

# Once Upon A Time...



2001 TOMAHAWK

*i was...*

Perfect

Anonymous

A Brain

Special

A Little League Star

Vibrant

A Ballerina

A Bench Warmer

Different

Cute

An Honor Student

Athletic

A Cub Scout

In Love

Innocent

Sheltered

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A Tattle Tale

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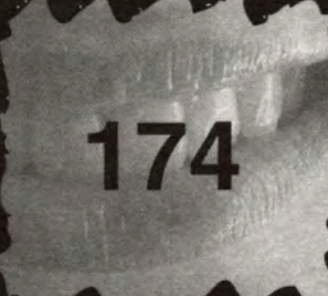
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*Carefree*

*Invincible*

*Perfect*

*Individual*

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# Once Upon A Time...



Seniors Logan Cook and Chris Stilwill show spirit at the Homecoming Bonfire



Senior Lauren Puretz takes a breather after cross-country practice.



A group of band members at their annual Winterfest concert.



Senior Megan Morse gets down at the Yearbook dance in September.

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## When i was younger, i believed that....



Freshman Janelle McCollar

“Stars were marshmallows glued to paper.”



Sophomore Kristen Flack

“Every foreign country looked like Florida!”

Once Upon A Time....

i was a

By Katie Bastien and Kristie Timber

# CHIEFTAIN

Once upon a time **you were in high school.**

Were you all that you wanted to be? Look back on the **teachers** who influenced you, the **friends** that surrounded you, your **crush since third grade.**

The **1,450 students** in this school have different **stories,**

and different high school **experiences.** But the **four years**

we spend in the halls of OHS forever **bind and define us.**

We're a blur of **past** events,

a spiral of obscurities in the **present,**

and an abstract vision of the **future.**

As we spend these last **carefree** times proving to ourselves that we are **invincible** through athletics, becoming **perfect** through GPA's and weekly tests, we hope to be **individual,** unforgettable, and in the end to

have our story accounted for.



Junior Ben Lack

"I believed that grass tasted good!"



Senior Navid Ghavami

"The unlock button on the car would make the airbags shoot out."



## i was Carefree...

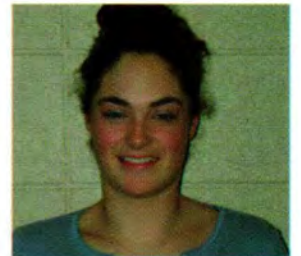
For most students at OHS, the events that make high school some of the best times in one's life happens after the 2:40 bell. During the often monotonous school day, there's not much time to kick back, relax and enjoy yourself while memorizing verb forms, trigonometry or US presidents. But years later, when you can't remember what number president JFK really was, you can still remember the smell of popcorn trampled beneath your feet on your way up to the stands at your first homecoming football game. You still remember how overwhelmingly large the high school seemed when you first arrived as a Freshman, and the nervous twinge on the night of your first *real* date. Your first job, spring break, the day you really made a difference in somebody's life. These are the moments that you will remember. Maybe you won't remember the quadratic formula, maybe you can't remember what year Napoleon invaded Russia, but it's amazing how fond of a memory a simple dismissal bell can be.

By Katie Bastien



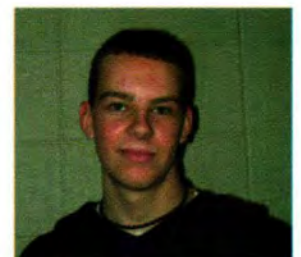
A group of Cross Country teammates chicken fight during a team gathering.

## What is the craziest thing you've ever done?



Senior Nikki Smith

"When I was out in Colorado and a group of girls and I paraded through town in all kinds of crazy clothes to win 100 dollars!"



Junior Greg Serkaian

"Probably when I shaved my head this winter because the seniors on the Varsity hockey team wanted me to!"

# High Spirited

OHS still knows how to have a good time!

The loud music echoes in the gym as students anxiously squeeze through the double doors all the while looking for friends and good seats for the long awaited Homecoming pep assembly. From the senior skit to the games, to the drum line, there is no mistaking that students are in store for an exciting time. Students may not realize how much planning and work that goes into each pep assembly. Every year, Student Council takes on the responsibility in keeping the student body pepped up throughout the whole year. Student Council members have sacrificed many early mornings to organizing all the activities. The MSU Dance Team "Motion" and MSU drum line made surprise performances to top off what some students like junior Jason Miller would like to call the "best pep assembly OHS has ever seen!"

By Megan Moore

Hail to the Chiefs  
Seniors **Matt Armstrong** and **Suzy Curtis** give big smiles on their big day as Homecoming King and Queen.

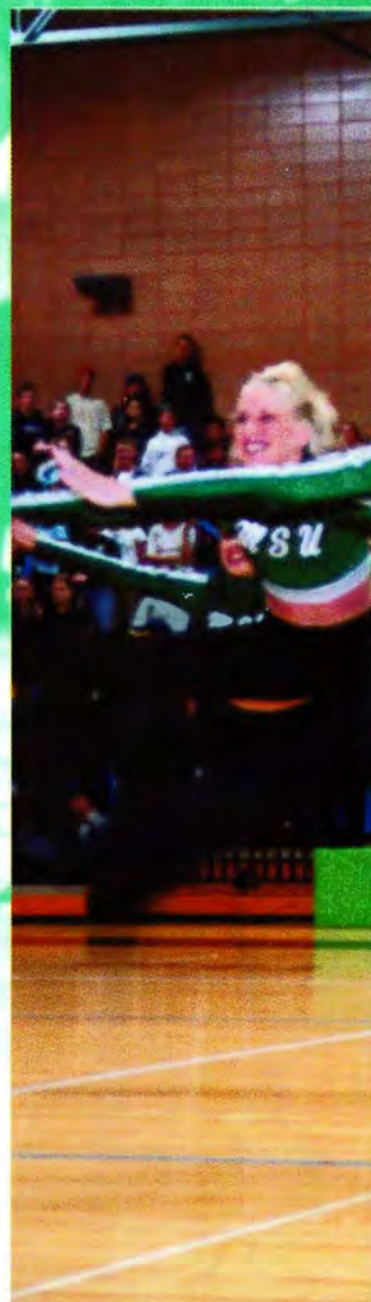


Charge!

Junior **Ryan Thompson** and freshman **Tom Wilbur** battle it out at the obstacle course. In the end, **Ryan** won making the juniors proud.

Show The Love

Seniors **Ben Herring** and **Rian Jordan** share a loving embrace in front of the students. **Rian** entertained the audience with an impression of his favorite freshman, his little brother **Eric**.



Give 'em somethin' to talk about

Student Body Presidents **Vinny Gossain** and **Brandon Ballard** laugh and joke with the students.



Senior Power!

Up front are seniors **Kange Kaneene**, **Ganim Shihadeh**, **Carrie Beall**, and **Kara Dethlefsen** go noodle crazy at the Homecoming Assembly.



Damsel in Distress

Senior **Vinny Gossain** announces the winner of the obstacle course, junior **Rian Thompson**, whose final job was to rescue the princess, **Mrs. Palmer**.



Locc-Motion

The MSU dance team, **Motion**, gave an energetic performance that kept all of the underclassmen boys cheering.

# On the Road

Chieftains of all ages march through the streets of Clonies highlighting the festivities of the week.



### Super Seniors' Masterpiece

Seniors show their hardwork in the Super Mario Brothers float. Many long hours at Kevin Hallman's house contributed a first prize float.

### Sophomore Powers Up

The OHS football player was the main focus of the Sophomore class float and worked well with their Tetris theme.

### Big Junior Champ!

"We eat dots like you for breakfast!" was the line heard from many junior lips. Packman turned out to be a brilliant theme for the Junior class.

### Freshmen Frogger

Freshmen built their Homecoming float for the first time with a great amount of success.

Dancing Nancies

The Juniors class was determined to win over the crowds of parade spectators. **Christin Siegele** and **David May** jumped off of the Junior float to do cartwheels for the masses.



An afternoon of cheering, floats, bands, and fans sums up the 2000 Homecoming parade. As the last festivity before the Homecoming football game students sport their spirit with class T-shirts and maroon and powder blue pom poms! What a massive feat for the junior class officers to put together a parade not only for OHS students, but for the entire Okemos Community. Such community leaders as Gretchen Whitmer and Bill Hollister, were the parade's Grand Marshals. Students and teachers agree that the parade was very memorable, in fact some venture to say it was the best parade ever. Senior **Devin O' Connor** says, "It was super fun because it was my last Homecoming as high schooler to share with all my friends."

*By Mary Kathleen Mehan*

Seniors Last Stand

Seniors wave for the last time in the Homecoming parade. Students were able to follow their floats piling into big trucks.

# Just Press Start

Students kick off spirit week to a great start!

Spirit week is the busiest and most spirited time of the year at OHS. Students in all grades participate in the festivities leading up to the Homecoming Dance. There are plenty of games provoking competition between the different grades. Senior student council member Krista Finkbeiner says, "It's always fun to watch people make fools of themselves in the lunchtime games." This year's Homecoming theme was video games. This gave the students a chance to play Nintendo in the cafeteria. Students showed up to school in flashy cowboy hats and wild bell bottoms for spirit days such as country western day, retro day, video game day, and class t-shirt day. Of course, there is always the popular OHS day in which students proudly cover themselves in maroon white and powder blue.

## Tip Your Hats...

To seniors Leslie Harkema, Sarah Henry, Alana Vaughan, and Jenn Finn for their enthusiastic school spirit on country western day.



## I Choose You, Pikachu!

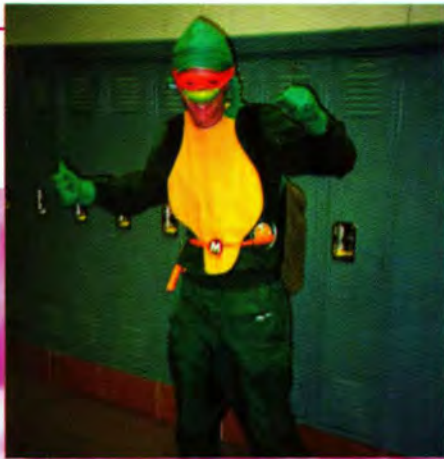
Senior **Andy Rinek** dresses as his favorite Pokemon, Pikachu, on Super Hero Day during Spirit Week 2000 at OHS.

## Sophomore Power

The sophomore class of 2003 gathered around at lunch on class shirt day. Most of the sophomore class enjoyed their second spirit week.

Teenage Mutant

Junior **Mike King** shows off his turtle power on video game day. He dressed as the Ninja Turtle Michaelangelo.



Disco Fever

Seniors **Kange Kaneene**, **Pete Woiwode**, and **Devin O'Connor** really get into retro day with their vintage clothes and funky pose.



Stroke of Genius

On sign painting day all of the talented students showed up to help decorate the cafeteria. Senior **Bill Schmidt** concentrates on painting inside the lines.



Super Seniors

The senior girls display their "Mario girls shirts" on video game day. Almost every single girl gathered at **Stephanie Pollok's** house with \$1.00 and a white t-shirt to make a shirt.

# Once Upon a Dance...

All of the Cinderella's and Princes of OHS come out to party the night away at the 2000 Homecoming Dance



## Wild Ones

Junior Eric Horsch and sophomore Robyn Jensen dance the night away together.

## Dancing Queen

Sophomore Ashleigh Anderson cuts loose at the dance as the music plays some of her favorite tunes.

## Fresh Moves

Freshmen Tom Wilbur shows off his hard core dance moves.

## Style Alert!

Senior Sheila Xiong arrives in style entirely of her own, as usual.

*Love & Learning*

Seniors and close friends Chad Seiter and Carolyn Seiter went to both the Homecoming Dance and Homecoming together this year.



The final sign that summer is over and the school year is in full swing is the annual Homecoming dance. For freshmen, this is the first chance to experience the glamour of a high school dance as they start to settle in at OHS. "My favorite part of any dance is getting ready beforehand with all of my girlfriends." says senior **Ann Marie Clark**. For the rest of us, it's a time to see old friends as well as new ones, and a celebration of returning home to the same old high school. And what better way to be welcomed home then with a DJ and a packed dance floor? It's a chance to enjoy one last night of fun and freedom before the year begins. "Every year my friend **April [Calamita]** does my hair. She's better than a professional" says junior **Stephanie Studwell**.

*By Jessica Rand*

*Glamour Girls*

Freshman **Shantel Tuck**, sophomore **Antoinette Currie**, and **Britney Lewis** all look forward to the new school year, and many more dances to come.



# Sizzling Summer

The longer days allow for students to kick back and relax

Schools out, the days are longer and there's plenty of sun, so what do OHS students do during the summer? "My friends and I waged a three month war. One night **Leslie Andrews** and I attempted an attack on the guys and ended up covered in ketchup, mustard, syrup, shaving cream and flour. They even managed to get the inside of her car. It was a blast!" says senior **Sarah Henry**.

Many students enjoyed hanging out with friends, vacationing, working and going to camps. "I went to cheerleading camp with the varsity cheer team. I also worked at Pet Supplies Plus with **Joe Garden** which was a lot of fun," explained senior **Teresa Curtis-Watkins**. Although we were sad to see the summer end, the school year was greatly anticipated.

## Fun in the Sun

Senior **Deana Banez** shows off her tan in Petosky while vacationing with a friend.



## Warming the Bench

Junior **Kristi Hemstreet** relaxes on a warm bench under the sun during a trip with friends.

## Beach Babes

Juniors **Lori Kindschy, Kylee Ryan-Meredith** and **Lauren Long** vacation together in Sagatuck.



Heading For the Boarder

Seniors **Katie Bastien** and **Marisa Witzel** head to Noblesville, Indiana for a three day Dave Matthews Band concert.



Slip 'N Slide

Junior **Brandon Lloyd** slides down a sand dune near Lake Michigan.



Smooth Sailing

Seniors **Jessica Rand** and **Ashley Chisholm** relaxed while boating on Torch Lake.



On Top of the World

**Abby Camann, Chris Stillwell, Erin Flatley, Scott Bonato** and **Christin Siegele** spent a month of their summer on a school trip to Germany.

## THE FUNNIEST MOMENT WAS...

LAUREN PURETZ

When **Megan Emery** tackled an underclassmen after a kickoff, and she got a bloody nose.



BOO FAGAN

When the Varsity football players tried to teach us their plays. We only ended up more confused!



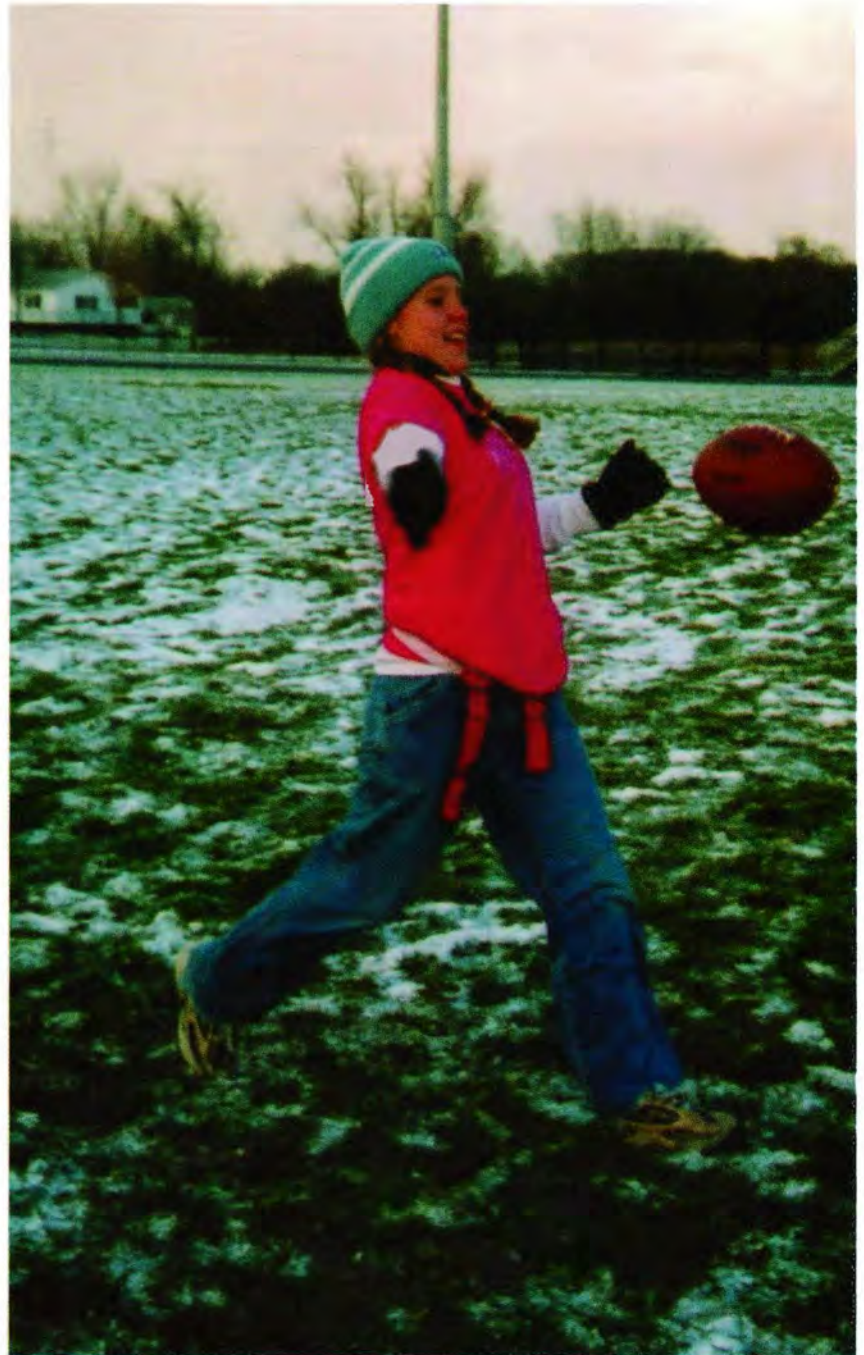
LARA MELVIN

When my friend **Viva Gupta** tackled her older sister **Roohy**.



SUSAN ARMSTRONG

When the refs were trying to keep up with us on the field and one of them fell over.



### Junior Power

A group of junior girls celebrate in the victory of the first touchdown of the game.

### Injured List

During the Powder Puff game, freshman **Tiffany Worthy** got a bloody nose after the ball hit her in the face. Fortunately, the underclassmen were able to recover with her loss.



### Ready, Set, Punt

To start the game off, junior **Jessica Everett**, punts the ball to the underclassmen. She also participates in swimming and NHS.

### 1, 2, 3 Break

Coach **Pete Woiwode** takes a time out with his underclassmen. **Pete** also stars on the OHS varsity football and track teams.



# Girls Just Wanna Have FUN

By Heather Jones

Tuesday, November 24th was the date of the famous Powder Puff football game. Because the date of the game fell later into the year, the girls were battling the cold just as much as each other. Dressed head to toe with mittens, snow hats, scarves, and sweaters over their pink and purple Powder Puff t-shirts, the girls came to play an intense game of football, they managed to sneak away to drink some hot chocolate inbetween plays. Senior **Jeff Juhnke** who was not only a spectator but also refed the Powder Puff game said, "I really liked seeing the aggression come out of girls as they tackled each other." The underclassmen girls were coached by senior **Pete Woiwode** and full of enthusiasm. Coach **Woiwode** says, "It was fun to coach and watch the girls play with lots of heart and enthusiasm. Even though in the end, seniority and majority won over, the girls never stopped trying." While the upperclassmen were left coachless, they had a fantastic turnout, especially from the junior class who came out onto the field full of spirit. "The game was a lot of fun, even though I was a little disappointed at the senior turnout," says senior **Carrie Beall**. After a lot of punting, passing, and kicking the score was 35 to 7, with an upperclassmen victory. After the game, the competitors stepped off the field to gather to eat pizza.



### Gettin' Together

A group of underclassmen pose with each other after their defeat. They may have lost, but they still managed to have a great time.

### Hand in Hand

Seniors **Amy Crosby**, **Lauren Fiechtner**, **Jessica Rose**, and **Alana Vaughan** stand together to warm up in the cold of November.



# From the Runway to the Hallway

EVERY DAY AT OHS IS A FASHION SPECATACULAR

Courtney Mitchell

The year 2001 has brought in a whirlwind of crazy styles and colors that can suit anyone's personal Y2K style. Whether your style changed drastically or just slightly matured when we rocked into the next millennium, we can all be sure of one thing: we wear what we like and what we feel most comfortable in. Must have items that pop up on runways and hallways alike are big hoop earrings for the girls, meanwhile, the guys are looking smooth sporting their Structure sweaters and Armani Exchange long-sleeved dress shirts. OHS students are filing into a few new stores because the styles are what Generation X is wearing these days. Last year Urban Outfitters opened downtown on the strip, but not until this year have the unique styles exploded all over OHS hallways. Also recently we were lucky enough to have the classy Jacobson's relocated to our very own Meridian Mall, taking the place of Service Merchandise. So what's really up with the guys? The trend, when it all comes down to it, for them is to be comfortable in their baggy cargo pants, hooded sweatshirt, and baseball cap. All the while, the typical girl can be found decked out in her Express jeans, and a three-quarters length Bebe shirt with a touch of glitter sparkling up her eyelids still in reminiscence of the ball dropping at Times Square celebrating the turn of the century.



## Smorgerborge of Style

The lunchlines at OHS not only feature a variety of food, but also a variety of styles. Check out Juniors Lauren Bell, Diana Morawski, Sandra Krakover, and Freshman Vibha Gupta.

## Vogue

Seniors Misayo Kurata, Sabine Rhodes, and Chris Calcagno with their everyday school clothes demonstrate their casual style.



### On the Catwalk

OHS students can be mistaken for models out of the hottest magazines on sale at your neighborhood grocery store.

## I CREATE MY STYLE BY...



"Whatever looks good at the time

and seems to be the most fun to wear."

**Ryan Thompson**



"I see styles that I like from different

countries and then I just put them all together."

**Sheila Xiong**



### lookin' good

Seniors McKay Shih and Devin O'Connor look great in their dressy but casual style. McKay and Devin are notorious for their suave sense of style.



### GO

Seniors Matt Armstrong and Morgan Howard strike a pose. Both Morgan and Matt dress up to support their cross country race.



### Yeah girl

Senior Carrie Beall is too cute with her new short cut and glittering eyes. Carrie participates in volleyball and skating.

ON MY COOLEST  
WEEKEND I...

VINNY GOSSAIN  
Drove with all of my friends  
to a Pearl Jam concert.



FRED SCHAARD  
Went up north for the week-  
end and snowboarded.



JULIE BEALL  
Sat in the furniture depart-  
ment at Meijer.



KRISTINA PUTZ  
Threw a suprise party for one  
of my friends.




**Chillin' Like Villains**

Juniors **Rachel Jankowski, Nicole Woodstock, Megan Atkins, Erica Chepy and Kristina Putz** hang out every chance they get on the weekends. These girls have been friends since kindergarten.

**Pallin' Around**

Seniors **Adam Smith, Andrea Durst, Carly Neilson, Casy Price, and Bill Schmidt** chill at a friends bonfire on a Saturday night.





### Ladies Night In

One of the greatest things to do is just hang out with your girls on a weekend night. Ask these senior girls, they don't need men.

### No Boys Allowed

On a Friday night sophomores **Mary Cullen**, **Maggie Schaberg**, **Jenn Smith-Dewey**, and **Betsy Bastien** have the best times in each other's company. All these girls are active in OHS athletics.



# Just CHILLIN'

By Courtney Mitchell

It's 2:40 on a Friday afternoon and the bell just rang. A certain ambience of mixed relief and pure bliss overcomes you. It is the weekend. Weekends are a time for hard working students and faculty members to kick back and relax after a stressful five days of school at OHS. From the students point of view a weekend brings about the possibility of parties, sleepovers, and all around opportunities of fun chilling with friends. One of the most popular activities among OHS students is to hangout at a friend's house. Also high on the list is going to parties. When there aren't any parties, and friend's houses seem repetitive students opt for a little change of scenery. Students might go to a neighboring town where they have friends from other schools to socialize with a whole new group of people. Other OHS students like to cure their Saturday night fever at dance clubs, while others may choose to exercise their driving rights on the open highway for a road trip full of teenage bonding. Some kids with the skill or with out may choose to brave the slopes on a weekend ski trip. All in all each weekend is a time with endless possibilities to do what we like and have to fun. However, no one can forget what happens at 8:00 Monday morning. *School*. While the dreadful thoughts of school invade your mind, going back is just a little more bearable after having a nice two day break to become refreshed.



