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I'm involved in Tech Society because it gives me something to do after school and it helps out the school.”

Junior Elizabeth LaRue

involve

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"I'm able to come to school with my head held high, knowing who I am, and knowing that's who I am going to be. It makes me an individual."

**Senior Chris Smith**

**Individual**

"How do I stay informed? A little thing called gossip. One thing leads to another and pretty soon the whole school knows about things."

**Senior Nicole Fox**

**Inform**

"My brother inspires me; he is a great role model and I can trust him with anything. He's someone I look up to and I could look at for a good example in my life."

**Sophomore  
Erica Judy**

**Inspire**

"By interacting with the community people can keep up with what's going on. It's important to interact because people need to be able to talk to one another."

**Sophomore Jeff Bahr**

**Interact**





**Stealing the ball from his opponent,** junior **Tyler Reed** runs down the field at the Detroit DePorres game. Many football fans wanted vindication against DePorres after their loss last year, and the Rams won this second game of the season 49-41. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*



**At the memorial concert,** junior **Bobby Joe Taylor** plays her guitar for the audience. The concert was a benefit for the students who had died in a car accident over the summer. "I didn't go even though I wanted to because I went to another concert that I know Robbie [Bolanowski] would've loved too," said senior **Roy Kirby**. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber.*

**Working hard on a yearbook** deadline, seniors **Ben Berry** and **Brandon Boatman** use the In-Design program to lay out their pages. This was Berry's third year on staff and he convinced one of his best friends to join. Many students think that being in yearbook class would be a lot fun, and they often think that it is only a "blow off class." But former yearbook staffer **Kyle Koscis** begs to differ: "It got really stressful sometimes, but everyone made sure to help everyone out," said Koscis. *Photo by Christine Fisher*



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### Who's Inside Rudy?

That was a good question in the weeks leading up to the pep rally. With no one signed up to be the mascot, many were worried. That was when senior John Roché stepped up. "Someone just asked me to do it, and I was like sure," said Roché. Senior Kevin Allen shows his appreciation to Roché. "It is so awesome to have fans, it really helps get us pumped up," said Allen.

*Photo by Holly Schenbachler*







“It's important that everybody is the same, yet different too.”

senior Kevin Allen  
on why everyone is unique.

Every person has his or her own story. These stories are what define the people that we become, because we learn about ourselves and others.

"It is important to be respectful, everyone should be different because then it is easier to respect each other's differences," said senior Kevin Allen. When asked, most students agree with Allen. "We learn it from the time we are young. Respect can get you really far in life," said junior Chelsea Rees.

This respect for others can be seen in many organizations and clubs who have taken it upon themselves to make a difference even though they are still in high school. Clubs like NHS and KEY Club have a goal to promote community service. "I joined NHS because I felt it was the best way to get involved with the community. Since joining and participating in activities, I've had many times where people thanked me for doing things that I probably wouldn't have done before. And that made NHS worthwhile for me," said senior Ashley Mrva.

Involvement in service oriented clubs, helps people to learn that there is more to most people than what meets the eye. Finding differences in one another is a good idea. It helps us appreciate the way people are. "One of my really good friends and I weren't friends before because I thought she was kind of mean and stuck up. But now we are friends and we just laugh about it, especially since it was in elementary school," said senior Lynn Bossenbroek.

by Dani Dimmitt

# inside us all



It all goes too fast  
to think  
too much. You just have to  
play your best  
and have fun.

Junior Srba Rankovich  
about what goes on in his  
head when he's playing soccer.

Being on the field, court, arena, pool  
or mats is when it's all about the game.  
With three seasons of sports, the next  
game is never far from many minds.

The hours of practice and devotion  
show the true spirit of many athletes.  
"We started training for soccer at the  
end of November, and it's not until the  
spring," said senior Kris Gladstone.

From bonding the team to working  
hard at practice, sports are a way for  
many people to connect. "I don't usu-  
ally hang out with most of the people on  
my volleyball team, but during the sea-  
son we all get really close," said senior  
Teddy Priebe.

It isn't only students who are clock-  
ing the extra hours. Coaches and assis-  
tants show their support by giving their  
time. "I hadn't played soccer in a long  
time and I always wanted to coach. I  
mostly met just the freshmen because I

coached with Matt Trunk, but I also got  
to know a lot of teachers and older kids,"  
said intern Adam Maier.

Many traditions go into game days.

Most teams either dress up or wear a  
outfit relating to their sport.

It has been a long time tradition to  
have students stand out on game days.  
For example, some teams, like womens  
lacrosse wear part of their uniforms on  
game day, while other teams, like mens  
swimming, sport bizzare hair-dos lead-  
ing up to their biggest competitions. The  
idea of it is that the student body will go  
out and support the teams.

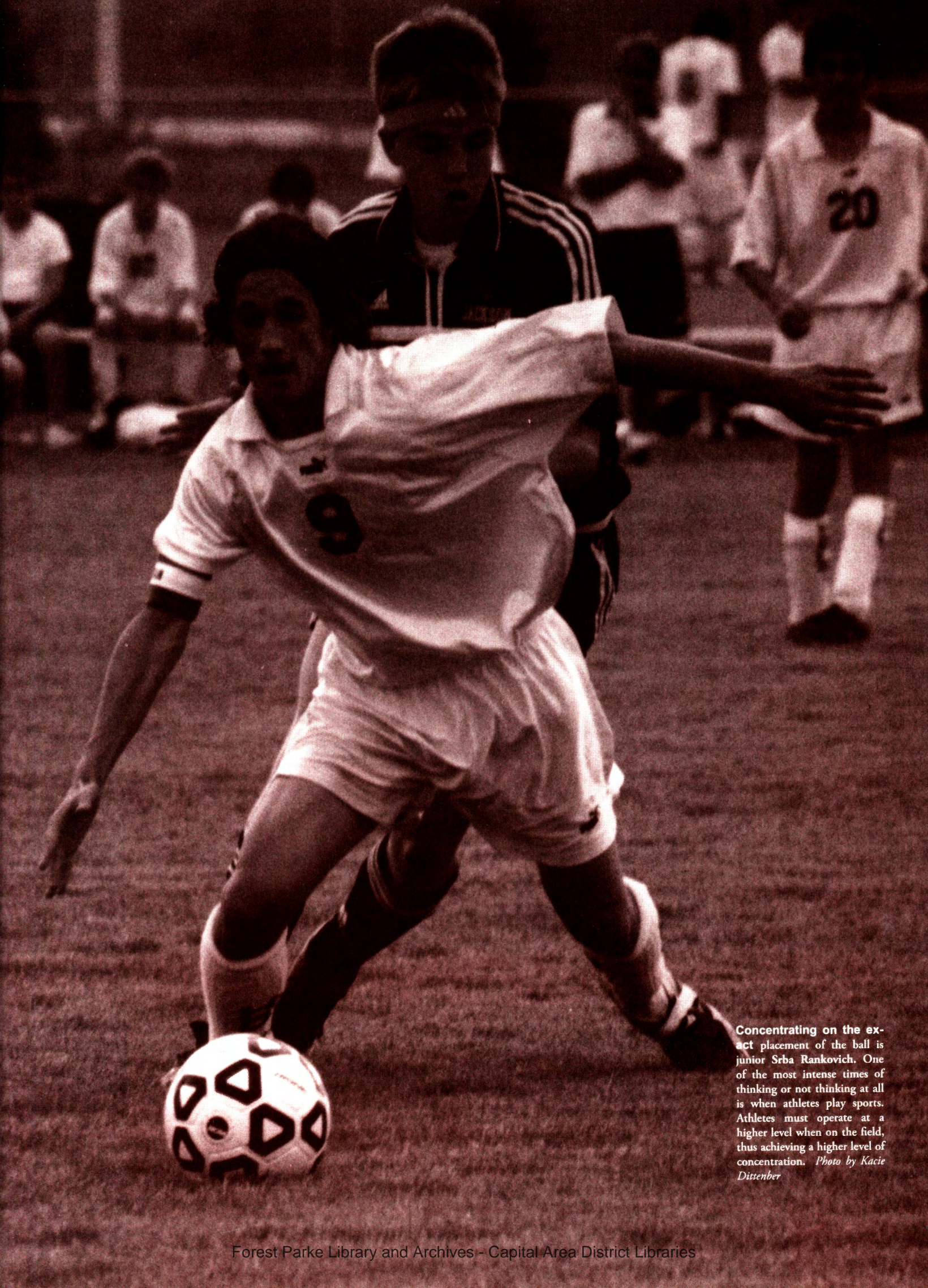
For some teams it has just been  
the battle to get the team started. "We  
started the team and we are working on  
making it school-sponsored," said se-  
nior Katie Lash about the newest sport  
added to Holt athletics, mens and wom-  
ens water polo.

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# inside the game

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Concentrating on the exact placement of the ball is junior Srba Rankovich. One of the most intense times of thinking or not thinking at all is when athletes play sports. Athletes must operate at a higher level when on the field, thus achieving a higher level of concentration. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*





**Conducting an experiment in Genetics** class is seniors Kelli Hillard, Rachel Porter and Kaitlyn Sherer. "I like school, but I'm ready for it to be over," said senior Kaitlyn Sherer. Favorite subject is often something that can make school a little more bearable. Senior Jennifer Kipp said, "My favorite class is Spanish, because Ms. Grew cracks me up and she has a different hairstyle every week." *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*



Things go on all the time  
that most  
people don't  
know about but  
eventually people  
start talking.

Junior Misty Mitchell  
about what goes on in our school.

Students spend a majority of their teenage years in high school, but how aware of they of what really goes on?

Many students are surprised to learn that their teachers have a passion for something other than teaching school. Craig and Kellie Huhn, both math teachers, met while teaching. "One of my friends, who is also a teacher, told me to ask him out. I decided that that was a good idea. Our first date was grading papers at Denny's. I knew it was a date, but I don't really think he realized it was," said Kellie Huhn. The Huhns had their first child, a baby girl named Audrey Dayle, in January.

While the Huhns spent the fall preparing for the birth of their daughter, the Minority Student Union spent the fall working on their passion: breaking down cliques that occur between different social groups,

by hosting the first annual Mix It Up day. It encouraged students to sit with people that they don't normally sit with at lunch. Senior Precious Paul headed the efforts. "It was really cool to see how it was going to work out. We wanted people to overcome their differences and stereotypes. We got some opposition because people didn't want to move their seats, but overall it wasn't too bad," said Paul.

The school year has been full of events, from the sophomore PLAN tests to the Battle of the Bands. Many students learn valuable life lessons in school from their teachers. "Students who learn to deal with their surroundings and have a higher maturity level do better in life than those who don't think about the future consequences of their actions," said teacher Jessica Cotter.

by Dani Dimmitt

inside your school



Life is like  
being a  
bug;  
you never  
know  
if you're  
going to get  
squished.

Sophomore Melanie Dalton  
and her theory on life.

**L**ife is defined by the experiences that matter. Everybody's life is different. That is what makes a person an individual.

Many people grow up different than the "normal." Many people experience and learn a totally different lifestyle. Junior Jessica Seguin, along with her older sister, live with their cousin senior Kaitlyn Sherer and her parents. Sherer and Seguin share a sisterly bond and a love for horses. "I have lived with my aunt and uncle since I was five. My cousin Kaitlyn and I get along better than me and my sister," said Seguin.

Other people fill our lives with things they love to do. "I love to read. I like to read horror books. My favorite author is

Terry Brooks. Most of the time I'm reading or working at Soldan's Pet Shop," said junior Colter Baker.

Meeting parental expectations is an important part of life, especially in high school. Finding time to do the things you like has to take second priority. "I try to get my homework done so I'll stay out of trouble from my mom. But other than that I love to read a lot," said junior Kerrie Hileman.

Most teenagers' lives are filled up by one thing: school. Students spend four years in high school, with few distractions. "School is the most boring part of my life," said junior Josh Trexler. "It's alright sometimes, it just gets old after a while."

by Dani Dimmitt

# inside your life

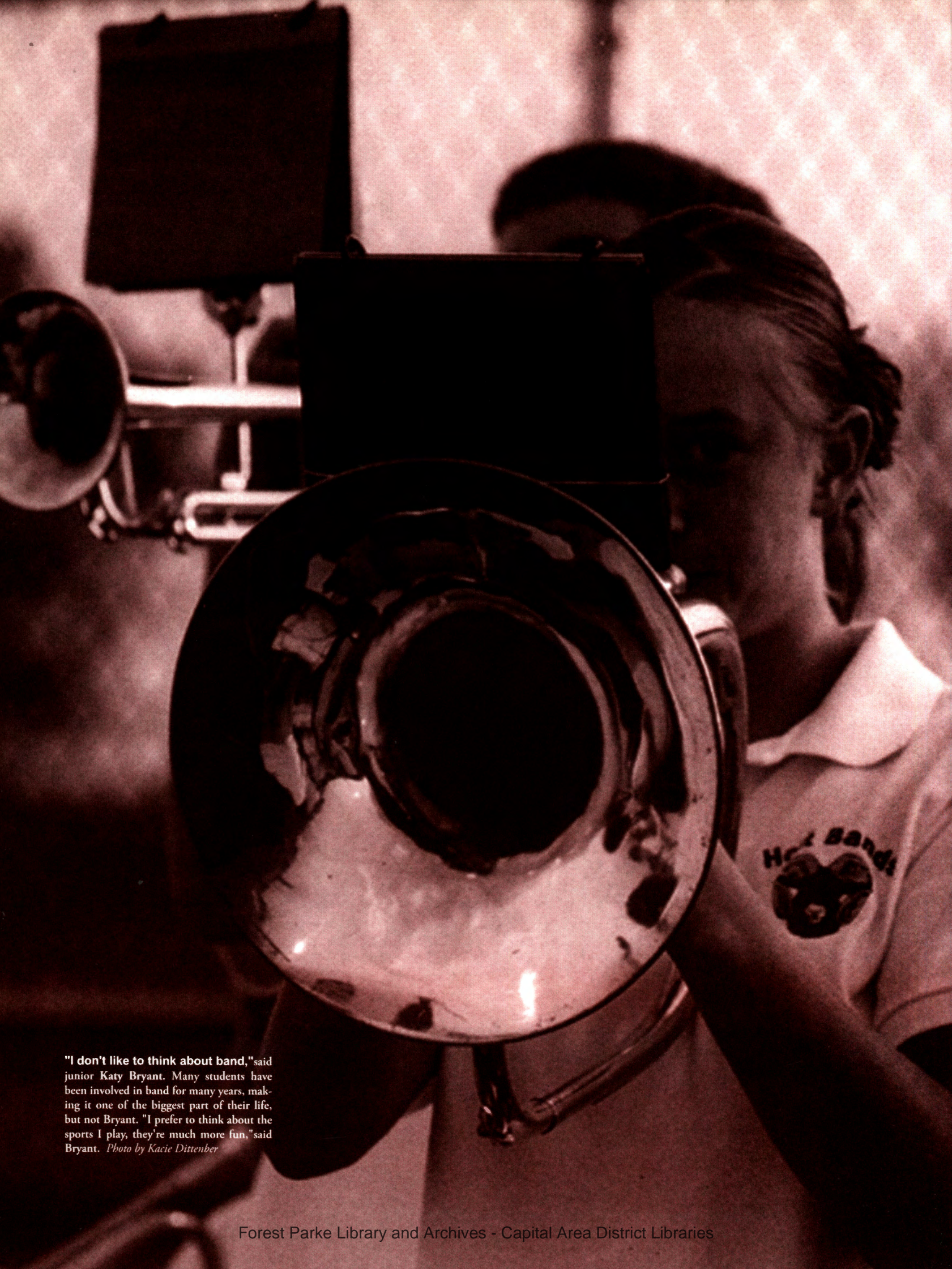
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Practicing has proved to be beneficial for senior Mia Theroux. Theroux plans on playing soccer in college and maybe beyond. "I have played soccer for so long and I really hope that things work out. I love soccer. It is a huge part of my life," said Theroux. *Courtesy Photo*





"I don't like to think about band," said junior Katy Bryant. Many students have been involved in band for many years, making it one of the biggest part of their life, but not Bryant. "I prefer to think about the sports I play, they're much more fun," said Bryant. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



"I keep a lot of things in my head because I don't really trust a lot of people."

Senior Amy Thompson  
on why she keeps things to herself

Whether its humming a song or reading notes out loud, everyone communicates in their head. The thought process can be a complex or a simple thing. Half of the time people don't even realize what they are thinking about.

When people hold things inside it can become overwhelming. "I had been holding my friends' death inside, and it has been really hard not to let go. But it gets easier and I know that they are in a better place," said senior Katie Flinton.

When asked about what they think the opposite sex thinks about, senior Dexter Baker was all butterflies and flowers. "Girls think about makeup and boys and, of course, how hot I am." Most girls would say that boys think about girls. "My guess is that guys are constantly thinking about how hot a certain girl is or something like that," said senior Melissa Marecki.

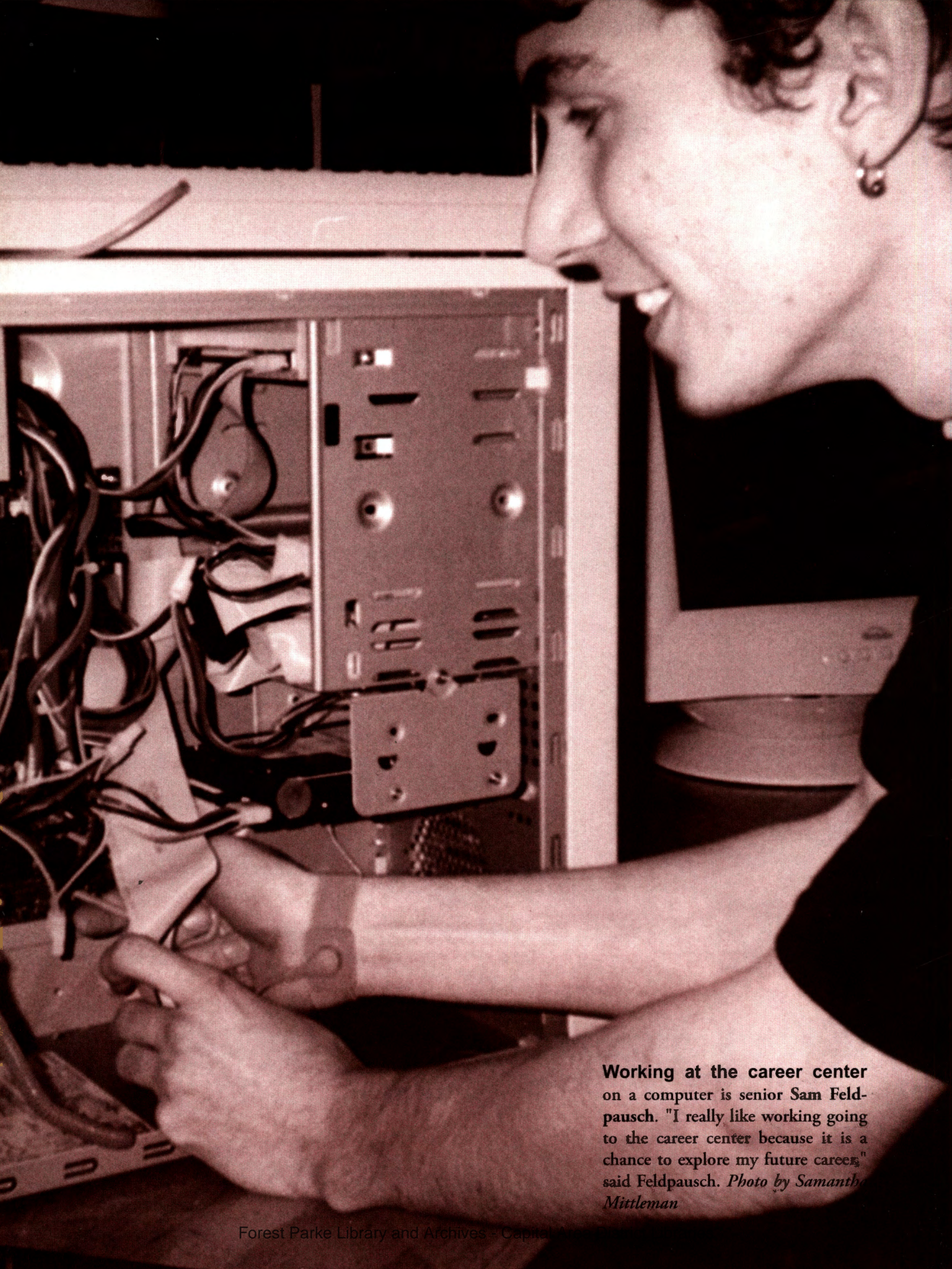
"I think about real stuff, like where I'm going to be in twenty years and my family and school, not make up," said junior Misty Mitchell. And senior Matt Denny said, "I usually think about playing poker, Counter-strike, downloading games, and how many days until I'm not a senior. Of course I think about girls, but I think about poker and food more."

Some people are more open about their thoughts than others. "I like when people know where I'm coming from, plus I don't care what people think about me, I'll never see any of these people again!" said senior Erin Siebert.

by Dani Dimmitt

# inside your head





Working at the career center on a computer is senior Sam Feldpausch. "I really like working going to the career center because it is a chance to explore my future career," said Feldpausch. *Photo by Samantha Mittleman*



“My dream job would be being a CAD designer. I really like the class in high school.”  
Senior Adam Krumm  
on his future plans

**F**or many people having dreams and the time," said senior Myron Knox.

goals is what motivates them to do well in life. Whether it is an academic goal or an athletic dream, these are what make many people work hard in school. People often don't decide what they want to do until they are out of high school. But many people have at least some idea of what they want to do. "I want to be an attorney because I like to argue with people,"

Sports are more than just a game for many people who are aspiring to be a pro or even semipro athlete. But for others it is something that would be a dream. "I've always wanted to be a professional athlete. They make the most money, but I know that it would be extremely hard. I would have to work really hard. It is all I would be able to do. I would have to practice and train all the time," said sophomore Nick Kanillopoolos. "My parents have inspired me because they want me to be successful and happy. I know that I have to do good in school and not do anything stupid."

Having goals and an action plan for achieving that goal is the first step for reaching our dreams.

by Dani Dimmitt


# inside our dreams



Hardcore fans are what makes the difference in many people's game. No these are not football fans, these are women's swimming fans who wanted to show their support. "It's fun being a good fan. It really helps when there are good fans," said senior Steve Lynch. *Photo by Katie Lash*







“I'm too busy to be involved in anything.”

Senior Nicole Fox  
on school involvement.

Being involved is how many students leave their mark in high school. From participating in a sport to coaching or cheering, everyone plays a role.

School activities are a big part of student involvement. Many clubs involve clocking extra hours. Students in community clubs such as KEY Club and NHS are required to do community service.

Being involved in one activity often means that time for other things isn't there. "I'm involved in football and baseball. Also I'm in NHS. I've played baseball for a long time and I love it. I used to play soccer too, but I decided to quit so I could focus on playing football full time. It is so much fun," said senior Adam Cheadle.

Finding activities that are interesting

to students is an important part of being involved in school. "I am involved in Karate and I really like it because I have made a lot of friends and I can kick people's butts," said sophomore Adelle Jones.

Many people find that the best reason for joining something is meeting new people or hanging out with old friends. "I dance and I do volunteer work. I like to see my friends and it's cool because they do this stuff with me," said sophomore Sara Benscohoter.

Finding the time to be involved is often the biggest problem that students face because of school, work and family. "I would like to be involved, but I have to work a lot," said senior Nicole Fox. Ironically, she added: "I'm too busy to be involved in anything."

by Dani Dimmitt

# involve



# too hot to handle

hot fun in the summer sun...

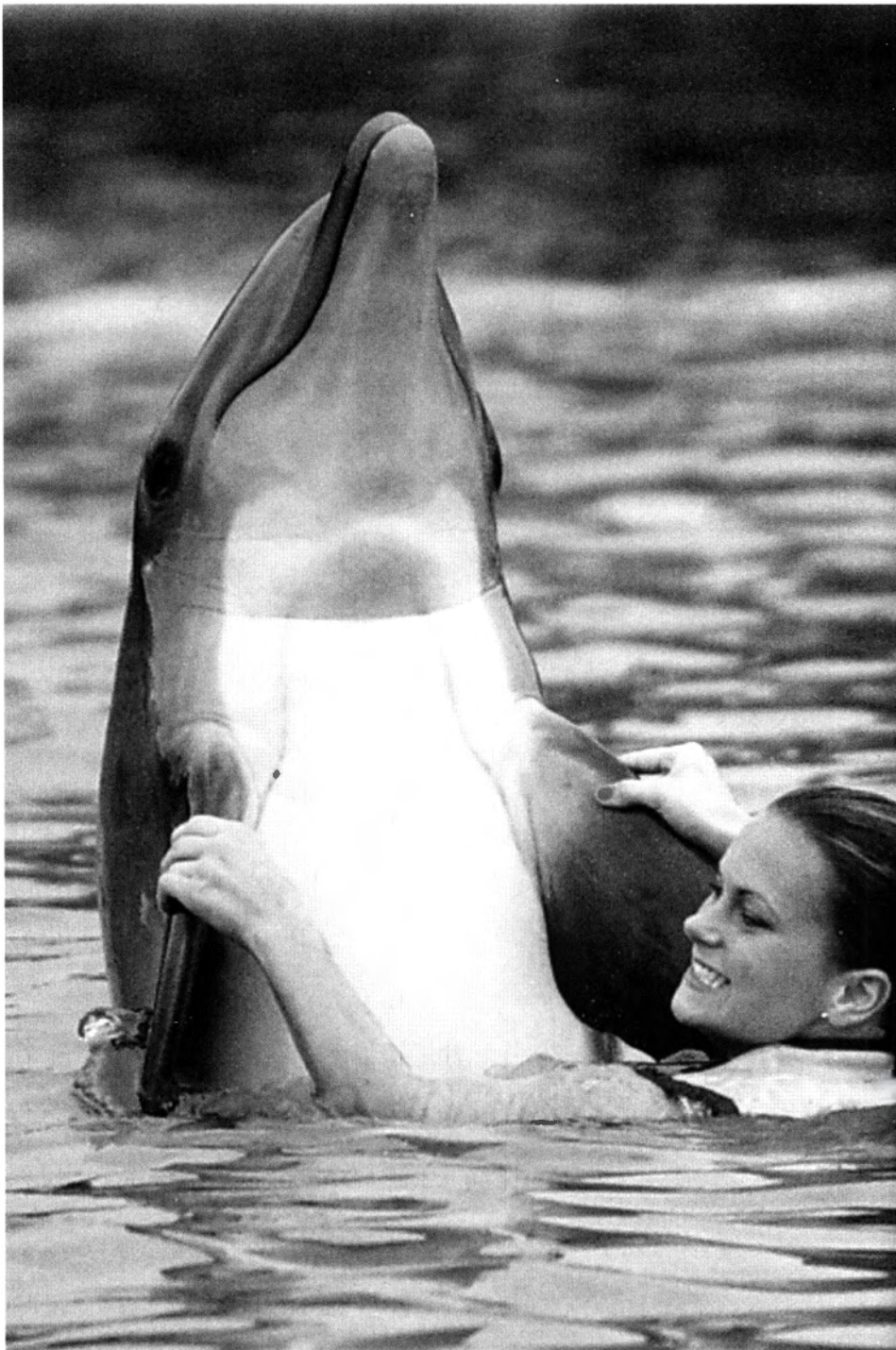
by Heather Piper

It's that one day that all students anticipate all year long: the last day of school. They're finally free from homework, from teachers, and those dreaded days where they have to get up super early in the morning.

And during those long summer days, which go by way too fast, life can involve various activities that many students have in common. These include working, vacationing, camping, training for sports, the wonderfulness of sleeping half the day away, and just hanging out with friends all day and night. But then again, there are those who must go to the not-so-fun summer school.

While summer goes by all too fast for students and their teachers, it's a chance to relax, rest up, and prepare for the next school year.

**On vacation with her family in Florida,** junior Caitlin Lesperance takes time out of her day to have fun and swim with the dolphins. *Courtesy photo*

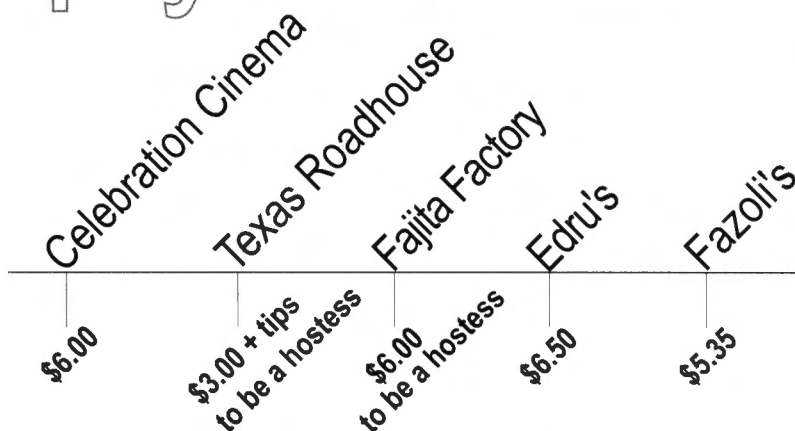


# summer Jobs

For some students summer isn't about sitting on the couch and watching the television set. For some it's about going out and making the big bucks at their job. They have to be really dedicated to give up so much of their free time to work. But then again once it's time for school again, they'll be able to show that their hard work really did pay off.

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**Over summer break,** now seniors **Danyel Bozzo** and **Kim Vandenburg** get ready to go out to eat at Hooters while on vacation in Florida. *Courtesy photo*

**Sophomore Jeff Easterbrook** spends a day over summer vacation fishing. Fishing is one of Easterbrook's hobbies. *Courtesy photo*



**Senior Shawn Adams** wakeboards as he has every summer since he first learned. Wakeboarding is one of his main hobbies and he even has a sponsor: Watersport Marina. *Courtesy photo*



**Seniors Holly Schoenbachler, Korbi Bare, and Jamie Dadd,** take a moment at the pier in Sunset Beach, South Carolina, to snap a picture while vacationing over the summer. "The 17-hour drive was the worst, but being able to spend a whole week in paradise with my best friends made it all worthwhile," said Schoenbachler. *Courtesy photo*



**Senior Janie Duckett and junior Heidi Gilbert** take a day to spend at the beach and just enjoy the sun with a little rest and relaxation. *Photos by Heather Piper*



When these  
**exchange  
students**  
return to their homes,  
these are the **3** things  
they will remember most

**Ana Cangussu**,  
from Brazil said she  
will remember the  
snow, American foot-  
ball and her host fam-  
ily the most. *Courtesy  
Photo*



**Ayano Mori** from  
Japan, said she will  
remember her host  
family, her friends  
and American fast  
food the most. *Cour-  
tesy Photo*



**Carla Ochoa-Gi-  
mon**, from Venezuela,  
said she will remem-  
ber her host family,  
the high school and  
all the snow. *Courtesy  
Photo*



**Davi Clemente**,  
from Brazil, will  
remember Kaylee Kel-  
logg, his friends and  
host family and New  
York City the most.  
*Courtesy Photo*



**Kseniya Mezenina**  
from Russia, said she  
will remember foot-  
ball, pizza and all the  
hot boys. *Courtesy  
Photo*



**Vitalie Djugostran**  
from Moldova says  
he will remember  
friends, the trips and  
his host family the  
most. *Courtesy Photo*



**Seljuk Yucesoy**  
from Turkey, said he  
will remember swim-  
ming practice, the  
American food, the  
size of the schools and  
houses in America.  
*Courtesy Photo*



# The FES foreign exchange students

by Sergey Gukasov

Students come from all over the world to the United States to see and experience American life firsthand. Holt was privileged to receive seven students from six different countries. Most of these foreign exchange students had to win some sort of competition with hundreds of students battling for one prize: the option to come to and attend an American school for a year.

During their experience in America, the students find things they like better than at home and things that they don't like as much. "I like the blonde girls, all the nice people and the size of the school building," said Davi Clemente. While Carla Ochoa-Gimon said, "I like that the United States is an organized country, with a lot of opportunities for a good education."

There are things that the students disliked also, like Ayano Mori who said, "I don't like how there is no transportation except for cars, so I cannot go anywhere by myself."

All of the students agree that the people in America are very nice and that the host families make them feel right at home. "We hang out together, we joke, and we go places. I didn't expect them to be so nice to me. I'm having a very good time living with them," said Vitalie Djugostran.

The exchange students will take many memories back to their home countries. These memories will include people they met, as well as experiences with sports, trips and the different foods. "Since I was a little girl, I have always had a dream of riding horses, and guess what, here in America my host family has horses and I get to ride them. I will never forget that," said Keysa Mezenina. The experiences they encounter could be life changing. They will take back home with them memories that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

**Vitalie Djugostran** and **Davi Clemente** stand at the soccer banquet with best friend and teammate senior **Chris Smith**. "I like how the people here are very outgoing, they don't wait for you to approach them," said Djugostran. *Courtesy Photo*







**Hanging out at a Brazilian mall** with one of her friends is **Ana Cangussu**. "I love all the snow and the different stores at the mall here in America," said Cangussu. *Courtesy Photo.*



**Smiling big with her friends** in Venezuela is **Carla Ochoa-Gimon**. "Living with my host family has made my experience easier to handle, being away from home and my real family," said Gimon. *Courtesy Photo.*

**Visiting the campus** of Grand Valley State University gives the exchange students a taste of American academic life. **Davi Clemente, Ana Cangussu, Keysa Mezenina, Carla Ochoa-Gimon, and Ayano Mori** all took the trip to the Allendale, Michigan, campus. "Everything we do is a new and interesting experience, going on field trips is one of the best experiences for me," said Clemente. *Courtesy Photo.*

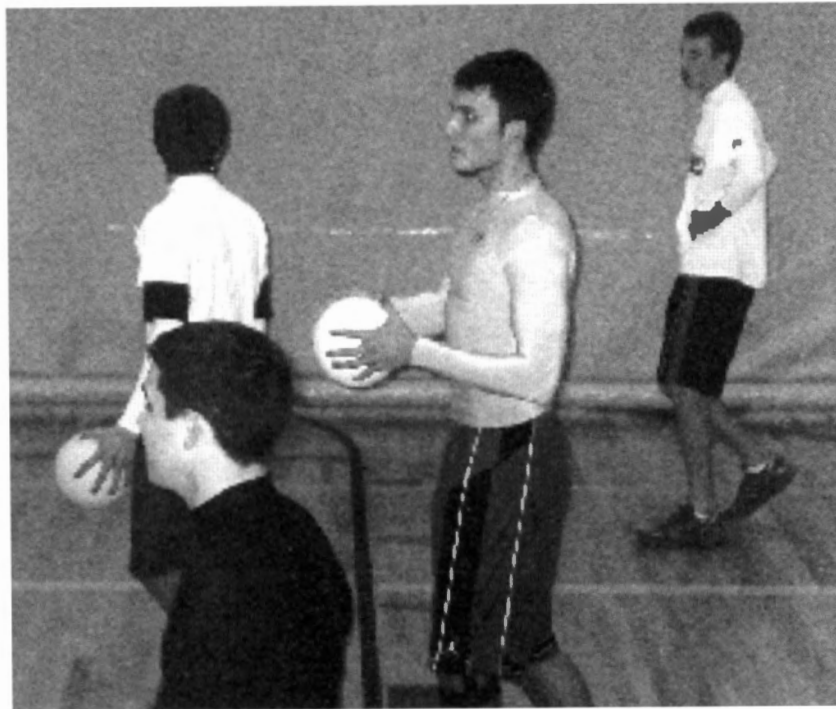


The winning team dominated the courts. Seniors **Mikhail Eisler** and **Tyler Maxey**, members of Raw Dawgs, brought their game to the dodgeball tournament. "It was the most fun school event that I've ever done. It felt good to beat the teachers," said Maxey. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*



**First time blood donor** senior **Sarah Benson** squeezes the ball in nervous anticipation. Giving one pint of blood has the potential to save three lives. *Photo by Ryan Bort*

"3... 2... 1... Dodgeball!" was senior **Ben Johnides** call as the boys dashed to the line for another game of dodgeball. NHS members had the chance to participate by refereeing, playing, or serving refreshments. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*







**Giving blood involves** a lot of paperwork, as junior **Sam Fenby** discovered. There are many requirements to give blood, including being healthy on the day, not having received a tattoo in the last year, and not having any communicable diseases. "I couldn't give blood because I had a cold: I was really bummed," said senior **Mia Theroux**. *Photo by Ryan Bort*

## The Senior Officers

**Margaret Leiby**, president of National Honor Society, has the important job of creating an agenda for each of the meetings. "Margaret always makes awesome cookies for the meetings on Wednesday mornings, they're so good," said senior **Tristen Anthony**. *Photo by Afton Bondarenko*



**Tristen Anthony**, vice president of National Honor Society, has the job of keeping track of hours and when people are on probation. Anthony also chaired the blood drive. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*



**Laura Warren**, secretary of National Honor Society, has the job of keeping the calendar of events all up to date. Warren also creates the newsletter for NHS. *Photo by Afton Bondarenko*



**Liz Huber**, treasurer of National Honor Society, is in charge of keeping track of the budget and making sure there is enough money for all the important events. *Photo by Ashley Duffy*



**Jessica Merriott and Dani Dimmitt** are the historians of National Honor Society. Their job is to keep the bulletin board up to date that tells of volunteer opportunities, hours received and needed and upcoming events. *Photo by Katie Knop*



# New Ideas and Old Events Create Fun Opportunities

by Dani Dimmitt

A new senior class brought a whole new set of problems for National Honor Society. With a dwindling budget the officers had to think of something to do to raise some money. Senior Tristen Anthony knew that a cookie dough fundraiser could do just that. "We raised about \$500. It could've been better, but it gave us enough," said Anthony.

Every year NHS throws a Toys for Tots dance, but the student body also showed an interest for a Sadie Hawkins dance, so NHS combined the two. Senior Jessica Merriott co-chaired the event. "We were hoping for a larger turn out than we had, but we didn't actually lose any money," said Merriott.

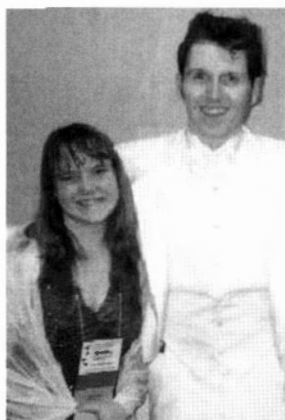
With the popularity of the movie *Dodgeball*, senior NHS member Adam Cheadle thought that creating a tournament would be a fun event that would get a lot of students involved. With 22 teams and a final showdown against the faculty dodgeball team, the event was filled with laughs and fun.

Another event that students besides NHS members had a chance to participate in was the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. The goal for the event was 90 units of blood. "I tried to give blood, but they didn't stick the needle in my vein right. I had a huge bruise on my arm for like three weeks," said senior Ashlee Stokes. The American Red Cross received 76 pints from the event.

NHS is now offered for freshmen to apply for their sophomore year if they have a 3.25 or above. This has created a bigger organization and more opportunities for student involvement in the community.



**Junior officer Tiffany Smitley** gives a warm welcome to former officer **Gretchin Baker**.  
*Courtesy Photo*



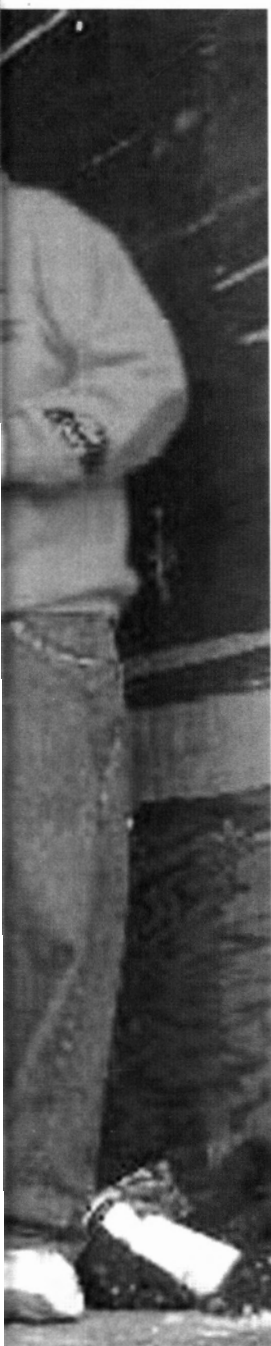
**Junior Jessica Seguin** is all smiles with Richard Brofey, the District Bulletin Editor, at the district convention. Jessica has attended many conventions, but she said that this was her favorite. *Courtesy Photo*

**Juniors Anna Keeler, Aubree Rogers, Jessica Seguin**, and a volunteer help out at the 2004 paper drive. "It was really cold, but the running around helped us stay warm," Keeler said. *Courtesy Photo*





Soliciting their slogan: "Join Key Club," members Beth Grayeski, Anna Keeler, Katelyn Gehringer, Emily Spenny, Tiffany Smitley, Nick Batora, Jessica Seguin, Brice Dawson, Thomas Kroll, and Tom Bowden smile encouragingly with a homemade sign. Courtesy Photo



**"I joined because I like to do community service, but the fact that it looks good on college applications doesn't hurt."**

~ Junior Tom Bowden

# Unlocking Key Club

by Samantha Mittleman

There are many reasons that you might join, but there is only one reason that you will stay: Key Club brings a sense of accomplishment and success to all of its members.

While meetings can be tedious, and the planning might bring stress to your life, the sense of fulfillment that you feel when finished doing something good for someone else is worth every anxious moment. "We're not as exclusive as groups like the National Honor Society. Even if you don't have the best grade point average you can still help other people," junior Megan Van Every said. "We are open to everyone."

Many activities span a wide variety of areas, like Special Needs Bowling and raking leaves for the elderly, but when members look back, they all share the community. "We helped out at the Children's Carnival where I passed out prizes to the little kids. They were really cute and it was

amazing to see what a small action and one afternoon of mine could do for them," junior Tom Bowden said.

Their actions are focused around the community, but as the old saying goes, "All work and no play..." Van Every explained how to make a seemingly dull assignment, like collecting the school's recycling, go by quickly: "Sometimes we race to see who can get it done faster."

Not everyone how much of an impact Key Club has on the school and community: "I thought it was a Janitors Club. You know... with the keys?" said junior Tiffany Royston. Many people don't even know that there is such a thing as Key Club, so don't worry that you missed the bus on it. But next time you feel the need to rake the elderly's leaves or help children by passing out prizes in a carnival, sign up for Key Club. It will boost your self worth, not to mention that it looks good on college applications.



## People's Perceptions

"Campus Life is a relaxing environment where you can be yourself," said sophomore **Cayden Bunnell**.



"Since it's mostly based around God, it's a great place to go for support. All of your friends are there, too," said junior **Rebecca Pierce**.



"Big Chill [the ski trip] is the most magical thing ever," said senior **Greg McClure**.



"I've never gone before but it sounds really fun. I love the flyers!" said junior **Emily Fountain**.



"Campus Life is a good impact and influence on peoples' lives. It's a healthy environment," said senior **Heather Tewes**.



# Campus Life:

## The magic behind the myth

by Christina McPike

Waiting patiently for the next command to be called, the entire crowd watches and squirms with excitement. "Eyelash to ear!" called out Matt Coppess, director of Holt's Campus Life, and kids frantically started searching for the right body parts.

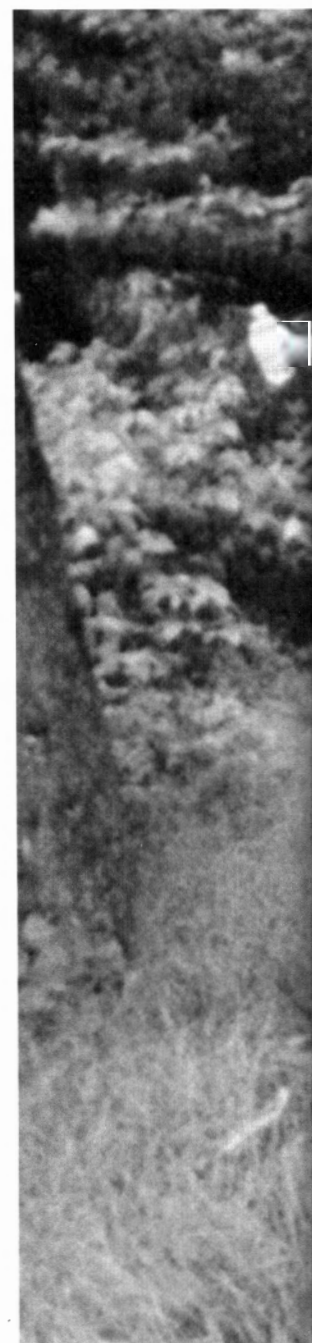
That's the typical scene of Monday club at Campus Life and even though this game might sound a little suggestive, it suited the night's topic perfectly: sex, one of the students' favorite conversations of the year. They are open to talk about their views, feelings, or ideas and ask practically anything they want. They focus on real life issues and what kids have to face in their everyday lives. Campus Life is here to help teens lead a "balanced life" consisting of four components: mental, physical, social and spiritual.

However Campus Life is more than just a weekly gathering. Trips like Big Chill, Florida Breakaway, and Smokies are the things that make Campus life so unique and entertaining. "Florida Breakaway '04, during spring break, was the greatest experience of my high school life. I met so many new people from different schools and had a blast with my friends who were there. It was fabulous with a capitol F!" said sophomore Kacy Cryderman excitedly as she recalled all her unforgettable memories.

For some, Campus Life may seem like a negative influence with cult-like intentions, but usually those people haven't experienced the club. "You can't join it, we don't force our beliefs on you and you can come and go as you please," said staff member Ben Cohoon.

Most people say Campus Life is impossible to describe, and as the unofficial slogan states, "You have to be there to experience it."

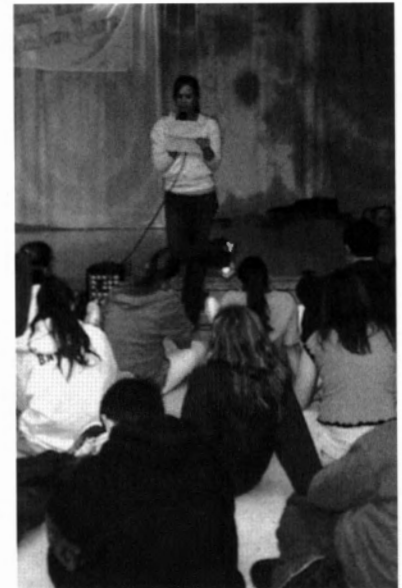
Competing for the title of Fear Factor champion, junior **David Hickok** chows down on a concoction of cat food, tuna fish, and peanut butter. Photo by Christina McPike







**Laughter was the only thing** to be heard when seniors **Krissy Dell** and **Liz Huber** and sophomore **Christina McPike** were nearby. While walking down the street in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, during the Smokey Mountains trip, these girls spotted an Abercrombie model look-alike and fell head over heels. *Courtesy photo*



**Listening intently** as staff member **Cristi Ladrig** talks to them about the Christmas spirit, many students enjoy Campus Life as a fun way to express their lives through religion. *Photo by Christina McPike*

**Nothing can dampen the spirits** of true Campus Life enthusiasts... even a treacherous eight-mile hike. Senior **Jimmy McPike** is among the students making the dangerous trek up the Smokey Mountains. "There's nothing like climbing up a thousand-foot mound of dirt, sweating your butt off, but having fun at the same time," said McPike. *Photo by Christina McPike*



“Our responsibilities are to keep the school active and informed as a body.”

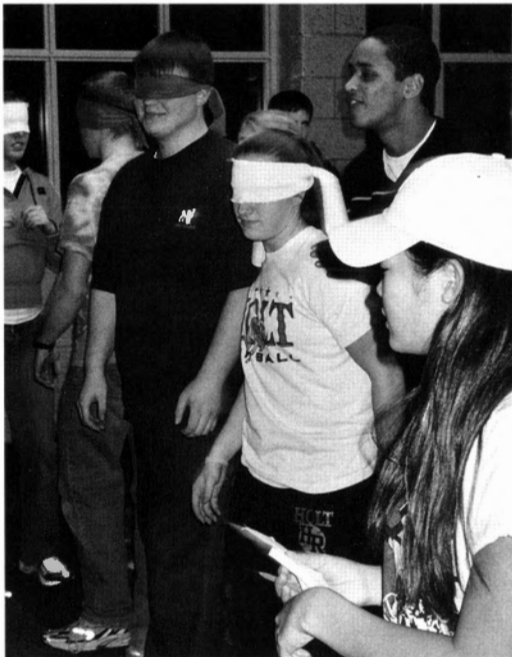
~Senior Sara Dundon.

Trying to work as teams to create unity and respect amongst each other the individuals participate in yet another game. "The best part was Korbi, Glenn and I dominating the obstacle course!" Said Senior Mia Theroux.

Photo by Matt Trunk

The entire Student Council body meets to decide on the plans for Winterfest. "You get to have a big voice on what goes on in the school because we choose a lot of the things that happen here," said sophomore Glenn Briggs.

Photo by Enjoli Marks



## An INSIDE look at the Officers

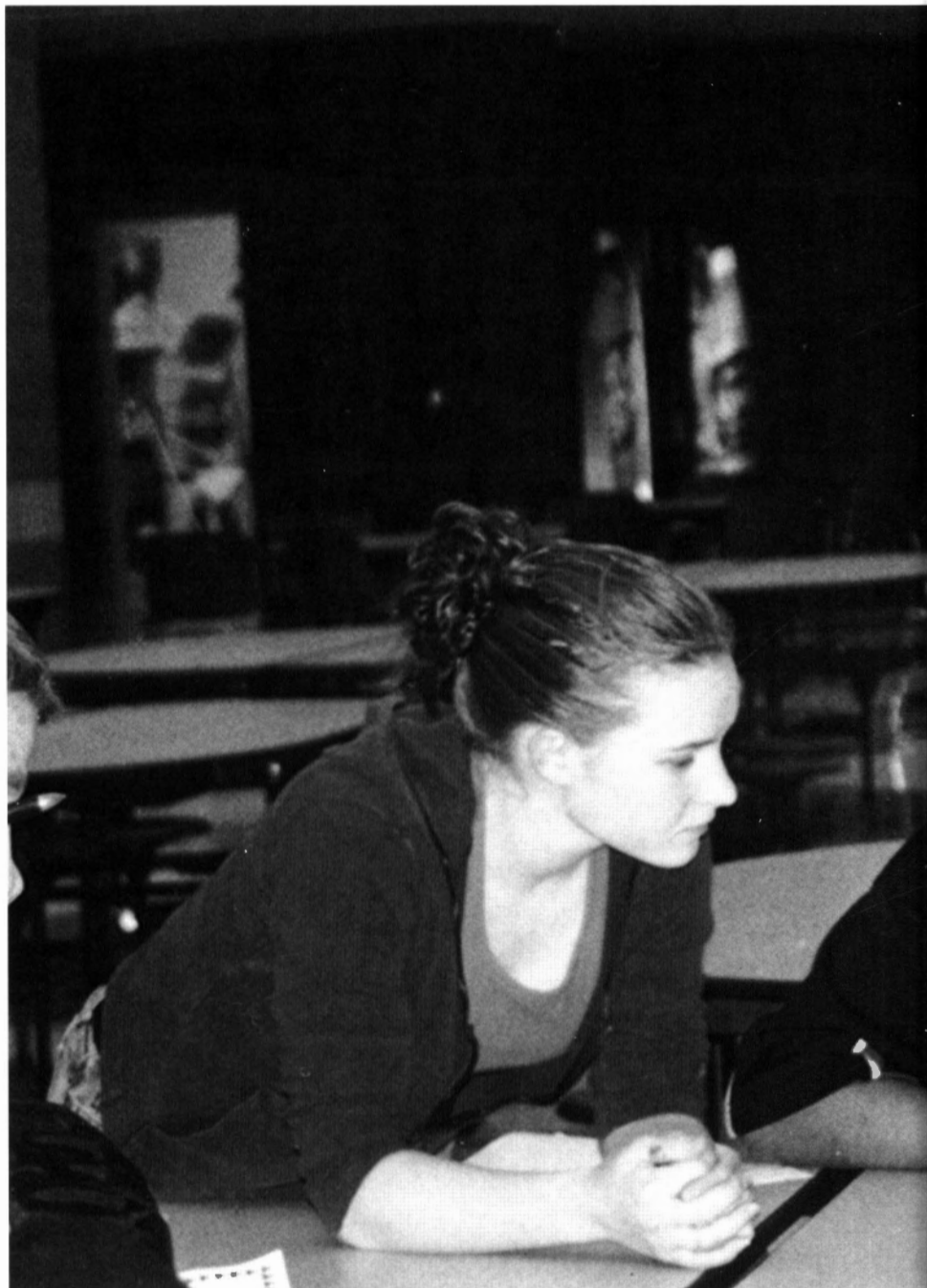
**President:**  
Talon Ireland

"I wanted to be president of the Student Body so I could have leadership skills, because girls like guys with skills, you know nun chuck skills, bow-hunting skills."



**Vice President:**  
Andrew Quebbeman

"The experience and familiarity of Student Council is what I wanted, so I could run for president next year."

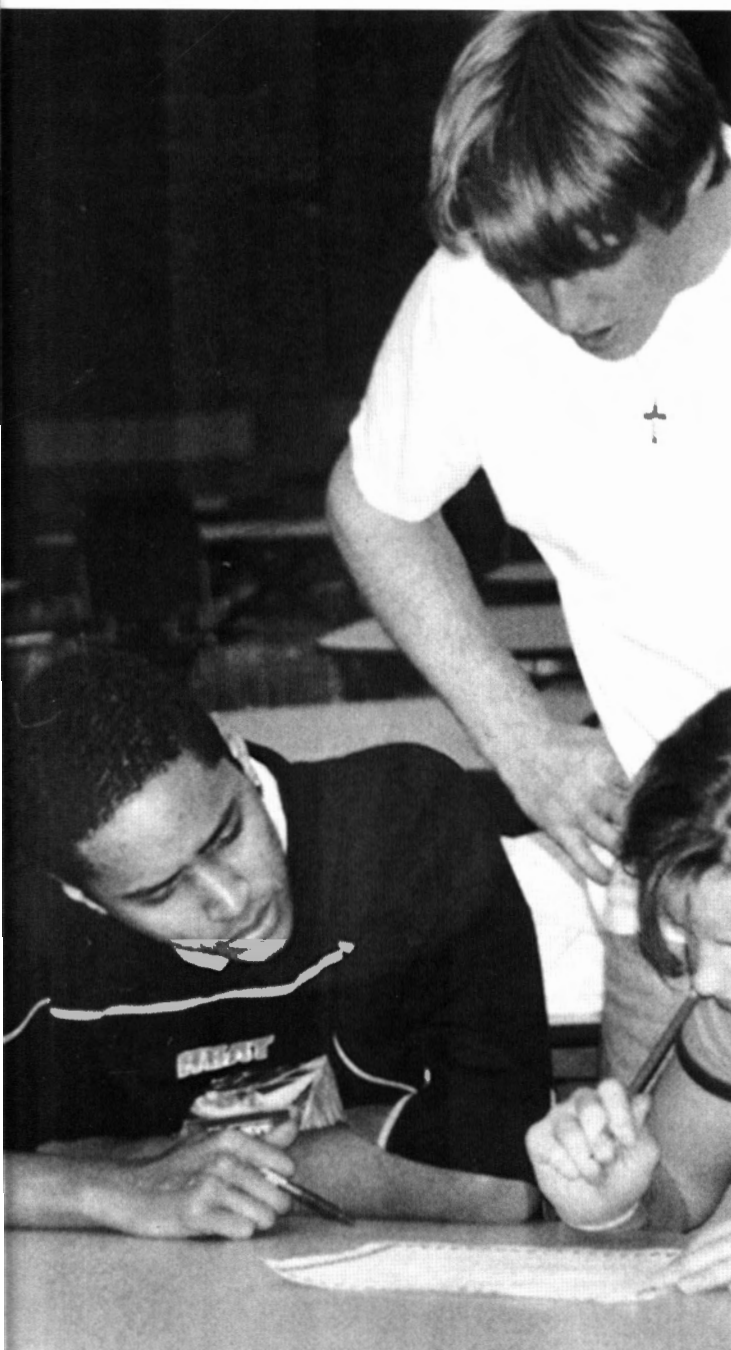






**Goofing around** at the retreat, senior **Korbi Bare** has a little fun. While this might look amusing at the moment, when it comes down to it Student Council has a knack for getting things done just right.  
*Photo by Enjoli Marks*

**"The best part of the retreat was the musical scavenger hunt game,"** said senior Eric McCulloh. The object of this exercise is to decode the Christmas song titles to find items. Around him are other Student Council members, including **Bridgette Griffiths, Korbi Bare** and **Andrew Quebbberman**.  
*Photo by Enjoli Marks*



# S tudent Council Doesn't Retreat from Tough Decisions

by Christina McPike and Enjoli Marks

Involvement, leadership, hard work, and compassion; these are some of the qualities of being a member of student council. When asked why they joined student council, all the members answered the same thing. "I like being involved, having a chance to change part of the school, participating in events, and to have fun with the other council members."

The most major changes that student council has made were Homecoming and Winterfest Court policy, making Winterfest formal, doing more charities, and making Spirit Weeks more entertaining. Speaking of Winterfest, which is the next exciting event that everyone is looking forward to, especially student council! "Winterfest is really fun because the school gets excited," said senior Rachel Porter.

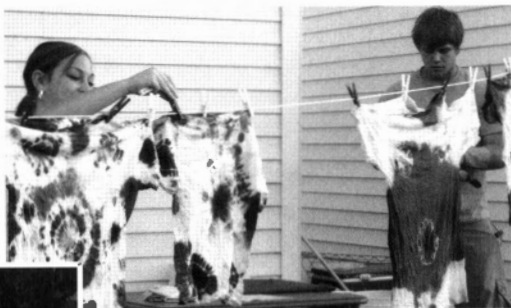
One of the other things that the Student Council members look forward to is the student retreat. It's a time of bonding, fellowship, food, fun, and one more meeting before the holiday break. "The teambuilding games, communicative games, etc, like the minefield game were fun. Where one person would lead a blinded partner down a debris congested hall was extremely fun and beneficial to us," said senior Talon Ireland.

Student council more than succeeds its reputation at Holt High School. All the members participate actively and love making the necessary changes to make our stay here as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.



"Float building is a fun time because you get to hang out with people you normally don't," said senior **Rachel Porter**. Porter attended building every night and played a big part in making the papier-mâché ram. *Courtesy Photo*

**Preparing for Friday's** class color day, seniors **Tracy Schrauben** and **Josh Looman** hang their tie-dyed shirts up to dry. "The shirt I made turned out really cool. It only took ten minutes. That and the free food was fun," said Looman. *Courtesy Photo*



"It was so much fun this year. I really thought we were going to win. It was a bummer when we didn't because we all worked so hard," said junior **Laura Mastin**. Along with Mastin were juniors **Stephanie Fredline** and **Alaina Hamlin**. The junior float building took place at Duling Farm. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



**Working on the Times Square** building that would fill the senior float are **Jake Tropf**, **Sara Dundon**, **Devon Bement** and **Mia Theroux**. Theroux thought that the seniors won because "we had school spirit on our float the we had the spirit of homecoming." *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*

# SPIRITS

# FLOAT HIGH DURING HOMEcoming

by Audrey Kuhn, Jessica Merriott, and Holly Schoenbachler



"I love being involved in float building, because it's the one time throughout the school year when our entire class can come together and deliver a float that many people had a hand in creating," said **Talon Ireland**. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*

**H**omecoming is probably the best kick off to any senior year because the spirit that everyone shows really reminds us that this is it, and we need to make the best of it!" said senior **Talon Ireland**, who is one of the few that spend time every year to make his class float great by designing it, working on it, and coordinating it. The first day of float building started Sunday at 4:00 p.m., and in Ireland's words, "The first day was pretty stressful, mainly because

the ideas we had previously discussed weren't cemented in our minds, and we weren't sure how to attack the project. I knew it'd get done; I just wasn't sure how it would get done given what we had planned for the first day. At least we planned the food well!"

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## MONDAY

**SPIRIT DAY:**  
**Pajama Day**

**LUNCH ACTIVITY:**  
**Limbo**

**FLOAT BUILDING:**  
**Day 2: 6-9 p.m.**



**Supporting school spirit** on pajama day is sophomore **Andrew Burgess**. "When I woke up I didn't have to change! It was crunk!" *Photo by Ashley Duffy*



**Many students participated in pajama day** because it was the easiest day to dress up for. Senior **Hannah Donaldson** participated because she "liked the fact the I could wear anything and no one would say anything. Then during lunch I did the limbo because it's my favorite game ever! I wanted to do it because it's my last year so I wanted to have fun!" *Courtesy Photo*





After the final tallies for the homecoming floats were in, the seniors claimed first place. This was the second year in a row that the class of 2005 came out on top. In second place were the juniors and third were the sophomores. Photo by Jessica Merriott



To help with the Halloween theme of the junior float was David Hicok dress-up as a vampire. He encouraged everyone to participate in Homecoming because "it's awesome!! Especially spirit week!" Photo by Audrey Kuhn



# TUESDAY

**SPIRIT DAY:**  
Mismatch Day

**LUNCH ACTIVITY:**  
Krispy Kreme Eating Contest

**FLOAT BUILDING:**  
Day 3: 6-9 p.m.



On mismatch day, picking out the perfect outfit wasn't top priority for senior Courtney Grafuis. "I wore purple pants, a green skirt, a pink tank top, an orange shirt, and fuzzy socks over my pants, with blue and white shoes," said Grafuis. Photo by Ashley Duffy



Almost to the finish, senior John Quasarano consumes his last donut in the Krispy Kreme contest. "I came in second and was one donut away from winning, but I couldn't quite get that one down. I decided to participate in the contest because I didn't bring a lunch or have any money that day and it was a free way to fill up my stomach," said Quasarano. The actual winner was junior Srbljub Rankobic. Photo by Ashley Duffy



"I was proud of what our class did and I think we should have won! We used less money and worked harder," said Jusin Ziegler who helped saw wood at the sophomore float building. Photo by Christine Fisher

Helping cut out hearts that would line the sophomore float is Laura Secord. Classmate Staci Sparks said she liked going to float building because "there was a small group of us there and it made us closer as a class." Photo by Christine Fisher



"Homecoming was a great experience and I wish we could do it more often. People come together more when there's more school spirit." Senior Eric McCulloh



# SPIRITS FLOAT...

Holidays were the theme, as the sophomores sweetened it up with Valentine's Day, the juniors were treated to Halloween, and the seniors got the party started with New Year's Eve. Glenn Briggs was the main focus of the sophomore float as a shirtless cupid. The junior float had a big witches pot with steaming smoke, and the seniors were equipped with a New Year's ball dropping on a Sexton player. After the seniors were announced winner of the float building, tensions arose between the junior and senior class. "The juniors had an outstanding float that deserved praise. The problem I think was that the judges didn't see how football was integrated into the theme. The juniors had it



"I don't win stuff like that, and I'm never on the ballot. I just never looked at myself as a Homecoming queen type person, I'm more like a tomboy," said **Precious Paul** who was surprised to be chosen queen. *Courtesy Photo*

there, but it wasn't obvious. The seniors took what we had learned from previous years and made sure we incorporated our theme into football in the best way possible. After Homecoming 2003, the juniors definitely took it up a notch for 2004 and I'm sure next year they'll have another outstanding float. No matter what, I know that float building and homecoming is something that I'll never regret getting involved in; it's great," said Ireland.

The next big highlight of Homecoming was spirit week. Being able to do things out of the ordinary, made school a little bit more exciting and less stressful. Spirit days were Pajama Day, Mismatch/Backwards Day, Wacky Hair Day, Theme Day, and Class Color Day. Class Color Day for the seniors meant finally wearing their tie-dyed shirts. "Everywhere you looked there were tie dyed shirts," said senior Ashlee Stokes. Tie-dying happened many different times and places, rather than all at the traditional Senior Kickoff Party, but on class color day the seniors looked great as they showed off their brown and gold. Along with the Homecoming spirit days were the activities that Student Council created to boost the spirit through the week. Activities were limbo/hula hoop, Krispy Kreme eating contest, Fear Factor, and karaoke.

Another contest of the week were nominations for court and students had to consider the new rules that had been established. Anyone who had been nominated for

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## SOPHOMORE COURT

Sitting pretty on their car during the parade are sophomore court members **Cayden Bunnell** and **Stavroula Kyriakopoulos**. Bunnell had mixed emotions about being on court; "It was interesting, I didn't know there was so much involvement...I thought you just showed up!" *Courtesy Photo*

Cayden Bunnell & Stavroula Kyriakopoulos



Anticipating what the night would bring are sophomores **Katelin Moule** and **Dustin Liles** as they represent their sophomore class at the pep rally. "I thought it was cool because I was on court with my friend Stavroula. We went dress shopping with a group of friends and I got my first dress ever," said Moule. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*

Katelin Moule & Dustin Liles

## JUNIOR COURT

Surprised to be on the junior court were **Dustin Bofysil** and **Laura Mastin**. "The parade was the most fun part, the car kept stopping and going really fast, so my dress was making me slide all over the back of the car. Dustin had to keep catching me from falling off," said Mastin. *Courtesy Photo*

Dustin Bofysil & Laura Mastin



"I thought it was cool that I was nominated to be on court. It was exciting to walk with **Kevin Judy** for the second time and ride in the cool car," said junior **Valerie Foy**. Judy and Foy were on Winterfest court together for their sophomore year. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*

Kevin Judy & Valerie Foy

With family support behind him, **Ben Wheaton** said, "I was surprised to be on court and didn't expect it at all. My mom was totally wiggled when she found out. She even bought me a boutonniere." Wheaton rides along side with classmate **Lauren Lopez**. *Courtesy Photo*

Ben Wheaton & Lauren Lopez







## SENIOR COURT

"It was awesome to know that the school respected me and thought to even nominate me," said senior **Katherine Becsey**. **David Appold** was also chosen by his classmates. Both were excited because it was their senior year which made being chosen that much sweeter. *Courtesy Photo*

**Kathrine Becsey & David Appold**



The jokesters on court were seniors **Annie Childs** and **Steve Crockett**. Childs thought "it was cool people voted for me when I didn't even ask them to. I really liked getting my hair done and the parade was my favorite part because I got to see a bunch of people I knew and my family was there." *Courtesy Photo*

**Annie Childs & Steve Crockett**



Being chosen to be on court was a shock to many of the nominees. **Rachel Fessenden** said, "I was totally surprised that people chose me. My favorite part was riding in the car and throwing candy, until we ran out and all the kids were disappointed." *Courtesy Photo*

**Rachel Fessenden & Adam Cheadle**



And the King and Queen for Homecoming 2004 are... **Mikhail Eiseler** and **Precious Paul**! "I felt surprised, but I was happy to accept the award and represent my class," said Eiseler. *Courtesy Photo*

**Mikhail Eiseler & Precious Paul**

## WEDNESDAY — THURSDAY

**SPIRIT DAY:**  
**Wacky Hair Day**  
**FLOAT BUILDING:**  
**Day 4: 6-10 p.m.**



"I didn't even know that it was wacky hair day! I just heard from Nina and so we did it. I'm happy now because it's my senior year and I wanted to bring it all out," said **Delisa Thompson**. Along with Thompson is best friend **Nina Johnson** and **Dan Plunkett**. *Photo by Ashley Duffy*

**SPIRIT DAY:**  
**Theme Day**  
**LUNCH ACTIVITY:**  
**Fear Factor**



Bad memories come to mind when junior **Sarah Turner** thinks back to the Fear Factor contest; "I gave up half way through the last plate of sauerkraut and anchovies. When it was done, I had ketchup and mustard in my hair and I smelt like anchovies for the rest of the day! I don't recommend this contest to anybody!" said Turner. *Photo by Ashley Duffy*

Seniors **Mia Theroux**, **Sergey Sarkisov**, **Precious Paul**, **Jessica Merriott**, **Audrey Kuhn**, **Natalie Monette**, **Brooke Bambusch**, and **Katie Ziesman** pose with their senior theme day shirts that said "Get the party started." Also for Homecoming, Katie Ziesman participated in float building for the first time and said, "I really got to know some of my classmates that I don't normally talk to out of school." *Photo by Ashley Duffy*



**Representing the varsity** dance team, captains **Kaitlyn Sherer** and **Carolyn Brennan** explain how their year has been going. Sherer later said, "I've been looking forward to being a captain on the dance team since freshman year." *Courtesy Photo*

**Talking with confidence** about that night's varsity football game is **Tyler Schrauben**. "Over time...it's up there as one of the best nights of my life. Experiences like that make you realize just how great life is. I made fourteen receptions and 140 yards." Along his side are teammates **Mikail Eiseler** and **Tyler Holtz**. *Courtesy Photo*

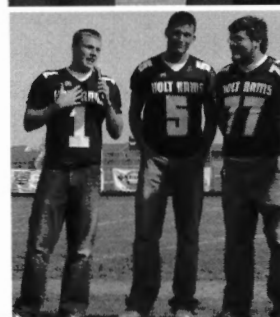
**The enthusiastic hosts** for this year were **Dexter Baker** and **Erika Neumann**. Usually Student Council picks seniors who are loud and will keep the crowd interested. "I was nervous at first but then once I got out there, I found out there was nothing to be nervous about because I was in front of all my friends," said Neumann. *Courtesy Photo*



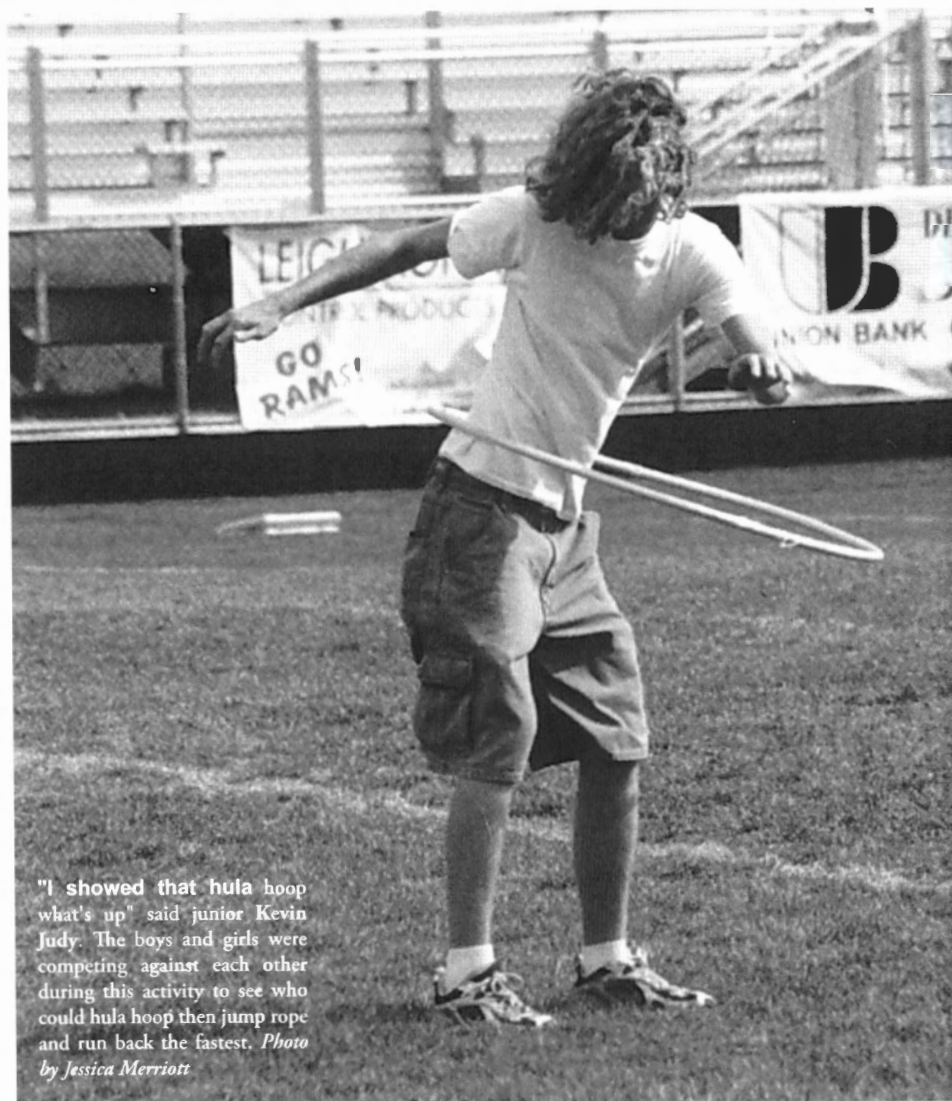
**One of the events that the underclassmen** court members had to do was run to the papers that were taped to the track and pick them up. The one with a name on it said who was the King and Queen of Homecoming 2004. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*

**Screaming for the seniors** to win for loudest class spirit. **Ali Templin** said that she just kept screaming "GO SENIORS" and even though it was her last pep rally she said "I'm just excited for the next chapter in my life." *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*

**As the paper was in Dexter Baker** and Erika Neumann's hands, the senior court members huddled together to wait for the hosts to announce who would be next king and queen. The court members had known all week that they had been chosen to represent their class, now all they had to do was wait those final seconds at the pep rally to see who had won. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*



**Tailgating before the Homecoming game** were **Abby Rarick**, **Tyler Lamie**, **Mia Theroux**, and **Noah Steere**. Steere showed up in a mullet: "I was going to cut my hair, my bro shaved it into a mullet and I wore that for exactly 24 hours. What can I say, Nascar inspired me to wear a mullet. It was Homecoming, and I was in the mullet 'spirit'" *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*



"I showed that hula hoop what's up" said junior **Kevin Judy**. The boys and girls were competing against each other during this activity to see who could hula hoop then jump rope and run back the fastest. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*

**FRIDAY**  
**SPIRIT DAY:**  
**Class Color Day**  
**LUNCH ACTIVITY:**  
**Karaoke**  
**PEP RALLY:**  
**1:30-2:35 p.m.**  
**PARADE:**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**FOOTBALL GAME:**  
**Holt vs. Sexton**



**"The pep rally was really fun!** All the events that everyone participated in were really funny, and I even got to get out of school for it," said sophomore **Kacy Cryderman**. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*



Struggling to win it for the guys, Adam Cheadle finally gives up and surrenders to Tiffany Heuhs in the pushup contest. Cheadle later tried to explain his loss when he said, "I guess she was stronger than me. I was just having fun, but at least I beat Mikhail and Mitch." Photo by Audrey Kuhn



Forced to participate in the pushup contest coaches Mike Smith and Theresa Dunham held their own, along with their best pushup athletes on the varsity football team and varsity cheer-leading squad. But the coaches couldn't beat the students and were the first to drop to the ground. Photo by Audrey Kuhn



## SPIRITS FLOAT... continued from page 30

Homecoming in prior years could no longer be eligible for court this year. Some disagreed with the new rule, feeling that many classmates nominated in earlier years deserved to have recognition again. "I think they shouldn't be allowed to be on court every year, but they should be allowed their senior year," said sophomore David Washburn. Others didn't have the same opinion, "basically it's a popularity contest, so if the same person can't be picked every year, it makes more people more likely to be picked," said sophomore Noah Steere.

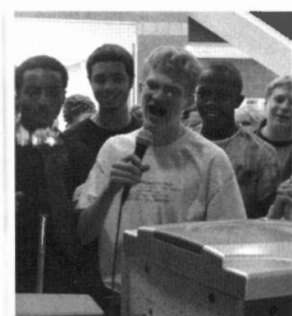
# FRIDAY

## IS FINALE FOR HOMECOMING

The court was revealed at the annual pep rally: Mikhail Eiseler and Precious Paul were crowned king and queen, and Adam Cheadle and Rachel Fessenden were prince and princess.

Later on, as Kenny Walker bribed the crowd to come to the cross country meet with the promise of a kiss, everyone knew that the school day was coming to an end, and so was our Homecoming week. But it wasn't over yet: the seniors won the spirit contest, and the boys cheated during the intense court games. "My favorite part," said Annie Childs, "was when Dexter Baker hid the jump rope from me! They knew they were going to lose so they cheated; it was funny!"

After the pep rally ended, for many the spirit continued at the parade where for the first time in two years it was actually nice out. From the floats' long journey through Holt, they still weren't done being displayed, as they were shown at the Sexton game. The game was close and we were taken into overtime, ending the week with a victorious score of 20-17.



Busting it out with peers behind him, sophomore Phil Vigés (above) explains, "I wore my jean pants backwards, and freestyled because it was something fun for me to do, and it broke the monotony of everyday life." Vigés sang for students during lunch along with sophomore Sarah Harris (right). Courtesy Photos



# What's your DECISION in 2004?

by Dani Dimmitt

## THE CANDIDATES

### President George W. Bush

The main highlights of President Bush's campaign was his stance on the importance of the war in Iraq, including an increase in spending on the armed forces. President Bush also supported legislation that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman in the U.S. Constitution. Bush was also in favor of privatizing social security.

### Senator John Kerry

Senator John Kerry's campaign included bringing in allies to help fight the war on terrorism, and having no draft. He supported finding a resolution to the war. Senator Kerry opposed laws that ban gay marriages. Senator Kerry also opposed privatizing social security. He believed that it is an "invitation to disaster."

## WHO WON...

President George W. Bush

**51%** of popular vote

**286** electoral votes

Senator John Kerry

**48%** of popular vote

**252** electoral votes

**Recent Holt High School graduate** Chris Sweeney takes a morning off work to vote. He and his mom talked to another Holt citizen about the issues of the election. *Photo by Kevin Judy*

## WHO VOTED...

**60%** of all voting age Americans voted, the highest voter turn out since 1933

**17%** of the voters were 18-29

**29%** of the voters were 30-44

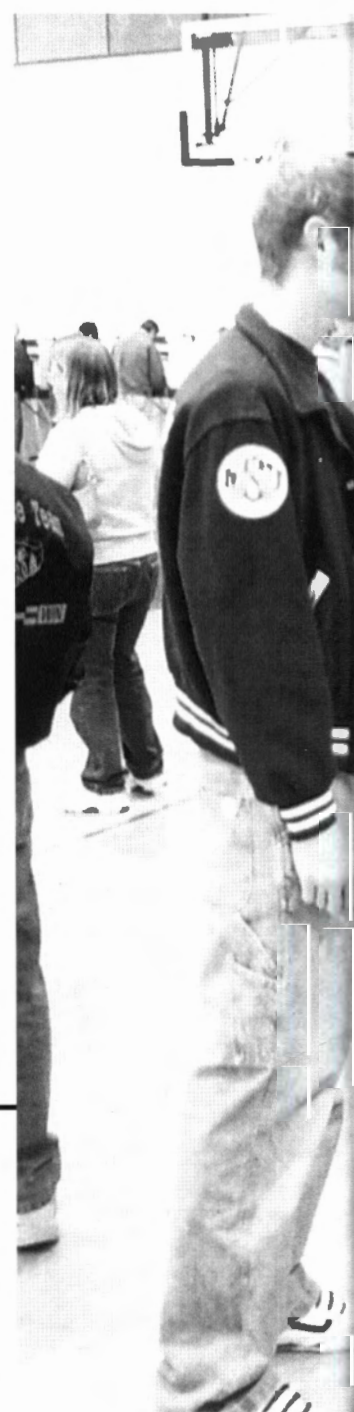
**30%** of the voters were 45-59

**24%** of the voters were 60+

*Election results courtesy of www.cnn.com*



**Citizens go to the Freshman Campus to vote** in the 2004 presidential election. The weather was wet and stormy on November 2, which may have had an impact on voter turnout. *Photo by Kevin Judy*

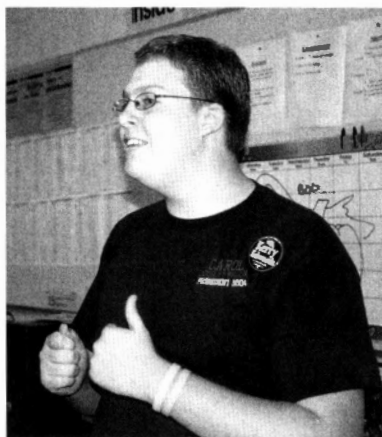






# Political Guru

BRANDON CURRIN



Junior Brandon Currin has made it his goal to be represented in the world. From being on five campaigns to pursuing a political career in the near future, Currin is someone to watch.

**You see him at every board meeting** because junior **Brandon Currin** could be the most politically active student in the building.  
*Photo by Christine Fisher*

**Why were you involved in the elections?**  
Because I wanted to make sure that my opinions were represented in the government

**What inspired you to get involved?**  
The war and the re-election of George Bush

**Do you plan on holding any political office in the future?**  
Next year I hope to be elected onto the Board of Education, and then hopefully that will just be the beginning of my political career.

**What campaign were you on?**  
I was on the presidential campaign for John Kerry, Carol Mosely Braun for the presidency in the primaries and three local elections: Kari DeRosa, Don Long and Becky Munroe.

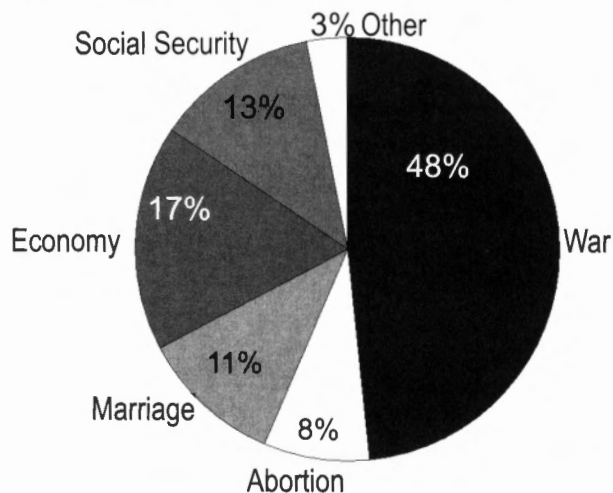
**How did they turn out?**  
Unfortunately none of them won.

**How did you feel about this?**  
I was upset, but I learned to get over it.



**Currin talks to a fellow student, sophomore Enjoli Marks.** Many students look up to Currin. "He is so smart, it really amazes me!" said Marks. *Photo by Christine Fisher*

What did you think the most important issue in the 2004 election was?



"I think that Eddie VanHalen should have run in the 2004 election because he is incredible. He is a rock star and he has really fast fingers. He could rock the vote. He has a lot of money and he is married Valerie Bertinelli. His wife knows how to cook." **Senior Nick Williams**



Why did you  
decide to be-  
come a **Peer  
Assistance  
Leader?**

# Changing the world... one heart at a time

"I joined **PALS** because I had an issue myself, and I met with two PALs for it. It seems like a good way to help kids in our school and to be involved." Junior **Kristin Oberst**



"At first, only because it looked good on an application. But now I'm really glad that I joined because it's fun and it's hard work. I've met a lot of new people that I would have never met before." Junior **Kacie Dittenber**



"I decided to join **PALS** so that I could meet new people and learn how to listen to my peers before talking." Senior **Sara Dundon**



"Originally, I wanted to join because I figured I had some good advice to give. Realistically, I found out that we're not really supposed to tell people what we think they should do." Senior **Liz Huber**



"I decided to join **PALS** because I thought it would be a good thing: me trying to help others, and I thought it was a good use of my listening skills." Junior **Kellye Loomis**



## Random Acts of Kindness Week: February 14-17

**Monday** Valentine's Day  
**Tuesday** Sticker/Smile Day  
**Thursday** High Five Day  
**Friday** Warm Fuzzy Day

by Audrey Kuhn

What is the goal of Peer Assistant Leaders? "Ultimately, it's to make everyone at Holt High School feel more comfortable," said Junior Kacie Dittenber. Not only do PALs sponsor events such as the New Student Luncheon, and Random Acts of Kindness Week, but also they are involved in many other areas that they often don't get recognized for.

In order to become a PAL, there are certain guidelines that any student must meet. First, they are required to fill out a detailed application about themselves. Along with the application, they must also have recommendation letters from three different teachers. If they are approved, each Peer Assistant Leader attends a three-day training course over the summer. "Each day, the training courses last for six hours," said Kellye Loomis. Here, they learn all about the basics of being a PAL.

Summer training is not the only sacrifice students involved in the PALs program endure. "Sometimes I have to miss dance practice to go to the meetings on Wednesday mornings," said Senior Katherine Becsey. Junior Kacie Dittenber can also relate: "I come in early on Wednesday mornings for meetings and stay after on Tuesdays. Also, when people have a problem they need to talk about, I can be called out of class. I have to be willing and able to miss important class time."

Is it all worth it? In the words of junior Kristin Oberst: "Yes! There are a lot of issues that students have, but they don't want to talk to adults. They come to us and just vent their problems with security that no one will hear about what they share with us. It's like confiding in a diary that cannot be opened." Senior Liz Huber also said, "There's really a lot of stuff that goes on in our school that most people don't know about."

The PALs program seems to not only be benefiting the students who are seeking a good listener, but also the Peer Assistant Leaders themselves. Senior Sara Dundon said, "By being a PAL, I have learned how to listen and let people talk out their own problems with proper guidance, rather than dishing out my own opinion. It's harder to listen than it is to talk!" Junior Kristin Oberst said, "I've noticed that high school dramas are so less significant than people make them out to be. PALs has benefited me by the way that I stay away from the gossip and drama scenes because PALs are supposed to be role models." Students involved in the PALs program have helped to change the world...one heart at a time.



Juniors **Aubree Rogers** and **Kristin Oberst** concentrate on a craft project for Random Acts of Kindness Week. They cut out paper hearts, which all had a number. The purpose was to find your match throughout the week. Photo by Kacie Dittenber

While having a good time with fellow PALs members, Juniors **Kristin Oberst** and **Kayla Burns** work on making Warm Fuzzies. Photo by Kacie Dittenber





## Minority Student Union encourages students to "Mix It Up"

by Sara Bullion

Have you ever heard about the Minority Student Union or what they do? Most people think that it is just to bring different people together and to make friends, but in reality there's more to it than that.

The club was started two years ago by now-senior Precious Paul. "I started the club because we needed an open forum for minority students to discuss our issues and concerns at this school," said Paul.

The members involved really just wanted to have a club where activities involving Black History Month, Asian Awareness Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month took place. This year the Minority Student Union made posters and announcement slides for Black History month.

The club also hosted Mix-It-Up week "to promote diversity and break up social boundaries in the school." Students participated in lunch time activities that encouraged them to sit with people they don't normally know. According to Paul, "It will continue happening from this year on so that students get a better chance to meet new people."

## What's the difference?

Multicultural Club vs. Minority Student Union

by Sara Bullion

Although some people might think that the Minority Student Union is the same as the Multicultural Club, they are wrong. The idea for the Multicultural Club is to learn about other cultures and expose the school to all of the different cultures as well.

"I joined because other schools had Asian clubs and we didn't so I wanted to be in it," said junior Tram Le. Others joined to learn about traditions. "I joined because I wanted to learn about dances, and I think it's cool to learn about cultures and their different types of dances," said sophomore Amber Sutter.

"I thought it would be fun and interesting so that's why I joined," said sophomore Juan Zuniga. Junior Louis Nguyen agrees with Zuniga, but also said that he joined because "my friend told me to and so I can get to know different people."



# A Campaign For Change

## THE HUMAN RIGHT CAMPAIGN

### Mission

To educate students and faculty of Holt High School on the basis to put an end to discrimination and prejudice prevalent in both the community and the learning atmosphere. To promote awareness, support, and encouragement encompassing those of different lifestyles and groups for both staff and students alike. To create a compatibility between people by eliminating tension through knowledge, human rights, and truth.

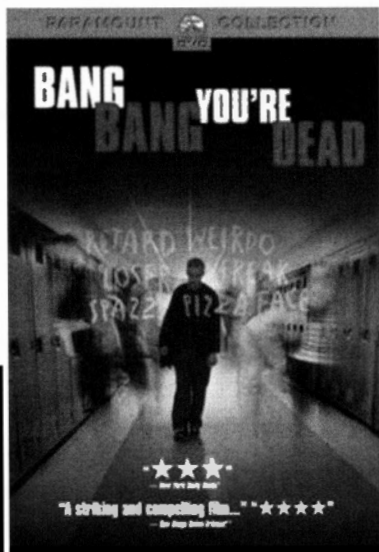
### Focus

The HRC plans to focus efforts on supporting and ending discrimination against those facing prejudice because of the following:

Gender	Religion
Culture	Sexual Orientation
Race	Special Education
Body image	Socioeconomic status

### Goals

Make students and faculty aware of findings, definitions and statistics on discrimination during an "Awareness Week" at lunch for the week of February 14-18. Also help facilitate and show the movie *Bang, Bang You're Dead* to all the sophomores during MEAP time on March 23.



by Kacie Dittenber and Katie Lash

"Holt has almost no diversity and a lot of people are ignorant of all the different kinds of people there are in the world. It's important to open people's eyes and minds to what's around them," said senior Kati Kalchik, a member of The Human Rights Club, whose main purpose is to educate and promote tolerance about diverse groups of people and their lifestyles.

Junior Jessica Seguin agreed: "I decided to join HRC because I feel that it's important to educate people about common issues that are a part of a high school student's everyday life that they might have not paid attention to before."

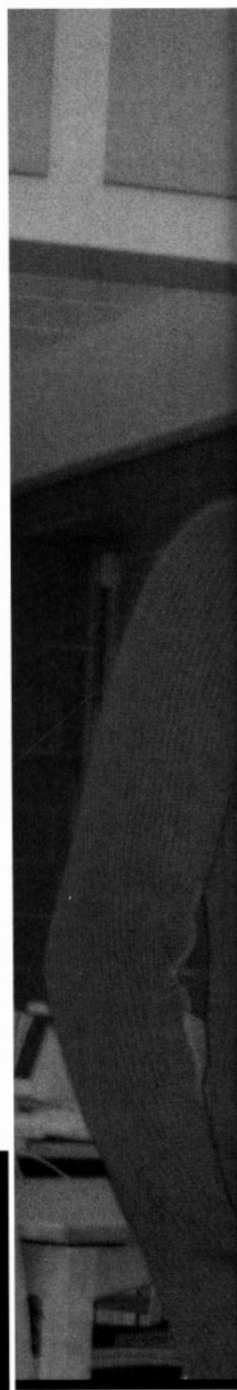
The first step toward action that this group of students decided to take was Awareness Week. In this week each day was aimed at a certain issue. On each lunch table there were be a list of statistics posted for all to view and think about.

Their next plan of action was to hold a viewing of *Bang Bang You're Dead* for all the sophomores during the MEAP block. The movie shows the causes and effects of bullying, a common problem among students of all ages. "*Bang Bang You're Dead* is a powerful movie and it evokes a lot of emotion," said intern and co-advisor of HRC, Jen Denis.

In an ideal world there would be no discrimination or prejudice against certain groups and people would accept and support others, who they are, and the lifestyles that they lead. "I think the things we do in HRC will make a difference in some people. We all know that we can't change the whole student body, but we can at least get the attention of many students," said Seguin.

**Also helping out** at the Wednesday presentation is junior **Andrew Quebbeman**. The presentation focused on the club's activities and issues facing our school that HRC hoped to address in February. *Photo by Christine Fisher*

**Presenting to the facility on an early** Wednesday morning are juniors **Matt Darling** and **Erin Conley**. Conley and Darling answered questions asked by teachers about their club and *Bang, Bang, You're Dead*, the movie that they will show the sophomores during MEAP. "I was really nervous that the teachers wouldn't approve, or that they would ask a question that I didn't know the answer to," said Conley. *Photo by Christine Fisher*



## Did you know...

Those who are bullied are **5** times more likely to be depressed and far more likely to be suicidal.

Harassment and bullying have been linked to **75** percent of school-shooting incidents, including the fatal shootings at Columbine High School and Santana High School.



# Bullying.

You may not see it everyday, or at all, but bullying can become a serious problem. Around the nation and even in our own school, bullies have teased and attacked innocent people.

Even with all the security guards in the school, no one can stop the subtle attacks that people receive. Whether it is verbal or physical, the attack is unnecessary and hurtful.

