

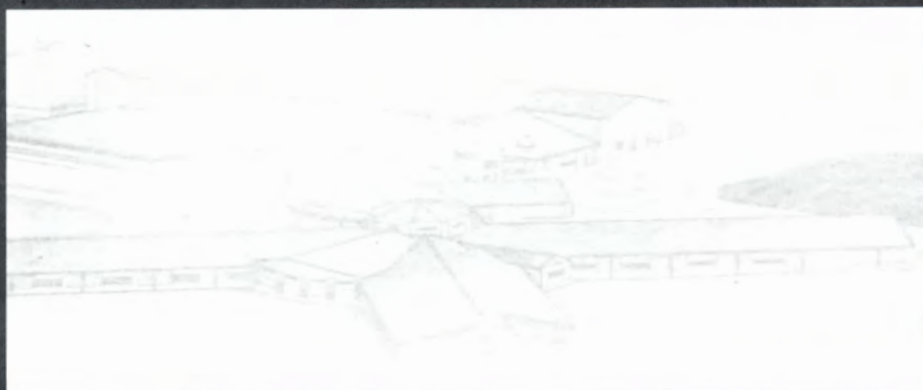


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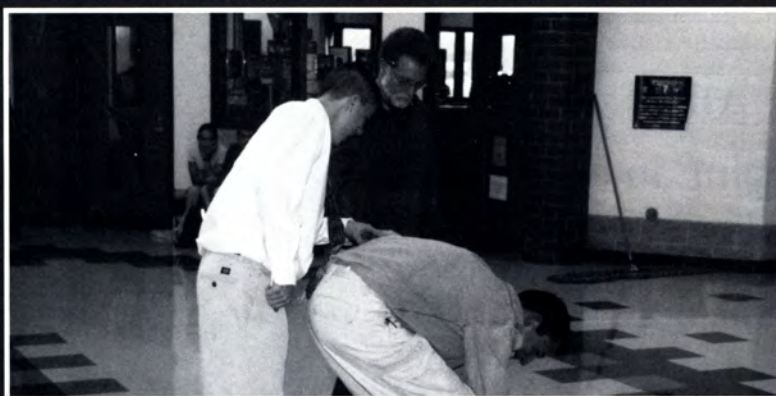
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THE WILD RIDE

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All in a day's work. Roaming the halls, writing notes, sleeping in class...it's all relative to a normal day at Leslie High School.

Yet the year is so much more than that. It's about prom, homecoming, and graduation. It's about friends, teachers, decisions, and the future. And it's all about to happen whether you're ready or not. It's a wild ride so you better hold on tight; here we go.

Here we Go

Each fall the student body steps out of its regular schedule and enters Homecoming. You and your friends get to dress like morons, cheer on the football team, and gig at the dance. The play and musical give aspiring actors the opportunity to entertain the Leslie community in our first class auditorium.

But before you know it, May rolls around and everyone is anxiously awaiting the day when friends and couples prepeare for prom. And then you turn around and there's graduation, which makes us ask ourselves: are we prepared for the real world? Are we ready to leave our school, friends, and way of life for the past thirteen years? Are we ready to step into the unknown and see what our future holds in store for us? **Hold, on because here we GO!**





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What did you think of the pep assembly?



"I thought it was awesome, because I'm a cheerleader and we were the best thing in it!"

Nicholle Franz

"I especially liked my speech that was straight out of *Varsity Blues*."

John Hunter



HOMECOMING '99



B2K... is that the name of the new sandwich at Burger King? Of course not; it was the theme for Fall Homecoming 1999, mocking the infamous Y2K computer scare. Leslie High School had its usual dose of Homecoming activities including float building, the Homecoming parade through town, and even a dance after Friday's football game against the Dansville Aggies.

Along with the regulars, a new event added some entertainment: the Kiss the Pig contest. Students cast votes for whom they wanted to kiss a baby pig by placing money in a can with the student or staff member's name on it. Mr. Ball and Mr. Howe received the honors. The

rockin'
our way
in Y2K
By Sarah Risner

proceeds raised nearly three hundred dollars for the Jacques Adair Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This year's dress up days received enormous participation from students and staff. We started off the week with P2K-pajama 2000 day, which brought students to school sporting their favorite jammies (or in a few rare cases lingerie). Tuesday was class color day. Y2K Futurama day was Wednesday. Students and staff

showed up at school wearing some strange attire, such as duct tape, plastic wrap, and loads of glitter. Toga day/picture day was Thursday with underclassmen all prettied up for their pictures and seniors strutting their stuff in togas. As usual, Friday was spirit day when almost every member of our school was decked out in orange and black apparel to support our world class high school.

This year the seniors rocked the house winning both the float competition and victory cheer, although the other grades did put up a fight. The Hawk football team was also victorious, winning its first game of the year to defeat the dreaded Dansville Aggies.

(top right) The Senior Homecoming Court members all spiffed up. Luckily this picture was taken before the guys shaved their heads.

(above) Show those sexy legs Lance. Senior Lance Woodland is obviously sportin' some old school apparel on class color day.

(right) Ericka Modert, Kenzi Evans, Sarah Risner, Kate Eldred, and Missy Brattain are having fun during Homecoming week.





(left) The race was on during Homecoming week to see who would be lucky enough to kiss the pig. Mr. Ball was obviously thrilled about the tie between him and Mr. Howe.

(below left) A few brave young men, Andy Ries, Jared Bowen, and Thommy Waldofski, sported women's lingerie to school for jammie day.

(below) During the pep assembly, many entertaining skits were performed. The students' favorite was the teachers; Ms. Vallillee, Mr. Laird, Ms. Trotter, and Mr. Bunker gave an entertaining impression of the senior Homecoming Court members.



(above) Millenium day was a dress up day that many students were eager to participate in. Breon Jaque definitely showed her school spirit.

Dress Up Days



Monday: Pajama Day
Juniors Sara Fogg and
Kristi Hatch.



Tuesday: Class Colors
Senior Class Members



Wednesday: Millenium
Senior Nikki Toburen



Thursday: Toga-Pic
Senior Jennifer Fildey



Friday: Spirit Day
Junior Brad Dunlapp

What did you think of the play?



"This year's play had the best cast ever. I will definitely miss it next year along with Olga and Rhebishka."

Chris Chamberlain

"Hats off to Ms. Val and the cast of *You Can't Take it With You*. You all did a great job."

Amy Preiskorn



CAST AND CREW



Fall Play-A BIG HIT

By Jack Yang

This year's play was based on the late 30s. The theme repeatd that, no matter how much money you have, "You Can't Take it With You." As the lights went out and the curtains opened, the crowd sat back and enjoyed another student production.

Alice Sycamore (Ali Jennings) falls in love with her boss's son and company vice-president Tony Kirby, (Billy Beers). Throughout the play, they both try to convince their families that they are meant for each other.

Alice's family is strange and lives a life that work or money aren't important.

You Can't Take it With You

Tony's family owns the business and is really wealthy compared to the Sycamore family. When the Kirby's family visited for dinner on the wrong day, everyone spent a day in jail. In the end, love prevails and the boy gets the girl.

One of the funnier characters was portrayed by Bethany Stover as Gay Wellington, the drunk and disorganized actress throughout the show.

"Sara Fogg and the Bethany Stover were great," said Kristi Hatch, who enjoyed the night watching her friends perform.

Together, these actors created laughter and put together a memorable evening for all those in attendance.

This production has created a lifetime of memories for each cast member, especially those seniors, who received special thanks and rewards from faculty director Ms. Vallillee.



(far above) Teresa Beegle works the lights, Breon Jaque works the sound effects, and John Major just enjoys the show.

(above) Staff director Ms. Vallillee and student director Casey Ward put in a light switch to make the set more realistic.



(above) Playing the drunk and funny actor, Bethany Stover shows off her talent, making the crowd go nuts.



(above) Ali, Jim, and Billy have the family talk about their relationship.



(above) The beautiful ballet dancer, Sara Fogg, shows off her sweetness to Sam Krey, who enjoyed every bit of it.

With a little tap, tap....

Remember that mysterious yellow-brick road? We said farewell to Dorothy, Toto, and those other famous characters after our sixth grade performance. But this year after numerous pleas to the musical director, Rebecca Scofield, the request for a return show was granted.

For weeks students took on their roles, sometimes multiple roles, as they worked to bring the musical together.

This year's show featured Erin Adams as the one and only Dorothy Gale from Kansas. Adams gave a strong and enjoyable performance. Sam Krey (tin man), Billy Beers (cowardly lion), and Jim Keat (scare crow) also had their moments in the spot

The Wizard of Oz

light. And last but not least, Maddie (Ashley Feazel's mutt) played the important role of Toto. The play was a sell out as the whole community came to watch the production, shown on March 24, 25, and 26. For three days straight lines formed at the school an hour before curtain call as many waited for tickets. Too many fans over crowded the auditorium and pull out chairs were put out in the aisles for those that did not get a seat.

Scofield directed a wonderful performance that was the biggest production the Leslie High School stage has ever seen. Not only did the cast consist of high schoolers, but the middle and elementary kids were also included in the play. The cast and crew worked very hard to turn out a success on opening night. They would practice three hours every night on school days for four weeks.

For those that didn't attend the wonderful musical, you missed a great performance that was an explosive sell out.

By Jack Yang

(below) Director in charge, Mrs. Scofield plays the piano and directs at the same time.

(far below) Julie Yang and Ashley Feazel act out the guy roll. With a mustash and a suit, she made a really good mayor.



What did you think of the Wizard of Oz ?



"Loved it!" I'm a huge *Wizard of Oz* fan and I think they did a fabulous job. The costumes sets, choreography, acting, and music were all great!"
-Miss Abbuhl

"I think that it was one of the best productions ever performed. Jamie Hanson was a really good monkey."
-Lauren Hamilton



(far above left) Jim Keat, Erin Adams, Sam Krey and Billy Beers act it out in sorrow.

(above left) Erin Adams and the gate keeper Ali Jennings sing a little tune.

(left) The wizard of OZ, Chris Chamberlain, shows off his crystal ball to Dorothy, who is totally amazed by what it can do.

Snow Day



Beach Day



Sadie Hawkins Day



(bottom) Chris Chamberlain is in drag for Sadie Hawkins day.

(lower bottom) Trisha Koslowski and Casey Ward switching it up to show some school spirit. How often do you see a couple do this?

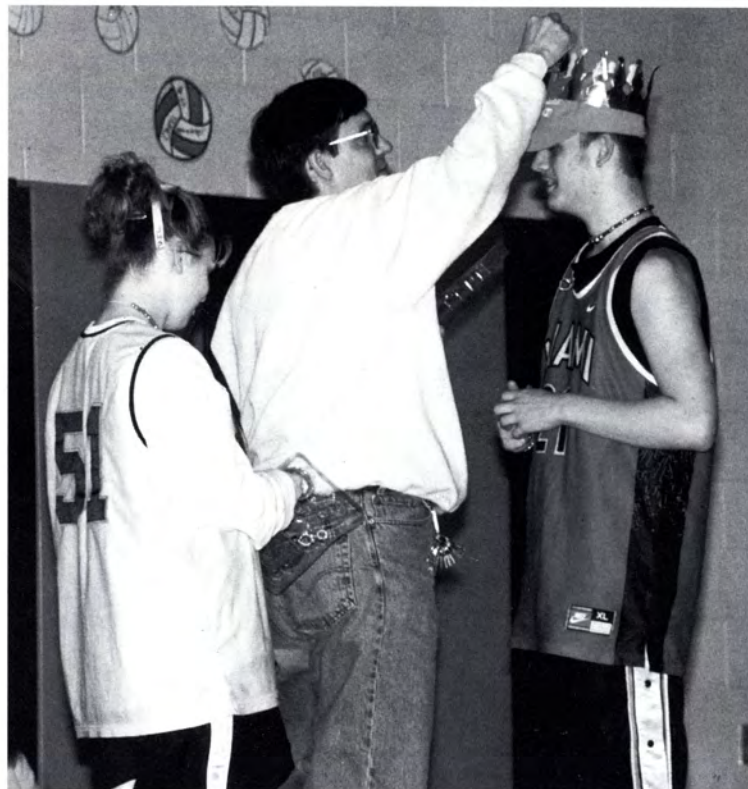
Sweetheart Day



Spirit Day



(bottom left) Kevin Rollstein gets crowned our King of Spirit.



(above) Jared Bowen and Jessica Greer get cute and cuddly out on the dance floor.

(high above) What the heck is Cox doing?

(right) Having fun is never a problem for these girls who had a blast at the dance.





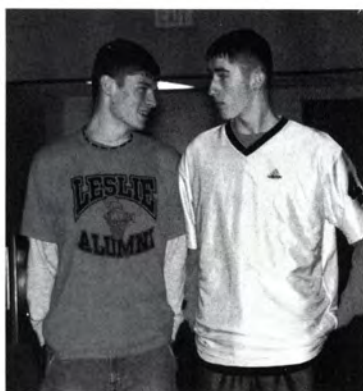
(far left) Lem Franks is a big, fine woman when he backs that thing up! If it weren't for the goatee, he might have pulled it off!

(left) Erica Risky, a cheerleader for both football and basketball, gets jiggy with it at the pep assembly.

(below left) Ali Jennings and Monica Smith are all bundled up for Snow Day.

Winter Homecoming

Sorry there is no article, but despite repeated requests, the creator of this page did not get one written.



(above) TJ and Mark must be talking about how they are going to score some points at the game tonight.

(left) Miranda and Steven Krajniak donned each other's duds to show some school spirit.

(above left) Missy Brattain and Billy Beers look cozy at the dance.



PAGE BY SARA RISNER



(left) Emma Kindeshjo, a.k.a. "the Swedish" scarfs a cherry. While here, she enjoyed many extracurricular activities.

(right) Stacey Foster and her date get snapped while taking a time out under the alcove overlooking the lake.

(far right) Kristen Allender smiles with a look of relief, knowing that all of her hard work planning prom has paid off.



Prom 2000 Once Upon a Star

Date: May 06, 2000

Time: 9 p.m. through 12 a.m.

Event held at: Charlar Place

4230 Charlar Dr, Holt Mi

PROM 2000

Party almost out of time

It all went down on May 06, 2000. The night that many of us had prepared for several months in advance. The day that made all the time and money spent on hair, nail, and tanning appointments, finding the perfect tux and dresses, and getting the coolest car you could find worth it. That's right; we're talking Prom 2000 here.

The night started out with many of us meeting up with our friends and dates and posing for pics at home and in front of the gazebo. From there, the majority of us went on to dine at the nicer restau-

rants in Holt, Lansing, and Jackson.

Other pre-prom activities that some students with extra time enjoyed were miniature golf, visiting co-workers, and roaming the aisles of Meijers.

When nine o'clock rolled around and the actual prom festivities began, students came rolling up carloads at a time at Charlar Place in Holt. Something new when prom-goers arrived at prom this year was the announcing of you and your dates/friends names (well at least if you got there on time and didn't get lost trying to find the place).

Although the dancing area wasn't as large as hoped for, students still enjoyed dancing the night away to their favorite songs (after the DJ realized that everyone was sick of snowball dances). And when it got too cramped and crowded inside, many students headed outside to congregate with friends and watch others get their pictures taken (although the formal portraits were ruined due to an electrical problems). Luckily for us, Mrs. Charnley had the prom video to capture all the memories.



(left) Casey Ward and date Trisha enjoy some conversation by candlelight while at prom.

(right) Lem Franks and Joey Brown look devilishly stylish in their white tuxes. Lem visited coworkers at Meijers before prom.

(far right) Lynnette Theodorou and her date pose outside the prom for a picture. The evening weather was perfect.



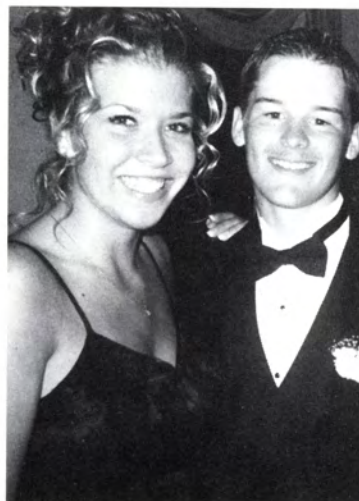


(right) Sammy Krey shows his creative and unique style at prom by sporting a leopard print visor.



(below left) Breon Jacque and Adam Fogg have a ball at prom. Due to Adam's slacking, he didn't even ask Bre to be his date until a week before prom.

(below right) Jeremey Wright and Krista Ross pose for yet another pic before leaving prom.



My date for prom: _____

Who we went with: _____

What I wore: _____

What my date wore: _____

Vehicle we rode in: _____

Where we ate dinner: _____

What we did Post-Prom: _____



(right) Stephany Flannery and Jerrod Jones get caught while taking a break at prom.

(above left) Adam Olney, Jon Andrus and dates had a great time at prom.

(above right) Girls just want to have fun! April, Lynsay, and Jessica join in a huddle.



What did you think of Honors Night ?



"I will always appreciate my four years in band. I gave a lot and learned a lot."

-Brian Fletcher

"Being Valedictorian was an honor I will never forget. It was worth all the hard work."

Ashley Feazel

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(below left) Mr. Manthei addresses the class of 2000 in his first term as principal of Leslie High School. More than \$500,000 in scholarships were awarded during Honors Night.



(left)Holling Clancy Holling is named Leslie High Schools Distinguished Alumnus of the year. Holling passed away in 1973.

(below) Linda Raymond, the niece of Holling, accepts the award in his honor. Holling wrote and illustrated many award winning books in his life.



Academic Awards

Valedictorian: Ashley Feazel
Salutatorian: Sara Schmit

Carl Shephard Memorial

Erin Adams

Jean Ekins Memorial

Jessica Mignard

Jacque L. Adair, III Memorial

Terry Smyth

Student Council Award

Jolene Love

LCCTrustee Schlorship

Jennifer Fildey

Jim Hanson Cross Country Scholarship

Katie Herman

NHS Scholarships

Ashley Feazel,

Ali Jennings, Jessica Krajiniak
Jolene Love, Courtney Olney

Girls Athletic Award

Rebekah Howard

Boys Athletic Award

Derick Ward

M.K. Feazel Scholarship

Melissa Bratain

Honor Students

Erin Adams, Jennifer Fildey,
Jolene Love, Renea Beegle,
Katie Herman, Jessica
Mignard, Melissa Bratain,
Rebekah Howard, Becky
Shirkey, Bobbi Shirkey,
Chris Chamberlain, Lindsey
James, Ryan Davis, Ali
Jennings, Betsy Wright, Katie
Eldred, Jessica Krajiniak

Outstanding Students

Kari Bashore, Brian Fletcher,
Mark Foster, Brad Hager,
Corey Haskell, Sam Krey,
Courtney Olney, Monica
Smith, Lacey Stitt

School Employees' Scholarships

Brad Hager, Rebekah
Howard, Ali Jennings,
Jessica Krajiniak, Jolene
Love, Jessica Mignard,
Courtney Olney, Sara Schmit

PTO Scholarships

Ryan Davis, Linsey James,
Lanea Miller, Betsy Wright

Black Hawk Merit Awards

Amy Arnett, Mark Bolin,
Brian Brown, Jeremy
Hatherly, Jessica Mignard,
Lanea Miller, Nicole O'Byrne,
Courtney Olney, Brad Reid,
Terry Smyth

Distinguished Academic Students

Erin Adams, Kari Bashore,
Renea Beegle, Becky
Bidstrup, Melissa Bratain, Jim
Byrum, Chris Chamberlain,
Ryan Davis, Kate Eldred,
Ashley Feazel, Jennifer Fildey,
Brian Fletcher, Mark Foster,
Nichole Franz, Bradd Hager,
Corey Haskel, Katie Herman,
Rebekah Howard, Lindsey
James, Ali Jennings, Jessica
Kranijiak, Jolene Love, Jessica
Mignard, Lanea Miller,
Courtney Olney, Sara Schmit,
Becky Shirkey, Bobbi Shirkey,
Monica Smith, Cherrish
Teachout, Melissa Thorpe,
Casey Ward, Lance Wood-
land, Betsy Wright

Girls State

Ashley Feazel

Boys State

John Hunter

Casey Ward

Career Center Awards

Nick Good, Welding Technology
Josh Murray, Custodial

Departmental Awards:

Art: Jennifer Fildey
Business Education: Betsy Wright
Choir: Ali Jennings
Foreing Language: Nicole Franz
Physical ED: Ryan Daivs &
Courtney Olney

Math: Renea Beegle

Science: Renea Beegle

Band: Ashley Feazel

English: Corey Haskel

Daughters of American Revolution Award

Jolene Love

President's Education Awards

Renea Beegle, Melissa Bratain,
Ashley Feazel, Katie Herman, Ali
Jennings, Jessica Krajiniak, Betsy
Wright

Renaissance Award

Casey Ward

Hugh O' Brien Youth Foundation

Ali Jennings

Honors Night 2000

For some, Honors Night is just another ceremony. Many people do not realize how important this night is to the people receiving the awards and their families.

The night is filled with pride and excitement as class members come together to acknowledge and honor each other for their efforts throughout high school. From a scholarship honoring a community member, to academic awards, this night was special.

The distinguished alumnus award was presented to Holling Clancy Holling, class of 1917. Holling was known for his children's books. After graduating he attended the Art Institute of Chicago. Holling Clancy died in September 1973.

His award and honor was accepted by his niece, Linda Raymond.

The audience watched as the seniors walked down the aisle and on to the stage to take their seats as the evening's honored guests. Many seniors sat in anticipation for the coveted scholarships and academic awards.

This year's valedictorian was Ashley Feazel; the salutatorian was Sara Schmit.

The passing of the spades was done by the class president Ali Jennings, to the 2001 class president, Jared Bowen. Bowen gave his speech about keeping the tradition of Leslie spirit alive.

Congratulations were given to each member of the class of 2000, for they each had completed an education preparing them for the future.

Scholarships

FFA Alumni Scholarship

Lindsey James

Theater Arts Scholarship

Ali Jennings

Homestead Bank Scholarship

Betsy Wright

Leslie Local Independent Scholarship for Journalism

Katie Herman

UAW #1284 Scholarship

Jolene Love

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Ashley Feazel

Eastern Star Scholarship

Casey Ward

M.K. Feazel Scholarship

Mellisa Bratain

2000 NHS Scholarship National Chapter

Ashley Feazel

(far left below) Jessica Mignard receives the Jean Ekins Scholarship from Mr. Ekins

(below) Brad Hager accepts his award from the School Employees Scholarship.



(above) Ali Jennings gives a speech for the passing of the spades.

(above) 2001 Class president Jared Bowen accepts the spade and gives his speech about keeping it alive.

(above middle) Valedictorian Ashley Feazel.
(above right) Salutatorian Sara Schmit.

(above) Ryan Davis, Rebekah Howard, Bill Lafeve, Eric Coppernoll, and Jack Lorke receive U.S. Military Honors awards.

Graduation 2000

A millennium of class... ahead of the rest

Following the ceremonial procession of staff and, more importantly, the graduates into the auditorium, graduation 2000 was set to begin.

Graduation started with a welcoming speech by Brad Hager. Hager came to the podium and began taking drink after drink of water out of a bottle of Aquafina.

The crowd had a good laugh and he began to speak. Hager was a little nervous as he spoke but delivered a good speech.

After that, the band performed "Go the Distance," music from the Disney movie *Tarzan*. The song was a good selection; everyone thought that it was appropriate for the occasion.

Then came the senior address by Ashley Feazel, the valedictorian for 2000. Her speech was beautifully spoken and well prepared. The speech

But the same tears and fears

reflected on what a valedictorian should be.

Next was the presentation of the class gift by senior class president Ali Jennings. The senior class purchased a PA system for the rotunda and a brick for the new concession stand.

Then, what the seniors had all been waiting for: diploma time. Principal Jeff Manthei announced all of the 97 students in the graduating class. They all went up row by row to get their diplomas. Everyone walked up the ramp a senior and walked off a graduate.

Then superintendent Bob Howe made it official by approving the diplomas.

The seniors that were in Chorale joined with their fellow Chorale members and sang a selection called, "Seasons of Love."

The seniors then listened to Sara Schmit make her farewell speech. Schmit was the salutatorian of the class of 2000 and delivered a great speech.

Finally it was time to leave. Each row, one after the other, got up and began to leave the building, while the band played the *Coronation March* (the song at the end of *Star Wars*).

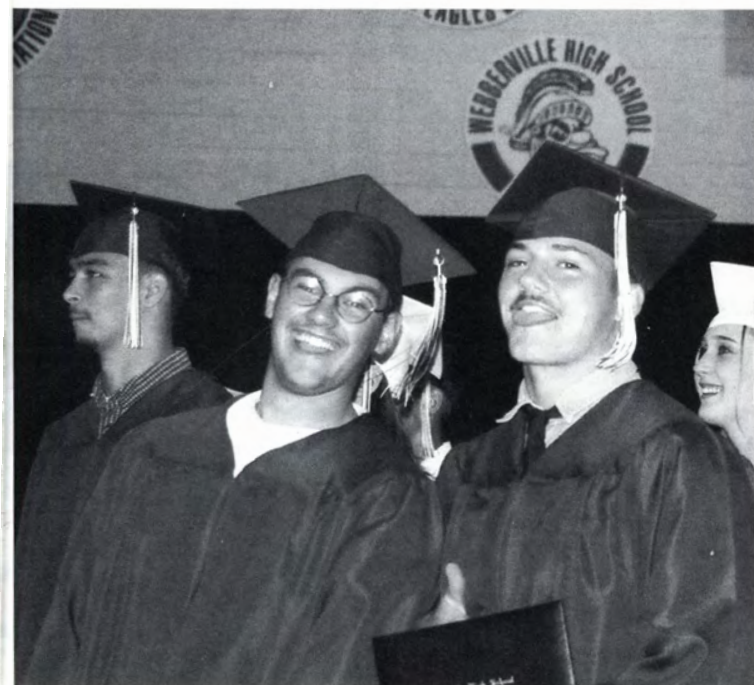
They had to go to the parking lot where they could see their parents and receive their congratulations. It was a beautiful moment, one that members of the class of 2000 will never forget.

By Clint Cox



(far above left) Nichole Franz and Kate Eldred share a special moment in the parking lot

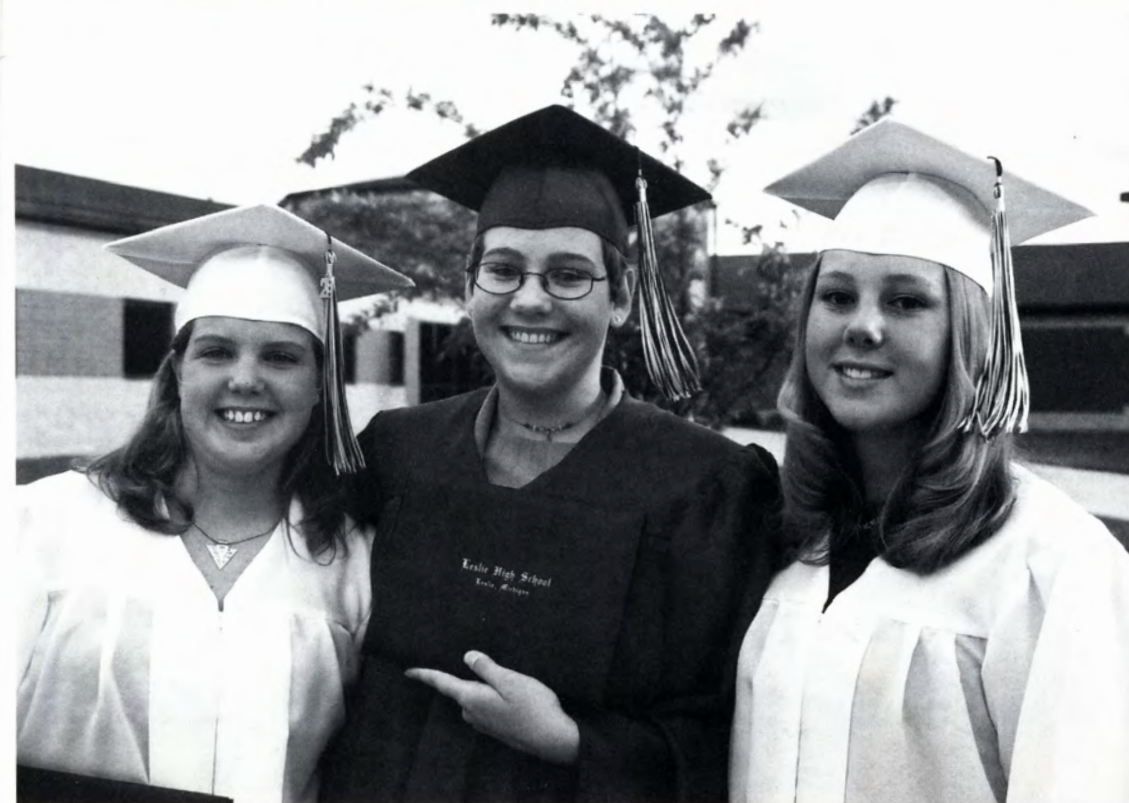
(far above right) The Chorale sings "Seasons of Love."



(above left) Matt Diamond and Mark Bolin have a good chuckle after they snatch their diplomas.

(above right) You can tell that Sam Krey is not very nervous about graduating.

(left) Our three foreign exchange students, Iris, Jessica and Emma stand in front of the Jacques Adair Memorial tree.



GRADUATION



"Mr. Cline is a great guy and loves to get involved with the class and he loves to help"

-Matt Daimond



"You can do a lot with wood. You can build houses and have exciting careers with wood. Keep the wood up. WIDER IS BETTER!"

-L.E.M.

SCHOOL DAYS

Woods At LHS

Woods classes this year weren't the same as every other year. Many students in past years have taken woods classes for the enjoyment that they get out of making their own project. Mr. Allender offers help, but sometimes he doesn't have all the answers.