### For Love of the Game

Seniors **Andy Rinek**, **Brenna Bautista**, **Heather Jones**, and **Boo Fagan** show their school spirit at a weekend soccer game where the Chieftains defend their home field.

### Hit the Slopes

Seniors **Carrie Cousino**, **Chelsea Bowlby**, **Amanda Thornburg**, and **Katie Minnehan** battle the slopes on a weekend trip to Brighton.



# Service with a Smile

THE ANNUAL TOUCH OF CLASS EVENT GIVES STUDENTS A CHANCE TO LEND A HELPING HAND

Ron Corden

Music gently floats through the air as the scent of fine food and the sounds of elegance greet the arriving students. Seniors preparing to serve a catered meal eagerly wait upon the attending debutantes and gentlemen. Volunteers play soft tunes for the enjoyment of the crowd, and candles burn slowly on each table. Ladies wearing fancy dresses sit and dine with their friends, as the guys sport their best tuxedos. No, it isn't a night at a palace, it is Touch of Class, an annual charity benefit for the Crossroads House. Crossroads has been a teen shelter in downtown Lansing for many years. Touch of Class provides students with a great opportunity to help other teens their own age. It's a way of giving back to the community with all contributions from teens going to teens. Even some businesses get involved, donating food and furnishings to sponsor this good cause. Volunteer **Dana Irrer** played a key role in coordinating resources, "All the students and local businesses efforts do make a difference, the shelter lost all its funding and we know our support will make a difference." Server **Boo Fagan** encourages student involvement, "It was a great time and well worth the efforts when everyone came together to make it all possible." Touch of Class has been a welcomed event for all students to enjoy.



### No Scrubs

Mrs. Ingles and Ms. Freeman escort junior Ryan Thompson to his table.

### Forks and Formal

Volunteer Boo Fagan sets the dining ware for the awaiting crowd.





**We've Got Style**

This classy group deserves an award not only for its style, but for supporting a very charitable cause.

**TAKING TIME FOR OTHERS...**



"This was a wonderful opportunity,

society often overlooks those with needs and this was a chance to make a difference."

**Lisa Gregg**



"So many students made this possible. The turn

out was great and we made a lot of money for Crossroads."

**Vinny Gosain**



**Mozart and Company**

Seniors **Bonita Sung** and **Rachel Linz** perform a special piece from the Classical Era on violins.

**The Finishing Touch**

**Stephanie Pollok** and **Suzu Curtis** prepare the last piece of coconut pie with a crown of whipped cream.

**Renaissance Man**

**David Rudd-Ross** serves the main course: appetizing Cordon Bleu and Stuffed Shells.

THE CANDIDATE  
THAT BEST  
REPRESENTS ME IS...

ERICA CHEPY

Bush, because I think he has good morals and I think he'll serve our nation's issues better than Gore.



STEPHANIE POLLAK

I would say that none of the candidates were all that phenomenal. I think Al Gore would have been the best person for the job. He was the most committed and most intelligent candidate and clearly should have had an overwhelming victory over that Texas guy!



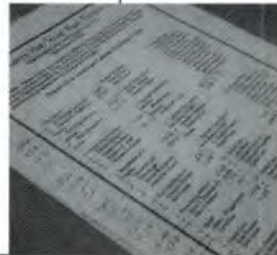
SARAH SINGLETON

Nader, because I think that he brings a lot of idelism to politics that hasn't been there for a long time and he stands for issues that the major parties don't address.



OHS ELECTION VICTORIES

**Presidential:**  
Gore/Lieberman (D) 47 %  
**U.S. Senator:**  
Debbie Stabenow (D) 51 %  
**Representative in Congress:**  
Dianne Byrum (D) 45 %  
**State Representative:**  
Gretchen Whitmer (D)



Knock, knock, who's there?

All-telling yard signs of the opposite party, big dogs, and rude people were only a few of the worries junior Allison Tons had to deal with while campaigning in Haslett for Dianne Byrum. "It was scary going up to strange houses, but when you met a nice person it was worthwhile."

It's My Life

Celebrities like Jon Bon Jovi often dropped in on campaign rallies and speeches like this Al Gore rally in East Lansing.



# Photo FINISH

By Kristie Timber

By Labor Day weekend, government teachers were already assigning campaign notebooks and volunteer hours complete with a journal. And by October, a group of students had created the Green Party Club to rival the Young Democrats and the nonexistent Young Republicans. Meanwhile OHS students were spending free-time attending campaign speeches and rallies. Al Gore, George W. Bush, and Ralph Nader all visited Michigan, a swing state with 18 electoral votes, repeatedly while local candidates like Dianne Byrum (D), Mike Rogers (R), Bill Hollister (R), and Gretchen Whitmer (D) penciled in visits to OHS government classes. The student body chose Vice President Gore as the next President, however, the real presidential election was not confirmed so thoroughly and efficiently. In fact, the ever-changing news forecasts calling the election on November 7th, and Al Gore's decision to take back his concession speech kept OHS students and adults alike awake long into the night. November 8th was a dream-come-true for Government teachers as every student discussed their opinions of the political chaos, trying to recall everything that they knew about the Electoral College as each classroom faithfully tuned into CNN between lessons. Yet as the battles in Florida over recounts, court decisions, and voting injustices surged on, CNN slowly returned to being just another channel. Finally on December 12, 2000, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the recounts in Florida were unconstitutional, and George W. Bush would be the next president, everyone could breathe a sigh of relief, no matter what their political preference was; the nation finally had a president.

**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!** Students watched and read about the candidates in TV debates, MTV Choose or Lose Forums, the *New York Times*, CNN, and SNL parodies, all of which replaced text-book style learning.

### Rollin' with his Homies

State Representative candidate Bill Hollister's ride in his red 1972 Cutlass Supreme Convertible, came to a sharp halt only 20 feet into the Homecoming parade route because of a cracked radiator.



### Hail to the Chief

Crowds of spectators filled the Breslin Center to catch a glimpse of Bill Clinton when he visited East Lansing on his Farewell Tour. Junior **Aly Boggs-Smitley** recalls meeting the President, "I said 'Hey Bill, wanna take a picture?' And he said 'Sure,' and then the camera wouldn't work, but he was like 'That's okay; we can just wait.' He was funny."



### Hitchen' a Ride

In order to prevent partisanship the Junior Class asked both State Representative Candidates Gretchen Whitmer and Bill Hollister to be Grand Marshals.



# Dance the night Away

OHS STUDENTS PARTY  
ALL NIGHT LONG AT  
THE ANNUAL WINTER  
DANCE  

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Jona Mikosch

Okemos was a landscape of white snow. A touch of winter magic was hanging in the air, when this year's junior class invited the entire school to the Winter Wonder Jam. The dance came right in time to give us a break from pre-holiday stress. Blue and white ribbons, snowflakes and glitter transformed the cafeteria into a winter wonderland. But the atmosphere inside was far from the cold of the outside as the student body partied on the dance floor. The longer winter nights seemed just fitting for the dance's motto: "clubbing". The dance was a little less formal, which gave students more freedom to sport their latest pieces of fashion. While the boys wore more a casual style of clothing, the girls went "groovy" with tube tops and a general touch of glitter, just like snow in the moonlight. "The dance was just so much fun. I went with a group of friends and we met at my friend's house before the dance. I loved the music and it was cool that you could dress in a more casual style. I had so much fun this evening," says freshman **Jennifer Zavadil**. Many students didn't just enjoy the dance but made this an entire evening dedicated to their friends. "I went with out with a group of friends out to dinner at the restaurant Ukai in Okemos before the dance. It was actually pretty cool not to be on a date, so you didn't have to worry about anything. We all had a really good time! The whole evening was just so much fun!" remembers freshman **Anna Duff**.



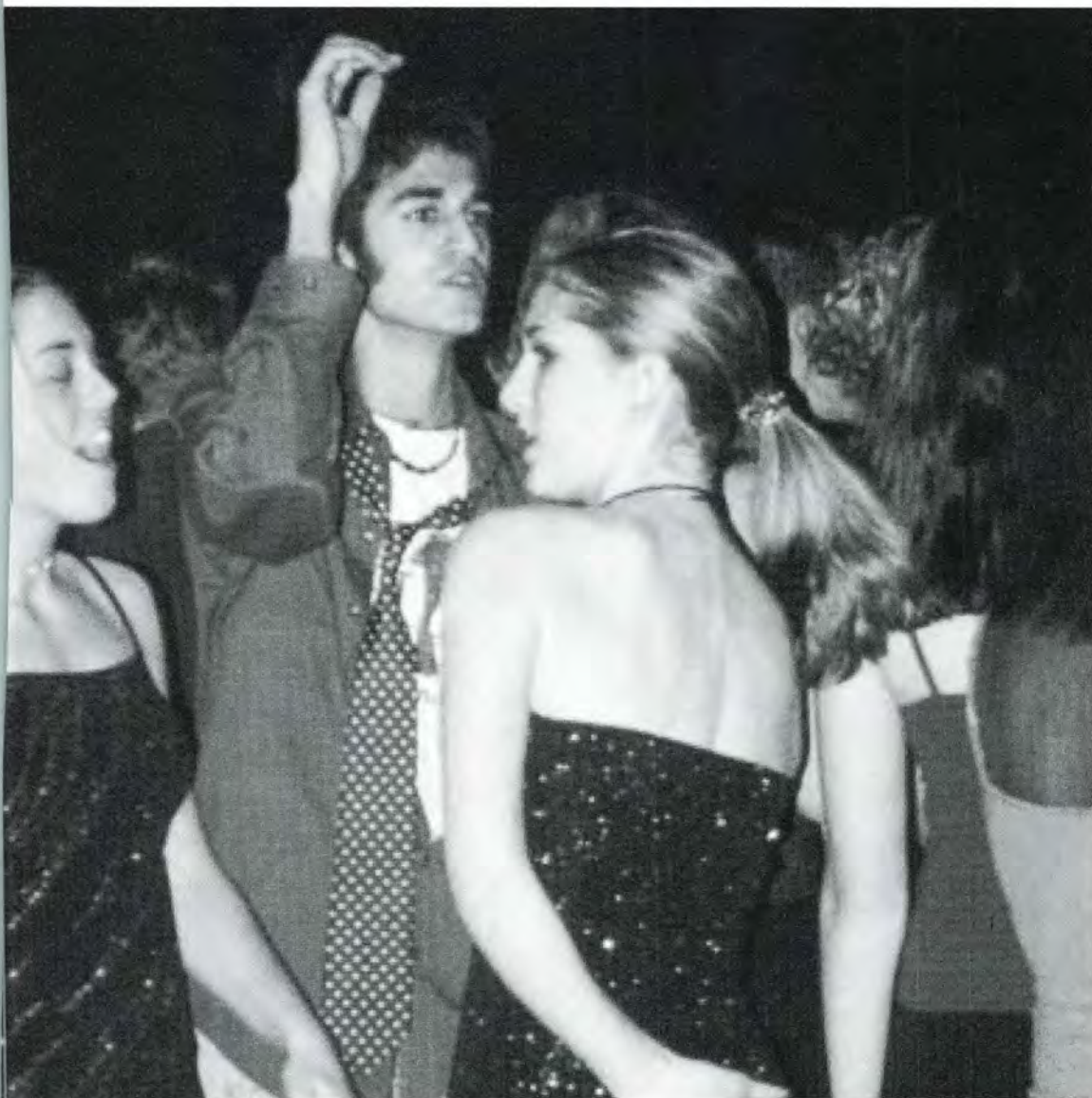
### Style Filer

"That it was more casual gave me more freedom to express my individual style of clothing," says senior **Olga Novichikhina** here with fellow seniors **Ben Wright**, **Misayo Kurata** and junior **Lucas Sinclair**.

### All Dressed Up

It's a girls night out for sophomores **Jessica Schroeder**, **Susan Armstrong**, **Kelly Swanson** and **Kelsey Sekedat**.





Moving to the beat...

Sophomore Callie McCarthy, senior Vinny Gossain and sophomore Betsy Bastien get their groove on at the Winter Dance.

**FOR ME THE WINTER DANCE WAS...**



"Great! The music was the best! We all

had so much fun!"

**Lori Kunzelman**



"Lots of preparing! I went over to a

friends' house and we spent hours deciding what to wear and how to do our hair."

**Joanna Kagey**



Dance to the music

Seniors Amber Doherty, Krista Finkbeiner and Katie Bastien party with the crowd.

Hanging out

Senior Gaurav Bhatnagar, junior Vincent Raikhel, seniors Sarah Forger and Ashek Ahmed, juniors Janet Mysliwiec and Erica Chepy are all taking a time out from dancing.

Ready to Rock

Well prepared and ready to make the dance floor tremble are seniors Jackie Bulemore, Sarah Henry, Tiffany Reicosky and Jennifer Finn.

## THE BEST PART OF BREAK...

STEPHANIE MILLER

Jessica Rand and I went to Novi and went shopping a couple of days after Christmas. We "hit" all the sales, and fought a heavy crowd, but it was fun.



JESSICA RAND

Being able to see all of my family and friends and not having to worry about school business is awesome, but sleeping in is the best.



KRYSTIN FLANDERS

I really enjoyed spending time with my friends and getting back to a normal sleep pattern. The snow was really great, too!



JONA MIKOSCH

Going to Maryland with my host family during break was awesome. I got to meet a lot of their family members and friends.



### Fun in the Snow

Senior Marissa Witzel, Vinny Gossain, junior Megan Neff, seniors Chris Stillwell, and Katie Bastien brave low temperatures during 7th grade camp.

### Tumbling Down

Junior Steve Carrasco, senior Chris Stillwell, junior Mike King, seniors Logan Cook, and Yvette Gross, and junior Janet Mysliwicz venture down the sledding hill during 7th grade camp.



### WEE!!!

Juniors **Brittnie Ward**, **Stephanie Reidinger**, seniors **Katie Bastien**, **Vinny Gossain**, and junior **Mike King** have fun whizzing down the sledding hill!

### Smiles all Around

Junior **Steve Carrasco** dances with a 7th grade Kinewa student during the long awaited dance at camp. **Steve** recalls that "There were 20 more girls than boys."

# Facing the COLD

By Lauren Madle

Winter in Michigan brings lots of snow. Students at OHS love Winter Break in many ways. Several students enjoy hanging out with their friends and sleeping in after months of waking up at the crack of dawn for school. Traditions range from having a quiet holiday dinner with family and friends to traveling to all parts of the world. Junior **Sarah Al-Kabour** spent a month in Saudia Arabia with her family during Winter Break. "It was really nice seeing my family again and celebrating Ramadan in Saudia Arabia," she says. Most OHS students agree that getting a chance to relax and hang out with friends is the best part about the break. Even though this year's break was shortened due to February break, it was well deserved and appreciated. Seventh grade camp is also a major part of February. Students at OHS apply to be counselors for Kinewa and Chippewa Middle School students while they spend a week at a camp up north. The high school students help with many activities and are responsible for about 6 kids per cabin. This year's agenda included a scavenger hunt and making dream catchers and candy. OHS counselors also had to make sure that their kids wore their hats and mittens. Senior **Vinny Gossain** laughs and brags "I was probably the best Indian fisherman around" while ice fishing at camp. Camp was a lot of fun, but the OHS students were glad to be home. Junior **Mike King** says, "Now I just have to make sure I have my hat and mittens."



### Counselor Fun

Senior counselors dressed up in western attire for the dance on the last night of Kinewa's 7th grade camp.



### Sleeping on the Job

Senior **Brandon Ballard** falls asleep with his 7th grade buddy while waiting for lunch at camp.





# Show Me the Money!

STUDENTS AT OHS PUT IN AN EXTRA EFFORT AFTER SCHOOL TO EARN THAT EXTRA DOLLAR

Karli Schneider

Jerry McGuire isn't the only person wanting to earn that extra dollar. This year it seems like more and more OHS students are on the hunt for big green bills. "It's great to be able to have your own cash. If I feel like going out on a shopping spree I can without begging my parents for money," comments senior **Megan Emery**, an employee at Target. On the other hand, in order for students to receive their own cash, a job requires a large amount of time and responsibility. "When I got my job I didn't realize how many Fridays I would have to give up in order to work," says senior **Celeste Garza**, an employee at Mark's Pizza. "Having a job makes me appreciate my money more. I'm not as quick to spend it because I know how hard I worked for it," explains Boston Market employee senior **Pat Harrington**. As the prices of college, clothes, vacations, and food continue to rise, other students feel frustrated wishing they could reap the benefits of making some extra money as well. "I would love to get a job so I wouldn't be as dependent on my parents for money, but if I added the responsibility of a job to my schoolwork, waterpolo commitments, and club activities, I would never get to sleep!" laments junior **Jessica Everett**. A job can be demanding and hardwork work for any individual. Despite the sacrafices and responsibilities that come with a job, many unianimously agree its all worth it in the end for that five letter word: *Money!*

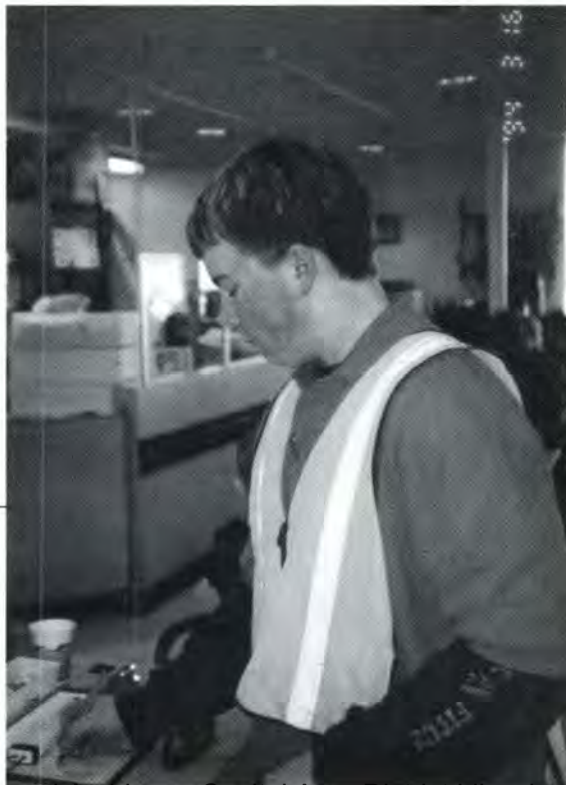


### A Hot Job

The Michigan Athletic Club has some big laundry dryers, and to prove it MAC employee senior **Ashek Ahmad** props himself in one of them.

### Ringin' In the Cash

Meijer puts sophomore **Graeme Wilson** to work with his new assignment. **Graeme** has been working for the Okemos Store since August.





### At Your Service

Teaming up to help serve Target customers are seniors **Mark Battaglia** and **Megan Emery** and junior **Zach Johnson**.

## MY JOB'S BEST 'PERK' IS...



"Dunkin Donuts has the best bagels in

town. Whenever I work I get to save a freshly baked blueberry one for myself."

**Nick Russell**



"Being a hostess at Villegas gives me the opportunity to meet a lot of people living in Okemos."

**Suzy Curtis**



### Let's Make a Pizza

Seniors **Mike Leago**, **Shane Onweller**, and **Gabe Ellis** enjoy making pizzas together at Arts Grinders.



### A Good "Tyme"

Being a Fun Tyme employee means working in an active atmosphere with nine other OHS Students. "There's never a dull moment here," said senior **Zac Barry**.



### For the Love of Books

Senior **Bruce Brenneise** organizes the East Lansing Public Library's books to earn his extra dollars.

## WHAT I LEARNED?...

**DANA IRRER**

I learned a lot about Shakespearian Theater in Stratford, "As You Like It" was just wonderful!



**MS. HANER**

The Stratford trip is the highlight for me in Brit. Lit, as a class we get to actually experience what is in the textbook.



**MEGAN MILLER**

I was able to discover the value of a good yearbook at the MSU Yearbook Symposium. The samples of the yearbooks and the presenters were very enlightening.



**STEPHANIE MILLER**

The Ballet Folklorico was really entertaining and I learned a lot about the Spanish culture because each dance tells a story.



### Beached Kids

Mr. Chapman points out the unique features of the beach of Lake Michigan to his Earth Science class

### Mines Rock!

Seniors Travis Wright and Megan Jackson dig for gypsum in a no longer active mine. Students got to keep any samples they dug up!



### Water Water

Junior **Krissy Black**, and Seniors **Karen Witten** and **Jessica Bianchi** view the water treatment plant in Muskegon. The treatment facilities stretch on and on

### Oh Canada!

Senior **Justin Doyle** pauses to glance up at a Canadian flag while in Stratford Ontario. Justin, a Canadian native, utilized shopping time to buy candy.

# Studying FIELDS

By Kevin Banas

High school is a place where students gather to explore the world. Whether by unraveling the world's chemical mysteries in science, or by learning from it's past in history, OHS students gain valuable knowledge of the world around them through the courses they take. And what better way to learn about the world and life inside of it then by going out and visiting the world?

One trip to Lake Michigan featured an overnight campout in a state park in Muskegon. Students learned about hydrology and lake evolution by going on a boat expedition to take samples from Lake Michigan and Lake Muskegon. Biodegradable colored dyes were used to track wave currents, while samples of sand provided interesting clues to the history of the beach formation. Students also had the opportunity to visit a water purification plant in Muskegon, and learned all about water cleaning techniques.

One of the more memorable trips this year also included a trip to Stratford, Ontario to see the Shakespearean comedy *As You Like It*. The trip involved a long bus ride, but students enjoyed ample time to visit the sites of Stratford, as well as shop in the downtown area. The town included many interesting shops and restaurants, and a swan filled river front view. Following the downtown experience, students enjoyed the classical Shakespeare play before embarking for home.

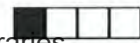


### Shop-a-rama

Senior **Gaurav Bhatnagar** does some last minute shopping from a street vendor in Stratford before rushing off to see *As You Like It*.

### Sandy Days

Seniors **Megan Emery** and **Matt Sorgel** explore the sand dunes of Lake Michigan, enduring swarming lady bugs as they climb.





# All the World is a Stage

THE OHS TALENT SHOW ENTHRALLS THE MASSES WITH THE BEST OF WHAT'S AROUND IN MUSIC, DANCE, AND COMEDY

Kristie Timber

Just weeks after finals, but before February break, the highly anticipated OHS talent show offers students a refreshing evening of home-grown entertainment in out of the cold. For just \$5 a seat, students can witness a performance that promises some new talent, returning favorites, senior traditions, and above all a show that will outdo any show OHS has ever seen before. On January 27th the sold out program began with a video clip of Kermit the Frog and all the rest of his muppet friends to introduce a Muppet Show theme. An onslaught of other various acts interlaced with more Muppet Show clips soon followed. Not everything went as planned in the printed out green programs though. Co-Director Steve Carrasco said, "You should have seen my face when Steve Snethkamp and co. decided to bring their own company up on stage. The audience might have thought it was funny but considering none of those people had permission slips, we [the directors] were more worried about what the administration was thinking." The random people that rushed the stage during "Barrel Slat's" rendition of "Fire on the Mountain," were not the only surprise cameos. Senior Sara Murray joined Carrie Beall, Kara Dethlefsen, and Angie Rowland while on crutches during their dance act, because she broke her leg right before the show. In her third year of being involved with the Talent Show Co-Director Kate Grady explains, "With every performance you have to expect the unexpected and deal with whatever comes your way, after all the show must go on."



### Twist and Shout

Dancing and twirling their flags on a confined stage was a new experience for the "Six Sexy Color Guard Ladies," who are used to performing on the football field under the glare of flood lights. Senior Leslie Harkema admitted, "It took us a long time to get our act together, in fact a week before the show we were ready to call it quits because we just weren't ready, but in the end it turned out really well."

### Jam Session

While waiting to get on stage during the Friday night dress rehearsal senior Ben Litchfield casually asked Kathleen Mehan and Kristen Holtschlag if he could "jam" with them. Ben played the harmonica as Kathleen, Kristen, and Pete Novello performed the classic folk song "Misguided Angel."





**Glorious Days**

With the help of a smoke machine and lots of colored lights "Weezer Wannabes" Jay Green and Eric Horsch put their own twist on "Say it Ain't So."

**ON DIRECTING THE TALENT SHOW...**



"Although directing the Talent Show can be incredibly stressful, the people you work with and the people you get to know better make it all worth while."

**Waverly deBruijn**



"The Talent Show is like a bowl of mashed potatoes, you can beat it as much as you like but there will always be some lumps. Wave you're amazing!"

