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Destination UNKNOWN



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18 PEOPLE



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What will the beginning of the school year in a new facility bring? That was the big unknown. Even the date of the first day of school was uncertain due to unfinished construction. But when the gleaming

doors of the new LHS opened, students and staff could feel the excitement inside. Everyone was curious and wondering what the building held in store for them. Our destination was unknown.

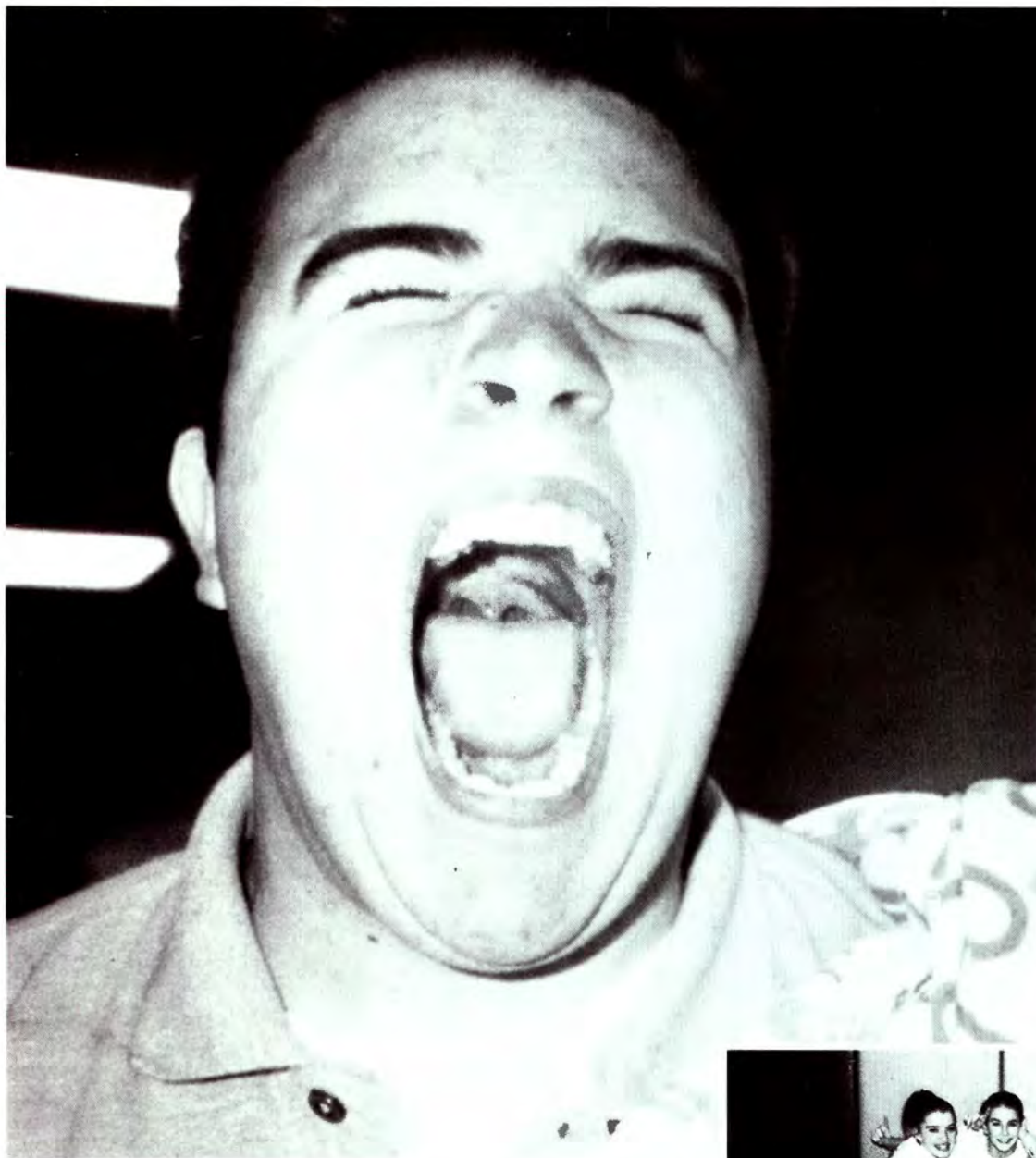
The opening of the school also left people scurrying around the building considering where their classes were. Other questions grazed their minds. Was Mr. Ball really that mean? Are you sure that assignment is due tomorrow? How am I supposed to type that paper when the school doesn't have any computers?

As the year progressed we began to wonder about additional topics, for instance; what will prom on a boat be like? How far will the varsity girls basketball team go? What are the homecoming dress-up days? Should I join the Spanish Club?

By the end of the year these questions had been answered and the school was no longer filled with confused students wandering the hallways. But as we move ahead in life, we're still left pondering what the future holds in store for us. That is why our destination is unknown.



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Days were full at LHS. From the morning hellos as people checked out the clothing, hairstyles and body piercing of their peers to the last chiming bell, students were busy with assignments, movie watching, lectures and group projects. From the first confusing days in the new building as students wandered down the color-coded hallways to the last long and hot days in June, students and faculty accomplished amazing moments (and some not so amazing ones) causing us to ask, where do we go from here?

We have had many assemblies this year due to the efforts of our principal Bob Howe and assistant principal Jeff Manthei. Technology promised big improvements as the year began, but ended in some major disappointment. The new commons area was a good change with more room and pleasant surroundings. Some rules tightened up: no food or gum in the classes was an edict issued by the school board to protect the new building, and both students and staff found some disappointment here. Seminar came everyday and turned into a time to skip, play cards or attend meetings with studying happening only in emergency situations.

Just where do we go from here?



School Days



Where do we go



TOPICS

hairstyles

Career Center

assemblies

studying

movie watching

technology

new building

new administrators

new rules

seminar

the parking lot



from here?

New Changes...

Great places... and smiling faces

by Shawna Gowanlock

How well do you adjust to change?

Well, the staff and students at Leslie High were forced to adjust to new and different people, places and ideas in September. First of all, students started school two weeks later than normal on September 15th in a new building on Hull Road. Students faced many changes as they rolled into the 1997-98 school year.

One of the differences was the new authority. Robert Howe took

over the job of Barb Knuth as our new principal. Jeff Manthei, who just last year taught math, took over the job of assistant principal from Dave Bouck. We also gained a new athletic director, Greg Lattig. And finally, Christy Stehouwer joined the staff as a new math teacher and Mike Sova moved up from the middle school to teach social science classes.

A welcome change for some was the absence of eighth graders in the high school. Students ate at one of two lunches in a new place called the Commons. Students were not allowed to take their food out of this area. The main office is to the side of the Commons, unlike before, so that anyone in the office can watch people chow down.

Another change about our school was the new bells system,

called by some the death gongs, that ring every hour to let students know the starting or ending of every class.

If somebody got lost in the school all they had to do was say "What color is my hallway?" and then look down at the colored tiles on the floor. In the old school it was hard to get lost because the school was just one big square. The new school has four basic hallways: the blue hall, the green hall, the red hall and the multicolored hall. The lockers are now different colors corresponding to the hallway they are in. Locker assignments are also different from before. They aren't arranged by grade, but instead are in alphabetical order with everyone from grades nine through twelve. Siblings are now beside each other too.

☺☺☺ (far right) Sisters Michelle and Christina Bauer don't seem to mind the new arrangement of the lockers. This year's placement of lockers was done strictly alphabetically, therefore placing siblings side by side.

☺☺☺ (above right) Ryan Dershem and Charles Smieska choose from a variety of lunch specials. The new lunch line procedure created an orderly process where cutting in and taking food was not as easy as in past years.

☺☺☺ (below right) The new commons area served as the place to hold dances as well as a lunch area. Students enjoyed the extra room and more pleasing surroundings.





222 (far left) Assistant principal, Jeff Manthei, conducts traffic after school, attempting to keep order. Leaving school can become quite a hassle on a typical day.

222 (above left) Students rush to their cars to try to make a quick escape from school. Many students took advantage of driving even though they were required to pay to park.

222 (below left) Senior Katie Woodland waved goodbye as she attempts to exit the parking lot after school. The configuration of the new lot made leaving a very slow and tiring process for most drivers.

The Parking Lot...

A prize or a problem?

by Krista Charnley

Each day at 2:30 a herd of students flood the parking lot in an attempt to escape the high school by vehicle. The problem with the new parking lot is that leaving the school has become a great obstacle. With only one exit, lines of cars begin to back up from the road, honking and continuously trying to edge closer and closer to the exit. Stray cars annoyingly try to cut in front of others who have been waiting patiently in line for their turn.

"The new parking lot is really nice, but it is set up in a way that is hard to get out of in an orderly fashion," commented Elizabeth Howard.

The administration has noticed this problem and has tried to find a permanent solution.

"The exiting problem could maybe be solved if everyone exited in the same fashion, not from two different sides of the parking lot," stated Brenda Arras.

For a partial solution, assistant principal Jeff Manthei became the official traffic regulator, stopping or allowing cars to exit the parking lot. This seems to have created an orderly solution yet the act of departing still takes time and patience. Many people become frustrated, annoyed, or even disgusted by the fact that they have to wait to leave school.

Even though congestion has

become quite a problem this year, there are also many advantages to our new parking lot. With the new smooth asphalt, no longer do students have to worry about losing their mufflers by hitting a giant pothole. The white parking lines are visible even on a foggy Monday morning, unlike last year when lines could barely be seen at high noon on a sunny spring day. The amount of parking spaces also has increased, allowing those students who arrive at school as the bell is ringing to enjoy a decent parking space.

The location of the new parking lot also has significance behind it. Originally intended to be where the current staff lot is located, the student lot was moved to the front of the building to allow the staff and administrators to view all activities that take place in the lot and manage them if any problems arise.

(below) Luke Foster, John Hunter, Nate Petosky, and many others enjoy the warm winter weather with their shirts off. They were the only ones to take the extra step and spell out U of M.

(bottom) Nick Atwood and Jeremiah Ettinger support their Spartans. It's too bad they didn't win.



What were your feelings about the first tailgate party at LHS?

"Luke did a fantastic job, and it was more of a success since the right team won!"

-Danielle Shirkey

Tail gate party

Generates school unity between U of M and MSU fans

by Casey Ward and Luke Foster

During the week of October 19th 20 guys bared it all for their pride in the Michigan Wolverines in the unlikely place of the LHS student parking lot.

It was the weekend before the big game between the U of M Wolverines and the MSU Spartans when Lucas Foster thought it would be a great idea for to have a "tail gate" party after school on Monday. They brought a couple of pops and a Michigan flag and let everyone in the parking lot know who they were loyal to.

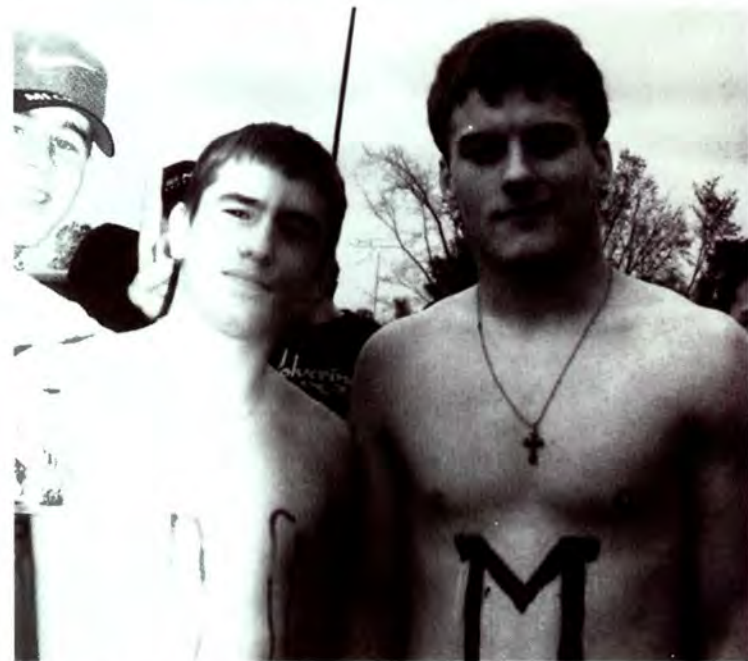
Well as it happened, every Michigan fan, from semi to full blown, wanted to get in on the action. Not only did the popula-

tion grow, but so did the pops, chips, and memorabilia. By Friday, this party the event-- even Michigan State fans.

The party turned into a 25 people event with all the trimmings. As the tailgate party began, a grill was lit up and hot dogs were prepared by the pack. Everybody brought something to feast on. The Michigan fans were a little hesitant to share all of the goodies with the Spartan fans, but all turned out well.

Three students, Foster, John Hunter and Nate Petosky bared their chests in the blistery cold weather while spelling out U of M on their bare fronts.

A surprise guest even attended. A reporter from the Leslie Local was sent to the parking lot after receiving phone calls about the event. She took a couple of snapshots and quotes; two weeks later, a picture was in the paper. Something that had started as a flag waving had become a media event.



(above) Luke Foster and Nate Petosky continue to show off their muscular builds with their chests painted with maze and blue colors. Jeff Feazel brought a grill and roasted hot dogs on the chilly day (22 degrees).

(below) Jyll Heathman shows off her half inch bangs at prom. Jyll won the shortest haircut for a woman award in 1998.

(bottom) Derek Ward impresses the crowd with his curly locks.



(below) **The Warden** introduces his new look for 1997-98. It was definitely one of the newer looks around the school.

(below right) **Rhonda** enjoys letting her gorgeous, long, blond hair flow freely.



What is your favorite hairstyle that you have ever seen or had of all time?

“All I have to say is Fabio!”
-Casey Warden

“I like the shaved look on a guy.”
-Bobbi Shirkey



Hair styles at LHS

Full of diversity and tension in 1997-98

by Casey Ward and Lucas Foster

This year brought many new fads, from Giga pets to platform shoes, but one that interests us every year is the hair styles LHS students sport. From pink hair to guys with ponytails, this year in hair has definitely entertained us all.

Jyll Heathman sported many different cuts throughout the year, along with colors. Mike Crisp chose the aerodynamic look, Kyle Kralapp let it grow, and I went with

the Ace Ventura look.

Like they always say “If everyone were the same, the world would be a boring place.”

The most frequent hairstyle for guys this year was the straight down look. Guys liked the quick to prepare look and it looks great too.

Possibly the most popular look for girls is layered hair with highlights. Many girls have this look or at least have tried it at some point during the year. Highlights showed up on hair from blond to black, sometimes bold and other times barely noticeable.

This year in hair could best be described as a year to experiment and change. Fluffy was out, sleek was in, and LHS students were eager to sport the new looks.



(above) **Brent Waldofsky** decided to color his hair with a light blond tint in 1998.

(far left) **Jerome Gulvas** is yet again up to no good sporting this haircut, but his hair was usually messed up during the basketball season.

Lost in the Halls

(far below) Patrolling the halls between classes, assistant principal Jeff Manthei and teacher Ed Schmidt keep their eyes open for trouble. From their position in the rotunda, they can watch in all directions.

(below) Sitting in the rotunda, senior girls, Jill Joseph, Jennifer Dryer, Stephanie Ambros, and Michelle Bauer convene at their usual spot. Every morning before school these four claimed their place on the rotunda floor.

(below left) All smiles, Jessica Smith and sister, Tylee Smith watch as others walk by. Seeing each other between classes doesn't seem to affect these siblings.



LHS Students Look to the Floors to Find Their Way

by Joy Cadwallader

A change in facilities this year brought a lot of confusion during the first week of school. Never before had these Leslie students had to actually decide which way to go. In the old building, all we had to do was simply walk around the square and eventually we would become oriented. Now, we faced the challenges of four main hallways leading in four completely different directions.

Standing in the rotunda, which became a morning hangout, students must choose their color. Is the class they need to attend down the red hall, the blue hall, the green hall, or the multi-colored hall? Once that decision is made, follow the color-bricked road to the class or destination of choice.

No longer are the specific departments found right next to each other. Now the teachers are spread throughout the entire building.

Another big difference in orga-

nization this year is the locker assignments. The entire student body is now arranged in alphabetical order, which means that students are no longer in a hall with all of their other classmates. Who knows why this was done?

Maybe it was done for school unity, but many students miss their friends and the class unity.

"I think that they should line all of the students up in the rotunda, ring the bell and let the students run for a locker. All for one and one for all," said Nate Petosky, LHS senior, responding to this year's locker situation.

Besides, many students are now left fighting with their younger siblings between classes because their lockers are directly beside each other. As if they don't see enough of each other at home, now they must deal with them hourly at school too.

As the year progressed, students eventually learned to deal with the new hallway situations. Very rarely does one see a confused and wandering student any more. But we must always pay attention to the direction that we turn because if we are daydreaming, we may find ourselves lost in the halls.

How do you feel about the locker assignments this year?

"I don't mind being stuck next to my brother, except that I can't stand the mass of his friends that feel they should congregate around him constantly. They're so annoying."
—Jessica Quainton

"I don't even know if half of my class even goes to this school anymore. If people aren't in your classes, you don't even know if they go to this school."
—Carol Whipple



Constructive development

Students learn how to create projects

by Mike Palmer

One rule at Leslie High School bans dangerous weapons from the grounds, but one place in the school that dangerous tool use is encouraged is the technology education classes offered at LHS. But students must follow safety rules or their days in these popular classes will be short.

The shop, as most students

know it, is the center for constructive creativity. Screwdrivers, files, and other sharp, pointy objects line the walls of this unique classroom: power tools that can cut through solid objects in seconds are bolted to the floor. Each tool has its unique role in constructing works of art and other learning projects in courses taught by teachers Bill Allender and Brent Hoffman.

By assigning various projects, like building bird houses, clocks, or fine furniture, these two fine teachers teach students the fundamental principles that any good contractor must know.

With the new facility, the quality of space, and equipment has increased. In the old high school the metal shop and wood shop were separate, but in the new building both are combined. The combination of the shops has also combined the shop curriculum. Instead of separate classes for wood working and metal crafting, both concepts have been combined into one class where students build projects out of metal and wood.

The technology education lab is a pillar of our school. Without it... the school would fall apart...(Mike's humor?)

(below) Teacher Bill Allender helps his students. Allender teaches five technology education classes each day and started a school to work program this year..

(middle left) Sam Kokoczka sands his piece of wood. Sanding is just one of many steps you must go through to build a project.

(far left) Gene Weishaupt measures the length of the board. He wanted to make sure that his cuts were precise.



What was the best part of shop class this year?

"Building stuff."

—Brad Barratt

"I like the whole class actually. It's relaxing."

—Jeremy Wright

"Working in the lab."

—Jacob Hawkins



(left) One of the shop students prepares to saw a board. Nick Good used that board in his project.

(above) Jason Garret carefully calculates his accuracy. Garret is one of the many students who enjoy working with wood.

(below) Derek Ward, Lisa Cole, and Jennifer Brown work on a project in speech class. Speech is a semester long class that is required unless students chose to take drama.



Was your favorite thing about speech or drama?

"The time that Shannon Pierce had to act like a cow for the play. It was hilarious."

—Andy Miller

"The time that Shannon Pierce dressed up like a three little pig, that was the funniest thing I've ever seen."

—Aaron Abbey

"Writing the sales speech."

—O. J. Shepherd

Performance a must in speech and drama

Students learn the art of performing in front of an audience

by Mike Palmer

Each year dozens of students are burdened with a difficult choice: what class to take, speech or drama? Each student is required to take at least one of these classes in order to graduate. Some students make their choice on the

difficulty level of the class, others choose the same class as their friends do, and there are a selective few that choose speech or drama for its entertainment.

Speech is a one semester public speaking forum. In speech class students are expected to write and deliver their own speeches. These speeches, which vary in length and difficulty, are all part of learning the art of public speaking.

The class is taught by Susan Taylor, a crafty veteran who is responsible for producing more presidential speech writers than anyone else in this school. Not only does she teach students how to speak, but she shows her students the importance of the use of language.

One technique that she uses to

illustrate this is the no speaking day, where her students are unable to talk for the entire day.

The main portion of this class is speech writing. One speech students are expected to recite is the infamous eulogy speech, where a student picks their favorite celebrity and gives them a eulogy. Other speeches include a sales speech, an impromptu speech, and a speech of introduction.

The other half of this dynamic duo combination is drama. Drama, a.k.a. Acting 101, is a class that teaches students about the art of theater. By participating a variety of exercises and training techniques, most of which are extremely fun, students learn the basic concepts of acting.

Teacher Gail Vallillee helps stu-

dents realize the importance of performing. She drills her students with activities like ambiguous dialogues and poem memorization. Her techniques help students resolve their stage fright.

But drama is more than acting, it's about producing a show. That's why at the end of each semester the drama classes perform a show. Many students only see the acting that is done on stage, but weeks of behind the scenes preparation is involved in the performance. Students are responsible for sounds, lighting, costumes, and scenery.

No matter what choice students make, speech or drama will offer any LHS student a semester of learning, fun and enjoyment.

Movie mania in class

Videos entertain, educate and give a new perspective

Films, movies, and documentaries are all aspects of school students have to face. Teachers use these for instruction or occasionally just entertainment. Either way, films are an important part of the school year, bringing to life parts of the curriculum that a lecture or class discussion just could not do.

Some of the more infamous

films that LHS students watch include "Bitter Harvest," better known as the cow movie, "To Kill a Mocking Bird," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," and "The Joy Luck Club." These are all movies that students have watched for entertainment and to learn some useful lessons.

When an English class has finished reading a book, students frequently watch the movie and compare it to the book. Amazingly, students usually find the book much more satisfying than the movie... so maybe students should read more.

But film watching is more than entertainment, it's also about education. There are a number of edu-

cational films that teachers show to their students that coincide with their lesson plans. In Spanish and French class, students watch documentary films about geography, history, and culture. In the science classes, teachers show films about atoms, chemicals, or plants.

World geography can be boring from a textbook, but travel videos can transport students to the rain forests of Africa or fiords of Norway and give them a taste of what those places are actually like.

Students frequently rejoice when they see the video/TV unit in a class because it means an hour without work, but they should view it as an opportunity for new learning to take place.

(below) Students Lauren LeBlanc and Jessie Faist meet in a group following a movie in world geography to compare two areas in Africa. Teachers frequently tie videos in with other learning activities to maximize learning.

(far below) Students in the family living class watch a film. The film taught them about parenting.

What is the best movie you have seen in school?

"Lorax. Seen it in Mr. Vinton's class. Was really funny and entertaining." —Carol Whipple

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas, I didn't have to learn anything." —Charles Smieska

"A Christmas Story. I watch it every year." —O. J. Shepherd

"My video pick for my students is one called 'Brown Eyes, Blue Eyes.' It points out many of the problems that racial prejudice creates. Most students who view it believe that every student in the school should watch it. That is a valuable movie with important lessons."

—Shelley Fassezke

"Wild Discoveries, because it had this people who ate tarantillas." —Sara Johnson



To study or not to study?

Students ponder the dilemma

by Shara Risner

Studying. We all know we should, we all say we will, but rarely do we ever follow through with this brilliant idea.

Most of the time we are either busy trying to catch up on last night's sleep, trying to get the

teacher off subject, or just doodling.

With a teenager's busy schedule, it's hard to devote much time to schoolwork. Most of us have sports, jobs, and other activities to occupy our time. If we're lucky we are able to finish our homework in class before the teacher notices. By the time we get home we only have enough energy to kick off our shoes and fall into bed.

It's not like the school doesn't give us ample time to get our acts together; the library is open before

and after school, and some nice teachers even give students time at the end of class to get started on work.

And of course we have seminar, that half an hour class that seems like just enough time to sit down, write your name and quit. Although you have to admit, most of what goes on is catching up with the latest gossip and goofing off with friends.

Although there are the few of us that actually take the time to put some effort into our schoolwork,

enough of us did not take advantage of Seminar time.

As we all know studying does have its benefits such as improving test grades, boosting our GPA's, and helping us get into a college, so why don't we do it more often?

A question students have been wrestling with for more years than most of us have been around. Too bad no one has yet found out the answer.



(above right) A group of freshmen doing what they do best, goofing off. What's better to do in seminar than play cards?

(above) Natasha Kirchmeir looks as if she is telling the people in her seminar some good gossip.

(right) Jeremiah Ettinger, a person at Leslie known for studying a lot, is at it again.



What is your opinion of Seminar?

"I think that it's good to have a relaxation period during the day, because teachers put so much stress on you to get good grades."

-Kristi Hatch

"I enjoy it because if I have any homework to do I can get it done without having to take it home."

-Melissa Corts



What do you like best about the new building?

"The new environment. It has improved the overall quality of the student's work."

-Bill Allender

"I like the computers for Leslie Pub. It has been a rocky road to get a running lab, and we still cannot print off of most computers, but it beats four computers in the back of my room."

- Shelley Fassezke



(left) An unusual perspective of one of the hallways. Leslie is one of the few high schools in the state with modern architecture that features pinwheel hallways.

(below left) Library dwellers enjoy the most comfortable spot in the school, the library couches. Some immature student slashed the couches and they were removed for months to be repaired and so a security system could be installed in the library.

(below) Katie Herman and Kristen Allender have a bite to eat outdoors. The picnic tables were built by teacher Bill Allender's Industrial Technology class.

Teachers talk about the new LHS

Just what do they think?

by Sarah Risner

The first year in a new building brought change that students have been discussing all year. But what about the teachers? What attributes and detriments does the school offer to them?

With our new high school we've gained a beautiful auditorium to

perform in, which is equipped with dressing rooms and a backstage work area. Computers fill our new labs, our classrooms contain built in overheads, the rotunda adds architectural appeal, and the unique structure of our school shows up many in the area. Another praised feature of the new school is the three-winged hallways which teachers find useful for catching students trying to bail out on school.

Although there are many wonderful new things about our building, it isn't perfect yet. For instance, the shop class vent creates a great deal of noise when class-

room windows are open. This happens to be one of teacher Susan Taylor's biggest pet peeves.