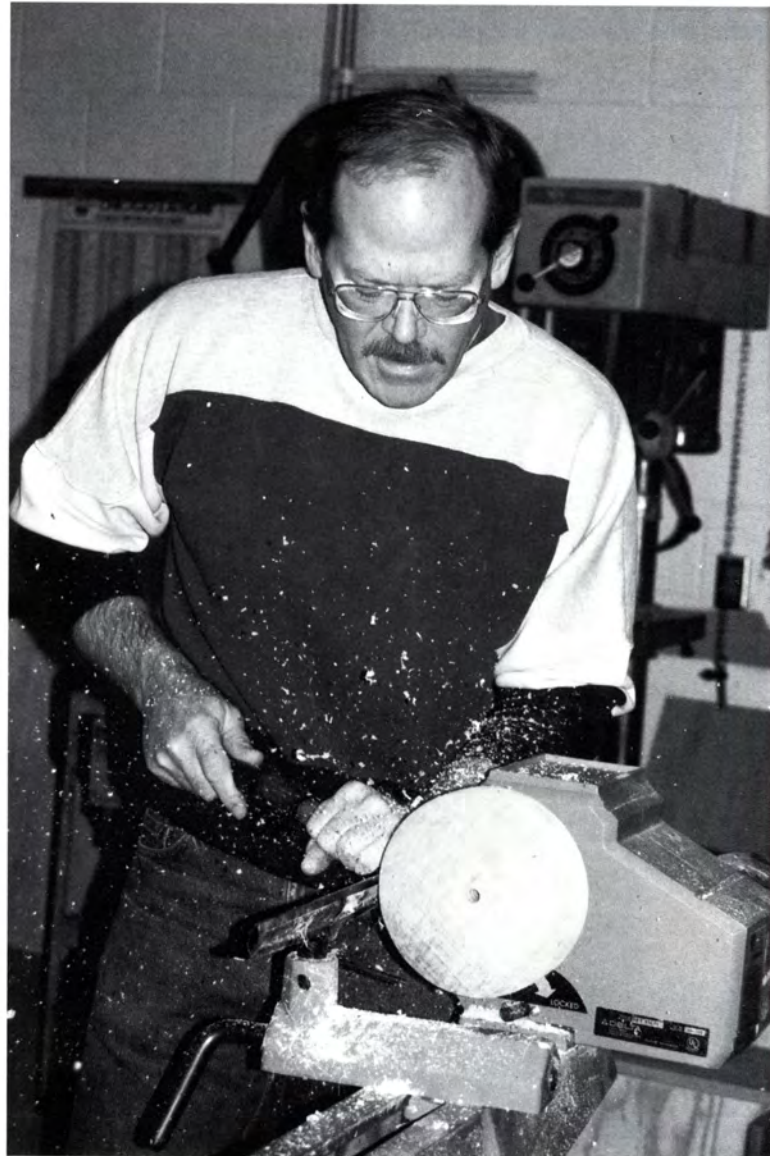
This year Allender invited a professional woodworker named Steve Cline to lend his expertise in the lab. He has been in the field for many years and is very talented at various types of woodworking. He is considered by many not to just be a woodworker, but an artist. His works are very intricate and are appealing. He is known for having the talent of being able to create almost anything. His added help has enabled many students to accomplish a more satisfying end product. The students think that his help has added a special twist to their works.



(above) Mr. Allender looks over the class as Mr. Cline says his piece.

(above right) Mr. Cline demonstrates how to shave wood. The kids have really gained from the knowledge that he has shared on the wood lathe.

(right) These are the products that Mr. Cline has produced to sell. He is a professional with wood and can make many different things with it.



SCHOOL DAYS



(far above) Mr. Cline is talking about the concept of keeping tools clean and how to make your tools last longer and work more effectively.

(above) Mr. Cline explains to the kids the work and procedures that have made him a very successful professional woodworker.

(above right) Mr. Cline shows the class how to effectively use the wet stone to sharpen tools.



"He's helped us understand the concept of quality, and he has taught us the importance of keeping tools clean. He has raised our expectations."
Josh VanDyke



"Mr. Cline has helped me on the wood lathe! He has helped me with tools too!"
-Jeremy Drumm

"I want to go into the military and work as a heavy wheeled vehicle mechanic."

Eric Coppernoll

Auto Mechanics

"I decided to attend CACC because I was interested in something in the medical field."

Lacy Richards

Health Occupations

"I choose to attend the CACC because I can use the information at home or possibly go into the field."

Jacob Hawkins

Auto Mechanics

(below) Jacob Hawkins is cleaning off the brakes on a car they are working on. Jacob is a first year auto tech. student.

(below left) Lacy Richards demonstrates the correct way to read a pulse. Lacy is a second year Health Occupations student.

(right) The main entrance to the CACC. Many LHS students have been attending here since 1972.



AM CAREER CENTER



(far above) As Stacy Budd sits patiently, Kenzi Evans carefully parts her hair. Both girls are second year cosmetology students.

(above) Zac Comstock gets information on a truck for a routine brake check in his auto tech class.



(above) Lynette Theodore works carefully while practicing a styling technique on a dummy doll. She is a second year cosmetology student.

(far above) Lynsey Parr reads the blood pressure of another student in her medical office class. Lynsey is a second year student at the CACC.

SCHOOL DAYS

(below) Serving up a delicious treat, Dessiree Blatt and Mike Horton prepare chocolate chip cookies for their store in hospitality class. Both Blatt and Horton are first year students at CACC.



"My brother took the class years ago and thought it was great... so I decided to try it and I liked it."

-Nick Good
Welding



"The experience that I get from class will be used in college."

-Brian Horton
Machine & Tool



"I have always liked electronics."

-Bill LaFeve
Electronics

CACC

Where students take flight and learn

Throughout high school we are given numerous opportunities to succeed and plan for the future. It only requires one to reach out and take hold of the chances as a number of LHS students have by attending the Capital Area Career Center (CACC) which began offering students in Ingham County career training in 1972.

The CACC offers a variety of programs such as construction, auto mechanics, health occupations, and cosmetology. By attending the CACC, LHS students are able to devote half of each school day to learning their trade while attending more traditional classes at LHS the rest of the day.

Cosmetology students however, are required to stay for an extra hour every day and attend school on Saturday to earn their cosmetology license.

Attending career center classes opens up apprenticeship opportunities and jobs for those who have completed the training.

What is the best part of the CACC? Senior Linsey Parr stated, "You get a lot of job opportunities, I now work at an orthopedic rehab."

For those who don't jump straight into a job, they are using the CACC to get a head start on their college education or to train for a job that will pay better than the average college student's to help them earn money to pay for college.

The Career Center is in Mason and students from several schools including Mason, Lansing, East Lansing, and Holt attend the CACC.



(above) The applied technology department at LHS took a trip to the CACC to tour the facility and to watch the LHS students who attend there.

(below) Working on a metal part, Brian Horton demonstrates the way the machine works. Horton was a senior.



(above middle) Nick Good is in the welding class at CACC.



(above) In electronics class, Bill LaFeve and Dayne Jacobs show us what type of things they work on in their class all year. Jacobs was a junior and LaFeve was a senior.

TERRY KELLY BAND

Overall, what were your thoughts on the TKB?



"Any time we get out of class for any reason, then it was all for a good cause!"

-Dessiree Blatt



"It was entertaining and loud, with a side of education."

-Kelly Johnson

SCHOOL DAYS

Reggie Dabbs and the TKB

This year's motivational speaker was entertaining and thought provoking. Reggie Dabbs brought along the Terry Kelly Band and students saw quite a show.

Reggie Dabbs is the self appointed number one motivational speaker in the nation. One of the stories he told was about his mother and how she had to sell her body to a man to get food to feed her children. That man was Dabbs' father. Dabbs said that when he was born, all his mother said was, "I don't want him."

"It was sad, emotional. The story about how he was raised, his mom and siblings,... it was sad," said Kendell Risky.

Dabbs told about his friend who died of acute alcohol poison-

ing and drown in his own vomit in a bath tub filled with water.

It wasn't all lecture, though. Reggie threw in many hilarious jokes including ripping on freshmen guys meek voices and not including them in the chants.

It wasn't all about Reggie either. There was a band there along with many Florida college students playing music and keeping the place livened up.

"The band was great, their music sounded real good," said Jessica Hutchinson.

The Terry Kelly Band also had teachers dancing and laughing on the stage during one skit.

And, even if everyone didn't think they were so great, as the saying goes: At least we got out of class!

-Deanna Barnett

(right) Reggie Dabbs, the motivational speaker, kept everyone laughing while at the same time throwing in some lessons on life.

(belowleft) The bass player, who played a seven string bass guitar, was very good at keeping the music together.

(above left) The lead singer in the TKB; Terry Kelly himself. Students made sure the band felt welcome.

(left) Ms. Abbuhl performs in the skit for LHS students. Everyone loved the teachers.



(below) Ms. Vallillie tries her hardest to out dance LHS students. In the end students won and teacher went home satisfied.



(below) Keeping the laughs going at the unofficial crowning party, Mrs. Trotter helps Mr. Howe present his poster board to the group of observers.



(above) Holding up his poster board of laughs Mr. Howe speaks on the new positions that will be held.



Changes Abound

What's a Switch Up and down around and around!!

One word: clipboard. But how did we all come to know Mr. Ed Schmidt's clipboard so well? While you read, hold on for a wild ride of twists and turns and loop de loops.

For the 99-00 school year our former superintendent Mr. Jennings decided to take a better job offer in Dewitt. That left Leslie with no superintendent, so what should we do? One: we can go without one for the remainder of the year, or two: we could elect a new one. This is where the ups and downs start.

As we all know, Mr. Howe, our former principal, decided to leave his job as principal here to become the new superintendent.

Now for a new principal.

(below left) Mr. Howe touches Mr. Manthei with the magic wand to turn him into the new LHS principal.

(left) Holding his poster at the after school staff celebration, the new assistant principal Mr. Schmidt stands proud.

(below) After an afternoon of fun and laughs, Mr. Manthei, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Howe relax and let their new titles set in.



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"I never thought they would make such a change right in the middle of the school year. Finding subs and getting used to Mr. Schmidt was tough."

Jodie Baker



"I think that everything always works out for the best in the end, no matter the situation."

Mike Risner

-Deanna Barnett



"I'm really glad that we (the students) as a whole can give back to our community. It's really nice that Jenna is willing to help out and carry on the tradition." -LUKE FOSTER



"The thought of all the students getting together and buying presents for the unfortunate children. It really makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside." -BILLY BEERS

SCHOOL DAYS

All in the Giving Spirit!

Christmas season brings gifts from LHS

Close to 300 toys were donated by classes and staff at LHS for children who otherwise may have received little during the 1999 Christmas season. Boxes were distributed to third hour classes and students and teachers brought in toys during the weeks before Christmas.

All of the toys collected were taken to the Leslie Outreach the week before Christmas and toys were distributed to happy kids.

A competition between third hour classes encouraged students to bring toys in. Gail Vallillee's class won the second

week with 78 and Bruce Barber's class collected the second highest with 40 the first week.

The Leslie High School tradition of giving to the less fortunate was started by Misty Horton and Josh Pierce two years ago and was continued by Jenna Pierce in 1999.

The holiday spirit was encouraged by volunteer students who decorated windows in the rotunda and decorated the office with secretaries Mrs. Trotter and Mrs. Prieskorn.-Jeremy Hatherly



(above) Jenna Pierce shows off all the toys that she is going to give out on Christmas Eve. It was so sweet of her to spend her Christmas Eve giving out presents all night rather than at home with her family.

(above right) One of our beloved PUB members Jennifer Fildey and Miranda Krajniak paint a pretty picture to get everyone in the warm holiday spirit.

(left) Shammy Claus puts the moves on a couple of his students. Alex Kirchmier and Shane King tell Shammy Claus what they "really" want... An A in his class.



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(far left) Keith Stewart and Colin Lewis take a little break for the festivities.

(left) Jack Yang gets down on the gym floor and breaks it down with the band.

(below) The rest of the band gives Jack a little glance while he shows them up on the stage.



Rock and Roll

Cool assembly with a positive message

On Thursday, December 16, 1999, the students and staff of LHS were dazzled with the music of *Rock and Roll With A Message* as they performed some of the top 40 hits of today. The message was that young people can have fun without drugs and alcohol.

"The message wasn't like most, it got the point across in a teen way," said Sarah Yeager.

After a long day of festivities with the likes of Mr. Shambarger, a.k.a. Santa clause, everyone was eager to get out of class. The band got the crowd

involved as they moved around the gym with mics and allowed them to sing and cheer.

"The guy in the red shirt that was the lead guitarist was really good," commented Robert Stierley.

At 2:15 the students poured out in the commons and enjoyed punch and cookies provided by the Student Council.

"I once again made too much punch, 50 gallons to be exact," said Mr. Hoffman, "but it was a nice way to end the long day."

-Jeremy Hatherly



"The assembly was awesome, it was my first concert that I've ever been too."

-TYLER HOWE



"The group was really cool. That lead guitarist was really good looking, and caught my undivided attention. It sent all us kids a good message in an informal way."

-KRISTA ROSS

"It was a worthwhile experience even though I passed out."

-KATE ELDRED



"It was just a little prick, so it made me laugh."

-COREY HASKELL

Blood drive at LHS

Students and staff donate a part of themselves

On January 6, 2000 a blood drive was held in the high school library where many high schoolers who were healthy and old enough had a chance to help out and give blood. Not just that, but many donors came from the Leslie community and gave blood too.

Volunteer blood donors are the only source of blood products for hospital patients. Approximately 20% of the blood used in the U.S. is donated by students. Four million people need blood every year. That's one patient every 12 seconds. One blood donor could save as many as four lives with a single donation.

Students needed to be at least 17 years old, healthy, not on any antibiotics and at least 110 pounds to donate blood. Those who were too young should have an opportunity in the future to donate.

You're cool if you donate blood, so many students were cool on January 6. Giving blood for a special cause is always good for your community. Having it here at LHS gave students that meet the requirements the experience for the first time in a comfortable and convenient location.

Jack Yang

(below) The warm hearted sign that was put out all around the halls to encourage us to give blood.

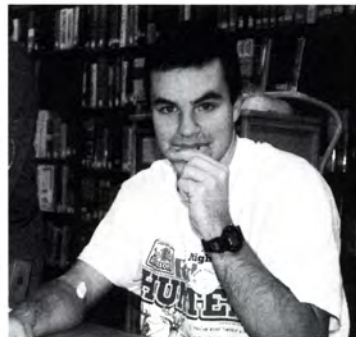


Please join us at:

Leslie High School
4141 Hull Road

Thursday, January 6 • 10:00 a.m. • 3:45 p.m.

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(far above) Brad Newman enjoys some cookies and punch after just giving blood. They make donors stay after and eat so that they don't get light headed.



(above) Helping out the blood drive with the paper work, Ashley Feazel. also gave blood that day.



(far above) The setting in the library where people settle to give blood. In the background is a nurse who collected blood from the willing donors.

(above) Mike Delazzer squeezes the ball while getting blood drawn out of him; a nurse is giving Mr. Barbour some feed back.

SCHOOL DAYS



(left) Exchange students Jessica and Emma enjoy the ski trip. They sure look like they are having fun.

(below left) The Bunny Hill. The new skiers and the little kids go up and ski back down.

(below) With the cool shades and the tech vest, Erin Robbins is burning up the slopes.



(above) Tyler Howe and Jack Yang show how much fun they are having. They both had some great falls for the day.



"I always like to challenge myself to something that I never done. It was a really fun experience and a trip to remember."

-ROB STIERLEY



"It was a great new experience. I loved every minute of it even though I bit on every hill."

-REBEKAH HOWARD



Ski trip success

Students enjoy new experience

Nearly every year there is a ski trip, but who goes? This year was different. When Mr. Barbour planned this year's ski trip to Caberfae Ski Resort, over 80 students and friends attended the ski trip.

More than half the students didn't know how to ski, including me. It was fun. Seeing people run into each other and fall on their hind ends (like I did) was fun. There was a beginner's lesson, but we missed it because we had to stand in line waiting to get our skis.

It was not cold; it was an exquisite day for all to enjoy.

The resort was packed with many other schools that came to enjoy a wonderful day out.

The bunny hill was the most fun. Everyone that didn't know how to ski went on it with all the little kids who knew how to ski pretty good. The bunny hill was just a hill that had a rope pulling skiers up to the top.

Yes some of us did fall, but we had the guts to get back up, laugh, put on our skis and try it again. Riding on the ski lift to the top of the slope was something fascinating to experience.

It was a full fun trip and an experience to remember.

-Jack Yang

(below) Miranda Krajniak (junior) works patiently on the potter's wheel during ceramics/sculpture. Miranda looks forward to a career in art and has been a great art student throughout her high school career.

Art anyone?

Leslie art program inspires those who try

Have you taken a moment this year to check out the art display in the rotunda? For many LHS students, this is all they ever see from the art department. So what exactly do these "artists" do in their secluded area of the red hall?

Students are sculpting, painting, drawing, and creating ceramics while the talented teacher Lori Haskell supervises. Their work can be seen on the windows of different businesses throughout town and on poster designs.

Leslie offers a variety of classes to choose from including general art, art II, drawing/painting, ceramics, sculpture, and advanced art. In fact the program that we have at Leslie is quite popular.

In addition to class work, students are given the chance to attend field trips and experience new opportunities. This year the art students traveled with the French Club to the Detroit Institute of Art where they were given the chance to visit the Van Gogh exhibit.

Each year a select group takes its portfolio of five pieces and enters the Lansing Art Gallery's "Art Scholarship Alert." This provides the students with recognition, financial support, and an opportunity to experience professional art standards.

Seniors Jennifer Filday, Nicole O'Byrne, and Cherrish Teachout entered their pieces as well as juniors Chris Croel and Miranda

Krajniak. One piece of each student's art was chosen by a jury to be displayed in the Lansing Art Gallery while two artists were specially recognized.

Croel won the \$100 Wanda Shielder Scholarship for his sculpture and Krajniak was given a judge's commendation.

Many positive comments have surrounded the art program this year. Senior Lance Woodland stated, "It gives me the chance to express myself."

The art classes are in a comfortable atmosphere, with music playing softly, allowing all students to relax and express themselves through several forms of art.



(right) John Arras makes the finishing touches on his sculpture. Arras was a senior this and has had some very nice looking pieces of work.



(below) Miranda Krajniak and Jennifer Filday paint a holiday scene on the showcase windows in the rotunda. The art classes also painted the windows of businesses around town this year

(above) Creating a perfect mold of her pregnant sister's stomach, Nicole O'Byrne works diligently to complete the sculpture. O'Byrne has been an advanced student and a hard worker all year.



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(right) Sarah Davis and Josh Kaimon were two of the many who received Blackhawk merit awards. These awards are given anonymously by teachers to people who have done something special during the year.

(below) These students have perfect attendance, left to right: TJ Waldofsky, Abbie Clemetsem, Emily Eldred, Kristen Allender, Travis Macarthur.



(above) Amanda Bailiff and Katdrina Freedberg both stand and face their parents when their names are called for the computer applications award. Seven students were given this award while John Major was given a special award for computer programing.

(left) The journalism award was given this year to Deanna Barnett. Barnett was a first year pub student at LHS.



(left) One of the four people to receive awards in geometry was Jim Keat shown here with his geometry teacher Bruce Barbour. Luke Ewing, Toni Beltran, and Elijah Jarred were the three others to receive this award.

(far left) Many parents came to show their support for their children. Parents were asked not to tell their kids they were coming or that they were getting an award.

UNDERCLASSMEN AWARDS

NOTE: There were so many awards this year, it was not possible to fit everyone's name on this page, but congrats to you all!

Business

Jessica Ambs

CACC

Christina Wyman
Andy Betts

English

Samantha Wandel
Trista Underwood
Sarah Yeager
Jenna Philo
Jessie Faist
Nicole Bidstrup

Mathematics

Kathy Spooner
TJ Waldofsky

Physical Education

Breon Jacque
Josh Gibbs

Science

Christa Cameron
Erica Janiak

SMAA ACADEMIC ALL CONFERENCE

Bethany Stover

Vocal Music

Billy Beers
Jaci Custer

Social Science

Katie Howard

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Emily Eldred
Greg Shmit
Neal Townsend
Kim Miller

Industrial Arts/Technology

Jared Bowen
Scott Ignacio
Brandon Hunter
Chaz Parmalee

Life Skills

Nick Hager

Photography

Jessica Hutchinson

MITES

John O'Byrne
Misty Shepherd
Tom Dumbauld

Blackhawk Merit Award

Jeremy Hawkins
Robert McUmber
Jennifer Pierce
Neal Townsend
Katie Jackson
Josh Kaimon
Jenna Pierce
Ashley Fauser
Dessiree Blatt
Nick Pena
Sarah Day

Pony Rides!



Erin Adams



Ericka Modert



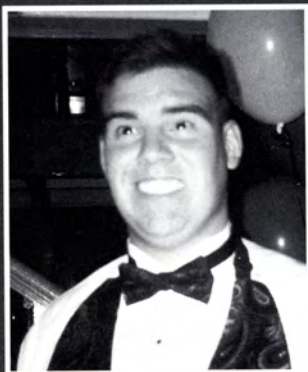
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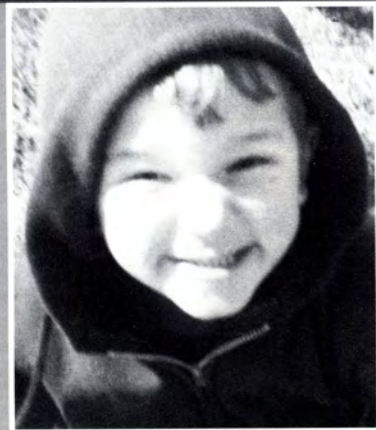
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Chris Chamberlain



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Ashley Feazel

I Don't Want

Melissa Brattain

Becky & Bobbi Shirkey



Ali Jennings



Erin Adams

CENSORED!



Courtney Olney, Missy Brattain, Amanda Southwick, Renea Beegle



Melissa Brattain



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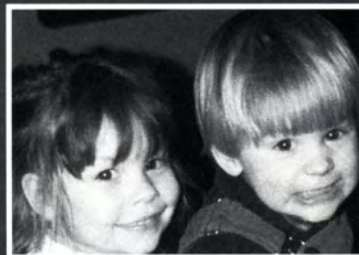
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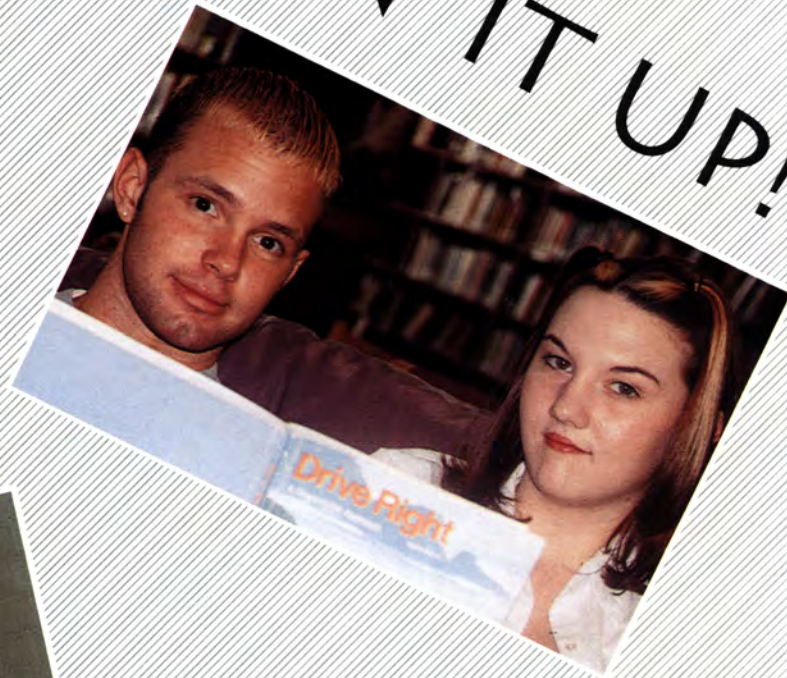
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Jeremey Hatherly, Jim
Byrum, Rob Steirley, &
John Hunter

PEOPLE

SHAKIN' IT UP!

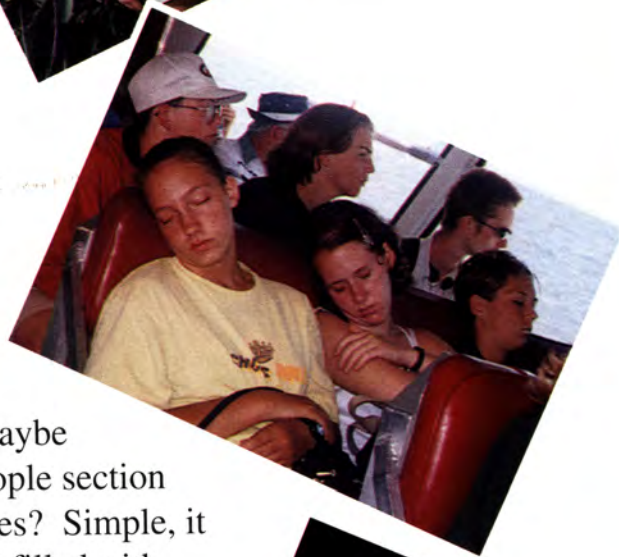


There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man.

It is a dimension as colorful as confetti and as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between black and white, between school days and organizations. It lies between the heart of man's embarrassing moments and the summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of color pages. It is an area that we call...

THE PEOPLE ZONE.

Yes, you have entered the people section. This is a section without limits, without boundaries...well, maybe a few. But what makes the people section so much different than other pages? Simple, it has your beautiful smiling faces in it filled with quirky quotes and more about what makes you, you! Trying to shake things up, the year book staff has questioned the unquestionable, spoken the un - speakable, and mixed up the unmixable. Prepare to look at things differently this year, for this is not your typical black and white section.



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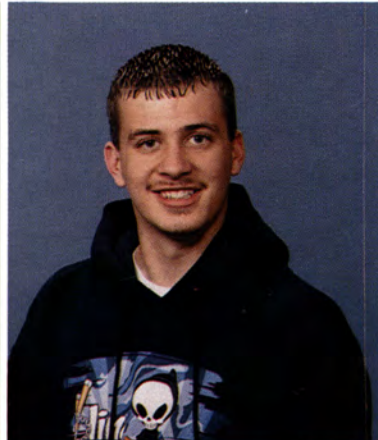
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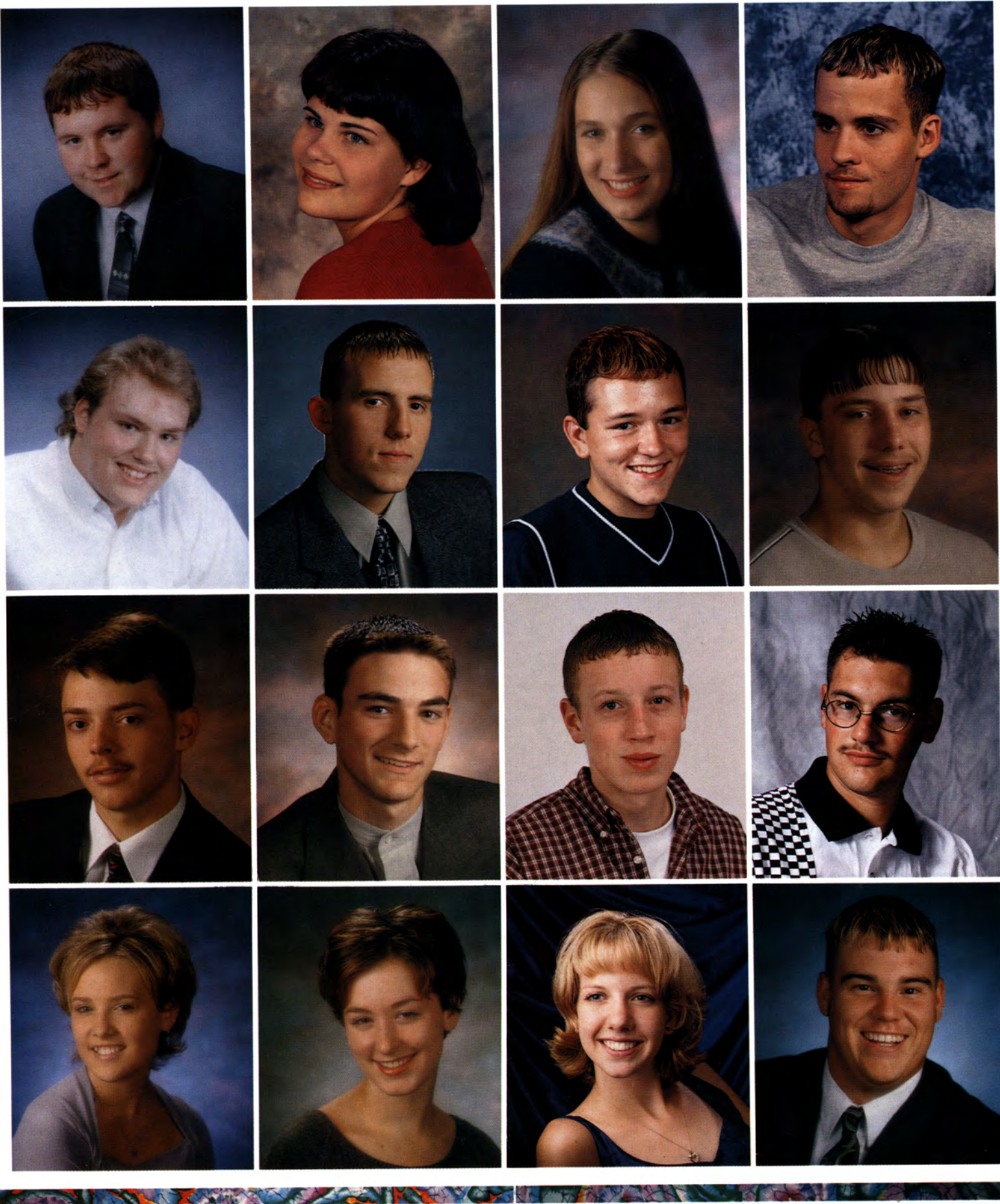


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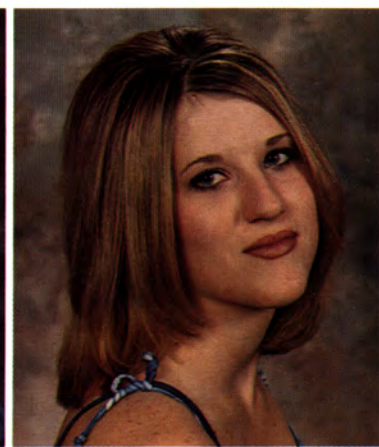
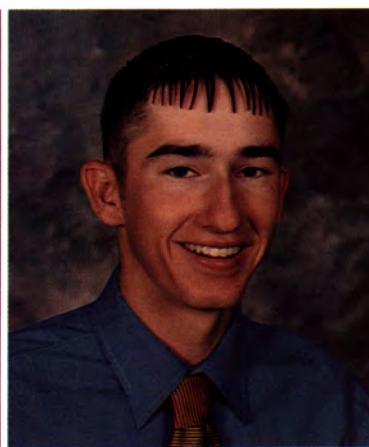