**Steve Carrasco**



"Without Waverly the show wouldn't have gone on. I love you Wave!"

**Kate Grady**



**Soul Sisters**

With sheer lung power and voice talent, junior Sharriese Hamilton, senior Tiffany Reicosky, and junior Bethany Maniscalco ask the timeless teenage question, "Does Anbody Hear Me?"

**Senior Assets**

Hoads of girls pushed and shoved each other in a mad rush for the stage as seniors Isaac Oswalt, Logan Cook, Pete Woiwode, Chris Stilwill, and Eric Skusa performed N'SYNC's "I Want You Back." On the title line of the song the boys turned around and shook *their* backs at the audience.

**Sweet you Rock, Sweet you Roll!**

Audrey Bashore, Paul Lessard, and Amanda Dunlap couldn't help cracking a smile when audience members shouted out "Yeah Paul!" as he sung "Hike up your skirt a little more," from the Dave Matthews Band's ever-popular song "Crash into Me."



## MY FAVORITE FIESTA IS...

**BRENNA BAUTISTA**  
I love to fiesta with my friends at Chi-Chi's after a hard week at school.



**KELLY BOZYK**  
As long as I am with my friends and were all feelin' good, I can always have a great fiesta anytime!



**PETE WOIWODE**  
It is best to fiesta when I'm in good company and am able to relax.



**KULIN FROELICH**  
Being with my friends and family is always the way to have fun. I couldn't fiesta without them.



### Chow Down

Senior **Pete Woiwode** competes in the A-lunch eating contest. **Pete** was elected to the Ice Court later that week.

### Peek-a-Boo

Sophomore **Lisa Knapp** shows off her school spirit for hoodie day; **Lisa's** friend is more modest about his school spirit! The two were spotted after school planning their outfits for Chieftain day.



### Fiesta!

Seniors **Teresa Curtis-Watkins** and **Simone Tuck** prepare for the pep assembly. The two girls were also members of the fall cheerleading team.



### School Spirit in the Hood

Seniors **Tim Mayer** and **Matt Soergal** dressed in hoodies for Winterfest. The two boys participated during Spirit Week.



# Fiesta in the SNOW

By Katharine Schmidt

This year's Winterfest was quite a fiesta! Students spent all week displaying their spirit by dressing up in some outstanding and wild ensembles including pajamas, "Where's Waldo", hat and fanny pack, hoodies and Chieftain attire. "I love dressing up and showing my spirit. It is so fun to get together with your friends and plan a great outfit for Winterfest!" explained senior **Stephanie Pollok**. **Stephanie** has been an active participant in school spirit celebrations. Another enjoyable part of Winterfest is the election of four students to represent OHS in the Ice Court. The students were nominated by the student body. Using the results of this process the selection was narrowed down to ten upperclassmen and ten underclassmen. The final selections were made by the teaching staff at OHS judging by character, maturity, school spirit, and congeniality. Senior **Brenna Bautista** was elected as Ice Queen, senior **Pete Woiwode** was honored as Ice King, sophomore **Kelly Bozyk** was voted Ice Princess and sophomore **Kulin Froelich** represented OHS as Ice Prince. The students were presented with flowers and congratulations from fellow students and staff. Winterfest is an annual celebration and continues to be a popular event at OHS.



### Hats off for OHS

Sophomore **Jennifer Harsch**, junior **David Beretta** and sophomore **Kathryn Economy** wear their favorite hats for hat day. The three all purchased their hats in the OHS school store.

### Hail to the King!

Seniors **Brenna Bautista** and **Pete Woiwode** and sophomores **Kelly Bozyk** and **Kulin Froelich** show off their spirit gear. They were all on the ice court.



# Wearing the Pants

SADIES IS THE NIGHT WHEN THE GIRLS ARE IN CHARGE

Courtney Mitchell

One might say that the Sadie Hawkins dance is just another dance. This is not true. Sadies is a celebration of women's liberation. Finally the girl gets to "wear the pants". She drives, buys tickets and pays for dinner. This is a fun dance because it is always a joke that the guy is going to order a steak dinner, or lobster as some sort of compensation for paying for every dance every year. This year the theme was Fiesta in the Snow, and the commons with red lights and bright colors of balloons. Everyone spent the night boogying down to cool music. Senior **Stephanie Linz** said "It was so laid back and fun because all of us girls went there all dressed up" When asked what part of the dance was most different for her to deal with **Stephanie** says driving her date around, senior **Andy Jurmu**. The dance was deejayed by Tunes by T, and Jeff Toby, an OHS alumnist. When girls are asked what they like most about this dance, an overwhelming amount responded that it is fun to plan a special way to ask your special guy friend. When the guys were asked the majority said that they liked not having to worry about anything but a corsage...and the free dinner of course. Whether or not you are a guy or girl, everyone has a great time at the Sadie Hawkins dance because it's great to get all dressed up and dance the night away, especially for the girl, who feels a little more liberated when she takes the check and says "don't worry about it, I got it."



### It's all about Him

Senior **Carrie Cousino** treated her date senior **Jeff Klug** like a king on Sadies. **Carrie** participaes in soft-ball, and **Jeff** plays on the varsity hockey team where he was recognized as the MVP.

### Party of Fourteen

This group looks stunning before thier abolutely delicious dinner at the Chop House.





**You Go Girls**

OHS girls are in charge on Sadies. These girls knew who they wanted to go with and took control.

**THE BEST PART OF SADIES IS...**



"Finally the guy gets to eat free food."

**Bryan Jones**



"I love that I could drive and treat a

friend to dinner."

**Jaci Lange**



**Land Rover**

Junior Janet Mysliwicz picks up her date sophomore Alec Schwartz who rode shotgun.

**Lane Masters**

Juniors Aaron Murphy, David May, and Chad McAlvey and sophomores Jim Sorenson and Alec Schwartz enjoyed a game of bowling after the dance. Girls treat, of course.

**Pretty in Pink**

Seniors Angie Rowland and Mark Barry are the cutest couple when they coordinated their outfits to match each other. Angie participates in soccer and Mark is a member of the drum line.

## RATE MY WINTER BREAK

CHRISTINE BADER

"A 3; I stayed home and watched *Survivor* and just played tennis. Nothing too exciting but it was better than being at school."



ADAM DOW

"I'm going to give it a 5; I stayed home and swam the whole entire week! But we had leagues at the end of the week and they were exciting. So it wasn't too bad."



AUSTIN SCHREIBER

"An 8; I got to stay in Okemos for the most of the time hanging out with my friends and watching TV. Then I went up North with my Dad."



DANIELLE WORTHY

"My break was definitely a 10; I went down to Orlando with my family and went to Walt Disney World. My favorite ride was the Rockin' Roller Coaster."



### Beach Babes

Seniors **Amber Dorherty**, **Karli Schneider**, **Sarah Singleton**, **Ean Britt**, and **Kim Hidlay** catch some sun rays in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

### Just Cruisin'

Spending their break under the warm sun of the Caribbean were seniors **Biz Latham** and **Michelle Larivee**. The girls toured the waters on a luxurious cruise.



### Ride that Camel

Senior **Dora Vastag** and MSU Junior **Mahdi Sebti** ride camels across the plains of Morocco together. "Morocco was so beautiful!" Dora said.

### HorseLove

Bonding with a horse from Vail, Colorado are juniors **Kris Sophia** and **TJ Warschefsky**. The boys spent their break skiing the slopes of Colorado.



# Vacation BLISS

By Karli Schnieder

The administrators are thankful. The attendance ladies are thankful. The teachers are thankful. By the time mid-winter break approaches at the end of February, nobody is as thankful as the entire student body. Some students leave Okemos and travel to exotic resorts around the world. Seniors **Michelle Larivee** and **Biz Latham** who spent their break touring the Caribbean on a luxurious cruiseline. "The sun never stopped shining in the Caribbean! It was so nice to have a break from Michigan's gray skies and snowy days," **Michelle** remembers. Not all students had the opportunity to depart from Okemos though and instead spend, five free days at home watching their favorite daytime soap opera. "I'm glad they decided to add the extra days to Presidents weekend. Even though I stayed home, I feel more refreshed coming back from the week break and ready to finish up the rest of the year," junior **Todd Estry** explains. Joining the student body in celebrating their week of freedom are the teachers. "By the time February comes around we all seem to be ready for a break. I went hiking in the mountains of England with my daughter. It was wonderful," math teacher **Mrs. Stewart** said. Whatever Okemos students and teachers choose to do with their free time, is a very anticipated break from the grueling winter routine of tests, homework, and sports practice. We all are thankful.



### A Penny for Your Thoughts

Contemplating life's true meaning, are juniors **Mike King**, **Kyle Davidson**, and **Scott Goldammer**.

### Exploring Outdoors

Senior **Ben Herring** spent his vacation hiking the mountains of North Carolina.

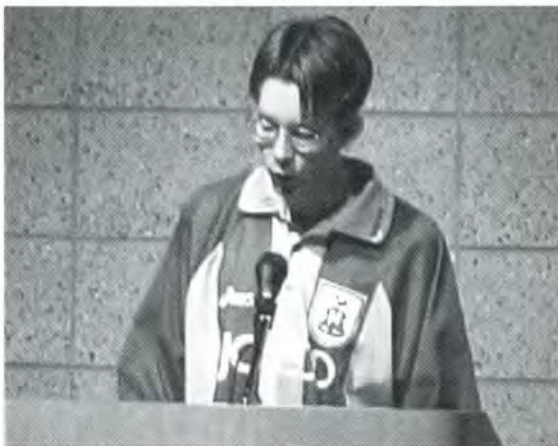


# Heritage is Hip

BY SHARING OUR CULTURAL ROOTS, THE TREE GROWS

Ron Corden

The Multi-Cultural Assembly gives students a great opportunity to express themselves by sharing their culture with others. This enrichment of culture can help us learn about our friends and peers. Celebrating diversity helps create a harmonious atmosphere and an enriched learning environment. Students at OHS are exposed to a wide range of diversity, which helps us respect and acknowledge our own differences and similarities. Multi-Cultural Day not only serves as a reminder of our identity and history, but to share our individual cultures with those who seek to learn about us. We are all one student body. We are united by our desire to learn and bound by friendship, but remembering where our great traditions come from will always remain in our hearts. It is our decision how we choose to express our culture and remember its past. Whether we sing, dance, or read poetry, we are expressing and respecting our heritage from generations past. Holding onto our culture preserves our own identity. The stunning performance was a hit and all the students can agree that the Multi-Cultural Assembly was a very successful and interesting experience. Everything from the graceful dance of candlelight to attention grabbing stomping serves to remind us who we are and where we come from.



### British Ballad

Senior exchange student **Richard Johnston** reads "If", a poem by English author Rudyard Kipling.

### Stepp'in Up?

Sophomore dancers **Quiana Snorden** and **Brittany Lewis** strut their stuff and show off their stepping moves.





**Dance!**

These girls aren't intimidated by a crowd. Their dance routine is a style that is native to the country of India.

**WHY SHARE YOUR CULTURE?**



"I had fun but it was hard balancing the candles on my head and dancing at the same time."

**Elmer Novis**



"I really enjoyed dancing at the cultural assembly. It allowed me to share my culture."

**Megan Morse**



**Choose to Dance**

Junior **Roohy Gupta** woos the crowd with this traditional Indian dance move. Her dress is a popular outfit worn by fashionable Indian youth.

**Down to Earth**

Seniors **Peter Novello**, **Steve Snethkamp** and **Dan Walshaw** played a folk song called "Jack-a-Row".



**Chicago Blues**

Senior **Ben Litchfield** strums away at the blues. **Ben** played a piece by one of his favorite artists, using both harmonica and guitar.

## SPRING BREAK ADVICE...

**KANGE KANEENE**

Go all inclusive and if you can leave the country, do so.



**JUSTIN WHITMAN**

Have fun, don't worry about the little things, and create memories.



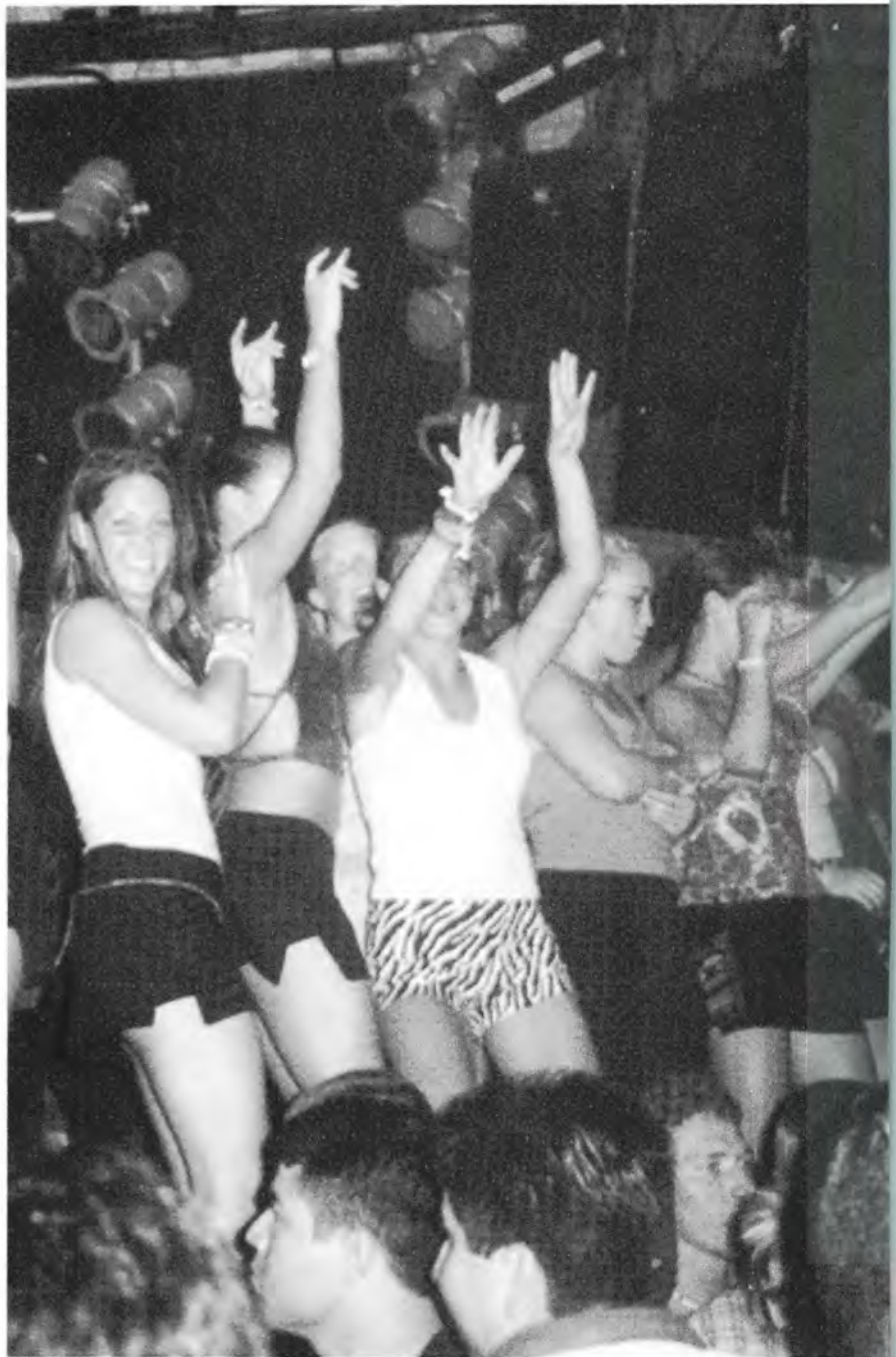
**JESSICA ROSE**

Don't ever think that you can go out without sun block.



**RIAN JORDAN**

Do something your parents specifically told you not to.



### Beach Babes

Tanning in Cancun, Mexico, are seniors **Andrea Durst, Lisa Gregg, Lindsay Simon, Casey Price, Kelly McDaniel, Carly Neilson, and Stephanie Pollok** enjoy the warm sun.



### Hail to the Chief

Seniors **Gaurav Bhatnagar, Raman Agrawal, Ashek Ahmed** and Junior **Vincent Raikhel** visited Washington, DC to learn more about government.



### Rock N' Roll all Night

A group of seniors dance till they drop in Cancun, Mexico.

### Hang Ten

Spending time with the locals, senior **Megan Miller** enjoys her spring break with family in Maui.



# Bon VOYAGE

By Katharine Schmidt

Spring break is a time to kick back, relax, and have fun with friends. At OHS and other high schools across the nation, it has become a tradition for graduating seniors to spend a wild week outside of town. Senior **Alana Vaughan** fondly remembers the days she spent in Orlando, Florida "It was so great! Being able to get out of Michigan and away from school was awesome, not to mention being able to tan in the warm Florida sun!" **Alana** was not the only OHS student vacationing in a tropical climate, senior **Stephanie Pollok** vacationed in Cancun, Mexico; "I love Cancun; It's warm, sunny, filled with fun people and it's definitely a change of pace compared to life at OHS." Many students, vacationed with a group of their senior friends, "Going on spring break with your bud's gives the whole gang a chance to get together and make some great memories before you part," said senior **Andrea Durst**. Although all the seniors did not choose to spend their break in the same location, OHS students agree that the best spring break atmosphere is with friends, whether you're in Mexico, Florida, or Okemos!



### Winter Wonderland

Seniors **Devon Hawkes**, **Gary Luu**, **Pete Novello**, and **Steve Snethkamp** spent their spring break in Whistler, British Columbia in Canada.

### Bahama Mamma's

OHS seniors **Stacey Simon**, **Courtney Napoles**, **Christine Borton**, **Lilly Shields**, **Rachel Leone**, **Kelly Meyer**, and **Sarah Forger** spend time together on a cruise to Key West and the Bahamas.



# Let's Talk About Tests Baby!

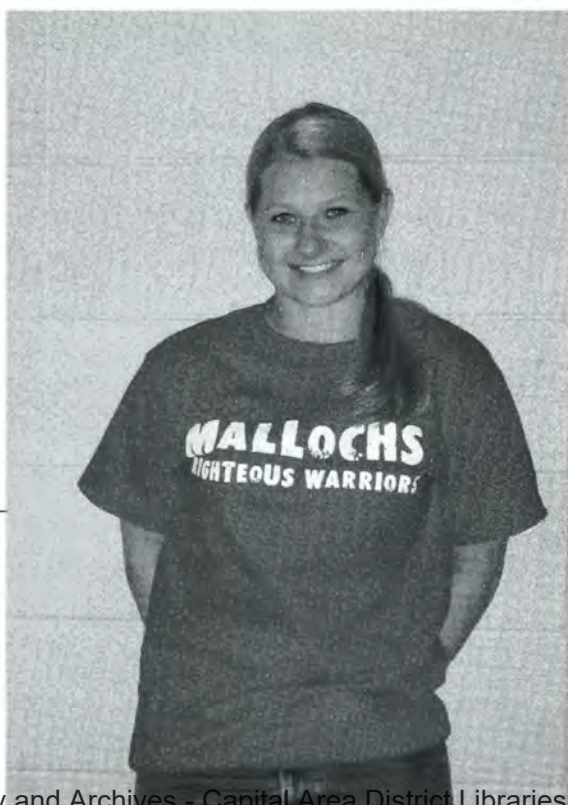
YOU HAVE TWENTY MINUTES TO READ THIS SECTION

Karli Schneider

There is a buzz of voices filling the junior and senior hallways. If you were to listen carefully you would probably hear something like this; "When are you taking the ACT?" "I am aiming for a score four on each of my AP exams." "You're retaking the SAT *again*?" Signing up to take the Standard Aptitude Test and the American Collegiate Test is the first step juniors take in the long college application process. "This is hands down the most stressful time of the year," junior **Halie Leonard** says. "Colleges put a lot of emphasis on your SAT and ACT scores, so it's important for me to do well, now." Colleges make sure to look at the entire application of essays, test scores and grades, recommendations, and involvement in extracurricular activities. "It's important for students to remember that colleges are getting more and more competitive and they need to get started early on their applications so they don't feel overwhelmed at the last minute," advises guidance counselor **Mrs. Carbonell**. Once the seniors' applications are finally turned in, it's not long before the towering two weeks of Advanced Placement exams in May. "I had to take four AP exams this year and it about killed me," senior **Anil Pokharel** remembers. So why are students continuing to sign up for AP classes and study courses for the SAT's? Simple. Chieftains aren't used to finishing second. We are constantly pushing ourselves to be the best.



**Parlez-vous francais?**  
Senior **Christine Borton** quietly prepares for her AP French exam by reviewing her notes in class.



**Dazzling Design**  
Senior **Lisa Gregg** shows off her AP Government t-shirt that **Mr. Malloch's** class designed. It's tradition for AP classes to wear their t-shirts on the day of their AP test.





### Crunch Time

Senior Anil Pokharel studies for his upcoming AP Calculus AB test by taking one of many practice exams.

## ADMISSIONS SHOULD FOCUS MORE ON...



"The GPA of the student. It reflects what type of student they really are."

**Jisuk Chang**



"I think the essays are the most important. It's the one chance the student has to really stand out and be themselves."

**Sarah Forger**



### Getting the Facts

Senior Dave Gupta refreshes his SAT vocabulary before taking the big test again this fall.

### Hidden Figures

Guidance counselor Mrs. Carbonell plays a key role in the college application process by writing college recommendations for her students.



### A Soothing Meal

Relaxing at Buddies Bar and Grill after taking the SAT's are senior girls, Kristen Holtschlag, Karli Schneider, Amber Doherty, Sarah Singleton, and Kara Dethlefsen.

# AROUND Okemos

Students are out and about struggling to buy gas

By Kristina Putz

## Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

The winter of 2000-2001 brought record amounts of snow. At least over 13 inches fell in a one week span, keeping the halls at OHS empty. The students are granted two snow days each year, meaning this year The students stayed busy on the days while enjoying winter fun of sledding, skiing, building snowmen and of course having snowball fights.



## Penny Pinching on Fuel

The gas prices this year skyrocketed, reaching an all time high of up to \$2.09 per gallon. As the year goes on, the gas prices are expected to jump even higher! As if road constructions weren't enough, drivers had to dig deep into their pockets to come up with the cash to keep their cars moving and on the road. Travel this summer is expected to be at an all time low due to high fuel costs. It might be a good year to see what is going on close to home.



## All Jammed Up

Not only did the weather make it difficult for the drivers to get around town this year, but road repairs caused headaches for drivers traveling around the area. Multiple roads in the Okemos area were reduced to one lane, causing many back-ups, delays and diverted routes for destined drivers. The addition of a traffic light on the corner of Kinawa and Dobie Road made morning traffic more tolerable.



## Shopping in Style

Meridian Mall is experiencing a new facelift in addition to some new upscale businesses. The new two-level Jacobson's opened in the fall of 2000. Hudsons followed suit by expanding and remodeling there store, in addition to a name change from Hudsons to Marshall Fields. The interior of the mall is also getting a new look, along the food court which not only changed locations but many venders.





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▲ Gas prices soar across Europe. Heavy taxation policies in France and England cause massive protests and transportation blockades. Both governments eventually promise relief.

✓ The Millennium Bridge, a footbridge across the River Thames connecting London's St. Paul Cathedral with the Tate Modern Art Gallery, opens in June. It is the first bridge to be built over the Thames in 100 years.



▲ Former KGB agent Vladimir Putin is sworn into office as Russia's new president in May 2000, succeeding long-time leader Boris Yeltsin. Despite fears of an authoritarian style, Putin's public approval ratings remain high.



▲ Floods in Southeast Asia are caused by days of pounding rain. Millions are forced to leave their homes and more than a thousand people die in the region's worst flooding in decades.



▲ President Clinton travels to Southeast Asia in November to help mend relations between the United States and Vietnam. He is the first U.S. president to visit Vietnam since the end of the war in 1975.



▲ A cable car carrying skiers and snowboarders in Austria catches fire inside a tunnel, killing more than 150 people on board. It is the worst Alpine disaster in the country's history.



▲ Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is ousted from office in October, ending 13 years of violent rule. Vojislav Kostunica becomes Yugoslavia's first democratically elected president.



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☞ Australian street artists called "Strange Fruit" perform gravity-defying feats around the world. The performers float above the audience on 15-foot fiberglass poles.

President Clinton makes a last-ditch effort to broker a Middle East peace deal before his term ends in January 2001 by drafting a plan for leaders of both Israel and Palestine to review. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Yasser Arafat agree to review Clinton's proposal, but no deal is signed before month's end.