Poor student performance and damage to mental and physical health, are just some of the results that come from bullying. Other consequences include even greater violence that can result from a victim retaliating.

Anyone who allows bullying to happen becomes part of the problem. If you ever see anyone getting bullied, you need to do something. If you see someone else who is being bullied, here are some things you can do:

**Refuse to join in if you see someone being bullied.**

It can be hard to resist if a bully tries to get you to taunt or torment someone, and you may fear the bully will turn on you if you do not participate, but try to stand firm.

**Attempt to defuse bullying situations when you see them starting up.** For example, try to draw attention away from the targeted person, or take the bully aside and ask him/her to "cool it." Do not place yourself at risk, however.

**If you can do so without risk to your own safety, get a teacher, parent, or other responsible adult to come help immediately.**

**Speak up and/or offer support to bullied teens when you witness bullying.** For example, help them up if they have been tripped or knocked down. If you feel you cannot do this at the time, privately support those being hurt with words of kindness or condolence later.

**Encourage the bullied teen to talk with parents or a trusted adult.** Offer to go with the person if it would help. Tell an adult yourself if the teen is unwilling to report the bullying. If necessary for your safety, do this anonymously.

*Source: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)*

Nearly **60** percent of boys who researchers classified as bullies in grades 6-9 were convicted of at least one crime by the age of 24.

Over the course of a year, nearly **1/4** of students reported that they had been harassed or bullied because of their race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation or disability.





**The quirky character** Erma, played by **Shannon Bonney**, really brought the stage to life with her acting abilities. The sailors' faces say it all. *Photo by Chuck Aylsworth*



**Senior John Quasarno**, who plays the rich Elisha Whitney, deals with some internal conflict. *Photo by Chuck Aylsworth*



When it comes to performing a hit musical...

**ANYTHING**

# GOES

by Sarah Turner

**Joe Feldpausch**, who plays Moonface Martin, still keeps spirits high even in a jail cell. *Photo by Chuck Aylsworth*

The cast was hard at work for months staging the production of *Anything Goes*. Director Monty Bishop has put on eight musicals for Holt. He has put together *Anything Goes* once before, so this was his second time doing this show.

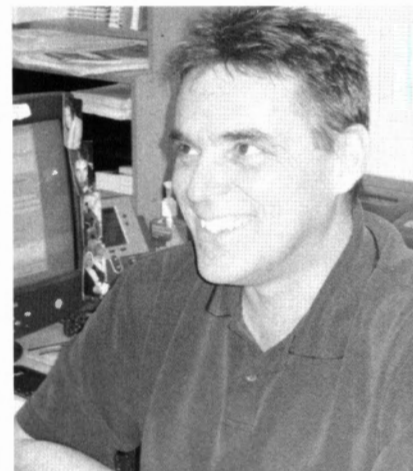
The story consists of romance, comedy, deception and secrets. Taking place in the late 20's / early 30's the cast is ready to set sail as they sing "Bon Voyage." The music throughout the show is truly "The Top," as Reno Sweeny (sophomore Elizabeth Aylsworth) would put it.

Reno and her four angels (seniors Katie Hamelin, Brittany Wood, Nicole Drolett, and sophomore Kate Hamel) are nightclub performers. Billy Crockett (senior Ben Hayhurst) is a stowaway on the ship, who happens to know Reno from a previous acquaintance.

Billy is determined to win the affection of Hope Hartcourt (senior Sara Trubac). He has little time to do so because of her recent engagement. With the help of Reno, Moonface Martin (sophomore Joe Feldpausch) and a few other characters along the way, Billy will try to achieve his goal. The whole story is intriguing, romantic, and full of laughs.

## DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

**Smiling from ear to ear**, director Monty Bishop gets everything together in his office for the fall musical. *Photo by Sarah Turner*



■ "My vision was small as compared to the experience and performance that evolved. ■■

~Monty Bishop

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"I felt the musical was very up beat. It was easy to see that there was a lot of effort put into it." **Junior Shaun Spivak**





**Steve Crockett** and **Elizabeth Aylsworth** show off the humor in the last scene of the musical. *Photo by Chuck Aylsworth*



**Singing "Delovely"** together on stage are seniors **Sara Trubac** and **Ben Hayhurst**. *Photo by Chuck Aylsworth*  
**The whole cast of** *Anything Goes* poses for the final scene in the fall musical. *Photo by Chuck Aylsworth*



**The Angels tap dance away** as they perform during the song "Blow Gabriel." *Photo by Jeff Miller*

"Most people don't realize the intensity of rehearsal. Only about one third of the cast had any dance experience before we started. Yet everyone danced as if they had studied it for years. Every movement and gesture is rehearsed. Most people think the show just "happened." No, every detail, every breath is rehearsed," said director Monty Bishop

Bishop had his work cut out for him to put on the production *Anything Goes*. Between helping people with their singing, tap dancing and acting, his time was spread thin during rehearsals.

## DANCE

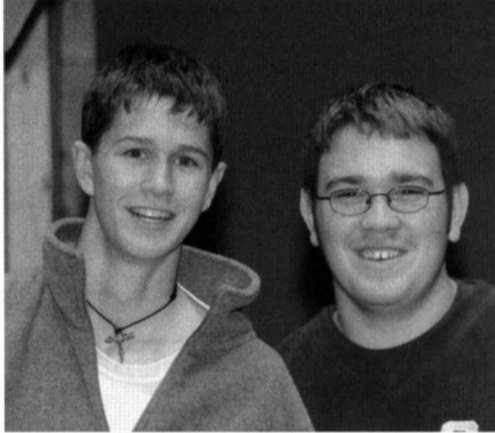


**Tap, tap, tap...** that is all the cast heard for months. A lot of the cast had no experience in tapping, but you better believe they learned. Working together to get the moves just right, everyone finally got it. *Photo by Jeff Miller*

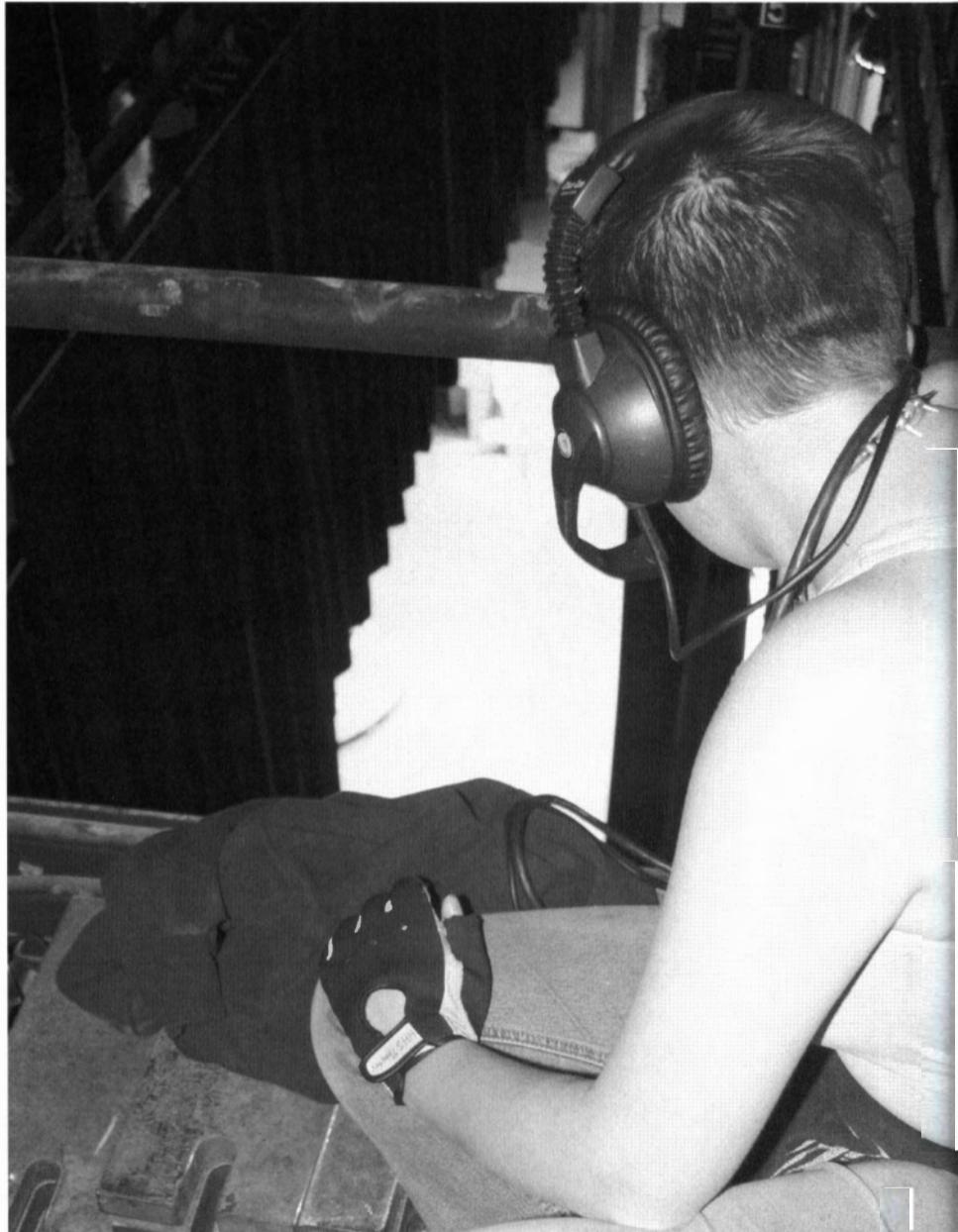


**Senior Kristina Gladstone** is involved in the rigging that was done for *Anything Goes*. Photo by Jeff Miller

**Stage Manager Andrew Harmon** and assistant stage manager **Corey Hooper** take a quick break and still put on smiles even after a tiring day. Photo by Jeff Miller



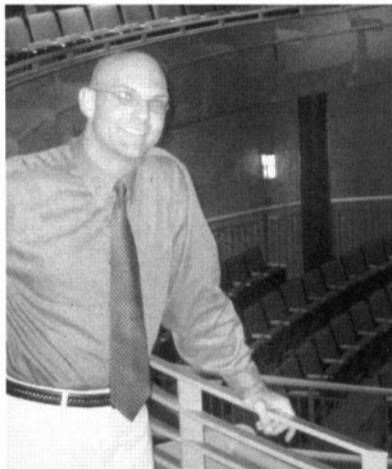
**Girls can use a hammer and nails just as well as any guy.** This is proven by sophomore **Lisa Bellmore** who helped build the set for the musical. Photo by Jeff Miller



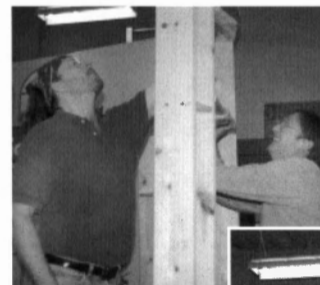
## THEATER MANAGER

## PARENTAL SUPPORT

**In the balcony Miller shows his love for the theater;** he works so hard to keep up and running. Photo by Sarah Turner



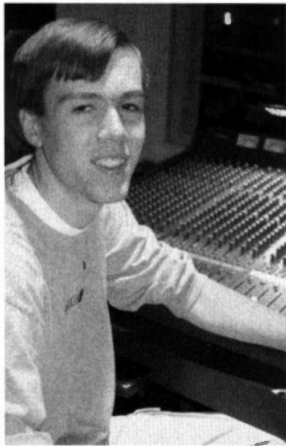
“Everyone, cast and crew, put in about 1,000 person hours for this production.”  
~Jeff Miller



**Set building** is one of the hardest parts about a production. Parents, like Mr. and Mrs. Slocom helped out a lot with the set for the musical. Photo by Jeff Miller







**David Bevan** was head of sound for *Footloose* last year and he has always been involved with theater. *Photo by Jeff Miller*

**The stage crew** gathers together for a group photo. These are all the people that no one sees who make the magic happen behind stage. *Photo by Jeff Miller*



# Even though their work is part of what makes the show, the crew stays OUT OF THE SPOT LIGHT

by Sarah Turner

As many people know, Jeff Miller takes care of the theater. "This is my theater take care of it!" is Miller's famous saying that people involved with drama, plays, musicals and crew all have heard, and have learned to respect those words.

Being busy with teaching people how to use lights, sound, and the curtain, Miller spends a lot of his time at the school, especially during a time when a production is about to be put on.

The way to put on a successful show is "good communication," said stage manager Andrew Harmon. Perfection is something that the crew works very hard to get down. There is no room for slacking. If someone doesn't do their part it could ruin the whole show. The crew is trained to also deal with any "surprise" problems that may come up, such as; lights not working, sound failure, curtain not opening, and cast members not making their cue.

The work done by tech is something that takes a lot of patience and time. It really is amazing what they can do, and how they can fix things if something goes completely wrong. Miller and the crew really bring everything together with out them there would be no set, no sound, no lights, and certainly no show.

## MAKEUP

**Senior Adam Friedrich** was head of makeup crew this year. He has been involved with theater his whole life and says, "I just like watching productions all come together... *Anything Goes* never got boring even though I saw it every time it was rehearsed." *Photo by Jeff Miller*





# SADD Students Against Destructive Decisions

by Katie Lash

With a lot more active members this year, the ball finally got rolling for the school's SADD club. With the main goal of getting kids to think twice before they make a bad decision, the club set out on another year to change the school.

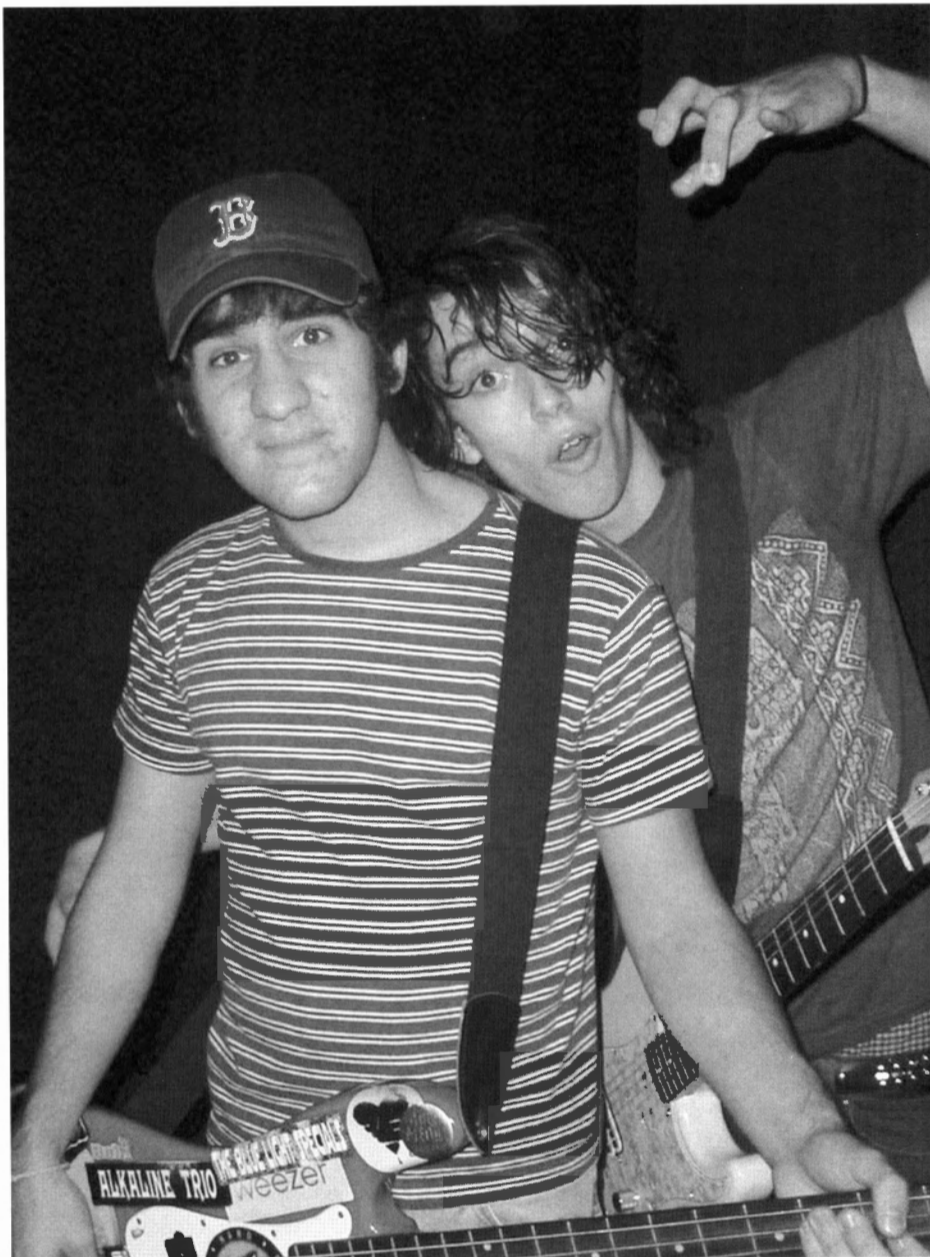
Earlier in the year two members of SADD, Ellen Meersdom and Sherri Powers went to a special SADD conference at Shanty Creek. There they learned how to use their club to make the school better and how to make their club more interactive with the school.

SADD has already been involved in helping out in the memorial garden, and passing out candy with safe reminders on them, but probably their biggest accomplishment was the memorial concert. Local bands came out to the school and played for students to raise money for Robbkie Bolanowski's family. Lots of money was raised and the concert was a big success for a good cause.

This spring they have even more planned. The club has planned a guest speaker for the spring that will be similar to last year's. Also they are teaming up with NHS for the much-anticipated dodgeball tournament.

In past years, the mock car accident has been a part of the high schooler's experience, but lately SADD, the club who puts it on, has not been able to do it. Funding for the club have been low and with the recent loss of one of our students, it has been decided that this year it would hit a little too close to home for some.

Although they have done small things to improve the school, that is what counts the most. SADD is one of the more involved clubs that the school has and they show how much students can care about each other.



**The memorial concert, which SADD sponsored,** gave a chance for friends and even family to pay tribute to their friend Robbkie Bolanowski and also to raise money for a good cause. Bolanowski's brother came to play at the concert along with some other alumni. Junior **Nate Wethy** and alumni Joey Bolanowski hang out after playing in the concert. Their band is called Ashes for Empathy. *Photo by Sherri Powers*



# TATU Teens Against Tobacco Use

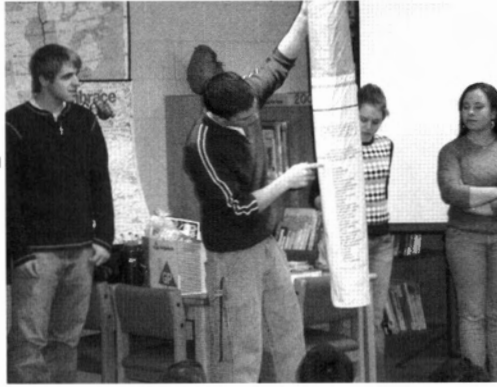
by Afton Bondarenko

What is TATU? TATU stands for, Teens Against Tobacco Use. TATU helps young people ages 14-17 teach 9-12-year-old students to avoid tobacco. Using a peer-led teaching model, high school students help educate younger students about tobacco issues they face when growing up.

"I wanted to keep kids from learning bad habits. It seems they really enjoy hearing about it. I think we give them some good starting information on how to avoid the use of tobacco and the peer pressure they may be faced with," said senior, Heather Tews.

Students involved in TATU spend a couple hours every few weeks visiting different elementary schools informing them about the dangers of tobacco use and how to deal with the peer pressure they may encounter. They also teach them that not "everyone is doing it" and it isn't as cool as advertisements may try to make it look.

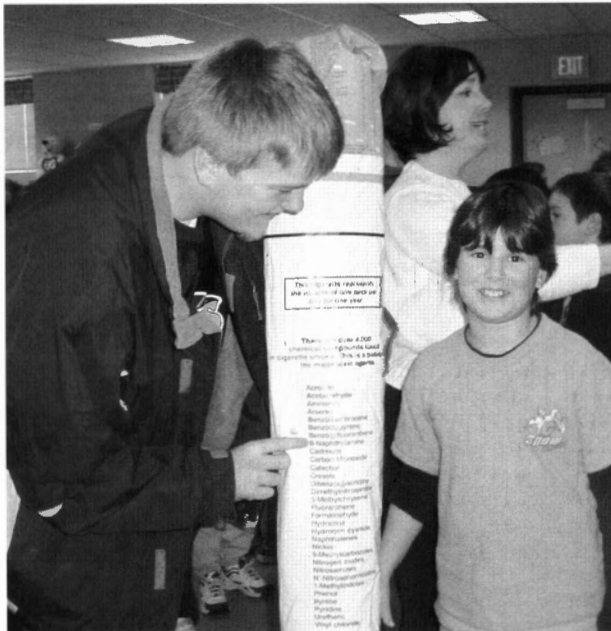
Why is TATU important? Smokers start smoking as children. Despite the fact that 430,000 Americans die of smoking-related diseases every year, about 3,000 children begin smoking each day, and smoking rates among youth are rising.



**Explaining to the kids** the dangerous ingredients in tobacco, sophomore, **Glenn Briggs**, uses the inflatable cigarette as his prop. *Photo by Afton Bondarenko*



**Fifth-graders from Midway** eagerly await to be called upon, after listening to a presentation from Holt High School TATU members. *Photo by Afton Bondarenko*



**Explaining to one of the fifth-grade students from Midway**, senior, **Jake Tropsf** tells him the dangers of smoking. *Photo by Afton Bondarenko*

## Why TATU?

These TATU members explain why they take a stand against tobacco use



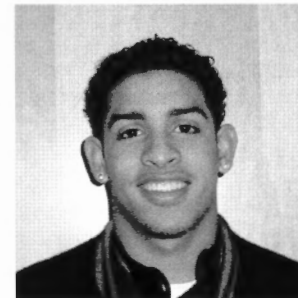
**Junior Kadie Hein**

"I like kids and wanted to help them not start bad habits. I think it gives them a good start, the rest is up to them."



**Senior Jake Tropsf**

"We get to teach little kids the hazards of smoking and tell them the reasons that they shouldn't do it. And because we get to get out of school."



**Junior Tyler Reed**

"Because I really care for the kids. It's also fun seeing my friends' little brothers, and having an impact on them."



# Growing THROUGH Grief

by Nicole Zaborowski  
& Jessica Craft-Quenby

When Robbie Bolanowski and Alysha Salt passed away in an automobile accident this summer, teachers Jessica Cotter and Lisa Weise wanted to find a way for students who knew them to express their feelings and find closure. The teachers wanted to help the students say goodbye.

Cotter decided that one way to do this would be for students to participate in making a memorial garden that would help bring closure on that wound and the loss of other students over the past few years. Robbie and Alysha, as well as other former Holt students: Dustin Gerber, Karah Hicok, Brad Malkowski, Tyler Watson, and Chad Pruitt, would all be included in the garden.

Then half way through the school year, tragedy struck again. There was a 200-car pile-up on Interstate 96 because of fog, and student Doug Baker lost his life. Once again, the school was overcome with grief, but teachers, including Cotter, still wanted to support the students and help in the making of the garden. A memorial honoring Doug will be added to the garden in the spring when the weather warms up.

There was a large outpouring of support from the community. Many donations of supplies and time went into the garden. Plaques were donated in memory of some of the kids, and friends helped make memorials for other students. Friends of Robbie Bolanowski and Alysha Salt helped make a birdhouse and stepping-stones in memory of the two. A large cherry tree was donated in memory of Karah Hicok.

All in all, Cotter thinks that the garden was a huge success. "Many people were interested and really wanted to help. There was a huge response from the students and community," she said.

The garden will be tended each year, and will grow to include any if needed. **continued on page 48**

**Helping out by moving dirt,** senior **Steve Crockett** chipped in because he knew a lot of the kids being remembered, like Robbie Bolanowski. "I was friends with a lot of them. I like the idea of this garden because it's something that will come back every year, it's something that lasts." *Photo by Heather Piper*

## Those we lost, but will never forget...

### ROBBIE

#### BOLANOWSKI

(03/23/88 - 08/23/04)

Robbie Bolanowski was interested in music and played bass guitar in a band. This picture was taken after watching a music group at Van Java cafe. Friends of his and Alysha's played at Van Java in memory of them after their deaths. Robbie often was with friends or talking to them online. Robbie passed away this summer as the result of an auto accident at the age of 16. He would have been a junior this year. *Courtesy Photo*



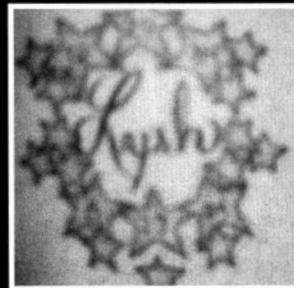
A bird house was donated in Robbie's name and put in the Memorial Garden. The birdhouse was signed by all of his friends with heartfelt messages expressing their love and dedication towards him. The bottom of the birdhouse reads "Gone, but not forgotten." *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*

### ALYSHA

#### SALT

(10-29-84/08-23-04)

Alysha Salt passed away this summer as the result of the same auto accident as Robbie Bolanowski. She had just started her first year at Lansing Community College and was known for being a nice, loving person. She graduated last year. Her brother, Cameron, attends our school. *Courtesy Photo*



**Cameron Salt**, Alysha's brother, got this tattoo in memory of his sister. There are nineteen blue stars and the name "Lysh," her nickname. Of Alysha, Cameron says, "My smiles are an open wound without you." *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*



**Many of Alysha's friend** participated in the building of the memorial garden. The stepping stones that go across the middle of the garden were placed there by her friends in memory of Alysha. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*





**Working hard** to complete the garden, teacher **Jessica Cotter** was amazed at the amount of people wanting to help. "There were so many kids helping, at one time it seemed like there was 25 kids here." *Photo by Heather Piper*

**Putting together a bench** are juniors **Dong Nguyen** and **Katy Bryant**. "I thought it was a good idea to help, it was a good cause," Nguyen said. Both lent their time and effort to work on and complete the garden. *Photo by Heather Piper*



## CHAD

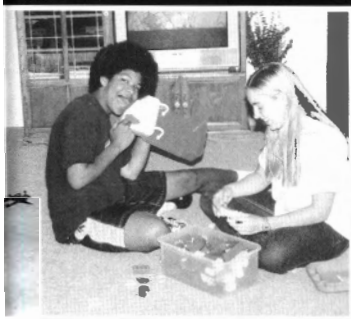
**PRUITT**

(10/18/86 - 07/07/03)

Charles "Chad" Pruitt passed away the summer before eleventh grade from an asthma attack. He would have graduated this year. Friend **Magan Gilliland** says, "Chad was my best friend for four years. He was the most respectful person I've ever known. He knew me better than I know myself. He was like a brother to me. And I will forever miss him." *Courtesy Photo*



Seniors **Ryan Foorman**, **Jake Tropf**, and **Luke Steere** were all friends with Chad. The boys remember many fond moments with him. Friend **Andrea Bollinger** remembers when one summer evening when Chad tried very hard to ride his dirtbike up the driveway doing a wheelie and finally made it. "He was so excited," she remembers. Many students had a chance to remember Chad with this year's Winterfest Penny Wars contest: it was dedicated to Chad and all profits went to Camp Michi-Mac, a camp for children with asthma. *Courtesy Photo*



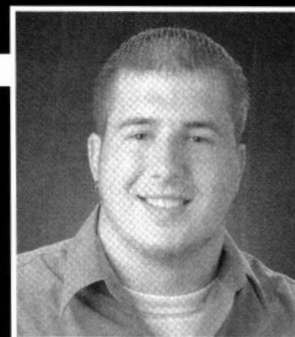
Chad spent many afternoons with friends, like **Amanda Dykhuis**, who graduated last year. Here, Chad showed off his Lego creation at best friend, senior **Magan Gilliland's** house. *Courtesy Photo*

## BRAD

**MALKOWSKI**

(10/18/86 - 07/07/03)

**Brad Malkowski** passed away two summers ago, a few months after he graduated, in a drunk driving accident. He leaves behind many devoted friends and family members. *Courtesy Photo*



"I was shocked when I found out because it never seemed like one of my friends could be here one day and then gone the next. It was quite upsetting," said friend senior **Katie Knop**. *Courtesy Photo*



## Growing Through Grief, continued from page 46

Before teachers Jessica Cotter and Lisa Weise and a group of dedicated students went to work on the garden, the space they used to create it between the west side halls was just a grassy area with four benches. The work of a dedicated group of teachers, students, and volunteers, drastically changed the empty spot into a beautiful and peaceful garden.

Every day, whether the sun is shining or it is dark and rainy, students are seen in the garden looking at the plaques or walking up and down the stepping stones remembering friends they lost. In order to complete the garden, Cotter and the students took two Saturdays in the fall, totaling around twenty hours of moving dirt and planting flower bulbs. Students and parents alike donated flowers, trees, plaques, and garden tools to help out.

In the spring, the students and everyone else involved will give more of their time to help finish the garden, making it a touching memorial for their loved ones.



## KARAH

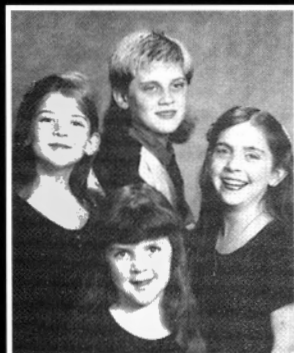
### HICOK

(03/02/86 - 07/01/00)

Karah Hicok passed away four months after her fourteenth birthday in 2000, from congenital heart disease. She volunteered at Wilcox Elementary, where she went to school as a child. *Courtesy Photo*



David Hicok, brother of Karah, attends our school. Her other sisters are also enrolled in Holt Schools and will come to the high school in a few years and be able to enjoy the garden and their sister's memory. *Courtesy Photo*



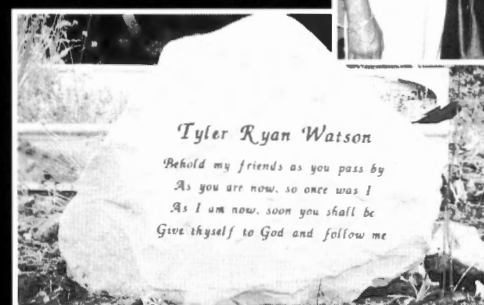
The big cherry tree in the garden at the school is dedicated in memory of Karah. Students who were friends with Karah say that they wanted to remember her. She would have graduated last year. *Courtesy Photo*

## TYLER

### WATSON

(02/26/84 - 08/13/04)

Tyler Watson graduated two years ago. He passed away in an auto accident this past summer. Tyler's organs were donated and helped save the lives of four other people. To the right is Tyler and his mom, Deb, who is a security guard at the high school, on the day that Tyler graduated from our school. *Courtesy Photo*



The rock above was created in memory of Tyler. It reads "Behold my friends as you pass by, as you are now so once was I. As I am now, soon you shall be. Give thyself to God and follow me." *Courtesy Photo*





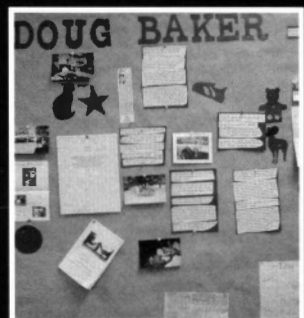
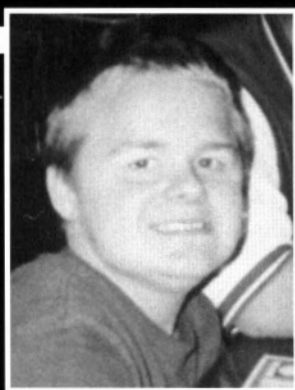
## Donated in Their Memory



Many people, both parents and students alike, donated various items for the garden. Some items had meaning for the kids who were lost, other items were just good additions for the garden's atmosphere. Monetary donations helped purchase some of the decor. Many garden tools and plants were donated by **Deb Watson**, Tyler Watson's mother and security guard at the school. At left, the finished garden in its wintery state: muddy and snow covered but still very usable. *Photos by Nicole Zaborowski*

## DOUG BAKER (07/23/89 - 01/12/05)

Doug Baker, a 15-year-old student, passed away this school year when his car was rear-ended in a 200-car pile-up. "Doug added something special to each of our lives. He was a kind and gentle person that will be missed by everyone who got to know him. He will not be forgotten," said Doug's teacher Gordon Bieske. *Courtesy Photo*



Friends of Doug in Gordon Bieske's class made a memory board to remember Doug and to share their feelings. Each student has a quote on the board about Doug. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*

"I remember the first time you came to my work. You spilled the red sauce all over your shirt. You started to laugh and so did I. Man those were the times. I'll miss the walks around the track and the paper balls you threw at my back. I'm so glad you are my friend, And I'm sure one day we'll meet again." *by senior Joe Toth, in memory of Doug Baker*

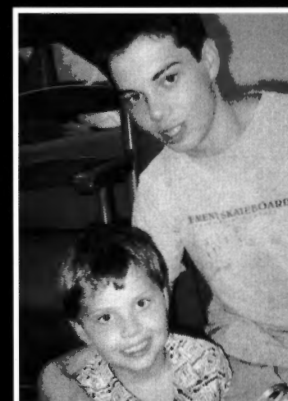
## DUSTIN GERBER (04/21/85 - 08/07/04)

Dustin Gerber passed away this summer in a car accident. He enjoyed music, especially playing his guitar, playing soccer, and skateboarding. He graduated last year. *Courtesy Photo*



Recent graduates Troy Litter and Kyle Dane went to Ozfest with Dustin Gerber in 2003. Shown above, the boys take a quick break before heading off. *Courtesy Photo*

During Christmas of 2003, Dustin and younger brother Christopher spent some time together after opening presents. To the right, the two share a happy moment together. *Courtesy Photo*





# Bands that will Rock your Socks off

by Ashley Duffy & Paige Klaver

Katie Hamelin and Nicole Drolett of "Have a Nice Day" show off thier singing skills. Photo by Ashley Duffy

More and more people piled into the commons, waiting anxiously in line for the big show. Mr. Trunk guarded the doors, which were to remain shut until the most precise and perfect moment that the 2004 Battle of the Bands would begin.

Performers carried their instruments and equipment down the halls where they would set them up backstage. The clock struck 7:00 and the doors were finally opened.

The show started with band Have a Nice Day, consisting of Katie Hamelin, Nicole Drolett, and Alyce Garcia.

One of the other acts was the band Dykstra, who, after a leave of absence, returned to rock out. They played a few originals followed by an awesome performance of the Foo Fighter's "Everlong".

Following Dykstra was second placing band Beneath it All, followed by the winners of the 2004 Battle of the Bands, Screaming Enchilada, consisting of Steve Crockett and Ben Johnides. Wrapping up the night was local favorite Cartago Drive. "Cartago Drive was my favorite," says Junior Ryan Klaver. "I had to give props to my man Steven "The Knife" Brower. It's like bringing a knife to a gun fight ya know."

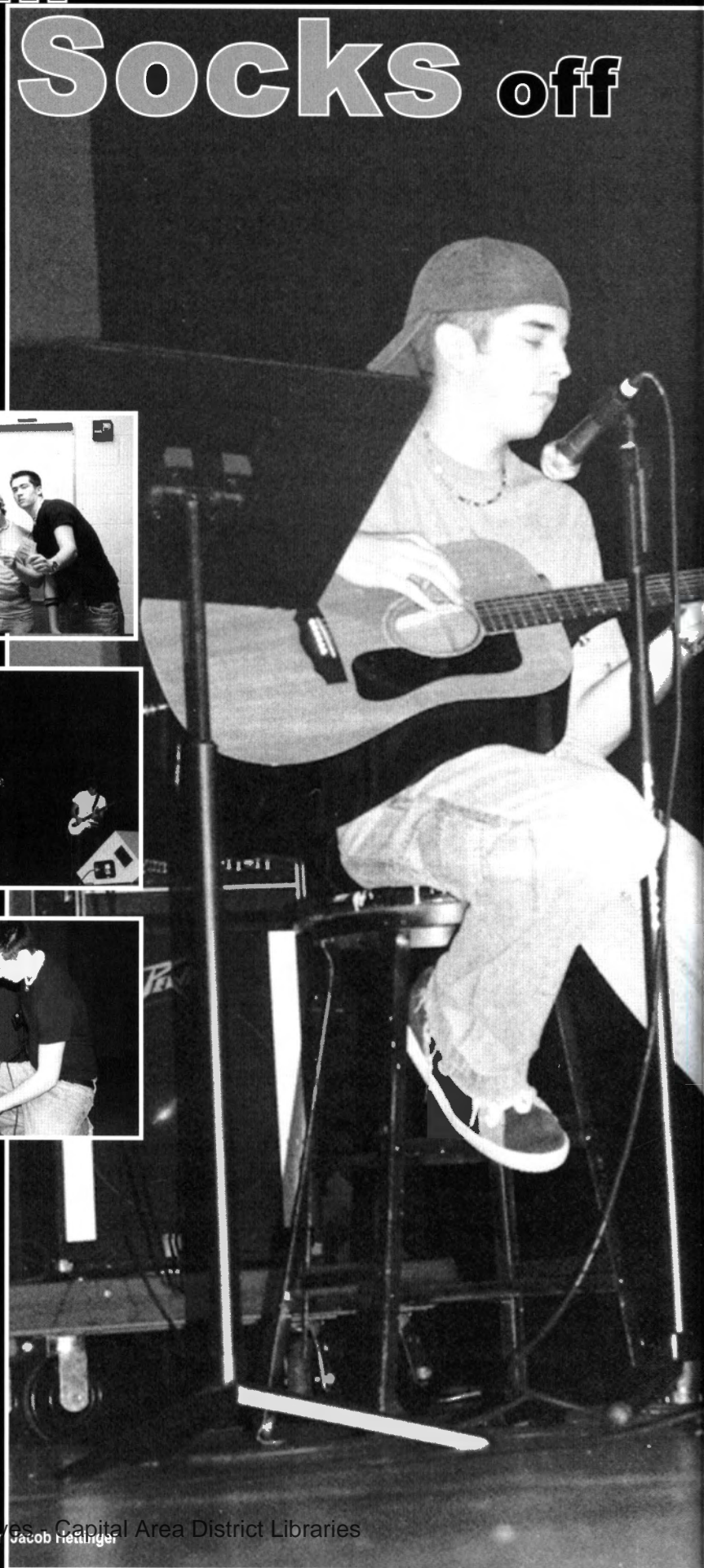
With so many seniors this year, next year there should be quite a new line up. Bonotto, of the band Beneath it All, sums it up quite well "The talent was a lot harder this year. But with the seniors gone, everyone else better watch out next year. "

**Flashing their performers passes** are members of the band Dykstra. "I felt really special when I showed people my pass becuse only people in bands could have them," says bassist **Nick Batora**. Photo by Paige Klaver



**Rocking out** are Chris Davis, Steve Brower and Mike Draper from local group and third place finishers "Cartago Drive." Photo by Paige Klaver

**Jeremiah Cooper sets up** backstage before the big show. His band "Dykstra" were second to perform that night. Photo by Ashley Duffy







Senior Steve Crocket is shown singing his and bandmate Ben Johnides's original song "We Are the Screaming Enchiladas", which was a crowd favorite and also won them first place.  
Photo by Ashley Duffy

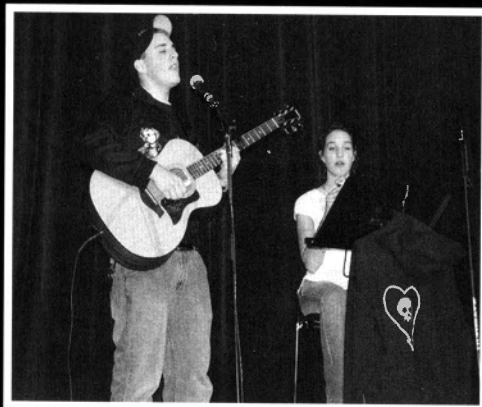
# The Winner's Circle

## 1. Screaming Enchalada



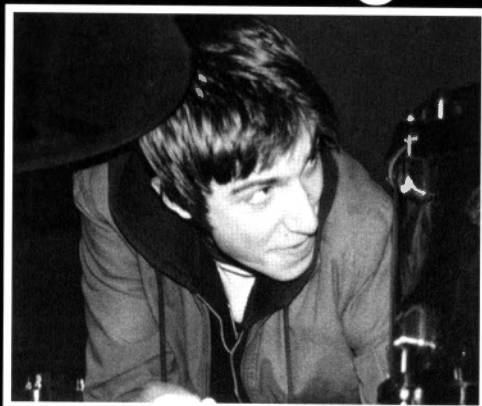
"I think our performance was okay; we weren't trying to be good, we were just trying to have fun," senior Steve Crocket said about his and bandmate Ben Johnides's winning performance at the 2004 Battle of the Bands. Crockett claimed that he and Johnides got together after a football game last year and started recording music together on the computer. They just began practicing and learning songs and finally decided to audition for the Battle of the Bands this year.

## 2. Beneath It All



Juniors Jacob Bonotto and Gretchen Combs make up the duo Beneath It All. Bonotto began the act solo, but realized that with Combs' incredible voice they would be unstoppable. "I was overall pleased with our performance," said Bonotto. "It was a great learning experience for Gretchen. Personally, I thought we were just as good, if not better, than the winning act." Bonotto stated that his performance that night was dedicated to friend, Robbie Bolonowski, who tragically passed away this summer. "I think the judges could see all of the excitement and laughter during the performance of Screaming Enchilada, but what they couldn't see was all of the emotion and crying during our songs."

## 3. Cartago Drive



This hardcore band consists of seniors Travis Berry and Chris Urabozza, along with Mike Draper, Chris Davis, and Steve Brower. "Mike, Chris D., and Chris U. had been in a band for a while and their bassist and guitarist quit, so they asked me to play for them. For a while we played shows without a bass player until Steve offered to play for us," Berry explained the band's origin. He also said that he didn't think they would be in the Battle of the Bands this year. Berry did have some issues with the B.O.T.B. however, "There are too many rules. You can't have water on stage and Chris Davis was going to die from dehydration." Overall, he thought they did pretty good for never practicing.



Many people play chess to challenge themselves and their brain. **Carlos Fernandez** said, "I joined the chess club because chess is a game of strategy and intelligence. Plus, all the cool people are in it," said **Fernandez**.  
*Photo by Jessica Merriott*



# A ACTIVITY PERIOD CLUBS

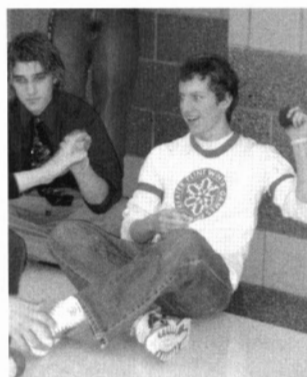
by Jessica Merriott

Games, movies, music and giant circles; bring anything to mind? These are just a couple of the things students do during activity period. Students are involved in traditional clubs such as chess to the newest club called Skoosh. Everyone involved gets the opportunity to meet new people with similar interests. Many people think that clubs are a great way to interact. Senior Megan Campian said, "Clubs are a good chance to meet new people in other grades that you don't normally have classes with."

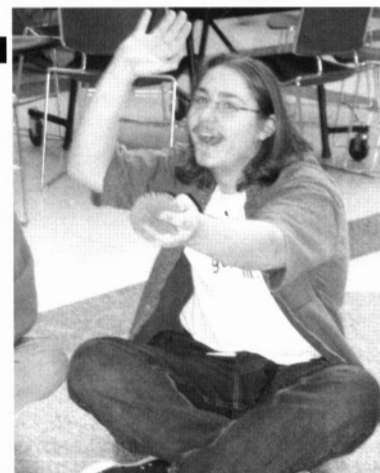
The Chess Club is easygoing but takes a lot of thinking, while the Skoosh Club isn't as brain-related, but more of a physical activity. In Skoosh Club, students sit in a giant circle, hitting a Skoosh ball with their hands back and forth to each other; the person who causes the ball to hit the ground is out. In Connectors Club you choose some sort of game to play with your friends. GUBA, which stands for Guitar and Bass Club, gives students a chance to play music during activity period, while Anime Club is for the students who have interests in Japanese comics and movies.

Whether you are in GUBA, Anime, Connectors or Skoosh Club, there are a variety of clubs for you. With such a wide range, students have the freedom to choose the club that best fits their personality. Most importantly the club you are in should be the one that you have fun doing.

## SkOoSh

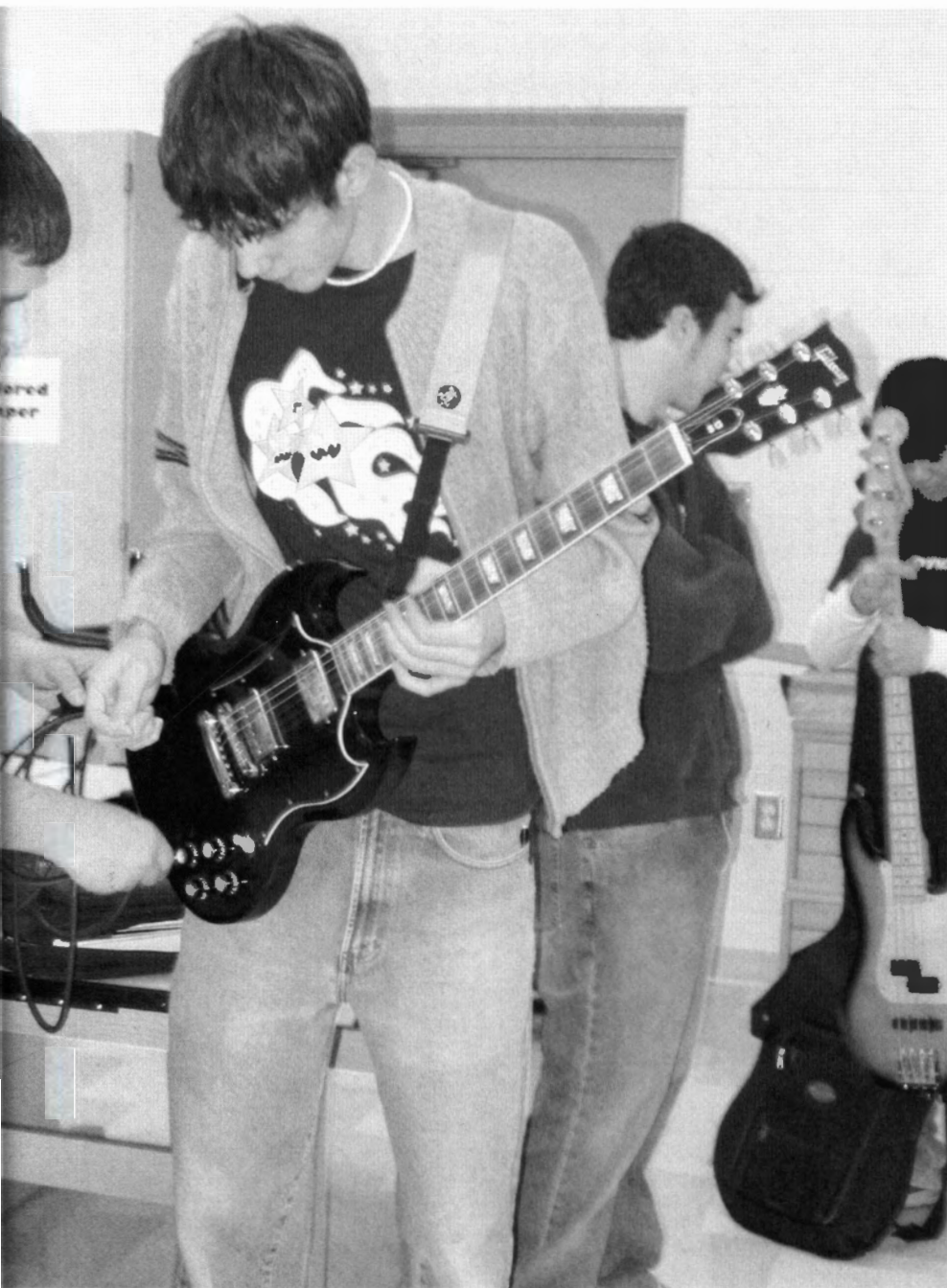


**Enjoying a game of Skoosh,** **Joey Kranich** and **Noah Steere** are ready for whatever comes their way. Steere said, "Skoosh is pretty much the best club I have ever been in."  
*Photo by Jessica Merriott*



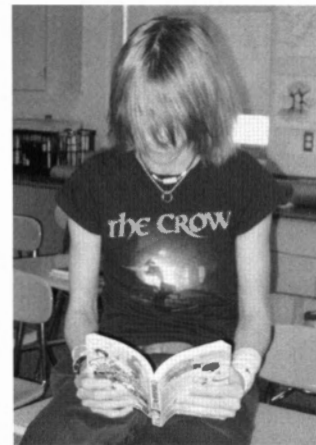
**"I like the fact** that we sit in a giant circle batting around what looks like a sea anemone. It is also fun watching people dive in the middle of the circle just to save a ball," says senior **Lino Pretto**.  
*Photo by Jessica Merriott*





**GUBA is a relaxing** time to hang out with friends and play some music. Junior **Justin Franks** said, "It's fun to be in a club where you can just hang out and play the guitar. I have been playing for five years now."

*Photo by Jessica Merriott*



**Meeting more than just** on activity period, the dedicated Anime Club also meets every Thursday after school. Junior **Chase Johnson** reads *manga*, a Japanese inspired comic book. The club has a *manga* library that is shared by all the members. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*

**Connecting through** games is the goal of Connecters Club. "All we do is play games. My favorite game is Sequence," said sophomore Dustin Liles. *Photo by Christina McPike*



**The famous circle of Skoosh** is made by many dedicated players above. Junior **Jake Bonotto** and many more players sit waiting for the ball to come to them at any moment. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*

## What it takes to make a club

- Come up with an idea
- Get people to like your idea
- Write a rulebook
- Get a teacher to sponsor your club
- Write a proposal that includes educational benefits
- Take it to Mr. Templin and Mr. Plunkett to talk to them about it
- Come up with a list of people or sign up to be in it
- Buy lots of materials for the club



# BILINGUAL BENEFITS

by Christina McPike

**L**ass mich auch dem Spiel!" These are things one would normally hear attending Frau Peters German II, III, and IV class. Going through four rough years of a foreign language is pretty tough. "Taking a language is really fun, I like to learn about the different cultures and traditions they have. Plus German is the coolest ever with Frau Peters!" said sophomore Taylor Parker.

With French, Spanish and German offered, some students have a hard time deciding on what they want. "I chose Spanish because I travel a lot, mostly to Mexico," said senior Brittany Koehler.

While all of these clubs are a great time, they offer much more than just a Wednesday activity period. "We've done a lot of activities and learned even more about the German culture than we have in class," said junior Kayla Burns about the benefits that clubs will bring after high school.

French club is responsible for having the most delectable treats around. With making such desserts as crepes and Beuche de Noel, who wouldn't want to participate in that?

"¡Partido!" Partying is what the students in Spanish club like to do. "I knew a lot of Spanish before I joined the club, but I stay in it because of the people. The activities, like going to Spanish speaking restaurants, is what makes it interesting," said sophomore Brittany Bennett.

Whether it's ich liebe Deutsch, adoro el español, or j'aime le français, anyone can understand the enjoyment that these clubs bring.

**Hard at work deciding** on what events are going to take place next for the German Club, senior **David Appold** and **Frau Peters** plan out various activities. All the officers are very devoted to taking leadership roles in German Club. *Photo by Christina McPike*



**Making valentines for her valentine**, sophomore **Jena Allen** participates in one of the many French club meetings. "At first I liked French because it is a romantic language, but I joined the club because it gives me something really fun to do. We make really cool things and eat delicious French food." *Photo by Christina McPike*



## An INside look at German CLUB

**One of the main events** that the German club looks forward to is the annual trip to Frankenmuth. Throughout the entire day the students get to explore the wonders of this German-based town, visiting places such as the Bavarian Inn. In the morning they also get to attend a German church service. *Courtesy photo*







## Say What?

Match the appropriate saying to the correct translation.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Es geht drunter und drüber!  | <b>a</b> I love pine-apples!         |
| <b>2</b> El francés es impresionante. | <b>b</b> Thank you for the lemonade. |
| <b>3</b> Gracias para la limonada.    | <b>c</b> It's topsy-turvy!           |
| <b>4</b> J'aime les ananas!           | <b>d</b> French is awesome.          |

Answers: 1c, 2d, 3b, 4a

**Making their way through Frankenmuth, German** club students stop at the Cheese Haus for a little snack. Juniors **Matt Darling, Allison Briggs, Erika Conley** and **Ben Wheaton** go on the trip to Frankenmuth every year. *Courtesy photo*



**Digging into some of the delicious food** French club provides senior **John Quasarano** dines on some Beuche de Noel, a French delicacy. *Photo by Enjoli Marks*

## French CLUB

"Being in French club is awesome. Making the Mardi Gras masks were really fun, we got to parade around in them," said sophomore **Phillip Marlow**. *Photo by Christina McPike*



## Spanish CLUB

"I wanted to be a representative for Spanish club because I wanted to do something for my class. We get to plan a lot of things, like going to Spanish restaurants or going to see Spanish movies. It's really a lot of fun," said junior **Brittney Pike**. There are representatives from each class and a number of students that join Spanish Club each year.



## Christmas

**Who:**  
Christians

**What:**  
Christmas is both a holiday and a holy day. It is a celebration of the Christian messiah Jesus' birth.

**Where:**  
Many historians peg the first Christmas celebration in Rome.

**When:**  
In 366 A.D. was the first known celebration. Now it is celebrated on December 25 in the United States, where most businesses and schools give employees and students a holiday.

## Hanukkah

**Who:**  
Jewish people

**What:**  
A celebration of God's miracle for enough oil to light the menorah after the Jewish Rebellion against the Syrians.

**Where:**  
The rebellion occurred when the holy temple of Jerusalem was overtaken by the Syrians. Families celebrate in their homes by lighting the menorah every night for eight nights.

**When:**  
The rebellion took place in 167 B.C. It is celebrated usually in early December (or the twenty fifth of Kislev, the Hebrew calendar).

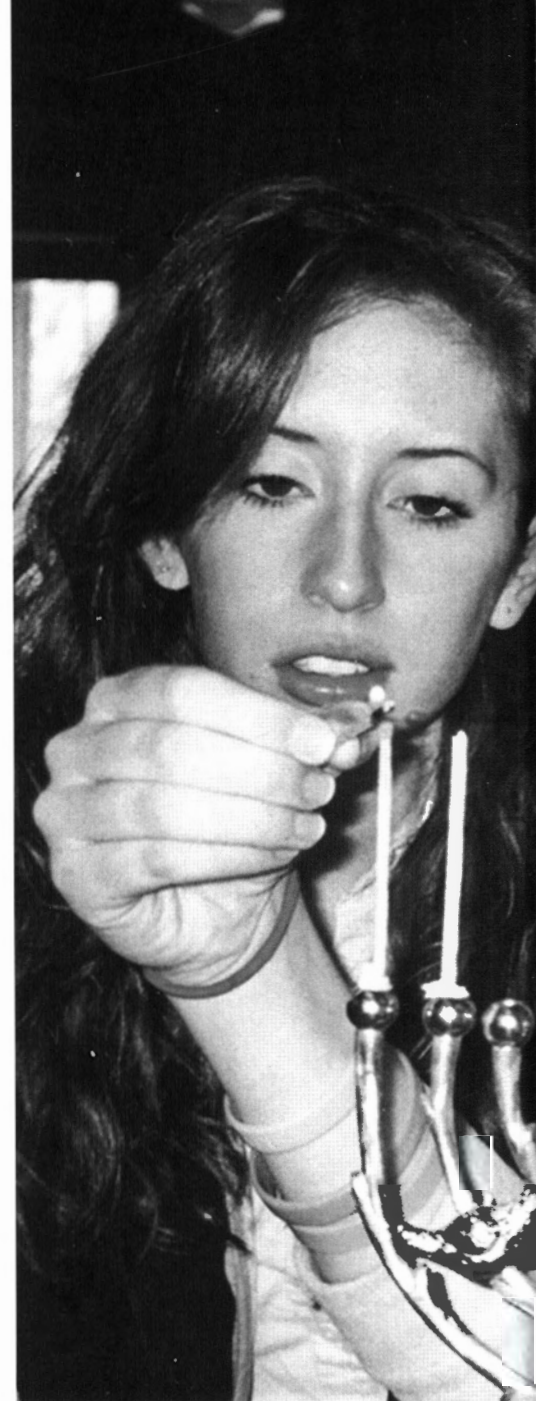
## Kwanzaa

**Who:**  
People of African descent.

**What:**  
People come together for seven days to celebrate family, community, culture and bonds that bind them together. They also remember their heritage, give thanks and rejoice in the goodness of life.

**Where:**  
It was first introduced in America by Dr. Maulana Karenga as a means to help African Americans connect with their African values and traditions.

**When:**  
This holiday was established in 1966 when African Americans were struggling with equal rights. It is celebrated the seven days after Christmas.



# That's why they call it

# Winter

## Break

by Dani Dimmitt

While Christmas is by far the most celebrated holiday in America, many other holidays are celebrated in the wintertime as well. Many people have heard of the traditionally celebrated Jewish holiday, Hanukkah, and are familiar with the traditions. But there are holidays such as Kwanzaa and Ramadan that many people may not be familiar with or don't totally understand.

"My mom celebrates Christmas and I go along with her to make my mom and her family happy."

senior Andy Masarik





## Ramadan

**Who:**  
Muslims

**What:**  
Ramadan is a religious holiday based on the Islamic lunar calendar. It is a month of prayer, fasting and charity.

**Where:**  
In America it's beginning and ending is determined by the Islamic society of North America. It is celebrated in many other countries as well.

**When:**  
It was first celebrated in 610 A.D. when the Muslims believed that Allah revealed the first verses of the Koran.

**Lighting the menorah with their mom is something that seniors Miriam and Kate Brewer have always done. "Our Dad isn't Jewish so we celebrate both Christmas and Hanakkuh," said Kate. Courtesy Photo**

## Jehovah's Witnesses



Jehovah's Witnesses are Christians who believe in God and that Jesus is God's Son. The only main difference is that Jehovah's Witnesses don't believe that Jesus is God, like Catholics and Protestants who believe in the trinity of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Jehovah's Witnesses don't celebrate Christmas or birthdays.

**"I like being a Jehovah's Witness. When I was young I sometimes felt left out because all my friends would be celebrating Christmas, but it was because I didn't understand. Now that I understand, I like it."**

senior **Katie Pock**



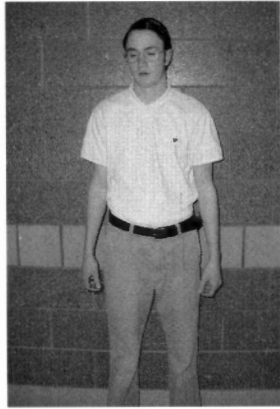
# MONDAY

**Making the most** out of his lunch, sophomore **Andrew Burgess** is very competitive in the jump roping relay during one of the daily lunch activities during Winterfest week. "I'm supporting school spirit because I'm a school patriot and because I can. Jump roping is friggin' sweet," said Burgess. *Photo by Kevin Judy*



# TUESDAY

**The famous movie Napoleon Dynamite** has been an inspiration to many people, not only because of how they talk, but how they dress as well. Some people have worn Napoleon's snow boots to school, but senior **Dustin Matthiesen** took impersonating to the max. In the spirit of character day, Matthiesen dressed up as a complete replica of Napoleon's brother Kip. "Dustin was funny because he looked exactly like Kip," said senior Joel Spitz. *Photo by Kevin Judy*



# WEDNESDAY

**Darth Vader is feared** by many especially when it is teacher **Heather Peterson** underneath the costume. "I went to get my homework for the next class and little did I know, I was going to be attacked by Darth Vader. My life was in jeopardy," said sophomore **Nick Beeson**. *Photo by Kevin Judy*



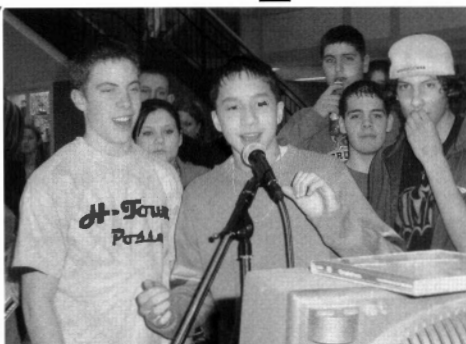
# THURSDAY

**Showing school spirit** from head to toe, senior **Precious Paul** was all about getting involved in spirit week. "I wanted to participate because it was throw back day. This spirit week was the last one for me since I am a senior and plus that is my favorite jersey and stilettos." *Photo by Kevin Judy*

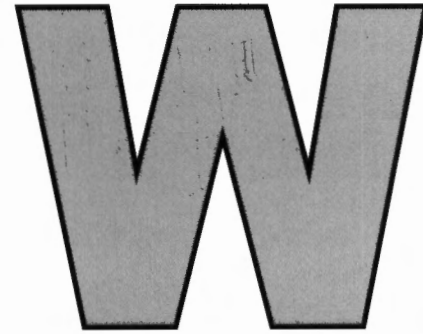


# FRIDAY

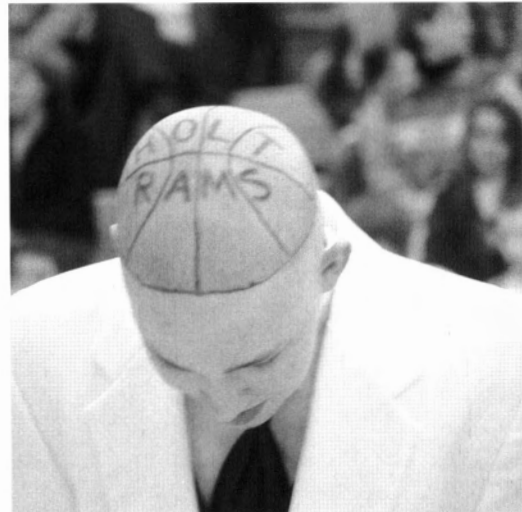
**Anyone up for some singing?** Sophomores **Glenn Briggs** and **Gordon Waidelich** are showing how good their voices are while singing karaoke in front of a crowd. Karaoke is just one of the many activities that go on during spirit week at lunch. *Photo by Christina McPike*



**Superhero Day** is the greatest thing since ice cream. Let's face it, we need more superheroes in the world."



Winterfest is a week full of fun, spirit, and excitement. From the spirit days and everyone dressing crazy to the daily lunch activities, there is never a dull moment during this time. Throughout the week everyone is looking forward to Friday. Friday is the day where the most excitement occurs. All of the enthusiasm from the pep rally when you find out the king and queen are just working up to the best part of the week: the game. The game is where the court is announced in front of everyone from parents and students to alumni. The students also look forward to the game and dressing up in the theme of the week, which this year for Winterfest was camouflage.



**You know someone has true** school spirit when they paint a basketball on their head. Junior **Joel Maier** said, "Having my head painted was the coolest part of the week. I also liked winning the court game...I cheat well." *Courtesy Photo*

**The traditional court games** are always fun to watch during winterfest pep-rally. This year the game was musical chairs and basketball combined. To the right are seniors **Kevin Allen**, **Andy Clark**, and juniors **Joel Maier** and **Matt Darling**. These guys are the few lucky people left competing for only two chairs. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*





# interfest week

by Jessica Merriott, Kevin Judy  
& Christina McPike

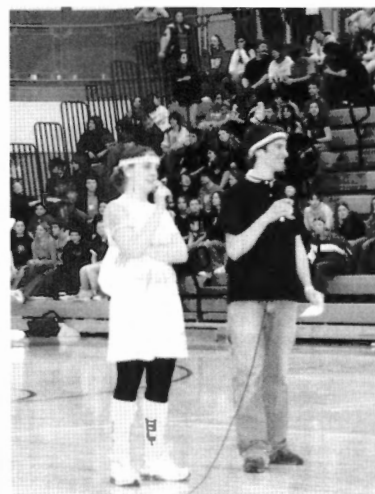
Every year there is something slightly different about Winterfest week. This year the spirit days were a lot different than they have ever been before. The excitement of dressing up in unusual attire is very fun for students and most students remember days that were their favorite. Sophomore Dani Sweet said, "Superhero Day was the greatest thing since ice cream. I was just waiting for someone to dress up like Underdog. Let's face it we need more superheroes in the world."

"Some kids got crazy during spirit week and it was fun to see what everyone decided to wear," said senior Kyle Cryderman.

In addition to the week this year was the penny wars. Penny wars

took place in each classroom and all of the money raised was donated in the memory of Chad Pruitt. With a pizza party as the prize many of the classes got really into it and were very competitive. Senior Heather Tews said, "The penny war competition was very intense this year and it was a fun way to raise money for a good cause."

Most students would agree that the pep rally is also a very fun time during the week. The pep rally takes place in the gym on Friday about an hour before school gets out. Everyone has a lot of excitement and energy. At the pep rally, all of the sport team captains are represented and there are performances by the dance team and the cheerleaders to get everyone pumped up. "Winterfest was great because the pep rally is really fun and everyone gets into it," said senior David Appold. Appold along with senior Sarah Benson were the announcers of the pep rally and brought a lot of energy to it. This year there were very spirited screaming contests as well as a competitive court game of musical chairs and basketball combined. Most students would agree that at the end of the week, Rams spirit is flying high and many are sad that all the fun and excitement that Winterfest brings is over.



**What can you expect at a pep-rally** with seniors Sarah Benson and David Appold announcing? You are guaranteed so many laughs that your stomach will hurt when it is all over. Sophomore Erika Conley said, "They were hilarious together and they are both very outgoing. It was the best pep rally ever." Photo by Jessica Merriott



# THE king



## HE SAID

"I was pretty shocked because I thought I was the underdog on court. I have to say that it was a blast and everyone was awesome. Winterfest will be a great memory for my senior year."

RYAN ESSENMACHER

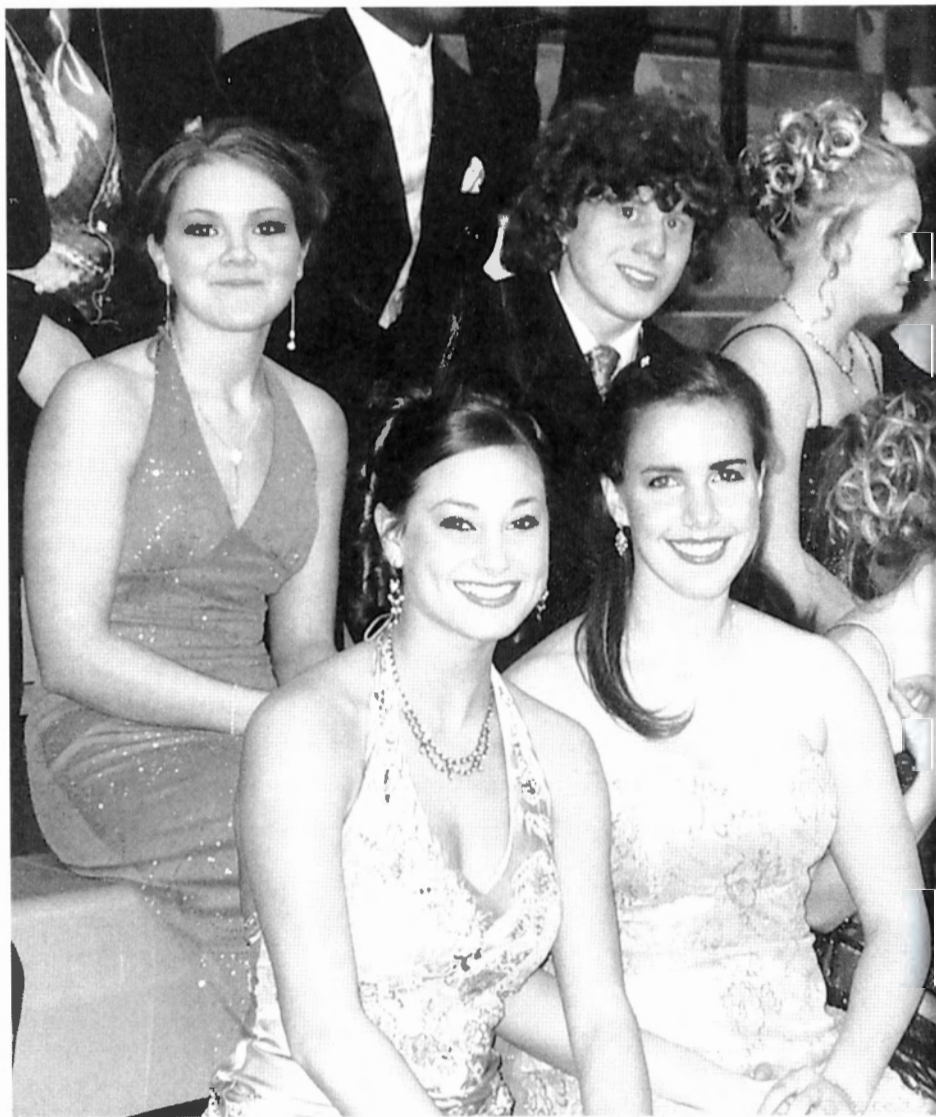
# THE queen



## SHE SAID

"It was an honor to get queen and know that people voted for me, and I was really surprised to hear my name called. I had a ton of fun at the dance and overall it was a great experience."

RACHEL PORTER



## a night full of events...



**Grinning at the crowd**, senior court members **Jerrod Howlett** and **Kelsey McMillin** accept their Winterfest nomination. This was Howlett's second time being on court and McMillin's first. "The most exciting part was just knowing that people nominated and voted for me to be on court," said McMillin. *Photo by Christina McPike*

**Standing up for the sophomore class** are **Dominic Jenkins** and **Brooke Darling**. "The best part of being on court was the people. Everyone was just hanging out and having a good time with each other after the game," said Darling. *Photo by Christina McPike*



**Members of the H-Town Posse** get excited for the game. Students dressed in camouflage and even slathered their faces in paint. The fans thought that camo was a good way to end spirit week and the theme continued for more games as the season went on. "Spirit week is awesome because it unites the whole school. Everyone rallies for one common goal," said intern **Dan Giddings**. Teacher **Craig Huhn** added, "There should be a spirit week for bowling." *Courtesy Photo*





The annual **guy-girl dance**, put on by the dance team, took place during half-time of the Winterfest game. The guys to the left are busting their moves and working hard to give the fans a great show. "It was really strange for me to do this again, I don't even think I'm that good of a dancer," said sophomore **Cayden Bunnell**.  
*Courtesy Photo*

it's finally...

# FRIDAY

by Jessica Merriott, Christina McPike, & Kevin Judy

**With butterflies in their** stomachs and smiles on their faces, the Winterfest Court waits patiently for the time to strut their stuff. Between the junior varsity and varsity games each of the couples got to parade on the court while every eye was on them. *Courtesy Photo*

*Winterfest*...just the word brings thoughts of school spirit, basketball games and partying the night away at the annual dance. As the school enters the week of Winterfest students come alive. "It's really cool seeing how high spirited everyone is," said sophomore Erik Antekeier.

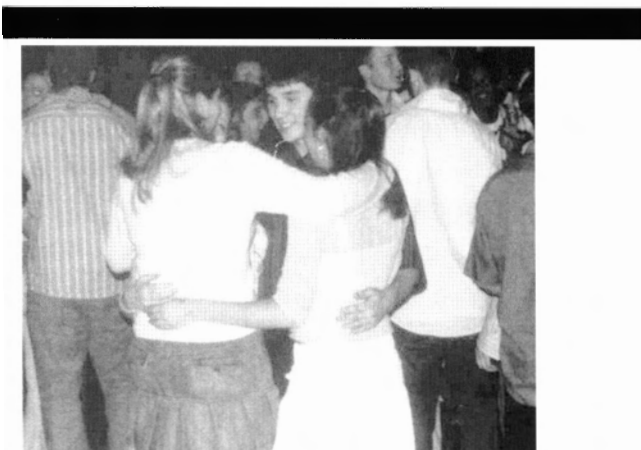
The basketball game is another thrilling event to look forward to. The student section, as usual, had a theme for this week's game: camouflage. People did not take this lightly. "We wanted to show our school spirit about the game so we went all out on our clothes and at the game we cheered our hearts out," said sophomore Danielle Smith. In overtime the Holt Rams defeated the Sexton Big Reds for another glorious win. The school spirit was at an all-time high.

The finale of the fun filled five-day spirit filled week is the Winterfest dance. Student Council members work night and day to make sure this comes out just right. "I was very pleased on how well everything worked out. The turn out at the dance was great and it seemed like the kids really enjoyed themselves," said teacher and student council advisor Matt Trunk. The decorations were impeccable, and the music was fabulous, it seemed as if the entire east end of the commons had transformed into a winter wonderland. "The dance was a lot of fun, I was glad that it was dressy," said junior Tiffany Ziolkowski. Some students disagree saying they would rather wear causal attire, but everyone could agree that the Winterfest court looked stunning in their beautiful gowns and classy tuxedos.

Of the eight seniors, only two students, one male and one female are chosen represent their school as Winterfest King and Queen. This year's method to announce the winners during the pep rally was for the court to pop balloons with the duo's names lie hidden inside. A lull went over the crowd as they waited in anticipation to see who was chosen. Ryan Essenmacher and Rachel Porter were the lucky ones to hear their names called.

The legacy of Winterfest is one of many generations. To some it might just be another week at school, but to others it creates memories they will hold on to for the rest of their lives.

**Acting as a date for everyone**, sophomore **Bernardo Mandujano** slow dances with a number of lucky ladies. The Winterfest Dance was a time to let your hair down, get away from all the school work that is so time consuming and just have fun. "The atmosphere at the dance was so high energy, you could tell that everyone was having a great time," said junior **Lindsey Howley**. *Photo by Christina McPike*





When senior **Dustin Mattheisen** is not working or hanging out with his friends, he likes to go to the mall or play the piano. "I like to make the most of the weekends because it is only two days," said Mattheisen. *Photo by Sergey Guksov*



To start the weekend off, sophomore **Kaley Vondra's** mom Janice and dog Jersey greet her in the car when they pick her up from school. "My mom and dog pick me up from school everyday," said Vondra. *Photo by Janice Vondra*

How long does it take you to get ready? Well, it takes junior **Tiffany Royston** about half an hour to shower and get dressed. "I'm not one of those slow get around people," said Royston. *Photo by Gloria Royston*

Placing a freshly made pizza into the box is Junior **Tiffany Royston** at Fat Boys, where she works. *Courtesy photo*



# SATURDAY NIGHT

# FEVER

by Heather Ungerman

It's seven o'clock and your mom calls to you from the bottom of the stairs, "You're friend is here honey, I just saw his headlights. Hurry up!" He's early and you're not ready yet! You can't keep him waiting so you rush around your room putting on your coat and shoes and trying to look presentable all while he's walking in your front door.

"Be down in a sec," you yell from the top of the stairs and you grab one last thing from your room and race down the stairs. You say bye to your mom and are off for the night.

Now the question is...what are you going to do tonight? Some might go to the movies or to the mall, while others might have a local hang out, a concert to go to or go bowling, but whatever you do, you want to have a blast with all your friends.

First you have to grab some grub because your starving but after that the night is up to you. You meet up with the rest of your friends and decide what to do.

You have so much with your friends and make it home safe and sound. You put on your pajamas, brush your teeth, crawl into bed and turn out the light. While drifting off to sleep you think about the great time you had while out on a Saturday night.

## cost to go out

\$20 Gas

\$7.50 Movie ticket

\$4 Popcorn

\$15 Dinner

## DUSTIN MATTHEISEN



School spirit is top on senior **Dustin Mattheisen's** list. Mattheisen and friend senior **Myron Knox** show their true H-town colors before the Holt game at Mason. Mattheisen enjoys attending all of the Holt football and basketball games that he can make it to, home and away. *Photo by Sergey Sarkisov*

After taking a year off and living in New Mexico Dustin Mattheisen is having no trouble fitting in with his old friends again. He is a true Holt fan and goes to all of the football and basketball games in true style. He likes to hang out with his girlfriend and also he likes to stay home and spend time with his family. Just like most seniors, he looks forward to the weekends to forget about school and have a good time. When not working at L&L he stays out late with his friends causing who knows what kind of trouble around the neighborhood.



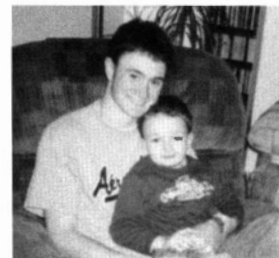
# SUNDAY SPECIAL



**Placing the angel on the top** is the last part to decorating a Christmas tree. Sophomore **Kaley Vondra** and her family spend time together picking out and putting up their tree each year. "I am the youngest, so I get to put the angel on every year," said Vondra. *Photo by Janice Vondra*

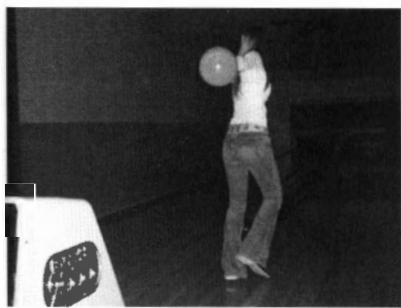


**After a long night out with friends**, junior **Tiffany Royston** likes to sleep in. Her friends, sophomores **Jacki Lear** and **Brenna Brown**, always pile into her bed at the end of the night and crash. "I always sleep until eleven or twelve then get up and go the the mall on Sundays," said Royston. *Photo by Terry Royston*



**Sitting with his little brother Anthony Jimmez** is senior **Dustin Mattheisen**. "I like to spend time with my little brother on the week-ends because I don't get to see him much during the week because of school and work," said Mattheisen. *Photo by Cindy Mattheisen*

## TIFFANY ROYSTON KALEY VONDRA



**Got another spare?** Junior **Tiffany Royston** and her friends enjoy hanging out and sometimes even go bowling. "I usually go out both nights of the weekend and just have people over on Sundays," said Royston. "This picture is dedicated to Jessica Simpson because we all thought that I looked like Jessica in it," said Royston. *Photo by Danyel Bozzo*

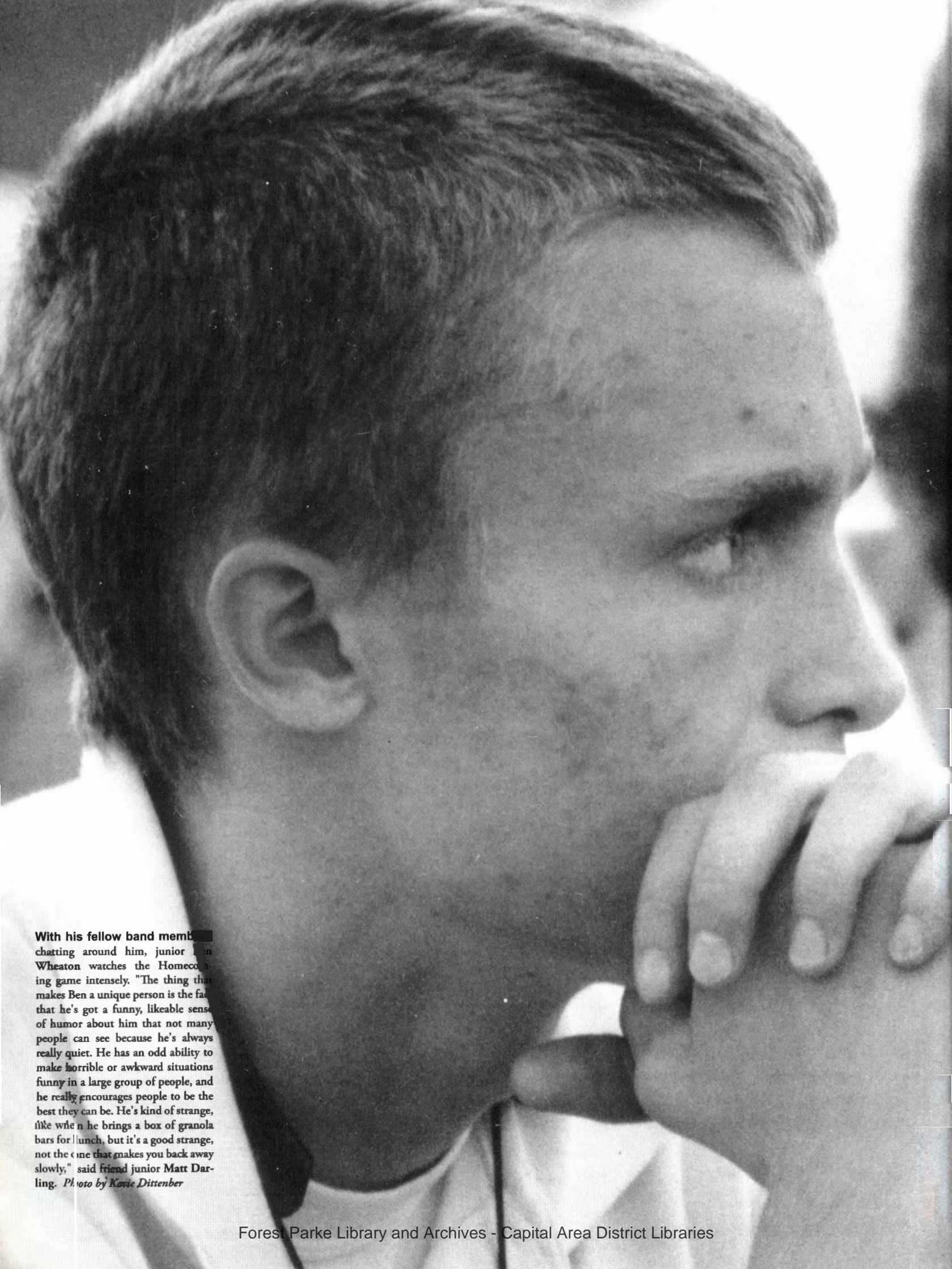


**Looking into the front from** sophomore **Kaley Vondra's** angle in the backseat are seniors **John Colbeck** and **Trent Davis**. Vondra, Colbeck and Davis all went to the Holt vs. Okemos hockey game Saturday night. She still enjoys going to support the team even though Holt did not come out victorious in this game. *Photo by Kaley Vondra*

While some people like to stay home and relax on the weekends others have a job so they might have to work. When Junior Tiffany Royston doesn't have to work at Fat Boy's Pizza she likes to go out with her friends to find innocent things to do each and every night. Because her parents trust her, she does not have a curfew. "What I do on the weekends depends on the type of year. I will go sledding, to haunted houses, to the movies, and I go to the mall like every other day," said Royston.

For some people the weekend is a time to hang out with their friends and have a good time, but for others it is a time to chill out and catch up on some sleep. Sophomore Kaley Vondra sees the weekend as a time to relax and mostly enjoys time to herself and her family. "I like to relax and just hang out," said Vondra. When she is not just hanging out she likes to shop and go to the movies with friends. "I really love to shop!" said Vondra. So if you don't find Vondra at home relaxing, you might find her at the mall...shopping.





With his fellow band members chatting around him, junior Ben Wheaton watches the Homecoming game intensely. "The thing that makes Ben a unique person is the fact that he's got a funny, likeable sense of humor about him that not many people can see because he's always really quiet. He has an odd ability to make horrible or awkward situations funny in a large group of people, and he really encourages people to be the best they can be. He's kind of strange, like when he brings a box of granola bars for lunch, but it's a good strange, not the one that makes you back away slowly," said friend junior Matt Darling. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



There are tons of people in our school who are totally themselves without regard to other people's opinions. Those people are awesome, more of us should be like them.

Sophomore **Maggie Lowden-Spear**

**A**n individual is defined as a person distinguished from others by a special quality. Here at Holt High School, and all around, students have their opinions on what makes people stand out from all the others. A common theme is that purposely trying to stand out just doesn't work. Simply being yourself is enough.

When asked about what makes him an individual, senior Joey Spyke responded, "Hold on, I need to go in my think tank," as he crawled under the counter in his classroom. "Personally, I don't try to stand out. My disorganization causes me to always be flustered. People always get a good laugh at the way I go about things."

Junior Lindsay Konzman said, "Instead of people being concerned with standing out, they should be more concerned with being themselves. That's what makes them different."

Kelli Hillard, a senior, said "I'm different because of my religious views. It's not that I choose to purposefully be different, I'm myself and that alone makes me different."

Sophomore Ashley Starr has the same opinion and tries to live it out in her daily life. "I'm not always worried about what other people are thinking about me, like most others. I've already realized that high school is so fake and materialistic and that trying to be 'cool' or 'popular' gets me nowhere."

Following the same theme, sophomore Maggie Lowden-Spear leaves us with this advice: "There are tons of people in our school who are totally themselves without regard to other people's opinions. Those people are awesome and truly unique. More of us should be like them."

by Enjoli Marks

# individual

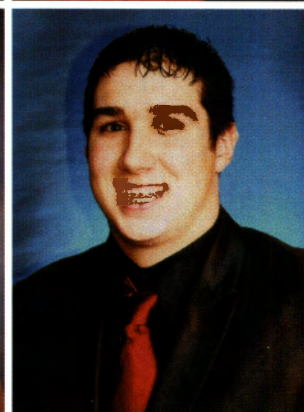
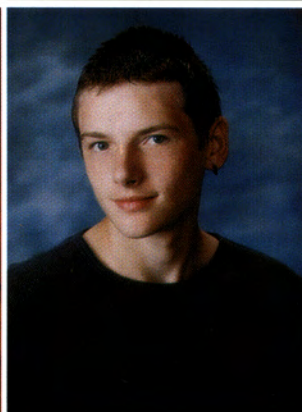
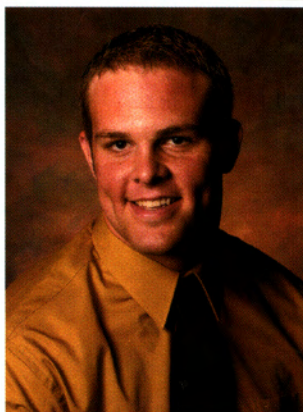
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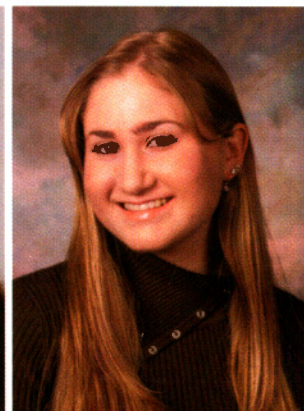
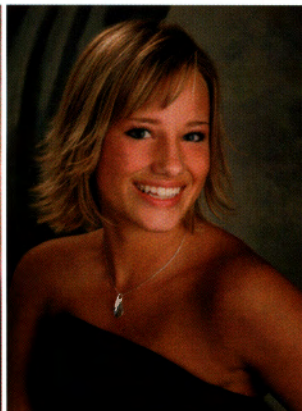
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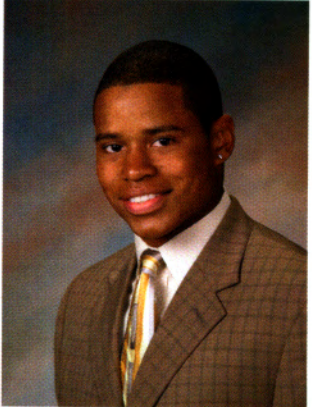
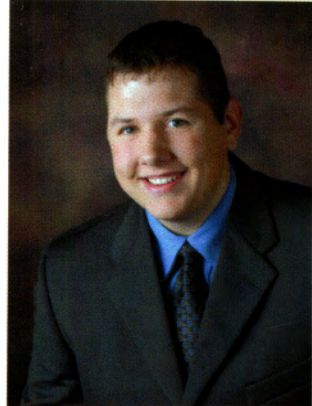
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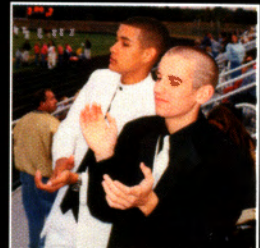
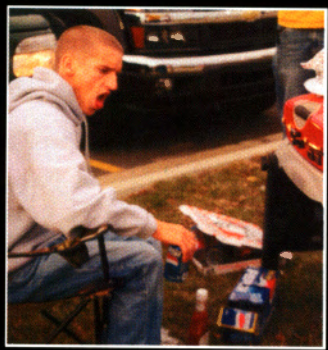
"Who cares?" screams the Holt student section while reading the newspaper as the East Lansing starters are being announced. Seniors David Appold, Tyler May, Kyle Cryderman, and Sergey Sarkisov made this into a game introduction ritual. Photo by Holly Schoenbachler

# Final Screams of Spirit

With shirts that say "Holt Lady Rams," seniors Courtney Grafuis, Tracy Schrauben, Erika Neumann, Sarah Smith, Michelle Nash, and Katherine Becsey are ready to show off their spirit and their support for the senior football players. *Courtesy Photo*



While in deep concentration at a football game, seniors **Jared Kaschyk**, **John Roché**, and **Nick Rogell** stand proud and wait for the moment to start their "push'em back" cheer. Photo by Holly Schoenbachler



Everyone always says burping shows compliments to the chef, so it must have been a great hot dog as senior **Luke Steere** belches at the tailgate before the game. Photo by Holly Schoenbachler

**Getting ready** for a big night of winning, senior **Jeremy Troisi** gets filled up at the tailgate. On the menu that night: hot dogs and chicken wings. Photo by Holly Schoenbachler

**After 37 minutes** of clapping, he truly bled for Holt. Homecoming court member **David Appold** decided to show his spirit by clapping his hands. Photo by Holly Schoenbachler

When senior Jared Kaschyk went to the first game against Charlotte and noticed that "we were a disgrace to all the great fans who had laid the foundation for hardcore fans like me," he took a stand and decided to do something about the attitude of the crowd.

With his two best friends and their comedic humor, they became what most students would agree are Holt's #1 fans, and the most spirited trio at the football games. The three guys, Jared Kaschyk, John Roche, and Nick Rogell attended every game. Creative outfits always make the boys stand out. From their gold Holt car flag, brown to their gold tie dyed jock strap, Holt vests, and crazy wigs. "It's just a nice thing to do and I like to support my team," said Roche. "We just want to make sure that they are remembered! We just want to be remembered as the #1 fans."

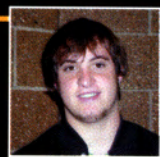
The boys aren't the only ones cheering. These die-hard senior girls, Courtney Grafuis, Tracy Schrauben, Erika Neumann, Sarah Smith, Michelle Nash, and Katherine Becsey, decided to show their spirit by making shirts with their favorite players and numbers on the back. "We just wanted to support our boys," said Courtney Grafuis.

Another new tradition of support is the pre-game tailgates. David Appold was at every game grilling hot hogs and intimidating the other team when they got off their buses; he also set a new Holt record by clapping nonstop for 37 minutes while watching the game clock count down. Toward the end of his 37-minute clap, his hands even started bleeding.

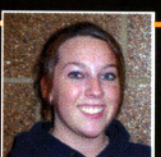
These devoted fans were the backbone for the football team, not only helping them to comeback after their first loss, but also helping them win a CAAC championship.

## Who is the #1 fan?

"David Appold and Luke Steere are the #1 fans because nothing gets us [the football team] more pumped up then hearing the sounds of an oncoming fire truck," said senior **Mike Gleason**.



"Jared Kaschyk and John Roche" because they aren't afraid to show up, dress crazy, and get the crowd rowdy. Plus they look hot doing it," said senior **Jamie Dadd**.

