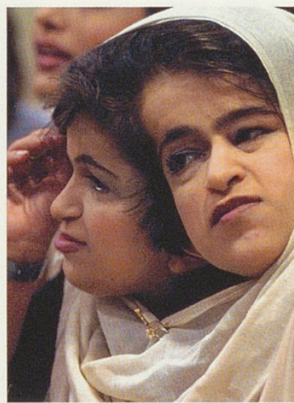
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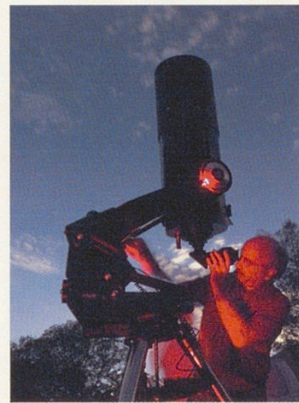
Political commentator Rush Limbaugh seeks rehab for his addiction to painkillers.



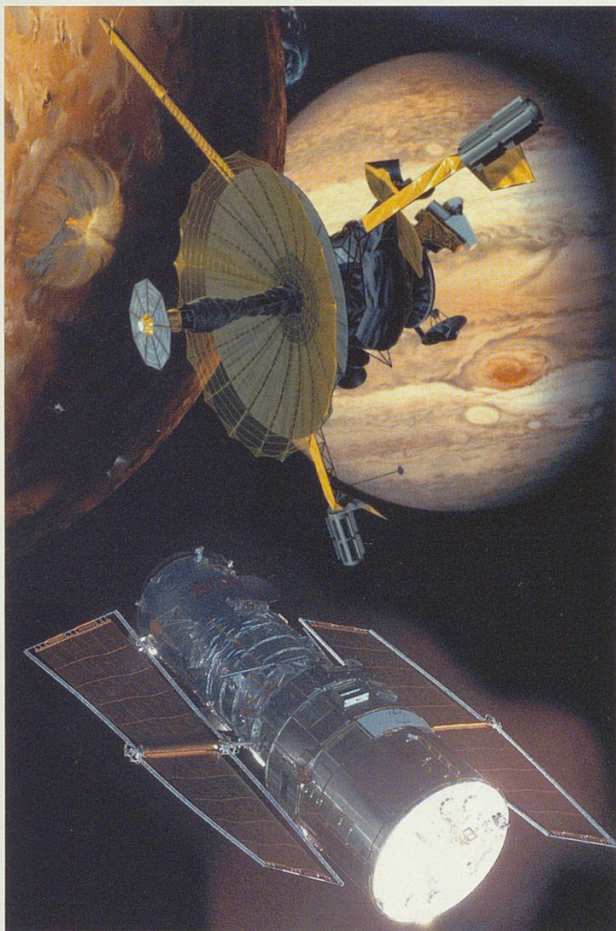
A Staten Island ferry crashes into a pier killing 10 and injuring 42 people.



Iranian conjoined twins Ladan and Laleh Bijani die following separation surgery.



Mars comes within 35 million miles of earth, the closest encounter in 50,000 years.



Months after the 14-year-old Galileo spacecraft is vaporized in Jupiter's atmosphere, NASA debates the risk of repairing the Hubble Space Telescope or destroying it.



Roy Horn of Siegfried & Roy is severely injured when his white tiger Montecore grabs him by the neck and drags him backstage during a Las Vegas performance.



Southern California wildfires char 600,000 acres of land and thousands of homes.