A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet crashes during takeoff in Taiwan, killing 81 of the 179 people on board. In a blinding rainstorm the pilot uses the wrong runway and collides with construction equipment.



▲ Canada mourns the death of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who served the country for nearly 16 years. Trudeau, who was 80, is remembered for his flamboyant style and his commitment to keeping Canada a single nation.



AP/WideWorld

▲ Two hundred North and South Koreans separated from family members since the 1950-1953 Korean war reunite in August. The four-day visits are a goodwill gesture by both countries' leaders, who met for the first time in June.

✓ In August, the Russian nuclear submarine *Kursk* sinks to the bottom of the Barents Sea after an unexplained explosion. All 118 crew members are killed.



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AIDS reaches epidemic proportions in southern Africa. Leaders and citizens throughout the world conduct a massive educational campaign on World AIDS Day December 1 to teach people about the disease that is killing 6,000 sub-Saharan Africans each day.

Uganda is struck by an occurrence of the deadly Ebola virus that is linked to more than 100 deaths. The outbreak is traced to a Gulu woman who died in September and whose body infected other people during the ritual cleansing of the dead.



AP/WideWorld Photos

▲ In January 2001, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake devastates Gujarat in western India. The huge quake causes an estimated \$5.5 billion in damages and kills more than 20,000 people.



Tyler Hicks/Liaison

▲ In August, Somalia elects its first president in nine years. President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan promises to bring peace and economic recovery to the African nation.



Wesley Boxx/Liaison

▲ Former Coca-Cola executive Vicente Fox, of the National Action Party, is elected president of Mexico in July, ending the Institutional Revolutionary Party's 71-year reign.



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▲ More than 150 world leaders meet at the U.N. Millennium Summit in September to discuss war, poverty, disease and other global problems. The meeting is the largest gathering of world leaders in history.



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▲ In July, an Air France Concorde supersonic jet catches fire and crashes outside Paris, killing 113 people. The crash is blamed on metal debris which punctured the tires and damaged the fuel tanks.

✓ The worst wave of Middle Eastern violence in years erupts between Israelis and Palestinians, leaving more than 350 dead. A visit by Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon to a Jerusalem holy site on September 28 is claimed to have sparked the fighting.



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Missoulian, Michael Gallacher/AP/Wide World Photos



**▲** In the worst forest fire season in 50 years, more than 20,000 firefighters battle blazes in the western United States. More than 80 major wildfires burn across 13 states, forcing hundreds of people to leave their homes.

**✓** The U.S. Senate passes the Permanent Normal Trade Relations bill in September to open up trade between the United States and China. The bill is expected to increase U.S. exports by \$13 billion annually.



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**▲** Firestone initiates the largest tire recall in history after dozens of rollover accidents appear to be caused by faulty treads. At least 148 deaths in the United States are linked to the defective tires, although other problems with sport utility vehicles also are under investigation.



David Young-Wolff/PhotoEdit

**▲** Summer air travelers wait out some of the worst flight delays on record. Bad weather and heavy air traffic cause delays that reach a peak in June, when only 66% of the flights arrive on time.



Joe Raedler/Newsmakers/Liaison

**▲** Illegal downloading and missing computer tapes threaten the security of the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab in New Mexico. Several workers at the lab are penalized for mishandling nuclear secrets.



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**▲** The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future opens in September in Dallas. The museum profiles 3,000 remarkable American women and features more than 20 interactive exhibits.



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**▲** Many brands of taco shells and corn chips are pulled from store shelves and restaurants after a consumer group detects traces of genetically modified corn not approved for human consumption.

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**☑** Convicted of monopoly practices in the software industry, Microsoft Corporation is ordered by a federal district judge in June to break into two separate companies. Company chairman Bill Gates files for an appeal.

A wave of Internet startup companies, once the darlings of the online economy, file for bankruptcy after falling short of stockholders' earnings expectations. The NASDAQ stock exchange, where most dot-coms are traded, loses 39% of its value for the year.

Millions of Californians go for hours without power in January 2001 as utility companies cut off electrical supply due to low reserves. The crisis, blamed on aging generating plants, deregulation, soaring wholesale prices and debt-ridden utilities, spurs other states to begin devising prevention plans.



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**▲** The Oklahoma City National Memorial is unveiled in April 2000. The memorial is built to honor the 168 people who died in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

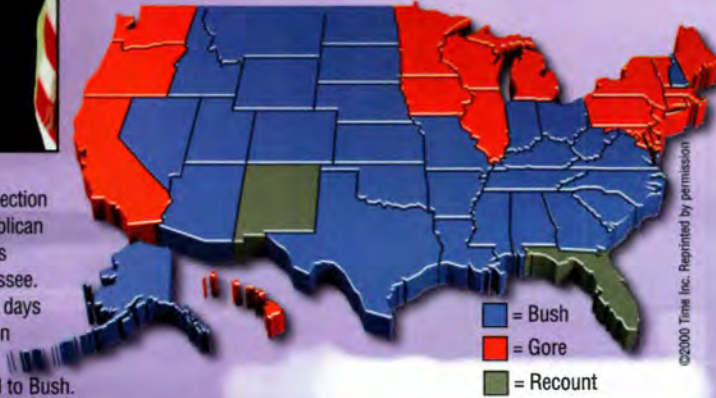


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▲ In the closest presidential election in more than 100 years, Republican George W. Bush of Texas beats Democrat Al Gore from Tennessee. The race isn't decided until 36 days after the popular election, when Florida's hotly contested 25 electoral votes are awarded to Bush.

▼ On December 4, 2000, the U.S. presidency remains in limbo as both Florida and New Mexico officials recount ballots to determine who will win their state's electoral votes. New Mexico goes to Gore. Ultimately, Bush wins Florida which gives him a narrow victory.



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On election night, several TV networks prematurely declare Al Gore the winner in Florida, only later to reverse themselves, twice. The fiasco confirms many Americans' distrust of polling and early "calling" of elections.

In one of his first duties as President-elect, George W. Bush nominates Colin Powell to be Secretary of State. The four-star Army General becomes the first African-American in history to serve in this role.



Reuters/Colin Braley/Archive Photos

▲ Chads, dimpled chads and butterfly ballots become common terms during the election as Florida officials assess voter intent. The confusion generates national discussion for uniform methods of voting.



Mark Wilson/Newsmakers/Liaison Agency

▲ The U.S. Supreme Court casts the deciding vote in the nation's election. The court ends the Gore-Bush legal battles in Florida by stopping all recounting, an action that effectively gives Bush victory.



AP/Corbis

▲ In a fiery and highly publicized political battle, Hillary Rodham Clinton beats Republican Rick Lazio decisively to become senator from New York. She is the first first lady to be elected to public office.



Dean Curtis/Liaison Agency

▲ Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan is elected to the Senate days after he dies in a November plane crash. His widow, Jean Carnahan, agrees to serve as senator in his place.



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▲ In October, the USS Cole is bombed while refueling in Yemen. A number of terrorist groups are suspected of the blast that kills 17 sailors and injures 39.

▼ The Federal Trade Commission charges the film, recording and video-game industries with marketing violent and adult-rated materials to teens. The entertainment giants are requested to stop the practice or face legal intervention.



Robert Trigg/SIPA



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▲ In August, a mile-wide patch of open water is spotted at the North Pole, dramatizing concerns about global warming.



✓ Walkie-talkies make a comeback as an economical alternative to cell phones. The new generation talkies come in wild styles and have a range of two or more miles.



NASA/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ New photos of fiery streams of gas that can reach 300,000 miles high may explain why the sun's atmosphere is hotter than its surface.



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▲ In July, Stephen King shakes up the publishing world by releasing one of the first online books, *The Plant*. More than 150,000 copies are downloaded the first week at \$1 per chapter.



NYT Pictures

▲ In a Guatemalan jungle, archeologists uncover remains of an ancient Mayan palace. Bigger than two football fields, the palace is one of the largest ever discovered.



Mark Lemihan/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Internet appliances that provide surfing and e-mailing capabilities make their way to homes and schools. The devices offer less expensive Internet access to consumers without home computers.



Jacana/Photo Researchers, Inc.

▲ In 2000, more than 200 animal species join the Iberian Lynx on the World Conservation Union's List of Threatened Species. Their addition brings the world total to 11,046 plants and animals having threatened status.



Compaq/AP/Wide World Photos

☑ Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) capable of calendar scheduling, note taking, e-mailing, phoning and Web browsing go mainstream in 2000. Competition among manufacturers heats up with Microsoft, BlackBerry, Palm and other brands vying for shares of the teen and business markets.

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Paleontologists identify a new species of dinosaur from fossils found in northern Italy. The 26-foot-long, meat-eating *Saltriosaur* is one of the world's oldest dinosaurs, dating back 200 million years.

Scientists are forced to rethink the traditional definitions of a star and planet when 18 massive planet-like bodies that don't revolve around a sun are discovered in the Sigma Orionis cluster.



Reuters/NASA/Archive Photos

▲ Final touches are made to the International Space Station for its first residents. American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts live on the space station for four months starting in November.



✔ Wireless devices that send real-time personal messages between users become the latest communication craze. The "instant messages" can be typed, written or spoken, depending on the brand, and devices cost less than \$100.



✔ In 2000, both Honda and Toyota launch gas-electric hybrid cars. Operated by a battery-powered electric motor and a gas-run engine, the hybrids get up to 70 miles per gallon on the highway and release minimal emissions.



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New Internet domain names are created to lessen the load on the old .com standard. The new names, slated for use in mid-2001, include .info for general use, .biz for businesses, .name for individuals and .pro for professionals.

Scientists complete a rough "map" of the genetic code that makes a person human. The map will aid in the detection and prevention of cancer and other illnesses.

Carloso Osorio/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ PlanetPortal unveils the WebRemote, a remote built for use with the Internet. Users can surf their favorite sites at the touch of a button instead of keying addresses or scrolling a list of bookmarked pages.



▲ Scientists discover an ancient standing lizard fossil in a German quarry, suggesting that dinosaurs may not have been the first creatures to walk upright.

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▲ The Hubble Space Telescope shows never-before-seen details of a "cosmic butterfly," material ejected by a star in the later stages of its life.



▲ Computer scientists at Brandeis University make a robot that can design and build other robots with minimal help from humans.

Brandeis University

Stephen J. Boitano/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ Amtrak introduces the nation's first high-speed train in November. The "Acela Express" travels up to 150 miles per hour and runs between Washington, D.C., New York and Boston, with other routes planned for coming years.

✔ Apple Computer unveils its new G4 Cube computer in July. The 8-inch crystalline cube is commended for its small size, high speed, low noise level, touch-sensitive power activation and padless optical mouse.



Photo Courtesy of Apple/Liaison



▲ A new Web site, Customatix.com, lets users design their own sneakers. Starting from scratch or selecting a prefab model, users can pick everything from the colors and styling to the fabric and personalized logo at a cost of \$80 to \$95 a pair.

✓ New prepaid credit cards and online credit lines are the latest high-tech means for parents to control their teens' spending. Depending on the account, parents determine the spending limit or the online stores where the money can be spent and receive monthly statements of purchases made.



▲ MH-18, billed as the first national lifestyle magazine for guys 13 to 18, hits newsstands in August. The *Men's Health* offshoot covers sports, fitness, school, relationships and issues teenage boys face growing up.



▲ American Heritage, among other publishers, releases new dictionaries, capturing the language of our computer-savvy culture. "Dot-com," "netiquette" and "cybersurfing" are among the new entries.



▲ Pleather, a synthetic fabric that looks like leather, comes in an array of colors and prints and is popularized by celebrities like singer Christina Aguilera.

▼ Techno pants, as functional as last year's cargoes but with cleaner lines and nylon fabric, are popular with teens. They come in a variety of colors and feature zippered legs and pockets, toggles and nylon drawstrings.



▲ Laser eye surgery becomes an increasingly accepted alternative to eyeglasses and contact lenses as the technology continues to improve.

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☞ The popularity of Apple Computer's translucent berry-colored iMac sparks a wave of similarly colored cell phones, CD players, cameras, irons and other household appliances.

For the first time, females outnumber males in Internet use in the United States, representing 50.4% of the online population in 2000. Teenage girls are the fastest growing user segment.

Designer faceplates become a popular way to personalize cell phones. The decorative attachments come in a variety of designs and colors to match the user's mood or outfit.



▲ Wordstretch bracelets become a trendy accessory in Hollywood and around the nation. The multi-colored elastic bands come inscribed with "Call me," "Money is overrated," "Snap out of it" and other simple messages designed to spark conversation.



David Young-Wolff/PhotoEdit



▲ High-tech, fold-up metal versions of the old scooter are one of the year's hottest modes of transportation but also a leading cause of injury.

✔ Message T-shirts become fashion statements among teen girls. "Foxy Lady," "Princess Around" are just a few of the tongue-in-cheek logos that appear on the popular shirts.



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By the end of 2000, an estimated 75% of U.S. universities offer courses online and more than 5.8 million students have logged on.

With the 2000 unemployment rate at a low of 4%, college students working as summer interns command wages up to \$20 an hour, along with compensation packages, from high-tech and Internet companies.



▲ Companies like Estee Lauder, Origins, Hermes and Blistex begin to market products in portable single-use packets. Products include nail polish remover, scented wipes, hair conditioners and moisturizers.



▲ Stick-on crystals and gems become popular fashion accessories for teen girls, accenting the face, neck and shoulders.



▲ Mail-order clothing pioneer Lands' End introduces "scan wear." The technology captures customers' body measurements, and allows users to virtually "try on" clothing when ordering via the Internet.



▲ "Personal TVs" by TiVo and ReplayTV allow users to control live TV by pausing or rewinding and to record their favorite shows without having to set a VCR timer or purchase videotapes.



▲ Chrysler rolls out its 1930s retro car, the PT Cruiser, in spring 2000. The five-door "personal transportation" wagon is a hot seller, beating the popular Volkswagen New Beetle by two to one in the first month. It also wins *Motor Trend* magazine's 2001 Car of the Year.

✔ Teens involved in anti-smoking organizations such as The Truth and Target Market strike back at Big Tobacco for marketing to youth, by launching their own in-your-face advertising campaigns targeting cigarette makers. The print and broadcast ads are sponsored by funds won from tobacco suit settlements.





Paul M. Walsh/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ The Millennium Force, the world's tallest and fastest roller coaster, opens in May 2000 at the Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio. The ride has a 300-foot drop and travels up to 92 miles per hour.



Maxis/Electronic Arts

✓ A new computer video game called "The Sims," which simulates the life of a suburban family, develops a fanatical following with teens. Players create the characters and guide them through building a house, furnishing it, finding a career and running a family in their pursuit of happiness.



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▲ Jim Carrey stirs up trouble in the town of Whoville in an adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. *The Grinch*, which opens in November, is the highest grossing film of 2000.



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▲ *Meet the Parents*, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller, opens in October. The movie wins Favorite Comedy Motion Picture at the People's Choice Awards, and De Niro earns a Golden Globe nomination.



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▲ In July, CBS launches "Big Brother," a reality-based show in which 10 people share living quarters for three months until all but one are voted out. Viewers can monitor contestants 24/7 on the show's Web site.



Kraig Geiger/Everett Collection

▲ UPN's weekly series "WWF Smackdown!" starring professional wrestler The Rock is the network's most-watched show in 2000, with 7.3 million viewers.



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▲ In December, *Cast Away* is released, starring Tom Hanks as a crash victim stranded on a desert island for four years. For his nearly one-man performance Hanks wins Best Actor at the Golden Globes.

Koji Sasahara/AP/Wide World Photos

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Courtesy Electronic Arts

✦ Gamers camp outside electronics stores to secure the long-awaited Sony PlayStation 2, which goes on sale in October in limited quantities. The new version allows users to listen to CDs and watch DVD movies in addition to playing games.

The first big hit in 2001 is *Save the Last Dance*, which opens in January. The teen romance, starring Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas, earns close to \$50 million in its first two weeks.

*Pay It Forward*, a movie based on the idea of performing random acts of kindness, opens in October starring Haley Joel Osment, Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt.



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▲ Tom Cruise reprises his role as Ethan Hunt in the action sequel *Mission: Impossible 2*. The May release is summer's biggest box-office draw and 2000's second-highest grossing film, earning more than \$215 million.



Popular television series prompt the introduction of board game versions. "Survivor" and "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" lead the list of new releases.

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In November, illusionist David Blaine is encased in ice for 62 hours in New York's Times Square, assisted only with air and water tubes and a catheter. Blaine, who was seeking notoriety over national TV, survives the stunt but requires hospitalization.



Russell Crowe becomes a household name with the release of Gladiator. The epic film wins a Golden Globe Award for Best Drama as well as an acting nod for Crowe.

NBC's White House drama "The West Wing," starring Martin Sheen, Allison Janney and Richard Schiff, sets a record for receiving the most Emmys in a single season with nine wins, including Outstanding Drama Series.



NBC's "Will & Grace" is one of television's 10 most watched shows in 2000. Actors Sean Hayes and Megan Mullally win Emmys for their roles as Jack and Karen.



Scary Movie, the Wayans brothers' spoof on horror movies, is among the year's 10 highest grossing films. The July release earns more than \$157 million and is voted the Teen Choice Awards Movie of the Summer.



Fox's "Dark Angel" is voted Favorite New Television Dramatic Series at the 2001 People's Choice Awards. The series, set in the year 2019, explores the life of a genetically enhanced heroine named Max.



In July, Wolverine, Cyclops, Storm and other super-powerful comic book characters are brought to life in X-Men. The movie grosses over \$157 million, one of the year's 10 biggest box-office draws.



The year's hottest TV show is CBS's "Survivor," in which 16 contestants compete for a million dollars by surviving on a tropical island for 39 days. More than 51 million viewers tune in for the final episode. Based on its success, CBS launches a second "Survivor" series in January 2001 set in the Australian Outback.

Charlie's Angels, based on the popular '70s TV series, is one of the top 20 box-office draws in 2000. The movie, starring director Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu, earns \$40 million its opening week in November and grosses more than \$123 million during its run.





▲ In response to the growing interest in Latin music, CBS airs the "1st Annual Latin Grammy Awards" in September. The show is the first primetime network Spanish language telecast on American TV and draws 7.5 million viewers.

Reuters/Jeff Mitchell/Archive Photos

▼ A new board game called "Hip-Hop Hall of Fame" capitalizes on the popularity of the music genre. Players make their way around an album-like board by answering questions about Hip-Hop performers, songs, culture and history.



Alex Cao/AP/Wide World Photos



Tara Conroy/Petra Limited, USA

▲ Hip-Hop remains one of the year's dominant sounds, with acts such as DMX, Jay-Z and Ludacris all making *Billboard's* Top 40 with new songs and selling more than a million copies of their latest CDs.



▲ N Sync's *No Strings Attached* becomes the top-selling album of 2000 with 10 million units sold. The lead single "Bye Bye Bye" wins three MTV awards and receives a Grammy nomination for Record of the Year.



Mark Allan/Globe Photos

▲ Pop star Björk wins MTV's Breakthrough Video Award for "All Is Full of Love." The Icelandic newcomer is also nominated for a Golden Globe and a Grammy for her music in *Dancer In the Dark*.



Mark Lemihan/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Macy Gray wins MTV's Best New Artist in a Video award for her hit single "I Try." Gray is also nominated for three Grammys.



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▲ Lee Ann Womack wins the Country Music Association's award for Best Single with "I Hope You Dance." Womack also receives several Grammy nominations.

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Dan Krauss/AP/Wide World Photos

◻ New brands and styles of portable MP3 players inundate the market in 2000. The new-generation devices store and play digital music from the Internet and feature more playing time than their predecessors.

Madonna scores a record-setting 12th No. 1 single with the release of "Music." In December, she weds director Guy Ritchie in a Scottish castle.

Irish artist Samantha Mumba makes the music charts in 2001 with her hit song "Gotta Tell You." The 17-year-old joins fellow countrymen U2 and The Corrs on the American airwaves.



Christopher Lee Helton/Petra Ltd., USA

▲ Creed, with lead singer Scott Stapp, proves to be one of 2000's hottest rock bands, with their singles "Higher" and "With Arms Wide Open" hitting the top 5 on *Billboard's* Hot 100 singles list. The group wins American Music Association's Favorite Alternative Artist and Favorite Pop/Rock Album.



Opening week sales records are shattered in 2000 with benchmarks set for the number of albums sold. Britney Spears' *Oops...I Did it Again*, Eminem's *The Marshall Mathers LP*, Limp Bizkit's *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water* and Backstreet Boys' *Black & Blue* all break the million-unit mark.

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The Beatles begin 2001 atop the *Billboard* album chart with the album *1*. The CD sells more than 5 million copies over the holiday season.

Sisqo, a member of the R&B band Dru Hill, goes solo in 2000. The singer tops the singles chart with "Incomplete" and "Thong Song" and takes home awards from *Billboard* and the American Music Association.



Chip Wass

Napster loses several court battles with the recording industry over copyright infringement. The popular online music sharing service, with over 60 million users, faces shut-down unless it can create a new business formula that satisfies the major recording labels.



MTV's "Total Request Live," which allows viewers to vote for their favorite music videos, continues to gain popularity. Host Carson Daly becomes one of the year's best-known faces.

Destiny's Child achieves three back-to-back No. 1 singles in 2000, making the band *Billboard*'s Top Pop Artist of 2000. The group is nominated for five Grammys, four for the single "Say My Name."

Faith Hill and Tim McGraw perform to sellout crowds on their Soul 2 Soul tour. Hill and McGraw win the Country Music Association's Female and Male Vocalist of the Year, making them the first couple to win in the same year.

Pink is one of the year's top new artists. Her debut album, *Can't Take Me Home*, sells 2 million copies, and two of her songs are Top 10 hits.

Ben Vanhouten/AP/Wide World Photos



Baha Men's hit song "Who Let the Dogs Out" reaches anthem status at sports stadiums across the country. The song also wins a Grammy nomination for Best Dance Recording.

Rock music dominates the music charts and award shows in 2000. Groups including matchbox twenty, Vertical Horizon and 3 Doors Down top both the rock and pop singles charts with their respective singles "Bent," "Everything You Want," and "Kryptonite."





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▲ The New York Yankees defeat the New York Mets four games to one in the first "Subway Series" since 1956. It is the Yankees' third straight World Series win and their 26th overall.



✓ American Marion Jones, 24, becomes the first woman to win five track and field medals in a single Olympic Games at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Jones wins the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the 4x400 relay, and finishes third in both the 4x100 relay and long jump.



Charmie Neberg/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Tiger Woods, 24, wins three of golf's four major tournaments to become the youngest player to win a career grand slam. Woods also breaks the earnings record for a single year with winnings of more than \$9 million.



Ric Field/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Bobby Labonte wins the 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup, his first after eight years on the circuit. Labonte and his brother Terry, winner of two previous Winston Cups, are the first brothers to win titles.



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▲ The Houston Comets beat the New York Liberty to win the 2000 WNBA championship. The win is Houston's fourth in a row, and star Cynthia Cooper is named the finals MVP.



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▲ In the 2001 Orange Bowl, the underdog Oklahoma Sooners defeat the Florida State Seminoles 13-2 to win the National Championship. It is Oklahoma's first title in 15 years.



M. Spenser Green/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Australian Karrie Webb is named the LPGA's Player of the Year for the second time in a row. Webb wins seven titles in 2000, including the U.S. Women's Open in July, and sets an earnings record of \$1.8 million.

✓ Venus Williams dominates women's tennis. The 20-year-old has a 35-match winning streak, which includes the titles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open as well as an Olympic gold medal.



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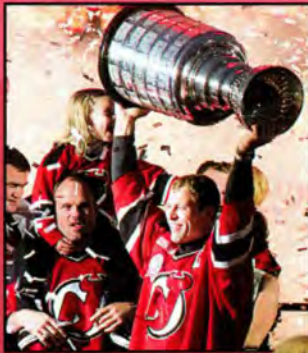
With a win against the University of Dayton in September, Yale becomes the first college team to win 800 football games.

In January 2001, after a three-year hiatus, legendary Mario Lemieux returns to play for the Pittsburgh Penguins, the hockey team he now part-owns. Lemieux becomes the first owner/player in the history of the NHL.



Mike Powell/Allsport

▲ Cyclist Lance Armstrong wins his second consecutive Tour de France in July. Armstrong, a cancer survivor, also writes his autobiography *It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life*.



✓ The Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA championship, the franchise's first in 12 years. The Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers in game six of the finals. Center Shaquille O'Neal is named MVP.



