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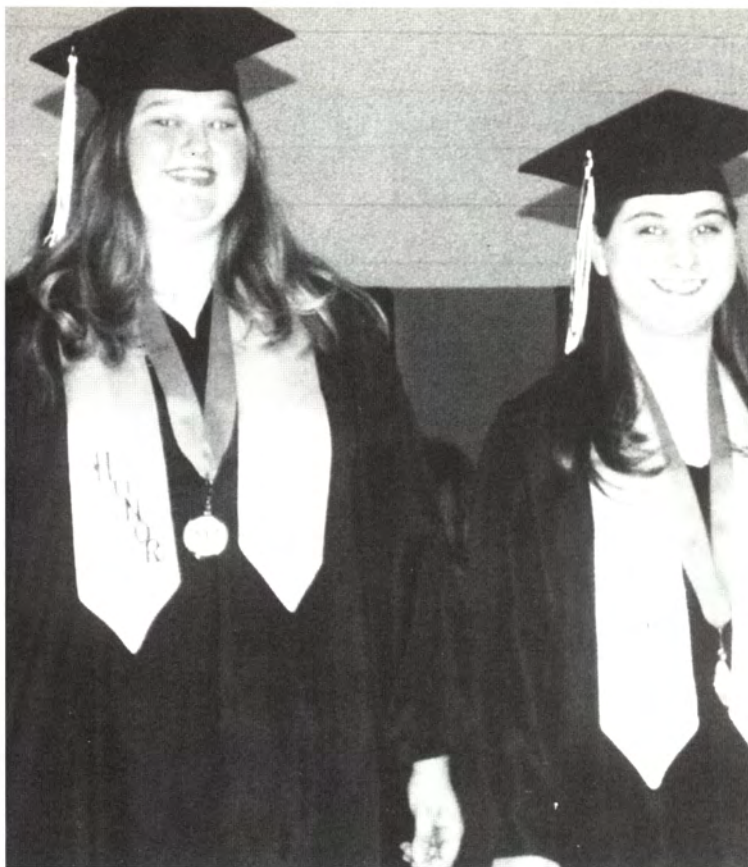
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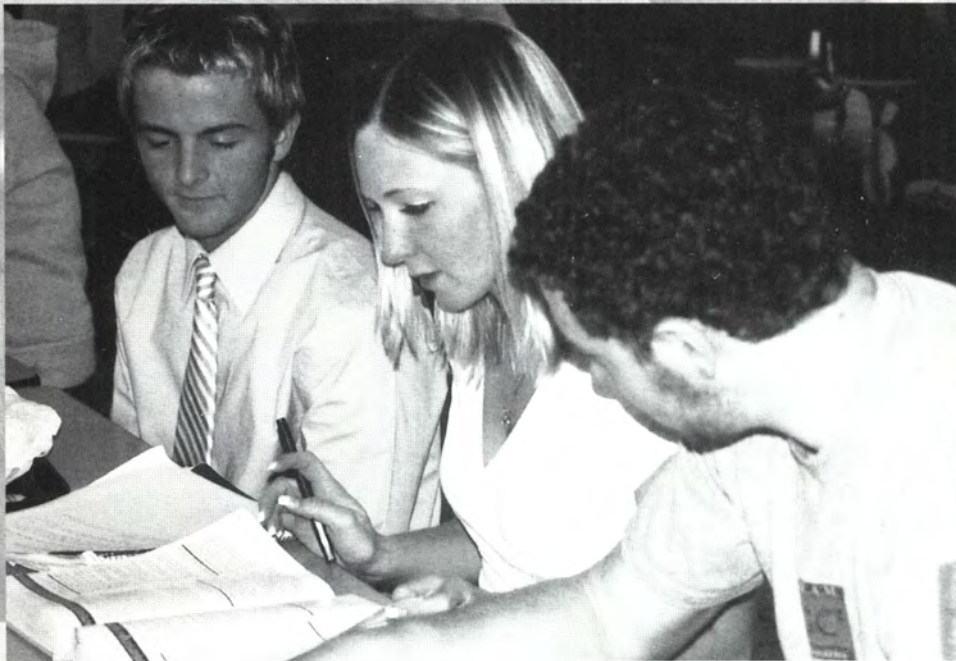
ACTION IS A CLOSE FOOTBALL GAME, SAVED BY OUR MOST TREASURED PLAYER. ACTION IS BEING A MEMBER OF THE MARCHING BAND, NHS OR PALS AND BEING INVOLVED IN SOMETHING BIGGER THAN OURSELVES. ACTION IS GOING THE EXTRA MILE BY HELPING OTHERS. ACTION IS HITTING THAT HIGH NOTE, COMPLETING THAT EXPERIMENT, WORKING HARD FOR THAT GRADE.

ACTION IS LHS.



Action! ★ 2002-2003

School



Everyday is another chance to perfect your act as you rehearse for your future through interacting with faculty, joking around with friends and spending endless hours sifting through the mirage of schoolwork that comes with being a part of the production of LHS 2002-2003.

Daily rehearsals involve lunchroom antics... did you get the perfect meal and the perfect table with the perfect company by the end of the year or will you be rehearsing again next year?

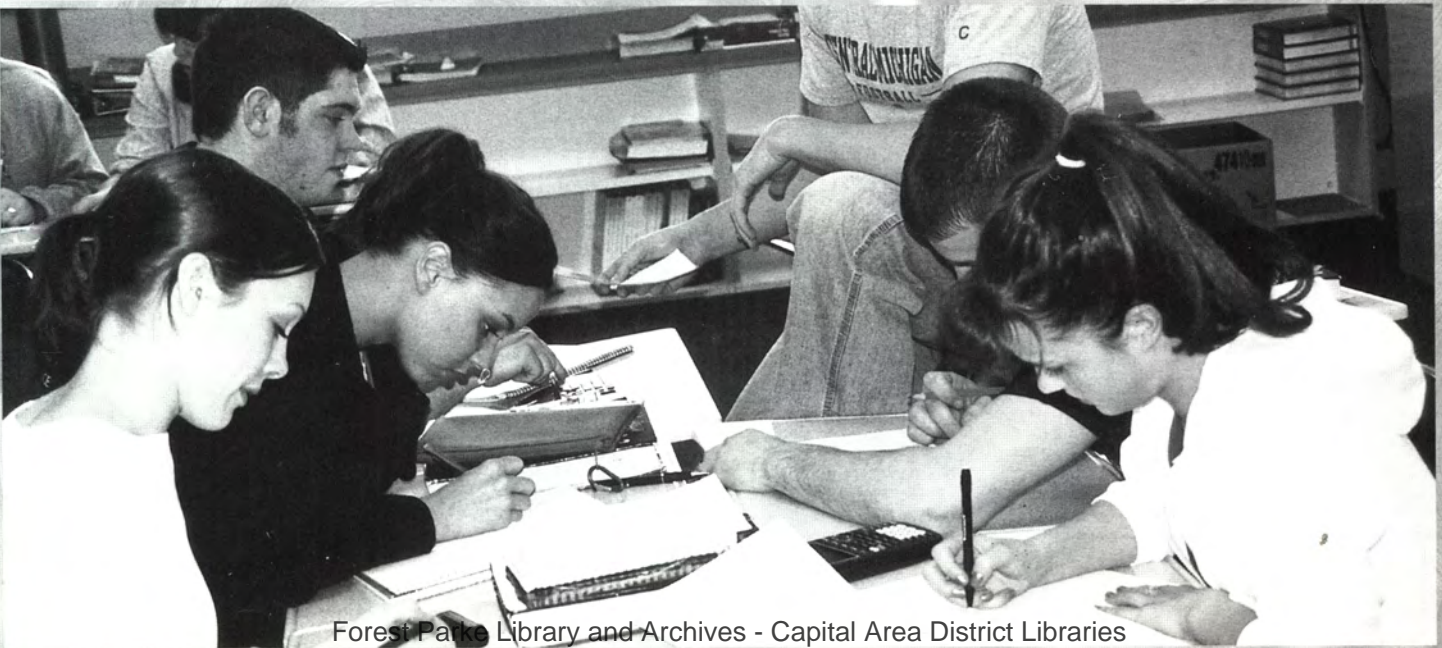
Daily rehearsals involve checking out careers at career day, making tables in Materials Processing, and creating a yearbook. They involve taking tests and taking challenging classes.

Daily rehearsals prepare us for the performance of our lives.

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DAYS

Daily Rehearsal



What are your Favorites?

Favorite Class at LHS

"AP European history, you should hear some of the things we talk about in there."

✍ Mark Cruth

"Student aide, no really, um... consumers math."

✍ Chelsey Seburg

"English because I love to write and read."

✍ Amber Snyder

"Mr. Shambarger's. It is a challenging and exciting class."

✍ Shawn Wiegand

"Choir because I love to sing."

✍ Liz Palmer

"World History. We talk about sick stuff."

✍ Justin VanAndel

Favorite Meal at LHS

"The caesar salad wrap things and the corn dogs. Yummmmm...."

✍ Lauren Page

"Chicken rings because it's the best thing they serve and taste the best."

✍ Brian Jackson

"Pizza, it's the only thing that doesn't look like it's alive and breathing."

✍ Mandy Gaul

"Mozzerella sticks because they are super -duper scrumptious!"

✍ Leann Niblock

Favorite Teacher at LHS

"My favorite teacher is Mr. Froheip because he's awesome and we never have homework with him."

✍ Jessica Ramirez

"Mr. Allender because he's cool."

✍ Jeremy Allen

"Mr. Derr because he is a great guy."

✍ Sherry Cooler

"Ms. Sachar because she always thinking of the students."

✍ Jake Faust

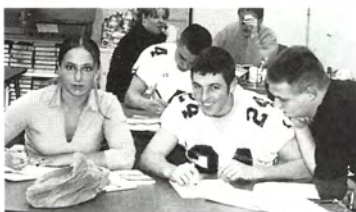
"Mr. Barbour because he is so awesome and the best golf coach."

✍ Melissa Adams

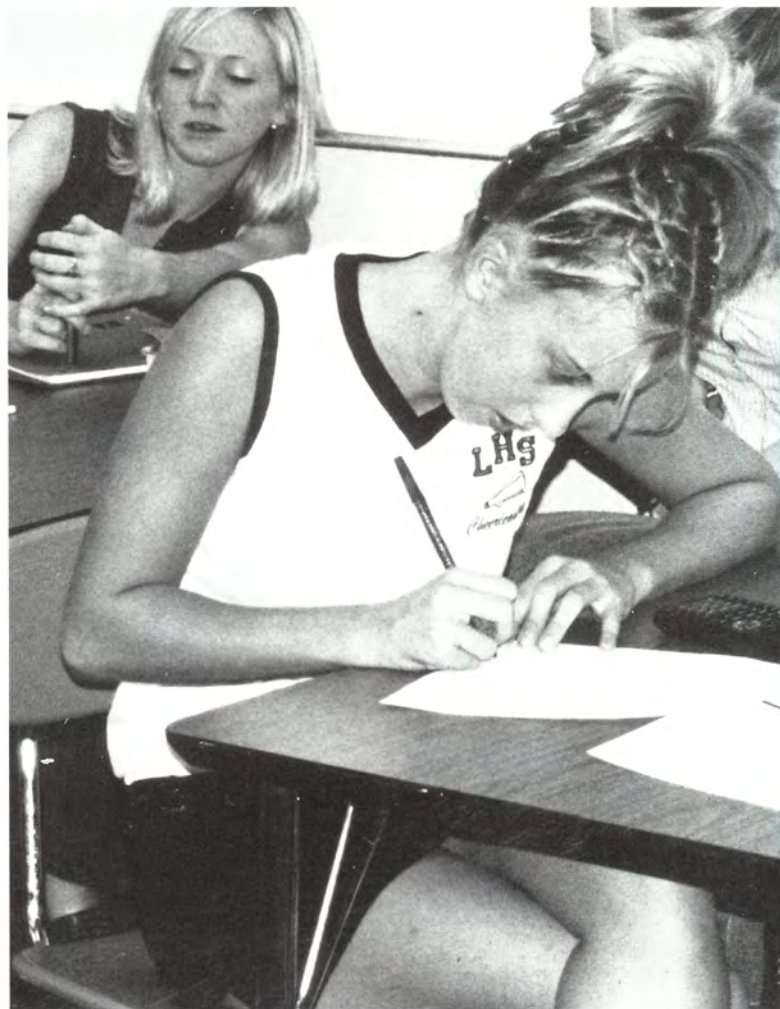
"Don't have one. Sorry."

✍ Becky Taylor

⌘ (right) Flipping through a book, teacher Mark Froheip chooses the pages he needs copied. Froheip is a favorite teacher of many freshmen.



⌘ (below) Kyla Stern works hard to finish her assignment in sociology class. Stern enjoyed her involvement in Derr's third hour.



⌘ (far below) Sitting at lunch, Sherry Cooler enjoys her cheddar munchers. Cooler loves coming to school every Monday knowing that cheddar munchers are for lunch.



⌘ (above) Are school lunches yummy? It wasn't a whole meal, but Randy Dexter enjoyed his french fries.



⌘ (left) Taking a break from classroom activities are Melissa Thomas and Kira Shafer

⌘ (below) The students work hard in teacher Gail Vallillee's A.P. European History class. Vallillee has been the AP teacher for four years.



⌘ (far below) In English II, teacher Carl Bunker reads aloud to his class. Bunker's class learned a life lesson through the novel *Of Mice and Men*.



⌘ (below) Standing at the front of the class, teacher Bev Sachar gets ready to pass out the homework for the day's lesson. Sachar taught students in French and English.



From the ones that know... What makes a teacher?

What does it take to be a teacher? A teacher is someone who has spent four years (or more) in college and spends all day working with kids. A teacher goes home with a headache everyday after school. They grade papers and plan what we are going to spend the next two weeks learning about in their class. Teachers care about our future and spend most of their time preparing us for it. At least this is my perspective.

I asked teachers Tom Shafer and Susan Taylor what they thought it took to be a teacher to get the other side of the story.

"A love of kids, joy of learning. Must like to have fun, laugh and learn. Must not want to be rich," Shafer explained.

Taylor, on the other hand, developed a list of qualities that a good teacher must possess.

"1. A sense of humor, 2. The patience of a saint, 3. Eyes in the back of your head, 4. Super powers, 5. Thick skin, 6. The ability to laugh at yourself, 7. Perseverance, 8. A love of knowledge and learning, 9. A degree in psychology, 10. A good calendar, with all breaks and vacation periods highlighted for quick and easy reference."

The dictionary reads that a teacher is one who teaches, one hired to teach. Well duh, we all know that they are suppose to teach us. But all teachers cannot fit into such a small definition. Each teacher here at LHS defines teacher in a different way, but most of them do it with a lot of class!

by Lisa Horsley



⌘ (left) In teacher, Will Derr's government class, Josh Bigg shows tremendous interest while Allison Molino and Kenzi Hannon work hard.

⌘ (middle) Lecturing to the class is teacher Richard Shambarger. Sham was known for giving his physical science class several pages of notes.

⌘ (above) The ala carte line isn't too busy in the morning for Terry St. John.

⌘ (far right) Jennifer Major and Ms. Prieskorn strike a pose during of their busy day.

⌘(right middle) Senior aide Curt Wright is getting his game face on to run some errands.



The dream class for all seniors **SeniorAides**

by Ben James

What exactly do the senior-aides accomplish? The answer is simply everything they possibly can. However, they do have a blast hanging out with secretary Amy Prieskorn (Ms. P) and all the other faculty members whom they encounter.

Senior aides do such tasks as organizing, answering phones, reorganizing what they did before, greeting visitors, and signing kids in and out of school. The aides say that they spend most of their time "listening to Mr. Schmidt, talking about various, non-interesting topics."

They do learn to multi-task and help people find what exactly it is they are looking for within the school. The aides are expected to handle things when Ms. P isn't around, making everyone's job a little easier.

Ms. P said, "The aides are my extended family and the hardest workers that I have had in three years." Ms. P is thankful that she has the students there so she doesn't have to "get out of my chair as much." She explained that sometimes they get in her way and she is always tripping over them in the tight-quarters known as Student Services.

The aides say that their favorite part about being an aide is "having the chance to be around Ms. P" before they graduate in the spring. Nichole Clough says the thing that she will miss most about being senior aide is "Ms. P."

Most of the seniors wish to have this class, but not all are so lucky to receive it. Some of the aides work in the library, the main office, student services, or for individual teachers.



⌘ (above middle) Jennifer Major and Nichole Clough are shocked after receiving recent attendance lists. Major and Clough regularly helped take care of the attendance.

⌘ (below) Asking Ms. P about the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend, Virginia Ashley is anxious to get out of school.



⌘(above) Ms. Ribbey and Nichole Clough take a flahy moment to discuss office matters

⌘(top left) Strolling through the halls. Lauren Page is hopeful to become a senior aide next year.

What Stressed You In 2002?

♠ (below) With hair flying through the wind, Steve Krajniak sprints up the hill trying to catch Greg Schmit. Krajniak did this so often that he even said it was the thing that stressed him out the most this year.

⌘ (middle) After a long, stressful day, Matty Haskell has had enough and decides to relax while in Mr. Ball's class. Ball's class was often the place where Haskell and other students vented all their stresses.



⌘ (above) Senior Mallory Craft escapes to the library in order to finish a test in Mr. Ball's class. Tests were a normal part of Craft's school year and often caused her much stress.


"Our basketball season, but we did at least win two games this year."

 Audrey Flannery

"Chemistry with Mrs. Maiville."

 Stefanie Brattain

“Studying for a big test and then failing it.”

 Abbey Nastchke

"Trying to do well in all my classes so I can graduate."

 Katie Jackson


"Staying awake in my third hour government class."

Nick Sprrow

"Taking the same classes over again."

 David Gilman

"A schedule that was too often too full. Between teaching and my family and our activities, life rarely seemed calm."

 Shelley Fassezke

"Trying to keep up with Greg all year in cross."

 Steve Krajniak

"Deciding who the L.V.S. will hit on the weekends."

 Mark Wiltse

"Trying to balance hockey, football, and school."

 Kirk Shafer

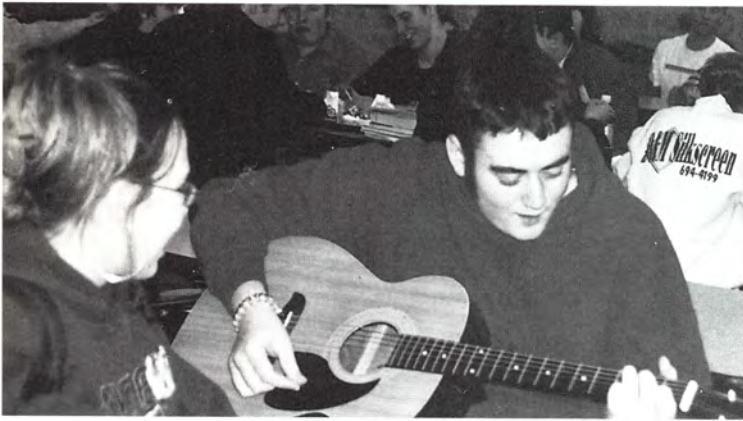
“The tennis season because so many people were upset with how things were being ran.”

 Laura Hancock

"Let's see. When I have to write a paper, play in a game, and then find time to eat and sleep--I tend to get stressed."

 Raquel DeLeon

⌘ (below) Playing the guitar CJ Risner dazzles a small crowd. The guitar often accompanied Risner to lunch.



⌘ (far below) in the Company of his friends, Juan Mercado eats a specialty food in Leslie, school nachos!



⌘ (below) "C" lunch is always enjoyed by Joel Fauser and Shelby Hubbard.



Changes make Lunch break fun!

by Steve Smith

Subatomic recipes boil in bubbling cauldrons during the day, and the smell shuffles its way to the classrooms. Your nose shrivels in mixed disgust and delight. Your stomach turns as well as rumbles. The small hand of the clock ticks slowly. Your teacher's words mutate into meaningless noises. Your heart races. Everything pauses for a moment, then, the tones chime.

You're free for a half an hour of lunchtime antics.

The lunch this year has been a new experience for everyone. Due to time and space restrictions, the freshmen were issued

a separate lunch all to themselves.

This practice hasn't been in effect since the old high school, but it seems to work pretty well at making the lunch line a shorter, more tolerable wait.

"I think the freshmen should have "C" lunch, because they always eat all the food," said senior Mallory Craft. "The leftovers should be saved for the freshmen because the upper-classmen need more nutrition."

However, opposing freshmen Nicole Crow stated, "I like having lunch at that time. It really doesn't bother me."

Overall, it appears the lunch this year is at its prime.

⌘ (right) On the pay-phone during lunch, Vanessa Hodchkins and Jennelle Day talk to someone interesting. Lunch time provides students an opportunity to check in with others and these girls frequently take advantage of this opportunity!

⌘ (far right) The school band shows its school spirit for homecoming. The band performed at half time during the football season.



⌘ (below) Counselor Tom Todd was hard at work before we interrupted him for a picture. Todd also served as the tennis coach.



⌘ (middle) Displaying her creative style Wendi Coppemol enjoys lunch with her friends.



⌘ (above) One of the few smiles from Mr. Ball, caught on camera. Ball has been making red marks on English papers for 29 years now.

⌘ (left) Ashlee Howard frantically finishes homework before her next hour.



What is your most memorable moment thus far at LHS?

"The 22-0 comeback against Olivet."

✍ Jeff Benn

"Mr. Todd saying he's going to smack me."

✍ Ashley James

"When a bus driver asked a guy out for me"

✍ Kailee Warner

"Meeting Mr. Ball... (the first day of class.)"

✍ Stephanie Moses

"Losing our last basketball game by one point."

✍ Sarah Sherrell

"Leslie Homecoming game when we won"

✍ Jackie Mast

"Being dragged from Mr. Hanson's truck while the cross country team was running the ball from Morrice."

✍ Stephanie K.Brattlain

"My most memorable moment here at LHS happened prior to my sophomore year. My cousin was killed in a car accident, which made it hard to try and get through the year. I'll never forget how hard it was losing Justin."

✍ Katie Halfield

"When Dustin Rice shaved his head for spirit week."

✍ Jessica Ramirez

"When I was cheerleading at a game, we were in a stunt and I fell and got a minor concussion."

✍ Jessica Zaluga

⌘ (right below) While generously giving blood, Sarah Bursley waits for the needle to be injected and her blood to be drawn. The blood drive is an annual event at LHS, where students and adults may participate.

⌘ (right) So many students such a small space. The students of LHS pass in the rotunda between classes. After the chimes rang, the students cleared the hallway and disappeared into classes.

⌘ (right middle below) While acting in Shelley Fassezke's psychology class, Steve Smith and Mark Cruth illustrate the coping mechanism of denial. The class frequently used skits and presentations to learn the concepts.



"I was coming down the multi-colored hallway my sophomore year looking for the teacher's lounge and accidentally opened the door on Mrs. Deprekel..in the staff bathroom."

✍ Kirk Shafer

"Mr. Bunker and Mrs. Dodge got into an argument one day and a few days later her dog happened to take a dump in his room."

✍ Melissa Thomas

"Matty D.'s car"

✍ Alex Kirchmeier

"Watching Kirk Shafer and his atomic dump!"

✍ Jeff Benn

"Mr. Schmidt- need I say more?"

✍ Mrs. Prieskorn

"I saw Miss Val choking Jenna Peirce in drama class, it looked real to me."

✍ Zack Conley

"This football season at every game the crowd was nuts."

✍ Trinity Craft

"My freshman year I walked into the choir room during fall musical and there stood all the girls changing and I didn't know what to think."

✍ David Gilman

"The cafeteria food is the weirdest thing at this school. Some looks like it's going to talk to you!"

✍ Mandy Gault

"Walking through the hallways between classes. It's kind of weird to see so many types of people."

✍ Kyra Thibault

"We had a student teacher who came to school during homecoming in a 1960's cheerleading outfit with roller skates. She skated all over the school that day. It was very odd."

✍ Mr. Hoffman



⌘ (above) Walking down the hallway, Jennifer Major and Kendall Risky are on their way to speak to an MSU representative.

⌘ (far above) During a pep assembly Allison Molino and Josh Bigg participate in another one of coach Jean Maiville's games.

What is the weirdest experience you have had while at LHS?

⌘ (below) Performing a dance at the pep assembly, the cheerleaders get the crowd pumped for the game that evening. Cheerleaders worked hard to keep up school spirit by hanging signs, working on routines and cheering the teams on to victory!



⌘ (below) Taking a rest in the rotunda during passing time, Matt Haskell, Sonny Coito, and Kristen Hunter laugh at the photographer. The rotunda was a popular gathering place between classes



⌘ (below) Needing help on a project David Risky asks teacher Bill Allender for assistance. Allender has been helping out students for more than 25 years-- and this year he was nominated for Michigan Teacher of the Year. WOW!

Classes produce 40 Tables for WKAR

Starting the school year with a project or two is common, but how about replicating that project 40 times? This was the task that faced material processing classes when they started the school year.

Beginning early in September, 25 students from Bill Allender's classes participated in a WKAR table making project.

Steve Klein, a local artist and owner of Dovetail Design, approached Allender wondering if he would enjoy taking on this responsibility.

Last spring, WKAR lined up Klein to oversee the table project. Klein took the idea to Allender who thought the plan was splendid.

The supplies including the

wood were generously donated by Home Depot and LL Johnson Lumber Co. in Charlotte. But LHS students created the tables.

It took the 25 students approximately two and a half months to make the 40 tables which were auctioned off in the spring to support programming at WKAR. The tables were crafted by area artists in a wide variety of interesting styles before the auction so purchasers were receiving a true piece of art.

LHS received television and newspaper coverage because of the table making project, and students had hands on work experience.



⌘ (above) Teacher Bill Allender's 2nd and 4th hour Material's Processing Class produced 40 tables to be auctioned off through WKAR in the spring. Many materials were donated and were greatly appreciated.



⌘ (above) Teacher Bill Allender's 6th hour works hard on its projects. Students design and build everything from small tables to large cabinets.

ODDS & Ends

In the spring, social science students attended an assembly titled "Mourning Matters." Two ladies came dressed as widows would have been clothed in the 18th century. They brought with them many artifacts including a child's casket with a window in it, mourning hats, and door wreaths. Many informative stories were shared concerning death rituals in the past. Did you know that women in mourning typically wore 30 pounds of undergarments?



Not once but twice LHS students and community members rolled up their sleeves and gave of themselves... literally. LHS sponsored two blood drives-- one in the fall and one in the spring. Students who were old enough, heavy enough and not involved in sports games on blood drive day gave up a little of the red stuff to help save lives. Some showed up with bruises and a few felt faint but the end result was worth it-- life saving liquid compliments of generous LHS students, including Kristen Jacque who was able to smile and give the peace sign while donating her pint!



So what do you want to be when you grow up? Students had an excellent chance to explore the answer to this question on Career Day 2003. Organized expertly by teacher Bev Sachar, Career Day offered students a chance to find out about three careers of interest to them. Professionals from nearly 30 different careers came to LHS to share the ups and downs of their jobs with students. From a journalist to a police officer to a cosmetologist, people were talking about their jobs. Career Day was a resounding success.