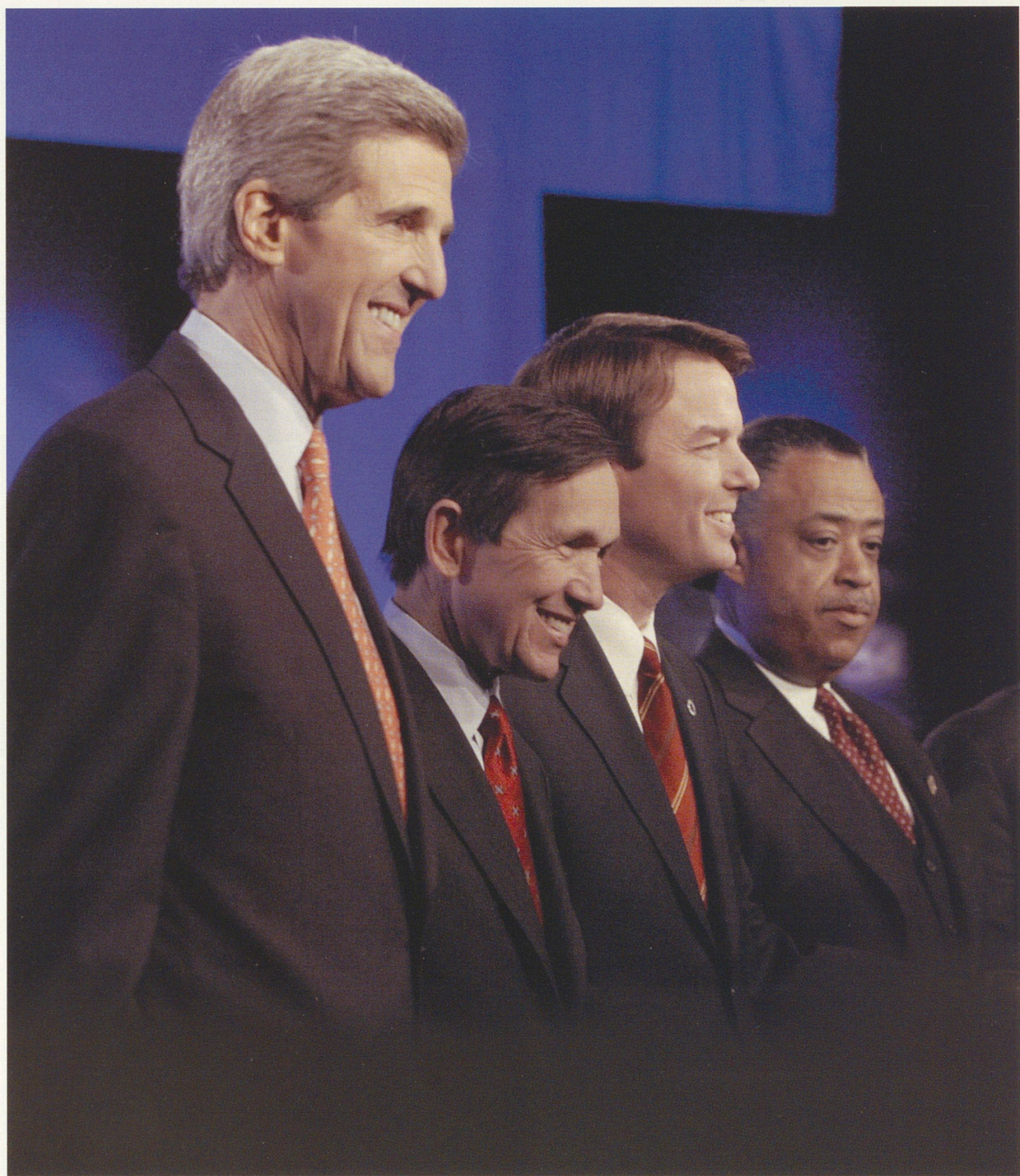
U.S. Customs officials begin scanning the fingerprints of foreign visitors and immigrants.

A major power outage simultaneously cripples cities in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario, Canada.

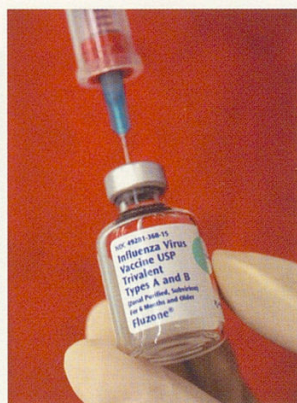




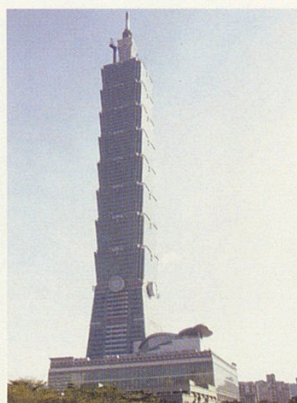
# World Events



U.S. Senator John Kerry, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, U.S. Senator John Edwards and Civil Rights Activist Al Sharpton campaign for the Democratic ticket in the 2004 Presidential Race against Republican President George W. Bush. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader also announced his candidacy as an Independent.



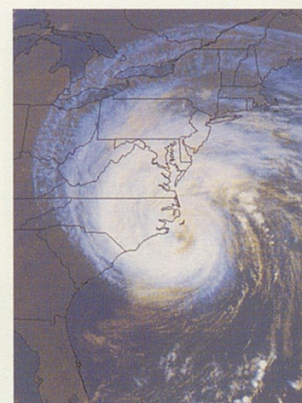
Americans are injected with more than 83 million flu vaccines in defense of the perilous "super flu" epidemic.



Taiwan's 1,674 foot Taipei Tower surpasses Malaysia's Petronas Towers, becoming the world's tallest building.



Following months of rebel opposition, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide is forced to flee his country.



Hurricane Isabel causes four deaths, flash flooding and massive power outages in six East Coast states.





Measuring 1,132 feet long, 236 feet high and valued at \$800 million, the Queen Mary II is the world's largest and most expensive passenger ship.



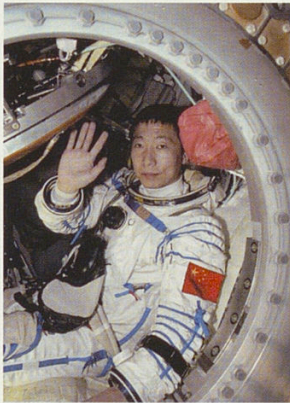
Scientists debate whether a 40-foot wide, gelatinous sea specimen found on the coast of Chile is decomposing whale tissue or part of the rare Octopus Giganteus.