"It just doesn't seem like good planning. Obviously the shop class needs a vent system to the outside, and it is nice that some parts of the building are air conditioned, but...how clearly did they think this one out?" Taylor explained.

Though we did get several computer labs along with many a computer, why were they not installed until late October, and why are there so few computers hooked up to printers? Another complaint is that we no longer have televisions

in every room.

Many teachers, including Gail Vallillee, do not like the feeling of isolation from their fellow employees, due to the school's structure.

Even though there are a few things that can be improved on, the new building is off to a good start in educational excellence.

Bill Allender stated, "The new environment has improved the overall quality of the student's work."

Having had one year to find out what needs to be changed, we can only expect better things to come in the future.



Underclassmen Awards

General Art I	Miranda Krajniak
General Art I	Nicole Toburen
General Art II	Jyll Heathman
Ceramics/Sculpture	John White
Drawing/Painting	Jessica Dwight
Band	Jackie Lantz
Band	Adam Fogg
Band	Melissa Brattain
Band	Sean Freedberg
Band	Lauren LeBlanc
Band	Ashley Feazel
Accounting	Marci Ward
Computer Applications	Brian Fletcher
Computer Applications	Chris Chamberlain
Computer Applications	Ryan Davis
Computer Applications	Nicholle Franz
Computer Applications	Roberta Shirkey
English 9	John Major
English 9	Deanna Barnett
English 10	Kari Bashore
English 10	Lacey Stitt
English 10	Sara Schmit
English 10	Renea Beegle
English 11	Corey Haskell
English 11	Jeff Hatch
Language Foundations	April Schulz
Language Foundations	Ian Kevorkian
Drama	Kendi Criesher
Drama	Sarah Linsley
Speech	Allison Hemstreet
Spanish I	Karen Hart
Spanish I	Holly Werkema
Spanish II	Jolene Love
French I	Kiesha Lee
French II	Melissa Brattain
Clothing Construction	Kacy Hart
Consumer Education	Rebecca Haynes
Health	Jessica Greer
Health	Brad Newman
Materials Processing I	Kalen Dexter
Materials Processing I	Jeremiah Gibbs
Materials Processing I	Jessie Zarb
Materials Processing I	John Major
Materials Processing II	Stacey Foster
Mechanical Drawing I	Misty Horton
Mechanical Drawing II	Krista Charnley
Physical Technology	Nate Pierce
Algebra I	Lauren LeBlanc
Algebra I	Jim Brownlee
Algebra II	Renea Beegle
Algebra II	Ashley Feazel
Algebra II	Sara Schmit
Geometry	Abbie Clemetsen
Geometry	Nicole Riskey
Geometry	T.J. Waldofsky
Geometry	John Major
Geometry	Erin Robbins
Applied Algebra	Jack Lohrke
Trigonometry	Jeff Hatch
Trigonometry	Keri Clark
Photography	Dwayne Friedman
Physical Education	Lauren Hamilton
Physical Education	Brad Newman
Physical Education	Lindsay Palmer

Adv. Physical Education	Trevor Brunner
Health	Ray Chouinard
Health	Ashley Boertman
Quality Class	Michelle Valdez
Resource	Samantha Wandel
Biology I	T.J. Waldofsky
Biology I	Jolene Love
Biology I	Ashley Feazel
Biology I	Brad Hager
General Biology	Terry Smyth
General Biology	Brian Brown
Physical Science	John Mitchell, John Major
Physical Science	Paul Harmon
Physical Science	Nikki Bidstrup
Physical Science	Bethany Stover
Chemistry	Katie Herman, Nikki St. Onge
Physics	Adam Wade
Civics	Stephanie Flannery
Civics	Abbie Clemetsen
Civics	Jacob Hawkins
U.S. History	Ashley Feazel
U.S. History	Corey Haskell
U.S. History	Rebekah Howard
U.S. History	Jolene Love
U.S. History	Kate Eldred
World History	Eric Isham
Womens Chorus	Courtney Olney
Womens Chorus	Sara Schmit
Womens Chorus	Jenifer Case
Chorale	Jamie Faist
Chorale	Kiesha Lee
Chorale	Betsey Freedburg
Business Technology	Elisabeth Furgala
Business Technology	Billie Hammond
Perfect Attendance	Eric Coppemoll

SMAA All Conference In Academics 1st Team Eleventh Grade Nikki St. Onge

2nd Team Eleventh Grade

Nick Atwood
Krista Charnley
Keri Clark
Kendi Criesher
Betsy Freedberg
Kacy Hart
Jeff Hatch
Kiesha Lee
Joy Stover
Shawn Viecelli
Adam Wade
Holly Werkema

2nd Team Tenth Grade

Alison Jennigs



Blackhawk Merit Awards

Jacque Adair
Erin Adams
Kari Bashore
Becky Bidstrup
Krista Charnley
Jeremy Drumm
Tom Dumbauld
Mike Emery
Justin Haynes
Ian Kevorkian
Brad Ried
Cody Toves
Brent Waldofsky
Samantha Wandel
Linda Yang
Jesse Zarb





From our studious moments to the silly, LHS students found ways to learn, grow and enjoy life this year. Learning took place in classrooms, on sports fields, on dance floors and in quiet conversations with friends, both new and old.



No two people are exactly alike; everyone has a unique personality and outlook on the world. And no individual, whether gregarious or shy, shares completely who they are with the world. We all travel through life

with parts of our identity incognito-- with our true identities unrevealed or disguised.

We all have different personalities, different tastes, and different lives. Yet we are all similar in one way-- we are connected through LHS.

With all the changes in 1997-98--the new building and policies, our state of incognito has increased. But over the year, our unknown identities began to reveal and our true characteristics shone through. People started to understand everyone else and their ideas, thoughts, and lives.

But we all still will keep cherished parts of ourselves incognito-- hidden from the rest of the world.

Over the next few pages you will see the faces of LHS. Some may be familiar, while others are new and strange, but behind all of those faces lie our true identities, the parts we keep incognito, the parts that are unknown, sometimes even to ourselves...



Incognito Incognito



(left) Leigh Waldron, Kim Stevens, and Jackie Stewart gossip at the fall homecoming dance.

(below) Nikki St. Onge and Erica Risky are caught yelling cheers while Kristi Hatch and Liz Stewart look on.

(left middle) Amanda Harmon and Rachel Worman celebrate tie dye day during homecoming week.



(left middle) Ryan Dershem appears disgusted with Jeff Hatch's perfect grade on a Algebra test.

(left bottom) Karen Hart is distracted from her work on the computer.

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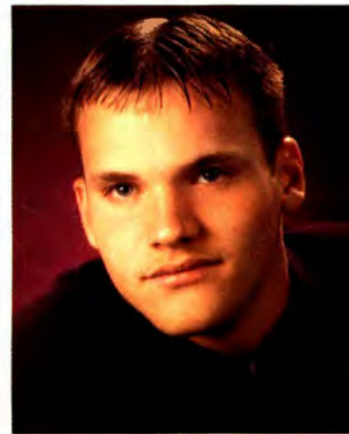
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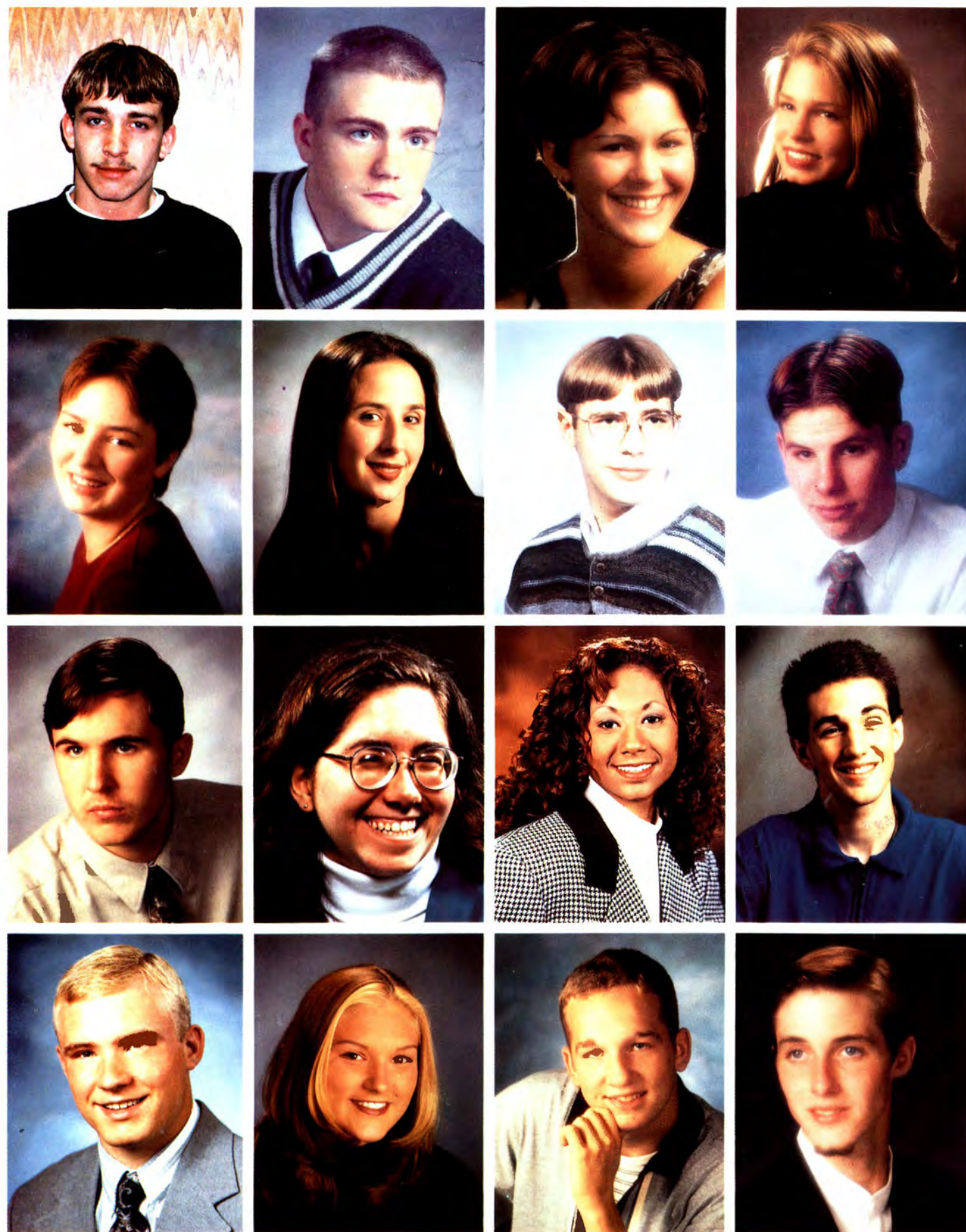


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Colleen Conklin
Michael Cowing
Tessie Davenport
Teigh Davis
Joshua Donely



Jennifer Drummond
Jennifer Dyer
Jeremiah Etlinger
Jeffrey Feazel
Erika Flannery
Justin Fossam
Jason Garrett





*Gregory Gibbs
 Thawna Sawantock
 Jerome Sulras
 Amanda Harmon
 Jamie Hawkins
 Errin Hearn
 Kristopher Holmes*



*Elizabeth Howard
 Nicole Howe
 Jillian Joseph
 Courtney King
 Russell Krajniak
 Erica Krilas
 Jamie Taloski*



*Claud Teach
 Toren Tere
 Andrew Miller
 Tracy Mills
 Jeremy Murray
 Anthony Oliver
 Megan Palmer*



*Alike Palmer
 Ryan Peck
 Nathan Petosky
 Thannon Pierce
 Jessica Quainton
 David Rae*





*Melissa Roberts
Heather Rockwell
Jennifer Sherrell
Lorenn Stensrud
Kimberly Strens
Jacquelyn Stewart
Ryan Steyer*



*Samantha Telfin
Shanna Thayer
Jeremy Thibault
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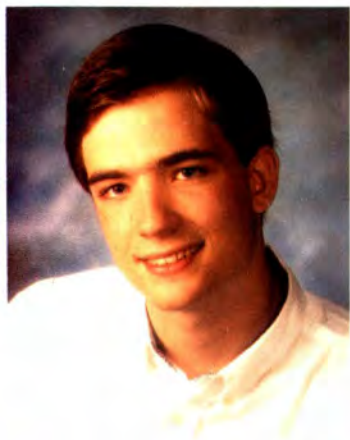


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<i>Kenneth Day</i>	<i>Branden Harray</i>
<i>Christopher Elbey</i>	<i>Tre Ols</i>
<i>April Gervie</i>	<i>Kip Palmer</i>
<i>Michael Good</i>	<i>Billie Rice</i>
<i>Ellen Isham</i>	<i>Jessica Smith</i>
<i>Tam Kekczka</i>	<i>Michael Taylor</i>
<i>Peggy Marshall</i>	<i>Branden Turner</i>
<i>David Heller</i>	

(far right) Enjoying a little levity during lunch in the cafeteria, Shannon Pierce Sharolyn Arnett and Robyn Abbey embrace like old friends should.

(right) During the winter homecoming pep assembly, Jennifer Sherrell takes direction from Mr. Richardson as she plays her drum. The pep band was an important part of pep assemblies, which were renamed pre-game rallies this year.





Senior Info

Advisor: Thom Ball & Pat Ainslie
Class Color: Navy Blue & White
Class Flower: White Rose
Graduation Day: June 12, 1998
Class Motto: *Do not follow where the path may lead.... Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*



Student Council

President: Jerome Gulvas
Vice President: Shannon Pierce
Secretary: Jackie Lantz
Treasurer: Aaron Abbey
Advisor : Mr. Hoffman

Senior Class Council

President: Jeff Feazel
Vice President: Hilary Werkema
Secretary: Michelle Bauer
Treasurer: Melissa Roberts
Representatives: Sharolyn Arnett
 Gwenn Stensrud
 Courtney Ward



Most Likely to Succeed
Joy Cadwallader
& Ervin Hearn



Most Athletic
Courtney Ward
& Jeremiah Ettinger



Class Clown
Sharolyn Arnett
& Brandon Turner



Teacher's Pet
Jeff Feazel
& Nicole Howe



Most Talented
Nate Petosky
& Gwenn Stensrud



Most School Spirit
Jerome Gulvas
& Rachel Worman

'98
POPULARITY POLL



the *Class of 1998*



Where do you see yourself in ten years

"Still in college but at least by then I'll be in medical school. I'll be on my way to the title M.D."

Joy Cadwallader

"Married and extremely happy, working the job of my dreams! Maybe I'll decide to be famous."

Amanda Harmon

"Working as a certified public accountant doing people's taxes and also married with NO KIDS!!"

Nicole Howe

"A runway model in Paris making millions while you losers are stuck in Leslie."

Megan Palmer

"On the Rosie O'Donnell show talking about how I made it big!"

Shannon Pierce

"Working as a veterinarian making \$\$\$"

Derek Ward

"Head engineer at GM and deciding which corvette to drive to work."

Greg Gibbs

If you could go out on a DATE with any staff member or classmate who would it be?

"Nate Petosky because he is one of my very best friends and I wonder what it would be like without our other friends around."

Stephanie Ambs

"Leigh Davis, she is so kind and caring. She's easy to get along with, smart, and compassionate. Plus, she's gorgeous!!!"

Josh Donley

"I'd have to say a couple of the construction workers."

Jennifer Dryer

"I'm still going to say Courtney Ward ..."

Jerome Gulvas

"Erika Flannery because I've always liked her and never had the courage to ask her out."

Ervin Hearn

"Mr. Ball because then maybe I could pass the class!"

Jill Joseph

"Shannon Pierce because it would be a fun date."

Andy Miller

"You know that one janitor or teacher with the hair and the eyes. Man she's great"

Mike Palmer

"I would go out with Curt Campbell because I think he's a cutie."

Shannon Pierce

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What will you miss most after GRADUATING?

"Seeing all my friends every day and hanging out with them on the weekends." Colleen Conklin

"Basically just being in high school" Erica Kritas

"Arguing with Mr. Ball about my English papers, of course I never won."

Jessica Quainton

"Girl's nights, fuzzy nuggets, sock puppets on the band bus, freezing in a huddle of teammates at the track meets, the turkeys at the CC course, all day forensics tournaments, and drooling over Billy Corgan, and watching Empire Records with friends."

Gwenn Stensrud

What advice would you give to underclassmen about their senior year?

"Have fun and pay attention because it will all pay off in the end." Blake Adams

"It's a very exciting year and have a positive attitude." Elizabeth Barnett

"Don't think your senior year will be a breeze because for most of you, it won't be." Lisa Cole

"Don't mess around with your freshman, sophomore, and junior year because when your senior year rolls around, you'll regret it!" Leigh Davis

"Buckle down on your work 'cause your senior year grades count the most. But have fun too!"

Erica Kritas



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If you could change one thing you did that you now regret what would it be?

"I would do all the plays and musicals."

Aaron Abbey

"I lost a lot of my really good friends this year for no reason in particular. Just because we changed."

Robyn Abbey

"Excluding myself from school activities. I missed out on a huge amount of fun with my friends."

Kathy Atwood

"I would play basketball my senior year."

Jessica Smith

"I would relax more and not worry so much about my grades."

Tracy Weichner

"I don't regret anything. All of the lessons I have learned in high school are going to make me a better and stronger person in my life as an adult."

Rachel Worman

"T-Ping Mrs. Ainslie"

Jason Garrett

"Going to Taco Bell during seminar every Wednesday with Ryan Peck and Andy Miller by saying we were little PALS and getting caught. We got an ISS and were confined to seminar for nine weeks."

Greg Gibbs

"I would have tried harder to get better grades."

Shawna Gowanlock

"Telling Mr. Bunker that it takes a real man to wear a pink shirt"

Cortney King

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?

"When I was getting off the bus, I slipped on ice and did the splits. The bad thing was I had black pants on that showed white salt spots from the sidewalk."

Ann VanAlter

"When I won the Biology I award as a freshman and was booed because my dad was the teacher."

Andy Miller

"I was at Meijers with Cortney and Aaron and I opened the bathroom door to find an old lady sitting on the stool. I ran away and could hear her screaming 'Shut the door! Oh please, shut the door!'"

Elizabeth Howard

"In advanced biology when I tried to flip the cat out of the bag and it flew out and sailed across the room."

Ervin Hearn

"When I passed out in the computer class my junior year. I woke up to Miss Abbuhl slapping me and all I could say was 'oops, I feel asleep.' She didn't buy it and I spent seven hours in the emergency room."

Jamie Hawkins

"Running the hurdles in nothing but my underwear and spikes my sophomore year. I wasn't afraid to bear it all."

Jerome Sulvas

"I was at a freshman basketball game and I had dress shoes on and I fell down the bleachers! The whole section clapped and whistled when I got up."

Jennifer Dryer

"I was in chorale and I had went to the bathroom and when I came back Jocelyn told me that my dress was tucked in my nylons."

Colleen Conklin

"My junior year I received mysterious deliveries of flowers and balloons for about six Fridays in a row. All the card said was a question mark so I never knew who it was from."

Michelle Bauer

"My junior year at our scrimmage at Southgate Aquanious. I made the tackle and my pants fell half-way down."

Steve Adams



Remembering... *our school years and years*

(far center) Megan Palmer, Justin Farr, Shannon Pierce, Jessica Smith, Melissa Roberts, Nicole Howe, Michelle Bauer, Chris Ellsey and Jennifer Dryer

(below) Katie Woodland smiles for during preschool graduation.



(below) Lisa Cole shows off her pretty smile during a "fashion show."



Some of the best things in people's lives are their memories, their treasured, remembered moments. Many of these memories happen during their school years. People remember their friends, the fun times they had, fights on the playground, their very first day of kindergarten, their first kiss and the sleepovers that they had with their friends.

Often these memories come from high school. For example, the first day of high school, driving in Driver's Ed afraid that something will go wrong, that nerve racking first date, the excitement of prom, the wacky teachers... for example, who could forget Mr. Benson and his comic stylings? Mr. Ball and his red pen? Mr. Richardson with his spit flying everywhere? And a special memory for the class of 98... to be the first class to graduate from the new Leslie High School!

Katie Woodland said, "My most memorable moment was when I left for lunch with Megan and Melissa. When we came back, Mr. Bouck was in the parking lot and we ended up being late for class because we had to lay on the floor of the car until he was gone."

School memories are cherished, great to talk about with loved ones ten years down the road, and something to always remember both the good and the bad, the funny and the sad.

Memory Lane

What is your most memorable moment from high school?

"In U.S. History when Mike Reese would interrupt the class just to let everyone know that the beeping noise from a truck was his mom backing up."

Derek Ward

"Bringing the girls basketball program at Leslie from rags to riches in four years."

Courtney Ward

"When Jackie made me pay at a bad gas station at 2:00 AM, there was a big scary guy inside, and she locked the doors on me when I came out."

Leigh Waldron

"When our girls basketball team won Districts."

Jessica Smith

"Leaving for lunch with Melissa and Megan. When we came back Mr. Bouck was in the parking lot and we were late for class because we had to hide on the floor of the car until he was gone."

Katie Woodland

"Picking on Jeff Feazel when Mrs. Val assigned me as "fashion police" in World History."

Jennifer Sherrell

"When Josh Reasoner and David Adair tried to tie me to a flagpole at Jackie Stewart's birthday party. I was dragging Reasoner around the yard and finally they tied me to the flagpole."

Kim Stevens

"When we had the "ghetto bus" on our band Virginia trip. We broke down with two different buses before we finally got a decent one for the trip home."

Gwenn Stensrud

"Shooting a 148 at golf regionals my freshman year."

Greg Gibbs

"Going prom dress shopping with Tracy, Lisa, Brenda, Heather and Derek!"

Shawna Gowanlock

"Wrecking my car at the beginning of my senior year. Right after I bought it I slid down into a tree."

Jamie Hawkins

"When I was putting highlights in Stephanie's hair, and it turned purple and then white. She screamed "I have cabbage patch hair!"

Elizabeth Howard

"The time I lied to Mr. Ball and told him I stole food from people sleeping in the hospital."

Mike Palmer

"Skipping Mr. Ball's class and then running into him about five minutes before class ended."

Jessica Quainton

(below) Shannon Pierce and Lisa Cole show off their fuzzy little friend.



(below right) Jerome Gulvas shows off his studly chest to Ryan Peck and Gwenn Stensrud

(below) Katie Woodland and class sit happily on Valentine's Day



(below) Erika Flannery and Katie Woodland show off their pretty smiles during a slumber party.



(far left) Melissa Roberts is happy to ride the pony.

(left) Jessica Smith, Melissa Roberts, Nicole Howe and Katie Woodland are enjoying their time on the monkey bars at recess.

(left) Cortney King quietly lays by herself



(left) Jennifer Dryer sits in the old high school gym during a graduation ceremony.

(above left) Ryan Peck in his younger years.



Senior

(below) Senior Megan Palmer rides in the traditional Homecoming parade before the big game. Palmer was later chosen as Homecoming Queen.

(far below) At the ground breaking of the new Leslie library, senior class president Jeff Feazel gives a wonderful speech.



(middle) Between classes senior Melissa Roberts stops at her locker. Melissa played volleyball for the Hawks later that year.



(right) Seniors Kim Stevens and Leigh Waldron have a swinging time at the fall homecoming dance. The dance was decorated to look like a Hawaiian luau.



Abbey, Aaron, Scabby. PAL 2-4, NHS 2-4, Band 1, Chorale 3-4, Quizbowl 3-4, Student Council 1,2,4, French Club 1-4, Play 4, Musicals 2-4, Little PAL 3-4, Close-Up 2, German Exchange 3, Abbey, Robyn, SADD 2-4, Basketball 1-2, Softball 1-2, Cheerleading 3-4, French Club 2-3, HOSTS 4, FIF 13.
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Cowing, Michael
Davenport, Leslie
Davis, Leigh, Cheerleading 1-4, Track 1,2,4, Student Council 2-3, Spanish Club 1-2, Art Club 2-3.
Day, Kenneth

(right) Katie Woodland and Nate Young ride on their homecoming float whose theme was *Aladin*. Once again, the seniors placed first in the float competition.

(far right) While preparing for the big homecoming game, senior Aaron Abbey shows his spirit with a Leslie flag. Abbey contributed to his class by helping assemble the float.



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Class of 1999 Juniors Class of 1999 Class of 1999 Class of 1999 Class of 1999

Andrea Abbey
Jacque Adair
Nicholas Atwood
Melissa Bailey
Katie Barnett
Danielle Barry
Joshua Birmingham



Christopher Blume
James Brownlee
Stacy Budd
Cliffon Carlson
Jenifer Case
Jolene Caudill
Matthew Chamberlain



Krista Charnley
Keri Clark
Nicole Cochran
Melissa Cortis
Kendi Creisher
Sarah Davis
Ryan Dershem



(right) Shawn Viecegli and Krista Charnley hang out during Seminar. Both Viecegli and Charnley were active in the Renaissance Committee.



(far right) Cher DuBois enjoys the dance floor at prom 1998, held on the Michigan Riverboat Princess. Unfortunately, the night ended early because of a malfunctioning generator, but most enjoyed the festivities while they lasted.



(below right) Danielle Shirkey and Brandy Hanson study hard during Seminar. Seminar gave students the opportunity to receive help from others.



Pride at Leslie High

New school receives new respect some believe

Before our new school was built, people would ask, "Where are you from?"

You would respond, "Leslie."

"Where's that?" they would continue to ask.

Then you would describe to them that Leslie is a small town between Lansing and Jackson.

But now that Leslie is in bloom with a new McDonalds and the new high school, things have changed. When people ask, "Where are you from?" and you

answer "Leslie," people are starting to say, "Wow! Do you go to the new school? It's so beautiful. It looks really big from the highway. How do you like it?"