Several students, including JD Gibson, Gary Neeley, DJ Parson, Joel Rutledge and Bo Percell, spent several Friday afternoons in a fly making class. Students learned fly making techniques and were given the supplies to create a number of amazing flies to use while fishing. Teacher Dennis Fry and assistant principal Ed Schmidt were both impressed with the students's interest and attention to detail when working on their flies. Professional instructors came in to demonstrate fly making techniques. The final plus-- students received fishing rods to use with their creations. Awesome job guys!



Students in Lori Haskell's advanced art class spent hours planning, designing and creating new murals that will hang in the halls of LHS. Several students worked on each mural and the results were stunning. Here, Raquel Deleon and Xeng Yang put some finishing touches on their masterpieces. A few years ago a mural by art students was hung across from the offices and it has been admired and enjoyed by students, guests and faculty. These new additions will also add some extra spark and class to our halls. Good work LHS artists!



Sometimes classes go beyond the normal lectures, group work and discussion that fill most of our days at school. Physics and calculus students worked on model rockets and then launched them. Josh Gibbs worked on the painting and launching of the stellar rockets. The effort was a break from the norm-- and a lot of fun for those who participated.



School Day BREAKS

"It's ABOUT ME!"

My Name: _____

My Nicknames: _____

My class schedule & star rating	teacher	☆☆☆☆ number of stars
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

A LIST OF MY FAVORITE CO-STARS (FRIENDS) IN THE 2002-2003

PRODUCTION OF LHS (SCHOOL YEAR).

NAME I WILL REMEMBER YOU BECAUSE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

SOME OF MY CONCERNS:

My favorites:

car:	book:
fast food meal:	magazine:
hot lunch:	TV show:
CD:	computer game:

A review of **MY** year!

When I show this to my grandchildren, they should know that....

Some regrets from my year:

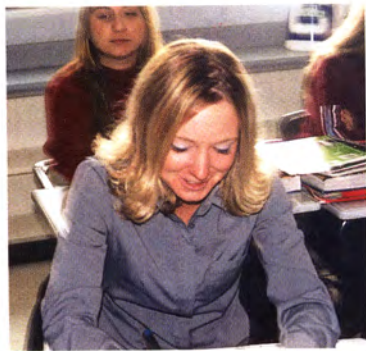
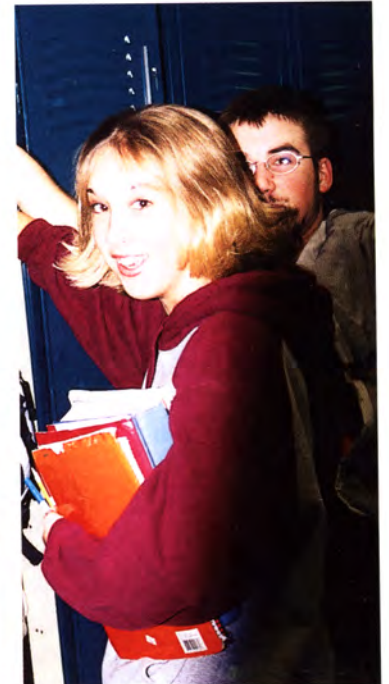
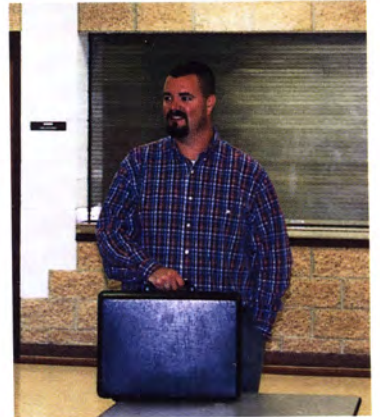
FAVORITE MOMENTS FROM
MY YEAR:

Place a favorite picture of ME here

★MY STARRING ROLE!★



Look
at US
Now!



PEOPLE

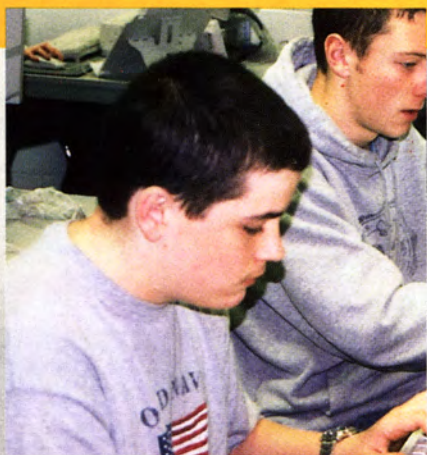


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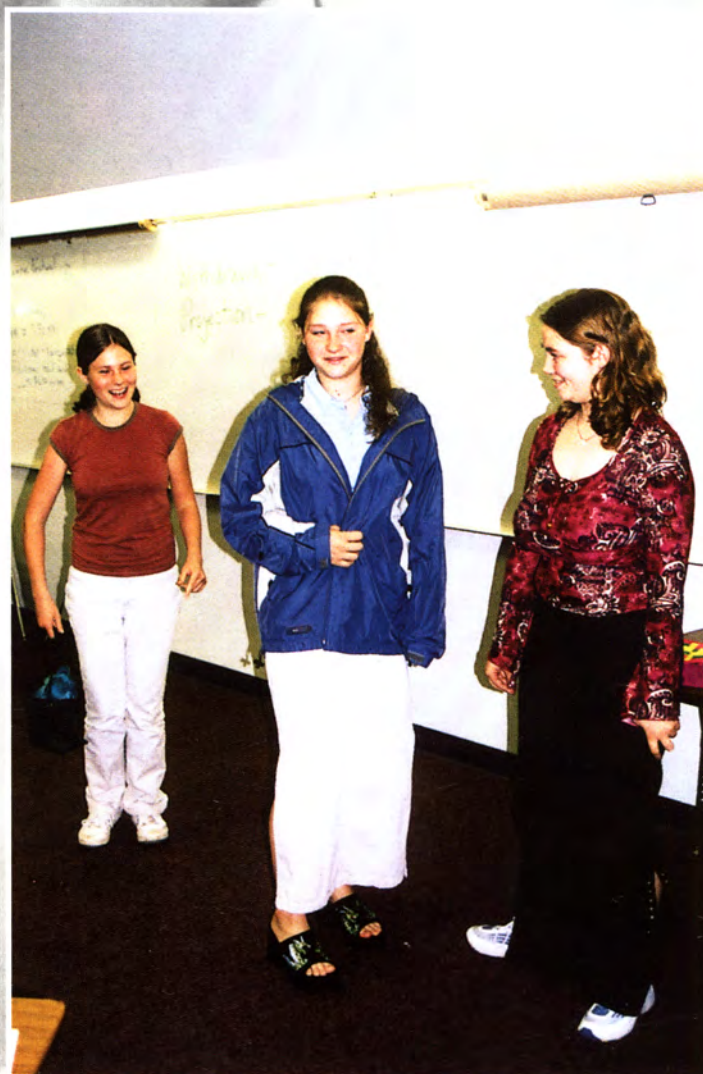
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THE DIRECTORS



The open casting call encouraged everyone at Leslie High School to audition for the big part in the 2002-2003 school year. Most of the seniors displayed their talents as they landed *The Lead Role*. The juniors worked hard to prove they were *Almost as Famous*. After last year's experience, the sophomores began their climb to the top, becoming *Rising Stars*. And the freshman got left doing the dirty work as most of them realized they were *Just an Extra*. Orchestrating the event, faculty members served as *the Directors* of the fabulous adventure of LHS 2003.

Casting Call



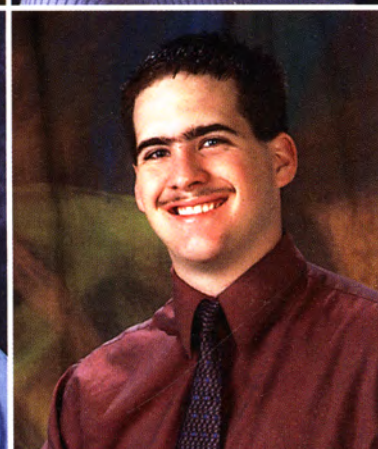
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Jolene Amsdill
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Phillip Blinn
Brandi Boutwell
Alinda Brown

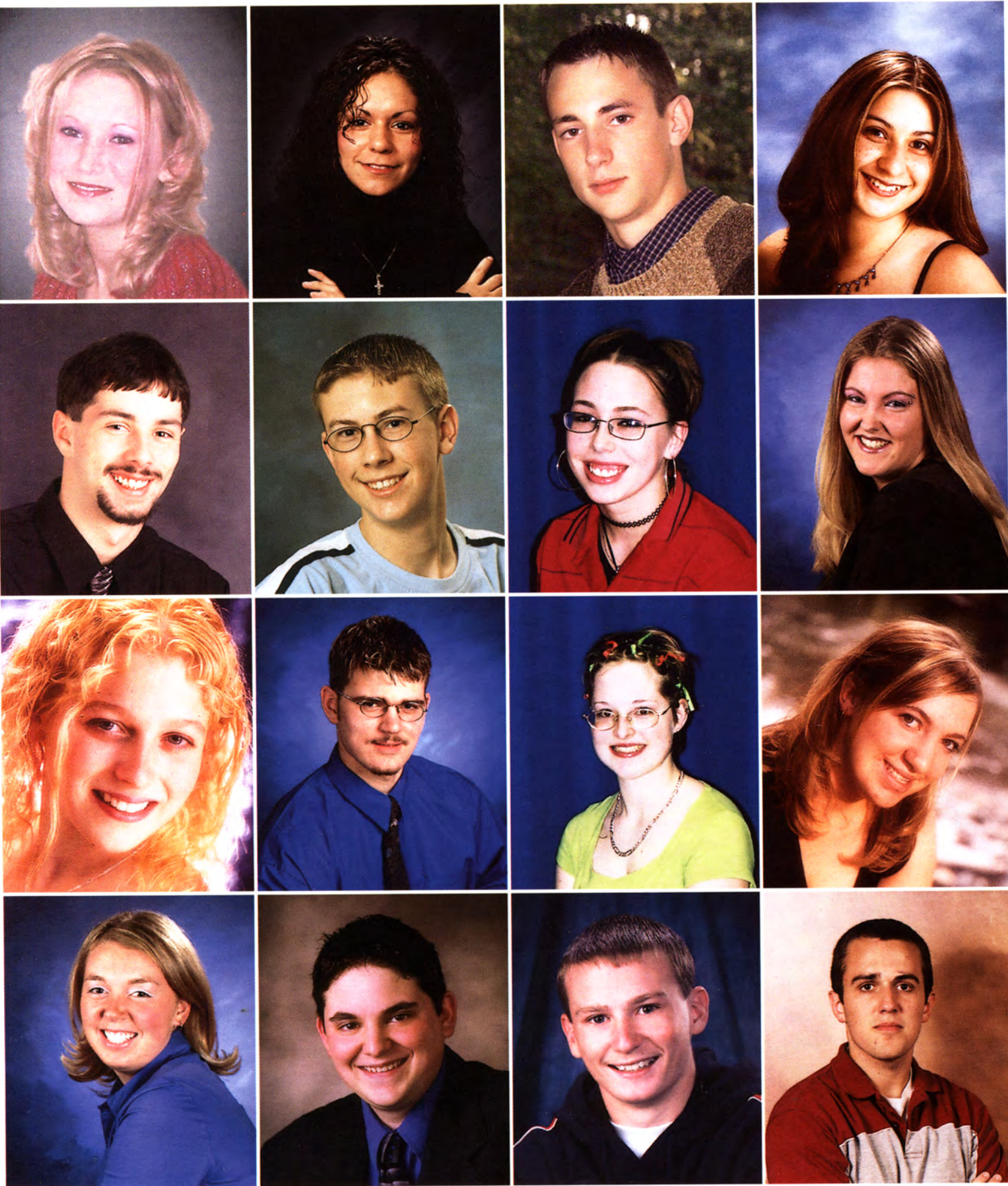


Sara Bursley
Bruna Campos
Richard Causie
Nicole Clough
Sonny Coito
Wendi Coppernoll
Mallory Craft



Frances Craig
Jacob D'Lamater
Holly Davis
Jamie Delaere
Matt Delazzer
Andrew Denney
Thomas Donley





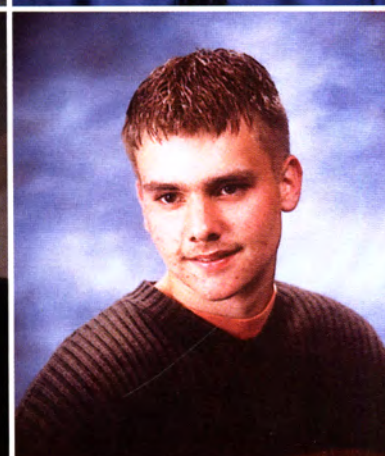
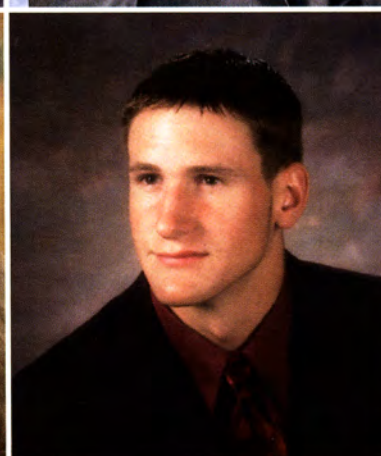
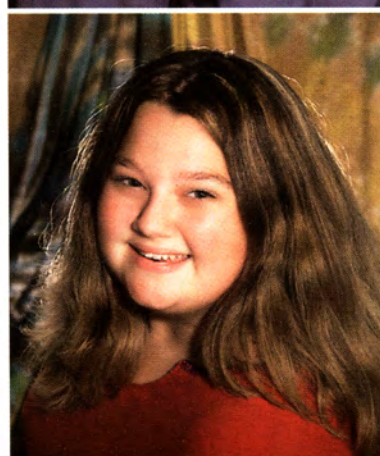
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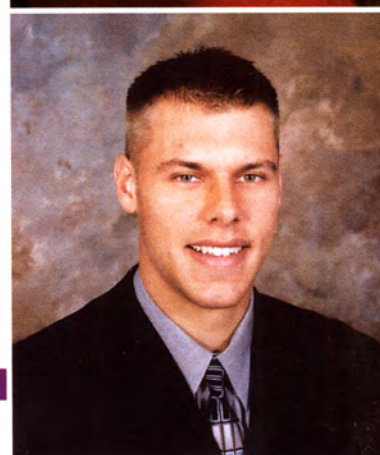
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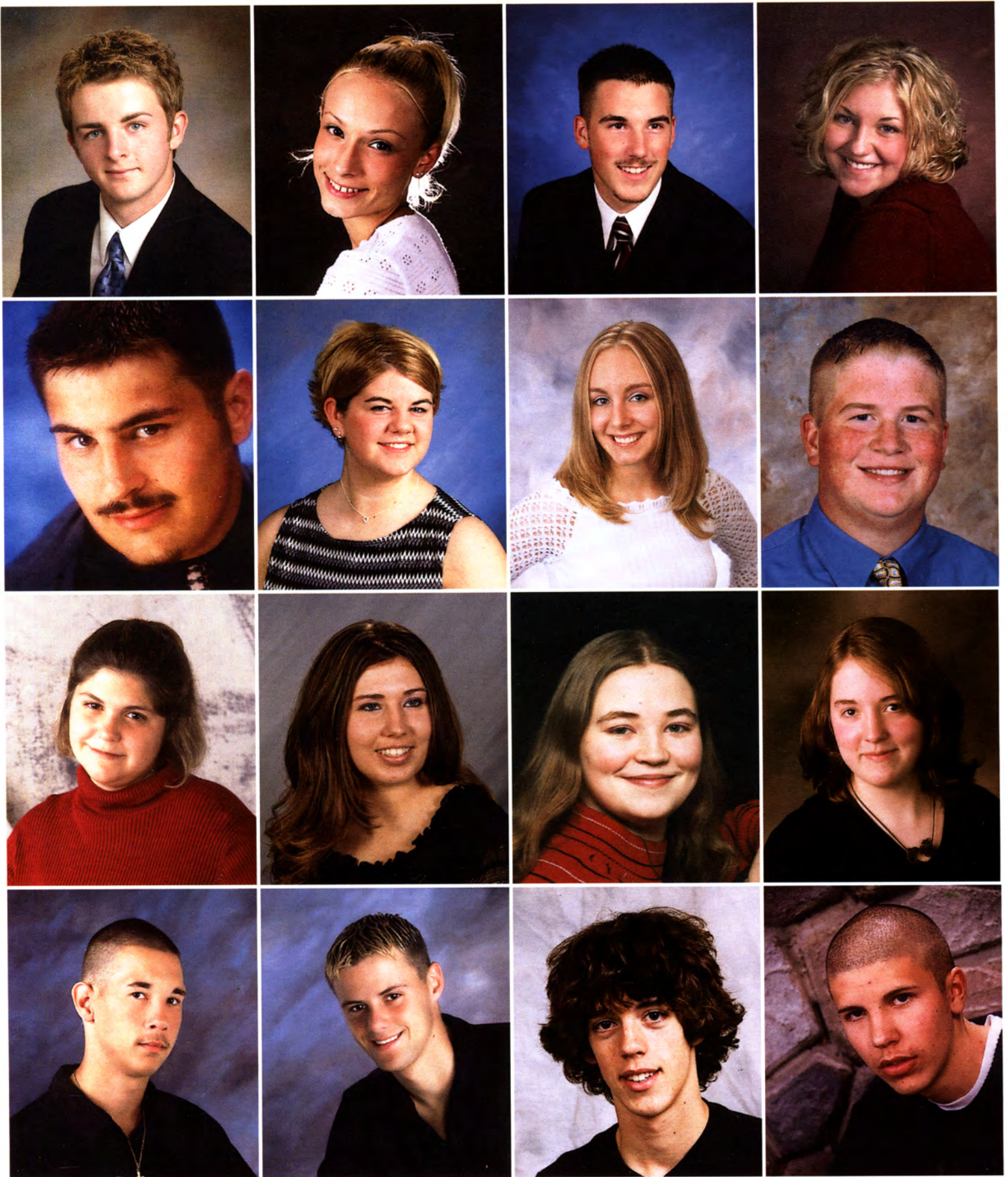


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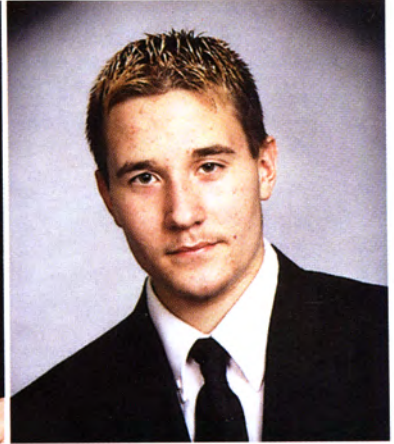


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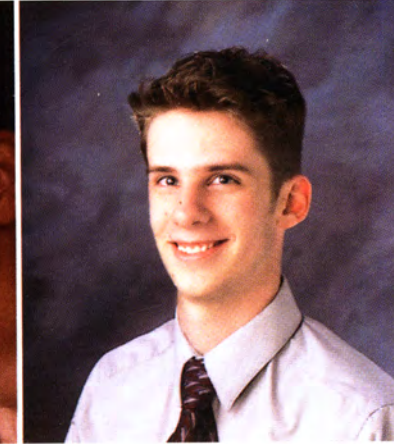
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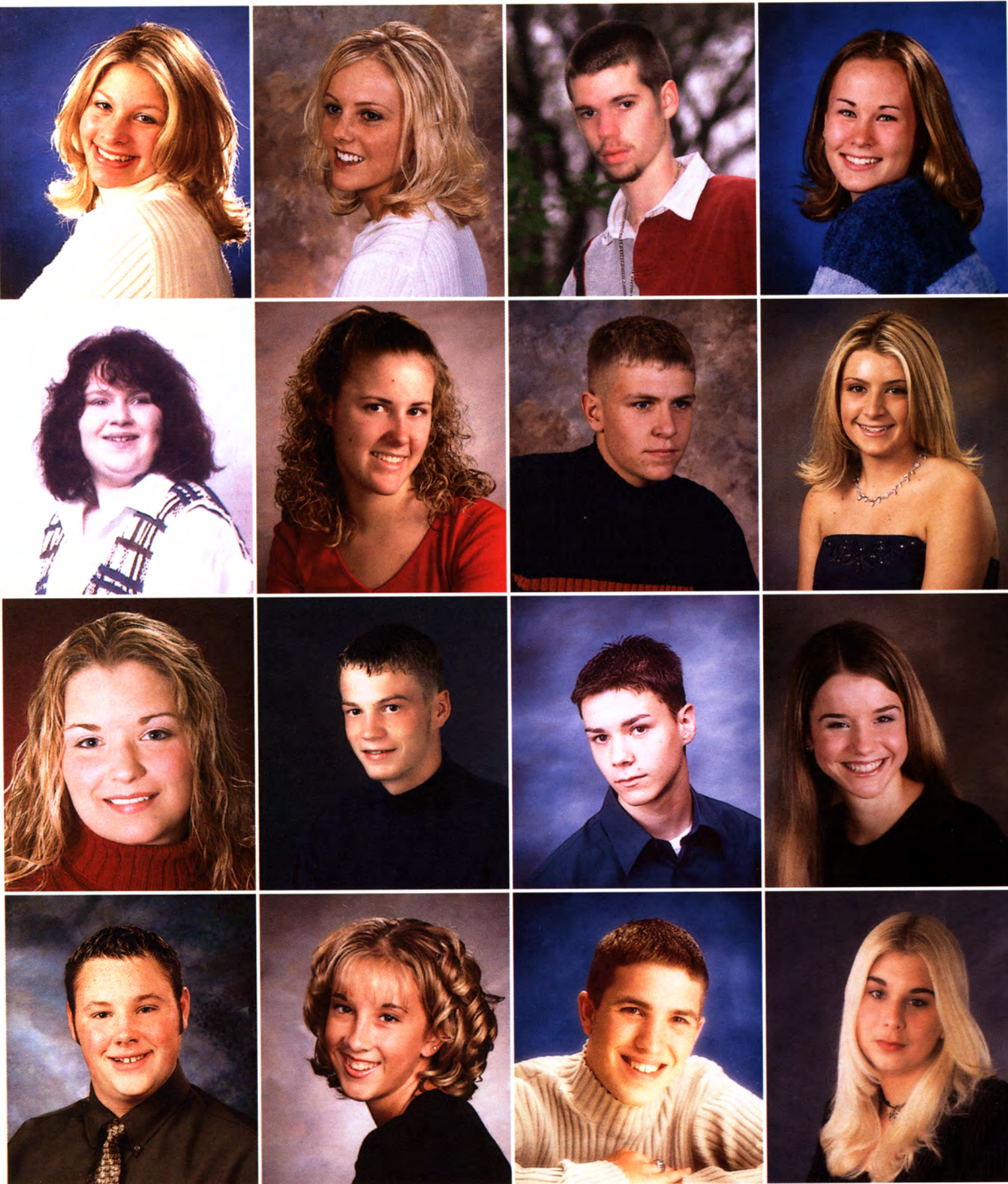


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Anthony Sprow
Kyla Stern
Timothy Thulin
Christina Wheeler





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Michelle St. Onge*



John Barnet
Jessica M Bidstrup
Cory Michael Basseur

Sanna Maria T Edstrom
Jessica A Ellison
Samantha Finegan
James E Flowers

Lisa Marie Horsley
Heather R Jefferson
Verna Klimke
Triston J Knowlton

Nick Love
Chelsey Marie Seburg
Not Pictured



Memories

May our childhoods be remembered forever.



The first day of kindergarten,
the class trip to Binder Park Zoo,
programs and presentations, sur-
viving middle school, conquering
LHS to GRADUATION.
Our memories.





Who's Who?

1) Toni Beltran	8) Kim McCann
2) Grauating first	9) Joel Fauser and Bobbie Preston
3) Kenzie Richards	10) Sarah Adair
4) Richelle Piper	11) Virginia Ashley
5) Samantha Finegan	12) Tony Sprow
6) Joel Fauser, Steve Krajniak, Lucas Ewing	13) Jesse Adamczyk
7) Heather Gray	14) Xeng Xu Yang
	15) Steve Krajniak

Teacher's Pet



Emily Eldred & Tim Thulin

Most Gullible



Nicole Hannay & Tom Donley

Most School Spirit



Lacey Bilaski & Josh Gibbs

If you could *DATE* any classmate or staff member, who would it be and why?

"Matt Haskell cuz he's a cutie.."

Lacey Bilaski

"Mr. Brown because he is the sweetest person ever."

Virginia Ashley

"Sham...he's my kind of man with a whole lotta lovin' to give!"

Mallory Craft

"I would date Joel Fauser because he was my first true love and always will be."

Richelle Piper

"Mr. Brown caues he's a great guy."

Lisa Horsley

"Curt Wright because he's a great singer . He makes me melt."

Kenzie Richards

"Mr. Manthei becaues he has the dance moves!"

Emily Eldred

"I don't know, maybe Luke Ewing becaues he is such a sweetheart."

Heather Gray

"Definitely Luke Ewing because he is definitely the sweetest guy I know, oh and because he's gorgeous too!"

Bobbie Preston

"Kenzie Richards becaues she is out of my league, and no one at LHS has dated her."

Tim Thulin

"Collin Michael Lewis because he's my best friend and it wouldn't be weird after it all."

Chelsey Seburg

"There are a lot of really hot girls in our grade, I just can't choose."

Clint Silveus

"I would date Terry St. John because he is such a flirt and very funny."

Sara Bursley

Most Athletic



Curt Wright, Mallory Craft & Luke Ewing

2003

Senior Popularity Poll

"Mrs. Prieskorn, Kendall Risky, Ben James, Luke Ewing, Curt Wright and Justin Houghton."

Trinity Craft

"To my wonderful boyfriend Vic, I love you-- thanks for everything!"

Kim McCann

"The Hef, the guy is the luckiest man alive."

Greg Schmit

"Everyone I love you all!"

Luke Ewing

"To all the girls at my lunch table first semester who criticize people in c lunch."

Mallory Craft

"My boy DH, and to all the pretty girls out there, heck even the ugly ones."

Matt Haskell

"Elisabeth Beyer, Chelsey Seburg, Phillip Blinn. Thanks for being there for me through everything."

Frances Craig

Shout out

"Justin Houghton that he will have a good basketball season next year in high school . We will all soon see you in the NBA."

Casey Lewis

"My girls Kendall and Holly. I love you bunches."

Jennifer Major

"All my homies in the big house upstairs."

Ben James

"Heather, Lisa, Nicole, David, Lindsey, Michelle and Kevin."

Kathy Spooner

"Nicole D. for being a good friend."

Jessica Smith

"To all my friends and Elise for always being there for me."

Toni Beltron

" My girls ! Our lunch table rocks!"

Sarah Adair

"Jessica Smith - You're my main girl! Hey Jesse! I miss you!"