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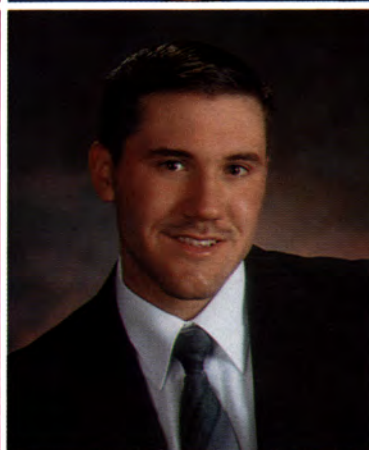
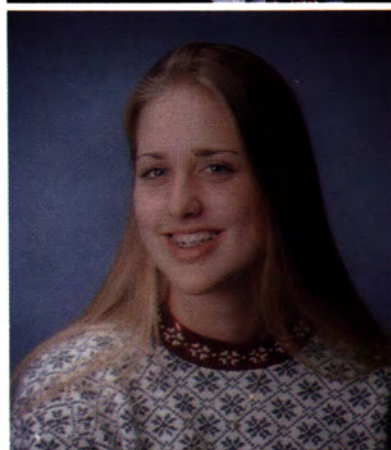




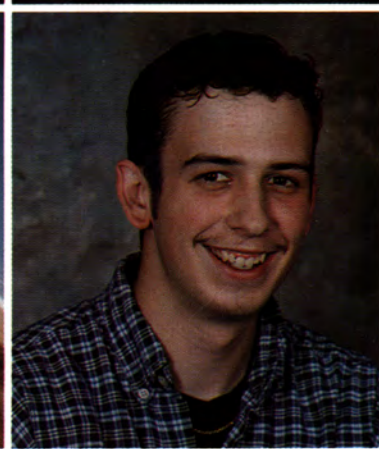
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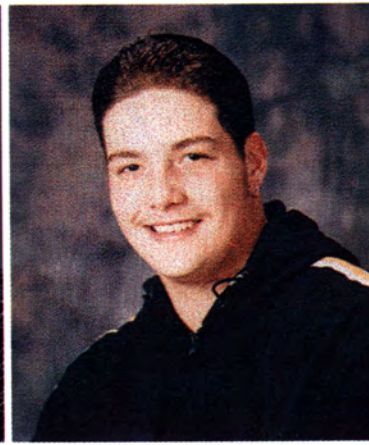
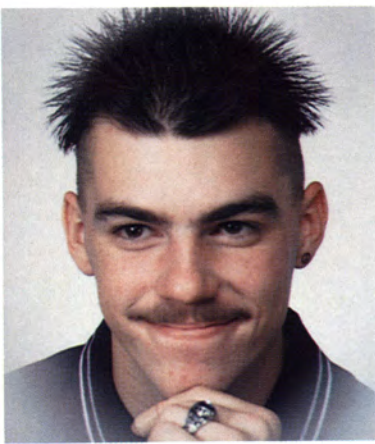


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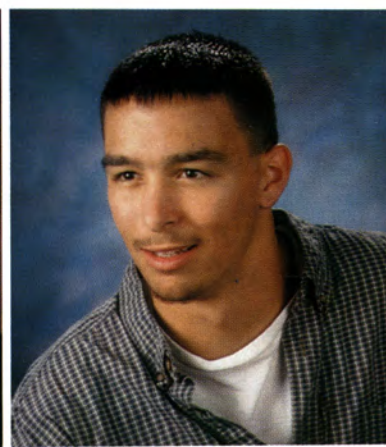


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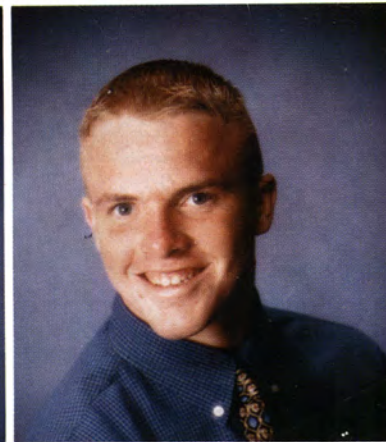




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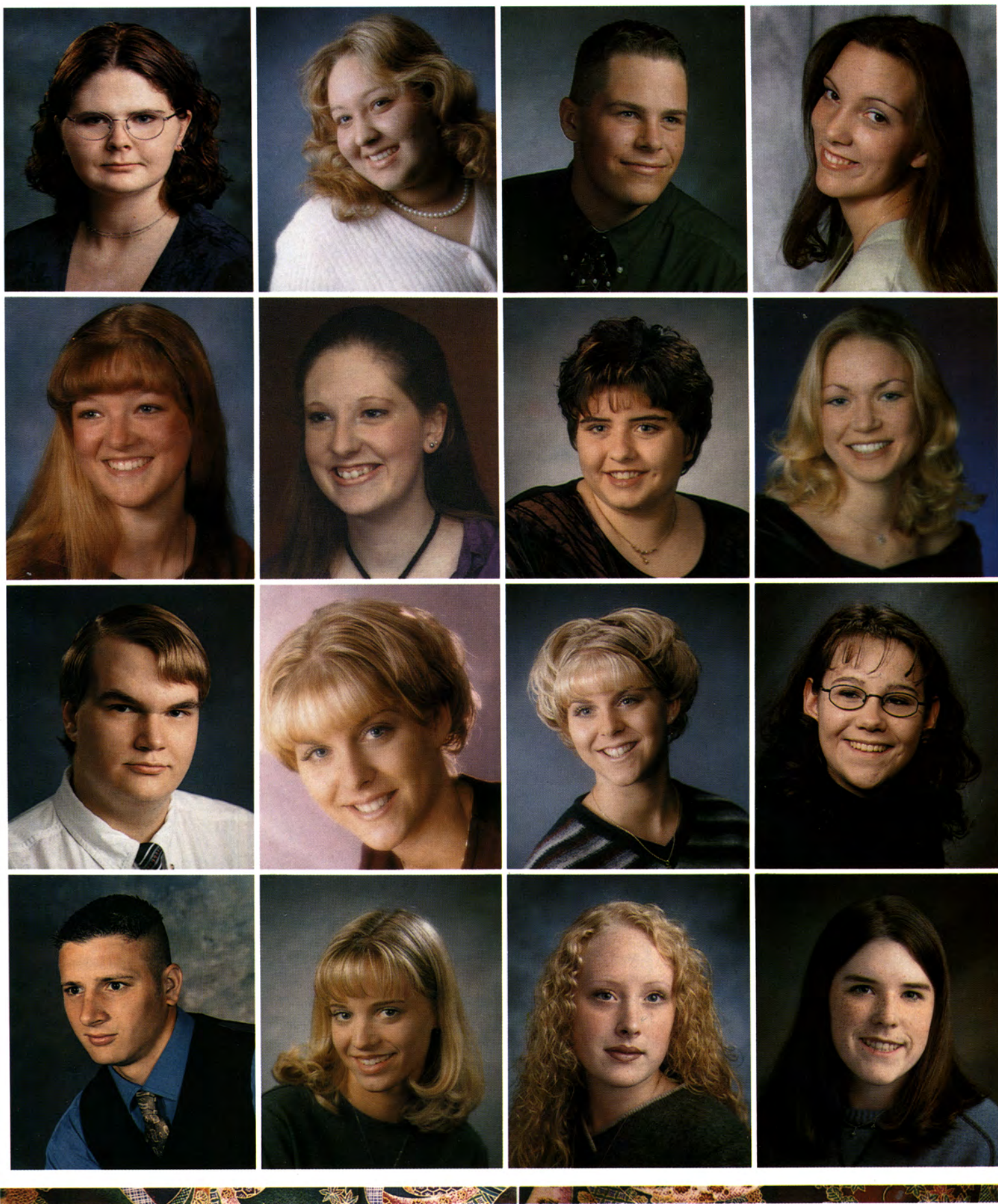


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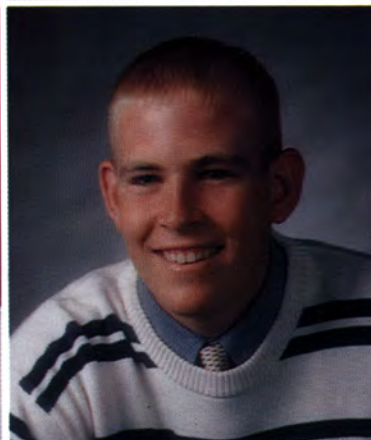




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Derick Ward
Lance Woodland
Elizabeth Wright



Jeremy Wright
Jack Yang



What will you miss the most about high school?

"The feeling of looking forward to something bigger and better. Once you do arrive at something or somewhere bigger and better, that feeling is what you'll miss."

Casey Ward

"My friends, show days and of course, the endless euchre. Everyone believing that Corey and I are a hot item! Chemistry Labs: I was an accident waiting to happen. Corey, quit trying to kill me! "Woman, you're wearing those jeans again?" Quit breaking things!!

Sara Schmit

"All my friends and looking at the guy's booties during the basketball games."

Lacey Richards

"I will miss hanging out with Jennifer and making fun of preps."

Niki O'Byrne

"Sara Schmit, she hugged me once and I really liked it, she's soooo nice."

Adam Fogg

What WON'T you miss about high school?

"Stressing out over stupid tests that really aren't a big deal."

Betsy Wright

"The dances, football games, and parties. Oh, and of course, friends."

Melissa Thorpe

"Mr. Ball's red pen."

Chris Pinckney

"Revealing underclassmen with rolls, homework, freshmen, and spending six and a half hours everyday in a boring classroom."

Courtney Olney

"High speed chases with Tim Bartman." **Jeremy Hatherly**
 "Essay questions..Ms. Val, you know what I'm talking about. And the homework."

Cherrish Teachout

"All those lonely girls who stalked me and actually showed up at my house to serenade me."

Corey Haskell

"Ed Schmit."

Mark Foster

"Underclassmen and art class."

Dan Berry

"All the immature people (mostly freshmen) and all of the gossip."

Renea Beegle

"Rumors and AP European History." **Kari Bashore**

"The stupid and annoying people in our school."

Erin Adams

Not Pictured

Rebecca Bidstrup

Michael Emery

Joshua Murray

Christopher Pickney

Bradley Reid

Cherrish Teachout

Who was your favorite teacher and why?

"Mr. Derr. He is down to earth with all the kids and if you just want to talk for an hour you can look forward to his class."

Lance Woodland

"Mr. Barbour, always (had) a joke!" **Jessica Skiplol**

"Mr. A, he always taught by example." **Josh Sevrey**

"Ms. Sachar. She was so caring, and she had a good sense of humor."

Nicole Risky

"Miss Val, she is not afraid to tell it like it is, and she makes class interesting." **Sarah Risner**

"Mr. Andradus, student teacher for World History. He was awesome."

Courtney Olney

"Ms. Val and Mrs. Scofield because they have encouraged me to speak more." **Lanea Miller**

"Mrs. Taylor because I love Spanish."

Jolene Love

"Mr. Barbour. He's a great teacher and makes the class fun and interesting."

Rebekah Howard

"My favorite teacher would have to be Mr. Allender. He introduced me to a career while still in high school and I will be there until I retire. I will always remember that."

Brian Horton

"Mr. Ball because if it wasn't for him I might still have some self-confidence."

Melissa Brattain

Which moment would you re-live?

"My junior year, I made too many costly mistakes with everything"

Jeremy Wright

"The time I flipped Jimmy Byrum through the air."

Linsey Parr

"Jennifer Fildey's 16th birthday cake fight downtown Leslie late at night. That was the best party and the icing stayed on the tree in front of her house for months after."

Jessica Mignard

"None, I live in the present ☺ haha!"

Ali Jennings

"My junior year prom. It was wonderful, the music, and dancing was great, the night flew by. I would have loved to re-live that night again."

Jessica Krajniak

"My 16th birthday cake fight."

Jennifer Fildey

What do you want to do after high school?

"Really explore my surroundings. I'm not heading to college after school, not yet anyway. I want to discover who I really am, and find what I'm meant to become."

Cherrish Teachout

"I plan to attend college and then move on to whatever my life has in store for me."

Bobbi Shirkey

"Get rich, what else?"

Chris Pinkney

"I would like to look into an art college and move far away from here."

Niki O'Byrne

"Go to college, become an architect and be rich and famous."

Jessica Mignard

"Go home and do another year of high school."

Emma Kindesjo

"Go back home to Switzerland."

Iris Hollinger

"Go to college, get rich, meet the man of my dreams and live the life I've always wanted."

Kate Eldred

"After high school I want to go to MSU, get a degree in nursing and then get a job as a neonatal nurse in some hospital. I will eventually marry Jim Tobias and have beautiful children."

Renea Beegle

What would you change about LHS if you could?

"The lunch program. I mean, come on, pizza burger, what were they thinking?"

Melissa Thorpe

"Hot lunch program, open campus, and dress code."

Nicole Risky

"Lazy boy chairs in every classroom."

Sam Krey

"The temperature."

Lindsey James

"The 'heat issue' is ridiculous. I hate being freezing one minute and then hot the next."

Jessica Krajniak

"Attendance policy."

Iris Hollinger

"Nothing."

Katie Herman

"No passes to fill out and sign."

Jessica Hardy

"I wish we could have harmless fun at school. But no, we're 'world class,' we can't smile."

Ashley Feazel

"The dress code, the tank top thing is so stupid, like it distracts guys."

Kenzi Evans

"The closed campus for lunch!"

Mark Bolin

Which underclassmen would you like to teach a lesson to and why?

"Mike Klinger" **Jeremy Wright**

"Some freshmen, don't just stand there, move!" **Lacey Stitt**

"To ALL freshmen, even though you're in high school, you aren't as cool as you think you are!"

Rebekah Howard

"Come on, I love all the underclassmen!" **Katie Herman**

"To all the underclassmen...Don't sleep during math class...stay away from chemistry and physics. Twenty bucks goes a long way...don't t.p. with double rolls because they are loud when they hit the ground. Mr Bartman is crazy...basketball just isn't worth it...don't get married in high school...take foods at some point...have as much fun while you can."

Corey Haskell

"All freshmen that spend 3rd hour in the office, my aide hour."

Mark Bolin

"That would be mean!"

Kari Bashore

"The 85% of the freshmen class that haven't grown up yet!"

Erin Adams

What do you wish you could have done while in school?

"Found the cure for AIDS, bad hair, and B-films."

Casey Ward

"Dated Rob Stierley."

Jolene Love

"Dated Rob Stierley."

Adam Olney

"Tried more for school than sports."

Mark Foster

"Discover aliens that give me a device that gives me anything I want."

Brad Hager

"Cheerleading my senior year."

Nicholle Franz

"I wish I could have been in PALS, thanks Ms. A."

Melissa Brattain

"Participated in more sports, and student council."

Chris Chamberlain



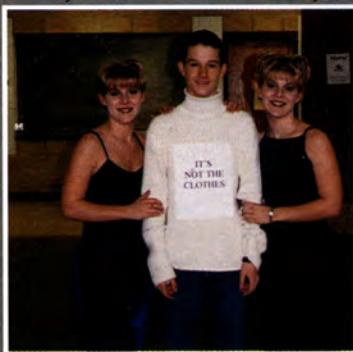
Class Flirt

Derick Ward and Courtney Olney



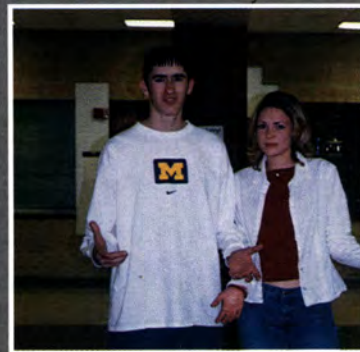
Best Dressed

Casey Ward and The Shirkeys



Most Unique Laugh

Mark Foster and Lacey Richards



The most EMBARRASSING moment ever.

"When Nick and Jason Atwood found out that Shara Risner and I t.p.ed their house and I got grounded, thanks to Shara's big mouth!"

Amanda Southwick

"Falling off of Mr. Hoffman's chair during seminar in 10th grade."

Bobbi Shirkey

"When we were all out at the Wild 100 and Renea fell face first in the mud. I doubled over laughing so hard I ripped my jeans down the back. Everyone saw my...."

Sara Schmit

"When Ericka Modert and I snuck out of band class and drove to McDonalds. We came back and Mr. Manthei was waiting outside the bathroom for us, 'cause we were hiding from him."

Lacey Richards

"When I went for my first audition for the play and when Ms. Val asked me my name and I forgot."

Lanea Miller

"My junior year in 'Love is Contagious' Adam Wade and I had a romantic scene where he poured me a glass of champagne. I was supposed to down it in one gulp and on the last night he poured me a full glass. I started to drink it and succeeded in squirting it out my

nose in front of the entire audience."

Ali Jennings

"I can't share it, but everyone knows. Hint: trunk."

Nicholle Franz

"Everyone knows I would rather not say but here's a hint: trunk."

Dan Berry

"Coming to school with only my underwear on."

Mark Foster

"The day I was hit in the nose with an orange."

Jennifer Fildey

"People finding out that I thought the 'L' on varsity jackets stood for Letter and that all schools had L's. I was wrong and everyone has let me know it."

Kate Eldred

"Playing Kermit the frog and singing in our 4th grade play."

Ryan Davis

"When Michigan won the Rose Bowl and Mike Delazer lost a bet and bought me a 2 liter. At the end of the day, I was walking down the halls, showing the pop off. Someone ran into me and it accidentally dropped and exploded in the blue hall. I just walked away."

Jack Yang

"In my freshmen year, one day I thought



Most Changed

Josh Van Dyke and Kate Eldred

school was over so I got my books and bag and headed out doors. I didn't see the buses and realized we still had an hour left. It was worse when I had to explain to my sixth hour teacher why I was late for class!"

Katie Herman

"When Jolene told the whole band room that I never went through a training bra stage!"

Ashley Feazel

"At Mason Alternative High School I fell asleep at my desk and woke up in a puddle of drool and a laughing class."

Brian Horton

"When I went for a ground ball against Battle Creek St. Philip and tripped over

"Erin, Sara, and I went to Olivet for basketball game. When we left Olivet it had snowed at least a foot. We spent probably a half hour trying to scrape off the car and getting mad because w



Best Smile

Brian Fletcher and Sara Schmit

third base."

Jeremy Wright

"One year in track at a home meet, the other school had arrived. I was talking to one of my teammate while running backwards. I ended up falling over a hurdle in front of everyone."

Linsey Parr

"My sophomore year, #10 at Wiffle tree Golf course and that's all you need to know."

Lance Woodland



Class Clown

Jeremy Hatherly and Jolene Love



First to be Bankrupt

Robert Stierley and Erin Adams

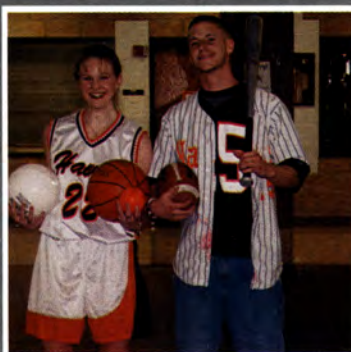
Most School Spirit

Lance Woodland and Kari Bashore



Most Athletic

John Hunter and Rebekah Howard



Most Unpredictable

Adam Fogg and Nicole Risky



couldn't get in it. Then we noticed it wasn't even our car!"

Betsy Wright

"My senior year at band camp, Ericka Modert flung a piece of fudge in the bathroom. Jolene Love went into the bathroom and sat in it. She thought she crapped her pants."

Lacey Stitt

"Being at Albion College for a tennis meet and flirting with all the hot college guys."

Melissa Thorpe

"At band camp my sophomore year I was sharing a cabin with Bethany Stover, Sarah Fogg, Kristi Hatch, Kara Lantz, and Sarah Yeager. Every night we would stay up after lights out. Well, one night Bethany got up to go to the bathroom and came out screamin' with her pants around her ankles. There was a huge leach on our toilet."

Sarah Risner

"Last summer at band camp I had to go to the bathroom so I ran into the room and plopped my tush on the toilet. I went flying off and onto the floor. I busted it!"

Ericka Modert

"This one time when I answered a question and I got it right."

Sam Krey

"When Adam cooked eggs with NOTHING but a motorcycle helmet on! He

sure can cook!"

John Hunter

"Walking around in tin-foil for future day."

Emma Kindesjo

"The flying poop episode."

Ashley Feazel

"The time Jessica, Jennifer and I were eating at the Olive Garden and a piece of spaghetti shot out my nose!"

Becky Bidstrup

"When Mrs. Scofield and I used to get into fights during choir and I would get the 'You have an attitude speech!'"

Jessica Krajniak

"My freshmen year on our Virginia Beach band trip, Jolene and I spent the whole trip flirting with the senior guys. And then being chewed out by the senior girls for flirting with their men!"

Erin Adams

"When Jeff Hatch, Adam Wade, Paul Samulak and Brian Fletcher got caught in Jolene, Erin, Ashley, Melissa and my room at band camp."

Kari Bashore

"In Mr. Miller's Advanced Biology class on Homecoming day, Ashley, Erin and Jolene were fighting over the 'rules' of the spirit stick. And all wayne could say was, 'People, people!'"

Renea Beegle

"Mr. Ball acting like Casey Ward during a pep assembly."

Dan Berry

"Ashley's tissue in the bra at band camp. No Smoking Children in Virginia, and the many distractions backstage during play and musical practice."

Chris Chamberlain

"The night Corey and I assembled an army of 25 people, and they all stayed over to help us get revenge on the individuals who dared to throw one roll of toilet paper in Haskell's yard."

Ryan Davis

"When I backed up into Donnie Carr's pimped out truck and he was parked right behind me. He still hates me to this day."

Kenzi Evans

"Now that I look back at it, when Jon Andrus and I set off the alarm in the old high school before Freshman basketball practice. We both crapped our pants."

Mark Foster

"Getting a phone call about 11 p.m. because someone's house had just been t.p.ed and they needed help taking care of their house."

Brad Hager

"In 99 when we were beating freshman with flour. A teacher was trying to take it away and someone ran by and put a big white streak of flour across his mid section."

Brian Horton

Most Talented

Samuel Krey and Nicole Torburen

"Winning the shortest student contest during the Dutch Auction at a pep assembly, as a sophomore."

Casey Ward

seniors



Worst Car

Adam Olney and Jessica Mignard



Most Gullible

James Byrum, Katie Herman, and Melissa Brattain

The FUNNIEST moment ever.



First to make a Million

Bradley Hager and Alison Jennings

What are your favorite memories from school? I realize that you're probably wondering "Great memories from school...are you kidding?" But if you dig deep into your thoughts, you will find a time when school was enjoyable.

Remember elementary school when we were young, carefree, and just pushing four feet tall? As the years flew by our senior class grew closer while sharing experiences, good and bad, along the way. We all suffered, at one time or another, through boring detentions, monotonous spelling tests, and those unique school lunches. Yet we survived those years with the help of friends and attending the rare but exciting field trips. As a group we ventured to Binder Park Zoo, sixth grade camp, Pleasure Island, and of course the traditional roller-skating trips.

We succeeded in growing as a class, building friendships, and graduating. But after we all go our own ways, we must remember to hold on to these memories. Years from now when we are old and gray, they may be all that we have left. As Mark Twain once wrote, "Memories are the little threads that hold life's patches of meaning together."

(below) Rebekah Howard smiles as she gets her picture taken with her head phones on. Seems as though Howard has always been involved with music!



(below) Erin Adams is looking pretty! Despite that, Erin was actually on Homecoming court!



(below) Brian Fletcher is up to bat! Fletcher has played baseball through high school.



(below) Sara Schmit, Ashley Feazel and Melissa Brattain take a break from their annual field day routine!

(above right) Adam Olney is a smiling fool as he gets his picture taken with the infamous Vince and Larry.

(far above) The Shirkey's ride around on their Little Miss Bike. They have done everything together up to this day.

(above right) Ericka Modert and Lacey Richards are all dressed up for their recital.

(far above) Kate Eldred, Sara Schmit, and Betsy Wright smile for the camera at their piano recital. Many local students have taken piano lessons from Carol Hatch throughout their high school years.



Ali Jennings



Sarah Risner



Erin Adams



Jolene Love



School Days!



(far left) The whole class gathers for a birthday party in the elementary school gym. This was just before the cafeteria was built.

(left) Michael Mc. Haney



Adam Fogg



Chris Chamberlain



Jessica Krajniak



Courtney Olney

(left) Mrs. Steele's Class. Top row: Melissa Brattain, Adam Fogg, Stephanie Wellman, Sara Schmit, Adam Olney, Rebecca Haynes, unknown. Bottom row: Amanda Southwick, Erin Hearn, Samuel Krey, unknown, Tom Dumbald, unknown, unknown.



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Adam and Sarah Fogg



Ali Jennings



Jolene Love and Jeremy Wright

Summer Fun!

Enjoying those long and lazy days of summer time fun in the sun!



Sara Schmit and Melissa Brattain

Kate Eldred and Lacey Richards



Adam Fogg and Sam Whiting



Erin Adams- (Airy) Volleyball: 4,3,2; Tennis: 2,1; Student Council: 4,3,2,1; Class Council: 3,2,1; NHS: 4,3,2; SADD: 4,3,2; Homecoming Court: 4; Band: 3,2,1; Drumline: 3,2; Chorale: 4,3,2; Select Morning Choir: 4,3,2,1; Musicals: 4,3,2,1; Outreach Volunteer: 4,3,2,1

Jon Andrus

Amy Arnett

Johnathon Arras- (John Boy, Jay, Jarras) Football: 4,3,2,1; Tennis: 4,3

Kari Bashore (Care Bear) Softball: 4,3,2,1; NHS: 4,3,2; PALS: 4,3,2; SADD 4,3,2; Class Council: 3; Band: 3,2,1

Christopher Chamberlain- (Russian, Doc.) Forensics: 4,3,2,1; French Club: 4,3,2,1; SADD: 4,3,2,1; NHS 4,3,2; FFA: 4,3,2; Plays: 4,3,2; Musicals: 4,3,2; Quiz Bowl: 4,3,2; Tennis: 4,3; Band: 4,3,2,1

Zachariah Comstock

Eric Coppernoll

Clinton Cox- (Y2Cox, Hugh Jazz Cox., , Tonza Fun) Football: 1; Tennis: 1; Spanish Club: 2,1

Elizabeth Craddock

Ryan Davis- (Davis) Cross country: 4,3,2,1; Basketball: 2,1; Baseball: 4,3,2,1; NHS: 4,3,2 SADD: 4;

Michael Delazzer- Football: 4,2; Tennis: 4,3

Michael Emery

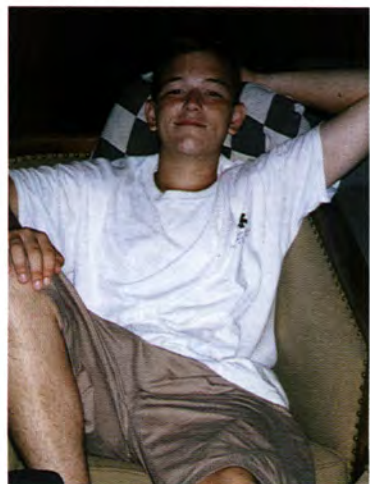
Kenzi Evans- (Baby Kenz, Chunk) Band: 3,2,1; Cosmetology: 4,3

Ashley Feazel- Track: 1; Cross Country: 2,1; Volleyball: 2; NHS: 4,3,2,1; SADD: 4,3,2,1; Zero Hour Choir: 4,3,2,1; Band: 4,3,2,1; Jazz Band: 4,3,2; Forensics: 4,3,2; Class Council: 4,3,2; Pub: 4,3

Jennifer Fildey- (Jiffy) Cross Country: 4,3,2,1; Track: 1; Forensics: 4,3,2,1; NHS: 4,3,2; Art Club: 4,3,2,1; French Club: 4,3; Band: 2,1; Musicals: 3,2

Brian Fletcher- (Fletch) Football: 4,3,2,1; Baseball: 4,3,2,1; Wrestling: 3,2,1; PAL: 4,3,2; Student Council: 4,3,2;

(below) Chris Chamberlain takes a rest after a long week at band camp. Chris was one of eight seniors in band this year.



Class
of
2000

Renea Beegle- (Nea, Reenee, Ray Ray) NHS: 4,3; French Club: 4,3; SADD 4; Great Books Club: 4; Chess Club: 3; Select Morning Gals: 2,1; Chorale: 2; Women's Chorus: 1

Daniel Ray Berry- Football: 3,2; Basketball: 2,1; Baseball: 4,2,1

Rebecca Bidstrup- (Mallo) PALS: 4,3; Forensics: 1; SADD: 1; After school play: 4,3,2; Blackhawk Process: 1

Mark Bolin- (Bolin) Football: 4,3,2; Basketball: 2,1; Track: 4,3

Jessica Bracy

Melissa Brattain- (Missy Kay) Softball: 4,3,2,1; Tennis: 4; Cross Country: 3; Select Choir: 4,3,2,1; SADD: 4; Class Council: 3,1

Brian Brown

James Byrum

Ronald Dexter

Matthew Diamond

Jeremy Drumm

Kate Eldred- Tennis: 4,3,2,1; Band: 4,3,2,1; NHS 4,3,2; French Club: 3,2,1

Tomas Ellsey

Adam Houghton Fogg- (Foggy Bottom) Band: 2,1; Chorale: 4; light and Sound Tech: 4,3,2

Mark Foster- (The Barama Bull) Golf: 4,3,2,1; Basketball: 4,3,2,1; Baseball: 4,3,2,1; SADD 4,3; French Club: 2,1; Chess Club: 3;

Stacey Foster- (frosty, spacey)

Nicholle Franz- (Cholle) Cheerleading: 4,3,2,1; NHS: 4,3,2; SADD: 4; Class Council: 4,3,2

Rodney Goddard

Nicholas Good

Bradley Hager- (Hager)

Senior Class Council 1999-2000



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A child's game

School. Life, beyond...

Acting the accurate age or older has never been a problem for the graduating class of 2001 at Leslie High School. But we all have days when all we want to do is act like children.