And hopefully, the answer is "We do."

Did the new high school make a difference in the way we are perceived by people outside of Leslie?

Some juniors gave their opinions.

"So-so- I think the older people

do, but I question about the younger ones." **Karen Hart**

"I don't know if it's respect. I think more people want to know what's going on here."

Dave Sartin

"No, I think that more people think we are growing because of the McDonalds."

Charles Smieska

"No, because many people still don't know where we are located. Inside the community, yes because it's a big step up for us."

Jessica Dwight

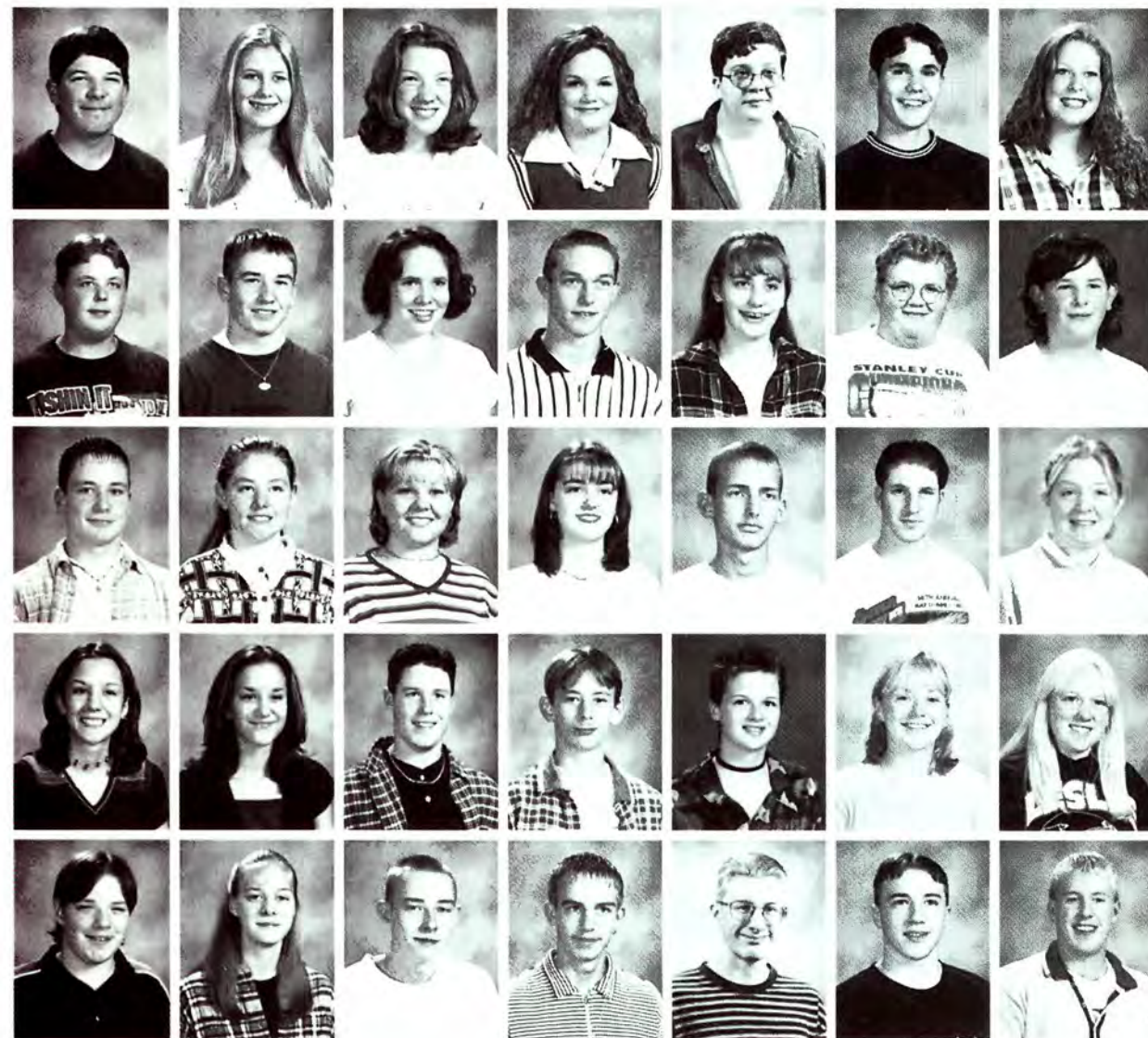
Do you think now that we have our new school people notice us and take more time to stop and let us know that they like our new school?

"Older people do, but people my age don't really care."

Carol Whipple

"Yes, my mom and I always have people say to us that we have a nice school."

Cher DuBois



Jason Drumm
Cher DuBois
Jessica Dwight
Danielle Eldred
Michael Emery
Brad Evans
Jamie Faist

Kyle Fogg
Lucas Foster
Elizabeth Freedberg
Dwayne Friedman
Elisabeth Furgala
Ted Furgala
Travis Galbraith

Donavon Grimes
Billie Hammond
Amy Hanson
Brandy Hanson
Nickolas Hardy
Jason Haring
Heather Harmon

Kacy Hart
Karen Hart
Jeffery Hatch
Justin Haynes
Jill Heathman
Allison Hemstreet
Holly Higbie

Brian Horton
Misty Horton
Michael Hunter
Eric Isham
Jeff Kasmar
William Keller
Ian Kevorkian

First impressions of new school

Newschool brings new spirit and attitude

Our new high school... simply amazing.

Over the summer, people would drive down the highway and look at the school as it was being built. Day by day the school was coming closer and closer to being completed and anticipation about the final product grew.

As the school year started and the halls began to overflow with students, the school was still not done. Some wings looked more like construction zones than school rooms. The construction workers were busy putting the finishing touches in nearly every room for the first half of the school year. But in the end, it was worth the wait.

The school was color coded in red, green, and blue hallways to help students and visitors find their way around. Many students thought having the colored halls helped them get to their classes on time in the first few weeks of school. Others thought the colored halls just made it even more confus-

to LHS juniors: Be proud!

ing.

The design of the school was different than the old school. The old square design was replaced with wings. By having the wings, the school can add on if it is necessary in the future and every room has windows, a real pleasure for some teachers who felt that they never saw daylight during the winter.

First impressions of the building usually noted how beautiful and improved our new school looked. Students thought that the school looked very remarkable. A small minority disagreed.

"We didn't need a new school," was the opinion of Kim Schmelter.

With the new school came a new spirit from most of the students and faculty at LHS. Pep assemblies became pre-game rallies and were more exciting than the assemblies at the old high school. Several assemblies were held

during the school day in the new auditorium.

What features of the new school do students like the most? Answers varied, but the number one response was the one given by Jamie Faist.

"The **AUDITORIUM!** It's gorgeous," commented Faist, who wowed crowds as the lead in this year's musical "The King and I."

Others found positive points in the sports area.

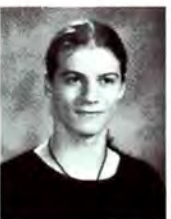
"I like the weight room because it's so much bigger and more advanced than the old one. It's a lot easier to get more people to lift at one time because it's so big," stated Eric Isham.

Even though the school was not done when school started, the school turned out all right. At sporting events and other community occasions, people from Leslie and the surrounding areas complemented us on how big and beautiful our new high school looks.

We should be proud.

by Autumn Mentink

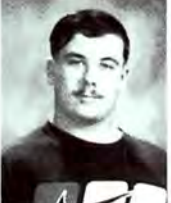
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Nathan Pierce
Beth Pratt
Jason Quainton
Daniel Rae
Mariah Robbins
Richard Samulak
David Sartin



Kimberly Schmelter
Danielle Shirkey
Charles Smieska
Elisha Smith
Dominica St. Onge
Angela Stanley
Joylyn Stover



Juniors



Heather Taylor
Alexander Terpay
Cody Toves
Jason Underwood
Shawn Vieceili
Adam Wade
Brent Waldofsky



Estella Ward
Marci Ward
Holly Werkema
John White
Melissa Yeager



Not
Pictured

Terence Barnett
Shannon Ellis
Jamie Felgenhauer
Chad Fillingham
Marten Garcia
Tanaya King
April Neal
Brian Roark
Brian Rodriguez
Carol Whipple
Bryan Wood

(left) Nick Atwood and Brent Waldofsky work together to build the eagle for the Homecoming float. The two worked extremely hard to get their project done on time.



(above left) Krista Charnley, Adam Wade, Ryan Dershem, Joy Stover, and Paul Samulak gather together. All five are involved in National Honor Society.

(left) Members of the junior class work hard to get their homecoming float completed. Their float's theme this year was Robin Hood.

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Sophomores

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Erin Adams
Yionne Alexander
Jon Andrus
Johnathon Arras
Kari Bashore
Renea Beegle
Daniel Berry



Rebecca Bidstrup
Denise Body
Mark Bolin
Jessica Bracey
Melissa Brattain
Arthur Brewer
Brian Brown



Joseph Brown
James Byrum
Michelle Carne
Christopher Chamberlain
Eric Coppernoll
Clinton Cox
Elizabeth Craddock



(above) Jolene Love, Erin Adams and Betsy Wright take time out to show their bright whites. All three are active in student council.



(above right) Sara Schmit and Adam Olney study vigorously during seminar. These two were active in this year's musical "The King and I."



(right) Bobbi Shirkey and Rob Stierley affectionately show their care for one another. Both were active in fall and winter sports.

Role Models

look up to or look down upon?

Are today's role models really people to look up to or are they people who should be looked down upon?

The quality of role models is failing. Role models are usually actors, actresses and sports stars. But now these people are teaching America the wrong way to behave.

One example took place in Nagano, Japan, at the winter Olympics. Ross Reblugatti, the snow border from Canada, was stripped of his gold medal because he tested positive for marijuana usage during a random drug test. But he got his medal back because he stated that he was only around his friends while they smoked it. This showed children all around the world that you can be a drug user and still be an Olympic gold medallist.

Sophomore debate on national issues

At least one LHS sophomore is troubled by today's role models.

"I think today's role models are a lot worse than what they used to be. They're setting bad examples now instead of good ones," stated Kim Johnson.

Other "heroes" that have provided wrong moral messages include Latrel Spreewell, from the Golden State Warriors, who attempted to strangle his coach during an argument. Michigan State's Mateen Cleaves and NBA's Chris Webber were arrested for alcohol and drug use.

Even our President, Bill Clinton, who is now involved in more than one sex scandal, has sent the message to American youth

that it is okay to be unfaithful to your wife or husband.

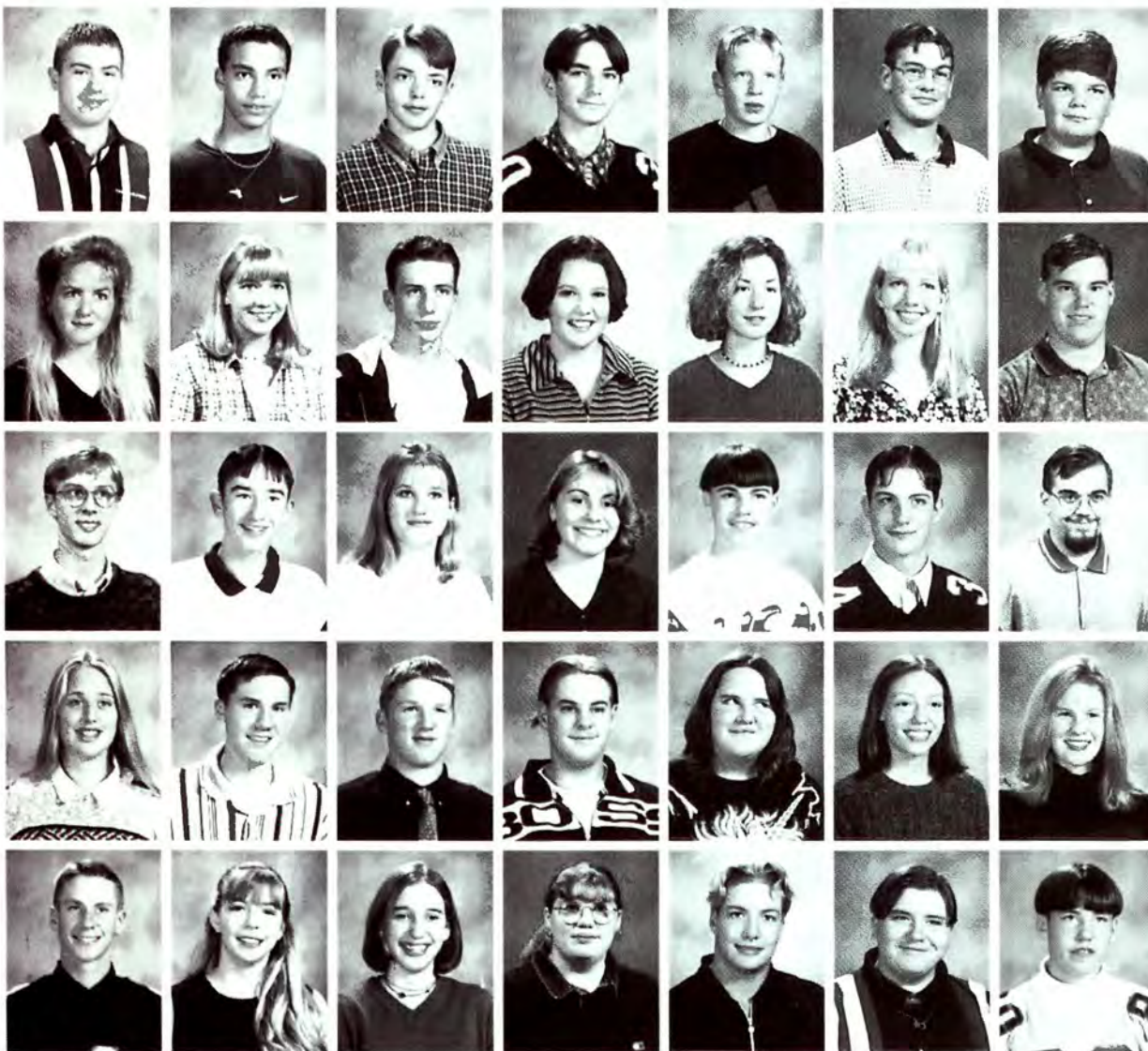
But not everyone believes that Clinton's entanglements are problematic.

"I feel that the Clinton sex scandal is ridiculous. Who cares what he does outside of the office? It isn't anyone's business. The media has taken it way out of proportion. Nobody cares!" commented Erin Adams.

But others find the lack of moral integrity in our leaders irresponsible.

"It's disgusting. These 'role models' don't take responsibility for their actions," said Rebecca Haynes.

Shawna Gowanlock



Michael Crisp
Connor Culp
Ryan Davis
Michael DeLazzer
Ronald Dexter
Matthew Diamond
Jeremy Drumm

Stephanie Drummond
Kate Eldred
Tomas Ellsey
Kenzi Evans
Ashley Feazel
Jennifer Filday
Brian Fletcher

Adam Fogg
Mark Foster
Stacey Foster
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Rodney Goddard
Nicholas Good
Bradley Hager

Jessica Hardy
Corey Haskell
Jeremy Hatherly
Jeremy Hawkins
Rebecca Haynes
Kathryn Herman
Rebekah Howard

John Hunter
Lindsey James
Alison Jennings
Kimberly Johnson
Jerrod Jones
Robert Keesler
Brian Keith

(far right) Jennifer King, Nicole Risky and Bobbi Shirkey enjoy their lunch. Students now can enjoy the pleasant surroundings of the new commons area rather than the old cafeteria.

(above right) Mark Foster looks through the doorway seeking action in the hallways. Foster is active in basketball, baseball and golf.

(right) Jesse Rupert and Nick Good enjoy relaxing in the gym during lunch. The gym is a common place to find students during lunches.



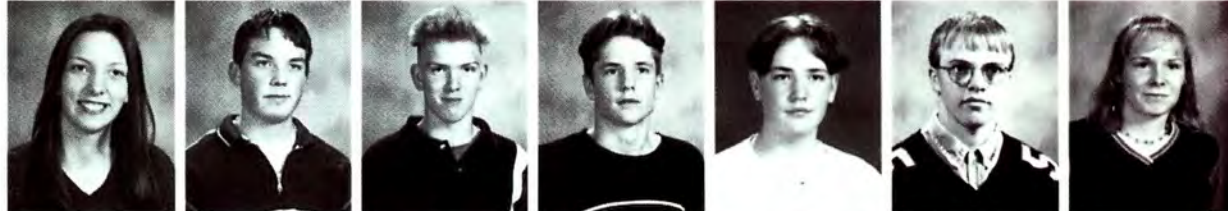
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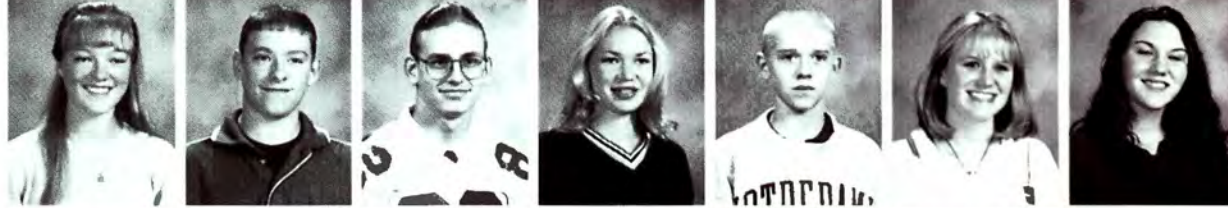
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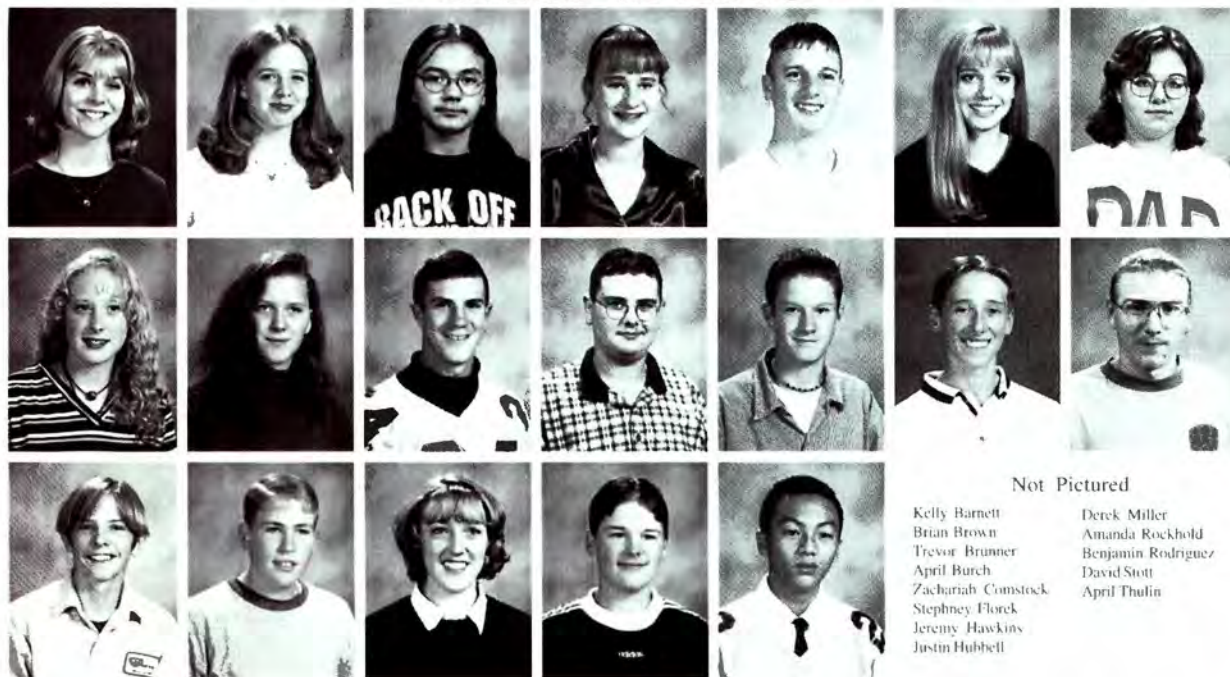
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Nicole Risky
Sara Risner



Jessee Rupert
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April Schulz
Joshua Severy
Orville Shepherd
Rebekah Shirkey



Sophomores



Roberta Shirkey
Monica Smith
Terry Smyth
Amanda Southwick
Robert Steirley
Lacey Stiff
Cherrish Teachout

Lynnette Theodorou
Nicole Toburen
Joshua VanDyke
Corey Walker
Casey Ward
Derick Ward
Eugene Weishaupt

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Kelly Barnett
Brian Brown
Trevor Brunner
April Burch
Zachariah Comstock
Stephney Florek
Jeremy Hawkins
Justin Hubbell
Derek Miller
Amanda Rockhold
Benjamin Rodriguez
David Stott
April Thulin

Justin Wood
Lance Woodland
Elizabeth Wright
Jeremy Wright
Jack Yang

Driver's Education drives out of Leslie and cruises into our pocketbooks

Due to changes in state regulations and budget cuts, Leslie schools no longer provide Driver's Education. Therefore, students were forced to pay companies such as E Z Way and Sears Driving School in order to learn driving tactics. Here's what students have to say about the new policy....

"I think that it is a good idea because it allows you more driving time."

Lindsey James

"I like the new policy. Teenagers need more driving time, but a lot of people depended upon the school for Driver's Ed. because other places are so expensive."

Jessica Mignard

"I believe that Driver's Ed. should be taught in schools. If schools aren't going to provide a free Driver's Ed. class then the state or school should help pay for driving school."

Holly Higbie

"I feel that the new policy is a bunch of bull. It's not about safer drivers. It's all about money. It's a separation. It's like only the rich will get a license and the poor won't."

Jack Yang

"I don't mind it. It is not good for those who can't afford \$250 for a Driver's Ed. course, but I believe that you are in a better learning environment in a different program, if you can afford it."

Adam Fogg

"The new policy I believe will cut down on accidents. By Leslie schools not having a Driver's Ed. a lot of students won't have enough money to take it somewhere else."

Rodney Goddard

"I think they shouldn't have cut it from the school because we need those classes to pass Driver's Training. Nobody wants to go and spend over \$60 on a class when they could just have it at school."

Lacey Richards

"I don't think it was right for them to take away Driver's Ed. We have had it in Leslie for a long time and now they take it away. Some people don't have the money for it. What about them?"

Amanda Southwick

"It doesn't really matter as long as I get my license."

Nick Good

"I think it's an upset for the kids who haven't taken it yet. They shouldn't have cut it. It's a bunch of crap."

Derek Miller

"I think that all of the requirements now are much more stricter than I feel they should be, but I know why they are doing it that way. There are too many accidents with teens and reckless driving."

Erin Adams

Freshmen

Class of 2001 Class of 2001 Class of 2001 Class of 2001 Class of 2001 Class of 2001

Jennifer Abbott
Shannon Ackley
Crystal Alexander
Kristen Allender
April Ambs
Jessica Ambs
Jodi Baker



Deanna Barnett
Brad Barratt
Christina Bauer
Eric Baze
Billy Beers
Ramone Benavidez
Jennifer Bergey



Andrew Betts
Jacob Beyer
Nicole Bidstrup
Dessiree Blatt
Ashley Boertman
Jared Bowen
Joshua Bradford



(above left) Jacob Flannery tries to get all of his work done on time. Flannery was a part of the varsity wrestling team.



(above far right) Abbie Clemetsen, Ashley Boertman, and Kristen Allender enjoy time together. All three girls were active in sports this year.



(right) Brad Newman, Jared Bowen, and T.J. Waldofsky show that seminar is a serious matter to them. Waldofsky played varsity basketball this year as a freshman.

Freshman Flicks

Movies that created delight and disdain for movie-goers

"Titanic" a winner; "Spice Girls" NOT!

According to LHS freshmen, 1997-1998 was a great time for movies. Freshman spent numerous Friday nights at the movie theaters laughing, crying or making fun of a show. The types of movies differed from person to person, but this year's comedy and horror flicks were certainly the most popular.

Going to the movies isn't just about seeing a show; it is a great opportunity to spend time with friends, sit back, and relax. When asked about the best movie they had seen all year, most freshmen came back with one choice-

Titanic.

"*Titanic* because it was based on a true story which made it very interesting," commented Brad Dunlap.

"*Titanic* because it was so romantic with some action to go along with it all," agreed Jaci Custer.

"*Titanic*. I loved how they recreated it so it could be just like the real thing. It also had a very cute actor in it," said Kristen Allender.

Titanic not only dominated

the box office and broke record sales; it was an overwhelming favorite of the freshmen. However, surprising to some, *Titanic* was not everyone's favorite.

"*Conair* was my favorite because you don't really know what is going to happen. You expect one thing but get another," commented Brad Newman.

"*Good Will Hunting* was the best. I laughed, I cried, and I just loved it! Were you expecting *Titanic*?" said Sarah Fogg.