Following two years of opposition, Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Foreign Minister Yashwant Sinha agree to engage in dialogues aimed at resolving their long-term dispute over the Kashmir region.



Kill Devil Hills, NC celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brother's first manned and powered flight. Attempts to re-enact the flight failed because of unfavorable conditions.



Air Force pilot Yang Liwei mans China's first human space mission.



More than 28,000 people die when a magnitude 6.6 earthquake rocks Bam, Iran.



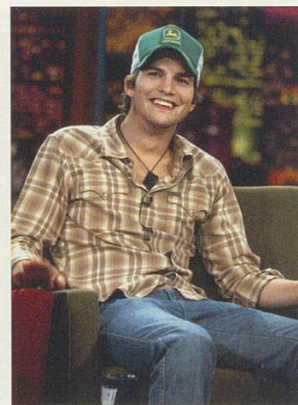
Funny man Bob Hope, dies at 100. Hope's comic career brought laughter to American citizens and troops for more than 60 years.

- The new Oklahoma City federal building was opened.
- Canada's 3,000-year-old Ward Hunt Ice Shelf split in two.
- The remains of Laci Peterson and child were found and husband, Scott, was indicted for the murders.
- President Bush called for a lunar space station to be created by 2020.
- A magnitude 8.0 earthquake rocked Japan and forced 41,000 people to evacuate Hokkaido island.
- Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore was removed from office for refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the State Supreme Court building.
- A bird flu outbreak caused countries to ban the importation of U.S. chicken.
- The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ignited a national controversy when it ruled against a state ban on same gender marriages.
- Veteran broadcaster David Brinkley and U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond died.

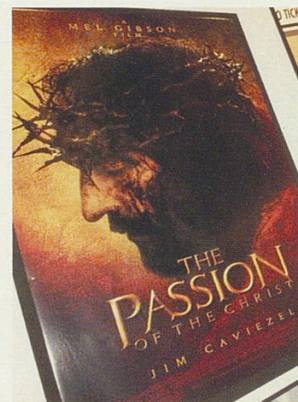




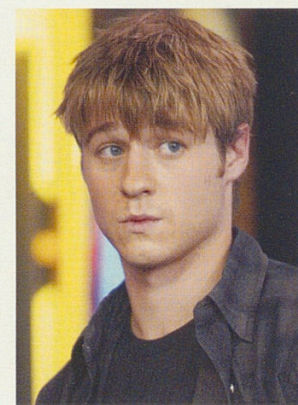
"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" starring Elijah Wood and Sean Astin is this year's biggest box office hit earning more than \$925 million. "Rings" received four Golden Globes and 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture.



After two seasons, Ashton Kutcher ends his MTV practical joke series "Punk'd!"



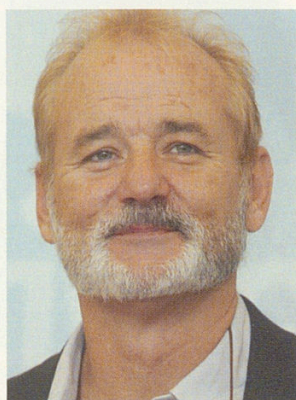
"The Passion of the Christ" starring Jim Caviezel grosses \$117.5 million its first week.



Benjamin McKenzie stars in Fox's new hit drama series "The O.C."



"Everybody Loves Raymond" collects four Emmys including Outstanding Comedy Series.



"Lost in Translation" and Bill Murray collect three Golden Globes and four Academy Award nominations.



Emmy winner and beloved star of "8 Simple Rules" John Ritter tragically dies at 54.

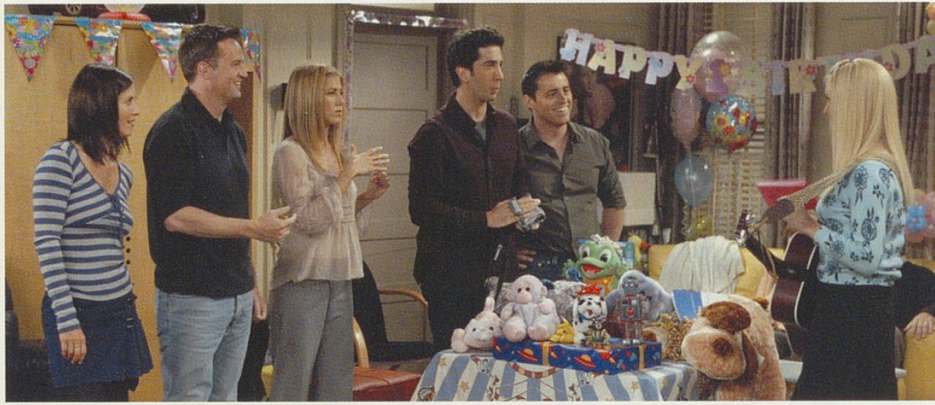


"Seabiscuit" starring Tobey McGuire earns seven Academy Award nominations including Best Picture.