Next year, all but eighteen people in the class of 2001 will graduate legal adults. As a senior, one has to look beyond high school and onto college and other adult aspirations. Planning for such events can be stressful and make one forget the pleasures of being a carefree child who can enjoy the moment with-

out worrying much about what tomorrow will bring. Yet, as juniors, this is the last year to be children. One game will soon be ending. The succession of grades will continue. One grade moves on and another takes its place. And, whether or not the individual juniors decide to act mature, they will have responsibilities.

The truth is that by the time the juniors get this yearbook, the class of 2001 will be adults, seniors and "leaders" of the high school. Looking in the yearbook will be a

memory of the distant past. They will be too occupied, once again, with college, classes, essays and friends. And as the bell rings on the last day of class of their high school careers, their child days will be over. But the game is far from ending. There is still more for the class of 2001 to do; they have their whole lives ahead of them. Even though the game has changed, they will always have something to look forward to and a childhood to remember.

by Jennifer Fildey

What was your favorite childhood memory?

"Playing flag football."

Steve Lawrence

"In second grade all the girls would chase the boys around and put them in the Hi-Low silo and then kick them." Sarah Dunn

"When I took my brother out with two croquet balls. Hey, he wouldn't give me a piggy back ride! He deserved it!" Kristi Hatch

"Waking up three hours before the bus came because I was excited about school!"

Deanna Barnett

"Making a mud slide at the foster's house."

T.J. Waldofsky

Jennifer Abbott
Kristen Allender
April Amb
Jessica Amb
Jodi Baker
Deanna Barnett

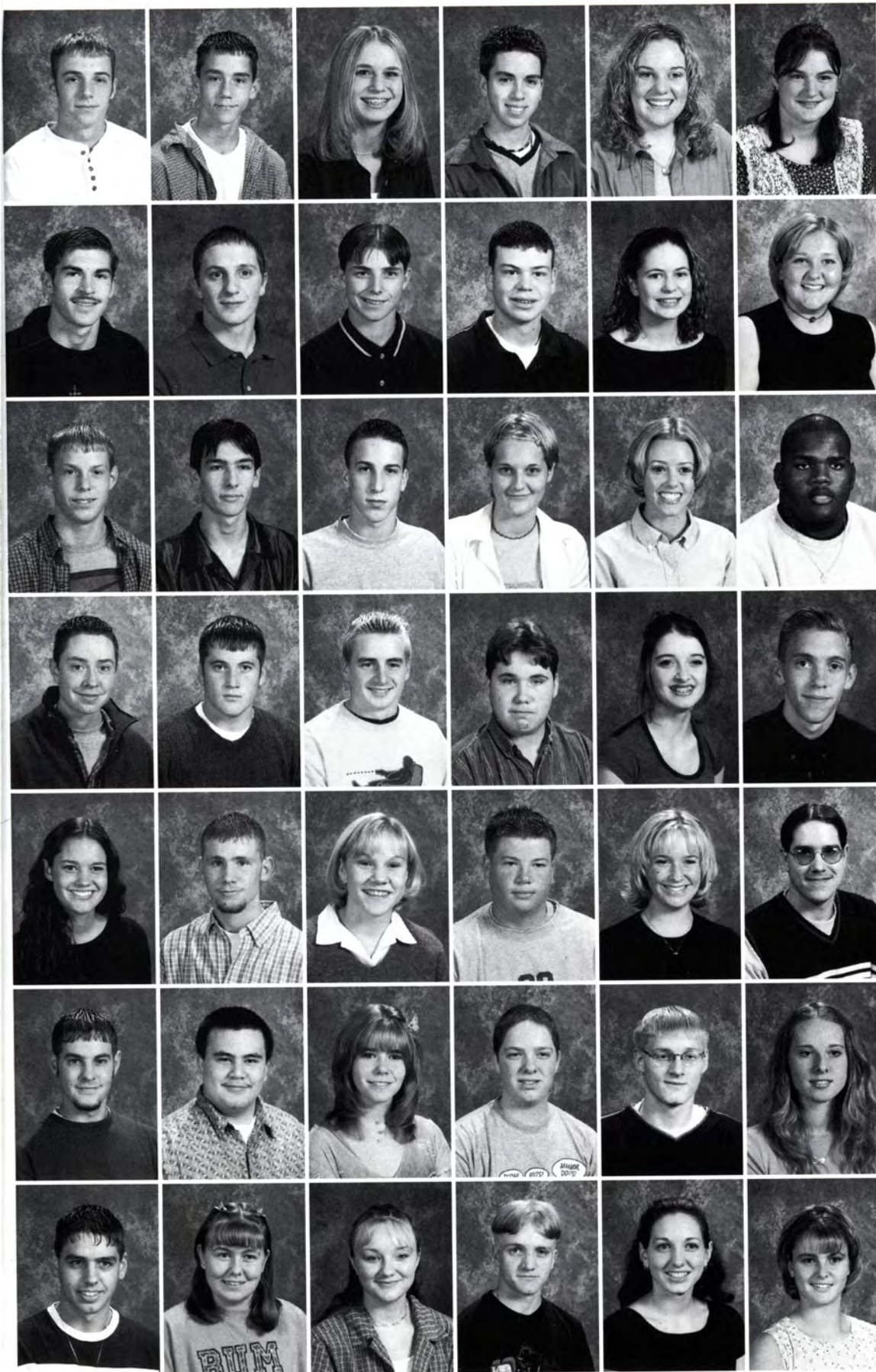


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Christina Bauer
Eric Baze
Billy Beers
Jennifer Bergey
Andrew Betts



Jacob Beyer
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Ashley Boertman
Jared Bowen
Joshua Bradford





Curt Campbell
Raymond Chouinard
Abbie Clemetsen
Christopher Croel
Jacqueline Custer
Sarah Day

Kalen Dexter
Andrew Dornbush
Thomas Dumbauld
Bradley Dunlap
Sarah Dunn
Jessica Faist

Christopher Fauser
Michael Felgenhauer
Jacob Flannery
Stephanie Flannery
Sarah Fogg
Lem Franks

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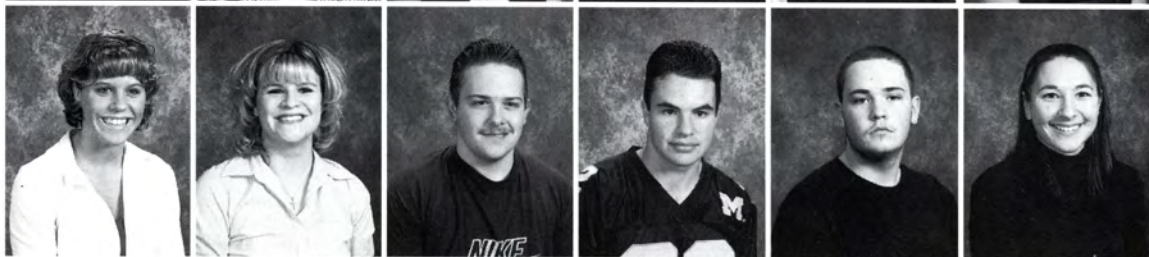
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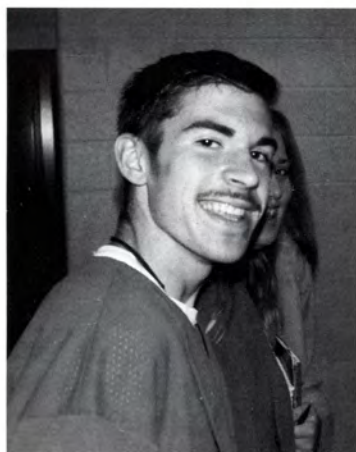
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Lindsey Palmer



Chaz Parmelee
Avery Peck
Nannette Pena
Jennifer Pierce
Joshua Pierce
James Pinckney



(above) Kalen Dexter makes his daily routine as he walks to class. Kalen and his girlfriend, Jessica, were often seen walking to class together.

(far above) John Major and Mr. Shafer are arguing about doing homework. John had a sixth hour computer class which he just loved.



(above) Pictured with one of his lunch boxes, Paul Harmon smiles.



(above) Lovely ladies show off their beautiful homecoming gowns. Many of these juniors also attended prom.

(above) Bethany Stover, Jamie Hanson, Ashley Boertman, and Melissa Kaatz smile for the camera. These ladies were all good friends.

Just a Few "Quotes"

Q: What's an excuse you've made for not having your homework?
A: "I'm on strike."
 John Major

Q: What was your favorite cartoon?
A: "Mighty Mouse."
 Paul Harmon

Q: What was your favorite memory as a child?
A: "When my brother locked me in the truck of the car!"
 Sarah Fogg

Q: Who did you go out with when you were younger?
A: "Curt Campbell. What the heck was I thinking?"
 Lynsay Myers



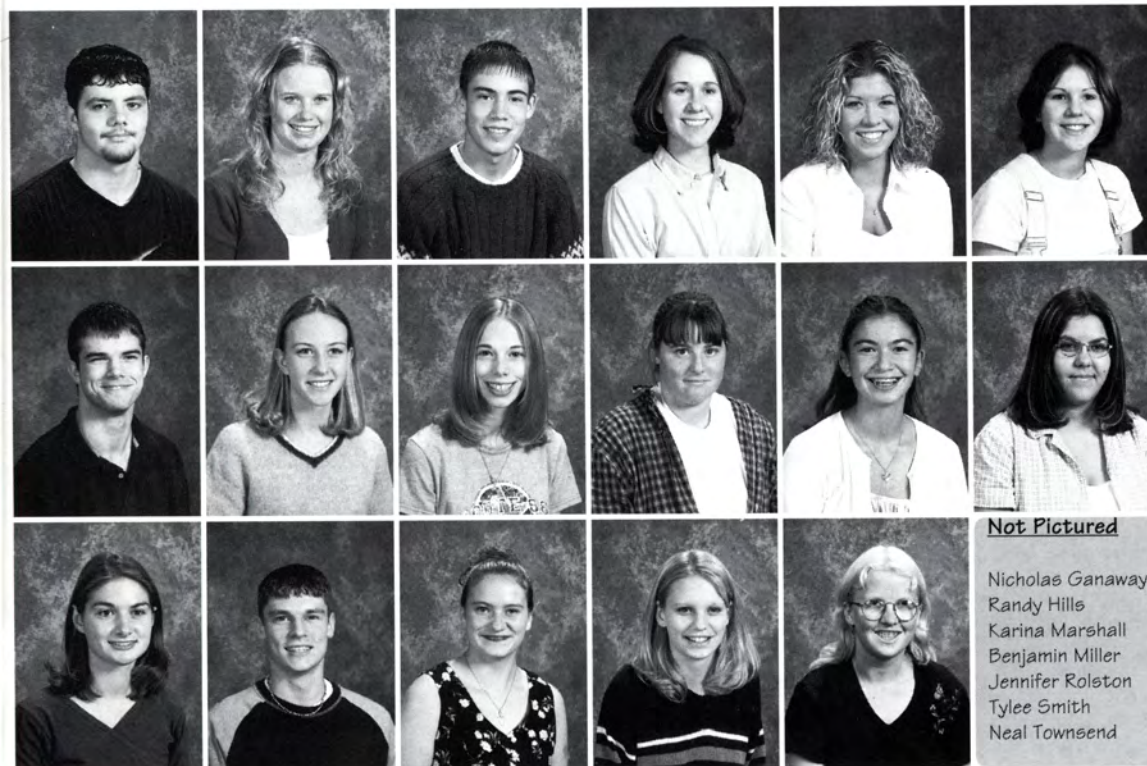
(far below) Student Council left to right: Kristen Allender, Sarah Fogg, Bethany Stover, Kristy Hatch, Shelby Stensrud, Abbie Clemenson, and Lauren Hamilton.



(far left) Eric Baze and Sean Freedburg goof off in their last five minutes of class. Don't be deceived; these guys were actually good friends.

(left) Students of Mr. Bunker's sixth hour English class finish their reading. These students were more than thrilled to be learning.

(below) Erin Robbins does her homework on the computer.



Derrick Redman
 Erika Risky
 Michael Risner
 Erin Robbins
 Krista Ross
 Ashley Silveus

Adam Small
 Shelby Stensrud
 Elizabeth Stewart
 Karen Stone
 Bethany Stover
 Michelle Valdez

Not Pictured

Nicholas Ganaway
 Randy Hills
 Karina Marshall
 Benjamin Miller
 Jennifer Rolston
 Tylee Smith
 Neal Townsend

Johanna Valenta
 Thomas Waldofsky
 Samantha Wandel
 Heather Werkema
 Christin Wyman

What'd U Say?

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

"I would be a bird so I could fly!"

-Michelle Grinnell

"I would be a bear because they're nice and cuddly."

-Josh Beyer

"I would be a squirrel because I love nuts!"

-Teresa Beegle

"I would be a dog so I could chase cars and pee on trees....?"

-Tyler Howe

Welcome to the Wild Ride

Sophomores on their way to life

As sophomores, students are just getting into the swing of things, knowing when to rock the boat-- and when not to. Almost halfway through their high school career, some might think they have it down pat. Well, I have some news for you fellas. Welcome to the wild ride of life. Just as soon as you think that you have life under wing, it will knock you over and throw you way off course.

Even though there will be those inevitable downs, there will also be ups. The prom, homecomings, floats, sports, music, graduation. All these and much more will pass your way even before the last two

years of high school are spent.

Every student wakes up Monday and counts the days before Friday. Before anyone realizes, those five-day weeks have spelled out an entire year. Those wonderful weekends only a blur in the aftermath. But little does anyone realize that those long five-day weeks make up the majority of your life as you know it.

Before you can even close your eyes, you will become the senior walking down the gymnasium floor, the college student receiving her first set of grades, the person walking down the aisle almost married, a mother or father, or even someone's grandpa or

grandma.

Life is just way too short to dread the tedious five-day weeks. The smallest, most unimportant things can create smiles and happiness in many peoples' lives.

The moral of the story is a common, but mostly overlooked lesson. Live life to the fullest. This is directed to not only those sophomores out there, but for everyone.

"Live as though you'll die tomorrow. Dream as though you'll live forever." -James Dean.

-Ashley Feazel

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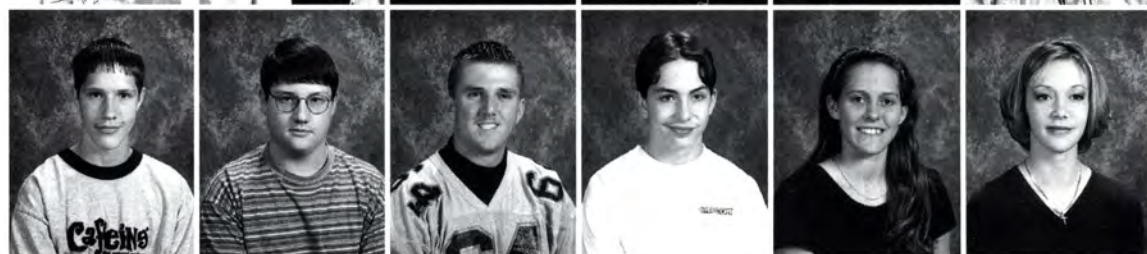
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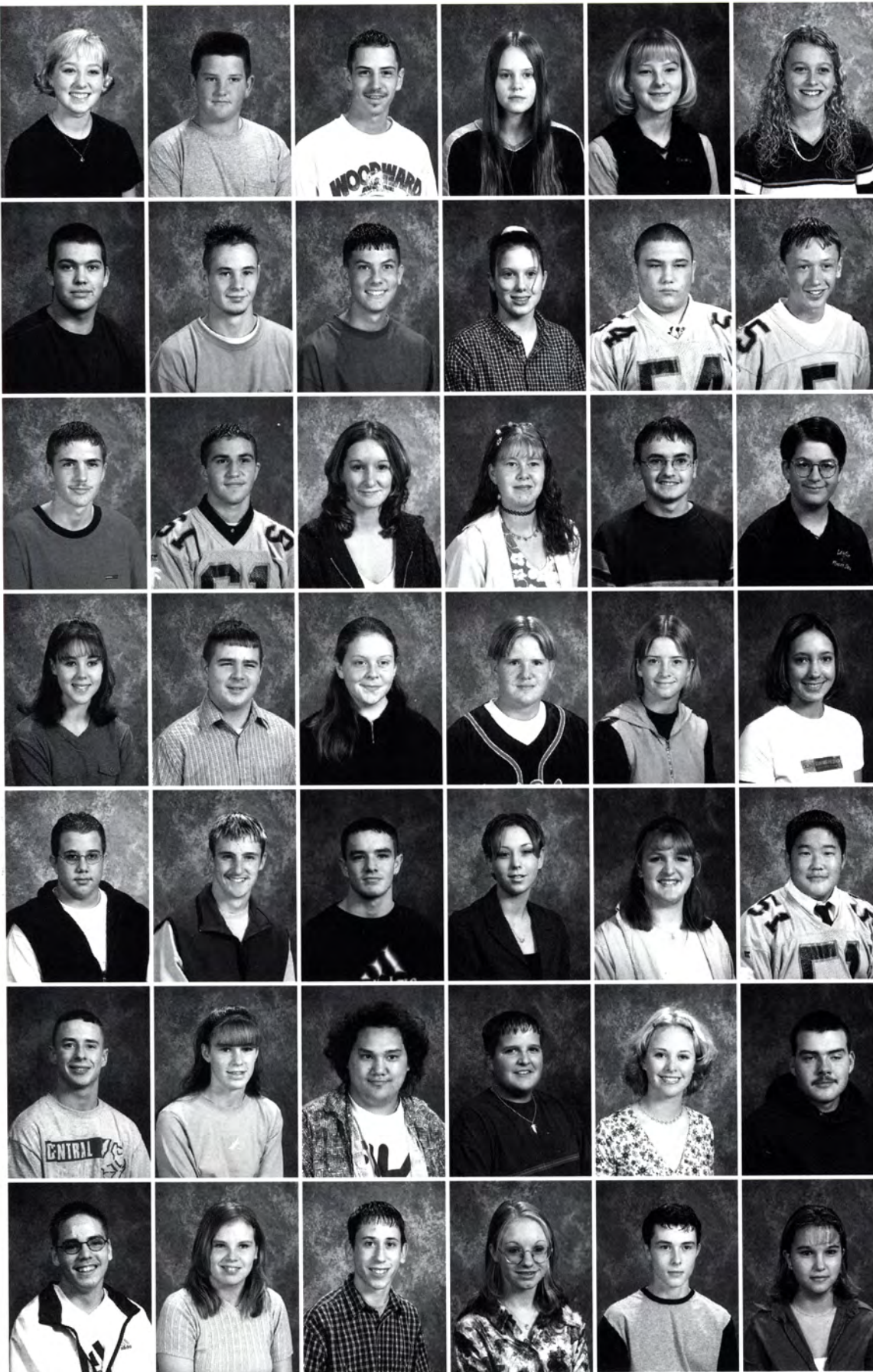


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Ramone Benavidez



Josh Beyer
Joseph Blanford
Colby Bogart
Todd Boutwell
Amanda Bradley
Jocelyn Brown





Steffanie Brown
Richard Brownlee
Steven Budd
Christa Cameron
Crystal Carter
Nichole Clough

Chad Coe
Fred Conley
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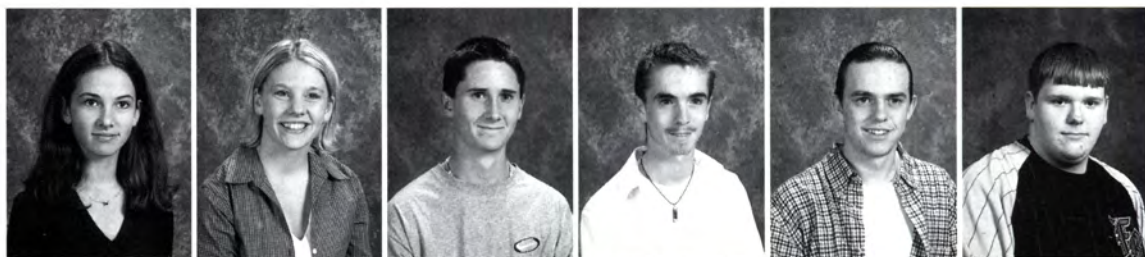
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Breon Jacque
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Terrance Kinney
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 Caralyn Lantz
 Aaron Lewis
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 Nate Shelby
 Kristy Shepherd
 Misty Shepherd
 Clint Smith
 Richard St. John



Alicia Stahl
 Jessica Stauffer
 Heather Stid
 Andrew Stierley
 Ashley Stofer
 Kurt Thomas





William Wade
Emily Wandel
Ashley Werkema
Tiffany Werkema
Sarah Wheeler
Joseph White

Nicole Wilcox
Virginia Wright
Julie Yang
Sarah Yeager
Natasha Young
Michelle Zimmerman

Not pictured:

Cory Brasseur
Ryan Dexter
Benjamin Ganaway
Jared Green
Ryan Macpherson
Robert McMumber
Justin Ward



What'd U Say?

**Which do you prefer,
city or country?
Why?**

**"The country so I don't have to
mess with people."
-Amanda Bradley**

**"The country because you
don't have to deal with all the
noise."
-Sarah Yeager**

**"I would like to own a coun-
try."
-Steven Budd**

**"The city because you're close
to malls!"
-Jocelyn Brown**



(above) Roaming the halls, Trisha Kosloski, Tyler Howe, and Jessica Stauffer have no problem striking a pose. Trisha's bear costume has been a Leslie classic.



(above) Two best pals, Jim Keat and Ashley Stoffer, stop for a second before heading down to lunch. They have been very active in the school community.

(far above) Josh Beyer and Andrew Heathman smile as they roam the halls during class. This was a rare occasion with the new hall guard Ed Schmidt!

(above left) The 2000 Sophomore class council: Tabitha Holcomb, Jessica Stauffer, Erin Abbott, Breon Jacque, Will Wade, Brandon Hunter, Nate Samulak.

(above) At lunch, Breon Jacque and Jenna Philo show their packed lunches. The hot lunch program has received a little bit of criticism from some of LHS' picky eaters.

Juggling Life

Freshmen Learning Lessons

As the freshmen of Leslie High School walked through the front doors and entered the halls of knowledge for the first time, they had no idea what they were about to encounter. High school is an important contributor to the social life of a teen and a precious factor in a teen's future. The freshmen here at LHS are finally realizing the importance of high school. Now that they have survived their first year of high school, they are beginning to learn various things about themselves and life in general. Some of them have gone out on their first date, learned how important grades really are, and how to be committed to different sports teams while staying eli-

gible.

The youngsters at Leslie think that if you are on a sports team you are automatically hot stuff. The freshmen of LHS now know that responsibility comes with being on a sports team. The freshmen learned how to be committed to their team and how to believe in themselves. Learning these facts has given them a strong sense of community and they will go farther in life because of it.

They have also learned that being top of your class is a good thing and does not make you a social outcast. Being smart does not mean that you're a nerd and no one will hang out with you. In the halls I have heard many freshman explain how important their

grades have become to them. They have learned that with good grades can come a great future.

The chatty freshmen at LHS have also discovered that with high school comes a social life. Going out on a first date is a great thing until it ends. I remember mine, and hopefully yours was memorable enough to remember too. Some of the witty freshmen even caught themselves a "great big senior!" How cool!

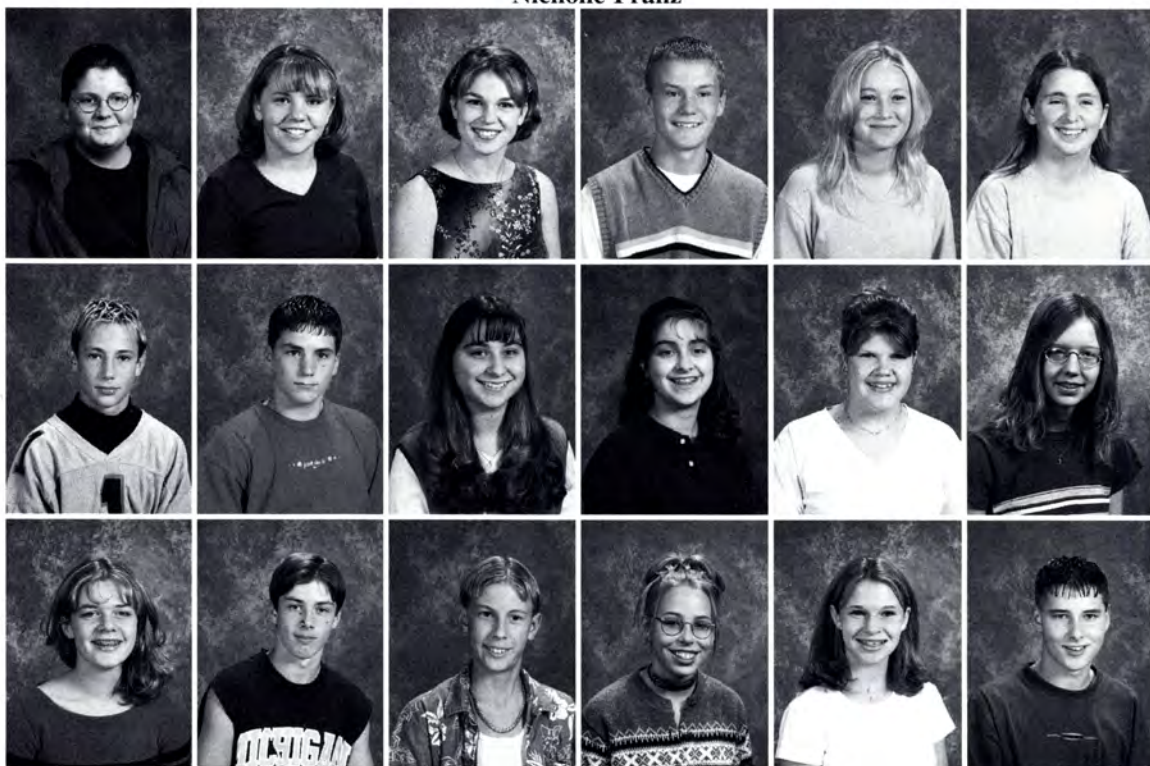
To all of you freshman, I hope you will be able to master all the many facts of high school life. High school will hold some of the best times of your lives. It goes by extremely fast. Take my advice; have fun and try not to have any regrets!

-Nicholle Franz

Bobby Ackley
Sarah Adair
Teanna Adams
Anthony Ambs
Jolene Amsdill
Katherina Arnett

Michael Atwood
Dustin Beaman
Antonia Beltran
Katelin Benson
Elisabeth Beyer
Jessica Bidstrup

Lacey Bilaski
Jason Blasen
Phillip Blinn
Brandi Boutwell
Kathleen Bozelak
Adam Brewer



*Who is your role
model and why?*

"Linsey Palmer because she is pretty and the only other clean person in my sixth hour!"

-Kenzie Richards

"My father because of his determination to keep our family together and because he is in the Airforce!"

-Tim Thulin

"Cara Lantz because she is always happy, keeps a good job, maintains good grades, and is always there to listen to my problems!"

-Jessica Franz

"No one, because I know I am a role model for everyone else!"

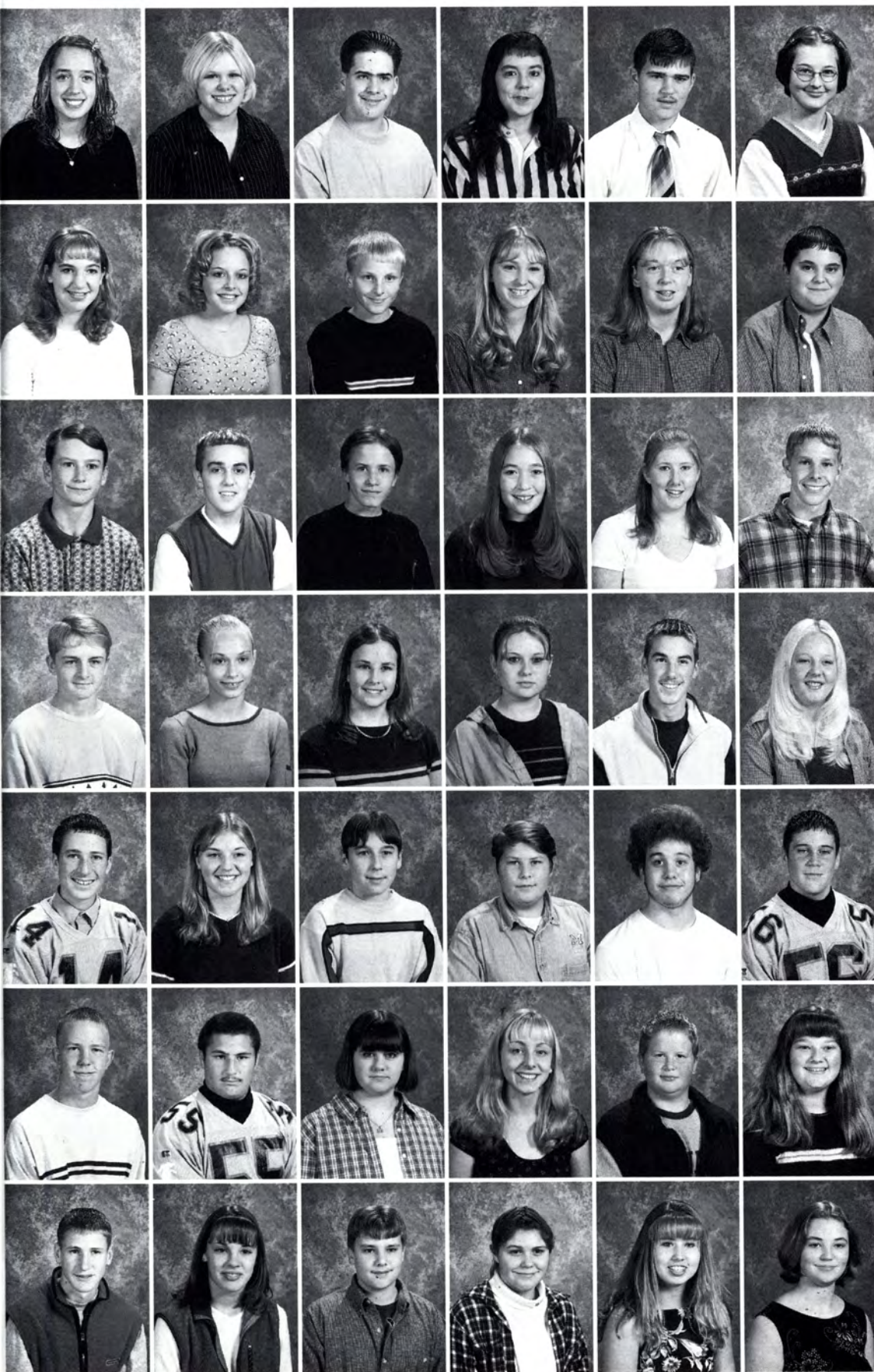
-Lucas Ewing

"Stone Cold!"