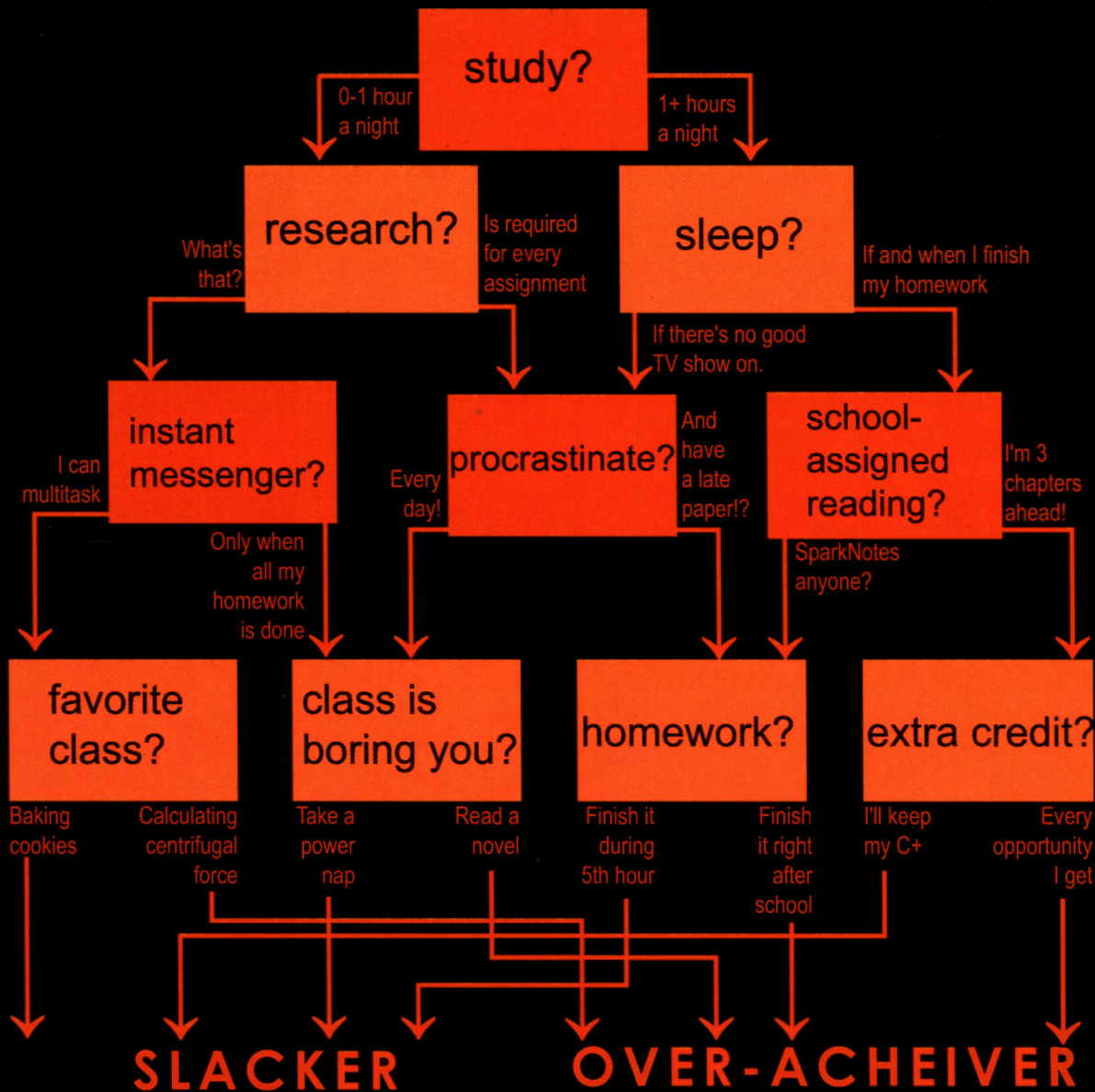




# it's all **ACADEMICS**

by Dani Dimmitt & Brandon Boatman

**S**enior year is full of choices: school classes and post-high school plans. Many seniors wonder what's the point? But with many AP classes only offered to seniors, many must continue the hard work. Here are the opinions of some self-proclaimed slackers and over-achievers. Take the quiz to find out what category you fall into.



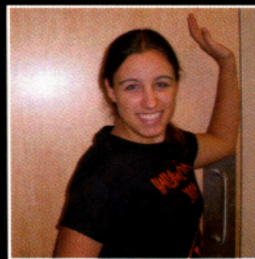
"I like to spend a lot of class time in the bathroom. Well, I just don't feel like having to try really hard to graduate when it doesn't have to be all that hard."

Senior Bob Pulido



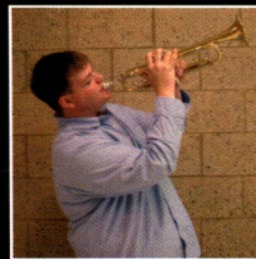
"I pick easy classes because I just wanted to have fun in my classes and have a reason to come to school. I'm really interested in music so most of my classes revolve around that."

Senior Kodee Bates



"I like the challenge of learning something that I might not get right away and I know it will make me more prepared for college."

Senior Stacey Ancona

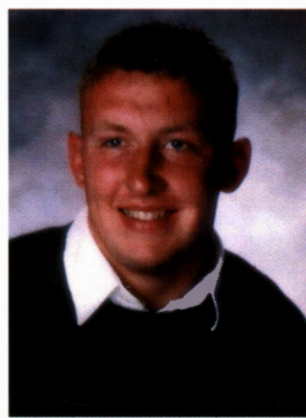
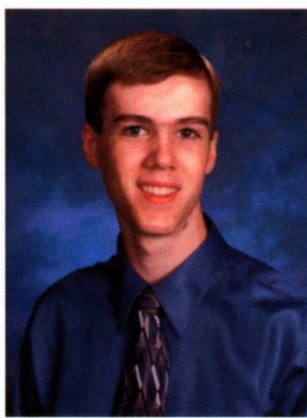


"I pick hard classes because I like being challenged. I don't see the point in taking a class that has no benefit for the future. The harder I work the greater the benefit."

Senior Talon Ireland



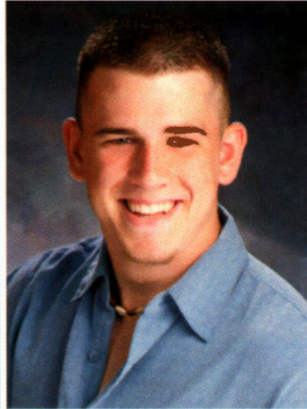
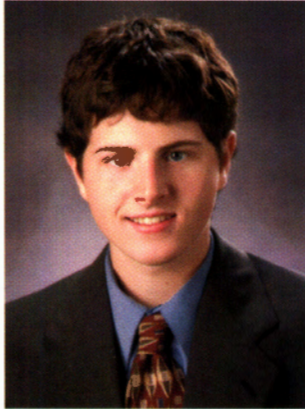




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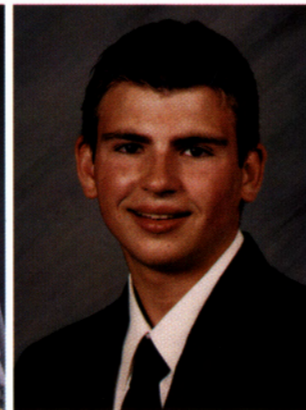
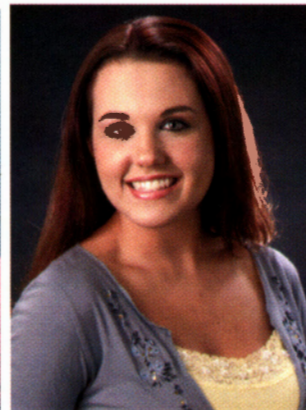
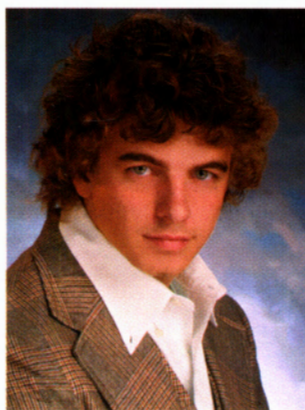
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# a SNEAK PEEK

## TOP 5 COLLEGES

Can you match the landmark building with the logo of these popular colleges for Holt students?



Courtesy Photo

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B.



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C.



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Answers: 1-B MSU, 2-C LCC, 3-D CMU, 4-A WMU, 5-E GVSU

## into your future

by Jessica Merriott, Jessica Keener & Paige Klaver

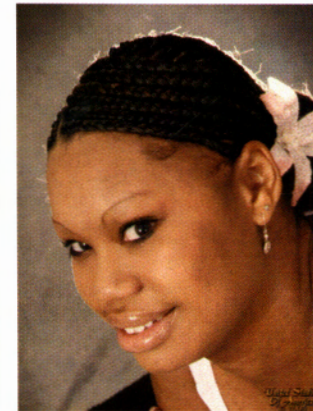
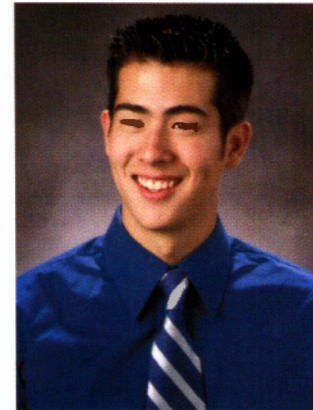
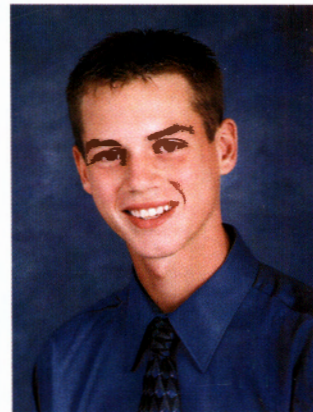
For many people college is the next big adventure after graduating high school. But how do you know what the best college is for you? There are many different reasons why people choose colleges. After talking to students, academics, although a big motive, aren't always the reason. Many people said that their top five choices were based on friends, the campus, and the programs.

Some lucky students base their choice upon scholarship opportunities. Senior Katie Flinton has a four-year full scholarship to Central Christian College, making that university her number one choice. Other people like senior Michaela Bond like to stay close to home and save money. "LCC is a great way to finish two years of college on a budget," said Bond.

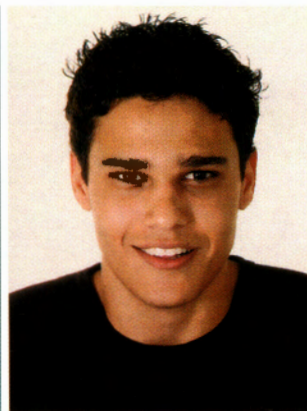
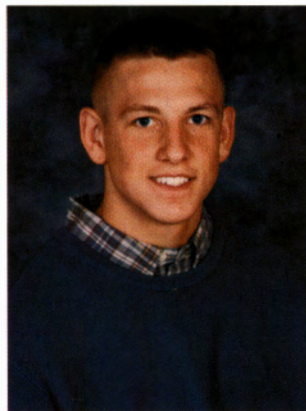
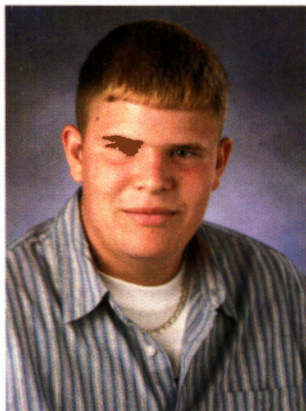
"I'm going to Western Michigan University because they have an awesome engineering program and because their colors are brown and gold, so I can be brown and gold for the rest of my life," said senior Kevin George.



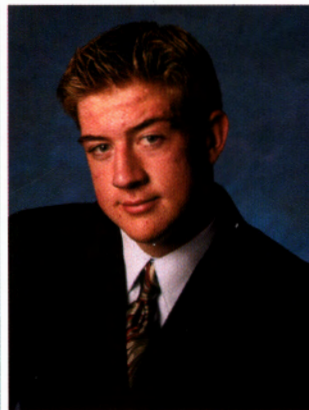
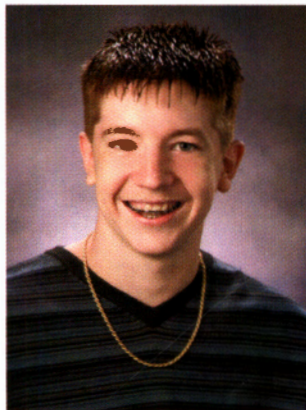
Western Michigan University gives honor on college visitation days to all troops who have died in the war. Above are the boots of all the soldiers who have lost their lives. Photo by Katie Lash



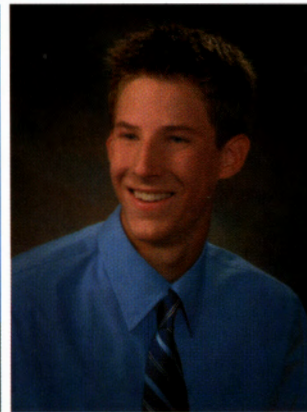
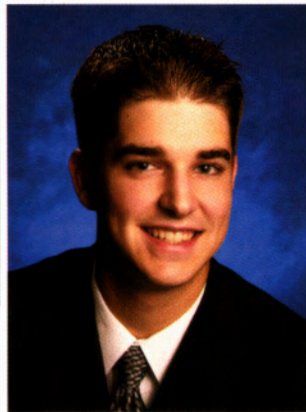
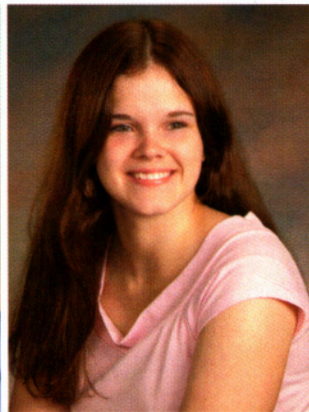
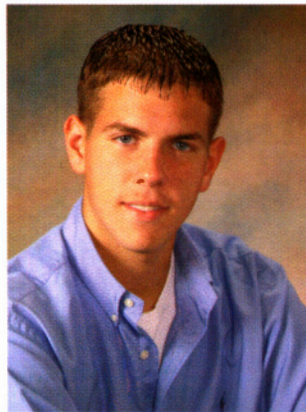




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# double TAKE

by Sara Bullion and Katie Knop

Have you ever said, "Hi, Joel!" to Gabe Longworth? Have you ever called Kate's name, but then realized it was really Miriam? The senior class has seven sets of twins, making it a challenge to tell all of them apart.

## Gabe and Joel

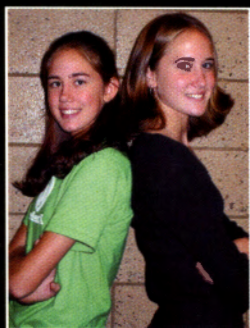


**Hanging** around a friend's house, Joel and Gabe Longworth goof around with senior Kent Williamson. "I like always having Joel to hang out with because then I'm never alone," said Gabe. *Courtesy photo*

**While at home when** they were younger, seniors Gabe and Joel Longworth play around with some of their toys. "After living with Joel for my whole life he kind of gets annoying," said Gabe. *Courtesy photo*



**While they don't** look that much alike, seniors Tara and Krissy Dell don't act much alike either. "Krissy is the more shy one of the two," said senior Mia Theroux, a friend of both. *Photo by Sara Bullion*



**Proving they are** truly inseparable are seniors Eric and Adam Plasky. "We definitely don't look alike," Eric said. "We know what one another is thinking sometimes," Adam said. While they claim to be different, they both share the same movie interests. *Photo by Sara Bullion*



**Showing how close** they are, seniors Amber Davis and James Davis smile big. "Amber is more outgoing than I am and she talks to everybody," said James. *Photo by Sara Bullion*



"I like being able to hang around my brother [Justin] a lot because he's my best friend," said Jordan Keep-Sparks. *Photo by Sara Bullion*

## Kate and Miriam



**Showing their** most obvious difference, their height, are seniors Kate and Miriam Brewer. "I'm about four inches taller than my sister," said Kate. *Photo by Sara Bullion*

**When seniors Kate** and Miriam Brewer were younger, Kate seemed to have the more shy look. "She's been my best friend all along and I never really feel alone," said Kate. *Courtesy photo*



**H**ave you ever wanted to be just like someone else? To know what someone else is thinking? To have a certain special bond that will never be broken?

Twins share a special and inseparable bond that no one can break, except for them. No matter how annoyed they get with each other, they never stop sharing special memories or talking about things that they normally wouldn't talk about with other people.

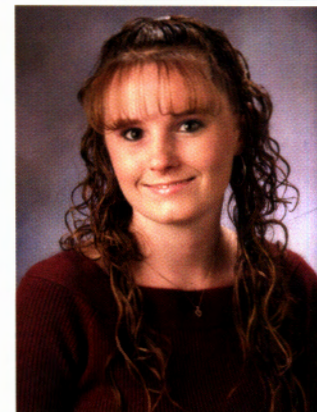
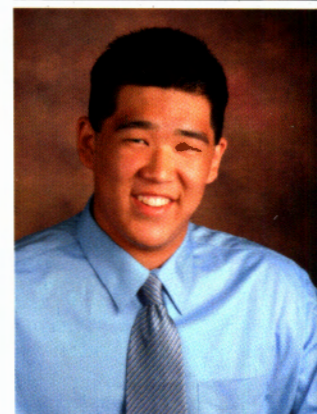
Whether they look alike or not, these twins all share certain things in common but also have many differences. These twins have all been annoyed with one another, but still like to be around each other and have someone to talk to.

"Sometimes I'm around her so much that I get annoyed," senior Miriam Brewer said about her sister, senior Kate Brewer. Senior Gabe Longworth also gets annoyed with his brother, senior Joel Longworth, after being around each other for a while.

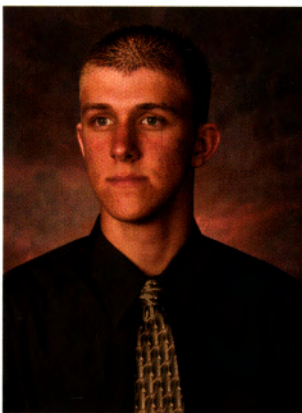
Some twins seem very different. When asked about a similarity between her brother and herself, senior Amber Davis said, "Our birthday is on the same day."

Senior Mia Theroux said, "The way they act and say things is alike most of the time," about twins Tara and Krissy Dell. Yet Tara is proud to say that she is two inches taller than Krissy.

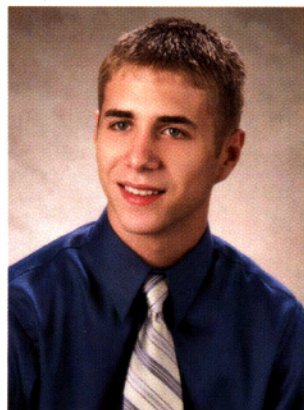
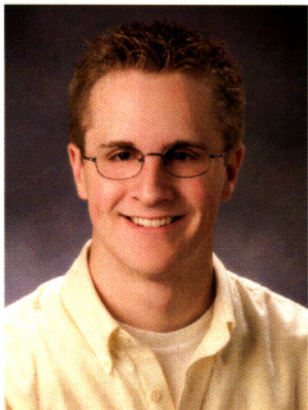
Even though these twins may sometimes strive to have their own identity from one another, many people will still recognize only the similarities.



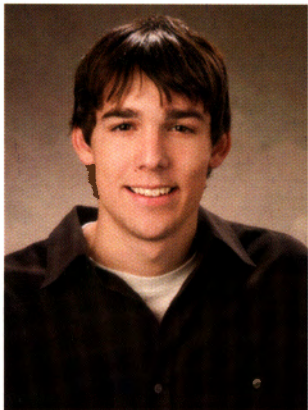
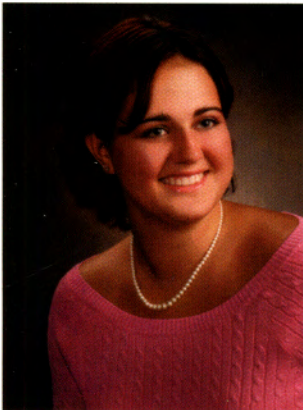




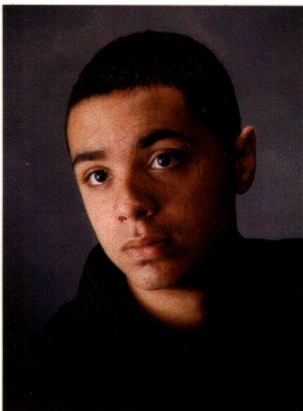
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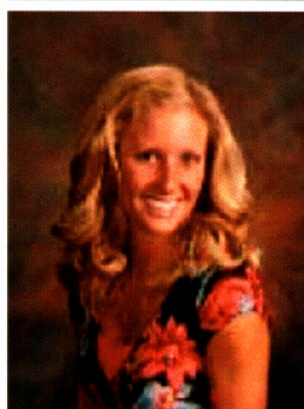
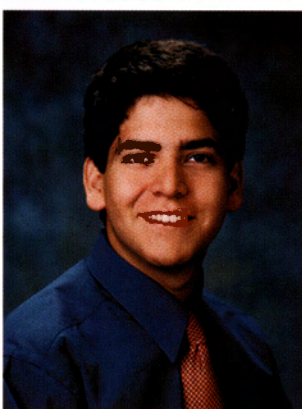
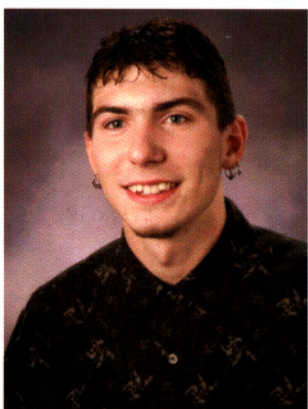
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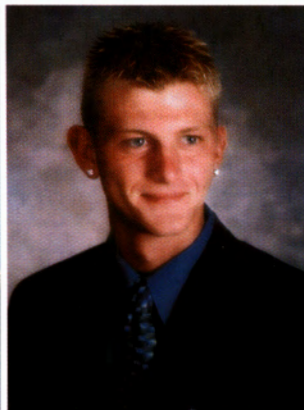
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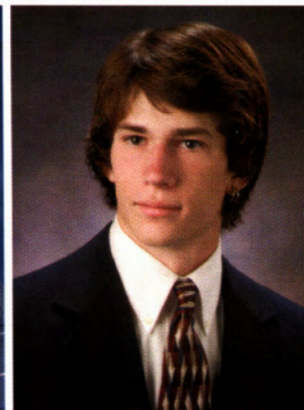
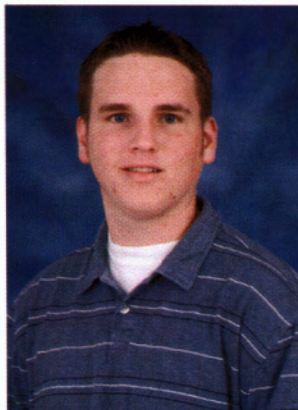
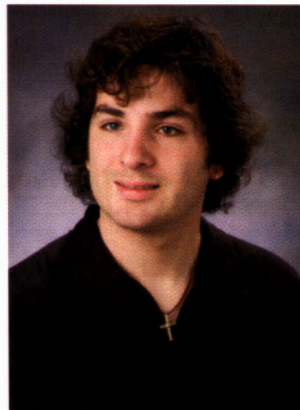
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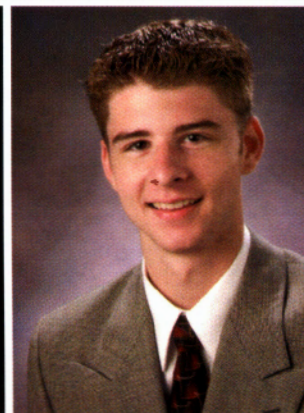
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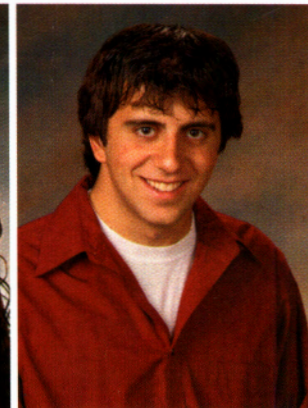
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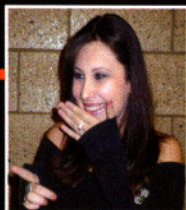




# when cupid's arrow misses the mark

by Kevin Judy & Audrey Kuhn

**Are your dates not going well? Are you even getting any dates? If you're having trouble in this area, take this expert dating advice from the people who know what they're talking about. You too can become a dating guru!**



**"My worst dating** experience was when the guy that I was dating asked me out. He said, 'Do you wanna make this official?' I just laughed because it was embarrassing and stupid of him. Then I walked away still laughing, and nothing else happened with us."

**Alicia Kyte**



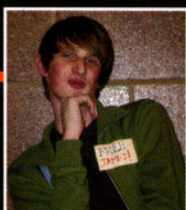
**"My first dance I** could definitely say was my worst dating experience. I was on the dance floor, and one of my guy friends was sitting on the side. He knew I was self-conscious and couldn't dance. To make matters worse, he began yelling, 'Go Katie! Go Katie!' over and over."

**Katie Denyes**



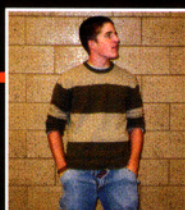
**"I'll always** remember the time when two of my guy friends came over to pick me up for a date. My parents aren't usually picky about who I go out with. When the my mom answered the door she said, 'I just wanna see your faces so if you're in a police line up I can pick you out.'"

**Kaitlyn Sherer**



**"I had this plan** to have two dates with two different girls in one night. First I went to a movie with the first girl. I was supposed to meet the second girl a half hour after the first movie ended. To my disadvantage, the first girl ended up being a real chatterbox. She hung around just long enough for my next date to show up. It was a mess."

**Shaun Weldon**



**"Sophomore year,** I was at a football game surrounded by a bunch of people. Before the game, my friend David Appold and I both unzipped our flies on purpose as a joke. By the time we got to the game, we had completely forgotten about what we had done. The whole time Miriam Brewer was standing next to me. Hopefully she didn't notice."

**Tyler Maxey**



**"My worst dating** experience was when I went out to eat with one of my girlfriends and her parents. There were a lot of odd silences. One of my dating phobias is that my date will be taller than me, or even worse have bad breath. I always carry some extra mints or gum just in case."

**Peter Piper**

**Advice from Kaitlyn:** "Go on an adventurous type of date. Do something other than just sitting. A movie and dinner isn't exciting."

**Advice from Tyler:** "Girls, make sure that you don't cur down on the Red Sox. And remember, every guy likes a girl who knows something about sports. Buy me Red Sox tickets on top of the Green Monster."

**Advice from Katie:** "Be honest. I dislike people who say things to get my attention, or just talk about themselves and sports."

**Advice from Shaun:** "Date as many girls as possible. Don't go for the ones who wear racy clothing. Get to know the person before hand...it makes the date go a lot smoother."

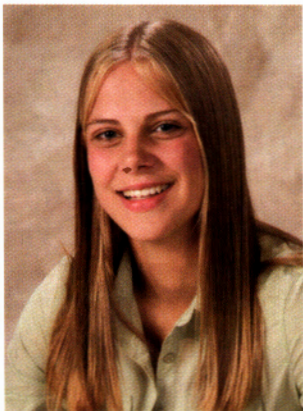
**Advice from Alicia:** "Guys, be courteous, open doors, and be interested in her. Don't go out just to go out. And do the asking yourself."

**Advice from Peter:** "Find out something that your date really enjoys and do it together. When she's happy, you'll be happy. Be yourself, be open, and make conversation."

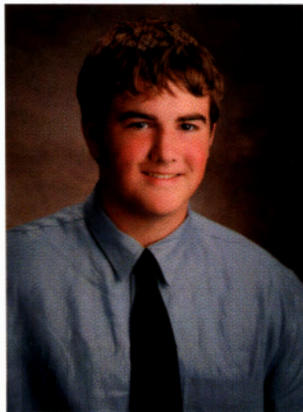
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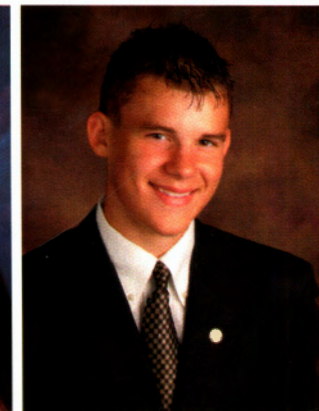
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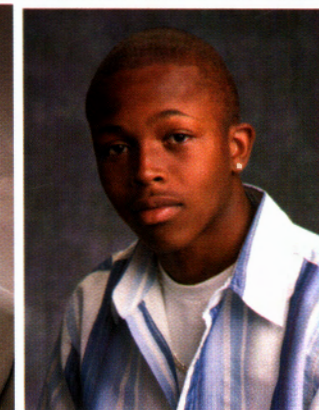
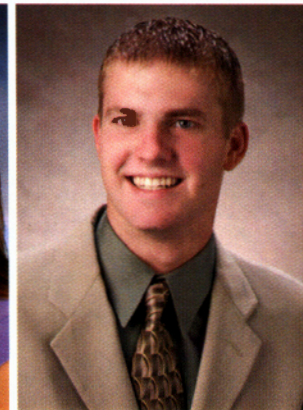
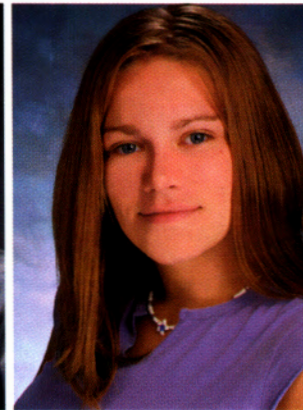
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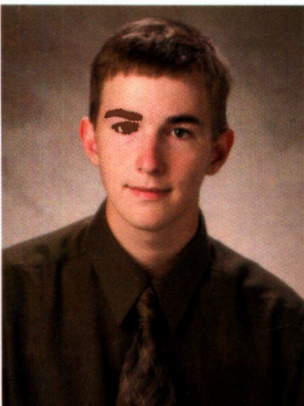
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# What does your room say about you?

by Jessica Merriott, Paige Klaver & Jessica Keener



**The raider**

Photos by Paige Klaver



**Her choice**

**D**o you think your room reflects you? Would you want to be judged for a date based on what your room looks like?

This is what seniors Clark Hoffman, Tyler Detmers, and Joel Allen were willing to do. Senior Liz Huber got the lucky chance to search their rooms. She was blindfolded and didn't see anything but the rooms. All pictures and anything that would clue her on the person were removed.

Allen's room was the first room to be searched. Liz liked that he was organized, but thought that his room was too neat.

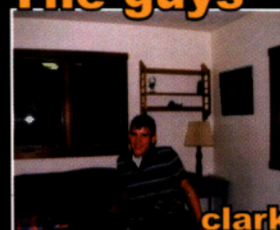
The second room was Hoffman's room and she noticed that they had a lot in common. She thought that he had too much stuff in his room, making it look cluttered.

The third and final room was Detmers'. Liz loved the room and everything about it the second she walked in. She liked the green walls and noticed that he had a lot of her favorite movies.

After searching all the rooms Huber said, "I picked Tyler's room because I thought we had a lot in common, from the music that he listens to, to the movies that he watches. It seems like he is a carefree kind of guy. That's why I picked that room."

## The rooms The guys

"I saw the calculus book on the bed and it made me wonder if we had a class together. I also liked a couple of his CDs."



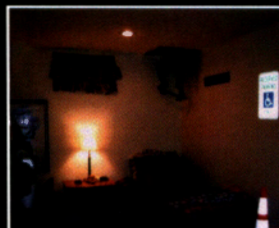
**clark hoffman**

"I really liked the movies and CDs that he had. The flags and banners on his ceiling were really cool and his cologne smelled good. Overall, I thought we had a lot of things in common."



**tyler detmers**

"It seems like he was really into sports and I thought that was neat. His room was really clean, almost to clean, like his mom cleans it or something."



**joel allen**

"I left my calculus book on my bed as a clue. I was hoping that she would think of people in her class and maybe think of me."

"I like my room because it is relaxing and the stuff that's in it shows who I am. I think Liz liked my room because of my awesome flower bedspread."

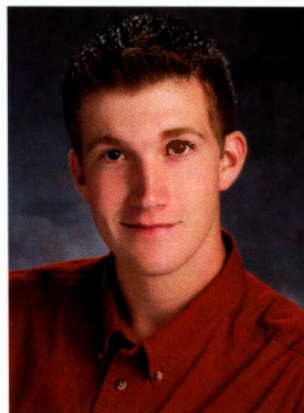
"My room is nice because it's a cozy place to sleep at night. And it's also full of bright colors."



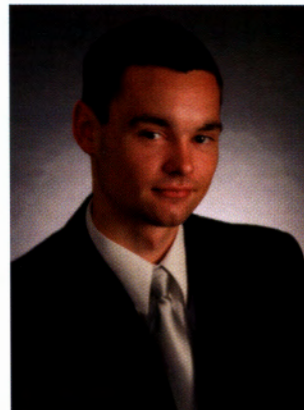
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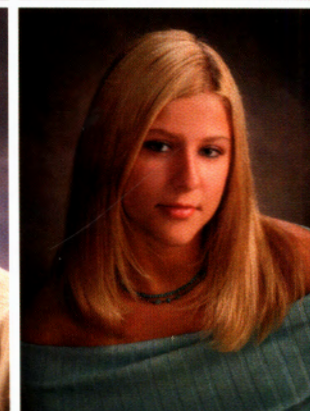
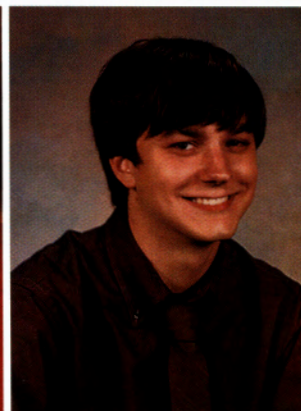
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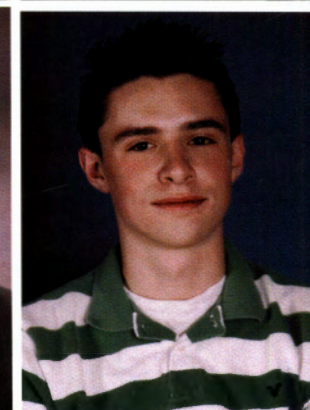
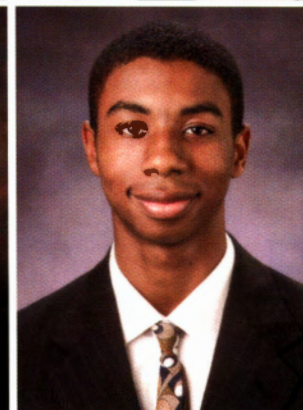
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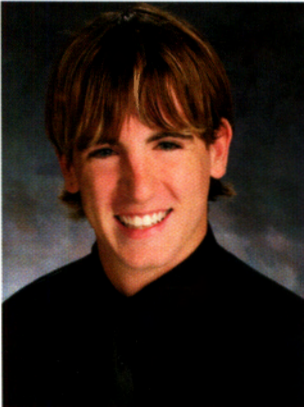
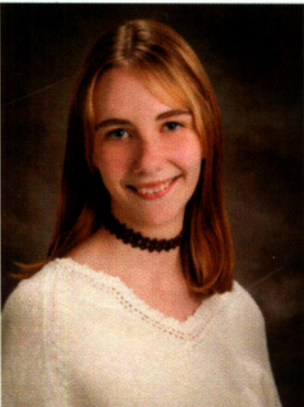
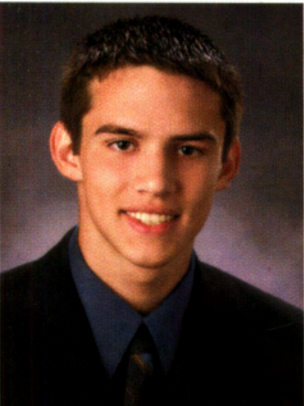
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While in life and high school some things never change...

# some things do

by Nicole Zaborowski, Jesica Craft-Quenby, & Enjoli Marks



**Who:** Aaron Richmond

**What inspired the change?:** "I started caring less about school. My social life blossomed."

**What he says:** "I looked like I was 5. But I got taller and my face changed a lot...it got rounder. I used to be a really big nerd, now I'm just a nerd."

**What his friends say:** "I remember when he grew his hair out...he looked like a pirate," said senior Eric Abent.



**Who:** Kristi Riley

**What inspired the change:** "I had to dye my hair the first time because there was a chemical spill in Florida when I was there so my hair turned green. But I continue to do it because I feel that I can express myself through my hair color."

**What she says:** "My hair's longer, I can grow out my nails, I'm taller, and I'm crazy-like. And I've dyed my hair 57 times. I'm totally happy and I feel so much more comfortable with myself."

**What her friends say:** "Her hair is definitely a lot longer. But she has always been a great friend," said senior Cassandra McBride.



**Who:** Katie Hamelin

**What inspired the change:** "I was home schooled for a while. When I came back, in ninth grade, I cut my hair. That's when I started to make the change."

**What she says:** "I felt like I used to hide behind my hair, but when I cut it, it pushed me to express myself and be more open. I was always like this on the inside."

**What her friends say:** "She turned into a hippie. I love her. She holds no grudges," said senior Nicole Drolett.



!! She has blossomed into a beautiful young woman.  
She is very open minded and accepting. !!  
-Nicole Rockhold about Katie Hamelin



**Senior Joe Toth** shows off his sun tattoo in the middle of his back. "I was pretty nervous because it was my first one but it didn't hurt as bad as I thought it would."  
*Photo by Ashley Duffey*



## by Ashley Duffy &amp; Sarah Turner

## Gracie Hilliard

**"My tattoo is on my lower hip and I got it because I felt that it was a big point in my life with my faith and I wanted to show it. Also it is a place where I could hide it and no one else has anything like it". Photo by Ashley Duffy**

## Tyler Detmers

**"I got a cross on my upper back when I turned 18 because I had to exercise my right. I basically took what I believe in and molded it after that, then I got it where people could see it".**

Photo by Ashley Duffy

## Joe Toth

**"My tattoo is on my right arm and its is my family tree. In the tribal symbols it says everyone's name in my family. I didn't want something out of the book so I had the guy draw this up for me".**

*Photo by Ashley Duffy*

**Lindsay Langkamp**

**"I got this one on my upper back and it took 3 hours to do. No one else has it because me and the guy that drew it came up with the ideas. I want to add on to it so it goes down my spine".**

*Photo by Ashley Duffy*

## Brooke Bambusch

**"My tattoo is on my** lower back and on one side is the Korean flag and the other is the American flag. When I was adopted my parents got me a pendant that was a Korean and American flag crossed and I decided I wanted to get something like that".

*Photo by Ashley Duffy*

## Annie Childs

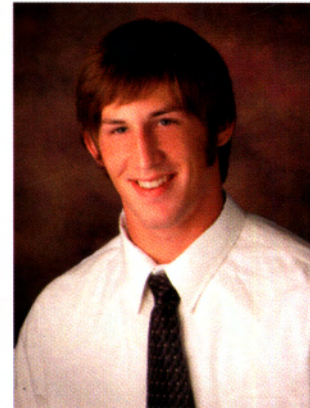
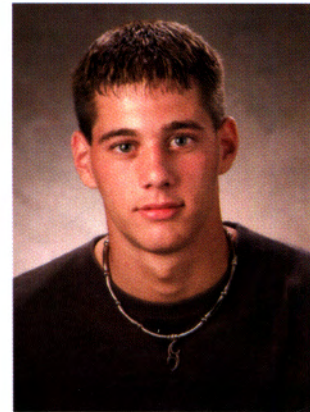
**"I got a clover because it is an Irish symbol and on my lower back because I have always wanted my first one there. Also my aunt has the same one and my family is super Irish".**

*Photo by Ashley Duffy*

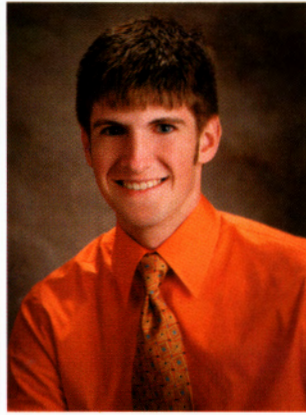
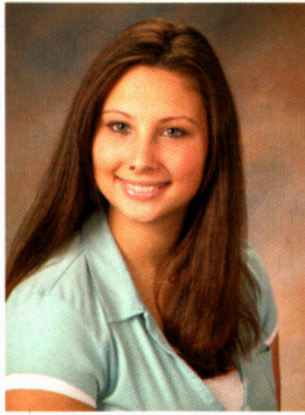
## Loni Hilborn

**"I got my tattoo on my** lower back in a conspicuous place so it wouldn't have to be shown all the time. I got it to be different and unique. It was kind of spur of the moment and I wish I would have thought about it more".

*Photo by Ashley Duffy*



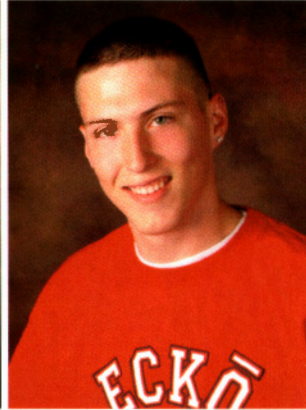
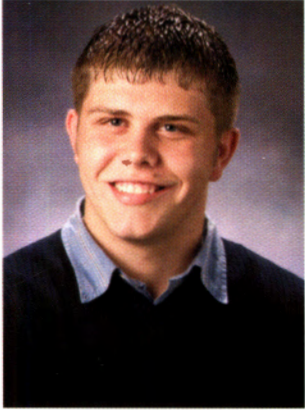




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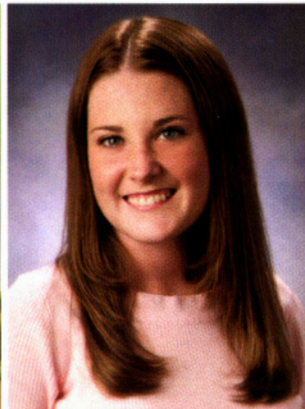
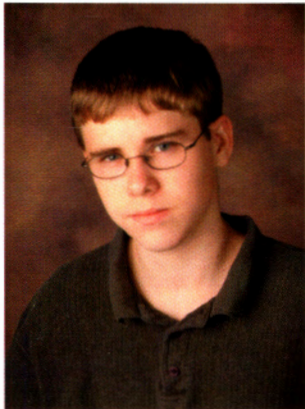
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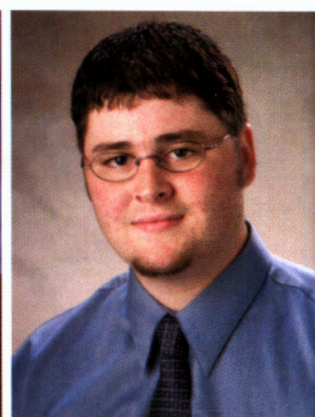
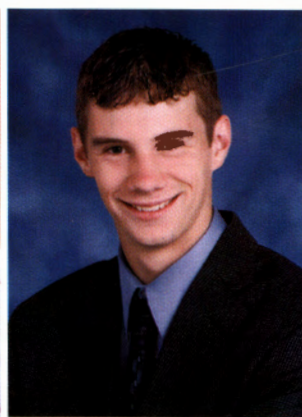
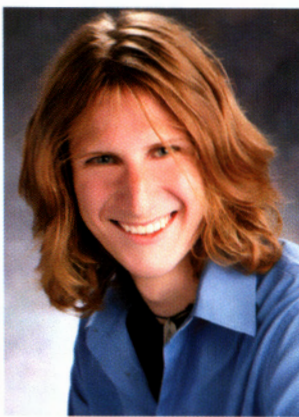
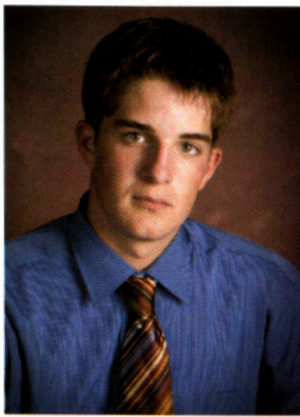


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I don't like them because I don't need to draw attention to myself. Senior Charlie Ueberroth



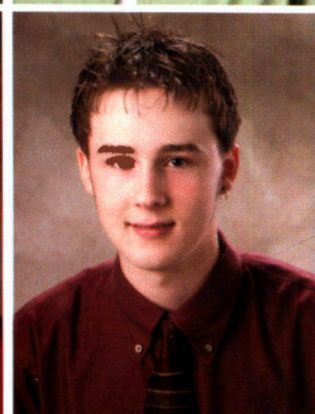
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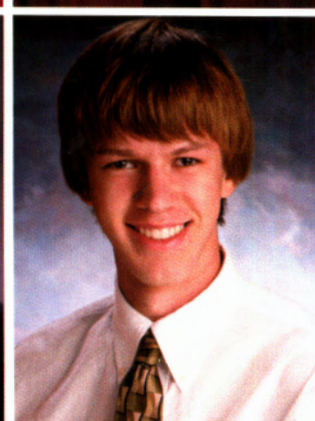
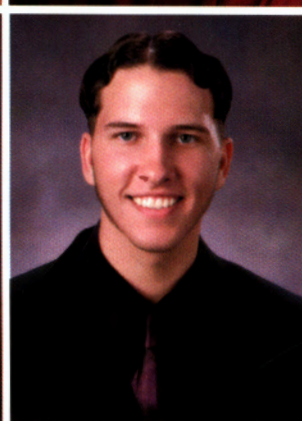
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# Rise and Shine!

## What does your morning routine say about you?

by Sergey Gukasov & Katie Lash

Chris Smith



**Wake up:** 6:00 a.m.  
**Shower:** 10 min.  
**Dry hair:** 4-5 min.  
**Brush teeth:** 3 min.  
**Get dressed:** 8 min.  
**Choose cologne:** 2 min.  
**Gather school stuff:** 3 min.  
**Eat if there is time**  
**Pick up friends:** 7:05 a.m.  
**Total time: 1 hour 5 min.**

“Once people get to know your personality, it doesn't matter what you look like at all.”

Katie Flinton



**Wake up:** 6:45 a.m.  
**Get dressed:** 5 min.  
**Brush hair:** 3 min.  
**Brush teeth:** 2 min.  
**Drink apple juice:** 3 min.  
**Leave:** 7:05 a.m.  
**Total time: 20 min.**

“We are here to learn, we aren't here to walk the runway.”

Keegan Long



**Wake up:** 5:30 a.m.  
**Shower:** 20 min.  
**Blow dry hair:** 30 min.  
**Apply make-up:** 10 min.  
**Get dressed:** 10 min.  
**Leave:** 7:10 a.m.  
**Total time: 1 hour 40 min.**

“I'm too tired to care. I like my sleep.”

Ben Noble



**Wake up:** 6:55 a.m.  
**Deodorant:** 15 sec.  
**Get dressed:** 2 min.  
**Brush teeth:** 1 min.  
**Leave:** 7:03 a.m.  
**Total time: 8 min.**

“I want to leave a good impression because I am a good person.”

We all have our lazy days but usually people stick to one routine that works for them. Although some people take longer than others, everyone's goal is to get to school on time. Morning routines differ from person to person. Some take priority in eating a good breakfast, and others take priority in looking good. No matter what the routine is, we all end up at the same place.



Does what we wear influence our personality?  
Or vice versa?

# What's in your Closet?

by Sarah Turner & Ashley Duffy

**Q:** What do you think about how people judge other people by what they wear?

**A:** "I don't think you should judge. You wear what you like and you know what you like...who cares what people wear?"

**Tom Dickerson**



**Q:** Do you feel your personality reflects what you wear?

**A:** "I like to be different...what I wear seems to be different from other people...I don't care which is I guess like my personality."

**Bryon Carr**



**Q:** Do you feel clothes affect social classes and why?

**A:** Yes; clothes often give the first impression. So before people get to know someone they will put them in a category."

**Katie Golden**



**Sarah Benson**



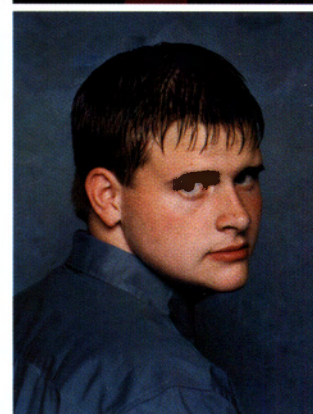
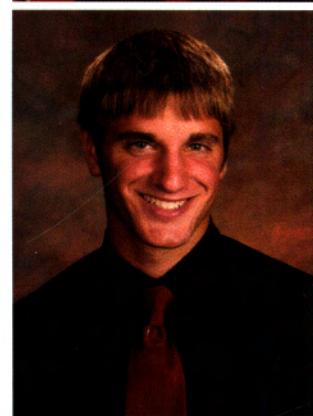
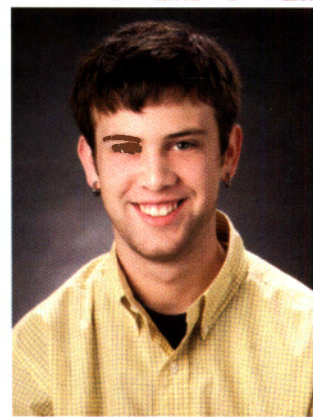
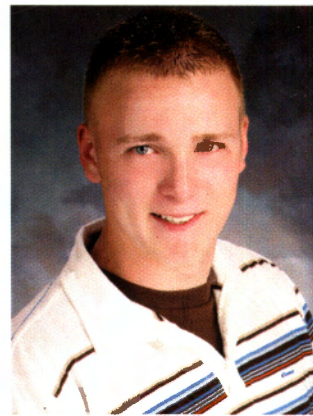
"When I want to stand out, I dress nice or wear bright colors. When I want to be another face in the crowd, I dress in just jeans and a t-shirt."

"On a 90° day she can make a hunting suit look cool."  
-Senior Annie Childs

Clothes and personality go hand in hand in today's society. Many people like to think that they don't judge people by what they wear, but in reality...

The way a person dresses can show many different things about them. It can show those who care what people think, those who don't, what kind of music someone might listen to, and it can even show ethnic background.

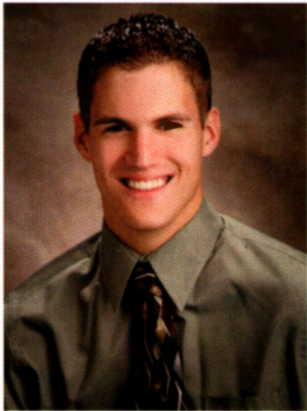
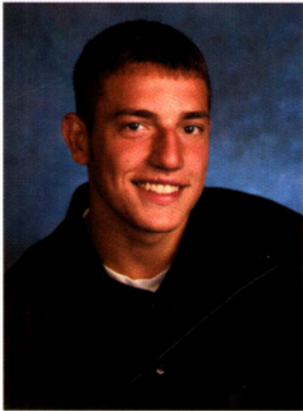
From interviewing these four students, that all have very different styles, agree that the way you dress does give a certain "impression." So next time you open your closet, think about who you are and how you want the world to see you.



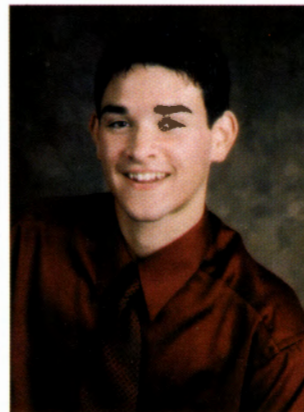




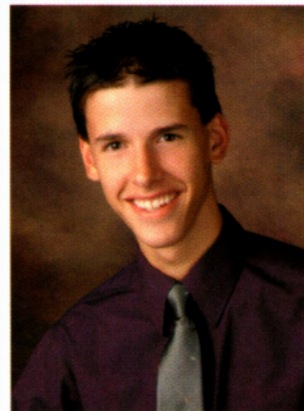
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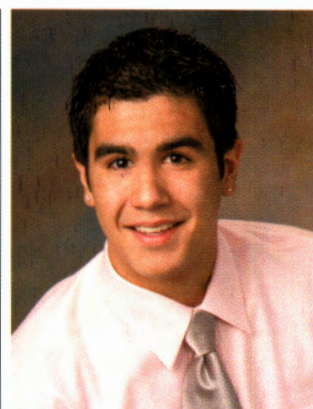
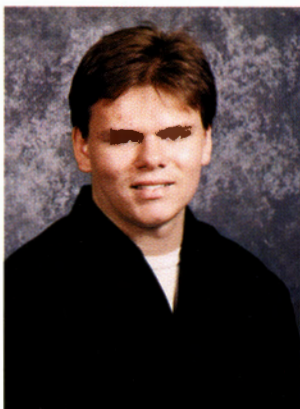
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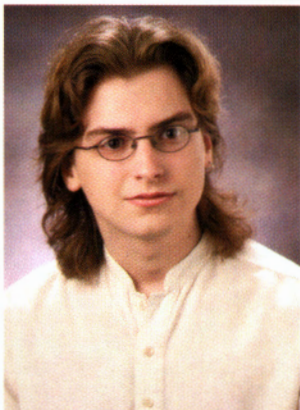
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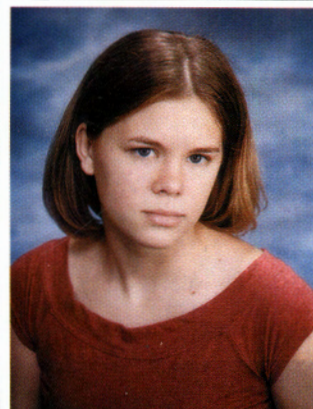
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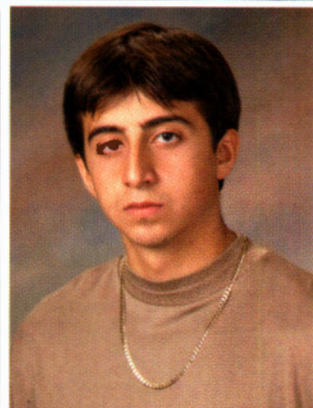
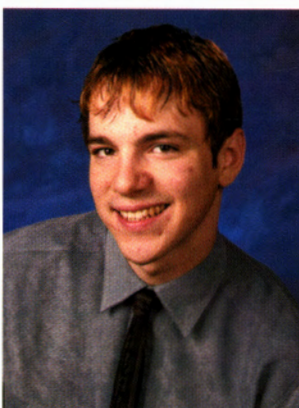
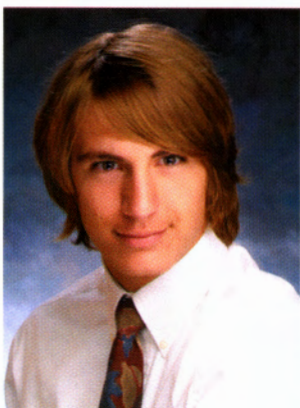
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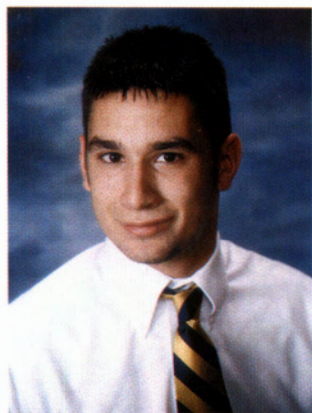
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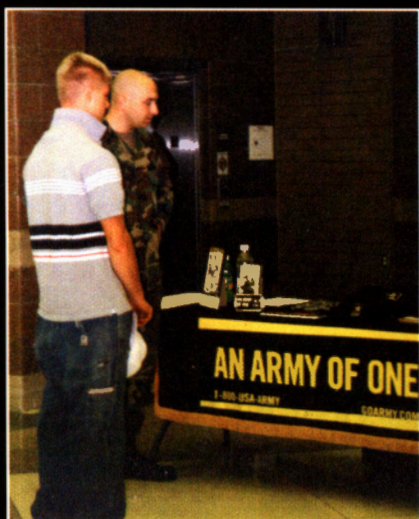






# 54321... Happy New Life

by Dani Dimmitt & Christina McPike



**S**etting New Years resolutions is the same thing as setting goals, right? Faced with the prospect of no longer being high schoolers, many seniors have to take a step back and look at what they want in life. In a poll of 181 seniors 85.6% wanted to go to college, 2.5% wanted to joined the armed forces, 8.5% wanted to get a job and 3.4% had other plans.

## Armed Forces

"I want to join the army because it will pay for college and I want to fight for my country. Plus it will open up the door to new career opportunities," said senior Cam Frieling. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*

## Work

"I want to go into welding because I have been going to the Career Center for two years. I went into welding because it sounded interesting. It's not that hard and the work field is really good and you can make a lot of money. Welders are needed everywhere," said senior Phillip Munday. Many students at the Career Center take advantage of the opportunities to explore career choices that interest them. *Courtesy Photo*



## College

**Central Michigan University:** "I'm planning on going there because it has a good physical therapy program and it will be fun," said senior Sergey Sarkisov.

**Michigan State University:** "The reason I want to go to State is because of the sports med program. I want to help athletes get back on their feet," said senior Jade Richards.

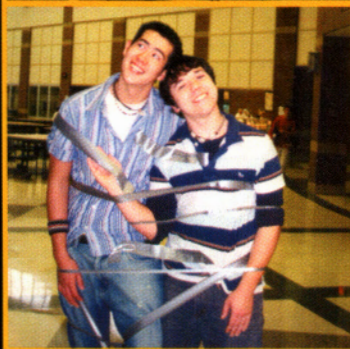
**University of Michigan:** "I want to go there because it is a challenging school and I want to get a Master's degree so I can have a good job," said senior Kaitlyn Sherer. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*





# best friends **Stick** together

by Heather Ungerman & Afton Bondarenko



**Above:** Getting creative with the duct tape, seniors Jeremiah Cooper and Nick Batora get into a tangled mess, yet still seem to be enjoying themselves. "We're just really cool. You should want to hang out with us. We can make a fun situation out of anything. For a good time call my cell phone at (517) 204-2748 or Nick at 242-3406," said Jeremiah Cooper. *Photos by Heather Ungerman*

**Below:** In ninth grade, Cooper and Batora enjoyed Chicago on the ferris wheel at Navy Pier. While in Chicago, the students went to see *Beauty and the Beast* at the IMAX theater. "We held hands during the whole movie," joked Batora. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*



"From the first time we saw each other, our eyes locked from across the playground. Right then we knew it was real," senior Nick Batora said about his long lasting friendship with Jeremiah Cooper. Batora and Cooper have been "hard-core best friends" since sixth grade.

If they've been friends this long, why stop at high school? "When we get married we are going to live together in the same house. Nick is going to live in the basement and his kids are going to run around with little lab coats on," said Cooper.

Cooper and Batora are such good friends and they always seem to take care of each other. In eleventh grade, Cooper was very ill with meningitis. Batora came to his aid while at the hospital. "I made a paper funnel and fed him water," said Batora.

Batora would get up at six o'clock in the morning just to go with Cooper on his paper route. "One time when I spent the night at his house he was too tired to get up and do his paper route, so I got up and did it for him. I'm such a good friend," Batora said.

Cooper and Batora aren't the only ones who are going to be friends forever. Erika Neumann and Sarah Smith have been best friends since before they could even say hello.

"We lived next door to each other and our parents were best friends before we were born," said Smith.

"Our parents would take us for walks in our strollers down Center Street when we were little," said Neumann.

Neumann and Smith do just about everything together, from playing the same sports, to wearing the same sizes. They also go on family vacations together. They even both got their first bras on the same day. "We didn't even plan it either!" said Smith.



**Above:** Sarah Smith and Erika Neumann stand together on their first day of school in sixth-grade.

*Courtesy photo*

**Below:** Sticking themselves together with the duct tape, Sarah Smith and Erika Neumann are acting like their usual goofy selves.

"Hey Erika, do you know the difference between a bit and a bite?"

"I know the difference between a bit and a bite!"

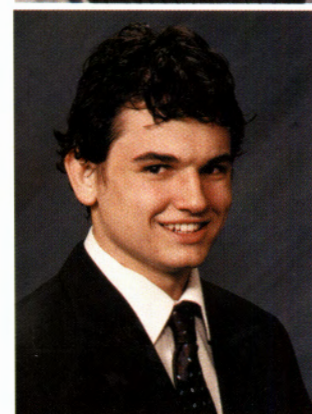
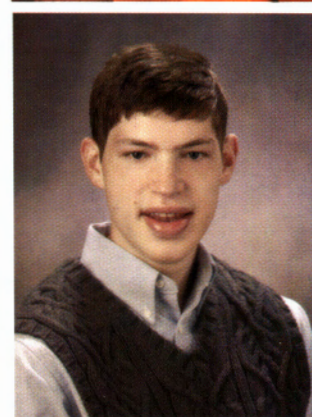
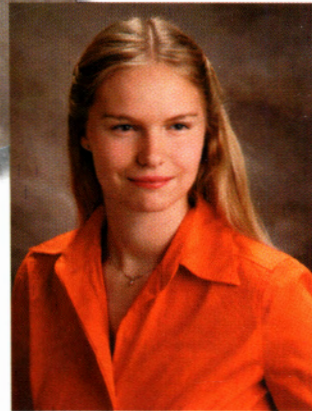
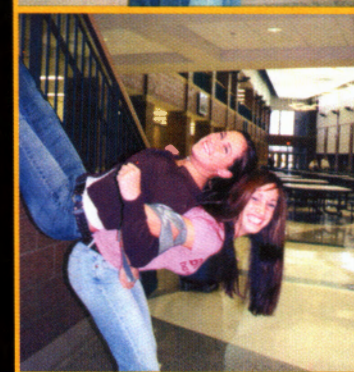
"A bit and a what?"

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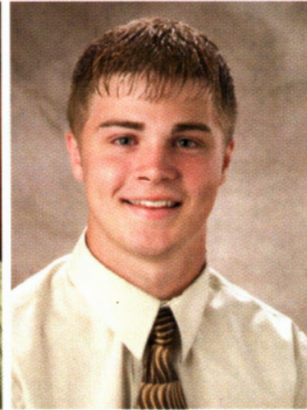
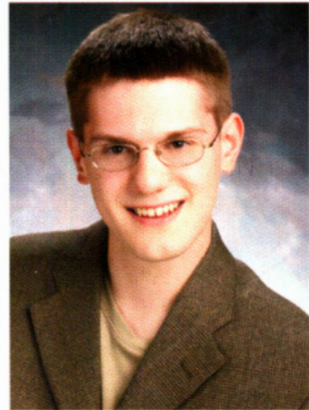
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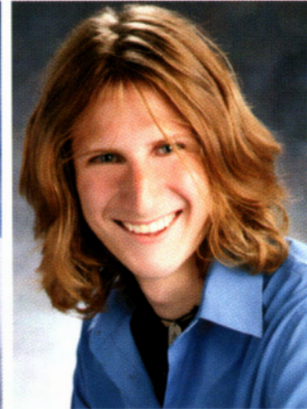
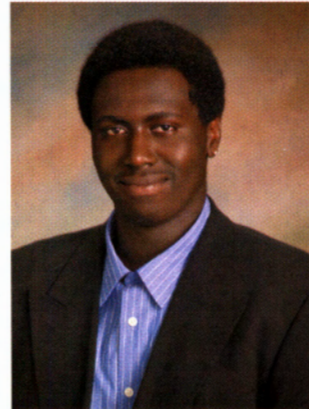




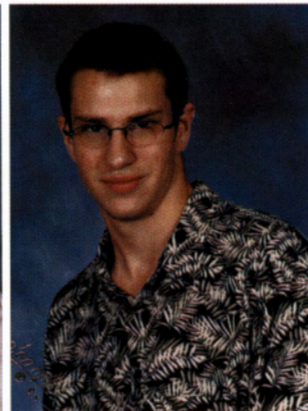
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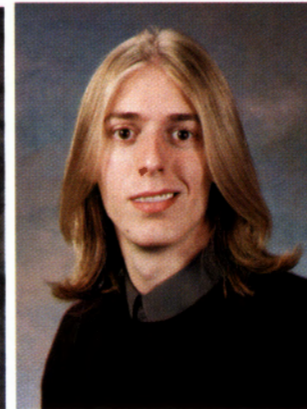
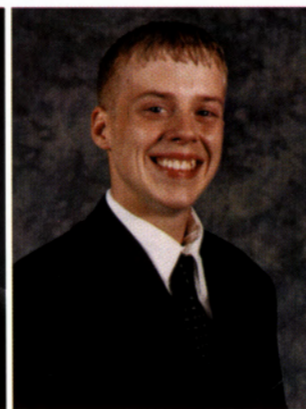
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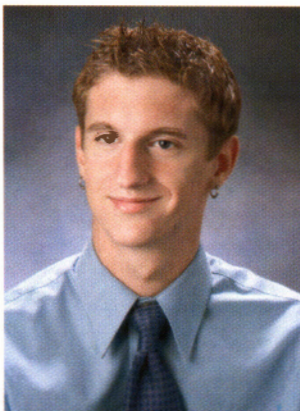
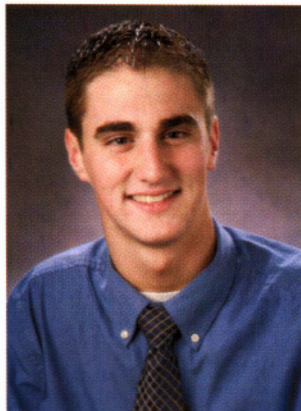
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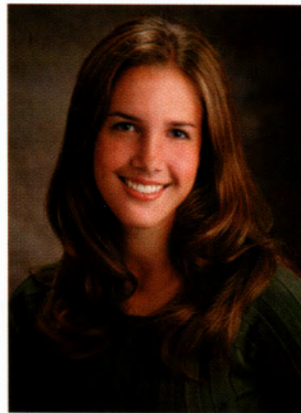
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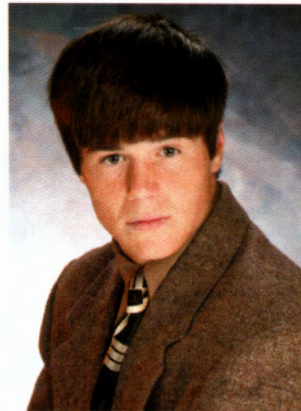
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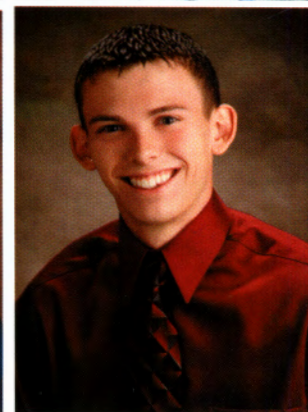
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# I'll always remember...

What high school memories do you remember most?

by heather piper & samantha mittleman

High school memories will forever be cherished. When we're all grown up, we will think back to the wonderful days when high school was our life: a time of hanging out with friends, breaking the rules, and shaping who we are and who we will become. We won't be able to go back and change the things that happened, but we can look back on those memories and reminisce about all the good times we had, whether they are embarrassing, sad, or happy. We'll forever remember how they changed us.

most memorable



"My most memorable moment(s) would have to be when Roland Garza and I used to dance in the commons while there was karaoke going on and we would laugh at all of the funny singers."

**Maddie Stoddard**

funniest memory



"My funniest memory of high school would have to be the summer before senior year. The band was at band camp and all the students were crossing a set of train tracks as a train was coming. I ran ahead to tell them to stop and as I jumped over a chain I fell flat on my stomach (in front of the whole band). Since I had the wind knocked out of me, I couldn't even stand up to say something witty."

**Shannon Bonney**

most embarrassing



"I was in German Class, and we were learning about school supplies. When we talked about erasers, my teacher said the word and told us that it actually meant 'rubber.' Then told us, 'No, not that kind of rubber.' I couldn't figure out what she was talking about, so I yelled really loudly, 'What's a rubber?'"

**Marcy "Sylvia" Herwaldt**

"The most memorable moment from high school for me was the day of the pep rally when I was named Homecoming Queen. The whole homecoming court was out on the field during the pep rally. They had just announced the homecoming Prince and Princess. I didn't know if I had won yet so I crossed my fingers and said to myself 'I hope they call Precious Paul' and then they called my name. I was so happy."

**Precious Paul**



"In tenth grade I was sitting in Mr. Smith's biology class and John Colbeck was sitting on the window sill. We were messing around and I accidentally pushed him backwards out of the window. He landed right in a flower bed."

**Seth Monroe**



"My most embarrassing memory of high school would have to be during the last performance for the Holt Pom Squad when the seniors had their own solos. I was so nervous, by the time it was my turn I completely forgot my whole solo. Everyone was laughing at me and I wanted to cry."

**Nina Johnson**

Little things to remember from our younger days...

Fraggle Rock

Skip-Its

Giga Pets

Hanson

Gak

Bernstein Bears



Photo by Giga Pets

Barbie Girl

Light Brights

Old Navy Vests

Pete and Pete

Furbies

Alf

Smurfs

Pogs

Beanie Babies

Power Rangers

Glo Worms

Salute Your Shorts



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# Smile and say CHEESE

by Kacie Dittenber & Dani Dimmitt

•When choosing your outfits, remember that the most important thing is if you like them.

•For a casual look you should always try to be comfortable in your outfits and wear colors that you look good in.

•For a traditional look guys should try wearing a suit or sport coat and tie. Ladies should wear dresses or sweaters.

•When dressing, avoid sleeveless shirts and dresses. Upper arms can be distracting.

•When choosing shoes, be sure that they complement your clothing. Remember you may want to change shoes with each outfit, and don't forget to wear socks!

•If you wear glasses most of the time, then you should wear them in your picture. If you're worried about a glare, then call your optician and borrow a pair without frames.

•If you have braces and don't like them you can always get them removed from your final photos.

•Something to keep in mind is that while tans are great sunburns are not. So you should limit your exposure to the sun a few days before your appointment.

•Finally, always try your clothes on and make sure that they fit and don't wait until the last minute to choose your outfits.

**tips  
from  
the pros**

**Where:** Pointer Phelps

**Why:** My friend's mom told us to go there. "I chose this pose because I have danced since I was four and it is a really big part of my life."

**Lynn Bossenbroek**



**Where:** Elbringer

**Why:** "My mom picked everything out. She thought I looked handsome."

**Dillon Shen**



**Where:** Edward's Studio

**Why:** "My mom had heard of the place. I picked the picture because it was different than a lot of people's."

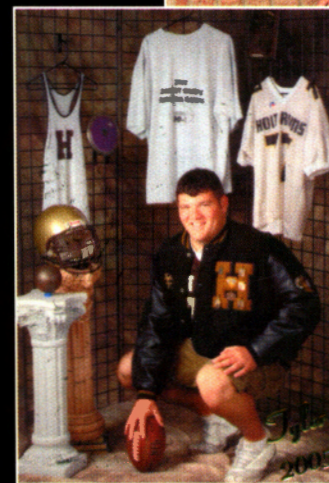
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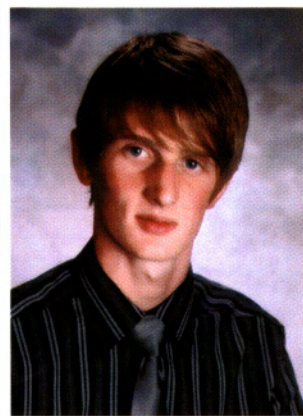
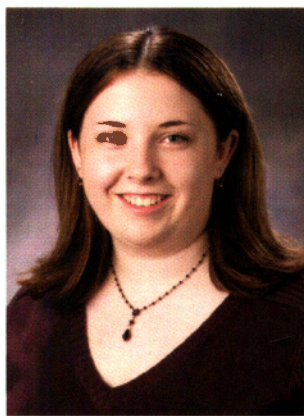
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**Why:** "I went there because my mom wanted to. I picked the picture because I liked that it showed how into sports I am. Plus most people know how proud I am of sports."

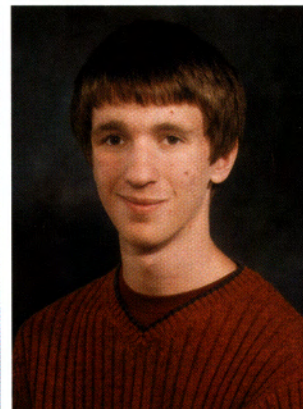
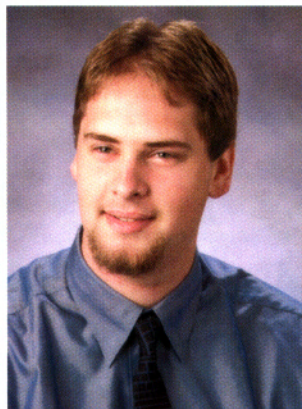
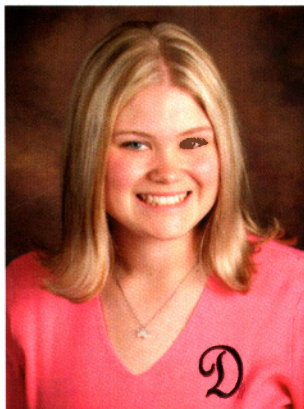
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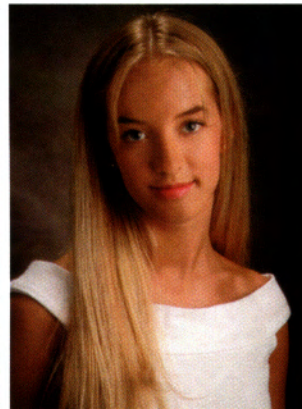




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Daniel Wheeler  
Matthew Wood  
Jacob Worst



# SENIOR love notes

For more senior love notes, see page 220.



**KAYLEE**  
KELLOGG

Kaylee,

My princess is ready for college. Where did time go? I am so proud of you. Follow your dreams; you can do anything.

Love, Mom



**KATIE**  
KNOP

Katie,

Our wish is that you will finally believe what we have always known: you are bright, beautiful and talented!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Kristi & Chloe



**NICOLE**  
ZABOROWSKI

Dear Nicole,

Congratulations! It seems like yesterday you were our little Coley and now you are a young lady. We are so proud of you. We love you very much.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Maggie, too!



**ASHLEE**  
STOKES

Ashlee,

We are so PROUD of you and LOVE you very much. Continue to follow God's plan for you and nothing will be impossible for you.

Love,

Grandma and Grandpa Stokes



**DANIELLE**  
DIMMITT



**KATELYN**  
ZIESMAN



Katie,

Look to your future. There is nothing you can't do! We love you.

Dad and Mom



Danielle ("Doo"),

You are "exceptional" and we have always been proud of you.

Keep your smiling attitude and remember: a little weirdness goes a long way! We love you TONS,

Mom and Dad

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**KATIE JO**  
FLINTON

Katie,  
I'm proud of the way you have grown from a helpless infant into a beautiful, loving, caring young lady. May God bless your life as he has blessed mine with you!  
Love always, Dad



**DEVON**  
BEMENT

Devon,  
I am so proud of you! You are beautiful inside and out!  
  
I love you,  
Mom  
X O



**KATHERINE**  
BECSEY

Dear Katherine,  
With the grace of a dancer, a beautiful smile and a heart of gold, you have become such a beautiful person. We are so proud of you. Follow your dreams for you can accomplish anything you desire. We love you.  
Mom, Dad, Joe and Bobby



**TEDDY**  
PREIBE

Teddy,  
*Delight in the lord always, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ~Psalms*  
We love you, and are so very proud of your accomplishments.  
To our sweet Teddy Angel...  
We love you!  
Mama & Poppa Bear



**ERIN**  
BELT



Erin,  
You have grown up to be a beautiful, kind young lady. Thanks for all the joy you have brought to our lives. We are proud of you and love you very much.  
  
Mom, Dad & Brad



**KYLE**  
CRYDERMAN

To our babushkaboy (Kyle):  
God truly blessed our family the day you were born. We are so proud of you! May God bless your years at U of M!  
With all of our love,  
Mom, Dad, Chelsea & Kacy



**BRITTANY**  
WOOD

Brittany,  
Your tender heart and ability to see the good in people are wonderful gifts. We are proud of you and love you!  
Mom & Dad



**CLASS OF 2005**  
**Class Motto**

**Life** is not measured  
by the number of **breaths**  
we take, but the **moments** that  
take our breath **away**.

**Class Song**

"It's So Hard to  
Say Goodbye to  
Yesterday"  
Boyz II Men

**Class Colors**

Royal Blue  
and Silver

**Class Flower**

Orchid

**Homecoming  
Theme**

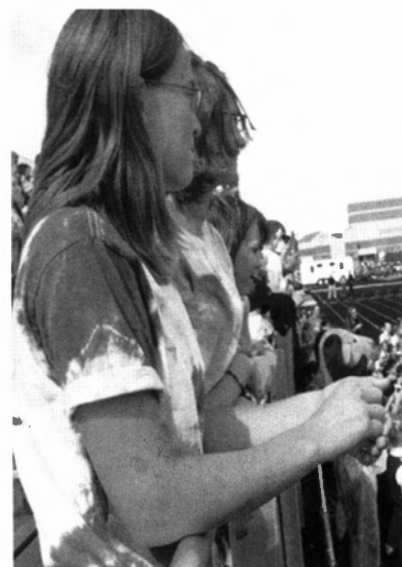
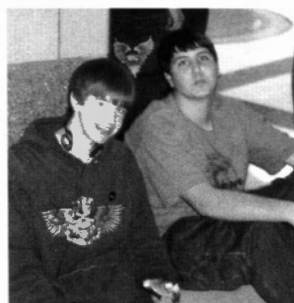
New Year's Eve

**Homecoming  
King & Queen**

Precious Paul  
and Mikhail Eisler

"The pep rally was really fun  
this year because this was my last  
one and also, it's fun to be a senior;  
I like it," says **Marcy Herwaldt**.  
Herwaldt and **Tara Dell** looked  
on as the senior king and queen  
were announced. *Photo by Jessica  
Merriott*

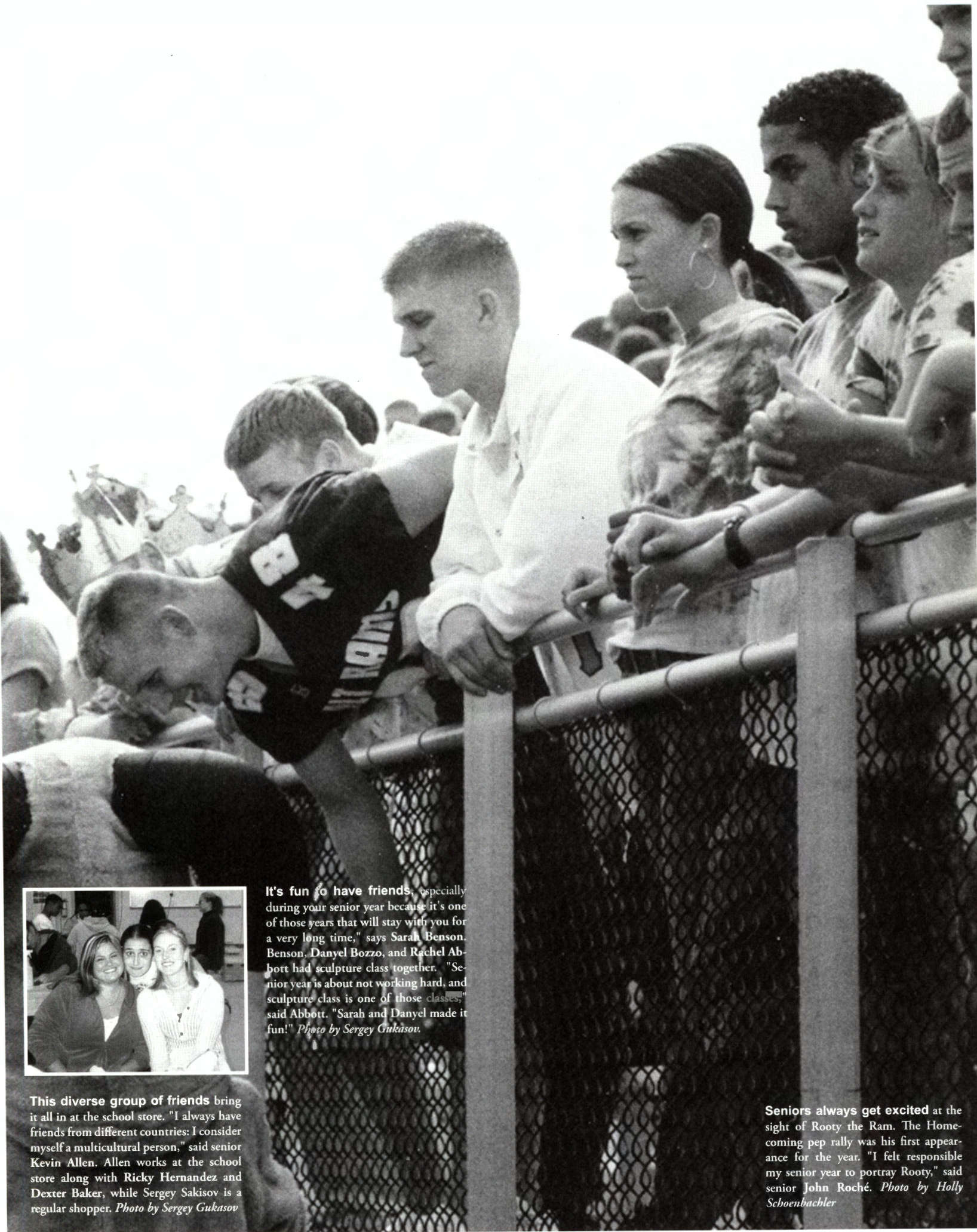
Seniors are more indepen-  
dent and wanted to push the rules,  
like **Jeremy Cochrane** who said,  
"I sit on the floor under the stairs  
at lunch because this is where all  
my friends sit and because I can."  
Also pictured with Cochrane is  
friend **Kris Kline**. *Photo by Sergey  
Gukasov*



"Things I enjoyed my senior year  
were going to the football games  
and standing with all my friends,"  
says senior **Michelle Nash**. Cheer-  
ing on the football team at senior  
night are seniors **Erika Neumann**,  
**Michelle Nash**, **Jake Tropf**, **Afton**  
**Bondarenko**, **Gracie Hilliard**,  
**Sarah Smith**, and **Bob Pulido**.  
*Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*







**It's fun to have friends,** especially during your senior year because it's one of those years that will stay with you for a very long time," says Sarah Benson. Benson, Danyel Bozzo, and Rachel Abbott had sculpture class together. "Senior year is about not working hard, and sculpture class is one of those classes," said Abbott. "Sarah and Danyel made it fun!" *Photo by Sergey Gukasov.*

**This diverse group of friends** bring it all in at the school store. "I always have friends from different countries: I consider myself a multicultural person," said senior Kevin Allen. Allen works at the school store along with Ricky Hernandez and Dexter Baker, while Sergey Sakisov is a regular shopper. *Photo by Sergey Gukasov*

**Seniors always get excited** at the sight of Rooty the Ram. The Homecoming pep rally was his first appearance for the year. "I felt responsible my senior year to portray Rooty," said senior John Roché. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*



Rachel Abbott Eric Abent Shawn Adams Alyssa Adawczyk Erica Albrecht Joel  
 Allen Kevin Allen Daniel Amerman Stacey Ancona Donald Anderson Zachary  
 Andrews Tristen Anthony David Appold Jerron Arnold Nikkita Atkins Dexter  
 Baker Brooke Bambusch Korbi Bare Chasity Bates Kodee Bates Nicholas  
 Batora Katherine Becsey Jessica Beeson Erin Belt Devon Bemont Ashley  
 Benjamin Sarah Benson Benjamin Berry David Bevan Kyle Binder Brandon  
 Boatman Andrea Bollinger Michaela Bond Afton Bondarenko Shannon Bonney  
 Lynn Bossenbrook Danyel Bozzo Adam Bradford Raymond Brassington Carolyn  
 Brennan Katherine Brewer Miriam Brewer Veronica Briseno Kevin Brock Laura  
 Buck William Burgers II Megan Campian Bryon Carr Sarah Castor Annelise  
 Chagnon Kyle Chauncey Adam Cheadle Marc Childers Annie Childs Andy  
 Clark Davi Clemente Kyle Cline Jeremy Cochrane Jonathon Colbeck Katie  
 Conklin Rachael Conley Lindsey Cook Jeremiah Cooper Kenneth Cox Jesica  
 Craft-Quenby Steven Crockett Kyle Cryderman Makeisha Dabney Jamie Dadd  
 Amber Davis Ivy Davis James Davis Julie Davis Michael Davis Trenten  
 Davis Brice Dawson Kristen Dell Tara Dell Matthew Denny Katie Denyes  
 Tyler Detmers Angela Detwiler Thomas Dickerson Danielle Dimmitt Vitalie  
 Djugostran Andrew Doerr Hannah Donaldson Ryan Doss Christina Drake  
 Amanda Dreyse Nicole Drolett Joshua Drullinger Jannie Duckett Ashley Duffy  
 Sara-Jayne Dundon William Dunlap Tyler Eckels Stephanie Edwards Mikhail  
 Eiseler Muhammad El-Amin Alexander Erhardt Ryan Essenmacher Julie Fales  
 Samuel Feldpausch Carlos Fernandez Rachel Fessenden Max Field Ryan  
 Fitch Darryl Fleming Katie Flinton Ryan Foorman Jennifer Ford Stephen  
 Foster Nicole Fox Adam Friedrich Cameron Frieling Jeffery Fritts Brandon  
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 Benjamin Hayhurst Kathryn Heady Matthew Henderson Steven Herod Nicole  
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 Emily Hickey Danielle Highfill Loni Hilborn Kelli Hillard Gracie Hilliard Clark  
 Hoffman Russell Hoisington Tyler Holtz Nicholas Hoover Karen Hopewell  
 Joseph Hopkins Jerrod Howlett Elizabeth Huber Allison Hudler Jaime Hughes  
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 Nina Johnson Sarah Johnson Lisa Jones Kati Kalchik Jared Kaschyk Lauren  
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 Lower Tyler Leuken Steven Linch MelissMarecki Melissa Marinoff Alexander  
 Marlow Stepfannie Marshall Andrew Masarik James Mason Justyne Matheny  
 Ashley Matt Dustin Matthiesen Tyler Maxey Shawn Mayes Cassandra McBride  
 Alysa McCauley Gregory McClure Logan McCormick Eric McCulloh Joseph  
 McIntosh Kelsey McMillen James McPike Samantha Medler Ellen Meersdom  
 Steve Meersdom Terrence Megerle Jessica Merriott Kseniya Mezenina Andrew  
 Miller Paul Miller Blayne Mitchell Samantha Mittleman Kindee Mole Natalie  
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 Moore Andrew Morales Ayano Mori Ty Motley Ashley Mrva Ashley Mullins  
 Phillip Munday Kyle Nabbefeld Leanne Nash Michelle Nash Erika Neumann  
 Christopher Nickels Benjamin Noble Michael Norris Sara O'Keefe William Oberst  
 Carla Ochoa Gimon Rachel Orr Amber Osborne Sarah Owens Shanna Page





"Senior year is about having fun and just making memories with friends that will last," says **Stacey Ancona**. Ancona, **Eric Abent**, and **Steve Crockett** stand around after school talking about math. *Courtesy Photo*

"It'll be really sad when I won't be able to play poker and basketball with all the guys everyday after we graduate, but at least I'll still be able to see Nick, Jeremiah, and Tom at college," said senior **Brice Dawson**. Dawson and senior friends **Mike Gleason**, **Tom Dickerson**, **Jeremiah Cooper**, and **Nick Batora** were inseparable all senior year. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*

April Parisian  
 Peterson Kevin  
 Cristina Pizana  
 Pock Andrea Pohl  
 Pratt Lino Pretto  
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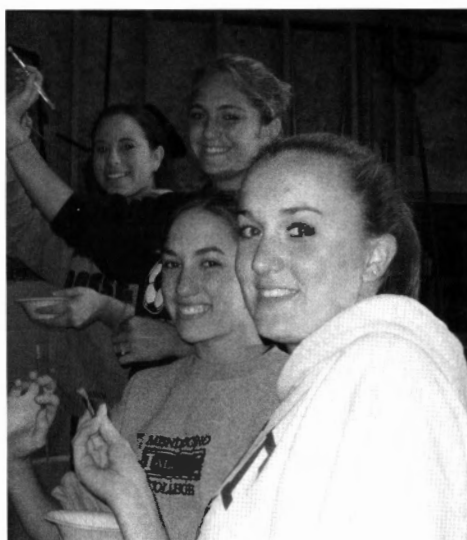
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 Nicolas Rogell Lauren  
 Gregory Rudawski  
 Natosha Sage-El  
 Schmidt Holly  
 Shrauben Tyler

Matthew Phillips  
 Adam Rachel  
 Teddy Megan  
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 Joseph Spyke  
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 Ashlee Stokes  
 Erin Strong  
 Matthew Surline  
 April Swix  
 Dylan Tate  
 Talitha Taylor  
 Alexandra Templin  
 Heather Tews  
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 Amy Thompson  
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 Christopher Todd  
 Zoran Tomic-Bobas  
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 Kenneth Walker  
 Thomas Walsh  
 Katie Walters  
 Zachary Warner  
 Laura Warren  
 Caitlin Weaver  
 Eva Weihr  
 Shaun Weldon  
 Daniel Wheeler  
 Carly Wilgus  
 Danielle Wilcutt  
 Derek Williams  
 Gregory Williams  
 Nicholas Williams  
 Kent Williamson  
 Brittany Wood  
 Matthew Wood  
 Jacob Worst  
 Ryan Wright  
 Douglas Wyman  
 Linsay Young  
 Mehmet Yucesoy  
 Nicole Zaborowski  
 Amanda Zaldivar  
 Katelyn Ziesman



"The school store is fun, you learn how to talk to people, you get to meet new people, and you learn valuable information about future life," said senior **Ricky Hernandez**. Hernandez and his senior co-workers take a break from setting up the school store before they open for lunch. *Photo by Sergey Gukasov*

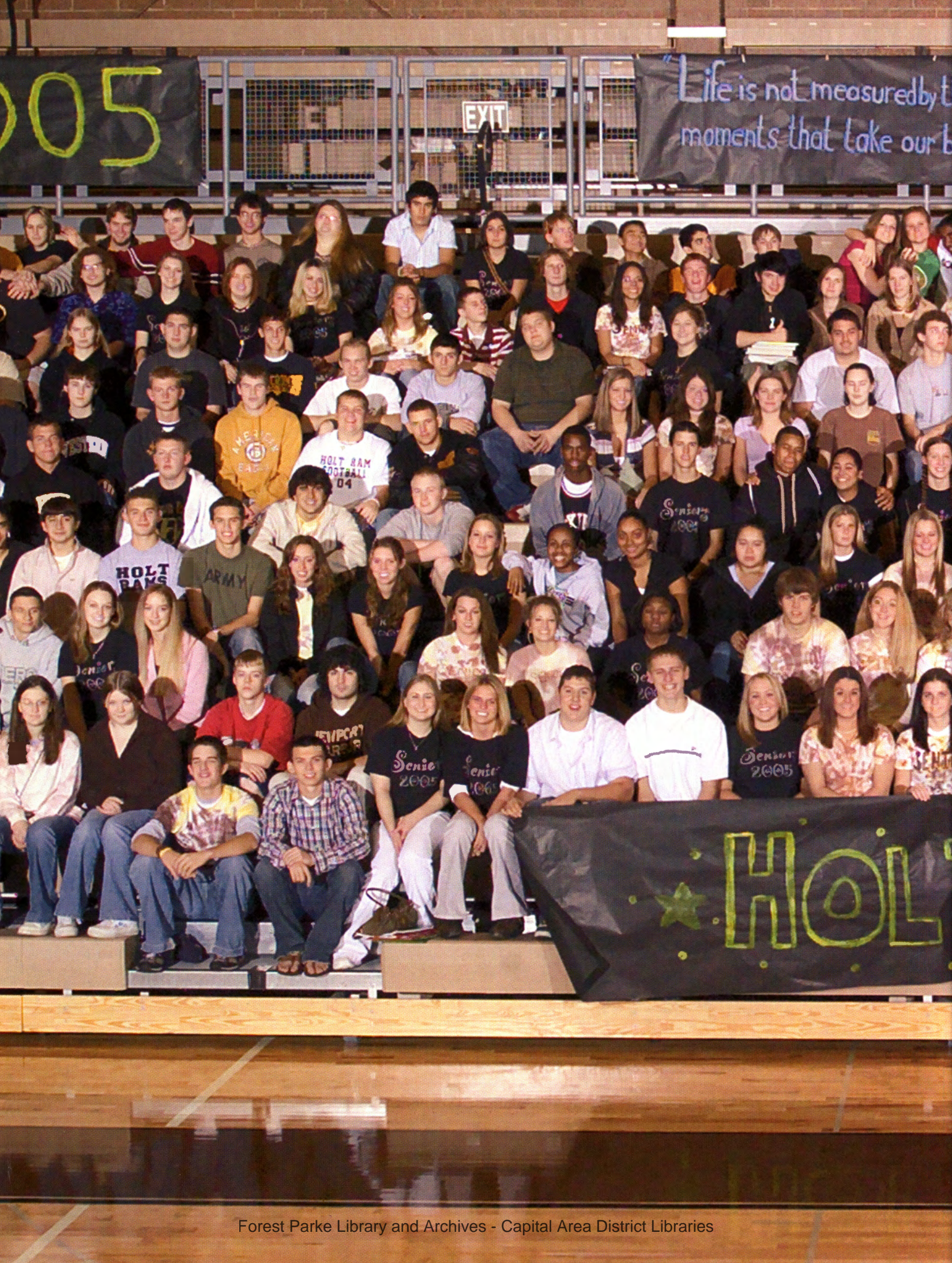
During float building at senior Tracy Schrauben's house seniors **Audrey Kuhn**, **Sara Dundon**, **Jessica Merriott**, and **Heather Tews** paint the back of the float. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*

















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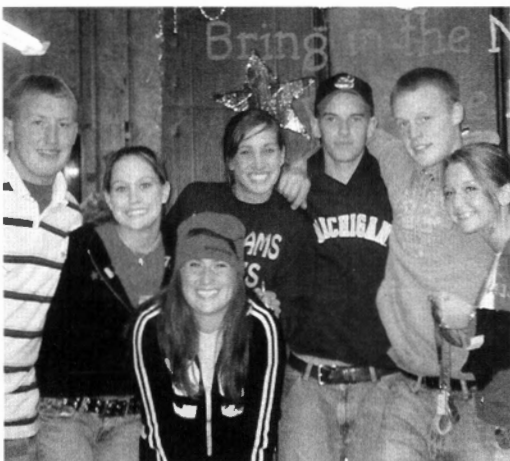


Showing off their freshly made tie-dyed shirts on class color day are seniors **Katie Golden, Lee Hammond, Lauren Kasel, Gracie Hilliard, Erin Belt, Afton Bondarenko, and Katie Knop.**  
*Courtesy Photo*



**Screaming their loudest** to cheer on the football team are seniors **Korbi Bare and Jamie Dadd.** "I wanted to make my senior year the best because I knew it would be the last time I'd be able to do all this stuff with all my friends together," said Dadd. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*

**On the last day** of float building, seniors **Kyle Binder, Emily Snellenberger, Sarah Smith, Erika Neumann, David Appold, Tyler Schrauben, and Katherine Becsey** gathered together to celebrate their achievement. "Float building was fun because it's one of the few times our whole class got together," said Schrauben. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*



by Holly Schoenbachler

**"Senior year is all** about having fun, and that's what I do best: have fun," said **Tyler Detmers.** Doing what they do best, Detmers and **Ty Motley** have fun while showing their school spirit at the Homecoming pep rally. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*



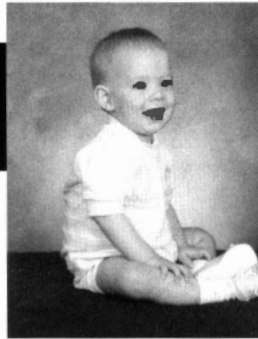
**While other seniors put** together the senior float, seniors **Kenny Walker, Kyle Cryderman, and Sergey Gukasov** stand around and watch. "I went to float building for the pizza, nothing else. I did three strokes of paint on a building and that's about it," said Walker. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*





**TY**  
MOTLEY

From the day you were born, we have watched you grow and become the young man you are today. May you always have faith to believe in yourself to make your dreams come true. We love you, and will always be there for you. We have made all of us so proud. We love you very much.  
Love, Your family



**ALLISON**  
RICHARD



Allison,

We are so proud of the bright, lovely, caring, young woman you have become. We love you very much!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Joel



**ANDREW**  
MASARIK

Andy,

You've been such a joy to raise. You always knew how to make us laugh. I'm so proud of the young man you've become! Always remember to follow your heart.  
Love,  
Mom

**JEREMIAH**  
COOPER



Jeremiah Hero Cooper,  
Congratulations!  
We are so proud of you!  
You will always be our Hero!  
Love, Kaasan & Dad



**TYLER**  
HOLTZ

Dear Tyler,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Think BIG and go for it! We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Austin, and Emily



**RACHEL**  
FESSENDEN

Rachel,  
Keep your spirits high!! Congratulations!!  
We are all proud of you!!