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The racing world is stunned when NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt Sr., a seven-time Winston Cup champion, is killed on the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February 2001. NASCAR does not retire numbers, but car owner Richard Childress said he will never again race Earnhardt's black No. 3 car.

Xtreme Football debuts in February 2001. The game combines conventional football rules with some of the mayhem of professional wrestling. Eight teams play in the league's first season.

▲ In June, the New Jersey Devils win their second Stanley Cup in six seasons by defeating defending champion Dallas Stars four games to two in the finals. Scott Stevens wins the Conn Smythe Trophy for postseason MVP.



Sports Illustrated

▲ Laura Wilkinson overcomes three broken toes to win the women's 10-meter platform diving competition. Wilkinson is the first American woman to earn the gold in this Olympic event since 1964.



Sports Illustrated

▲ In a huge upset, American Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner defeats Russian legend Alexander Karelin for the gold in the super heavyweight class. The loss is Karelin's first in 13 years.



Sports Illustrated

▲ American swimmer Misty Hyman beats out heavily favored Susie O'Neill of Australia to win the 200-meter butterfly. Hyman's winning time of 2:05.88 is an Olympic record.



Sports Illustrated

▲ American runner Michael Johnson makes history by winning the 400-meter run for an unprecedented second time in a row at the Olympics. Alvin Harrison, also from the United States, wins the silver medal.



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▲ Cathy Freeman carries the Olympic torch at the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Freeman goes on to win the 400-meter dash, becoming the first Aboriginal Australian to earn an individual Olympic gold medal.

✓ The Baltimore Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV for their first NFL title. Ray Lewis of Baltimore's highly touted defense is named MVP of the game.



AP/Wide World Photos



▲ Comedian Dennis Miller debuts as co-announcer on ABC's "Monday Night Football." Miller's offbeat humor gets a mixed reaction from fans, and the series earns some of the lowest ratings in its 31-year history.

✓ Paula Prince of Port Richey, Florida, wins the sixth annual Ugly Couch Contest, sponsored by a slipcover manufacturer, with her vintage '70s entry. Prince and two other contest finalists appear on ABC's "Live! With Regis" in October.



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▲ Fred Rogers, host of the children's PBS show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," announces he will tie his tennis shoes for the last time, when his final new episode airs in August 2001. Rogers will continue to work on Web sites, books and special museum projects.



Daniel Huiszner/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ To observe society and learn about himself, New Jersey native Brett Banfe, 18, takes a one-year vow of silence. He communicates by e-mail, facial expressions and business cards.



Andy Lyons/Allsport

▲ Runner Marla Runyan, who is legally blind, becomes the first U.S. Paralympian to compete in the Olympics. Runyan places 8th in the 1,500-meter run at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia.



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▲ England celebrates the 100th birthday of the Queen Mum, mother of Queen Elizabeth, in August. The beloved Mum becomes the oldest living royal in the history of the British Monarchy.



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▲ In October, Slovenian climber Davo Karnicar becomes the first person to ski down Mount Everest. Karnicar's two-mile descent down the world's highest mountain takes five hours.

☒ In honor of the late cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, 101 fiberglass Snoopy statues — each in a theme wardrobe — are displayed in Schulz's hometown of St. Paul. Several are auctioned off in October to raise money for aspiring cartoonists.



St. Paul Pioneer Press

FLASH >>>

Video gamer Josh Griffith, 17, starts a business filling in for other gamers involved in an online roleplaying game called "Asheron's Call." Players are required to put in hours of game time to keep their online characters powerful. Busy executives pay Griffith up to \$40 an hour to play for them.

After a record 3,545 wins and \$81 million in earnings during her 19-year career, jockey Julie Krone becomes the first woman inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame.



Andy Lyons/Allsport

▲ Controversial Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight is fired in September after allegedly violating a University-imposed code of conduct. During his 29 years at Indiana, Knight was often criticized for temper outbursts. His dismissal provokes student protest demonstrations.

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# AROUND

# Okemos

## Okemos is experiencing a building boom

By Kristina Putz

### Construction Site Blues

Okemos is experiencing a building boom with several new business opening in the area. Not only is Jolly Road showing signs of growth, but on Dobie Road and Central Park Drive, a once open wooded area, new construction has begun. New residential areas are being planned also. This has caused conflict among the no growth advocates because the wetlands diminishing as well as the population increase.



### When it Rains it Pours

Instead of enjoying the sunny spring weather, kids were stuck inside. April showers didn't bring May flowers this year. May brought in heavy Spring rains, lasting almost four days, and causing flooding to occur not only in basements, but also in the streets. The strong rains closed Jolly Road, diverting the morning traffic to OHS and forcing many nearby businesses to be closed down.



### Short on Films

Avid Moviewatchers were dealt a blow when, in a matter of months, the area went from twenty-four theatres to six. Super Cinemas surprise closing as well as two indoor mall theaters shutting their doors due to mall renovations, left the area movie buffs high and dry, with few selections at the Outer Six. Movie goers now have to travel to Celebration in South Lansing or to the Sun Theater in Williamston.



### They Almost Made It

The MSU Spartans basketball team went to the Final Four again this year for the second time in a row. Although they did not go on to be consecutive National Champs, they did very well, losing to Arizona in the in the Semi-Finals. Not only did they lose the game, but Mateen Cleaves graduated, one of the better player on the team. The Spartans making it this far caused quite a commotion around the East Lansing area.





## i WAS **Invincible...**

Everyone remembers the last second goal in a tied soccer game, the impossible race that was miraculously won. But what about the hours spent practicing after school, days spent dreaming about the upcoming season? No one sees the determination in the eyes of freshman trying out for a spot on the varsity team. No one pays attention to the hours meticulously spent perfecting a golf swing. It's not easy to play hard day after day, just to lose in the first game of Districts. Yet somehow, more than two thirds of the student body are involved in athletics. So what makes the athletes of OHS invincible? The fact that they spend hours, days, even years preparing for a game, preparing for a championship. OHS athletes have tasted the sweetness of a victory, felt the sadness of a bitter loss, but no matter how hard they fall they always manage to get back up. Their persistence and determination always keeps them coming back for more.

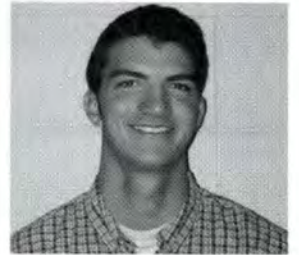
*By Katie Bastien*





Senior **Anton Currie** goes up strong for a rebound against a Mason Bulldog. **Anton** received a full scholarship for basketball to the University of Toledo.

What gets  
your adrena-  
line pumping  
before a  
game?



Senior **Bryan Bishop**

"When I'm pitching, it's the idea of going one-on-one with the batter that really pumps me up."



Junior **Colleen Donovan**

"**Kelly Bozyk's** terrible 'ghetto jams' and 'maaaaayo' on the soccer bus really gets my blood flowing!"

# Quotes to live by...



**Dai Takaoka**

"Working hard is number one!"



**Andy Russian**

"Although sweat and tears are both salty, they render different results; tears will get you sympathy, but sweat will get you change."



**Leroy Permoda**

"Only your best is good enough."

### MAKE IT HAPPEN

"Everybody got it? Everybody get it? Good, lets go!" This motivational speech was engrained in the player's minds by the coaches at practice.



### READY FOR ACTION

This year's strong OHS defensive line helped shut out Lansing Catholic Central 37-0. Defensive Coach Zaeske instructs his players on their next move.



### THE WALK OF FAME

Senior Co-Captains Gabe Ellis and Ryan Sammartino ride on the shoulders of Seniors Clayton Schettler and Senior Co-Captain David Rudd Ross at a fall pep-assembly.

### TIME OUT

Junior Andre Wright and Seniors Clayton Schettler and Chris Phelps take a break from a hard game against Eaton Rapids, which they won 41-0.



### Boys' Varsity Football

Row 1: Zac Johnson, Ryan Sammartino, Patrick Nolan, Matt Geske, Okenwa Aguwa, Tim Mayer, Pete Woiwode, Brandon Forrest, Todd Estry. Row 2: DC Card, Andy Russian, Chris Calcagno, Pat Gordon, Kyle Davidson, Drew Federau, Greg Lemon, Travis Wright, Andre Wright. Row 3: Will Grattan, Tyrone Ezealah, Jeff Martin, Will Folland, Lucas Sinclair, Nate Richter, Jeff Junke, Chris Harton, David Rudd Ross. Row 4: Nate Hoekstra, Anton Maes, Chris Phelps, Steve Fraas, James Retuccia, Kevin Jou, Justin Whitman, Leroy Permoda, Aaron Baer, Andy Jurmu. Row 5: Chris Burlingame, Zach Goldstein, Clayton Schettler, Ben Lack, Brian McPharlin, Oren Schindler, Clark Miller, Kyle Fox, Scott Goldammer. Row 6: Peter Breckner, Mark Cole, Justin Wooton, Rodney Brown, Gabe Ellis, Brandon Lloyd, Mike Chojnowski, Kevin Newman, Chris White, Dai Takaoka. Row 7: David Provenzano, Jim Powers, Keith Froelich, Jeff Zaske, Paul Palmer.



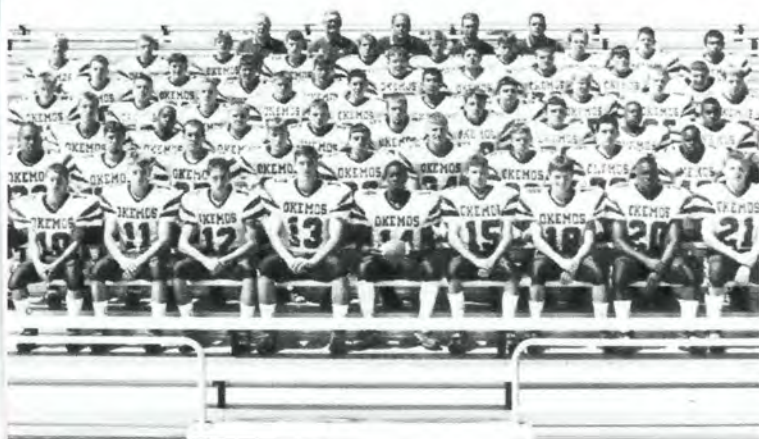


**THE FAB FIVE**

The 2000 Varsity Football Coaching staff, Coach Provenzano, Coach Powers, Coach Froelich, Coach Palmer, and Coach Zaeske.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Holt	12-13 L
Lansing Catholic	37-0 W
Eaton Rapids	41-0 W
Charlotte	20-25 L
Lakewood	20-12 W
Jackson NW	27-7 W
Mason	18-0 W
Jackson Lumen	12-28 L
Saginaw Heritage	18-48L
RECORD: 5-4	



# FRO'S Kickoff

By Jessica Rand

As you walk into the stadium, you can hear the fans cheering, the band playing, and feel the excitement mounting in the air as the Varsity Football players run out to the field.

This year's football season was a great kick-off to the 2000-2001 school year. "This is a group of young men who worked diligently to properly prepare, did the best with what they had, and most of all, cared about what they were doing... one can ask no more," says **Coach Froelich** about the hard working team. After a great season of hard work and sacrifice, no one is more proud than **Coach Fro**, "Congratulations guys, and good luck to all of this year's seniors."



## How Do You Prepare For A Game...



**Courtney Mitchell**

"We would bring a CD player and listen to different music to get us pumped up for our game."



**Erica Dickinson**

"We would have a big team dinner at different houses before each game. Each meal brought us closer together."



**Jennifer Smith Dewey**

"Before each game we would have our annual dance to the song 'Pump It Up.'"

### IT'S MY BALL!

Senior **Stephanie Linz** looks to take the rebound from St. Johns. "We are a really close team, we focus at practice to get the job done in the games!" said **Stephanie**.

### HARDWORK PAYS OFF

Seniors **Courtney Mitchell** and **Jessica Shaft** embrace after the team's incredible 61-56 win over St. Johns.



### LEADERS OF THE PACK

Captains **Erica Dickinson**, **Courtney Mitchell**, and **Jennifer Smith-Dewey** lead their team in the Fall Sports Pep Assembly.

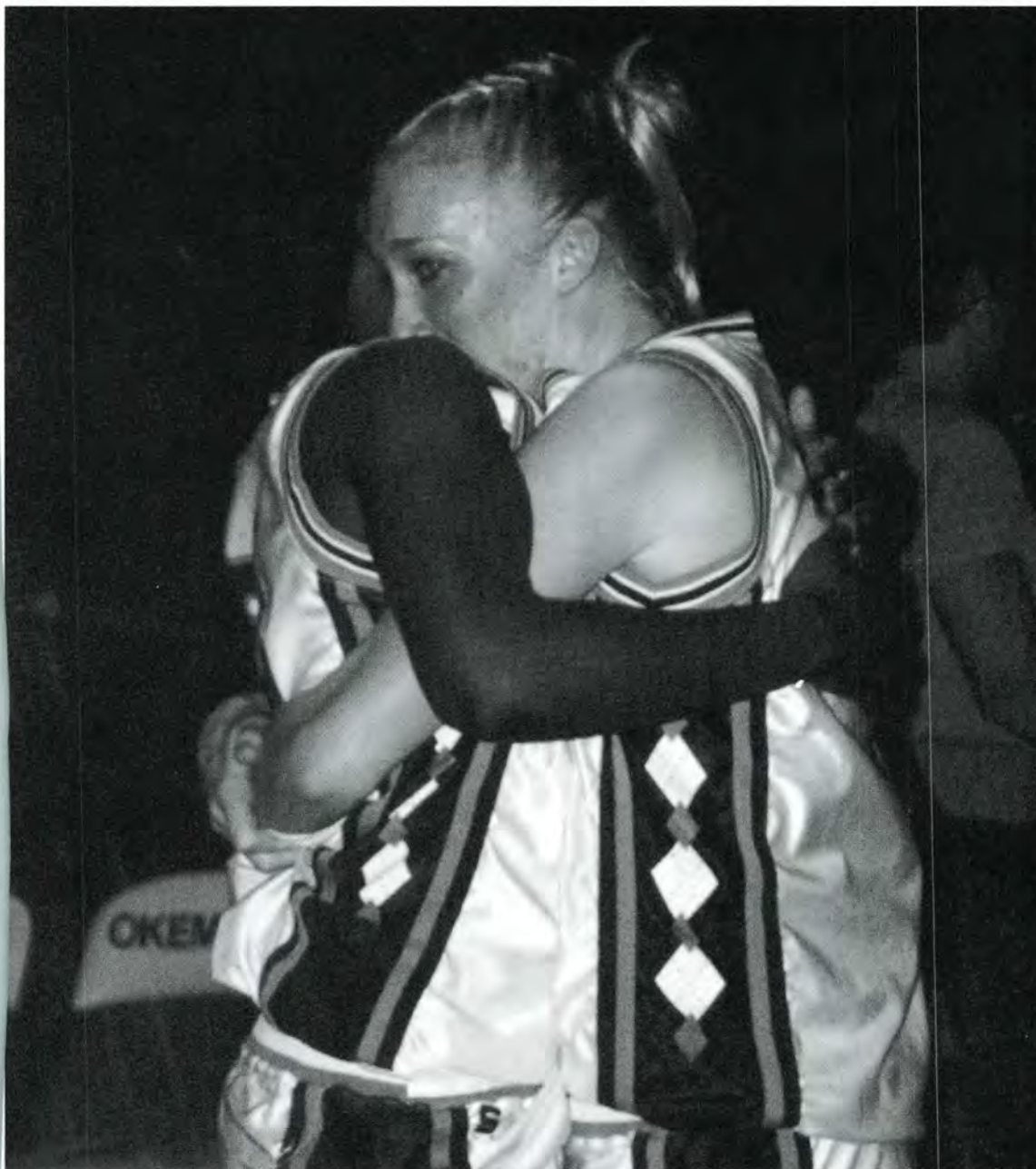
### WHAT'S NEXT?

The Girls gather around **Coach Sermak** to hear the plan for their next play. **Coach Sermak** lead the Chiefs to a 18-4 season record.

### FEEL THE GLORY!

The Lady Chiefs celebrate their triumph over Mason. The girls pulled together after being behind during the first half to win 48-47.





**CATCH THE SPIRIT**  
 OHS Students support the Lady Chiefs during their game against Mason. "The fans pump us up!" says Sophomore Kelly Bozyk.



OPPONENT	SCORE
GrandLedge	30-43L
Waverly	49-38W
LCC	48-44W
Holt	54-50W
Eaton Rapids	55-28W
Eastern	52-33W
Charlotte	42-33W
Lakewood	41-29W
Northwest	58-39W
Mason	28-39L
Lumen Christi	52-31W
LCC	42-53L
Eaton Rapids	56-18W
Charlotte	59-31W
St. Johns	61-56W
Lakewood	57-32W
Northwest	60-37W
Mason	48-47W
Saline	43-35W
Lumen Christi	48-25W
Eaton Rapids	69-26W
Mason	49-61L

**RECORD: 18-4**



# A JUMP Higher

GIRLS VARSITY  
 BASKETBALL LEAPS INTO  
 NEW TERRITORY

By Karli Schneider

"Together we will." This phrase is the season of the Girls' Varsity Basketball team summarized into one phrase. "We were always focused on being better than the day before," recalls Senior **Courtney Mitchell**. The team proved their ability to all Chieftains with a season record of 18-4, and were especially recognized for their incredible 48-47 win against Mason. "We had been training to beat Mason since the summer practices and we felt that all our hard work paid off when we came from behind to win by one point!" reminisces Junior **Erica Dickinson**. It was this intense determination in practice, workouts, and during games that paved the way for their successful season.

**Girls' Varsity Basketball:** Row 1: Kara Dethlefsen, Ean Britt, Stephanie Linz, Jessica Shaft, Courtney Mitchell. Row 2: Farai Chiwocha, Margaret Schaberg, Kristen Patterson, Kelly Bozyk, Jennifer Dewey-Smith, Lauren Battaglia, Erica Dickinson, Jaclyn Lange, Coach Christine Sermak.



# MAKE IT Happen

BACKED BY PRIDE  
AND POWER

By Jessica Rand

OHS can look forward to some great Varsity Football in the next couple of years. This years JV and Freshmen teams played very well. Both possess strong potential for their upcoming high school football careers. The Freshmen came out with an outstanding record of 8-1, the best in the past four years. Freshmen Coaches **Backus, DeRath,** and **Kazmierski** said, "We are very proud of you guys and all that you have accomplished this year. Speed Kills!"

"I really think that the 'fun runs' we had every Friday, really helped the teams to come together and play to their full potential," says Sophomore **Gabe Dixon**, a member of the JV team.

Sophomore **Jonathan Schwartz** says, "I'm really looking forward to playing on Varsity next year. I've heard that **Coach Powers** is a hilarious coach." This was truly a great season for both teams!

## A PROUD TEAM MEMBER

A proud member of the JV team, Sophomore **Ben Hess** looks forward to being on the Varsity team in the near future.

## EVERYBODY SMILE

The JV team stops to capture a happy moment together after a big game.



**Freshman Football:** Row 1: Brandon Chaison, Jonathan Howe, Jordan Simon, Daneil, Weaver, Brian Restuccia. Row 2: Sam Nyquist, Evan Meyer, Justin Roke, Dash Dudley, Matthew Nevells, Jeff Rudolph. Row 3: Greg Takyi, Jeff Ambrose, Matt Prygoski, Nick Odell, Zach Ebling, Joe Sheridan, Will Lawing, Jamieson Abbott. Row 4: David Kain, Imoh Eno-Idem, Garrett Wright, Coach Kazmiersi, Coach DeRath, Dran Mrowers, Shawn Watkins, Brian Bennett. Not Pictured: Ryan Henry, Steve Cobb.

## TRIBE TO THE BALL!

The JV team looks on from the side lines as the defense gets ready to take down Jackson Northwest.



## STRIKE A POSE

Sophomore team members **Craig Murphy, Stafford Cobb,** and **Ben Hess** take a time out after a hard game against Jackson Luman Christi.



**JV Football:** Row 1: Michael Leahy, Craig Murphy, Ben Hess, John Van Dam, Geoff Gray. Row 2: Ryan Walder, Tim Zietlow, John Leahy, Paul Boulus, Jordan Skole, Quincy Ezealah. Row 3: Matt Card, Jordan Reeser, Joe Rinner, Okezie Aguwa, Austin Schreiber, Armando Hawkins. Row 4: Danny Russian, Ted Amundsen, Mark Amboy, Jon Grattan, Spencer Wood, Matt Marble, Robbie Daza. Row 5: Gabe Dixon, Kulin Froelich, Jonathan Schwartz, Aaron Whittlege. Row 6: Coach Sullivan, Coach Carrier, Coach Pobutshy, Coach Harrod. Not Pictured: Stafford Cobb, Joey Goldschlack, Nick McColler, Chad Wozniak



**HERE'S WHAT TO DO**

Coach **Amy Estry** leads the Freshman Girls' team through the next play against St. Johns. The girls won the competitive game 44-40.

**GIRLS WANNA HAVE FUN**

Sophomore **Meghan Minnehan** is all smiles after her teammate, Sophomore **Robyn Jensen**, makes a basket. "This season is so special because we all work so well together," said **Meghan**.



**Girls Freshman Basketball:** Row 1: Ashley Hinz, Wynne Barry, Laura White. Row 2: Jill Wieland, Elizabeth Banks, Angela Ianni, Sarah Thomas. Row 3: Kelsey Schaberg, Lisa Zustiak, Julie Beall, Stephanie, Battaglia, Sara Mulvaney, Jennifer Farmer, Sarah Dickinson, Katie Traverse, Emily Davidson, Coach Amy Estry, Coach Rachel Freeman.



**Girls Junior Varsity Basketball:** Row 1: Jenny Vermeesch, Tiffany Worthy. Row 2: Kim Vermeesch, Ashley Galyon, Meghan Minnehan, Mary Cullen, Beth Ames. Row 3: Robyn Jensen, Shannon Rolley, Ariel Britt, Allison Ianni, Brynn Howard, Erin Federau, Coach Danielle Tandoc.

# A WINNING Attitude

FRESHMAN AND JV BASKETBALL TEAMS LEAVE THEIR MARK

By Karli Schneider

Play the song "Who Let the Dogs Out" for any Freshmen or JV Girls' Basketball player and the memories of a fun, hardworking season pop into their minds. "We just wanted to have a successful season and finish with more wins than loses," said Sophomore **Robyn Jensen**. And that is what both of these teams did. The Freshman team completed a remarkable season with a record of 17-3. "I was so proud of the effort these girls put in their practices and games. These girls rock!" exclaimed Freshman coach, **Coach Freeman**. The JV Girls' team was equally impressive with season record of 15-5. The most exciting game they played was against Waverly. "It was awesome," recalls Sophomore **Beth Ames**, "We were tied with four seconds left when **Ashley Galyon** shot a three pointer to win the game 41-38." Both of these teams worked together to make their season a success. They are a true example of what it means to be a Chieftain!



# What was your biggest achievement?



**Shane Onweller**

"I think not breaking a window on Mamma C's bus was our biggest achievement."



**Blake Graves**

"I was glad that we made it as far as we did, and I was pleased with the work ethic at practice. We also got a lot of support from our coaches."



**Jeff Klug**

"I was really pleased that everybody worked so hard! I think that's what carried us as far as we went."

## KLUGGER BOOT

Senior Co-Captain, **Jeff Klug** winds up for another one of his famous defensive clears. **Jeff** plays key offensive and defensive roles.



## NICE HUSTLE

Senior defender **Chris Stilwill** chases after a loose ball hoping to gain control, and clear the ball out of danger. **Chris** also uses his speed on the track team in the spring.



## HIGHER GROUND

"Viva Marroon!" The team goes airborne as they chant together before taking the field. The boys always fire up for their games.