-Jason Drummond

"I don't really look up to anyone!"

-Travis Fletcher



Sara Bursley
Katie Campbell
Richard Causie
Melissa Cobern
Sonny Coito
Wendi Coppernoll

Mallory Craft
Frances Craig
Jacob D'Lamater
Holly Davis
Jamie Delaere
Matt Delazzer

Andrew Denny
Thomas Donley
Jason Drummond
Emily Eldred
Jessica Ellison
Lucas Ewing

Joel Fauser
Megan Fauser
Samantha Finegan
Jessica Fineout
Travis Fletcher
Alinda Florek

James Flowers
Jessica Franz
Bryan Frazzini
Derick Friebe
Cory Gamet
Joshua Gibbs

David Gilman
Jason Gowanlock
Heather Gray
Nicole Hannay
Timothy Harmon
Elise Harper

Matthew Haskell
Lisa Horsley
Dustin Howe
Danielle Jackson
Jessica Jackson
Katie Jackson

Kristin Jaque
 Benjamin James
 Erica Janiak
 Jarrad Elijah
 Jason Jones
 Melody Jones



Josh Kaimon
 Alex Kirchmeier
 Micheal Klinger
 Tristan Knowlton
 Steven Krajniak
 Nicholas Kramer



Casey Lewis
 Collin Lewis
 Jessica Love
 Nick Love
 Jennifer Major
 Chris Makin



Jacob Mata
 Kimberly McCann
 Juan Mercado
 Stephanie Mitchell
 Sarah Moist
 Nicholas Orban



Josh Ostasiewicz
 Kimberly Otis
 Richelle Piper
 Bobbie Preston
 Mackenzie Richards
 Kendall Risky

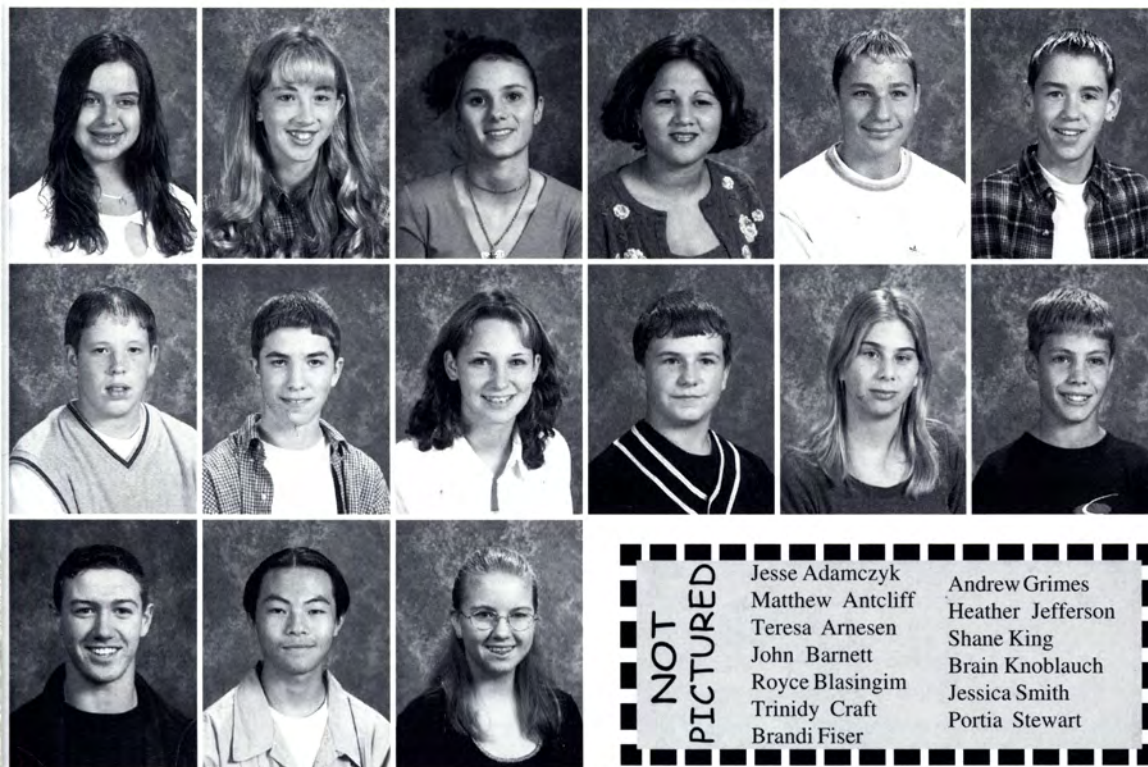


Joshua Roark
 Danielle Russell
 Milton Ruthig
 Gregory Schmit
 Patrick Shepherd
 Clint Silveus



Jessica Smith
 Richard Smith
 Roger Smith
 Katherine Spooner
 Anthony Sprow
 Terry St. John





Michelle St.Onge
Kyla Stern
Portia Stewart
Crystal Stone
Jason Stone
Keith Stuart

Jason Theodorou
Timothy Thulin
Trista Underwood
Andrew Wheeler
Christina Wheeler
Travis Whipple

Curits Wright
Xeng Yang
Cynthia Zimmerman

**NOT
PICTURED**

Jesse Adamczyk	Andrew Grimes
Matthew Antcliff	Heather Jefferson
Teresa Arnesen	Shane King
John Barnett	Brain Knoblauch
Royce Blasingim	Jessica Smith
Trinity Craft	Portia Stewart
Brandi Fiser	

*What do you most admire
about the seniors?*

"This is their last year and
they have so many more
privileges than we do!"

-Lucas Ewing

"Nothing because all they
do is pick on me!"

-Jessica Franz

"They have made it
through four long years of
high school and have been
very successful!"

-Kenzie Richards

"They are leaving, but I am
going to miss them a
whole lot because they are
a blast to be around!"

-Erica Janiak

"They have the coolest
cars!"

-Shane King



(above) Erica Janiak played her flute
proudly in the homecoming parade.
Janiak is currently on Student Council.



(above) The freshmen at LHS
really do have big mouths. They
finally learned how to participate in
the pep assemblies this year.



(above left) The class council: Katie
Bozelak, Lacey Bilaski, Jessica Love,
Katie Campbell, Frances Craig, Matt
DeLazzer, Erica Janiak, Curt Wright.

(above) Casey and Collin Lewis were
wrapped together in Seran wrap at the
assembly. They are the twin brothers.

(far above) Ben James looked really
nice on orange and black day with his
black face paint. James played junior
varsity basketball this year.

What'd U Say?

What is the first thing that you think of when you think of Leslie High School?

"Awesome!"

-Mr. Derr

"Hard work- because it's high school, responsibility- because young people need to learn it, consequences- because everyone has them."

-Ms. Taylor

"A lot of opportunity to tell stupid and funny stories."

-Ms. Vallillee

The faculty article with little to say

A lot of nothing about some important people

What can one say about that faculty at Leslie High School? Take a moment, ponder, I implore you.

When faced with the challenge of writing this text I was baffled. How could I write something about every teacher, when I've not had every teacher? Any opinion I would have about our staff would be bias, at best, since I've not had nor do I even know every teacher in our school.

Our teachers have been shaking up the administration and the staff. With all the changes, our princi-

pal, vice principal and new teachers, who could keep up with it?

And how are these new teachers handling their jobs? My answer, sadly, I wouldn't even know. These teachers, new and old, have been here for more than a considerable amount of time, and I barely even see them or I haven't seen them all my life. Yet, just because I haven't seen these teachers it does not mean that they're not important.

Every teacher, every staff member of this school is important, shaping the lives of the young

people that they teach.

And how are the student taking the change? Again, sadly, don't ask me. One can only form their own opinion about the teachers and their staff. Some memories might be good, some bad, others funny, and some sad.

The faculty at LHS has both the opportunity to make us happy or mad. But the teachers job is to teach us, and to prepare us for what we might face. We might not always like it, but it's the way things are. Without the teachers, where would we be?

Kathy Abbuhl
William Allender
Thomas Ball
Bruce Barbour
Maxine Budzynski
Carl Bunker

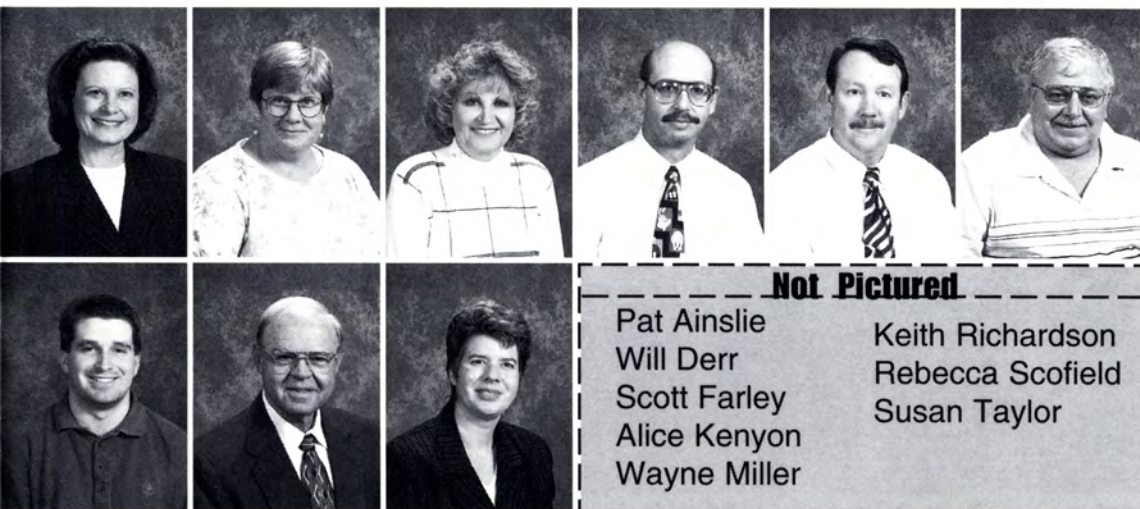


Marie Charnley
Marie Fisher
Chester Geering
Lori Haskell
Brent Hoffman
Robert Howe



Pat Johnson
Dan Laird
Jean Maiville
George Manson
Jeff Manthei
Mark Mowry

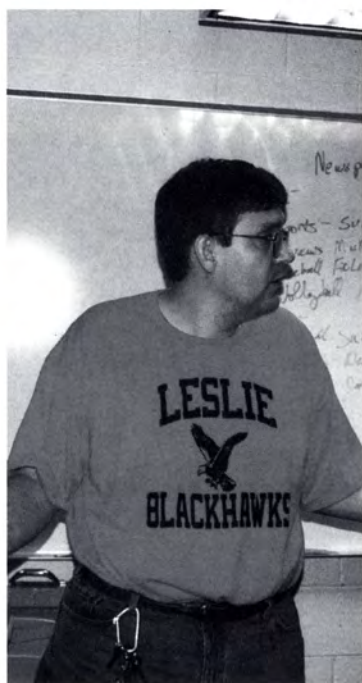
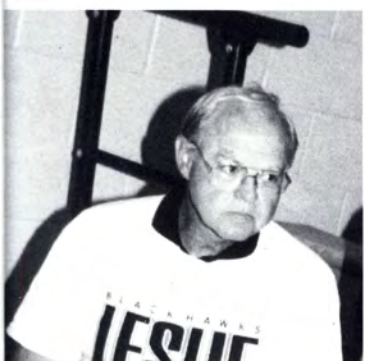




Deborah Premoe
Cindy Robins
Beverly Sachar
Ed Schmidt
Tom Shafer
Richard Shambarger

Brian Spink
Thomas Todd
Gail Vallillee

Not Pictured
Pat Ainslie
Will Derr
Scott Farley
Alice Kenyon
Wayne Miller
Keith Richardson
Rebecca Scofield
Susan Taylor



(above left) Mrs. Charnley shows us her pearly whites in the library. Mrs. Charnley has been the NHS advisor on and off for many years.

(above) Our new assistant principal, Ed Schmidt, shows us his stern discipline.

(left) Ms. Sachar pauses in her hall decorating duties to get her picture taken. Sachar has often been seen hanging various French works to help educate the students of LHS!

(far above) Mrs. Trotter and Mr. Bunker play in the skit of the homecoming court members. Mrs Trotter's daughter graduated from LHS this year.

(left) Mr. Todd sits amazed at the wonderful pep assembly! Mr. Todd has been an underclassmen counselor and tennis coach for many years.

(left) Mr. Hoffman tries to explain to his Pub class what is going on in the next yearbook. Hoffman has taught the pub class for the last two years.



Ten years ago,
they were here.
Where will they
be in another
10????????



What were you thinking?

"What were they
thinking when they
put this picture in the
yearbook?"

-Mrs. Haskell

"I just always wondered
what it would feel like
to be in a coffin!"

-Mr. Ball

"I'm the most talented,
beautiful woman on
staff! (I look better
than Mrs. Ainslie!)"

-Ms. Val

"That's the first
mistake I've ever
made!"

-Mr. Barbour



(below) Ms. Ainslie glares at the Pub staff as we snap off some pictures. Ms. A substituted many times for the Pub.



Have you ever been in trouble with the law?

"I got two traffic tickets in twenty minutes."

-Mr. Shafer

"I went to a disco party and I was walking across campus towards home around 4:00 A.M. The cops pulled me over and thought I was the guy threatening the president of the university. I was wearing plaid wool pants and a shirt with ducks on it, and I matched the description!"

-Mr. Laird

"There's some I'd rather not share!"

-Mr. Howe



What was the

STUPIDEST

thing you have ever done?

"I sat on a stool around a table where an important meeting regarding a student occurred -with my fly open."

-Mr. Howe

"I kept on misspelling shift (forgot the f) over and over, but no one ever said a word."

-Ms. Abbuhl

"I can't tell you, but it has something to do with pink underwear."

-Mrs. Haskell



(far above) Mr. Shafer caresses his computer during his 6th hour computer programming class. Shafer has taught in this high school for over ten years.

(above left) Mrs. Charnley and Mrs. Robins discuss some student affairs. After a one year retirement, Charnley came back this year as the NHS advisor.

(far above) Mrs. Scofield searches for the right piece of music as her students patiently wait. Scofield has helped LHS earn many Division One ratings at music festivals.

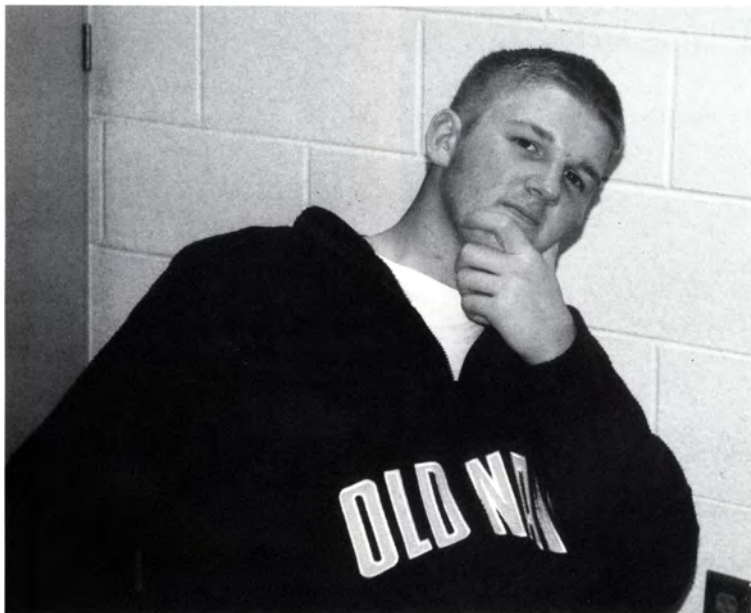
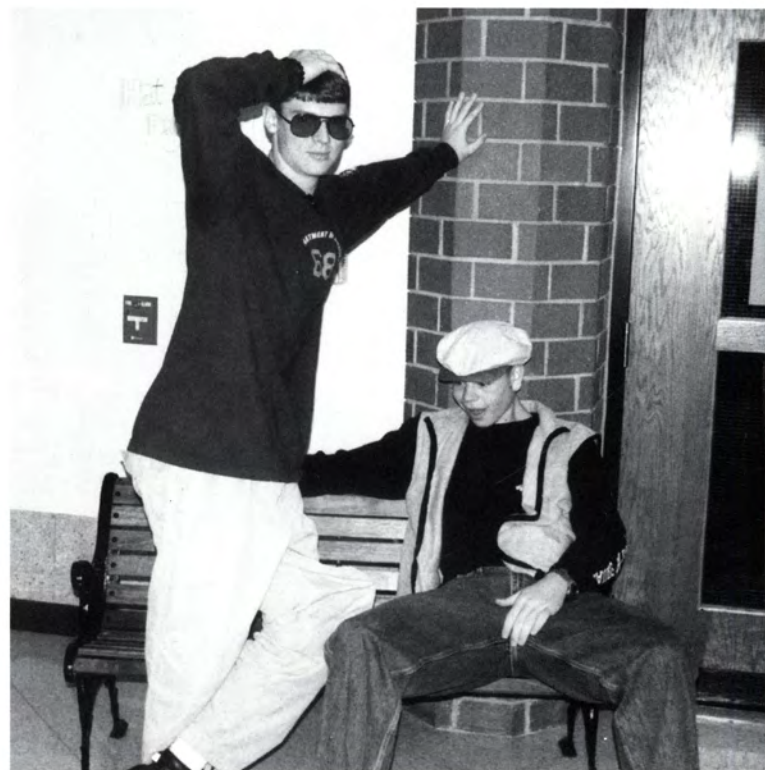
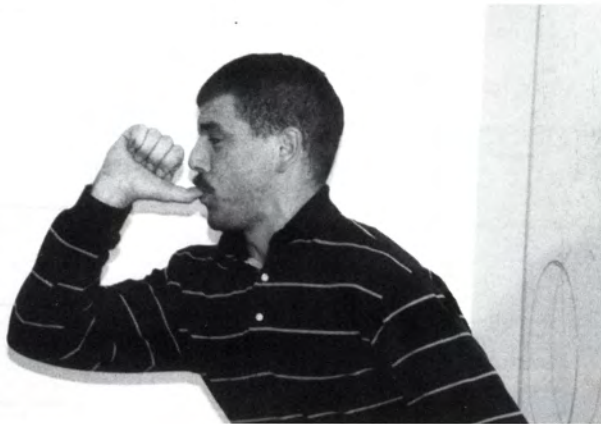
(far above) Mr. Schmidt is enthusiastic as he teaches biology for the first time in fifteen years. Previously he taught chemistry and physics.

(above) Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Abbuhl have fun as they play in the halls. Mrs. Taylor was out for part of the year because of knee surgery.

(left) Mrs. Bud shows her excitement for the mischievous freshman health class. She also has been a class advisor for many years.

ORGANIZATIONS

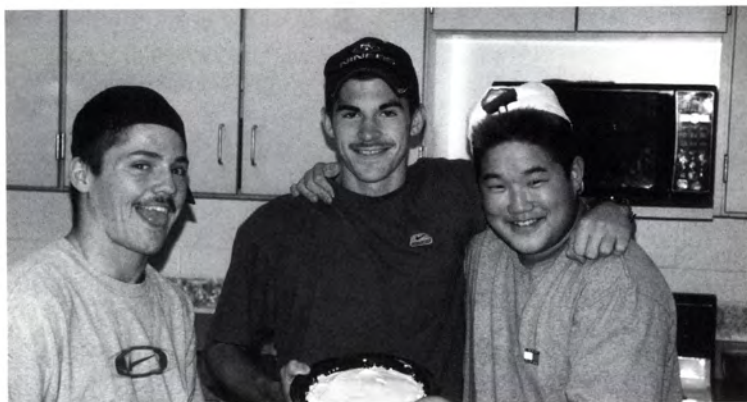
Twists & Turns



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The Wild Ride

Perhaps even more confusing than the twists and turns on one of those new monster roller coasters is the path that many of the organizations have taken at LHS. The ride is over for the FFA, Art Club, Spanish Club, and Chess Club as those organizations took a wrong turn and derailed during the 1999-2000 school year. SADD and NHS both had a different twist as new advisors stepped in to lead the way, and the Great Books Club provided a place for the literary lovers to turn.



As the various organizations brace themselves for things to come in the new millenium, it is clear that anything can happen. The twists and turns that lay ahead are unpredictable and have the potential for chaos. As LHS bids farewell to some old favorites and welcomes some new changes, all of the groups are preparing themselves for a bumpy ride.

Honestly,
what is the
big attraction
to (gasp!)
reading?



"I have always considered reading to be my passion! I strongly urge anyone who doesn't like books to sit down and read Mankind's book. Mick Foley changed my life."

Art Halberly

"It was a nice change of pace from all the calculus that I spent most of my time doing."

Lindsey James

"I don't know. My sister kept eating the books!"

Jessica Love

Move over soap operas!

Reading is good. Can we please start the story now?

In a surprise twist, the Great Books Club emerged as a successful organization at LHS in the 1999-2000 school year. Students have been told for years that reading can be fun, but most chose to dismiss such comments as tricks used by teachers to sucker their students into learning. However, the fairly large student involvement that Great Books enjoyed proved any doubters dead wrong.

"I have honestly always enjoyed reading," stated Renea Beegle. "Besides being named the secretary of *Great Books* is a

big step towards my ultimate goal of taking over the world!"

In fact, up to 14 students feel reading is just super. All year, the group selected a book to read, spent three weeks reading it, and then meet to review the selection.

"I wasn't sure that I would be able to read a whole book in three weeks," confessed Kari Bashore. "I'm proud of the fact that I finally read a book that wasn't written by Dr. Suess, though!"

Great Books was a great addition to LHS because it gave

students another after school opportunity and it got people reading books that they otherwise may never have invested time in.

"I'm really glad I had the chance to be exposed to classics like *Ethan Frome*, *Little Women*, and *Les Miserables*," agreed Captain Quizbowl, Chris Chamberlain.

Hats off to the Great Books club for reminding everyone who is hooked on TV, video games, and the internet that reading is **FUNDamental!**

-Corey Haskell



(above right) "Captain Quizbowl," **Chris Chamberlain** and **Ms. Sachar** discuss the novel *Ethan Frome*.

(right) **Sarah Dunn** is thrilled about discussing another selection. Dunn was an active member of the winter cheerleading squad here at LHS.

(far right) The Great Books group listens in on yet another great meeting. The group read several books throughout the year.





(left) Working hard on her pages, **Sarah Risner** goes to town on her sucker. Risner was named the worst driver of the senior class.

(below left) Once again the two Pub advisors face off because of a disagreement. **Brent Hoffman** and **Art Hatherly** had troubles adjusting to each other's style of teaching, while **John Hunter** enjoyed the show.

(below) **Jack Yang** is spending yet another day slacking. When he wasn't hard at work in the Pub, the "Yangsta" could be found causing havoc at each Mason Meijers.



P2K Travels Down Familiar Road: No Guns! No Knives! Just Computers!

Just when everybody thought it was safe to go back to the computer lab, the Pub returned from summer break bigger, better, and louder than ever.

The pubsters got off to a rocky start following a much publicized yearbook theme controversy, and the chaos also affected the group's ability to produce newspapers quickly enough to satisfy customer demand. However, when the dust and the Hoff settled, the Pub stayed on the beaten path and kicked out some serious computer work for

both the newspaper and the yearbook.

"It was a creative group," stated advisor Brent Hoffman. "Once they got it together things went really well because the kids worked as a team."

In fact, P2K's road proved to be a smooth one. With Hoffman, new newspaper editor Ashley Feazel, and Sarah Risner returning with a year's experience under her belt, yearbook pages and newspapers were produced quickly with almost no problems...well, sort of. A

few deadlines came dangerously close to being missed and the newspaper's frequency was slightly diminished, but all in all the year was a successful one.

"Once I got Art the heck out of my group, all the toilet jokes stopped and everything went a lot smoother," declared Sarah Risner while trying to explain the class' early troubles. "It caused the guys to work as a team and make more mature women jokes in the newspaper."

Corey Haskell

Describe your favorite memory of Mr. Hoffman getting upset.



"All I have to say is the guys and their infamous rooster idea!"

Ashley Feazel

"Every time the Hoff said my name he instantly got ticked off. I think he knew that I was trying to take his position as advisor."

Art Hatherly

"I'll never forget the time he told me to know my role, shut my mouth, and go sell some ads."

Mark Foster

Pub



(right) **Mr. Mowery** the returning Quiz Bowl coach smiles after a close loss to Dansville. He has been the coach of the team for two years.

(far right) After many losses to opposing teams: the answer is.....YMCA.

(bottom right) **Katie Freedburg, Jesse Bidstrup, and Nikki Bidstrup** are all full of tension as the questions are read. The buzzer goes off and the answer is....

(far bottom right) **Quiz Bowl Team.** Bottom: Katie Freedberg, Kristen Jauque. Top: Chris Chamberlin(a.k.a. Captain Quiz bowl), Nikki Bidstrup, Sean Freedberg, Jesse Bidstrup.



Quiz Bowl



What were some of this year's best moments with the Quiz Bowl team?

"When we were so close to winning a match and I looked out into the group of people only to see my best friend Bob!"

Nikki Bidstrup

"Being on television, on Quiz Busters!"

Chris Chamberlain

Learning for Fun?

For some, learning doesn't stop at 6th hour

You know the old saying; it's not if you win or lose, it's how you play the game. Well that's what the students here at Leslie High School had to keep in mind all year while on Quiz Bowl.

There were not too many wins this year for the Quiz Bowl team, but members enjoyed the meets every Monday at Olivet and practices twice a week. Mr. Mowery, the team coach, would like to repeat is his comment from last year on this year's team, "We were a very young team, and I am going to leave it at that."

Not many students have had experience with this type of organization. Some students don't quite know what to expect after joining

the team.

Chris Chamberlain said "Quiz bowl is a very educational experience that more people should join in on."

Not many students have joined the team in the past. This year the team consisted of a meek six members. Nikki Bidstrup expressed her feelings by saying, "We don't get very much recognition but we're the only ones on TV."

There are many thing that give a person the drive to go for such a goal as being on the Quiz Bowl team. Bidstrup said that it was all her friend Bob that pushed her to succeed in such an extreme organization.

-Deanna Barnett

SCOREBOARD

Leslie Olivet	Lose Win
Leslie Bellevue	Lose Win
Leslie Webberville	Lose Win
Leslie Lansing Chistian	Lose Win
Leslie Dansville	Lose Win
Leslie Mapple Valley	Lose Win

Why is Renaissance different than any other organization?



"We don't only recognize students when they have done a job well, we also show the teachers here at LHS that they are an important part of what we do here."

Billy Beers

Giving plenty of recognition It's all about attendance

Renaissance. The one organization that is founded on excellence. This organization rewards staff and students at Leslie High School for attendance, work performance, and all around behavior.

For the students that have made it here everyday in the semester, (even though it was so tempting to skip 4th hour when your paper was due and not done!) Renaissance is ready with a reward.. They are rewarded with a party hosted by, of course, Renaissance. Filled with tasty doughnuts and fruit punch, every one enjoys the treat.

And the teachers, we can't forget the teachers. Remember in the daily announcements that you tried to hear over all the noise? Well during this time, Renaissance salutes two staff members every week. Teachers are rewarded with those yellow certificates you see outside their doors and a little something extra.

Renaissance members also stay busy with birthday cards, stickers and little tokens of appreciation for the staff and students.

Renaissance sadly, however, is rarely recognized for its acts of kindness. The things that members do for us go by everyday, sometimes not being even recognized at all.

So when you see one of these bright smiling faces walking down the hall, make sure you thank them for your birthday card and stickers. Or even just tell them what a great job they are doing keeping the appreciation going around at LHS.

-Deanna Barnett



(left) Here **Ms. Sachar** is getting ready to help the Renaissance group choose staff members of the week. Two teachers are selected every week for this spot.

(far top left) **Renaissance**. From left: **Billy Beers**, **Abbey Clemetsen**, advisor **Ms. Sachar**, **Christen Allender**, **Casey Ward**.

(far bottom left) **Billy Beers** is having some "dinner" on the "hamburger" computer mouse in the library. Beers has been a member for since his freshman year.

(bottom left) Renaissance advisor **Ms. Sachar** starts getting the computer booted up for the group to use. They find out everyone's birthdays from a data base stored by the school administration.



The PALS organization is slowly dying Is there really a need for them anymore?

PALS

**Is it really worth
being a PAL
anymore?
Are their
services needed?**

"I have never used a PAL since I have been in high school but I am sure that people do use them but you just don't hear about it."

Abbie Clemensen

You don't hear about the PAL organization much anymore. Is it maybe because it is not as involved as it used to be in sponsoring as many activities like dances and fund-raisers? Or is it because there isn't as great a need for them anymore? You don't hear about that many PAL to student mediations. A mediation is when a PAL sits down with one or more students and listens to what they have to say to try to work out a conflict.

Is it because today's students don't have as many problems as they used to? You wouldn't think so with all the recent school shootings, the growing number of teens who are depressed and con-

sider suicide, or those who just need to talk about a personal problem.

This year there were about 25 PALS in the organization. To become a PAL, students must go through a week of training three hours a day. If you want to be a PAL you must fill out an application and then be interviewed.

The lower use of PALs by students could be a good sign; maybe students are experiencing fewer problems. But are students really having a problem free life? Teenagers in today's society have much more to worry about than what our parents had to worry about when they were teens. They could say

that they were scared to go to school because of a bully that picked on them and stole their lunch money. Today teens have a much larger problem to worry about; they don't even know if they are going to come home after school because there is always the chance that someone could bring a gun to school and start firing on everyone. The PAL organization is needed, but members can't force someone to talk to them so they can help that person with their problems.

As a new millennium begins, a group like PALS can definitely help students learn how to effectively deal with their problems.



(above) Ms. Abbuhl peaks out the door during a mediation with an anonymous student.



(right) The PAL organization poses for its famous team picture.



(left) The ton of SADD members pose for their team picture.

(below) SADD advisor Mrs. Prieskorn works in the office as the secretary to the assistant principal.



Students Against Destructive Decisions

A new name, a new SADD

Just recently, the SADD organization changed the meaning of its name from Students Against Drunk Driving to Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Some students like the name change because it covers a lot more ground than just drinking and driving. Others think that the name should stay the way that it was because it was a specific problem that needed to be focused on, especially for teens in today's society.