Love,  
Mom, Kurt, Amy & Julie



**BRYON**  
CARR

Bryon,

Believe in yourself and you can go anywhere and do anything.

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Lyndsy



**PRECIOUS**  
**MAGAN**  
**BRITTANY**

Precious, Magan, and Brittany,  
best friends for life!  
Even though we will be separated next year, we'll always have the memories!



# What's the worst thing you've eaten?

by Jessica Craft-Quenby & Nicole Zaborowski

Students may complain about the food in the cafeteria, but that doesn't compare to what these kids have eaten willingly...



**"I ate peanut butter out of an armpit...** Let's just say I haven't eaten peanut butter in two years."  
**Royce Rodriguez**



**"I ate a cow tongue.** It was a dare from a teacher when I lived in Missouri."  
**Amber Woodbury**

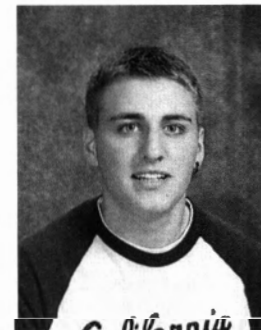
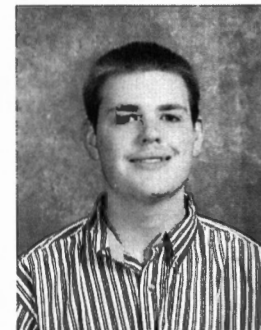
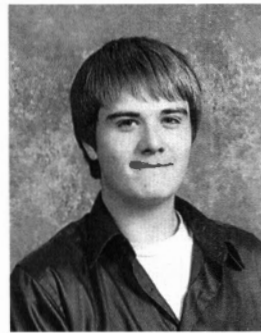
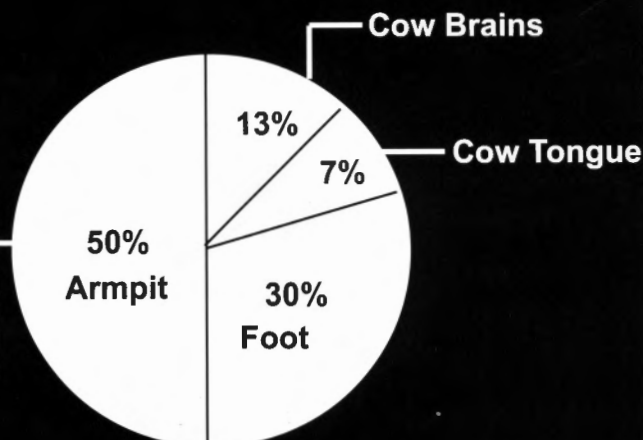
**"I was staying in Mexico with** a host family and it would have been a sign of disrespect if I didn't eat it. So I ate cow brains and cow face."  
**Caitlin Lesperance**



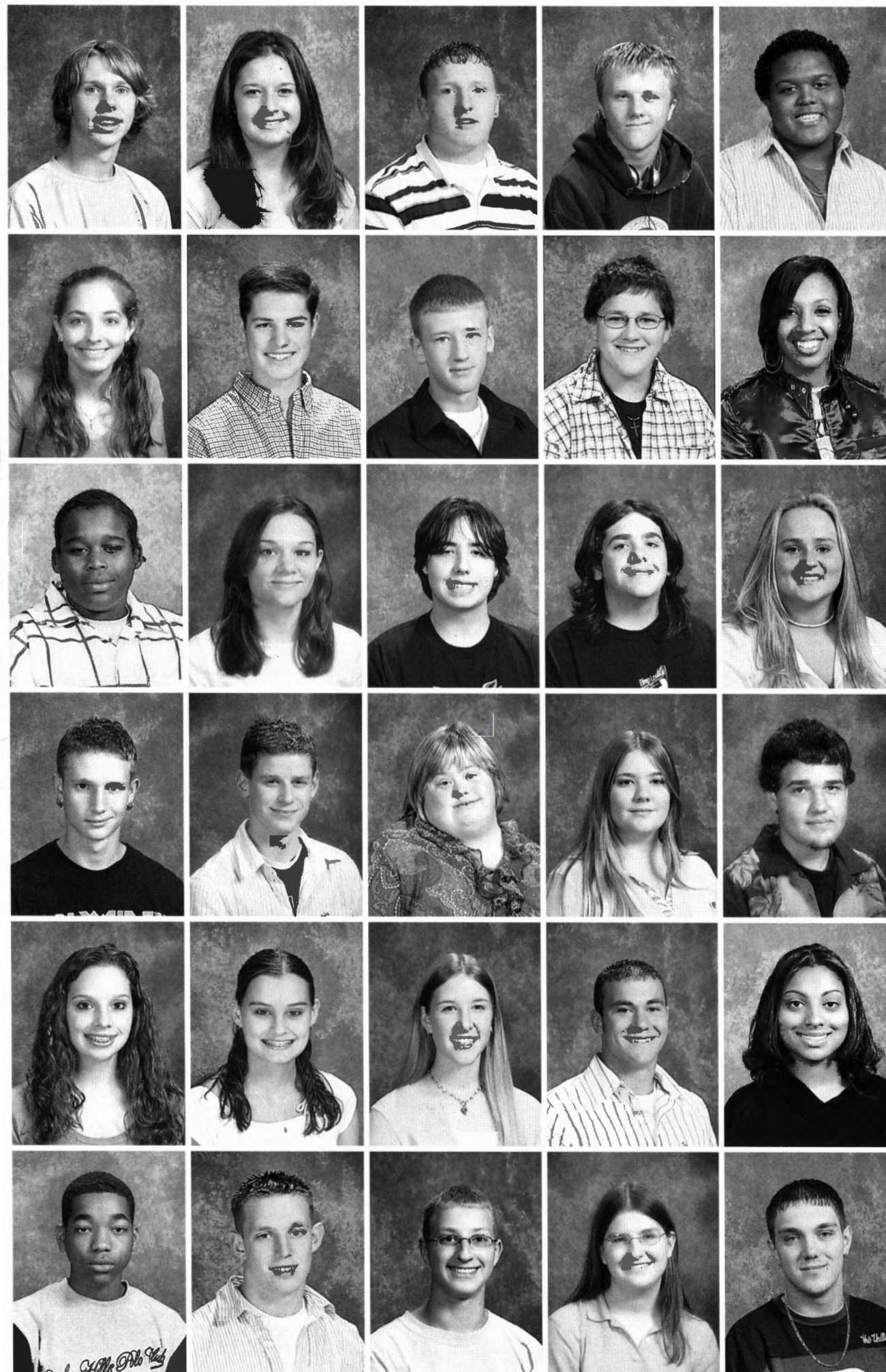
**"I ate a combination of** green peppers, cottage cheese, juice, peas, and other gross stuff off of someone's foot while I was competing in Fear Factor at Campus Life."  
**David Hicok**

## What's the grossest?

Based on these students' stories, would you rather eat cow brains, cow tongue, something off of a foot or peanut butter out of someone's armpit?







Christopher Abbott  
Nicholas Ackerson  
Michelle Adams  
William Albrecht  
Seth Aleshire  
Aaron Alexander

Bethany Allen  
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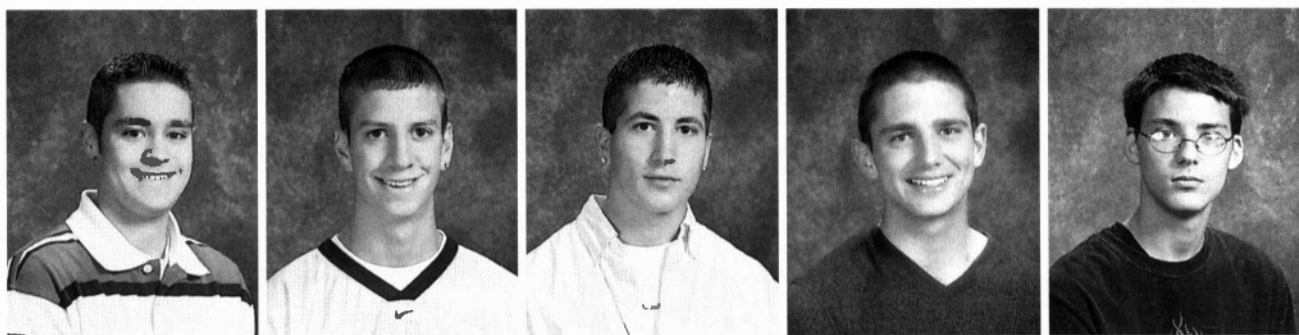
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Mary Bondon

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Ryan Bort  
Thomas Bowden  
Brooke Bowker  
Bryan Bowles



Joshua Boyce  
Roger Boyce  
Nicholas Bozzo  
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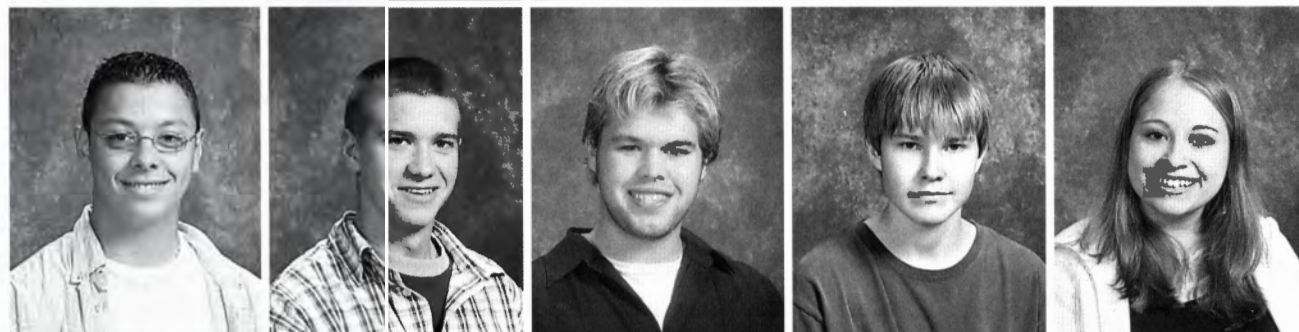
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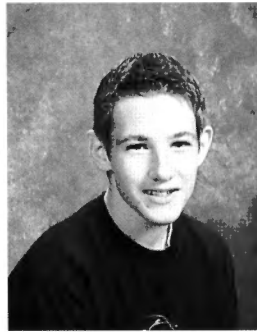
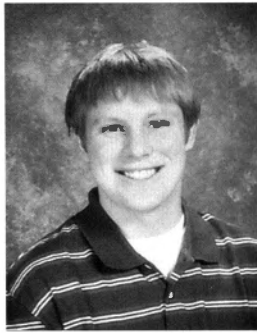
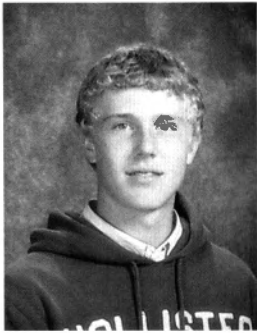
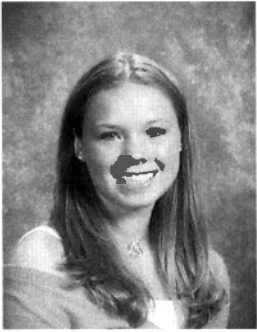
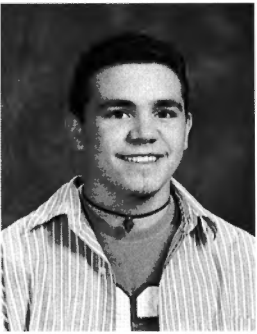
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Jessica Chavez  
Joshua Chesney



Faran Clark  
Stephanie Clark  
John Cole  
Erin Conley  
Andrew Cooke  
Heather Corey







Many hours during the summer are spent at Oldsmobile Stadium for juniors Eric Wills and E.J. Zaleski. Inside the ball park you will find concessions, seats, and the field.  
*Courtesy Photo*



**an INSIDE look  
at the Lugnuts'**

## bat boys

by Jessica Merriott

**Performing one of his many** tasks, junior Eric Wills runs to get a ball in pre-game warm ups. "I have been a bat boy since my freshman year so I am used to all the responsibilities," said Wills. *Courtesy Photo*

**Handing a bat to the away** team's batter is Eric Wills. Not only do they help the Lugnuts with bats, Zaleski and Wills also give balls to the umpire and help out the away team. *Courtesy Photo*



If you could pick one dream job to have over the summer, what would it be? Would you want to work inside or outside? How about with people or by yourself? As for juniors, Eric Wills and E.J. Zaleski, they choose to be outside working as bat boys for the local minor league baseball team, the Lansing Lugnuts. They both agree that there are great benefits to working with the team.

As batboys, Zaleski and Wills have a lot of responsibility. They arrive two hours before the game and shag balls during the team's batting practice. After batting practice, they take care of all the nets and clean up the field. Then they get a small break where they can eat and run errands for the players. Wills said, "Sometimes the players even give us tips for doing stuff for them."

About fifteen minutes before the game they get their uniforms on, sweep the dugout, and get sunflower seeds and gum ready for the players. During the game, they get the bats from the hitters and give the umpire balls when he needs them. Zaleski said, "The manager's son is also a bat boy and he is ten so we make him do all the stuff we don't want to do, like getting the bats during the game, so we can talk to the players." After the game they take care of the water and sweep the dugout.

All though there are many responsibilities, Zaleski said, "I really like doing my job. I think that it's awesome spending my summers outside at a ballpark and getting paid for it."

Wills agreed: "It is really fun to be around the baseball guys; some of them are really cool."

Other benefits Zaleski and Wills receive, besides being right in the action during every game and meeting the players, are the road trips. "A couple of times I got to go on road trips. I went to Dayton, Ohio; Peoria, Illinois; and Beloit, Wisconsin, with the team and I had an awesome time," said Wills.



# Urban Legends

## & Myths

by Katie Lash

Urban legends have been around forever. A story that might actually be innocent, can be turned into a nightmare by just adding a few twists. Some urban legends and myths have what it takes to be passed from generation to generation around the country. Others are local legends that only have meaning to a certain community. Whatever the case, some urban legends have the power to creep you out or scare the pants off of you.

### Fact or Fiction?

1. Covering a wart with duck tape will remove it.
2. Coca-Cola used to have cocaine in it.
3. In 2000, a New York proofreader named George Turtlebaum suffered a fatal heart attack while at work and lay dead at his desk for five days before his co-workers even realized he was dead.
4. Eating pop rocks and soda can make your stomach explode.
5. If you stare at the sun, even during an eclipse, you can go blind.
6. If you swallow a watermelon seed, a watermelon will grow in your stomach
7. Sitting too close to the TV will cause eye damage.
8. Getting your tongue pierced can lead to heart problems.
9. Jell-O brand gelatin is made from animal bones and hides.
10. Indonesia produces a very expensive kind of coffee made from beans that have been swallowed and excreted by a weasel-like animal.

### Answers:

1. Fact 2. Fact 3. Fiction 4. Fiction 5. Fact 6. Fiction 7. Fiction 8. Fact 9. Fact 10. Fact

### Ever heard this one?

#### The Hook

One night a high school couple went out and parked in a secluded area. While they were parked, they heard on the radio that a dangerous patient had escape from the local psychiatric hospital. The man who had escaped was very dangerous and identifiable from the hook where his hand should be.

At this point the couple decided to leave, but the car wouldn't start. So the young man ran off to get help and left the terrified girl locked in the car. After a while she dozed off and was awakened by a bumping noise from above. She looked out the window, but saw nothing. This happened several times. Once again she was awakened by a bumping noise, but this time when she looked out, she saw a policeman knocking on the window.

She rolled down the window, and the policeman said, "Miss, get out of the car, but do not turn around." So she got out of the car, but immediately turned around and saw her boyfriend hanging from the tree with a hook through his neck and his feet bumping the car roof.

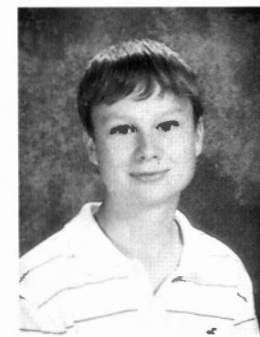
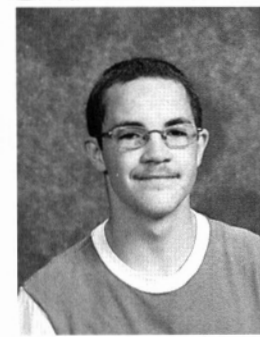
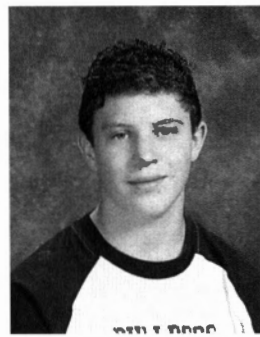
### One of our local legends



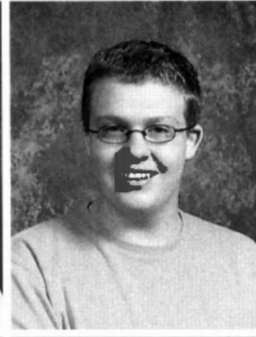
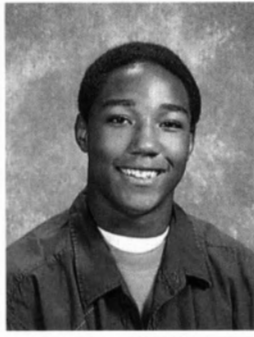
#### Dead Man's Hill

"I heard a man was hung nearby and someone buried him in the hill. That's why there is a big lump on the hill when you go sledding"

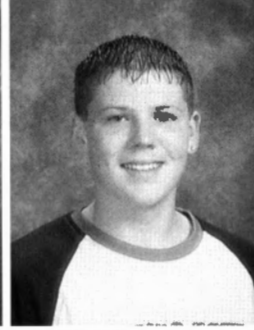
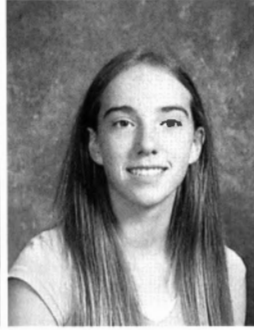
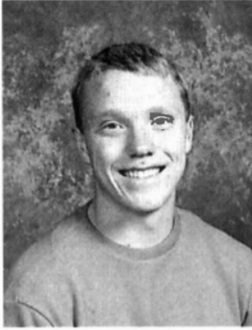
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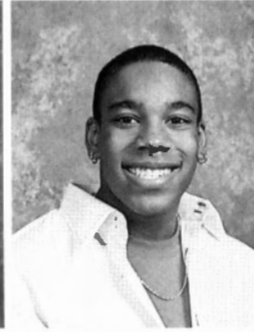
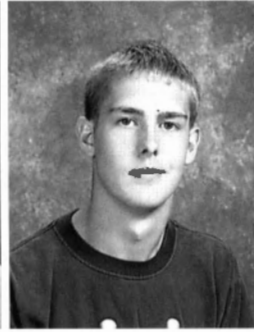
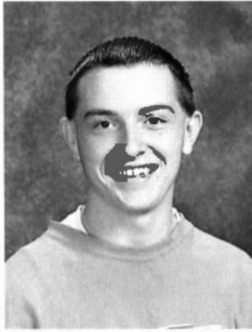




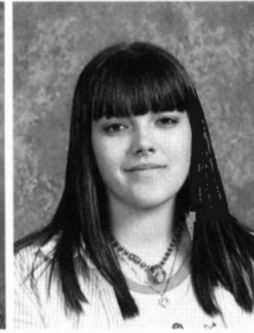
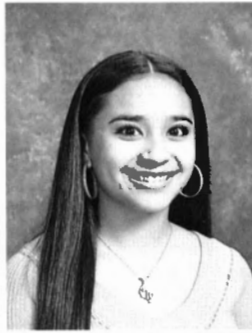
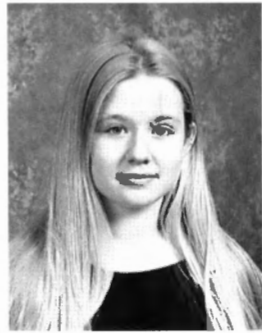
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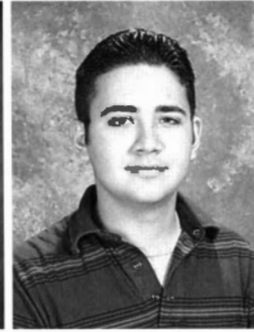
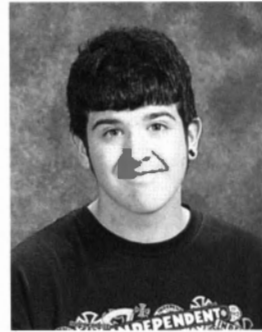
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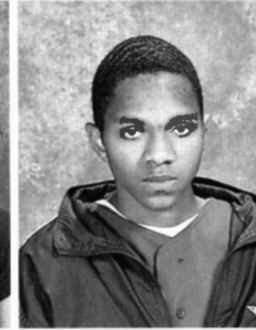
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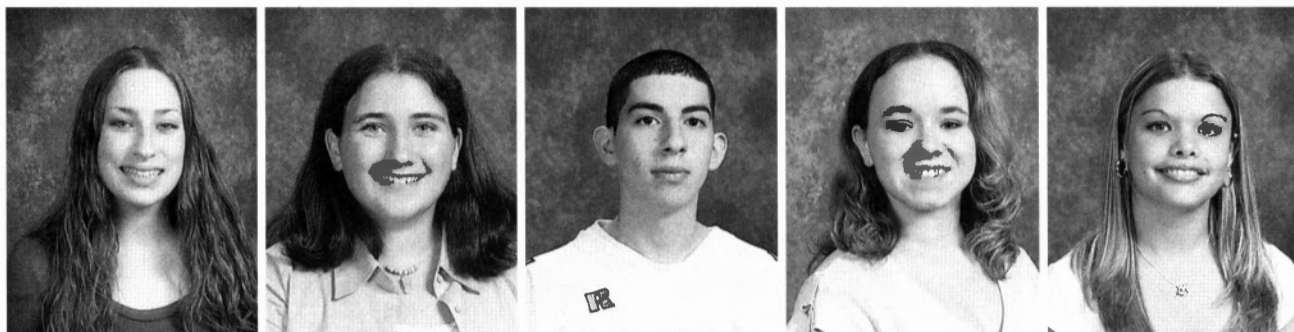
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Ross Hagfors  
James Hall  
Kelly Hall





# New TV Shows

HIT YOUR TELEVISION SCREEN

by Heather Piper

2004 was a big year for new hit television shows. And in spite of sports and homework and clubs, many students take time out of their day to sit down in front of the TV and watch their favorite shows. Some of the more popular newly released TV shows include *Desperate Housewives*, *The Biggest Loser*, *Lost*, *Extreme Makeover Home Edition*, *American Idol* Season 4, *The Amazing Race*, and *One Tree Hill*.

## The Biggest Loser

*The Biggest Loser* gathers twelve overweight people from all across the country. Two celebrity fitness trainers volunteer to help these people reach their goals, and help them transform their health, their lives, and especially their bodies.

The twelve contestants are divided into two teams. They follow exercise and diet plans to undergo physical and ultimately mental changes.

During the course of the season the contestants have physical challenges and many hard-to-resist temptations to see who will stay strong and who will crumble.

After all is said and done, the "Biggest Loser" is the biggest winner. They walk away with a healthier body and \$250,000.

## Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

Put together one very run-down house, a deserving family, several opinionated designers, and seven days, and what do you get? The answer is *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

The lives of the lucky families are forever changed when they learn that they have been selected to have their home walls moved, their floors replaced and even their façades radically changed. The result should be a decorator's delight... if it can be done in time.

Each episode begins with team leader Ty Pennington's now-famous "Good morning!" wake-up call, when he, along with the other designers, surprises the unsuspecting family with news that their home has been chosen to receive a makeover. Then viewers witness not only the unbelievable transformation of the house, but during the final and emotional reveal, they see how the home makeover has impacted the lives of the deserving families. Source: [www.abc.com](http://www.abc.com)

## Desperate Housewives

Looking down on her friends and family isn't a way of life for Mary Alice Young (Brenda Strong) ... it's a way of death. One day, in her perfect house, in the loveliest of suburbs, Mary Alice ended it all. Now she's taking us into the lives of her family, friends and neighbors, commenting from her elevated point of view.

Her small circle of girlfriends are wondering why one of their own would do something so rash... and so messy. There's Susan Mayer (Teri Hatcher), the divorcee and single mom who will go to extraordinary lengths for love; Lynette Scavo (Felicity Huffman), the ex-career woman who traded the boardroom for boredom, mixed with moments of sheer panic as the mother of four unmanageable kids; Bree Van De Kamp (Marcia Cross), the Martha Stewart on steroids, whose family is about to mutiny; and Gabrielle Solis, the ex-model with everything she's every wanted – a rich husband, a big house – so what is she doing with John, the 17-year-old gardener (Jesse Metcalfe)? And there are her neighbors, including serial divorcee Edie Britt (Nicollette Sheridan), whose romantic conquests have everyone buzzing.

From her unique vantage point, Mary Alice sees more now than she ever did alive, and she's planning to share all the delicious secrets that hide behind every neighbor's closed door in this seemingly perfect American suburb. Source: [www.abc.com](http://www.abc.com)

## OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS

**MEGAN MOHR**  
"I really like *The Biggest Loser* because it's interesting and informative. It basically shows you all the things that you have to do in order to lose weight."

**BETHANY ALLEN**  
"I watch *One Tree Hill*. It's really interesting. There is hot guys, basketball, and lots of drama. People have a lot of relationship issues and I find them interesting."

**AMY KRUCH**  
"I like the new *American Idol*. I watched the first season of *American Idol* and got hooked on it. It's so funny to watch all of the people who think that they can sing when they can't."





## GETTING TO KNOW SHAYLA

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Person: Kadie Sue Hein

Favorite TV Show: *The O.C.*

Favorite Gum: Orbit

Favorite Music: Country

Favorite Word: "Schmoo!"

Pen or Pencil: Pen

**"Only you can prevent forest fires."**

Shayla works the fire on her yearly trip to the U.P. with her family. *Courtesy Photo*

# an INSIDE look at shayla kniffen

Shayla is all dressed up for the 2004 prom at Big Bay High School. "It was a great experience and I had a really good time." *Courtesy Photo*

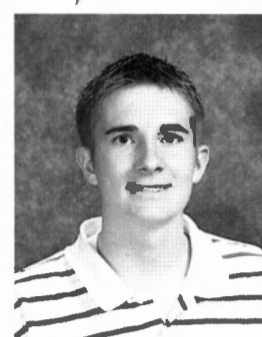
by Kevin Judy

Shayla Kniffen can tell a story that exemplifies her caring attitude and zany sense of humor: "Kadie and I were driving home one night and we passed a deer in the middle of the road. We stopped and ran back to the deer. Well, we starting poking it and a cop came up with his lights on. We froze because we didn't know what to do. The officer said, 'Can I help you, ladies? Please step aside.' Kadie said, 'Oh no, officer, we didn't hit it!' And I said, 'Yeah, we just wanted to move it so no one else would hit it.' Then, he told us it wasn't safe to move a dead deer and to just go on home. But the funny thing is that it was spirit week and we were all dressed in our mismatched clothes!"

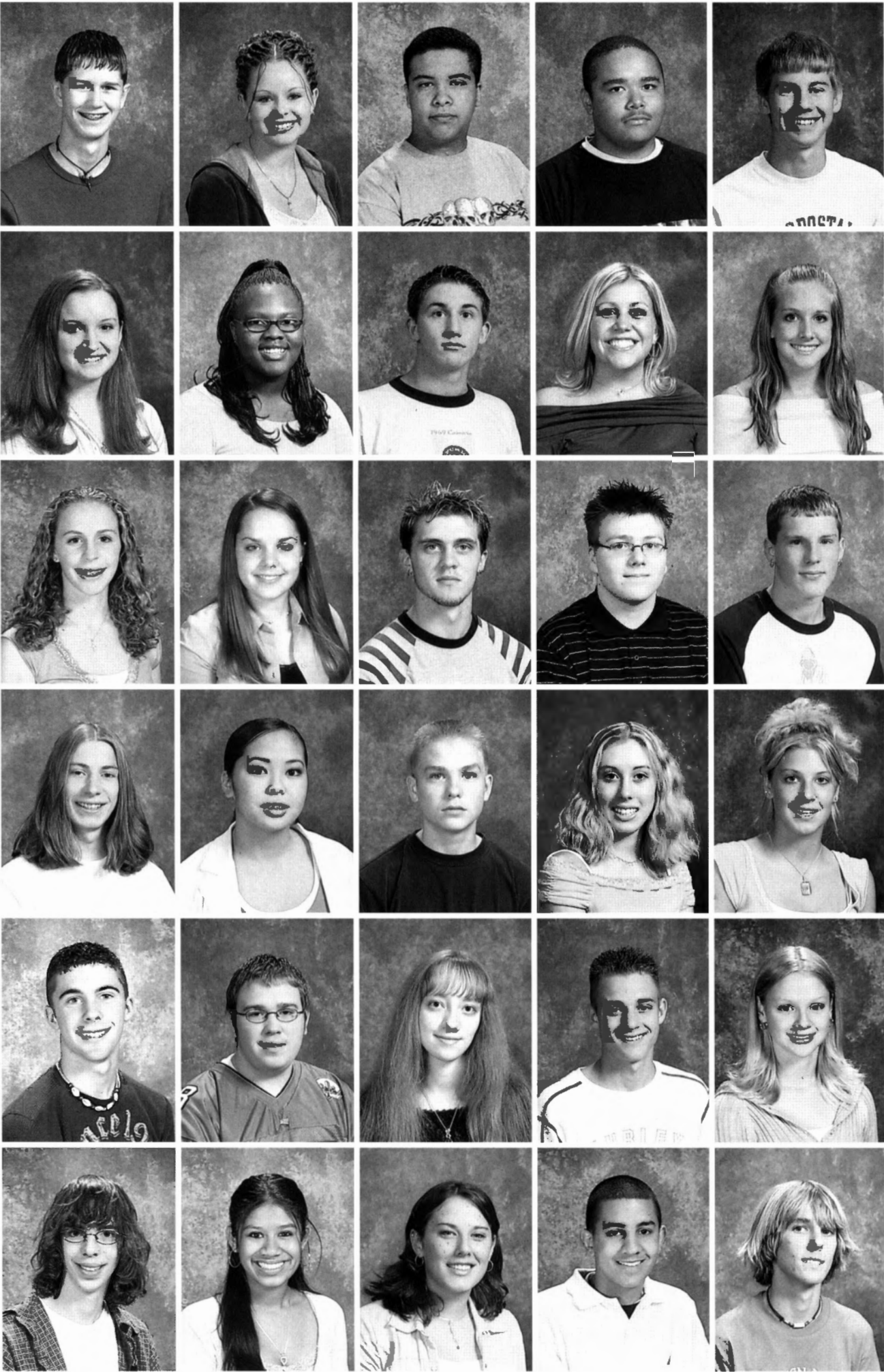
Junior Shayla Kniffen is truly one of a kind. She describes herself as very outgoing, friendly, and obnoxious at times. She also says that she doesn't spend her time worrying about what others think of her, and that's what makes her unique. She plans on going to college after high school: "I'll probably go to LCC for a year or two and then I might transfer to Northern. I'm not sure what I want to do, but I'd like to work with kids, or just people in general." Shayla's favorite pastimes include going to the movies and playing lacrosse, and her role models are her parents because "they are great people and would do anything for anyone."

You can find her hanging out with her best friends, Kadie, Michelle, Lindsey, Adriane, Randi and Liz. If you ever have the urge to talk to Shayla Kniffen, I would highly suggest you do.

It's worth it.







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Andrew Harmon  
Lindsay Harrell  
Logan Harrison  
Reggie Hartig  
Ryan Hartsuff

Autumn Harvey  
Jenna Hayes  
Jessica Hayes  
Lars Hedin  
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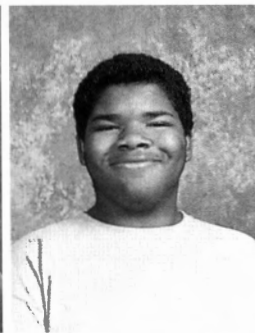
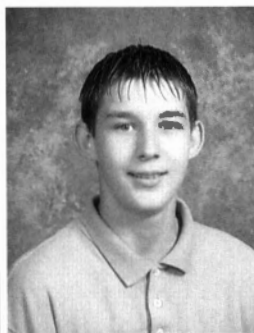
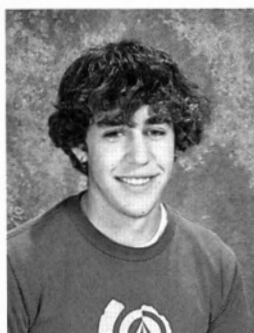
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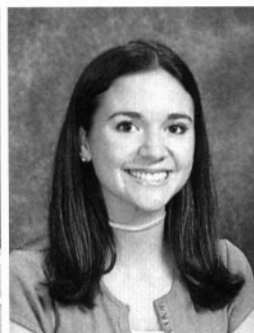
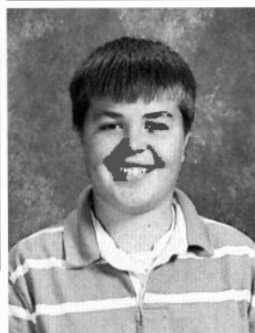
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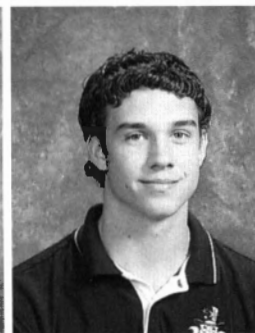
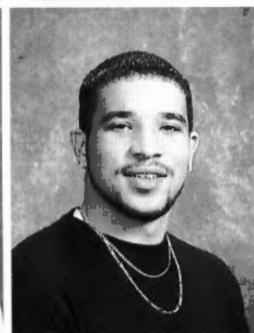
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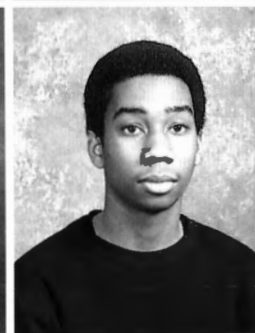
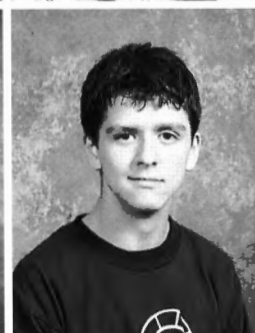
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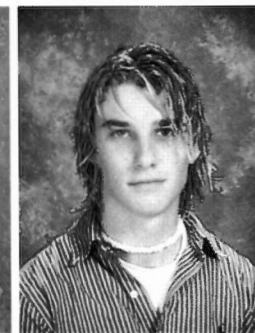
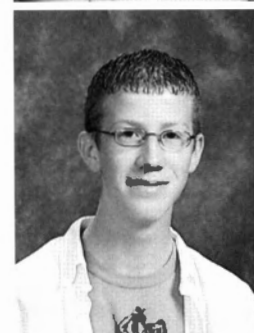
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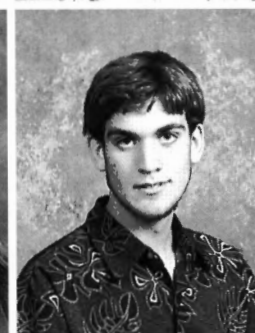
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Amy Kruch  
Alexander Kruger  
Rachel Kurtz  
Ryan Kuzenko





# Which is Worse?

When faced with two options, both of which are not very good, which would you choose?

by Kacie Dittenber

## Taking A Blind Date to Prom OR Having No Date for Prom?



"I think that it's worse to have no date for Prom because at least with a blind date you are still going with someone."  
**Dong Nguyen**



"I think that it would be worse to go on a blind date for Prom. You wouldn't know who you would be going with. What if they turned out to be mean?"  
**Amber Brown**



"Having a blind date for Prom would definitely be the worst. It would be better to just go alone or maybe not even go."  
**Joey Krancich**

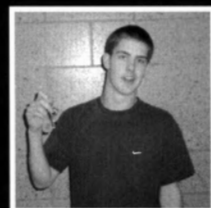
## Having the Oldest, Ugliest, Sorriest Car OR Not Having Any Car At All?



"I would rather not have a car if the one I had would be ugly. I could always borrow someone's car."  
**Ashley Dehuelbes**



"I think not having a car at all is worse. As long as you have a car you are cool."  
**Ross Hagfors**



"Not having a car at all is definitely worse. As long as you have a way to get around that's all that matters."  
**Mike Derry**

## Getting into Your Dream College, but Not Being Able to Afford It OR Getting Rejected from Your Dream College?



"I think getting rejected would be the worst because you would know that you weren't good enough."  
**Kathleen Darbor**



"Getting in and then not being able to pay would be the worst because you would know that you are good enough but you couldn't do anything."  
**Tony Cuebas**



"I think that not getting into your dream college would be the worst because, it shows that you didn't work hard enough."  
**Franny Dejongh**



# Writing as easy as ACT

By Dani Dimmitt

**T**he American College test has developed a new writing test to assess students on their writing skills. Here are some hints off the ACT website to getting a good score. For more information and tips got to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

## Pace yourself

There is only thirty minutes to take the test. Leave time to make sure you get what you wanted to say out. It is very unlikely that you will have time to write a rough draft.

## Prewrite

Instead of just plunging into the writing, take times to organize your thoughts. By taking five minutes to plan what you want to say, you can be much more prepared.

## Write

Make sure to let your reader know that you understand the issue. Address the arguments against it. Make sure that you are clear in the development of your ideas. Don't worry as much about length if you are clear.

## Review Your Essay

Take time at the end to make sure that your paper is free of any grammar or punctuation mistakes. Fix any words that are hard to read. This will make your paper appear more put together.

## How do you feel

...about taking the ACT writing test?  
Do you need to take it?  
Have you done anything to prepare for it?



"I'm taking it because colleges want it. I went to a seminar on taking the ACT with the writing section. I'm not really nervous about it because I went to the seminar."

junior **Thomas Kroll**

"I'm taking it because most colleges require it. I haven't done very much to prepare for it at all and I'm really nervous about it."

junior **Ali Kelly**



"I have a practice thing for the ACT writing test. I'm kind of nervous about it because there was a practice workshop and I missed it because I didn't know about it and I wished I could've gone."

junior **Anna Keeler**

"I plan on taking it, because the school I'm going to requires it. I'm not really nervous about it though."

junior **Greg Klauka**



## Others need not apply

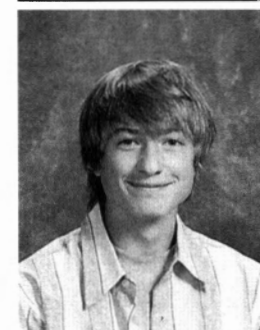
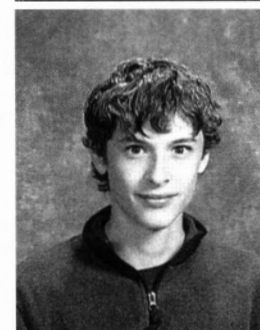
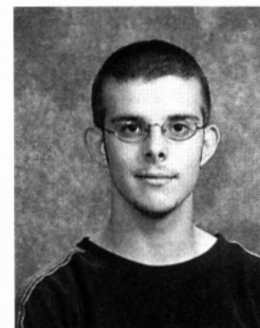
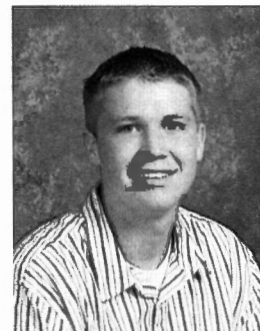
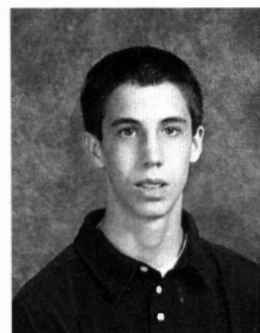
Check to see if the Michigan school of your choice is requiring the writing test for current juniors. If your college isn't on our list, go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to find your school.

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Michigan State  
Michigan  
Kalamazoo

### RECOMMENDED

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Central Michigan  
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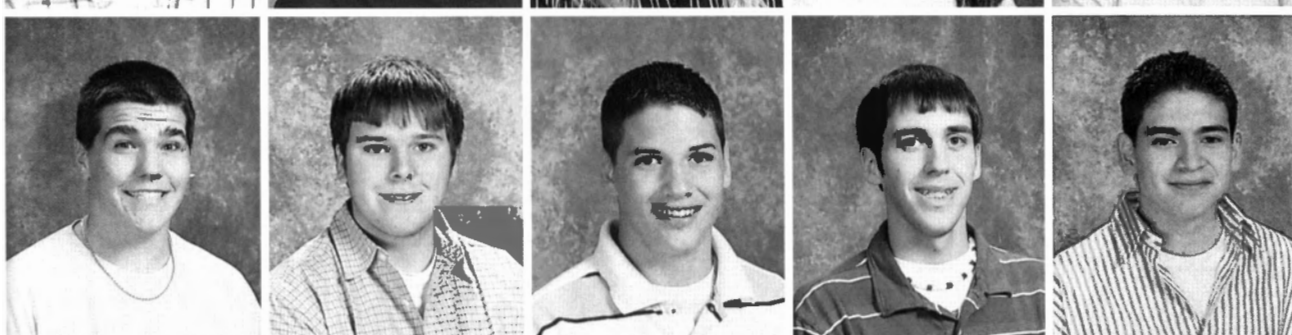
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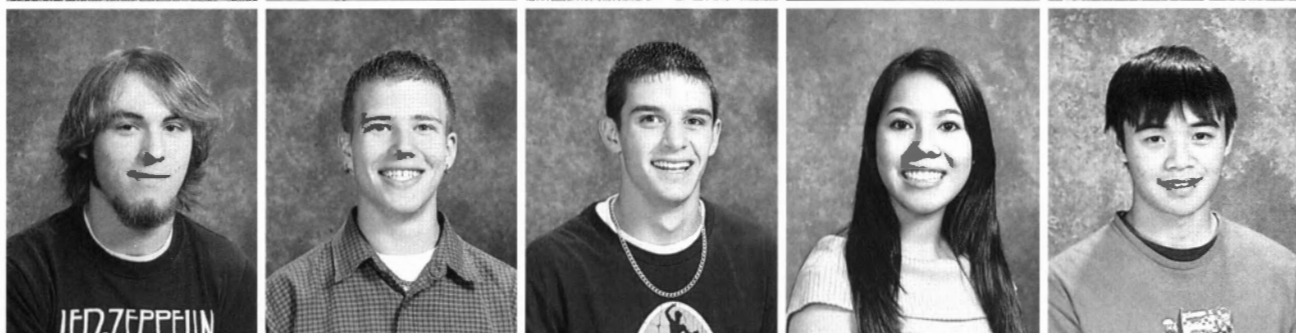
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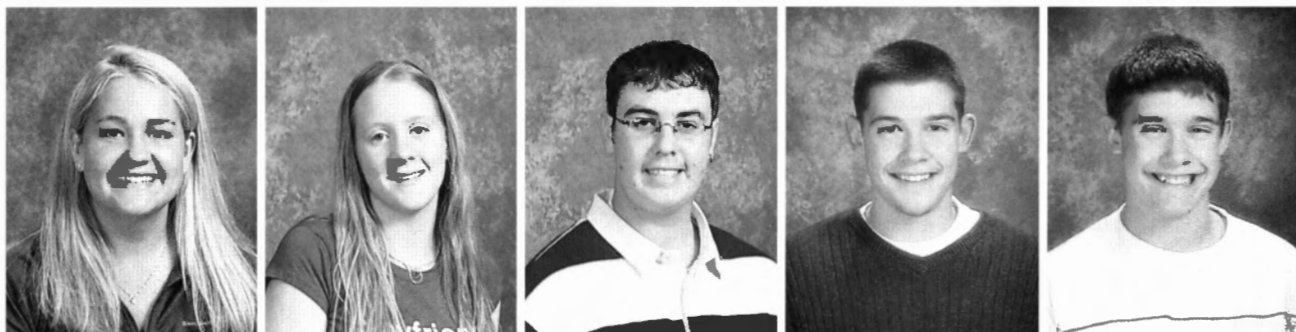
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Brandon Packer  
Stephen Packer  
Angelina Parker





# an INSIDE look at ben morse

by Samantha Mittleman

This future anthropologist blends in with the crowd and is typical for a sixteen-year old honor student. He hangs out with his friends and plays video games, but it is his musical side that sets him apart.

Ben plays the french horn and mellophone in the school band. He also has been taking piano lessons since he was seven. Don't get the idea that he is just a "Band Geek:" Ben not only sings in the school choir, he also acts in plays, including this years *Anything Goes*.

"I've been involved in a teen group called TFC's since... forever. TFC's is a teen ministry group that ministers through singing and drama in different churches throughout Michigan. Both of my parents are music majors and have been assistant directors, so naturally I joined. I love that I get to meet so many people, and that most of them become really good friends. Even though most of them live far away, we still make an effort to see each other even when we don't have a concert."

He comes from a very close knit family. "My mother has always been there for me, as well as my older sister," said Morse. He also has a very large extended family including teens that he has met through TFC's that now live with him so they can attend college in the area. "I receive moral support from so many people; it motivates me."

"He's just so jolly all of the time. He never gets disgruntled about anything," senior Ryan Essenmocher said. "I remember when I made up a rather... mean limerick about the french horns. He just yelled, 'Why do you torment us so?'"

While he may just blend in to the crowd, his sense of humor and his positive attitude toward life make Ben Morse an individual.

**Junior Ben Morse** sings for a TFC concert in 2004 which he auditioned for during the TFC camp over the summer. Ben also has a solo in TFC's this year. *Courtesy Photo*





# motor mishaps

What's the worst thing you have ever done in your car? Here, juniors tell us their embarrassing car stories.

by Nicole Zaborowski & Jesica Craft-Quenby

“Over the summer, I was riding a four-wheeler for the first time. I wanted to go really fast, so I did, and I ended up running into a tree when I turned my head back to see something that had caught my eye.”

junior Rebecca Pierce



“ I was driving my friend's car to the hospital and had to park in the parking ramp. I accidentally hit something and got the car stuck in the parking garage. ”

junior Amy Waddell

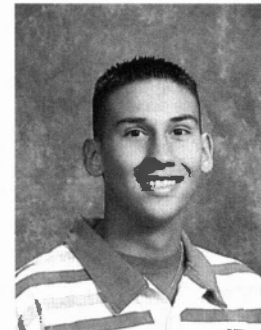
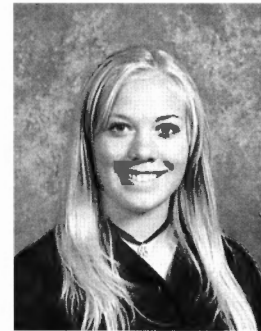
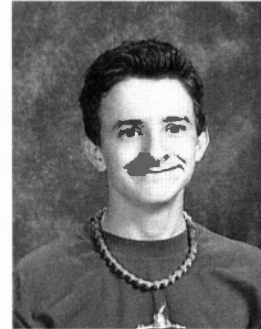
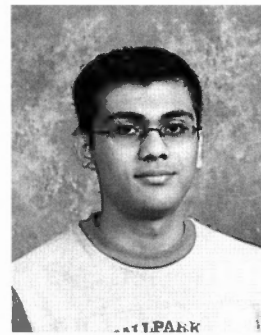
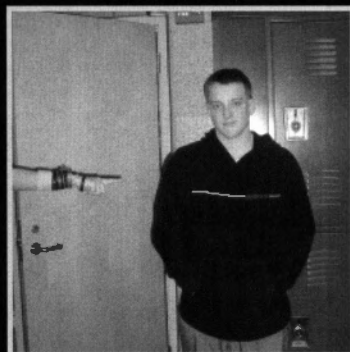
My aunt let me use her van to drive to my friend's house after we had a big snow storm. I spun while I was backing out of the driveway then got stuck in the driveway when I got there, too.

junior Laura Wilke

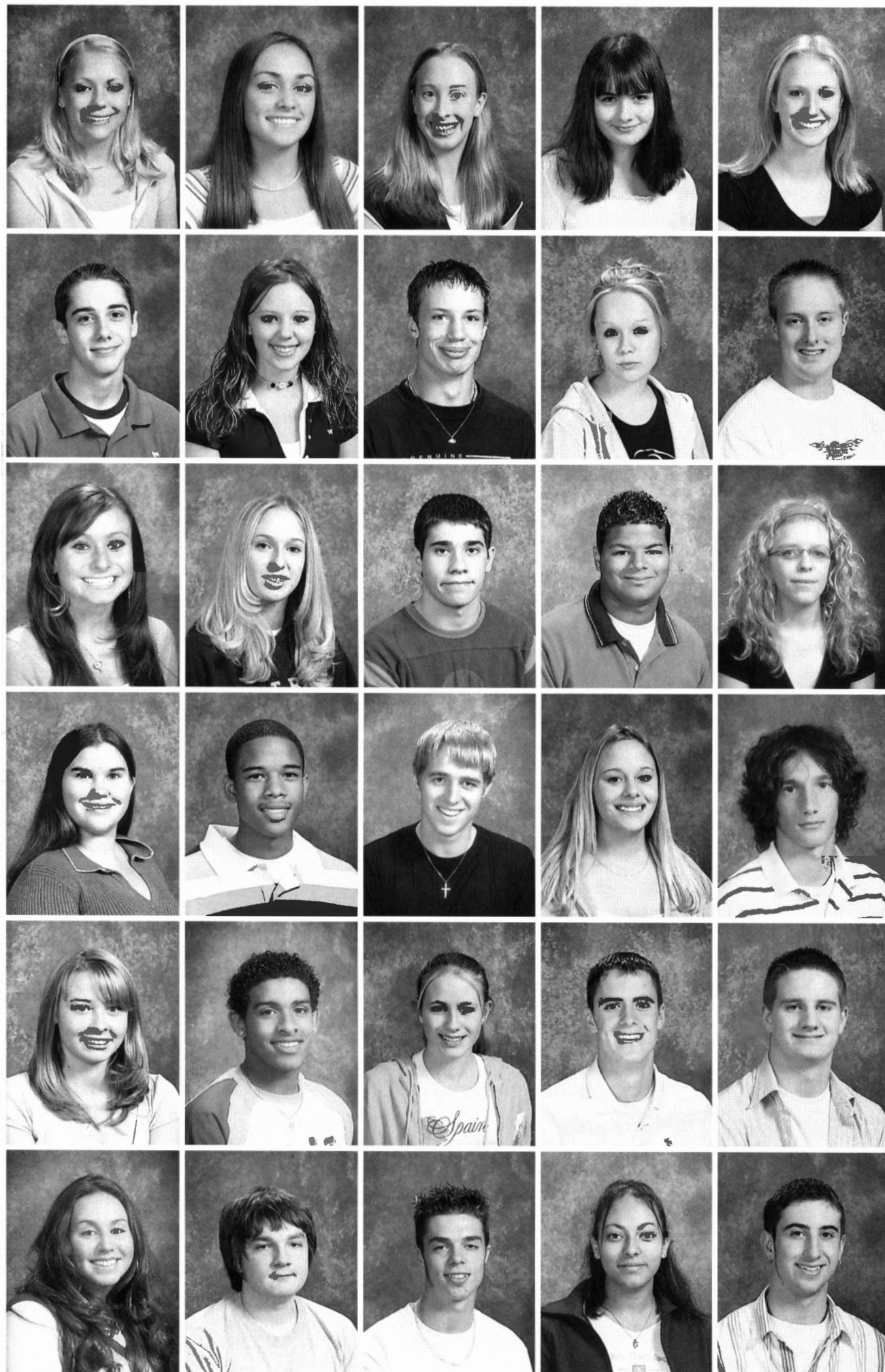


“ I was driving to school and I wanted to make a right turn, but I ended up sliding in sideways to a driveway right in front of a bus. All the kids were staring at me.”

junior Josh Munyon







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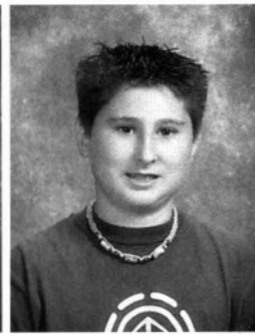
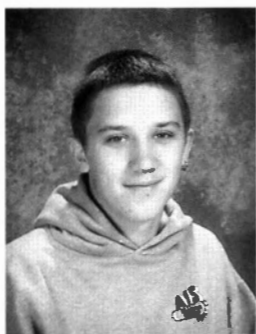
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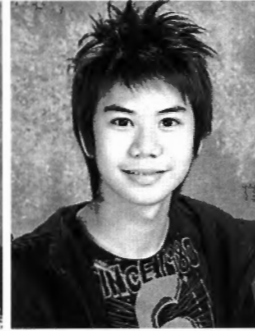
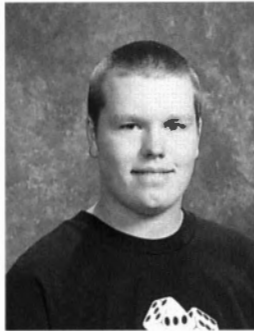
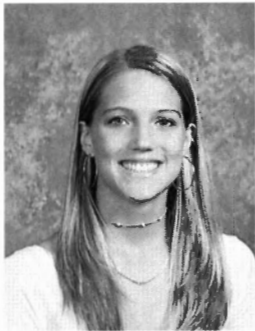
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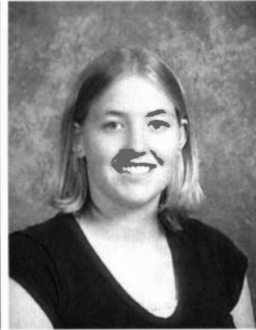
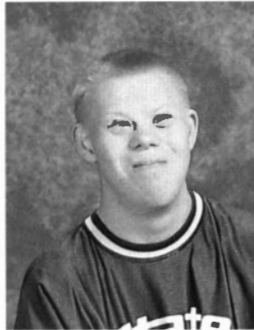
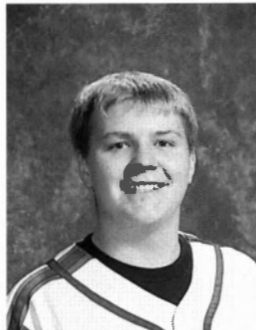
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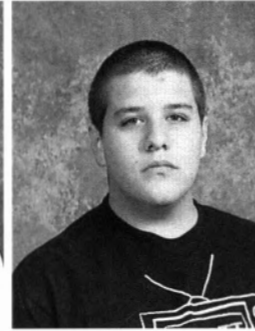
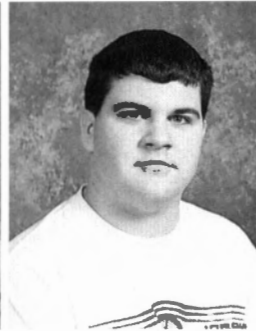
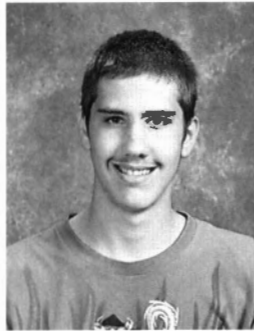
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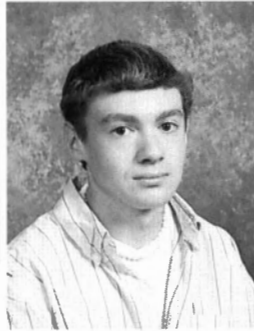
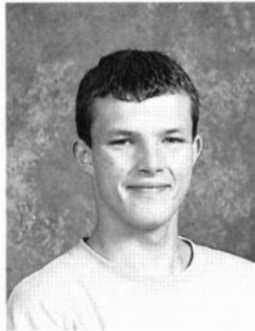
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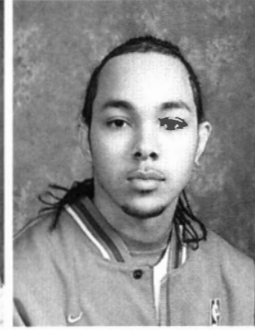
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THE WORK BEHIND A

# Masterpiece

by Paige Klaver

What is Holt High School recognized for?

Most would say its sports, academics, and *huge* school, but Holt is also recognized for its artists. Art is a very important part of how we express ourselves and there are many media in which to do this. Most students think of the art classes offered as really easy, blow-off classes, but there are a lot of things to learn, such as the Elements and Principles of Design that create a good composition: including line, form/shape, value, space, texture, and color.

Repetition, emphasis, balance contrast, and unity make up the five principles of design. These are the guidelines to use in order to create a successful composition.

Art instruction isn't just "blue and yellow make green." Senior Brooke Bambusch explained: "Art class isn't really taken seriously anymore. It's a shame. Not a lot of people do their work in class and just goof off, and there aren't very good art supplies that this school should be providing us with." Bambusch is in her second year in the advanced art class in the school, Art Seminar, instructed by Brooke Pfeifer (formerly Barrett).

Every year in Art Seminar the students create at least five pieces that they must submit to the Scholarship Alert Contest held annually in Lansing. If accepted, the students could have a chance at winning scholarship money or other prizes. Their work will also be displayed in the Lansing Art Gallery. Last year one of Bambusch's pieces was displayed, along with many of her classmates.

Holt High School's Fine Arts Festival is also an annual event that should not be missed. This is where our very own art students have their work displayed throughout the school for us to view and it usually goes on through February.

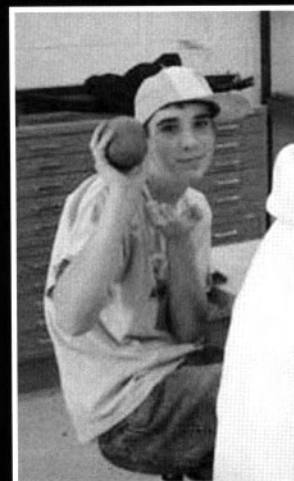
Taking an art class is a lot of hard work and takes dedication, contrary to popular belief. But it is a great way to get out and express ourselves and let the public know who we are and what we're all about.



**Juniors Tiffany Royston and Alyssa Morgan** draw for their Painting class. "I like to draw unique things, preferably Jessica Simpson," Royston explained. Photo by Paige Klaver



**Painting students display their work** for the annual Fine Arts Festival. The festival will be going on through February and will display a wide variety of art, from paintings and sculptures to photography. Photo by Paige Klaver



**"I really like Ceramics** because I can take this class seriously and focus on expressing myself through my work," says junior Brian Schultz. Photo by Paige Klaver



While concentrating so they don't make a mistake, juniors **Amber Heyman** and **Breah Alward** use their impressive drawing skills to create a masterpiece. "I would like to pursue any career with art involved," said Alward. *Photo by Sara Bullion*

# an INSIDE look at **Breah Alward & Amber Heyman**

by Sara Bullion

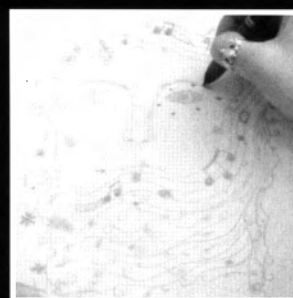
There are many different things that every individual does to stand out from the rest. Some people dance, write, run, sing, etc. Juniors **Amber Heyman** and **Breah Alward** have discovered the talent that they both enjoy doing: drawing.

"I've drawn for as long as I can remember," said Alward. She has been drawing and painting for years, but she mostly enjoys drawing. In order to keep herself entertained with her art work, she draws animals for the most part, but recently started drawing scenery, people, and cars to help improve her skills.

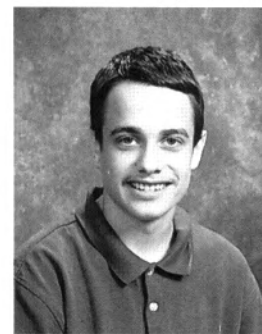
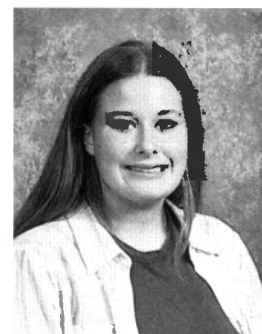
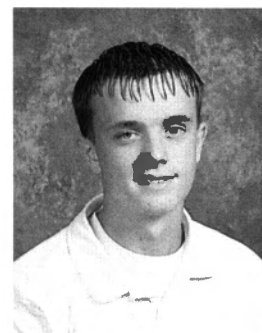
While these girls both have a drawing ability, they have different ways of expressing themselves through it. Heyman likes to draw abstract types of things. "I've been creative since about second grade when one of my art pieces went into the art fair," said Heyman. She also likes to admire well known artists such as Leonardo DaVinci and Giorgio Vasari.



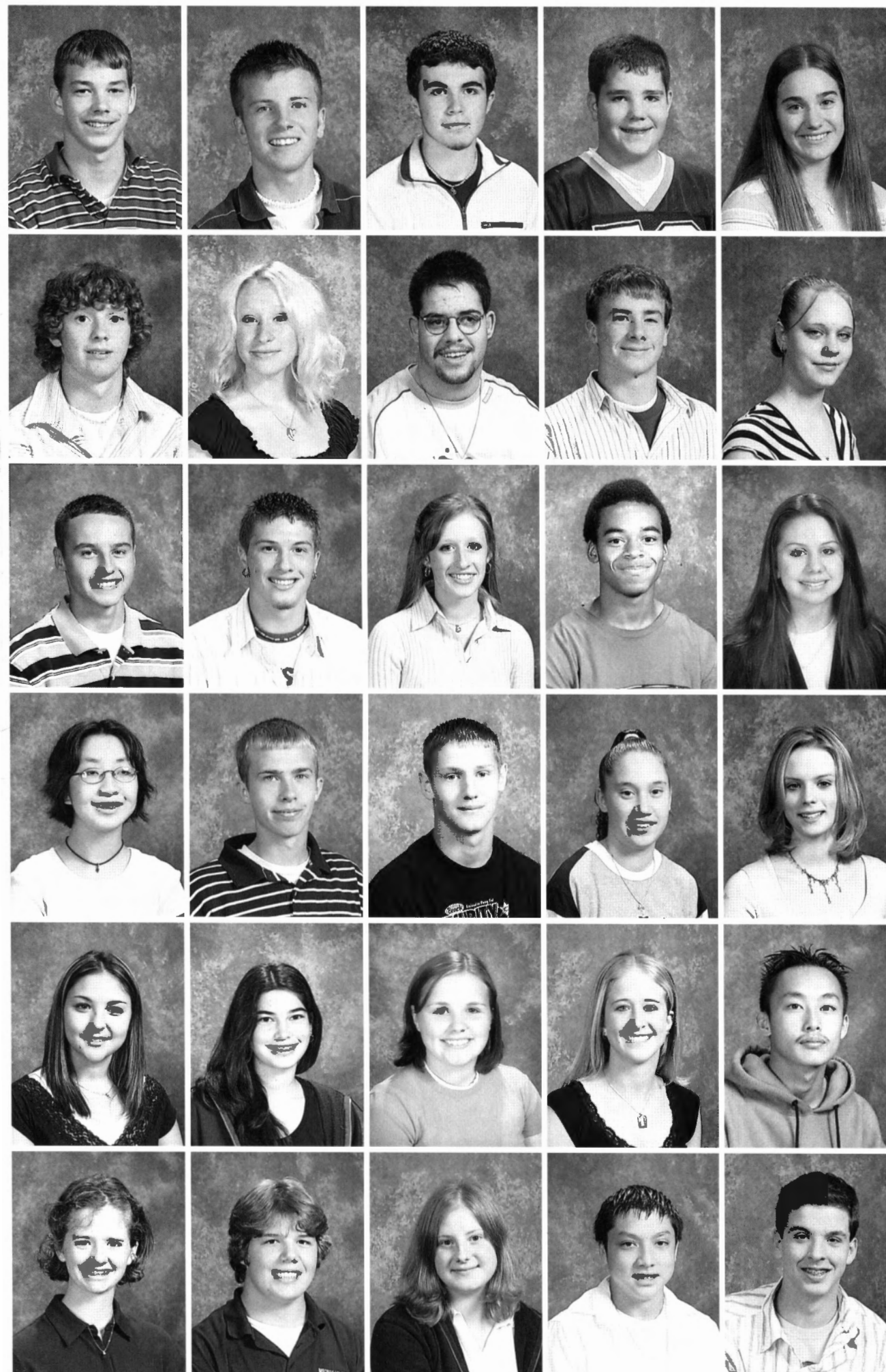
**Showing off one of her** favorite pieces of art work and making a few touch-ups is junior **Breah Alward**. "I draw because I just like to do it. It's fun," said Alward. She takes an art class every Thursday after school for enjoyment. *Photo by Sara Bullion*



**With her mind on her creation**, junior **Amber Heyman** finishes drawing one of her pieces of art work. "I like to draw because I draw a variety of things that I like," said Heyman. She has taken a few art classes throughout high school to help her become the artist she is. *Photo by Sara Bullion*







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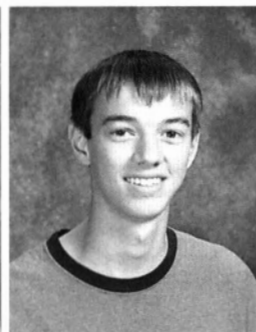
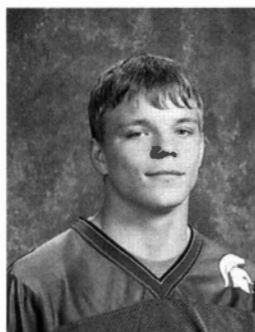
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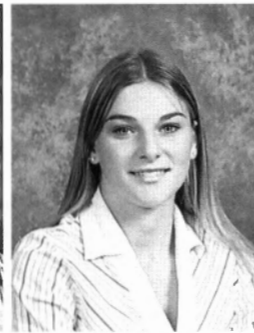
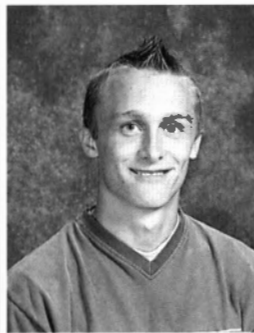
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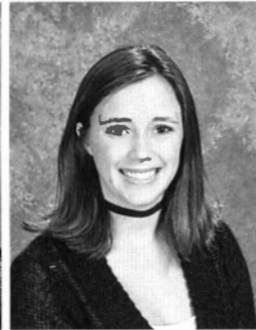
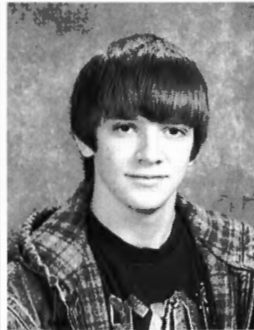
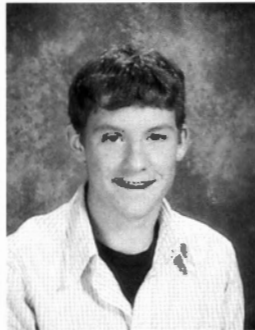
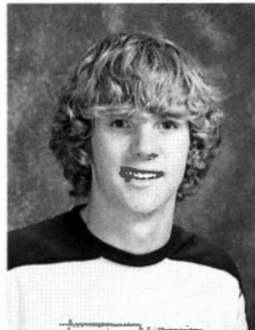
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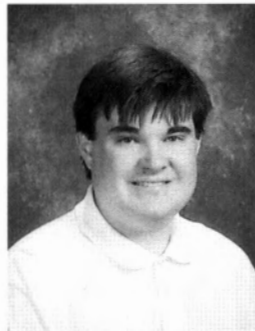
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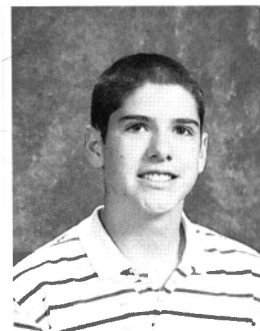
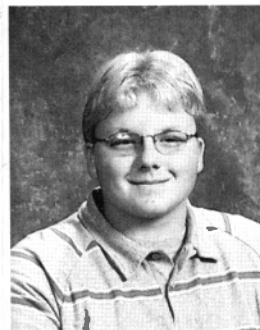
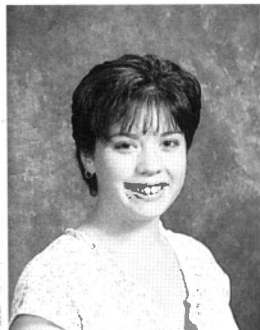
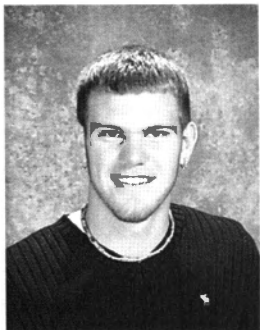
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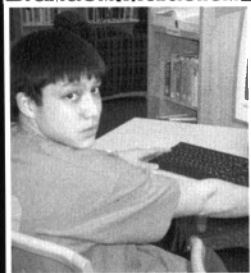


# Dynamite Movie Quotes

This year the American Film Institute has nominated 400 movie quotes to be selected as their top 100 movie quotes of the century in their special 100 Years 100 Quotes. What movie quotes do your peers most think should be nominated?

by Heather Ungerman

Brandon Waldeich



**Quote:**

"Girls want boy-friends with skills, like bow hunting skills, computer hacking skills, num chuck skills."

*Napoleon Dynamite*

**Why?:**

I like this quote because I don't have a girlfriend and maybe if I had some of these skills I would have a girlfriend!

Courtney Wardell



**Quote:**

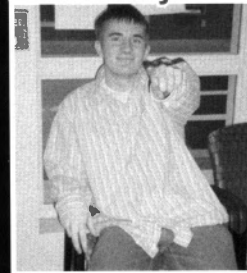
"She wrote me a 'Dear John' letter...something about me not listening enough, I don't know ...I wasn't really paying attention."

*Dumb and Dumber*

**Why?:**

I like this quote because *Dumb and Dumber* is the best movie ever made.

Brad Holliday



**Quote:**

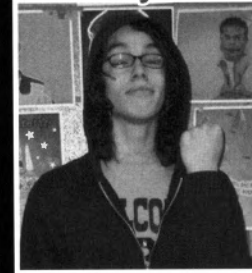
"Your mom goes to college."

*Napoleon Dynamite*

**Why?:**

I like this quote because it's the best thing Kip says in the whole movie. It doesn't make any sense — like who says that as an insult?

Nate Wethy



**Quote:**

"Please, please, be good to me, don't stop, dead on, dead on...yes."

*Napoleon Dynamite*

**Why?:**

I like this quote so much because it is amazing and it is genius.

## Quiz Yourself

Can you match the AFI nominated movie quote with the movie in which it appeared?  
(For more information go to [www.afi.com](http://www.afi.com))

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|--|---|
| 1. "I have nipples, Greg. Can you milk me?"                                    | a. <i>Ace Ventura, Pet Detective</i>            |
| 2. "Mama says, 'Stupid is as stupid does.'"                                    | b. <i>Austin Powers</i>                         |
| 3. "My precious..."  | c. <i>A Christmas Story</i>                     |
| 4. "Show me the money!"  | d. <i>Clueless</i>                              |
| 5. "I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog, too!"                        | e. <i>E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial</i>            |
| 6. "Yeah, baby!"   | f. <i>Forrest Gump</i>                          |
| 7. "I'll be back."   | g. <i>Jerry McGuire</i>                         |
| 8. "Say 'hello' to my little friend!"  | h. <i>The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers</i> |
| 9. "To infinity and beyond!"   | i. <i>Meet the Parents</i>                      |
| 10. "Schwing!"   | j. <i>Scarface</i>                              |
| 11. "All-righty then"  | k. <i>The Silence of the Lambs</i>              |
| 12. "I do wish we could chat longer, but I'm having an old friend for dinner!" | l. <i>The Terminator</i>                        |
| 13. "As if!"   | m. <i>Toy Story</i>                             |
| 14. "You'll shoot your eye out."   | n. <i>Wayne's World</i>                         |
| 15. "E.T., phone home."  | o. <i>The Wizard of Oz</i>                      |

1i, 2f, 3h, 4g, 5o, 6b, 7l, 8j, 9m, 10n, 11a, 12k, 13d, 14c, 15e



# the locker shocker

by Brandon Boatman

Lockers can be used for more than holding books or coats; some students want their locker to represent themselves. Placing pictures of friends is common among most girls. On the other hand, a typical guy's locker would include a pile of papers that collapses onto the hallway floor. Lockers are mostly used as a home away from home.

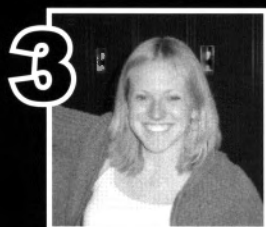
**Match the following sophomores with their lockers.**



**Alexis Meuché**  
"My locker represents my ADD."



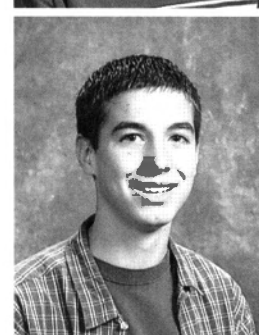
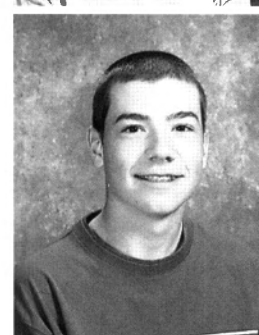
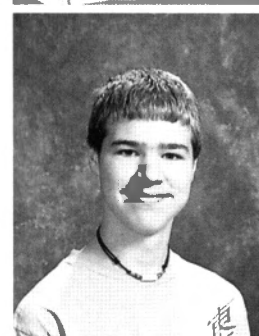
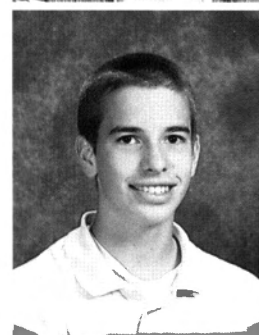
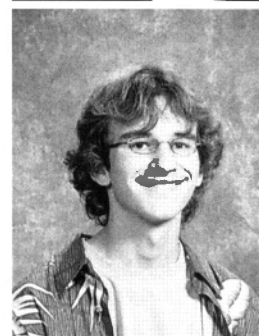
**Maddi Massa**  
"I wanted my locker to be different and make it my own."



**Liz Woods**  
"If I'm having a bad day, just looking at my locker makes me feel better."



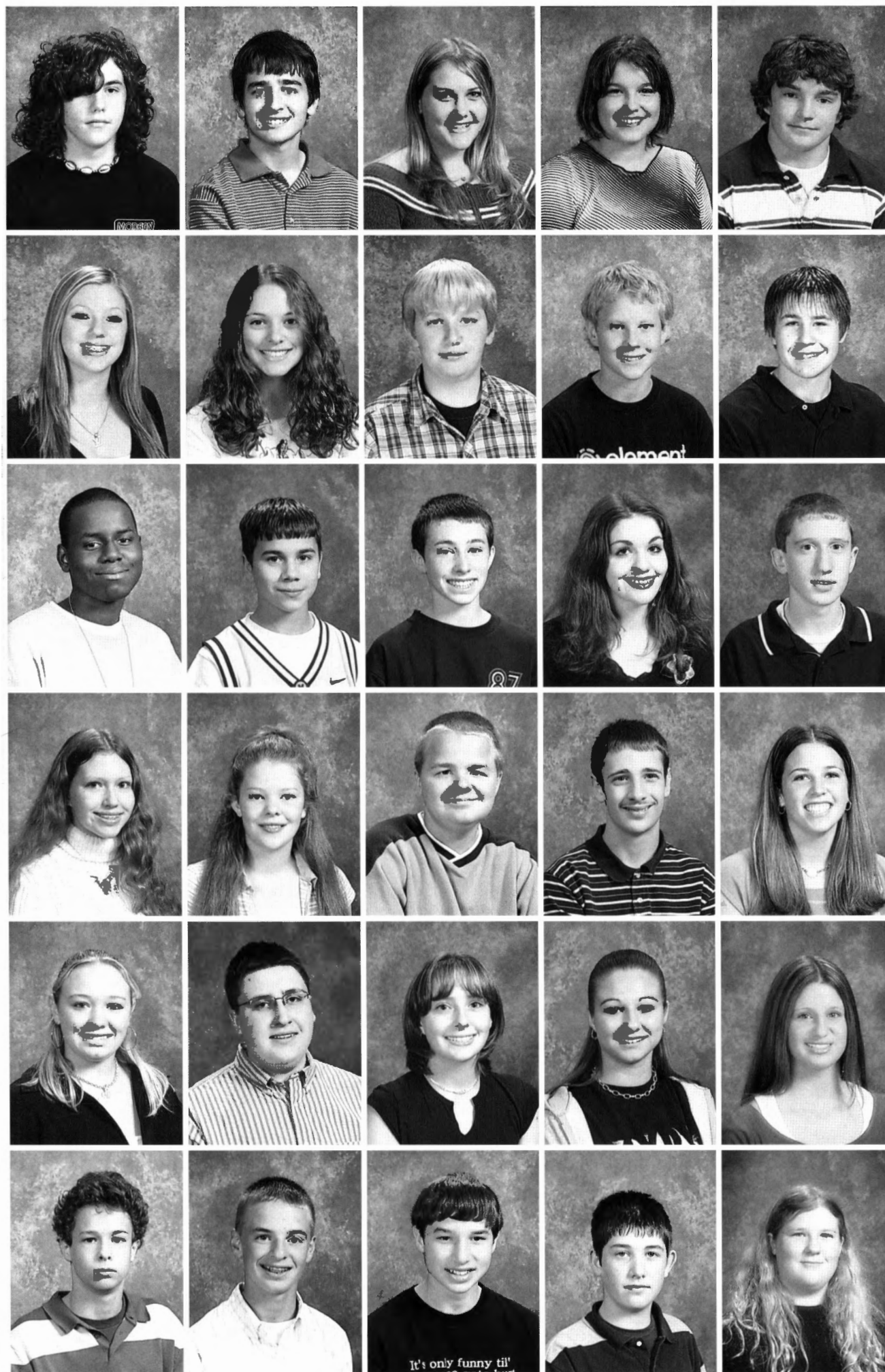
**Kendra Bollinger**  
"My locker never seems to stay clean."



## Answers

1c, 2d, 3b, 4a





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Jena Allen  
Kimberlie Alling  
Joshua Alton

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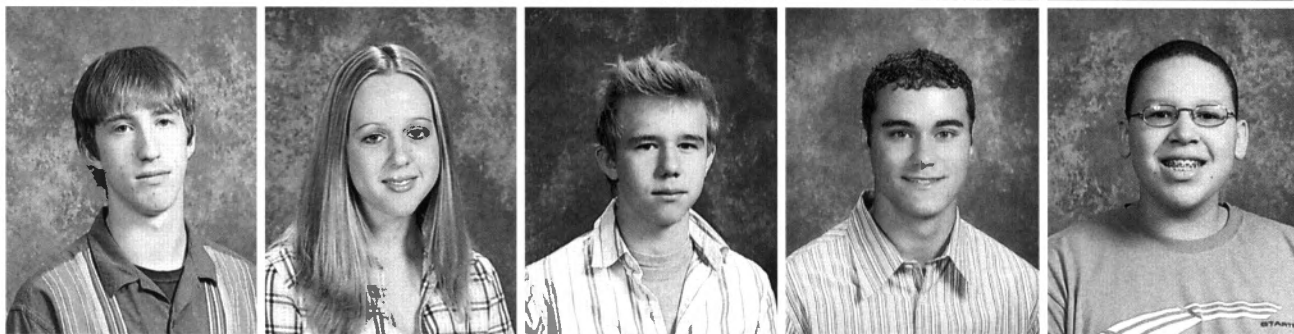
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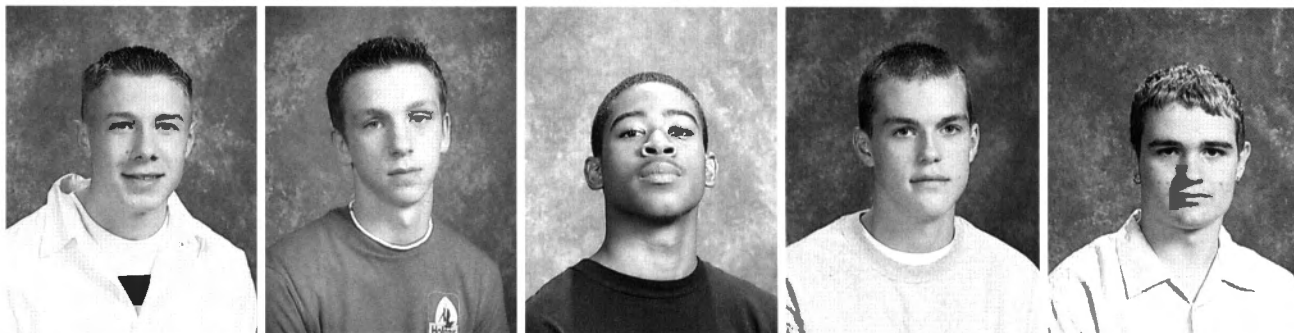
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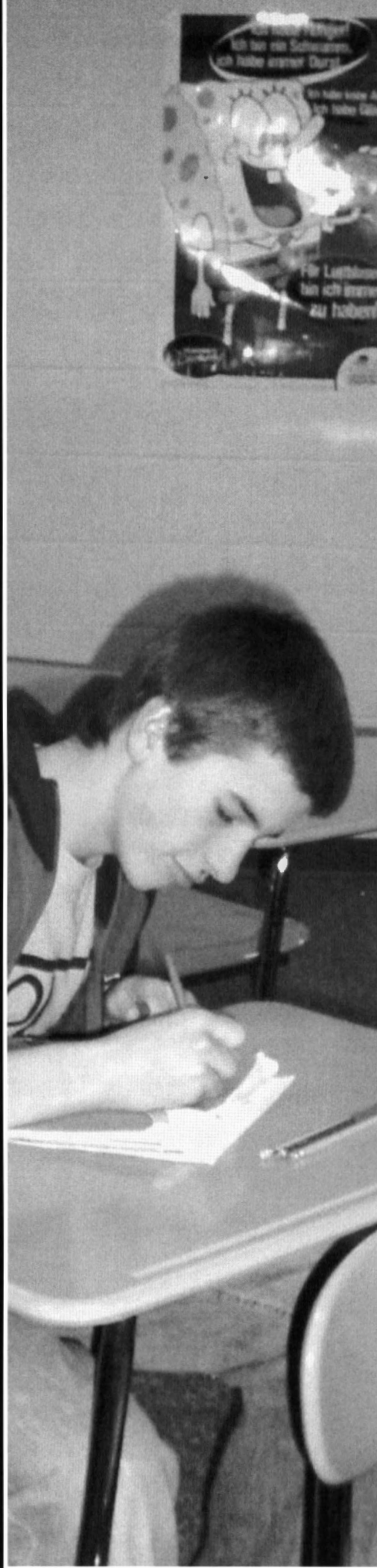
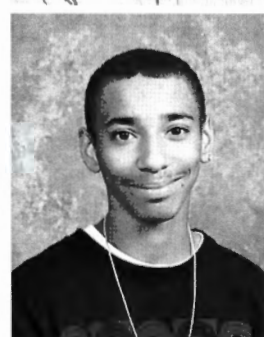
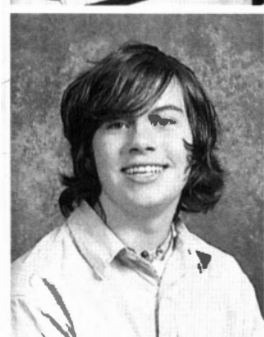
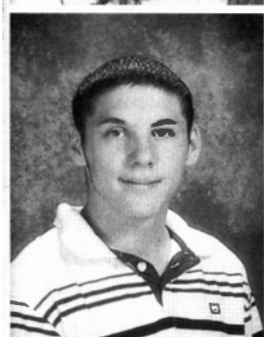
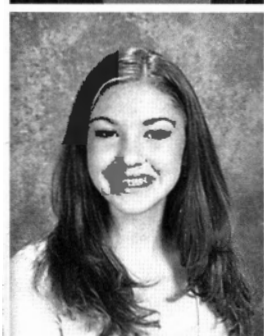
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Tashanne Brower  
Brenna Brown







While enjoying his favorite class, German I, sophomore Greg Appold looked back on his high school experience and said, "It's pretty cool having an older brother in the same school, probably because I don't see him that much. But he's funny and cool so I don't mind." Photo by Jessica Keener

## an INSIDE look at greg appold

by Audrey Kuhn

**Q.** How would you describe yourself in one word, and why?

**A.** Funny; I make people laugh.

**Q.** What's your favorite word and why?

**A.** Pickle, it's the funniest word in the English language.

**Q.** If you could pick to be any one person on a TV sitcom, who would it be and why?

**A.** George Costanza from *Seinfeld*: he's the guy that makes everybody laugh. He isn't totally the star, but everybody knows that he's what makes the show go.

**Q.** What would be your top three occupations that you would pick for yourself?

**A.** Sports announcer, anchor on a news show, and an outfielder for the Chicago cubs

**Q.** Which one of your teachers are you most like and why?

**A.** Mr. Giddings, he's the coolest one in the building

**Q.** Who are your closest friends?

**A.** Kacy Cryderman, Joe Verhougstraete, Dustin Liles, and Jay Bickel

**Q.** How do you know them?

**A.** Kacy and I kind of met in the gym last year. I met Joe in my math class. Dustin lives down the street from me. I met Jay, who goes to Potterville, in elementary school.

**Q.** What is your favorite type of bubblegum?

**A.** Bubble tape, original flavor.

**Q.** What is your favorite family tradition?

**A.** Every Christmas Eve, we get a whole butt-load of cookies and eat a bunch of them before we go to church.

**Q.** What's your most embarrassing moment?

**A.** I tried to get, like, fifty people to laugh with a joke I heard, and it was pretty funny, but nobody laughed. I got really embarrassed and tried to run off the stage but I tripped and fell, and then they all laughed at me.

**Q.** Out of the four times you've moved, what has been your favorite place to live, and why?

**A.** Holt, we were here the longest and I got to know a bunch of people.

**Q.** Do you have any unique tricks?

**A.** I can juggle pretty well. I can do the worm, and a stellar robot. Ooooh, the sprinkler is my best move though.



HOW MUCH DO SOPHOMORES KNOW ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL, STATE, AND COUNTRY?  
CAN THEY SURVIVE WITHOUT...

# Street Smarts

by Heather Piper

*Street Smarts* is a hit TV show that tests the intelligence of random "everyday" people on the streets. These people are asked several questions and then two contestants in the studio are picked to guess who answered the questions right or wrong depending on the round.

The game show is divided into three different rounds. The first round is called "Who Knew It" which is where the contestant is told the questions and then they guess who knew the right answer.

The next round is called "Who Blew It" which is where the contestant is told the question and then guesses which person on the street answered the question wrong.

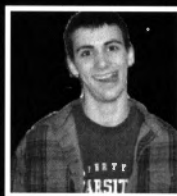
The last round is called "Pick Your Pony" which is when each contestant picks only one person from the streets to answer the questions. The contestant is then told the question and has to guess whether the person on the streets gets the question right or wrong. During the game whether or not the contestant guesses right depends on if they get the money.