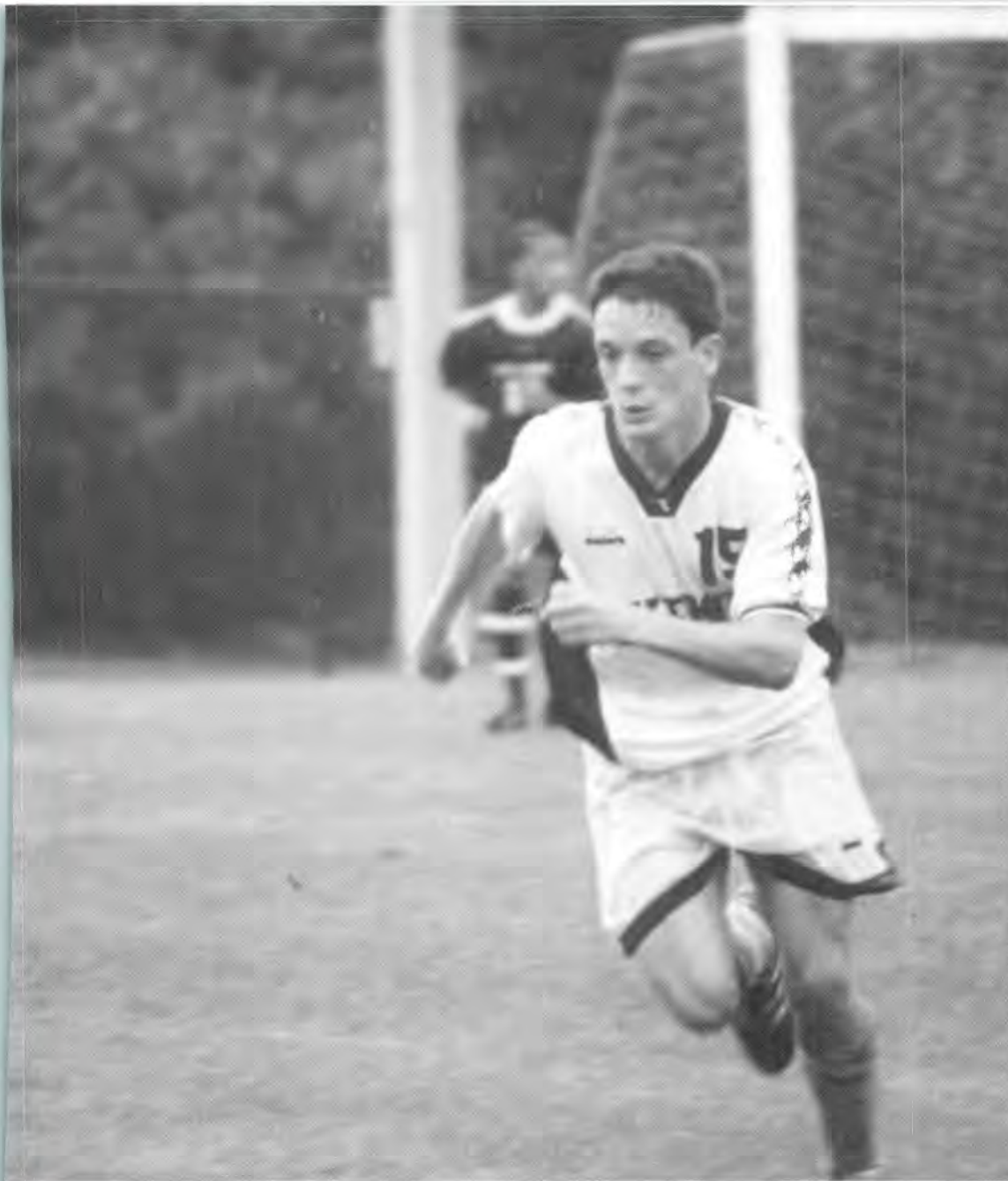
## USE YOUR LENGTH

Senior **Brian Greenhoe** chases down an East Lansing offender, and uses his height and size to steal the ball. **Brian** always plays with outstanding heart and effort.

## Boys' Varsity Soccer:

Row 1: Rian Jordan, Jeff Klug, Blake Graves, Josh Hundt, Chris Thompson, Chris Stilwill. Row 2: Mark Campfield, Brian Greenhoe, Logan Cook, Eric David, Matt Hudson, Zac Barry. Row 3: Eric Horsch, Wickie Gibson, John Folino, Nick Norris, Peter Linsmeier, Bryan Jones, Brandon Massey. Row 4: Shane Onweller, Jim Starnes, Mike Henderson, Eddie Fletcher, Josh Clark, Scott Bonato. Row 5: Manager Michael King, Coach John Picone, Coach Brian Guggemos.





**JUMP! JUMP!**

Junior **Josh Clark** gets some air as he goes up for a head ball. **Josh** scored the winning goal off of a header in overtime at Regional Finals. **Josh** made second team all-state.



OPPONENT	SCORE
East Lansing	0-3L
Detroit CC	1-1T
LCC	4-2W
Kalamazoo	2-1W
Troy	0-0T
U-D Jesuit	1-0L
Waverly	1-0W
Charlotte	5-0W
Midland	3-1W
Eaton Rapids	2-2T
Saginaw	4-1W
Jackson Lumen	8-1W
Mason	0-0T
Jackson NW	8-0W
Lakewood	5-0W
Ann Arbor	0-2L
Midland Dow	1-2L
Jackson NW	6-0W
LCC	6-1W
Mason	0-1L
Everett	6-0W

District and Regional Champs  
 State-Semi-Finalists  
**RECORD: 12-4-4**



# VIVA Maroon

A TRADITION IN THE MAKING...

By Marisa Witzel

From the fan crowded sidelines of the soccer field, one can hear the distinctive chants of the OHS soccer team long before the game begins. The boys' soccer team has coined the popular phrase "Viva Maroon" in their cheers, and printed on their shirts. This team is one of the most spirited athletic groups in the program, and takes pride in the sport. Senior **Logan Cook** said "We were all pretty close as a team, and I was pleased that everybody always worked hard on the field." The players were not the only ones excited for the games. Their large group of dedicated fans followed them all the way to state semi-finals, and rushed the field to share in the team's numerous outstanding victories.



# The Zoo Includes...



**Addison Galyon**

"Right away we determined **Addison** was just like a caribou because of all the time he spent in the rough!"

**Bill Schmidt**



**David Rawlinson**

"**David** is definitely the team turtle! Just like a tortoise, he is slow but sure,"

**Erik Wilutis**



**Mike Gietzen**

"There is no question that **Gietzen** is a gorilla! I mean...just look at him!"

**Ric Heller**

## KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

Senior **Ric Heller** watched his ball as it rolls into the cup. **Ric** received most improved player for the year. **Ric** was also recognized for his chimpanzee qualities.



## SENIORS LAST STAND

Seniors **Eric Wilutis**, **Bill Tefft**, **Devin O'Connor**, **Dan McLemore**, **Issad Oswalt**, **Bill Schmidt**, and **Ric Heller** gather at their awards banquet for the last time as a team.



## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Senior **Bill Tefft** takes a practice swing before he tees off at the greenville invitational. Because of **Bill's** smooth game, he was known as the Fox on the team.

## STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW

Senior **Devin O'Connor** lines up his ball for a birdie putt on 4th green. **Devin** was known as "Raccoon" to his teammates during the season.

## SWINGER

Junior **Mike Gietzen** prepares to chip his ball onto the green at their home course, Forest Akers. Because of **Mike's** physical appearance, the team reconized him as a gorilla.





**FORE!**

Senior **Erik Wilutis** has a beautiful drive onto the fairway. Erik was recognized as this year's most valuable player and also by his giraffe traits.



OPPONENT	SCORE
St.Johns Invtnl	1st/15 Teams
Mason Invtnl	1st/24 Teams
EL Invtnl	9th/32 Teams
Sexton Invtnl	5th/24 Teams
Charlotte	158-150W
Lakewood	179-150W
Jackson NW	149-148W
LCC	153-148W
Greenville Inv	1st/12 Teams
Adrian Invtnl	6th/18 Teams
Jackson L.C.	158-153W
Charlotte	162-154W
Lakewood	175-154W
LCC	161-154W
Jackson N.W.	161-154W
Mason	163-155W
Eaton Rapids	171-155W
Jackson L.C.	170-154W
EL Invtnl	1st/15 Teams

**RECORD: 14-0**



**Boys' Varsity Golf:** Left to Right Coach Hursey, David Rawlinson, Addison Galyon, Issac Oswald, Dan McLemore, Erik Wilutis, Freddy Schaad, Devin O'Connor, Mike Gietzen, Bill Tefft, Ric Heller, Bill Schmidt.

# HOME ON *The Range*

By Katharine Schmidt

Like the deer and antelope, this year's Varsity Golf Team members definitely felt right at 'home on the range'. But, the players have much more in common with the deer and antelope than just their comfort level on the range. Senior Captain **Bill Schmidt** points out, "Golf really brings out the animal in me!" Other teammates also recognized the eerie connection between him and animals, especially the cheetah. Because of his fast golf game, the team began to call him "cheetah". **Bill** was not the only member of the team that showed resemblance to a member of the animal kingdom. In fact, all of the members of the team became known as an animal alias! Senior **Dan McLemore** was known as the Bull because of his strong swing and sophomore **Freddie Schaad** became "Ostrich". Each of their animal traits in some way was added to the overall skill and success of the season. With the help of their "Zoo Keeper", **Mr.Hursey**, the boys were lead to victory at Districts and through-out their undefeated season.



# THE PRIDE Continues

By Marisa Witzel

The OHS Junior Varsity and Freshman soccer teams have a lot to look forward to in the future. Both teams ended their season with a great record. The young teams have big expectations awaiting them on Varsity. They will be expected to carry on the winning tradition at OHS, and take pride in being a Chieftain. Sophomore **Mike Cousino** says "I was pleased with the outcome of our season, and I'm looking forward to next season." If the boys play as well as they have on these younger teams, then they should have no trouble achieving their goals of victory in the future.



**Boys' Junior Varsity Soccer:** Row 1: James Hooker, Johathan Brown, Darrin Tegloan, Justin Burger, Rob Simon, Marco Ku. Row 2: Bryan Cooper, Chad Hallman, Nate Smith, Brandon Kearney, Jeff Uitvulugt, Omar Bennani, Adam Puretz. Row 3: Alexander chandler, Scott Fulbright, Chris Calder, Zach Thomas, Matt Storey, Eric Jordan, Mike Cousino, Adam Kliebert. Row 4: Coach Joshua Coty, Coach Keith Miller.

## HEADS UP!

Freshman **Ben Walker** looks up to the sky, and carefully times the ball as he fights to win it out of the air.

## CONGRATS IN ORDER

The Freshman team lines up to shake hands with the other team, and to congratulate them on a game well played.



## DOWNLINE!

Sophomore **James Hooker** throws the ball down the sideline to one of his JV teammates.



**Boys' Freshman Soccer:** Row 1: Danny Bulemore, Finley Hutson, Casey Murphy, Scott Campfield, Brian Cousino. Row 2: Rick Chasney, Alex Emery, Mike Wallace, Ben Walker, Brian Levine, Adam Gray. Row 3: Pierre Holt, Chad Wroblewski, Andy Robinson, Brian Koons, Mike Hickey, Zubin Modi. Row 4: Coach Blair Lincoln.





**STEADY!**

Freshman **Grant Tungate** chips a ball in for par. **Grant** plans on trying out for varsity next year as a sophomore.

**GREAT FINISH**

Freshman **Brett Holmes** places the pin in the hole after a beautiful putt. **Brett** says that he hopes for a great season next year.

**KEEP IT UP!**

Freshman **Hugh McDougall** practices on the course. **Hugh** also enjoys running in his spare time.



**Boys' Junior Varsity Golf:** *Left to Right:* Coach Stoltz, Rob Mayer, Tommy Fricano, Ross Gronsbell, Chris Rinek, Brian Beck, Paul Clark, Matt Clark, Hugh McDougall, Ryan Nichols, Jason Jecks, Grant Tungate, David Wald, Brett Holmes.

# FORE Seasons

THE JV GOLF TEAM PREPARES FOR SUCCESS YEAR ROUND

By Katharine Schmidt

The OHS JV Golf Team really excelled this season! Their success on the course was not only due to hardwork this fall, but also the entire year. "The whole team worked hard all season, but what really separated the players from the slackers was their amount of practice and work on their game on the off-season" pointed out Freshman **Hugh McDougall**. **Hugh**, along with his teammates, has the priveledge to practice during the winter at indoor golf domes and other facilities in the area. Freshman **Tommy Fricano** is very happy to be able to golf all year round. "I love going to the dome. It is really great to be able to practice during the winter, spring and summer so that in the fall I will be able to join the Varsity team!" The boys on the JV Golf Team are well on their way to the Varsity Team if they continue to work hard during and after the season.



My favorite moment of team bonding...



**Biz Latham**

"We had so much fun showing the freshmen the ropes of high school."



**Brittany Bautista**

"As a team we went to to the Charlotte football game and ate dinner at Jersey Giant. It was delicious!"



**Jessica Chui**

"The big tournament in Traverse City where we had lots of bonding time. We went jet skiing and jumped on water trampolines."

**LOOK AT THAT FORM**

Sophomore **Christine Olin**, who made an amazing recovery after knee surgery, was undefeated this season.

**MARCH ON**

The Varsity Girls' Tennis Team marches out at the Fall Sports Pep Assembly



**TAKING A BREAK**

The girls gather on the OHS tennis courts after winning the title as State Champions, this was the third year that they won!

**DIVE RIGHT IN**

After a long hot day of tennis, **Elaine Ni, Karli Schneider, Samantha Schultz, Sarah Forger, Christine Bader, Sarah Cho, and Gretchen Breckner** jump into the pool to cool off.



**Girls' Varsity Tennis Team:**

Row 1: Biz Latham, Brittany Bautista, Rachel Leone, Lauren Mazzeo, Michelle Larivee, Sarah Forger, Karli Schneider, Brenna Bautista, Kim Hiday, Minna Eschelbach. Row 2: Carrie Sun, Ashley Van Pool, Jessica Chiu, Elaine Ni, Alexa Anderson, Halie Leonard, Kristi Hemstreet, Megan Jain, Pilar Parish. Row 3: Whitney Plumb, Elizabeth Henderson, Maryal Miller, Meredith Damore, Christine Olin, Sarah Cho, Susan David. Kavitha Nair, Megan Moore. Row 4: Virginia Stevenson, Stephanie Kebler, Gretchen Breckner, Christine Bader, Samantha Schultz, Katie Rawlinson, Sara Shaheen, Jessica Schroeder, Sahar Eftekhar Kristin Flack. Row 5: Sara Anderson, Lisa Zuckerman, Christina Hough, coach Al Inkala, Erica Ruff, Amrita Karve, Bhakti Joshi, Lori Tokhie, Jennifer Zacadil



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**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Senior **Karli Schneider**, who came in second for number one singles at States was voted most valuable player.



OPPONENT	SCORE
LCC	7-1W
Eaton Rapids	8-0L
Charlotte	8-0W
Lakewood	7-1W
Jackson NW	8-0W
East Lansing	8-0W
Mason	8-0W
Jackson LC	7-1W
Okemos Kickoff	1st
Okemos Quad	2nd
Cranbook	2nd
Okemos Invt.	1st
Ann Arbor	1st
Capital Circuit	1st
Regional	1st
States	1st

**RECORD: 8-0**



# THREE Peat

GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM  
 WINS AGAIN

*By Heather Jones*

After winning States the past two years the Girls' Varsity Tennis Team felt a great amount of pressure to win again. They, however, overcame this challenge to become three time depending State Champions. Senior Co-Captain **Karli Schneider** admitted, "We had to remind ourselves to take one match at a time and to not get over confident with the possibility of winning." Even with all their stress, the Girls' Tennis Team managed to relieve that stress by carrying on with old traditions and starting new ones. Each year the girls play some sort of prank on the Boys' Football Team and this year was not an exception. You can imagine what a surprise it was to the football team to find flowers spray painted on their field! One of the new traditions that the girls started this year was having a Halloween team dinner, which included festive activities such as bobbing for apples and mummy wrapping.



# Dealing with the stress...



Alejandra Gonzalez

"When I get nervous, I just concentrate on myself and listen to my coach while I try not to watch the other divers."



Courtney Rice

"I don't pay attention to the other divers and I remember to stay tight and have fun."



Sara Coleman

"Before my event, I sit down and visualize and take a few deep breaths. Then, I'm ready to go."

### FEARLESS LEADERS

Senior Co-Captains, **Liz Pollok** and **Sara Coleman** lead the team in a spirited cheer during half-time.



### CHIEFTAN POWER

The OHS swimmers show their opponents their Chieftan Power by cheering loudly at a meet.



### SPEED DEMON

As Senior **Liz Pollok** warms up for the Alma meet, she whizzes down the lane.

### SWIMMING SPIRIT

After a meet, the team comes together to celebrate. Senior **Sara Coleman** says, "Despite my injury, I got through the season and had a great time doing it."

### TEAM BONDING

The OHS Swim Team celebrates after the meet. Seniors **Sara Coleman** and **Liz Pollock** enjoyed being captains this year because they were able to know all the girls and had fun planning fun team bonding activities.





**DIVING DIVA**

As the tension builds, Sophomore **Alejandra Gonzalez** prepares to master the reverse double. This was her most difficult dive.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Ionia	129-56
Corunna	91-95
Mason	74-112
East Lansing	108-78
Owosso	95-91
St. Johns	85-101
Alma	87-98
Eaton Rapids	112-74
Haslett	186-126
Dewitt	155-156
Mt. Pleasant	74-112
RECORD: 5-6	



**Girls' Varsity Swim and Dive:** Row 1::Anne Chester, Amina Bofaris, Sara Coleman, Liz Pollok, Sarah Singleton, Sara Murray, Kristen Wilutis Row 2: Jessica Everett, Sarah Farmer, Abby Camann, Erin Flatley, Angela Bobay, Jessica Ambrose, Nicole Goulet, Natalie Walsh, Ellen Flatley Row 3: Casey Probst, Sonia Stecker, Arriane Flintoff, Lindsey Potterpin, Kara Dowley, Judy Emaus, Amanda Winter, Laura Giles, Alejandra Gonzalez Row 4: Kristin Smith, Molly Saunders-Scott, Megan Garcy, Nadia Stecker, Erin Brady, Carleen Ebner, Jamie Everett, Katie Weiser, Katy Detrisac, Courtney Rice Row 5: Katie Beck, Aimee Herrick-Nim, Coach Camann, Coach Magee, Coach Lloyd, Jessica Maidlow, Erin Newman, Liz Hunt

# WORLD CONQUERORS

THE GIRLS' SWIM AND DIVE TEAM FOLLOWS THEIR DREAMS *By Lauren Madle*

This year's OHS swimmers and divers had a great season. Despite obstacles and adjusting to a new coach, they ended the season in great spirit and triumph. This year, the team's biggest accomplishment was winning fifth place in the League meet.

Dreams and aspirations influence our lives and our successes. Many of the girls agree that their dreams would take them to Sydney for the Olympics. Dreams will carry them through life, but for now the girls are concentrating on improving in their own events and having fun. Freshman **Katy Detrisac** says, "I want to be able to do my front double, my inward one and a half, and make it to league finals again." All in all, every girl left this season with a feeling of accomplishment.

# Why Run Cross Country?



**Matt Armstrong**

"I run for the people, the team is so close, I can't think of a better sport."



**Marco Bianchi**

"I am on Cross Country so I can have muscular thighs like Jorge."



**Jack Zuckerman**

"The best part of Cross Country is running with girls and TP-ing."

## COOL RUNNINGS

The Varsity Runners congratulate each other on a marvelous race at Regionals. Due to their terrific performances at this Regional Race, the team qualified for States.

## LOOK AT HIM GO!

Senior **Morgan Howard** moves ahead during the Greater Lansing Race. Actually, **Morgan**, was quite an asset to the team.



## TURNING HEADS

Junior Co-Captain **Dana Irrer** keeps his focus. **Dana** is on student council as Junior class Treasurer and is an accomplished ice hockey player.



## FLASH OF LIGHTENING

In the blink of an eye Senior **Mike Leago** dashes past screaming fans. **Mike** can also be seen on Monday nights at Student Council.

## BEEF CAKES

The tough guys of the OHS cross country team wave to adoring fans during the fall Pep Assembly.

## OHS Cross Country:

Row 1: Morgan Howard, Mark Barry, Aaron Brand, Matt Armstrong, Christine Borton, Amy Crosby, Dana Irrer, Harnoor Tohkhie, Megan Narasimhan, Kristen Holtschlag, Lauren Poretz. Row 2: Megan Neff, Jessica Hauptman, Katherine Kern, Andy Rinek, Jeffery Branta, Josh Krier, Tony Ehert, Kai Wang, Brian Rinerth, Kelly Meyer. Row 3: Ashley Cook, Jack Zuckerman, John Saules, Matt Acker, Adam Young, Paul Lessard, Mike Gross, Nina Sarnelle, Marisa Novello, Kathryn Economy. Row 4: Tom Wilbur, Chris Detjen, Tyler Roth, Matt Wierzba, David Morely, Greg Serkaian, Erin Campeau, Michelle Domalgalski, Tessa Kaneene, Erin Serkaian, Lindsay Harkema. Row 5: Dione Quiroga, Annette Mullaney, Kathleen Ku, Zoey Zulkis, Britt Lindquist, Lauren Hawkins, Tori Light, Carly Nielson, Casey Price, Tracy Creal, Sara Joos, Haley Lertola, Marco Bianchi, Row 6: Sarah Friend, Greg Boyd, Matt Zietlow, Marcus Tranberg, Kris Sophia, Amanda Wieland, Suzy Curtis, Amber Doherty, Jessie Jones, Amy Meyer, Bree Chandler, Ryan Thompson, Kristen Ziara, Audry Lovett.





**WIND OR MATT?**

For Senior Co-Captain **Matt Armstrong** running is a thrill. He learned his dedication and commitment by flying high as an Eagle Scout.



OPPONENT	SCORE
East Lansing	16-44W
Corunna Invite	1st
M.S.U. Invite	10th
L.C.C.	23-41W
J.L.C.	15-42W
Eaton Rapids	21-36W
Lakewood	19-43W
Mason Invite	2nd
Jackson N Charlotte	15-50W 24-37W
Mason	15-40W
Greater Lansing	6th
Capital Circuit	1st
Regionals	3rd
State Meet	12th

RECORD: 10-0



# NO PAIN

## BOYS X-COUNTRY TEAM WORKS HARD TO RUN AT STATE LEVEL

# NoGain

By Kathleen Mekan

Cross Country is the sport that tests the limits of the human capacity for pain. The young men on the OHS Cross Country team agree that testing the limits is what this season was all about. The fantastic efforts of each member resulted in a truly amazing fall. "Most teams seem to peak somewhere during midseason. This year everyone, down to our last man, put in an effort until the last practice and PR's became faster and faster right up to the state meet. We're all very proud of what we did," explains Junior Co-Captain **Dana Irrer**. It was quite a feat for the team to make it to States, "It had been 10 or so years since the guys had last made it, and being a Senior, the state meet is a memory that I will treasure forever," reminisces Senior **Harnoor Tokhie**. The lesson the boys' Cross Country team has for the rest of the world? NO Pain NO Gain!

# I run because....



**Amy Crosby**

"Cross-Country is a great sport because the team is so close. Bonding parties, pasta parties, shaving cream fights, and dance offs are all a part of the experience!"



**Lauren Puret**

"Races can be stressful and painful, but there is no other option --JUST RUN!"



**Bri Chandler**

"Everyone is so nice and fun to be with. It makes the hard running not seem so bad!"

## GREAT AT STATES

The Varsity Girls Cross Country team celebrate after a stupendous race at the State Meet! The team had not been at States in many years.



## LEADER OF THE PACK

Senior **Lauren Puret** races ahead of her competition at States. As a first year runner **Lauren** was the top runner on the team.



## MARCHIN' TO THE BEAT

The Girls Cross-Country team marches in to the Gym to the Chieftain beat. Pep Assemblies are extremely motivating for the girls.

## LAUGHS IN A PYRAMID

Cross Country members bond by making a pyramid during one of the many seasonal pasta parties.

## FULL SPEED AHEAD

Sophomore **Lindsay Harkema** has her eyes fixed on the finish line! **Lindsay Harkema** was great asset to the Varsity team.





**I THINK I CAN**

Senior **Amanda Wieland** over comes any pain and keeps running the race with determination. **Amanda** is also on the softball team and a member of Salt Shakers.



OPPONENT	SCORE
East Lansing	20-43W
Corunna Invite	1st
MSU Invite	10th
L.C.C.	28-28W
J. L. C.	19-42W
Eaton Rapids	20-41W
Lakewood	18-45W
Mason Invite	1st
Jackson NW	15-40W
Charlotte	20-43W
Mason	21-36W
Greater Lansing	2nd
Capital Circuit	1st
Regionals	2nd
State Meet	12th
RECORD: 8-0	



# GO THE Distance

C-C HAS AN AMAZING SEASON BUILT AROUND TEAM UNITY

By Kathleen Mehan

"Go the Distance" was the girls Cross Country team's motto this fall. Undeniably, the Lady Chieftains went the distance and then a few miles more! With every practice and every race the girls ran stronger, faster, and more unified. "The races are so difficult, but you feel like you have accomplished so much when you are done. The girls were great. We had so much fun together," explains Sophomore **Erin Serkaian**. Senior **Christine Borton** agrees, "This year was definately the best because the team bonded so well. I think that is why we made it so far in States. Way to go girls!". This mix of serious competitive drive and strong team unity was a key ingredient to their successful season.