But not all movies that came

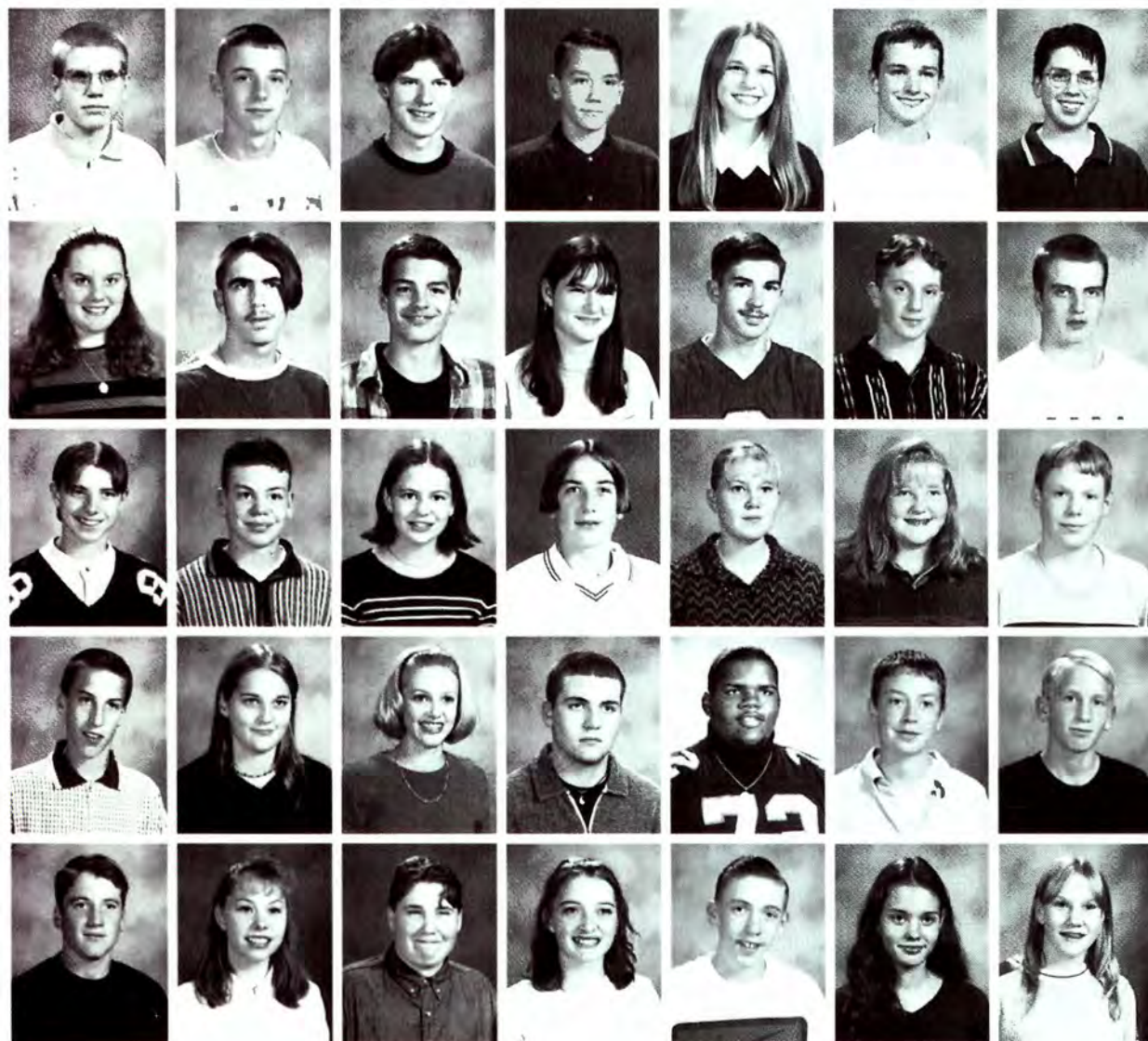
to the big screen were great, and freshmen did not have any trouble naming some of the year's worst movies.

"*Spice World*- it was pointless and the music almost killed me," said Sarah Dunn.

"*Batman Forever*, they need to stop making those movies," complained Nikki Bidstrup.

Movies, good and bad, gave freshmen something to talk about in 1997-98.

by Krista Charnley



Christopher Brown
Curt Campbell
Matthew Carey
Raymond Chouinard
Abbie Clemetsen
Kenneth Coatsworth
Christopher Croel

Jacqueline Custer
Daniel Davenport
Jeffrey Davis
Sarah Day
Kalen Dexter
Andrew Dornbush
Brian Doty

Thomas Dumbald
Bradley Dunlap
Sarah Dunn
Troy Durgan
Erikka Ettinger
Jessica Faist
Christopher Fauser

Jacob Flannery
Stephanie Flannery
Sarah Fogg
Devon Fox
Lem Franks
Sean Freedburg
Nicholas Ganaway

Jeremiah Gibbs
Jeana Graves
James Gray
Jessica Greer
Nicholas Hager
Lauren Hamilton
Jamie Hanson

If you could be any character in a movie... Who would it be and Why?

✧ "Jennifer Aniston. She has the coolest hair styles and clothes. She always plays an interesting character."

Abbie Clemetsen

✧ "I would be the mystery in *Lost Highway*. He just appears out of nowhere and has a rockin' theme song. He can be more than one person and has powers."

Miranda Krajniak

✧ "Rose in *Titanic*. She gets to kiss Leo. Or Chunk in *Goonies*— he's so fat and squeezable. I'd marry him."

Kristi Hatch

✧ "Mr. Bean because I wouldn't have to learn any lines and I would still make a lot of money."

Jamie Hanson

✧ "Ricki Lake in *Hairspray*"

Josh Bradford

✧ "I would be myself in any movie because being someone else is difficult because everybody has problems and adventures to fulfill."

Linda Yang

✧ "Helen Hunt. She is always so funny and she gets great parts in movies."

Krista Ross

✧ "Rose from *Titanic* because she got the chance to work with Leonardo DiCaprio."

Christina Olsen

Michael Hanson
Paul Harmon
Kristi Hatch
Jacob Hawkins
Rafael Hernandez
Kristie Higelmire
Andrew Horton



Mike Horton
Hattie Humphrey
Dayne Jacobs
Melissa Janeway
Jessica Jefferson
Sarah Johnson
Steve Jones



Terry Jordan
Amber Joseph
Melissa Kaatz
Natasha Kirchmeier
Miranda Krajniak
Steven Lawrence
Lauren LeBlanc



Travis MacArthur
John Major
Karina Marshall
Kate Mata
Rebecca McGlothen
Benjamin Miller
Kevin Miller



Christina Morton
Paul Murray
Lynsay Myers
Justin Neu
Bradley Newman
Christina Olson
Lindsay Palmer



Freshmen

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

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

Jennifer Smith
Tylee Smith
Shelby Stensrud
Elizabeth Stewart
Karen Stone
Tammy Stone
Bethany Stover

Robert Stuart
Bobby Jean Taylor
James Thornsberry
Ronald Thornsberry
Mark Underwood
Michelle Valdez
Thomas Waldofsky

Samantha Wandel
Heather Werkema
Samuel Whiting
Christin Wyman
Christopher Wyman
Linda Yang
Jesse Zarb

Not Pictured

Jessica DeLombard
Michael Felgenhauer
Nathan Glason
Randy Hills
Devon Jones
Heidi McNally
Amy Rogers
Amanda Rudd
Julia Szymczak
Nicole Wartella



(left) Kristie Hatch, Jackie Custer and Sarah Fogg fool around during Seminar. All three girls found that enjoyment can often be a difficult task in some seminars.

Faculty

Kathy Abbuhl
Pat Ainslie
Thomas Ball
Carl Bunker
Marie Charney
Diane Detore
Shelley Fassezke



Marie Fisher
Lori Haskell
Linda Hecker
Janine Huisjen
Alice Kenyon
Greg Lattig
Jean Maiville



George Manson
Jeff Manthei
Phyllis O'Connor
Deborah Premoe
Cindy Robins
Beverly Sachar
Tom Shafer



Mike Sova
Christine Stehouwer
Susan Fritz Taylor
Tom Todd
Gail Vallillee



★ LHS
Staff

Not Pictured

Bill Allender
Bruce Barbour
Rhonda Bennett
Charlie Benson
Maxine Budzynski
Gerri Craddock
Kathy Dunlap
Kitty Good
Bernice Hobart
Brent Hoffman
Robert Howe
Terri Jo Humphrey
Fonda Kannawin
Pat Lynch
Wayne Miller
Margie Pugh
JoAnn Rhoades
Keith Richardson
Ed Schmidt
Rebecca Scofield
Richard Shambarger
Nancy Sheldon

Connie Smith
Pat Stover
Shelly Trotter
Bob VanDyke
Chris Wright
Becky Wicks



Carol Franz and Jean Maiville guide the cheerleaders through their cheers. Both put forth a lot of effort towards the cheerleading team at Leslie High School.



Greg Lattig stands next to the concession stand making sure everything goes alright. He can usually be found scheduling athletic events.



(left) Jeff and Meri Manthei are enjoying themselves at prom. Mr. Manthei can often be found patrolling the halls of the high school. Mrs. Manthei is a kindergarten teacher at the elementary school.

(below) Teacher Christy Stehouwer mans the door and hands out tokens for pop during prom held on the Michigan Princess Riverboat. Little did the prom-goers suspect that their evening would end earlier than expected because of a problem with the generator which cut off electricity to the boat.



(far left) High school secretary Shelly Trotter attends parent's night. Trotter is always a friendly and busy person holding the school together from her desk in the main office.



(left) Business and computer applications teacher Kathy Ahbuhl helps choir director Rebecca Scofield put her stoll on as both prepare for Honors Night festivities.

(middle left) Following the mock accident, counselor Tom Todd and teachers Bruce Barbour and Carl Bunker stand in the bleachers and watch the students depart. The mock accident was held to show students what the deadly results of drinking and driving can be.

What are some advantages that you appreciate about the new school?

"Looks, prestige of a new facility- giving students a sense of 'finally being in the map' and feeling able to finally compete with other schools in our league regarding facilities."

Susan Taylor

"The bulk heads for overhead projection and the new auditorium with dressing rooms and work areas."

Gail Vallillee

"All the positive comments from the community plus having a new auditorium, more storage space, and attractive work stations."

Shelly Trotter

Is the new high school how you pictured it would be?

"Yes, and it's going to be wonderful when it's all done. Technology wise it will be one of the best high schools in Michigan."

Charles Benson

"Parts are better than I imagined, including the auditorium and impressive appearance from the highway. But others are disappointing, particularly the implementation of technology. We have not caught up to where we were last year. Hopefully this will change soon and the building will be all that it promised to be."

Shelley Fassezke

(right) Bill Allender prepares for the honors night festivities at LHS. This was the first year he participated in Honors Night by wearing a gown.



(far right) Maxine Budzynski and Alice Kenyon work diligently at prom. Prom this year was held on the Michigan Princess Riverboat.





(above far left) Greg Lattig and Larry Campbell announce and keep track of the score at an LHS volleyball game. This was Lattig's first year as athletic director.

(above left) Coach Carl Bunker encourages the volleyball players to try their hardest. Bunker teaches English as well as coaching volleyball.

(left) Deborah Premoe, Lori Haskell and Gail Vallillee help Jeff Manthei straighten his sash before graduation. Every year the staff struggles with the correct way of adjusting the sashes.

Did you know?

Match each name to the fact

This person....

- A) retired this year
- B) once drank water out of a ditch on a dare
- C) enjoys riding dirt bike motorcycles.
- D) once put 300 "For Sale" signs in the front yard of the school
- E) was once quoted in Newsweek magazine
- F) lived in the basement of a church for two years
- G) favorite saying is "first mistake I ever made."
- H) once threw a dead mole at an unnamed LHS student
- I) would like to start a dance class at LHS
- J) went skydiving in High School
- K) lived with a ghost
- L) was a competitive power lifter
- M) taught three students who are now professional athletes

- 1) Shelley Fassezke
- 2.) Jeff Manthei
- 3.) Christine Steyhower
- 4.) Bruce Barbour
- 5.) Charles Benson
- 6.) Shelly Trotter
- 7.) Deborah Premoe
- 8.) Lori Haskell
- 9.) Ed Schmit
- 10.) Pat Lynch
- 11.) Marie Charnley
- 12.) Bill Allender
- 13.) Bob Howe

Answers: 1) F 2) D 3) C 4) G 5) A 6) J 7) M 8) I 9) L 10) K 11) B 12) H 13) E

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 is all about to happen, whether you're ready or not.

READY?

...OR...

NO

Every fall, the student body steps out of its regular schedule and enters the week of Homecoming. You and your friends get to dress up for a dance, underclassmen included, and cheer the football team on. But... is that float ready? Did the decorations for the dance get made? Where is that DJ?...

Everyone anxiously awaits that wonderful May day when friends and couples dress up for the senior's last formal dance of their high school career. Hopefully every girl makes her hair appointment on time and every guy acquires a suitable car for his date. Also, dining arrangements are made ahead of time... but are you going to make it on time?

Of course, there is graduation, which asks the big question; Are we prepared for the real world? Are we ready to leave our school, our friends, our way of life for the past 12 years? Are we ready to take that step into the unknown, the future?

Much of our future is shaped by the decisions we make at school. Life becomes a stage, yet unlike the school play, we don't get to rehearse our scenes. It is a challenge that a life of schooling tries to prepare us for. Are you ready to take the final leap into freedom?... or not?



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DRESS UP DAYS!



MONDAY:

Tie-dye day



TUESDAY:

Crazy Sports Day



WEDNESDAY:

Hawaiian Luau Day.

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THURSDAY:

TOGA/DRESSUP DAY



FRIDAY:

Orange and Black Spirit Day

(below left) The junior class float featured Robin Hood, including Missy Yeager, Sarah Davis, Mariah Robbins, and Brent Waldofski.



(below) The sophomore class float featured Snow White, including Sara Schmidt.



(above) The winners of class king and queen, which was announced at half time of the football game. Jerome Gulvas and Shannon Pierce

(above right) "A cheerleader I would be..." Members of the girls varsity basketball team provided incredible entertainment and a few hearty laughs during the pep assembly when they tried different sports, singing "If I weren't a basketball player a (fill in sport) I would be."



(above) The Leslie Homecoming Court. Back row: Joey Reasoner, Shannon Pierce, Jerome Gulvas, Courtney Ward, Megan Palmer, Jeremiah Ettinger, Erika Flannery, David Adair. Front row: Josh Bradford, Loren Hamilton, Holly Werkema, Ryan Dershem, Bobbi Shirkey, Rob Stierley.

Homecoming festivities

Game a loss but the week showed renewed spirit and pride

Fall homecoming came around once again, only this year, this time everything was different. With the new high school and the new football field, a new found sense of pride was evident in the students and staff of LHS.

The dress-up days, traditional each year, weren't exactly exciting, but with the new sense of pride, the students and a few zany staff members made them interesting and fun. Monday was Tie- Dye day, Tuesday was Crazy sports day, Wednesday was Hawaiian Day, Thursday was dress up day for the underclassmen and toga day for the seniors and Friday was the traditional Orange and Black

day. Friday the students really got involved with dressing up and especially with the pregame rally (a new term for pep assembly). A few students even sported orange and black faces.

Friday also brought the return of another LHS tradition-- the spirit stick. Each class passed around the spirit stick to forgetful members who did not start a conversation with the special Hawk greeting. The individuals stuck with the stick at the end of the day had to perform in front of the school at the pregame rally.

A possibly new tradition culminated during Friday's pregame rally with the parade of

mini-sized floats that competed for prize money. Several groups including Spanish Club, French Club, PALs and SADD decorated a wagon to the homecoming theme of Disney movies.

The class floats were all a success, unlike some in the past years. The theme was fun to play with, and all of the classes had a lot of fun carrying out their plans as they flaunted their creations including Aladin. The parade was also a success. There were many participants in the annual event. The cheerleaders were pumped up and so was the crowd.

That night, unfortunately, our Leslie football players failed to

carry home the victory flag, but despite the loss everyone still managed to have a blast at the Hawaiian luau. There was a huge turnout at the luau, and that could also have something to do with the new school and the bigger commons area.

The winners of homecoming king and queen were Jeremiah Ettinger and Megan Palmer, the class king and queen were Jerome Gulvas and Shannon Pierce.

Although the game was a disappointment, the night over all was a blast!

Stacey Budd



(above top) The senior class tackled Aladin for its Disney theme. The giant blue Genie watched over Nate Young and his princess Jasmine.



(far above) The finale of Homecoming week, the Hawaiian luau included dancing, decorations and the leis.

(above) Taking a break from senior class float building, Jackie Stewart enjoys some food. Before she graduated, Stewart traded her last name in for Place because she got married the weekend between prom and graduation.



(above) Members of the varsity football team tear through the barrier the cheerleaders set up. Spirits were high, but unfortunately the guys didn't pull off the win.

You said **WHAT** about **Winter Homecoming**



"I thought it was really funny when all the decorations started falling down at the dance."

Billy Bears

"The dance could have been in a better setting, but dinner was fun."

Bethany Stover

ODDS & ENDS

- ♦ This was the first Semiformal dance at our school!
- ♦ Although the basketball team lost, wrestling and volleyball did very well!

Winter Homecoming Activities

The week that did not meet expectations

Winter Homecoming was a bit lacking this year, which is not unusual for the second Homecoming of the school year. Enthusiasm wasn't as high as in years past and the dress up days didn't have the high levels of participation that fall Homecoming enjoys.

Yet the week had some interesting moments to chase away the winter doldrums.

Monday was your usual school day with no Homecoming activities planned. On Tuesday's Winter day, good-willed students bundled up in gloves and other cold weather clothes to take part in the festivities. Wednesday was Twin day when many members of the student body chose

one of their friends and dressed as much alike as they possibly could. How cute!

For Thursday, most students donned hearts, pink and red apparel, and other associated items so they could be little cupids. As expected there was the traditional orange and black day on Friday. The pep assembly on Friday got school spirit up a bit.

As for the basketball battle, this year our prey was the Lansing Christian Pilgrims. The game should have been an easy victory with the Hawks slaughtering the Pilgrims, but unfortunately, the rivalry did not run as smoothly as planned. The Hawks lost.

To end the fun, a semiformal

dance was held on Saturday, February 7 in the commons. Student Council decorated the area in a Valentine's decor, and the place looked sharp. Everyone showed up looking better than usual with the girls dressed in prom-like dresses and the guys were at least wearing a nice shirt, tie, and dress slacks.

The dance provided a nice chance for interested students to show off their best instead of just having the usual jeans and sweatshirt attire.

And so the week of winter Homecoming ended, better than it started, but not up to the standard of its fall counterpart.

Sarah Risner



(above) Taking a break from dancing, it look as if Holly Werkema and Eric Isham are enjoying themselves.

(right) A group of fancied up young women take a timeout for a picture.



Close-Up Game

The old geezers win

It happened on a cold March night in the Leslie High School gymnasium, the school's finest athletes were going up against who? The teachers!

Yes, you read correctly. Our school's ancient faculty crawled out of their wheelchairs long enough to play a game of basketball.

I've heard from an inside source that before the game the locker rooms reeked of Bengay, Metamucil, and Preparation-H. It must have worked, though, because the teachers came out ready and raring to go.

Unlike most basketball games, this one was for more than just fun. The proceeds from the Student Faculty game went towards Close-

Up's trip to Washington DC.

Some of the games leading scorers, for those of us that haven't entered the world of arthritis, were Mole (Brandon Turner), and Luke Foster each with ten points. Jessica Smith also racked up six points.

Faculty members that managed to score a few points were Larry Campbell with thirteen, Jose Andrades added ten, and Bruce Barbour pulled in nine.

Although, you can bet that the next day they were complaining about pulled muscles, the Metamucil, Bengay, and Preparation H must have paid off for the faculty because they pulled off a win over the students 61-58.

Can you believe it?

Sarah Risner

(below left) "Oh my goodness, are they twins?" one might exclaim if they saw this picture of Melissa Roberts, Courtney Ward, Jeff Feazel, and Jerome Gulvas.

(bottom) Exhausted from dancing, Katie Woodland and Megan Palmer rest at their table.

(below) The Dogg Pound, which consisted of Kelly Andrus, Megan Palmer, Jill Joseph, Michelle Bauer, Katie Woodland, Hillary Werkema, and Robyn Abbey, joyfully cheered on their fellow students.



ODDS & ENDS

- ♦ Teachers won the game 61-58!
- ♦ It was the first Student Faculty at the new high school!
- ♦ The cheerleaders for the students were the Doggpound

You said
about the

Close Up Game

"They (the teachers), wouldn't have won if they didn't have Mr. Andrades."

Courtney Olney



"The faculty team predicted they'd win, and they achieved this goal."

Mr. Andrades

You said
WHAT
about
HEAVEN
can WAIT



"Working in the new auditorium was like Christmas to me!"

Gail Vallilee

"The play was entertaining and comical at times."

Jerome Gulvas

ODDS & ENDS

- ✓ *Heaven Can Wait* was the first production in the new auditorium.
- ✗ There is a 60 foot fly space in the auditorium.
- ✓ The original play was pushed back almost a month because of unfinished construction.

The Show **MUST** Go On!

Ah...show business. Such a wonderful experience. With the new auditorium, the play and the musical were sure to be hits. New seats, new stage, new atmosphere, same old wonderful performances.

Gail Vallilee and Rebecca Scofield astounded many as they provided Leslie with a humorous, crafty play and a classic, spell binding musical. Both were stacked with highly talented casts, as well as a collaborative crews. Both productions were hits and appropriate christenings for the beautiful new auditorium.

Vallilee let us laugh hysterically in "Heaven Can Wait," a story about a feisty young boxer who mistakenly is shipped to heaven while he is out flying his plane. He is extremely irate and will not rest until he is placed back into his own body. Unfortunately, his body has been cremated. Through the course of the play, Joe, (Adam Wade) tries to find a new body to start a new life in.

Not everything went as smoothly

as planned, however. At one of the performances, Billy Beers who played the part of Lefty, a trainer, forgot his lines for a few minutes. However, those few minutes of silence seemed like an eternity to an awaiting audience. And there were a couple of times that the curtain was raised before the cast was on the stage. One time was act two, scene one. Wade was on supposed to be talking to Mike Palmer. However the curtain raised too quickly and Wade was rushed onto the stage without his full costume on. Oops! It's moments like this that make a show memorable.

Scofield put on a wonderful performance that was the biggest production a Leslie High School stage has ever seen. Not only did the cast consist of over 70 kids, the use of backdrops and fine acting added to an already classical play.

Jaime Faist played the ever famous Anna Leonowens along side of the King, Jeff Feazel.

The weekend of the musical was

The Play

Adam Wade as
JOE PENDLETON
Mike Palmer as
MR. JORDAN
Joy Stover as
MESSENGER 7013
Leigh Waldron as
JULIA FARSWORTH

flawless. Everything was in place and three performances were near sell outs in the 500 seat auditorium.

The administration allowed the student body to see an unscheduled version of the musical. Though not in full costume, (hair and tanning lotion), the act was still beautiful. It even made the birds sing. One bird flew back and forth across the ceiling before ending its journey on the stage.

Also, during this portion of the musical, Faist tripped on stage during a scene where she was supposed to push one of the Amazons. This trip caused the push to be a little bit harder than expected. In fact, the Amazon, played by Brent Wadolfsky, was knocked down and flew ten feet across stage.

Faist and Feazel played out this extraordinary scene without the slightest hint of distraction, but the Amazons had a hard time controlling their laughter.

Mariah Robbins

RIGHT: Lead Adam Wade, playing Joe Pendleton, casually walks with his former trainer, (Eric Isham), under his arm. In the background, Mike Palmer, portraying Mr. Jordan, shakes his head in disapproval.



The Musical

Jeff Feazel as
THE KING

Jaime Faist as
ANNA LEONOWENS

Gwenn Stensrud as
LADY THIANG

Mike Palmer as
THE KRALAHOME



LEFT: Palace servant, Justin Wood, performs part of the play inside the musical, during "The King and I." This shot is very lucky because most of the time Wood was on his knees.

BELOW: The cast and crew of "Heaven Can Wait" enjoy their time off stage, though not literally. These smiling faces have much to be happy about as they had a wonderful performance as the first play in the new LHS auditorium.

ODDS & ENDS

✓ Proper attire for a production of this caliber is worn to show respect.

✓ Over 90 Leslie community students were involved in this fabulous production.

You said
WHAT
about

The **King**
and I



"One thing that really sticks out in my mind was the spectacular staging. With rented backdrops and colorful costumes it made the musical visually very exciting."

Rebecca Scofield

"My brother was the cutest kid in the musical. Not only was his performance astounding but the entire cast did a beautiful job."

Rachel Worman



ABOVE: Tuptim, played by Erin Adams, sings her sorrowful tale of being given to the King but being in love with another man. In the musical, her tale becomes tragic as she and her lover die at the hands of the King's men.

LEFT: Anna Leonowens, (Jaime Faist) sings to her students the infamous song, "Getting to Know You." Faist had a very successful year not only in the musical, but also in State Solo and Ensemble where she received a perfect score.



ODDS & ENDS

There are many accidents each year that involve drinking and driving.

The fire department uses mock accidents like this one for training purposes.

**You said
WHAT**
about
the mock
accident?

"It was great. It really inspired me."
—Jeremy Wright

"I don't think people took it as seriously as they should have."
—Dave Sartin

"I thought that it was a good way to show students what can really happen."
—Kiesha Lee

"I loved the mock accident. I felt that it was very informative. was a good thing for SADD to do."
—Jackie Lantz

"I thought the first *King Kong* was more realistic than that."
—Jeff Hatch

"I thought it was very inspirational."
—Allison Hemstreet

(right) A stunned student body witnesses the accident. The accident had a solemn mood to it.

(below left) Adam Olney stumbles out of the wrecked car. Olney was the perpetrator of the accident



(middle above) Colleen Conklin witnesses the mock accident. She was not the only one in the audience amazed by the accident scene and the events that took place there.

(above) Accident victim Amanda Harmon is rescued by firefighters. SADD members portrayed victims.

ACCIDENT SHOCKS *SADD event teaches, reaches*

In the spring SADD sponsored a mock-accident. The event was aimed at preventing students from drinking and driving. SADD members dressed themselves in prom-like attire and acted out a scene of horror and panic.

Some students painted themselves with fake blood and pretended to be injured. Others acted as witnesses and tried to rescue their ailing friends. The fire department pried the injured party members out of their respective cars using the jaws of life. The ambulance service then proceeded to treat the victims. Participants were placed in neck braces and carted off to the ambulance on stretchers. The police arrested Adam Olney, who was cast as the drunk driver.