So in order to reenact this hit TV show, I set out to scour the halls for random people in our school. Now, let's see who knew it and who blew it.

## Everyday people in the halls



Jenny Kozumplik



Nick Kanilopoulos



Ashley Miller

### "Who Knew It"

**Question:** What two states is the White House between?

**Rebecca picked:** Jenny

**Dustin picked:** Ashley

**Jenny answered:** Virginia and New York

**Ashley answered:** Virginia and Washington

**Right answer:** Virginia and Maryland

**Rebecca won \$0**

**Dustin won \$0**

**Question:** Name the four corner states.

**Rebecca picked:** Jenny

**Dustin picked:** Ashley

**Jenny answered:** WY, CO, WA, TN

**Ashley answered:** WI, ID, CO, ND

**Right answer:** UT, NM, CO, AZ

**Rebecca won \$0**

**Dustin won \$0**

### "Who Blew It"

**Question:** Approximately how long is the Mackinaw Bridge?

**Rebecca picked:** Jenny

**Dustin picked:** Nick

**Jenny answered:** 48 miles

**Nick answered:** 5 miles

**Right answer:** 5 miles

**Rebecca won \$200**

**Dustin won \$0**

**Question:** Chicago is the home of what basketball team?

**Rebecca picked:** Ashley

**Dustin picked:** Ashley

**Ashley answered:** The Bulls

**Right answer:** Chicago Bulls

**Rebecca won \$0**

**Dustin won \$0**

## The Contestants

### Winner



Rebecca Piper

### Loser



Dustin Liles

## "Pick Your Pony"

**Question:** Name the four oceans.

**Rebecca picked:** Jenny

**Dustin picked:** Nick

**Jenny answered:** Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic

**Nick answered:** Atlantic, Indian, Arctic, Pacific

**Right answer:** Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, Indian

**Rebecca won \$500**

**Dustin won \$500**

**Question:** Name the school motto.

**Rebecca picked:** Ashley

**Dustin picked:** Jenny

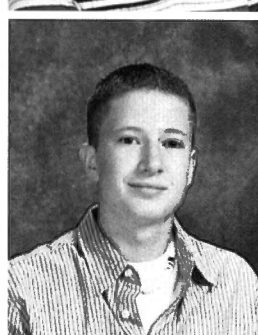
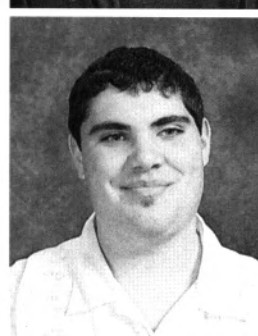
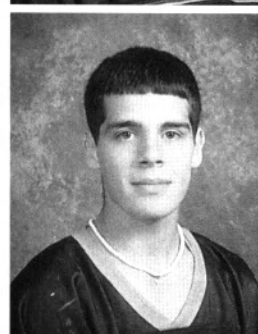
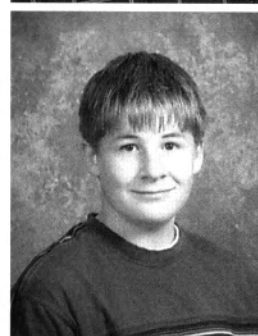
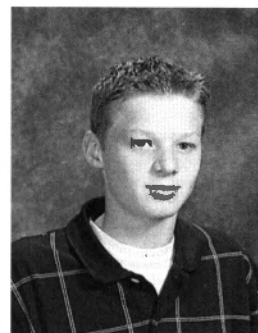
**Ashley answered:** Go Holt Rams

**Jenny answered:** We Care, We Learn, We Grow

**Right answer:** We Care, We Learn, We Grow

**Rebecca won \$500**

**Dustin won \$0**

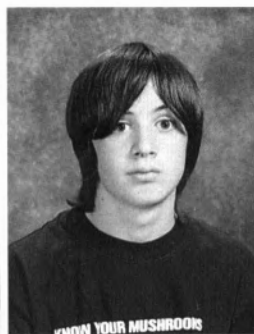
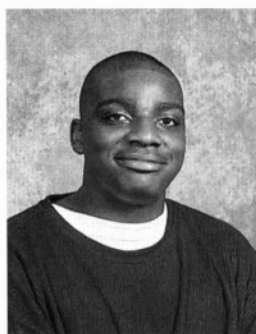




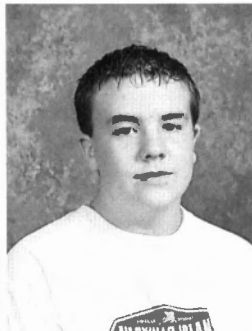
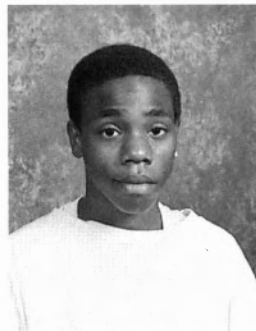




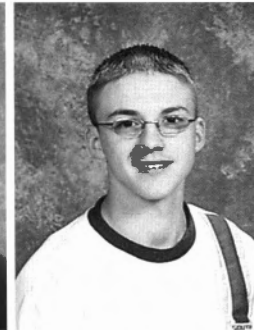
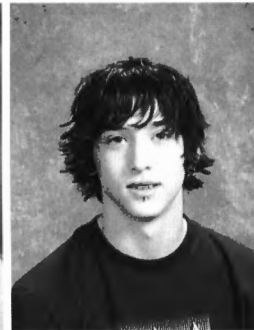
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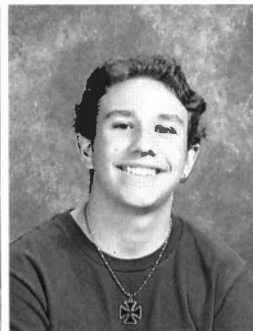
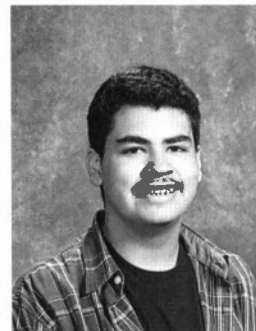
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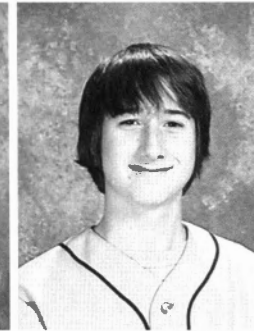
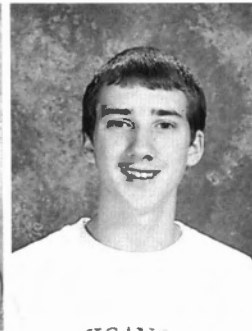
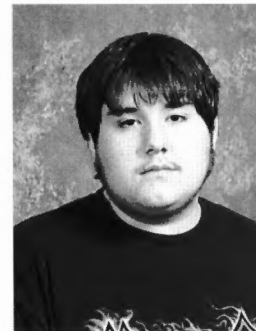
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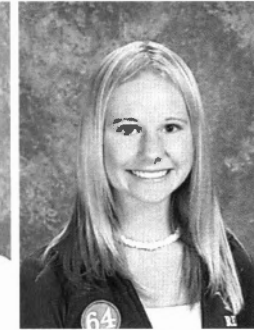
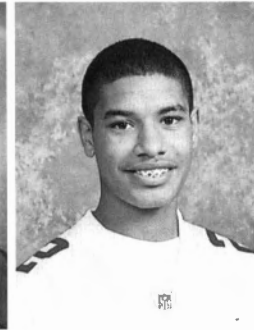
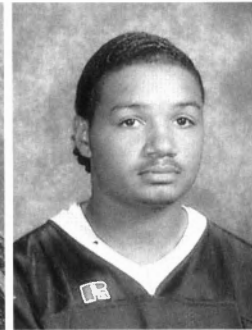
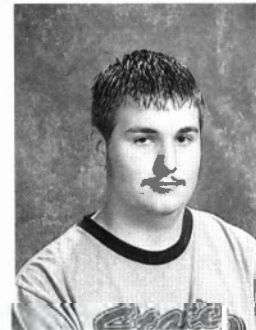
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# LEGALLY Blonde

by Afton Bondarenko

## Myths About Blondes



Sophomore  
Brittany  
Watson

**Do blondes really have more fun?**

"Yes, I think so. We just let go and have fun, and make a joke out of everything."

**Does the color of your hair make you dumb?**

"No! Come on now, my GPA is, like, 1.2. No, not really... I don't think my hair color affects how smart or dumb I am."

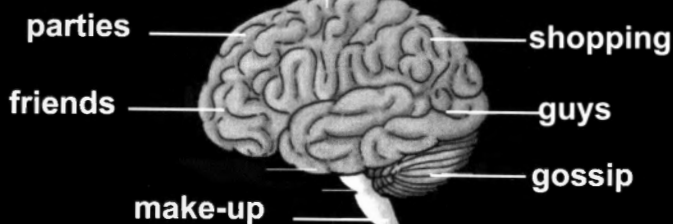
**Does your hair color make you more "ditzy"?**

"Like, totally!" (said jokingly)

## Inside My Blonde Head

with sophomore Erin Bondarenko

What a true blonde *really* thinks about...



## Top 5 Blonde Jokes

**Q:** Why was the blonde staring at the orange juice bottle?

**A:** Because it said concentrate

**Q:** Why does it take longer to build a blonde snowman as opposed to a regular one?

**A:** You have to hollow out the head

The blonde walks into a convenience store and the clerk asked if her blinker was on, she looked back and said, "Yes, no, yes, no..."

**Q:** How do you drown a blonde?

**A:** Put a scratch-n-sniff sticker at the bottom of a pool

**Q:** What do you call it when a blonde dyes her hair brunette?

**A:** Artificial intelligence

## Bottled Blonde



Moubray

Brandy

**Why do you dye your hair blonde?**

"I like the way I look blonde better than any other color."

**Did you notice a difference in how people treated you after dying your hair?**

"A lot of my friends make jokes about me being blonde."

## Natural Blonde



Whitford

Jessie

**Do you get made fun of for being a blonde?**

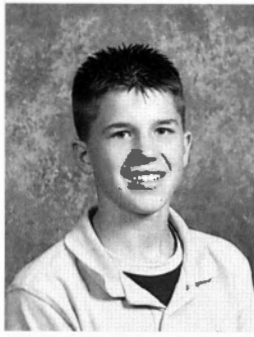
"If I don't get a joke or something like that, they're all just like, well, you're a blonde or something stupid like that."

**What do you like least about being blonde?**

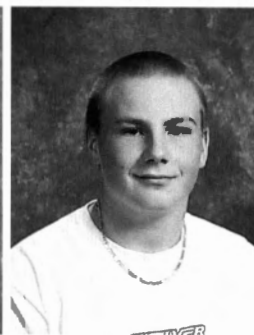
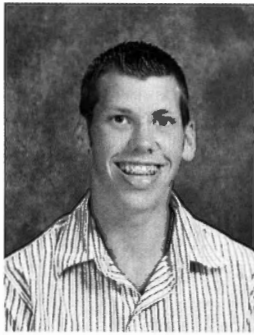
"The stupid jokes, and people thinking I'm dumb because of my hair color."



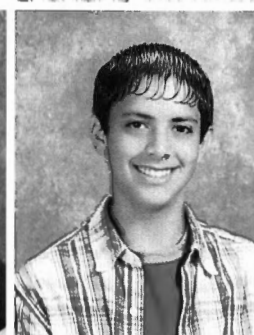
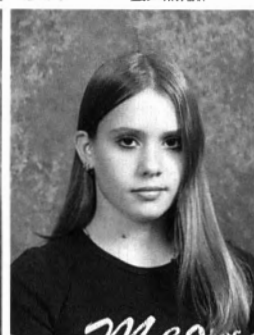
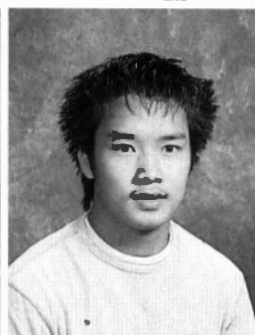
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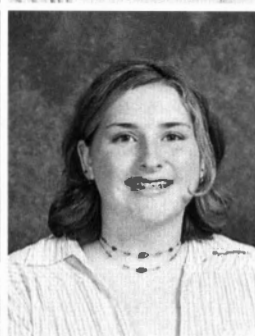
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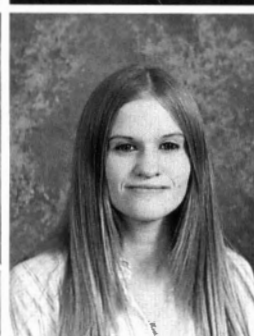
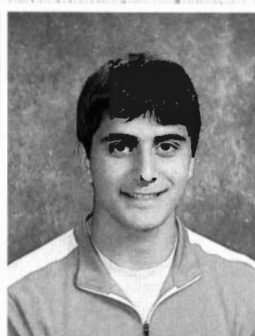
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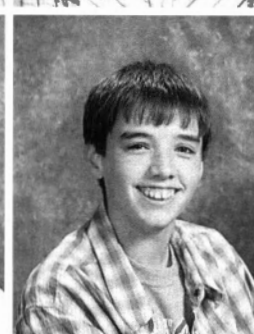
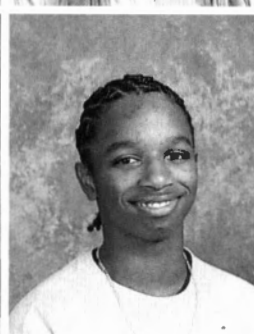
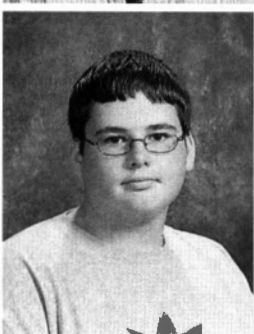
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# an INSIDE look at Stavroula Kyriakopoulos

by Sarah Turner

When most people think about Stavroula Kyriakopoulos, they think of a thoughtful person with a kind smile. Known for being friendly to everyone, Stavroula was nominated as a sophomore Homecoming Court Representative. Her favorite part about school is seeing all of her friends.

She is in cheerleading, which she has been involved in for three years. Last year was her first year playing lacrosse and she made varsity in a sport in which she describes herself as "pretty competitive."

Kyriakopoulos is described by her friends as a fun, outgoing, and adventurous person. While on vacation he has been parasailing and snorkeling, both of which she enjoyed doing. "I want to travel to all 50 states and five foreign countries before I die. I've been to Greece, England, and Mexico already."

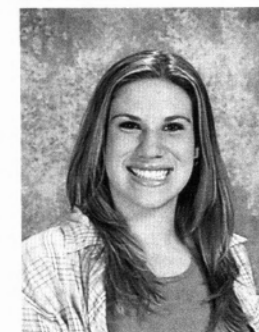
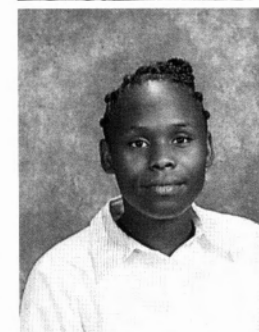
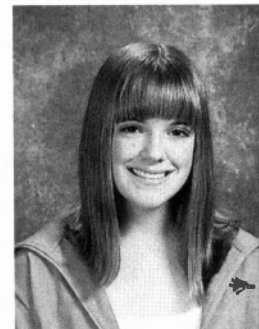
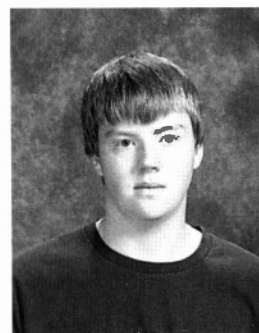
Her sense of adventure has gotten her into some embarrassing moments: "During Halloween I was over at this girls house with some friends," said Kyriakopoulos. "We decided to steal pumpkins from a neighbor... Everything was slippery because it had rained. As we were running back down the hill with the pumpkins, I started sliding on the muddy hill. I couldn't stop and there was a car in front of me. There was no way I was going to make it under the car so I purposely ran into it. I ended up smashing my thumb; the next day it was all purple and swollen."

**In spite of recent heartache,** sophomore **Stavroula Kyriakopoulos** loves to have a good time. Her sparkling humor shines through as she talks about her friends, her family, and her dreams for moving on.  
*Photo by Sarah Turner*





Praying that things will work out for the better, sophomore **Cody Davis** waits patiently for **Cassandra Meier** to apply his eye shadow. The duo had a great time "reinventing" each other. *Photo by Christina McPike*



# Girls' Quips and Boys' Tips

by Christina McPike

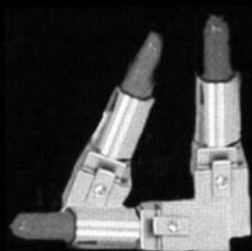
Knowledge of the opposite sex is very limited when it comes to hardware and styling tips. Most girls don't know what a torque wrench is and the majority of guys couldn't identify a triple-barrel curling iron to save their life.

The question of who could make over a member of the opposite sex was posed, and many people responded. Using objects and substances meant for that gender, and perhaps a little extra, the selected males and females rendered their body, and possibly their humility, to get in

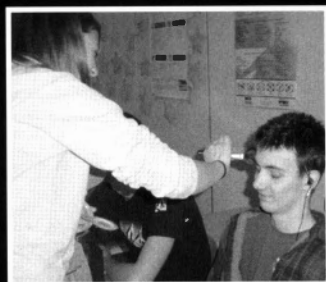
touch with their inner self.

Within the time span of one hour, the four individuals had transformed. Some however, more than others. The men and women looked worse for wear. Sophomore **Cassandra Meier** was one of the lucky ladies to be made over: "The whole thing was an adventure, I never thought I'd be made up by a guy."

While this might be a rather exciting experience, sophomore **Cody Davis** said, "I think this will be the only time in my life that I can put make-up on a girl with her permission."



## Opposite Sex Makeovers



Sitting pretty while sophomore **Melanie Dalton** experiments with colors that match his skin tone, sophomore **Nick Kanillopoolos** closes his eyes in anticipation and waits for the final outcome. *Photo by Christina McPike*

"They even put guacamole on my face!"

Sophomore **Melanie Dalton**

## Tools of the trade...



### Guys Say:

"It's a compass, where you draw a circle with it. You use it in math, duh," said sophomore **Bobby Becsey**.

### Experts Say:

"This is a straightening iron, they have them at barber shops," said sophomore **Courtney Noack**.



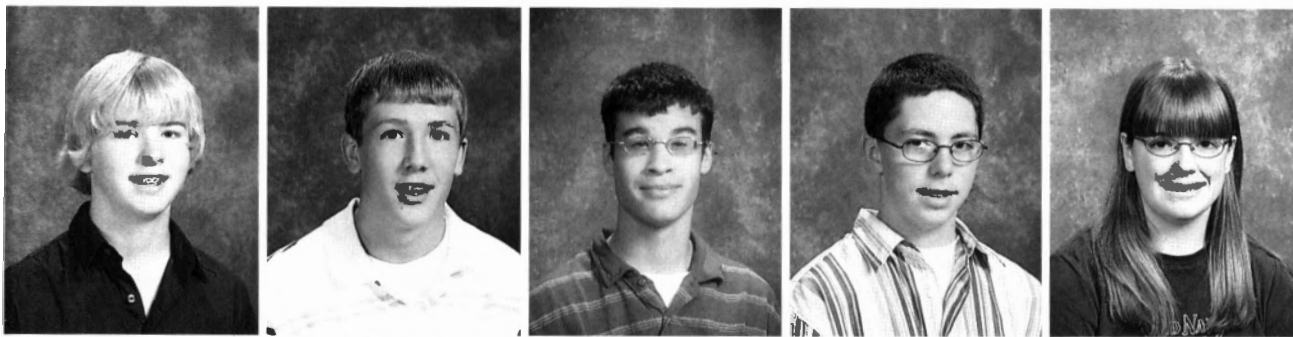
### Girls Say:

"It's a shocker, like a tazer, to kill people," said sophomore **Sammy Le**.

### Experts Say:

"It's a soldering gun. You connect wires to speakers and crap," said sophomore **Jesse Schneider**.

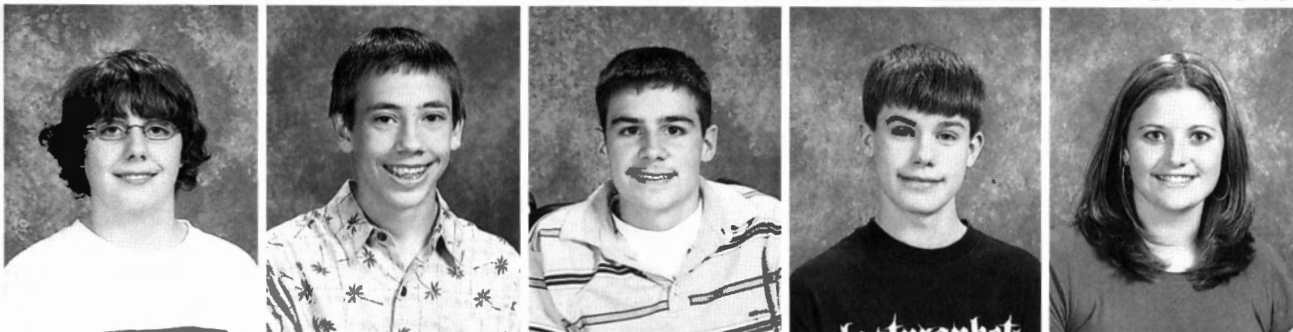




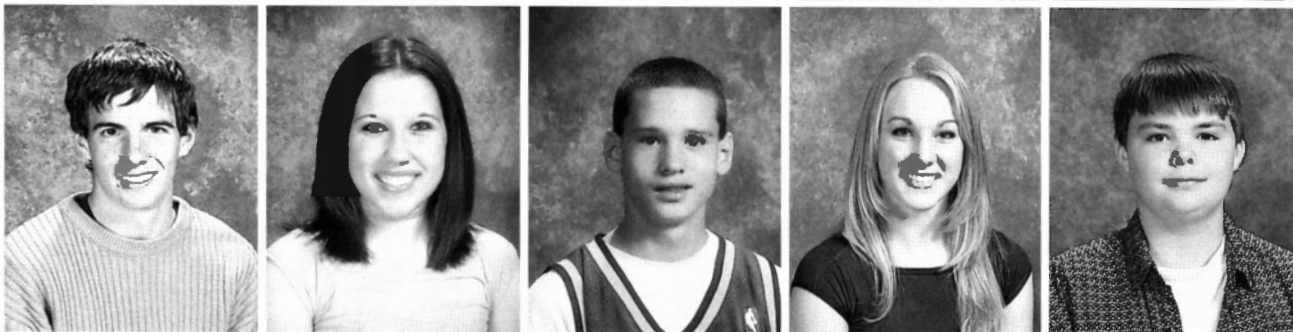
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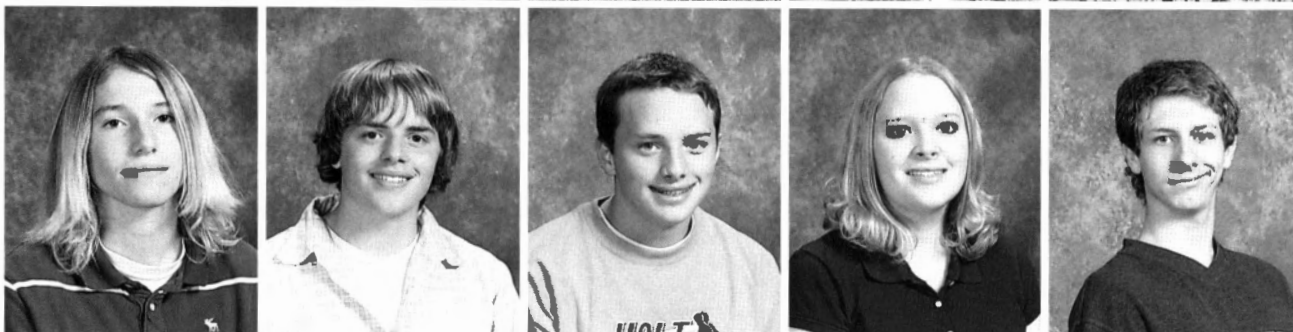
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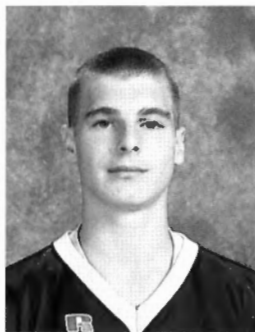
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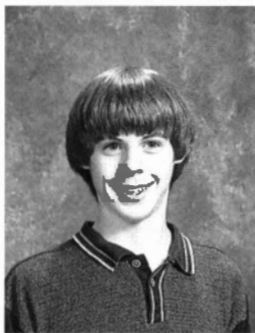
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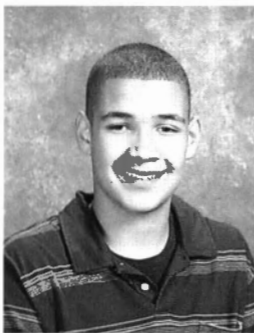
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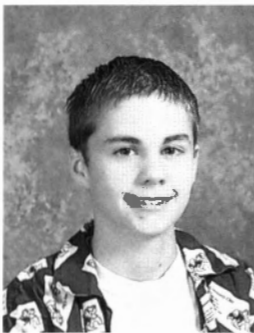
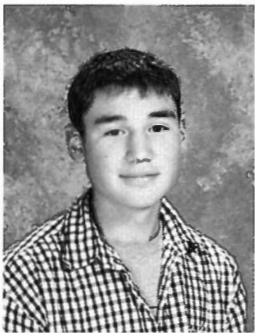
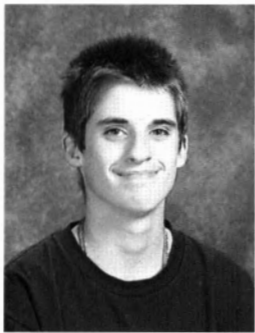
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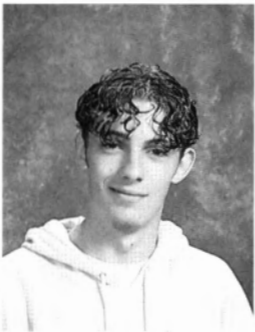
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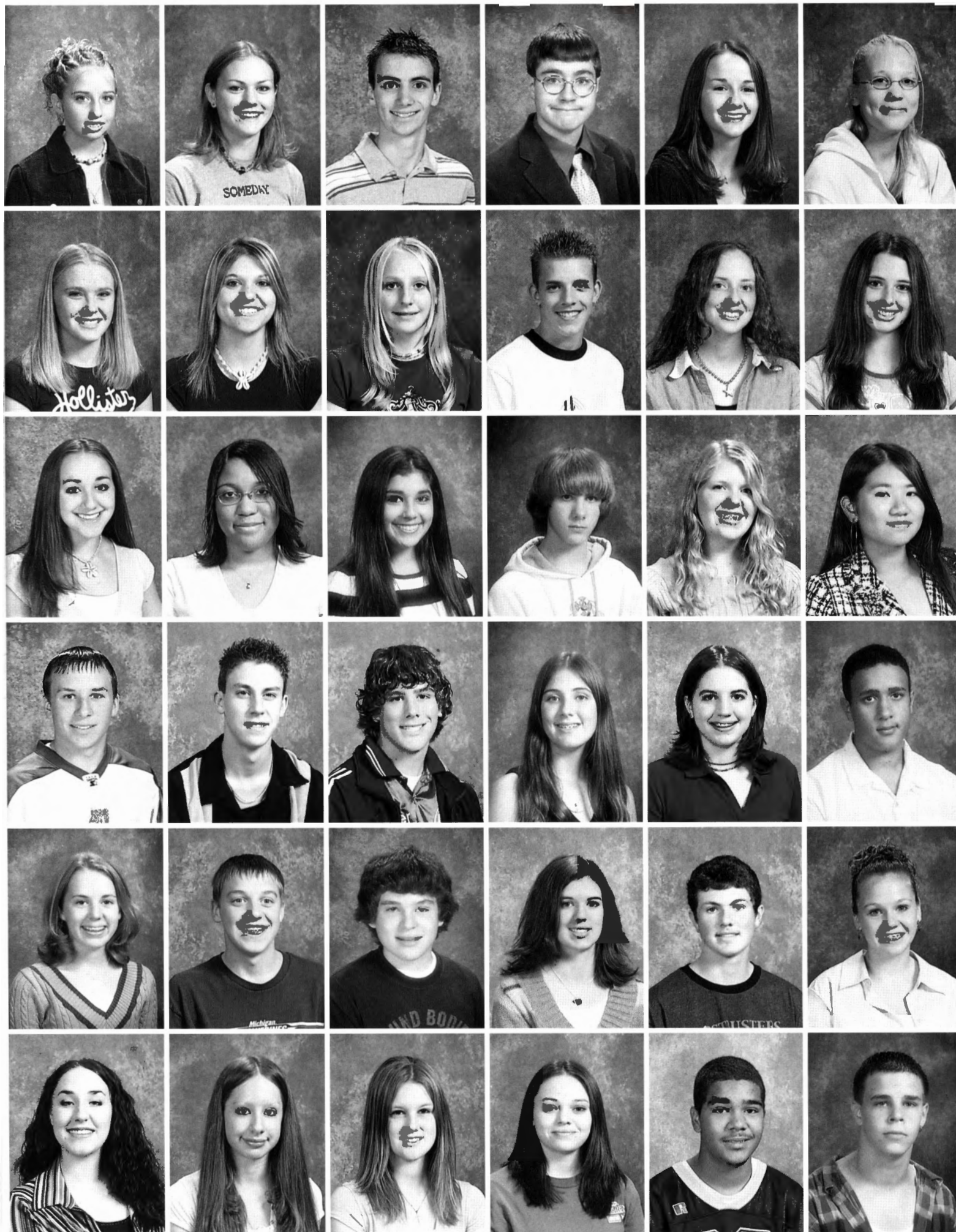
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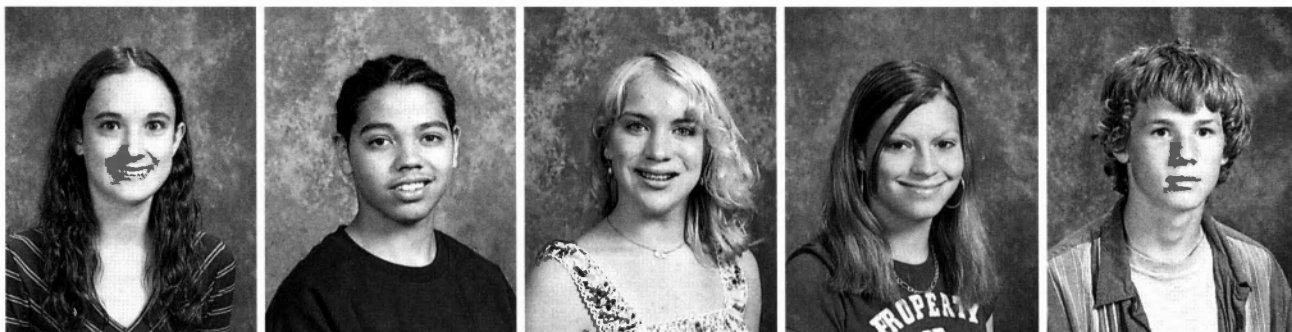




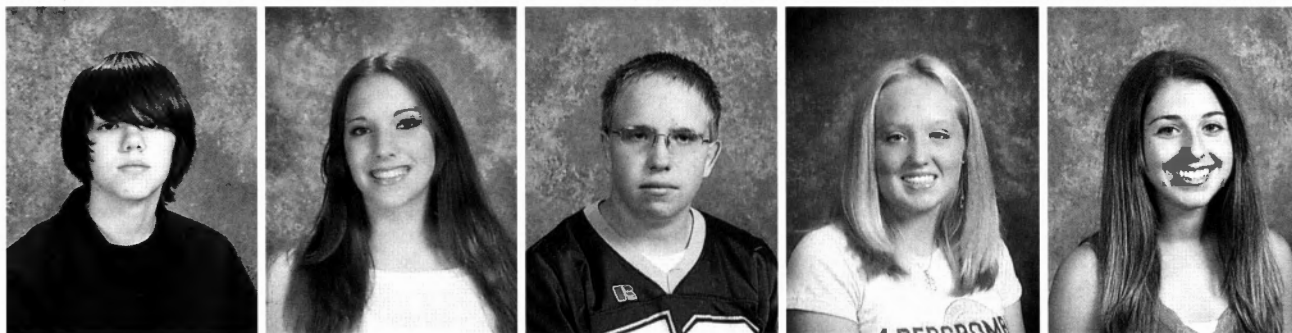




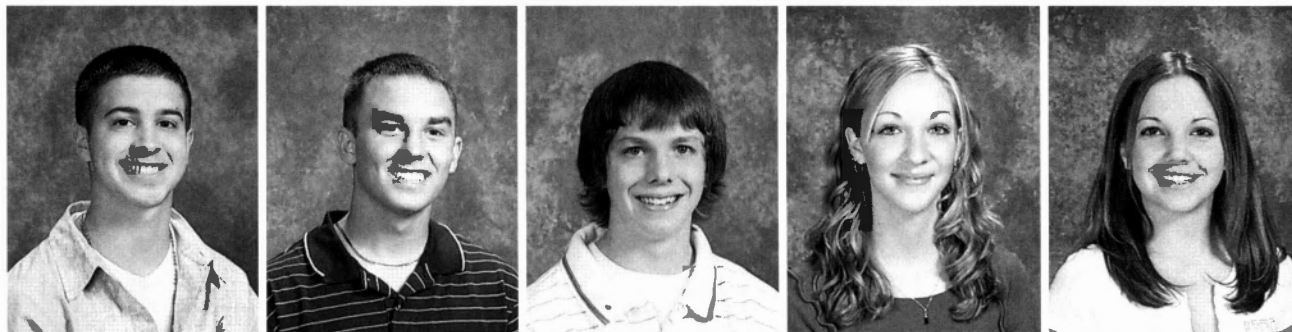
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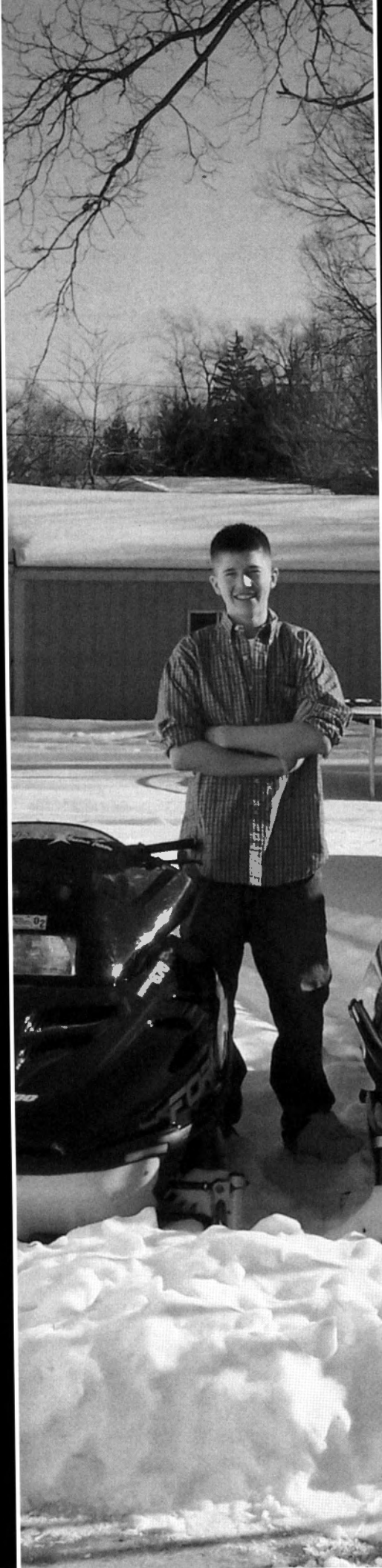
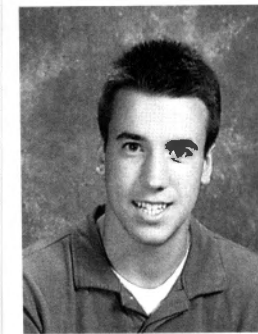
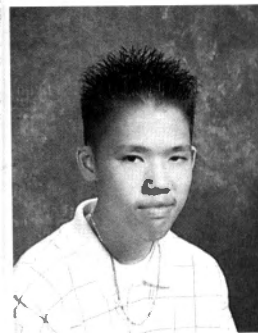
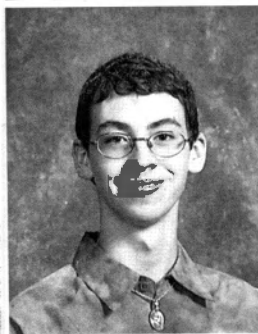
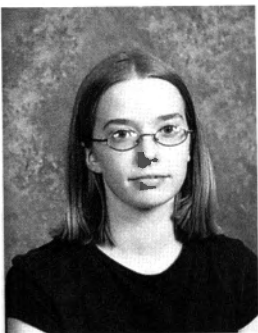
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**Standing out by his snowmobile,** sophomore **Kameron Fenstermaker** is almost ready to race. He needs to suit up, get his helmet on, and warm up his Ski-doo Mach 1 670. He hopes to beat senior **Ben Berry's** Arctic Cat ZR 600 and older friend **Derek Johnson's** Polaris XCR 600 in a drag race. "I think I can win, but I'm gonna need to hook up good off the line," says Fenstermaker. *Photo by Ben Berry*

## an **INSIDE** look at **kameron fenstemaker**

by Ben Berry

**Q. What do you do in off school time?**

**A.** Texas Hold'em and hang out with friends.

**Q. Who is someone you look up to?**

**A.** Hugh Heffner, Doyle Brunson

**Q. What's your dream job and why?**

**A.** To be a mechanic so I can build my own fast car.

**Q. What makes you unique?**

**A.** Probably all the stories I have of times I've hurt myself

**Q. Who are your best friends?**

**A.** Ben Berry, Brandon Boatman, Ryan Foorman, Alex Earhardt, Kenny Cox

**Q. What are your hobbies?**

**A.** Snowmobiling, tubing, wrestling, biking, basketball

**Q. What's one of the first things you think of when you wake up in the morning?**

**A.** Crap! I have to go to school.

**Q. What kind of pets do you have if any?**

**A.** Two dogs and one fish

**Q. If you could live anywhere in the world where would that be?**

**A.** "The Dirty D." (Dimondale)

**Q. What's your favorite place to eat?**

**A.** Taco Bell, and Bob Evans in the morning.

### **kam's favorite...**

**Color:** Blue

**Pop:** Cherry Pepsi or Coke

**Song:** "Paint Me A Birmingham" by Tracy Lawrence

**Snowmobile:** Ski-doo Mach 1

**Car:** Chevy Corvette

**Boat:** Baja Outlaw

**Clothing Brand:** Polo Ralph Lauren

**Shoe:** Phat Farms



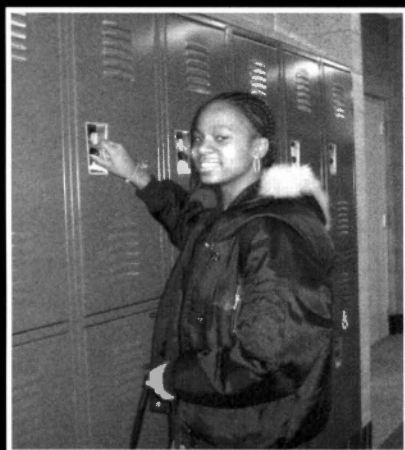
# walking in new shoes

by Katie Knop

**Sophomore Kaylee Hunt** has survived her first year in high school by taking short cuts to avoid big crowds on the way to class. *Photo by Katie Knop*



**Sophomore Jamie Jones** stops between classes to grab her binders from her locker. *Photo by Katie Knop*



It's like being the fish in a tank of sharks, only it's worse... it's being in high school for the first time.

Everyone knows what to do, but you're lost trying to figure out where your first hour might possibly be.

"My biggest fear coming in was that it was going to be a lot different than Sexton," said sophomore Tyler Houser.

The classmates are the same, but the atmosphere is new; the size scares most people, but for others it's a different challenge.

Sophomore Travis Ireland said, "The biggest change I noticed from junior high till now is that I have to walk twice as far to get to my classes."

In addition to being late for classes, sophomores fear being late for school. Sophomore Hana Hall said that the line of traffic outside the school in the mornings frequently makes her late. "We get here at 7:15, but I'm often not able to be dropped off until 7:30."

Although walking into the high school for the first time will never be easy, just remember there will always be someone next to you who is just as confused as you are.

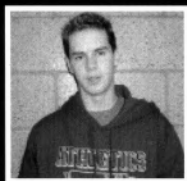
## What is your favorite thing about high school?



**"The space:** it's easier to get from one place to another," says sophomore **Jeremy Hull**. *Photo by Katie Knop*



**"Nutrition break** because it's ten extra minutes to wake up before third hour," says sophomore **Kyn-dra Hoskins**. *Photo by Katie Knop*



**"Being able to be here** with all of my friends," says sophomore **Jacob Jackson**. *Photo by Katie Knop*



**"Lunch** because it's the only time I get to sit and hang out with my friends," says sophomore **Amber Ignowski**. *Photo by Katie Knop*

## giving hope for the future



**"Just like any other year** come in with a good attitude and do your work." Sophomore **Justin Hough** advises to future sophomores. *Photo by Katie Knop*



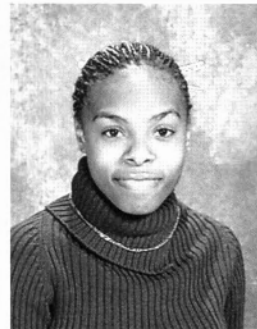
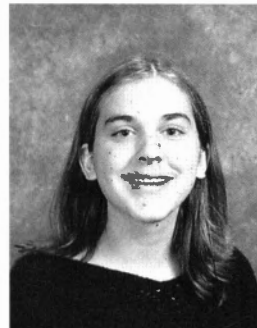
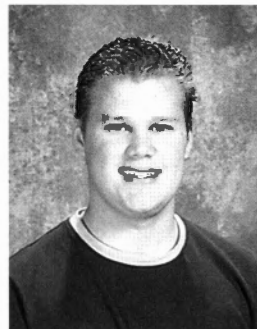
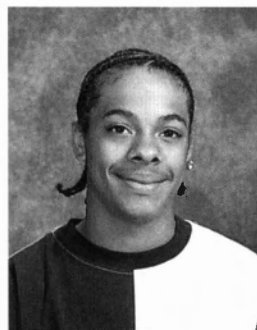
**Sophomore Jamie Jones** advice is, "Get big binders so you don't have to go back and forth to your locker all the time." *Photo by Katie Knop*



**Staying organized** and going through to look at classes before hand is what helped sophomore **Heather Jenks** through her sophomore year. *Photo by Katie Knop*



**"Make as many friends as you can** in different grades," says sophomore **Kaylee Hunt** on how to make your first year in high school the easiest. *Photo by Katie Knop*







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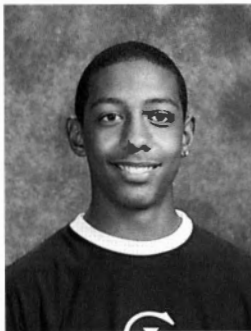
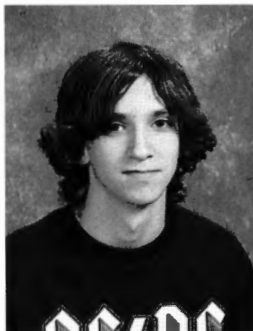
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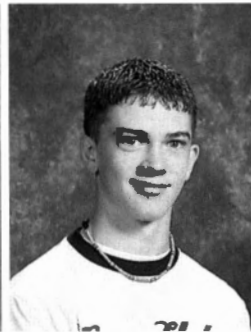
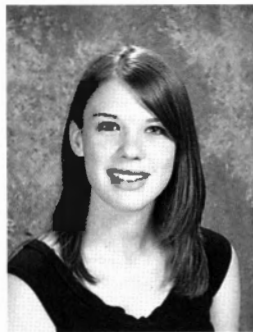
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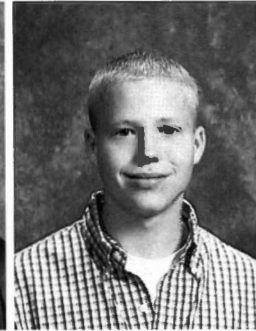
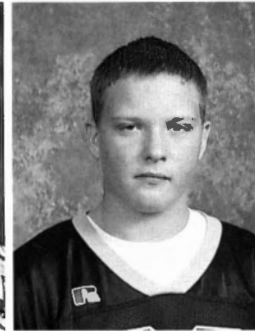
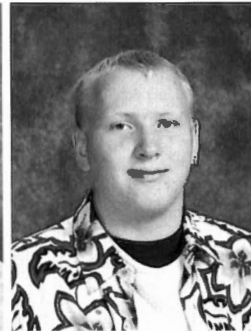
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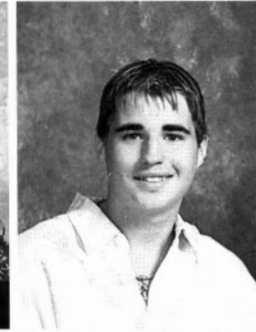
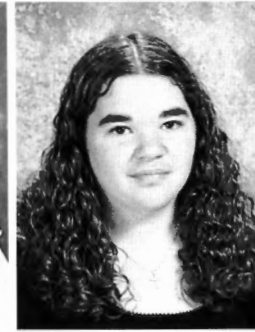
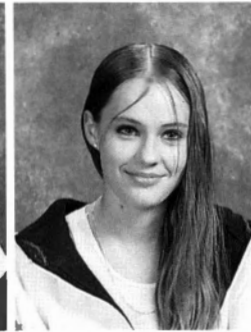
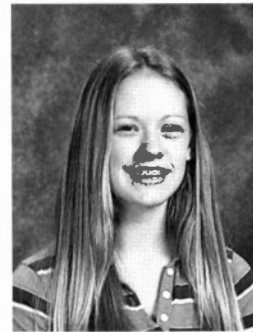
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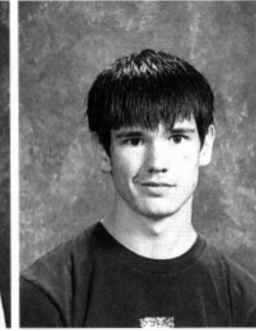
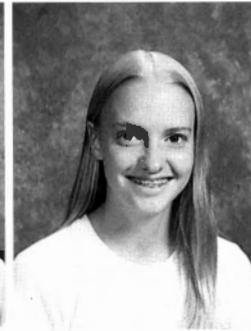
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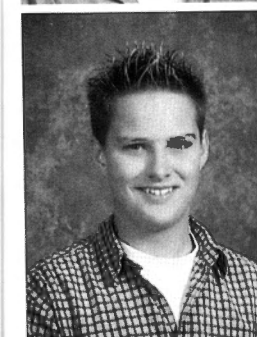
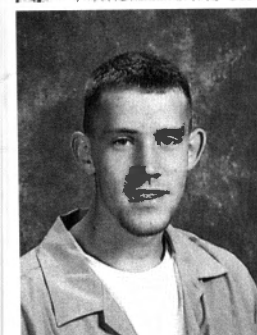
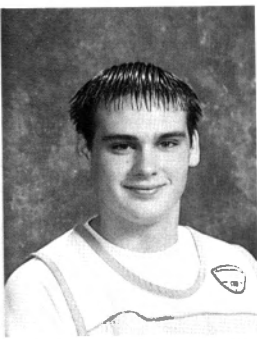
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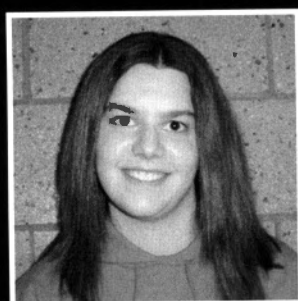




Candy hearts, secret admirers, a red carnation left in your locker... These symbols of Valentine's Day bring delight to some and heartbreak to others. Whether dating or single, many of us have strong emotions connected to that annual day of cupids and candy hearts.



## VALENTINE'S DAY: Magic or Massacre?



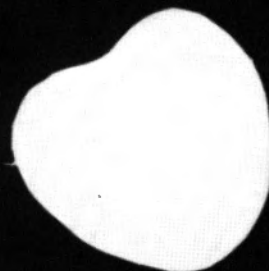
"I remember in elementary school we had to give Valentine's to everybody and not every kid wanted to do it. So this kid took those candy hearts with the messages on them and licked the letters off and then took a marker and wrote really mean things on them and handed them out. It was a Valentine's Day tragedy."

~ Lauren Siebert



"I remember just making cards for my friends out of computer paper and wrapping stuff around my house in red paper for my family as presents."

~ Cameron Salt



by Enjoli Marks

The sweet memories of the time of the year where the love of friends, family, and couples are spread about the land... This time of the year is Valentine's Day. To some people, it is the best time of the year. But, to others it can leave some of the most hurtful and saddest memories.

Some of the most memorable Valentine's moments are the one of our years in elementary school. "I remember having to buy those little Valentine's for everyone in the class in elementary school," said sophomore Elizabeth Sierminski.

It always seemed like in those elementary memories there was someone who tried to be the mean and hurtful one out of all the classmates. "So this kid took those candy hearts with the messages on them and licked the letters off and then took a marker and wrote really mean things on them and handed them out. It was a Valentine's Day tragedy," said sophomore Lauren Siebert.

Another memory that most of us can remember is making our homemade Valentine's. "Just making cards for my friends out of computer paper and wrapping stuff my house in red paper for my family as presents," said sophomore Cameron Salt.

No matter what the memories are, good or bad, we will always remember the times we had on Valentines Day.



**Baton twirling is sophomore Melanie Dalton's** favorite sport. She has been on the Holt twirling team for one year now and absolutely loves it. She has been twirling for nine to ten years now and isn't planning on stopping any time soon. Along with twirling, she is also a member of the varsity dance team. *Photo by Heather Ungerman*

## an **INSIDE** look at **Melanie Dalton**

by Heather Ungerman

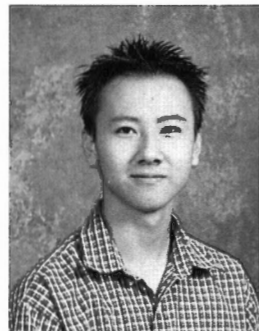
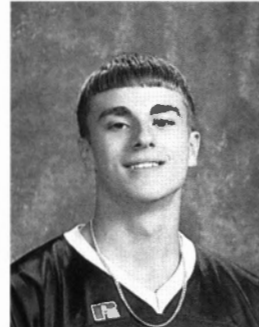
Do you remember the first time you went out on the ice or turned over your first cartwheel? You share something with so many other passionate high schoolers, the remembrance of your first experience. Each person has their own passion in life, the thing they love to do and strive to do great at. Melanie Dalton's passion is baton twirling and dancing. Dalton has been dancing for eleven years and twirling for nine or ten years.

So how did she become so involved in dance when she was so young? "I was a really hyper child and had a bit of a club foot, so they thought that dance would fix that. I don't think it did, but I love dance," said Dalton.

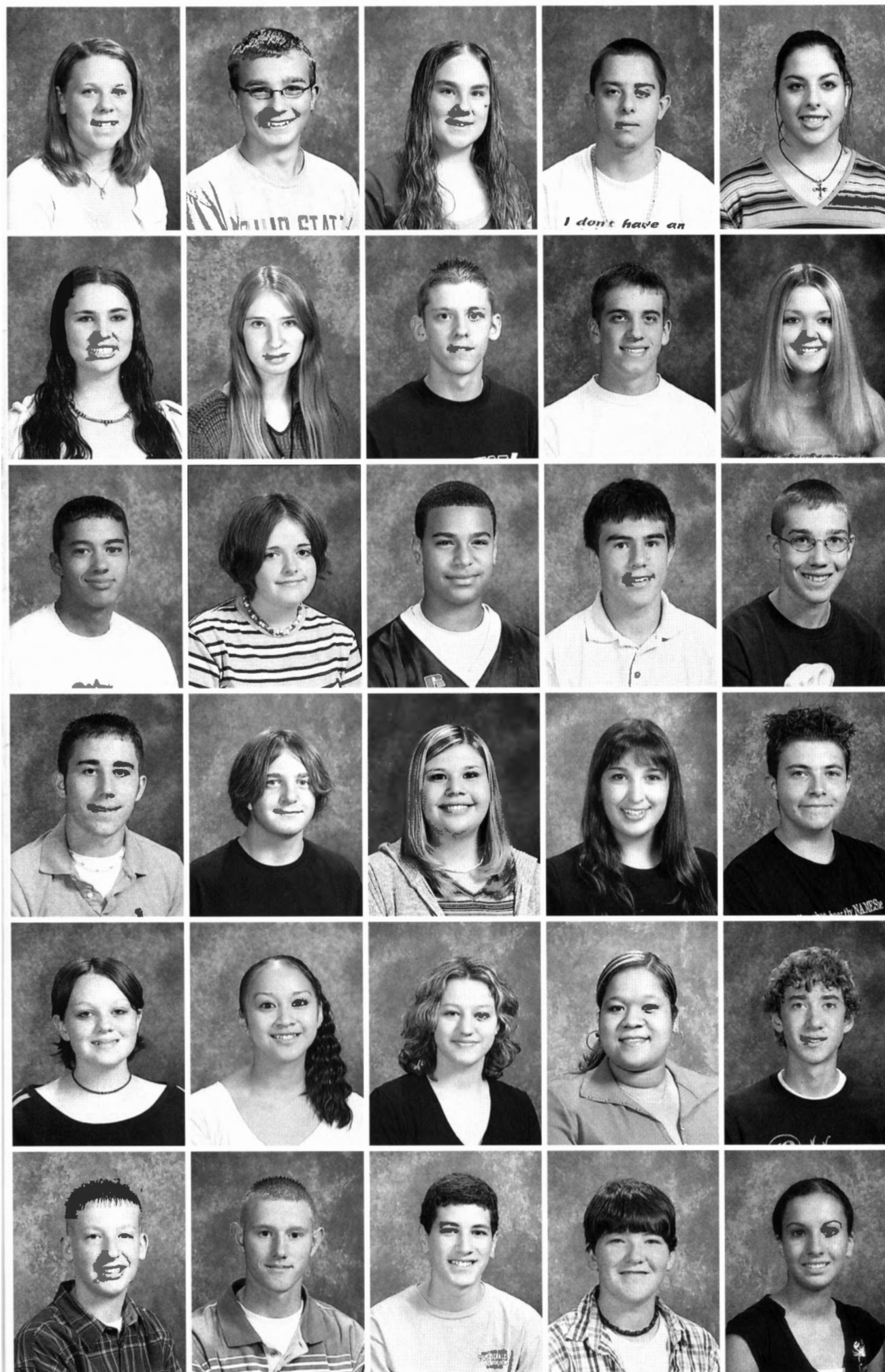
She first got into twirling because when she was younger Franny DeJongh's mom used to babysit her and Franny was taking a twirling class. One afternoon both moms were talking and Dalton's mom decided to take her to the class. She checked it out and really liked it.

Although she has been dedicated to both of the sports a long time, she decided that she likes twirling better. "I like twirling better because there is more involved and you really have to know what you are going to do. You can't be afraid of getting hurt because you get hurt a lot," said Dalton.

Being on the varsity dance team and twirling team, Dalton doesn't have a lot of time to herself, but she is thinking of taking even more dance classes sometime soon. She wants to take some jazz technique and ballet technique classes at Karyn's Dance Studio in Holt.







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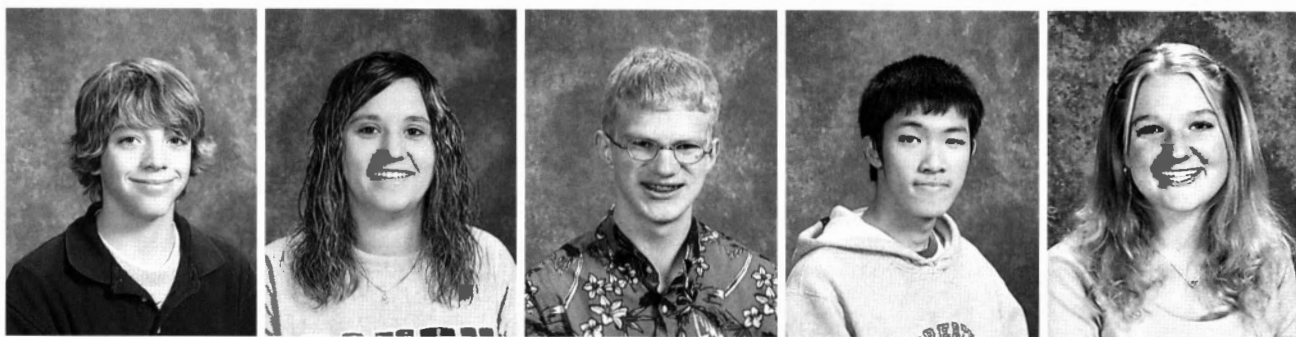
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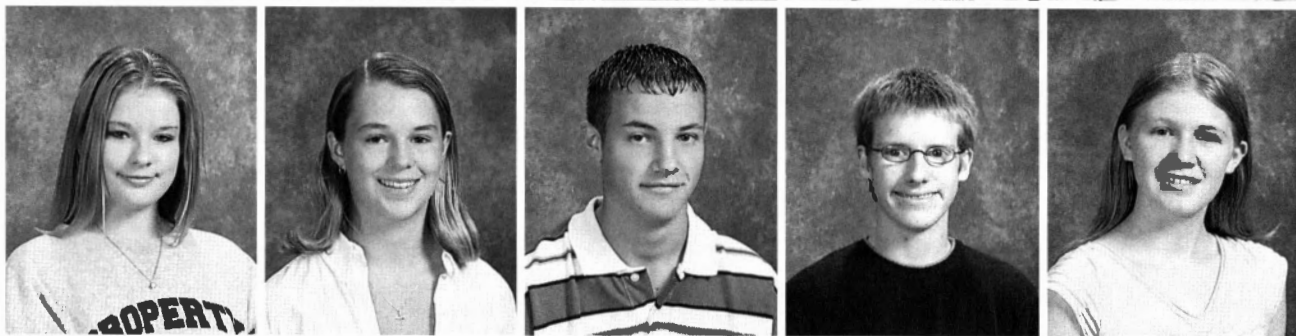
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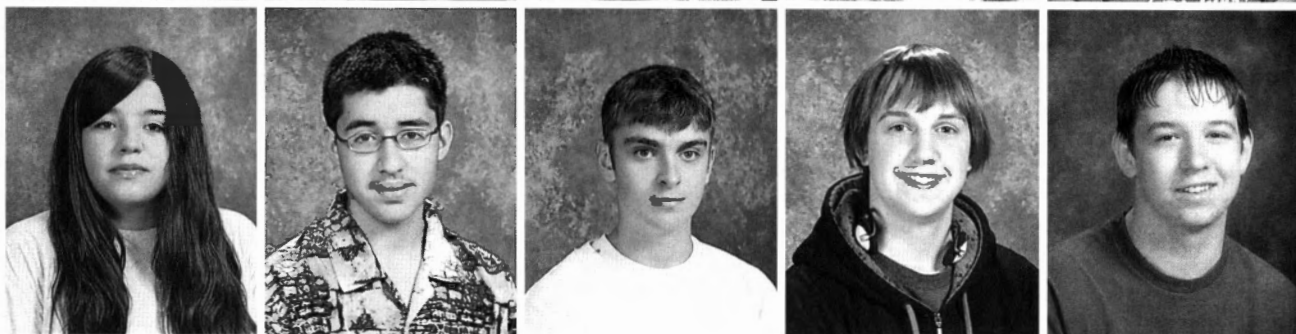
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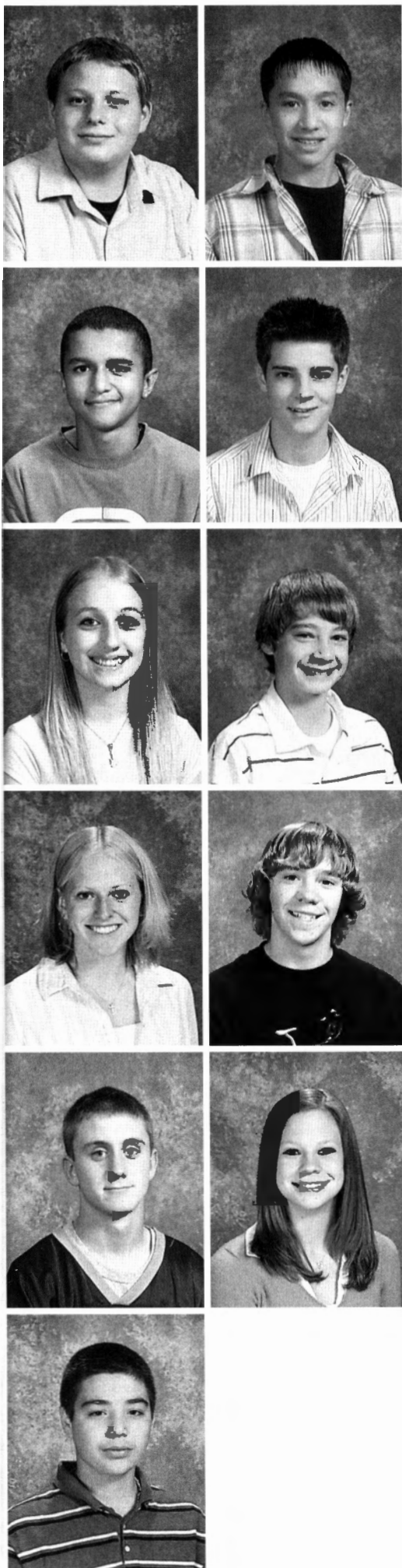
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"My friends influence me because their opinions influence my decisions."  
~ Amber Moquist

# Family vs. Friends

## Who influences you more?

by Enjoli Marks

It used to be that parents were the ones influencing their kids. Now that students are in high school, friends have a greater influence. Peer pressure rates higher on us these days, affecting teens in both good and bad ways, than when our parent or even grandparents were our age.

Yet parents need not worry too much about their lessening control over their teens' lives because many teenagers, like the three featured below, still rely on their parents' advice and guidance in making important decisions.



"My parents influence me because usually I think, 'What are my parents going to say when they find out that I did this.'"  
**Alex Freeman**



"My parents influence me because they tell me what's right and wrong."  
**Brandi Dittenber**



"My family influences me because they are always there supporting me."  
**Ignacio Centro**



# teachers' pets... literally!

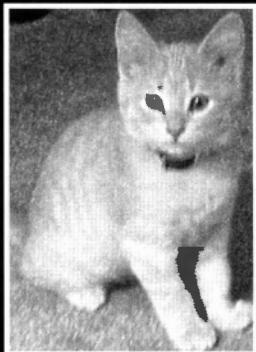
by Samantha Mittleman

Waking up with a wet nose in the face is a sacrifice that many teachers are willing to make. To many, these animals are their children. "I have no family...so I am kind of into my dog... that or I am a real dork," teacher Meggean Bos laughed. These animals put a real spin on who we call a teacher's pet.



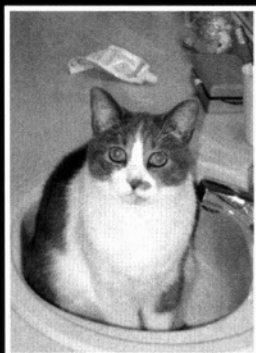
"Both my wife and I claim to be Logan and Reagan's owners, however the dogs much prefer the company of Mrs. Pulver," physics teacher **Eric Pulver** said. *Courtesy Photo*

"He'll be laying on the floor, when suddenly he'll leap a foot in the air, race around the room, shoot up the back of the couch, do a back flip and run full speed into the patio door — totally unaware that claws can't scale glass. Then he's right back in the middle of the floor finishing his nap," said intern **Jenelle Gray** of her cat Oliver. *Courtesy Photo*



"Moonlight had surgery the same time my daughter had eight teeth removed," librarian **Mary deWolf** said. "They both had to have hot compresses on their faces. It was pretty funny to see them both with their own hot cloth." *Courtesy Photo*

"Wesley likes to get into the sink when my husband is done shaving," English teacher **Christine Fisher** said. "He likes the warm water so he just goes and sits there until Brian kicks him out to brush his teeth." *Courtesy Photo*



"Sulley and Ringo despise baths, but they will swim all day in the grandparents' pool. I think it's funny that Ringo is just like my husband Scott, and Sulley is so much like me," said English teacher **Anne Russo**. *Courtesy Photo*

## can you pick the pet?



Amy Clark



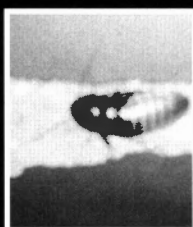
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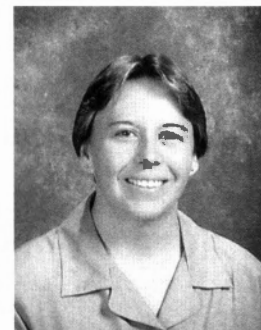
Hissing Cockroach



Tiny D.

**ANSWERS:**

A: Tiny D. B: Macey C: Hissing Cockroach







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Sandra Bernier  
Dave Bird



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Meggean Bos  
Wilma Buck  
Jamie Buxton  
Sean Carmody  
Margi Charette



Debbie Childers  
Amy Clark  
Cliff Conrad  
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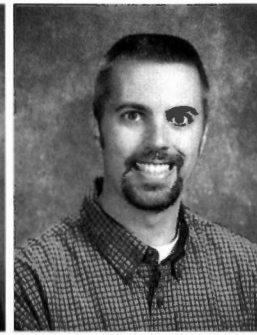
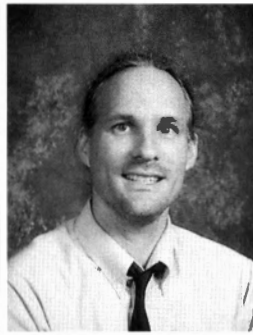
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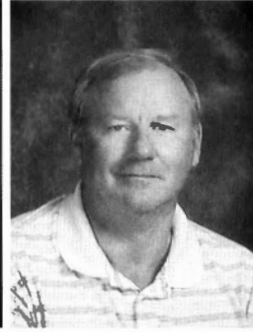
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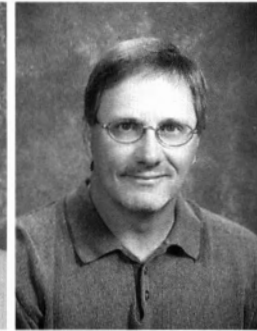
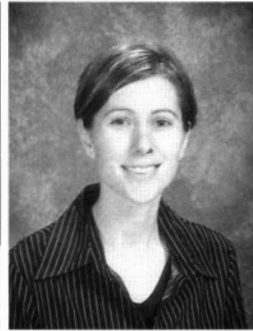
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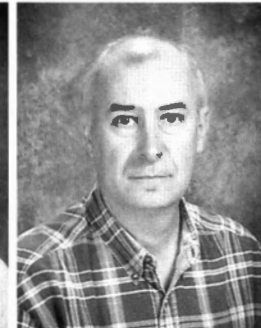
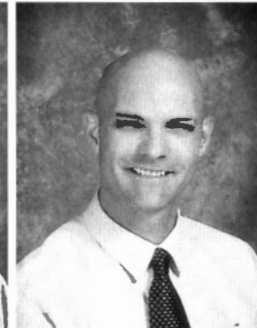
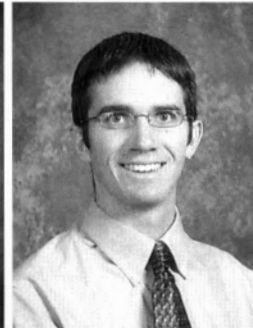
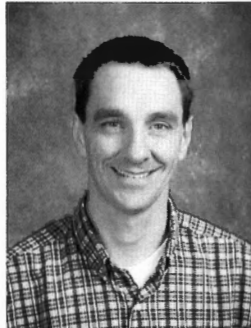
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Nine retirees decide to turn in their papers,  
get their retirement funds,  
and start the next chapter in their lives...  
in the story of

# THE REAL SENIORITIS

by Audrey Kuhn & Holly Schoenbachler



**H**igh school seniors think that it's bad after senioritis has set in, but little do they know, many of the retiring teachers are going through the same thing. Only in this case, the teachers have been coming back to school much longer than any of the students here have.

"We're counting down the days," said Beth Frazier. Since the first day of the school year, Bill Savage has been counting down the days until he's out of here. "I'm much more relaxed.

**Retiring staff of Shannon Fineout, Judy Woolston, Penelope Restau, Tim Parry, Dan Plunkett, Bill Savage, and Beth Frazier** gladly wave good-bye as walking out the doors into the next chapter of their lives. *Photo by Audrey Kuhn*

I'm enjoying things more and there is less pressure because I'm heading toward the promised land. I'm having to keep my students busy. They know I'm retiring, so I have to make sure they don't try anything on me," said

Savage, as he explained how he's coping with this illness known as senioritis. Tim Parry said, "I'm not really experiencing senioritis, but being around Mr. Savage can bring it out."

On the other hand, teachers like Mary deWolf and Pat Allingham feel differently. "I'm not really experiencing senioritis because there's too many things to do," said deWolf. Allingham said, "I'm trying really hard not to get that way."

Administrative aide Judy Woolston didn't even realize that she was going to retire, until the announcement for the picture on this page was made. "I had to make the announcement and I sat there and said, 'Do I go or do I not?' Everyone was surprised to see me down there. I told the girls in the office, 'Don't tell anyone, but I'm going to get my retirement picture taken.'"

Although teachers are ready to leave, there are many things that they will miss, like Penelope Restau who said she will "definitely miss the kids; they help to keep us younger." Other teachers not only will miss the students, but also the staff, who they say make up their second families. But Shannon Fineout gave everyone a little farewell in Spanish: "Ustedes siempre tendrán un lugar muy especial en mi corazón. ¡Adiós!" (*You will always have a special place in my heart. Good-bye!*)

**35 YEARS Bill Savage, a.k.a Captain Senioritis**

Will go back to his night job at Omar's and will be spending more time with his daughter in California.

**34 YEARS Shannon Fineout**

Will be a full time mom to her daughter, who is a sophomore this year.

**31 YEARS Tim Parry**

Will have more time for his salsa and rock bands and will be working at Marshall Music fitting students for instruments.

**27 YEARS Mary deWolf**

Will move into a golf community in Tennessee, where she and her husband bought a house.

**27 YEARS Peg Lamb**

Will continue working as a consultant and write grants to improve education in Michigan.

**27 YEARS Judy Woolston**

Will be traveling with her husband, trying to focus more on their craft business together, and having fun being a grandma to her four grandchildren.

**25 YEARS Dan Plunkett**

Will go fishing more and "become an old beach bum" when he moves to Florida.

**20 YEARS Penelope Restau**

Will move to the snow-free weathers of Florida with her husband.

**20 YEARS Pat Allingham**

Will start a less stressful life working toward her massage therapy degree and try to sell faux-finished furniture.

**19 YEARS Ernie Snyder**

Will spend more time at home with his wife.

**15 YEARS Beth Frazier**

Will be traveling with her husband and in the fall taking a trip to Hawaii for their 35th anniversary.



After being responsible for all the students at Holt High School, **Mary deWolf** waves good-bye. She used to only be responsible for 900 students and now supervises 1300. In addition to overseeing the library books and supplies, she also assisted students and teachers with information literacy. *Photo by Audrey Kuhn*



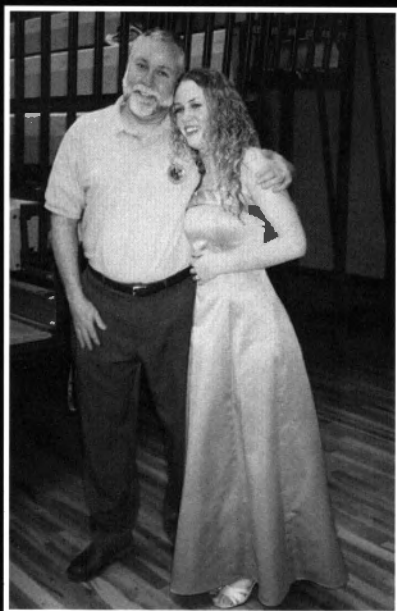
Since **Pat Allingham** started teaching, the responsibility that teachers have is more tremendous. But now after 20 years of teaching cognitively impaired students she is waving good-bye. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*



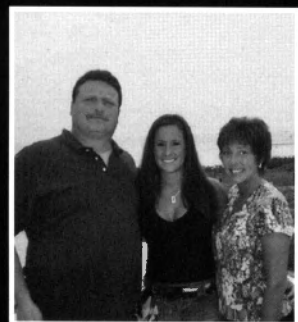
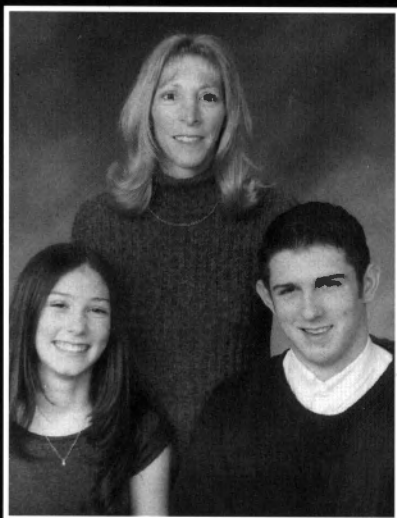


"It's okay having my mom here because she gives me pop at lunch," said sophomore **Theodore Buck** about mom **Wilma Buck**. "It's a lot more convenient getting him to school and me to work," said Wilma. Wilma is a paraeducator. *Courtesy photo*

**Making a lasting memory** before last year's Winterfest are junior **Valerie Foy** and dad **David Foy**. "Val's pretty good at school, so I don't give her a hard time. I keep my distance from her," said Foy. "I love having my dad work here because if I need something he's here," said Valerie. Foy is a chemistry teacher. *Courtesy photo*



**While spending some** quality family time, junior **Danielle Kingsley** and mom, **Stephanie Kingsley**, take a family picture with brother Billy. "If I do something wrong, it's more of a big deal for me," said Danielle. Her mom agrees by saying, "I like having an awareness of what's happening," said Stephanie. Kingsley is a former elementary teacher, and now a counselor. *Photo by Edwards Studio*



**Getting some sun in** Fort Myers Beach, FL, is senior **Sarah Smith** with her dad **Mike Smith**. "If I forget lunch money or need anything I don't have to get a hold of my dad at a different location," said Sarah. Smith teaches physical education. *Courtesy photo*



**Having one of the best** times of their lives at Mallory Square in Key West, FL, is sophomore **Brittney Sessions** with her mom **Renee Sessions**. "I like to make sure she's behaving and I try to eat lunch with her often," said Renee, a paraeducator. *Courtesy photo*

HAVING THEIR PARENTS HERE  
AT SCHOOL, MAKES  
THESE STUDENTS  
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# right at home

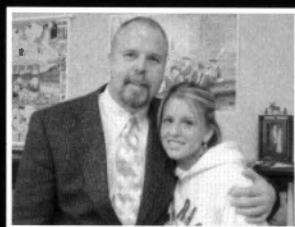
by Sara Bullion

Do you ever wish you could get a hold of your parent easier than just calling them? Do you ever wonder what it would be like if one of your parents worked at the school you went to? Most people don't realize this, but there quite a few students who have parents working here while they come to learn and have fun.

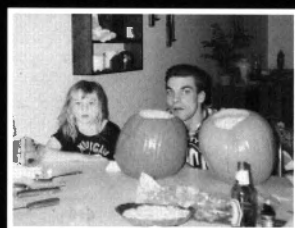
Most students say that it would be dreadful to have one of their parents work at the same school they went to, but the students whose parents work here disagree. The staff also agrees that having their student in their same work building is more convenient and nice to be able to have.

"When you're a teacher's kid, I think that it's harder on them because kids probably treat them differently and don't talk to them much because they think they might tell their dad. You have to make sure that you are very honest and above board," said physical education teacher Mike Smith.

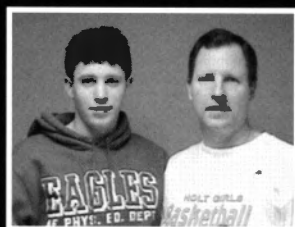
Most of the teachers treat their child the same at school as they would at home, but some haven't even seen their child at school but a couple of times throughout the whole year. "I don't see her very often, but I treat her the same. I watch out for her more," said paraeducator Renee Sessions about daughter Britney Sessions. Britney agreed, adding that it is nice to be able to get a hold of her mom when she needs her, however it might be too much time together.



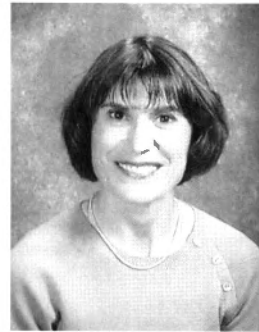
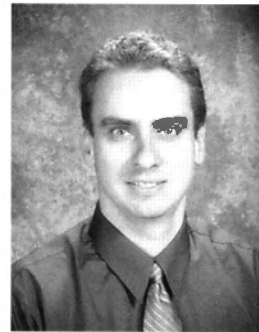
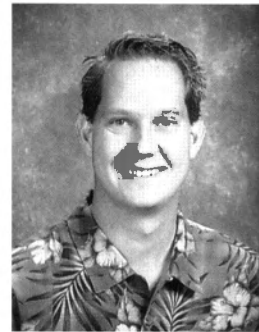
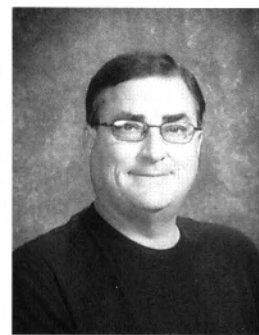
**"I love having my dad** work here. My dad's a really cool guy and I wouldn't have anyone different for my dad," said senior **Ali Templin** about principal **Brian Templin**. Her father agrees, saying, "I am extremely fortunate to be able to be in a situation where I can share my daughter's high school days." *Courtesy Photo*



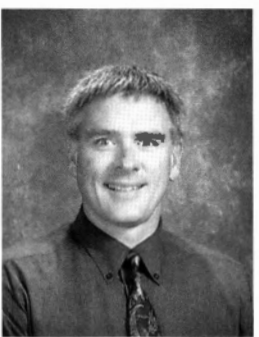
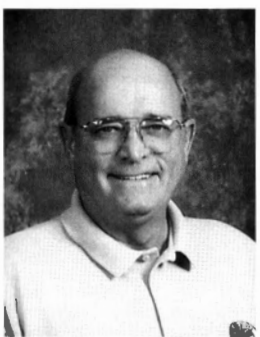
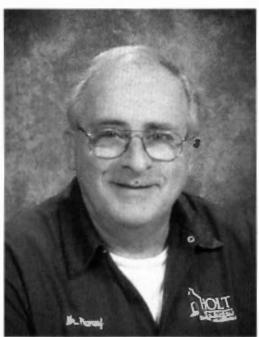
**Spending some fun** time carving pumpkins together when she was five were junior **Samantha Whitford** and dad, security guard **Pat Whitford**. "I treat Sam better at school. I help her with her schedule and pick things up for her," said Pat. "I like having him here because if I need money he's here," said Sam. *Courtesy photo*



**"The school is so big** that I have only seen Spencer once the whole year," said **Rick Couturier**. His son, junior **Spencer Couturier**, agreed: "I've only seen him once the entire year." Spencer also enjoys having his dad at his school because teachers are nicer to him. Couturier teaches American History. *Courtesy photo*



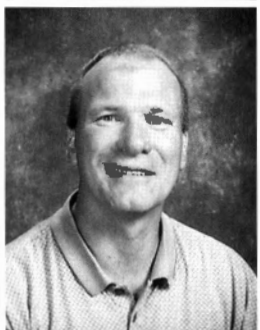
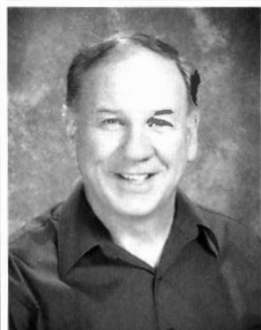
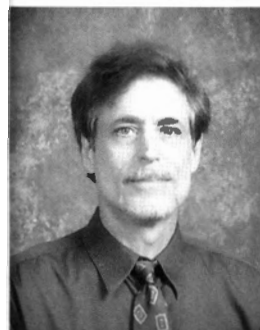




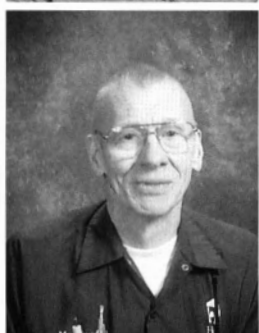
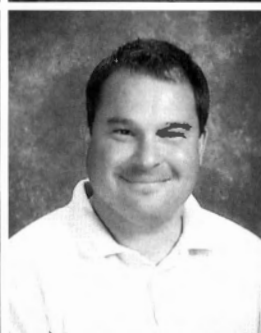
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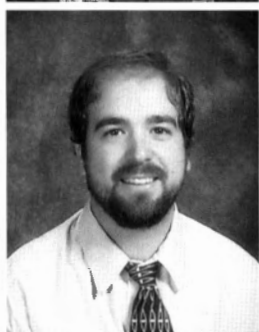
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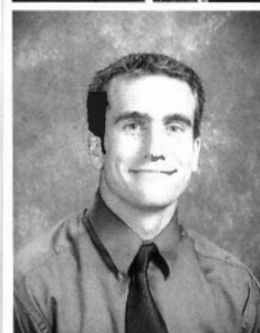
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“Everyone here is more outgoing and friendly and more open-minded, especially to exchange students.”

Senior Vitalie Djugostran  
on how Holt is different than the school in his country.

School is where students are informed of the things that they will need to know for the rest of their lives. From academics to cooking and family planning, it is a place to learn and build toward the future.

But do students really like school? Most students' first opinions would be no. But there are certain aspects of school that are less appealing than others. "Sometimes I like school. I just don't like waking up in the morning, otherwise it wouldn't be that bad, it would be okay," said junior Shamarr Gearhart.

Other students like school because of certain classes that are offered. Students are finding that there are classes that they can see applying to their future lives. One

such class is Retail Management. "I like retail management, and that's about it," said senior Keith Smith.

Friends are a key part to motivating students to come to school. "I like school because I get to talk to my friends," said sophomore Justin Dietrich. "FST is the class that I like the most, but that's because I like math."

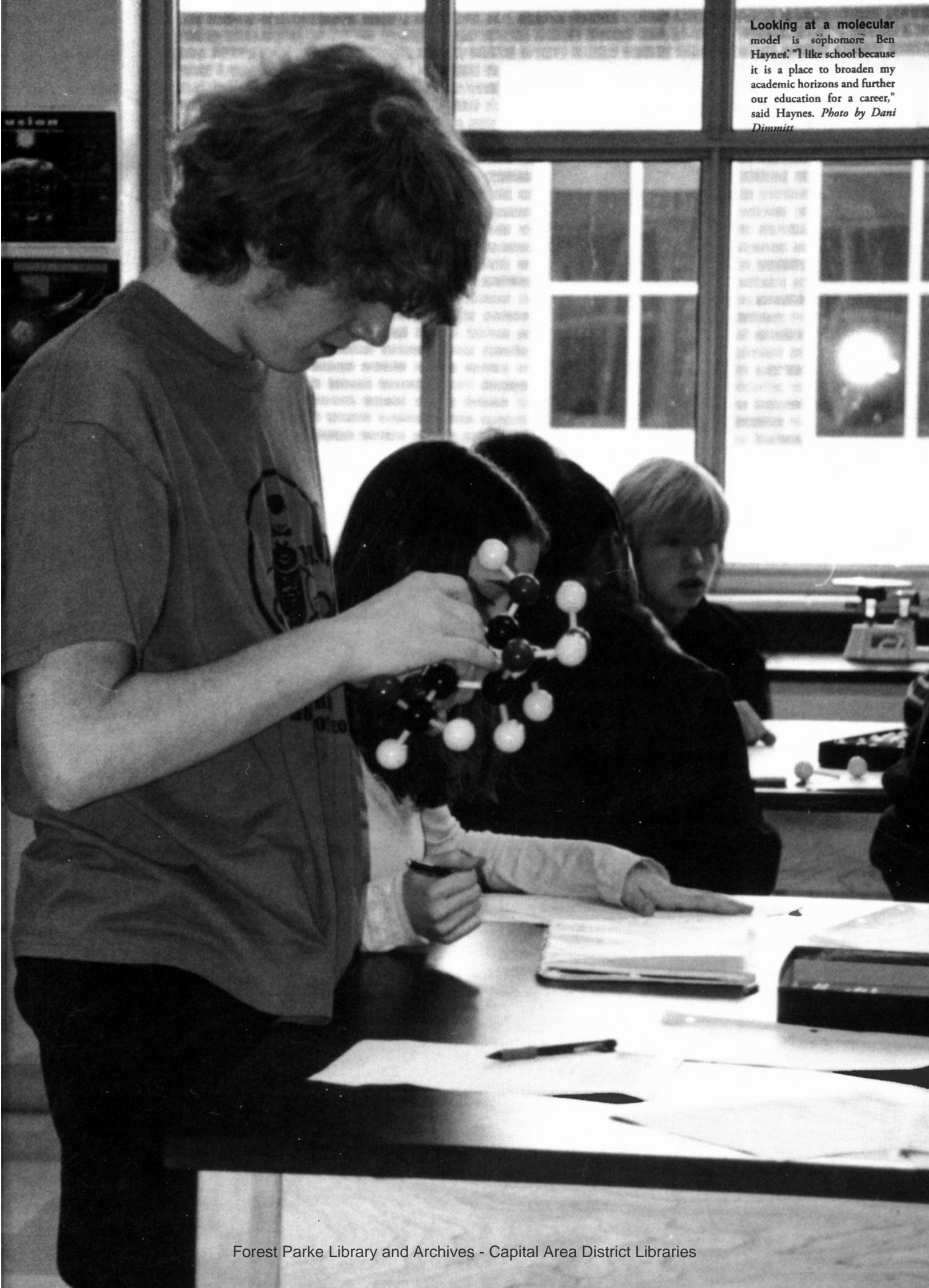
Exchange students get a fresh new perspective on school, compared to their own experiences. Senior Vitalie Djugostran came here from The Republic of Moldova, a country near Russia. "I like this school because it is very different from my old school. I like the teachers because they pay attention to everyone, not just the smart kids," said Djugostran.

by Dani Dimmitt

# inform



Looking at a molecular model is sophomore Ben Haynes. "I like school because it is a place to broaden my academic horizons and further our education for a career," said Haynes. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*





# Preparing for our professions

## Students Say

**"I'm finally taking** a class that will help me in life. It's the best place to go," said junior **Bryan Bowles**. Bowles is enrolled in his first year of the Auto Tech. program.



**"I don't like the** attendance policy of the Career Center," senior **Sarah Ismailov** said. "You get a ton of points even if you're just five minutes late."



**"I hate skipping** lunch every other Wednesday. I have Chemistry so I might miss something if I don't go for the first twenty minutes while I eat," said senior **Nick Oberst**.



**"When I go to class** I get to use so much equipment that I normally wouldn't even be allowed to touch," junior **Brandon Baxter** said.



**I plan to use what** I learn in marketing so that I can open my own business one day," said junior **Victoria Maynard**.



*Photos by Samantha Mittleman*

by Samantha Mittleman

Society's standards state that when a child reaches the age of sixteen, they should have a certain level of maturity. They should know their limitations, and they should have an idea of what they would like to accomplish throughout their life. Fortunately, these ideas are only suggestions of what society would like. We are not forced to have a set of expectations of what we will become. We are only asked to explore our options.

For those who would like to take the opportunity, the Capital Area Career Center offers eleven different school districts the chance to study in several different work fields. "I don't know if I plan to be an auto technician, but it's a good fall back," said senior Nick Oberst. Victoria Maynard plans to open her own business: "I will use what I have learned in management so that I can be successful."

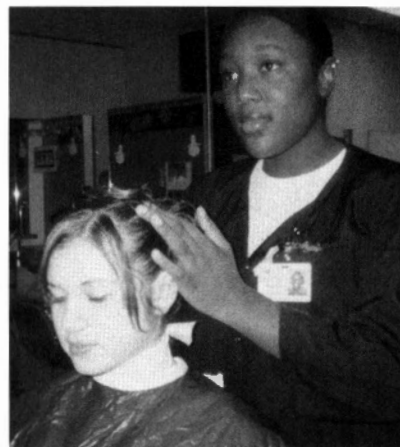
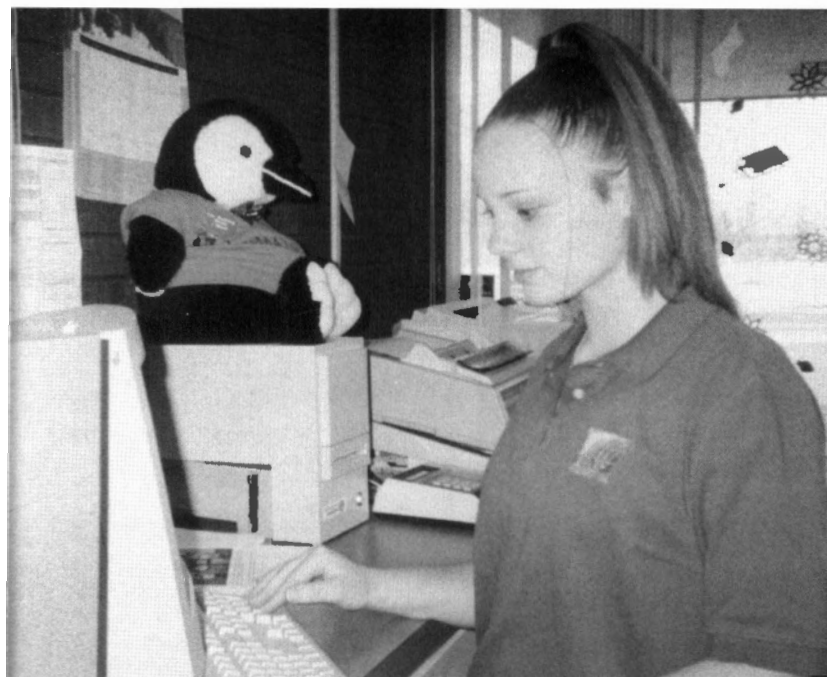
The responsibility to know class schedules and arrange it so that classes are not missed can put a damper on off-campus lunch. When asked what the hardest part about the Career Center was, junior Jimmy Scavarda replied, "The Wednesday confusion. Some weeks we go there and some weeks we go here."

For those who have been selected to participate in the Career Center's programs, they can answer society's call. They choose to explore their options to become better prepared for the world. They choose to travel the road to success and to become independent. They choose to reach beyond their limitations and accomplish what few thought possible.

**Senior Emily Hickey** spends her afternoons at the Career Center. She gets credit for working at the Credit Union while she is in the business class. *Photo by Samantha Mittleman*







**"I'm in Cosmetology** so we go to school on Saturday from 8-2 p.m. We also go for two weeks during the summer. It's a lot of work, but it's worth it. One of the best things about CACC is the friendships that you make," said junior **Angelina Parker**. *Photo by Samantha Mittleman*



**Junior Camen Rogers** goes to the school store during break where junior **Victoria Maynard** practices her customer service skills. *Photo by Samantha Mittleman*

**Daniel Reno** is a good sport as classmates **Michelle Bicego** and **Jessen Ayeres** practice getting a heart beat in the Health occupations class. *Photo by Samantha Mittleman*



# a look into the future working through mentorships

by Heather Piper

Being a part of the mentorship program can be very rewarding to many students. Some may think of it as just another opportunity to get out of class, but others take their mentorship more seriously.

Mentorship is a class where students learn job skills, like resume writing and interviewing, during the first marking period, and during the second marking period they go out during sixth hour and explore a career field of their choice. Each week they work four hours and can split those between any days that they want.