Sara Bursley

Most Unique Laugh



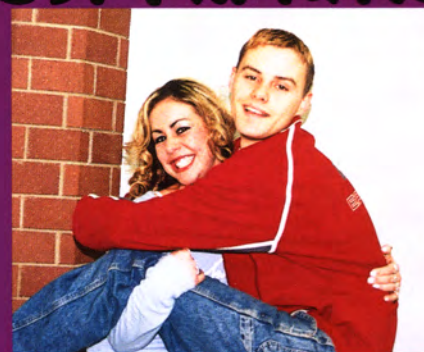
Jessica Jackson & Tony Sprow

Class Clown



Matt Delazer & Frances Craig

Most Flirtatious



Kenzie Richards & Alex Kirchmeier

Most Artistic



Kristen Jacque & Xeng Xu Yang

Best Smile



Jesses Adamczyk & Erica Janiak, Bobbie Preston, Jamie Delaere and Jennifer Major

(below) Members of Barbour's calc class Josh Gibbs, Kristen Jacque and Greg Schmit are making rockets.



Most Embarrassing Moments:

"My freshman year at a pep assembly, I had to run back and forth in a relay wrapped up in Syran wrap."

-Emily Eldred

"The day Mr. Ball said I was a certain type of 'engineer.'"

-Erica Janiak

"When I had to fake a hysterical laugh in the drama class play and it was sooo fake."

-Ben James

"In mechanical drawing I was going to sit down and my chair fell over and I fell on the floor."

-Wendi Coppenoll

"Falling in gym class my first day here and getting a sliver in my butt."

-Trinity Craft

"Sophomore year when a neon orange gel pen exploded in my mouth during lunch and someone announced it to the whole lunch room! I swear everyone and their brother was staring at me and laughing!"

-Bobbie Preston

"When I fell off the bleachers at the Lake Fenton VS Leslie football game, over excitement."

-Elisabeth Beyer

"During a home basketball game I was running down the court and tripped over the line. Nobody was even around me."

-Kim McCann

"Probably when I was walking behind Mr. Derr down the hallway and I wasn't paying attention and he stopped and I slammed right into him!"

-Heather Gray

"My junior year during the home cheerleading competition in round two when I fell on my face in my backhand spring."

-Kenzie Richards

"When I tripped over a curb while walking down the street in Illinois and scraped my leg really bad and fractured my ankle."

-Brandi Boulwell

"In 8th grade when my bra came undone during choir."

-Katie Jackson

Memory

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS:

"Getting flowers from Rob Steirley my freshman year. Even though Ms. Sachar put him up to it."

-SARAH ADAIR

"When I seen Mr Bunker's face right after he found out Mrs. Dodge's dog took a crap on his floor."

-LISA HORSLEY

"The last night of the play 'Play On,' hanging out with the cast and crew for the last time."

-SAMANTHA FINEGAN

"Tackling my sister Lindsey in the hall."

-LACEY BILASKI

"The look on everyone's face when they first saw my tatoo."

-SARA BURLEY

"When I was a freshman and a bunch of us went and tee-peed a teacher really good. We had to hide on this hill that was covered with gross kitty litter. Sorry Mrs. Maiville for the great job we did on your house!"

-KENDALL RISKEY

"Wrestling against Kurt Thomas and hyperventilating and blacking out there after at the sorry bowl."

-TIM THULIN



(above) The senior float with the grand Hawk Moblie!

(below) Kate Jackson, Brandi Boutwell, Jamie Delaere, Jesse Bidstrup, Emily Eldred, Ben James strike a senior pose on toga day.



"Still need lawyer present... Rachel Sherrell."

-Jason Drummond

"Mr. Ball,..."

-Kristin Jacque

"Mike Atwood - He's a little hottie."

-Frances Craig

"Lucas Ewing...It's not a secret, and who doesn't have a crush on him?"

-Jennifer Major

"NICK LOVE hey baby!"

-Jessica Love

"Ok in alphabetical order... Mallory Craft, Emily Eldred, Megan Fauser, Jessica Franz, Nicole Hannay, Lisa Horsley, Erica Janiak, Jennifer Major, Lauren Page, Bobbie Preston, MacKenzie Richards, Kendall Risky, Kyla Stern, and Melissa Thomas."

-Clint Silveus

"Richard St. John I've liked him since the first day I met him. But now I have him 4-ever. I also had a huge crush on Jesse Adamczyk last year."

-Chelsey Seburg

Secret Crushes



(above) Matt DeLazzer performs at an assembly.

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SENIOR Q & A

TOP FAVORITES:

Most Wanted to be actress: **JENNIFER LOPEZ**

Most Wanted to be Actor: **BEN AFFLECK**

Favorite Movie: **DIRTY DANCING**

Favorite Restaurant: **APPLEBEE'S**

Favorite Color: **BLUE**



(above) The senior class cheers for another victory at a pep assembly.

Favorite Lunch: **CHEDDAR MUNCHERS & TURKEY AND GRVY**

Favorite Clothing Brand: **AMERICAN EAGLE**

Favorite Shoe Brand: **NIKE**

Favorite Vacation Spot: **FLORIDA**

Favorite Teachers: **MS. VILLILLEE, MR. BALL**

Senior 2003 THOUGHTS

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Amb, Anthony
Ashley, Virginia



(above) Between classes, Sarah Adair stops at her locker to get her books. Adair was always making the school day fun.

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(above) Erica Janiak works hard in her Computers II class. Janiak has decided to continue her education next year at MSU.

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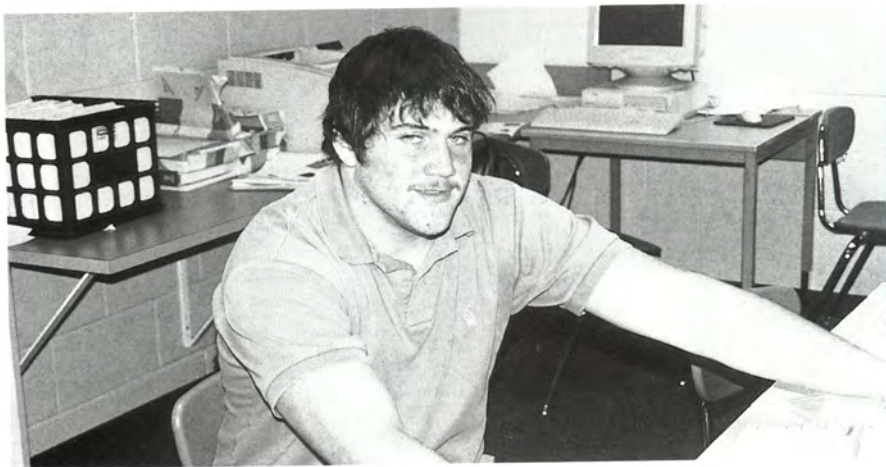


(above) Taking a break from class, Greg Schmit and Matt Haskell sit on the benches in the rotunda. These guys, among many others were often found here between classes.

Craft, Mallory—Mal,
Malpal, Mo, MC, Dirty
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(above) Looking over his shoulder, Chelsey Seburg watches Collin Lewis color with pastels. Both were students in Mrs. Haskell's art class.



(above) Josh Gibbs smiles as he completes his assignment in Computer Class. Gibbs had a hard schedule of classes for the 2002-03 school year.

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 O'Baggins
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What is the biggest regret of your senior year?

"Taking too many academic classes and cutting my hair."
-Matt Haskell

"Having a girlfriend half way through the year."
-Jesse Adamczyk

"Taking foods class."
-David Gilman

"Having to sit out football season—we all know why."
-Lucas Ewing

"Not playing football any of my high school years."
-Casey Lewis

"Not going to out of school activities. I should have since it's my last chance."
-Frances Craig

"Not getting to know my classmates better."
-Toni Beltran

Class Roster

Class Flower: Tiger Lily

Class Colors: Navy Blue & White

Class Song: "Hero" Spiderman Soundtrack

Class Motto: "You meet people you forget, you forget people you meet, but sometimes you can't forget, and those are your real friends."

"Not being able to advise Don Ward on player substitution."
-Greg Schmit

"Taking Spanish I with mostly freshmen."
-Mallory Craft

"I have none...I'm doing everything that I wanted."
-Kendall Riskey

"Not living it to the fullest."
-Dustin Howe

"Not hanging out with Jesse more because she's my life. And I wish I wouldn't have treated my boyfriend so mean when he's so sweet to me."
-Brandi Boutwell

"Not being involved in any activity."
-Juan Mercado

"Not hanging out with my true friends."
-Richelle Piper

"Not doing my homework."
-Matt Delazzer

"Not speaking up when certain people made me mad or did stupid things."
-Jesse Bidstrup

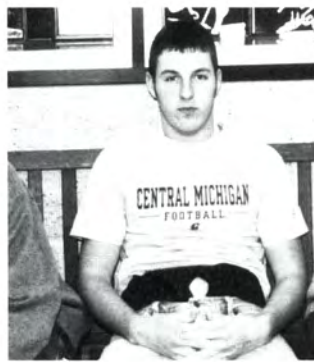
Almost FAMOUS

If you could be anyone *FAMOUS*, who would you be and why?



"Madonna, Because I'm a Material GIRL!"

-Tamara Hill



"Lucas Ewing He's dreamy, or Kenny Rogers."

-Kirk Shafer



"Matt Damon, so Stephanie Ries can date me." (wink)

-Kenzie Hannon



"Brain Urlacher, because I like to hurt people."

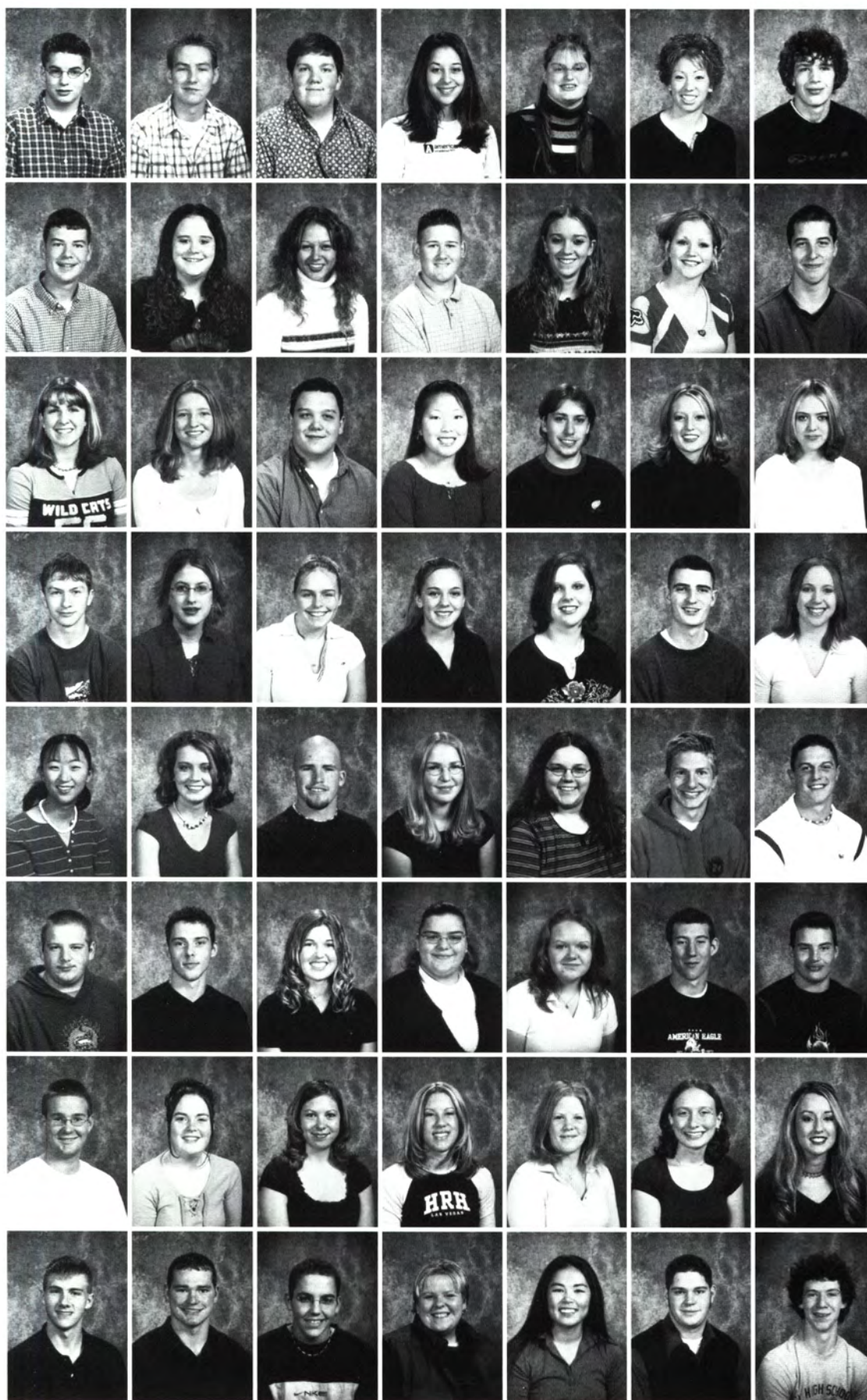
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Matthew Abbott
Bobby Aisley
Melissa Adams
Kellie Allender
Scott Ambs
Tiffani Anger
Brooklyn Bailey

Jessica Bannier
Katie Bashore
Jeffery Bern
Jessica Bigg
Joshua Bigg
Deren Bodell
Stephanie Brattain

Dawn Brownlee
Aaron Burman
Sarah Collicott
Zach Conley
Sherry Cooter
Teri Coppermoll
Andy Cores





Steven Crowe
Mark Cruth
Chester Cunningham
Jessica Davis
Jovelle Day
Raquel DeLeon
Randy Dexter

Jeremy Dunlap
Lauren Durham
Crystal Ellsworth
Joe Fubbschian
Alexis Furr
Audrey Flannery
Caleb Flannery

Olivia Frey
Neddie Gallaway
Sean Grier
Lauren Hancock
Travis Jennings
Madison Johnson
Katie Johnson

Ryan Johnston
Seville Kennedy
Tasha Highland
Tennara Hill
Vanessa Madison
Justin Moughton
Ashlee Howard

Brienne Lowe
Shelby Hubbard
Thomas Erwin
Ashley Jones
Rebecca Jones
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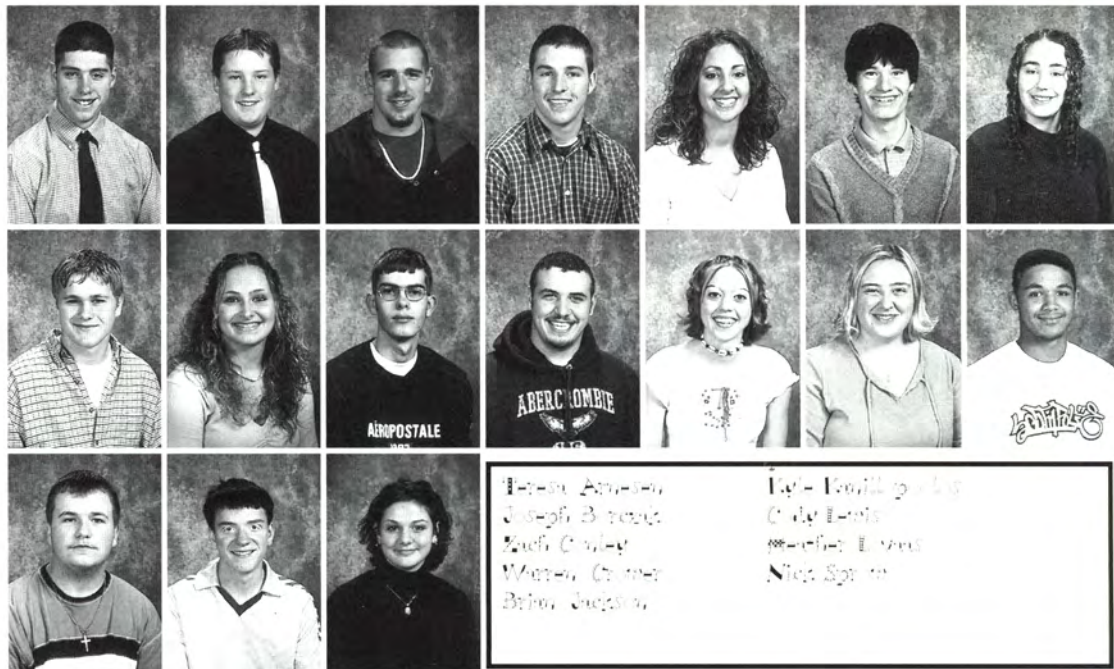
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Lauren Page

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Tracie Rhee
Stephanie Ries
Derick Rogers
Mark Rogers

Matt Rogers
 Jeremy Rutledge
 Joel Rutledge
 Kirk Shafer
 Stephanie Sherrell
 Steven Smith
 Amber Snyder

Jeremy Stahl
 Melissa Thomas
 Kyle Tiffany
 Justin Vandenberg
 Tiffani Waldron
 Kailee Warner
 Anthony West

Andrew Wheeler
 Mark Wilcox
 Audrey Zerk



(above) Enjoying a Pespi during lunch, Lauren Page smiles for the camera.



(above right) Passing from class to class, Tamara Hill and Sherry Cooter walk together.



(above) Becoming a living exhibit in the rotunda, Mark Rogers and Audrey Flannery sit in the show case together. The showcase is normally filled with art projects and other items of interest.



(above) Lunchtime in the cafeteria is a favorite part of the day for this hungry LHS student.

Boy's Thoughts

"Looks, because it probably isn't going to look good under the hood if it doesn't look good on the top."

- Jeremy Stahl

"Looks, Because you can't get to know them without looking at them."

-Bob Ackley

"Personality, because I have a great personality."

-Casey Mathews

"Personality, because I'm not that pretty."

-Tom Erwin

"Friends, because they like to talk about stuff like that."

-Brent Yennior

"A friend of the opposite sex, they give good advice."

-Jeff Benn

"No, because guys will feel bad saying no."

-Kirk Shafer

"Girlfriends, they understand better. Some guys don't give a rip."

-Nick Kannawin

"Guyfriends know what you're thinking of when it comes to girls."

-Josh Biggs

"Yes, it's manly until you run out of money."

- Kirk Shafer

"No, if women think they're equal then they can pay their half."

-Jeremy Stahl

Girl's Thoughts

"Personality, because if they don't have a good personality then they're worthless."

-Tracie Roe

"Looks, because that is the first thing you notice."

-Lauren Page

"Humor, I'm told that I'm funny."

-Sherry Cotter

"Humor, because I am a total blond and it's humorous."

-Dawn Brawlee

"Parents, know everything."

- Audrey Flannery

"A friend of the opposite sex. They know more about guys than I do."

-Katie Hatfield

"No, it should be the boy's job."

-Abbey Natschke

"No, I just think boys should be asking girls."

-Tamara Hill

"Girlfriends, they know what I am talking about and going through the same things as me."

-Kristen McKay

"Guyfriends, sometimes because girls talk crap."

-Melissa Thomas

"No, I think girls should pay their way some too because like me I don't like guys buying or paying for anything for me."

-Rebecca Jones

Survey Results

Boys & Girls

Which one quality first catches your attention in the opposite sex.?

	Boys	Girls
Looks	76%	42%
Personality	12%	46%
Confidence	0%	4%
Humor	12%	8%
Intelligence	0%	0%

Which one of your qualities do you think catches the attention of the opposite sex?

	Boys	Girls
Looks	41%	37%
Personality	41%	37%
Confidence	0%	4%
Humor	18%	17%
Intelligence	0%	0%

Where do you seek advice most often about the opposite sex?

	Boys	Girls
Parents	0%	13%
Friends	41%	58%
Sibling	0%	4%
A opposite-sex friends	35%	17%
I don't seek advice	24%	8%

Do you think it's ok for girls in your grade to ask a boy out?

	Boys	Girls
Yes	94%	83%
No	6%	17%

Do you relate to your girlfriends or guyfriends better than to your friends of the same sex?

	Boys	Girls
Yes	47%	67%
No	47%	25%

Do you think boys should have to pay for everything when on a date?

	Boys	Girls
Yes	53%	21%
No	47%	71%

Rising STARS

If you were a star, what kind of car would you be driving?



"Hot rod. I love cars. I can't pick one, they are all sexy."

- Katie Braun



"An F-350 cewcab diesel with a honda CR 125 in the back."

- Daig Hall



"The new Beetle Volkswagon Convertible."

- Gretchen Dwight



"A Mustang-- just like Brandon Swab."

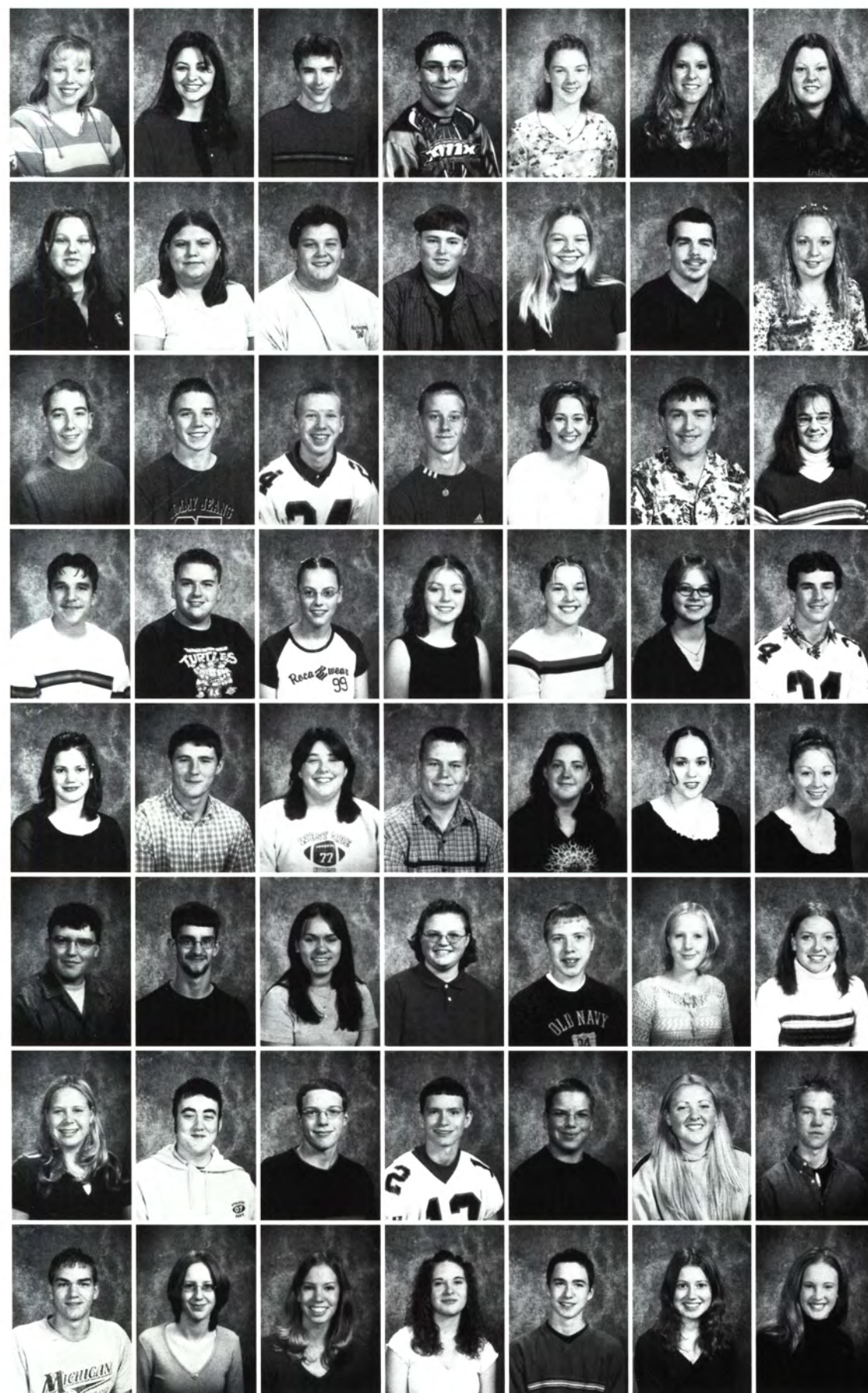
- Kristen Hunter

CHRISTOPHER ADLEMAN
STEPHANIE ALLAN
AUTUMN AMBS
MICHAEL ANGER
KYLE BARNETT
MARK BARNETT
LINDSEY BLASKI

JOANNA BLAUER
RANDY BORZACK
ROBERT BRINKLEY
HEATHER BROWN
KATIE BROWN
JEREMIAH BUDD
MATTHEW CAMERON

REBECCA CATEY
BROOKE COX
MIRANDA CRAWFORD
JEREMIAH CROCKETT
KELLY CRUTH
NICOLE D'LAMATER
KRISTI DAVENPORT





RACHEL DEFAY
KAYLEEN DELAZIER
DANA DEXTER
JON DUMBALD
GRETCHEN DWIGHT
NICOLE FAIRBOTHAM
RACHELLE FATA

NATASHA FINEOUT
KYLEE FOOTE
DAVID GAMET
J.D. GIBSON
LINDSEY GILMAN
COTY GODDARD
KELLY GRAVES

DOUGLAS HALL
SHANE HALL
THOMAS HUBBARD
COE HUMPHREY
KRISTEN MUNTER
BRANDON MURSH
CARRIE MUTCHINSON

TYLER JACOBS
NATHAN JOSEPH
KATIE KANNAWIN
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KEVIN KOLLE

ALLISON KRAJNIAK
DAVID LOVETTE
JACQUELYNN MAST
TIMOTHY MCCANN
KRISTEN MCKAY
MONICA MERCADO
ROSE MILLER

CASEY MURPHY
RYAN NORRIS
MELISSA ORTA
APRIL OSTRANDER
NICK PADGETT
AMBER PARMALEE
HANNAH PISKE

JESSICA REMPHER
CLAUDE RISNER
CHAD RODRIGUEZ
JOSEPH ROPP
JOSEPH RUSHLOW
AMANDA RUSSELL
TIM RUSSELL

JOSEPH SEVERY
RACHEL SHERRELL
ASHLEY SMITH
CRISTA SMITH
PHILLIP SMITH
CONSTANCE STEERS
ANIKIA STERN

CRYSTAL STEWART
THOMAS SUNDRLA
KYLE SUTHERLAND
BRANDON SWAB
DUSTY TEACHOUT
JESSICA TIPPIN
TERRENCE TOVES



KYLE TURCOTTE
KRISTINA VALDEZ
ARETESSEA VELEZ
LISA VROMAN
DAVID WETOSKY
JESSICA WHEELER
BRIDGET WIEGAND



TYLOR WALKINS
STACEY WATSE
ANDY WOOD
ROBERT WULF
PANGKU YANG
BRENT YENNOR
KYLE ZIMMERMAN



CODY ZONTS

Not Pictured: Randy Auge, Jennifer Bashore, Melanie Butler, Valentina Chase, Karisha Eddington, Lindsey Foster, Nicole Ignacio, Brandon Jacobs, Brian Knoblauch, Anna Matteson, Kyle Roark, David Simmons, Melissa Upton



Throughtout our lives we've been told that honesty is our best bet. However as young adults, we often run into situations where telling the truth is not necessarily the best option, and we decide to make up some sort of false story. No matter how wrong we know it is, we end up lying at some point in our mischevoius lives. Even the innocent sophomores of LHS have admiited that they've lied at least once. The sophomores have

fessed up!



(Above) On Valentine's Day, Kristina Valdez among other sophomores picks up her gift from her special someone. Valdez and her boyfriend Brian Jackson were one of LHS' many happy couples.