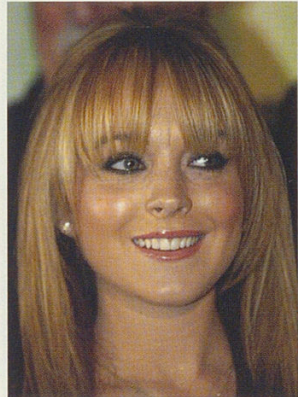




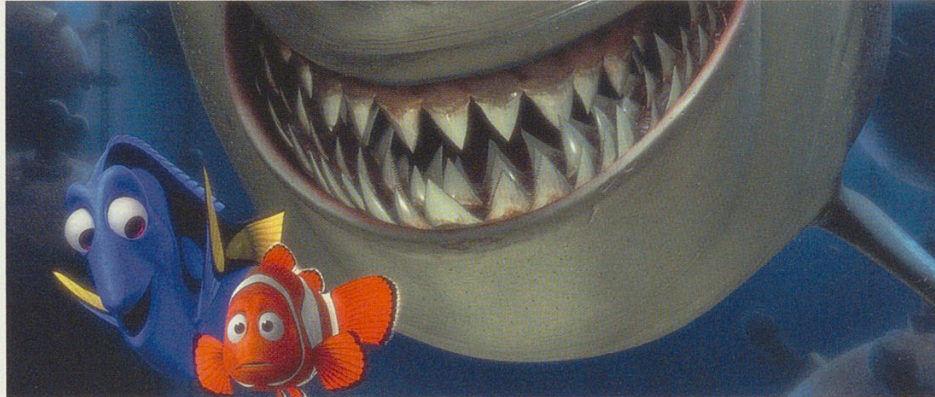
Johnny Depp wins a SAG award and Oscar nomination for "Pirates of the Caribbean."



Following 10 successful seasons Courteney Cox Arquette, Matthew Perry, Jennifer Aniston, David Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Lisa Kudrow bid farewell to "Friends." The hit show picked up its third People's Choice Award for Favorite Comedy Series.



Lindsay Lohan stars in the remake of Disney's classic "Freaky Friday."