Each year students must get a total of 80 hours. The ways that they fulfill those hours can range from riding around with police officers, learning how to run their own business, teaching, and even construction.

There are many different reasons why students decide to participate in mentorships. "I've always wanted to work with cars, and being able to work with cars, and learn about the parts is a great experience," said junior Tyler Kuzenko.

Senior Sam Hardy, who works with a construction business in East Lansing, tells why he decided to get involved with a mentorship: "I really want to go into construction and be able to own my own construction business. Being in a mentorship gives me different view points on how people do business."

Some students even go above and beyond the required hours for mentorship just because they like it so much. Senior Mike Gleason, who did ride-alongs with an Ingham County police officer, said, "I did twice the amount of required hours because I had so much fun helping arrest the bad guys."

Opportunities such as mentorships are a great way to get the students involved and get them ready for their future career.





# on the job



These  
**career conscious**  
students reveal why they chose to  
participate in the mentorship program



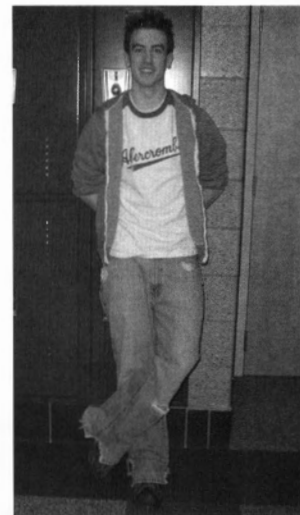
**kelly rowell**

"I decided to join mentorship so I could get some experience working, and so I would make a good career choice. I go to art classes. It gives me more experience in art. I'm really interested in art." *Photo by Sarah Turner*



**kaitlyn shaffer**

"I took the course because I wanted to explore my career options. I have a mentorship at Horison Elementary School. I grade papers, work with small groups and help with questions that some of the kids might have." *Photo by Sarah Turner*



**nick kintigh**

"I joined mentorship so I could find a job after I graduate from high school. I have a mentorship at my doctor's office. I just follow my doctor around and help out whenever possible." *Photo by Sarah Turner*

**Looking for trouble** in the middle of an eight hour ride-along for his mentorship program with Deputy Dawn Nye, senior **Mike Gleason** makes a stop at his own house. Gleason went above and beyond his required hours for mentorship because he enjoyed the experience so much. *Courtesy photo*



Where the news is gold

# SH Ramparts

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## ◆ENTERTAINMENT

"I think we all keep each other in high spirits and we make each other laugh a lot. Annie [Childs] always makes people laugh!" said junior Misty Mitchell.

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## Newspaper takes care of business

### ◆NEWS

Seniors Annie Childs and Sherri Powers strive to complete their pages for the upcoming deadline.



Photo by Christine Fisher

Award winning journalism class soars above and beyond

**Jessica Keener**

Rampages writer

The newspaper staff starts off their month with brainstorming. This is what they do to get all their ideas for stories. Editors then assign the stories to the staff. This leaves them one week to interview, turn in a rough draft, and then a final draft. After this process, the staff starts to lay out their pages. This is when they decide where to put their articles, pictures and quotes.

### ◆SPORTS

Junior Beth Grayeski and senior Sara Dundon revise their pages together.

"When you get your proofs back, you know it's almost over," said Dundon.

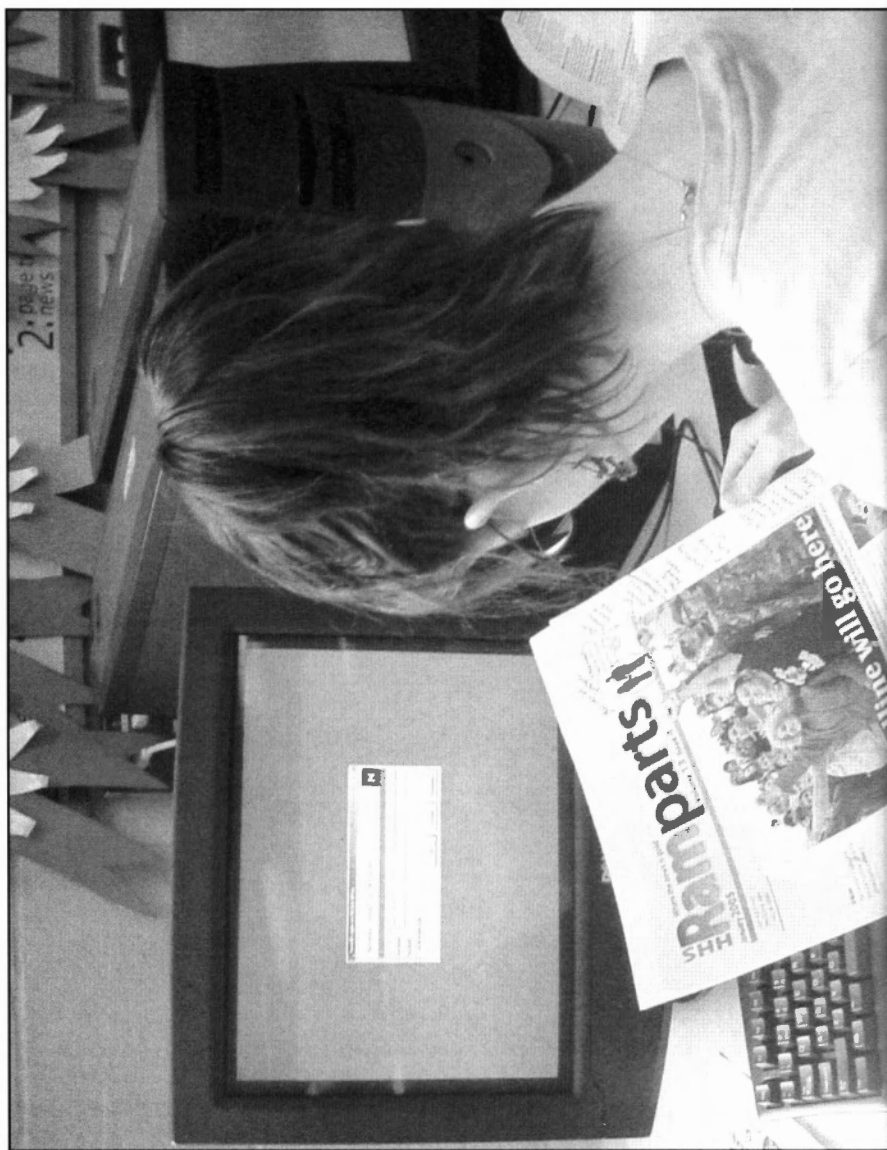






Photo by Christine Fisher

With sixteen computers and 23 staffers, it can be quite a hassle for everyone to complete the deadline. "I hate when you have stuff to do, but you can't find an open computer. This always happens to me because I always find all this stuff that I didn't do," said senior Annie Childs. Most of the time the staffers end up staying after school to complete their deadlines. "I either stay after school or sometimes come in during lunch to get things done," said senior Precious Paul.

All of their hard work paid off with a Spartan award for the second year in a row for their pulication. ♦

## ◆ FEATURES

"I think we get along so well because we have the same initials: A.C.!" said senior Annie Childs about adviser Amy Clark.



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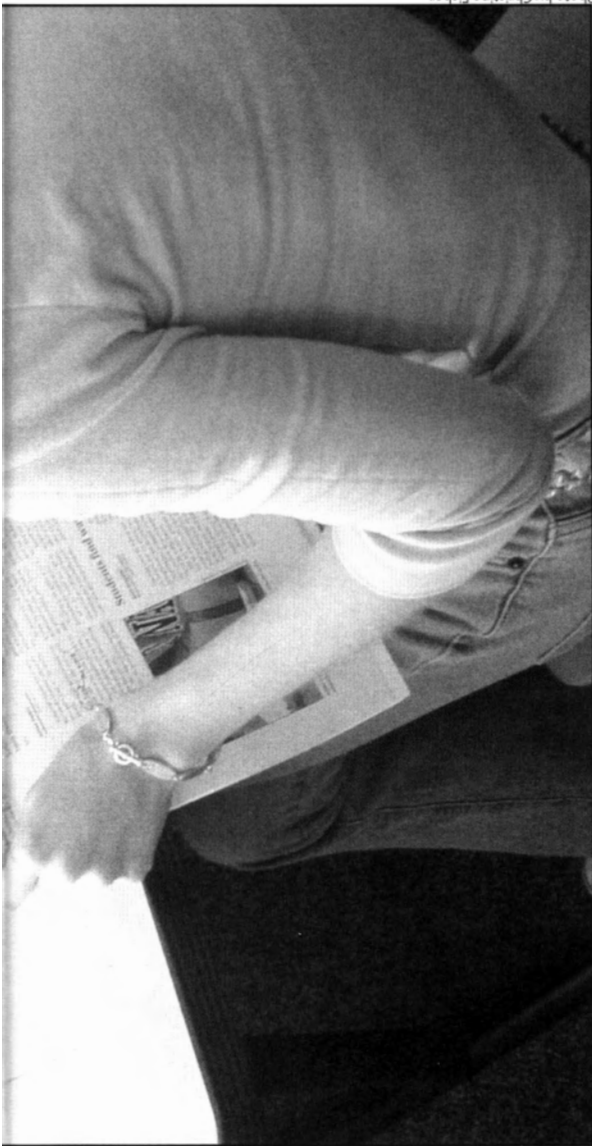


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Making edits on her page is junior Beth Grayeski. "I always find someone to read over my page for me, because I can never find all of the mistakes, so having someone help me is an awesome way to find all those errors!" said Grayeski.

# INSIDE: The pressroom with Ashlee Stokes

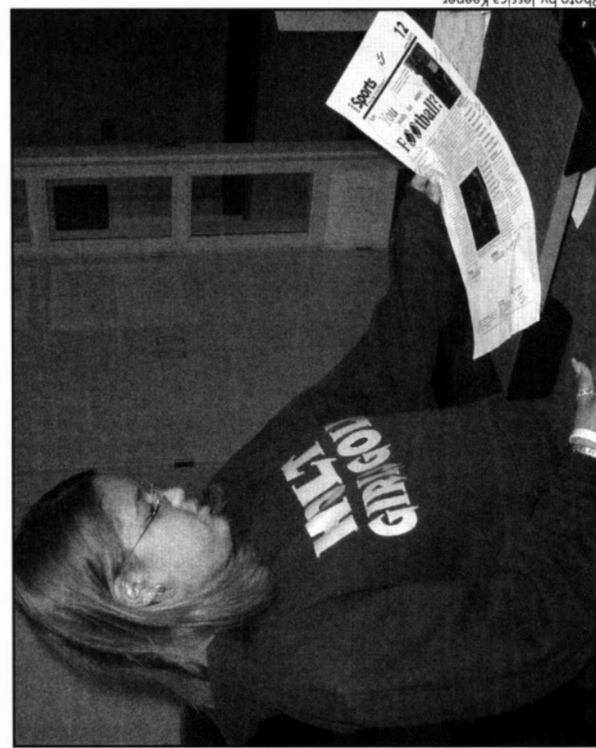


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Dedicated senior editor Ashlee Stokes edits the December issue for a classmate. "Making edits helps a lot because you already have something good, but then you make changes and it turns into something better," said Stokes.

Newspaper is said to be a lot harder than other classes.

## Ashlee Stokes

Ramparts writer

Newspaper is a lot different than other classes because you have to work with other people to meet your deadline.

Also not meeting a deadline is a huge deal. It's not like turning in a paper and getting 10% knocked off; it's a disappointment to the school. Everyone is expecting that paper to come out on Friday, but you didn't meet your deadline, so it may not come out until Monday or Tuesday.

I really like being on staff because I know that I am doing something for my school. I'm providing the news for everyone, informing people of things that they don't know.

**"There's always something to do."**  
— Ashlee Stokes

This year I have taken a leadership position, doing more than I did last year. So far, there hasn't been a dull moment. There's always something to do, you always see people running around, trying to get pictures and quotes.

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# Mock Elections

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## Most responsible senior

Jessica Keener

## Most responsible junior

Heather Ungerman

## Most responsible sophomore

Christina McPike

## Most dedicated

Holly Schoenbachler

## The nicest

Sarah Turner

## The shiest

Nicole Zabrowski

## Best attendance

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## Most talkative

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## Best smile

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## Best hair

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## Best eyes

Ashley Duffy

## Best schmoozer

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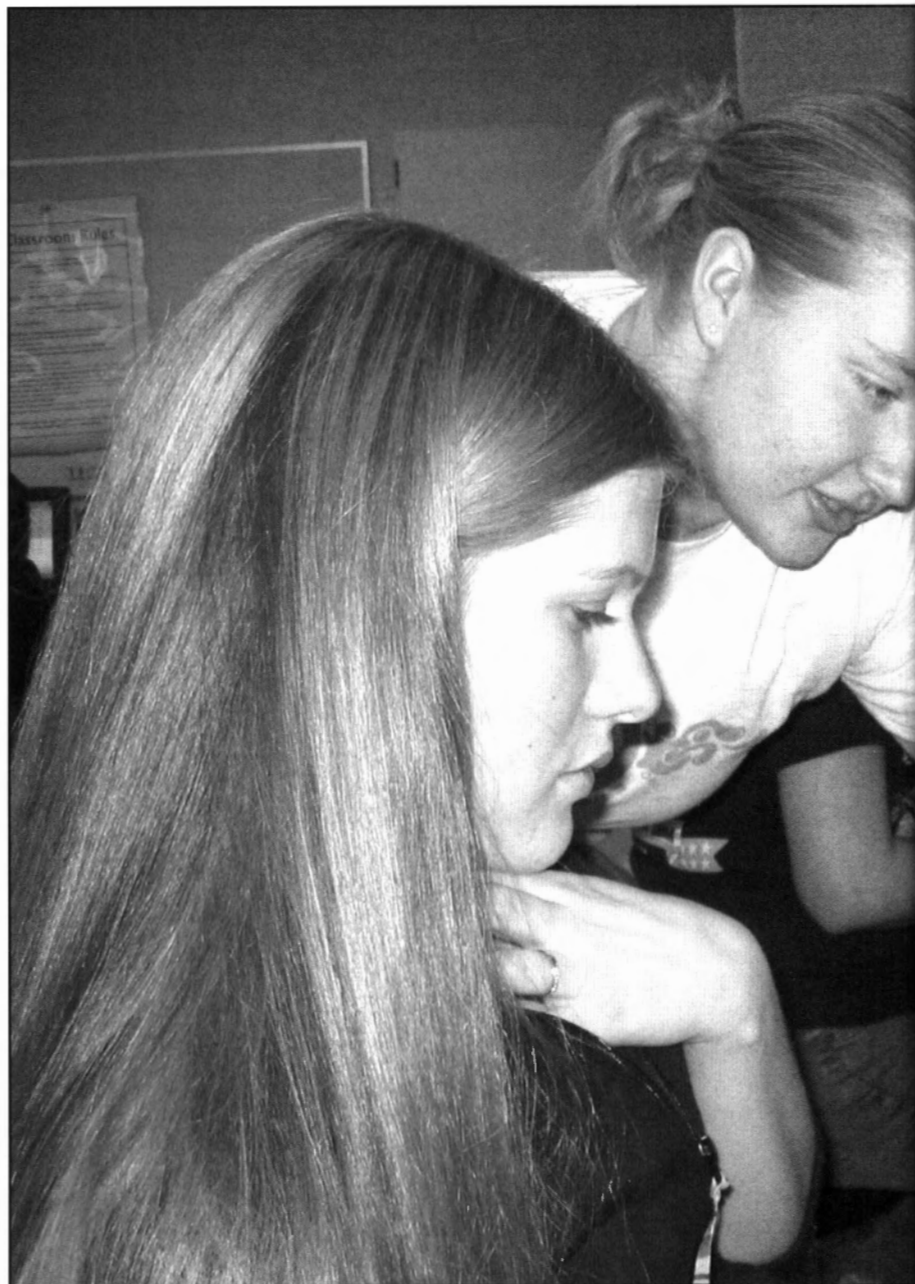
Dani Dimmitt

## The funniest

Sergey Gukasov

## Best role model

Jessica Merriott



**First year student,** junior **Sarah Turner** makes corrections to her page. "I really wish I would have joined yearbook sooner, it's a ton of fun!" said Turner. *Photo by Jessica Keener*



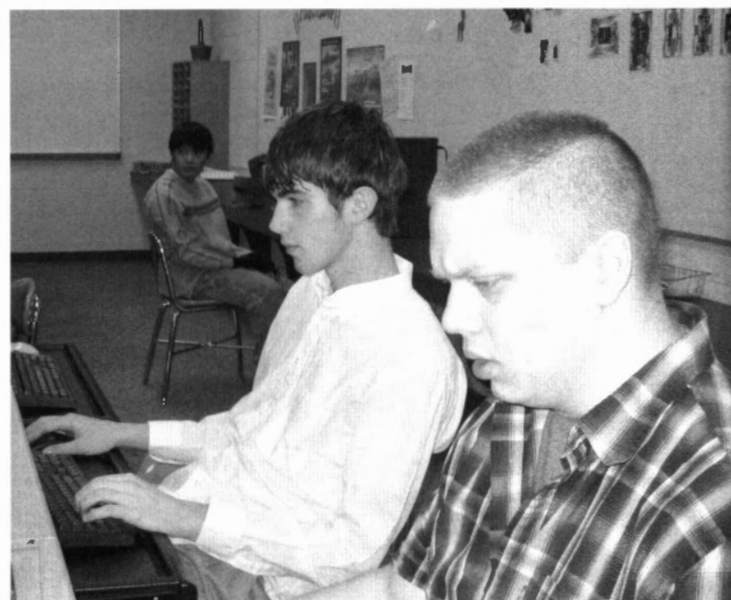
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by Jessica Keener

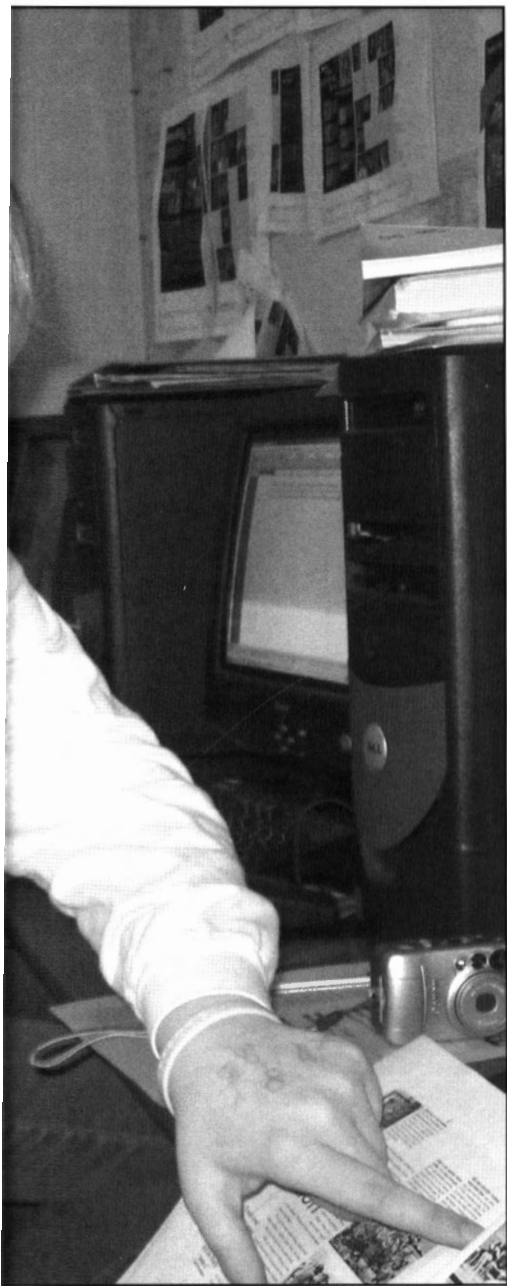
What is the most important thing about web publishing? According to senior Katie Lash, "We just want to keep the parents informed. Everything from school schedules to what sporting events are going on," said Lash. The staff starts out learning all the different HTML codes so they can create the website. Then they get their page assignments.

"The kids in web publishing do a wonderful job. they do so much to keep the page up to date and they really have a great time," said adviser Margo Strong. The web page has a lot of things to keep students entertained, including fun games and student of the month. The class just started three years ago, and the website is run by the students who take the class.

**Updating the** school's website are juniors **Justin Franks** and **Dan Whitford**. "I like web publishing because it's more relaxed. You just update the webpage; there aren't things like deadlines and all that hustle and bustle stuff," said Franks. *Photo by Jessica Keener*







**Helping each other** out are seniors Dani Dimmitt and Katie Lash. "I really respect Dani, Katie, and Jessica because of all the hardwork and time they put in to make the yearbook sweet," said junior **Kevin Judy**. *Photo by Jessica Keener*

**Staying after school, coming in to school during Christmas break, skipping lunch... this is what we do.**

**Why?**

**Because...**

# it's all about YOU

by Jessica Keener

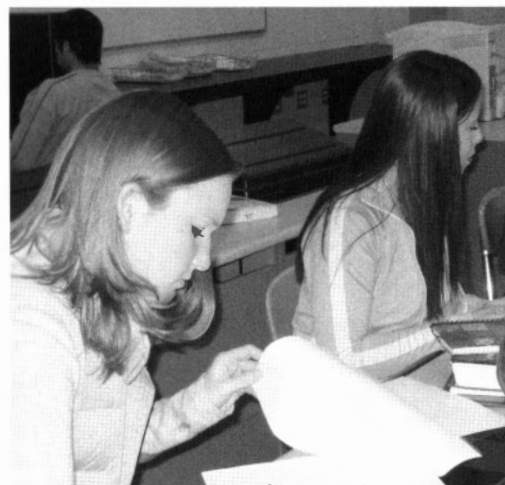
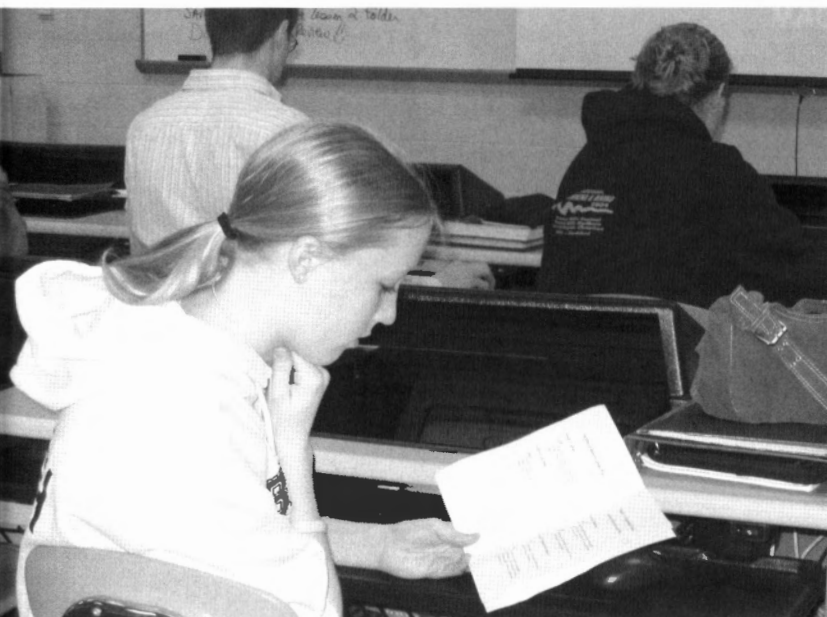
If you even dared to call yearbook a "slack off" class, you would hear a mouthful from senior Dani Dimmitt. "A lot of people sign up for this class thinking that they won't have to do anything, but that's not true at all. This class is filled with deadlines, you ALWAYS have something to do," said Dimmitt.

Throughout the year the yearbook staff has completed a total of five deadlines, accomplishing their goal of making a bigger yearbook than last year by adding sixty-four pages.

"We made goals at the beginning of the year, one of our goals was to make a bigger, better book than last year. I think we accomplished that goal," said senior Katie Lash.

Another goal the staff had was to put everyone in the yearbook. "Every year we always miss putting someone in the yearbook, and then you have those kids that are covered a couple of times, so this year we tried to eliminate that problem," said junior Kacie Dittenber.

The staff decided to put quotes at the bottom of each page, making it easier for everyone to be in the yearbook. "We would have never been able to put everyone on a page with the limited amount of pages that we had, so one of our staff members came up with a great idea to have a quote on the bottom of some pages," said senior Holly Schoenbachler.



**Recording scores for the sports page** are seniors **Sherri Powers** and **Heather Tews**. "Web publishing is really fun because you create what people look at. Both parents and students rely on the website so they can get fast information," said Powers. *Photo by Jessica Keener*

**Doing research** about the Scoosh Ball club, junior **Jen Fisher** looks over the rules of the club. "We always try to include a variety of things on the webpage, from events being held to information about clubs," said Fisher. *Photo by Jessica Keener*



**"Mr. Parry  
makes band  
really fun."  
~ Stephanie Edwards**

**Dancing to the beat** is senior drum major **Shannon Bonney**. "Shannon is a good drum major. She is really fun to work with. She has a way of making even dull moments interesting. She has a lot of spirit," said fellow drum major Andrew Quebbeman. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



**Waiting to perform** are sophomore Jeff Twomley, junior Marcus Pitts, and seniors Kris Gladstone and Abby Tebeau. "I'm in band because I love music. It's fun and it's an art that I'm good at," said Gladstone. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



# THE BAND MARCHES ON

by Kacie Dittenber

In early August while most teenagers are sleeping in and lying out by the pool, the members of the Holt marching band are hard at work learning four different routines. They wake up early to have a 9:00 a.m. practice until lunch, then practice another three hours before dinner and two more after they eat.

Even though band camp is a lot of work, everyone enjoys it. "Band camp is definitely one of the best parts about being in band. You practice everything over and over again. It's hard work but a lot of fun," said sophomore Kesley Smith.

All students who wish to be part of the band must go to band camp so they can learn the routines that will be performed at the football games during halftime.

Band camp is also a good time for new members, particularly the sophomores, to meet the upperclassmen. "It's really funny to tell the new members that their plumes are on backwards and that the tassles are whistles," said junior Jessica Dotson.

When not on the field getting sunburned and greedily drinking all the water they can get, the players enjoy their free time. "At night there are dances and Halo tournaments and Chubby Bunny. But most of the time people just hang out with their friends in the dorm rooms," said junior Jessica Floeter.

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## COLOR GUARD

by Ashley Duffy

With the banging sounds of the drums and the bellows from the trumpets, your ears are in for a treat from the marching band. But your ears aren't the only things in for a treat at the Friday night games.

That's where the members of colorguard come in. They lead the band onto the field with their brightly colored flags waving gracefully in the air. But it's not as easy as it may look: the colorguard does every single performance the band does.

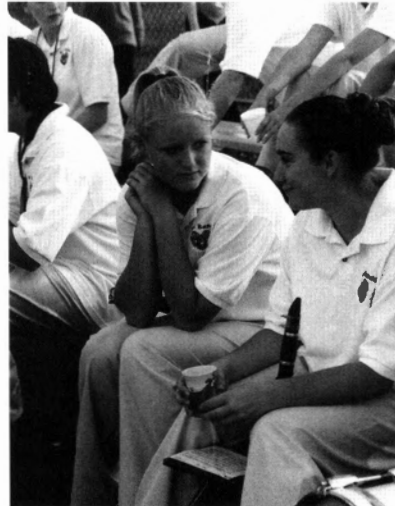
"We practice all summer and we even have to go to band camp," said junior Amber Brown. "The one thing the team gets most excited about is their performance at Silver Bells in the City," said coach Jennifer Wilson.





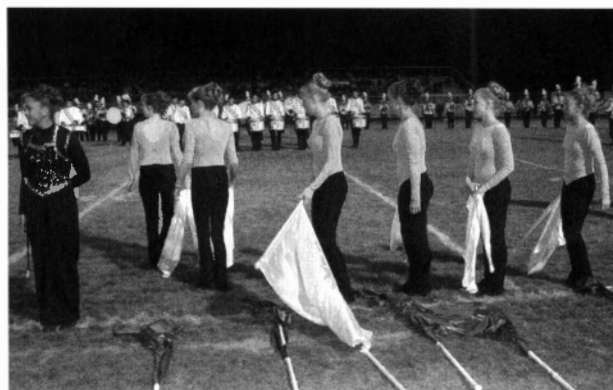
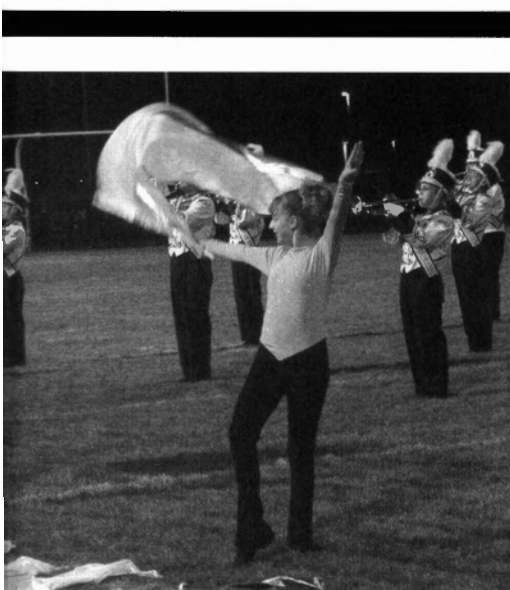


**Taking the time** to practice is junior **Allison Briggs**. "One of the best things about being in band is that I have gotten to know a lot of people. Most of my friends are in band," said Briggs  
*Courtesy photo*



**Enjoying a break** are juniors **Stephanie Fredline** and **Stacey Stanley**. "I'm never nervous about performing at halftime, I don't think that anyone really is. We practice so much, we know the routine pretty well," said Stanley. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*

**Resting before they march** are a few of the Holt Marching Band members. Each member is required to attend every home football game.  
*Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



**Right in front** of the marching band waving their flags high are colorguard members **Megan Murray** and **Marleigh Noss**. "You don't have to be in high school to be on the colorguard team," said coach **Jennifer Wilson**.  
*Courtesy photo*

**The colorguard girls** do a quick flag change then they are back on the field. "The best part about being on guard is being around all of my friends because we always have a really good time," said junior **Sam Fenby**.  
*Courtesy photo*

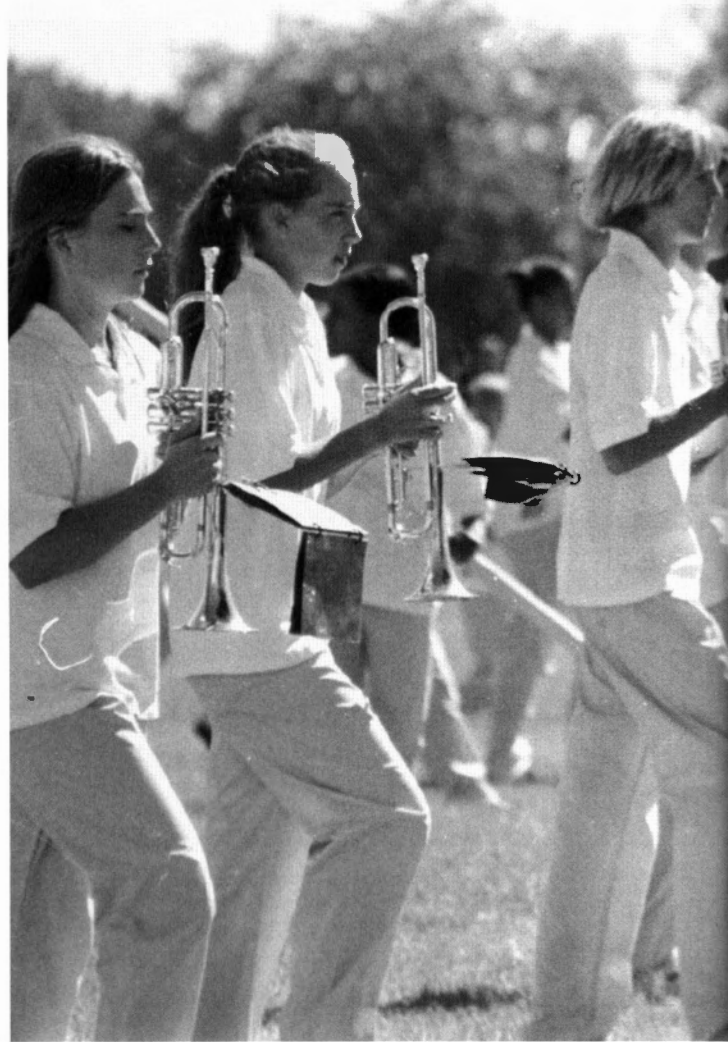


The marching band marches onto the field. Junior Chase Johnson said, "Marching isn't really tough work. It just takes a lot of concentration at first but then you get the hang of it." Photo by Kacie Dittenber

Getting prepared for the light show is sophomore Cayden Bunnell. Helping him pin lights onto his uniform is sophomore Jeff Twomley. Photo by Kacie Dittenber



All decked out in their light gear are sophomore Matt Corkins, senior Ben Hayhurst and junior Tom Bowden. "All of the light shows that I have been in were pretty bad because it was raining and cold. But the lights look pretty cool," said Bowden. Photo by Kacie Dittenber



## TWIRLERS

by Ashley Duffy

When you're little you're always told never to play with fire. Well, the twirlers didn't listen. When the lights go out and the thousands of glow sticks break out you can find the girls twirling their batons lit on fire in the front row.

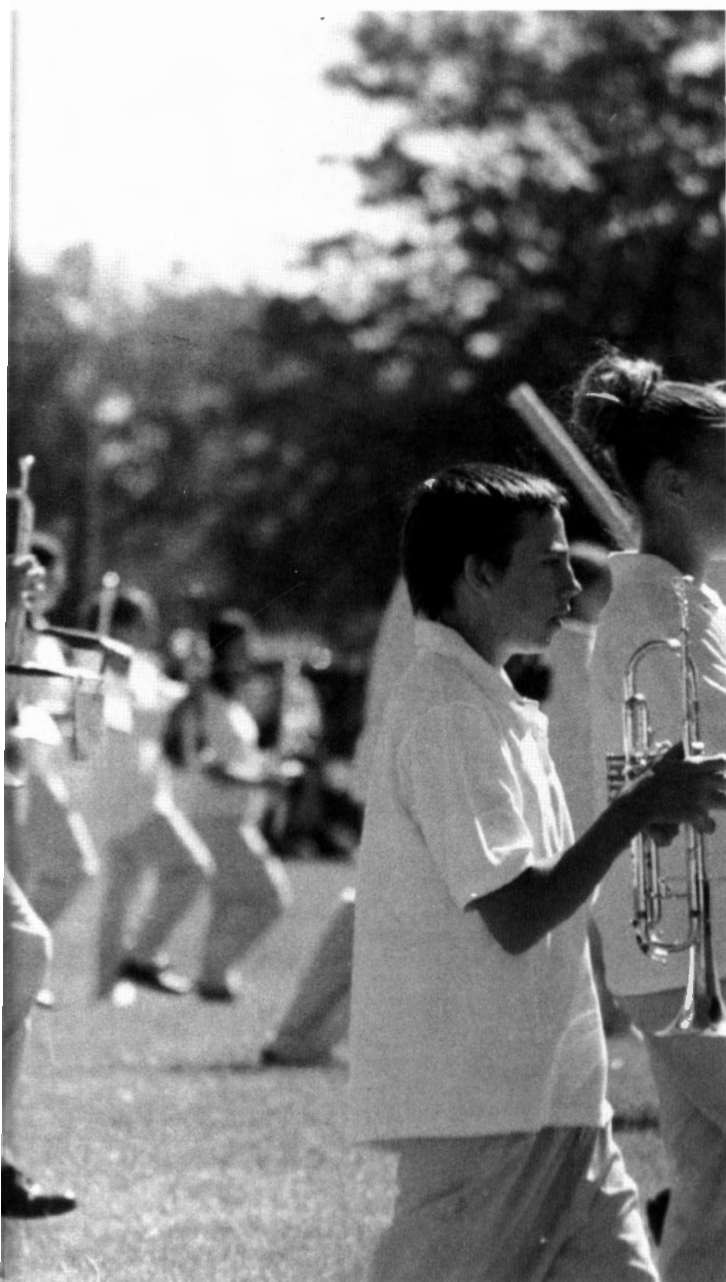
"Those are some brave girls to twirl fire, whenever I see them I am scared that they are going to burn themselves," said sophomore Cam Salt.

But don't think that just anyone can twirl fire it takes a lot of practice: "The baton slipped and I burnt myself on the arm," said junior Amber Brown.

Spirits soar high as twirlers Melanie Dalton, KaLee Henderson, and Courtney Noack lift their batons toward the crowd right before the start of the game. Courtesy photo







# THE BAND MARCHES ON

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One of the most awaited performances of the band is the light show. The light show is performed during the half-time at a home football game. Every single band member has to cover themselves in glowsticks, blinking lights, and even flashlights. Often they even tape lights on their instruments as well.

When they walk out onto the field, all the stadium lights go off. All anyone can see are a bunch of lights floating in the air as music plays. "In the band room before the show it's really hectic and stressful. Everyone is running around pinning lights to themselves. It's very busy and very hot. But it always looks cool. I'm proud to be a part of it," said junior Michele Johnson.

After the football season is over, when the winter begins and it's too cold out to march, the band members have the option of joining Jazz Band and Concert Band.



**The girls wait** before their Friday night performance. "My favorite thing about twirling is the football games and getting close with the other girls" said senior **Rachel Porter**.  
*Courtesy photo*

**With her baton lit** on fire, senior **Rachel Porter** bravely twirls her baton. "At the light show we twirl glow stick batons and fire batons if it isn't raining," Porter said.  
*Photo by Hoffman Photography*



When you walk down the hall  
during second, third or fourth hour  
and hear the harmonious voices coming  
from down the hall, you know that it is one  
of the choir classes singing. And when you walk  
into the room and see the look on their faces, you  
know they are doing it...

# for the love of music

by Jessica Craft-Quenby & Nicole Zaborowski

## Chorale

**C**horale is an auditioned choir featuring mixed voices. The men and women in the choir sing a wide variety of music, from classical to spiritual.

This year, chorale was very successful. Chorale competed in Festival and many of the members of Chorale competed in Solo and Ensemble competitions as well as at Regional Honors Choir.

The choir also enjoyed the experience of performing out in the community at local churches and events, some of which the other choirs got to participate in, such as the holiday concerts.

"Chorale was very close-knit this year. We grew together through singing in class and at competitions. We were like a family, and we all had a lot of fun," said senior Nicole Drolett. Drolett plans to continue to pursue singing after she graduates from high school, as do many other seniors who are in Chorale or the other choirs offered at our school.

**Seniors Nicole Drolett and Nina Johnson** practice a song during choir class. Drolett is involved in both Chorale and Cantique and says that she enjoys both of them very much. "I love music," she says, adding that she has vocal lessons outside of school every week.  
*Photo by Jessica Craft-Quenby*

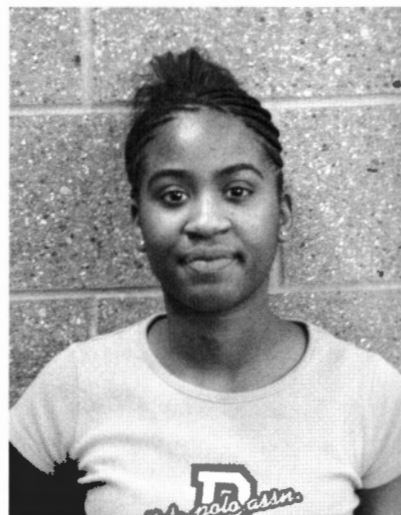


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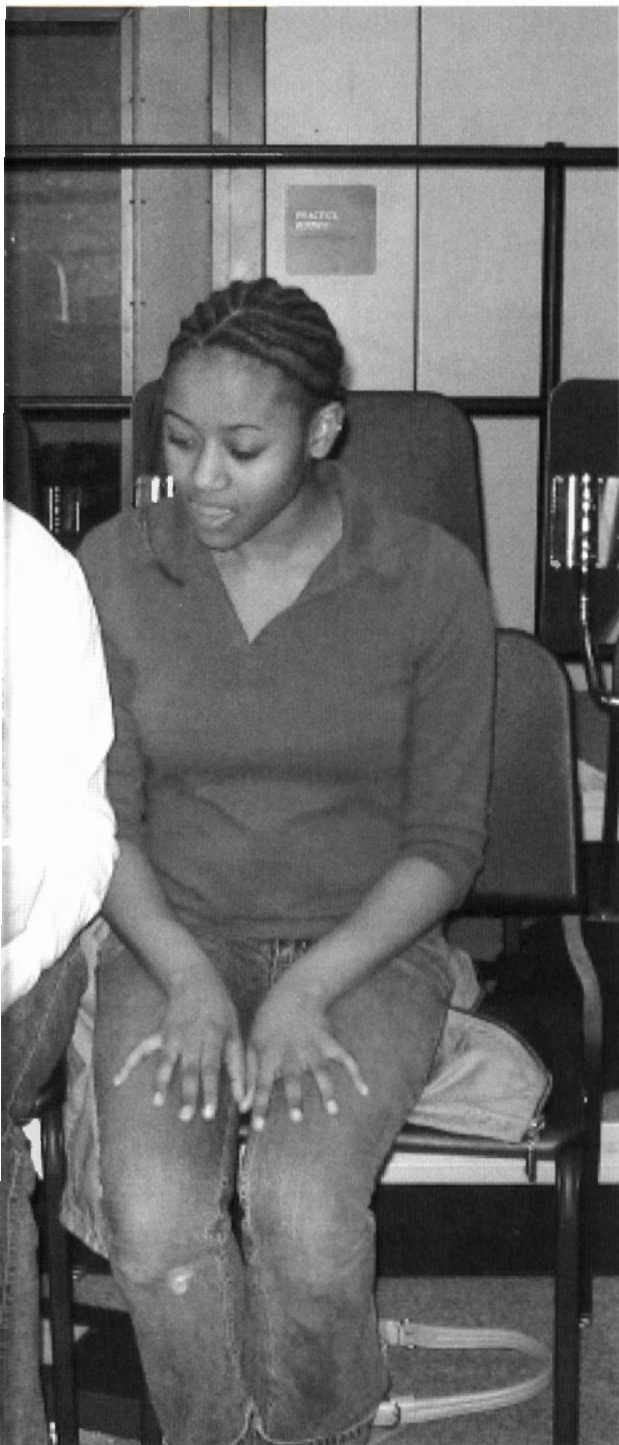
### JAU'REA MIMS

Jau'rea participated in Concert Chorus this year. Friends in her choir class say that she should be in one of the auditioned choirs. However, Jau'rea didn't know that she had to try out. She has been at the school for two years and has been singing here both years. She was chosen for a solo at Festival.

Jau'rea started singing when she was four-years-old at her uncle's church. When Jau'rea was only eight years old, her father passed away and she sang at his funeral. That inspired her to start writing songs. She has been writing a song about her life, and keeps adding on to it as things change. Her grandmother passed away on February 6, and she will sing a song at her funeral as well. Jau'rea was very close to her grandmother and always knew that she would someday go to be with her father, but the loss was still very painful, and singing helps her get through the tough times.







# Cantique

Cantique is an all-women ensemble at our school. Girls must audition to be in the choir, which is not an easy task to some. Not everyone makes the cut, so this is the best of the best. And that showed this year when the group performed at the Midwest Conference, which is a very high honor that only three high school choirs in the entire state are selected to perform in. This high honor was a proud moment for all of the girls in Cantique. Although they didn't pick up the first place prize, they were proud of how well they did.

Some students participate in more than one choir. Senior Nicole Drolett, who is part of Chorale, is also in Cantique. She says that she enjoys Chorale, but that Cantique is her favorite because of all of the positive energy and people in the group.

There are a variety of students in the Concert Chorus part of the choir at our school. This is the only choir that does not require an audition, so the students are there for different reasons. Because school requires at least one fine arts class, some people are only there to fulfill those requirements. Others are there because they really like to sing. And still others may also be there to figure out if they do like singing, and perhaps if they would like to try out for one of the other choirs in a future year.

Junior Jau'rea Mims was not aware that she had to try out to be in Cantique or Chorale, but she still wanted to sing, so she joined Concert Chorus. Friends of hers in the class say that she should be in one of the other choirs, because she has one of the best voices in the class. She plans

# Concert Chorus

on auditioning next year.

Students in Concert Chorus were able to have a lot of fun performing this year. Not only do they have their own concerts, as the name implies, but they also get to perform at holiday concerts with the other choirs, and they competed at Festival, a statewide competition, this year as well.



# Balancing Act

by Afton Bondarenko

## Advice from the Pros

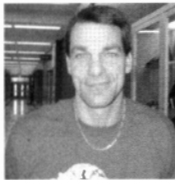
**Bob Bower**  
counselor

"It's important to be able to step back and not to over stress yourself."



**Pat Whitford**  
security guard

"Eat well and get enough sleep."



**Ann Coe**  
assistant principal

"I think you should be involved in a lot of activities. It keeps you focused. You don't have time to get in trouble."



**Karyn Hunt**  
teacher

"Make sure you are clear on what your priorities are and use any extra minute you have. Try not to get yourself in a bind. Prioritize."



**Sue Kenney**  
secretary

"School always comes first, sports second, and jobs last. Students will have the rest of their lives to work, you can't go back to high school. Sports develop character and leadership."



School, sports and jobs, oh my! Most high school students have their hands full, either it is piles of homework, getting ready for the big game or trying to make some extra money. With all of these expectations it often gets very hard to balance time wisely while trying to keep your head on straight.

"You have to keep your priorities in line, try to figure out the things that you can go with out and focus on the stuff that is most important," said senior Devon Bement.

High school can be very stressful. While trying to keep your grades up, it seems like you have a million and a half other things to do. You have school, then practice right after that, then even

sometimes you have to go into work for a couple hours. That leaves you with hardly any time for yourself.

It's not just students who are involved with sports who have to deal with balancing a number of activities. Activities such as theater, clubs, and bands also can occupy quite a bit of time. Whichever activity that you are a part of, you all deal with balancing in different kinds of ways.

Having to balance activities may seem stressful to some, but to others it can help them out. "It keeps me on track, knowing that I have stuff to do. I don't have time to sit around and doodle," said Bement.

## Weighing the odds

I have been babysitting the same girls since summer and I had to choose whether I wanted to play soccer or babysit. Unfortunately soccer is a once in a life time thing, and I would regret it if i didn't play, so I decided to play soccer.

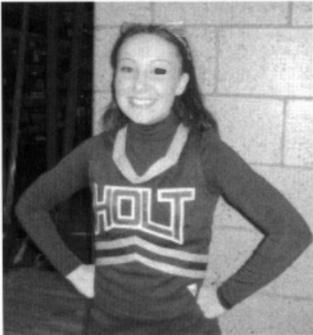
senior Dani Dimmitt



# Balancing All-Stars

Students with a full plate of activities share their schedules

**Devon Bement**



## **Tuesday:**

**5:30** Wake up and get ready for school  
**7:10** Leave for school  
**2:35** School ends  
**2:45** SADD meeting  
**3:15** Meeting ends  
**3:30** Cheerleading Practice starts  
**5:30** Out of practice, get ready for work, at Dots  
**6:00** Arrive at work  
**10:00** Leave work and go home to finish up homework  
**11:00** Go to bed

**David Appold**



## **Monday:**

**5:00** Wake up and deliver the Lansing State Journal  
**6:00** Get done and go home and go back to bed  
**6:30** Wake up again, and get ready for school  
**7:15** Leave for school  
**2:35** School ends  
**3:00** Cross country practice starts  
**5:00** Out of practice  
 Go home, eat and shower  
**6:00** Arrive at Carl's Super Market for work  
**9:00** Leave work and go home to eat and do homework  
**10:30** Go to bed

## Other Balancing Artists: **How do you balance?**



Junior **Janessa Salazar** works thirty hours every two weeks at Celebration Cinema and plays lacrosse. "I figure out what I need to do first, and what is most important to me, like school. Then I go from there," says Salazar.



Junior **Eric Wills** works about fifteen hours every week at Texas Roadhouse and plays football and baseball. "I try to plan ahead with school work, and get things done that are important first," says Wills.



## Debate

Have you ever wanted to be able to argue with other people about certain topics that you can't necessarily argue about with your friends or your parents? The debate team does just that. They travel to other schools, and sometimes even colleges, to compete with other students about certain topics given to them. Practices and effort is required for this club for the players to gain success in the end.

Lots of members joined the team for many different reasons. Sophomore Miranda Kolb joined because, "I've always wanted to be in the debate team since I was a little girl."

However, other members have different opinions about why they joined. Sophomores A.J. Holmgren and Dani Sweet both joined because it looks good on a college application. "I like it, too, because I get to argue with someone that I don't know," said Sweet. "Joining is a good excuse to get to travel around," said Holmgren.

All of the practice and effort that goes into being in the debate team pays off in the end. The members enjoy it and have tons of fun, just like any other club or sport.

## Forensics

Forensics. It's completely different than what most people may think.

No, it's not investigations or anything even remotely close to it. Forensics is a theater and public speech competition.

It's an interscholastic program that competes statewide with approximately 200 high schools across the state. Forensics contains categories from Broadcasting to Oratory to duo acting and individual drama. It is divided into two parts: public speaking and drama.

Most of the people who join Forensics join mainly for the experience and the people. Junior Erin Bradt explained, "I thought it would be a lot of fun, and I wanted to do it for the acting experience."

Sophomore Caitlin McKee joined for a different reason, "I joined because I like all the new people you meet when you join Forensics."

# There's no debate about it, these academic teams

# Pass the Test

## Quiz Bowl

Which musical includes the song, "Seventy-Six Trombones?" What is another term for a barrister? Who is credited with inventing the first sewing machine?

Do you think that you would be able to answer any of these with a thought span of less than a second? That is what the quiz bowl members do every competition. But you don't have to be a genius to be on the team, all it takes is dedication, memorization and a little bit of common sense.

And being able to answer: *Music Man*, a lawyer, and Thomas Saint.

## Quiz Yourself

1. Who wrote *Of Mice and Men*?
2. Where is Richard Nixon buried?
3. How many centimeters are there in an inch?

1. John Steinbeck 2. California 3. 2.54

Trying to make sense of a tough question, Ben Haynes uses all of his knowledge to help the team. Photo by Sergey Gukasov





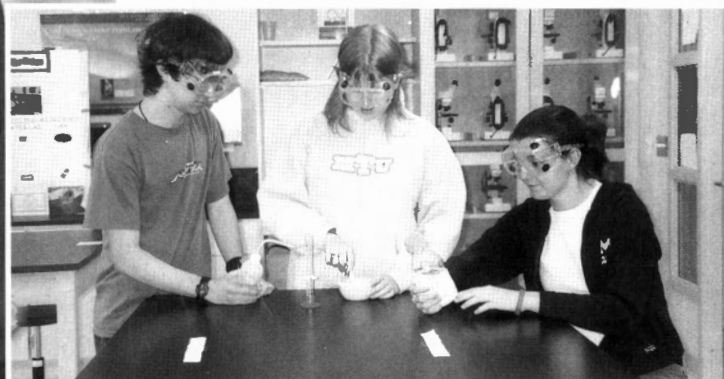
# Science Olympiad

What could bring calculus, geometry, statistics, chemistry and physics teachers together? Science Olympiad, of course! With different events that require hours of studying and preparing for tests and only three competitions to prove that they are made of the right stuff, practicing is definitely the most important part of being in Science Olympiad.

Senior Alex Schlicker is involved in both Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad. "It's fun being in both. I definitely like Science Olympiad better though."

The events often involve a lot of chemistry. In the event "Mission Possible," the members have to create energy transfers. Also there are building events that the team can boast at being best in the state at: the Robot Ramble. Junior Eric Anderson and sophomore Chelsea Leighton are the connisouers of this event.

**Practicing an experiment that will be an event are** seniors Katie Wachter, Alex Schlicker and Ashley Mrva. Many people stay involved in Science Olympiad all through high school. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*



**Taking out the supplies that they will need to work on the** experiment aspect of competition are senior Katie Wachter, junior Jessica Seguin and sophomore Albert Gillison. "I like Science Olympiad, it's fun to hang out with all my friends," said Wachter. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*

**Jeremy Troisi and Kristen Angonese** ponder over a question, "I make sure to listen to each question thoroughly," said Troisi. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*



**Writing something** down quickly, Alex Schlicker is a third year member of quiz bowl. "People care more this year than the past two years," said Schlicker. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*







“After Doug died it made me realize how much I wanted to work as a special educator. All of those kids are so special to me, and I couldn't imagine not working with them for the rest of my life.”

senior **Annie Childs**

# Special students making a big difference

by Dani Dimmitt

Who do you know that is always happy, always has a big smile for you, and doesn't miss a chance to give you a reason to smile? Jason Keyser, that's who! Keyser helps out in the lunch room every day washing tables. "He is so sweet. Every day he tells us when he'll be down to help, and if he isn't going to be here he tells us before hand," said cafeteria attendant Theresa Davis.

Kenny Linas, another student, works for Kroger as a bagger. "Many of our students have work experience in which they leave after fifth hour to go work at various job sites," said teacher Gordon Bieske. When asked about how he likes working at Kroger, Linas said, "It's fun!"

Senior Annie Childs has had the opportunity to work with a special group of students this year. From the time she was in middle school, she knew that she wanted to work with special education students. "Working with them gives me something to look forward to every day. They are so much fun to be with; their carefree attitudes are so awesome," said Childs.

Senior Tim Konwerski also values their individuality and says that his dream is to be a special education teacher. "I love how they don't care about what people say, they do their own thing, and I can appreciate that," said Konwerski.

## Working at Kroger

as a paid bagger is part of learning about life, which is a goal of the class. **Kenny Linas** gives a big smile as he carefully bags the groceries. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*



## During nutrition

break between second and third hour, the students sell snacks to hungry students. "I love the snacks, they always hit the spot," said senior **Nicky Hall**. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*

## Best of friends

are **Ashley Beach, Paul Schaefer and Kenny Linas**. "Ashley and Kenny have been best friends for a really long time," said Beach's sister, senior **Nicole Fox**. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*



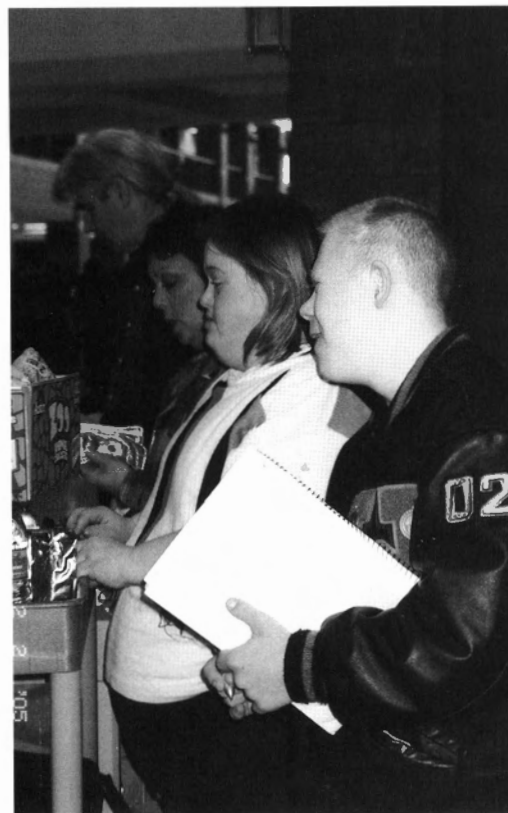




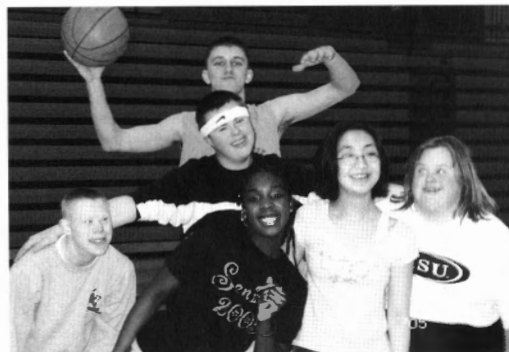
**Cleaning the tables** during lunch is **Jason Keyser's** daily job. This is a part of the class's goal to teach life skills. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*



**While eating lunch** **Kim Denyes** and **Robert Strauss** smile for the camera. Strauss waits for his friend Kim's bus every morning to help her into school. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*



**Taking stock** of all their merchandise, **Ashley Beach** and **Paul Schaefer** sell snacks to raise money for the camp that they attend every year. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*



**Gym class is a time** for dancing, singing and just plain having fun. **Ashley Beach**, **Paul Schaefer**, **Kenny Linas** and **Victoria Tran** stop to take a picture with seniors **Delisa Thompson** and **Tyler Detmers**. "It's so much fun having them in gym class," said Thompson. *Photo by Dani Dimmitt*





Cheerleaders have forever been inspiring fans to get up and cheer for their team. Seniors Devon Bement and Keegan Long have been cheering since elementary school. "I love to cheer; it is so much fun," said Long. *Photo by Holly Schoenbachler*





It's a sport  
that you have to  
work really hard at  
without as much  
glory  
so it's really more  
of a personal thing.

Junior Adam Runyon  
on why wrestling is his favorite sport.

Sports are a passion for many students. The opportunity that is available for students, such as scholarships and camaraderie, attracts many to join.

For many, the sport that they participate in defines them. It creates an outlet for self-expression. "Dancing inspires me because it is a time when I can express myself through music and words," said senior Nicole Herriman.

With more sports being offered, it is an opportunity for many students to play on a club team. "I play lacrosse because it is a physical sport. I was really interested in field hockey, but we don't have that at this school. But lacrosse is the closest that we have," said sophomore Alexis Meuche.

For other people, sports are more than just a past time or a way to hang out with friends, sports are literally a part of their lives. "I have been in gymnastics since I was three; it is really fun," said sophomore Heather Brandenburg.

With so much media presence in the sports industry, it is hard for students not to idolize certain sports heroes. But there are many different people that students look up to, and they are careful who they set up on a pedestal. "I think role models are a good thing if the person is good. But if the person is a bad influence and do things like take steroids, then they are not a good role model," said junior Carolyn Pinckney.

by Dani Dimmitt

# inspire



# Hazing

by Afton Bondarenko & Ashley Duffy

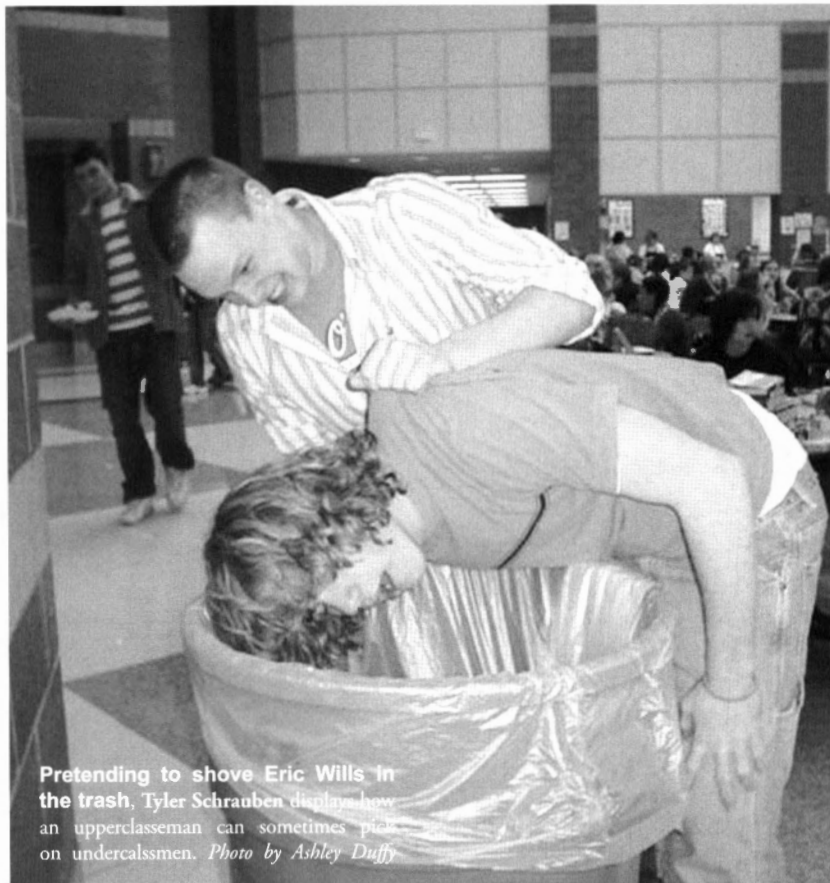
## Even though it's banned, is it still happening?

For years, students have engaged in hazing activities, such as duct taping sophomore band students, making the underclassmen soccer players dress funny on senior night, or squirting the sophomores and juniors with shaving cream on the last day of school. Sounds like harmless fun, right?

But many incidents get out of hand at schools across the nation, and Holt's Board of Education enacted a policy that opposes hazing.

The policy defines hazing as "performing any act or coercing another to perform or undertake any act of intimidation... related to any class, group, or organization sponsored or supported by the district that causes or creates a risk of causing: mental, emotional, or physical harm, trauma, deprivation of rights, ridicule of any student or individual for amusement or the pastime of others or is illegal, immoral, or contrary to the student code of conduct."

Since this policy, which was intended to protect the well-being and dignity of the students, many coaches, advisors, and students have abandoned what they once considered "harmless" fun.



Pretending to shove Eric Wills in the trash, Tyler Schrauben displays how an upperclassman can sometimes play on underclassmen. Photo by Ashley Duffy

Even though they don't call it hazing, the upperclassmen still give their new teammates a hard time.

What "hazing" is to Tyler Schrauben

"On the bus rides to and from games we would make the underclassmen double up in the seats."

"During football practice, we had a 'point system' where there was different amounts you got for how and who you knocked down."

## Crossing Hazy Boundaries

HOLT SWIM TEAM

Since hazing has been banned, students have found other ways to bond with the new kids

"Kidnapping" is what the girls of the swim team call it. Hazing is no longer allowed to take place, so the girls found different ways to have fun without hurting anyone. The upperclassmen on the team and other teammates will go to the homes of the new teammates and "kidnap" them, bringing them back to a sleepover for the whole team.

They don't get off that easy though, a little face painting is involved, along with a few other things. But, say the girls, the underclassmen don't have to participate in anything they don't want to.

Getting themselves ready for kidnapping, senior Meghan Montville, junior Tiffany Ziolkowski and sophomore Cassandra Meier try on masks for disguise. Courtesy Photo



Having a blast, a few of the underclassmen pose for a photo with diapers on their heads and paint on their faces. Courtesy Photo

Applying make-up, junior Lindsey Howley, adds to the fun by putting the lipstick on Erin Conley's face. Courtesy Photo





# RED BULL

## Does it give you wings?

by Afton Bondarenko & Ashley Duffy



**Enjoying herself**, senior Meghan Montville drinks her energy drink at lunch to give her an extra boost for the day. The school store sells Red Bull during lunch and after school.  
*Photo by Ashley Duffy*

### Effects of Energy Drinks

#### What the scientists say:

When tested, Red Bull energy drink significantly improved aerobic endurance and helped with speed and stability. Significant improvements in mental performance included choice reaction time, concentration and memory, which reflected increased subjective alertness. These consistent and wide ranging improvements in performance are interpreted as reflecting the effects of the combination of ingredients. *Source: [www.redbullusa.com](http://www.redbullusa.com)*

#### What the students say:

"Red Bull makes me really hyper and I can stay awake during class," said senior Annelise Chagnon, "It is just a quick fix when you are tired and need a lot of energy."

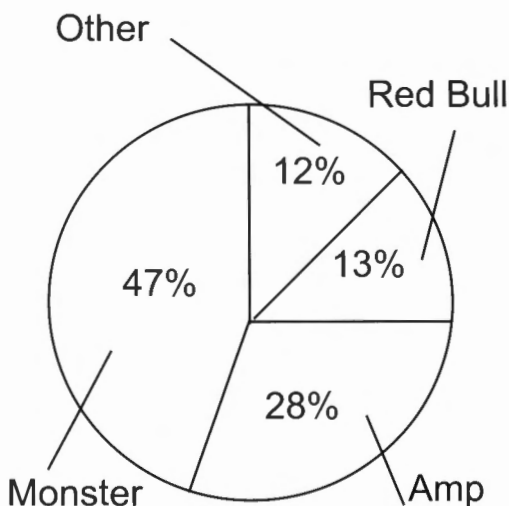
Many other students say that they drink energy drinks before they play a sport or any kind of physical activity so they can stay alert. "Before I go jogging sometimes I drink one. Its good at first but then it kind of makes me tired after a while," said senior Sarah Benson.

#### What we say:

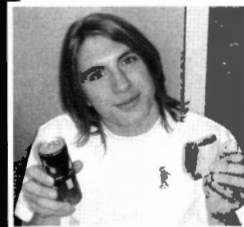
While Red Bull does increase your energy fast, it can also decrease your energy high just as fast. There are also other risks: Experts say you shouldn't drink more than three cans a day or it may cause serious problems, as with anything else with high doses of caffeine.

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### What's your flavor?



### FRIEND OR FOE?



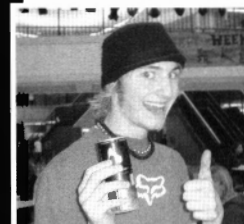
**senior**  
Gred Rudawski

"Before I step out on the ice, and before I play the drums, I always have a Red Bull, it gives me what I need to succeed."



**senior**  
Hannah Donaldson

"I don't like them because they taste disgusting, I would much rather have coffee."



**sophomore**  
Andrew Burgess

"They're friggin' awesome!"





**With a good perspective** from this year and years to come, sophomore **Tyler Royston** said, "The JV team won two matches, and lost four. Hopefully I'll have a chance to play on the varsity team next year." *Courtesy Photo*

## varsity golf

328-315 L	East Lansing
328-385 W	Sexton
304-365 W	Everett
304-303 L	Okemos
293-299 W	Grand Ledge
308-342 W	Eastern
308-303 L	Jackson
151-145 L	East Lansing
151-196 W	Sexton
154-150 L	Okemos
154-178 W	Everett
154-143 L	Grand Ledge
158-169 W	Eastern
158-156 L	Jackson

**A**fter ending last year's season with a trip to the State Finals, the varsity golf team had high hopes for what this year would bring.

"Do your best, don't get down on yourself, and forget about your bad days," are words of wisdom from Coach Dowell. He has been the team coach for twenty-eight consecutive seasons and was also on the varsity golf team when he attended Holt High School.

# swinging THROUGH THE season

by Samantha Mittleman & Audrey Kuhn

"Coach is a good guy and I enjoyed playing for him because he's fun to be around and I like the way he coaches," said junior Travis Rivera.

Key returning junior players include

dJosh Burt, Devin Montague, Bryant Karkau, and Chad Fox. Key returning senior players were Brice Dawson, Kenny Cox. "The season went pretty well. It was fun, and we were really successful," says junior Kirk Trentham.

Throughout the season, the players had many entertaining moments that they will never forget. Varsity player junior Bryant Karkau remembers the time his junior teammate, Kirk Trentham, hit a specific drive. "It went right by this kid from another school and the kid got mad and hit it back. Kirk ran after him and tackled him with his bag still on his shoulder."

Sophomore Tyler Royston said, "I went to hit a ball, but ended up hitting a tree and breaking my nine iron."

Parent support is also a big part of the golf team's success. Devin Montague who is also a junior explained: "My dad was the one who got me and my brother into golf. Both of my parents were at most of my matches. My parents come and watch the team and follow me around."

Visions of next year are nothing but positive. With Josh Burt, Chad Fox, and Devin Montague, all juniors who were included in this year's top six, return next year as seniors, they are already ahead of the game. Montague said with confidence: "Next year will be a repeat of this year with the senior leadership."

**"Do your best, don't get down on yourself, and forget about your bad days."**  
~ Coach Dowell

**Junior Bryant Karkau** putts the ball and remembers his hole in one. "We were at Marshall Country Club and the kid that I was golfing with started jumping up and down and pushing me. He seemed like he was more excited than me." *Courtesy Photo*

**Teammates wait patiently** for their last team scramble to get started. Sophomore JV player **Matt Bandt** said, "The most fun part of the season was the team scramble because it's a time you don't have to worry about the score and just have fun." *Courtesy Photo*





## DEEPEST drive

**325 yds** Josh Burt

**319 yds** Devin Montague

**312 yds** Chad Fox

**290 yds** Kirk Trentham

## INSIDE A friendship



### KENNY & BRICE

Seniors Brice Dawson and Kenny Cox have been friends throughout many golf seasons. Commenting on a previous year, Dawson said, "Kenny hit me in the head with a golf club by accident. It wasn't funny

then but we can laugh about it now. He's a good guy with a great sense of humor." Being the only two seniors on the team, they had many bonding moments. Their friendship goes back to sixth grade. Cox explained: "The only reason that I got into golf at all was because Brice asked me to go with him one day." Another memory is when he hit Brice in the head. "I felt really bad at the time, but it was hard not to laugh. His face was all big and puffy."



**Supporting their kids, parents** of sophomore **Matt Bandt** and junior **Devin Montague** are caught socializing at a golf invitational. **Bandt** explained, "My dad has basically been my coach my whole life. I'm really close with my him and his support means a lot." *Courtesy Photo*



## varsity womens tennis

8 - 0 W	Haslett
8 - 0 W	Waverly
8 - 0 W	Eastern
4 - 4 T	Mason
1 - 7 L	East Lansing
8 - 0 W	Grand Ledge
6 - 2 W	Jackson
2 - 6 L	Okemos
8 - 0 W	Everett
8 - 0 W	Dewitt
8 - 0 W	Sexton
1st	Holt Invite
7th	Okemos Invite
6th	Holly Invite
3rd	CAAC Meet
3rd	MHSAA Regional

**The varsity season was a** promising one. "Placing first in one of our tournaments was a big accomplishment for us," said junior **Alaina Hamlin**. Their best tournament finish was at the Holt Invite.  
*Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*



# serving AS A team

by Nicole Zaborowski

**T**ake a look round back behind the school, past the parking lot. If you see the football field then you've gone too far. Turn your head and take a look at the tennis courts: they're full of happy, peppy girls, laughing and having fun with each other. Some are eating, some are doing homework, some are just talking with one another. All of their talking and having fun together defines how a team

should act: welcome to womens varsity tennis.

Compared to last year, a lot of the girls said they feel more like a team this season. Senior Melissa Marecki said, "Everyone talks to each other, there's more chemistry now. Our team had a good bond." Junior Alaina Hamlin agreed, "We

all got along really well, and it helped us in the tournaments."

Along with new team bonding, the varsity girls had to graduate many of their best players last year. "We weren't as strong this year since we had to replace a lot of the girls who graduated," Marecki said. Junior Megan Massa was one of the new girls added to the team. "It was a lot of fun because

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talks to  
each other,  
there's more  
chemistry"**

~Melissa Marecki

its smaller and more competitive. Everything was taken more seriously," said Massa. The team also had completely new single players.

The combined talent of old and new made for a very promising season. The varsity girls took

first place in the Holt Invitational, finishing 8-2-1 for the overall season, while the junior varsity team took first place in both the Portland and CAAC Invitational and finished 10-2 for the overall season.

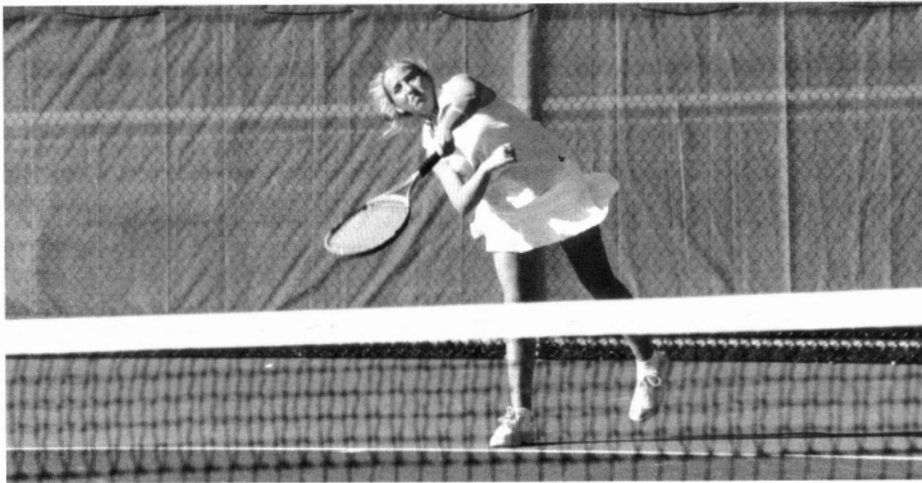
The girls varsity tennis coach, Pat Somers, said the only down point in the season was not qualifying for the State tournament. "We should of been able to do it, we were exp



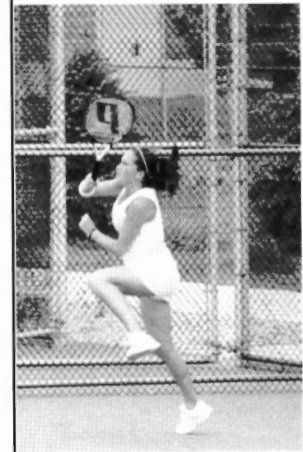


**Getting tips on how to win** against her opponent, senior **Melissa Marecki** listens in on what Coach **Pat Somers** has to say. "She really has a lot of background knowledge on tennis and she helps improve our play." *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*

**Playing well for junior varsity** is sophomore **Katie Jubb**. The JV team placed first in both their invites, finishing the season off with a well-earned 10-2 record. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*



**Reaching high to serve** the ball is junior **Laura Mastin**. Mastin is one of the few juniors on the varsity team, along with junior **Megan Massa**, her doubles partner. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*



**Showing she's ready for** anything hit her way, senior **Sarah Smith** leaps to hit a ball back to her opponent. She plays doubles with her partner, **Erika Neumann**. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*

pecting to make it," said Somers.

Coach Somers also appreciated the hard work and effort put into the team, and was pleased with the outcome: "Our team had a lot of depth, which made us competitive with all the teams. All the matches were close."

Along with stellar performances by both the doubles and the singles teams, the first two doubles teams won the most matches out of all the doubles teams from different schools.

Though they had a winning season and also played well in the tournaments, the girls had a shock when they learned that Coach Somers had lost her father. Staying true to team togetherness, the girls all pitched in to make and sign a card, and purchased gifts for Coach Somers to express how much they cared for her.

All in all, the girls were satisfied with their season and how it turned out. The only thing that brought them down was not going to State like they did last year, where they finished ninth overall. They're all content on how they played, and happy that they're more of a team this year than ever, no matter what the outcomes were.

## PAY TO play

### \$50 Uniform

The white and yellow striped tennis outfits were bought by the team at \$50 each.

### \$250 Equipment

The needed equipment is endless. Shoes, bags, new strings for the racquet, grips, everything they needed cost a high \$250.

### \$200 Racquet

Rarely can you find a good but cheap tennis racquet. Most run in the hundreds, but some cost even more.

### \$100 Team Sweatbands

The team all pitched in to have sweatbands made that say Lady Rams on them.

## JV womens tennis

8 - 0 W	Haslett
7 - 1 W	Waverly
5 - 3 W	Ann Arbor Huron
8 - 0 W	Eaton Rapids
8 - 0 W	Eastern
7 - 1 W	Mason
3 - 5 L	East Lansing
8 - 0 W	Grand Ledge
7 - 1 W	Jackson
2 - 6 L	Okemos
8 - 0 W	Everett
8 - 0 W	Dewitt
1st	Portland Invite
1st	CAAC Invite



## meet the seniors



### DEXTER BAKER

"I like the competition," said this 5'11, 190 pound defensive end, about why he loves football. Baker showed off his love for the sport at the Everett game when he started. "The only bad part about football," said Baker, "was Coach Rarick's fifteen minutes of death!" *Courtesy Photo*

### ANDY CLARK

"Sexton was the best game, it was a big game, right in the middle of the season and we had to win! Overall it was a great game for the team," said this 6'3, 195 lb senior. *Courtesy Photo*



### ANDY MASARIK

"Being on Monster Squad with [Josh] Trexler," was this 5'11, 190 pound center's favorite thing about football. "We just walked around in our squad and killed monsters," said Masarik. *Courtesy Photo*

## my INSIDE story



### ANDY SAWYER

The only sophomore on the team seems to get along well with everyone even though he is one of the youngest players. He usually gets a little nervous for pre-game. "I always want to go home before a game, I'm pretty moody then, and my parents don't usually like me," said Sawyer. *Courtesy Photo*

### JOHN LIERMAN

Showing some team support,

junior John Lierman cheers the team on from the sidelines. He was injured during the first few weeks of practice when playing defense by getting his knee caught under him.

"I would talk to different people on the walkie talkies before each game, and tell Mikhail to be calm and patient and not to rush things," said Lierman. *Photo by Art Brokenshire*



"I really believe that when it came down to a close game we knew that somehow, somehow we were going to win it! Because just like Coach Green's fifth grade son said 'Dad...

# overtime IS our time'

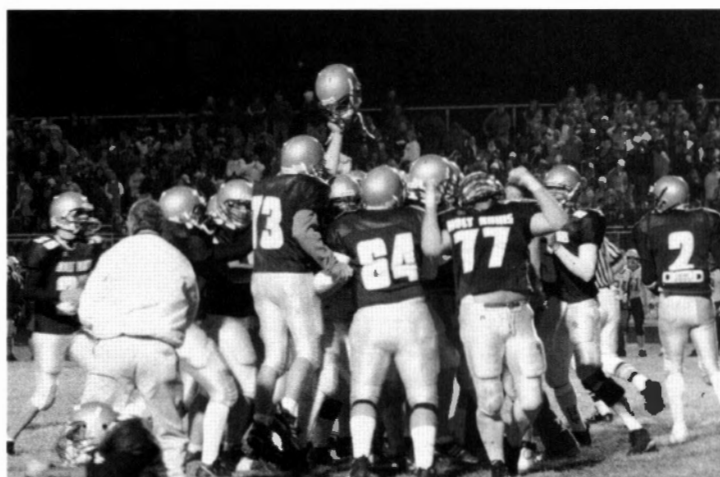
said Coach Smith.

by Sara Bullion, Heather Ungerman, and Holly Schoenbachler

These "can-do kids", as Coach Smith called them, proved that overtime was their time. They proved that they could break any losing streaks that have followed the team, they made a dual-threat quarterback question himself, and they brought our number one rival to their knees in shame. The Holt Ram varsity team put their name in the record books after they broke the four-way tie for the Division 1 CAAC Championship for the first time since 1995.

The season started off rough at first when Holt lost to

Charlotte in the season opener, but the team made a huge comeback the second week after a nail biting, edge of your seat non-conference game against



After the victory over Grand Ledge, the Holt Rams won the Division 1 CAAC Championship. "It was senior night and we won in overtime. It was pretty cool," said senior Tyler Holtz, #77, as he celebrated the victory. *Photo by Art Brokenshire*

Trying to stop the Charlotte offense is junior offensive tackle Steve Johnson. "We didn't play well and we got whipped. I felt I could of played a lot better," said Johnson. Johnson hoped to get recognized this season by college scouts. but. *Photo by Sara Bullion*



Running past the Sexton defense is junior Tyler Reed. "I keep playing each year because I've loved it since I was young, and now we have a bunch of great coaches and when you get to know them you realize they are eight year olds in forty year old bodies," said Reed. *Photo by Art Brokenshire*



Detroit De Porres. The team showed up the defending state champs with a score of 49-41 in triple overtime. "It was the sweetest game I've ever played," said senior linebacker Kevin Allen, who has played on the varsity football team for four years.

Then the Trojans showed us how great of a team Holt was this season, since Holt has lost to East Lansing every year since 1995. "The East Lansing game was one of my favorite games because we finally beat them," said senior defensive end Dexter Baker. The whole night was filled with many spectacular moments like the catch junior tight end Jake Moreno made while diving into the end zone contributing to the final score of 41-21.

As the fireworks burst in the sky after beating the nation's most dangerous dual-threat quarterback Antonio Bass, Holt came out on top with a score of 55-18. After the defeat of Jackson, senior wide receiver Tyler Schrauben said, "It clinched our spot for the title. They even had fireworks at the end and it was like they were celebrating our victory."

Then there was Grand Ledge, our number one rival, who it always comes down to to see if Holt will advance to the playoffs. After Coach Smith and Mike Gleason received flowers of threat, the team was pumped up. "It's all because we hate them," said Kevin Allen.

"When the fourth quarter ended, we knew we were going to win, we were going into overtime and overtime is our time!" said senior defensive tackle Mike Gleason. "The best part was Cheadle's bank kick at the end." Grand Ledge senior quarterback A.J. Dunn wasn't going to stop the Rams as overtime ended with a crowd running on the field for a victory of 20-17. If Holt wouldn't have beaten Grand Ledge there might have been a four-way tie for the CAAC Championship, but the win sealed the deal for the first time in nine years.

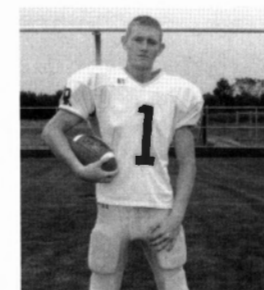
The playoff game against Battle Creek Central was a loss, but in the end this team summed up one word: "persistent," according to senior quarterback Mikhail Eiseler, "because of all our overtimes and close victories."

## varsity football

14-41 L	Charlotte
49-41 W	Detroit De Porres
38-7 W	Eastern
14-20 L	Everett
41-21 W	East Lansing
20-17 W	Sexton
29-14 W	Okemos
55-18 W	Jackson
20-17 W	Grand Ledge
22-40 L	MHSAA B.C.C.



**The season for the junior varsity** team was "pretty fun," according to sophomore **Glenn Briggs**. "I really liked the Grand Ledge game because we were doing bad in the beginning, but we came back and beat them in the end," said Briggs. *Courtesy Photo*



**"I got the winning touch down** at the Grand Ledge game," said sophomore wide receiver **Phil Vandenberg**. Vandenberg even got moved up to varsity for the playoff after junior varsity's season. *Courtesy Photo*

## jv football

33-6 W	Charlotte
40-6 W	Eastern
12-19 L	Everett
47-12 W	East Lansing
32-28 W	Sexton
14-7 W	Okemos
20-20 T	Jackson
34-27 W	Grand Ledge





**W**orking together was the main goal for the womens cross country team this year. "We knew that we had to step up and give it our all this season, and that's exactly what we did," said senior Liz Huber.

The team learned that bonding was not the only thing

# running NEW boundaries

by Jessica Keener

## womens cross country

16-47 W	Eastern
25-32 W	Grand Ledge
30-25 L	East Lansing
38-20 L	Okemos
15-50 W	Everett
15-50 W	Sexton
32-25 L	Jackson

**"Together  
we work to  
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that was needed for success. "We learned that we really have to work together as a team, we share strategies, and tell each other what are game plans are," said junior Elizabeth Woods.

The team had a record of four wins and three losses. "We all tried really hard this season because all the seniors are leaving, so this was our last chance to run and win together," said senior Rachel Fessenden.

The top seven runners on the team are seniors Talitha Tay-

lor, Liz Huber, Rachel Fessenden, Tara Dell, Katie Flinton, Jeanette Killips, and junior Missy Darling.

"Together we work to overcome our fears and weaknesses," said Darling.

This year the time had many rough times to deal with and had the team to help them cope. "Our major struggle this year was when the moms of the team got sick; that really just brought our team down, mentally and physically," said Woods.

The focus for the team this year was to meet all of their goals, and to just have fun. They realized that to succeed they had to liven it up a little. "We spent a lot of time together this year; we really got to know each other, and just became really good friends," said Killips.







**Near the end** of the race, sophomore **Liz Woods** gives it her all to push past the competition. "To have a good race you have to have a clear mind and just be ready for anything. You never know what's going to happen: bad weather, bad injuries, and even bad sportmanship," said Woods. *Photo by Jessica Keener*



**Facing the end** of the grueling run, senior **Liz Huber** finishes in good timing. "I love the end of the race the best, there is so much tension, and there's a lot of pressure on you to run faster than the girl next to you," said Huber. *Courtesy Photo*

**Working together to eliminate the competition** are sophomores **Jeanette Killips** and **Maddie Massa**. "Cross country is all about teamwork. Working together helps to stay in front of the other team," said Massa. *Photo by Jessica Keener*



# INSIDE practice

MONDAY - FRIDAY

**3:00** Practice starts with a three mile run warm-up

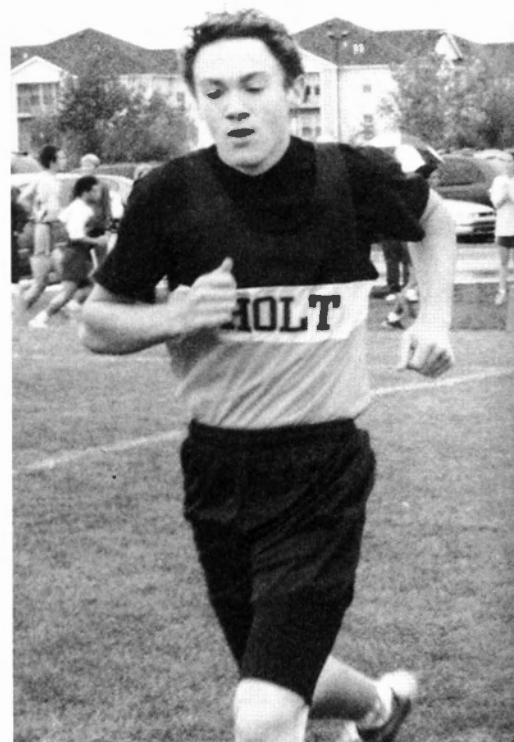
**3:20** Then it's on to "long slow distance" work

**3:40** Practice ends with a three mile warm down

**5:00** Practice ends only to begin the next day

**Gaining Ground is junior Andrew Sharrah.** "The most memorable moment of the season for me was breaking nineteen minutes and running the 5K in 18:55 minutes," said Sharrah. *Courtesy photo*

**Advancing towards the finish line are seniors Kenny Walker and David Appold.** "I decided to join the team because when I tried to play football I got hit too much. So I decided to run to stay in shape," said Appold. *Courtesy photo*





"Sports don't make character, but they reveal it."  
~ Coach Jerry Gillett

# shaving OFF THE seconds



**Making headway are juniors Matt Darling and Ben Wheaton.** "One of the most important things that you have to do to be a good runner is eat good before each race," said Darling. *Courtesy photo*

It takes discipline, strength, and endurance to cross the finish line after running a grueling 3.1 mile race. The mens cross country team has all that and more. "I joined the team because I am very competitive, and I like to stay in shape. Running is a very disciplined way of keeping fit," said senior Ben Johnides.

Running a 5K race makes you exert a lot of energy, so one

thing that is very important for every runner is to eat well and eat a lot. "The night before each race I would go to Little Caesar's and eat bread sticks and a whole pizza," said senior Kenny Walker. Consuming plate after plate

by Kacie Dittenber

full of food and then running it off has some very good benefits according to junior Andrew Sharrah: "I'm motivated to be on the team because afterwards you look good, meaning the abs are wonderful and the ladies love them."

The team didn't spend all of their time running and eating, they also spent a lot of time getting to know each other and becoming better friends. "I knew a lot of the other guys, but as the season went on I became closer with all of them," said junior Matt Darling. Senior David Appold agreed: "We would sometimes watch a movie together the night before a big meet, but mostly we would just hang out and mess with the girls team."

Besides hanging out outside of practice, the team also had a few good memories at their meets. "We were at the Bath Invite and we were standing at the bottom of a hill where roots were sticking out of the ground and we were waiting for the people to fall," said Johnides.

Being on the cross country team is not all fun and games, it is serious hard work. "Everyday is a challenge: I have to make the decision to run, but the feeling of accomplishment is worth it," said junior Ben Wheaton.



"I had a lot of pressure on me this season because coach expected me to do good and everyone else had high expectations. Plus I was working towards a scholarship."  
~ Kenny Walker

## mens cross country

L	Grand Ledge
W	Eastern
L	East Lansing
L	Okemos
W	Everett
W	Sexton
L	Jackson
7th	Bath Inv.
4th	Battle Creek Inv.
4th	Mason Inv.
8th	Haslett Inv.
21st	Portage Inv.
10th	Greater Lansing Inv.



"We started off really rocky then at the East Lansing game we really came together."  
~ Natalie Monette

Heart pounding, eyes widening, trying to catch a breath, senior Natalie Monette sinks the game-winning shot to defeat rival East Lansing. "We started off really rocky then at the East Lansing game we really came together and started playing well," said Monette.

Team unity helped contribute to the team's comeback. On every other Wednesday the girls would go over to a

teammate's house to eat and watch movies. Camp also helped develop a strong bond between players.

"We came together as a team and beat who we were supposed to beat."

Beginning the season with a 3-6 record the team was off to a sluggish start. Attitude was negative, players were not confident, and the spirit was low. "As a team we struggled with leadership from the beginning, but came strong during the end. We came together as a team and beat who we were supposed to beat," said senior Julie Davis.

Unexpectedly facing a team that has never taken a loss, spirits began to rise, players began to gain confidence, and everything came together for the team, resulting in a 61-59 win over East Lansing. Everyone on the team would agree that this game was the turning point in the season. "When we beat East Lansing on their own court, everyone was involved and did their part to help us win," said senior April Smith.