Nicole Howe spent most of the event laying lifeless on the car; she was taken away in a body bag with a toe tag emphasizing the fact that this accident had claimed her life.

After the all of the victims at the accident scene were treated, SADD members and the Ingham County Sheriff's Department provided the audience with some gruesome statistics about drinking and driving. One officer then expressed a true life story about his own experience with a drunk driver.

All in all the SADD mock accident was an inspirational and educational experience. Hopefully the mock accident kept a few people from drinking and driving. Thank you SADD.
Mike Palmer

Health

▲ Reindeer like to eat bananas.

▲ Every time you lick a stamp, you consume .1 calories.

▲ Pigs eat Ben & Jerry's ice cream. In fact, they love it, except for mint.

▲ A sneeze leaves your body at forty miles per hour.

▲ In Madagascar it is illegal for pregnant women to eat eels.

▲ Pound for pound the tongue is the strongest muscle in your body.

CRAZY

possibly
amusing

The internet is a rather new phenomenon and students have discovered its many uses, including the acquisition of silly and generally useless "facts." We take no responsibility for the accuracy of these facts. We only print them for your amusement.

▼ The longest recorded flight by a chicken is thirteen seconds.

▼ Only one person in two billion live to be 116.

▼ If you toss a penny 10,000 times it will land on heads 4950 times because the heads side weighs more.

▼ A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

▼ If you cut off a cockroach's head it can live for weeks.

▼ A forfeited basketball game is recorded 9-0.

▼ There is a city called Rome on every continent.

▼ The only U. S. city spelled with all vowels is Aiea, located by Honolulu.

▼ In the 1700's you could purchase insurance from going to Hell.

Laws

▶ A monkey was once tried and convicted for smoking a cigarette in South Bend, Indiana.

▶ In Alaska, it is illegal to look at a moose from the window of an airplane.

▶ In Arizona it is illegal to hunt camels.

▶ It is illegal to own a dog in Reykjavik.

▶ In Minnesota men's and women's undergarments cannot be hung next to each other on a clothesline.

▶ A Kansas law reads, "When trains meet at a crossing, both shall come to a complete stop and neither shall proceed until the other has gone."

▶ In Idaho it is illegal for one citizen to give another citizen a box of candy larger than fifty pounds.

▶ In England attempted suicide is a hangable offense.

**Useless
things that
are...**

FACTS

□ Every time Beethoven sat down to write his music, he dumped ice water over his head.

□ *Sesame Street's* Bert and Ernie were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in *It's a Wonderful Life*.

□ In every episode of *Seinfeld* there is a Superman somewhere.

□ Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.

□ Donald Duck cartoons were banned from Finland because he didn't wear pants.

Entertainment

You said WHAT

—about—

PROM

"I felt this was going to be the best prom that Leslie had ever experienced." **Marci Ward**

"It (prom) went alright. It wasn't so cool that the power went out, but they did alright aconsidering the circumstances." **Donavon Grimes**

"Well obviously, the boat wasn't quite worth \$60, but I'm still glad that I went."

Paul Samulak

"I hate boats, water, and boats on water."

Jason Garrett

"It was definitely worth the money. For an evening of dancing, romance and seeing my best friend have the time of her life, I would have paid twice the money....I can't think of anything else that I could've spent my money on that would have brought me that much pleasure."

Eric Isham

"In the end it was worth it. Before, I thought about the cost but hey, it's my senior prom- what else should I spend money on?"

Jessica Quainton

"It would have been better if Adam (Wade) and I wouldn't have eaten so much at Cheddar's. My stomach was so enormous I nearly burst through the seams of my dress!"

Joy Stover

"I was excited about dressing up all classy." **Cody Toves**

Prom's promise on the riverboat interrupted by the BLACK OUT

PROM 1998: A three story boat sat atop the Grand River. Orange colored lights lined the outer railing. A forest of trees stood tall in the background as a gentle breeze blew around the boat. And two hundred and eight teens came with dates and friends to attend prom 1998, held on the Michigan Princess Riverboat.

This elegant scene provided much to do: watching the river bank from the top floor, playing Blackjack on the second floor, or dancing the night away on the bottom level. At the beginning everyone lined up eagerly waiting to board the boat and begin a magical night; by the end of the night some people were lining up to

leave the boat.

Maybe it was because the hit movie "Titanic" came out this year, or maybe it was just plain bad luck. Whatever it was, only two words can explain Prom 1998. BLACK OUT. Shortly after 10:30, the first power failure occurred. For 20 minutes lights, music, and air conditioning were gone. At first it was a scurried mess to find out what was going on, but by the third blackout, people were fed up.

With no music or lights, people had to find other means of entertaining themselves. Some sat on the top floor chatting with friends. Others walked around. Then there were people like Nate Young who sang slow songs to his girlfriend

and friends. For about forty minutes, Young's listener's danced to the sweet sound of Nate Young unplugged.

The loss of power did put a damper on prom, but all in all it was an eventful night. The boat was turned around because of the power loss, and dancing continued through the evening and many still managed to have a good time once the boat was docked and had power again.

After prom, many attended post-prom at the Apple Sportsplex. Free food and drinks, unlimited golf and batting cages, rollerblading, and video games entertained those in attendance until four am.

Mariah Robbins



(above) First Mate Stacy Budd expertly pilots the prom boat down the Grand River with the captain.



(above right) Couple Shawn Vieceilli and Joe Reasoner obviously are very excited about being at prom.

(right) Quietly awaiting some action, juniors Sarah Davis, Danielle Shirkey and Jackie Lantz enjoy the view on the third floor overlooking the scenic Grand River.





(top left) Dancing queens Melissa Corts and Andrea Abbey participate in the ever favorite "Love Shack".



(top right) Junior Cody Toves and date "playing their cards right on Prom Night".

(below) A truly kodak moment of Lisa Cole and Kyle Fogg as they dance the night away.



(left) Senior Justin Fossum casually snaps a picture before boarding the boat.



(left middle) Freshman Lauren Hamilton and sophomore Erin Adams show off their smiles.



(far left) Seniors Colleen Conklin and Jessica Smith are on board for their last school prom.



(above left) Gwen Stensrud seemingly surprised by the flash of a camera.

(middle) Nick Atwood and date dancing to one of the few slow songs.

(somewhere) Jeff Feazel, Katie Woodland, Jerome Gulvas, and Kelly Andrus smile at those still boarding the boat.

Honors

Valedictorian: Gwenn Stensrud

Salutarian: Joy Cadwallader

Honors Students

Stephanie Ambs, Kelly Andrus, Brenda Arras, Kathy Atwood, Lisa Cole, Leslie Davenport, Jeff Feazel, Greg Gibbs, Jerome Gulvas, Ervin Hearn, Nicole Howe, Courtney King, Andy Miller, Mike Palmer, Shannon Pierce, Heather Rockwell, Jennifer Sherrell, Jessica Smith, Ryan Stofer, Courtney Ward, Hilary Werkema

Outstanding Students

Aaron Abbey, Sharolyn Arnett, Jennifer Dryer, Ericka Flannery, Ryan Peck, Melissa Roberts, Jackie Stewart, Tracy Weichner, Katie Woodland

Perfect Attendance: Jennifer Sherrell

Student Council Award: Jerome Gulvas

Leslie School Employees Scholarships

Brenda Arras, Joy Cadwallader, Lisa Cole, Leigh Davis, Ervin Hearn, Courtney King, Andy Miller, Hilary Werkema

Leslie PTO Scholarships

Aaron Abbey, Kelly Andrus, Mike Palmer, Shannon Pierce

Leslie Education Support

Personnel Assoc. Scholarships

Lee Otis Ryan Stofer

Carl Shepherd Memorial Scholarship

Jeff Feazel

Jean Ekins Memorial Scholarships

Blake Adams Ellen Isham

Lansing Community College

Trustee Scholarship

Hilary Werkema

Theatre Arts Scholarship

Gwenn Stensrud

Departmental Awards

Art: Leigh Davis

Business Education: Ryan Peck

English: Gwenn Stensrud

Foreign Language: Kathy Atwood

Industrial Technology Education:

Steve Adams

Instrumental Music:

Gwenn Stensrud

Journalism: Joy Cadwallader

Mathematics: Gwenn Stensrud

Physical Education:

Josh Aspiranti

Courtney Ward

Science: Gwenn Stensrud

Social Science: Mike Palmer

Vocal Music: Jeff Feazel

Honors Night

Tradition continues with a few new twists

Honors Night has always been a time to acknowledge some of the most hard working and intelligent students in the graduating class on their achievements for the past four years. But this year many new events were added to the night, and unfortunately some were taken away.

Before the event started, all enjoyed a wonderful buffet in the commons area. Food included fruit salad, chicken wings, meatballs, salmon pate and petite cheesecakes for dessert.

Then it was time for the seniors to get ready for their big night. As students prepared to march in for honors night, they took help each other pin on black ribbons in remembrance of our friend and teacher Mike Sova, who died of a stroke earlier this year.

The Honors Convocation began with a welcome from principal Bob Howe, followed by the presentation of the Alumni of the Year, R. Phillip Brown. Brown spoke about the responsibility attached to free-

dom.

Following the speaker it was time to get down to the real business of the night, honoring the graduating seniors, and this year's were special.

One of the reasons this year's Senior Honors Convocation was so special was because it was the first one to be held in the new auditorium, which gave it an air of solemnity and class that was absent in the gymnasium.

The graduating class of 1998 also saw the introduction of the Jean Ekins Memorial Scholarship, presented by her husband who gave a message from his heart about his wife's commitment to teaching. Jean Ekins died of cancer about one year earlier. The recipients of the award were Blake Adams and Ellen Isham.

Another new aspect for Honors Night was the giving of the Blackhawk Merit Awards. They were pins given to students who were nominated for unknown reasons. In addition, the Class of '98

had a record number of students receiving sashes and cords.

Scholarships were also awarded to various students throughout the night. This year the Carl Shepherd Memorial Scholarship went to Jeff Feazel. Valedictorian Gwenn Stensrud received the Centralis Scholar Award from Central Michigan University, and the Theatre Arts Scholarship. The Brian Johnson Memorial Scholarship went to Courtney King for health occupations. Melissa Roberts received the Loren C. Adgate Award. Other scholarships awarded were the Leslie School Employees Scholarships, Leslie Parent-Teacher Organization Scholarships, 1998 National Honor Society Scholarships-High School Chapter, and the Lansing Community College Trustee Scholarship.

Honors Night was a great way to honor the seniors on their accomplishments throughout their high school careers and start them off on their journey of life.





(right) Courtney Ward helps Katie Woodland pin on her black ribbon. The ribbons were in remembrance of Mike Sova, a beloved teacher that passed away earlier in the year.

(below right) Mr. Manthei places Jackie Stewart's cord around her neck. Cords are given to outstanding students that graduate with a 3.25 or higher.

(below) Valedictorian Gwenn Stensrud approaches the podium to deliver her speech to thank Mr. Ball and accept her scholarship.



(very far right) Stephanie Ambs proudly smiles as vice principal Jeff Mathei gives her an honors sash.

(far right) Nicole Howe, after receiving her Honors sash, tears up.

(right) The Class of 99' Senior Class President, Nikki St. Onge, bids this year's seniors farewell during her speech and acceptance of the spade.



You said **WHAT** about **Honors Night**

"It was classy."
senior adviser
Thom Ball

"I was the most impressed with this Honors Night than any other that I've been to."
vice-principal
Jeff Manthei

"Things were cut that should n't have been."
teacher
Brent Hoffman

Odds and Ends

- ◆ This year's Honors Night was the first one held in the auditorium.
- ◆ It was the first time the Jean Ekins Memorial Scholarship was given.
- ◆ There were a record number of sash and cord recipients.
- ◆ It was the first year the Blackhawk merit award was given out.

Graduation 1998

Cheers, tears and an opening fall

by Stacy Budd

"A funny thing happened on my way to the podium!" explained graduating senior Mike Palmer

This was the opening line of graduation 1998, and if you weren't there it is just not the same. After a fall that left his classmates and the graduation audience stunned and concerned for Palmer as his speech cards flew in all directions, it was a comeback that was too good to be accidental, and many who knew Palmer understood that the fall was planned. The crowd enjoyed the joke and it seemed to break the ice for the nervous graduates.

Two choir members, Amanda Harmon and Jeffrey Feazel, sang the senior song, the love theme from Titanic, *My Heart Will Go On*.

The Valedictorian for the class of 1998, Gwenn Stensrud, gave

the senior address and spoke about taking responsibility for one's own actions, life and decisions.

The senior gift was presented by Jeff Feazel. The senior class dedicated a tree and a plaque in remembrance of teacher Mike Sova who died in May of a sudden and unexpected stroke. The class will also purchase a clock for the rotunda.

The presentation of the class immediately followed the gift. There were 89 students graduating from Leslie High School. Principal Bob Howe was given the privilege of announcing the names while Marguerite Dunlap presented seniors their diplomas to the clapping and occasional hollering from the audience.

After all of the students were given their diplomas, superintendent Gerald A. Jennings gave the approval of diplomas. A strong

sense of excitement came over the class of 1998 as he said the famous line "Ladies and Gentlemen, I now present to you the graduating class of 1998." Seniors moved the tassels on their hats, but no one threw their cap in the air; the class had made a decision to be more reserved.

Joy Cadwallader, the salutatorian, gave the farewell speech for her class. It was a rather touching speech about all of the good times they have had together as a class and how much everyone is going to miss each other. She talked about the future ahead of everyone and that it's a scary road to travel and to make good decisions.

As the class of 1998 marched out of the gymnasium the entire crowd of parents, family members, and friends stood and congratulated the graduates with their heart felt applause.





Apologies that the captions are missing. Ms. Budd did not complete her work, and because it is the final deadline of the year, there is no time to remedy her lack of effort.



The 1997-98 year in Hawk sports has been as exciting and rewarding as any other. From the boys football team kicking off their season with a win on a new football field once pride in our school's athletics as players and coaches strove to achieve one more victory on their way to the top.

High school athletics may be some of the athlete's greatest memories.

The anticipation before the game, the coach's speech, the roar of the crowd, and the feeling

of a fresh victory will be moments remembered forever as athletes work to meet personal goals and exceed expectations on their way to the top.

Highlights this year include league championships in cross country and girls basketball and league runner-ups for the golf and wrestling

teams. Three wrestlers made it to state competition as they were working for that top ranking.

This is the first year in the new school which is broadening our practicing and competing capabilities. The result of that will hopefully show in the years to come as Leslie High School continues travelling to the top.

TRAVELLING TO THE TOP



♦ (below) Showing perfect form, Varsity V-baller serves one up for the Hawks.

♦ (right) A few Leslie cheerleaders, Melissa Corts and Lacey Stitt show their school spirit.



♦ (left) Although under pressure, varsity quarterback Ryan Dershem manages to get a pass off.

♦ (above) Showing good reflexes, Brenda Arras pulls off a tricky shot.

♦ (right) Baseball players Josh Aspiranti and Mark Foster show off what they are made of before a game.



Sports Sports Sports Sports Sports Sports Sports



♦ (below) Thanks to a few sponsors and true football fans, the Leslie football team had some support from up above.

♦(below left) To motivate themselves, the girls varsity basketball team huddles before the big game. The girls team impressed us again by winning the SMAA league title this year.



GO HAWKS SOAR OVER THE EAGLES!



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Travelling to the top!

Girls Basketball Varsity

Scoreboard

US	THEM
Fowlerville	39
49 Vandercook	22
78 East Jackson	30
82 Bellevue	42
73 Webherville	37
77 St. Phillip	73
60 Olivet	45
36 Portland	41
63 Springport	23
63 Maple Valley	62
68 Lansing Christian	30
51 Dansville	32
75 Bellevue	32
44 Perry	43
59 St. Phillip	55
51 Olivet	41
63 Maple Valley	64
70 Lansing Christian	49
49 Charlotte	64
52 Dansville	28
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M.V.P: Courtney Ward
M.I.P: Rachel Worman
COACH'S AWARD:
 Shawn Vieceili
 Jamie Hanson

ALL - LEAGUE:
 Courtney Ward
 Rachel Worman

JV

Scoreboard

US	OPPONENT	THEM
32	Fowlerville	22
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22	Portland	52
36	Springport	28
38	Maple Valley	34
35	Lansing Christian	18
57	Dansville	43
40	Bellevue	34
39	Perry	47
25	St. Phillip	47
47	Olivet	35
22	Charlotte	34
29	Dansville	19
63	Lansing Christian	28
57	Maple Valley	29

◆ **JV Basketball Team:** Back row: Ashley Boertman, Bethany Stover, Jessica Krajniak, Erica Modert, Melissa Brattain, Rebekah Howard, Coach Larry Campbell. Front row: Jessica Greer, Kristen Allender, Linsey Parr, Courtney Olney, Lindsey Myers.

◆ (middle) Looking for an open team mate, senior **Courtney Ward** prepares to pass the ball. **Ward** made all league for the last three years.

◆ (bottom) Finding a way to score two, **Rachel Worman** prepares her shot. **Worman** was MIP of the varsity team.



The Team To Beat

Girls basketball stacks up wins

Team work and just plain skills definitely shone brightly on the court for the LHS varsity girls basketball team, better known by opponents as the team to beat.

Surpassing any and every expectation set for regular season play, the girls held more than just their own, extending their reach from the '96 district champions, to the '97 *Southern Michigan Athletic Association Champions*.

With 21 records, the team headed their way to a 17-4 victorious season. Among the '97 records were Jamie Hanson tying most 3 point shots made with 5, Courtney Ward with most career points at 1,580 and most 2 point field goals, and Rachel Worman attempted the most free throws in one game with 21. These are just a few of the many records the lady hoopsters shattered.

With only two seniors this year, the Hawks had hard work to achieve their dominance on the court. But Worman and Ward proudly stepped up to the challenge, and helped the Lady Hawks get the big W.

Ward earned first team All State, Jackson Citizen Patriot Player of the Year, Lansing State Journal Dream Team, SMAA All Conference, and Detroit Free Press

All State. Worman also earned her share with SMAA All conference, and Lansing State Journal "All Area" selection. Leaders can make or break a team, and our leaders certainly helped to make our team.

The ladies had a rough ending to an exceptional season. The spirit was there, but it just wasn't going to happen when the girls unexpectedly lost their first play off game. Disappointment was obvious, but the team had much to be proud of.

"Coach Ward and I were very pleased and proud of this team's accomplishments. We were the team to beat since the first day of the season, and were rated in the states top ten in class C. We were able to handle the pressures of being on the top and of the expectations to win. The final 17-4 record is a tribute to the hard work and dedication that all team members displayed this year," Coach Cam Corts stated.

Corts' highlight of the season was "Winning the first league championship in the history of Leslie High, and Courtney's setting of the most career points of both guys and girls career points."

Quite an accomplishment ladies! Good work!

-Jennifer Case





◆ (far left) Budding up. **Courtney Ward** and **Rachel Worman** were the only two seniors on the basketball team. They were the leaders of the pack.

◆ (left) **Varsity Basketball Team:** Back row: Coach Don Ward, Jamie Hanson, Kacy Hart, Joy Stover, Marci Ward, Shawn Veicelli, Estella Ward, Kendi Creisher, Coach Cam Corts. Front: Rachel Worman, Courtney Ward

Lady Blackhawks Varsity Basketball

by
Jamie Hanson

As I step upon the court
With a smile upon my face,
I look at my opponent
Who's about to be disgraced

The ball is up, the tip is mine,
We hustle down the floor
I dish off to Courtney,
And now we're on the board!

The other team in bounds the ball,
We're in our half court press,
With Rachel low 'Stella high
Our defense is the best!

They shoot the ball, it's off the mark
And bounces off the rim
Joy leaps high and snatches it
Her face is in a grin.

Now Kacy's in, and she puts spots up
We pass it off to her.
She shoots the ball so smooth and fast
That it becomes a blur!

Three points for us,
the crowd does roar,
We're playing defense
down the floor.

Kend is in
and Marci too
On defense
they know what to do

Shawn grabs the board,
and dishes it off
the coaches call the play
We execute it properly
for a victory today!

◆ (far left) After a tough victory, the varsity team takes a break. They were known to play as a family.

◆ (above) Staring down at the opponent, the varsity team enjoys its success! Many smiling faces go with many victories.

◆ (left) **Kendi Creisher** prepares to box out and score a couple. **Creisher** was a first year junior on varsity.



Leslie Varsity Football

Disappointment in underachieving season

Big things were finally expected for the Leslie Football team. Maybe a 7-2 record. Possibly a playoff appearance. The season did not work out as planned for the Hawks, who accumulated a 4-5 final record.

Even though the Hawks did not live up to the high goals set for them, there were many highlights to the season. The Blackhawks won, in comeback fashion, the first game at the newly built football field. The Blackhawks created a fairy tale win against the East Jackson Trojans, 18-12. A new era in Blackhawk football had begun while accomplishing a successful first game on the new field.

"I have never had a better feeling as a coach," head coach Scott Farley said.

The Hawks were down 12-0 in the fourth quarter when a motivational burst catapulted three unanswered touchdowns. A huge weight was lifted off the shoulders off the entire team.

Another first accomplished by the Hawks was the capturing of the Traveling Trophy. The bitter rivalry between Leslie and Stockbridge has been going on for over 50 years, so something had to be done. A trophy was designed to bring back to the school each year by the winning team. Leslie captured the Traveling Trophy with a final score of 34-6. After the game, all the players took the prize into their own hands and signed the trophy.

It was a disappointing record for the Hawks, but Jeremiah Ettinger definitely had a stand out season. He led the team and the area with 137 tackles and earned Jackson Citizen Patriot All-Area Dream Team. He was the first Blackhawk to accomplish this feat.

"I feel we could have done a little better this season," Ettinger said.

But the Hawks had some shining moments in between some disappointing losses.

-Lucas Foster



◆ (top) Lineman coach **George Manson** discusses what changes can be made to win Homecoming against Olivet. The Hawks lost the game 34-12.

◆ (above) Taking on an Olivet defender, **Lucas Foster** attempts to break a tackle. **Foster** played split end and defensive back for the Hawks.



◆ (above) Looking for the endzone, **Nick Atwood** carries the ball after a reception. **Atwood** was the focus point of the defense backs.

◆ (right) Looking for some daylight, **David Adair** speeds through the line after a vicious block from **Jeremiah Ettinger**. **Adair** was the marquee tailback, while **Ettinger** was the team's MVP.



◆ (below) Walking off the field after his last home game, **Josh Aspiranti** still has a winning attitude. **Aspiranti** was one of the better Hawk offensive linemen of 1998. He also played defensive end.



◆ (below) Preparing for the first game at the new football field, the Blackhawks have a team huddle before going to war. The Hawks won the inaugural game against East Jackson, 18-12, scoring four fourth quarter touchdowns.



◆ (left) **Varsity Football Team.** Front row: Josh Aspiranti, Brian Fletcher, Lucas Foster, Ryan Dershem, Jeff Feazel, Nick Atwood, David Adair. Second row: Cody Toves, Chris Blume, David Rae, Rob Stierley, Nate Petosky, Jason Quainton. Third row: Coach Tom Shafer, Mark Mayes, Dave Metter, Dwayne Friedman, Jeff Hatch, Paul Samulak, Adam Wade, Head Coach Scott Farley. Back row: Coach George Manson, Eric Isham, Steve Adams, Chad Fillingham, Dave Sartin, Jeremy Thibault, Justin Haynes. Not Pictured: Jeremiah Ettinger



◆ (left) **JV Football Team.** Front row: Head Coach Tom Shafer, Brad Newman, Jack Yang, Josh Pierce, Tom Dumbald, Josh Bradford, Rafeal Salisbury, Craig Dornbush, Coach George Manson. Second row: Mark Bolin, T.J. Waldofsky, Josh VanDyke, Jesse Ruppert, Brian Keith, John White, Ramone Benividez. Back row: John Arras, Nick Good, Jeremy Hatherly, Lem Franks, Chris Pickney, Derrick Redmand, Adam Olney.

Varsity Football

Scoreboard

overall record: 4-5
league record: 1-4

us	opponent	them
18	East Jackson	12
21	Morrice	28
6	Maple Valley	36
12	Bellevue	18
12	Dansville	12
6	B.C. St. Phillip	42
12	Olivet	36
36	Durand	6
34	Stockbridge	8

MVP: Jeremiah Ettinger

MIP: Loren Love

Coach's Award: Lucas Foster

All League: David Adair, Jeremiah Ettinger

Honorable Mention: Nick Atwood, Josh Aspiranti, Loren Love, Brian Fletcher

HONORS

JV Football

Scoreboard

overall record: 4-5
league record: 1-4

us	opponent	them
12	East Jackson	0
36	Morrice	0
16	Maple Valley	30
44	Dansville	0
14	B.C. St. Phillip	28
8	Bellevue	12
0	Olivet	50
14	Durand	23
28	Stockbridge	12

GOLF TEAM

Young but successful

◆(far below) **The LHS Golf Team.** Top row: Coach Charles Benson, Mark Foster, Brad Barrat, Alex Terpay, Coach Lance Woodland, John Mitchell, Derick Ward, Chazz Parmalee, and Sarah Risner. Bottom row: Casey Ward, Nick Hager, John Major, Jeremy Wright, Ron Dexter, and Paul Harmon.

◆(below) Finishing off his round, JV golfer **Chazz Parmalee** putts, despite poor green conditions.



The Leslie golf team, without a single senior and only one junior, surprisingly, came away with the runner-up spot in league standings. Trailing St. Phillip 24-33, experience hurt the Hawks in the long run.

Losing two key varsity golfers to graduation, Coach Charles Benson was dependent on his three returning freshman varsity players: Mark Foster, Lance Woodland, and Casey Ward. Other returners included Alex Terpay, sophomores John Mitchell, Derick Ward, Ron Dexter, and Jeremy Wright.

Fortunately, a few newcomers joined the golfers to create a team that had some size and was capable of the win. These new players included Chazz Parmalee, Brad Barrat, John Major, Paul Harmon, and coach's award recipient Nick Hager.