Sophomores

FESS JR

What is the biggest lie you've ever told?

When has a lie kept you out of trouble?

How can you tell someone is lying?

Whats the biggest lie you've ever heard?

"When I shot a bird with a B.B. Gun and I killed it and blamed it on my dog."
Lindsey Foster

"No, that shirt doesn't make you look fat' It works everytime."
David Wetosky

"If they keep saying 'like' and if something scary happened and they say 'dude it was cool.'"
Kevin Kollé

"No strings attached, absolurley free of charge or no obligation."
David Wetosky

"About how all the chocolate was eaten when it was already in my hands."
Dana Dexter

"When I told my mom and dad I forgot about something and they knew I was lying."
Karisha Eddington

"Scientifically, if they look over your right shoulder!"
Kristi Davenport

"When someone got shot in Detroit and his parents never knew about it."
Kevin Kollé

"I convinced all my friends I was dating some boy."
Jordan Kitley

"I don't get in trouble."
Zach Conley

"Their eyes shift around, they smile. They just don't act normal."
Audrey Bessey

"That my boyfriend's brother wanted to be my friend and for five months he truly hated me."
Anna Matteson



(above) At the end of the day, sophomore students participate in a mini-pep rally. The sophomores did their part to fire up the football players.



(above)After enjoying his lunch, Mikey Toves entertains his classmates as he plays the guitar. Toves was a talented musician.



(above) Sophomore, Cody Zonts stands outside Ms.Maiville's classroom after causing a disturbance. Zonts was one of Maiville's favorite students.



(above)Waiting in the lunch line, Nicole Fairbotham, Chad Rodriguez and Amber Parmalee socialize. These three were all members of the track team.

Just An Extra

What are both the bad and good parts of being a freshman?

"There are no good parts of being a freshman! I can't wait until I'm a sophomore!!!"

- Megan Stiles

"Bad is Sham's class and good is no homework."

- Robert Stacy

"The good is having older classman as friends and bad is that the older classman pick on you."

- Megan Kibbey

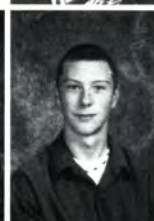
"Some bad parts are that just because you're younger the older students think you are either annoying or trying to be cool."

- Ken Hamel

Tami Adams
Jeremy Allen
Brian Amsdell
Rikki Anger
Shaban Arbuckle
Jonathon Bailey
Donald Baker

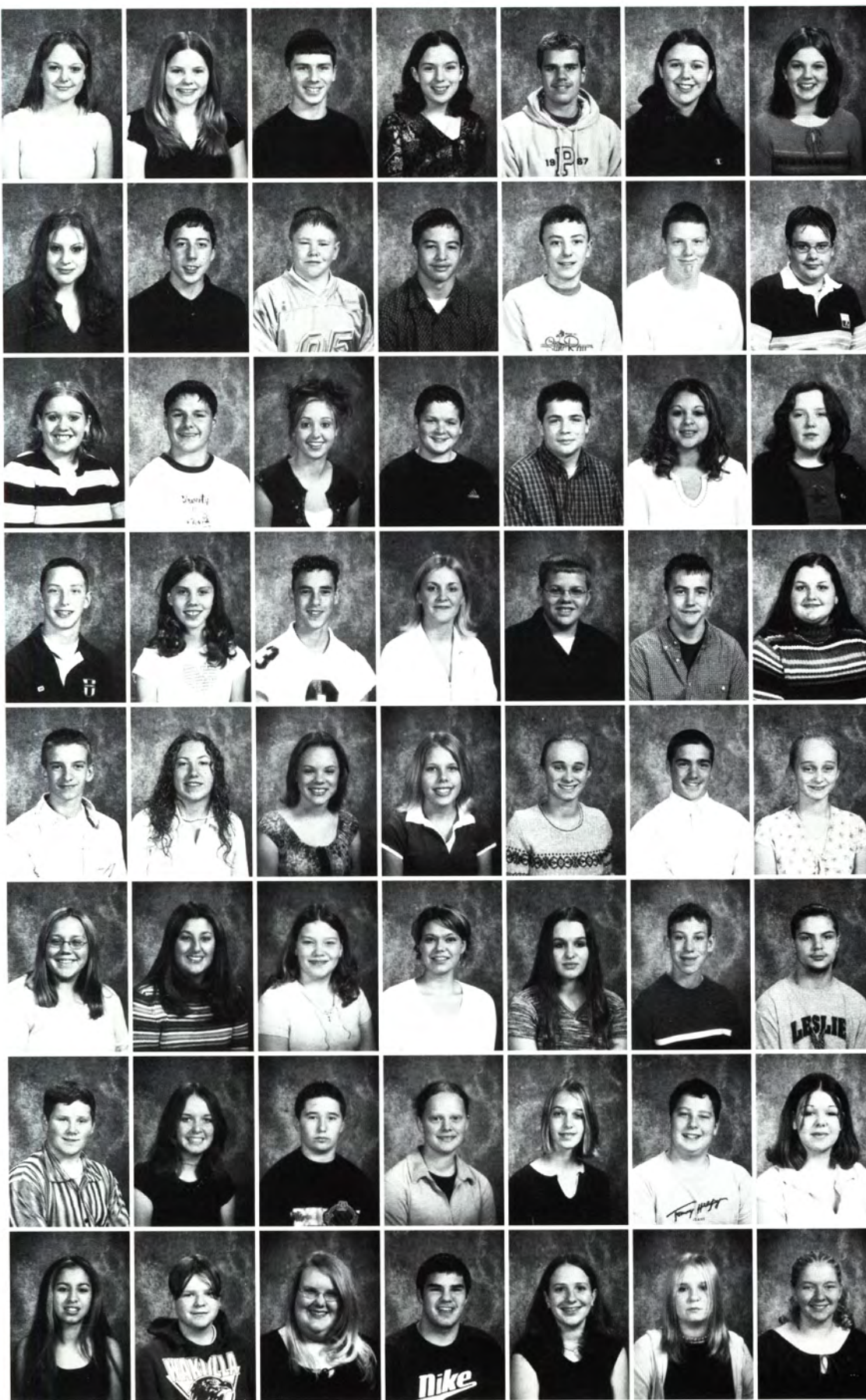


Kathryn Baze
Travis Bergey
Audrey Bessey
Jenne Biggs
Elyse Blair
Earnest Brown
Jason Carter



Shawn Clement
Rickelle Cluckey
Caito, Cody
Comstock, Zebulon
Conley, Cyrus
Coppemoll, Adam
Coppemoll, Holly





Croope, Michelle
Crowe, Teresa
Davenport, Kyle
Davis, Daniel
Davis, Mark
Dobson, Sidney
Drum, Danielle

Dunn, Andrea
Dunn, Justin
Elison, Joshua
Ellsworth, Derek
Eyer, Benjamin
Faber, Logan
Faust, Jake

Farr, Whitney
Fata, Michael
Fausser, Stephanie
Fischer, Douglas
Fisher, Justin
Flores, Victoria
Gault, Amanda

Gewirtz, Hamed, Kenneth
Graham, Shauna
Greenwald, Donald
Grymko, Christina
Guthrie, Troy
Hager, Andrew
Hamilton, Amanda

Hannon, Trafford
Haskell, Kaycee
Horsley, Crystal
James, Chelsea
Johnson, Kasey
Johnson, Robert
Johnson, Tracey

Jones, Jessica
Kevorkian, Megan
Kibbey, Megan
Kincaid, Heather
Klinger, Emily
Knox, Austin
Krauss, Curtis

Leach, Nathan
Lee, Kristen
Lewis, Brandon
Lohke, Nelke
Mantkei, Lynae
Marion, Alexander
McLaney, Amanda

Morales, Crystal
Morgan, James
Navarro, Cynthia
Neeley, Gary
Niblock, Leann
Olis, Marcy
Palmer, Elizabeth

Freshmen

IF YOU COULD TAKE A TRIP ANYWHERE WHERE WOULD YOU GO AND WHY?

"I'd probably go to the jungles of Africa. I'd go to teach the children who don't have education. I'd bring them food, love, and hope. I would only wish to help them. Just to show children something they might not have. The only sight to see would be their faces smiling back at me with the glisten of hope in their faces."

-Marcy Otis

"I would go to Ireland because that is where my grandmother's side of the family is from."

-Danielle Davis

"I would go to Rome, Italy, to see the Vatican City, see a few concerts, fly to Great Britain, and see maybe another concert."

-Holly Coppernoll

"I would go to Washington D.C. to see our nation's capital."

-Bobby Johnson

"I would go back and visit all the people I met in Brazil last summer."

-Lynae Manthoi



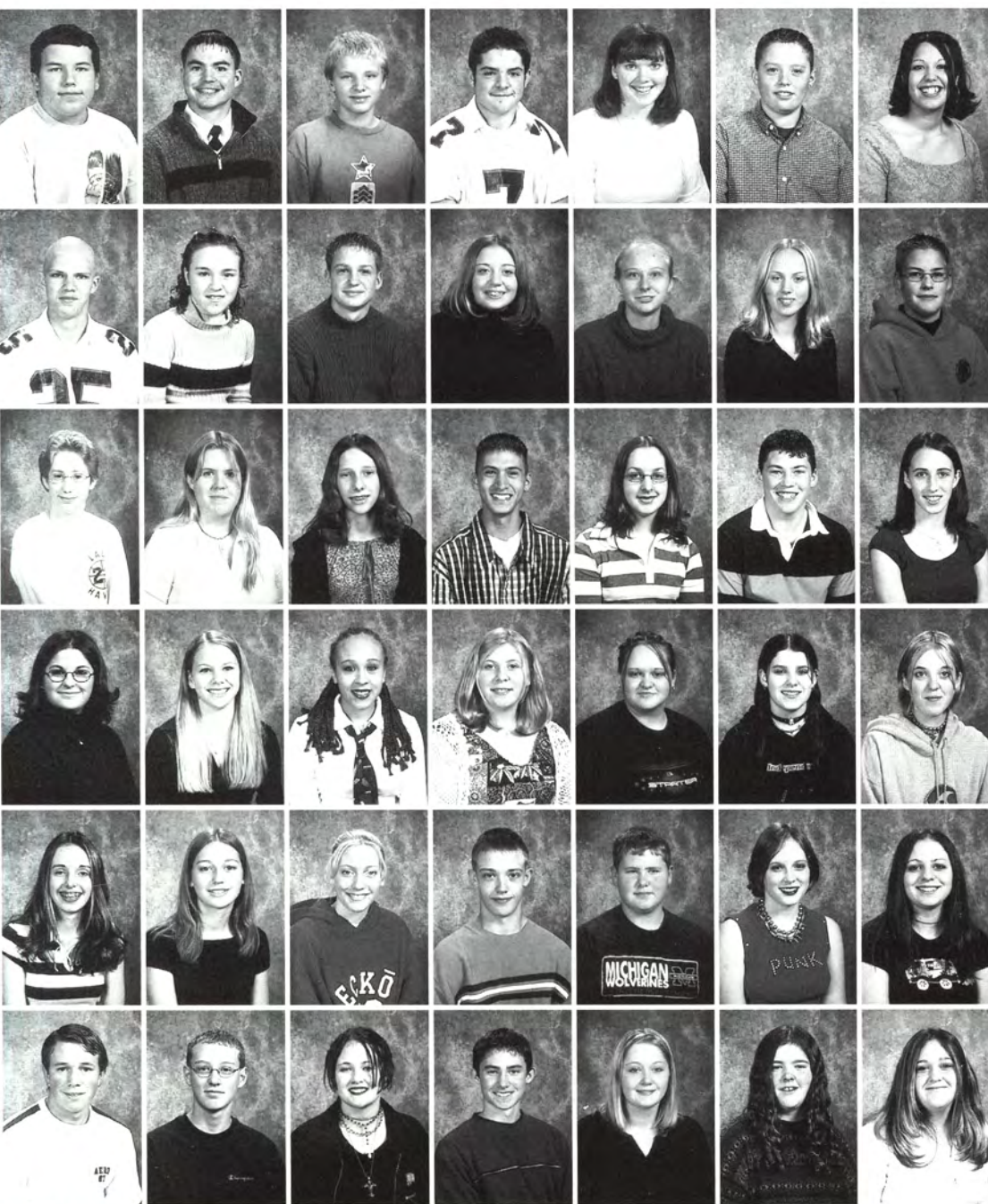
(above) Cory Worman catches tennis balls.



(above) The freshman class attends a pep assembly during football season. During the first pep assembly, the freshmen did not know how to compete in the class cheer... but they learned!



(above) Jason Carter works hard in computer class. A year of computer applications was required to graduate.



Dart Parsons
William Percell
David Prater
Kyle Preston
Ashleigh Prevost
Joshua Przygocki
Jessica Ramirez

Dustin Rice
Kelly Richards
David Risky
Nicole Roland
Nyssa Rumber
Rachel Rushlow
Lucas Shepard

Sarah Skerrell
Rebecca Strong
Kristlyn Sonnenberg
Zachary Spalding
Michele Spooner
Robert Stacy
Danielle Stanaback

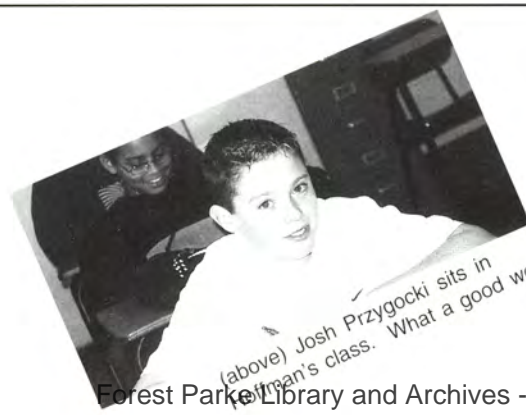
Rachelle Stanley
Megan Stiles
Whitney Streeby
Janelle Swab
Stacy Symington
Becky Taylor
Kyra Thibault

Danielle Tiffany
Jenna Turcotte
Jessica Vanostran
Jon Waldron
Richard Wandel
Cierra Wells
Rachel Wells

Shawn Wiegand
Jacob Wilcox
Ashlee Winright
Corey Worman
Heather Wyman
Jessica Young
Tiffany Young

Jessica Zaluga

NOT PICTURED: Robert Carter, Courtney Catt, Savannah Cole,
Daniel Garza, Sean Gose, Anthony Higelmire, David K. Prater, Danielle
Robinett, and Joe Wetoskey



(above) Josh Przygocki sits in
Mr. [unclear]'s class. What a good worker.

"Everyday in Mr.Derr's class! He is a character."

SHERRY COOTER

"Umm..when...let me think.. I was never in class. So I wouldn't have one.."

CHELSEY SEBURG

"I would like to thank coach Stern and Manson for the time, effort and the motivation they put into the wrestling team."

RANDY DEXTER

Favorite FACULTY Moments!

"It's not really a good thing but this year was the first year I had a detention in my life. It was supposed to be with Mr.Schmidt but he just did other "important" things. I will remember this because it really wasn't my fault, but I think they need a better student services staff."

BRANDY BAILEY

"My most memorable moment with a teacher this year would be when Mrs.Haskell ripped my project off my poster after I took forever to do it. I was ticked off."

ALLISON MOLINO

"When basketball season started, the JV and Varsity went to a camp at SVSU. The cost was around 180 dollars. I told my coach, Jay Harkness, that I couldn't afford to go. He told me that they had made a large profit from the money turned in this year and that he would use this money to pay my way there. I improved dramatically from that and will never forget the dedication that Coach Jay has to his team."

AUDREY BESEY

"When Mr. Sham and I joke around in his 6th hour physical science class."

JUSTIN FISHER

Pat Ainslie
Bill Allender
Bruce Barbour
Rich Brown
Carl Bunker
Brian Chadwick
Marie Charney

Jeanne DeProkel
Will Derr
Kathy Dunlap
Cindy Farley
Scott Farley
Shelley Faszke
Marie Fisher

Craig Fry
Lori Haskell
Linda Hecker
Brent Hoffman
Pat Johnson
Jean Maiville
George Manson



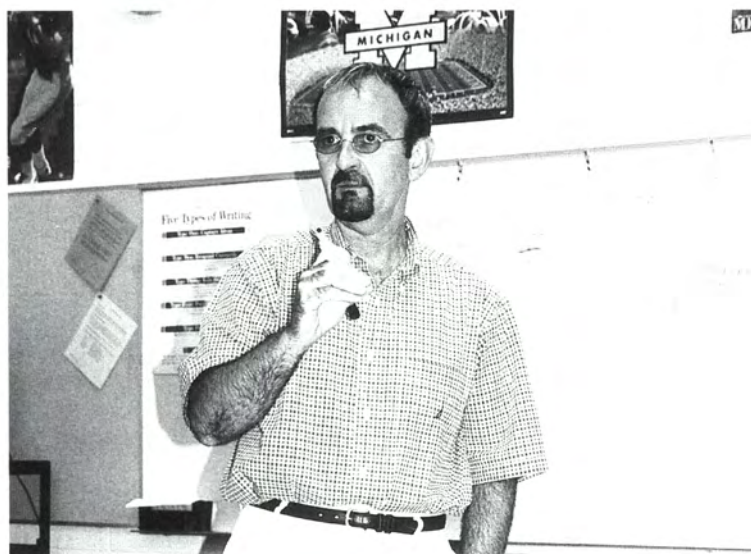
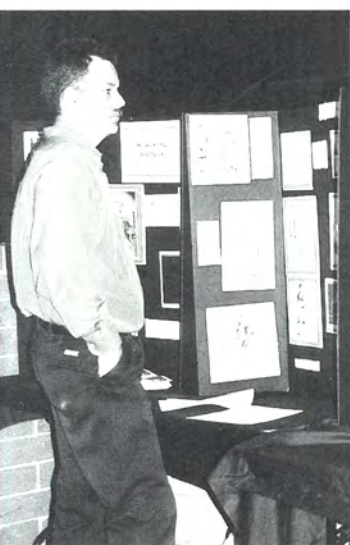
(far below) World Geography teacher Froheip enjoys looking at the Mourning Matters information boards from the Mourning Matters assembly held in April.



(below) Having fun print making in art class, teacher Lori Haskell instructs the students what to do .

(below) Computer teacher Mrs. Deprekel takes role before getting her students started on the day's computer assignment.

(farbelow) Teacher Thom Ball stands in front of his class explaining to them how to write a funnel paragraph.



Jeff Manthei
Deborah Promee
Amy Prieskorn
Anne Ribby
Cindy Robins
Bev Sachar
Ed Schmidt

Rebecca Scofield
Tom Shafer
Dick Shambarger
Connie Smith
Sue Taylor
Tom Todd
Gail Vallitree

DIRECTORS

Faculty

& STAFF

Match the picture with the teacher!



- 1 "I was captain of the crew team at Grand Valley State University the year we beat U of M!!"
- 2 "I hate public speaking. I get very nervous when I have to make a speech or presentation to a large crowd."
- 3 "I thoroughly enjoy going to the movies. I probably go to the movies at least once a week and sometimes more. I know all the movie theaters in Lansing as well as the phone numbers memorized."
- 4 "When I was in ninth grade I had a rock band in the garage."
- 5 "I like listening to the blues and reggae music."
- 6 "I got a double from John Smoltz in high school."

Teachers
are our
directors
in
preparing
for life's
challenges,
delights,
and
puzzles.



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(above) Mr. Barbour lounges in the library.

(above) Mr. Manthei and Mrs. Kenyon have a chat.

If you could be principal for one day what would you change?



Mrs. Prieskorn

"I would put Mr. Manthei, Mr. Schmidt, and Connie Smith at their secretary's positions for the day!!"



Mrs. Taylor

"I would run away and hide, lock my door, and deny I was principal."



Mr. Shafer

"I would go to the conference in New Orleans."



Mr. Farley

"Make sure that the athletic director got a raise so when I got back to my real job I would get more money."



Mr. Chadwick

"I can't comment on this question."

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(above) Mr. Derr takes his daily attendance.

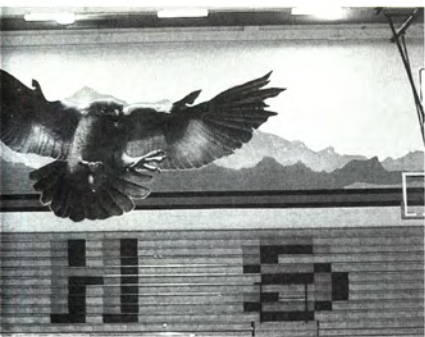


(above) Mr. Shambarger does not seem to be enjoying his center-stage appearance at the Egghead assembly before Christmas break. Sham was chosen to make a fool of himself.



(above) Mr. Shafer in his serious state, lectures his class with enthusiasm.



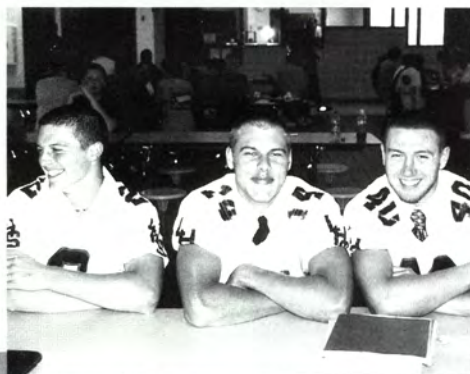


Excitement filled the sports season as many of the team's cast and crews played their way to league and district championships. It all began with the football team winning the league at 9-0 and then reaching the quarterfinals in the state tournament. The Cross Country team also tallied another SMAA Championship, its 13th in a row, and it only added to the excitement here at Leslie High. As always some teams struggled but that is a part of the game. Winter sports were marked by the wrestlers claiming a league title yet again and the volleyball team having another strong showing in the league. The guys finished on top of the league for the first time in years. The spring sports held their own as well and finished the year out strong with the boys tennis team hitting to its best season in history.



SPORTS

the CAST and CREW



CROSS COUNTRY

Shows off its LEGS

The Gals

by Lucas Ewing

This year the ladies fought and scratched their way to a third place finish in the SMAA. Unfortunately the girls had an up-hill battle with injuries that plagued them all year long. They were never able to field the top five runners together in any race.

On the up side, the entire team showed its dedication by not giving up through all the tough times.

Much of this team's success began in the summer with all the miles put in on the road. Ashley Smith won an award for running the most consecutive days during the summer (30). Bobbie Preston and Lisa Vroman both earned All-League status on the first team. Preston and Vroman were both also team captains for the ladies.

"Our biggest struggle was our lack of depth. We definitely could have used more runners," commented Coach Hanson.

Despite not having the participation hoped, the gals made a team and ran with all they had.

Congratulations on a great season.

Girls SCOREBOARD

Meet

Dewitt 3200 Inv.
Lainsburg Inv.
Stockbridge Mini Inv.
E. Jackson Inv.
Bath Inv.
Springport Inv.
SMAA #1 @ Bellevue
Pittsford Inv.
Mason Inv.
Carson City Inv.
SMAA #2 @ M.V.
Hudson Inv.
Portland, Ionia @ Leslie
Greater Lansing Inv.
SMAA #3 @ Leslie
Regionals @ Hudson

Finish

DNF
11th
DNF
6th
DNF
8th
3rd
14th
DNF
16th
3rd
8th
3rd
DNF
3rd
DNF

MVP

Bobbie Preston

MIP

Lisa Vroman

Coach's Award

Ashley Smith

Jessica Tippin

Girls Cross Country Team. Back row: Lynae Manthei, Lisa Vroman, Mr. Hanson, Chelsea James, Stephanie Brattain. Front row: Bobbie Preston, Jessica Tippin, Ashley Smith.



♣(top left) Greg Schmit sees the finish and kicks in for the last leg. Schmit has won more races and medals than anyone in school history.

♣(top right) The guys get their game faces on and size up the competition. All year long the guys were one of the most feared teams to run against because of their past record.

♣(above right) After a long and exhausting race, senior Bobbie Preston replenishes her body with some H2O. Preston also received the Most Consistent Runner Award.

♣(right) With his hair blowing in the wind, Steve Krajniak paces himself. Krajniak was one of two captains this year.



What part of

"The girl bonding nights - Let's just say there were marshmallows involved."

LYNAE MANTHEI



Guys Cross Country Team. Back row: Greg Schmit, Chad Rodriguez, Steve Kaatz, Steve Krajniak, Robert Wulff, Mr. Hanson. Front row: Jacob D'Lamater, Coe Humphrey, Jesse Pepper, Luke Shephard.



⌘(middle) A couple of the girls go for a run through the woods being paced by Coach Hanson in his truck. Hanson also often ran with his team.

⌘(middle right) The Lady Hawks prepare to blow the other teams off the line. The ladies were known for quick and powerful starts.

⌘(middle center) Greg Schmit shakes the hand of Morrice football player the day of homecoming. It has been tradition for the cross team to visit the opposing school on homecoming and run the ball back.

Guys

SCOREBOARD

Meet	Finish
Dewitt 3200 Inv.	5th
Lainsburg Inv.	4th
Stockbridge Mini Inv.	2nd
E. Jackson Inv.	2nd
Bath Inv.	8th
Springport Inv.	3rd
SMAA #1 @ Bellevue	1st
Pittsford Inv.	3rd
Mason Inv.	8th
Carson City Inv.	10th
SMAA #2 @ M.V.	1st
Hudson Inv.	3rd
Portland,Ionia@Leslie	3rd
Greater Lansing Inv.	17th
SMAA #3 @ Leslie	1st
Regionals @ Hudson	5th
State Finals	
Greg Schmit-18th	
Steve Krajniak-48th	

MVP:

Greg Schmit

MIP:

Robert Wulff

Coach's Award:

Steve Krajniak

The Guys

This season the Black-hawks put yet another check in the league championship box. This marks the 13 consecutive season that Leslie's cross team has claimed this title.

Much of the team's success can be attributed to the senior leadership of Steve Krajniak and Greg Schmit. All season these two teamed up to become a fearsome 1-2 punch.

The boys improved dramatically as the season wore on and even made their way to Honorable Mention in Division III. However, competing with six state-ranked schools in the toughest regional in the state took a toll on the team. Nonetheless, the team finished fifth and had an extremely successful season, sending two runners to the state meet.

According to Coach Hanson the team had quite a learning experience. They learned that hard work and dedication truly do pay off in the end. All of the guys put several miles on the road this past summer. The most miles tallied by the guys went to Jesse Pepper (660).

Nice job Hawks and keep up the good work!

⌘(left) Freshman Chelsea James focuses on the ground in front of her as she strolls toward the finish. James was one of two freshman on the team who helped pace the gals.



the season was most fun?

"Bombarding the gym with toilet paper on homecoming."

Greg Schmit

"Nothing will ever top the girl's night out."

Bobbie Preston

♣(bottom) Mallory Craft soars to win the jump.



♣(right) Ashlee Howard shoots a three-pointer to put some points on the scoreboard.



The Varsity Basketball Team. Back row: Coach Harkness, Audrey Flannery, Kayleen Delazzer, Ashlee Howard, Danielle Stanaback, Kristen Hunter, Assistant Coach Sarah Yeager, watergirl Raelynn Ries. Front row: watergirl Lacey Leonard, Sarah Adair, Mallory Craft, Kim McCann, Stephanie Moses and watergirl Holly Alleman.



(middle right) The team takes some time to talk about the game plan and strategy for a possible win.

(bottom left) Audrey Flannery is waiting for someone to pass the ball to her.