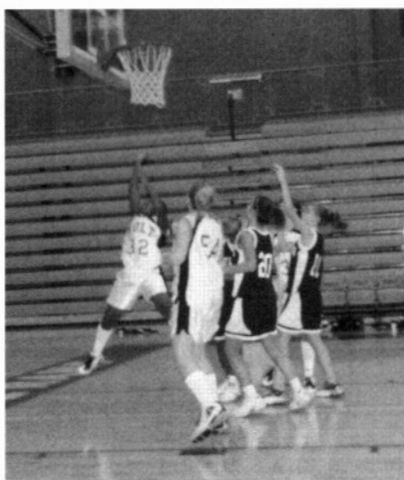
# throw it UP

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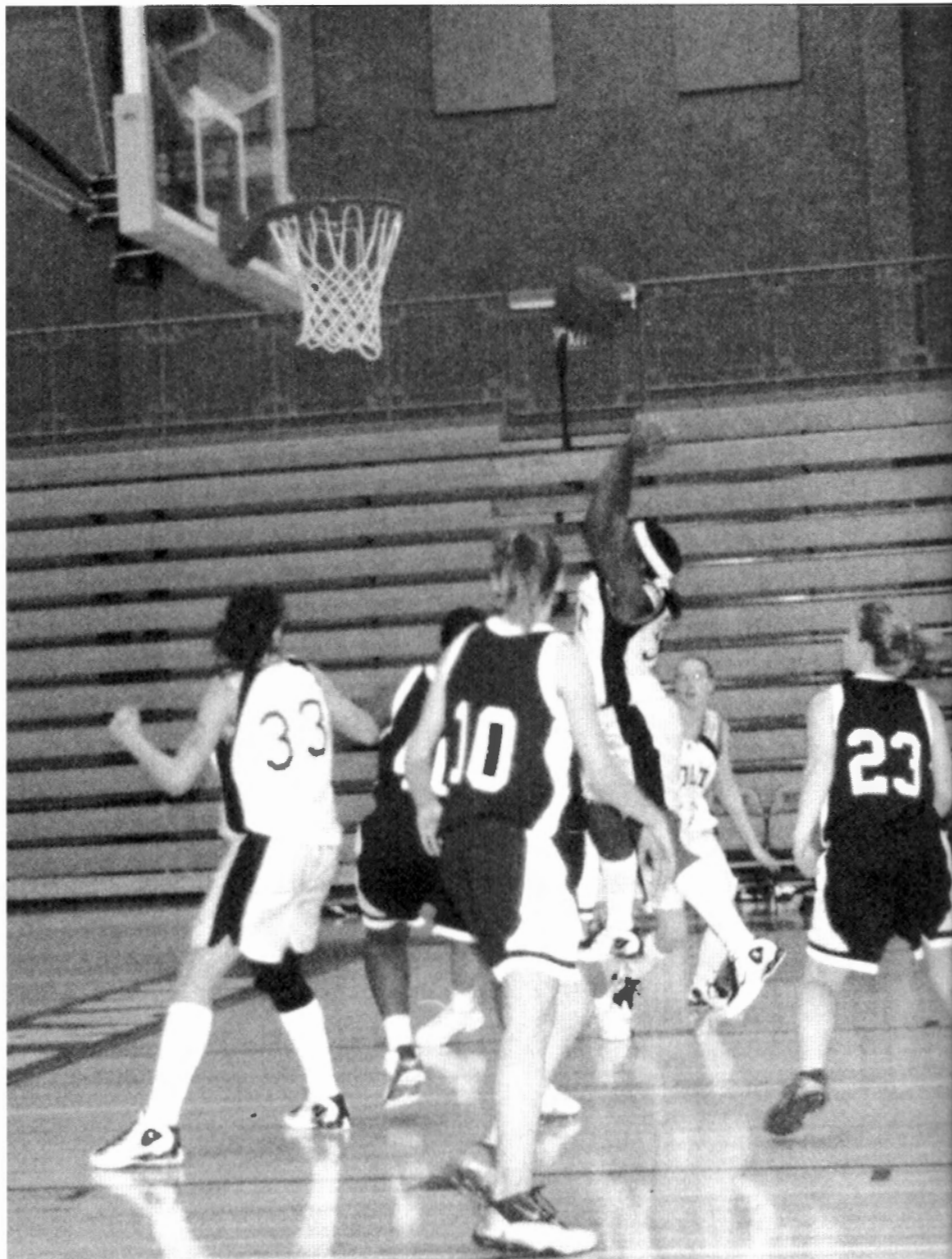


Dribbling the ball down the court and beating an opponent is freshman **Kayla Roché**. Photo by Ben Berry

Fighting hard for the rebound, senior **April Smith** shows full effort throughout every game. Photo by Brandon Boatman



Playing aggressively, senior **April Smith** drives down the lane hoping to sink a layup. As a captain, Smith shows great leadership qualities. Photo by Ben Berry





Looking for an open team-mate is sophomore **Kacy Cryderman**. As a sophomore, Cryderman contributes greatly to the potential success of next year's team. *Photo by Brandon Boatman.*



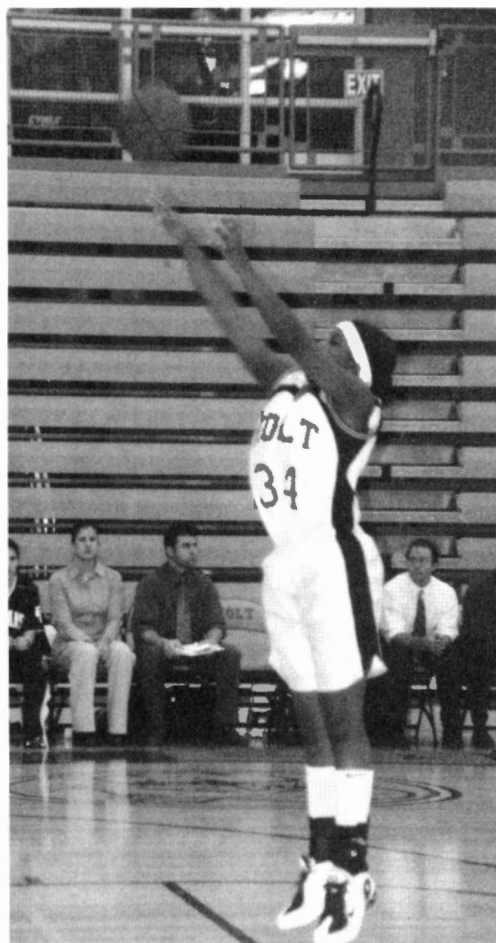
**Slowing down on the fast break,** freshman **Kayla Roché** will be a major asset in years to come. *Photo by Ben Berry*

## varsity womens basketball

34-45 L	DeWitt
45-44 W	Mason
36-51 L	Walled Lake N.
44-56 L	Eaton Rapids
48-44 W	Lakewood
47-66 L	Everett
54-41 W	Charlotte
30-47 L	Grand Ledge
43-13 W	Sexton
68-34 W	Eastern
52-57 L	Okemos
54-41 W	Jackson
61-59 W	East Lansing
54-41 W	Everett
43-41 W	Grand Ledge
59-45 W	Sexton
63-36 W	Eastern
44-32 W	Okemos
61-54 W	Jackson
38-52 L	East Lansing

## JV womens basketball

24-26 L	DeWitt
41-32 W	Mason
40-24 W	Walled Lake N.
35-30 W	Eaton Rapids
38-21 W	Lakewood
41-17 W	Everett
37-22 W	Charlotte
40-33 W	Grand Ledge
48-26 W	Sexton
59-16 W	Eastern
37-31 W	Okemos
42-31 W	Jackson
36-26 W	East Lansing
44-06 W	Everett
44-26 W	Grand Ledge
44-26 W	Sexton
57-24 W	Eastern
24-22 W	Okemos
41-34 W	Jackson
48-12 W	East Lansing



**Sinking a jumpshot from** the free throw line, junior **Chloe Hamilton** contributes to varsity's 61-59 win over undefeated East Lansing. *Photo by Brandon Boatman*



Stealing the ball from his opponent, sophomore **Mike Gu-kasov** enjoyed playing his first year on varsity with his older brother. Teammate sophomore **Matt Jenca** says, "Mike is one of the best underclassmen players on the team and an inspiration to everyone." *Photo by Kacie Dittenber.*

## my INSIDE story

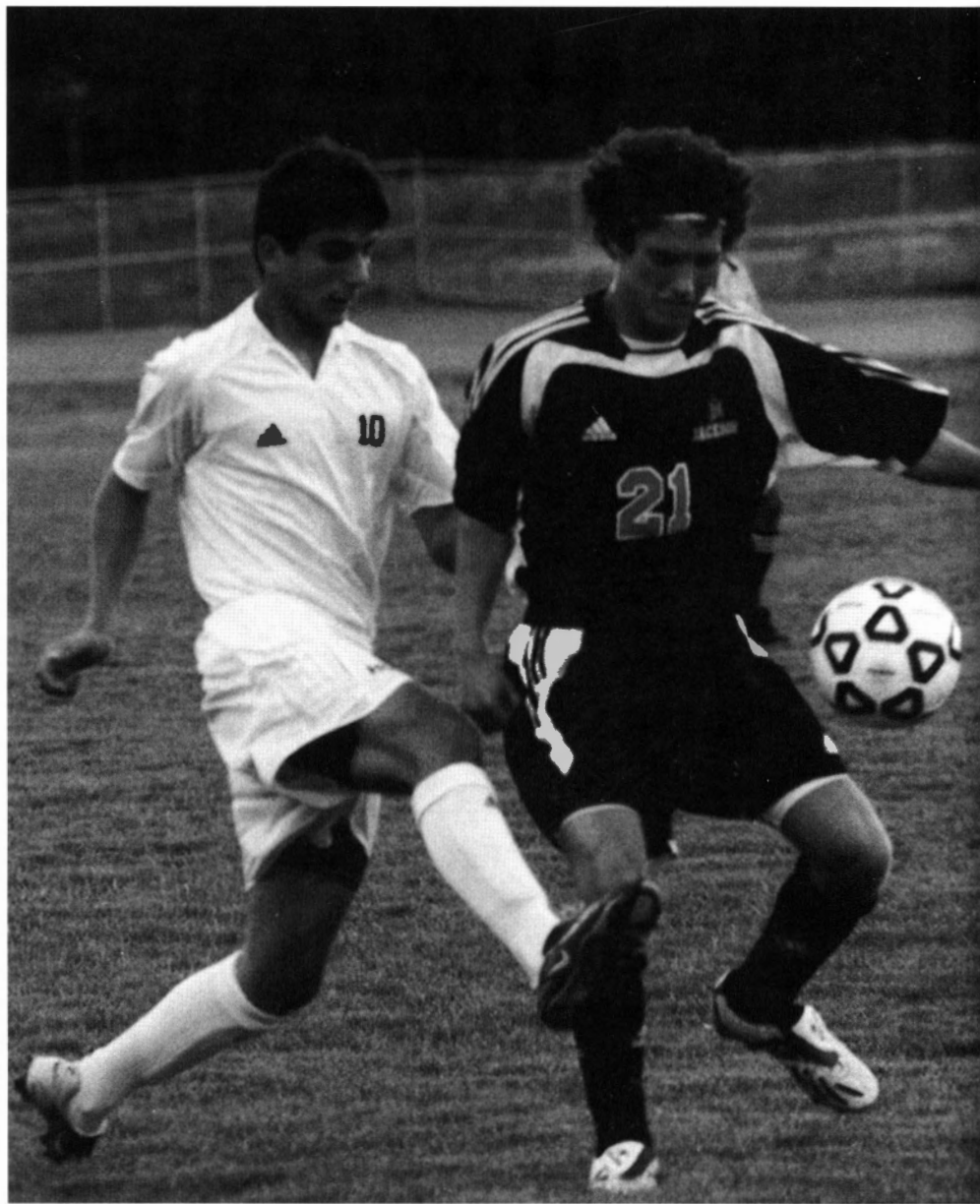


### Tyler Lamie #14

I started playing soccer when I was in second grade. I met a lot of people on that team and this year was the last year I got to play with them. Soccer has brought many great memories to my

life. Some of them being all the breakfasts at our coach's house and the fun we had just eating and talking with each other.

I will never forget the feeling you get when you work so hard for something and you finally achieve it. Even though we didn't have the ideal season this year, it still felt good to go to practice and play hard to win games. When I leave high school I will always remember the people and friendships I have had and made from soccer. It will be hard to give up the sport and friends from soccer when I go to college. I know I will probably never see them again, but I will always have the memories we've made.



# fighting FOR survival

by Jessica Merriott & Kacie Dittenber

With high aspirations for soccer the Rams set out at what they thought would be the best season in the history of soccer yet. After two weeks of two-a-day tryouts and then into many more practices, the team was confident and ready to play. They started the season off great with a tournament championship and a few wins, but as the season progressed the team realized there was more to soccer than just winning.

"The most memorable moments for me weren't on the field, but the fight off the field for life."

"Our biggest accomplishments this season were beating Jackson and Charlotte at their home fields," said sophomore Bernardo Mondujano. Between playing video games with each other and eating meals together the team became quite close. Senior Nick Hoover said, "My favorite thing about the team was playing with my extremely close friends that I have been playing with for a long time."





**Voted as most valuable player** on his team, senior and goalkeeper **Gabe Longworth** was known as a team leader and motivator according to teammate **Nick Hoover**. "I saved a penalty kick against Jackson and then we beat them. That was the best feeling in the world," said Longworth. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*

**Supported by his teammates as he dribbles** through Jackson mid-field, senior and co-captain **Sergey Gukasov** had a memorable senior year. "The season didn't turn out to be as good as we expected but we grew as a team and helped each other out in times of need," said Gukasov. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



Playing games and hanging out was only one of the things that brought these friends together. When fellow teammate Joel Maier was diagnosed with a brain tumor part way through the season, the team realized how close they really were. Senior Josh Looman said, "The most memorable moments for me weren't on the field but the fight off the field for life. Seeing Joel fight through his battle inspired me so strongly in many ways." The players not only grew as a soccer team throughout the season but they also became a family and supported each other in times of needs.

According to senior Luke Steere, "The season was different because their focus wasn't as much on soccer as it was on Joel." Nothing but support and love was given to Maier during his sickness and recovery, and in return, Maier motivated and cheered on the team from the sidelines every chance he got.

The team ended the season maybe not with the record they anticipated, but definitely closer and stronger than expected.

## Varsity Boys Soccer

3-0	W	Eastern
3-0	W	Dewitt
1-1	T	St Johns
14-1	W	Ionia
6-0	W	Sexton
4-0	W	Charlotte
2-0	W	Waverly
0-2	L	Jackson
1-3	L	East Lansing
2-1	W	Parma Western
1-2	L	Mason
2-0	W	Eaton Rapids
2-0	W	Everett
0-0	T	Williamston
2-3	L	Eastern
0-2	L	Grand Ledge
1-0	W	Walled Lake Central
0-4	L	Okemos
1-0	W	Jackson
0-2	L	East Lansing
0-1	L	Grand Ledge
1-2	L	Portage Central



**Intently watching their** team play are junior **Mitch McCaige**, senior **Luke Steere**, and junior **Joel Maier**. One of the injured players, senior **Kevin George** said, "My season ended early, so I didn't really accomplish anything but as a team there was a lot of support from those who couldn't play." *Photo by Greg Steere*

## JV Boys Soccer

9-0	W	St. Johns
7-0	W	Dewitt
7-0	W	Eastern
3-0	W	Charlotte
9-0	W	Waverly
2-1	W	Jackson
0-0	T	East Lansing
3-0	W	Eaton Rapids
3-0	W	Everett
2-0	W	Williamston
6-1	W	Eastern
3-2	W	Grand Ledge
4-0	W	Walled Lake Central
1-3	L	Okemos
4-0	W	Jackson
0-3	L	East Lansing
0-2	L	Grand Ledge

## JV accomplishments



**"I thought I was an effective player on the team.** We were really good this year but we still have room for improvement," said sophomore **Brice Jenkins**. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



**"In the beginning we** didn't think we were very good, but we pulled together as a team and knew we could play together," said sophomore **Zach Flores**. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



**"Winning the St. Johns** tournament and scoring a goal against Okemos to tie them were the highlights of my season," said captain **Dominique Jenkins**. *Photo by Jessica Merriott*





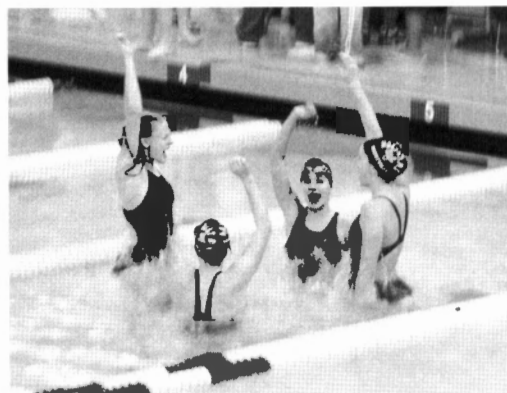
**Screaming for their teammate** to swim faster, senior **Rachel Abbott** and junior **Sieralyn Campbell** cheer on the side of the pool. "One time I was jumping up and down and I accidentally fell in the pool while someone was racing. I scraped my back up pretty bad on the side of the pool, but it didn't hurt that badly," said Abbott. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*

**S**tarting the season during a hurricane in Florida was a forgotten experience by the time the first duel meet came around, but now it can be seen as a foreshadowing incident of how the season would go. The season came with hurt feelings and down spirits.

"Our coach usually gives us pep talks about the upcoming season while we were in Florida," said senior captain **Megan Montville**, "but this year he said some pretty disappointing things. Some of it was actually hurtful to the captains." Florida set a tone for the season that no one would forget.

But despite what some said, the girls had a very successful season. Disappointment and hurt feelings couldn't stop what these girls love to do: swim.

With the addition of Okemos to the Capital Area Activities Conference last year, the team had been bumped down to second place in the championships. The goal of the season was to keep second place by beating the biggest rival: East Lansing. When the season came around, the team sustained their first loss to East Lansing in twelve years. But come CAAC finals, the team pulled off a victory against East Lansing, winning second place. No team stood a chance against Okemos who beat Holt and every other team by more than two hundred points.



**Celebrating after getting their state cut**, senior **Meghan Montville**, junior **Lindsey Howley**, sophomore **Kara Brockhaus**, and freshman **Morgan Wilson** do the water cheer after their relay's qualification. "It was overwhelming when we finally got our state cut. We had been working for it for all season to get it and we finally made it," said Brockhaus. *Photo by Katie Lash*

# breaking tradition

by Katie Lash

"It was overwhelming when we finally got our state cut. We worked all season to get it and we finally made it."

~ Kara Brockhaus

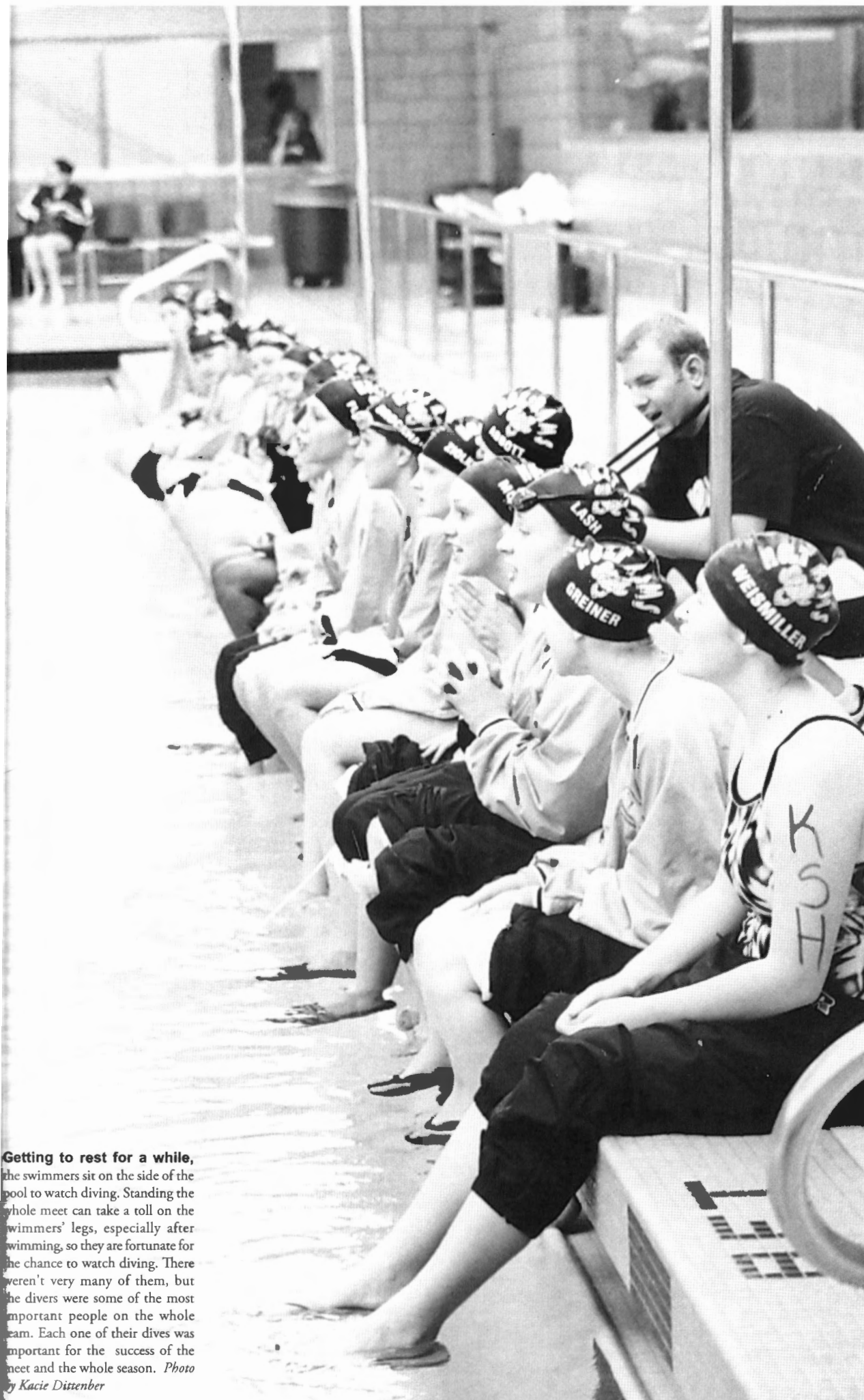
**After a win against Grand Ledge**, coach **Brent Pohlonski** gives a post-meet talk to the team. Pohlonski tore his ACL midway through the season during the team's ultimate frisbee game. He became partly immobile and had to have surgery. *Courtesy photo*

**BELOW CENTER: Finding some down time**, three swimmers have some fun by showing off their Spiderman moves. "Just for the heck of it," part of the team painted their bodies with letters and numbers. "It was just to get the spirit of the team up and have fun," said **Rachel Abbott**. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*

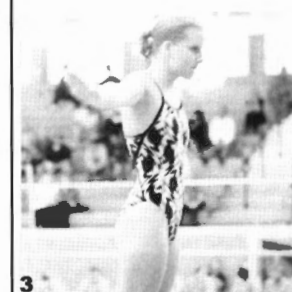
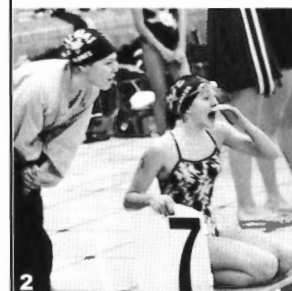


**After an afternoon at the beach**, junior **Sieralyn Campbell**, senior **Jessica Beeson**, sophomore **Victoria Flores**, senior **Katie Lash**, senior **Rachel Abbott**, and senior **Meghan Montville**, take a dip in the pool. Even when they were in Florida, the team had two practices a day, but that didn't stop them from having any fun. "When you have a hotel on the ocean, a pool outside your room and swim practice twice a day, there is no point to get out of your suit. You stay wet 24 hours a day," said Flores. *Photo by Ruth Weismiller*





**Getting to rest for a while,** the swimmers sit on the side of the pool to watch diving. Standing the whole meet can take a toll on the swimmers' legs, especially after swimming, so they are fortunate for the chance to watch diving. There weren't very many of them, but the divers were some of the most important people on the whole team. Each one of their dives was important for the success of the meet and the whole season. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



**1. Warming up in the hot tub** before diving are juniors Justine Kozlina, Megan Woodworth, Sami Byer, and senior Ali Templin.

**2. Counting laps,** sophomore Kara Brockhaus and sophomore Victoria Flores encourage their teammates by cheering at the end of the pool.

**3. Concentrating on her dive** is senior Ali Templin. Templin made it to regionals and the state meet this year. *Photos by Kacie Dittenber*

## womens swimming & diving

103-83 W	Williamston
3rd	Waverly Relays
9th	BC Relays
62-124 L	Okemos
74-111L	A.A Huron
67-32 W	Sexton
4th	F.H. Invite
106-79 W	Jackson
92-94 L	East Lansing
129-53 W	Everett
112-62 W	Eastern
40-148 L	A.A Pioneer
41-145 L	Mercy
106-80 W	Grand Ledge
2nd	CAAC Finals



"It's nice to show off the training I've put into my horse" ~ Junior Jessica Seguin

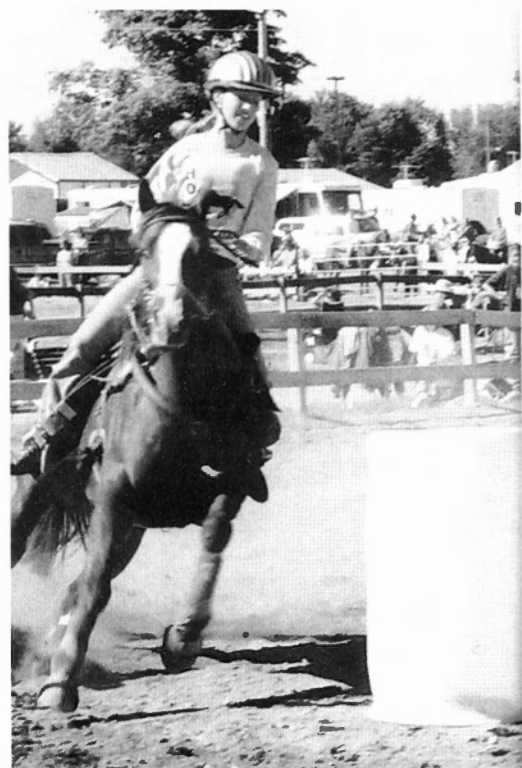
**S**quaring up the horse. Racing around barrels and poles. Posting on the correct diagonals. This is the vocabulary that is used every day by people who work and take care of horses. The equestrian team works very hard training their horses for the three meets they have each year. "All the work is worth it," said sophomore Amber Kelley.

The coaches of the team are Kathy Golden and Kari Rodgers. Kathy is the mother of senior Katie Golden, who is on the team, and Kari is a former team member from Holt. One of the hardest parts about coaching the team is trying to find a place to practice. All the girls on the team have to find a way to get their horse to whatever location the coach decides they will practice at.

There are many different classes that each individual can choose to show in. The

events are based on style of riding, the person or horse being judged, and what kind of class it is. There are also what people call "fun" events which include barrel racing, trail classes with a pattern to follow, and different types of partner events. Not many people know there is an equestrian team or even what it is and even fewer realize the work put into the meets the team participates in.

**Darting around the first barrel,** senior Kaitlyn Sherer shows off what she is known for and what she does best. With the fastest time, she only has to focus on one thing and that is speed. *Courtesy Photo*



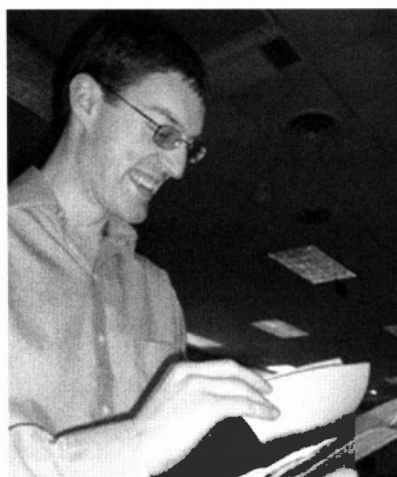
# tacking THE horse

by Sarah Turner, Ben Berry & Brandon Boatman

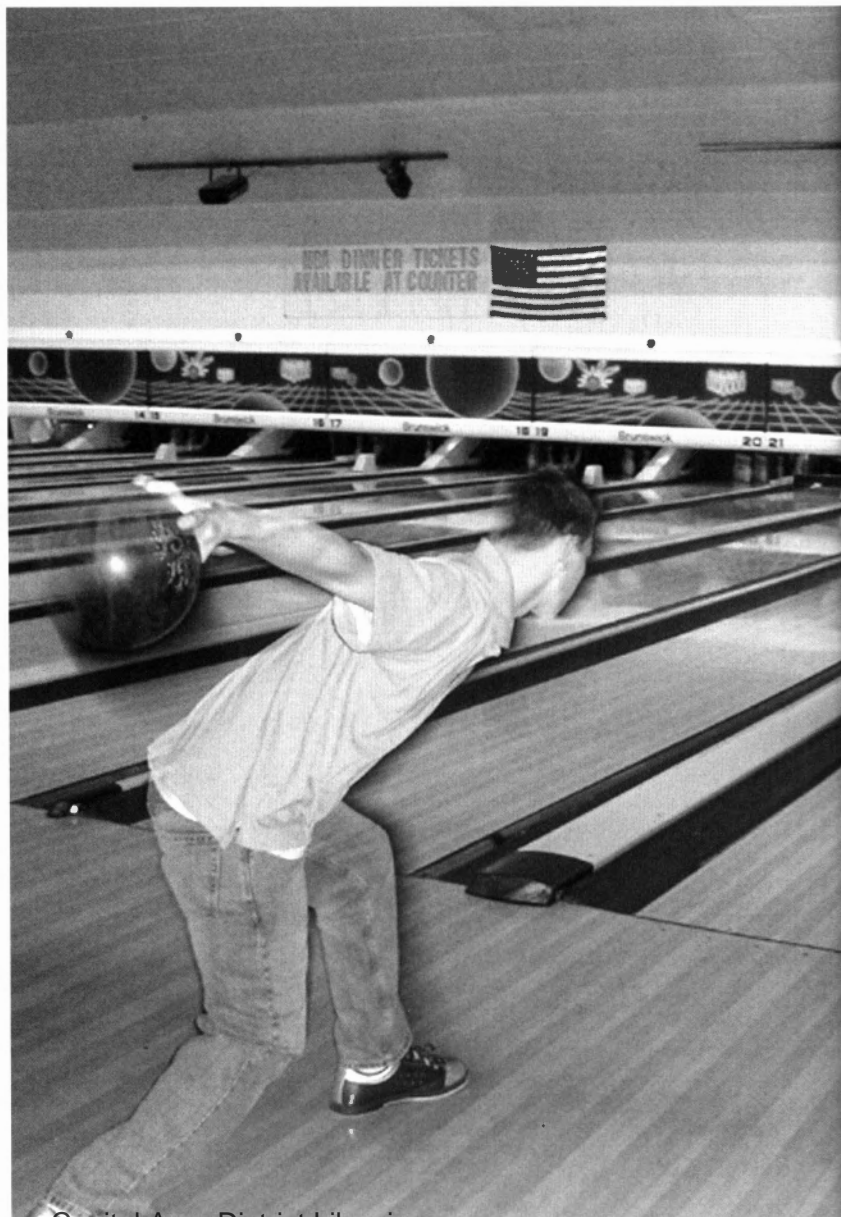


**Well-focused and determined** to get a strike, junior **Danielle Graham** prepares for her turn. She has been on the bowling team for two years now and plans on being on the team next year as well. *Photo by Sarah Turner*

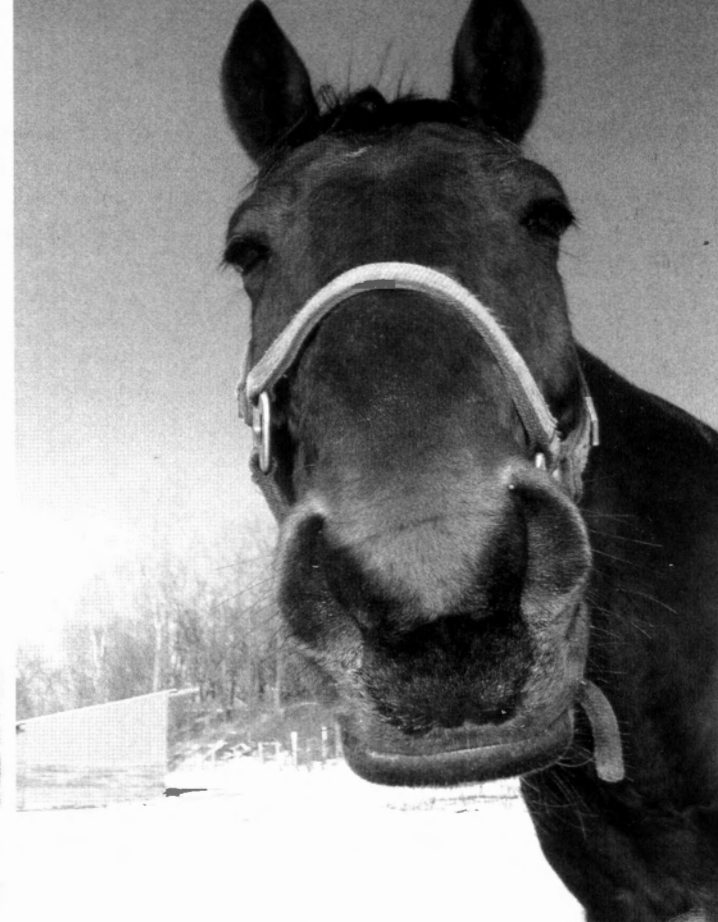
**Looking at the scores while** at bowling practice, coach **Craig Huhn** gets ready to provide advice for the team's bowling skills. *Photo by Sarah Turner*



**Preparing to knock down** all the pins, junior **Tony Sparks** works on his form during practice. *Photo by Sarah Turner*







**Horsing around** is something the equestrian team doesn't mind doing. When it comes down to hard work and training that needs to be done, the girls and the horses such as Ike (junior Jessica Seguin's horse), know what they have to do. *Courtesy Photo*

**After a hard day working in the sun**, the team smiles for one last time before they go home knowing they have to get ready for another show the next day. *Photo by Sarah Turner*



## rolling in THE HAY

the high cost of  
owning a horse

\$200	boots
\$50	helmet
\$70	jacket
\$60	jodphers
\$55	bridle
\$35-60	weekly lessons
\$7000	horse
\$300	saddle
\$2.75	bale of hay

## DID YOU KNOW?

To feed Ike, Stormy, Peanut, Charlie, and Honey (the team's five horses) it would take an average of ten bales of hay per week. Those five horses would also produce an average of seventeen wheelbarrows of manure!



**B**owling a perfect 300 game, snagging a 7-10 split, or hitting consistent spares are considered to be tremendous accomplishments for a bowler. Bowling has been a sport at Holt for the last four years, and before that it had been a club that teacher Craig Huhn headed. Some may say bowling takes no skill at all, but how many really good bowlers are there? "There are more skills needed for bowl-

ing than people realize," said junior Danielle Graham.

The coach of the bowling team, Craig Huhn, has been with the team since it began. "I've been bowling for almost my entire life. I used to work at

a bowling alley and bowling has always been a part of me, so I decided to help out," said Huhn.

Being a part of the team is a great opportunity to make new friends. Michaela Bond said, "I really like the close friends that I've made." Some students, like Bond are in this club for fun bus rides and to meet new people, while others take it more serious. "If I get my average up I may see a future career," said junior Tony Sparks. Tony Sparks has been bowling since he was seven years old and has an average of 177. The star of the team, sophomore Chad Fox, bowls an average of well over 200.

# setting THE pins

by Ben Berry

"There are more skills needed for bowling than people realize."  
~Junior  
Danielle  
Graham

## mens bowling

W 24-6	Portland
W 13-7	Grand Ledge
W 26-4	Haslett
W 19-11	Jackson
L 12-18	Ionia
L 10-20	Jackson
W 22-8	LCC
W 29-1	East Lansing
2nd	CAAC Final

## womens bowling

L 7-23	Portland
L 1-29	Grand Ledge
L 4-26	Haslett
L 7-22	Jackson
L 0-30	Ionia
L 2-28	Jackson
L 13-17	LCC
L 7-23	East Lansing
8th	CAAC Final



"It sucks when you're held underwater and you can't breathe."

~ Brad Voss

It sucks when you are held underwater and you can't breathe," said senior Brad Voss. "When the other team finally lets you up for air, all you can do is cough to catch your breath, then you have to sprint to the other end of the pool and it happens all over again."

To sum water polo up in one word, you can say rough. The game is not for the weak, and if you have ever had a phobia of water or drowning, this game is not for you.

Water polo has been around for over a hundred years, but in Holt, this was the first year it was introduced as a club. Being a club, the team is open for

other schools to join. This year many of the team's players were from Eastern and Everett High Schools. The Holt mens swim team also made up a huge part of the team.

Being the first year of the club, the team was fortunate to have Mr. Edwards as their coach. Edwards has had many years of water polo experience, and coaching one of the best swim teams in the state. But even with a great coach and talented swimmers, the season didn't turn out as expected. Losing almost all of their games, the team learned a hard lesson in what experience brings to a team. Although next year the team will be losing some valuable seniors, they will have gained a year of experience.

"You can practice all you want," says senior Brad Voss, "but that doesn't mean anything if you don't have experience playing the game."

# a whole NEW BALL game

by Katie Lash

**The opponent goes for the shot** as junior Kirk Gibbs tries to block and senior Don Anderson guards the goal. "Being goalie is tough," said Anderson, "You have to tread water the whole time, so when someone shoots, all you can use is your legs to push yourself up out of the water and block the ball." *Photo by Katie Lash*



**Reaching for the ball** freshman Robinson tries to grab it before his opponent pulls him under. When the season started everyone was basically on the same page. No one really had competitive experience. The team had to pull together to play each game. Eventually everyone caught on and the team became very competitive. *Photo by Katie Lash*

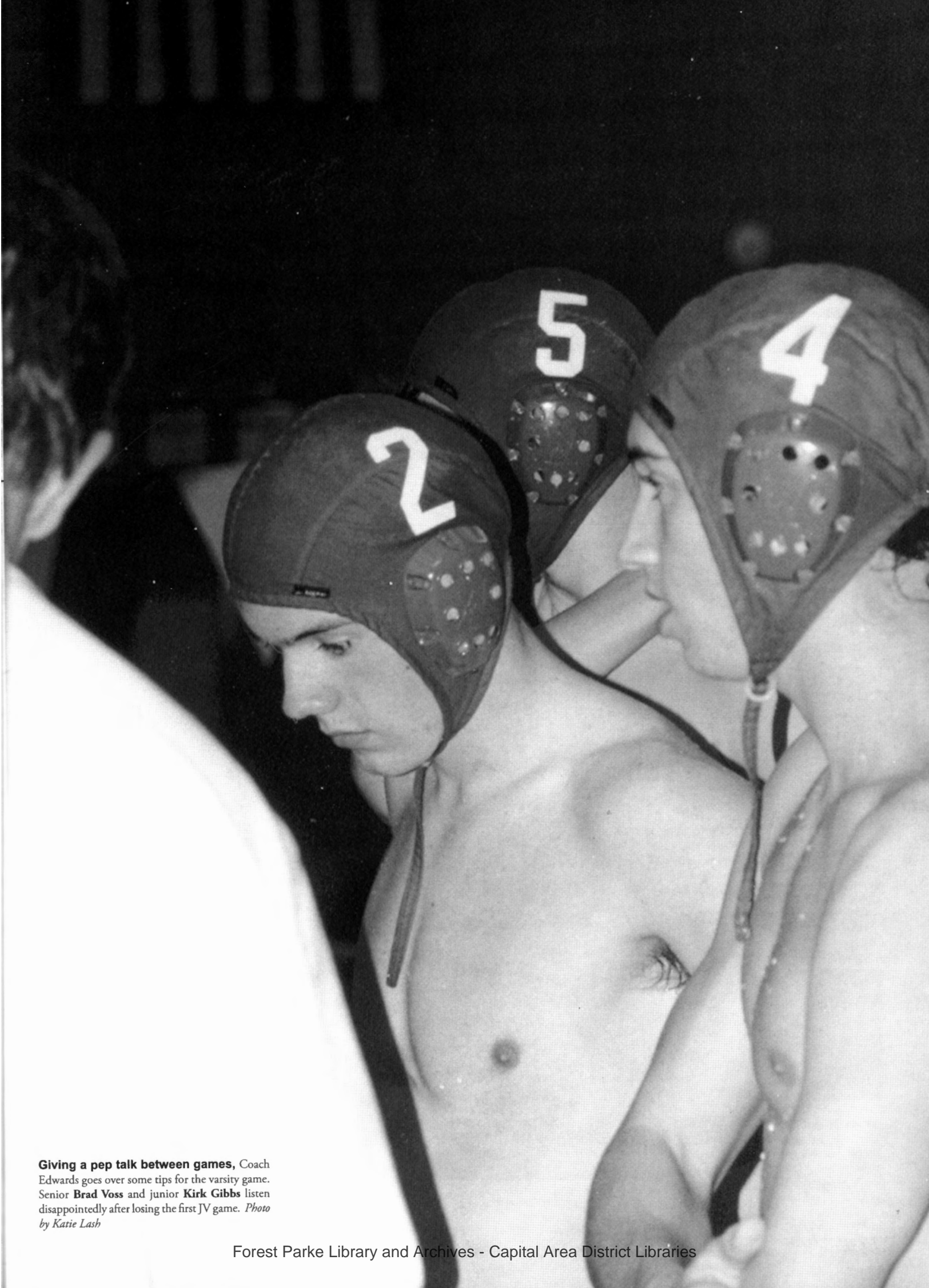
**Taking a moment to relax**, some of the players get a chance to rest before their next game. The team usually plays two games, one JV and one Varsity game. Since this was the first year for the team, most of the players played in both games. *Photo by Katie Lash*



**Waiting for a the ball**, junior Kirk Gibbs gets a moment's rest. The pool is all deep so none of the players get to touch the bottom. The players are required to tread water the whole game. With all the sprinting that is also involved, the players get tired pretty fast.

*Photo by Katie Lash*





**Giving a pep talk between games,** Coach Edwards goes over some tips for the varsity game. Senior **Brad Voss** and junior **Kirk Gibbs** listen disappointedly after losing the first JV game. *Photo by Katie Lash*





"The best part about being on dance team is getting the chance to meet some really great girls and doing what we love: dancing!"

~ Sophomore  
Megan Schalau

# Dance Dance Revolution

by Katie Knop

For the fans, dance is just entertainment; for the dance team, it's their lives. Senior Tracy Schrauben said, "Although this is only my first year on the dance team, I have been dancing since I was four-years-old and I continue because it's my passion."

She isn't the only one who's been dancing her whole life. Most of the dance team is made up of girls who started

dancing before they could write their own name. Junior Ashley Perales said, "I've been dancing since I was three and it's something I enjoy doing, so I have never quit."

Due to the large number of girls with previous dance back-

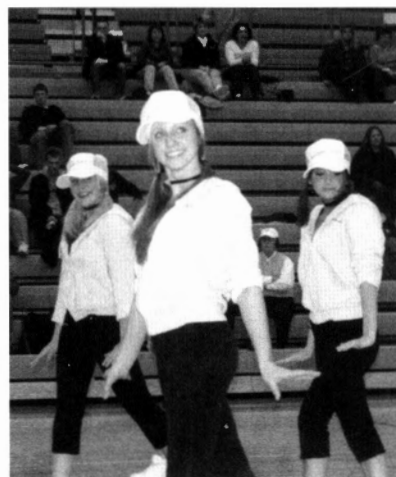


"Performing at the games is really fun, watching the basketball team warm-up helps to pump us up for halftime," says sophomore **Megan Schalau**. For each game their outfits are decided by the group of girls who choreographed the routine. *Photo by Katie Knop*



**Junior Anna Keeler** hits a pose during a halftime performance at the basketball game. "The best part about dance team is being able to dance at all the basketball games and getting to know all the different girls," says Keeler. *Photo by Katie Knop*

**All smiles from seniors Kaitlyn Sherer and Katherine Becsey** along with sophomore **Megan Schalau** as they do what they love for the crowd. Becsey laughs, "I've been dancing since second grade and I continue because I love it! Why else?" *Photo by Katie Knop*



**The girls strut their stuff** as they pump of the crowd. The dance team performs at all the home games during halftime. Sophomore **Melanie Dalton** says, "Each girl is assigned to a group and that group choreographs a dance for a certain day." *Photo by Katie Knop*





grounds, the dance team has gained more recognition over the past few years than any other year. They have entered in competitions, and dance during halftime of every basketball game, helping them to become more known.

At the game we only see the outcome, but behind the scenes is where the passion and dedication get put to work. "It usually takes about two to three practices to learn dances for the game and up to two weeks for competition," said senior Carolyn Brennan. But with all the hard work comes a huge reward. Sophomore Megan Schalau said, "The best part about being on dance team is getting the chance to meet some really great girls and doing what we love: dancing!"

For these girls it's not just about dancing though. It's about making friends, building relationships and just doing what they love to do. Outside of dance, the girls have done many bonding activities, including Christmas parties, float building, team dinners, and dance camp.

Sophomore Melanie Dalton said her favorite part of being on the dance team is "watching each girl grow as a dancer as the season progresses and all the friendships that are formed, even if they don't last very long."

So what makes the dance team unique? It's not like any other sports. They dance because it's what they love to do, they dance for themselves, not for the scoreboard, not for the crowd, but for their own individual satisfaction. Senior Allie Hudler said, "I have been a dancer for fourteen years. I like dancing and I have never found anything I would rather do." Sophomore Megan Schalau strongly agreed, "I continue to dance because I love it, I just can't get enough!"

A big group of girls practicing together, day in and day out, you'd think there would be major conflict. According to junior Anna Keeler, "We aren't really faced with much conflict; if we ever do have issues we just talk about it and it gets resolved quickly." They all agreed there are never any huge fights and that they love being around each other. "We get together on the weekends (either the whole team or just some of us) and hang out because we're best friends!" said senior Katherine Becsey. Overall, their hard work, dedication and teamwork have made them a stronger team. Each game gives a little extra confidence and proves they do work as hard as anyone else. Senior Tracy Schrauben said, "It is so exciting to know the crowd is cheering for you when you've finished."

## meet THE CAPTAINS

Katherine Becsey



**"Dance Team is fun** because everyone has different personalities and styles. We all have an expertise on one thing or another," says Becsey. *Photo by Katie Knop*

Carolyn Brennan



**"I've been dancing** since sixth grade. I love to dance and you can always improve. You can never be a perfect dancer," says Brennan. *Photo by Katie Knop*

Allie Hudler



**Hudler says,** "The best part of being on dance team is getting to work with the girls and getting to perform at school activities." *Photo by Katie Knop*

Kaitlyn Sherer



**"The thing I'll miss most** is all the talks with my girls and having scheduled dance each week," says Sherer. *Photo by Katie Knop*





Involving everyone is something intramural strives to do, and it accomplishes this well. There are 24 teams that play three nights a week, three games a night. Why do these players do it? What do they like about I.M. basketball so much?

"I like being competitive and having fun while doing it and being able to play with your friends because you get to choose everyone on your team," said senior Eric McCulloh who plays for Airborne. Junior Justin Franks added, "I like it because it's fun and you don't have to be good to play."

# I.M. PLAYERS shoot FOR fun

by Heather Ungerman & Christina McPike

None of the teams practice, they just ball for fun, some have even played on varsity or junior varsity basketball in previous seasons. When picking teammates, most captains choose their friends but some choose people based on skill, height, or how they played the year before.

"I picked people who were good and who

didn't make the varsity team, and they are all my friends, too," said junior Billy Albrecht.

"I was recruited. Tom Izzo came up to me and was like how do you do it and I was like lets go get our ball back," said junior Zack Brendhal. Senior Eric McCulloh was not a captain but was asked to join his team for the second year in a row by the captain personally. "They picked me because last year we played on the same team. I can be a team leader. We

"I like to spend time with the boys in the locker room before the games."  
~ junior Zach Brendhal

were down by a lot and I scored, like, fourteen points or something, and I can play basic basketball. So he came up to me and was like, 'I'm making a team, do you want to be on it?' And I was like, sure."

The teams all have unique names that they came up with to represent themselves. "When we came up with the name for our team we were watching Space Jam. It's just such an awesome movie," said junior Dong Nguyen. The Sugar Plum Fairies also came about as a result of a movie. "We were sitting in class one day and they

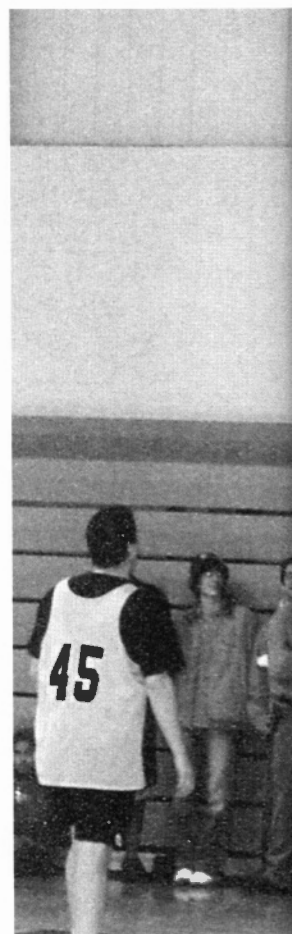
had a stupid name so I wanted to come up with something different, and we all love the Nutcracker," said junior Zack Brendhal.

The goal of I.M. isn't to win, but to have fun and include everyone, but they do have a tournament to decide the best of the best!



**Going for the rebound is** senior **Kyle Cryderman** who plays for the Thoroghbreds. "Our biggest rival is the Thoroghbreds because we get a lot of dunks on them. It is basically a dunk contest," said junior Zach Brendhal. *Photo by Heather Ungerman*

**As the ball almost reaches** the net, the Thoroghbreds wait in anticipation. *Photo by Heather Ungerman*





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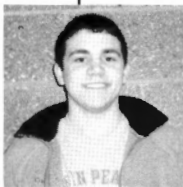
## THROUGHBREDS

"We almost beat Team Arthritis. That would have been a big accomplishment. It would have made our season even better." **Junior Corey Burt**



## H-TOWN HEAT

"I like I.M. because you get to play on a team with your friends and you get to go out and have fun." **Sophomore Anthony Clark**



## SUGAR PLUM FAIRIES

"Some of our pre-game traditions are that we go to each other's houses before the game and massage each other's backs to relieve pre-game tensions." **Junior Zach Brendhal**

"You always get to make new friends playing I.M."

~ senior Dylan Tate, Airborne

"It's hard meeting new people and trying to play with them, but it's a blast."

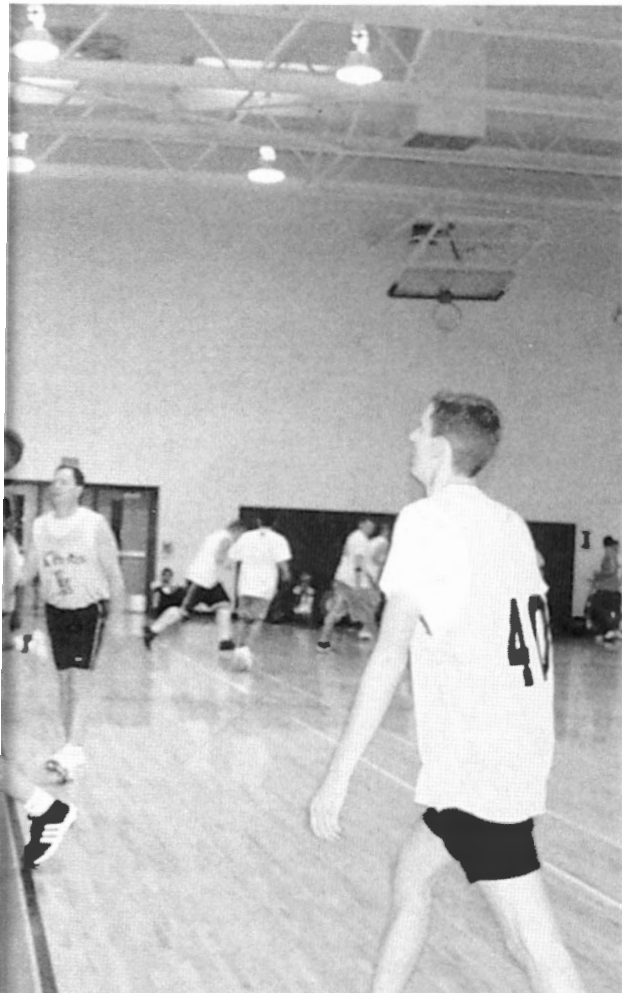
~ senior Nick Kintigh, Dem Franchise Boys

## A team records

11-0	Team Arthritis
9-2	The Thoroughbreds
8-3	Sugar Plum Fairies
7-4	The Goodfellas
6-5	Monstars
6-5	Airborne
5-6	Dem Franchise Boys
5-6	Knights
4-7	H-Town Heat
1-6	Condiment Crew V.II
2-9	Team Horsepower
1-10	Trailblazers
0-2	The FES
0-2	The United Nations

## B team records

10-1	Who Cares?
8-0	The United Nations
8-3	Deathrow
7-1	The FES
7-4	All Stars
7-4	D-5 Mighty Ducks
6-5	Sharp Shooters
3-7	Irish
2-8	The Dream Team
2-8	Nothin' But Net
2-9	The Golden Warriors
1-2	Condiments Crew V.II
0-11	Basketball Jockeys



**Guarding with all his life** is junior **Eric Wills** from the Thoroughbreds. "We work together as a team really well because we are good friends and we have a good team chemistry," Wills said. *Photo by Sara Bullion*

**Fighting for the ideal spot** under the basket is junior **Andrew Kinney** from Dem Franchise Boys and junior **Bronson Wall** from Team Horsepower. "When we played Dem Franchise Boys we didn't play very well because we just couldn't get the ball in the hoop," Wall said. *Photo by Heather Ungerman*



**S**tanding outside of the Holt Burger King and passing out slips of paper that will help to support your team may not sound like something that most teams at Holt would do. But the pom squad does.

Because the team is not school-sponsored, the girls on the squad have to pay for their own outfits, which run between \$75 and \$100, plus accessories. Everything that is needed to be on the squad is paid straight from their own pockets.

To cover the high expenses of being on the pom squad, the girls have to hold fundraisers to raise some of their money. Members of the squad, including Jenna Smith, Danyel Bozzo, and Nina Johnson, spent one day each month outside the Holt Burger King passing

out flyers customers can use when buying their food. If the customer shows that flyer, 15% of their total purchase goes to the benefit of the pom squad in donation. The girls use the money to cover the expenses of some of their essentials in pom.

Along with handing out flyers, the pom squad did numerous other fundraisers to help raise money. They held a car wash, sold candles, and also sold candy.

The pom squad performed at JV and Freshman football and basketball games this year, doing a variety of dances and cheers.

The squad has been performing for three years, with members entering their sophomore year and leaving when they graduate. Senior Danyel Bozzo's mother, Tammy Bozzo, is the brains behind the squad. She started the idea to have a pom squad, and it has been a success so far. Next year, coach Tammy Bozzo will leave the squad to the care of current captains, Danyel Bozzo and Nina Johnson.

The pom squad has their own cheering section of students who enjoy the girls' non-stop energy and ability to cheer whenever their needed. "They're a lot of fun to watch," said junior Laura Wilke. "They have so much energy, and it's a lot different than any of the other entertainment we get to watch in between games. I think that they are more interesting than cheerleading or dance. I love it!"

# breaking THE mold

by Jessica Craft-Quenby & Nicole Zaborowski

"I think we kind of break the mold, and do something that no one else does."  
~Senior Jenna Smith



**Next year's coaches, and this year's captains, Nina Johnson and Danyel Bozzo** take a break while passing out flyers at Burger King. The squad did many fundraisers this year to help raise money to pay for the costs of being on the squad, such as uniforms, shoes, and accessories. *Courtesy Photo*





# my INSIDE story



## NINA JOHNSON

Senior Nina Johnson has been with the pom squad since it started. Senior Danyel Bozzo and her mother wanted to start the squad, and Nina was there to help them out. Since then, Danyel and Nina have been captains and Danyel's mother, Tammy, has been the coach. Next year, Nina and Danyel will be the coaches and hope to help the squad grow. "The squad keeps getting smaller since it started out," Nina said. "It's harder to get the money we need in fundraisers. We did a car wash, sold candles, and sold candy, aside from standing outside Burger King passing out flyers." Nina also thinks

that the pom squad's style has changed a lot since its beginnings. "It used to be more of a dance and cheer, but now it is more of a hip-hop dance squad. It's still very fun, but it is definitely different."



**Pom squad members perform for the crowd** at the Homecoming pep rally. "There was a lot of spirit at the pep rally, and it was really fun," says senior **Jenna Smith**. Photo by Holly Schoenbachler



**Pom squad members take a break** after a football game. Since then, the squad has dwindled down and lost members for basketball season, including senior **Jenna Smith**, who had to leave to give priority to her job. Courtesy Photo

"I like the way you move..." Senior captain **Danyel Bozzo** performs with the pom squad to the popular Outkast song at the Homecoming pep rally. The team performed at freshmen and JV football and basketball games this year. Bozzo plans on being a coach next year with senior **Nina Johnson**. Photo by Holly Schoenbachler



**T**hat stereotype is so overrated," said senior Devon Bement of the typical stereotype of high school cheerleaders. Cheerleading is more than being on the field pumping up the crowd. Sophomore Stravoula Kyriakopoulos said, "To me cheerleading is working hard, building friendships and just having a blast."

Along with being a cheerleader comes a lot of commitment: practices every day, games every week and competitions on the weekends. But along with their busy cheerleading schedule they spend a majority of their time defending themselves. "I think people view us as the usual stereotype; snotty, preppy, dumb and popular; the movies and TV

# Hey-Ho, Holt Rams

## Got Soul!

by Afton Bondarenko & Katie Knop

Yo baby, yo baby,  
yo! Holt Rams are  
#1 and don't you  
forget it!

shows don't really help either; they make us look ditzy and we're really not," said sophomore Brittany Watson.

Cheerleading is about passion, determination and patience. It goes deeper than just cheering on other sports teams, it's become a lifestyle. Cheerleading has gained recognition by opening gyms strictly for cheering and has become very popular on ESPN.

For some girls cheerleading is life, for others it really is just a hobby. Senior Tiffany Heuhs joined the squad this year because "it looked fun and I thought my gymnastics background could help out a little bit." After finishing out football season, Heuhs had a different view on cheerleading: "I honestly didn't think cheerleaders worked that hard, but after being one I realized practices are tough and I have a lot more respect for what they do now."

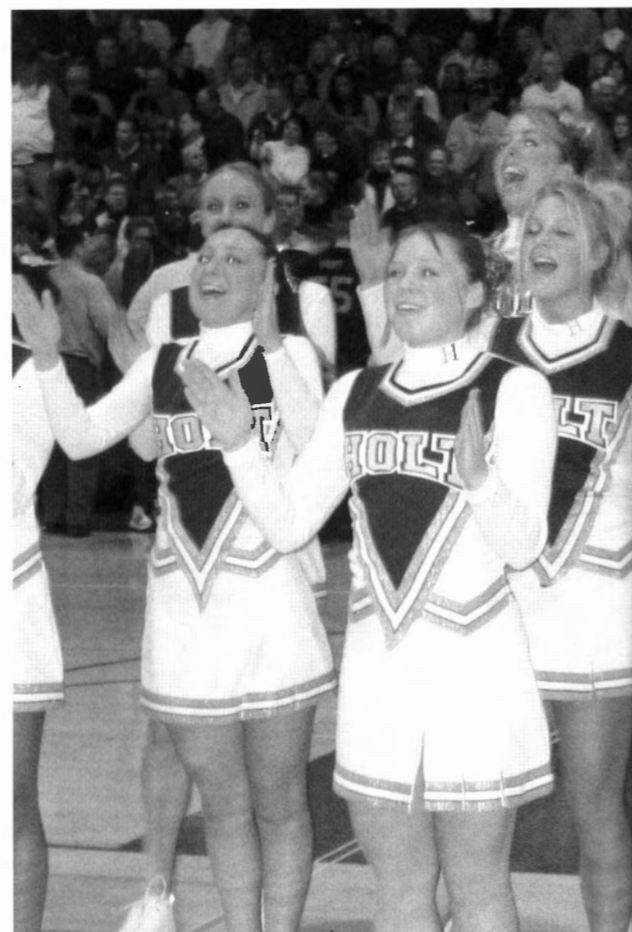
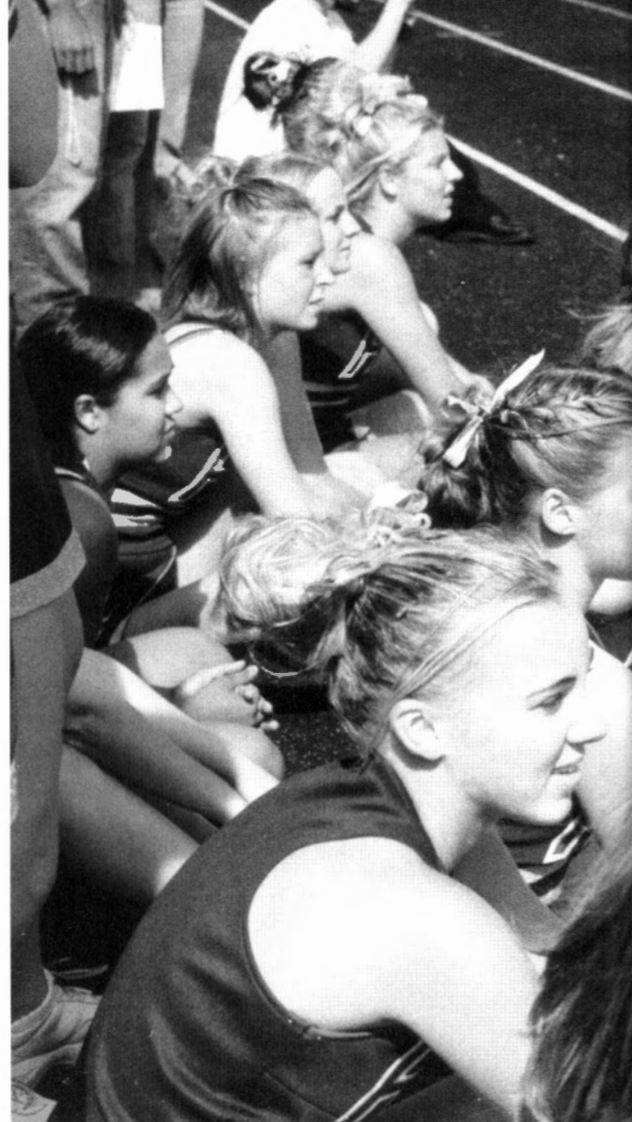
"Cheerleading is such a positive sport, and I just hope people can see that."

~ **Junior  
Haley  
Hellems**

With all the negative energy associated with cheerleading some may wonder why even do it? To junior Richelle Brown it's not about anyone else but herself, "I have continued to cheer because I really like the sport because it helps me have a positive attitude more often."

A part of cheerleading the crowd looks forward to: "THE PUSH-UPS! They are a good trademark, everyone looks forward to us doing them, but when they got into the fifties is when it gets really hard!" said senior Keegan Long.

Although cheerleaders may never get the recognition they deserve, junior Haley Hellems says, "Cheerleading is such a positive sport, and I just hope everyone can see that."





The girls take a break during pep rally to watch the court members participate in many different games. Senior, **Katie Golden** said, "I always have a blast at pep rally and we get out of school early!" Photo by Katie Knop

During the homecoming pep rally the girls do their routine while the band plays the fight song. "Cheering is like a front row ticket to every game, I love it!" said junior **Richelle Brown**. Photo by Katie Knop



Seniors **Erin Belt**, **Keegan Long**, **Devon Bement** and **Sherri Powers** show off their moves at the pep rally. Not only do the girls cheer at football and basketball games but they also do many competitions during the winter. Photo by Katie Knop

At the biggest game of the year against Okemos, juniors **Richelle Brown** and **Haley Hellems** lead the crowd with a cheer. **Brown** said, "Being a cheerleader means to me that it's our responsibility to get the boys and the fans pumped up." Photo by Afton Bondarenko

## how SPIRITED ARE the fans?

### GRACIE HILLIARD

"It's so frustrating when you cheer and everyone is just staring at you, it sucks! If people don't cheer, we just go to the student section and they always cheer."

### KEEGAN LONG

"This year the crowd has been amazing, they get so into the game and make it so much more fun to cheer at!"

### ALLISON VANDERBERG

"The crowd usually cheers right with us. If not, we try a different cheer and cheer louder."

The team jumps and yells after finishing their cheer to get the crowd pumped up at the game against Okemos. Senior, **Devon Bement** says "When we cheer I feel like the crowd gets pumped up and they feel more comfortable cheering on their team on." Photo by Afton Bondarenko

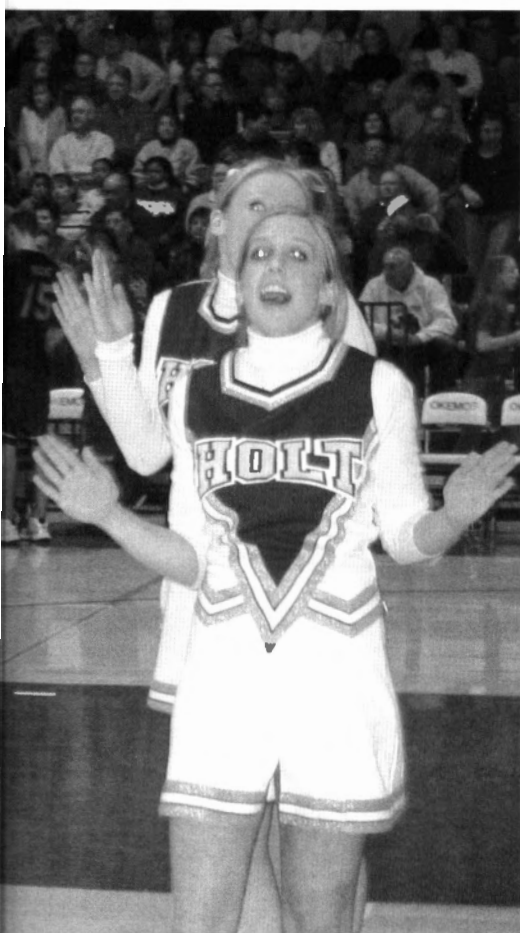


ABOVE CENTER: During the Pep rally, the cheerleaders stood on the track and pumped up the crowd before the court was announced. "I love homecoming, everyone works together and it's just a really fun week!" said senior **Lauren Kasel** Photo by Afton Bondarenko

The cheerleaders stop cheering during a time out at the Battle Creek Central playoff game. Senior, **Keegan Long** said, "It was very emotional, but the season was great and I love all of these girls." Photo by Katie Knop

## competition schedule

Jan. 29	St. Johns
Feb. 5	Holt Cheer Fest
Feb. 24	CAAC
Mar. 5	Regionals
Mar. 12	States





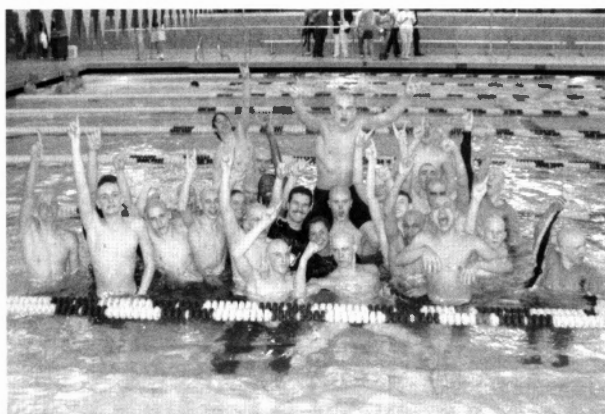
This season went as well as anyone could have hoped for the mens swimming and diving team. Going undefeated against all the conference teams, the boys only lost one dual meet against St. Johns, who are not in their conference.

With several new freshmen joining the team and even some new upperclassmen, the team gained some needed depth and speed that allowed their team to do so well.

With the success of the team during dual meet season, high expectations came for the CAAC meet in February. Being that Okemos was their biggest rival, the team went in knowing they had to swim hard to win. In the end they came out on top, winning first place in the conference championships. After the conference meet, senior Brad Voss looked forward to the state meet where he would compete in two individual events along with the two relay teams who also made it to the state meet.

# going FOR glory

by Katie Lash



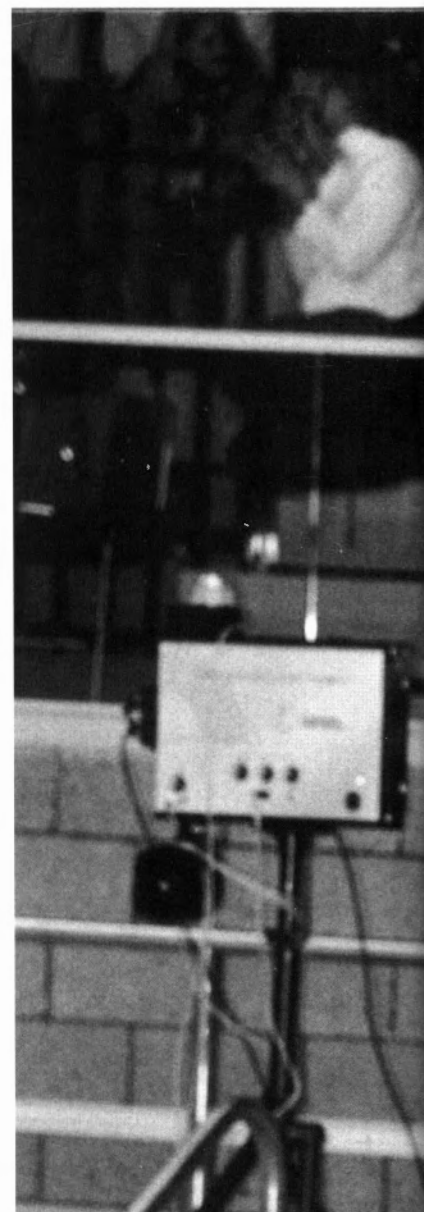
**After winning the CAAC championship, the team celebrates by jumping into the pool.** Many of the team members did very well in the CAAC meet, getting some of their best personal times in their events. *Photo by Katie Lash*



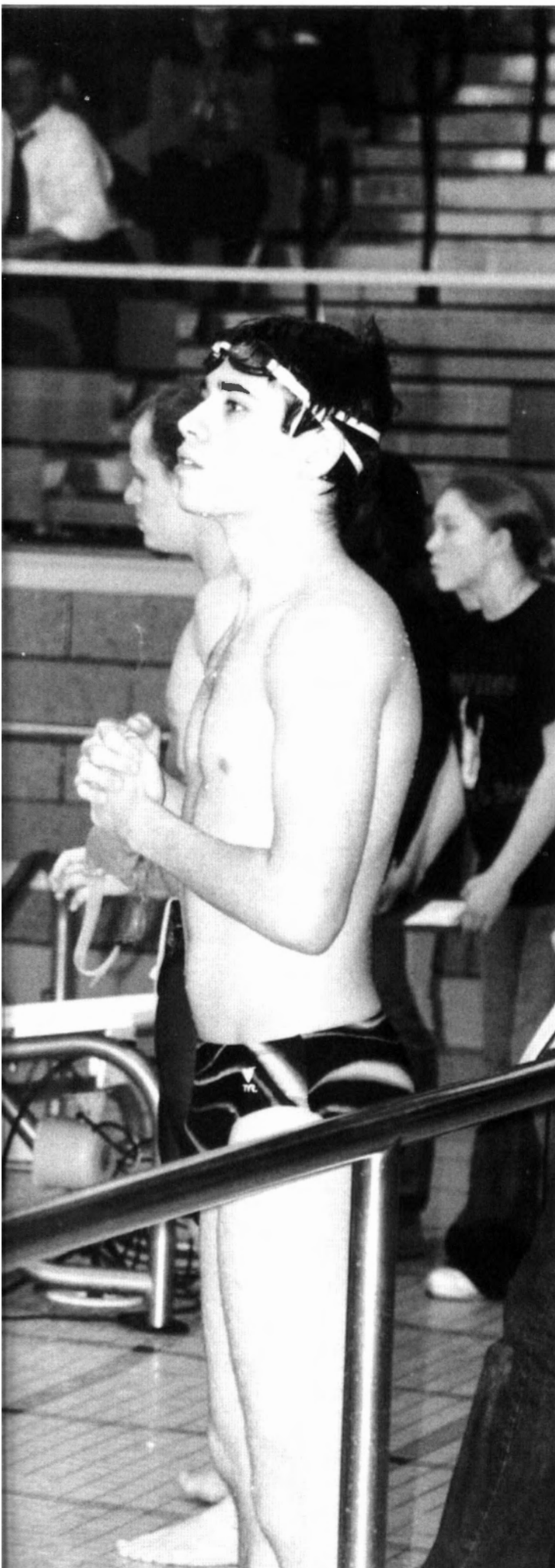
**Senior Steve Lynch gets ready to swim second in the 200 Free relay.** The relay team made the state cut for this event. This was only Lynch's first year swimming but he quickly became a key part of the team, doing very well in the 50 and the 100 Free style events. *Photo by Katie Lash*



**After finishing his race, senior Brad Voss tries to catch his breath.** Voss received his state cuts in the 50 Free style, 100 Free style and the 100 Free and Medley relays. *Photo by Katie Lash*





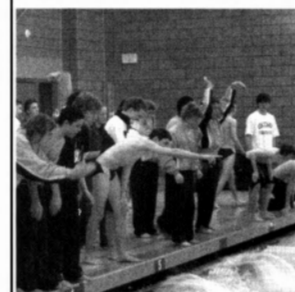
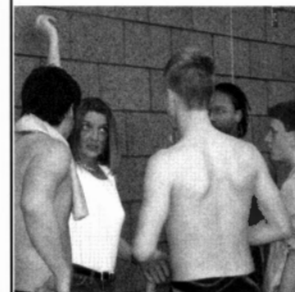


**The 200 Medley relay team** goes for the state cut. Sophomore **Andrew Burgess**, sophomore **David Rogers-Snodgrass**, junior **Kirk Gibbs**, and senior **Brad Voss** waited all season to finally get their state cut in the 200 Medley at their meet against Okemos. This was the first of two relays to make the state cut. *Photo by Katie Lash*



**The swimmers sit on the side of the pool to cheer on their divers.** Although the divers did not do as well as the team had hoped, they still played a big part in the success of the team. *Photo by Katie Lash*

**After his teammate finishes his race,** junior **Paul Pirota** looks for the finishing time. Pirota did well in the long distance events this year. *Photo by Katie Lash*



**1. Starting off the meet,** the team lines up for the national anthem. **2.** The divers listen to their coach for tips on good form before they start competition. **3.** The team cheers on the teammates competing in the 100 Backstroke. *Photo by Katie Lash*

## mens swim & diving

2nd	Waverly Relays
113-71 W	Marshall
125-60 W	Mason
79-14 W	Sexton
4th	Dewitt Invite
111-72 W	Jackson
98-88 W	East Lansing
114-69 W	Everett
76-110 L	St. Johns
105-81 W	Grand Ledge
133-50 W	Eastern
103-83 W	Okemos
1st W	CAAC meet
1st W	CAAC final place



## game DAY traditions



### TEDDY PRIEBE

Each of us have our own special handshakes we have to do with each other before each game for good luck.



### JAMIE PATTERSON

We would go to another player's house on the team to eat dinner before each game so we could bond.



### KRISTIN FUDGE

Before each game we do a cheer called "What time is it?" This would get us pumped up and ready to win.

## my INSIDE story



### JENA ALLEN

The only sophomore on the team, Jena Allen says, "It's fun being the youngest one on the team, but I get made fun of a lot." Jena plays middle hitter and outsider hitter and was a good contribution to the squad. "I always get a little nervous before a game but that is natural. The first game was really scary but I just told myself to play my hardest and that's all I could do," said Allen. Photo by Sara Bullion



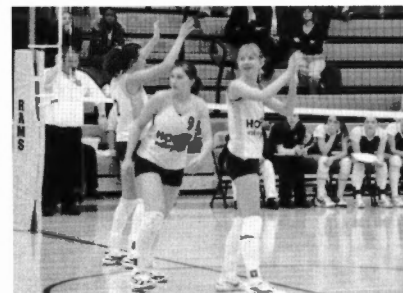
### ERIKA NEUMANN

As the season winds down, volleyball isn't over for senior Erika Neumann. She plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall to play volleyball. "I'm really excited to meet the team and all of the other athletes there," said Neumann. Her mom and brother went to CMU and her best friend, senior Sarah Smith, is going there with her. Neumann will receive a scholarship starting her sophomore year. Photo by Sergey Gukasov

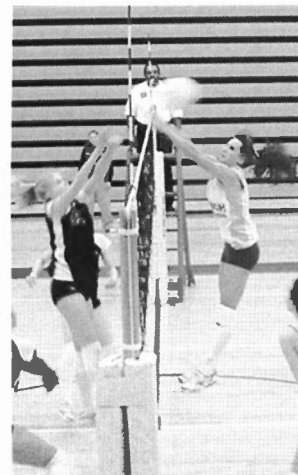
**Celebrating Senior Night** with their parents are seniors Sarah Smith, Courtney Grafuis, Erika Neumann and Jessica Merriott. "My favorite thing about the season were all of the people involved in the program. They were all so amazing and I was a senior, too, so it made it that much more special," said Smith. Photo by Sara Bullion



**Getting set in their positions** are seniors Courtney Grafuis and Teddy Priebe, and freshman Karen Thompson. "This season was a great way to end high school sports for me. I learned a ton from my good coach and had so much fun with great teammates," said Grafuis. Photo by Sara Bullion



**Spiking, the ball down her opponents throat** is senior Erika Neumann. "There is no I in team. Our team worked really hard together and that is what helped us win the big games," said Neumann. Photo by Nick Rogell



**Focusing hard as the ball is served** are seniors Jessica Merriott and Sarah Smith. "Our team was determined to win every game we played. We played every point as hard as we could," said Merriott. Photo by Sara Bullion

With increased fan support, a new coach, and a stronger work ethic, the volleyball team had no problem...

# finding THEIR base

by Sara Bullion and Sergey Gukasov

The overall season for the volleyball team was "a lot harder than any other because we had longer practices and stricter rules," said senior Sarah Smith. The team had to work with a new coach again this season, and everyone seemed to get along and learned a lot from him. "Our new coach knew what he was doing and we all learned so much from him," said senior Courtney Grafuis.

Each girl on the team had their own personal accomplishments because of the new coach, Steve May. "I improved a lot and my hitting percentage went up," said Grafuis.

All of the girls shared many memorable moments together and became very close to one another. The team bonding and work ethic paid off and the girls were able to beat Charlotte at a tournament and take first place. "My most memorable moment was when we beat Charlotte to win the Charlotte tournament because they are a huge



val and we beat them at their house," said senior Erika Neumann.

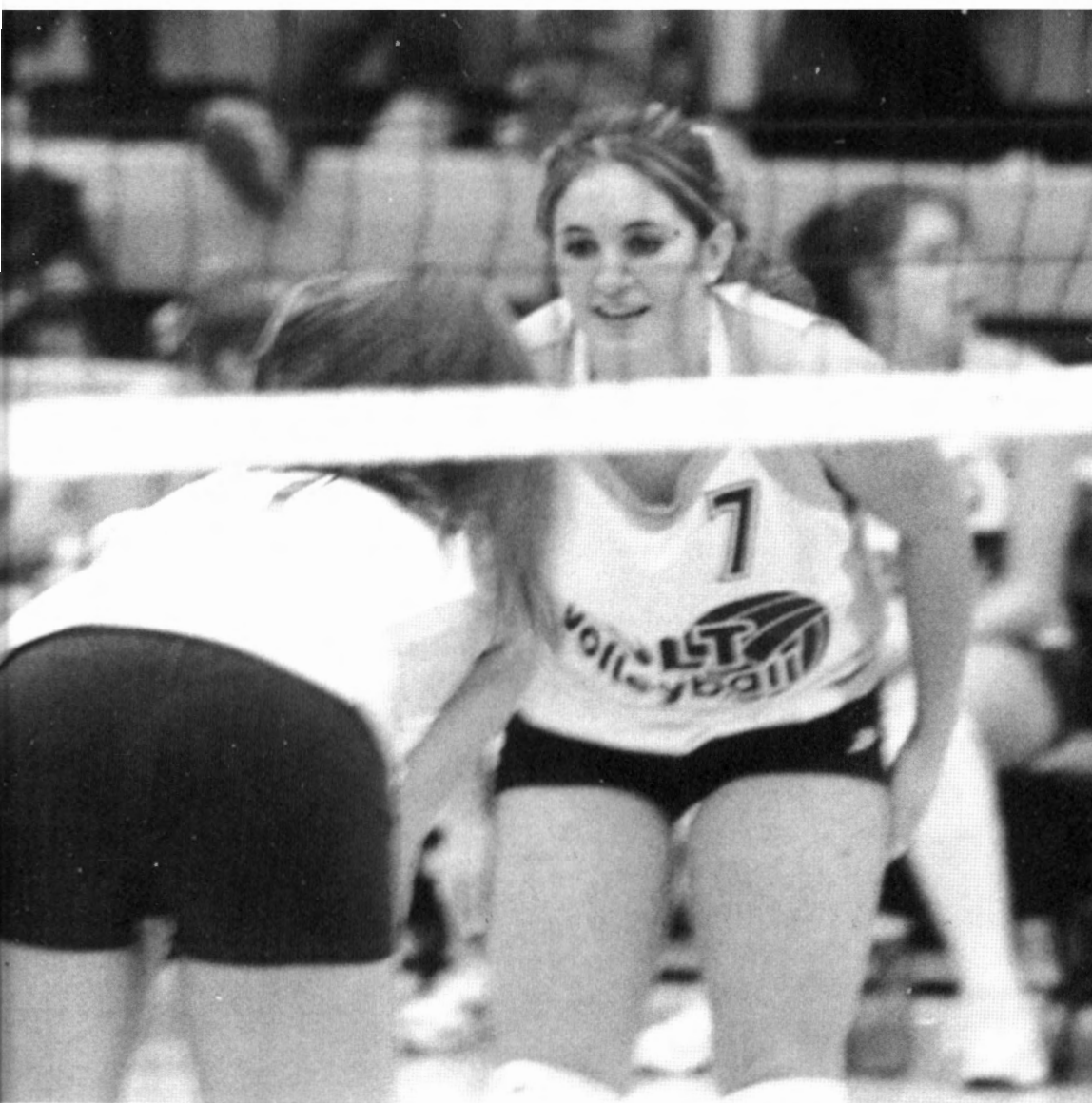
Although the team doesn't have its own cheerleaders, the student sections had no problem filling in the role. Junior Mike Moreno attended almost every game this season. "The girls enjoyed seeing the huge amount of support from their friends and family at each game and even some of the tournaments," said Moreno.

"The student section was very supportive and made our games more fun," said junior Nicole Smith. Junior Missy Lauka agreed: "While we all had a great season, we are all going to miss certain things from this year; like the awesome support of the fans."

"I'm going to miss the seniors because I've been playing with them for so long and they are great girls," said junior Tranny DeJongh. On the positive side, the girls agreed that their favorite thing about the team was being so close to one another. "I became friends with people that I never would have known if it wasn't for volleyball," said Neumann. "I also loved all of the good food at the tournaments."

#### Cheering hard for the Lady

Rams Volleyball team is the dedicated student section. "The student section was the best part of the season because they supported us and came up with great cheers that made us laugh," said senior Courtney Grafuis. *Photo by Sergey Gukasov*



## varsity volleyball

2-0 W	Waverly
3-1 W	Mason
3-0 W	Jackson
3-0 W	Sexton
1-3 L	Grand Ledge
0-3 L	East Lansing
3-0 W	Everett
1-3 L	LCC
3-2 W	Okemos
3-2 W	Eastern



**Using her height** advantage to make a kill against Mason is sophomore **Miranda Kolb**. "Our season's gone pretty good. We've had some hard times, but we've done really good when it comes to teamwork and playing together," said Kolb. *Photo by Sara Bullion*



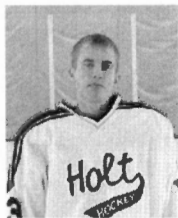
**Waiting patiently in** defense position is sophomore **Bridget Griffiths**. She has been playing since seventh grade and continues each year because "I like the sport and the people I get to play with," said Griffiths. *Photo by Sara Bullion*

## jv volleyball

2-0 W	Waverly
2-1 W	Mason
1-2 W	Jackson
3-0 W	Sexton
2-1 W	Grand Ledge
2-1 W	East Lansing
2-0 W	Everett
2-0 W	LCC
2-1 W	Okemos
2-0 W	Eastern
2nd	CAAC Tournament



## up AND coming



### KIRK TRENTHAM

Kirk has been playing hockey since he was in fifth grade and has been on the varsity team since his freshman year. He plans to go to the University of Michigan to become a doctor. He also enjoys golf and football.



### E.J. ZALESKI

E.J. has been playing hockey since he was nine and has been on a traveling team since he was eleven. E.J. plays offense and also enjoys golf and football. He plans to go to MSU medical school to become a dentist.

## meet THE captains



### GREG RUDAWSKI

This is only Greg's second season with the Holt Rams, but he has been playing hockey since he was ten-years-old. He is the captain of the team, and also enjoys lacrosse and music. Greg plans to attend LCC next year.



### MATT TWOMLEY

Matt has been playing hockey for eight years, including being on a traveling team. This is his third year playing on the hockey team, and he is now an assistant captain. Matt plans to study Architectural Drawing in the future. Matt also played on the varsity lacrosse team.



### BRANDON BOATMAN

Brandon has been playing hockey since he was nine years old. He has been with the hockey team for three years and is now one of the assistant captains. He plans on going to MSU to study mechanical engineering.

Imagine it: seconds to go and the buzzer will sound. Your heart is racing as you realize you're only moments away from winning a game. Standing on the cold ice, you wait in anticipation for it to be over.

But you're not done yet. An opposing player rushes toward you with the puck in his possession. He waves his stick around, trying to catch you off-guard. The crowd holds their breath as you focus on that little piece of hard, black rubber. SMACK! A shot flies through the air and lands straight in your glove. The buzzer sounds, the game is over, and you just stopped the opposing team from

getting a much-needed victory.

That's business as usual for junior goalie Paul Lounsberry. "You just have to focus on the puck," he said. "[During those moments] my mind kind of shuts out the crowd and everything around me."

# stopping THE shots

by Nicole Zaborowski & Jesica Craft-Quenby



**Defenseman** sophomore **Craig Wieferich** and captain senior **Greg Rudawski** watch as goalie **Paul Lounsberry** stops a shot against the opposing team. This is Lounsberry's second season with Holt hockey. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*

**Junior forward E.J. Zaleski** gets set for a faceoff with an opposing teammate. This season is Zaleski's first with the Rams, though he has been playing hockey since he was nine years old. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*



**Senior forward Joel Allen** gets ready to shoot the puck into the opposing team's goal to score one more for the Rams' team. Allen has been playing with the Rams for three years. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*



The mental aspect of the game is one of the most important aspects to playing smart and winning a game. "Focusing on what needs to be done is key. "I think about all the things I need to do first, then just put my mind to it and do them," said defenseman senior Matt Twomley.

Just like other sports, being in tip-top shape is essential to playing hockey. Some players say that being of sound mind can be even more important than being of sound body. "Mental strains are more strenuous than the physical ones," said junior forward Joey Krancich.

Although the team didn't finish as well as they had hoped, their season started off strong. Two big wins kicked off their new season. It also helped that the players were in good health and the teammates got along well and played together perfectly. "This season went pretty good, the chemistry with the team was a lot better this year," said junior forward Kirk Trentham.

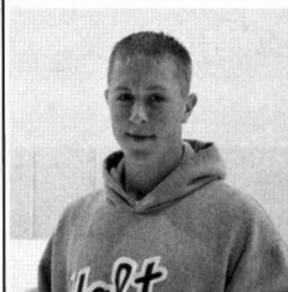
On Saturday, February 5, the Rams played host to Senior Skate Night where they were up against Grand Rapids South Christian. Many of the players, including junior forwards Adam Gaukel and Trentham, agreed it was

their favorite game to play. The night was a success, with the Rams pulling out an 8-1 win.

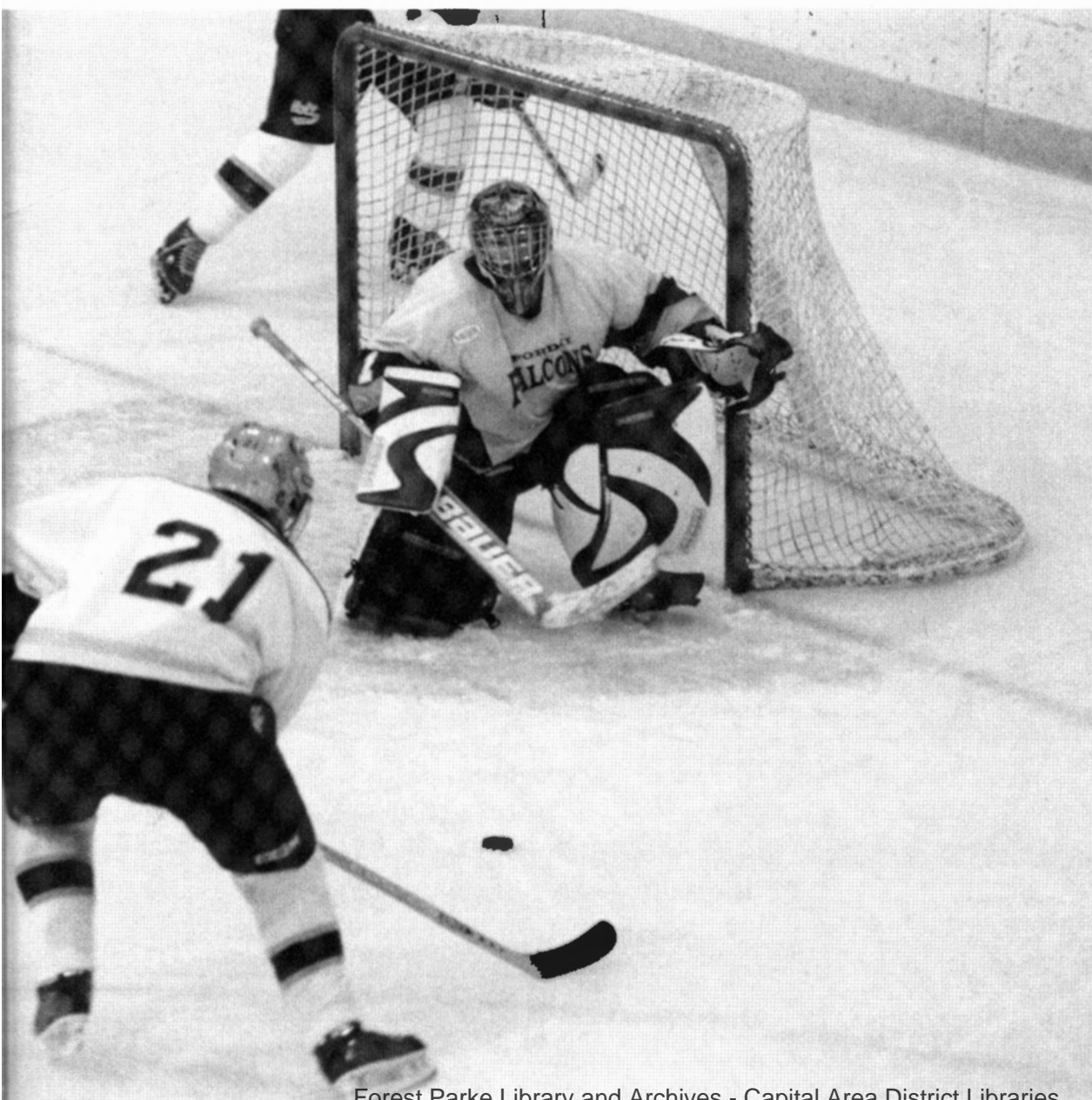
In addition to Skate with the Rams Night, training camp at Sault Ste. Marie was another season highlight. "When the whole team went up to Sault Ste. Marie for training camp, that was really fun," said senior forward Joel Allen. Most of the players liked it up there because it was a chance to get away and they didn't have to be as serious about playing as they were in normal games.

The players proved that they were able to work together and remain focused enough to get a win. But they're also able to joke around and have fun, too. That sense of humor was evident when captain senior Greg Rudowski explained that "watching *The Mighty Ducks* made me want to play hockey, so I joined the school team."

While they're hoping to improve next year, the hockey team showed their fans that they could play competitively and produce great results for a growing and successful team. The young talent playing for the Rams this year will stay on next year with hopes of a winning season and maybe a championship title.



**Working behind the scenes** of Holt's hockey are two of Holt's finest. Senior **Jeff Sonnenburg** is the student manager and sophomore **Kate Hamel** is the official singer for the team. This is their first year working with the team. *Courtesy Photo*



## hockey

12-1 W	Grand Rapids/Creston
8-2 W	Utica Henry Ford
7-3 L	Lansing Catholic
6-0 L	Okemos
5-0 W	Dewitt/St. Johns
3-3 T	East Lansing
5-2 L	Grand Ledge/Waverly
3-1 W	Jackson
10-0 L	Cheboygan
3-2 L	Forest Hills
4-2 L	Haslett/Williamston
7-1 W	Hudsonville
3-1 L	Okemos
12-1 L	East Lansing
2-1 L	Grand Ledge/Waverly
5-3 L	Jackson
4-2 L	Lumen Christi
8-1 W	G.R. South Christian
3-1 L	Haslett/ Williamston
1-0 L	Dewitt/ St. Johns
11-1 W	Lakeville
7-4 W	G.R. South Christian
6-3 L	Lansing Catholic



With  
dreams,  
hopes,  
expectation,  
skill, tears,  
and strength,  
it's time for  
the gymnastics  
team to  
take it to...

# the NEXT level

by Katie Knop

**M**onths of dedication, weeks of sweat, pain and tears, all for one moment, one chance: to qualify for states for the first time in nine years.

When the expectations are high, the pressure is even higher. "I just tell myself that I'll do fine, and I just breathe in and out and I know that I have my team behind me even if I mess up," said junior Justine Kozlina about dealing with pressure. Junior Jenn Therrian has an easier approach to dealing with stress

though: "I drink Propel; Propel pumps me up!" she laughs.