The team participated in both the Eaton Rapids and the Mason Optimist Invationals.

Over the course of the season, there were many highlights and lowlights for the team. A few proud moments were when the golfers won their home league meet. (The people out supporting the team helped out!) and when Terpay straightened out his drive.

And then there were the not-so-good times such as feuds between Woodland and Benson for the coaching position, finishing runner-up to an almost bankrupt school, and three team fights over the course of the year, although there were no serious injuries to the golf squad.

"The year was a very weird experience, but I think it can only improve next year," said sophomore Lance Woodland. Woodland missed the All-conference cut by a single stroke.

"We should win the league title next year," stated Mark Foster.

Individually, Foster and Casey Ward made All-conference honors with 2nd and 6th, respectively.



GOLF

Varsity

Scoreboard

US	OPPONENT	THEM
199	Maple Valley	197
184	Olivet	203
188	Bellevue	184
186	St. Philip	186
169	St. Philip	165
184	Lansing Christian	188
187	Napoleon	173
187	Manchester	201
182	Jackson	193
179	Jackson	181
179	Manchester	192
354	Eaton Rapids	317

MVP: Mark Foster

MIP: John Mitchell

COACH'S AWARD:

Nick Hager

CAPTAIN: Casey Ward

ALL LEAGUE:

Mark Foster 2nd
Casey Ward 6th

JV

Scoreboard

US	OPPONENT	THEM
314	Maple Valley	330
280	Olivet	286
218	Bellevue	192
195	St. Philip	209
197	St. Philip	198
193	Lansing Christian	211

Go

TEAMS!

HONORS

◆(left) Mark Foster rips a drive down the fairway. Foster received the MVP award this year.

◆(below) This mysterious JV golfer patiently awaits the bus.



◆(left) Hoping no one sees the divot he took, varsity golfer Lance Woodland works on his irons. Woodland had the team's lowest score of a 40 this season.

◆(above) Hitting some shag balls before practice, varsity player John Mitchell tries to correct his swing. Mitchell received the MIP award.

Cross Country Boys Scoreboard

overall dual record: 3- 0

SMAA Place: 1st

OPPONENT **US**

East Jackson Inv.	5th
Bath Inv.	3rd
Springport Inv.	2nd
Leslie Inv.	1st
Jackson Inv.	2nd
Fowler/St. Patrick	1st
Carson City Inv.	7th
Bellevue -SMAA	1st
Mason Inv.	5th
Hudson Inv.	2nd
Ionia (mini) Inv.	2nd
Stockbridge Inv.	2nd
Greater Lansing Inv.	8th
Maple Valley-SMAA	1st
Fowlerville, ICL Inv.	2nd
Stockbridge Inv.	1st
Regionals @Bellv.	2nd
State Finals @MIS	11th

◆(right) Team MVP **Ryan Peck** is racing towards the finish line during a league meet. **Peck** was All SMAA four straight years.

◆(below) **Nate Young** practices for a JV Invitational. **Young** was later bumped up to the varsity squad. He earned All SMAA in his senior season.



MVP: Ryan Peck
Gwenn Stensrud
MIP: Andy Miller
Ashley Feazel
Coach's Award:
Corey Haskell,
Sharolyn Arnett

Girls Scoreboard

overall dual record: 4-5

SMAA Place: 3rd

OPPONENT **US**

East Jackson Inv.	5th
Bath Inv.	7th
Springport Inv.	4th
Leslie Inv.	2nd
Jackson Inv.	3rd
Fowler/St. Patrick	1st
Carson City Inv.	10th
Bellevue -SMAA	3rd
Mason Inv.	10th
Hudson Inv.	6th
Ionia (mini) Inv.	4th
Stockbridge Inv.	2nd
Greater Lansing Inv.	18th
Maple Valley-SMAA	3rd
Fowlerville, ICL Inv.	1st
Stockbridge Inv.	2nd
Regionals @Bellv.	7th



◆(above) **Jessica Kranjiak** is having a blast during the 24 hour run. The run earned the squad much money for various things.

◆(right) **Andy Miller** practices for the state finals. **Miller** earned All SMAA in his senior season. He was a four time varsity performer.

Continue dominance in league and beyond

The boys country team ran to another great year. Highlights for the 1997 season were endless. Not only were the boys league champions for the 8th straight time, but in the individual race, the team placed first through fourth. The entire team won the right to compete in the state meet for the 9th consecutive year.

All the team success brought much individual success. Team MVP Ryan Peck was all-league for the fourth straight year, while becoming the SMAA champion in his senior year. He also accomplished the prestigious honor of Jackson All Area C-D Team as well as the *Lansing State Journal* C-D Team. Peck was the leader of a squad built around teamwork.

Many other individuals also earned success. Corey Haskell achieved recognition from the *Lansing State Journal*, while accompanying Peck on the All C-D Team. He was named to the All Conference Team for the second straight year. Andy Miller and Ryan Stofer received All SMAA.

Freshman Curt Campbell had a strong freshman showing with an All SMAA award to his name.

"We had five or six excellent runners who together formed a truly strong team," Coach Jim Hanson said.

Even though there was much individual success, the dominance was built around team work.

"We won five trophies this season because of teamwork," Hanson said. "We surprised ourselves this season. I don't think any of us expected to be ranked in the top ten in the state. It was teamwork that got us there; no one was outstanding by himself."

The girls cross country team fared well in 1998 also. The team was possibly the youngest girls team to compete in a normal season. With only two seniors leading the way, the Hawks still enjoyed a successful season, earning respectable records for dual meets (2-1) and SMAA (3rd place).

"We were a pretty young team and still enjoyed a very successful season," Hanson stated.

The most memorable moment of the season was winning their first trophy since the 1990 season. It had been a seven-year distraction for the team to constantly have riding on their back.

"The girls went absolutely ballistic," Hanson said.

Much individual recognition was definitely earned for the lady Hawks. Gwenn Stensrud won the team MVP award for the second year in a row. She also earned All SMAA and All C-D Team for the *Jackson Citizen Patriot*. Katie Herman earned the team MIP award while also accumulating All SMAA and All C-D for the *Lansing State Journal* and the *Jackson Citizen Patriot*. Sharolyn Arnett earned the Coach's Award and All SMAA. Miranda Krajniak also achieved All SMAA status.

The JV girls team won two trophies in 1998. In Fowlerville, the girls rapped up a 1st place trophy at the ICL Freshman/Sophomore Meet. Also, the Hawks brought home a 2nd place trophy at the Stockbridge Invitational.

◆ (below left) Sophomore **Ashley Feazel** sprints to the finish line. Feazel was a vastly performer in her first season.

◆ (bottom) **Boys Cross Country Team**. Back row: Kiesha Lee, Curt Campbell, Corey Haskell, Ryan Stofer, Andy Miller, Caleb Dexter, Head Coach Jim Hanson. Front row: Jared Bowen, Ryan Davis, Andreas Van Borany, Adam Small.

◆ (below) **Girls Cross Country Team**. Back row: Kiesha Lee, Jennifer Filday, Jessica Krajniak, Katie Herman, Hattie Humphrey, Melissa Kaatz, Shelby Stensrud. Front row: Head Coach Jim Hanson, Ashley Feazel, Allison Hemstreet, Sharolyn Arnett, Jenna Pierce, Gwenn Stensrud, Sarah Dunn.



Volleyball Varsity

Scoreboard

3 rd	Albion Inv.	
2	Morrice	1
3 rd	Western Inv.	
0	East Jackson	2
2 nd	Napoleon Inv.	
2	Olivet	0
2 nd	Glen Oaks Inv.	
2	Lansing Christian	0
2 nd	Olivet Inv.	
2	Vandercook	1
2	Maple Valley	1
2	Dansville	1
1 st	Dansville Inv.	
2	Webberville	0
2	Bellevue	0
0	St. Philip	2
2	Olivet	0
2	Dansville	0
0	St. Philip	2
1	Dansville	2
0	Hanover Horton	2

ALL LEAGUE,
Rachel Worman,
Courtney Ward
MIP: Rachel Worman
MVP: Melissa Roberts
Courtney Ward
COACH'S AWARD:
Jessica Smith
JV

Scoreboard

2	Morrice	0
1	East Jackson	2
2	Olivet	1
2	Lansing Christian	0
0	Clinton Inv.	2
1	Madison Inv.	1
1	Morenci	1
1	Vandercook Lake	2
2	Maple Valley	1
1	Dansville	2
2	Webberville	0
2	Bellevue	0
0	St. Phillip	2
0	Saline Inv.	2

A lot of queens in this deck

This year our volleyball teams earned the respect of not only the league but of the community with a tremendously successful season. With efforts from all sides, the juniors and seniors united to make the games exciting and interesting to watch. The girls ended up tied for second in the league with our arch rival and lost a well-fought regional competition.

Our girls gave everything they had and in our eyes came out on the very top. There is no doubt that in the '98 season, LHS was dealt a full hand of aces. This year our girls took 1st in the Dansville invitational, 2nd in the Glenn Oaks and Olivet invitationals, and earned two 3rd place finishes in the Western and Albion Invitationals.

Although the volleyballers faced many basic problems through the season, they were able to pull together and come out on top. Some claimed problems with team work, coaching, and team cooperation, but the season record indicates that the team was able to overcome any obstacles

and play good volleyball when they hit the floor. It may be that overcoming problems made this team a more successful one.

Leslie had two make all league this year: Courtney Ward and Rachel Worman, both seniors. In addition, Ward was named to the all regional team.

High lights of the season?

"Winning the Dansville tournament and finishing with the best record ever in Blackhawk volleyball," Coach Bunker said.

Another highlight for some of the girls was the increased school and crowd support as their season improved. At the beginning of the season, few spectators enjoyed the girls prowess on the court, but by the end of the season, that had changed.

Jessica Smith was awarded the Coach's award. Most improved was Rachel Worman, and most valuable players for the '98 season were Melissa Roberts and Courtney Ward.

For the second year Carl Bunker coached the girls. Returning from last year were Melissa Roberts, Courtney Ward, Kim Stevens, Jessica Smith, and Erica Flannery. It seems as though all the practicing paid off for the girls.

The JV also had a successful season this year. They were under the coaching of Tina Robbins, a first year coach here at Leslie High.



◆ (left) Sophomore Erin Adams prepares to receive the pass. Adams was one of the captains on the JV team.





◆ (center) Courtney Ward blasts over ANOTHER kill. Ward was leading spiker for the Hawks.

◆ (below) In deep concentration, Erika Flannery and Coach Bunker cheer on the team. Bunker has been the coach for two years.

◆ (left) **Varsity Volleyball Team.** Top row: Coach Carl Bunker, Marci Ward, Rachel Worman, Missy Yeager, Mariah Robbins, Estella Ward. Middle row: Kim Stevens, Kendi Creisher, Jessica Smith, Shawn Veicelli. Bottom row: Melissa Roberts, Courtney Ward.



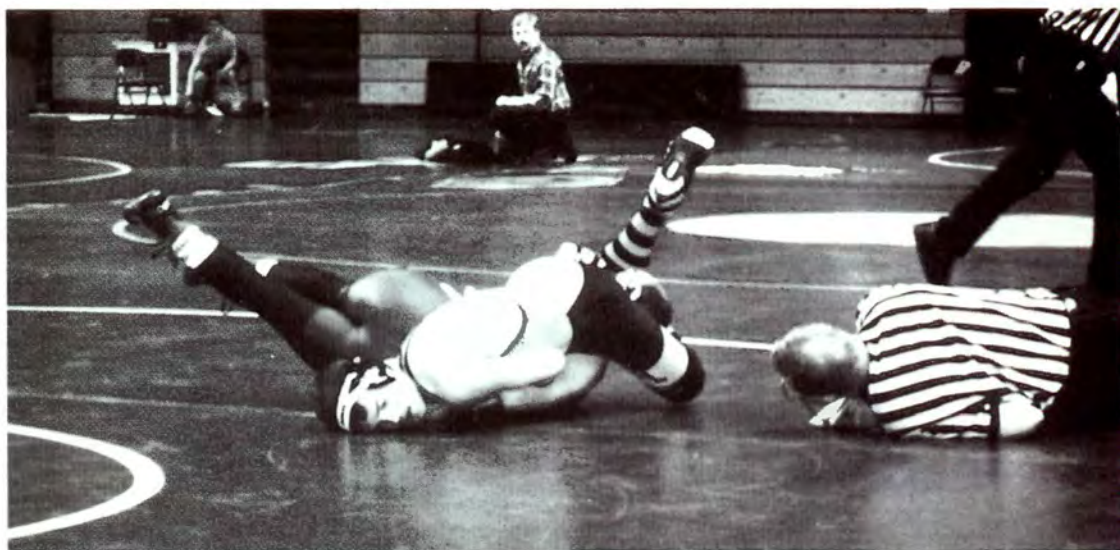
◆ (above) A little pre-game warm up for freshmen Krista Ross, a first year junior varsity player.

◆ (far left) Always prepared, Rachel Worman awaits the serve. Worman earned all conference honors this year.

◆ (left) **Junior Varsity Volleyball Team:** Top row: Coach Robbins, Erin Adams, Rebecca Howard, Ali Jennings Krista Ross, Abbey Clemetsen, Lindsey Palmer, Stephany Flannery. Middle row: Ashley Feazel, Bethany Stover, Melissa Katz, Sara Schmidt, Jessica Greer. Bottom row: Jamie Hanson, Courtney Olney.

◆(right) **Nick Atwood** tears up the mats at states. Atwood finished 1st in regionals and 2nd in the state finals.

◆(below) **Wrestling Team**. Top row: Coach Todd Stern, Brian Fletcher, Jason Underwood, Derick Redman, Mike Horton, Dane Jacobs, and Mike Risner. Bottom row: Jeremy Wright, Jake Flannery, Nick Atwood, Cody Toves, Adam Olney, Casey Ward, Nick Ganoway, Josh VanDyke, and Coach Rolly Olney.



◆(right) An occupied **Cody Toves** gets pounced on by a fiesty **Nick Atwood**. Cody finished an impressive 8th in states. **Coach Stern** thinks he's finally starting to like the sport.





◆ (left) **Adam Olney** is obviously trying his hardest to put this guy away. Olney had a very successful season as a sophomore, finishing 1st in Leagues, 2nd in Districts, and 4th in Regionals.

Varsity Wrestling

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
18	Hudson	60
21	E. Jackson	42
84	Concord	0
49	Manchester	27
36	M. Center	44
28	E. Jackson	36
29	Jonesville	54
65	Pottersville	18
65	Bath	18
18	Quincy	58
61	Mayville	15

MVP: Nick Atwood

MIP: Cody Toves

Coach's Award:
Derick Redman

Rookie of the year:
Jacob Flannery

50	Saginaw	30
51	M. Center	28
30	Springport	47
69	Bellevue	6
78	L.C.	0
48	Dansville	36
78	Saranac	6
54	Maple V.	21
33	Olivet	33
12	Mason	70
18	Trenton	64
36	Linden	47
10	Fenton	69
21	Northwest	57

HONORS

A surprise season of successes

The young, the inexperienced, and yet, league runners-up. This is the 1997-98 wrestling team. With one senior and many freshmen, the odds were against the grapplers this year, but somehow they pulled off an impressive 13-13 season.

Moving into the new school was especially rough on the wrestling team since, instead of having a nice enclosed wrestling room, they now had to practice in the gym's balcony. They also, for some odd reason, had to schedule their practice around the baseball team. With all of this in mind, this season could definitely be called a

rebuilding year.

"If we get a lift in the heavy-weight section next year, we'll be tough," commented state contender Nick Atwood.

Although the team was young and the competition rough, there were a few records broken this year. Atwood put his name on the overall career victories list, and now leads in the junior year victories, dual meet victories, and pins lists.

Cody Toves, Adam Olney, and Jake Flannery all have established new records this year also.

The team competed in eight tournaments and brought home 20

medals. Individually, Atwood, Toves, and Olney all got to compete in states after their performance in regionals. Atwood placed a very impressive second, while Toves received a respectable 8th at states.

"Invitationals and dual meets are merely nothing more than practice sessions for the state tournament," commented coach Todd Stern.

So after a surprisingly successful season, the wrestling team has very high hopes for next year. Thanks for everything Coach Stern.

by Casey Ward

Basketball Varsity

Scoreboard

Overall Record: 1- 20

OPPONENT	US
52 Potterville	48
51 Napoleon	49
55 Mich. Cen.	56
67 Bellevue	27
60 E. Jackson	69
59 St. Phillip	38
56 Bath	28
87 Olivet	51
69 Morrice	52
55 Maple Valley	40
70 Haslett	49
64 Lansing Chr.	49
61 Dansville	66
72 Bellevue	55
69 St. Phillip	54
90 Olivet	46
54 Napoleon	57
73 Lansing Chr.	59
73 Dansville	43
59 Springport	58

MVP: Jerome Gulvas

MIP: Jeff Hatch

Coach's Award:
Brent Waldofsky

JV

Scoreboard

◆ (right) **Junior Varsity Basketball Team.** Top row: Mike McHaney, Mark Foster, Lance Woodland, Brad Dunlap, Jeremy Turner. Bottom row: Ryan Davis, Jon Andrus, Mark Bolin, Danny Berry, John Hunter.



◆(above) Totally squared up, Jerome Gulvas takes the three. Gulvas was the captain of the varsity team.



BOYS SEASON DISAPPOINTS

Young team shows promise for future

The Varsity Basketball team took steps this season hoping to achieve higher goals than they did the year before.

Our boys practiced every day for two hours, running killers and plays with dreams of a winning season. This year's season was one of emotion, excitement, and many ups and downs. Under a new coaching staff of Don Fackler and assistant Don Ward, the boys entered the season with hopes of a great year.

Their expectations were too high to reach so soon. Making up the team were five freshmen, four juniors, and only one senior. Captain of the varsity team was Jerome Gulvas. Talent was very easily detected for the young team, but inexperience obviously contributed to the losses.

Hard work and dedication never quit, and Coach Ward saw the season as successful in many respects even though the score board did not always reflect that success.

There is team building to be done in Leslie if our boys basketball players want to attain success on and off the court. Team building takes time and effort. Our boys

made the effort, but they did not have the time in to make the season work.

Among their highlights were the first game in the new gym, beating St. Phillip away, and dinner at Mountain Jacks. No matter how hard the boys played, the score was hardly ever on our side. With Jerome and Dwayne down low, Derrick, Rob, TJ, and Curt on top, they always gave their opponents a good challenge.

Most valuable player (MVP) for the year was senior Jerome Gulvas, most improved (MIP) for the boys was Jeff Hatch, and the coach's award went to Brent Waldofsky. Other awards included best rebounder received by Dwayne Freedman, and best defense given to Rob Stierley and Derrick Ward. Gulvas was awarded best foul shooter, and honorable mentions for this year were received by Curt Campbell and Dwayne Freidman.

Coach Fackler explained his overall feelings for the season.

"The learning experience for all the underclassman- having only one senior on the team has to help in years to come."

Jenifer Case



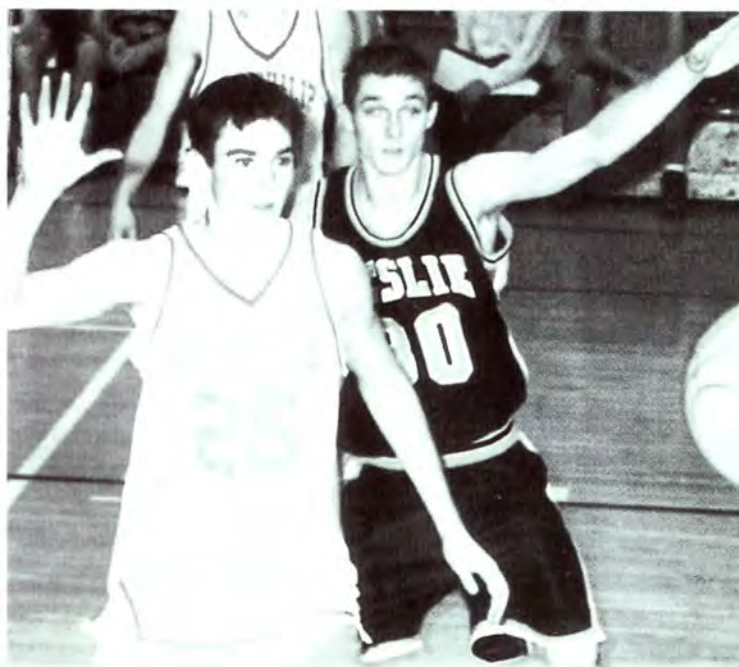
◆ (below) Showing tough "D" sophomore Rob Steirley put the press on. Steirley was awarded best defense for the boys.



◆ (middle) Give the man the ball! Dwayne Freidman works hard to receive the pass.

◆ (far left) **Freshmen Basketball Team**

◆ (below) And 1! Junior Dwayne Freidman gets hacked as he takes the shot. Freidman was named best rebounder for the varsity team.



◆ (left middle) Taking it two the hoop senior Jerome Gulvas prepares to dunk the ball, skiing over the opponent. Gulvas dunked four times this season.



◆ (far left) **Varsity Basketball Team.** Top row: Coach Don Ward, Justin Fossum, Jeff Hatch, Jerome Gulvas, Dwayne Freidman, Cory Haskell, Paul Samulak, Coach Fackler. Bottom row: Brent Waldofsky, TJ Waldofsky, Derrick Ward, Curt Campbell, Rob Steirley.

◆ (left) Junior Jeff Hatch is in deep concentration. Hatch was MIP for the boy's varsity team.

Baseball

Varsity Scoreboard

overall record: 11-12

SMAA Place: 2nd

OPPONENT US THEM

Bellevue	7	4
B.C. St. Phillip	3	13
Olivet	8	4
Napol. Tourn.	3rd	
Maple Valley	4	9
Mich. Center	4	11
Lans. Christian	11	0
Dansville Gm. 1	1	0
Gm. 2	7	4
Bellevue	1	2
B.C. St. Phillip	3	9
Olivet	10	3
Dans. Tourn.	4th	
Maple Valley	7	6
Laingsburg	3	9
Lansing Christian	19	1

◆(right) Juniors **Ryan Dershem** and **Lucas Foster** play defense against East Jackson. **Dershem** also was one of the top pitchers for the Hawks.

◆(below) Sophomore **Mark Foster** winds up a pitch at the Napoleon Tournament. The Hawks finished third at the tournament with a win against Springport.



MVP: Josh Aspiranti
MIP: Corey Haskell
Coach's Award:
 Mike Palmer
All-SMAA:
 Josh Aspiranti
 Nick Atwood
 Corey Haskell
HONORABLE MENTION:
 Jim Looker

JV Scoreboard

overall record: 20-2

SMAA Place: 1st

OPPONENT US THEM

Bellevue	9	10
B.C. St. Phillip	13	1
Olivet	12	0
Dansville Gm. 1	6	7
Gm. 2	16	3
East Jck. Gm. 1	15	1
Gm. 2	8	3
Maple Valley	5	1
Mich. Center	6	5
Dansville Gm. 1	6	2
Gm. 2	5	1
Bellevue	7	6
B.C. St. Phil	19	1
Olivet	19	4
Maple Valley	5	1



◆(above) Enjoying clean up duties after an impressive win against Bellevue, sophomore **Jim Looker** and junior **Lucas Foster** rake the batter's box. The Hawks field was at times miserable, so it took some heavy work to keep the field up and running. Many new improvements were in the works as the season came to an end. New dirt was applied and a yellow fence was roped around the outfield fence. Possibly the most memorable moment of the season having to do with the field was when **Josh Aspiranti** tore down the new fence by simply running into it.



◆(above) Coaching first base, sophomore **Brian Fletcher** tries to look as cool as possible with shades and a helmet. **Fletcher** led the team with home runs and scoring the book when he wasn't helping **Mr. Van Dyke**

BASEBALLERS

Earn 2nd Place In SMAA

by Lucas Foster

The 1998 baseball team accomplished wonders compared to several previous seasons. With only two seniors, leadership had to come from many different places. The Hawks worked well with each other, becoming very close over the season because of events such as trips to Budd's, loud bus rides home, and fighting with the softball team in any way possible.

There was also much more to excite people and the community. The team looked very sharp with its new, stylish uniforms. Team members worked hard to keep their field in shape, something that rarely happens.

"In order to have a great field, we can't depend on others, we have to keep it up ourself," sophomore Mark Foster said.

A program was made for parents, students and players, free of charge, and a banquet at Budd's was also arranged. It was a year of many new traditions.

Senior Josh Aspiranti, junior Nick Atwood, and sophomore Corey Haskell earned All-SMAA honors, while Jim Looker earned honorable mention for his remarkable pitching performances.

There were countless other highlights surrounding the team. Corey Haskell and Josh Aspiranti batted over .400 on the year. Jim Looker was one of the area leaders in strikeouts. Josh Aspiranti belted many shots over the fences, including a 400 foot plus homer at Morrice, but he failed to touch homeplate. Lucas Foster had a stellar season defensively, and Chris Blume and Josh VanDyke had great years at the plate.



◆(left) Standing at the plate, junior **Alex Terpay** awaits the pitch in a game at Morrice. **Terpay** played third, pitcher, and first base. Morrice will enter the SMAA along with Webberville. This was the last year Battle Creek St. Phillip will be in our conference. If the change would have taken place this year, the Hawks would have been league champions.

◆(below) **Varsity Baseball**. Front row: Brian Fletcher, Corey Haskell, Mark Foster, Lucas Foster, Adam Wade, Chris Blume. Middle row: Head Coach Robert VanDyke, Alex Terpay, Ryan Davis, Jeff Hatch, Ryan Dershem. Back row: Nick Atwood, Josh Aspiranti, Mike Palmer, James Looker, Josh Van Dyke.