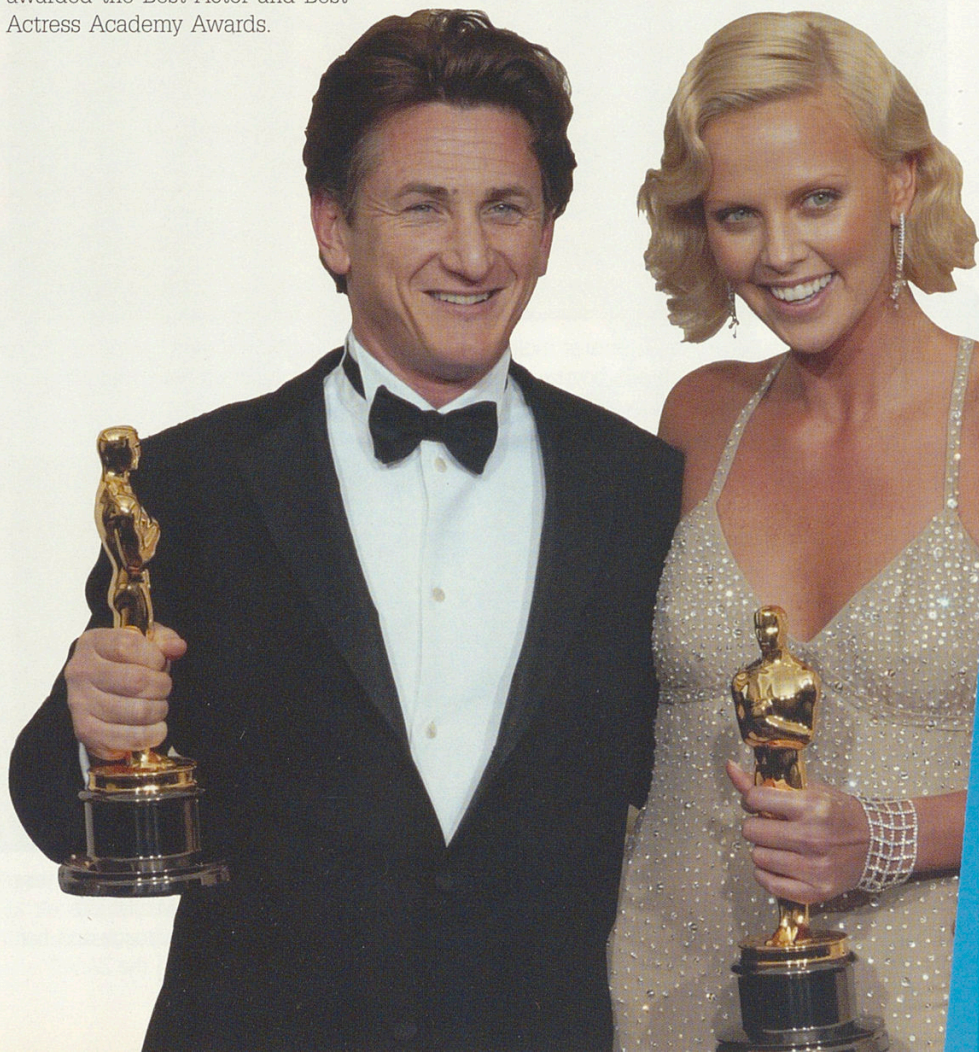


In the wake of their box office hit "Finding Nemo," Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney Company end their 12-year partnership. In addition, Disney rejected a takeover bid from cable giant Comcast and agreed to purchase Jim Henson Company's Muppets.



"Mystic River" star Sean Penn and "Monster's" Charlize Theron are awarded the Best Actor and Best Actress Academy Awards.

"Master and Commander," starring Russell Crowe, earns 10 Oscar nominations.



"Joan of Arcadia" starring Amber Tamblyn is the "People's Choice" for Favorite New TV Dramatic Series.

"The People" vote Tom Hanks their Favorite All-Time Entertainer.

• ABC hosted a \$4 million wedding for "Bachelorette" couple Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter.

• MTV and CBS were criticized following a controversial Super Bowl halftime performance by Janet Jackson.

• Other Hot Movies: "Elf," "Big Fish," "The Hulk," "Bruce Almighty," "Cold Mountain," "School of Rock," "Freddy vs. Jason," "The Matrix Revolutions," "The Last Samurai" and "American Wedding."

• Other Hot TV Shows: "CSI," "Fear Factor," "American Idol," "Survivor," "Will and Grace," "Six Feet Under" and "The Apprentice."

• Legendary entertainers Gregory Peck, Buddy Ebsen, Charles Bronson, Katharine Hepburn, "Captain Kangaroo" Bob Keeshan and "Home Improvement's" Earl Hindman died.



# Music



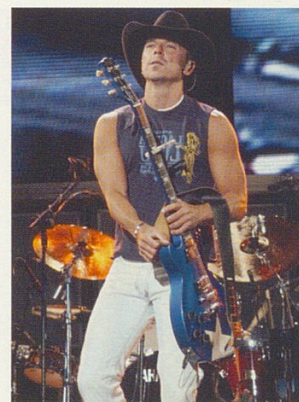
Beyoncé Knowles wins five Grammys including Best R&B Song for "Crazy In Love" and Best Rap Collaboration with her boyfriend, rapper Jay-Z. Beyoncé also received three MTV Video Music Awards and starred in the movie "The Fighting Temptations."



Hillary Duff, star of "Lizzie McGuire," releases her first album "Metamorphosis."



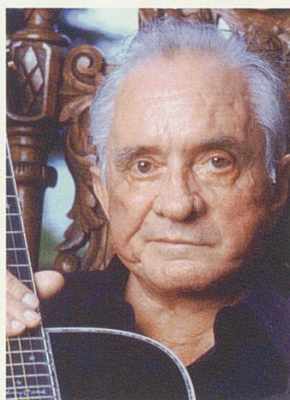
Americans celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in the United States.



Kenny Chesney tops the music charts with his album "When the Sun Goes Down."



Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliot receives a Grammy and two MTV Video Music Awards for her song "Work It."



Grammy winner Johnny Cash dies at 71. During his career, Cash was featured on more than 500 albums.

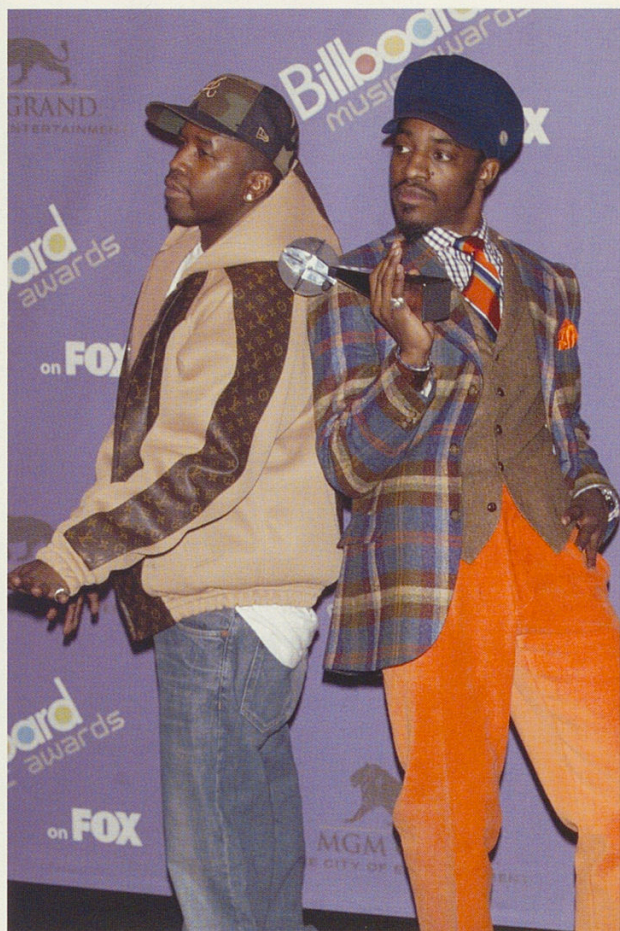


Britney Spears marks the year with a controversial kiss, a brief Vegas marriage and her new album "In the Zone."