(bottom right) Danielle Stanaback waits to jump into the action on the court.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Difficult season on the court **AND OFF**

The 2002 girls basketball team struggled this year, trying hard to put checks in the win column but managing to do so only twice. But the girls did find a few bright spots in the season.

The first one came as they broke their losing streak over at Webberville's house. After a 2001 season without a single win, this victory provided the girls with some hope for the future. Following the game, the team drove around Leslie on the bus singing the fight song.

The girls also had some fun at camp. According to team captain Mallory Craft, camp provided the team with some interesting adventures.

"Team camp was fun... especially sneaking out at night and spraying fart spray in the JV team dorm," Craft explained. Sounds interesting all right.

The girls had energy and determination and they worked hard. According to Coach Harkness, they competed with the top teams on the schedule but just did not have the top performance.

"We couldn't perform at

Leslie High School **SCOREBOARD**

<u>US</u>	<u>VS.</u>	<u>Them</u>
22	E. Jackson	67
23	Dansville	36
39	Hanover Horton	49
34	Olivet	61
33	Fowlerville	54
48	Maple Valley	64
22	Morrice	43
37	L. Christian	65
33	Bellevue	48
55	Webberville	30
48	Western	74
44	Dansville	46
47	Bath	62
48	Olivet	67
48	L. Christian	76
23	Maple Valley	66
41	Morrice	47
46	V'cook Lake	66
28	Bellevue	57
77	Webberville	58
36	Maple Valley	71

MIP: Danielle Stanaback
Kristin Hunter

MVP: Mallory Craft

Coach's awards: Danielle Stanaback

Hustle Award: Ashlee Howard

that level on a consistent basis, which was frustrating for everyone. Still we made positive strides over the season," Harkness stated.

Craft had a different take on the season. She felt that the team needed more discipline and team work.

"We needed to be more focused in practice. Our practices were not run well at all, there was no discipline. We need to work more as a team," Craft stated.

The crowds were not as large as the team would have liked, but the spectators who attended girls basketball games were supportive.

There were lessons to be learned from this difficult season.

"I learned each player has their own way of preparing mentally for a game, and so long as they're ready to play, I'm good with it. The more prepared they are the more they relax, and the better they'll play," commented Harkness.

What were your thoughts on the season?



"There wasn't improvement from last season. But hopefully there will be some good talent coming up through the program."

SARAH ADAIR

"Obviously we did a little better by winning two games instead of none. But there was still a ton of room for improvement"

ASHLEE HOWARD



"We did improve from last year because we won two games. But there is a lot of improvement needed not only from the players but from the coach. Hopefully there will be some good talent coming up next year."

KIM MCCANN

FOOTBALL PLATOON

Tactically destroys its opponents and shows who is **BOSS**

♣(far below) The Blackhawks are awarded the championship trophy after beating a tough Lake Fenton team

♣(below) Josh Bigg and Curt Wright are looking for someone to block in the District championship game against Lake Fenton

by Ben "the Goat" James
This football season was anything but ordinary. With a SMAA and district championship under its belt, the team sent a message to all surrounding areas and the entire state. For much of the season, the team was ranked second in the Class C poll in all of Michigan. The team constantly strove to improve itself in the weight room and on the field.

The hard work started years before the season. In eighth grade, the same core of seniors and juniors went undefeated. The high school coaching staff was thrilled at what they had seen in these young men: a will to win and great athletic talent.

After a disappointing finish to last year's season, the seniors wanted something to show for their time in high school.

"They have (through their work ethic, leadership, and dedication) lifted the football program to a level of state recognition," Coach Farley said of the senior players.

So at the end of the last

school year, many of the players made a commitment to improve themselves. The

Leslie High School SCOREBOARD

Us	vs.	Them
55	East Jackson	6
47	Webberville	0
33	Dansville	6
09	Maple Valley	0
19	Olivet	15
39	Bellevue	7
50	Perry	7
51	Morrice	0
48	Stockbridge	8
49	Byron	34
27	Lake Fenton	20
0	Pigeon Laker	11

JV Scores

20	East Jackson	12
06	Webberville	26
12	Dansville	43
08	Maple Valley	28
12	Olivet	0
14	Bellevue	14
14	Perry	36
44	Morrice	24
0	Stockbridge	48

summer was long and hot, but it was a great time for the team to strive for excellence.

Coach Farley said his most exiting moment was "winning the Olivet game in the last minute." He also added the biggest struggle was "attempting to win the state quarterfinals while missing numerous injured players."

The team swept through the regular season undefeated and beat rival Maple Valley for the first time in nine years. The team clinched the SMAA title in a 51-0 win against Morrice, which happened to be homecoming.

The team posted the most wins in school history with 11. The only loss the team suffered was in the regional against a tough Pigeon Laker team.

At the end of the year, numerous players were recognized as all-conference and all-area talents. Congratulations!

"This was, by far, my most exciting season. It was a tremendous rush to see the team elevate to achieve their goals."

-COACH MANSON

MVP: Lucas Ewing (the Duker)
MIP: Byran West (B.Wes)
Coach's award: 18 of 22 players
HOLY COW!!!



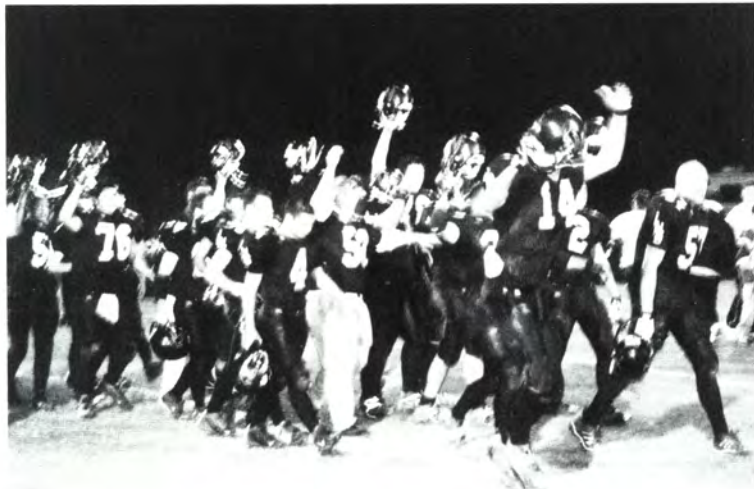
"It was an exciting season for the school and the community. It was the reward for a great deal of effort and commitment by the playres and coaching staff."
-COACH FARLEY



♣(above) Curt Wright pursues one of the biggest tackles of his career during the district playoff championship. Wright was a key factor in the Blackhawk victory after quarterback Luke Ewing was taken out of the game.

✦(far below) Let the **celebration** begin! Leslie 27 L.F. 20 The first district title ever for Leslie High School.

✦(below)The **kickoff team** focuses on putting the smack down on the Blue Devils after scoring the go ahead touchdown with just under two minutes left in the contest.



✦(above) The **Hawks** prepare to play Morrice in their homecoming game. Leslie was looking to capture the SMAA title with a win in the game.

✦(below) The Varsity Football Team. **Top row:** Jason Prevo, Terry St. John, Trinity Craft, Sonny Coito, Victor Luke **Middle row:** Coach Shafer, Coach Manson, Casey Mathews, Matt Rodgers, Tom Irwin, Ben James, Bryan West, Curt Wright, Luke Ewing, Coach Derr. **On a knee** Coach Harrison, Bob Ackley, Jerimiah Budd, Nick Kannawin, Josh Bigg, Derick Rodgers, Coach Farley. **Bottom row:** Brock LaFavor, Jeff Benn, Josh Gibbs, Kirk Shafer, and Tom Donley



✦(above) The **JV Football Team**. **Top row:** Mike Fata, Cyruss Conley, TJ McCann, Dave Wetoskey, David Lovette, Mark Davis, David Risky, Dustin Rice, Kevin Kolle, Tommy Hubbard. **Middle row:** head coach Tom Shafer, Brain Amsdill, Brandon Lewis, Ken Hamel, Brandon Swab, Cody Zonts, Justin Dunn, Kyle Preston, Zach Spalding, Taylor Hannon, Coach Harrison, Coach Derr. **Bottom row:** Jonathan Bailey, Bo Brent, Don Greenwald, Zeb Comstock, Bobby Johnson, Joe Rushlow, Ryan Norris, Derek Ellsworth, Jon Waldron, Joe Ropp.

BASKETBALL TEAM

Ambushes the competition and adds championships to its BELT

by Lucas Ewing

This year's basketball team was no exception to the recent successes of athletic squads here at LHS. Finishing the season with an impressive 21-4 record, the Hawks fought their way to league championship status.

By claiming the SMAA league title, the 2002-03 boys basketball team became the first to earn a league title since 1974. Ironically, some of the fathers of this year's players were on the 1974 championship team.

Following the league title the Hawks were still hungry and went on to capture the District Championship trophy. In a tough region, the guys went on to play in the Regional Final game, which no team had done at LHS in nearly 30 years. Sadly, the season was ended by an athletic Flint Beecher team, that eventually went on to be state runners up.

One of the strange and unlucky occurrences of the season came against crosstown rival Dansville in the second

game of the season. While competing, Tab McNally, a Dansville player, drove to the basket to score, and in his

attempt some Leslie players stepped in front of him. After being called for a charge, Tab fell to the floor on his shoulder and head. From the impact the player went into a seizure on the basketball court. The game was cancelled and rescheduled for a later day. Fortunately however, Tab merely broke his collarbone and recovered fully.

With the tremendous success, the team and several players were recognized around the league and area for their accomplishments. Following the District Championship, the Blackhawks were named Channel 6 Team of the Week. Earlier in the season Hawk center, Ben James, was also named Prep Player of the Week along with receiving all-area honors in the Lansing area. James, Ewing, and Houghton were selected as first team all-conference as well.

According to Coach Ward, "The team responded to being criticized and complemented and that was a big key to this team's success."

♦(below) Coach Ward orders up a play in Leslie's first regional game. Ward was known for his poise during intense games.

♦(middle) Curt Wright fights for position as Ben James puts up a hook shot. James was also recognized as Channel 6's Prep Player of the Week early in the season.



♦(above) At tipoff Matt Haskell gets the quick start and wins the jump ball. Leslie often took advantage of their opponents using an explosive start.

Leslie High School SCOREBOARD

Us	vs.	Them
70	Potterville	49
56	Dansville	43
78	East Jackson	34
75	Olivet	66
78	Maple Valley	70
58	Bath	51
72	Morrice	36
55	LCS	49
41	Bellevue	48
56	Napoleon	36
58	Webberville	33
49	Stockbridge	56
52	Dansville	46
53	Olivet	38
61	Maple Valley	60
71	Morrice	24
39	LCS	45
63	Bellevue	56
54	Fowlerville	47
51	Webberville	41
DISTRICTS		
62	Bellevue	36
49	Olivet	46
65	Maple Valley	46
REGIONALS		
51	St. Louis	49
37	Flint Beecher	48

MVP:

Ben "The Goat" James

MIP:

Byran West (B.Wes)

Coach's Award:

Coach's Award:



"Trying to get coach to put me in. Needless to say it was a frustrating season."

-Travis Fletcher



"Having our team get dunked on eight times in the Regional Final game."

-Justin Houghton

♣(top left) Lucas Ewing lays the ball up in front of a St. Louis defender. The team's regional victory was the first atLHS in nearly 30 years.

♣(top right) As Matt Haskell jogs by, Ben James warms up with a pregame dunk. Haskell also tallied several dunks throughout his basketball career.



♣(above middle) During a timeout the team pauses to discuss some strategy. Much of the team's success can be attributed to the preparation of Coach Ward.

♣(above left) A few Hawk ballers prepare to snag the rebound off the glass. Rebounding was another key to this team's success.

♣(above right) Off a fast break Justin Houghton floats behind a defender to score the deuce. Houghton was known around the league for his tenacious defense.

Varsity Team



Top row: Coach Don Ward, Matt Haskell, Bryan West, Alex McCort, Manager Cody Manthei. **Middle row:** Travis Fletcher, Steve Kaatz, Justin Houghton, Josh Bigg. **Bottom row:** Curt Wright, Ben James, Lucas Ewing.

JV Team



Top row: Jeremiah Budd, Andrew Wood, David Lovette, Tim McCann, Cody Zonts, Coach Kevin McDaniel. **Bottom row:** Taylor Hannon, Kyle Barnett, Kyle Sutherland, Kyle Preston, Brandon Swab.

Freshmen Team



Top row: Troy Guthrie, Mike Fata, Coach Derick Ward, Bobby Johnson, Ken Hamel. **Middle row:** Gary Neeley, Justin Dunn, Luke Shepard. **Bottom row:** Ben Eyer, Zach Spalding, A.J. Knox.



♣ **Varsity Volleyball Team.** Back row: Coach Courtney Ward, Raquel Deleon, Ashlee Howard, Kenzie Hannon, Tamara Hill, Abbey Natcheske, Manager Chelsea James. Front row: Melissa Thomas, Kim McCann, Mallory Craft, Virginia Ashley, Jessica Bigg.



♣ **JV Volleyball Team.** Back row: Coach Shannon Crabtree, Sonna Edstorm, Ashley Smith, Jenny Biggs, Kristyn Sonnenberg, Amber Parmelee, Nicole Poller, Manager Elizabeth Palmer. Middle row: Lynae Manthei, Audrey Bessey, Stacey Wiltise, Bridget Wiegand, Kasey Haskell. Front row: Kristen Hunter, Kristi Davenport.



♣ (above) The volleyball girls keep warm while waiting to play their last game after beating the other teams in the final game of districts.



♣ (above) A team huddle helps get the team pumped up before game time. Team work and support was a key to the volleyball team's successful season.



♣ (bottom right) Volleyballers are playing hard against Maple Valley at home. This was the only team that Leslie lost to this year.

♣ (middle right) The volleyball team celebrates together while receiving its trophy after defeating Springport in the District Finals.



VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Spikes, bumps and sets its way to another **TITLE**

Another district title for the varsity volleyball team! The varsity volleyball team played hard to an extremely successful season, holding onto another district title. This gives the lady Hawks four consecutive titles.

In the league the Hawks finished the regular season with a 6-1 record and third overall in the SMAA.

An unusual mix of three seniors and seven sophomores started the season with a few challenges but team work and determination turned the season into another success story for LHS athletes.

During practices the volleyball team worked hard to accomplish its goals. The girls goals were to win leagues, districts and move on to the regionals. Losing league was a

Leslie High School **SCOREBOARD**

Us vs. Them

Scoreboard
unavailable from
the coach.

disappointment for the girls, but when they defeated Springport in the district finals that seemed to level out the disappointments.

Practices before games or tournaments were two hours and during these practices the girls would work on the game plan which mainly was serve and receive. After team practice, the girls would weightlift for a hard 30 minutes to improve their speed, strength and stamina. Before leaving, Coach Courtney Ward would remind the team to lay off junk food and pop so that they were prepared and healthy for the next practice or game.

Being well-focused and serious during practices and games was an important team message. The girls were also encouraged to make school a priority and keep their grades up.

Quite a season, ladies!

♦ (above) Ashlee Howard, Abbey Nateheske go up for a block while Jessica Bigg digs up the ball to score a point.

♦ (top) Melissa Thomas stands strong serving up some points to put up on the board.

"I was very excited and I couldn't believe I got it."

-Melissa Thomas



**HOW DOES IT
FEEL TO BE
FIRST TEAM
ALL-CONFERENCE?**



"It feels great. It showed that all my hard work and dedication paid off two years in a row."

-Mallory Craft

WRESTLING SQUAD

SCRAPS and PINS its way to another league title

by Ben James

With yet another league title under its belt, the wrestling team will go down as one of the most successful sports programs in Leslie history. Unfortunately the team was not able to advance past the districts; however the Blackhawks were able to advance four wrestlers to the state finals.

The boys beat out rival Olivet for SMAA supremacy both in the regular season and in the SMAA meet. Overall the team finished 8-0 in league dual meets, making it 34 straight dating back to the 1998-99 season.

Led by Coaches Todd Stern and George Manson, four individuals were able to move on to the state meet held at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The four wrestlers were Xeng Yang, Jason Blasen, Casey Lewis, and Randy Dexter. Dexter was able to qualify for the finals, eventually taking second in

the state at 130lbs.

For Coach Manson and

Leslie High School SCOREBOARD

Us	vs.	Them
24	Hudson	55
18	Mason	51
48	Homer	28
69	St. Johns	9
14	Shelby	60
57	Springport	24
72	Saranac	3
48	Maple Valley	33
42	Concord	25
39	Michigan Center	42
48	Manchester	27
24	Jonesville	54
52	E. Jackson	23
27	Napoleon	54
6	Dundee	73
42	Parma Western	37
33	Springport	48
45	Quincy	27
47	Cassopolis	30
36	Erie Mason	34
54	Bellevue	12
57	Pottersville	21
55	Bath	21
45	Dansville	36
54	Olivet	30
84	Webberville	0
40	Blissfield	39
53	Clinton	27
Districts		
48	Dansville	36
28	Springport	53

MIP: RAY KINNEY
MVP: RANDY DEXTER
COACH'S AWARD: CASEY LEWIS

Coach Stern, this was one of the most exciting moments of the season.

"George and I hadn't had a wrestler in the state finals for four years," commented Stern. "It was good to get Leslie back on the map."

According to Coach Stern, you don't need big numbers to have a successful season. The overall record of the team was 21-9 with that perfect league record of 8-0.

In many Saturday tournaments, the Blackhawks had success against much larger schools. The Hawks placed 3rd at the Springport duals, 3rd at the Jackson Jaws duals, 3rd at the Michigan Center Duals, and 4th at the Leslie Invitational. This helped the team in league competition as they made a clean sweep of SMAA teams.

The seniors will be missed as they are every year in the wrestling program. The success they had in their sport will not be forgotten.



How did it feel to come in second in the entire state?

"It felt good. But I also proved to myself that I could reach goals that thought were impossible."

-Randy Dexter



"We had a good mixture of upper classmen and under classmen that worked well together. The seniors will be missed but we have a lot of good youth coming back to keep tradition."

-Coach Manson

✦(far below)The referee grabs Xeng Yang's wrist to signal a victory after the match. Yang's opponent left the mat in tears and in absolute pain.

✦(below)Here is a look at the Jumbotron hanging from the ceiling of the Palace.



✦(above)Coach Stern and Coach Manson look on in disappointment as Randy Dexter loses his final match.

♠(far below) **Jason Blasen** puts the hurt on his man in the state finals meet. **Blasen** went 33-27 on the year with 18 pins to his name.

♠(below)**Randy Dexter** slams his opponent to the mat during the state tournament. **Dexter** would eventually take second in the state after winning this match.



♠(above) **Casey Lewis** shoots at his opponent during the state finals meet held at The Palace of Auburn Hills. **Lewis** finished his season with a record of 32-19 with 24 Pins.

♠ (below) The Varsity Wrestling Team. Top row: Coach Stern, Randy Dexter, Jason Gowanlock, Jeff Benn, Josh Gibbs, Derick Rogers, Ray Kinney, Manager Tracie Ray, Coach Manson. Middle row: Victor Percell, Brian Amsdill, Jon Waldron, Jason Blasen, Jonathon Bailey, Bo Percell, Jason Carter. Bottom row: Tom Sundrla, Joe Wetoskey, Xeng Yang, Derek Ellsworth, Robert Wulff, Zeb Comstock.

♠(far below)Wrestling team members gather around as they hold up the SMAA league trophy to their fans. This was the fourth consecutive time for seniors Josh Gibbs, Drew Denney, and Jason Blasen.



♠(above) Xeng Su Yang tries to smack his opponent in the face during his match.



The JV Football Cheerleading Squad



The Varsity Football Cheerleading Squad



The Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Squad



The JV Basketball and Competitive Cheerleading Squad



CHEERLEADING SQUADS

Entertain, rev us up and **COMPETE**



by Jennifer Major
Fall cheerleading brought exciting football games with plenty of spirit which the girls worked hard to energize. Cheerleading squads led the crowds in cheers and the fight song as they watched the football team win league and district titles this year.

In addition to the games, cheerleaders were responsible for crazy competitions at several pep assemblies. Yes, the cheerleaders helped with the cheese ball stick to the face competition as well as relays and scavenger hunts. The competitions were fun and added to the spirit buzzing through the halls in the fall.



In the winter season, cheerleaders helped keep spirit up at the basketball games, but they also entered some competitions of their own.

Competitive cheerleading is a sport at Leslie High School that does not receive much recognition. At a cheerleading competition teams competed in three rounds of cheering. In the first round the teams were graded on skills and a range of non-tumbling techniques. Some examples of this are voice and

the overall impression of the squad. The team performed two jumps and could score up to 200 points in the first round. The second round of competition, also known as the "compulsory round," required the girls to perform five skills. Scores were based on the difficulty of the skills. Teams also performed a ten-count drill; the strength of the count is the source of the score.

Leslie High School **SCOREBOARD**

	Total Score	Placing
Ovid Elsie	482	2nd
Novi	433.5	5th
Blackhawk	545.5	2nd
Okemos	558	4th
Lake Odessa	498.5	3rd
Mason	554.5	3rd
Whitmore Lk.	548.5	2nd
Regionals	616	2nd
State Finals	577.5	10th

GO HAWKS

In the final round, the cheer teams perform skill tests, jumping and tumbling and a total of 300 points could be earned.

The competitive cheer team ended the 2003 season with a showing at the State Finals Meet. The squad finished tenth at the competition. In order to make it to the State meet, the girls had to finish either the first or second place team at their regional meet, which was held in the Leslie Middle School Gym.

Support from their hometown fans gave the girls the ability to pull out a strong second place finish over East Jackson, a team that was expected to beat Leslie. The squad was then able to advance to the State Competition at Lake Orion High School.

Captain Kyla Stern led the team of mostly freshman. It is quite an accomplishment that such a young team could go so far in competition. Although the girls finished last at the State meet, they were proud to make it that far. The squad finished with a total of 577.5 points, which was only three away from the ninth place team from Brown City.



BASEBALL TEAM

Hits, runs and misses ALL SEASON

by Ben "the Goat" James

This year's baseball season was full of ups and downs as most seasons are. The team started struggling but eventually got it together mid-way through the season.

The Hawks were of course coached by the legendary Bob Van Dyke, who was in his 40th year of coaching. He thought that when the team came into the season, it would be unstoppable. After a few losses, the team knew they had to pull it together. It could be that confidence in the other sports this year carried over a bit too far into the baseball season. So some hard practices and retooling of attitude lead to more success.

A couple of wins against Maple Valley let the team know that they had a solid shot in the league.

First year assistant Coach Mark Froheip was a great addition to the team's morale and heart. He constantly pumped the team up to get the big wins. He will have a great coaching career here at Leslie.

The team included four year

varsity players Matt Haskell and Duker Ewing. Haskell consistently had scouts come to witness the phenom pitch, often clocking the speed of the

Leslie High School SCOREBOARD

Us	vs. Them
0	Stockbridge 10
6	Dansville 0
6	Dansville 4
3	Olivet 4
2	Olivet 4
1	Perry 11
5	Perry 6
0	Hudson 10
9	Maple Valley 5
9	Maple Valley 1
13	East Jackson 6
1	East Jackson 4
3	Morrice 0
8	Columbia Cent. 3
19	Lansing Christ. 7
9	Lansing Christ. 3
0	Sand Creek 5
1	Springport 4
3	Bellevue 6
6	Bellevue 7
12	Fowlerville 4
3	Charlotte 7
13	Webberville 0
15	Webberville 4
14	Morrice 3
10	Mich. Cent. 2

What do you remember most about the season?



"The sweet songs of inspiration sang by the GOAT in centerfield as I stood on the pitcher's mound"

-Luke Ewing

MVP: Luke Ewing
MIP: Kevin Kelle
Coach's Award: Joel Fauser

LHS pitching star.

Ewing led the team in batting average for the fourth straight year of his high school baseball career.

Coach Van Dyke felt that he had one of the better pitching staffs around and wanted to exploit other teams with it. The pitchers included Haskell, Ewing, Ben James, Alex Kirchmier, Jason Carter, and Kyle Preston. Usually a high school team has two or three pitchers, but this year was special.

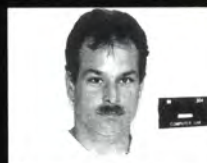
Win, lose, or draw, the team always had a good time out on the field and in the dugout. The senior leadership was just enough to muster some wins against league competition.



†(above) Alex Kirchmeier kicks up some dirt as he fires in the pitch.

"We are talking about baseball here, right?"

-Coach Froheip



†(far below) Joel Fauser and Matty Haskell chill in the dugout to gather their thoughts and look at the camera. The two were often lost in space.

†(below) The Duker Ewing is poised to get a base hit in a double header against East Jackson. Ewing is considered "the man" by many.



†(above) Kyle Preston dives back to first base to avoid the tag. Preston spent much of the season on the ground.

♣(far below) **Joel Fauser** shows off his sweet catcher's gear in a neat arrangement.

♣(below) **Matt Haskell** is congratulated by teammates after hitting a homerun. **Haskell** hit numerous dingers throughout his career.



(below) **The Varsity Team.** **Top row:** Coach Bob Van Dyke, Joel Fauser, Alex Kirchmier, Matt Haskell, Ben James, Nick Kanawin, Luke Ewing, Justin Houghton, Coach Mark Froheip. **Bottom row:** Jason Carter, Andy Wood, Derick Rogers, Bobbie Preston, Kevin Kolle



(above) **The JV team.** **Top row:** Coach Derick Ward, Jeremiah Budd, Bobby Johnson, Tim McCann, Kyle Barnett, Ken Hamil, Assistant Coach Ryan Masters. **Middle row:** Thomas Hubbard, A.J. Knox, Justin Dunn, Kyle Roark, Kyle Sutherland. **Bottom row:** Bo Percell, Luke Shepard, Joe Wetosky.



♣(above) **The team** walks off the field in disappointment as they dropped the second game of a doubleheader. These faces were not often seen by people because the team was usually happier.



♣ (below) The team turns its attention to the coach before getting a few hits. Softball is known for all of the cheering and team discussions.



♣ (above middle) Holly Davis gives the ball a ride in a double header against Michigan Center. Davis, whose dad was also the coach, was among one of the few seniors on the team.

♣ (above) The ladies take time to stretch before taking the field. This was very wise because we don't want anyone to pull a hammy.

♣ (below middle) Varsity Softball Team.

♣ (below) JV Softball Team.



♣ (above right) Turning the double play, Mallory Craft slings the ball over to first. Craft had the responsibility of being a leader out on the field this year.

♣ (above left) Injuries come along with the game. Sarah Adair was sidelined for a few games with this badly bruised ankle.

SOFTBALL SQUAD

tactically destroys its opponents and show who is **BOSS**

♣ (below) Staring down the pitcher, Kenzi Hannon sets herself in the batter's box. Hannon often came through with key hits over the course of the season.



♣ (above middle) Tossing it around, Lauren Page warms up at the start of an inning. Page did a majority of the pitching this year for the Hawks.

♣ (above) Catching a few Z's, Kayleen Delazzer and Stephanie Ries take a break in the dug out. Long toursneys often caused this behavior.

by Lucas Ewing

Leslie added some new blood as first year head coach Tim Davis joined the girls softball squad. Davis had previously assisted in coaching the Varsity Baseball team three years ago. After his absence, however, he decided to return to coaching.