◆(left) Taking warm up throws before a game against Battle Creek St. Phillip, junior **Nick Atwood** stays in his catching stance and takes pitches. **Atwood** was an All-SMAA selection and also led the team in doubles while playing catcher.

◆(above) **JV Baseball Team**: Front row: Derrick Ward, Dan Berry, Robert Stierly, Curt Campbell, Jeremy Hatherly, Tony Underwood. Back row: Nick Good, Adam Olney, Brad Newman, Ray Shinard, Steven Lawrence, Brad Dunlap.

◆ (below right) The Leslie Girls Track Team.

◆ (right) The Leslie Boys track Team.

◆ (below) In good position for the long jump. Dwayne Freidman works hard to get the extra inches that can make the difference between a mediocre and excellent jump.



Rebuilds on individual Success

Individual success drove the 1998 LHS track team while team success was illusive. With a third place finish in the SMAA for the girls and a fourth place finish for the guys, it was definitely a disappointment for Leslie track which has enjoyed strong finishes in years past.

But don't get me wrong, there were highlights. Dwayne Friedman and Courtney Ward competed in the glamorous state meet. "It was a really keen time," Friedman said. "I will be back next year, you can count on it."

These two gallopers also placed at the regional meet. Friedman finished third in the long jump and second in the 100 meter dash. Ward ended up second in the 100 meter dash.

"Overall the year was a disappointment, but since Courtney ran, it was very fun and exciting," John Hunter stated about the state qualifier.

The boys two-mile relay team finished SMAA champs, and there is no sign of slowing down

because all were juniors and sophomores.

"People said we were good, and they were right," Hunter added.

Many other individuals had great seasons. Eric Isham won the coach's award. Missy Yeager won the most improved player award. Megan Palmer was MVP of the girls team, and many others contributed to a season of success.

The Leslie track team could have beat many teams, but they did not. With wins over Lansing Christian, 140-2, and many others, there was a solid base. Some say they didn't perform at crunch time, but that is an unfair assessment of the year. They were young and inexperienced with room to grow. The seniors of the team carried a large group of youngsters and guided them through a very long season.

Coming from a record standpoint, they could have been better, but it's very tough to find negatives.

by Lucas Foster

(Thanks a lot to Lucas for writing this article. The Warden dropped the baton)

◆ (right) Junior Brent Waldofsky pushes himself to the finish line. This was Waldofsky's third year running track.



Track

Boys Scoreboard

Regional Place: 11th
SMAA Place: 4th

MEET	US	THEM
Bath Inv.	3rd	
Bath	16	121
Bath Inv.	7th	
Dansville	99	31
B.C. St. Phillip	109	7
Olivet Relays	6th	
LCS	122	2
Morrice	102	29
Olivet	41	96
Webberville	55	76
Bellevue	52	74
Maple Valley	66	66
Regional Meet	11th	
SMAA Meet	4th	

MVP:

Dwayne Friedman
Megan Palmer

MIP: T.J. Waldofsky
Missy Yeager

Coach's Award:
Eric Isham
Gwenn Stensrud

Captains: Eric Isham,
Andy Miller,
Megan Palmer,
Gwenn Stensrud,
Lindsey Parr

Girls Scoreboard

Regional Place: 10th
SMAA Place: 3rd

MEET	US	THEM
Bath Inv.	4th	
Bath	63	73
Bath Inv.	6th	
Dansville	99	8
B.C. St. Phillip	90	22
Olivet Relays	7th	
LCS	107	9
Morrice	92	41
Olivet	50	80
Webberville	70	52
Bellevue	56	84
Maple Valley	47	83
Regional Meet	10th	
SMAA Meet	3rd	

STATE QUALIFIERS-

Dwayne Friedman
Courtney Ward

HONORS

◆ (left) Taking the baton, Courtney Ward runs her portion of the relay with form and excellence. Ward finished up an exemplary high school sports career with her competition at the state track meet.

◆ (below right) Freshman Jared Bowen competes at a meet. Bowen showed some promise for a future of strong track teams once again.

◆ (below) Leslie runners compete in Olivet.



SOFTBALL Varsity

Scoreboard

SMAA All Conference:

First Team:

Rachel Worman
&
Jenifer Case

Honorable Mention:

Colleen Conklin
&
Elizabeth Howard

Special Mention:

Stacy Budd

◆(below) Junior Kacy Hart stretches for the ball. Hart was outfielder for the varsity softball team.



GETTING THE BIG W *Varsity strikes out*

Expectations for the Leslie softball teams were very high this year. With many repetitious hours in the gym to prepare for the season, the girls set goals that were high but attainable. But only one of the two softball teams met and even exceeded the expectations. The JV softball team played hard and had a winning season.

On the other hand, the varsity had a quite disappointing season. With a veteran team of players that knew the ropes, they surprisingly came out with only a few wins. Many games could have been turned around if only one or two decisions had been made differently or one or two plays had been executed better.

The talent was easily detected, though in some cases not used. The pitching was always excellent

with Rachel Worman and Elizabeth Howard leading the Hawks. These two athletes proved that pitching was never the part of the defense that held the team back.

"We're only as strong as our weakest player," said Rachel Worman, one of the captains.

That statement carried the team through its season, even though to most of the players, it was a disappointing one.

A definite highlight of the season was beating Dansville for the last time of the year. A victory in this traditional rivalry is always sweet.

Even though the season was somewhat of a disappointment, the team stuck together and developed a team spirit and camaraderie that made the season worth playing.

by Jenifer Case



◆ (above) She's safe! Jackie Lance slides into home plate. This is Lance's third year playing ball.

◆ (upper right) A quick infield huddle was never unusual for the Hawks. They always had some pep up words for each inning.

HONORS

MVP: Rachel Worman

MIP: Colleen Conklin

Coach's Award:
Elizabeth Howard

JV

Scoreboard

Scoreboard
unavailable from
the coach.



◆(left) Juniors Sarah Davis and Kacy Hart display two of the fifteen smiling faces on the varsity team.



◆(left middle) Stretching for the ball, Rachel Worman gets the girl out at first. Worman made SMAA All Conference for the third year in a row.

◆(left) Playing first, senior Elizabeth Howard concentrates deeply. Howard was co-captain for the Hawks.



◆(above) Senior Rachel Worman shows perfect form as she pitches. Worman was one of the two captains for the year.

◆(left) With a nice hit, Jackie Lantz puts it to rival Maple Valley. Lance is one of the many juniors on the team.



◆(far left) **The Varsity Team.** Top row: Coach Robbins, Jackie Lantz, Amanda Klinger, Rachel Worman, Elizabeth Howard, Stacy Budd. Bottom row: Jenifer Case, Colleen Conklin, Kacy Hart, Amy Hanson, Joy Stover.

Girls Tennis

Scoreboard

Us Opponent Them

0	Eaton Rapids	7
2	Charlotte	5
0	DeWitt	7
4	Durand	3
2	Eaton Rapids	5
8	Albion	0
3	Columbia C.	4
0	Haslett	0
0	Williamston	0
6	Parchment	7

Young team, torn up courts contribute to poor season

Following all other Leslie athletics, the girls tennis team was young and inexperienced and had to travel that rocky road this season.

Finishing the season with a dual meet record of 3 and 7, coach Tom Todd said that there is plenty of room for improvement. Although bringing in fresh new recruits is always nice, having only three seniors in the lineup definitely showed in the statistics. Newcomers were Lauren Hamilton, Lindsey Palmer, Jessica Faist and Stacey Budd.

And just when practice be-

comes a must, the school board decided to resurface the courts halfway through the season. The courts were looking shabby, but why tear them apart in the middle of their season?

"Half the team had to sit the bench during practice because there wasn't enough courts for them to play on," said 2nd doubles player Stacey Budd.

The team participated in both the Dewitt and the Eaton Rapids invitationals. Although finishing last in the prestigious Dewitt invitational, they rebounded with a 2nd place finish out of four in the Grey-

hound tourney.

Individually, Sarah Davis played one singles all year. Krista Charnley led the team in victories for the season at three singles, and Brenda Arras was awarded the most valuable player award at four singles.

"Lots of players are coming back and we can look for a few more wins next year, we were just too young and inexperienced," commented Coach Todd.

With many to return, the outlook for next year's team looks bright.

Casey Ward

MVP: Brenda Arras

MIP: Lauren Hamilton and Lindsey Palmer

Coach's Award: Krista Charnley



Boys Tennis

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
4	Bronson	3
7	Haslett	0
4	Charlotte	3
0	Jonesville	7
2	Columbia	5
2	Columbia	5
4	Bronson	3
7	Galesburg	0
3	E.R.	4
0	Jonesville	7

MVP: Andreas Von Borany and Joe Brown (1 Doubles)

MIP: Jeff Kasmar

Coach's Award: Greg Gibbs

Regionals:

Three players made it to the second round

Where are the captions Casey? Did you volley them into oblivion?

HONORS



Season ends with little to cry or rejoice over

The 1998 varsity boys tennis team had, once again, a difficult and somewhat disappointing season, finishing with an even record of 5-5. With only one senior and a lone junior, hopes of a state title would be dampened for yet another year.

The practice began in the harsh winter months of Michigan and the team soon realized what toll the weather had taken on the courts in a mere four months. There were cracks, court length long at a time all over our "new" courts. The practice wall was in terrible shape, the overcoat was chipping, and the team was a little rusty, too.

"Every other team in Leslie gets a new playing facility, why not us?" commented dedicated team manager Krista Charnley.

The team got off to a sad start with a 7-0 loss to Haslett, but picked up from there. Dual-meet wins for the tennis squad were against Jonesville, Bronson, Columbia Central, and Eaton Rapids. In fact, the team beat Jonesville 7-0 twice in the season.

As usual, the team competed in the very tough Dewitt invitational and were first... getting on the bus. Although none of the Leslie competitors played brilliantly, it was nice to see some of the other talent

in the state.

Individually, Casey Ward played 1 singles, Andreas Von Borany and Joe Brown were awarded MVP, and 3rd singles player Jeff Kasmar led the team in victories, followed by Greg Gibbs, only one win behind.

"With three 3-4 losses, we know that we could have done better than five wins and five losses" stated Coach Todd.

With an improvement from last year, the team still has plenty of room to better themselves in the off-season.

Cassey Ward

CHEERLEADING SQUADS

Fantastic numbers, attitudes and wins

In the 1997-98 school year, there was more hype surrounding the cheerleading squad than any other year in LHS history. From the added school spirit to the controversial addition of male cheerleaders, it was a year to remember for cheerleaders and fans alike. Even all the females had something to look at this year, and I'm sure they were thrilled.

Coached by Jean Maiville and Carol Franz, the pom-pom squad took the mat with added intensity. From the high points of cheering at Hawk football games to the low points travelled with the boys hoops team, it was a season of success.

The most talked about issue around LHS was definitely the addition of male cheerleaders. These men began their career with much teasing, but ended on a note of respect.

"I knew for a fact that we could

get the crowds' attention. We just had to forget about what some peers were saying about us," Nate Petosky said.

Along with Petosky were senior Derek Ward, most improved player Loren Love, and sometimes available Josh Aspiranti. These gentlemen were used for stunts during basketball games. Cheerleaders such as Gwen Stensrud were sent flying through the air.

The competitive cheerleading squad had one of the best years in recent memory. A first place finish in the league competition put the spirits up and running for all cheerleaders, no matter what sex they were. Confidence is soaring for all LHS cheerleaders.

"This season was the most enjoyable than any other year," captain Shannon Pierce said. Pierce was All-SMAA in her senior season.

Luke Foster

◆(below) Robyn Abbey, Nikki St. Onge, Elizabeth Stewart, and Robyn's sister Andrea form a letter "L" for the big homecoming football game. All the cheerleaders made it a festive event.



◆(above right) **Fall Football Cheerleaders.** Top row: Hillary Werkema, Melissa Roberts, Andrea Abbey, Kristi Hatch. Middle row: Jackie Lantz, Holly Werkema, Melissa Corts, Nikki St. Onge, Erika Risky, Natasha Kirchmeier, Nicholle Franz. Bottom row: Lacey Stitt, Bobbi Shirkey, Betsy Wright, Becky Shirkey, Elizabeth Stewart.

**HAWK
CHEERLEADING
1997-98**

◆(right) **Varsity Boys Basketball Cheerleading.** Top row: Loren Love, Robyn Abbey, Shannon Pierce, Hillary Werkema, Melissa Corts, Nate Petosky. Middle row: Derek Ward, Andrea Abbey, Gwenn Stensrud, Leigh Davis, Holly Werkema, Josh Aspiranti. Bottom row: Sharolyn Arnett, Kiesha Lee, Nikki St. Onge.



◆(above) **JV Basketball Cheerleaders.** Top row: Nicole Risky, Nicholle Franz, Jolene Love, Kristi Hatch, Natasha Kirchmeier. Bottom row: Lacey Stitt, Betsy Wright, Becky Shirkey, Bobbi Shirkey, Erika Risky.





◆(left) **Loren Love** demonstrates his manly prowess during the homecoming assembly. Love was one of the first four male cheerleaders in LHS history.

◆(below left) **Sharolyn Arnett** demonstrates a cheer during a football assembly. **Arnett** was always very cheery.



◆(below) During the homecoming parade through Leslie, many cheerleaders took time to make sure all the fans were ready for the big game versus Olivet. Kelly Andrus, Hillary Werkema, Melissa Roberts, and Andrea Abbey made sure they got in on the fun.



◆(far left) **Erika Risky** and **Nikki St. Onge** have a grand time on the cheerleading float. It was a fun time for all getting ready for the big game.

◆(above) Many of the hawk football cheerleaders enjoy the halftime of the game. Everyone was grateful to all the cheerleaders for keeping their spirits up.

◆(left) **Natasha Kirchmeier** is in a happy mood as she begins to warm up the crowd. She was a JV leader.

Competitive Cheerleading

Scoreboard

Regional Place: 4th

SMAA Place: 1st

COMPETITION	PLACE
Ovid Elsie	5th
Bellevue	2nd
Leslie	1st
St. Johns	4th
Laingsburg	2nd
Pottersville	2nd
Leagues	1st
Regionals	4th

Competitive

MVP: Holly Werkema

MIP: Kristi Hatch

Coach's Award:

Nikki St. Onge

Fall Football

MVP: Erika Flannery

MIP: Hillary Werkema

Coach's Award:

Melissa Roberts

MASCOT: Josh Donley

Boys Basketball

MVP: Gwenn Strensrud

MIP: Loren Love

Coach's Award:

Robyn Abbey

Competitive Cheerleading Roster

Andrea Abbey
Leigh Davis
Nicholle Franz
Kristi Hatch
Jolene Love
Becky Shirkey
Bobbi Shirkey
Lacey Stitt
Gwenn Strensrud
Nikki St. Onge
Holly Werkema
Betsy Wright

HONORS

YOUR MISSION IF YOU CHOOSE TO
ACCEPT IT:

To successfully penetrate the shady
depths of each Leslie High School organi-
zation. Learn all facts, collect all data.

Each organization has its own mission, its
own purpose. SADD's mission is to inform
students about the dangers of drinking
and driving, by any means possible.
PALS' missions include helping new stu-
dents adjust to our school, mentoring elemen-
tary students through the little PAL program,
and mediating conflicts between peers. FUB's
mission is to produce not only an excellent yearbook for
the enjoyment of the students of LHS, but to also
produce a monthly newspaper. NHS has many missions.
They try to be as involved as possible in the community
and raise money for scholarships for a few of the lucky
seniors...

MISSION
IMPOSSIBLE

THIS PAGE WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN TEN SECONDS...

ORGANIZATIONS



(below) TAKING A BREAK from their tour of the school, Brandy Hanson and her little buddies smile for the camera. They visit Brandy weekly, but touring the new school was especially fun this year.



(above left) PREPARING TO PERFORM in the half-time show during homecoming, Brenda Arras and Lisa Cole concentrate once again.

(far above) SMILING, AND OUT OF breath, Amanda Harmon plunges down the slide at Leslie Elementary school. The playground is on the weekly agenda when she visits her little PAL.

(above) LOOKING FOCUSED, JEROME Gulvas glances over his agenda for the Student Council meeting. Shannon Pierce laughs at other members as she prepares.

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SMART QUIZ BOWL TEAM FIGHTS

Using intellectual tactics team battles to victory

(below) JUNIOR BETSY FREEDBURG takes a break from the stimulating competition. Freedburg was a second year member of the team.

(far below) LESLIE TEAMMATES WATCH as a question is suspensefully read. Questions ranged from art to science to history.



(far right) WAITING PATIENTLY FOR the question to be read, Brenda Arras holds her buzzer. Arras was captain of the team.

(above right) MEMBERS OF THE Quiz Bowl team buzz in to answer the question. Leslie went on to win this match.

(right) AARON ABBEY, Brenda Arras, Betsy Freedburg, and Mike Palmer confer on one of the numerous bonus questions. Bonus questions are a reward for a team's success in answering a correct question.

Each year the fiercest competitors at Leslie High School sharpen their pencils, grind their teeth and prepare for brain wars. These students are members of the Quiz Bowl academic team. This year they traveled to Olivet High School on several occasions, where they repeatedly battled with some of the brightest teams in the state.

The Quiz Bowl team was also invited to MSU's Quizbusters, a local PBS TV show, where they

were narrowly defeated.

The Quiz Bowl season consisted of six rounds spread out over three

weeks. In each round, teams competed by buzzing in on a variety of questions. This was a change from the previous years, when teams wrote their answers on paper, like taking a test. The buzzing in added some excitement to the competition.

The season ended with a single elimination tournament. Leslie was eliminated in the third round, finishing the tournament in third place and finishing the season third in the league.

--by Mike Palmer

MISSIONS

Made Possible

- Team finished third in league tournament.
- Finished third overall in the league.



SCOREBOARD	Leslie	190	Leslie	70	QUESTIONS	What was your most exiting moment?	🍌 "Singing retro with Ms. Abhul." —Brenda Arras 🍌 "The ride to Olivet in Ms. Abbhul's car." —Aaron Abbey
	Olivet	110	Lansing Christian	360			
	Leslie	350	Leslie	160			
	Bellevue	80	St. Phillip	100			
	Leslie	280	Leslie	220			
	Webberville	240	Maple Valley	260			

How would
you describe
Leslie
Publications?

- ☛ "It's a lot of work and a lot of stress."
—Krista Charnley
- ☛ "Very, very stressful."
—Heather Rockwell
- ☛ "A learning experience."
—Autumn Mentink

(far left) JENIFER CASE SEARCHES through a pile of pictures to place in the yearbook. Case is a first year student.

(below left) LUCAS FOSTER and Casey Ward diligently work on their yearbook deadlines. Both are writers for the sports section.



(far above) LISTENING TO ONE of adviser Shlley Fassezke's inspirational addresses, Shawna Gowanlock follows along intently. Shawna works on the people portion of the yearbook.

(above left) WORKING ON THE Organizations division page, Heather Rockwell and Joy Cadwallader use their computer. Cadwallader is the section editor.

(above) MEMBERS OF THE Leslie Publications class.

WORK SURROUNDS PUB STUDENTS

Publishing papers and photos

Imagine a class that not only provides you with the thrill of responsibility, but also is the most stressful class at LHS. This imaginary class is actually Leslie Publications, one of the most in-depth learning experiences in the high school.

Students who take the publications class learn how to become better journalists, business persons, and photographers. The class is one year of intense study. Students learn how to paste photos, write stirring articles and master several programs on the com-

puter. Producing a yearbook is only half the job of a pub student. Students are also responsible for

Missions

Made Possible

- ☛ Published yearbook much to the delight of hundreds of students
- ☛ Printed several issues of the school newspaper to keep students informed

publishing copies of Leslie High School's Newspaper *The Blackhawk Flyer*.

This year's pub students faced some new problems and pleasures all related to the new school and new computer lab. Yes, it was wonderful to go from four computers to seventeen, but printing problems, software and hardware disasters, and student sabotage all created some unexpected roadblocks on the way to a yearbook and several newspapers.

But, ultimately the work got done, the papers were sold and yearbooks distributed. What a year!

—by Mike Palmer

What best part of Student Council this year?

“Winter homecoming was the best we’ve had in a long time.”

—Adam Wade

“The leadership meeting. When we went to LCC”

—Nikki St. Onge

(below right) STUDENT COUNCIL:

(below) MEMBERS OF STUDENT COUNCIL discuss a possible solution. Jerome Gulvas is president of student council.



(above) ENJOYING (?) STUDENT COUNCIL sponsored homecoming dance. Kim Stevens and Jessica Quaiton where the lovely plastic leis provided to liven up the festivities.

DECISIONS SURROUND STUDENT COUNCIL

Class representatives make tough choices

Deep in the dungeons of the high school there met a secret society of students who intrepidly made decisions for the school. This organization was none other than Student Council, but there actually were no dungeons, they did not meet in secret, but members were actively involved in making decisions that impacted the school.

Yes, your elected representatives made it their duty to vote on decisions that affected all of the students in this high school. Decisions about fall and winter homecoming and much more.

Student Council met at least once a month to decide crucial issues like what the homecoming dress-up days would be.

Early in the fall when the football players were winning game after game, it was Student Council's responsibility to orga-

nize homecoming week. They decided dress up days, organized the homecoming court, and ran the pre-game rally. The ambitious members also provided the creative decorations that turned the

a Valentine's theme.

Students Council was also in charge of the elections which determined next year's Student Council. This year, a new twist was added to the election process: candidates delivered speeches about why they should be elected before the elections occurred. Student response to this addition to the election process was favorable.

Toward the end of the school year, Student Council held an end of the year luncheon for members.

With all the important decisions that Student Council made, it was important to have well organized meetings. The Student Council's meetings followed strict parliamentary procedures under the expert eyes of adviser Brent Hoffman.

No matter who is representing their class as a member of student council, a representatives job is always appreciated.

MISSIONS

Made Possible:

To create interesting homecoming celebrations and give students a voice in the school

Friday night dance into an Hawaiian luau, complete with leis for each person in attendance.

This year it was Student Council that pushed for the semiformal dance to cap off winter homecoming week. Members worked hard to decorate the commons area with

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SERVES AL

Recycling and operating the school store

What do you get when you have a roomful of students with grade point averages above 3.25? A National Honor Society meeting. NHS was founded on the idea of service. Some of the requirements to be a member of NHS involve serving the community, recycling, and operating the school store. It is more than an organization for people with good grades.

During the school year, every day hundred of bottles, cans, and other unsightly waste was placed in the recycling cans located in the commons. It was the duty of all NHS members to sort and recycle the bins. Twice a week the designated students collected all the barrels and sorted the items. Pop cans and bottles were put in a bag and returned to a store. Glass

bottles and water containers were placed in a separate bin and delivered to the local recycling center.

Pop can recycling was not the

MISSIONS

Made Possible:

To encourage stewardship and good grades while giving LHS a school store!

only responsibility of NHS members. NHS opened and operated the school store. The store, located in the commons, supplied items for any student's school needs. Each day at lunch a faithful NHS member sat in the con-

cessions booth waiting patiently for her first customer. The store was not profitable, but it did give students a chance to purchase items that they needed. Occasionally the store ran into a problem: no one was there to run it. NHS members get busy and forget about their responsibilities on occasion too...

A major change that was decided this year was the change in the requirement for GPA to be allowed in NHS. The current requirement of 3.25 will be raised to 3.5. All current members will continue in NHS if they maintain a 3.25, but future members must have a 3.5.

Community service is always emphasized by the leaders of NHS. This year NHS volunteered to help the Leslie Branch library move into its new building.



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What was the most disgusting thing you found while recycling?

☛ "A whole lunch. But I didn't find it until I had already touched it, and I wasn't wearing any gloves."

—Sharolyn Arnett

☛ "A whole slice of pizza."

—Kelly Andrus

(left) MEMBERS OF NHS

(above) NHS MEMBERS JENNIFER Sherrell and Aaron Abbey proudly march into graduation wearing the sash and cord that their exemplary work in high school earned them.

(far above) KRISTA CHARNLEY and Michelle Bauer return pop cans at Meijers. Over five hundred cans are collected each week.

THE FRENCH CLUB TAKES A TASTE

And Shares Some French Goodies with Their Little Fifs

Thinking of French Club has a tendency to trigger memories of the smells of French bread and croissants wafting through the hallways.

Members of the French Club sold croissants and French bread at various times of the year, but why? They may not go on many trips, but they always manage to scarf down the profits of their sales with more of their tasty French pastries.

They often enjoyed these delicious treats during their after-school games of Millebourne or French monopoly.

Their fourth-grade FIFIs this year, also enjoyed their taste of the club's cream puffs on "cream puff day." Weekly visits from their high school friends helped the young FIFIs learn their French colors, numbers, and

songs. Their FIFIs played games with them and tried to teach them a little about the French culture.

This year, they also got the

MISSIONS

Made Possible:

☀ Bringing French culture to Leslie.

☀ Successfully gave little Fifs a head start in learning French.

chance to tour the new school with their FIFIs. They not only toured the halls, they went behind the scenes of the school and walked through the offices and classrooms.

French club members this year

also teamed together in a brand new tradition at LHS. For homecoming they produced their own mini-float, equipped with their idea of the hunchback of Notre Dame. They had to abide by the Disney movie homecoming theme to produce their masterpiece. Hopefully they will help keep the new mini-float idea alive in coming years. *Bien fait, Cercle Français!*

During Foreign Language Week, members hung signs around the school and dressed in the colors of the French flag; red, white and blue.

French club members also traveled to Jackson Community College to watch an English performance of the play, "Tartuffe," which was written by French playwright, Moliere.

—Joy Cadwallader



(above, right) FLASHING A WINNING grin, Cody Toves shows off his hand in a game of Millebourne. This was his fifth consecutive win that day.

(above, far right) KATE ELDRED AND Katie Herman enjoy a game of the French version of Monopoly during their French Club meeting. Although, its a long and tedious game, it's one often played by members.