MTV's "Newlyweds: Jessica and Nick" exposes the marriage of singers Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson.

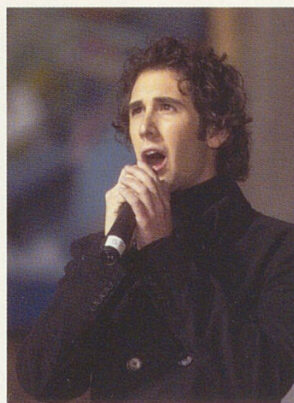




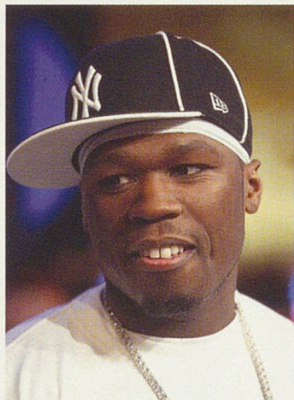
OutKast's Big Boi and Andre 3000 claim three Grammy awards including Album of the Year and Best Rap Album for "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below.s"



The Grammy for Best New Artist goes to rock group Evanescence.



Tenor Josh Groban's album "Closer" tops the Classical Billboard charts.



Rapper 50 Cent collects two American Music Awards for "Get Rich or Die Trying."



Ruben Studdard outsings Clay Aiken, becoming the second American Idol.



Coldplay receives three MTV Music Awards and their single "Clocks" is named Record of the Year at the Grammy Awards. Lead singer Chris Martin married actress and mom-to-be Gwyneth Paltrow.



Justin Timberlake's album "Justified" is awarded two Grammys for Best Pop Vocal Album and Best Male Pop Vocal Performance. Justin also won an American Music Award for Favorite Album-Pop or Rock and three Video Music Awards.

While touring in Europe heavy Metal singer Ozzy Osbourne was seriously injured in an ATV accident.

Stroke survivor Luther Vandross won four Grammys including one for Best R&B Album and two American Music Awards.

Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck call off their engagement ending the "Bennifer" frenzy.

Michael Jackson is indicted on charges involving inappropriate behavior with minors.

Prince Charles knighted Sir Mick Jagger in honor of "his services to popular music."

Other names in music this year included Country superstar Toby Keith, 80s glam rockers The Darkness, Maroon 5, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and The Strokes.

Notable musicians Warren Zevon, Robert Palmer, Barry White and Bobby Hatfield died.



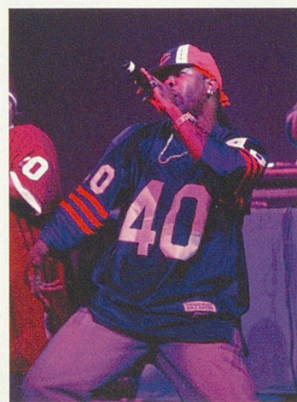
# Trends & Technology



Fast-food menus change to accommodate the rising number of low-carb dieters.



The Aquada, a new boat/car, can travel up to 30 mph in the water.



Busta Rhymes sports a trendy "throwback" jersey and retro cap.



The United States' second Mars rover, Spirit, explores the Red Planet's terrain. Following 10 days of lost contact, Spirit continued to collect data, dig for soil samples and set a one-day distance record of 70 feet.



Thick-soled and fur-lined Ugg boots stomp their way from Hollywood fashion to everyday footwear.



Physically handicapped people can now travel virtually anywhere in the Independence iBOT 3000.

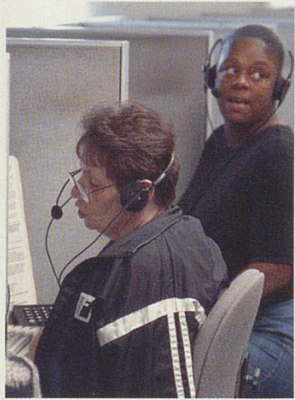


Carryalls take on a fresh new look with beaded handbags, mesh backpacks and vintage cigar box purses.



High definition, flat screen televisions and DVD recorders are the new wave in home entertainment.





Millions of Americans ban telemarketers from phoning by signing the "Do Not Call List."



Mandy Moore wears cute "girl curls" while guys sport shaggy cuts and close shaves.



Powerpuff Girls, Hello Kitty and Curious George are popular cartoon characters.