In preseason predictions, the team appeared to have promising leadership from returning seniors Mallory Craft, Sarah Adair, Virginia Ashley, and Holly Davis. Combined with upcoming talent, the seniors and underclassmen were a threat in the hunt for a league title.

One upsetting fact for the team involved the softball fields. The old field, which is located by the local library, was the home for a majority of the games. Unfortunately, the girls were not able to play on the newly constructed softball field until the end of the season. Due to all the anticipation, many seniors were especially upset by this news. Only having five home games scheduled added to the disappointment as well.

"It was a little disappointing not being able to play on the new field in my senior year."

-Holly Davis



According to Coach Davis, the thing that made this

Leslie High School SCOREBOARD

Us	vs.	Them
21	Stockbridge	6
11	Jackson	3
4	Jackson	8
10	Dansville	11
8	Dansville	7
7	Olivet	6
20	Olivet	10
6	Perry	0
17	Perry	7
18	Hudson	0
4	Maple Valley	5
12	Maple Valley	2
8	Fowlerville	7
9	Fowlerville	1
2	Vestaburg	5
9	Morrice	6
2	Morrice	3
13	Columbia Ctrl.	12
14	Northwest	10
10	Bellevue	13
15	Bellevue	9
2	Michigan Center	1
4	Webberville	2
13	Webberville	4
3	New Lothrop	0
9	Napoleon	0
Districts		
7	Michigan Center	4

group of athletes special was their determination.

"They continued to compete when others may have given up. They battled until the season's end, winning and losing with honor," Davis commented.

Davis also explained that the biggest struggle of the season was eliminating that one bad inning. It seemed that there was always one inning that became their downfall.

On the good side, senior leadership was stellar throughout the season. Each senior contributed in her own way. Also, five team members received All-League status, including first team: Mallory Craft and Melissa Thomas; Honorable Mention: Holly Davis and Ashlee Howard; Special Mention: Virginia Ashley.

In all, the softballers may not have had a winning season, but to many it was a successful one. A few injuries and some cancelled games due to the rainy weather added to the flavor of the season... but most of the team enjoyed the 2003 softball season.



"I'll never forget the girls from Hudson. They kept screaming CRAZY after everything they said and it was hilarious."

-Melissa Thomas

MVP: Mallory Craft

MIP: Virginia Ashley

TRACKING BACK

Individuals find SUCCESS

by Vic Percell

Spring brought with it the inevitable track season for LHS sprinters, jumpers and runners. The season was a struggle at times for both the boys and girls teams, coached by Lisa Lutchka.

The boys had a little more success and won a trophy at Stockbridge. Greg Schmit was the high point earner placing in every meet including That State Meet. He set new school records and SMAA league records in the 160.

Curt Wright was 2nd high point earner and medaled at every meet he attended. Wright often won three individual events in dual meets and four medals in invitationals. Both Schmidt and Wright provided leadership for the team as well.

The girl's team struggled with low numbers but managed to win a meet and placed Lynae Manthei, Lisa Vroman, Chelsea James and Stephanie Moses All Conference in two events. Moses also placed in two events at the regional and placed at the Jackson all area meet.

Leslie High School SCOREBOARD

	Boys	GIRLS	THEM
62	Jonesville	61	
88	East Jackson	57	
68	ColumbiaCentral	65	
60	Maple Valley	99	
94	Dansville	53	
58	Olivet	93	
78	Bellvue	68	
67.5	Webberville	82.5	
85	Morrice	52	

	Boys	GIRLS
40	Jonesville	
24	East Jackson	
33	ColumbiaCentral	
15	Maple Valley	
65	Dansville	
31	Olivet	
28	Bellvue	
48	Webberville	
43	Morrice	

Invitationals

Dome Classic	
at E.J.	5th 41.5
Marrior at G.L	5th 46
Stockbridge	3rd 51
Williamston	8th 48
Regional	9th 8
League	4th 63
State	4 pts

Boys

MVP : Greg Schmidt
MIP : Steve Krajniak
Coach's Award: Joe Ropp

GIRLS

MVP : Stephanie Moses
MIP : Elise Harper
Coach's Award: Lynae Manthei

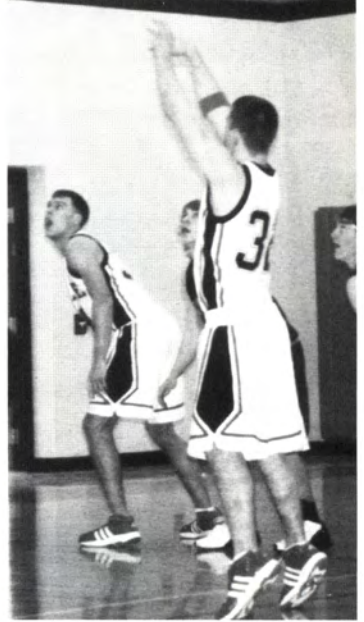
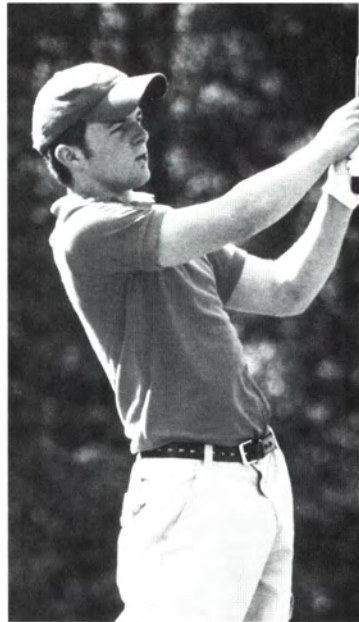
The Girls Track Team. Back row: Coach Lisa Lutchka, Stephanie Moses, Jessica Tippin, Assistant Coach James Harison, Manager Karisha Eddington. Middle row: Bobbie Preston, Monica Mercado, Stephanie Fauser. Bottom row: Chelsea James.



The Boys Track Team. Back row: Coach Lisa Lutchka, Casey Matheues, Curt Wright, Tom Irwin, Bryan West, Steve Krajniak, Josh Gibbs, James Harison. Middle row: Robert Wulff, Joe Ropp, Jon Bailey, Jesse Pepper, Chad Rodriguez, Don Greenwald. Bottom row: Manager Karisha Eddington, Greg Schmit, Steven Kaatz, Tom Sundra.



STAR moments!?



TENNIS TROOPS

Take it to the court as WINNERS

Fall and spring have something in common in the sporting world at LHS-- tennis. While the girls hit the courts in the fall, the boys take to the game in the spring. Both teams played hard; both teams played teams from larger schools; and both teams were coached by school counselor and tennis expert Tom Todd.

Because the SMAA does not compete in tennis, Leslie must play against athletic associations at larger schools that do incorporate tennis in their sports program. This provided tough competition. But LHS tennis players were up to the challenge.

The boys tennis team completed its most successful season in school history, finishing the year with nine wins, two losses and one tie. This was not a bad job considering that we played against larger schools.

Three singles players and

Leslie High School SCOREBOARD

Boys

Us	VS.	Them
0	Haslett	8
5	Columbia Central	3
8	Jonesville	0
8	Jackson County	0
4	Lansing Everett	4
6	Eaton Rapids	2
7	Bronson	0
7	Bronson	0
8	Jonesville	0
6	Columbia Central	2
5	Lansing Sexton	0
3	Charlotte	5

Girls

0	Eaton Rapids	8
6	Lansing Everett	2
5	Albion	3
6	Albion	2
8	Jackson	0
4	DeWitt	4
6	Charlotte	2
1	Eaton Rapids	7
2	Williamston	6
4	Omsted	4
3	Albion	5
0	Hillsdale	8
2	Columbia Central	6
2	Haslett	6
6	Onsted	2

Boys

MVP : Roger Smith
MIP : Phillip Smith
Coach's Award: Steven Crowe

Girls

MVP : Melissa Adams
MIP : Raquel DeLeon
Coach's Award: Emily Eldred

two doubles teams won points for the Leslie Blackhawks.

Led by senior Roger Smith at one singles and junior Steve Crow at two singles the team compiled the most wins in school history. With thirteen players returning, next year should be a great one.

The girls tennis team struggled a bit more, finishing its season with five wins, seven losses and three ties. The team also struggled with some personality clashes and differences of opinion on how to practice and play the game. Team unity was not a strength of the girls team, but it did hold some promising talent.

✦ (top) Brienne Howe slams the tennis ball and waits to see how her opponent reacts.

✦ (middle) Raquel DeLeon delivers a serve that will not be sent back!

✦ (bottom) Kelly Cruth waits eagerly to retrieve whatever her opponent has in store for her.



What was it that you enjoyed about the year?



"Working hard at my three hour match to get first place at the Eaton Rapids Invitational, but only walking away with a silver medal."

--Melissa Adams



♠ (left) Members of the boys team look happy as they show off their ribbons and trophy. Congrats on a wonderful season guys!

♠ (below) Erica Janiak, Elise Harper, Emily Eldred the three seniors this year take a smiling pose with the trophy from regionals.



Back row: Coach Todd, Andy Corts, Matt DeLazzer, Tim Harmon, CJ Risner, Steven Crowe, Keith Stuart. **Middle row:** Mark Wiltse, Roger Smith, Ryan Norris, Joe Rushlow, Casey Murphy, Chris Adleman. **Bottom row:** Ray Auge, Phil Smith.



Back row: Nicole Fairbotham, Kristen Lee, Amanda Russell, Heather Brown, Coach Todd, Elise Harper, Amber Parmelee, Brooke Cox. **Middle row:** Brienne Howe, Jenna Turcotte, Raquel DeLeon, Laura Hancock, Ashley James, Kelly Cruth. **Bottom row:** Katie Bashore, Jessica Smith, Kellie Allender, Melissa Adams, Erica Janiak, Emily Eldred.

GOLF TEAM

Uses skill to set records of **SUCCESS**

by Ben "the Goat" James

Over the last few years, the boys golf team has established itself as a top league competitor. This year was no exception as the Hawks came in a close second behind rival Maple Valley.

The team was led by seniors Alex Kirchmeier, Joel Fauser, Tim Harmon, and Drew Denney. Despite the less than perfect finish, Coach Chadwick says that all the seniors have a lot of potential if they decide to continue their golfing careers.

The season was highlighted by such moments as Kirchmeier's great round at the league jamboree at Maple Valley and many other great shots made by the Blackhawk golfers.

Coach Chadwick learned that he can communicate with the players in a way that they would understand. His biggest struggle

was dealing with the responsibility of some of his more immature team members. Coach Chadwick thinks that his biggest weakness as a coach is getting

his team united and ready to play. He feels that getting the team ready to go is the most important aspect in the game of golf.

Some players did receive recognition for the accomplishments of their season. Alex Kirchmier, Tim Harmon, Drew Denney, and Andy Corts all received all-conference status.

Of course, we can't forget those lady golfers who were also coached by Chadwick. The team was young and in fact had no seniors. The girls were seven golfers strong with one junior, two sophomores, and four freshmen.

While the girls failed to chalk up a winning season overall, some competitions were close and time and practice will only serve to improve the team.

Leslie High School **SCOREBOARD**

Avg.

41	Alex Kirchmeier
42	Tim Harmon
42	Andy Corts
42	Drew Denney
43	Joel Fauser
44	Jeremy Ruthig

GIRLS

248	Eaton Rapids	242
241	East Jackson	DO
292	Perry	251
285	Addison	227
268	Michigan Ctr	238
266	Lakewood	205
254	Michigan Ctr.	235
221	Concord	221
232	Vandercook	321

MVP: Alex Kirchmeier

Melissa Adams

MIP: Andy Corts

Amber Crowe

Coach's Award:

Joel Fauser

Laura Hancock



"It was a good season and I can't wait to play again next season."

"We pulled together well to get the second place finish. We had a lot of young golfers that can still make improvements."



♣(far below) Joel Fauser looks on as he hits his chip shot. Fauser was considered one of the most dangerous men on the course.

♣(below) Drew Denney prepares to blast the ball.



♣(above) Alex Kirchmeier looks on as his ball lands on the green.

♣(far below) The varsity team is all smiles after shooting a round. The group broke up shortly after the picture was taken.

♣(below) **Jeremy Ruthig** wonders what went wrong as his ball sinks to the bottom of the pond.



(below) **The Varsity team.** Top row: Drew Denny, Alex Kirchmeier, Tim Harmon, Jeremy Ruthig, Joel Fauser, Coach Chadwick.

The JV Team. Front row: Corey Worman, AJ Knox, Casey Murphy, Kyle Barnett, Joe Benard, Chris Adleman, Joe Fairbotham, Jason Carter, Mike Tovez.



♣ (above) **The Varsity Girls Golf Team.** Melissa Adams, Laura Hancock, Coach Brian Chadwick, Elizabeth Palmer, Teresa Crowe, Rachelle Stanley.



♣(above) **Alex Kirchmeier** stares down the flag pole as he prepares to chip. Kirchmeier went way over par on the day.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

gallops its way to a successful **YEAR**

by Lucas Ewing

The Equestrian Team here at LHS made an appearance for the first time in five years. Although small, the 2003 team was successful and had a fantastic year.

Coaching the team, former LHS student Lindsey James took the team under her arms and helped get its feet off the ground. The equestrian members included: Ashley James (junior), Melissa Thomas (junior), Lauren Page (junior), and Megan Fauser (senior).

For those who don't know much about equestrian and how the sport works, here is a little information. The competitions were held at the Mason Fairgrounds and began at 8:30 AM. The competitions lasted

HIGHLIGHTS

▲ The first equestrian team at LHS in five years.

▲ Placed 3rd with a mere four member team.

▲ Showed at all three meets together as a team.

all day long with several schools entered. While competing, the schools receive points using a system in which 1st place gets six points through 6th place receiving one point.

As a team our girls showed in three meets. Ultimately they placed 3rd in their class, which is outstanding for only having a four-member team.

Next year the only senior, Megan Fauser, will return to co-coach the team with Lindsay James. Their goals include becoming even more successful and keeping the team alive and thriving.

♣(below) Megan Fauser shows off her pride and joy "Nikkhaal." The nine-year-old horse is an Arabian Gelding and the two excelled in the huntseat and dressage classes.

♣(below middle) Taking a break from the show, Lauren Page walks her horse. The combination often did well in showing classes.



♣(above) Team Leslie gallops to a competition in the early morning. Leslie hopes to have a few more members in the upcoming years.

♣(right) Holding the reigns, Melissa Thomas prepares for her next event. Thomas will be one of three returning members next year.

♣(far right) Showing who's boss, Ashley James buckles down and takes control of her horse.



ANOTHER SIDE OF SPORTS



♣(middle left) Josh Gibbs and Derick Rogers represent the school in the annual doughnut eating contest on fat Tuesday. Leslie has been the winner all three years of its existence.

♣(middle center) Kirk Shafer, Nick Kannawin and Josh Bigg are all smiles as they hang the first deer of the season. Hunting was another largely popular sport throughout the school.

♣(middle right) At an assembly, Matt Delazzer acts out a skit for the amazing Mr. Egghead. Delazzer was always a willing volunteer when it came to making jokes.

♣(top left) Kirk Shafer and his girlfriend ran into a little trouble while on a pleasant stroll through the woods. Shafer was known for his muddy antics.

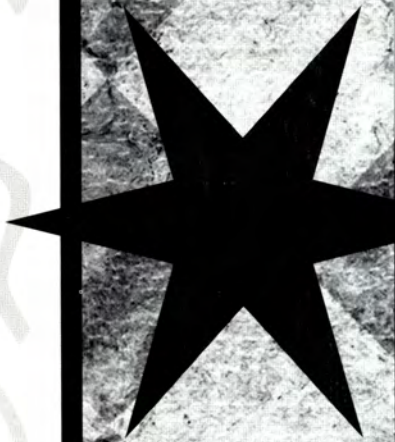
♣(top right) A group of paintballers take a minute to show off their camo. Paintball was just another area that kids from the school were involved in.

♣(above left) Displaying school spirit, a group of juniors take a break in the hallway. The junior class has a reputation for getting very involved.

♣(above) Pulling a 360, Curt Wright cools off with a little pond jumping. Pond jumping was a summertime sport that was enjoyed by many.

(below)

A



Starring Role

A starring role. A moment in the spotlight. An opportunity to shine on stage, or to dance the night away. Whether it is a hard fought victory during a football game, a well-acted play, or a beautifully planned dance, everyone has a starring role at Leslie High School. During the rowdy weeks of homecoming, heaps of people get driven up and excited during the school days. The nerves of actors and actresses get tense just before the limelight shines on the opening night. Voices search out the melody necessary to hit their notes before the choir sings away. A great rush spirals through an individuals' body when he or she is given an award on Honors Night. The proud feeling of walking across the stage to receive a diploma. There is a star twinkling during every moment at LHS.



*by: Nick Kannawin
and
Seville Henney*

HOME COMING excitement

Awesome football team revs up homecoming crowd!

Homecoming was a success again. The awesome football team went into the football game 7 and 0-- and came out with yet another check in the win column.

Spirit week was not a hit. There were four spirit days picked by Student Council. The days chosen were sticker day, sign my shirt day, thank a great athlete, and hunting day.

Some people rejected the planned days, so they prepared a new and revised schedule. This controversy detracted from the fun because 1/3 of the school was on one schedule, another 1/3 was on another schedule and the other 1/3 of the school didn't even

participate at all. With all of this confusion spirit week wasn't as spirited.

"I liked seeing the kids all gussied up and on their best behavior, also seeing all of the students supporting their football team"

☆ M.S.P

Starting a week before the night of Homecoming, Student Council gave the classes the okay to start working on their floats. The seniors had the Hawk Mobile on a trailer, juniors were creative once again, the sophomores started working just two days before the parade,

and the freshmen were productive as usual.

The winners of the contest were the juniors, the class of 2004 again for the third straight year. The theme of their float this year was, "Deja Vu...Victory Like It's 1999." In 1999 Leslie played Morrice and defeated them. This year was indeed, deja vu.

The football game was a success also. This Homecoming we battled against Morrice winning 51 to 0. It was an overall great game.

Homecoming court was chosen carefully. Tami Adams and Ken Hamel captured the freshman title; Kristi Davenport and Coe Humphrey were the sophomore

reps, and Justin Houghton and Stephanie Ries captured the junior title. Elected for the senior court were Luke Ewing, Matt Haskell, Roger Smith, and Curt Wright. The women seniors were Jessica Franz, Emily Eldred, Bobby Preston, and Megan Fauser. Out of those seniors Luke Ewing and Bobby Preston were crowned Homecoming King and Queen while Emily Eldred and Roger Smith were chosen as senior king and queen.

To end the Homecoming tradition, Student Council hosted a dance in the commons. The D.J. from the Jackson Area Music Machine, played all the hits requested and filled the dancer's night with fun, dancing and laughter.

by: Seville Henney



(above) In the gym the cheerleaders of LHS show their talents as they pep us up for Homecoming. The cheerleaders were dressed as the football players as part of a skit.

(right) Carrying on the senior tradition, the 2003 seniors show their spirit. The seniors battled to keep toga spirit day and were successful!

(far right) Four senior football players bought this vehicle to show their own school spirit. The Hawk Mobile was a great buy and appreciated by everyone.



(right) For the third year in a row, the class of 2004 won the float contest. "Deja Vu...Victory Like It's 1999" was the theme of the float.



(below) **Underclassman Homecoming court:**
 Back row: Coe Humphrey, Justin Houghton, and Ken Hamel
 Front row: Kristi Davenport, Stephanie Ries, and Tami Adams



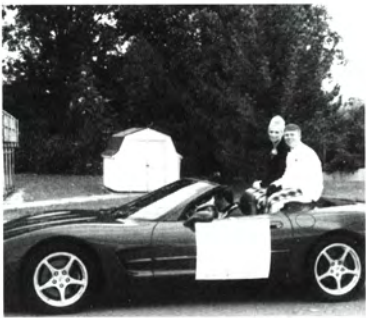
(bottom left) With the D.J. at the dance Tiffani Waldron and Lacey Bilaski dance together to the beat. They invited friends to enjoy the game and dance.

(bottom middle right)
 Dancing to the beat of the music the Homecoming Court shows of its collective moves.

(bottom right) The golf team is excited to part of the Homecoming tradition.

(bottom middle left) With the help from Don Decker and Eagle Chevrolet Megan Fauser and Roger Smith are riding in a 2001 Corvette. Eagle Chevrolet has always been generous in lending Homecoming vehicles.

(below) **Senior Class Homecoming Court:**
 Back row: Roger Smith, Matt Haskell, Curt Wright, Luke Ewing
 Front row: Megan Fauser, Bobby Preston, Jessica Franz, Emily Eldred



“How could Homecoming have been better?_____”



“The days of spirit week could have been a lot better and more organized.”

☆ **SHELBY HUBBARD**



“The D.J. could have been better.”

☆ **ZACHARY SPALDING**



“I think that Homecoming this year could have been better if there wasn't stupid themes for spirit week.”

☆ **LAUREN PAGE**



“Spirit week could have been a lot more creative & interesting.”

☆ **TRINITY CRAFT**

(below middle) Enjoying the applause, the cast anxiously waits to step offstage. The 120 minute play tired the cast out.

(right) On stage protesting his lines, Henry Benish (Corey Worman) tells his line feeder his lines are wrong. They eventually worked things out.

(below) Billy Carewe (Cody Zonts) and Saul Watson (Andi Spring) argue over doubting his word. Spring later was able to maintain his composure.

(below right) Upset over yet another change in the script, the disgruntled cast rejects the alterations. The play went on and the crew dealt with the modifications.



What did you enjoy most about the play?



"It was a fun atmosphere, with a lot of food."

☆ Andy Corts



"The fat suit."

☆ Kristi Davenport



"Opening night and the rush of not knowing what might happen."

☆ Corey Worman



"Working with Andy Corts and among the cast."

☆ Andi Spring



(left) The team of actors and singers boogie at the end of Act I during the Sword Dance.

(below left) Twirling arm and arm, Emma Bunker and Meaghan Farley dance their roles as Scottish Rascals.

(far below) A few females recite lines and warm their vocal cords up. The singing was a success in the musical.

(below) Character Jean MacLaren played by Kristi Davenport topped Jason Blasen with a little make-up.



What did you enjoy most about the musical?



"Opening night was so exciting. Everything came together, we had a great time."

☆ Jennifer Klien

"Complete control over everything as a Student Director."

☆ Corey Worman



"When Mrs. Scofield verbally attacked Andy Cortis. It happened every practice time."

☆ Ray Kinney



"Working hard with the whole crew and cast of the musical play."

☆ Kailee Warner

(bottom left) Laughing at dinner conversation Steve Crowe and Melissa Adams attempt to eat their salads. This year dinner was served at prom.

(bottom right) The junior class hired a professional decorator to create a masterpiece. The decorations were beautiful, with ribbon and balloons.

(below) Gathering at the gazebo in town, the senior boys pose for a picture. Many people gather at the gazebo as a traditional picture taking spot.

(right) Time for the girls. The ladies of the senior class take time for a quick photo.

(middle right) While getting situated for the group photo, prom attendees have a few laughs. Students attending the prom had pictures taken by Lifetouch.



What was your favorite part of prom?



"Having the best date there ! wink "

☆ Kenzie Hannon



"The two big pieces of roast beef."

☆ Brock LaFavor



"Watching Mark Cruth freak dance!"

☆ Melissa Adams



"Having the chicken "juice" explode on my dress and everyone at my table."

☆ Sherry Cooter

PROM *In the spotlight*

Just Like Heaven

by Marie Charnley

Just Like Heaven was the theme of the 2003 Leslie High School Junior – Senior Prom held Saturday, May 3rd at the University Club at Michigan State University in East Lansing. The doors opened at 5:30 PM and hors d'oeuvres of assorted gourmet cheeses, fruits, and other snacks enticed prom-goers who arrived early.

At 7:00 PM the 175 students in attendance were served a meal starting with salad and roll, followed by an entree of marinated flank stake, chicken breast on macadamia nut stuffing with raspberry sauce, steamed

broccoli and carrots, and roasted quartered red skin potatoes.

A cake was cut and served for dessert.

The decision to serve dinner at prom was a controversial one that many students complained about. Before the evening ended, most students agreed that the opportunity to enjoy a meal as a group before the loud dance music started

ended up being a pleasant event.

The DJ started playing dance music at 8:00 and dance floor was continually filled with couples until the

"It was nice to see everyone all dressed in their best. The food could have been better, but the rolls were good!"

☆ Jessica Smith

prom ended at 11:00 PM. As the students departed they were each presented with a glass bud vase printed with the theme, school, and date as a memento of the prom.

Juniors who assisted in the planning of the festivities included: Andy Corts, Laura Hancock, Oksana Frey, Kellie Allender, Katie Bashore, and Jennifer Klein. Junior adviser Joann DePrekel also put great effort into making the evening a success.

Life Touch Photographers of Okemos captured prom memories on film with formal photographs of the couples and groups. Marie Charnley, high school librarian, recorded the evening on video tape. Tapes were available for purchase for just \$5.00 for the hour long tape.



(above) Taking a moment away from the dance floor, the junior girls show off their beautiful dresses. Dresses were very fashionable this year.



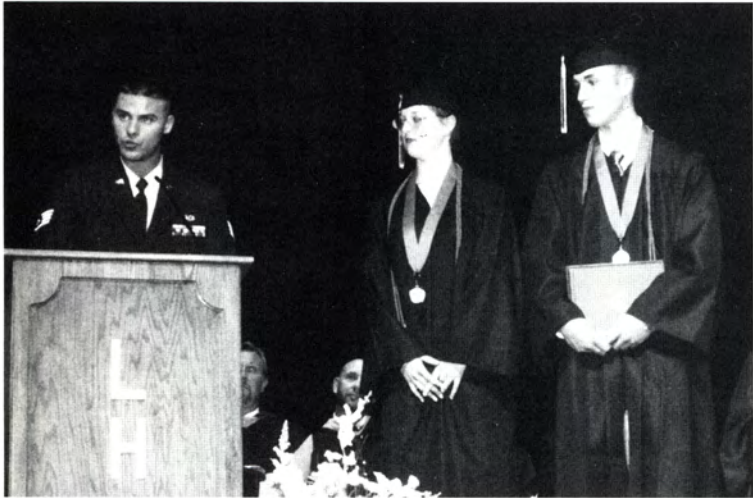
(left) Slow dancing was a hit! Every slow song the dance floor was full. There were many slow dances throughout the night.

(far right) How very cute. Andy Corts and Jessica Smith are enjoying hors d'oeuvres, before dinner. Soft music was played while hors d'oeuvres were served.

(left) Enjoying a light-hearted moment, Katie Jackson, Jason Drummond, Date, and Michelle St.Onge wait for their main course. Salad and rolls were served before the main course.