MISSIONS

What is the benefit for you of having little Fifs?

☀ "It's cool that we get to help them learn French because it gives them a headstart"

—Melissa Brattain

☀ "Little fifs gives the kids a better opportunity than what we had when we came to the high school."

—Linsey Parr

☀ "It gives the children a chance to interact with older students and role models."

—Katie Herman

What was your most memorable moment in Spanish Club?

- ☼ "Me and Derek putting the float together by ourselves."
-Shawna Gowanlock
- ☼ "When I pulled the stool out from under Lisa and she fell smack on her butt."
-Tracy Weichner
- ☼ "The first time I heard Mrs. Taylor say "I say to myself...self""
-Derek Ward

(far left) STARING INTENTLY AT THE TV, Shawna Gowanlock, Lisa Cole, and Derek Ward watch "Selena," one of the many movies viewed this year. Watching movies in Spanish was one of the main activities enjoyed by the members of the Spanish Club.



HS SPANISH CLUB'S CULTURE

Spreads a Little Spice

Despite of all the conflicts that students had with school, their work schedules, and after school activities, the Spanish club members still managed to have some fun.

During homecoming, Spanish Club participated in its first activity, building a mini-float with the theme "make 'em see spots." The float was decorated with black and white spots and was accompanied by a huge stuffed dalmation. Although the float did not place in the top three, members were still proud of their float.

Another activity they had was an after school movie. They rented and watched

"Selena." The movie and snacks were enjoyed by all

MISSIONS

Made Possible:

- ☼ To keep opening doors for students regarding Spanish and the Hispanic culture while having some fun!

who attended and they all wished for more.

The group also had a food day. They stayed after school

and enjoyed Mexican cuisine that their fellow students prepared. Quesidillas were among the snacks.

They also had an after school dinner at Chi-Chi's. There were a variety of Mexican foods to choose from, such as enchiladas, wet burritos, and salsa and tortilla chips. Students indulged themselves with food, conversation, and laughter. After dinner they enjoyed a bowl of fried ice cream for desert.

-Heather Rockwell

(right) RYAN DERSHEN TAKES time out of his busy schedule to stop and play.

(far right) **PALS.** FRONT ROW: Ali Jennings, Amanda Harmon, Holly Werkema, Nick Attwood, Sharolyn Arnett, Michelle Bauer, Aaron Abbey, and Rob Stierley. Middle row: Betsy Wright, Keri Clark, Ryan Dershem, Shanwn Vieceili, Kelly Andrus, Jerome Gulvas, Adam Wade.

Back row: Casey Ward, Mike Palmer, Rebecca Howard, Nikki St. Onge, Advisor Kathy Abbuhl, Brenda Arras, Joy Cadawallader, and Gwenn Stensrud.

(below) **RISTY HORTON AND** Mariah Robbins help their little pal in a game of "Guess Who".

MISSIONS

What is the best part of being a PAL?

☛ "Being able to help people out, and knowing that people trust me."
—Amanda Harmon

☛ "Taking time out of my busy schedule to help people out and have people look up to me because I'm a PAL."
—Michelle Bauer

☛ "Being able to help people to the best of my ability."
—Jessika Hardy



HS PALS AVOID TROUBLE

By lending a helping hand

This years PALS started out at regular pace and the select underclassmen chosen to become PALS started their school year off as usual. Yet one major change arose this year: teacher Kathy Abbuhl replaced counselor Nancy Sheldon as the new advisor. Sheldon began the PAL program several years ago, but gave up her role as adviser because of her reduced work schedule.

PALS began the year by taking a class to learn how to become a good PAL. The PALS also attended a PAL convention where they learned new ways to help others.

Many of the PALS take weekly trips down to the lower elementary to visit their little PALS during Seminar time. The kids they visit

are ones that need more attention than the rest. Although some PALS find their weekly visits both

see what PALS at other schools were doing and to see how other schools operate.

PALS also hosted the annual seventh grade lock-in, taking time out of their busy schedules to spend time with middle school students. There they teach the students how to be a PAL and enable them to help their fellow students deal with problems or be a listening ear, if needed.

The PALS participated in many one-on-one mediations, and they helped resolve and prevent fights between feuding friends or classmates.

PALS also participated in food day/ hat day. The money and canned food raised went to the Leslie Outreach.

Heather Rockwell

MISSIONS

Made Possible:

☛ To make a helpful environment and to be there whenever needed.

ersome at times, the elementary children gain so much from having a PAL that it is worth it.

PALS also participated in a PAL exchange day. PALS either choose to stay home and host a PAL from another school or visit another school themselves. This was an opportunity for PALS to



(above) **JESSIKA HARDY HELPS** her little pal sculpture with clay.

SMALL FFA GROUP TACKLES RESPONSIBILITIES

While having plenty of fun

The members of FFA kicked off their year by attending an activities conference geared towards giving this year's participants ideas for upcoming events.

Another program, Made for Excellence, focused on teaching leadership skills and pushed for a leadership training camp that explained officer positions and how elections should be run. Members also participated in a district competition where they competed in prepared speeches and job interviews.

FFA members prepared their annual eight grade recruiting ceremony, which deals with exposing prospective members to the activities and events of FFA. A

few of these activities include a

MISSIONS

Made Possible:

To teach students responsibilities, speaking skills and agricultural savvy

creed speaking contest (in which members recite the group's creed) and raising chickens that are eventually judged and processed and then sold for a profit.

A few other events that occurred this year were Ag skills, land labs,

and their fruit and nut sale. The Ag skills contest had soil judging and also animal judging. The land lab was where they grew plants and crops. The fruit and nut sale was the annual fund raiser that helps to defer travel and expenses FFA members incur.

For a small group of only ten they sure had a lot of responsibilities. Of course as any other group large or small they had a great year filled with lots of fun. But that fun may come to an end. FFA will not be offered as a school course during the 1998-99 school year although it may continue as an organization only.

--Heather Rockwell

(below) JASON DRUMM AND Jeremy Drumm judge the soil at an "Ag Skills" Contest.



(above) KERI CLARK TAKES time for a picture at the District Leadership Contest.

(far left) LINDSEY JAMES AND Nikki Bidstrup take time to smile during their busy day.

(middle) FFA. FRONT ROW: Advisor Richard Shambarger, Jason Drumm, Chris Brown, Elizabeth Barnett, and Loren Love. Back row: Jeremy Drumm, Nikki Bidstrup, Jim Brownlee, Lindsey James, Jessica Bracey, and Keri Clark.



(below) THE 1997-98 LHS MARCHING BAND. This picture was taken at the Spartan Invitational, held annually at Michigan State University. This year's event took place on October 18.



M S U. Spartan Invitational

LHS BAND ADDS MUSIC

By adding new traditions



(above) PERFORMING AT A pre-game rally is part of the responsibility of playing in the band. This select group leads the school in the fight song.

The LHS band kicked off its 1997-98 year with the annual trek to band camp where musicians and their director Keith Richardson began practicing music and moves for the upcoming year. While at camp, they had time to get to know each other, bond, and have lots of fun.

They marched to Blood, Sweat and Tears, which featured Jamie Faist singing "So Very Happy." The student director for this year was Shannon Pierce.

Like every year, the band travelled a short distance to compete at a festival where they are judged on how well they play the music that they have learned. They returned from festival with 2's, an unexpectedly low result for a band that is

used to accolades and straight one ratings. Students expressed disappointment in the ratings.

MISSIONS

Made Possible:

To teach students to appreciate instrumental music and perform together with an expectation for excellence.

This year the band also created an instructional video to teach other bands how to play certain

instruments better. Being asked to participate in this video production was an honor for the LHS band.

During the Christmas season, the band once again provided the community with an extraordinary show.

The band also added a new tradition to the school. They came up with the idea of having a band variety show. The show ranged from a "Men in Black" dance to the jazz band and was well received by those who attended the evening, held in the new auditorium in the spring.

The band also participated in the Memorial Day parade and ended its year playing for graduation.

--Heather Rockwell

LHS CHOIRS REAP SUCCESS

Finishing it off with a one

Practicing music for 12 hours a day for three days isn't everybody's idea of a great way to spend their Labor Day weekend, but for director Rebecca Scofield and the LHS singers it was exactly the right way to start an incredible year of singing and travel.

This year the choirs and chorale were busy. Members of each choir sang the National Anthem for several of the boys basketball games. The choir groups also combined efforts for a spectacular Christmas concert.

Following the holiday concert, each choir started preparing for its festivals where singing and sight reading skills are judged on a scale from 1 (excellent) to 5 (poor).

Women's choir and chorale both returned from festival with 2's,

MISSIONS
Made Possible:
 To travel and explore NYC and to bring quality music into the lives of choir members and the LHS community

while select 9 and 10 combined received 1's which advanced them to states where they received 2's.

A highlight of the year was the trip to New York City to compete at a festival. While in New York, they

visited the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and saw the musical "Phantom of the Opera." The choir brought home the trophy for the best of show. Congratulations!

When the choirs returned they had to work even harder to prepare for the annual Spring Fling. It featured the seniors singing "We go together," Kim Stevens and Jessica Quanton singing "I Still Believe," Sara Schmidt singing "Take My Breath Away."

A finale of the year took place with an evening featuring individual and group performances from Broadway shows. The audience gave the show fabulous reviews. --Heather Rockwell

(below) CHOIR MEMBERS GATHER in the computer room to sing Christmas carols. Serenading classes was part of their mission to spread Christmas cheer. The chorale also sang a Christmas song in the rotunda each day the week before Christmas break. What beautiful music they made! Teacher Susan Taylor even commented that the music sent chills up her spine.



(above) CHORALE MEMBERS SING the National Anthem for the Girls Basketball game.

(left) THE SELECT 9 AND 10 choirs warm up for their performance from "Fiddler on the Roof" before the June Broadway spectacular.



What is your most memorable moment in choir?

On April Fools Day when everybody hid in the practice room. --Linda Yang

Being really embarrassed at Choir camp when they made me sing with my mom. --Elizabeth Howard

Getting screamed at in front of the whole bus when Jocelyn and I stopped off to buy shoes. --Katie Woodland

(below) KAREN HART SITS on a prestigious fountain located in Washington D. C. This was one of the many stops the tour group made during the week.

(middle) LEARNING AGAINST a beautiful garden, Danille Berry witnesses the majesty of Washington. Berry was one of several Leslie students who visited it.



(far right) A PORTION OF Leslie's exploreers stand on the steps of our nation's Capitol Building. The group traveled to Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

(above middle) ASHLEY FEZEL and Allison Hemstreet sit on the edge of the reflecting pool. The two were waiting for the group picture to be taken.

(above) KRISTA CHARNLEY, Keri Clark, and Betsy Freedburg walk up the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. These three were often found wandering around together.

STUDENTS CLOSE-UP WITH WASHINGTON

Government and tourism in a week

Every other year a group of fortunate students have an opportunity to witness the majesty of Washington DC while also learning about the government and getting a behind the scenes view of how Washington operates. These students are members of the Close-Up group. Close-Up is an interactive organization that allows students to witness their government in action.

On their trip to Washington the group visited many historical sights. These sights included Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, and the Washington Monument. The Close-Up group spent a great deal of time on buses touring the city.

But Close-Up is more than a touring expedition; it's a program that teaches students the impor-

tance of government. At one point in the week students toured Capitol Hill. Students saw the Supreme Court, Congress, the Capitol

MISSIONS

Made Possible

- Visit and tour our nation's capital.
- Witness firsthand how the American government operates.

Building, and all the senate offices. They also met with some Congressional members, including Carl Levin.

Another interesting aspect of

the Close-Up program was that students were paired in their rooms with students from other parts of the nation and sometimes other countries. This allowed students to get to know people with backgrounds different from their own.

At the end of the week, the students were allowed to visit any sight in Washington they wanted. The most popular sight was the holocaust museum. This brick-covered building displays the horror of Nazi Germany's concentration camps.

Teacher Pat Ainslie has sponsored the Close-Up program at LHS for several years. She helps students with financial aid packages and arranges the fund-raisers. She felt this year's experience was wonderful.

Mike Palmer



QUESTIONS

What was the most bizarre thing you saw in Washington?

• "People on the street corner."
—Ashley Feazel

• "A dog with three legs."
—Krista Charnley

• "People eating stuff off the ground."
—Betsy Freedburg



What does being a Renaissance member mean to you?

☛ "It makes me feel good because I help people."

—Amanda Harmon

☛ "It makes me feel good because we award teachers"

—Krista Ross

(below) THESE STUDENTS WAIT patiently for the time when they can snack on their earned treats. These people were from the second nine weeks party.

(middle) STUDENTS WHO HAVE perfect attendance for the first marking period gather in the commons area for their reward. They were given a party of punch and doughnuts.



(far left) MEMBERS OF RENNAISSANCE: Back Row: Kristen Allender, Krista Ross Billy Beers. Front Row: Casey Ward, Krista Charnley, Shawn Vicelli, Jessica Hardy.

(above) RENNAISSANCE MEMBER Krista Charnley socializes with perfect attendees. Charnley, a junior, has been in Renaissance since eighth grade.

RENAISSANCE AWARDS EXCELLENCE

Sweets and punch for hard workers

One organization at Leslie High School is founded on excellence. Renaissance awards students and even teachers for excellent behavior, work ethics, and attendance.

Every marking period the Renaissance organization holds a party for all students with perfect attendance. Students who have braved weather, measles, and general apathy are rewarded with a party filled with doughnuts and punch.

That sort of affair is not free. Renaissance, in order to pay for their activities like the perfect attendance parties, does have fund-raisers. One of these this year included a jelly bean count. Stu-

dents were asked to guess the number of jelly beans in a jar for a

lucky (?) winner.

Members of Renaissance work largely behind the scenes, delivering cards to teachers at holidays, often with treats attached, and wishing teachers a happy day on their birthday. Their efforts are appreciated but rarely acknowledged.

Teachers are also rewarded for their hard work. Each week two employees are awarded the Employee of the Week honor, which bestows the winners with a certificate and a special treat.

Renaissance rewards exceptional behavior, so the students of Leslie High should reward them for their efforts.

Mike Palmer

MISSIONS

Made Possible

- ☛ Awarded excellence throughout the school.
- ☛ Awarded perfect attendance.
- ☛ Delivered occasional acts of kindness

quarter. The winner received... you guessed it, the jar of jelly beans. Secretary Shelly Trotter was the

FORENSICS TEAM PREVAILS

Short season didn't stop competitive spirit

(below right) **PRACTICING HER PIECE.** Gwenn Stensrud becomes very involved in what she is trying to portray. This was her first Forensics season going solo and she did extremely well.

(below) **SMILING HAPPILY.** Jyll Heathman struts back to the team after receiving her certificate. She earned a spot on the state team after qualifying at this district tournament.



(above) **A VIEW FROM** the Forensics bus. Forensics members Billy Beers, Sara Dunn, Jennifer Fieldey, and Gwenn and Shelby Stensrud chatter excitedly on the way home from the Brighton Tournament.

As the Forensics season started, many members feared a bad season because the play ran much longer than usual causing the team to start a full month late.

Although they only got to participate in three tournaments before districts, many moved on to regionals, and a few moved on to compete at states. At states the competition is unbearable and one is considered lucky to even make it that far. So, no matter how they placed, the team should be proud of those individuals, including Leslie Davenport, who made it to state competition.

Forensics is not an easy way to get a varsity letter. It's a challenging after-school activity. Members can tell you about the tough competition that they face.



At some large tournaments, like Brighton, there may be more than fifteen other schools competing for one of the three medals in each

MISSIONS

Made Possible:

Give students the chance to get involved in the theater, but still compete like one would in athletic events.

category.

It takes a lot of guts for a student to get up, especially when they feel unprepared, as many did this year, and perform in front of a

panel of judges and other competitors. All eyes are on them. It's completely up to them how well they do. They can't blame their failure on a team member and no one else gets credit for their medals.

At the same time, Forensics offers more than individual competition for its participants; it also offers a chance to be a part of a high school team. The team, as a whole, also competes for trophies. This is where the team unity comes in.

This year's Forensics team brought home a few overall tournament sweepstakes trophies also. Just a few more to add to the Leslie High School Forensics Team's astounding hall of fame.

--Joy Cadwallader



DISSENT

How do you feel the season has gone this year despite the shortened season?

It could be better. We haven't had much practice, but we should commend Ms. Val for being flexible and trying to find more tournaments."

--Gwenn Stensrud

Having a shortened season was a big disadvantage to all members."

--Mike Palmer

With all that SADD has been doing this year, what will be most memorable for you?

☛ "I'll remember the mock accident. It will probably have the most effect on people because it will be so realistic."

—Kelly Andrus

☛ "Having watched some of my friends make bad choices, I believe the senior girls' skit that is being done will be memorable. It had a huge impact on me my eighth grade year."

—Sharolyn Arnett

(below) SENIOR SADD GIRLS practice their skit for the talent show. The girls put in hours of practice for this heart-wrenching skit that they never got to perform to "Total Eclipse of the Heart."



HS SADD MEMBERS EDUCATE PEER

With a new found enthusiasm for what they do

This year's SADD members were lucky enough to be involved in a year full of activity. Under advisor of Kathy Abbuhl, SADD may become much more than just a great organization to throw onto a resume.

In previous years SADD has tried their best to carry through various educating activities to explain the dangers of drinking, drugs and driving to their peers. This year it just happened to get carried off very well.

There was the usual SADD dance in the beginning of the year and being in the new school added to the excitement. It was one of the first dances of the year and had a fairly good turnout.

Next up on SADD's agenda was educating some of the middle school and elementary school

students on drugs and alcohol abuse. Many members went down to the other schools during DARE week. This not only provided the

MISSIONS

Made Possible:

☛ Informed students of the dangers of drugs and alcoholism.

☛ Tried to keep students involved in school activities instead of partying.

kids with information and some good role models, it was also a good experience for those who spoke.

A few SADD members also went to an educational conference,

Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU). They learned some new methods in educating young people about the often forgotten complications of tobacco abuse.

In May, SADD set up a mock accident on the football field. This was another way of demonstrating the dangers of drinking and driving. Staff and students were shocked to see some of their peers being wheeled around on stretchers and pulled from demolished cars. If that didn't catch their attention, surely the police cars and ambulances did.

It's easy to talk about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, but this year's SADD members realized that the best way to make people think is to show them realistic situations that are much harder to ignore.

—Joy Cadwallader



(above) TAKING ROLE. Ali Jennings assumes her usual position on the floor. Although there are no official officers in SADD, Ali got stuck with a secretarial role this year.

LHS Organizations Explode into Action Throughout the Year.

"Quiz Bowl was such a success this year because I was Captain! Need I say more?" --Mike Palmer



"The mock accident was great! SADD really did a lot this year." --Robyn Abbey

"The best part about being in NHS is that we are recognized for our academic accomplishments." --Brenda Arras



"I think that the best thing about Renaissance this year was the Employee of the Week because it allowed the school's employees to be recognized."

--Krista Ross

"This year student council had a very productive year, organizing new activities and introducing new traditions at LHS."

--Shannon Pierce



"Pub works their butt off to get the yearbook done. It's time-consuming and difficult, but we do it for the rest of the students."

--Autumn Mentink



"I loved the friendly competition of Forensics. All the competitors are very supportive of each other. The team was also very supportive." —Leslie Davenport



"The best part of choir this year was actually the time we (the choir students) spent together at Choir Camp."
—Heather Rockwell

UP!

"My favorite part of the Close-Up trip was the Holocaust Museum. It was a moving experience." —Ashley Feazel



"I really enjoyed the Variety Show in band this year. Everybody had a chance to just go out there and be crazy and have fun." —Billy Beers



Our profound losses

The 1997-98 school year was bitter sweet. The excitement of a new building and the challenges and opportunities it afforded the LHS community were dampened by the loss of two special individuals who helped to shape the LHS schools for decades.

In July 1997, teacher, friend and mentor Jean Ekins passed away after a long battle with cancer. Ekins will best be remembered for her commitment to students who found themselves facing parenthood at too early an age. She was a special advocate for these young people, and because of her efforts hundreds of young ladies were able to complete high school and even continue on to college while taking care of their children. Ekins established the Family Learning Center (FLC) in Leslie, which became an example for school districts across the nation. The FLC provided students with classes to meet their graduation requirements, special classes on parenting, and on-site day care for their children.

Ekins efforts to help these troubled teens were recognized beyond the Leslie boundaries. School districts from around the mid-Michigan area sent expectant parents to the FLC to further their education. Harvard University recognized Ekin's efforts at the FLC with a sizeable grant. Ekins also testified before Congress on the problems and solutions of teen pregnancy.

With all of these accomplishments, those who knew Jean Ekins will remember her friendly demeanor, willingness to go the extra mile for her students and her deep commitment to family and friends. We were honored by her presence in our community and she is deeply missed.

1998 brought the sudden and unexpected death of social science teacher Mike Sova who died of a massive stroke in May. Sova joined the high school staff in the 1997-98 school year after teaching at the middle school for many years. At the high school he was challenged by seniors in government and economics courses as well as freshmen in civics and world geography.

Students remembered Sova with cards and letters for his daughter, Kara, to someday read so that she will know the special side of her father that he shared with his students. Hundreds of students attended his funeral as they remembered Sova's quiet and caring attitude toward all of the people he came in contact with.

Sova's death shocked and saddened the LHS community. Students shared tears and memories of this unique teacher as they tried to ease the pain of this sudden loss. Sova was remembered at graduation with a white rose on a chair in the faculty section; his spirit will remain with us.

Mike Sova is deeply missed.

A single tear,
 More to come,
 A teacher ,a friend,
 A mentor to some,
 He's touch the minds,
 Of many boys and girls,
 He said teaching high schoolers,
 Is "A whole different world,"
 Much more than a teacher,
 Not just an instructor,
 When we heard he had gone,
 Our hearts crashed like thunder,
 The seventh grade movies,
 About Nixon and Truman,
 Roosevelt and Kennedy,
 You'd have thought he knew them,
 His speeches in Econ,
 And his State of the Union,
 I wish I could say,
 "I actually knew him,"
 His face was so friendly,
 His truck baby blue,
 Grown men with his kindness,
 Are so very few,
 He's been my mentor,
 My hero no less,
 Teaching at the middle school,
 Or at LHS,
 He's been a great man,
 All through the years,
 When we heard the bad news,
 My eyes filled with tears,
 You can still hear him in the halls,
 His happy carefree walk,
 And he'd sit there and listen,
 If you just needed to talk,
 He was so happy,
 When he talked about elections,
 God made a mistake,
 When he made this selection,
 At lunch he would always,
 Race to the food,
 We thought it was funny,
 Never thought it was rude,
 So let's hang our hearts,
 For now and forever,
 For Mr. Mike Sova
 The best teacher ever.

by Brian Wood

In memory of Mrs. Ekins:

A beloved teacher, friend, a wife and a mother.

An achiever, a supporter, a giver and a lover.

She loved all the students and she gave much support to each and everyone.

A tear drop falls from my eyes
 as the terrible news sweeps over my soul
 and shivers down my spine.

Words can't express what she
 meant to me, but the tears that
 flow to the floor
 show it

Sorrow takes toll and I cry again,
 Why did the lord take her?

Forever in our hearts and memories.

If you could wake up tomorrow having gained one great ability, what would it be and why?

"If I could wake up with one ability I would like to be able to live forever because I would like to see what is going to happen 100 years from now. See what the world turns into. That's why I would like to live forever."

Ben Miller

"If I was to wake up and have an ability I would choose to be the best softball player in the whole entire world."

Natasha Kirchmeyer

"I would not have any ability because then it would change my whole life and I wouldn't be the wonderful person that I am."

Nikki Bidstrup

If you knew there would be a nuclear war in one week what would you do?

"I would inform the President, kind of like in Independence Day but without aliens."

Kristen Allender

"If I had one week before nuclear war I would visit with everybody I loved and everybody I made fun of or hurt and apologize."

Cody Jones

What do you think of all the recent shootings and killings at high schools around the nation?

"I think the reason why there have been so many school shootings is because of the media. These killers get so much attention because the shootings are broadcasted all over the nation. Other troubled students think that shooting people in their school is a good way to get attention from the entire country so they follow that example."

Holly Werkema

What do you think about the dress code at LHS?

"I don't think it's too strict but I think it's unfair. Only certain people get told that their shorts are too short or that their tank tops are inappropriate. These people are the ones whose parents aren't high in the community. I think the "well known" people should be asked to change too."

Eric Isham

"I understand not wanting sloppy tank tops, but shirts with cut off sleeves is ridiculous because every one has arm pits."

Tindsey James

School year costs!

Big Mac Value Meal	\$ 3.29
School Lunch	\$ 1.60
LHS Newspaper	\$.25
Candy Bar	\$.50
Gallon of Gas	\$ 1.13
Gallon of Milk	\$ 1.88
LHS Dance Tickets	\$ 3.00
Movie Ticket	\$ 6.50
LHS Prom Ticket	\$30.00
LHS Yearbook	\$30.00
Music CD	\$14.99
Minimum Wage	\$ 5.35

If you could take a one month trip anywhere in the world and money was not a consideration, where would you go and why?

"Australia, because the landscape and way of life is so different. Plus I love their accents."

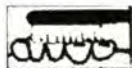
Rebekah Howard

"Anywhere in the west half of the U.S. because I've never been out there. I'd want to go someplace where there wasn't a lot of people, no cities higher than what I've been in so far."

Jim Brownlee



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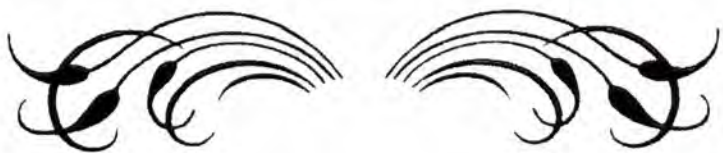
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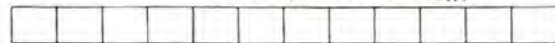
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