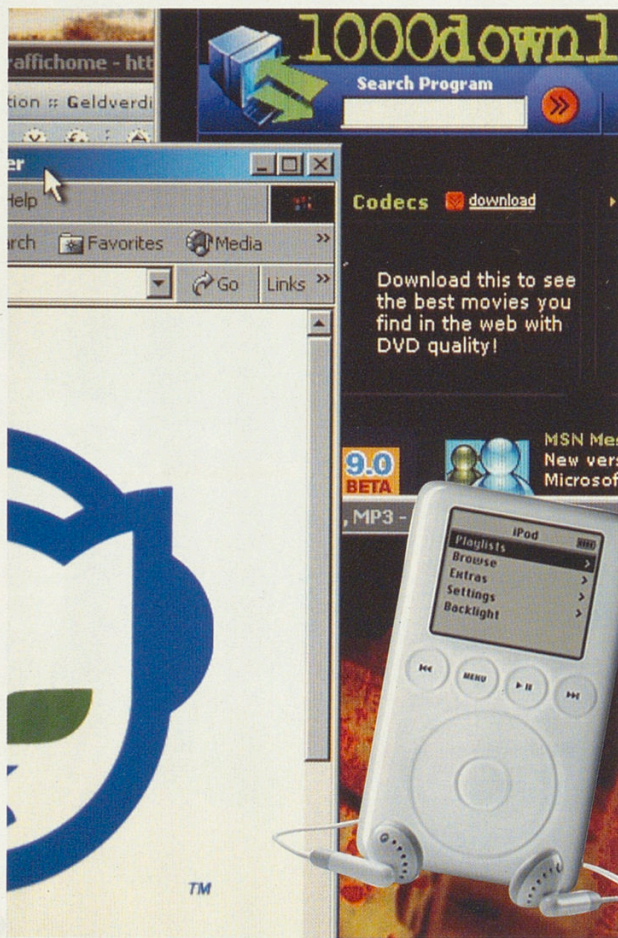


Online booking companies such as Orbitz and Expedia hurt travel agency sales.



The 80s styles make a comeback along with mini skirts, trucker caps, vintage t-shirts, distressed jeans, thick leather wrist bands, stiletto heels and a fascination with the mullet.

Sports Utility Vehicles outsell mini-vans becoming the new "family car." To compete with rising gas prices and smaller cars, automobile manufacturers developed the first hybrid SUVs.



Fines are issued to hundreds of illegal downloaders of music. Media sharing websites and the popularity of MP3 players are blamed for a 31 percent drop in CD sales.

# Technology

The first major book printed in the west, the Gutenberg Bible, was digitized and placed online for archival and educational purposes.

Siemens' Virtual Keyboard uses a laser projection that enables users to type on any flat surface.

MasterCard created a "swipeless" credit card that emits radio signals.

Scientists developed a weed that changes color when it is grown over a landmine.

The "MyDoom" e-mail virus infected computers worldwide by installing a worm that crashed Microsoft Windows.

Scientists in South Korea clone the first human embryos for stem cell research.

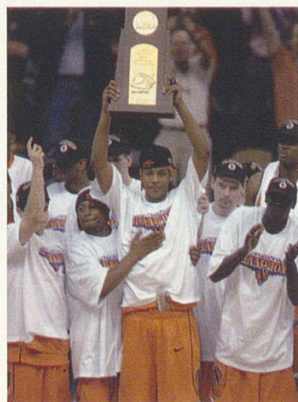
Logitech created a digital pen that captures everything written or drawn and uploads the data to a computer via a USB cradle.



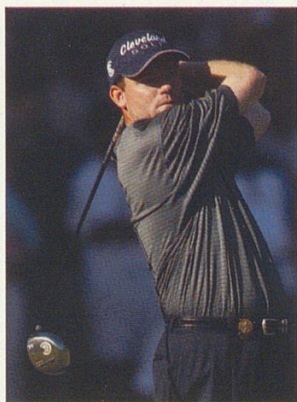
# Sports



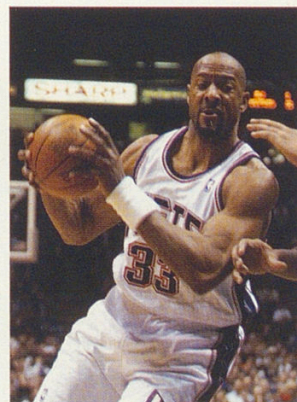
The New England Patriots win Super Bowl XXXVIII in an electrifying 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers. With four seconds remaining, the Patriots scored a field goal and claimed their second championship in three years. New England quarterback Tom Brady was Super Bowl MVP.



Carmelo Anthony and the Syracuse Orangemen win the NCAA Basketball Tournament.



On the final hole, Shaun Micheel claims his first win in 163 starts at the PGA Championship.



New Jersey Nets star Alonzo Mourning retires from the NBA to undergo a kidney transplant.



Laila Ali defends her IBA super middleweight title by defeating boxing great Christy Martin.