# Our Best Game This Year...



**Drew Ruonavarra, Junior**  
 "I don't think that I could say any one game. Our team learns a lot after every game and we become a better team everytime."



**Ian Slaven, Senior**  
 "Our best game was probably against Jenision we played them twice but we lost both times. I think that we played very well as a team both times."



**Pat Gardner, Senior**  
 "Our best game this year would have to be our 14-7 win against Grand Blanc at home. It avenged the loss they (and their refs) gave us last year."

## STRUTTIN' THEIR STUFF

The Varsity Waterpolo boys stand proud and tall during introductions at the fall sports pep assembly.



## PLAY BALL

The 2000 Waterpolo team played with great precision and skill. The team unity this year was fantastic.



## HUDDLE UP BOYS

The team listens attentively to Coach **Brad Leedy** who offers words of inspiration during a time out.

## BLOCK THAT BALL

Senior **Pieter VanRooyen** hangs tough while blocking a shot. **Pieter** was a vital part of this year's team.





**FANS GO WILD**

Seniors **Tim Mayer, Jeff Juhnke, Don Schiessler, and Kevin Hallman** get into the action. These loyal fans attended almost every game.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Jenison	11-16L
Grand Blanc	6-7L
Groves	4-10L
Seaholm	8-2W
Grand Blanc	14-7W
Upper Arlington	2-22L
Huron	6-16L
Troy	7-9L
Rockford "b"	4-3W
East Kentwood	8-15L
Troy	9-20L
Rockford	0-20L
Grand Blanc	14-2W
East Kentwood	15-8L
Groves	14-4L
Grandville	22-5L
Troy Athens	13-11W
Ann Arbor Huron	5-17L
Seaholm	8-5W
<b>RECORD: 8-20</b>	



# SWIM OR SINK

DESPITE ROUGH WATERS, THESE GUYS HAVE MANAGED TO STAY AFLOAT

By Kristina Putz

Staying above the water is a key element in the intense game of Waterpolo. The Chieftains demonstrated great effort this year in a tough season led by Senior Co-Captains **Adam Rousse, Pat Gardner, R.B Miller, and Tim Wilson**. The team endured back breaking training to ensure the toughness it takes for six men plus a goalie to stay afloat for twenty-eight minutes each game. "Practices can get pretty hard" says Junior **Adam Dow** "some days we would have to tread water while holding milk jugs over our heads." The boys were allowed only one hand to advance the ball to their end of the pool to score a goal. Don't editoriolize!!

**Boys Varsity Waterpolo:** Row 1: John Roberts, Ben Dirx, Pat Emaus, Sam Yoon, Ian Slaven, Pieter Van Rooyen. Row 2: David Chester, John Yoon, Matt Forney, George Shih, Adam Rousse, Chris Goulet. Row 3: Jason Hunter, Drew Ruonavarra, Nick Martens, Tim Wilson, Carl Timmerman, Pat Gardner. Row 4: Coach Jeff Ruonavarra, Mike Fortino, Coach Brad Leedy. Not Pictured: Marshall Howard, Tom Grady, Mohammad Esfahanian, Mike Hwang, R.B Miller, Adam Dow.

# READY 2 Rumble

THE NEW AND IMPROVED DANCE TEAM ADDS SPIRIT TO THE FALL FESTIVITIES

By Kim Hidlay

A halftime show would not be complete without the upbeat moves of the dance team. Even the most dedicated fan will agree that the halftime entertainment is the highlight of the OHS football games. The addition of Pom to their agenda has given the team a refreshing, and exciting season. These girls are always having a blast, even when they aren't on stage. "I'll never forget the sleepovers, team dinners, tie-dye parries, and the summer camp," says Co-Captain **Molly Tuma**. Molly was also voted one of the most dedicated dancer by her teammates.

Entertainment isn't all that the dance team masters. They are also fierce competitors. "One of our greatest accomplishments as a team was winning the Traditional Pom trophy at the Jension competition."



## IT'S ALL ABOUT PRIDE

The Fall Dance Team proudly parades into the Homecoming Pep Assembly. They are anxious to kick off another season.

## GO GIRLS!

Stealing the show as always, the dance team performs "There you go" at the Homecoming Pep Assembly.

## CENTER STAGE

Wrestling now has halftime entertainment thanks to the OHS dance team. Senior **Jenn Finn** says, "It was fun being able to dance at a variety of events."



## SAVE THE LAST DANCE

**Lindsay Harkema** and **Roohy Gupta** live it up during their last dance of the season to the 80's classic "Time of my Life."



**Fall Varsity Dance Team:** Row 1: Roohy Gupta, Andrea Durst, Molly Tuma. Row 2: Kiki Christakos, Allison Tons, Jenn Finn, Susanna Dobson. Row 3: Lisa Knapp, Erann Burpee, Eury Kim, Katy Bennett. Row 4: Bryanna Clover, Audra Mazzeo, Leathia Hodge, Crystal Kent





**REACH FOR THE STARS**

The entire student body enjoys the performance by the Winter Dance teams season debut.

**CELEBRATE!**

After winning first place at the Jenison competition, these girls are ready to party.

**WHERE MY GIRLS AT?**

They're at the palace! The OHS Dance team is warmed up at ready to shine for the Detroit Pistons.



**Winter Varsity Dance Team:** Row 1: Molly Tuma, Lauren Mazzeo, Andrea Durst, Roohy Gupta Row 2: Misayo Kurata, Kange Kaneene, Kara Dethlefsen, Jenn Finn, Sabine Rohde, Lynne Washington, Kate Linske, Ashley Flakes Row 3: Kiki Christakos, Kelsey Sekedat, Eury Kim, Lindsay Harkema, Arran Burpee, Amy Jo Cooley, Jenna Caulkett, Bryanna Clover, Susanna Dobson Row 4: Jordan Silverman, Kristen Hough, Crystal Kent, Whitney Walker, Audra Mazzeo, Vibha Gupta, Lynette Seitz

# DANCING *Queens*

THE OHS DANCE TEAM PERFORMS AT THE PALACE

By Kim Hidlay

This winter brought the performance of a lifetime for the OHS dance team. They were invited to perform at the Detroit Pistons pre-game show at the Palace of Auburn Hills. They were also the halftime entertainment for OHS basketball games, and wrestling matches. The dance team kicked off their season with a pep assembly performance of "Too Close". Unlike most senior athletes, the end of the dance season won't mark the end of their career. "I will definately dance in college. Unlike many other sports, dance will stay with you forever. You will always have a place to use it," says Captain **Andrea Durst**. "It's been great practice for when I go clubbin'," says **Kara Defleson**. **Kange Kanenee** agrees, "I'll use my dancing talent when I'm grooving it at the club."



# Basketball Diaries...



**Brian Kushion**

"I expected a very successful season this year. I knew that we would do well, but to do this well is a dream come true."



**Anton Currie**

"My only expectaion for this year was to win. We made it far, and it was fun coming from behind to beat Ann Arbor."



**Steve Robertson**

"I felt at the beginning of the season that we could go far, but it would take a lot of work. We have worked hard all season and that is why we are ranked amongst the best in the state."

## THINK FAST

Junior **Jason Branta** battles with his Mason defender to win possession of the ball. **Jason** also plays baseball in the spring.



## KING OF THE COURT

Senior **Brian Kushion** charges through a Mason defender to sink a lay-up. Brian is a very dedicated player, and spends most of his off season time training.

## NICE UPS!

Senior **Anton Currie** gets tons of air as he jumps to slam dunk the ball on a breakaway.



## LEND ME YOUR EARS

The team listens patiently to **Coach Stolz** as he lends them some words of inspiration and encouragement.

## UP, UP, AND AWAY

Junior **Antwuan Holt** leaves his feet to block a shot from the opposite team. **Antwuan** is a key player for the Varsity team.

## HEADS UP

Junior **Drew Federau** blocks a defender and tries to keep control of the ball. He looks around for a teammates help.



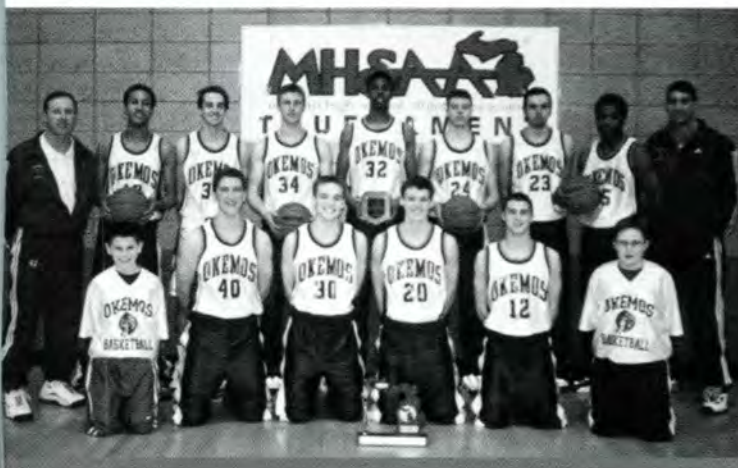


**UNDERDOG**

Sophomore **Ben Hess** goes up to make a lay up. **Ben** is the only underclassman to make Varsity. His brother was also a key player on Varsity, and he is following in his footsteps.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Howell	76-38W
Everett	40-57L
Eastern	71-51W
LCC	77-60W
Charlotte	65-37W
Lakewood	53-44W
Jackson NW	75-48W
Waverly	63-44W
Mason	68-41W
Jackson LC	67-63W
Holt	72-64W
Sexton	72-55W
Jackson NW	83-55W
Mason	69-44W
Jackson LC	68-65W
Eaton Rapids	73-42W
LCC	67-56W
<b>RECORD: 16-1-0</b>	



**Boys' Varsity Basketball:** Row 1: Ball Boy Scott Stolz, Matt Geske, Tyler Murphy, Richard Winters, Ben Hess, Ball Boy Lloyd Row 2: Antwan Holt, Jason Branta, Andrew Federau, Anton Currie, Brian Kushion, Sabah Khoury, Steve Robertson, Coach Kevin Polston

# HOOP Dreams

PLAYERS WITH HIGH HOPES

By Marisa Witzel

The OHS boys' basketball team began the season with great expectations for a successful season. Fans were doubtful about the outcome. After a slow start, and an early loss to Everett, fans were few. However, with a lot of hardwork and team unity the boys were able to turn their season around. **Anton Currie** says, "We all worked really hard to improve our game." Soon the stands were filled with supporters, and confidence was high. The team carried on to take the League title, and conquer Districts. With tons of support and a packed house, the boys lost a tough game in Regional Finals.

# HIGH Spirits

CHEERLEADERS KEEP CROWDS FIRED UP

By Stephanie Miller

Companionship, trust, and emotional support are only a few elements that make up a great cheerleading squad. Between practice, competitions almost every weekend, and rooting for the Varsity football team, the girls became very close. "All of the cheerleaders really bonded this season! We hung out all the time even when we were not practicing. We are real friends," says senior **Simone Tuck**. The girls placed second in Regionals and performed well in competitions. As for breaking barriers, the squad is no longer rivals with the Mason cheerleaders but good friends, which takes school spirit and sportsmanship to a new level.



**LEADERS OF THE PACK**

Seniors **Lisa Gregg** and **Terressa Birchen** hold their sign with pride during the parade of athletes pep assembly.

**RAISE THE ROOF**

The cheerleaders chant to the OHS fight song during the Lakewood v. Okemos football game.

**HELPING HANDS**

Trust and teamwork are two major necessities in the cheerleaders' relationship, especially when doing stunts like junior **Ashley Avery** and senior **Jessica Rose** during pep assemblies.



**RIGHT FIGHT!**

The crisp chill of fall can't stop junior **TeEra Briggs** from performing motions perfectly for the football team.



**Girls' Varsity Fall Cheer Team:** Row 1: Terressa Birchen, Alana Vaughn, Stephanie Pollok Row 2: Jessica Rose, Simone Tuck, Erin Lindamann, Lisa Gregg, Teresa Curtis-Watkins Row 3: Joann Fox, Katharine Schmidt, TeEra Briggs, Erin Murphy Row 4: Susie Lawing, Karen Mazur, Ashley Avery





**REACH FOR THE STARS**  
The team hit thier Liberty Heel Stretch perfectly at a pep assembly.

**SUPER SENIORS**  
The Senior cheerleaders were recognized for their achievements at the last regular season basketball game.

**RIVALS NO MORE**  
The Okemos and Mason cheerleaders found friendship on and off the court during basketball season.



LOCATION	PLACE
Leslie	2nd
Mason	2nd
Chesning	5th
Eaton Rapids	2nd
Lake Orion	5th
Regionals	2nd



**Girls' Varsity Competitive Cheer Team:** Row 1: Alana Vaughan, Stephanie Pollok, Allison Paull, Erin Lindemann, Lisa Gregg, Simone Tuck, Terresa Birchen, Jessica Rose Row 2: Ashley Avery, Katharine Schmidt, TeEra Briggs, Karen Mazur, Susie Lawing, Erin Murphy, Joann Fox



# GENERATION Next

By Marisa Witzel

## THE UPCOMING CHIEFTAIN

The next group of young basketball stars are anxiously awaiting the chance to play Varsity basketball. The underclassmen of the JV and Freshman basketball teams play each and every game with heart, in hopes of keeping the OHS winning tradition. OHS Basketball has always been a very successful program, and the players are always talented. Sophomore **John Van Dam** says, "I like watching the Varsity play. They are so exciting to watch." These young athletes have had no problem carrying on the success in their seasons. Hopefully they will have the chance to live out their dreams of Varsity.



**Boys' Freshman Basketball:** Row 1: Brandon Chaison, Jared Pursley, Grant Tungate, Bryan Browsers, Pierre Holt, Greg Takyi, Matt Wagner, Zach Ebling Row 2: Drew Mahan, Nick O'Dell, Eric Miller, John Cawood, David Kain, Joe Harrington, Jon Howe, Coach Bryan Polston

### KEEP YOUR HEAD UP

Freshman **David Kain** hangs his head to concentrate on the game, and to focus on his play.

### PULL TOGETHER

The boys JV team huddles together on a timeout to talk about their play, and consider their options.

### ONE-ON-ONE

Sophomore **Scott Fulbright** shields off a defender and dribbles the ball down the court in hopes of scoring a basket.



**Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball:** Row 1: Stafford Cobb, Reshawn Jackson II, John Leahy, Mike Garland, Eddie Fletcher, Scott Fulbright, Geoff Gray. Row 2: Fred Sch aard, Austin Schreiber, Andrew Ault, John Van Dam, Patrick Fink, Todd Johnson, Matt Nelson, Coach Tyler Hursey.



**STANDING PROUD**  
The fall team holds down Chieftain territory at a night football game.



**'T' IS FOR TEAMWORK**  
The girls show off their skills by performing some difficult stunts at a big game.

**'NSYNC**  
The winter team gets the crowd going during halftime at a JV boys basketball game.



**JV Winter Cheerleading:** Row 1: Antonette Currie, Sam Topper, Breanne Bloomquist, Susan Stillman, Aimee Herrick-Nim Row 2: Lydia Smith, Katie Urbanek, Lindsey Wilner, Kelly McKenzie



**JV Fall Cheerleading:** Row 1: LaTora Walker, Quiana Snorden Row 2: Susan Stillman, Samantha Topper, Shantel Tuck Row 3: Miysha Shaw, Breanne Bloomquist, Brittnie Lewis

# BRING If On

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS RISE TO THE OCCASION

By Stephanie Miller

The JV Cheerleading team works very hard, practicing every day after school during both fall and winter season. The time they spent practicing and their team spirit compensated for their lack of experience. They cheered at the JV Football games and for the JV Boys Basketball team. Their new coach, Jen Pecinis makes up their cheers and helps them at practice. She was a part of the Champion Cheerleading Staff until she accepted the position with OHS. She took them to their first competition at Chesaning High School where they placed fifth. The girls on the team had lots of fun together and are looking forward to graduating to the Varsity team next year.



# The best part of the team..



**Amber Doherty**

"No matter on or off the court, we always stuck together. No matter what the records show, we really went far."



**Stephanie Linz**

"Though we were all different ages we pulled together to become a really tough team. I will really miss it next year."



**Allison Ianni**

"We had a lot of fun together, even through the hardest times we could always make each other laugh."

## [GOT IT!]

The volleyball team anticipates the next play after a great get. This year the team came in third in the Capital Circuit.

## STANDING TALL

The OHS Volleyball teams stands proud and tall during the national anthem.



## TRADING SPACES

Seniors **Amber Doherty** and **Stephanie Linz** switch places as the get ready to return the ball.



## TOTAL SPRAWL

During downtime at the Haslett tournament the team continues to hangout and enjoy great food!

## SERVE IT UP

Senior **Stephanie Linz** prepares for a precise serve. **Stephanie** was one of this years Co-Captains and has played basketball all four years of high school.





**DOUBLE TROUBLE**

Senior **Stephanie Linz** and sophomore **Amanda Amon** block the ball. Both **Stephanie** and **Amanda** were a vital part of this year's team.



OPPONENT	SCORE
St. Johns	15-11;15-10
Ann Arbor	15-8; 15-9
Charlotte	15-8;15-13
Adrian	9-15; 3-15
Lakewood	9-15;4-15
Waverly	15-9;15-4
Jackson NW	15-4;15-3
Chesaning	15-8;15-1
Mason	8-15; 15-17
Sexton	15-4; 15-10
Lumen Christi	15-2; 17-15
Fowlerville	15-10; 15-0
LCC	15-6; 6-15
Eaton Rapids	15-11; 15-4
Haslett	7-15; 15-13
Owosso	15-5; 15-6
Holt	15-2; 15-11

**RECORD: 36-15-1**



**Girls Varsity Volleyball:** Row 1: Amber Doherty, Stephanie Linz, Carrie Beall. Row 2: Assistant Coach Jen Smith, Ashley Cook, Colleen Donovan, Sarah Darwin, Amanda Amon, Allison Ianni, Amy Van Ostran, Kelly Bozyk, Meredith Damore, Maryal Miller, Coach Jamie Ianni.

# SETTING

## Memories

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL  
SHARES A  
MEMORABLE SEASON

By Kristina Putz

This year, the Varsity volleyball team knew from their first sleepover that they would be a unique team. They stuck together both on and off the court, leading them to a third place title in the Capital Circuit. "This years team has created friendships that will last forever," says junior **Ashley Cook**, "we are so fortunate to have a chance to get to know each other, because every person shares such a special friendship." The team did all sorts of activities from dinner parties to dance parties in-between matches on Saturday tournaments. "I knew that this was a great team, when I could look around, and never once see someone sitting alone," says sophomore **Meredith Damore**. These are memories that the team will cherish forever.



# HEADS ABOVE The Rest

JV AND FRESHMEN  
TEAMS GIVE IT THEIR

ALL

By Kristina Putz

Great effort was shown by both the JV and the Freshman volleyball teams, with outstanding final records. The future of the Varsity team looks very promising, with all the new talent coming in from the freshmen and the sophomores. Not only did they work hard, but they had fun on and off the court. Both the teams discovered the importance of teamwork and dedication. "This year, the team was a lot of fun," says freshman **Nicole Jensen**. "I learned a lot of skills, and what it means to be a team player." The teams found that this year, practice really does make perfect. These girls look like up and coming stars for the future.



**Freshman Girls Volleyball:** Row 1: Jessica Putman, Elissa Meyrowitz, Laura White, Jenny Vermeesch, Row 2: Megan Richardson, Emily Davidson, Rosemarie Butler, Lauren Liddell, Ashley Duval. Row 3: Sarah Dickinson, Gretchen Breckner, Lindsey Siegele, Jennifer Gools, Nicole Jensen, Coach Jennifer Hawkins.

## GATHER ROUND

The Freshman team gathers in a huddle to discuss their next move in the game. The team this year was very upbeat and full of energy.

## LETS GO!!

The team members give words of encouragement to get pumped up for the next play.

## GETTING INTENSE

Coaches **Smith** and **Samluk** watch intently, as the game unfolds while offering strategy to the players.



**Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball:** Row 1: Julie Beall, Sarah Cho, Maggie Schaberg, Tessa Kaneene, Nina Sarnelle, Callie McCarthy, Elizabeth Wagner, Allison Gruner Row 2: Assistant Coach Melissa Samluk, Becky Stepnitz, Whitney Plumb, Jennifer Farmer, Megan Oswill, Besty Bastien, Mary Cullen, Sarah Joos, Coach Cathy Smith



**UNIQUE TECHNIQUE**

During their season, IM bowlers meet at Pro Bowl East in East Lansing after school for their games. Senior **Adam Smith** uses this time to perfect his form.

**AT ATTENTION**

Juniors **Justin Adams**, **Pat Womble**, and **Ashlee Schroeder** stand aside quietly waiting for their teammates to bowl their turns.



**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS**

"Jerry's Kids" finished off the IM season as upperclassmen basketball champions. "Jerry's Kids" played an undefeated season, and in their best game beat a junior boys' team by 98 points!

**FOR THE RECORD**

Junior **David May** juggles IM bowling and ski team practices at Mount Brighton every winter. **David** played his best bowling game this year, he had a score close to 200.



**Intermural Sports Tournament Champions**

**Basketball Underclassmen Division:**

*"Spermaticus Woo Woo"*

- Steve Cobb
- Ben Fiechtner
- John Folino
- Chris Meyer
- Marc Roffle
- Ryan Walder

**Basketball Upperclassmen Division:**

*"Jerry's Kids"*

- Brandon Ballard
- Gabe Ellis
- Will Folland
- Vinny Gossain
- Blake Graves
- Ben Herring
- Greg Lemon
- Jeff Klug
- Devon O'Conner
- Shane Onweller
- Ryan Sammartino

**Football:**

*"I'm Better than You"*

- Neil Bokemeier
- Eric David
- Rian Jordan
- Brian Kushion
- Issac Oswalt
- Bill Shmidt
- Eric Skusa
- Adam Smith

**Bowling:**

*"FAFC Industries"*

- Mert Altinsel
- James Chapman
- Matt Forsman
- Anton Frattaroli
- Jeff Martin
- Chad McAlvey

# IM SPORTS R U?

INTRAMURAL SPORTS OFFER OHS STUDENTS INFORMAL COMPETITION

By Kristie Timber

The gym is silent, the air is still, and *you* have the ball. You're weaving your way down the court, whizzing past teammates and opponents, there are 5 seconds left on the clock; this is it... You're just to the left of the basket, you're open with no one to guard your shot, you crouch down and up, up, up... with perfect form you send the ball home into the basket until CRASH... it catapults off of the rim and you lose the game by 1 point. Relax, your life isn't over, this is IM basketball; your teammates and your opponents are probably a few friends you've rounded up, your coach is a Varsity athlete, and it isn't likely that a mob of angry fans will be rioting outside after your loss. Junior **Dan Harrison** explains the casual appeal that IM sports offer stressed out high school students, "IM sports are fun because you can play even if you suck." Junior **Marco Bianchi** adds, "And most of the time you're playing just for fun." Though IM sports provide informal yet organized tournaments, the adrenaline rush that comes from competition is still there. Senior **Eric Skusa** sums up the IM athlete attitude, "Go big or go home."

# Describe Your Season In One Word...



**Thomas Wibur**

"Fun! The seniors made sure there was a balance between having fun and working hard."



**Dash Dudley**

"Energetic; I don't remember one practice or match without everybody not working to their full potential."



**Rian Jordan**

"Heart; even though we didn't have the best team record we still gave it our all in practice and in our matches. These guys were great!"

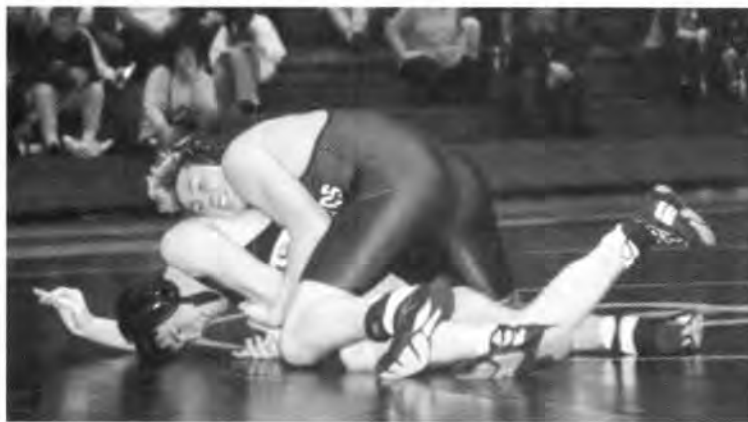
### YOU GOT HIM

Sophomore **Dan Ackerman** attempts to take out a Jackson Lumen Christ competitor by pinning him to the mat. Dan has wrestled for two years.