The focus of the organization is still to help students and inform

them that the many choices they make can result in dangerous situations.

The SADD organization is definitely needed; if they did not sponsor an activity after prom that a majority of the students attend, the chances of something terrible happening to a student(s) would be larger.

Throughout the year, SADD has sponsored many activities but the most important one is probably the tying of red ribbons onto the cars in the parking lot and going to speak to the younger kids about

drugs and situations that they have been in. So they are not just reaching peers of their own age, but also they are reaching people young and old outside of the high school.

When people are out driving and they see a car with a red ribbon tied on it, SADD is at work reminding people of the risks that are involved in the choices that people make everyday.

With increasing school violence and the many things that go on outside of school the SADD organization is truly needed. The organization may not get as much attention as it needs, but its services are truly appreciated.

SADD

What do you think about the name change in the SADD organization?



"What does students against destructive decisions mean?"

Jack Yang

"I don't think that any of the kids care about the name or what it means. They just want it to use on their resume."

Mike McHaney

"Personally I think that it is good because it covers a lot more issues than just one issue like drunk driving."

Kari Bashore

Choir

What did you think of your experience in choir at Leslie High?

I learned a lot, even though it was strict, everyone improved a great deal. I really love Mrs. Scofield."

Jessica Skipiol

"Mrs. Scofield has been a great influence on my life. She has done so much for me that most choir teachers would not have done."

Jessica Faist

Choir *Learning becomes a performance of music*

This year the vocal music department won a lot of awards, just like in the past. What was different about the year was the unity that developed in the combined choirs.

The year began with choir camp in September. The group went to VanBuren Youth Camp for four days of intense work towards a *Disney Extravaganza* performance which was given later that month. The extravaganza featured Disney songs from the 1930's to the present.

The womens chorus and chorale hosted the first ever Madrigal dinner. Guest were brought back in time with food and songs from the medieval ages.

In December the chorale per-

formed with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra at the Holiday Pops concert. Schubert's Mass in G was sung in a combined chorus with Eaton Rapids and Olivet high schools.

After spring break, morning gals and chorale went on a bus trip to St. Louis. The trip lasted from Thursday until Monday evening when the bus returned to Leslie. Womens chorus and chorale performed in a high school competition with chorale receiving a 1st place and Womens chorus a 2nd place.

The group was also invited to sing for a Methodist church, which put on a carry in dinner to honor the "special vocal music" from Michigan.

Rounding out the trip was a stop in Merimack Caverns where the bats were serenaded and then a stop at the Showboat in St. Louis for a play. Harry's Restaurant will never be the same after the entire group was treated to a late night dessert stop, compliments of choir director Scofield.

At District and State Solo Ensemble Festival in the spring, many students received 1's (1st place) with the group receiving a superior rating at District competition.

"It was a superior overall year," said Mrs. Scofield.

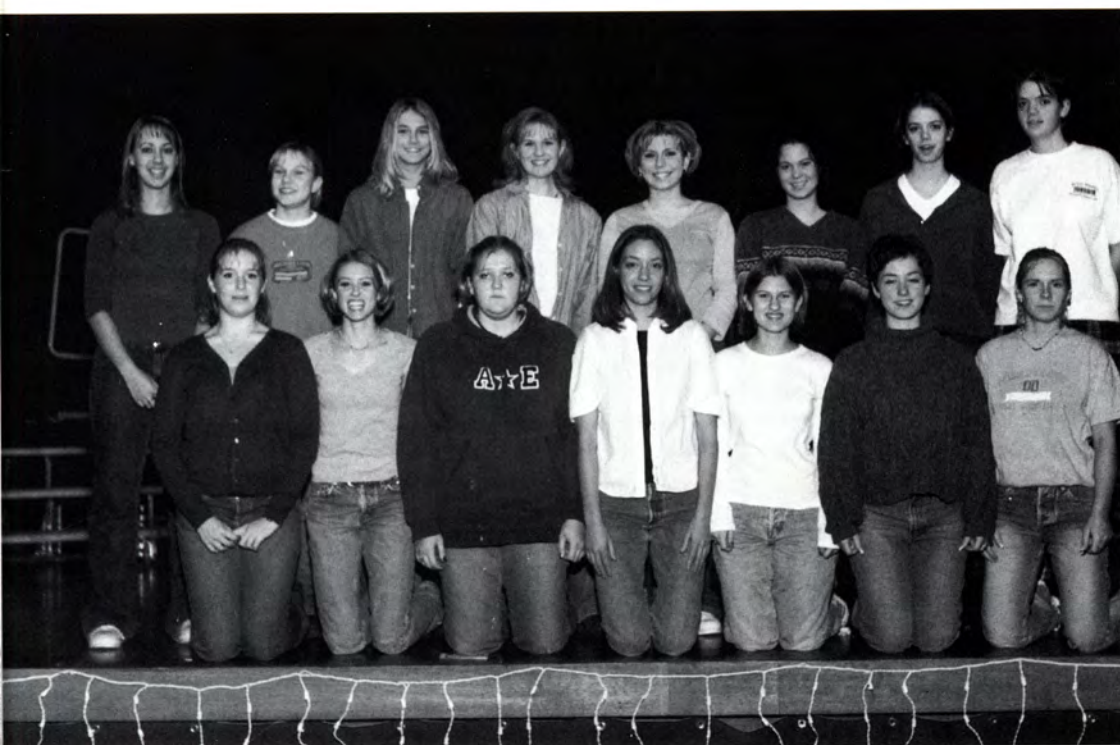
The awards speak for themselves.



(above) Select Nine and Ten girls met once a week at 7:00 AM. Pictured left to right are Christy Sheperd, Natasha Young, and Brandi Mentink.

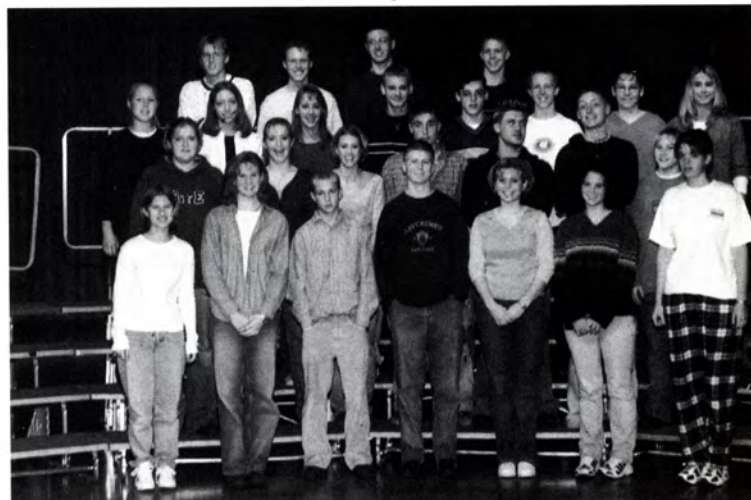


(above) Chorale members prepare for the holiday breakfast for teachers before break.



(left) Select 10 & 11 Morning Gals. Back row left to right: Melissa Brattain, Jamie Hanson, Ashley Boertman, Rebecca Howard, Erin Adams, Sara Schmit, Miranda Krajniak, Jessica Krajniak. Front row: Kristi Hatch, Sara Fogg, Jesscica Faist, Katie Herman, Kristen Allender, Ashley Feazel, Cortney Olney.

(below) **Chorale members.** Pictured back row left to right: Adam Fogg, Bill Beers, Curt Wright, Luke Ewing. Row three: Emma Kindesjo, Katie Herman, Melissa Brattain, Josh Roark, Tony Munson, David Gilman, Jessica Skipiol, Ashley Boertman. Row two: Jessica Faist, Kristi Hatch, Sarah Fogg, Mike Beaman, Joe Brown, Sam Krey, Jamie Hanson. First row: Kristen Allender, Rebecca Howard, Mike Atwood, Roger Smith, Erin Adams, Sara Schmit, Jessica Krajniak.



(above left) Morning gal members Erin Adams, Jamie Hanson, Mrs. Scofield, and Rebecca Howard take a break at Six Flags during their trip to St. Louis. Group members were treated to dessert after a long day of the wild rides.



(left) Fun, fun, fun! Roger Smith, Luke Ewing, Curt Wright, Ali Jennings, Erin Adams, Betsey Wright, Sara Schmit, and Sam Krey pause long enough for a photo. The day was the perfect way for a choir to relax.

Is there one particular screw-up during a piece or practice that sticks out in your mind?



"Anything James Keat did cracked me up every time."

Breon Jacque

"When I screwed up my lines, tripped over my own shoes, and fell off the stage!"

Bethany Stover

"Screwing up is not funny."

Ashley Feazel

Student actors bring the house down. . . .

On a regular basis

Fall sports end and it is time for ...Forensics! Most people don't know much about Forensics. But to a few students, Forensics means the chance to work up their will power, make fools of themselves, or just kick back and have fun.

Forensics is the sport of competitive acting, and for years, Leslie's own have gone to tournaments and shown other schools what they are made of. But this year, our beloved acting coach, Ms. Val, turned in her resignation. Unless someone will replace her, this sport may be lost forever.

Forensics has a variety of acting competitions including six public speaking events and six interpretive events.

This year eleven Leslie High School members participated.

Trisha Kosloski, Lanea Miller, Ashley Silveus, and Breon Jacque performed in Multiple.

Kristen Jacque lead the team in a poetry 9/10, finishing 4th in regional and eligible for state competition. This was Kristen's first year in forensics.

"I had fun. I thought it was pretty cool; kinda stressful, but cool, you know, except for a couple of brain explosions," she said.

Jessie Bidstrup, also in her first year, competed in informative 9/10 on Marfansyndrom. Another first timer, Katie Herman, a graduating senior, got a head start in broadcasting, one of the public speaking events. Returning for his second year in storytelling was Jim Keat. In her third year, Ashley Feazel took control of prose, an event that she was only in for two

years. And last, but not least, two graduating seniors Chris Chamberlain and Jennifer Fildey, both finishing up four years of forensics and both in dramatic interpretation, left Forensics with a bang.

"I'll really miss it," they both said.

But forensics is more than just competing and winning metals. It's more than staying within the rules of the game, picking a good piece to perform, and staying in the time limit. Forensics teaches students courage. You can be yourself there without having to worry about someone thinking you're strange. Forensics is meeting new people and learning that you can be who you want to be. It's more of a past time than a sport; a past time that, if we can't find another coach, might be lost forever.



(above) **Jim Keat** takes a break during practice. Keat also appeared in the fall play and spring musical.

(right) **Jennifer Fildey** is trying to take her performance to a new height. Fildey is also an active member of the cross-country team and the pub.

(top far right) **Katie Herman** reads over her script. Herman was a rookie on the team for the 2000 season.





(far left) **Hattie Humphrey, Sarah Dunn, Melissa Kaatz, their friend, and Christina Baurer** hang out in front of the Washington Monument.

(below left) **The girls** pay a visit to President Clinton. Rumor has it that the secret service denied them access to the White House.

(below) **Mrs. Ainslie and the gang** enjoy a peaceful meal. Ainslie was the advisor of the Close-Up.



Group heads to the nation's capital

There goes the country!

It only happens once every two years. It is an annual right of spring for many high school students throughout the state of Michigan... to visit the Mall. Not the typical shopping mall that many of you may be thinking of, but rather the mall of malls. A mall filled with history and eye pleasing spectacles. A mall found in Washington D.C. The Wild Ride took the members of Close-Up at Leslie High on a round trip through the District of Columbia.

"I enjoyed the trip," stated junior

Melissa Kaatz. "I had fun and learned a little bit too."

Enter the true purpose of the trip. Above all else, it provides high school students with an opportunity to see government close-up.

"It was an exciting mixture of taking in the sights and learning about what makes this country work," said junior Erin Robbins. "It was a valuable trip and well worth all the work that went into getting ready for it. It was an experience that I will never forget."

Another thing to never forget will

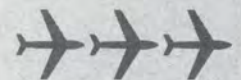
be the annual student faculty game sponsored by the group. This year's game was a thriller with the faculty again walking away victorious after a slim one point win.

"I really thought we had them (faculty)" confessed student coach Mark Foster. "Tyler Howe was red hot the entire night, and I thought for sure his gutty play would push us over the hump."

Close-Up followed familiar twists and turns all the way to Washington.

-Corey Haskell

What was
your
favorite
monument?



Close Up

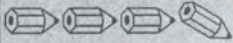
"The Washington Monument really sparked my imagination."

Hattie Humphrey

"The FDR because it was new."

Erin Robbins

Do you think NHS is around just because it is a way for students with high GPA's to improve their resumes?



"NHS is a way for jabronies with high GPA's to flaunt their grades. I'm sick of it!"

Brian Fletcher

"Yes. I've done absolutely nothing for NHS!"

Belhany Stover

"I don't think so. We've done a lot of stuff like the blood drive, which I was the head of, and the pop bottles."

Jessica Krajniak

The G.P.A.'s are A.O.K. in the N.H.S. But where is the group heading?

First Mrs. Charnley was the NHS advisor. Then she wasn't. And now she is again. That pretty much sums up the excitement during the 99-00 year for the National Honor Society.

Of course, they did do pop bottles again, and they did help

with another blood drive, and they did once again earn good grades.

"I do my pop cans and get to use NHS on my resume," said senior Ryan Davis. "I guess that pretty much is the point of the group. We dig in the garbage and get to look smart for colleges."

National Honor Society also held meetings and gave away some money for scholarships on Honors Night.

Members are required to maintain a high GPA and provide community service hours to remain in NHS.

(right) Paul Harmon, Miranda Krajniak, and Kristin Allender work on the Habit for Humanity project.



(above right) The NHS officers do their homework! Or at least Ali Jennings is. Betsy Wright, Casey Ward, and Kari Bashore seem to be looking for a free ride.





(left) **Jennifer Fildey** is fired up to eat her French bread. Fildey is also an active member of the pub and the cross-country team.



(below left) **Jeremy Wright, Renea Beegle, Josh VanDyke, Neon Risky, Lacey Stitt, Kate Eldred, Mark Foster, and Melissa Kaatz** hang out after a long day of Frenching.



Oh, You Didn't Know?

There is more to French than just the kiss!

The members of the French Club would like to make one thing perfectly clear: the club has absolutely nothing to do with kissing.

The French Club is, in all seriousness, responsible for ordering French bread and organizing a French dinner. In addition, they also had little buddies who shared meals with the older kids during the course of the year.

A trip to the Detroit Institute of

Art highlighted the club's year. They took a day off from school to enlighten themselves and had a blast in the process.

"I've never had such a great time in my life," said senior Melissa Brattain. "Not only did I get to see some, like, totally awesome art, but I, like, totally saw a real, live hippo on the way home!"

No wonder the French Club is one of the largest groups at LHS!

They eat, get out of school, and see hippos! The club also enjoyed themselves by playing some intense games of Mille Borne and French Monopoly after school.

"I am totally addicted to those games," confessed senior Jennifer Fildey. "It is out of control!"

The French Club is proud to have given "The Wild Ride" a few of its more exciting twists and turns.

-Corey Haskell

Is it true that French-speaking people are better kissers?



"I have no doubt whatsoever that they are."

Jennifer Fildey

French



(right) The 99-00 Leslie High School **Student Council** and representatives with advisor **Brent Hoffman**.



(center) **Billy Beers** and **Jolene Love** paint a "Fire It Up" sign for a Basketball game that night. Student Council decorates the gymnasium before all the games.



(bottom right) **Brent Hoffman** has been the advisor of the Student Council organization for the past fourteen years. He is also the advisor of the publications class here at LHS.

(bottom center) **Billy Beers** and **Shelby Stensrud** are both active members of the 99-00 Student Council.



(far right) **Jolene Love** has been a member of the Student Council for the past four years at LHS.



Student Council

What is this year's most unforgettable moment in Student Council?

"How could I forget the only meeting I attended!"

-Casey Ward

"A very small group of dedicated people, who attempted to decorate the school for winter home coming, in two hours."

-Jolene Love

The votes are in! Making things work for the students at LHS

The elected officials of the school. They are the few, the proud... the rulers! Student Council. This group of people help in organizing our fall homecoming, communicating with the principal, and collecting canned food.

They also planned the homecoming dress-up days and decorated for the SC dances at LHS. They spent hours and hours after school sweating and missing the

games to make the commons look nice for students.

This year Student Council also decorated the halls with all those beautiful hearts around Valentine's Day making LHS look colorful, for once.

Student Council also voted on decisions that not only affect LHS but the students. Members volunteer to work on committees to plan activities that students like to see

in their school.

Mr. Brent Hoffman was the advisor of this prestigious organization.

"Jolene Love has worked hard all year to make SC a meaningful organization. Jolene has organized many activities to raise the Jacques Lynn Adair Scholarship fund," said Hoffman. The goal was accomplished.

- Deanna Barnett

Making itself heard

LHS Band Receives a 1st in Division Ratings

The 1999-2000 band was like most- very busy! The year started out with band camp, progressed to the marching band during football season, winter jazz band, the variety show, and finished with solo ensemble.

At the Northwest Invitational, the band received a 1st Division rating. The band also received straight A grades at Vandercook Lake and performed at the Jenison Invitational near Grand Rapids, not to mention all the football games and local parades.

"We do so many cool things in band, it's so much fun," said junior Shelby Stensrud.

"Sometimes times are not so great although," explained Jesse Faist.

Sometimes events twist and turn for the worst

Faist once told a bad joke that was caught on tape while they were recording music that day, and it was overheard by Mr. Richardson.

"It's a real good thing he got over it real quick," said Faist.

This year's band travelled to Walloon Lake for its annual band camp in late July 1999. Band members learned the show "The Music of the Apollo Generation: a 30 Year Remembrance of Man's First Steps on the Moon." The music included "Light My Fire," "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Magic Carpet Ride," and "Apollo 13." It was performed during football games throughout the fall.

The field commander for the "99-00" band was Ashley Feazel, a seven year member of Leslie bands.

"This year I enjoyed the good work ethic the band had. The students seemed to enjoy band, relish the thought of making beautiful music everyday, and gave each and everyday their all," said band director Richardson.

Also, the Jazz Band performed at the Olive Garden spaghetti supper, the annual Christmas show, and a joint concert with the MSU Jazz band in the LHS auditorium. This year the Jazz Band returned with its third annual variety show.

The LHS band once again enjoyed quite a fabulous year!

-Deanna Barnett

What is the most special quality about this year's band?

"The band featured a fine woodwind section lead by several key musicians. The band also enjoyed a very outstanding trumpet section, marching band drum line and color guard."

-Mr. Richardson

"Well obviously, the most special thing about band this year was...having me in it!"

-Shelby Stensrud

"Hold on....trying to remember...."

-Craig Dornbush



(top) Here the LHS band preforms the fight song at the fall homecoming pep assembly.

(far left) **Steve Budd, Avery Peck and Curt Thomas**, all drum players in the 99-00 LHS band, play with fervor during the pep assembly.

(left) **Mr. Richardson** explaining "00" Spring talent show. **Mr. Richardson** is the band director for LMS and LHS.

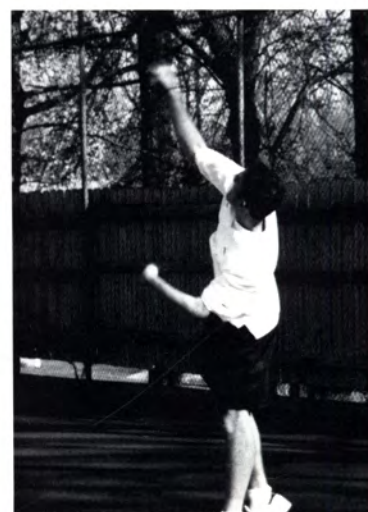
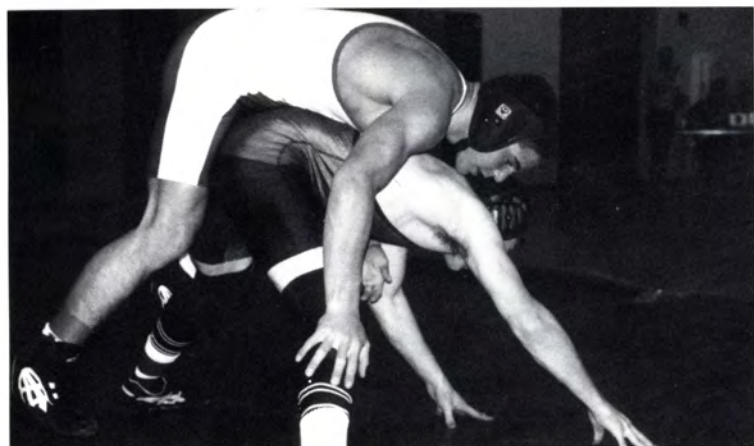


(above) **Jim Keet** has attended LHS since his sophomore year.



(above) The 99-00 LHS band. This year the band received a 1st division rating at the Northwest Invitational.

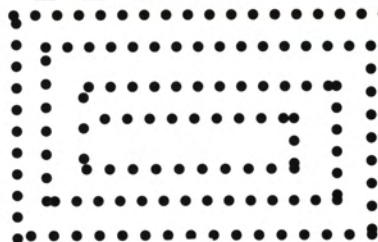
SPORTS



A **wonderful**, *incredible*, EX-
CITING, *disappointing*, frus-
trating, **exhilarating**, record-
breaking, fun, **challenging**
year **2000** in **SPORTS** for
LHS!



THRILLS AND CHILLS



<i>Cross Country</i>	<i>84-85</i>
<i>Golf</i>	<i>86-87</i>
<i>Girls Basketball</i>	<i>88-89</i>
<i>Cheerleading</i>	<i>90-91</i>
<i>Football</i>	<i>92-93</i>
<i>Boys Basketball</i>	<i>94-95</i>
<i>Volleyball</i>	<i>96-97</i>
<i>Wrestling</i>	<i>98-99</i>
<i>Baseball</i>	<i>100-101</i>
<i>Track</i>	<i>102-103</i>
<i>Softball</i>	<i>104-105</i>
<i>Tennis</i>	<i>106-107</i>

Boys

opponent	result
Dewitt 3200 Inv.	2nd
Stockbridge Inv.	2nd
East Jackson Inv.	3rd
Bath Inv.	4th
Springport Inv.	4th
Bellevue SMAA	1st
Pittsford Inv.	1st
Mason Inv.	4th
Carson City Inv.	7th
Maple Valley SMAA	1st
Hudson Inv.	4th
Stockbridge JV Inv.	1st
Greater Lansing Inv.	11th

Girls

opponent	result
ICL Fresh/Soph	2nd
Stockbridge Inv.	1st
East Jackson	2nd
STATE C FINALS	2nd
Springport Inv.	1st
Bellevue SMAA	1st
Pittsford Inv.	2nd
Mason Inv.	11th
Carson City Inv.	6th
Maple Valley SMAA	1st
Hudson Inv.	5th
Stockbridge JV Inv.	DNF
Greater Lansing Inv.	13th
ICL Fresh/Soph.	DNF
Regionals	4th

"The whole team ran with a better attitude and desire than I have seen in many years. Everyone really gave 100 percent today."

Coach Hanson

They're back

The Hawks return to the state finals

The 1999 boys cross country team was like no other. With great potential and hard work, this group delivered coach Jim Hanson another league championship.

The team's overall success was due to coach Hanson's uncanny ability to keep the team focused at all times.

"The airhorns he distributed really helped unify the team and allowed us to locate each other at invitationals throughout the season," stated junior Jared Bowen, a member of this year's team.

There were many injuries throughout the course of the season. The Hawks had four of their top five runners injured at some point in the season.

Kalen Dexter, Greg Schimt, Corey Haskell, and Curt Campbell

were all number one runners for the team at one point in the season.

Although the Hawks were plagued all season long with injuries, they were able to win the SMAA league title and take second at the Regional finals in order to qualify for states.

The runner voted MVP by his team mates was Kalen Dexter. He finished 58th at the state finals. Dexter was also selected to the All-Area C-D team of Jackson. Sophomore Kyle Dexter earned Most Improved for the season, while Corey Haskell and Nate Samulak racked in the Coach's Award. The Rookie of the Year, Greg Schimt, was 10th at regionals. This years tri-captains Corey Haskell, Ryan Davis and Curt

Campbell all ran in state finals, Haskell finishing 110th, Davis 169th, and Campbell 68th.

Work ethic and dedication were characteristics of two senior leaders, captains Davis and Haskell. Approximately 6000 miles were logged by Haskell and Davis throughout their cross country careers. Both earned all league status for four straight years. Haskell was MVP in 1998 and was given Coach Award twice. Davis, "tossed his cookies" over thirty times in his four year career, which is more than any other runner Hanson has ever coached in his 26 years.

For nine straight years the mens team qualified for states, but the streak ended in 1998. This year's goal was to make the state meet. Corey Haskell/ Jessica Krajniak



(top) **The Varsity Boys Cross Country Team.** Front: Nate Samulak, Kyle Dexter, Mike DeLameter, Greg Schmit, Ryan Davis, Mitch Cortis. Back: Nick Hagar, Kalen Dexter, Steven Krajniak, Matt Haskell, Jim Keat, Jared Bowen, Curt Campbell, Corey Haskell, Coach Hanson.

(far right) Kalen Dexter is off to a strong start, staying on the heels of his long time rival Bill.

(right) Seniors Corey Haskell and Ryan Davis take a moment to show off their stuff.



(far right) Senior Katie Herman leads the pack at the Bath Invitational, with junior Hattie Humphrey on her heels.



(below) **Varsity Girls Cross Country Team.** Front row: Jennifer Major, Jenna Philo, Bobbie Preston, Jennifer Fildey. Back row: Coach Hanson, Katie Herman, Hattie Humphrey, Miranda Krajniak, Jessica Krajniak.

(bottom) Junior Miranda Krajniak shows her great team spirit, with sophomore Jenna Philo (far left) and senior Jessica Krajniak (far right).



Girls season falls short

Injuries and troubles hurt lady runners

It doesn't matter what place you take at Springport! The varsity girls cross-country team learned the hard way that early season success means diddly squat in November. With a squad that returned several talented upperclassmen and two skilled freshman, the Hawks were early season favorites to compete in the state finals at Michigan Speedway.

"After we took first place at Springport, I seriously thought we would kick the crap out of the other teams at Regionals," stated senior co-captain Katie Herman. "But down the stretch, the team refused to respect my authority." Indeed, the Hawks fell apart faster than the Chicago Bulls after Michael Jordan retired. Injuries, arguments, yelling, cussing, cheat-

ing, and lack of focus all plagued the squad in the second half of the year.

"Everyone was a little tired, sick, or injured..." explained Coach Hanson.

"If we could have just followed the wonderful example that the boy's team set, we may have been able to put our petty differences aside and finished the year strong," admitted junior Miranda Krajniak.

The Hawks never recovered, though, and crashed at Regionals. Their fourth place finish eliminated them from any post season action and mercifully ended the team's season.

The only saving grace for the 1999 campaign was Hattie Humphrey and Katie Herman's performances that qualified them

for the individual state finals and a nod on the All-Area Squad.

But on a more serious note, the team also had a few successful moments. On the annual Pleasant Lake run, all eight members finished the nine mile course to the surprise of the spectators and Coach Hanson. It was the first time that an entire team had finished the full nine miles.

"We had our ups and downs but overall the season was great. I hated to see it end," stated Katie Herman.

This season the team voted junior Hattie Humphrey for MVP. Most Improved was the one and only Jenna Philo. Seniors Katie Herman and Jessica Krajniak received the Coach's Award.

Corey Haskell/ Jessica Krajniak

THRILLS... Boys

- ◆ Finishing second in regionals and qualifying for the state meet.

- ◆ The team traveled to Pittsford and the Hawks had three runners win races. (Greg Schimt, Mitch Corts, Kalen Dexter)

Girls

- ◆ Winning the Springport Invitational early in the season.
- ◆ They were able to travel, practice and look at this year's extremely talented group of men.

CHILLS... Boys

- ◆ The Hawks were unable to put it all together early in the season.

Girls

- ◆ Failed to make it to the state meet, by finishing fourth in regionals.
- ◆ Worked extremely hard during the summer practices and gained experience.

Golf

Scoreboard

& Other Important News

Varsity

opponent	place
Manchester Inv.	14th
Mason Inv.	18th
Western Inv.	12th
SMAA Jam.	1st
SMAA Jam.	3rd
East Jackson	1st
SMAA Jam.	1st
SMAA Jam.	1st
SMAA Jam.	1st
Manchester	1st
Eaton Rapids	3rd
SMAA Jam.	1st
East Jackson	1st
Regionals	6th

LEAGUE RECORD:
34-2-0

AWARD WINNERS

MVP: Casey Ward

MIP: John Mitchell

Coach's Award:
Mark Foster &
Lance Woodland

Junior Varsity

opponent	place
Eaton Rapids	4th
SMAA Jam.	1st
East Jackson	1st
SMAA Jam.	1st
SMAA Jam.	2nd
SMAA Jam.	1st
Manchester	1st
SMAA Jam.	1st

League Record
29-1-0

Both teams repeated as league champions with incredible league records.

Drive for show, putt for dough

LHS golf team wins two in a row

After last year's championship season, there were no thoughts on the varsity golf team member's minds except winning back-to-back SMAA titles. This goal was definitely in reach with five seniors and sophomore sensation Stacey Gauss returning. Other goals included placing five players on the All-League team and qualifying for the state finals; all were obtainable.

As the season started, the golfers did not play up to par. They had disappointing debuts in their first three invitationals, but promised fans they would be ready for league play. Leslie won its first jamboree as Lance Woodland won the match

with a 39. The second league meet sent the Hawks into a slump as they finished an embarrassing third place. After this performance, the determined golfers won the final four jamborees to win the championship by an amazing seven points.

Six members of the golf team were All-League. Mark Foster was the league medalist; Casey Ward finished third; Lance Woodland, fifth; Derick Ward, sixth; Stacey Gauss, eighth; and John Mitchell finished ninth.