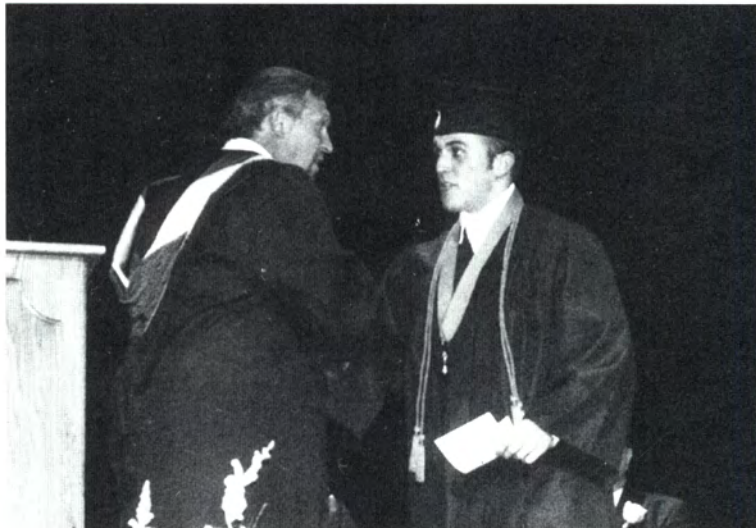
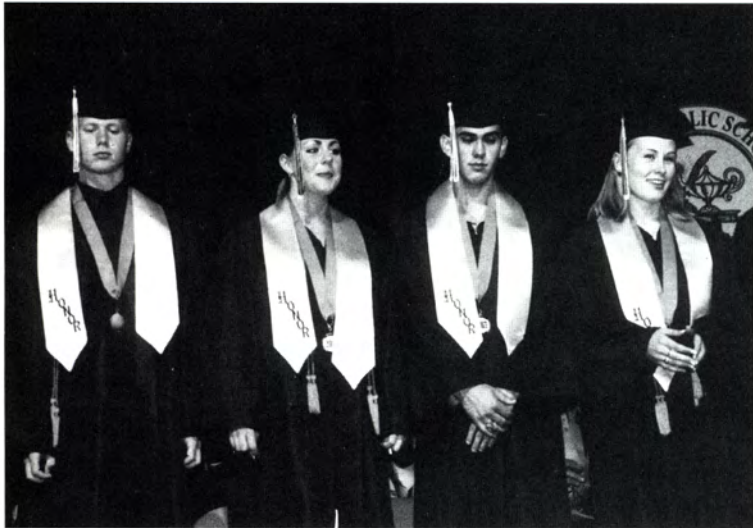
(far below) Seniors with high honors stand in front of the auditorium after receiving their sashes.

(below) Two graduates receive awards from a recruiter. Wendy Coppemol and Tim Thulin received other awards as well.



(right) Principal Jeff Manthei hands out honor sashes and cords. It was a challenge for Manthei to reach over some of the heads and hats!

(below right) Juan Mercado receives his cords and congratulation from principal Manthei.



What do you look for when giving a scholarship?



"Oral hygiene and shoe size."



"The committee and I look for someone who contributed significantly to my program."



"GPA, activities, quality of application, contributions to the school/ community, and financial need."



"An individual who has a well rounded science background."



Honor's Night Awards

Accomplishments recognized and rewarded

Honor's Night 2003. A night of surprises and rewards for hard work. A night to celebrate academic prowess and athletic feats. A night to say "we're proud of you" to many of the members of the class of 2003.

The night started at 5:30 on the 29th of May as staff members, students, and parents joined together to socialize and celebrate over a delicious buffet in the high school commons. At 6:15, Jeff Bell was presented with the alumnus of the year award in a short ceremony in the gym.. Bell delivered a pleasant speech about life's challenges.

And then it was time for the event of the evening. At

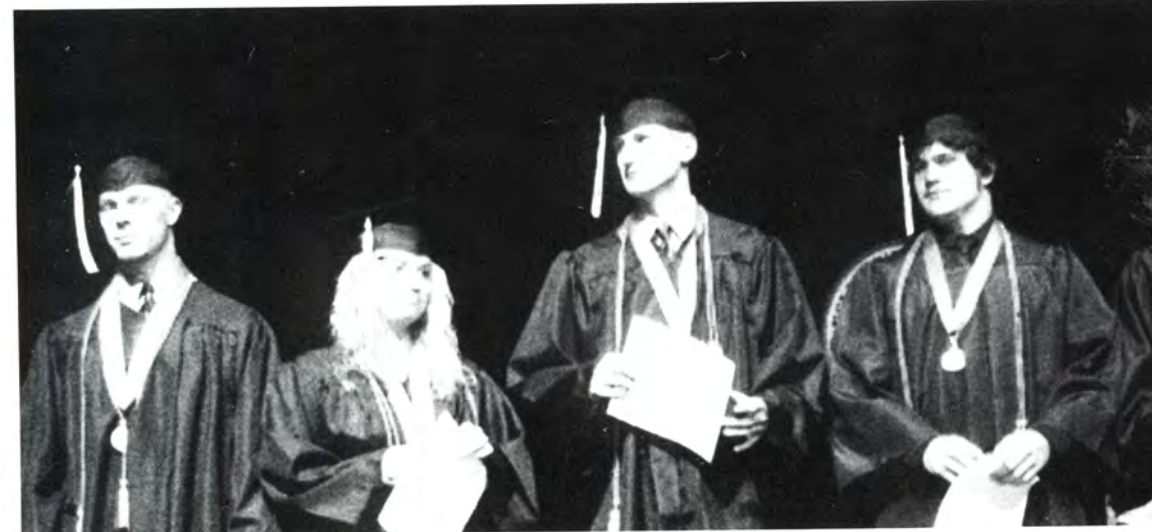
7:00, faculty members filed into the auditorium. They were followed by the guests of honor, the senior class. Many seniors received awards and scholarships. Twenty-three students in the class of 2003 graduated as Distinguished Academic Students (DAS). There were also twenty students involved with National Honor Society (NHS). The MEAP earned students over \$67,000 in scholarships for students who passed the assessment test. And those smart members of the class earned over \$1,000,000 in scholarship dollars from colleges, universities and other groups and organizations.

The night of traditions

ended with an old one and possibly a surprise new one. Matt Delazzer passed down the spade to the president of the class of 2002, ending Honor's Night-- until Luke Ewing stood up with keys jingling in his hand. Ewing presented the keys to junior Kirk Shafer. The keys belonged to the Hawkmobile-- a symbol of spirit and pride that Ewing and three of his friends purchased, fixed up and painted in orange and black.

The class of 2003 will never be forgotten. It was a class of some smart, athletic, and well-rounded students who brought pride to the name of Blackhawk.

by Nick Kannawin



(far above) Superintendent Bob Howe receives help from teacher Gail Vallillee before Honor's Night. Howe and Vallillee both were involved with handing out scholarships.

(above) A group of graduates stand before the crowd as they receive their awards. There were nine members who earned the Blackhawk Merit Award.

(far above) Two seniors, Curt Wright and Bobbie Preston, received the United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Awards.

Senior Honors Convocation

Athletic Awards

Girls: Mallory Craft

Boys: Luke Ewing

Jim Hanson CC and Track Scholarship

Greg Schmidt

LHS Athletic Boosters Scholarship:

Holly Davis

Joel Fauser

Theater Arts Scholarship:

Kristen Jacque

NHS Scholarships:

Emily Eldred Luke Ewing

Kim McCann Tim Thulin

Jean Ekins Memorial Scholarship:

Juan Mercado

Jacque Lynn Adair Memorial Scholarship:

Roger Smith

Carl Shepherd Memorial Scholarship:

Tim Thulin

Marsha Feazel Memorial Scholarship:

Roger Smith

Leslie PTO Scholarships

Toni Beltran Elise Harper

Emily Eldred Curt Wright

Leslie School Employees Scholarships:

Sonny Coito Joel Fauser

Juan Mercado

Greg Schmidt Kenzie Richards

Departmental Awards:

Career Center:

Sonny Coito

Jamie DeLaere

Roger Smith

Art: Kristen Jacque

English: Kristen Jacque

Foreign Language: Bryan Frazzini

Industrial Technology: Tim Harmon

Mathematics: Kristen Jacque

Science: Greg Schmidt

Social Science: Tim Thulin

Vocal Music: Curt Wright

Eastern Star Scholarship:

Mallory Craft

Congratulations

(bottom right) As the class of 2003 officially graduates, the seniors turn their tassels. When you officially graduate you turn the tassel to the left.

(bottom left) Awaiting the graduating ceremony, Kenzie Richards and Clint Silveus talk over great times.

(top right) After graduating, outside of the front of the school, Erika Janiak hugs a family member.

(bottom left) The class of 2003 patiently waits to enter the gymnasium to finally graduate.

(below) Congratulating the seniors who received their diplomas, the next row awaits for theirs.



“You meet people you forget, you forget people you meet, but sometimes you meet those you can’t forget, and those are your real friends.”

Once again this year graduation was a special time; once again graduation was something the seniors will never forget.

This year was special due to a special graduate who accompanied the graduating class of 2003. Mr. Paul L. Kelley was drafted into World War II at the beginning of his 11th grade year at Leslie High School, and never was able to

Graduation 2003: *One class Act*

Seniors celebrate and receive diplomas

graduate from high school. This year he finally received his diploma and two standing ovations from the class of 2003 and their guests. The class of 2003 was honored to have such a wonderful person to share the moment with them.

One-hundred and three seniors earned their diplomas in 2003. Hard work, incredible learning and dedication to the future accompanied the earning process.

With the help from the senior class advisors Pat Ainslie and Thom Ball the class of 2003 chose navy and white as their class colors, and the tiger lily as their class flower. “You meet people you forget, you forget people you

meet, but sometimes you meet those you can’t forget, and those are your real friends,” was the

“Graduation is a happy yet sad at the same time. You get so attached to the people and then they have to leave.”

☆ *Ms. Vallillee*

class motto for 2003.

The graduation ceremony included a welcome from Luke Ewing. Ewing reminded the class of several special moments throughout their school career including programs at Woodworth, sixth grade camp,

up to the exciting football season of 2003. The walk down memory lane was appreciated by members of the class and their guests.

Class valedictorian Kristin Jacque advised her class to find a passion-- something that they can be excited about and invigorated by even if it means sacrifice of the ideal life or financial security.

As traditions dictate, the class of 2003 gave the school a parting gift-- money toward the purchase of a platform over the orchestra pit in the auditorium so that speakers can be closer to their audience.

And in his farewell, Greg Schmit provided a few laughs as the class of 2003 prepared to leave the gymnasium as graduates.

How did you choose your graduation walking partner?



"Toni Beltran and I decided last year because we didn't want to get stuck with anyone we didn't know."

☆ *Elise Harper*



"About three days before we got out I was in conversation with Tim Thulin and we both found out that we didn't have anyone to walk with."

☆ *Alex Kirchemier*



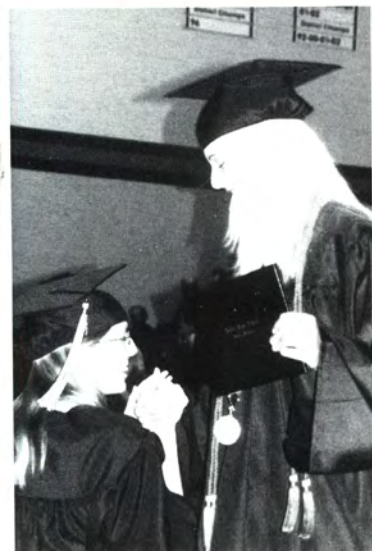
"I am going to walk with Tim Harmon. We agreed to go together about a month ago, and he is the only one I trust."

☆ *Nicole Hannay*



"People told me to walk with the person."

☆ *Mark Prentler*



(top middle) Some of the senior girls after the ceremony gathered together to take one last picture before splitting from their OLD high school.

(left) Four owners of the varsity football team stand by their Hawk Mobile. The team was sad to give the keys away to the class of 2004.

(above top) Graduating with honors Roger Smith and Holly Davis walk together up the aisle to their seats. Many of the seniors were able to walk with the person of their choice.

(above bottom) Both happy to be graduating, Dustin Howe and Jessica Franz rush to their seats.

(above) Paul L. Kelley was the special graduating senior this year. He was not able to graduate with his class because of war, so he joined the class of 2003.

(far above left) Christina Wheeler is congratulated by friend Jessie Bistrup after receiving her diploma.

(above) Foreign exchange student Heidi Larson receives her diploma from Leslie High School.

Student Life 2003: *A few interesting times*

Moments are not always at HUGE events!

Another Paczki eating contest, sponsored by the Mason Meijers. How many calories can you swallow in two minutes? For the third year in a row Leslie's team was victorious in the now annual eating contest on Fat Tuesday. Dansville and Mason tetams eat your hearts out because you aren't eating the Paczkis as well as we are!



(right) Hmmmm.... What is that? Students in Pat Johnson's sixth hour found time to pile desks up to the sloped ceiling during the class. How did they do it? Nicole Kritas explained how well desk-tables stack. Involved students helped pass the desk units up to students on the stacked table so the could get the pile to reach the ceiling. The record was ten desks.

Another question: How did the desks get down so that real learning could take place? Well, a little jiggling and get out of the way! Johnson dissembled the pile the following morning so that her other classes could make better use of them.

The sixth hour group enjoyed this activity on a few different occasions. They wanted to perfect their process...

Building a better LHS?



other Student Life

moments....



(left) The Class of 2003!

SPIRIT ROCK ROCKS!

(left) An addition to the landscape at LHS is the spirit rock which was added for students to show pride and spirit in their school. While a few thoughtless individuals chose to paint it with nasty comments, most people are using it as intended. Here, Kim McCann, Sarah Adair and Mallory Craft pose with their work in progress. Spray paint and a few brush strokes helped create the final project below-- just in time for graduation. Good job ladies!



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A movie just wouldn't be the same without someone to film it. A play wouldn't be successful if no one was hired to open the curtains at the beginning of the performance.

A school wouldn't be the same without people running every organization behind the scenes. This section explores the work of several of these organizations, many of which have not received much attention for their many contributions to the school.

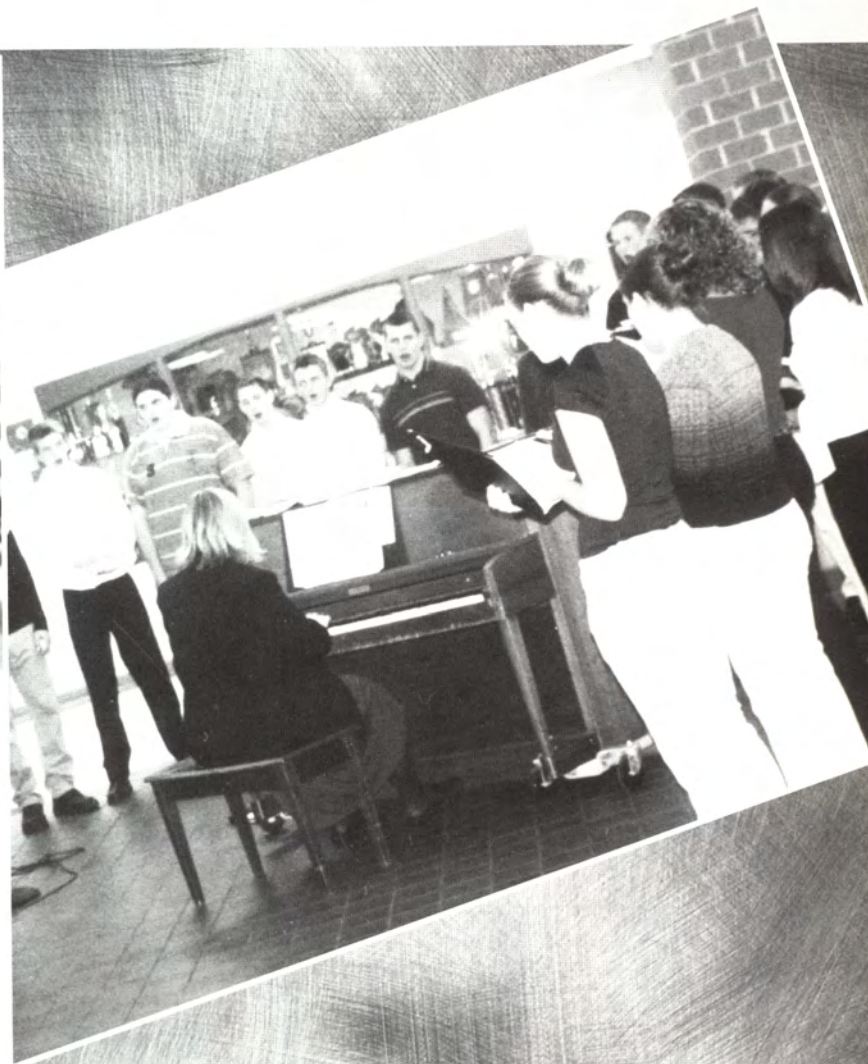
Did you know that everyday the NHS collects the bottles we so cavalierly toss into the bins?

How about the fact that quiz-bowl, choir, and band practice frequently, without recognition, and received high ranking scores in major competitions?

SADD, Pals, TATU, and NOT work behind the scenes for the school encouraging responsible behavior, helping with problems and even sponsoring dances.

All of these actions behind the scenes make LHS a more enjoyable place to be!





BEHIND THE SCENES

What do you like the most about Quiz Bowl?

"I like being around my friends the most"

Johana Blauer

"Being on T.V.!"

Mark Wiltse

"Playing on Quiz Busters!"

Tim Harmon

"So when I grow up I can be a millionaire"

Jason Blasen

"So I can have fun and learn at the same time"

Stacy Wiltse



Behind the scenes

The first victory seemed like a fluke for the LHS Quizbowl members. Our history on the WKAR game show is not a particularly successful one; Leslie usually goes down at the first competition. But not this year. In fact, after the second appearance ended in another victory, members got their hopes up for a top finish.

Coach Lisa Lutchka's Quizbowl team had an exciting, memorable and intelligent year. The Quizbowl

Quiz Bowl

finished 3rd in the league and made it all the way to the Quarterfinals in Quiz Busters! The exciting end to the WKAR game show for intelligent high school students was a second place (IN THE STATE!) finish for the LHS team.

There were six, give or take a few extras on occasion, very talented students on the team who met once a week to practice. Because there is no real way to practice for a meet, they merely

FAST-PACED SMARTS MAKE LHS HISTORY FOR SCHOOL BRAINIACS

quizzed each other and played trivia games on the computer.

"It's all dumb luck really" said first team member Joanna Blauer.

Lutchka was very proud of her young brain bogglers and their 5-1 streak

"A meet is so quick and exciting, there is really no down time," Lutchka commented.

Quizbowlers, with their quirky knowledge base and amusing personalities, enjoyed the

practices and competitions. Most members had a unique sense of humor that kept fellow members laughing-- or groaning-- as they built their base of fast-paced knowledge and gave Leslie a top place in the state-- this time because of their brains instead of their brawn.

Congratulations on a superb year!

the Student A GROUP WITH A VOICE Council

Student Council had an awesome year. The normal activities like planning Homecoming and helping to organize the Christmas baskets were again part of the council's activities, but this year the students involved in Student Council went further by reaching out to the community in other ways.

To get the year off to a running start, Student Council members organized and planned Homecoming activities. This year hit a few bumpy spots as portions of the student body did not embrace the

council's plan for the days. Normally, dressing up in a variety of goofy costumes accompanies Homecoming week, but under the direction of adviser Brent Hoffman, council decided on some novel ideas like "Thank an Athlete day" and "Autograph a T-shirt day."

Some students wanted their typical days back, so they organized another group of days. The week came off okay, the football team won the game, and the dance was a resounding success. In other words, the controversy

did not stop Homecoming from being a success.

Shortly after Homecoming, Student Council hosted a senior citizen night including songs from the Chorale, Bingo and, of course, food. While attendance was not high, council members worked hard on the event and everyone who attended enjoyed the evening. Even the chaperones played Bingo-- especially teacher Joann Deprekel who especially enjoyed stamping those numbers out. It was obvious that she is a seasoned

player!

The Winter Ball, which replaced Winter Homecoming, warmed up the long winter with a delightful dance. Student Council members decorated the commons area and the evening was an elegant success.

In the spring, Student Council members tied up their tennies and walked for charity, earning several hundred dollars for Cystic Fibrosis.

Of course, new members were elected also so that next year's council can once again help to make LHS a better place to be.

Why did you choose to participate in this group?

"So I had a say in what goes on in the high school."

Luke Ewing

"It gave me a chance to get things changed in this school for the good of the students!"

Mark Cruth

"It's a great way for students to get involved with school and make important decisions!"

Ashlee Howard

"Student Council is important to me because the students get a say in what happens in the high school"

Oak Frey

"I like to have a say in what's going on in the school."

Katie Bashore



Why did you choose to participate in this group?

"I don't like smoking because it really hurts a person's body so I want to let people know more information about smoking."

Jessica Bigg

"I participated in this group because I choose not to smoke. And I feel it's good to teach it to the little kids."

Kayleen Delazzer

"To inform people about smoking and show them all the crap that goes along with smoking. I loved teaching all the little kids!"

Kenzie Hannon

"It sounded like it would be cool to join. The group was new too and I thought that it would be a fun club to be in."

Brienne Howe

★ (below) TATU. First row: Kenzie Hannon Steven Kaatz, Ashley James, Brienne Howe, Rachelle Miller. Second row: Kenzie Richards Jessica Bigg, Audrey Flanery, Raquel Deleon, Laura Hancock.

★ (far below left) Ms. Ribby gives **Kenzie** a helping hand.

★ (far below right) **Audry Flanery** diligently works, trying to promote smoking awareness.

★ (below) **Kenzie Richards** in the process of constructing a big cigarette.



Behind the scenes

TATU NOT

TATU and NOT were new to the organizations at LHS this year. Teacher and group's adviser Anne Ribby just started these groups because she really likes the fact that she can teach the effects of smoking on the body and help people kick the nasty and expensive habit.

NOT is a great way to help people quit smoking. There were five students participating in this group who want to quit smoking; others helped with support. The goal for this year was to get at least one person to participate in NOT which turned out to be a success.

During a normal meeting in NOT, students stay after school for 40 minutes and learn to deal with stress and the craving of a cigarette.. The goal is reduction and eventual ending of the smoking habit.

TATU was a great organization that promoted smoking awareness.

The 20 participants in this group usually met after school and during lunch for 10-15 minutes. Normally members talked about how they can get the word out :smoking is harmful.

Major achievements

NEW GROUPS THAT ARE ENCOURAGING STUDENTS NOT TO SMOKE!

for this year were presenting to the middle school and the American Smoke Out.

Goals for this year were just to get the organization up and running and host two major events. They met their goals!

Ribby's motivation behind her anti- smoking stance is that she wants to promote good health and both NOT and TATU relate to her health classes.



★ (above) **Kenzie Hannon** shows how to break the habit.

Behind the scenes

SADD

ALL ABOUT MAKING THE

RIGHT DECISIONS

"Here in SADD we don't mess around when it comes to convincing students to make the right decisions."

Secretary Amy Prieskorn has been the adviser for SADD for three years now. Prieskorn said that SADD's mission is to relay the message to students about making the right decisions about personal responsibility.

This year the 30

people in SADD made a showcase, and made Halloween "goodie bags" for the students. They had planned to send out messages for prom and fill a showcase, but those plans were not carried out.

The goals and achievements for this year were to get the students motivated and excited about SADD. Prieskorn also wanted to incorporate SADD into

student's lives and activities. Another goal was to provide more activities and group sessions.

Next year teacher Anne Ribby will be taking over the group. This year was one of transition and training for Ribby. Somehow, large events were lost during this transitional year. Hopefully, things will be happier for SADD in the future.

(below) Adviser Anne Ribby lends a helping hand.



What did you think of SADD this year?

"It gives the students a chance to stand up for what's right and others standing with them".

Luke Ewing

"SADD this year wasn't exactly a success. Actually it was kind of a let down. I know a lot of us had planned on doing a lot more especially in the community. We chose presidents and vice presidents and so on, but I think without the help of the actual "advisors" or teacher's help, most of the students didn't take it too seriously. The same with the transition of TATU."

Kenzie Hannon



Top Row: Audrey Zarb, Dustin Howe, Bobbie Preston, Rebecca Jones, Kenzie Hannon. Second row: Steve Kaatz, Ashley James, Brienne Howe, Rachelle Miller, Katie Hatfield, Jessica Bigg. Bottom Row: Luke Ewing, Audrey Flannery, Raquel Deleon, Oak Frey, Laura Hancock, Steve Crow.

What do you like the most about being in this group?

"It helps me with my writing and responsibility."

Ben James

"Leaving school and going to get Mc Donalds... I mean selling ads."

Clint Silveous

"Being able to put what you want in the yearbook."

Lisa Horsley

"Getting out of school, and improving my computer skills. Lots of responsibility."

Vic Percoll

"Finding new things out in school and out that interests me."

Nick Kannawin

★ (below) *Jennifer Major* and *Clint Silveous* work on the newspaper using Pagemaker.

★ (far below left) *The Pub group* examines the senior proofs when they arrive. It was satisfying to see the completed pages-- pictures and all.

★ (far below right) *Seville Henney* and *Nick Kannawin* work on the Student Life section of the 2003 yearbook. This team worked hard and sold more ads than any other group!

★ (below) Pub adviser *Shelley Fassezke* looks for some pictures the sports group has misplaced. Keeping track of everyone's stuff was exhausting at times.



Behind

the • scenes •

Publications

Designs, writes, creates...WORKS!

Publications is a class that requires a lot of hard work and determination, as many of the students in this class will tell you. Throughout the year the class gathered pictures and information about the school year for the yearbook. Additionally, pub members had almost monthly responsibilities of creating a school newspaper. It's a little more complicated than some may think.

For the yearbook the class first picked a theme to go with that year. This year there was a unanimous decision on "Lights Camera

Action." Once this is done, mini themes were chosen for each section. The class is divided into several sections so that the work isn't quite so overwhelming. Each group has to put tremendous effort into taking pictures, gathering information, designing a page layout and selling ads.

Also every once and a while the students are required to help with the newspaper, whether it is writing an informative article, an opinion oriented editorial, or a feature story. Each of these can be time consuming. This year the

class decided to establish Hats Off, the Worst..., and Who am I? as monthly features in each paper.

A further struggle for Pub members was the constant computer trouble. The computer lab was six years old... and the computers had seen better days. Two months without access to the network file, frequent freezes and some lost pages were all a part of the technology troubles this year.

Participation in this class is not limited to the classroom; everyone in the class must contribute his or her own time. Pub students

must attend games, plays, charitable events, and many other events a student may not have otherwise been motivated to attend so they can take pictures and gather a report from them.

Without the Publications class the school would be without the highly demanded yearbook and school newspaper. And it is because of the many endeavors the pub class has accomplished, that there is always a complete and detailed newspaper and yearbook.

Jessica Smith

the Renaissance scenes

Working hard to make LHS a better place is the main theme of the Renaissance participants who work behind the scenes to brighten our halls, fill teacher's mailboxes with goodies and offer fun contests every now and then.

It has been a yearly event that the Renaissance group decorates the halls and student services bulletin board with welcoming words,

holiday themes or hopeful advice.

Renaissance also participated in the MSU-U of M food drive during the big game. They put on a raffle with many exciting prizes.

Renaissance was also behind the perfect attendance parties that reward those who managed to get to school every day for an entire term. They also provided recognition for the staff

of LHS.

According to adviser Bev Sachar, "Renaissance members are other oriented people. We are nice human beings who like to do nice things for others with no regard to publicity or profit. Our kids care about LHS and its students and staff Renaissance gives its members the chance to show this concern and affection."



★ (above) *The Renaissance Team 2002-2003.*

How were

YOU involved?