The UConn Huskies, led by Diana Taurasi, celebrate their second consecutive NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament victory after defeating the Tennessee Volunteers 73-68.



Lance Armstrong pedals to his fifth consecutive Tour De France title.



Justine Henin-Hardenne's eight tennis wins include the French and U.S. Opens.



Pro soccer team D.C. United signs a four-year deal with 14-year-old Freddy Adu.



Jose Santos rides Funny Cide into the Kentucky Derby winner's circle.



Golfer Annika Sorenstam is voted A.P. Female Athlete of the Year.



Heavyweight boxing champ Lennox Lewis retires at 38, ending a 14-year career.



The Florida Marlins win the World Series in a seven-game match up with the New York Yankees. Marlins pitcher Josh Beckett was series MVP.

Dale Earnhardt, Jr. follows in his father's footsteps as he drives to his first Daytona 500 victory on Feb. 15. He took the lead from Tony Stewart with 20 laps to go. The late Dale Earnhardt, Sr. claimed the same title six years earlier on Feb. 15, 1998.



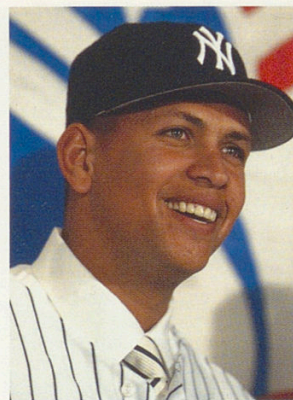




Kristine Lilly, Brandi Chastain and Mia Hamm celebrate a 3-1 U.S. victory over Canada in the FIFA Women's World Cup. The win earned the United States a Bronze Medal.



League MVP Tim Duncan leads the San Antonio Spurs to the NBA championship.



Alex Rodriguez signs with the New York Yankees and moves from shortstop to third base.



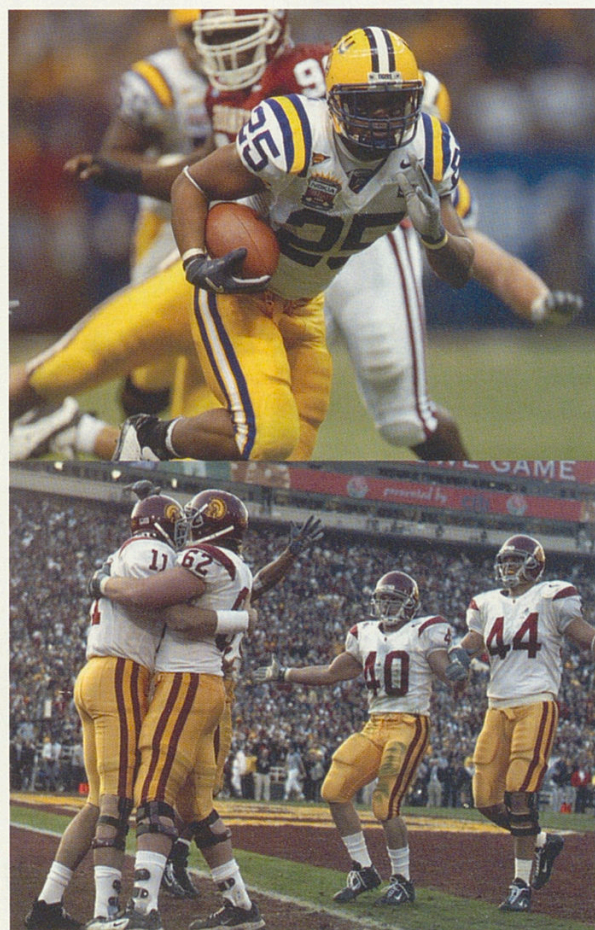
The New Jersey Devils earn their third Stanley Cup in nine seasons after defeating the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 4-3 in the seven game series.



Julie Krone becomes the first female jockey to win a Breeders' Cup race.



Andy Roddick defeats top-ranked Juan Carlos Ferrero in the U.S. Open Finals.



In the first tie since 1997, the LSU Tigers and the USC Trojans share this year's National Football Championship. The Trojans were voted No. 1 by the Associated Press, while the Tigers got the top vote in the Coaches' Poll.



Surfer Bethany Hamilton returns to competition just 10 weeks after losing her left arm in a shark attack.

SPORTS

- Fan favorite John Daly won his first PGA tournament in nine years at the Buick Invitational.
- Rice University claimed the College World Series title.
- Tennis great Pete Sampras retired with a record 14 Grand Slam titles.
- In game four of the National League Championship Series, Chicago Cubs fan Steve Bartman deflected a foul ball as left fielder Moises Alou attempted the catch.irate fans blamed Bartman for the Cubs' loss.
- Chicago Cub Sammy Sosa was ejected when an umpire discovered he was using an illegal bat.
- Wakeboarding phenom Dallas Friday, 16, wins a Summer X-Games Gold Medal.
- Tug McGraw, pitcher for the "Miracle Mets" and Phillies, died at 59. He was the father of country music star Tim McGraw.







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