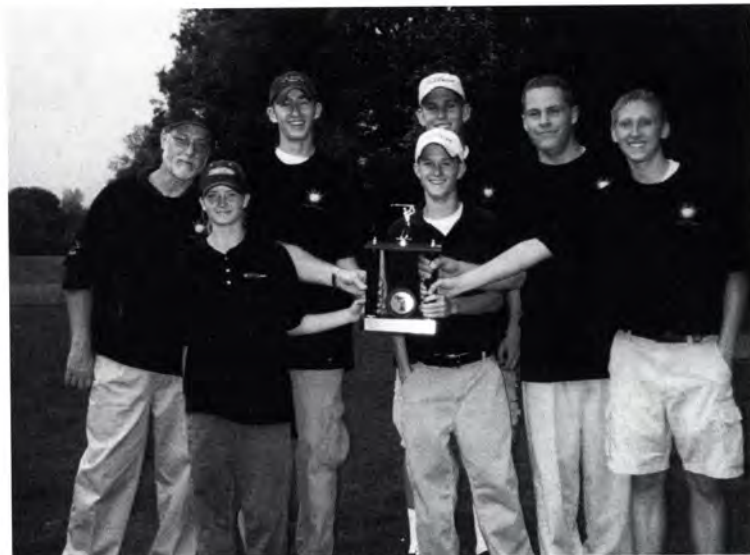
The Hawks failed to qualify for the state tournament with a score of 354. This was the greatest disappointment of the season, with none of the seniors ever to make it

to the big show.

The junior varsity also had another wonderful year winning back-to-back league titles. Leaders of the JV were Paul Harmon, John Major, Chaz Parmalee, Drew Denny, Alex Kirchmeier, and Joel Fauser.

Other awards for this year included Casey Ward as the most valuable player; Mitchell as most improved golfer; and Foster and Woodland wound up with the coach's award. Foster also was named to the honorable mention All-Area team for the Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Mark Foster



(above) The Leslie Varsity golf team. Left to right: Coach Barbour, Stacey Gauss, Mark Foster, Casey Ward, Lance Woodland, John Mitchell, and Casey Ward.

(right) Lance Woodland and John Mitchell try to look as cool as they possibly can in one of the golf carts used in the homecoming parade. The golf team was again the hit of the parade.

(above right) Casey "the king" Ward once again takes the spotlight away from the football homecoming game. He also won the senior class king award at half-time.



(below) **Leslie Golf Team** Top row: Matt Delazzer, Tim Harmon, Derick Ward, Paul Harmon, Mark Foster, Lance Woodland, Johnny Mitchell, Stacey Gauss, Casey Ward, and Coach Bruce Barbour. Middle row: Natasha Young, Alex Kirchmeier, John Major, Steve Lawrence, Clint Silvius, and Alicia Stahl. Bottom row: Drew Denny, Anthony Ambs, and Joel Fauser.

(middle) **Mark Foster** and **Casey Ward** prepare to sign the score card involved with the breaking of the school record. Foster and Ward were two top golfers during the championship season.

(far below) **Mark Foster, Derick Ward,** and **Casey Ward** walk in from their final home match at Hankard Hills. The team set the school record of 156 in the final home match.

THRILLS...

- ☺ For the second year in a row, the Blackhawk golf team takes home yet another SMAA title.
- ☺ The school record was broken! The Hawks managed to shoot an incredible 156 nine hole score.
- ☺ Mark Foster, Casey Ward, Lance Woodland, Derick Ward, Stacey Gauss, and John Mitchell made the All-League team.

CHILLS...

- ☹ Failed to qualify for state finals.
- ☹ Finished an embarrassing third place at a SMAA jambo-ree.
- ☹ Hawks failed to place ten golfers on the all-league team.



(above) The five seniors of the LHS golf team. They were members of the strongest golf team ever in school history.

Girls Basketball

Scoreboard

& other important stuff

Varsity

Opponent	Us	Them
East Jackson	51	45
Maple Valley	45	63
Vandercook Lake	66	44
Morrice	40	66
Lansing Christian	54	51
Bellevue	51	32
Webberville	70	66
Dansville	34	69
Olivet	58	84
Fowlerville	46	52
Maple Valley	71	59
Springport	58	43
Morrice	44	76
Lansing Christian	58	67
Bellevue	60	46
Webberville	46	58
Dansville	46	70
Eaton Rapids	35	44
Grass Lake	64	53
Olivet	33	67
Dansville	38	54

OVERALL RECORD:

9 wins 11 losses

MVP Jamie Hanson & Ashley Boertman
MIP Amanda Bradley & Iris Hollinger

COACH's AWARD Rebekah Howard & Courtney Olney

CAPTAINS Jamie Hanson & Rebekah Howard

Junior Varsity

Opponent	Us	Them
East Jackson	34	56
Maple Valley	32	49
Vandercook Lake	25	37
Morrice	56	39
Lansing Christian	37	20
Bellevue	37	48
Webberville	51	36
Dansville	35	29
Olivet	24	48
Fowlerville	39	36
Springport	39	41
Dansville	31	25
Eaton Rapids	22	51
Grass Lake	54	33

OVERALL RECORD:

8 wins 12 losses

◆◆◆(below) The 1999 - 2000 Girls Varsity Basketball team. First row: Amanda Bradley, Courtney Olney, Rebekah Howard, and Iris Hollinger. Second row: Jessica Greer, Jamie Hanson, Sarah Yeager, and Bethany Stover. Third row: Coach Worman, Ashley Boertman, Ashley Stouffer, and Katie Howard.



◆◆◆(far above) The coach gives junior Ashley Boertman a little talk as the other players look on.

◆◆◆(above) The starting line-up is introduced at the beginning of the game.

◆◆◆(right) Preparing for the game, junior Jessica Greer goes to the hole and makes a lay-up.



◆◆◆(far above) The JV team discusses their strategy during a time out.

◆◆◆(above) After the opposing team misses a shot, sophomore Sarah Yeager is ready for the rebound.

◆◆◆(below) Standing out-of-bounds, senior Rebekah Howard waits patiently for the referee to give her the ball.



♦♦(below) The 1999-2000 Junior Varsity basketball team. First row: Kim McCann, Jessica Elleson, Misty Sheperd, Kristi Sheperd, and Sarah Adair. Back row: Coach Joel Farrie, Bethany Sartin, Danielle Russel, Mallory Craft, Jessica Skipiol, and Tia Adams.



♦♦♦(below) Freshman Mallory Craft takes a foul shot near the end of the game.



Girls work hard all season

and end up with a heartbreaking defeat

1999 was a season of togetherness and unity for the Lady Hawks. Even with the adjustment to a new coach, the girls worked hard and came out with a fair record of 9 wins and 11 losses.

New coach Mary Worman said, "This was truly an outstanding group of young women who worked very hard together to improve."

They did in fact improve, bringing their record up three games from last year. The team spent four months together working towards one goal: a goal to win and im-

prove. The girls not only played a game, but they shared each other's hopes and dreams. Their tenacity and hard work gave them much more than what can be shown on paper. Overall, the season ended with the team showing class throughout every game, no matter what the outcome.

The girls will always remember this season for all the times they came together to beat their opponents and how it brought them closer together. They also developed friendships that will last in a season

that held memorable moments for the players and their spectators.

The girls basketball team held its banquet on Dec. 2. Some of the other awards given were: Katie Howard for most dedicated and Sarah Yeager for greatest potential.

The 1999 Girls JV team played tough this season also. Perseverance and confidence led to a record of 8-12 for the team. These high-spirited girls will continue to bring solid seasons to Leslie.

-Melissa Thorpe



♦♦♦(above) As a Bellvue player takes a shot, sophomore Misty Shepherd and sophomore Sarah Adair look on.



♦♦♦(above) Sophomore Sarah Adair tries to get open so she can receive the ball from her teammate.

QUOTES

Did you have fun this season?

"To a certain extent"

-Ashley Boertman

Did you get along with your new coach?

"We were very thankful for her."

-Bethany Stover

What do you think was your biggest victory?

"The game against Webberville. Coach got two technical fouls and we made a tremendous comeback winning by four."

- Jamie Hanson

Thrills

* Jamie Hanson is named the captain for the 2nd year in a row.

* The girls pull out a comeback from behind victory against Webberville, winning by two.

Chills

* In their game vs. Olivet they had their worst game of the season losing by 26.

* Jamie Hanson had a whopping 105 turnovers.

Cheerleading

Scoreboard

& Other Important News

Varsity

Meet	Place
Ovid Elsie	3
CCCAM Inv.	5
Leslie Inv.	2
MCCA Inv.	4
Redwing	4
E. Jackson	4
E. Rapids	1
Chesaning	4
Stockbridge	5
Regionals	1
States	2

LEAGUE RECORD:
24-0

All-Conference

First team: Crystal Carter,
Holly Davis

Second Team: Jessica
Franz

Jackson Citizen Patriot
All-Area:

Crystal Carter-second
team

AWARD WINNERS

MVP: Crystal
Carter
MIP: Holly Davis

Coach's Award:
Jessica Franz

Cheer Quotes

"This is the best season
Leslie cheerleading has had
in a very long time. These
girls should be very proud of
themselves and what they
have accomplished."

-Coach Jean Maiville

Ladies Keep Up the Spirit

with a wonderful year, once again

Is cheerleading really a sport? To many, no. To these ladies, yes. This has been one of the most controversial issues surrounding LHS. Many students think cheerleaders have no right to take gym time from the "real" sports, so they are forced to practice in the commons area. The cheerleaders have learned to accept the situation and deal with the set back.

Despite these awful practice conditions, these girls learned to step it up and compete with the best in the area. They have had many top

five finishes this year. The best finish came at the Regional Finals after the ladies had already demolished the District tournament with a first place finish. They finished first at the Regional in Leslie, and beat Pewamo Westphalia 782-436. Leslie won by the largest margin in school history. They also had a great showing at the State Finals, but couldn't manage to bring home the first place trophy. They had to settle for second.

The cheerleaders also had some great individual accomplishments.

Crystal Carter made All-conference for the second year in a row and earned honorable mention All-Area for the Jackson Citizen Patriot. Holly Davis made All-conference for the first time as a freshman. Congratulations for the strong efforts ladies!

The cheerleaders had a wonderful year and all of them will be back for the next season. They should be very exciting to watch and there should be some huge crowds to see what they do best. Keep it up ladies. Mark Foster



(far above) **The Competitive Cheerleaders.** Top left: Holly Davis, Jessica Franz, Natasha Kirchmeier, Chrissy Morton, Sara Dunn. Bottom left: Amy Mitchell, Crystal Carter, Ericka Risky, Kristi Hatch, Brandy Mentink.

(above) The cheerleaders after the Regional final. They managed to bring home the first place trophy to add to the trophy case.

(above right) **Holly Davis** is shown holding the Regional trophy. She was All-League for the Hawks.



(above) The Regional trophy that the lovely ladies won at the meet in Leslie. It was a special win in front of a sold out gym at the high school.

(below) **Crystal Carter** leads the cheer for Leslie. They had a great finish in front of many fans at East Jackson.



(center) **The Varsity Cheerleading Team:** Johanna Valenta, Ericka Risky, Sarah Fogg, Natasha Kirchmeier, Chris Morton, Kristi Hatch, Sarah Dunn.



(above) **The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders.** Jenna Pierce, Amy Mitchell, Holly Davis, Brandy Mentik, Jessica Franz, Crystal Carter, and Nicole Clouch.

(above right) **Jenna Pierce** shown upset at the state finals. States left a bad taste in the mouth of the cheerleaders.

(below) **Holly Davis** shows her stuff at a competitive meet. She was an All-Conference athlete this year.



(above) **Jessica "Junior" Franz** attempts to base **Sarah Dunn** at the East Jackson competition. **Franz** earned honorable All-League for the Blackhawks.

THRILLS...

- ☺ The cheerleaders won another league championship.
- ☺ They won Districts, Regionals, and placed second at the State Meet.
- ☺ They placed third or higher at almost every meet they competed in.

CHILLS...

- ☹ There were many arguments between team members throughout the season.
- ☹ Cheerleaders could not cheer at some games due to competitions the following day.

Football

Scoreboard

& Other Important News

Varsity

opponent	us	them
East Jackson	14	27
Olivet	6	20
Morenci	8	14
Maple Valley	8	38
Dansville	20	6
Morrice	22	27
Bellevue	14	15
Webberville	54	6
Stockbridge	42	12

LEAGUE RECORD:

2-4

All-Conference

First team: Lem Franks jr., Mark Bolin sr.

Second team: Jeremy Hatherly sr., Brian Fletcher sr., Derick Redman jr.

Honorable Mention: Josh Robinson so.

Hawks Hit Hard on the Gridiron

as they try to repeat a glorious season

Another hard working Leslie football season has passed by, but this one ended in disappointment. There were many high hopes for the team and players with many returning offensive starters and a strong season last year. But the 1999 season ended with a disappointing 3-6 record. The coaches and players felt there was much more talent on the team than the record shows.

"The season was basically a tragedy being my final year and all," said John Hunter.

Despite the record, there were

many memorable moments during the year. One event that the players will never forget was the minor fire in the high school which forced them to go home on the first night of team camp. Another moment the fans will never forget is when the Hawks came out for the second year in a row with their heads shaved for the important homecoming game. Team spirit ran high on this team.

Who will ever forget the fact that Hunter and Jeremy Hatherly wore the same undershirt for 45 straight days, including games?

The players never had a hard time finding the locker room with that stench.

The highlight of the season occurred when Leslie traveled to Panther country to take on Stockbridge. We won in a landslide victory of 42-12 and once again brought home the famous helmet trophy for bragging rights.

Despite the disappointing record, the players and fans will all admit that the 1999 season held some pretty amazing moments.

By Mark Foster

AWARD WINNERS

MVP: Mark Bolin

MIP: Adam Onley

Coach's Award:
Josh Robinson

Junior Varsity

opponent	Us	Them
East Jackson	38	25
Olivet	14	40
Morenci	22	22
Maple Valley	6	43
Morrice	66	0
Dansville	84	0
Belding	20	38
Webberville	60	8
Stockbridge	44	20

League Record

3-2

The junior varsity had an overall outstanding year with a 5-3-1 record.



(above) Trainer Kelly also known as Coach K, gives Chris Pickney one of her famous tape jobs. This injury seemed to give Chris some problems throughout the year.

(above right) Thomas Waldofsky awaits the snap to grab a 60 yard touchdown pass against East Jackson. He even had an interception for the Blackhawks.



(right) Rob Stierley tries to break to the outside with Josh VanDyke leading the way. Stierley was one of the top rushers for this year's team.



(far above) The 1999 Leslie Blackhawk football team.

(middle above) The junior varsity football team. The players ended the season with an overall record of 5-3-1. Great job gentlemen.

(above) Tyler Howe gladly holds the cords for Coach Manson. Tyler would always volunteer to help Manson during the varsity games.

THRILLS...

- ☺ Seven varsity players were selected to an All-Conference team.
- ☺ The Hawks once again took home the helmet football trophy from Stockbridge. They have held the trophy since its existence..
- ☺ The team won the homecoming game 20-6 over arch rival Dansville.

THRILLS...

- ☹ Not being able to scrimmage the junior varsity team all year.
- ☹ Starting out the year with an 0-5 record.
- ☹ Driving to Ohio to play a football game and losing 8-14.

Boy Hoops

Scoreboard

& Other Important Stuff

Varsity

opponent	US	Them
B. C. St. Philip	84	40
Maple Valley	76	73
Manchester	77	80
Morrice	50	36
East Jackson	71	46
Lansing, Christ.	87	45
Bath	56	63
Bellevue	55	65
Webberville	71	57
Dansville	60	62
Oliver	67	56
Stockbridge	71	56
Maple Valley	76	67
Morrice	55	53
Lansing Christ.	62	46
Bellevue	65	63
Webberville	86	56
Napolean	59	68
Dansville	55	46
Olivet	77	48

LEAGUE RECORD: 10-4

OVERALL RECORD: 15-6-0

MVP: Derick Ward

MIP: Mitch Corts

Coach's Award:
Mark Foster,
Jeremy Hatherly,
T.J. Waldofsky,
Mike McHaney

Junior Varsity

opponent	US	THEM
B. C. St. Philip		
Maple Valley		
Manchester		
Morrice		
East Jackson		
Lansing, Christ.		
Bath		
Bellevue		
Webberville		
Dansville		
Oliver		
Stockbridge		
Maple Valley		
Morrice		
Lansing Christ.		
Bellevue		
Webberville		
Napolean		
Dansville		
Olivet		

League Record: 10-4

Overall Record: 16-4-0

All work and no fun= winning season

Hustle, Hustle, Hustle. What else is there to say?

This basketball season was the best season since the early 80's. The team was lead by drill sergeant Don Ward in his first year as the varsity boys basketball coach at Leslie. He moved up from junior varsity since Don Fackler gave up his position after coaching for only two years. The team had strong senior leadership with four returning letter winners. Also the team had depth with three other letter winners returning.

SEASON IN REVIEW: This year the boys finished second in the SMAA for the first time in 16 years. The team had a tough schedule with eight of its last ten games away. During a two week period,

Leslie had to play two state ranked teams and one that went on to win its district. Luckily, Leslie beat all three of the teams. Also we were district runners-up, losing to Dansville in the championship game. Through the regular season the Hawks defeated some pretty tough teams such as: Battle Creek Saint Philip, Manchester, Napoleon, Olivet (twice), and Bath.

Junior Varsity was lead by junior Brad Newman, sophomores: Steve Budd, Josh Robinson, Jay Sanderson, Jim Keat, Will Wade, Nate Shelby and freshmen: Ben James, Travis Fletcher, Luke Ewing, Curt Wright, Matt Haskell. The JV was coached by Kevin

McDaniel and assisted by Steve Cradock.

The freshman team consisted of all freshman, Alex Kirchmeier, Greg Schmit, B.J. Rodriguez, Terry St. John, Nick Cramer, Keith Stuart, Ben James, Sunny Coito, J.R. Rutheg, Jamie Flowers, Anthony Ambis, Mike Atwood, Jason Stone, Mike McHaney and, Steve Krajniack. Freshmen were coached by Dave Custer and assisted by Bill James.

All three teams did an excellent job. All three teams ended the season with a winning record and the future looks promising.

by Jeremy Hatherly



(above) The Varsity Boys Basketball team members. Back row: Head coach Don Ward, Nick Hagar, Mitch Corts, Jarad Bowen, Mike McHaney, Eddie Dunlap, Jeremy Hatherly, Lem Franks, and assistant coach Warren Lester. Front row: Andy Ries, Derick Ward, Mark Foster, T.J. Waldofsky, and Curt Campbell.

(top right) The Magnificent Mark Foster gives the crowd a quick thumbs up. Foster really liked to interact with the fans all throughout the season, no matter how important the game was.

(right) As coach Ward looks on, McHaney goes to the free throw line again.





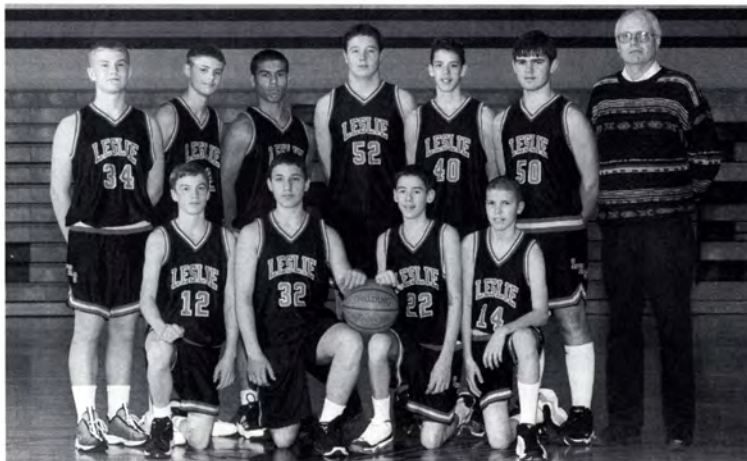
(left) The LHS coaching staff takes a look at the opponents in the first round of the districts. Leslie beat Springport in the first round.



(middle left) **Mark Foster** busts another three in Dansville's **Andy Jesse**. We lost to D-Ville for the championship district game.



(left) **Jeremy Hatherly** waits to snag another one of his rebounds in the game against Dansville.



(far left middle) **Tommy Waldofsky** sets the offense up in the championship district game. We beat D-Ville two of the three time we played them.

(below) The Freshmen Basketball Team.



Leslie's biggest cheer section. These girls wrote on their shirts and spelled out **GO BLACKHAWKS!**

(left up) The Hawks get their last team huddle before the big game against Dansville.

(above middle) The Junior Varsity Basketball Team.

THRILLS...

- ☺ This year was the first time in 16 years that the basketball team had a six game winning streak.

- ☺ The Hawks finished the second consecutive year in a row with a winning season.

- ☺ The guys finished second in the SMAA, the first time that the team has been successful in 16 years.

CHILLS...

- ☹ Practiced before school, outside, and had to run a timed two miles

- ☹ Running, yelling, yelling, running... What else can I say.

- ☹ Lost to Dansville by ten in the district championship game.

Volleyball

Scoreboard

& other important stuff

Varsity

Opponent	Us - Them
East Jackson	15-7, 15-8
Maple Valley	15-3, 15-5
Morrice	15-1, 15-3
Lansing Christian	15-7, 15-1
Vandercook Lake	15-1, 15-0
Bellevue	15-3, 15-5
Webberville	10-15, 13-15
Olivet	13-15, 14-16
Dansville	16

OVERALL RECORD:
28 wins 18 losses 3 ties

THRILLMAKERS

MVP: Team 2000
MIP: Bethany Stover
COACH's
AWARD Sarah Yeager
Captains:
Erin Adams and
Melissa Kaatz

Junior Varsity

Opponent	Us	Them
East Jackson		
Maple Valley		
Morrice		
Lansing Christian		
Vandercook Lake		
Bellevue		
Webberville		
Olivet		
Dansville		

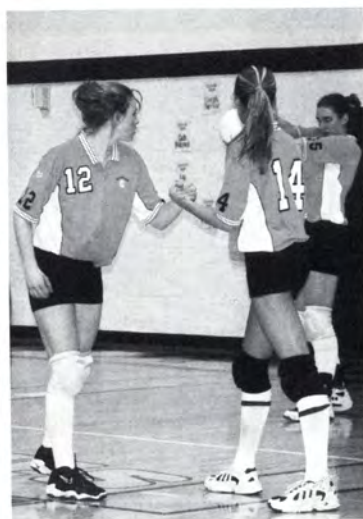
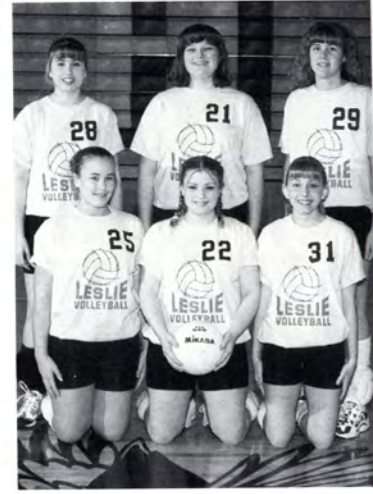
OVERALL RECORD:
N/A

Due to lack of stats no scores are available

◆◆◆(below) **The 1999-2000 Varsity Volleyball Team.** First row: Jamie Hanson, Courtney Olney, and Sarah Yeager. Second row: Bethany Stover, Melissa Kaatz, Erin Robbins, and Erin Adams. Third row: Rebekah Howard, Ashley Boertman, Ali Jennings, Lauren LeBlanc, Katie Howard, and Coach Tim Bartman.



◆◆◆(below) **The Freshman Volleyball Team.** First row: Kim McCaan, Danielle Russell, and Nicole Hannay. Second row: Jessica Jackson, Elise Harper, and Amanda Klingler.



◆◆◆(far above) Shown here **Rebekah Howard** and **Ashley Boertman** set up while **Ali Jennings** gets ready to serve.



◆◆◆(far above) Getting some major height, **Jamie Hanson** slams the ball into the opposing players, while **Courtney Olney**, **Erin Adams**, **Jocelyn Brown**, and **Rebekah Howard** watch on.

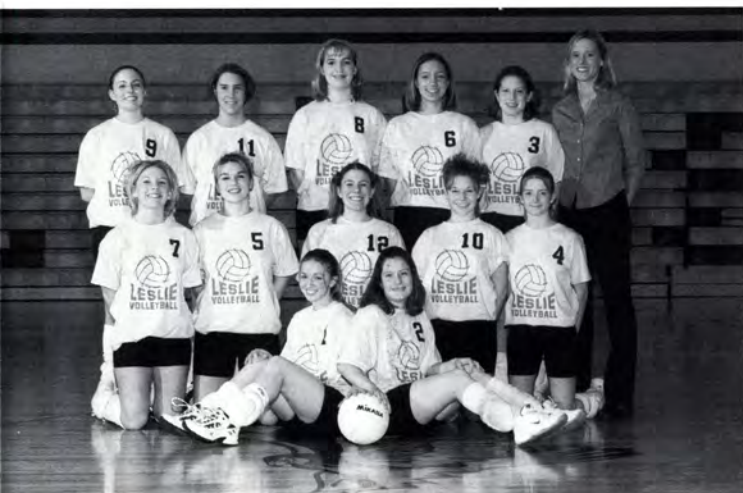


◆◆◆(above) Jumping to block a shot, **Jocelyn Brown** is ready.



◆◆◆(above) The varsity team stops to pose for a picture after its dominating win against Webberville.

◆◆◆(below) **The Junoir Varsity team.** First row: Melissa Orban and Misty Shepherd. Second row: Cara Lantz, Tia Adams, Amanda Baliff, Katie Bozelak, and Stacy Gauss. Third row: Erika Janiak, Erin Abbott, Mallory Craft, Michelle Grinnell, Megan Crawford, and Coach Courtney Ward.



◆◆◆(below) The defense which consists of **Cara Lantz, Erin Abbot,** and **Amanda Baliff** scramble to get into position for the oncoming rush.



Girls hard work pays off

with a win at districts

The girls varsity volleyball team worked hard to meet and exceed its goals in the 2000 season. The rewarding result was the team's best season ever and an outstanding record of 28-18-3.

All season long the varsity volleyball players worked hard and maintained the team unity and strength. They beat some of their toughest competition when they won against Northwest in some scrimmage games and East Jackson in the regular season.

Later on in the season, under the leadership of Erin Adams and

Melissa Kaatz, they found themselves winning a district championship.

"We wanted to beat Dansville all season, and deserved to win," said Melissa Kaatz after the game, "We fought hard."

The team beat Dansville in the finals 16-14, 16-14. They next went on to regionals where they lost in the finals to Homer. Despite this loss, the team still had an unbelievable year under the guidance and direction of second year coach Tim Bartman. They got a lot of hard-hitting action all season long

from Ali Jennings, Ashley Boertman and Rebekah Howard.

"I think that overall we had a great season. I can't wait for next year," commented Jamie Hanson of the year in volleyball.

Erin Adams also commented how she felt about her last season playing volleyball, "I will really miss the team and the fun times we had together."

With the showing the girls had this year, it will be exciting to watch future seasons. Jamie Hanson has promised not only a district win but revenge in regionals.

-Melissa Thorpe

◆◆◆(left) After an ace **Rebekah Howard, Erin Robbins, Erin Adams, Ali Jennings, Jocelyn Brown, Jamie Hanson,** and **Ashley Boertman** celebrate.



Quotes

What was your biggest victory of the season?

"District championship win over Dansville."

-Jamie Hanson & Ashley Boertman

What was your worst defeat?

"Dansville when we were up and totally blew it."

-Jamie Hanson & Ashley Boertman

Thrills

* The girls defeat Dansville in the finals at districts to win.

* The team makes it all the way to the finals at regionals.

Chills

* Volleyballers lose in regionals to Homer.

* They lost the league to Dansville by half a point.

Quotes

"Our toughest meet was against Manchester. We were close." - **Josh VanDyke**



"The best part of the season was winning districts."

- **Jeremy Wright**



"The freshman did very well I am looking forward to coaching them next year."

- **Coach Manson**



The guys slam the mats hard to

WRESTLING WRESTLING WRESTLING WRESTLING WRESTLING

win at districts

The boy's varsity wrestling team had one of its most successful seasons. Lead by captains Adam Olney, Jeremy Wright and Josh VanDyke, the wrestling team's season started out with a third place showing at the '99 JAWS tourney.

The wrestlers performed exceptionally well all season long, only losing three meets to Addison, Carson City, and Corunna.

A few records were either

broken or tied this year. Jason Gowanlock tied the record for the quickest pin at seven seconds. Kurt Thomas earned the record for the most matches at 60. Adam Olney was the leader in takedowns with 58.

"I worked hard all season and I am proud with what I did," Olney commented about his season.

Jason Gowanlock has high hopes for his future wrestling

career at Leslie, "I hope that I will continue to do well in the coming years like I did this year. I can't wait to see."

The whole team did well as it shown by its sharing of the SMAA crown. They clinched this with a win over Olivet. They didn't, however, have the success they were hoping for at their own invite where they placed seventh. But the season ended on a high note with the team winning districts.



◆◆◆(above) Sophomore **Andrew Heathman** just broke out of a hold and is getting ready to pin his opponent to the mat.

◆◆◆(right) Junior **Jacob Flannery** takes his opponent down, despite an eye injury suffered during practice.



Thrills...

* **Kurt Thomas and Derrick Redman** make it to states.