In addition to their ability to cope with pressure, this team stands out from any other gymnastics team in the past because they have depth. Along with many returning starters from the past, they've also added

many girls fresh out of club gymnastics. Senior Emily Snellenberger said, "I've been in gymnastics for fourteen years and I've continued because I have always wanted to do college gymnastics and I love my teammates." Snellenberger is in her first year of high school gymnastics competing in only two events due to a broken ankle; in spite of this, she was named to the Lansing State Journal's All-Area Dream Team for gymnastics.

Many of the new girls agree that high school gymnastics is a whole new adventure compared to the grueling club gymnastics scene. Sophomore Stephanie Zaleski said, "At Great Lakes gymnastics club, everything was more serious and there was more pressure, but this year is laid back and a lot more fun." Zaleski was given Honorable Mention by the Lansing State Journal.

As the season progressed the stakes rose. Going undefeated in the regular season and beating rivals Haslett and Grand Ledge opened a whole new ball game. "We all hoped to get first at CAACs and make it as a team to states," said sophomore Alyse Siedelberg.

In order to qualify for states as a team, they must place in the top three at regionals. In the past Holt has

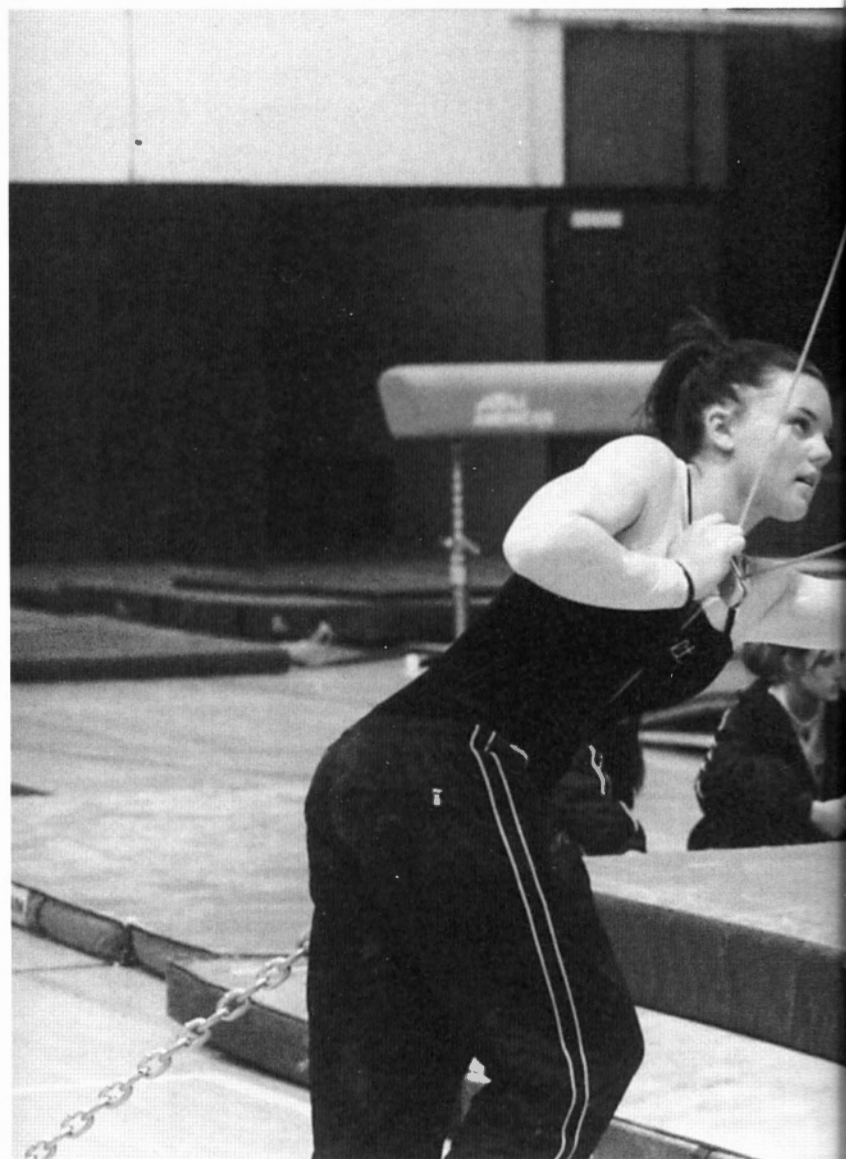


**Getting ready** to march out, the gymnastics team won the CAAC championship for the first time in six years. Junior **Caitlin Lesperance** said the biggest obstacle she overcame was "moving to a new place, and starting over, but I've made memories and friendships that I know will continue outside of gymnastics, and that's awesome!"  
*Courtesy Photo*

**Striking her beginning pose** on the floor is sophomore **Stephanie Zaleski**. "I continue gymnastics because it's fun, and it keeps me in shape. It's also fun just hanging out with all the girls at practice," Zaleski said. *Photo by Katie Knop*



**Giving a little extra push**, senior **Gracie Hilliard** helps set the bars before she takes her turn. Hilliard said, "I look up to our coach Anne, she puts up with a lot of crap. She's always been there for us, even when she doesn't have to be." *Photo by Katie Knop*





gone into regionals just hoping to place; the difference this year was that they were *expected* to place.

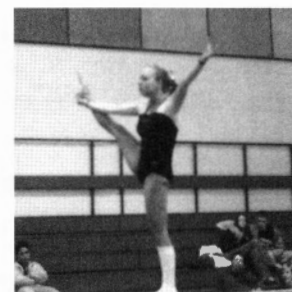
Senior Katie Knop, another LSJ Honorable Mention, said before regionals, "We've got a lot riding on this meet: we all want this so bad, for ourselves, for each other and for our coach. It would just put an awesome end to an incredible season."

In early January, the Detroit Free Press ranked the Holt Rams fifth in the state. "It's an awesome feeling knowing that we are ranked, but it definitely adds ten times more pressure; we're just going to go out and do our best, the rest of it is out of our hands," said senior Jessica Beeson.

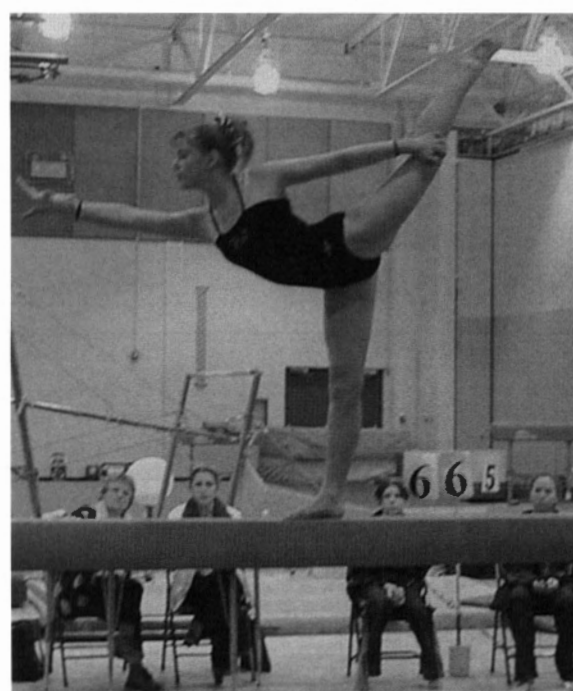
At the state meet, the girls had a great showing, with senior Tiffany Heuhs finishing second all-around with a first on bars, a second on beams, and a third on floor. Heuhs, who normally competes in club gymnastics, joined the gymnastics team this year. Her leadership and competitiveness helped the team reach new levels of success and achievement.

In addition to Heuhs' accomplishments, senior Emily Snellenberger placed second on bars, and the team as a whole took fifth place at the state tournament. "It was nice, but we should have had fourth place," said senior Katie Knop.

**Senior Steffi Marshall and junior Jenn Therrian** get ready for floor by encouraging each other to stay calm before an event. "I just sit and try not to worry too much. I just relax and wait my turn," said Marshall. *Photo by Katie Knop*



**Beam, floor and bars** are just three of the four events gymnasts compete in. Top: Senior **Jessica Beeson** stops to pose before dismounting. Middle: Sophomore **Stephanie Zaleski** shows that birds aren't the only ones who can fly. Bottom: Senior **Emily Snellenberger** proves not even a broken ankle can stop her. *Photos by Katie Knop*



**With confidence** sophomore **Elizabeth Sierminski** shows her flexibility before dismounting. "I love the challenge of gymnastics. No matter how good you are, you can always get better. I like the feeling of getting a new skill after you've worked hard on it for a long time," she said. *Photo by Katie Knop*

**Flying high with grace**, junior **Sami Byer** was named to LSJ's Gymnastics Dream Team. Byer said, "We have never gone to states before and it was such a memorable experience." *Photo by Katie Knop*

## varsity gymnastics

140.2-119.5	Jackson Co. W.
138.65-132.35	Haslett
1st	Holt Inv.
137.225-110.4	Jackson
139.275-133.85	Mason
139-128	St. Johns
142.95-106.55	Eastern/Sexton
137.05-122.6	Grand Ledge
139.65-121.8	East Lansing
139-???	Lumen Christi
143.2-107.65	Jackson NW
1st Place	CAAC
139.6-140.2	Hillsdale
3rd	Regionals
5th	State



## making THE move

Juniors **Evan Myers** and **David Hicok** demonstrate two wrestling moves for take downs and escapes. *Photos by Samantha Mittleman*

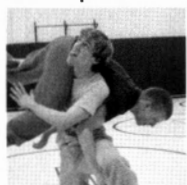
### STAND UP

Arms are wrapped around your opponent to get them into this position. This move is worth one point if you successfully get out of the hold.

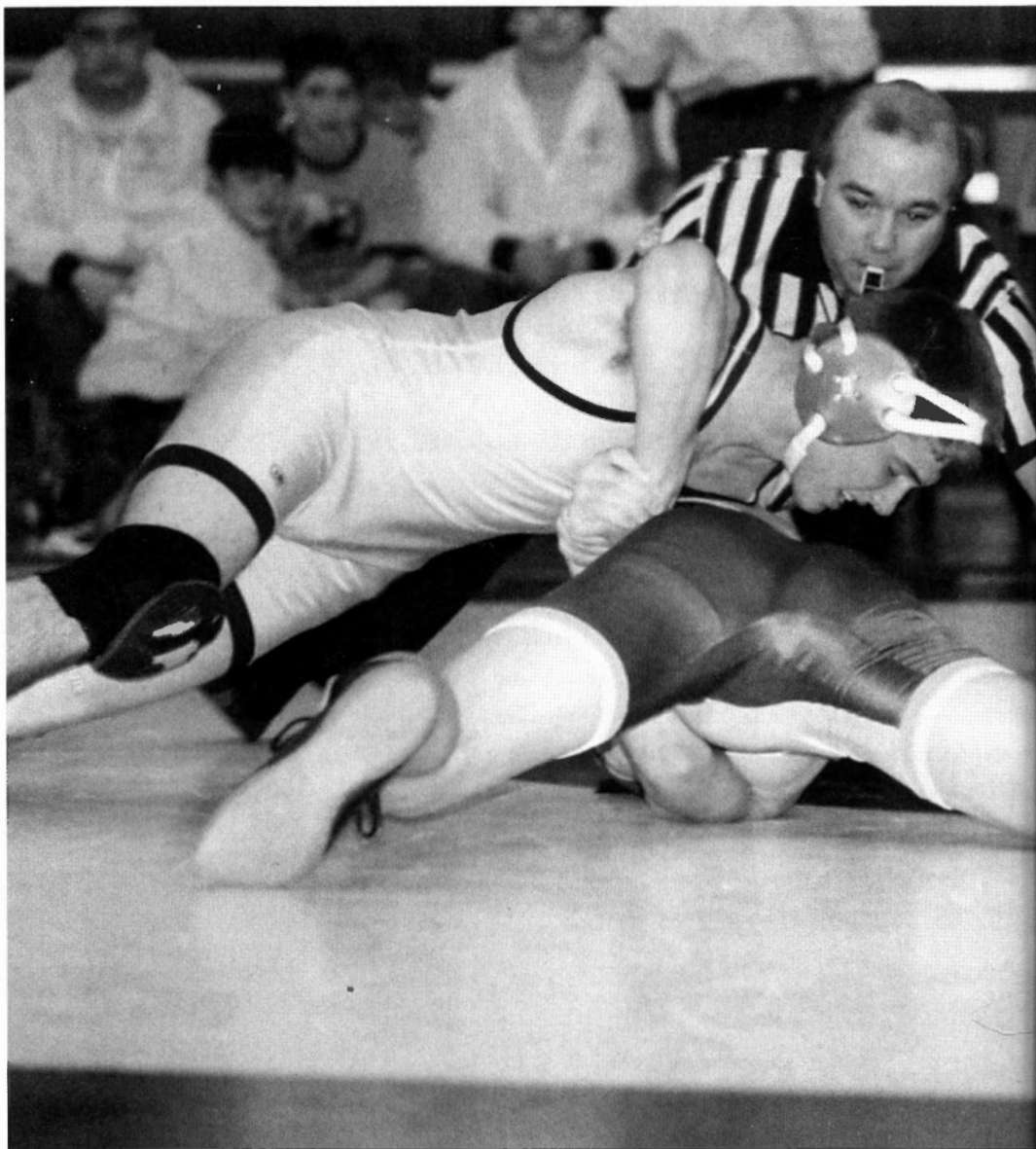


### DOUBLE LEG TAKE DOWN

You earn two points if you get your opponent stuck in this position, holding both legs.



**Junior Tyler Thelen** proves that he truly has the ability to keep his competition down. Wrestlers can earn points from take downs, escapes, reversals, and near falls. Thelen strives to roll his opponent on his back for a near fall or a pin. *Courtesy Photo*



"It's not about losing weight, it's about commitment and strategy."

~Sophomore Ricky Cotton

# KEEPING THE COMPETITION down FOR THE count

by Samantha Mittleman

In a sport where everything you do can gain or lose points, wrestlers are working as a team, yet also as individuals. Each person is put into a weight class, and you would only wrestle those who are in the same class.

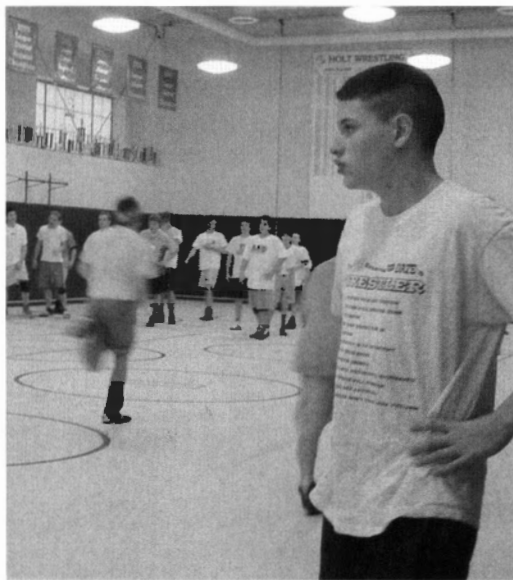
"We try to lose weight, but gain muscle, so you wrestle against people that weigh as much as you but are, ultimately, weaker," senior Kevin Allen said.

"We do try to lose weight, but it's not like everyone thinks. It's not about losing weight and starving yourself, it's about commitment and strategy," sophomore Ricky Cotton said.

So why would anyone join a team that involves three hours of practice every day and matches every Saturday that can twist you into a pretzel while your opponent tries to pin you on a mat to become victorious?

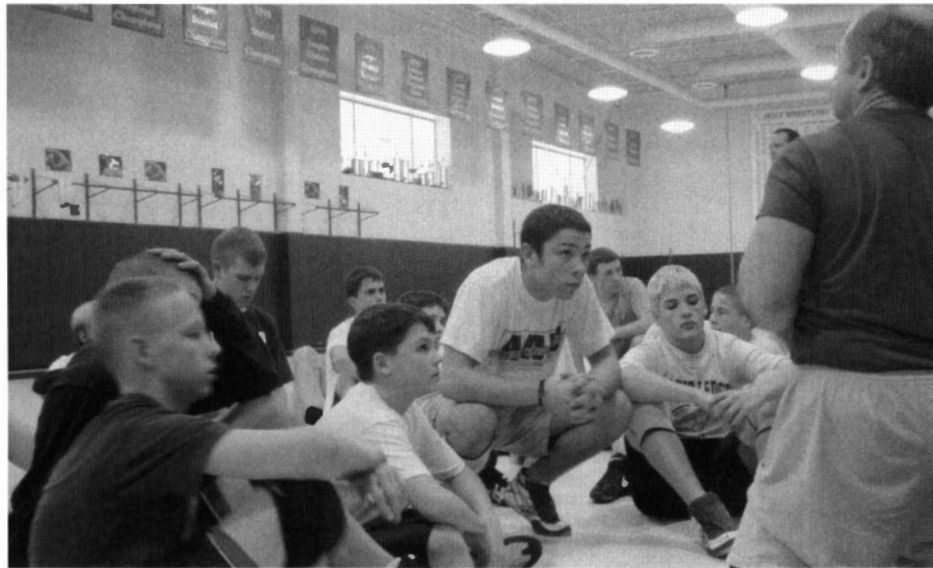
"We all form bonds. It's like being with your friends all of the time but you are working for a common goal," junior





**Junior Dana Maynard watches** coach Rocky Shaft for the signal that it is his turn to run across the mat. "It's important to warm your muscles up before you hit the mat so you don't hurt yourself," Maynard said. *Courtesy Photo*

**Coach Rocky Shaft gets** freshmen **Kai Jupin, Corey Leonard, Justin Salazar,** and junior **Dana Maynard** together to explain different schools wrestling styles. *Photo by Samantha Mittleman*



## varsity wrestling

W 47-23	Lake Orion
W 49-28	South Lyon
W 56-21	Rochester Adams
W 39-27	Plymouth Salem
W 66-15	Northville
W 64-06	Brother Rice
L 27-39	Utica Ford
W 66-09	Ferndale
W 61-18	Seaholm
W 53-24	Rochester
W 53-21	Eastern
W 67-06	Sexton
W 67-12	Okemos
W 59-15	Jackson
W 65-16	East Lansing
L 24-42	Grand Ledge
W 55-16	Everett
2nd	Holt Inv.
4th	Rockford Inv.
7th	Detroit Cath. Cen.
19th	N. Canton, Ohio
2nd	CAAC Meet
1st	Team Districts

Cam Rogers said.

"All of the sophomores on our team have been wrestling since eighth grade. So a lot of them are my friends. They didn't have any eighth graders on the team so they came to football practice and asked if we wanted to sign up. A bunch of guys on the team thought it might be a pretty good idea so we joined," sophomore Ricky Cotton said.

Many wrestlers have a set routine prior to each competition. "Before a match, I concentrate on the task ahead of me," junior Tyler Thelen said. "I wrestle the match in my head before going on the mat. If I lose, I think of what I can do better next time and what new or old things I can practice on."

Wrestling isn't all hard work. Hanging out with friends and forming life long bonds is nothing to scoff at. "My freshman year, all of the seniors beat on me. It's made me stronger and I miss it," junior Srba Rankovic said. Rankovic may

miss the pressure from upperclassmen, but it didn't stop him from placing first in the regional tournament and qualifying for states in his weight class. Grant Ankney, Zack Shaw, and Dana Maynard also placed at regionals, with a second and two fourths respectively. With so many young wrestlers doing well, the outlook for future success is good.

Having only lost two matches, one would think that they are a really good team and that all of the practice pays off in the end, yet the team feels they could have done better. "We are actually having a really off year. We haven't done as well as expected. The parents are really supportive though. They get crazy! I've had parents hit other parents over the head with a chair when their kids are on the mat," Coach Shaft said.

"It feels good when your parents support you in what you do," said senior Kevin Allen, who placed second in the individual district competition. "It makes you feel like you are making them proud," he added.

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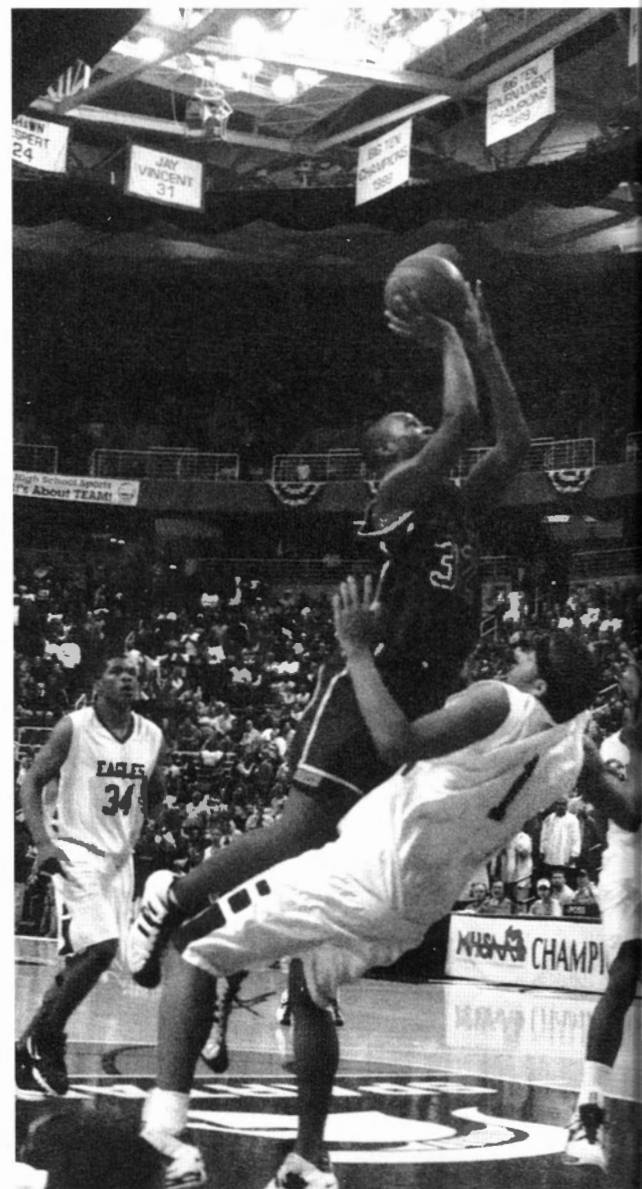
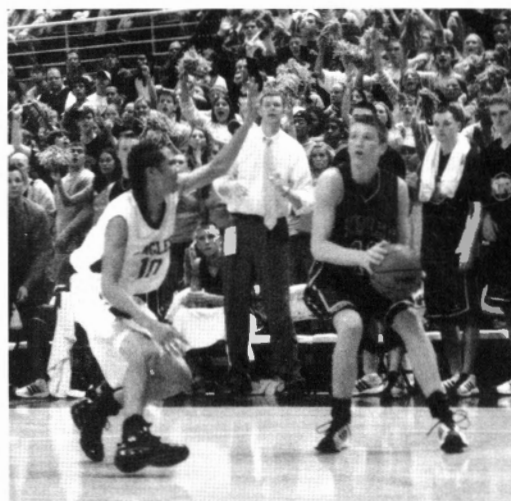


# varsity mens basketball

63-44W	St. Johns
55-46W	Mason
72-74L	Everett
57-41W	Grand Ledge
55-53W	Forest Hills Cen.
67-27W	Eaton Rapids
78-75W	Sexton
69-51W	Lansing Cath. Cen.
80-50W	Eastern
78-69W	Okemos
78-45W	DeWitt
79-71W	Jackson
55-42W	East Lansing
78-67W	Everett
57-55W	Grand Ledge
50-48W	Sexton
78-34W	Eastern
87-93L	Okemos
89-74W	Jackson
51-48W	East Lansing
<b>Districts:</b>	
70-56W	Okemos
54-41W	Mason
47-39W	East Lansing
<b>Regionals:</b>	
66-52W	Ann Arbor Huron
58-54W	Benton Harbor
<b>Finals:</b>	
52-46W	Forest Hills Central
60-57W	Gross Point North
65-62W	Romulus

**Knocking down the competition,** senior **Muhammad El-Amin** goes for an amazing basket at the Breslin Center while sophomore **Paul Crosby** looks on. El-Amin was one of the favorites of the playoffs, and got a lot of attention from the media for his coolness under pressure. *Photo by Matt Denny*

**Junior John Lierman** looks for an opening teammate while his opponent goes for the block. Lierman played some of his best games during the playoffs, including the final game against Romulus. *Courtesy Photo*



"Every athlete's goal is to be #1"

~ Senior Mikhail Eiseler

The clock counts down the last twenty seconds of the game, but the winner is not yet decided. Could you stay cool under that sort of pressure? What if the State Championship was on the line and the outcome depended on you?

The mens varsity basketball team was used to making key shots and coming out on top at the end of important games. The team played many close games that went into overtime this season and their ability to stay cool under pressure helped them win the Class A State Championship.

Early in the season, junior Jake Moreno made a prediction: "We have played good so far but I don't think we have played to

our potential. I think we can play better during the playoffs." And becoming the State Champions proved they did play better. Holt came out on top of all the state

teams, winning the championship game against Romulus, 65-62 at the Breslin Center.

Much of the team's success was due to hard practice sessions. Three times a week the team gathers for two hours to run plays, work on key shots, and to talk things over with the rest of the team and the coaches.

While many praise the depth of talent on the team, the players give the fans some credit for their success: "When we come out of the locker room and the crowd is screaming, that's really what helps us play better. The crowd pumps us up a lot," said junior Tyler Reed.

"Coming out of the locker room to hear the crowd screaming is awesome."

~Tyler Reed

The fans have always been supportive of their players, whether they were on the road to a championship or just struggling to finish the game ahead. "We definitely play better with a big crowd; the student section is sweet," sophomore Paul Crosby said.

The large student section goes to all the games and

# dominating THE court

by Nicole Zaborowski & Heather Ungerman



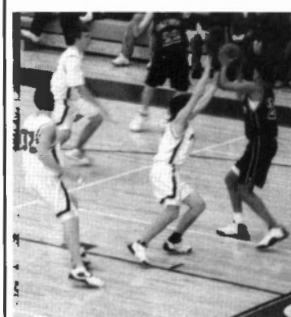


At the final game, junior Tyler Reed decides whether or not to shoot or to pass under the watchful eye of his opponent. Reed's assists helped the Rams to win the state title. *Courtesy Photo*

The Rams celebrate their big win with a team photo. Coach Bruce Lerner was named Coach of the Year to the delight of the basketball players, who felt he really deserved the title. *Courtesy Photo*



Striving to make that lay-up is sophomore guard Matt Naeyaert, as his teammates wait in anticipation to grab the ball. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*



Blocking the opposing team from making a shot, sophomore guard Matt Naeyaert, surrounded by teammates helping to block, tries to throw him off guard. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*

sometimes even has "theme" games. They include wearing all black for a "black out" or wearing all camouflage. "When I go to the games I always get dressed up. I wear my soccer socks with the Reebok logo on the side, camo shorts, and black face paint," said junior Bruce Pettit.

The H-town Posse even stayed up all night and camped outside of the school to get student section tickets for the final game at the Breslin Center against Romulus. There were a limited number of student tickets and everyone wanted to support their team for the final match.

In addition to the bond with their fans, all the players on the team seem to have a pretty tight bond. "We were all friends before the season started but the winning atmosphere made it a lot better. We goof around a lot and are just really close," said senior Andy Clark.

Every season the team sets a new list of goals to accomplish. "This year we have great team swagger. That was a team goal at the beginning of the season and we've accomplished it," said junior Jake Moreno. Most would agree that their hard work, dedication, and determination came through with flying colors as they showed that Holt basketball has a right to swagger.

## why FANS support

### SARAH BENSON

"I'm really loud. People whisper stuff about what to say and I will say it. I press the line between what's allowed and what's not. I'm hardcore."

### RICHIE FARRAN

"We do different chants and get all dressed up for the game. I wear my H-town posse shirt with black warrior paint under my eyes. You just have to show up."

### MOLLIE BALLMER

"I support the team because I have too much school spirit, and I love the Dark Side."

## JV mens basketball

48-37W	St. Johns
45-33W	Mason
45-33W	Everett
48-40W	Grand Ledge
51-33W	Eaton Rapids
49-45W	Sexton
41-51L	Lansing Cath. Cen.
53-39W	Eastern
41-40W	Okemos
38-32L	DeWitt
69-59W	Jackson
52-36W	East Lansing
55-52W	Everett
44-41W	Grand Ledge
52-47W	Sexton
43-41W	Eastern
57-48W	Okemos
40-56L	Jackson
47-46W	East Lansing





Working as an expeditor at the Italian restaurant Fazoli's is senior Cassandra McBride. "It's basically where you make sure that every guest gets just what they order, so that everyone eats at the same time," says McBride. Everyone at Fazoli's thinks really highly of McBride. "She's just so involved and dedicated to everything that she does for us. Most people don't take a job very seriously, but she makes it seem like it's the only thing on her agenda. We're very lucky to have her as one of our associates. It definitely wouldn't be the same without her," said manager Dereck Rivas. Photo by Heather Piper



Volunteering is a good idea for students to give back to the community. We have a pretty bad rep, so if more people go out and volunteer it gives the student body a better look and gains us more respect.

Junior Erin Conley  
on why she volunteers

Here at Holt High School, students have dedicated many hours of their personal time to give back to the community. Many students volunteer as part of National Honor Society or Key Club, while others simply donate their time to help others.

Junior Stephanie Fredline is a student who believes that volunteering is important.

"When I volunteer it makes me feel great to know that I'm giving back to the community. My mom was involved in volunteering, and she told me how good it felt to know that you're helping someone out, so I started volunteering, and she's right: it does feel really good."

Junior Matt Darling agrees: "I like giving back to the community and NHS is a good way to do that. I like helping out people who are having a hard time. I feel like I have a responsibility. I think that all students should give back to the community because people help us out so much."

Darling is also involved in tutoring his fellow classmates. "I don't like to see people do bad in school. I help them get through [their homework]. It's not like I give them the answers, it's just that we go through it together, so it's basically like we learn together."

Interacting doesn't necessarily mean that you have to volunteer. Many teenagers spend their time working a part-time job like senior Cassandra McBride. "I first started working [at Fazoli's] because I wanted some extra cash, but then I basically fell in love with the atmosphere and the good vibe that I get from all of the people. Everyone is so nice, and it's just so fun. It's something I really enjoy doing."

by Heather Piper

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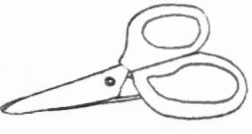
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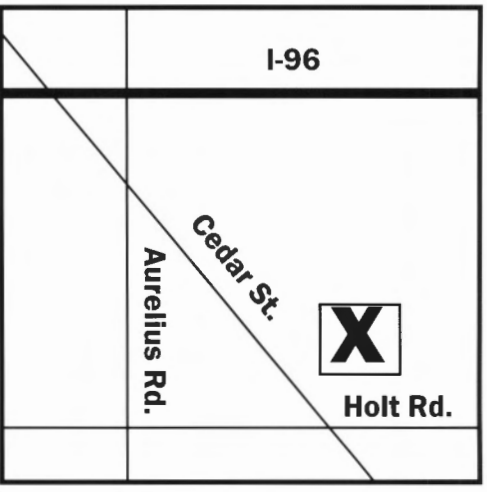
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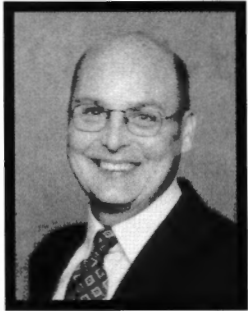




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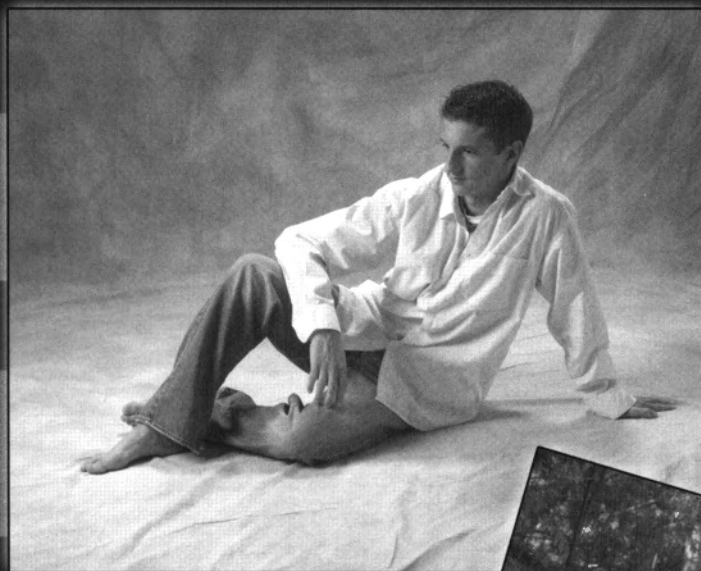
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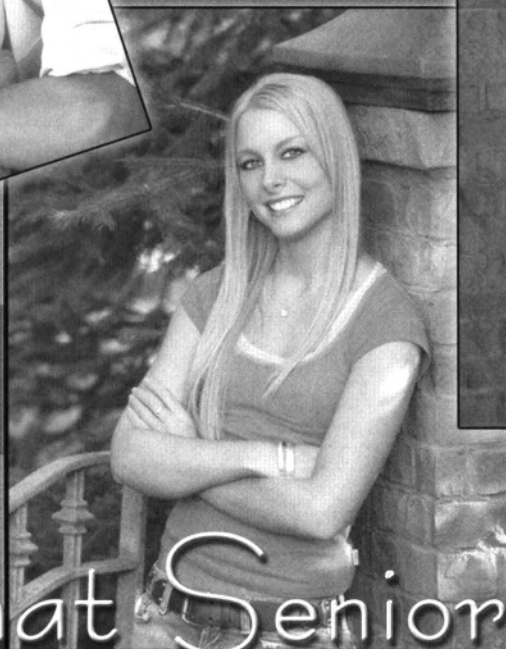
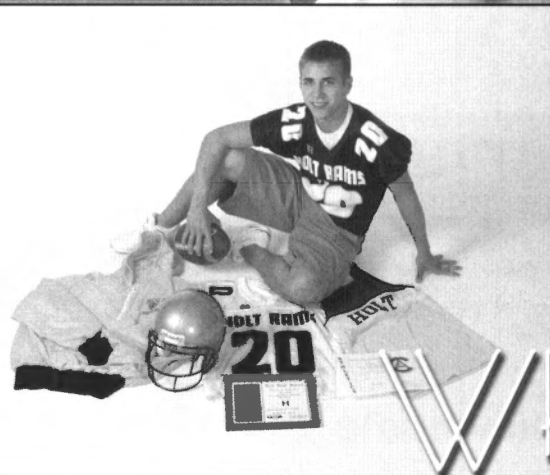
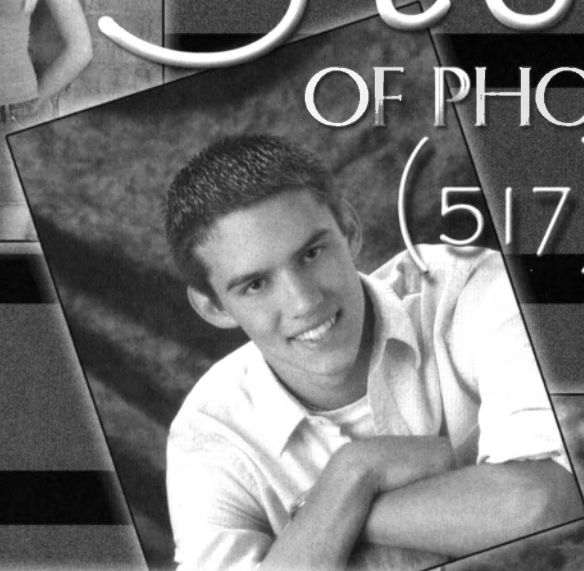
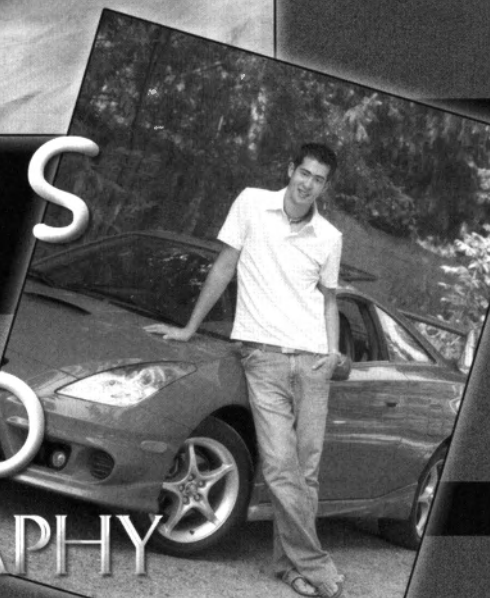
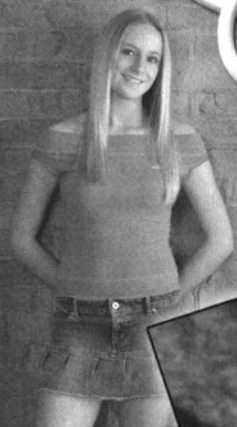




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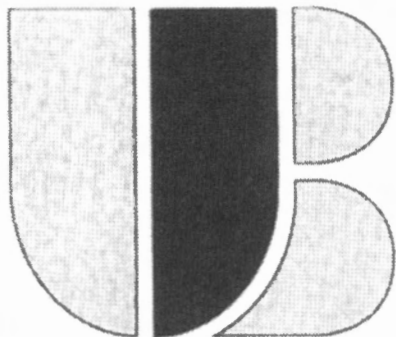
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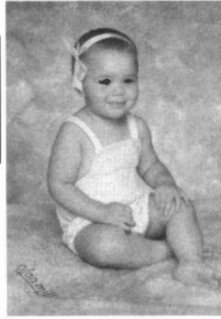
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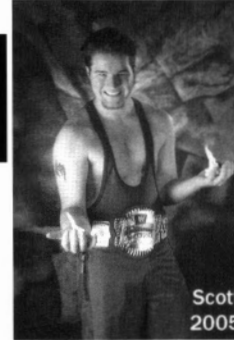
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Love, Mom, Dad and Tokyo



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Dave,  
From the little guy who helped the sound man at church put away the mics and cords... to our very own "sound tech guru". We are very proud of you. The Lord has gifted you in many ways, and we know you will excel in whatever you put your mind to as you purpose to seek and honor Him.  
Love, Mom and Dad



**MICHAELA  
BOND**

Michaela,  
You have blossomed into a beautiful rose. You are so full of life and potential. And the best is yet to be.  
Love,  
Dad & Mom



**BENJAMIN  
HAYHURST**

Ben,  
You have finally grown into your shoes! From the first day of school to the last you have been a delight. Now you have a new world to conquer.  
We love you, Mom & Dad



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Peanut-

You're the greatest daughter a mom could have ever asked for. We've been through a lot together and I couldn't be more proud of what a sweet, caring, smart young woman you have become. You're going to do great at whatever you decide to do with your life. Thanks for being my best friend.

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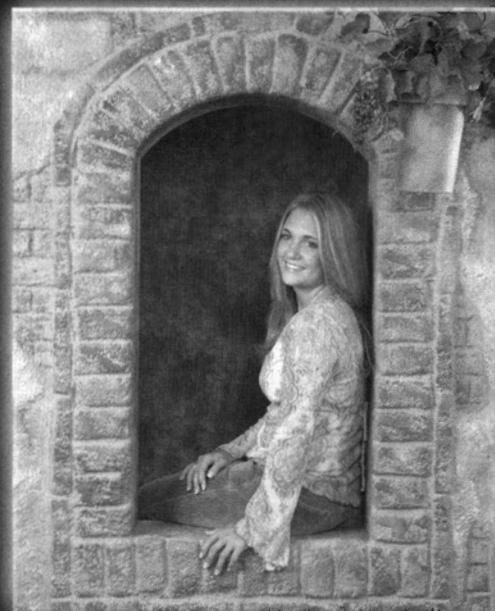
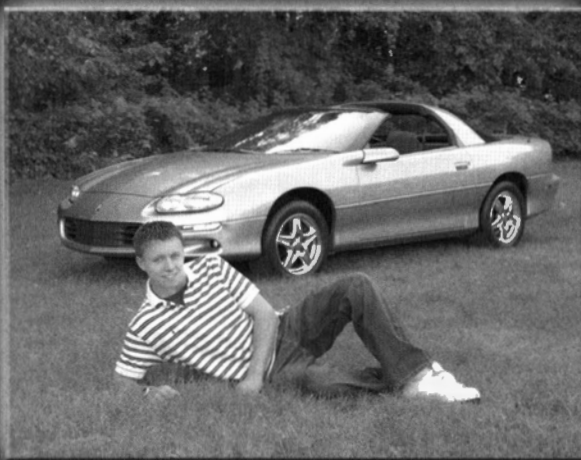
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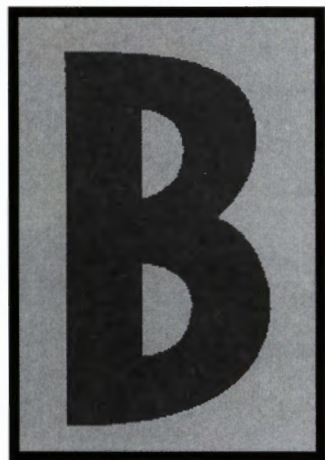
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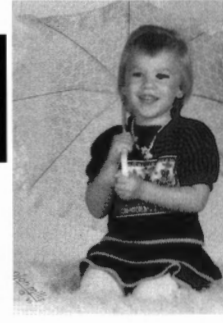
Love,  
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With love,  
Mom and Dad



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Ashley,  
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proud of you. Believe in yourself and follow  
your dreams. Best of luck. We love you!

Love,  
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**NICOLE**  
HERRIMAN



Nicole,  
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young woman who makes us so proud. We  
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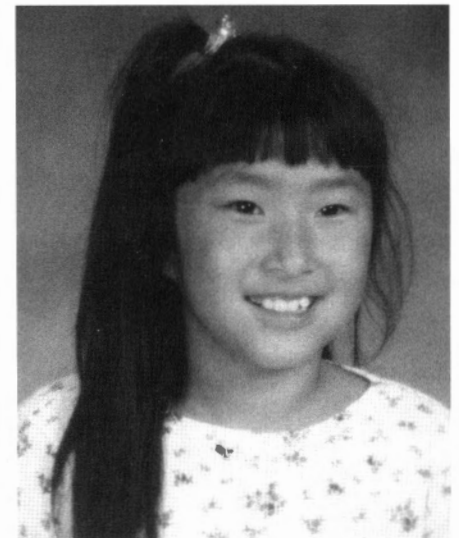


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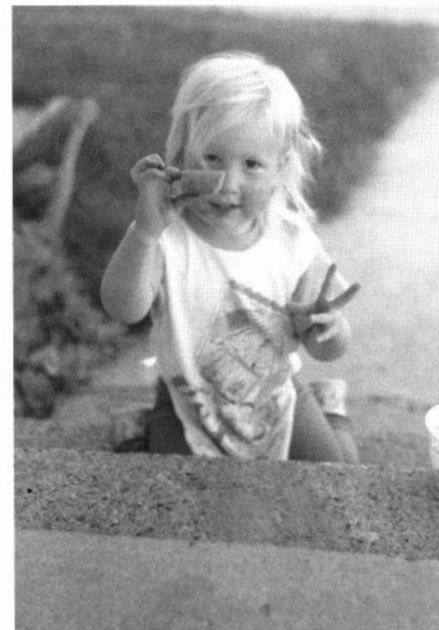
Sarah Beth,

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Love,

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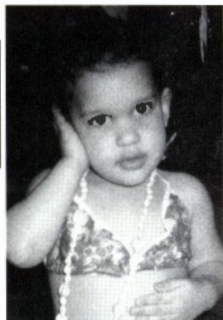
Sherri,

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Ashlee,  
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of your life is so exciting. You will achieve all  
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everyday. Thank you for being our daughter.  
Love, Mom and Dad



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Ashlee,

You know we Lo-o-ve you soooo much!! You  
make us PROUD and you are a wonderful role  
model to others. Have a successful and happy  
life.  
Love, Grandma & Grandpa Peterson



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Courtney,

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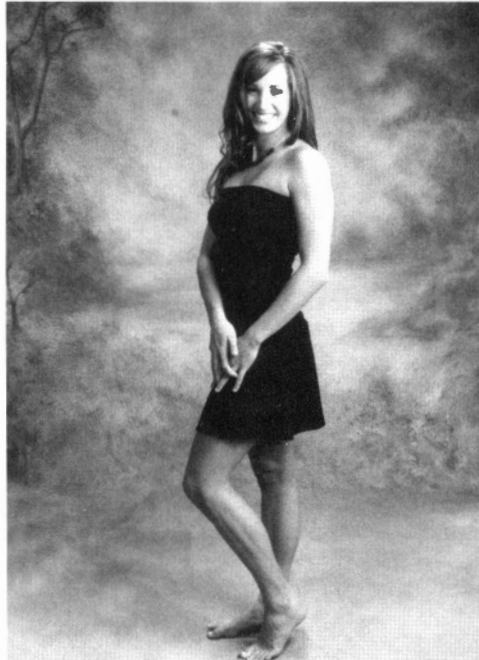
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DUNDON

Dear Sara,

It's no surprise to us how remarkable you are. As you climb your ladder of success, remember success has nothing to with the money or stature but how positively you impact others.

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Erika,

You are our sunshine and give us so much joy! From the very first day, you filled our lives with laughter, warmth and tenderness. You constantly amaze us with your goodness and zest for life. You are truly unique, Erika. Reach for your dreams...they really can come true!

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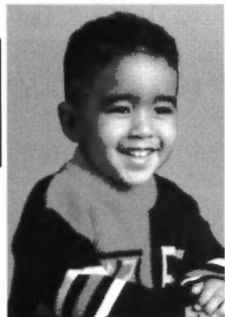


Kevin,  
We are so proud of you and all that you have

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We love you,  
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Lil Ivy,  
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We love you, Mom and Dad



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And we are forever blessed  
To have you in our lives.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom and Jenn



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Dani,  
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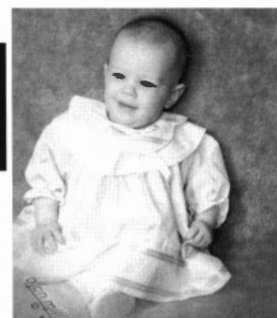


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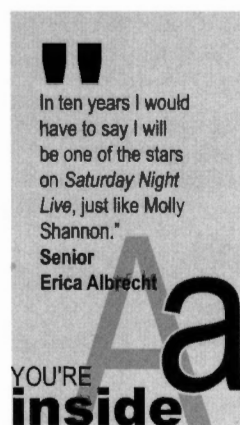
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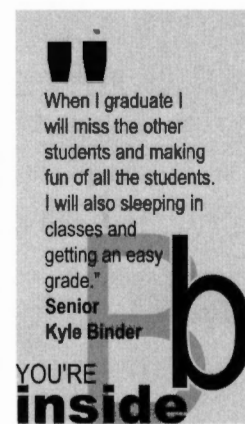
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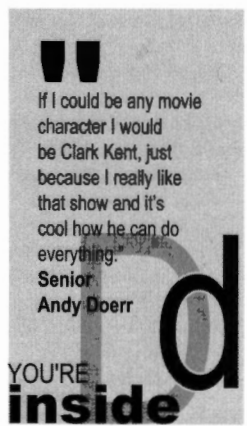
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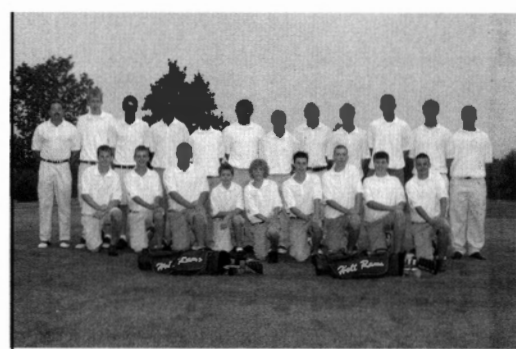
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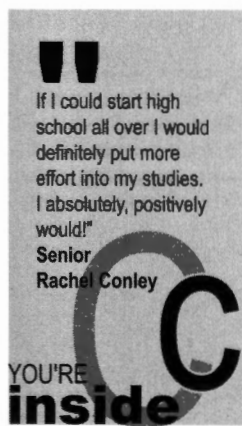
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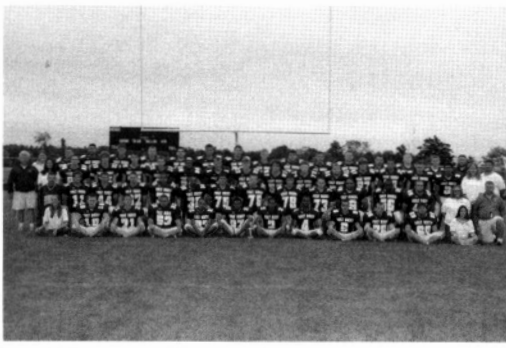
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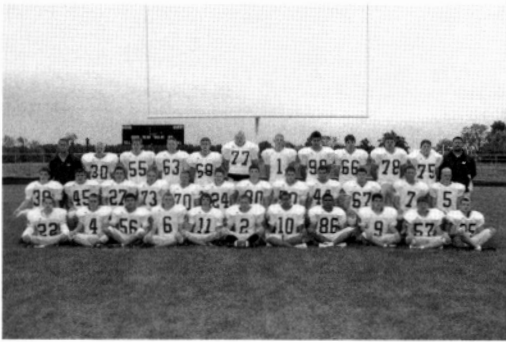
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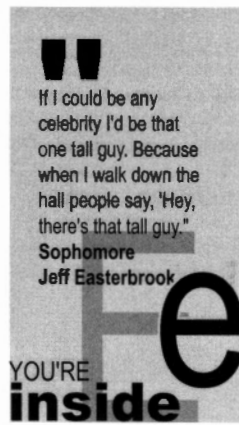
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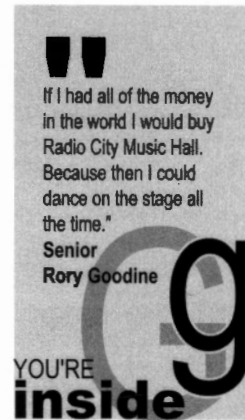


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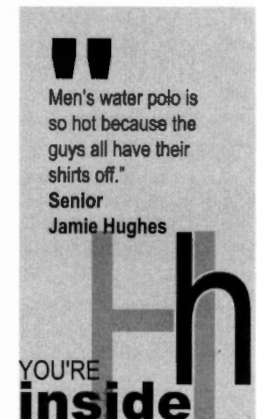
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**"**  
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 somewhere warm, like  
 Florida."  
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 In five years I hope  
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**Senior**  
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 One word that  
 describes me is  
 mischievous, just  
 because I like that  
 word."  
**Senior**  
**Cody Loose**  
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**womens varsity basketball**

**Front Row:** Kayla Roché, Audrey Dowell, Stacy Stanley, Katy Bryant, Julie Davis, Natalie Monette, April Smith, Nicole Smith **Back Row:** Tanisha Atkins, Brooke Darling, Kacy Cryderman Chloe Hamilton, Lindsey King, Coach Harkema, Coach Couturier



**womens jv basketball**

**Front Row:** Ashley Schouten, Chelsea Ghastin, Jessica Foster, Bridgette Griffiths, Jamie Jones, Danielle Smith, Ashley Killips **Back Row:** Coach Freeman, Amanda Hayes, Kourtnei Egger, Missy Mohr, Mollie Ballmer, Lindsay Shorna, Taylor Parker, Coach Essell

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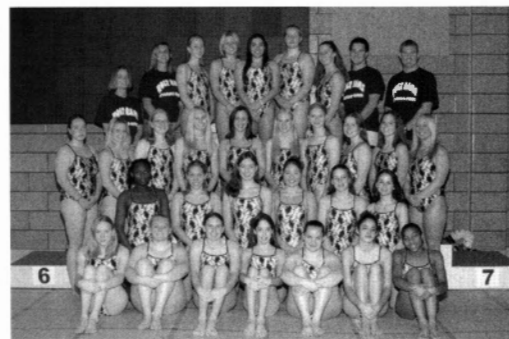
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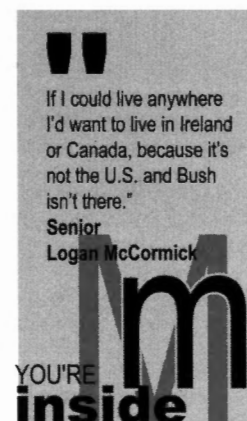
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## womens swimming & diving

**Front Row:** Amber Redding, Rachel Daughenbaugh, Morgan Wilson, Rachel Rademacher, Melissa Tallis, Brittany Nicol, Andrea Flemming **2nd Row:** Kyndra Hoskins, Victoria Flores, Kara Brockhaus, Cassandra Meier, Kelsey Daoust, Katherine Keeler **3rd Row:** Nicole Davis, Sieralyn Campbell, Erin Conley, Lindsey Greiner, Meagan Woodworth, Tiffany Ziolkowski, Lindsay Howely, Ruth Weismiller, Justine Kozlina, Sami Byer, **Back Row:** Coach Stoltz, Coach Mc, Rachel Abbott, Ali Templin, Ana Cangussa, Katie Lash, Meghan Montville, Coach Pohlonski, Coach Smith

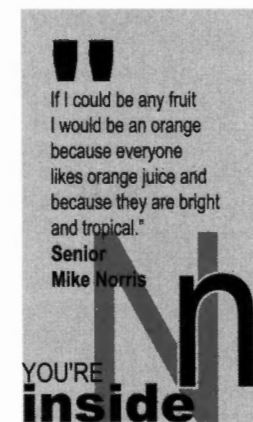
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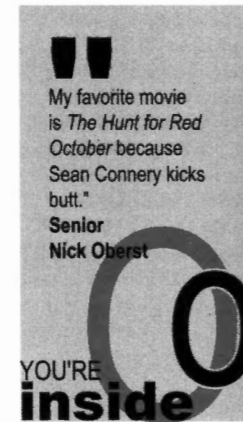
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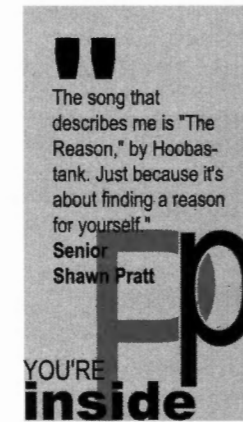


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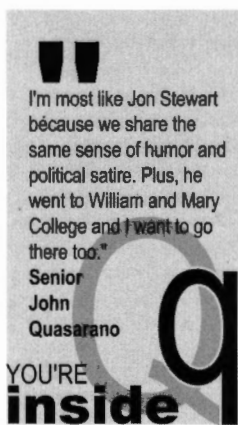
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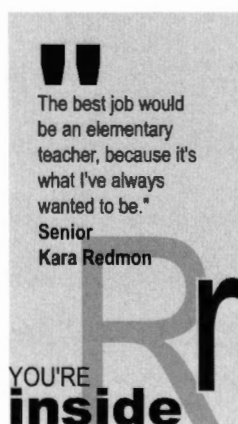
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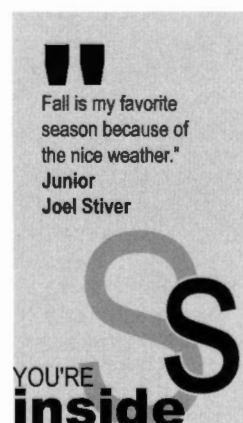


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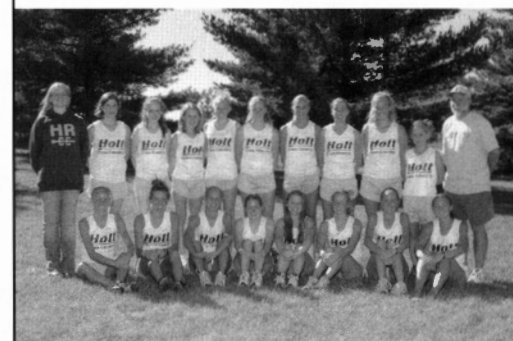
## varsity fall cheerleading

**Front Row:** Gracie Hilliard, Devon Bement, Keegan Long, Sherri Powers, Kaylee Kellogg, Richelle Brown, Stepfannie Marshall **2nd Row:** Rachel Major, Katie Conklin, Tiffany Heuhs, Bethany Hollern, Kristen Maas, Erin Belt **Back Row:** Clarise Strahn, Lauren Kasel, Katie Golden, Lauren Lopez, Allison Vanderberg, Coach Dunham



## jv fall cheerleading

**Front Row:** Haley Hellems, Brittany Watson, Emily Sherman, Shelby Sapulski, Stravroula Kyriakopoulos, Christina Howlett, Brooke Rueckert **Back Row:** Julie Patterson, Jessica Taylor, Brittany Andring, Coach Martinez, Coach Wilkes, Taryn Hull, Courtney Noack, Michelle McGuire



## womens cross country

**Front Row:** Rachel Fessenden, Kate Brewer, Nicky Hall, Margaret Leiby, Talitha Taylor, Rachel Porter, Tara Dell, Liz Huber **Back Row:** Assistant Amy Brannan, Emily Ott, Hannah Taylor, Maddi Massa, Elizabeth Woods, Erin Fox, Amy Kruch, Melissa Darling, Megan Mohr, Jenette Killips, Coach Foy

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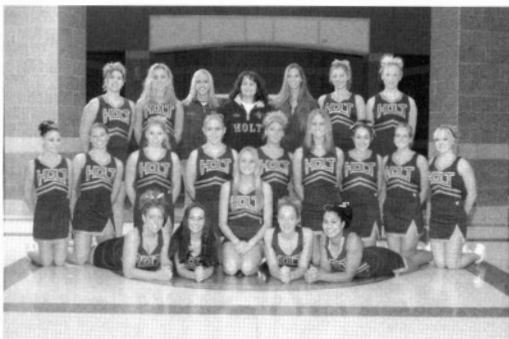
## mens bowling

**Front Row:** Nick Beeson, Brandon Doerr, Josh Korre, Brian Berry **Back Row:** Tony Sparks, Chad Fox, Chris Case, Andy Morales, Coach Huhn



## womens bowling

**Front Row:** Sarah Benson, Nicky Hall **Middle Row:** Michaela Bond, Danielle Graham, Robin Runions, Sieralyn Campbell **Back Row:** Coach Huhn

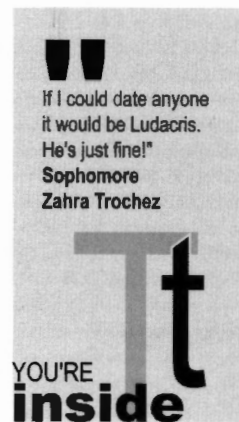


## varsity winter cheerleading

**Front Row:** Katie Golden, Devon Bement, Lauren Kasel, Keegan Long, Erin Belt **Middle Row:** Emily Sherman, Richelle Brown, Julie Patterson, Kristan Maas, Bethany Hollern, Allison Vanderberg, Stravoula Kyriakopoulos, Haley Hellem, Brittany Watson **Back Row:** Taryn Hull, Rachel Major, Sami Byer, Coach Martinez, Lauren Lopez, Brittany Andring, Clarice Strahn

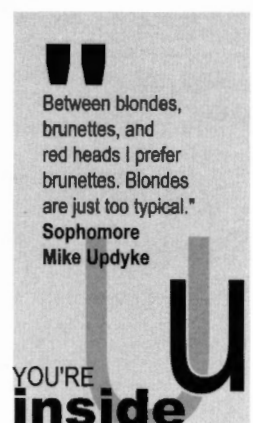
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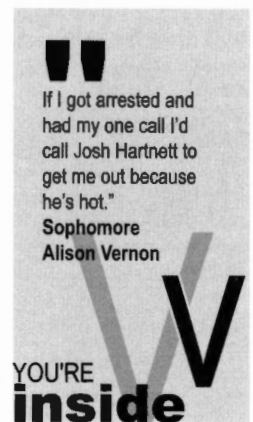


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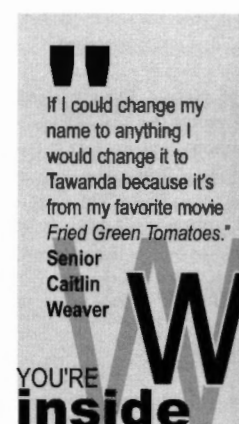


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 If I were an animal I would be a koala bear because I like to climb trees and I like the smell of eucalyptus."  
 Senior  
 Lindsay Young  
**Y**  
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 If I could choose to be famous I would probably be a lead singer for a rock band. I'm really into rock music."  
 Sophomore  
 Josh Zimmerman  
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**mens varsity basketball**

**Front Row:** Nick Rogell, Ty Motley, Tyler Schrauben, Tyler Reed **Middle Row:** Tavarie Smith, Andy Clark, John Lierman, Jared Kaschyk, Jake Moreno, Phillip McKay, Coach Lerner **Back Row:** Coach Knechtel, John Roche, Paul Crosby, Mikhail Eiseler, Muhammad El-Amin, Jake Troph, Coach Bakken



**mens JV basketball**

**Front Row:** Joe Powers, Tyler Byrne, Matt Naeyaert, Miles Biel, Danny Zajac, Michael Hollern **Back Row:** Dunell Murchison, Joey Murphy, Jesse Skouby, Phil Vandenberg, Brian Perski, Andy Sawyer, Dustin Liles, Coach Essell



**JV winter cheerleading**

**Front Row:** Shelby Sapulski, Brooke Rueckert, Christina Howlett, Alyssa Dent, Brittany Enos **Back Row:** Jessica Taylor, Paris Williams, Megan Wilks, Coach McGuire, Michelle McGuire, Jessica Martinez, Courtney Wood

**Note:** "Ti" refers to the senior tip-in located between pages 96 and 97.



**varsity volleyball**

**Front Row:** Teddy Priebe, Jessica Merriott, Erika Neumann, Sarah Smith, Courtney Grafuis **Back Row:** Kristin Fudge, Jena Allen, Nicole Smith, Franny DeJongh, Missy Klauka, Jamie Patterson



**JV volleyball**

**Front Row:** Amie Caesar, Bridgette Griffiths, Katelin Moule, Julie Patterson, Katie Wright **Back Row:** Coach Klecha, Sarah Harris, Mallory Cook, Elyse Staebell, Miranda Kolb, Jessica Baker, Abby Rarick, Coach Wascher



**gymnastics**

**Front Row:** Nicole Wood, Stephanie Zaleski, Caitlin Lesperance, Justine Kozlina, Sami Byer, Alyse Siedelberg, Jennifer Therrian **Back Row:** Katie Knop, Tiffany Heuhs, Jessica Beeson, Gracie Hilliard







“Next year will open up a whole bunch of opportunities for me.”

Junior Carolyn Pinckney  
on being senior and heading to college.

Many people ask themselves, "What am I going to do after high school?"

There are many choices: college, work, the military, or apprenticeships.

According to senior Erin Strong, she plans on saving her money. "I'm going to LCC for my basics, that way I will save money, too! Then I plan on transferring to a four year college. I'm not sure which one yet, but I want go into interior decorating or be a nurse."

A lot of students only care about what school they go to, but some care

about where the college is located. "All I want to do is move out of Michigan. It is so cold here that it makes me go crazy!"

said sophomore Sarah Harris.

As students look ahead to their future, whether they are seniors on the brink of graduation or sophomores just starting their seemingly endless journey through high school, very few have a clear idea what the future will bring. It is all unclear, unpredictable, and indefinite. Ultimately, we are all blind to what lies ahead. But that is what makes life challenging. And fun.

by Jessica Keener

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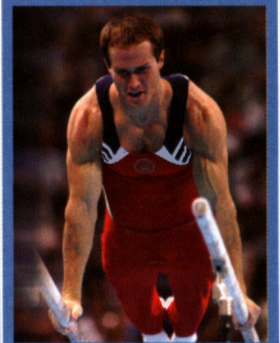




# WORLD YEARBOOK

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# WORLD EVENTS

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A magnitude 9.0 earthquake in the Indian Ocean sends a 500 mph tsunami crashing onto the shores of 12 nations, killing more than 225,000 people and causing vast destruction.



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II announces the engagement of her son Prince Charles to his long-time love Camilla Parker Bowles.



NASA's Messenger begins a 5-billion-mile journey to Mercury.



Vioxx, one of several arthritis drugs linked to an increased risk of heart attack and stroke, is recalled.



Billions of 17-year cicadas emerge in the Midwest and Eastern United States.





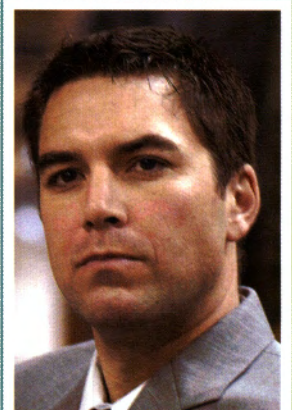
More than 700 people are wounded and 323 hostages killed when Chechen rebels seize a Russian school. The standoff lasted two days.



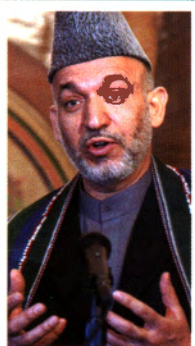
The world mourns the death of 93-year-old Ronald Reagan, the 40th U.S. president, credited with ending the Cold War.



Filipino conjoined twins Carl and Clarence Aquirre, 2, are successfully separated following 10 months of surgical procedures and a final 20-hour operation.



A jury convicts Scott Peterson on two counts of murder and sentences him to death.



Hamid Karzai is the first democratically elected leader of Afghanistan.



A 1,200-square-mile iceberg blocks 12,000 brooding Adélie penguins from their Antarctic feeding grounds.

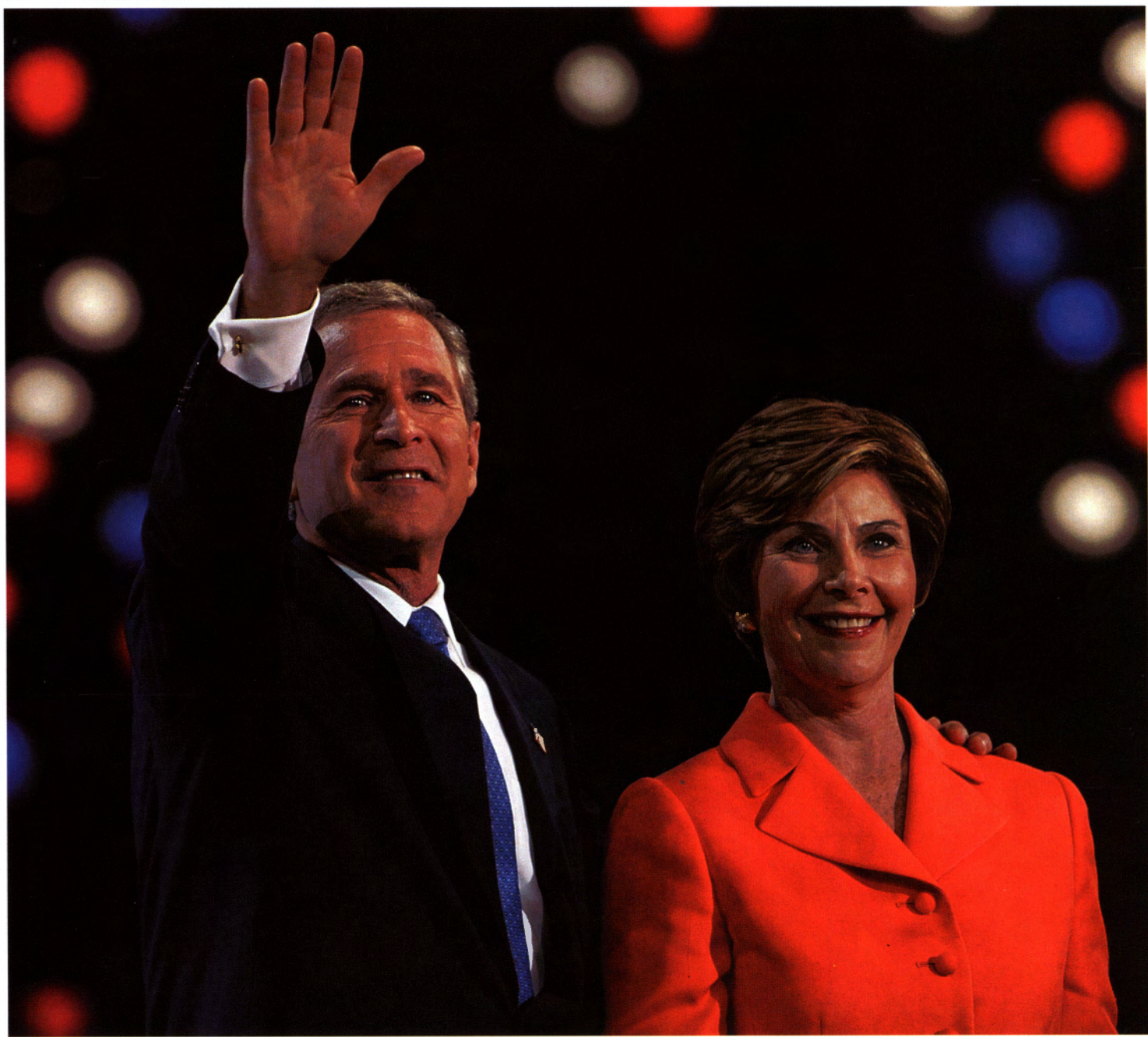


Despite threats of violence, millions of Iraqis cast ballots in a historic free election.



Kmart Holding Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co. agree to an \$11 billion merger that will create the nation's third largest retailer.





With his wife Laura by his side, George W. Bush wins a second term as president by defeating Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry in a fiercely contested election. Bush won with 51 percent.



As US Airways, United Airlines and ATA enter bankruptcy, Delta Air Lines cuts fares by up to 50 percent to entice travelers.



Martha Stewart serves five months in prison and is fined \$30,000.



Fire sweeps through a crowded, multilevel Paraguay supermarket, killing more than 300 shoppers.



Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael K. Powell resigns.





As the death toll surpasses 1,400, Operation Enduring Freedom continues for the 140,000 U.S. troops stationed in Iraq. Though the first elections for the new Iraqi government were held in January, no timetable was established for the withdrawal of American forces.



Last erupting in 1980, Mount St. Helens again releases steam, spews ash and develops a 1,300 degree lava dome.



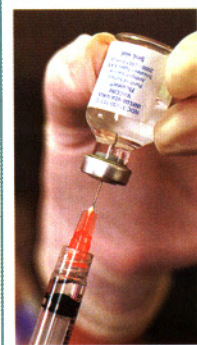
Despite a fraudulent election and dioxin poisoning, Viktor Yushchenko perseveres and becomes the new Ukrainian president.



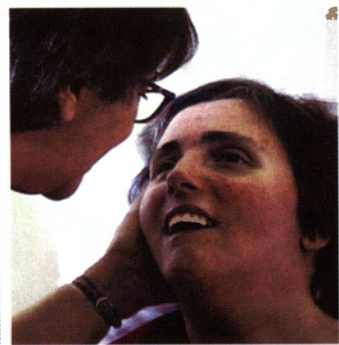
Following a seven-year, 2.2-billion-mile journey, the Cassini spacecraft reaches Saturn's orbit. One of Cassini's discoveries was a new radiation belt surrounding the ringed planet.



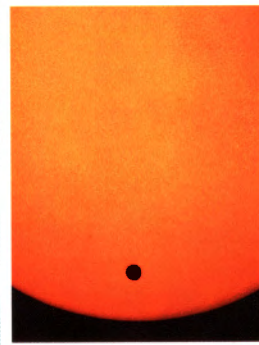
Condoleezza Rice becomes the first black woman to be named secretary of state.



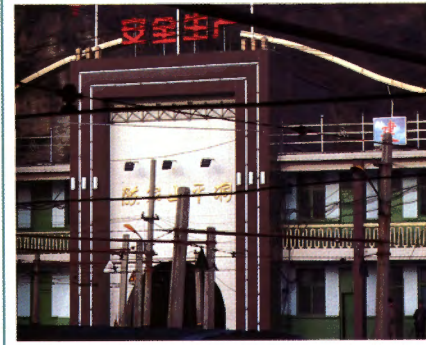
Contaminated batches of flu vaccine cut the U.S. supply in half.



The Supreme Court rejects a Florida state law that would keep severely brain-damaged Terri Schiavo alive.

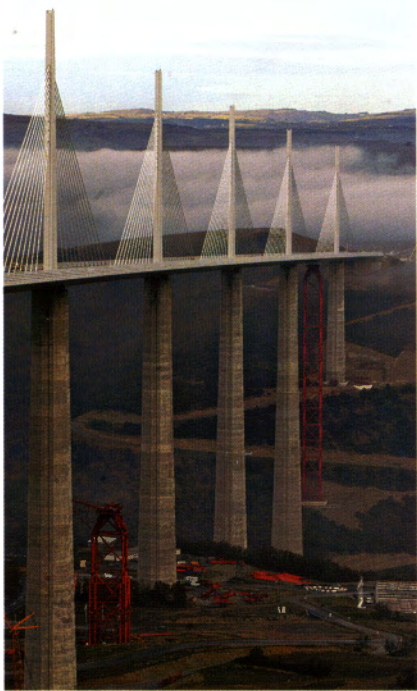


The sun, Venus and Earth align during the first transit of Venus since 1882.

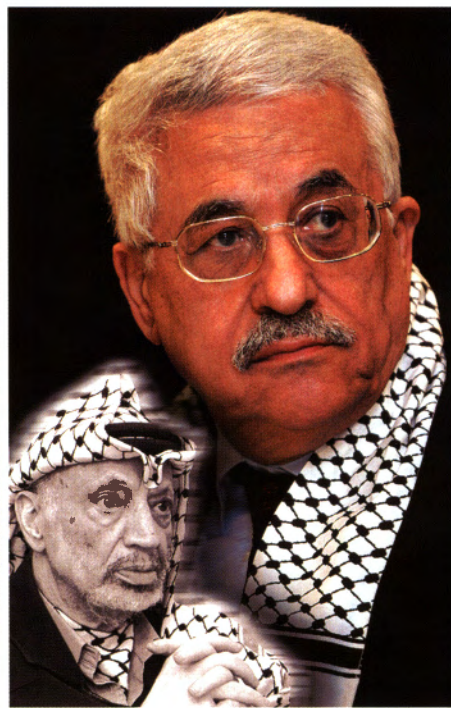


China's coal miners endure a six-month series of deadly explosions and accidents that kill more than 550.

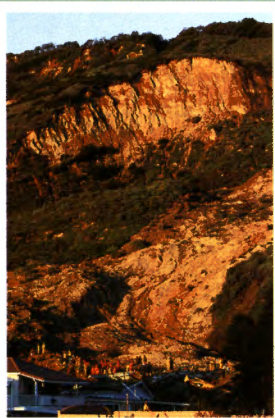




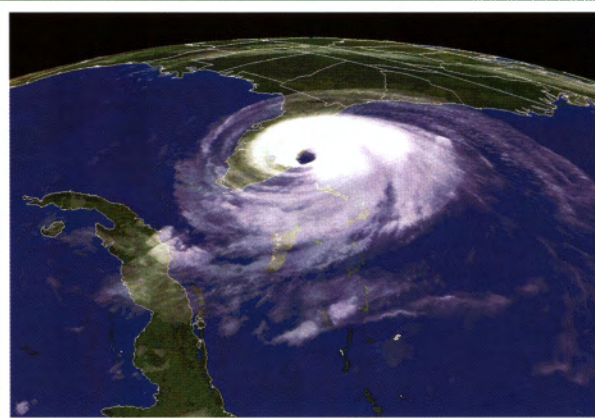
France's 1.6-mile-long Millau bridge extends 1,122 feet above the Tarn Valley, making it the world's tallest roadway span.



Following Yasser Arafat's death, new Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas agrees to a cease-fire with Israeli leader Ariel Sharon.



Excessive rains cause a deadly and destructive mudslide in La Conchita, California.



Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne batter the Caribbean islands, Gulf Coast and Florida. During the same season, Tropical Storm Gaston drenched the East Coast.



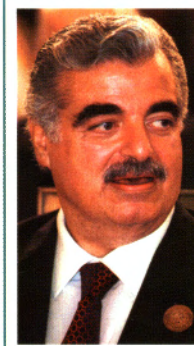
Weighing 8.6 ounces, Rumaisa Rahman is the world's smallest baby. In contrast, Brazil's Ademilton dos Santos weighed 16.8 pounds.



Illinois Sen. Barack Obama delivers the keynote address at the Democratic Convention.



In the same year that a new, colorful \$50 bill is put into circulation, the U.S. dollar hits a low against the euro.



Lebanon's former prime minister Rafik Hariri is assassinated.

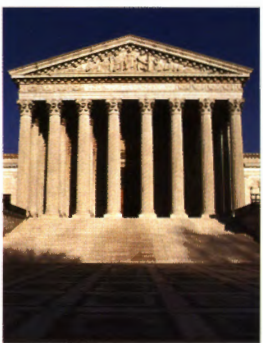
## WORLD NEWS

- Metabolife International Inc. and its founder Michael J. Ellis were charged with lying to the Food and Drug Administration about the dangers of taking ephedra.
- An accounting scandal led Fannie Mae, the nation's second largest financial institution, to dismiss two executives.
- Scientists in China unearthed a perfectly preserved avian-like sleeping dinosaur.
- A 10-pound meteorite hit Cambodia.
- Sprint Corp. & Nextel Communications Inc. agreed to a \$35 billion merger.
- Extinction threatened Hawaii's rare pōpōuli when one of three remaining birds died.
- Abu Omar al-Kurdi, the top lieutenant to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was arrested in Baghdad.
- A 182-carat diamond, four times the size of the Hope Diamond, was found by a Guinea miner.
- Nate Olive and Sarah Jones became the first people to hike the entire 1,800-mile West Coast Trail.
- A deer-hunting dispute in Wisconsin left six people dead.
- The discovery of a new hobbit-sized human skeleton brought the history of human evolution into question.
- A stampede during a Hindu ceremony in India killed as many as 258 worshippers.
- For the first time in 30 years, scientists spotted endangered blue whales in the waters off Alaska.





SpaceShipOne completes two suborbital space flights, reaching a record-breaking altitude of 367,442 feet, to win the \$10 million Ansari X Prize for the first privately funded spaceflight.



The Pledge's "one nation, under God," is preserved by the Supreme Court.



Trials proceed for seven U.S. soldiers accused of abusing detainees within Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.



Cosmetics mogul and merchandising pioneer Estée Lauder dies at 97.



Ivory Coast loyalists initiate a violent, anti-foreigner uprising, forcing thousands of French citizens and visitors to evacuate.



# TV & MOVIES

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## BOX OFFICE HITS

Shrek 2  
 Fahrenheit 9/11  
 The Passion of the Christ  
 The Incredibles  
 Meet the Fockers  
 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban  
 13 Going On 30  
 The Bourne Supremacy  
 LOTR III: The Return of the King  
 Polar Express  
 The Village  
 Dodgeball  
 Troy

## POP TV SHOWS

The O.C.  
 Arrested Development  
 Alias  
 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation  
 The Apprentice  
 One Tree Hill  
 24  
 Rebel Billionaire  
 Everwood  
 Joey



The animated motion picture "Shrek 2" is the year's No. 1 box office hit. The movie earned more than \$436 million, an Academy Award nomination and two People's Choice Awards.



ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" is voted Favorite Reality Show/Makeover at the People's Choice Awards.



To celebrate her 19th season Oprah gives away 276 new cars.



Millions of viewers are swept away on Wednesday night by ABC's new hit drama series "Lost."



Jude Law stars in "I Heart Huckabees," one of the actor's six films this year.



## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

- Phylicia Rashad, star of "A Raisin in the Sun," became the first black woman to win a Tony Best Actress Award.
- Comedian and talk show host Ellen DeGeneres was "People's Choice" for Favorite Funny Female Star.
- More than 30 million viewers tuned in to watch Fantasia Barrino defeat Diana DeGarmo and become the third "American Idol."
- Following 24 years with CBS, anchor Dan Rather announced his resignation. Four CBS executives were fired for running an unverified story regarding President Bush's National Guard service on "60 Minutes Wednesday."
- A quadriplegic for nine years, "Superman" Christopher Reeve died at 52.
- Both Tom Brokaw of "The NBC Nightly News" and Barbara Walters of "20/20" resigned their anchor positions after more than 20 years on the air.
- Hollywood couple Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt announced their separation.
- Media moguls Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen took control of \$300 million in net assets on their 18th birthday.
- The world bid farewell to former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson, playwright Arthur Miller and entertainers Marlon Brando, Rodney Dangerfield, Janet Leigh, Tony Randall, Fay Wray, Jerry Orbach, Julia Child, Peter Ustinov, Sandra Dee and Isabel Sanford.



Jamie Foxx receives the Actor in a Leading Role Academy Award for his portrayal of blind R&B legend Ray Charles in "Ray."



Hilary Swank wins an Academy Award for her lead performance in the Oscar winning picture "Million Dollar Baby."



Golden Globe winner Leonardo DiCaprio receives an Oscar nomination for his starring role in "The Aviator." The film, directed by Martin Scorsese, claimed five Academy Awards.



"Spider-Man 2" starring Tobey Maguire earns more than \$373 million at the box office.



Dave Chappelle signs a \$50 million contract with Comedy Central.



Julia Roberts joins a long list of new Hollywood moms with the birth of twins Phinnaeus and Hazel.



"Jeopardy!" wiz Ken Jennings wins more than \$2.5 million in a 74-game run.



Sunday night soap "Desperate Housewives" is named Best Television Series at the Golden Globe Awards.





Ashlee Simpson is criticized for lip-syncing on "Saturday Night Live" and is booed by fans during her Orange Bowl performance.



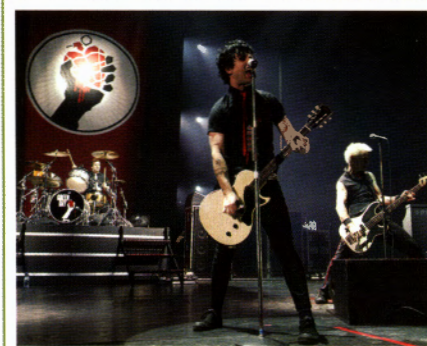
Alicia Keys collects four Grammys for her album and DVD documentary "The Diary of Alicia Keys."



"Redneck Woman" Gretchen Wilson is the American Music Awards Favorite New Artist.



Maroon 5 is named Best New Artist at the MTV Video Music Awards and the Grammy Awards. They also won three Billboard Music Awards and launched a world tour.



Green Day tours North America, Japan, Europe and Australia to promote its Grammy winning album "American Idiot."



Kanye West wins three Grammys including Best Rap Album for "College Dropout."



Alejandro Sanz receives four Latin Grammys including Song of the Year and Album of the Year.



Phish calls it quits after more than 20 years of touring.

## MUSIC NEWS

- "American Idol" wannabe William Hung releases his album "Hung for the Holidays."
- Following eight years and more than 30 million albums sold worldwide, rock band Creed dissolved.
- The Country Music Awards recognized Kenny Chesney and his album "When the Sun Goes Down" as Entertainer and Album of the Year. Other CMA winners included Keith Urban, Brad Paisley, Martina McBride and Rascal Flatts.
- No Doubt's Gwen Stefani released her solo album "Love, Angel, Music, Baby."
- Months after her 55-hour Vegas marriage to childhood friend Jason Alexander was annulled, pop star Britney Spears married dancer Kevin Federline.
- Prior to his death, Ray Charles completed the collaborative project, "Genius Loves Company," which received eight Grammy Awards.
- "American Bandstand" legend Dick Clark suffered a stroke that prevented him from hosting his traditional "New Year's Rockin' Eve" in New York City.
- The Los Lonely Boys received four Grammy nominations, including Best New Artist and Record of the Year for "Heaven."
- Queen Latifah released "The Dana Owens Album," a vocal jazz album that bears her given name.
- Rapper O.D.B., "Superfreak" Rick James and Oscar-winning composer Jerry Goldsmith died this year.



# MUSIC

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Usher wins 11 Billboard Music Awards including Artist of the Year. His album "Confessions" and hit single "Yeah!" won three Grammys and four American Music Awards .



Hilary Duff promotes her self-titled album and a new clothing/cosmetics line "Stuff."



R. Kelly sues rapper Jay-Z for \$75 million following a dispute that prematurely ended their tour.



Lindsay Lohan debuts her album "Speak" and film "Mean Girls."



The Grammy-winning hip-hop group Black Eyed Peas "get it started" with their hit album "Elephunk."



# TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

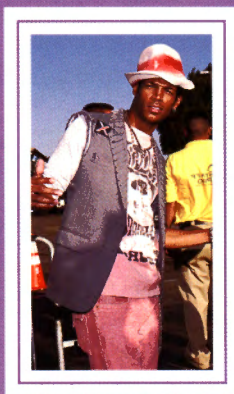
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The cast of "One Tree Hill" models the year's latest fashion trends including the "layered look," distressed denim, vintage blazers and jean jackets. Ponchos, tweed jackets, and pearls were also hot items.



Sony releases PSP (PlayStation Portable) a 10-ounce, multiplayer video game system with a four-inch color screen.



Pastel hues such as pink are popular for men and women.



NASA's "scramjet" breaks a world record by flying nearly 10 times the speed of sound.



Oval decals featuring popular locations and symbols appear on vehicles worldwide.

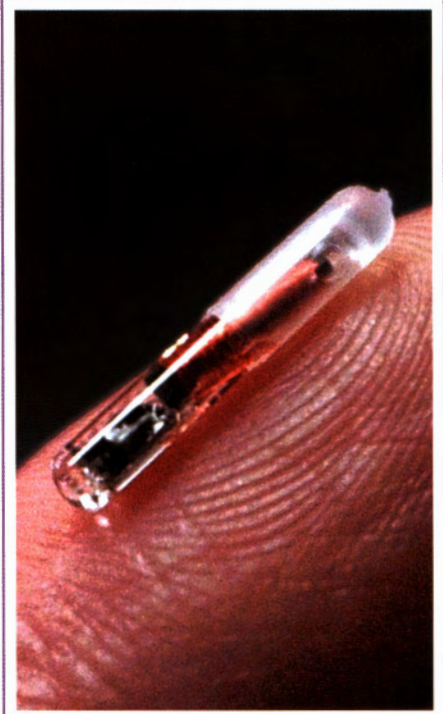


## POPULAR NEWS

- Japanese schools tracked students on campus via computer chips that emit radio transmissions.
- Ben & Jerry's worked with a Penn State scientist to invent an ozone friendly freezer that uses sound waves to chill a liquid cooling agent.
- Tabouli and Baba Ganoush were the first felines to be cloned.
- Phillips designed MiraVision, a flat screen television that doubles as a mirror when not in use.
- The FDA approved the use of a new face transplant surgery to aid patients with severe burns.
- A grilled cheese sandwich depicting the Virgin Mary sold for \$28,000 on eBay.
- Scientists created ripeSense, a sensor that indicates when fruit is ripe by analyzing emitted aromas.
- Cellphone jammers were installed in churches, courthouses and schools in an effort to curb interruptions and incidents of cheating.
- The United States Army issued new fatigues that feature easy-to-use Velcro openings and redesigned camouflage that conceal soldiers in the desert, forest and city.
- Congress passed a bill that prohibits the use of camera phones to sneak inappropriate photos of other people.
- Divers and surfers began using Shark Shield, a device that repels sharks by emitting electronic pulses.



Apple's iTunes and iPods, along with Satellite XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio offer innovative ways to collect and listen to music.



No larger than a grain of rice, a microchip containing important medical data is approved for human implantation by the FDA.



Snack food brands such as Reeses, Edy's, Lays and Coke cope with the Atkins craze by developing and marketing low-carb candies, ice cream, chips and sodas.



"The O.C.'s" Mischa Barton wears one of the year's most popular hairstyles.



"Livestrong" bracelets raise awareness of the fight against cancer.



The desktop CPU of the new iMac is contained within a monitor just 2.875 inches thick.



Popular television series like "Seinfeld," "CSI" and "24" are released on DVD.



Bluetooth and advanced laser technology make wireless internet, known as WiFi, easy-to-use and affordable to the public.



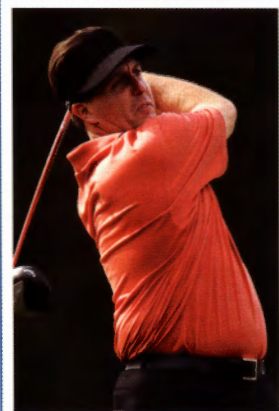


In a 24-21 game, the New England Patriots defeat the Philadelphia Eagles to win their third NFL Super Bowl in four years.



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Patrick Tillman, who left the NFL's Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the United States Army, is killed during a firefight in Afghanistan.



Golfer Phil Mickelson enjoys winning his first career major at The Masters.



Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart leads the University of Southern California to a 55-19 win over the University of Oklahoma, making the Trojans the NCAA National Champions.

### SPORTS NEWS

- In the same year that Kobe Bryant's lawsuit was settled out of court, the L.A. Lakers traded Shaquille O'Neal to the Miami Heat.
- Golfer Tiger Woods wed Swedish model Elin Nordegren in a Barbados ceremony.
- Washington, D.C. became the new home of the Montreal Expos.
- San Francisco Giant Barry Bonds hit his 700th career home run.
- A brawl broke out during a game between the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons. Several players and fans were charged with assault as a result of the fight.
- A private plane crash in Virginia took the lives of 10 Hendrick racing team family members and employees.
- Former Green Bay Packer and 13-time Pro Bowler Reggie White died at 43.
- Golf phenom Michelle Wie became the first 15-year-old to play with the LPGA.

### OLYMPIC NEWS

- The United States brought home 103 Olympic medals, including 36 gold, 39 silver and 29 bronze.
- The U.S. Women's Swim Team set a new world record in the 800m relay.
- With only one run scored against them during the Olympic games, the U.S. Women's Softball Team earned the gold.
- Kyle Shewfelt became the first Canadian gymnast to win gold in the men's floor competition.



In a defensive battle, the Detroit Pistons defeat the Los Angeles Lakers to win the NBA National Championship.



Labor disputes cause the NHL to cancel the entire hockey season for the first time.



Kurt Busch wins NASCAR's Nextel Cup championship by an 8-point margin over Jimmy Johnson.



Birdstone denies Smarty Jones the Triple Crown at the Belmont Stakes.



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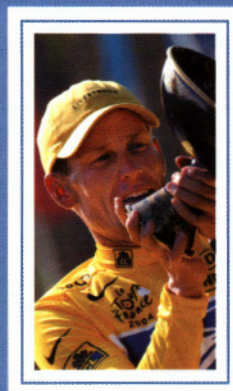
The Boston Red Sox overcome the New York Yankees' three-game lead to win the ALCS. Boston moved on, defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, and ended "the curse" with their first World Series win in 86 years.



Peyton Manning breaks Dan Marino's single-season record with 49 TD passes.



Despite a back injury, Serena Williams claims her seventh Grand Slam victory at the Australian Open.



Lance Armstrong wins his sixth consecutive Tour de France.



The University of Connecticut wins both the Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball National Championships.

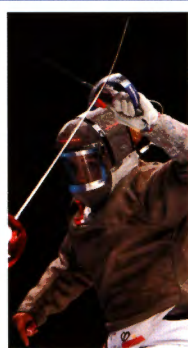




Gymnasts Carly Patterson and Paul Hamm claim gold in the all-around competitions. Despite a controversy caused by a judging error, the Court of Arbitration for Sport upheld Hamm's victory.



Swimmer Michael Phelps contributes to the U.S. Swim Team's 12 golds by earning a record-breaking eight medals.



Mariel Zagunis, 19, wins gold for the U.S. Fencing Team.



Misty May and Kerri Walsh captivate viewers as they spike their way to a women's beach volleyball gold.



U.S. cyclists Tyler Hamilton and Bobby Julich pedal to gold and bronze medals.

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