*What does
this organization
contribute to the
school/
community?*



"We encourage student attendance and recognize students who are improving."

Bree Howe

"It gets more kids involved. It gives all the kids and staff members recognition."

Tony Beltran



"They make people feel good about themselves and feel like a part of the school."

Bobbie Prestonn



"It helps to boost school spirit and get students involved in helping/caring in the community."

Brooke Cox

"We set up dances and activities, and help set up around the school."

Steph Ries



Behind the scenes

French Club making LHS happier

Everyone who is taking French seems to be a part of this year's French Club. This club helps students to further understand and fluently speak in the French tongue. While the "club" rarely met after hours, activities were incorporated into the regular French class.

Occasionally at after school events, adviser and French teacher Bev Sachar popped in a French movie, chatted with students about her trips to France, and played French games with them.

The club also ordered French bread which is available for anyone who is willing to

pay.

A highlight of the club was the FIFI program. Each year, the French Club gathers children from the elementary school, and brings them to the high school for French

lessons. These children begin to learn the language by playing educating games. Times spent with the FIFI's were a favorite part of the group-- for both the young and old members.

Some members

would like to have more activities, but with busy schedules and a busy adviser some other extra events like plays and restaurant visits did not happen for the French Club in 2003.

Try to picture the shining faces of French Club members here. We took the pictures... but certain incompetence from individuals responsible for this page caused it to be missing in action. We won't mention names because he just might want that kind of attention. We are disappointed in you.

Behind the scenes

PAL's listening & learning

Peer Assistance Listeners, more commonly known as PAL's, continued to be an important part of the Leslie High School trouble-shooting team. PAL's met with individuals, pairs and groups of students who were having trouble. They listened, mirrored back information, and helped the in-

involved parties develop solutions and compromises to their problems.

PAL's were selected after a rigorous application process involving a paper application, recommendations from staff members and interviews. While many apply, only a few are chosen.

Adviser Bev

Sachar emphasizes that the group wants PAL's from all different cliques at LHS; they should not only be honor students or athletes. However, it is imperative that PAL's are trustworthy and discreet. Students and staff need to trust PAL's with private information that cannot be shared.

PAL's were in-

involved in exchange days with other schools in the area to see how their programs and schools operate. Some students from other schools visited Leslie while Leslie PAL's travelled to other schools.

Thanks for your behind the scenes work, PAL's!

New organizations?

WHAT STUDENTS WANT...

Many people are not satisfied with the current extracurricular activities in the Leslie High School environment. Students want more diversity. Some who are disinterested in sports may desire to join poetry club or community activist group.

Some who are interested in sports but do not meet requirements wish to create new groups in which they may participate. This could

include intermural basketball or volleyball for those students who do not make the grade for the varsity teams. Several students have shown an interest in Powderpuff football, for example, because Leslie does not have a female football team.

Another problem with new groups is participation. While students show an interest in many activities, getting people to show up and

take responsibility within the group can be a problem. It is frustrating for sponsors and participants to have planned activities fail because few showed up or others did not fulfill their promised roles.

Even given the problems, LHS should consider piloting some new after school programs. Studies show that students involved in extracurricular activities are more likely to stay in

school, graduate and be positive influences in the school instead of troublemakers.

Although LHS would love to support more activities, there is simply not enough money, especially with the budget cuts being made by our state government. Also, there are several people who vote to begin a new sport, but do not join it when it is available.

What are some organizations you would like to see added to LHS?

"Powderpuff football because it would be a productive activity that would give girls a chance to not sit on their @*#!"

Jessica Smith

"A sign language program because sign language is very important."

Whitney Streety

"Lacrosse, because that's the only sport I play"

Nate Joseph

"A gay /straight alliance, because I believe it will help open minds up to other things and life styles and we as a student body need it."

Jessica Banner

"Powderpuff football, because some girls aren't afraid to get dirty!"

Stacy Wiltse



See note above but insert PAL's. Oh, that's why there aren't any other pictures too. One person's efforts really can make a difference-- for the good and bad.

★ (above) Maybe it's time to revive the Art Club. From the looks of the excellent ideas coming out of the art room. Several years ago, art teacher Lori Haskell offered an art club. Is it time again?

★ (left above) Maybe a creative writing club would get the interest of some talented writing students...any takers?

★ (above) 2003 PALs.

WHAT IS THE
BEST ASPECT
ABOUT THE
CHOIR?

"It brightens up your day when you get crazy classical songs stuck in your head all day!"

CURT WRIGHT

"It's a different way to express yourself. It's not something that everyone can do, although many try. Unlike band, we aren't labeled as choir geeks."

KATIE BASHORE

"It gets my mind off every thing else that's going on in my life."

OAK FREY

"Choir is the perfect class because you can be loud and there's no homework!"

JENNIFER KLEN

"In the morning and we've learned how to work together. Some of us have been together for five years and we've really developed as a group. It's really great to perform and sound like one harmonious voice. It makes it worth coming to school an hour early two times a week."

AUDREY ZARB

CHOIR

Behind the scenes

SINGING THEIR HEARTS OUT

Rebecca Scofield has been teaching here at Leslie High for 12 years and is loving the gift of music that she brings to her students. She meets in the early morning during zero hour with the select choir, composed of freshman and sophomore classes and she also has two choir classes during the day, including the Chorale.

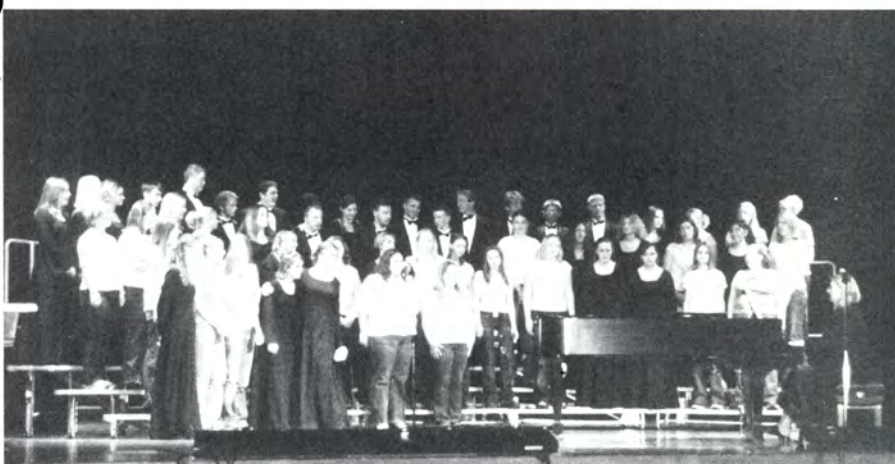
When it came close to competition the select choir worked diligently and it showed when they sang a Latin piece, Bronze folk songs, and an entire Hebrew song. They received a 1 at their competition at Jackson Community College, the best possible score. Congratulations!

Scofield said her favorite song is the piece in Hebrew that the chorale sang at states called *Erev Shel Sho Shanin*.

All together this year there were over 20 performances where the choirs showed off their talents during the 2002-2003 school year.

Scofield is proud of her choir classes and the 1 that they earned at states. Scofield said that she is really going to miss her senior guys she is losing this year because most of them have been with her for seven years.

(below) The entire choir class sings at their last performance of the year, the Spring Fling.



(far below left) Lynae Manthei plays the piano, a talent she continues to develop.

(far below right) Andy Spring accepts an award for choir.



(above) Raquel Deleon and Stephanie Sherrell sing at seniors Bingo night put on by Student Council.



(above) Katie Bashore, Kelly Allender, Oaksana Frey sing at seniors night.

(below) Erica Janiak and Jennifer Major love doing their duties as NHS members!



(below) NHS Members.



(far below left) Kristin Jacques answers phones at the WKAR-TV23 Auction.

(far below right) Katie Bashore, Oaksana Frey, and Steve Crowe are volunteering for the White Cane to help raise money for eyecare and glasses.

WHAT IS THE POINT OF BEING IN NHS?

"To make it look like you're involved in school."

JENNIFER MAJOR

"It's important because it means you're smart enough and it looks good on your resumes. The only bad thing is the pop bottles, but it's worth it."

MAILORY CRAFT

"It's important because it is a honor to get in. It means you have worked hard in school to get good grades. Also, it gives you a good opportunity to get involved with community service."

EMILY ELOREO

"Well, you get opportunities to help out in your community that you might not otherwise notice. Also, you get to clean out the pop bottle containers, and who doesn't love to do that?"

KRISTIN JACQUE

Behind the scenes : NHS SETTING HIGH STANDARDS FOR BRIGHT FUTURES!

The WKAR 23 Auction, Leslie Lions White Cane collection, pop can recycling, and the library book sale. What do they all have in common? They were all service projects that National Honor Society (NHS) members participated in this year as part of their commitment to being strong students and community contributors.

NHS members answered phones during the

WKAR auction to raise money to fund public television. They hit the streets of Leslie to collect money to purchase glasses for individuals who cannot afford them. And we all know NHS members spent hours organizing sticky bottles so that they can be recycled-- this also helped raise money for scholarships which adviser Marie Charnley awarded on Honors Night. Pop can recycling raised over \$1,000, most of which went toward scholarships.

Charnley has been the advisor of NHS for 23 years. Charnley's general impressions on the group are that it was fairly successful and active this year. Students met their commitments and kept their grades up. New members were inducted into NHS in May.

Community service is important to NHS students because it is one of the four principles that they must hold up in order to remain in NHS. (Not to mention that it looks good on a college resume.)



(above) Steve Kaatz shows just what it takes to become an NHS member by recycling all the pop bottles.

(right) Nicole Fairbotham helps out with the Lions White Cane Collection.



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Behind

the •
scenes •

LHS Band Rocks!

FESTIVALS, A TRIP AND MUSIC EXTRAORDINAIRE

A fabulous journey to Virginia Beach April 23-27 highlighted another interesting and musical year for the LHS band.

The year began at camp with the band learning its halftime routine. Practicing five days a week during sixth hour and Mondays from seven to nine, band members showed dedication to their music and their school.

Director Keith Richardson felt they made great strides with trumpets and low brass this year. The band's performance overall was also greatly improved.

The band worked diligently to perform in the Jackson Northwest Invitational, where they competed with 15 other schools. Before the band left on Saturday they practiced for an hour on the football field. Then they ate pizza until they loaded the buses at 4:30. They received a 2nd division rating which is good seeing how small our band is compared to a lot of the other schools that were at the invitational.

And then it was time to start thinking seriously about the Dixie Classic and the trip to Virginia Beach.

Richardson said,

"I wanted to make sure every band member will be able to attend the trip and perform some great music." To do this, members sold cookie dough and candy bars as fund-raisers to help defray the costs of the trip.

A majority of band members were able to attend the trip. Movies and food were an important part of the bus ride to Virginia. While there, the band performed in the Dixie Classic, receiving glowing marks and comments from the judges. Richardson was pleased with the performance.

In addition to the work, the musicians also had the opportunity to go to the beach, take a dinner cruise and go to Busch Gardens for the day. It was a fantastic trip with few problems.

In the spring the band hosted a talent show on a Saturday night in the LHS auditorium. Various groups of musicians performed and the audience enjoyed the performance.

A special thanks goes to teacher and coach Jean Maiville for volunteering to help with the colorguard and to the music boosters who helped the band raise money for their Virginia trip.



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**We love you and we're proud
of you.**

Love Dad and Mom



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◆ 2003 ◆

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*LOVE YA,
MOM MAJOR*

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Congratulations on your contributions to the spirit and excellence of Leslie High School. Remember your roots as you grow toward exciting futures.

Keep working hard, learning daily and finding moments to treasure.

Good Luck!

Some of your favorite teachers

AUTOGRAPH PAGE

Foreign Exchange Students

LESLIE HIGH SCHOOL WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF FOUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS THIS SCHOOL YEAR. OUR VISITORS CAME FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD-- BRAZIL, NORWAY, GERMANY, AND SWITZERLAND WERE REPRESENTED.

(below) Foreign exchange students Bruna Campos, Verena Klimke, and Heidi Larsen.



Name: Bruna Campos

Family: Tim and Robin Dennie

Age: 17

Country: Brazil

What do you like best about America?

"That is a hard question because I like everything about America. But what I really like the best is the school. American schools are great. You can have fun, play, make friends and learn. I love all the different subjects that we get to choose. I also like the music, TV, and all American culture.

Name: Heidi Larsen

Family: Judy and Lynn James

Age: 17

Country: Norway

What was your most embarrassing moment in America?

"I haven't really had a most embarrassing moment, but when I first came in August, people didn't always understand what I was saying and that was embarrassing sometimes."

Name: Verena Klimke

Family: The Ford Family

Age: 17

Country: Germany

What is your most embarrassing moment in America?

"This one time I was getting in the car, sitting in the seat trying to shut the door but it wouldn't shut. So after I tried to shut the door several times I looked down to see what was in the way. It was my foot! My family laughed at me. I do things like that all the time."

Name: Andy Spring

Family: The Manthei Family

Age: 18

Country: Switzerland

What was your best experience in America?

"My favorite experience in America was going to New York City. I was able to see the Empire State building and Times Square. I really enjoyed New York City."

Which Celebrity Do You Look Like



**Sarah Adair looks like
Topanga from Boy
Meets World**



**Curt Wright looks like
Justin Timberlake**



Jennifer Klein looks like



Bryan West looks like



Kayleen D. looks like



**Clint Silveus looks like
Freddie Prinze Jr.**



**Bobbie Preston looks
like Kelly Clarkson**



**Luke Ewing looks like
Matt Damon**



**Lisa Horsley looks like
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**Megan Stiles looks like
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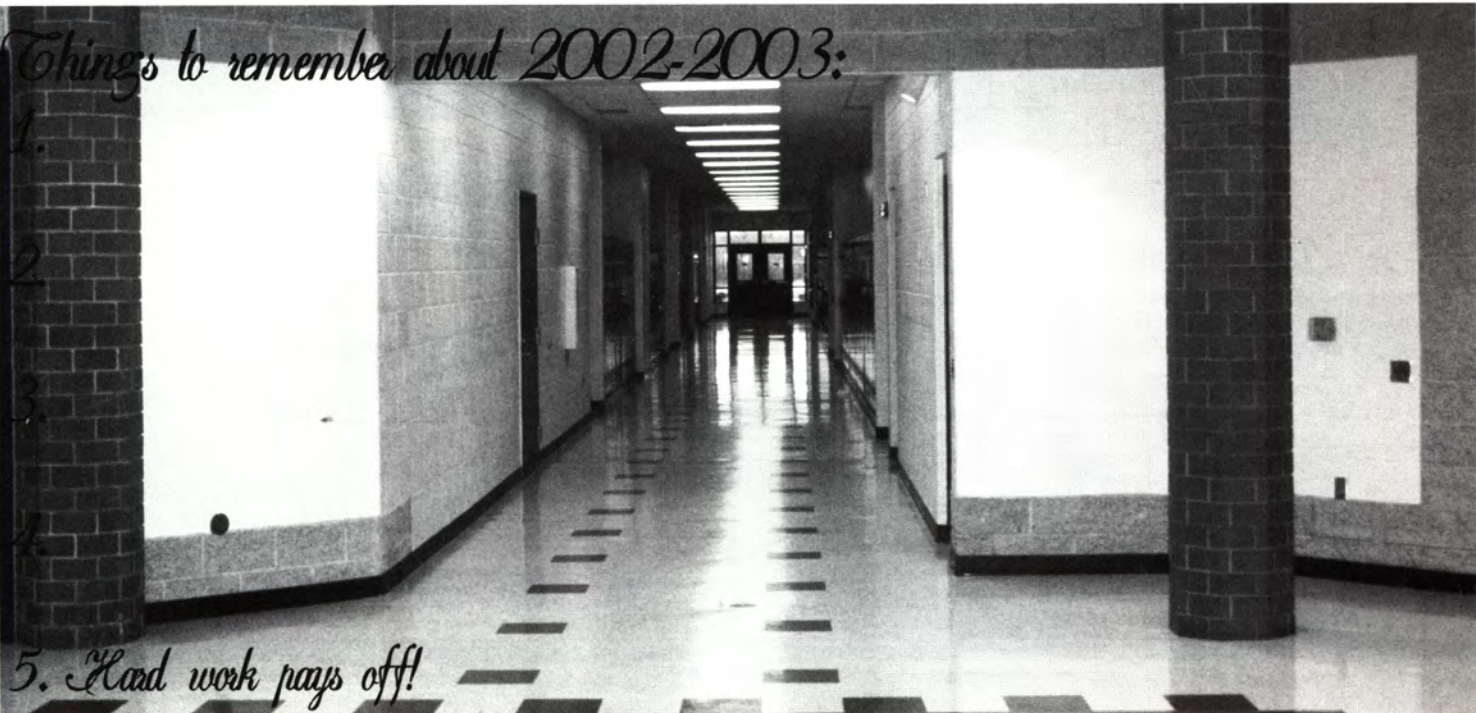
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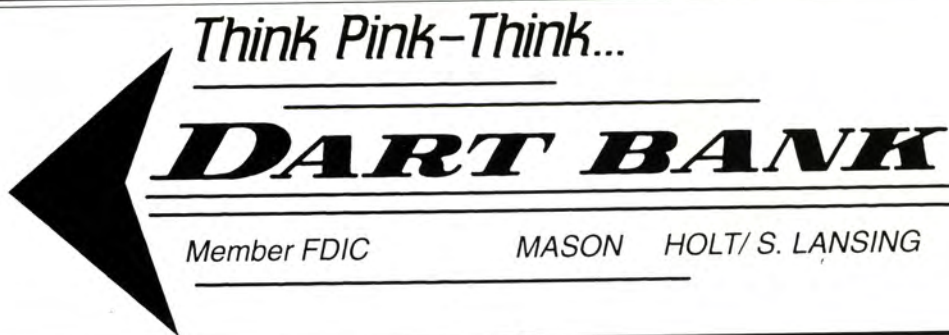
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It was quite a year at LHS. Sports teams soared... and a few faltered. Unique opportunities presented themselves in the form of WKAR tables, fishing flies, rockets, art murals, a trip to Virginia Beach, assemblies, stage productions, learning opportunities. The list could go on. But you had a unique opportunity to capture it in the book you hold in your hand. Some of you performed magnificently... a few of you faltered. For your efforts, I thank you. You were a unique group and one I will remember in my future years as a pub adviser.

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Ms. Fassezke

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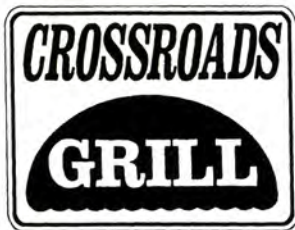
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SPORTS

The 2002-2003 football team won league and district championships, and made it to the third round of regional play-offs. It was an outstanding, undefeated season that stirred up excitement all over town.

LHS's varsity boys basketball team was 17 and 3 in the regular season. It went on to win districts and made it to the regional finals. WOW!

The 2003 boys tennis team won the yearly Eaton Rapids Invitational for the first time in LHS history and finished the season with nine wins, competing against much larger schools.

The LHS volleyball team knew what victory meant. The team earned the title of district champs!

With help from the Leslie Area Education Foundation Richard Frohriep fund, a new softball field was built.



MITES

Teacher Brent Hoffman's drafting and design class placed first in Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society (MITES). The mass production of picture frames were in the "C" category at Regionals.

Teacher Bill Allender's production also received first place recognition. Way to go industrial arts department!



LHS ON STAGE !!

The fall play *Play On*, held on December 5, 6, and 7, was a success because of its humor. Later in the year musical students entertained the community with their production of *Brigadoon*.

The 2002 - 2003 Quiz Bowl team appeared on WKAR's *Quizbusters* several times and became runner up in the state.

Many students at LHS showed their talents on stage at the talent show held May 16.

The drama classes performed several skits during the year. Classes were invited to watch the drama students debut on the LHS stage.

Everyone has a **STARRING** role

Tables Auctioned

About 25 students in the Materials Processing II class built 40 tables that were auctioned off for charity by WKAR radio. After the tables were built, Michigan artists painted them-- including our own Kristen Jacque.. The 28" by 32" tables were auctioned off for over \$12,000

LHS *Gives Back*

During the Christmas season the students and teachers collected perishable items to help the families of the Leslie Outreach.

Twice in the 2002 - 2003 school year a blood drive was held at the high school. Many students rolled their sleeves up and squenched their eyes to take the sharp pain for a generous donation that helped save lives..

Children and Horses United in Motion. CHUM therapy is a therapeutic riding stable that helps the disabled kids, and adults through therapeutic riding classes. Students from LHS assist in the highly trained therapeutic horses by leading them around while one of the kids ride.



Virginia Beach with the LHS Band

The LHS band traveled to Virginia Beach on April 23 and returned home April 27. While in Virginia the band participated in the National Adjudicator Invitational, where they placed a 1/2 point away from a superior rating. Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, Virginia Beach were also on the agenda for the lucky members.



Way to go our teacher of the year!

Teacher Bill Allender was named one of the four Regional II finalists for Michigan Teacher of the Year. In March, 26 finalists from the state's seven regions were narrowed to four statewide finalists who competed for teacher of the year.

Classroom Antics

The **child development** class taught by Anne Ribby took on the responsibility of caring for a computerized child that required constant care for 48 hours. Classes were interrupted by the realistic screams of these faux babies-- a worthwhile learning experience!

Students in Mr. Fry's class completed a **fifteen week fly tying** class. Bob Brace, manager of the Grand River Fly Shop in Lansing, presented the class to the students.

Silence! Mrs. Taylor's speech class went a **day without talking**. Well, at least the members tried to be quiet all day. A few succeeded, but the silence was enjoyable for the rest of us.



2002
2003

The YEAR in Review

WAR IRAQ

In 2003, we saw the start of the controversial war with Iraq. After months of conflict and unsuccessful negotiations, the U.S. was forced to intervene and invade the country of Iraq to seek out weapons of mass destruction. The U.S.'s final objective was to disarm Iraq and free the Iraqis from Saddam Hussein's dictatorship.

The initial fighting and attacking took place for nearly a month and then began to calm. Although America lost men and women in the fighting, the war went well. It is because of the efforts of these men and women who paid with their lives that America is what it is today.

The war was 12 years in the making after we left Iraq during Operation: Desert Storm. The U.S. told Iraq to disarm but they did not.

Against the wishes of the United Nations and most of our allies, the United States and Great Britain began a war that President George Bush warned would be difficult.

Before LHS let out for spring break the situation looked grim as people were suggesting that we did not have enough forces on the ground; by the time we returned a week later, major combat had ceased and Baghdad was under U.S. control. Sporadic fighting continued for months as the U.S. and Britain worked to establish a new government in a war torn Iraq. As we go to press the whereabouts of Hussein are unknown but his two sons were killed by American forces in July.

A year of uncertainty and surprises, moments to frighten us and moments to enlighten us. Entertainment that made us laugh, made us cry and made us ask 'What was that?'

Events that defined who we are and what we

can become-- 2002-2003



SPORTS

This year in sports, many underdog upsets, up and down games, grand finales, and heartless scandals covered the news.

*** Big Ten was represented well with the win by Ohio State in the football national championship.

☆ Syracuse made the dream run in the Big Dance winning it all.

☆ The Angels did the unthinkable as they beat out Barry Bonds and the Giants in the World Series.

☆ The Tampa Bay Buccaneers demolished the favored Raiders and NFL M.V.P. Rich Gannon.

☆ Micheal Jordan played his last NBA game ever in a disappointing loss to the Sixers.

☆ The MSU Spartans released head coach Bobbie Williams due to lack of team discipline.

☆ The Tigers started the year out on the wrong foot. Their 2-19 start was the worst in team history.

☆ Uncharacteristically, the Wings made an early exit in the Stanley Cup Playoffs losing in the first round to Anaheim.

☆ The Spartan B-ballers made some noise in the NCAA tournament as they surprisingly advanced to the Elite Eight.

☆ Several universities around the country faced suspensions and charges involving academic ineligibility.

☆ Impressively USC quarterback Carson Palmer won the Heisman Trophy and was selected first in the NFL Draft.

*** Lions hired new head coach Steve Mariucci.

TRAGEDIES

▼ Sadly, the country was forced to remember the heartless acts of terror on that treacherous September 11th one year ago.

▼ The East Coast as well as the rest of the country was stunned by the sniper attacks on innocent civilians. Fortunately after weeks of searching, the shooters were apprehended.

▼ In a Chicago nightclub people were killed trying to exit a nightclub where mace was sprayed.

▼ A wave of panic spread across the world as the SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) virus traveled through the Eastern Hemisphere. Several hundred people died.

▼ After years of concealed sexual activity, several Catholic priest were brought to justice for the assaults of young children.

▼ The reality that child abductions can happen anywhere, anytime was reinforced with the national news of abducted children like Danielle Van Dam, Elizabeth Smart, Erica Pratt, and Samantha Runnion. A happy ending-- Smart was returned to her family six months after her disappearance.

▼ The nation came to a halt as we witnessed the destruction of space shuttle Columbia as it made its way home through the atmosphere.

▼ The West Nile virus, carried by mosquitoes, returns stronger than last year. More deaths are expected.

POLITCS

* Jennifer Granholm was elected the first female governor of the state of Michigan.

* North Korea's nuclear weaponry threatens world stability.

* The United States searches for ways to fund the war with Iraq.

* President Bush worked hard to establish an agreement Between the Israelies and Palestinienes.



Entertainment

◆ *Lord of the Rings II* and *Eight Mile* became huge box office hits after their oprening weekends.

◆ We witness the growth of the reality TV era., including "The Osbourne's," "Fear Factor," "American Idol," and "Survivor."

◆ Our own Leslie native, Josh Aspiranti, made his television debut on an episode of "Fear Factor."

◆ Singer Nora Jones turned many heads at the Grammy's winning seven awards.

◆ Cher kicked off her farewell tour in the fall of 2002 marking the end of her outstanding career.

◆ Teen hunk Justin Timberlake released his solo album as he began to break away from the group N'Sync.

◆ The Dixie Chicks slurred President Bush saying they were ashamed that he was from their home state of Texas.



THE ECONOMY: 2003

While war in Iraq dominated the news, the economy continued to be a nagging problem for the Bush administration-- and also for Americans who had endured a sluggish economy for a couple of years. The recession, most claimed, was over. But the economy was not picking up with any great speed.

Uncertainty about the possible war with Iraq was blamed for some of the slowness. Indeed, following the end of the major combat, the stock market experienced a sustained rise. People had growing confidence in their investments.

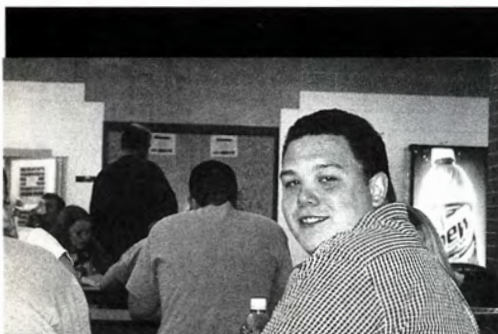
However, other economic indicators suggested that the economy was not out of the woods. Bush pushed through a tax cut plan which was supposed to stimulate the dragging economy.

In Michigan, Governor Granholm worked to cut programs including school funding in order to balance the budget without raising taxes. One of her cuts: MEAP scholarship money would be reduced from \$2500 to \$500 per recipient.

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