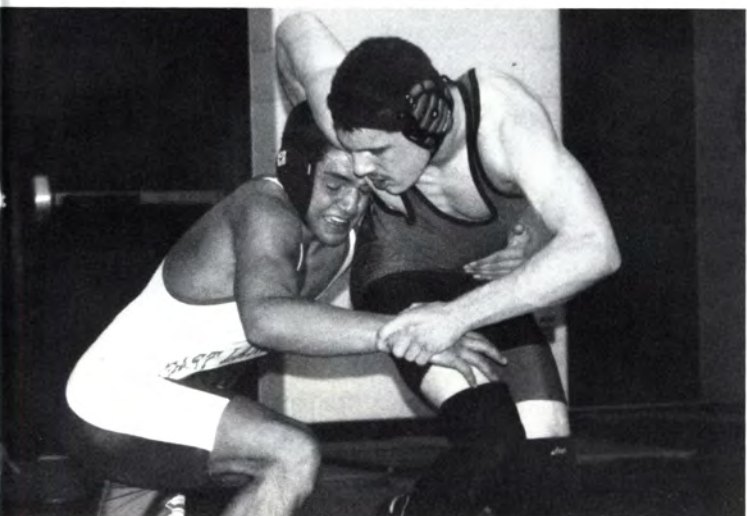
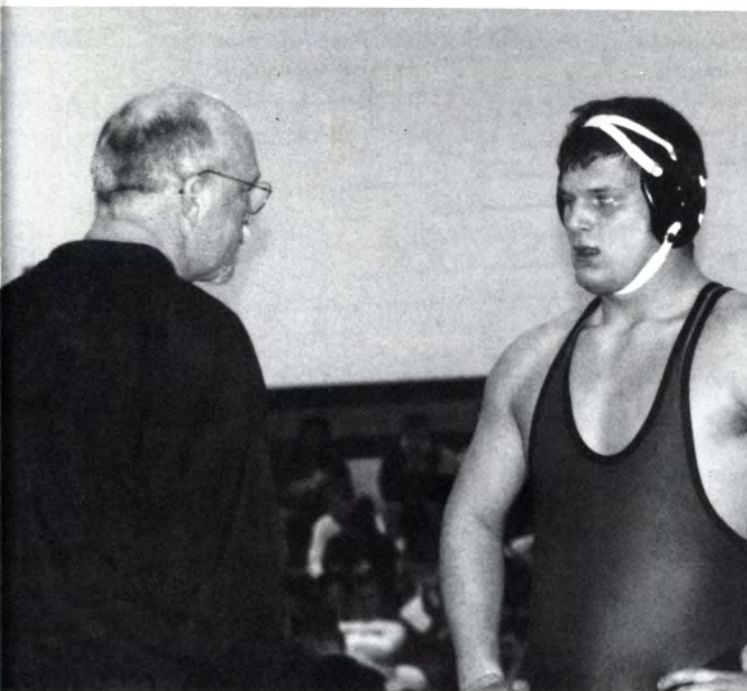
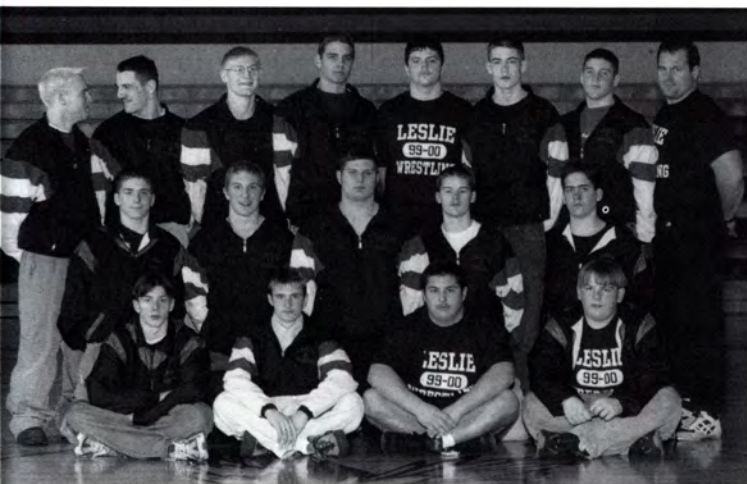
* **The team fights hard to win districts.**

Chills...

* **The team places 14th in Williamston Inv.**

* **The team was two points shy of going to states.**

◆◆◆(below) **The 1999-2000 Varsity Wrestling team.** First row: Jason Blasen, Andrew Heathman, Jason Gowanlock, and Shane King. Second row: Dustin Beaman, Craig Dornbush, Travis Beaman, Jeremy Wright, and Richard Causie. Third row: Adam Olney, Kurt Thomas, Mike Horton, Dayne Jacobs, Derrick Redman, Mike Risner, Josh Gibbs, and Coach Manson.



◆◆◆(below) Senior **Jeremy Wright**, junior **Kurt Thomas**, and senior **Josh Van Dyke** go for a practice run before they hit the mats.



◆◆◆(above left) Sophomore **Travis Beaman** is getting a little bit of wrestling advice on his upcoming opponent from Mr. Stern.

◆◆◆(above) **Coach Manson** is shouting advice to one of his players during a meet.

◆◆◆(left) Sophomore **Kurt Thomas** fights hard with his opponent at the district meet.

Wrestling

Scoreboard & other important stuff

Varsity

Opponent	Us	Them
Stockbridge	40	37
Homer	48	24
Addison	27	46
Manchester	39	37
Dansville	76	6
Bellevue	69	12
Saranac	84	0
Potterville	72	4
Olivet	47	27

MVP: **Kurt Thomas**
Derrick Redman

MIP: **Mike Risner**
COACH's

AWARD: **Jeremy Wright**

Captains: **Josh Van Dyke**
Jeremy Wright
Adam Olney

THRILLMAKER

Varsity cont.

Opponent	Us	Them
Maple Valley	48	35
Lansing Christian	66	12
Michigan Center	49	20
Carson City	27	54
Williamston	57	22
Corunna	18	63
East Jackson	59	16
Hudson	40	31
East Jackson	55	15
Potterville	65	18

OVERALL RECORD:
23 wins 12 losses

Baseball

Scoreboard

& Other Important News

Varsity

"00" Schedule

Western
Manchester
Michigan Center
Vandercook Lake
Maple Valley
Hanover horton
Morrice
Columbia Central
Lansing Christian
Mason
East Jackson
Bellevue
Webberville
Dansville Inv.
Dansville
Olivet
Eaton Rapids

AWARD WINNERS

MVP: Mark Foster

MIP: Nick Good

Coach's Award:
Jeremy Wright

Baseball Quotes

"This is the funnest season I have had in a long time. I can remember the first years of my varsity career and I can't believe it is all over. This might sound kind of wimpy, but it is my last year."

-Ryan Davis

"As a member of the 2000 varsity baseball team, I can say that this is the most memorable because I won the home run race."

-Art Hatherly

Using the big bats,

the baseball teams have another good year

Many memories were made during the 2000 baseball season, but hard work started long before the practices began. During the summer of 1999, many of the baseball players' parents, also known as friends of the program, put in hard hours at Michigan Speedway parking cars to earn money for a new baseball field. Enough money was raised to put in a sod infield and more red clay was added to the dirt. This was especially appreciated by the players because many shots to the chest and face have been taken over the few years of their careers. The players appreciated the im-

provements made to the LHS facilities.

"As we traveled to away games, I thought our field was still better than our opponents. This is a lot different than the previous years," stated Mark Foster.

During previous years, the team enjoyed going to away games to play on good fields, so there would not be any bad hops over the seven innings.

There were many ups and downs during the season, which is expected for many high school teams. The baseballers managed to work out the bumps and bruises to finish

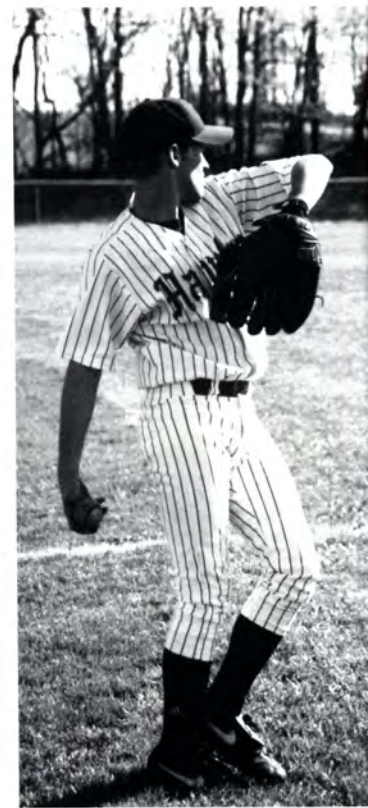
out a strong year.

There were many memorable moments for the 2000 season, but one will stick out in everyone's minds for the rest of their lives. Josh Bradford was batting in the top of the seventh with the bases loaded against Bellevue. He was hit the by the pitch, but forced to come back to the plate because he did not try to move out of the way of the pitch. Within the next two pitches, he managed to hit a grand slam home-run to win the game.

Boy, that was great.



(above) The Leslie Varsity baseball dug-out is awaiting an at-bat during a game.



(above) Jeremy Wright is warming up the right fielder for the Hawks. Jeremy was an outstanding third baseman for the varsity team.

(below) **The Junior Varsity baseball Team.** They had another over achieving season with many players getting moved up to varsity.

(center) **The Varsity Baseball Team.** Many memories were shared by this great group of young men throughout the season.



(above) During warm-ups, **Ryan Davis** throws over to the first baseman **Art Hatherly**. Both players had wonderful baseball careers at Leslie High School.

THRILLS...

- ☺ Defeating undefeated Bellevue with a grand slam homerun by Josh Bradford.
- ☺ Building a new baseball field that the players, coaches, and fans can all be proud of.
- ☺ Bouncing back after a slow start to win many games.

& CHILLS...

- ☹ Losing the opening two games to Parma-Western.
- ☹ Coming up short of the league title.

Track

Scoreboard

& Other Important News

Boys

opponent	place
Webberville	Win
Lansing Christian	Win
Dansville	Win
Maple Valley	Loss
Morrice	Win
Bellevue	Loss
Olivet	Loss

LEAGUE RECORD:
4-3

AWARD WINNERS

MVP:

Boys: T.J. Waldofsky,
Girls: Jessica Greer

MIP:

Girls: Amanda Bailiff

Coach's Award:

Boys: Greg Schmit,
Curt Wright, and
Jared Bowen.
Girls: Jenna Philo

Girls

opponent	place
Webberville	Win
Lansing Christian	Win
Dansville	Loss
Maple Valley	Loss
Morrice	Loss
Bellevue	Loss
Olivet	Loss

League Record
2-5

Harriers chase records in 2000

Lack of members doesn't end season early

What the year 2000 track team lacked in numbers, it made up for in determination. Of the 22 team members, five were female and two were seniors.

The leadership came in the form of individuals seeking to set school records and continue the proud Blackhawk tradition of fielding a competitive team.

TJ Waldofsky broke the oldest school record in track for the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of

14.7 seconds. The record had been held by Jerry Klinger since 1961.

"It is an honor to hold a school record. I hope to improve on it next year," said Waldofsky.

The girls managed to win both dual home meets only having five members on the team.

"It was really amazing that our girls team could win, by having us compete in so many events," said Hattie Humphrey.

"It was that kind of determination that made the team special.

Most of this year's team returns in 2001 to set the pace for repeating as male and female league champs, a feat which will push the Blackhawk veterans toward new records and continuing the winning tradition of the past.



(above) **Varsity Track team.** Standing: Coach Don Ward, Adam Small, Curt Wright, T.J. Waldofsky, Derrick Redman, Lem Franks, Dayne Jacobs, Kalen Dexter, Chris Fauser, Jared Bowen, Nate Samulak, Assistant Coach James Harrison. Middle row: Greg Schmit, Mark Bolin, Brandon Hunter, Mitch Cortis, Josh Robinson, Colin Saenz, Kyle Dexter. Front row: Jenna Philo, Amanda Bailiff, Jessica Greer, Hattie Humphrey, Bethany Sartin.

(below) Lem Franks throws his second shot put in the SMAA league meet, 45'8". Leslie came in second place in the SMAA league meet.



(above) T.J. Waldofsky places 2nd in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet 9.5 inches at the league meet. Waldofsky competed in 4 events with two first and two seconds for the day.

(below) Greg Schmit runs in the 3200 meter run, as he wins the league race.

Schmit will benefit Leslie in 2001 when he returns for his second



(below) In the 800 meter run Leslie's Curt Wright places 2nd in the League meet.



(far above) League Champ T.J. Waldofsky in the 110 meter hurdles. Waldofsky went on to take 4th in the state finals and was named male MVP for the season.

(above) Jessica Greer places 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles. Greer was one of five female harriers for Leslie. Greer was named MVP of the lady Hawks.

THRILLS...

☺ With only five female team members Leslie won both home dual meets against Webberville and Lansing Christian.

☺ T.J. Waldofsky set a new school record in the 110 high hurdles.

☺ Jessical Greer set a school record of 16.4 seconds in the 100 meter hurdles and won the 50 hurdles in the Spring Arbor indoor meet.

CHILLS...

☹ Jessica Greer missed qualifying for the state meet in the 100 hurdles by 1/10th of a second

☹ Guys were edged out of the SMAA championship by 3 points.

Softball

Scoreboard

& other important stuff

Varsity

Opponent	Result
Manchester	W
Michigan Center	L\W
Vandercook Lake	L\L
Maple Valley	W\W
Hanover-Horton	W
Morrice	L\L
Columbia Central Inv.	3rd
Eaton Rapids	L\L
Pottersville Inv.	1st
Bellevue	L\W
Webberville	W\L
Dansville Inv.	3rd
Dansville	L\L
Manchester Inv.	5th
Olivet	W\W

OVERALL RECORD:
9 - 11

THRILLMAKERS

All Conference:
**Katie Howard
& Jamie Hanson**
Honorable Mention:
Sara Schmit
Special Mention:
Courtney Olney
Captain:
Jamie Hanson

Junior Varsity

Opponent	Result
Manchester	L
Michigan Center	L\T
Vandercook Lake	L
Maple Valley	W\W
Bellevue	L\W
Dansville	W\W
Olivet	W\W
Eaton Rapids	W\L
Dansville	L\W
Bellevue	L\W
Olivet	W\W

OVERALL RECORD:
12-7-1

(below) The Girls Varsity Softball team. Front row: Kari Bashore, Courtney Olney, Sara Schmit, Jamie Hanson, and Melissa Thorpe. Back row: Coach Lori Guy, Melissa Brattain, Natasha Kirchmeier, Katie Howard, Ashley Boertman, Rebekah Howard, and Coach Cary Howard.



(below) Senior Kari Bashore and Junior Jenny Hughes wait patiently for the game to begin.



(above left) Senior Courtney Olney and junior Ashley Boertman get set to field the ball.

(above) Concentrating hard, junior Ashley Boertman gets herself ready to slam the ball.

(left) Coach Lori Guy calls a quick huddle in the infield to give her girls a pep talk.



(below) Junior Jamie Hanson and Senior Sara Schmit take a well deserved break in between games.



Hard work all season long

ends in a disappointing finish

their number three hitter and second baseman Natasha Kirchmeier. Natasha had a fracture in her left wrist due to a person sliding into second base.

"I remember Jamie throwing to second to get the girl out then the girl slid into my hand. It hurt so bad," Kirchmeier said.

After that game, there was major jostling in the Hawks lineup. Freshman Holly Davis started playing second base. The team got a big boost of confidence by winning the Pottsville tournament which was on prom night. They lost their first game which was against Pottsville, and then went on to win the next

Early on in the season the girls had some very successful games, but it all changed when they lost

Coach Guy had this to say about the win, "I was very happy with how the girls played. Our defense was incredible and we hit excellent too."

The season soon came to an end with a second place finish in the league. The girls then went on to districts, which were held at Lansing Catholic Central. They faced Laingsburg. The game stayed at 0-0 up until the 5th inning where Lainsburg scored and that was how it ended 1-0.

Coach Guy commented, "The girls did very well and I am proud of them."

(left) Senior Courtney Olney steps up to the plate and gets ready to hit against Vandercook Lake.



Quotes

-Rebekah Howard



"I will really miss all the seniors
We all were really close this
year." **-Jamie Hanson**



"The Dansville games were the hardest of all. We wanted to win bad but just came up short."

-Sara Schmit



Thrills

*** Rebekah Howard gets a home run in the first game of the season.**

***The girls place 1st at the Potterville Inv.**

Chills

***Natasha Kirchmeier is lost for one week due to a fractured wrist.**

***They lose the league to Dansville.**

Tennis

Scoreboard

& Other Important News

Boys Tennis

opponent	Win/Lose
Bronson	Win
Charlotte	Loss
Jonesville	Win
Columbia Cent.	Loss
Eaton Rapids	Loss
Haslett	Loss
Columbia Cent.	Won
Bronson	Won
Eaton Rapids	Loss
Jonesville	Won
Jonesville	Won
Columbia Cent.	Lost

* Is League Match

LEAGUE RECORD:
6-6-0

AWARD WINNERS

MVP: Casey Ward
and Sara Schmit

MIP: Roger Smith
and Erica Janiak

Coach's Award:
Tom Dumbauld
and Ashley Silveus

Girls Tennis

opponent	Win/Loss
Bronson	Win
Charlotte	Loss
Jonesville	Win
Columbia Cent.	Loss
Eaton Rapids	Loss
Haslett	Loss
Columbia Cent.	Won
Bronson	Won
Eaton Rapids	Loss
Jonesville	Won
Jonesville	Won
Columbia Cent.	Loss

* Is League Match

LEAGUE RECORD:
6-6-0

Hawks serve up a good year

LHS tennis team brews talented squad

The boys and girls tennis teams for 1999-2000 were the kind of teams a coach loves to work with.

"They were good kids, fun, and I will miss them," said coach Tom Todd.

Both teams were lead by seniors who had developed in the program over four years. Boys were led by team co-captains Casey Ward and Sam Krey, who began playing tennis in their freshman years.

Girls team leadership came from seniors Sara Schmit, Jessica

Hardy, and Kate Eldred. Schmit and Hardy were female co-captains.

When ask about her year, Brandi Mentink remembered the senior's work ethic. "It was really great playing and working with the seniors. I hope I can contribute playing time next year."

Lelise is currently the only school in the SMAA conference with a tennis program. This year the varsity teams participated in the Eaton Rapids and DeWitt Invitational tournaments.

"The seniors on these teams made the year," said Todd. "For a coach, that makes all the difference."

"We had a lot of skill and leadership with the four seniors in singles," said sophomore Roger Smith. "I learned a lot from the seniors and hope to play again next year."

Playing teams from class A to C in order to fill a schedule made the 6-6 male and female Blackhawk tennis teams that much more impressive.



Boys Varsity Tennis Team. Top row: Josh Gibbs, Paul Harmon, Michael Delazzer, head coach Tom Todd, Kim Keat Sam Krey, and Mike Risner. Second row: John Major, Roger Smith, Tim Harmon, John Arras, Chris Chamberlain, manager Trisha Kosloski. First row: Tom Dumbauld, Jeremish Gibbs, Craig Dombush, Casey Ward.

Varsity Girls Tennis Team. Top row left to right: Assistant coach Jim Schmit, Michelle St. Onge, Portia Stewart, Jessica Faist, Jessica Hardy, Ashley Silveus, Breon Jacque, Melissa Brattain, Kate Eldred, Erica Janiak, head coach Tom Todd. Middle row: Megan Crawford, Loren Hamilton, Johanna Velenta, Linsey Palmer, April Ambs, Michelle Grinnell. Front row: Mellisa Thorpe, Sara Schmit, Brandi Mentink, Elise Harper, and Jessica Smith.



THRILLS...

- ☺ For the eighth year in a row, the Blackhawk Boys and Girls Tennis teams take home yet another SMAA title.
- ☺ Mark Foster, Casey Ward, Lance Woodland, Derick Ward, Stacey Gauss, and John Mitchell made the All-League team.

CHILLS...

- ☹ Failed to qualify for state finals.
- ☹ Hawks failed to beat the All-State Columbia Central team.



(above left) Coach Tom Todd watches as the team prepares for another home tennis match. The boys team went on to a 6-6 record for the 2000 season.

(above) Linsey Palmer, Sara Schmit, and Lauren Hamilton pose for a picture after another great team meal at Wendy's restaurant. Fast food became the diet staple when the team went on the road.



(left) Sara Schmit serves another great ace for the lady Hawks. Schmit was co-captain with Jessica Hardy.

Girls Golf

Scoreboard

& Other Important News

Varsity

"00" Schedule

Marshall Inv.
Western
Napolean
Michigan Center
Northwest/C. Central
E Jackson/Gabriel Richard
Western inv.
Michigan Center
Lakewood
Regionals

AWARD WINNERS

MVP: Stacey Gauss

MIP: Loren Hamilton

Coach's Award: A. Stofer

Quotes

"To be perfectly honest with you, I had more fun playing on the girls team because I could hit it farther than most of the girls.

-Stacey Gauss

"As a member of the 2000 varsity girls golf team, I can say that now I am a lot better than I was the summer before and I also learned a lot about the game itself."

-Ashley Stofer

Gauss Leads Golfers *during inaugural season*

This was Leslie's first season with a female golf team and it proved to be a worthy one. There was much improvement over the season because many of the ladies had never stepped onto a golf course before joining the 2000 Leslie team. This group of young women took great strides in making a bright future for LHS.

Stacey Gauss led the females

throughout the season. She led Leslie in every match in scoring, driving distance, greens in regulation, fewest putts, and fairways hit. As a sophomore, she put together one of the finest seasons as an individual of any sport in school history. She should be a fun individual to watch in her last two seasons as a Blackhawk.

The highlight of the season oc-

curred when the golfers broke the mark of 230 against East Jackson. This set the school record and put a great mark in the history of Leslie female golf. This score should be easily broken with all girls returning except one. Gauss had the best individual score all season with a 37. Congratulations Stacey and the girls golf team for a great start to a bright future.



(above) The Leslie Varsity Girls Golf Team. They did a very good job this season for their first year as golfers.

(below) **Stacey Gauss** shows off the swing for the camera. She led the Hawks in many categories.



(below right) **Gauss** again showing her swing from a different angle.



(above) **Ashley Stofer** gets set to tee it up with **Kristi Shepherd** holding the ball in her mouth.

THRILLS...

- ☺ Stacey Gauss shooting a 37 in one of her first matches.
- ☺ Scoring below 230 in a dual match.
- ☺ A chance to participate in the inaugural season of female golf.

CHILLS...

- ☹ Not qualifying for the state tournament after months of hard work and dedication.
- ☹ Not having a league to win a title in like the guys golf team.

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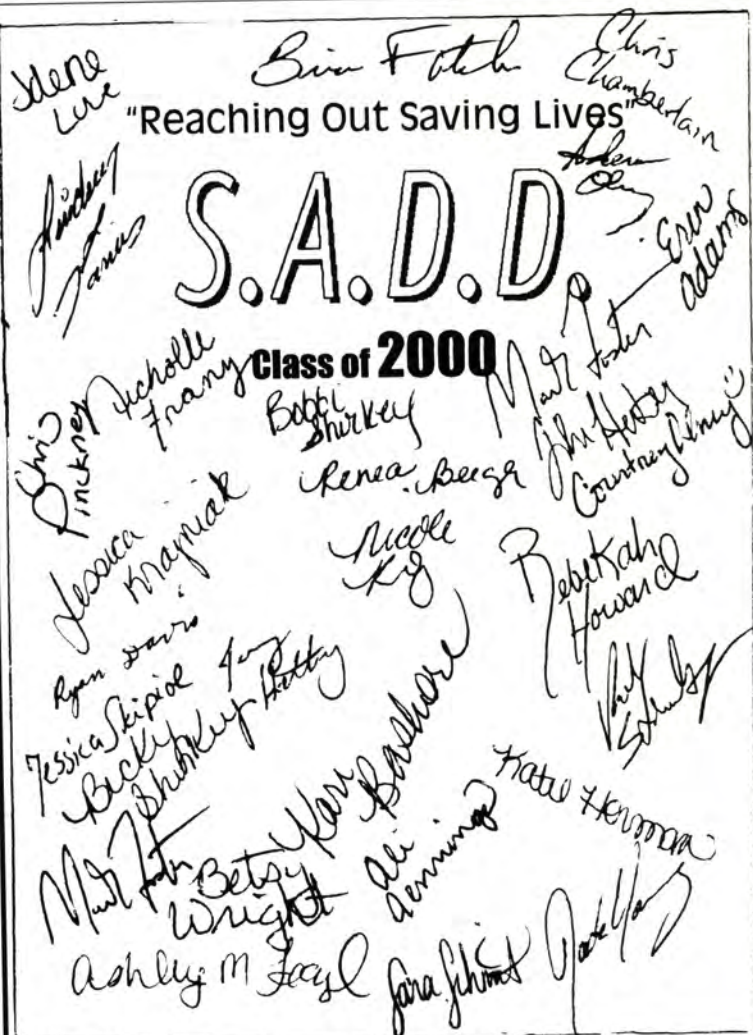
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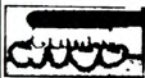
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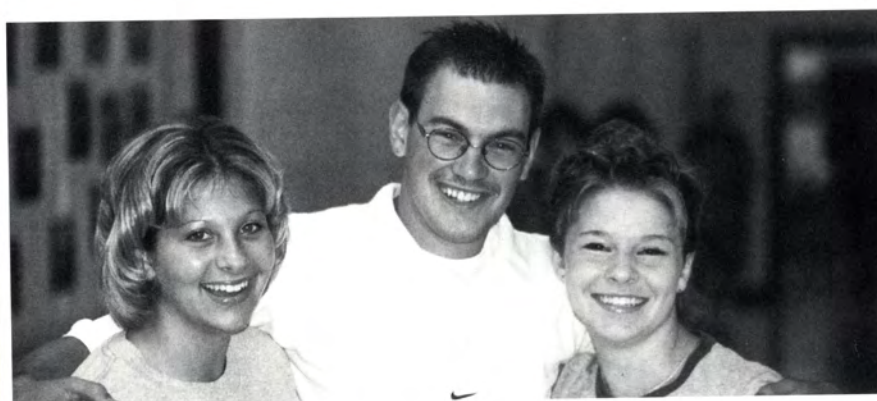
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THE WILD



Leslie High School-The year in review

- We survive THE MILLENNIUM! (never using generators or lanterns)
- Mr. Schmidt takes over his new position, leaving his science classes in the dust-doing an excellent job as attendance/discipline administrator.
- Boys Varsity Basketball team made it the District Championship Game. Way to go Hawks!
- Reggie Dabbs and his crew visited, making us laugh and cry.
- The famous "inappropriate shirt" conspiracy passes on from student to student because, you can't touch this!
- Students and staff were privileged to share Mr. Miller's last year with him.
- Instant messaging gets everyone in just a little trouble.
- A courageous squirrel risked his life so we could have a little extra leisure time.
- Student Council shakes up Winter Homecoming/dance with a live band!
- The Wizard of Oz* comes back as a "classic" as a gift to the senior class.
- Leslie welcomes three exchange students, a change from the zero students that we had last year. Keep sending them over; they are great additions to our school!
- Girls Varsity volleyball makes it to districts- keep up the good work ladies!
- Mr. Howe is now superintendent and Mr. Manthei is now in the head office.
- The choir had a four day trip to St. Louis.



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Please exit to your right.
Thank you and we hope you
enjoyed your days at Leslie
High School.

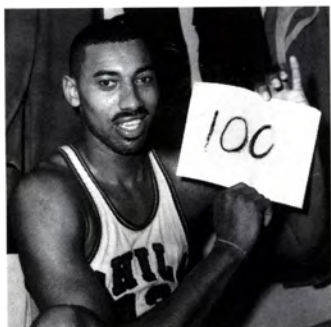
A photographic look at events across
the United States for 1999-2000.

The American

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Right: Toronto Raptors' Vince Carter wins the NBA All-Star Slam Dunk contest on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000.

Below: Wilt Chamberlain who scored 100 points while playing for Philadelphia on March 2, 1962 was found dead in his home Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1999.



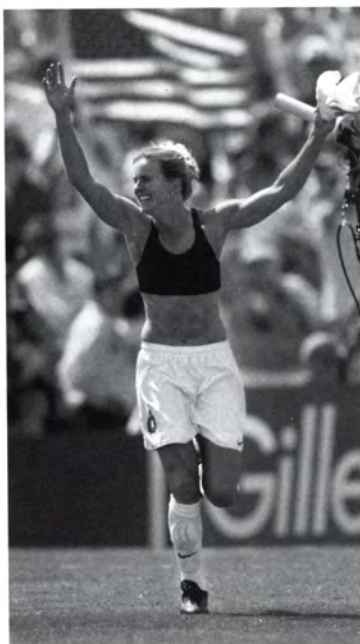
Above: Michael Caine, Angelina Jolie, Hilary Swank, and Kevin Spacey pose during the 72nd Academy Awards, Sunday, March 26, 2000.

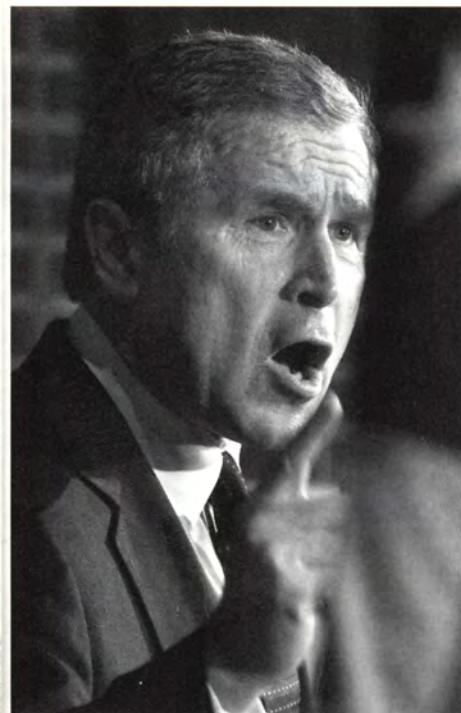
Right: United States' Brandi Chastain celebrates the Women's World Cup victory over China on Saturday, July 10, 1999.

Far right: John F. Kennedy Jr. and wife Carolyn and sister Lauren Bessette died when their plane crashed Friday, July 16, 1999.

Below: Cartoonist Charles Schulz displays "Snoopy" in his office. Schulz died from cancer on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000 after 50 years of drawing his cartoon.

Far below: Elian Gonzalez is held in a closet by Donato Dalrymple, right, as government officials search the home of Lazaro Gonzalez for the young boy, early Saturday morning, April 22, 2000, in Miami. Elian Gonzalez returned to Cuba with his father on Wednesday, June 28, 2000.





Below: St. Louis Cardinals Mark McGwire watches home run number 63 clear the wall at Bush Stadium in St. Louis Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1999 during 2nd game of a double header against San Diego Padres.

Left: Michigan State coach Tom Izzo, center, celebrates with the rest of the team following their 89-76 win over Florida in the NCAA Championship at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Monday, April 3, 2000.

Far Left: Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush speaks at a rally in Clinton Township, Mich., Sunday, Feb. 20, 2000. Bush is campaigning in Michigan for the state's upcoming presidential primary.



Above: St. Louis Rams safety Billy Jenkins holds up the Lombardi Trophy after the St. Louis Rams defeated the Tennessee Titans 23-16 to win the Super Bowl XXXIV in Atlanta, Sunday Jan. 30, 2000.

Above Right: New York Yankees beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1 in Game 4 to sweep the World Series Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999 in New York.

Above Left: The solar eclipse is seen between the minarets of the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey on Wednesday August 11, 1999.

Above Far Left: Democratic presidential hopeful Vice President Al Gore greets a group of students following a campaign rally Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000 at the University of Northern Iowa in Waterloo, Iowa.

Below Left: A husband and wife kiss as they celebrate the arrival of the new millennium in New York City's Times Square shortly after midnight Saturday Jan. 1, 2000.

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