### HE'S GOT HEART

Wrestling in his last regional competition senior and Co-Captain **Anton Maes** came from behind to take off a Jenson competitor 6-3.



### SENDING HIM OFF

Before senior **Eric David** heads off to the floor to compete, the entire team gathers around to wish him luck.

### NO ESCAPING NOW

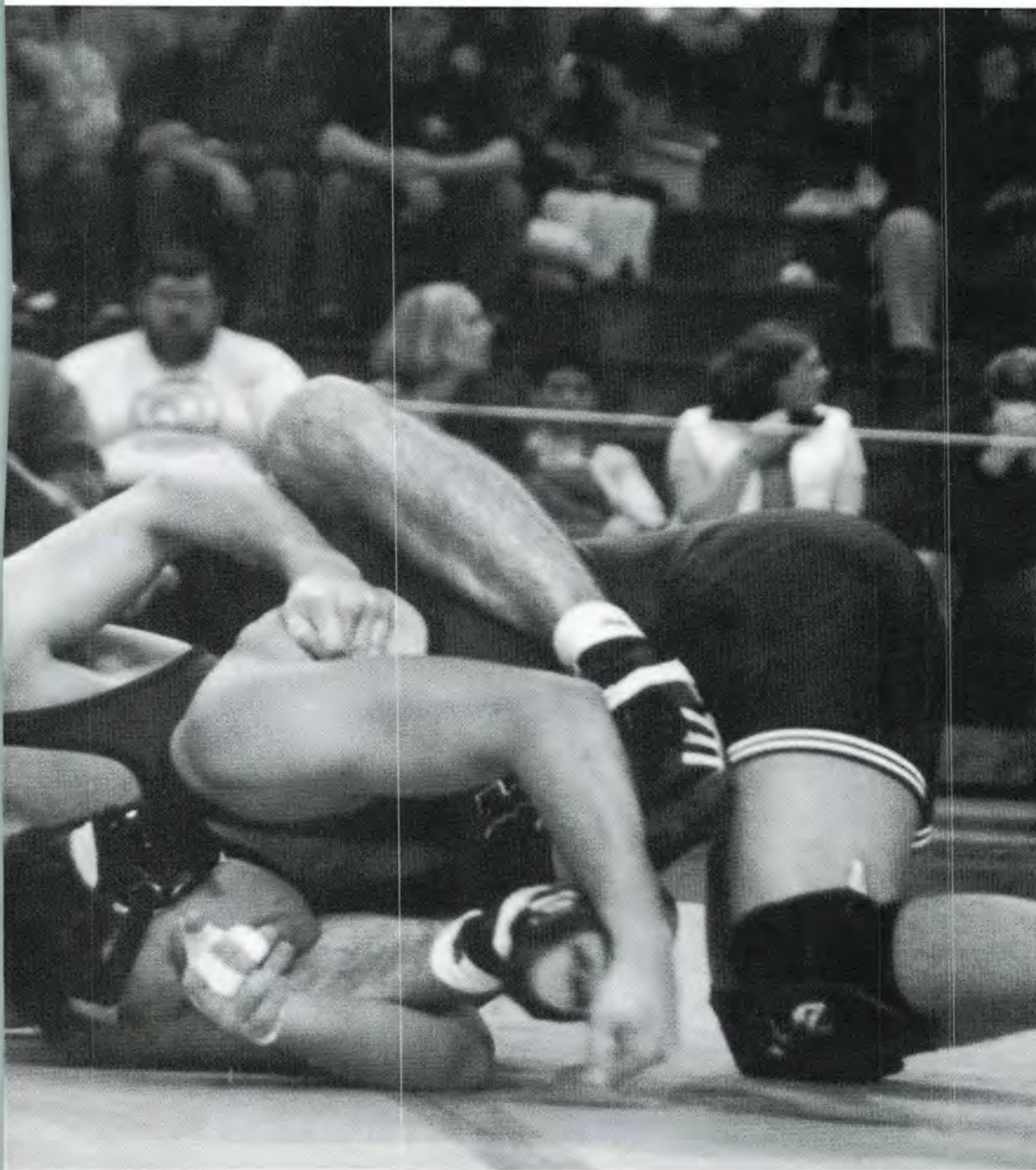
Freshman **Dash Dudley** captures his Charlotte opponent without an inch of mercy. "Dash was an awesome competitor," Co-Captain **Scott Bonato** recalls.



### Boys' Varsity and JV Wrestling:

Row 1: Rian Jordan, Anton Maes, Scott Bonato, Will Folland, Eric David. Row 2: Dwight Bernabei, Don Schiessler, Chris Phelps, Matt Acker, Dash Dudley, Dan Ackerman. Row 3: Justin Walker, Jonathen Hilliker, Mark Amboy, Andy Rinek, Thomas Wilbur, Justin Barnes. Row 4: Margaux Haarer (manager), Phil Digby, Kevin Cox, Matt Nevells, Jeff Kelley, Paul Boulus, Leslie Lohman (manager). Row 5: Coach Troy Frayer, Coach Nick Pence, Coach Jeff Felice, Coach Andrew Liddell. Not pictured: Andrew Matterella-Micke.





**EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE**  
Seniors **Anton Maes** and **Will Folland** watch their teammate, senior **Rian Jordan** compete against Jackson Northwest.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Holt	L
Eastern	W
Traverse City	L
Eaton Rapids	L
South Lyon	L
Charlotte	L
South Haven	L
Lakewood	L
Williamston	L
Fowlerville	L
Northwest	L
Milford	W
Mason	L
Jackson L.C.	L
Capital Circuit	L

**RECORD: 2-18**



# PINNED To Win

WRESTLING TEAM'S  
ATTITUDE OUTSHINES  
SEASON RECORD

By Karli Schneider

**Will Folland**, **Scott Bonato**, and **Anton Maes** were the Captains of an unbelievable wrestling team this year. Yes, they did only win two matches, but since when is winning everything? "We accomplished our own goals this season and that is what's important," said senior **Anton Maes**. "I'll always remember this team because there was never a moment we didn't have fun," freshmen **Dash Dudley** recalls with a smile. "With the help of freshmen and guys joining the team for the first time, we only had to void one weight class. It made us more of a competitor in the league," said senior **Will Folland**. There's nothing more important than setting your own goals and reaching them, and creating a supportive and caring bond between team members. It's what all high-school sports are about.

# My own personal season highlight...



**Ric Heller**

"Was scoring my third hat trick again East Grand Rapids while my new linemate had three assists."



**Matt Hudson**

"Returning to the ice after an injury, only to realize how valuable my senior year season was."



**Tim Mayer**

"Being elected by my fellow teammates as Captain."

## V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!

After scoring a goal against Haslett-Williamston **Pat Nolan, Todd Estry, Nick Borges, and Matt Hudson** celebrate.



## MOVE 'EM OUT

**Dana Irrer, Dave Ruddock, and Tim Mayer** defend the net, pushing the opposing team back.

## SITTING OUT

**Pat Nolan, Ric Heller, and Todd Estry** spend time in the penalty box. Combined the three of them have spent a total of 146 minutes in the penalty box this season.



## SENIOR POWER

Just before going to Kalamazoo for the Regional Finals the senior team members gather together for a picture.

## SPEED RACER

Junior **Todd Estry** sweeps past his opponent to score a quick goal. **Todd** had a total of 22 goals this season.



## Boy's Varsity Hockey Team:

*Row 1:* Pat Nolan, Jeff Klug, Matt Hudson, Todd Estry, Tim Mayer, Ric Heller, Ben Dirks, Eric Fine  
*Row 2:* Nate Smith, Nick Borges, Zach Goldstein, Brian Reinert, Mark Roffle, Matt Hunter, David Ruddock  
*Row 3:* Craig Murphy, Jason Hunter, Ben Ebner, Scott Ninemeier, Tom Cooke, Greg Serkaian  
*Row 4:* Head Coach Bill Sipola, Asst. Coach Brian DeRath  
*Not Pictured:* Dana Irrer, Asst. Coach Gary Calder, Asst. Coach Kenny Rogers





**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Superstar goalie senior **Jeff Klug** was voted most valuable player. **Jeff** had four shutouts this season with a 92.1% save average.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Forest Hills Central	4-1W
Portage Northern	3-0W
East Lansing	11-1W
Grand Blanc	6-4W
Saginaw Authur Hill	9-1W
East Grand Rapids	4-1W
Holt	8-2W
JLC	2-5L
Haslett/Williamston	3-5L
Grand Ledge/Waverly	9-0W
Howell	5-2W
Brighton	1-3L
Saginaw Heritage	6-1W
LCC	2-0W
Portage Central	1-1T
Milford	2-3L
Holt	4-2W
East Lansing	6-1W
East Grand Rapids	3-1W
Haslett/Williamston	4-1W
LCC	4-3W
JLC	2-3L
Midland Dow	2-1W
Grand Ledge/ Waverly	5-0W
Portage Central	3-0W
Portage Northern	0-2L

**RECORD: 19-6-1**



# HE SHOOTS

THE HOCKEY TEAM HAD AN AMAZING SEASON WITH CHALLENGING COMPETITORS

# He Scores

By Heather Jones

The hockey team had an incredible season this year, making it all the way to the Regional Finals. The team, led by senior captians **Jeff Klug** and **Tim Mayer**, was always able to come together on the ice and put the puck in the net. Their schedule was full of difficult games against teams such as Portage Northern, Midland Dow, and Haslet-Williamston. Many members on the team feel the that fans cheering in the stands helped to motivate them. "The fans beeing there and knowing that they believe in us, really gets the adreniline rushing," says senior **Ben Dirx**. Others feel that the cheering "encourages us to show off, making us play better," says junior **Brian Reinert**.



# Words of wisdom..



**Greg Lemon**

To future team members from **Greg Lemon** "Finish the damn race!" His philosophy, "it works every time."



**Cindi Banks**

"The hardest part was coming together as a team, then it's all downhill from there"



**Eric Skusa**

"As a team we did really well, we ran some good races, and had a lot of fun doing it"

## SMOOTH SLOPES

Senior ski team members **Brandon Ballard, Steve Snethkamp, and Greg Lemon** enjoyed their last season on the slopes as teammates.



## STAND BY ME

Some friends, family, and fans gathered at the bottom of the slopes to encourage the ski team members to "Finish the damn race."



## ONE LAST RUN

Senior **Nikki Smith** was a very important part of the team this year, **Nikki** was the only Okemos student to go on to States for the ski team.

## READY TO RUMBLE

The Varsity Girls' Ski Team showed support and comradery for one another before the start of every race. It takes team effort to make it through the challenge of skiing



## Varsity Ski Team:

Row 1: Steve Snethkamp, Nikki Smith, Eric Skusa, Lauren Puretz, Greg Lemon, Brandon Ballard  
 Row 2: James Schoen, Kevin Lim, David Rawlinson, David May, Cindi Banks, Janet Mysliwicz, Chad McAlvey  
 Row 3: Kathryn Economy, Julie Zelenock, Lauren Costello, Drew Carrigan, Andrea Boes, T.J. Warchefsky, Jim Galligan, Jordan Skole  
 Row 4: Adam Puretz, Jon Grattan, Jordan Reeser, Andy Barnhart, Adam Morawski, Ashley Goodell, Ryan Toshak  
 Row 5: Maciek Danielewicz, Christina Swihart, Sara Anderson, Coach Brian Harrod, Malanie Finn, Alicia Sorber, Justin Bahrie, Michael Gross



**FOREVER BONDING**

Captains and valuable team members, Seniors **Greg Lemon** and **Nikki Smith** can often be found leading teammates to victory.



**SCORE BOARD**

	Boys	Girls
Slalom	11th	3rd
Giant Slalom	1st	3rd
Slalom	4th	4th
Giant Slalom	1st	3rd
Slalom	6th	3rd
Giant Slalom	1st	3rd
Slalom	5th	3rd
Slalom	5th	3rd
Divisionals	6th	5th
Divisionals	4th	2nd
State Slalom		10th
Nikki Smith		
State GS		7th
Nikki Smith		



# HIGHER Ground

THE OHS SKI TEAM  
TAKES ON NEW  
HEIGHTS

By Megan Miller

The OHS Ski Team set new limits and goals this winter. The teammates worked together showing great determination and spirit making fellow classmates proud. The clear sky and ideal snow topped off a great ski meet. The weather and fans made it easier on the member of the team. The bonding on the slopes and bus rides back and forth to Mt. Brighton made friendships and memories to last a lifetime. Junior **Cindi Banks** said, "The best part of the team, is the unity. We're closer than any other varsity team guaranteed." To prepare for a ski meet, the team members try to relax. To get their mind off things, they listen to the music, and at times make their own music with various instruments. A wrestling match between the teammates at the beginning of a race and the end was a ski meet ritual. "We rumble at every meet, it's just what we do" laughed junior Jim Galligan.



# The Very Best Part of Swimming...



**Drew Ruonavaara**

"The funniest thing was the nicknames we had for each other. Mine was Chee!"



**Eric Horsch**

"The senior divers and I had a lot of fun messing around on the boards and doing competitions, it was nice, two freshman were there too."



**Will Grattan**

"Hanging out with the other guys on the team was probably the best part. We had lots of fun competing together and I am really glad I was part of swimming and diving."

## DON'T HAVE A STROKE!

Senior **Will Grattan** uses the butterfly stroke to swim laps around the competition in a race. Remember when doing the butterfly, breath quickly, and swim faster.



## DIVING DEEPER

The OHS Boys Swimming and Diving team warms up in preparation for a swimming meet. Diving is a tough competition that requires both flexibility, coordination, and timing.



## TAKING A DIVE

Junior **Eric Horsch** prepares to dive in as the announcers call out the type of moves he will be doing. **Eric** is considered to be one of the best divers on this year's team.

## SPORTY SPECTATORS

**Eric Horsch, Will Grattan, Jesse Wieland, and Ryan Stringer** all sit for a while and watch their team members as they wait their turn to compete.



## Boy's Swimming and Diving:

Row 1: Will Grattan, Eric James Horsch, Ian Slaven, Mike Kain, Jesse Wieland, Ryan Stringer  
 Row 2: Matthew Forney, Sam Coultas, Adam Dow, Eric Eyde, Matt Storey, Neil Bokemeier, Alex Voice  
 Row 3: Jeff Hough, Patrick Roepke, Adam Rousse, R.B. Miller, Tom Grady, Dave Chester, Kenan Bayraktar  
 Row 4: Wickie Gibson, John Bommarito, Erik Wilutis, Oren Schindler, Mike Hwang, Dan Hidlay Mohammad Esfahanian  
 Row 5: Dan Walshaw, Drew Ruonavaara, Assistant Coach John Bruesch, Coach Mark Lisenby, Coach Bebe Llyod-Welch, Jason Kohl, Pat Emaus



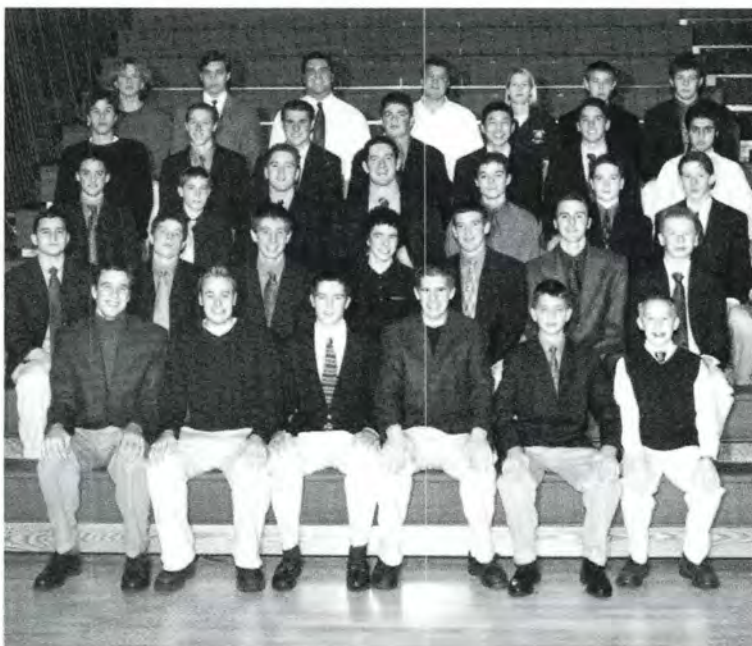


**RIGHT ANGLE**

Taking a dive is often made to look easy by the Okemos Swimming and Diving team. Many years of practice, lessons and dedication are behind the grace and style of these divers.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Ovid Elsie	112-52W
Corunna	118-56W
Owosso	133-50W
Dewitt	118-67W
Alma	86-100L
Eaton Rapids	138-43W
Haslett	127-43W
Mason	128-58W
East Lansing	96-90W
Holt	111-75W
St. Johns	102-84W
Ionia	130-47W
RECORD: 11-1-0	



# MAKING A Splash

THE SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM IS ALWAYS A STROKE AHEAD

By Kevin Banas

It was a good season this year for the boys swimming and diving team. Excellent divers like **Eric Horsch** led the team to clear victories, winning eleven of their twelve meets. Swimming itself involves using several strokes of varying difficulty, and racing the opposing teams the length of the pool. Victory, of course, goes to those who are fastest, so don't blink an eye or you'll miss the action.

Diving requires tremendous coordination and strength. Judgment is made on the difficulty of the dive, as well as the execution, and the size of the splash made in the water. Suffice to say, cannon balls are avoided. Winning, in this sport, requires a host of aquatic talents and versatility.



## Why did you choose to play water polo?



**Liz Pollok**

"It was really fun to try out for water polo this year, it is a really enjoyable and aggressive sport."



**Angela Bobay**

"Water polo is an addictive sport...the more I play, the more I want to play."



**Nicole Goulet**

"I was first persuaded to play water polo by friends on the team, then, once I started playing I just couldn't stop!"

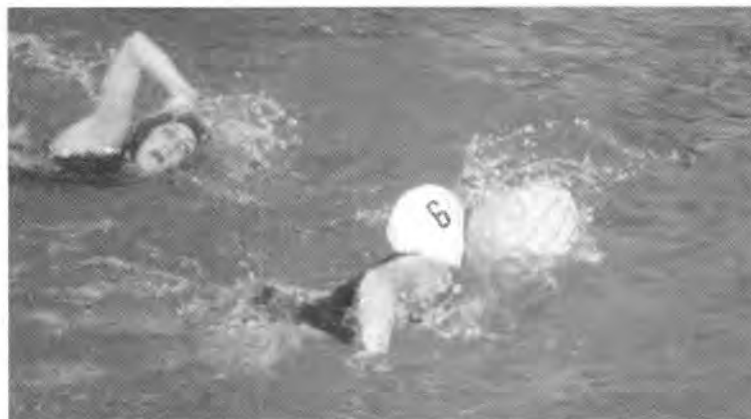
### DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Junior **Amy Van Ostran** contemplates who to pass the ball to from goal. **Amy** is also a valuable player on the OHS Varsity Volleyball Team.



### PROUD VICTORY

Sophomore **Kamerin Bell**, senior **Sarah Murray**, senior **Liz Pollok**, freshman **Kristin Hough**, junior **Sarah Farmer**, junior **Jessica Everett** and sophomore **Liz Hunt** are very proud after their win against Grand Blanc.



### REACH!

Senior **Liz Pollok** reaches to snag the ball from her Portage Central opponent. This was **Liz's** first year playing water polo.

### CAT FIGHT

Sophomore **Laura Giles** blocks her opponent from the ball. **Laura** reports that she must be aggressive in order to be a valuable asset to the team.



### Girls' Water Polo:

Row 1: Abby Camann, Nicole Goulet, Anne Chester, Sara Murray, Liz Pollok, Amy Van Ostran, Erin Flatley, Amanda Winter, Kristen Wilutis.

Row 2: Carleen Ebner, Cindy Banks, Elizabeth Hunt, Jessica Everett, Sarah Farmer, Laura Giles, Angela Bobay, Samantha Miller.

Row 3: Coach Brian Fickies, Kristin Hough, Jamie Everett, Valerie Grabski, Katie Weiser, Katie Beck Judy Emaus.

Not Pictured: Casey Morley and Kamerin Bell





**ALL EYES ON THE GOAL**

Junior **Cindi Banks** stands guard at the goal as the opponent approaches. **Cindi** excelled as a first-year polo player.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Ann Arbor P.	4-11L
Jenison.	6-6T
Rockford.	4-16L
Hudsonville	8-5W
E. Grand Rapids	5-7L
Gand Blanc	18-3W
E. Grand Rapids	4-16L
Mason	15-4W
Rockford	6-10L
E. Kentwood	5-10L
Ann Arbor H.	9-8W
Grandville	6-2W
Portage Central	15-4W
Ann Arbor H.	3-6L
Birmingham	6-1W
Birmingham	4-5L
E. Grand Rapids	14-5W
E. Kentwood	8-7W
Grand Blanc	13-2W
Portage Northern	11-3W
Birmingham	10-6W
E. Kentwood	5-4W
Mason	12-3W
Ann Arbor	4-7L
Regionals	3rd Place
States	6th Place

**RECORD: 17-4-2**



# GRAND Debut

GIRLS WATER POLO  
GAINS RECOGNITION  
AS AN OHS SPORT

By Katharine Schmidt

Although Girls' Water Polo wasn't officially named a sport until this year, these girls have been playing tough for the past 7 years. "We are finally Varsity this year! I am so proud to be on the first varsity water polo team at OHS" explains junior **Erin Flatley**. Erin and her teammates are happy with the upgrade, and the changes that occurred were definitely in the best interest of the girls. "A big difference is the money, the school pays for a lot of our tournaments now...but I think the most appreciated change is privilege of having our own key to the pool for practices," explains junior **Abby Camann**. Yet, all the girls agree that the most memorable part of the season were friendships that were formed in and out of the pool.

# We Will Miss...



**Brian Greenhoe**

"I will miss the excitement of a homerun, and the encouragement from teammates when times get tough."



**Bryan Bishop**

"The great sense of humor from the coaches and fellow teammates; we always seemed to be having a good time, both on and off the field."



**Chris Killeen**

"The opportunity to meet other baseball players from different schools, we all seem to be having a good time on the field."

## FIELD OF DREAMS

When not on the field, players like **Josh Hundt** are found concentrating in the dugout.



## TRUE TEAMATES

The teammates come together for words of encouragement from Coach **Magsig** before taking the field.



## HOMERUN HITTER

Senior **Matt Soergel** has been a valuable part of the team with his contribution of homeruns throughout the season.

## DOWN THE LINE

Senior **Bryan Bishop** enjoys the view from the pitchers mound as he lines up for a strike.

## OUTTA HERE

Junior **Eric Hammerschmidt** prepares to hit a homerun.





**READY AND WAITING**

Senior **Eric Skusa** waits for the ball in deep concentration, **Eric** is a valuable part of the team as well as the student body.



OPPONENT	SCORE
South Haven	13-5W
Grandville	2-12L
Traverse City	2-1W
Davison	2-5L
Jackson N.W.	19-1W
LCC	15-2W
Holt	8-7W
Dewitt	6-12L
Saginaw Heritage	1-11L
Grand Districts	13-5W
	2-1W



**Varsity Boys Baseball:** Row 1: Adam Rousse, Matt Soergel, Eric Skusa, Ryan Sammartino Row 2: Jeff Branta, Josh Hundt, Tyler Murphy, Brian Greenhoe, Chris Killeen Row 3: Coach Phil Magsig, Brandon Lloyd, Mike Anderson, Jason Branta, Bryan Bishop, Eric Hammerschmidt, Coach Bob Hundt.

# HOMERUN Heroes

BASEBALL TEAM  
COVERS NEW BASES

By Megan Miller

Baseball has had a new meaning with a golden season. The grueling practices and efforts from the players has definitely paid off. With a season of long games and everlasting doubleheaders, the team has overcome obstacles and battles along their way. With seven returning seniors, and six juniors, the players led us to a good season of solid victories. The spirit of the team is in the dugout with the players. Moving from first base to team statistician, **Brian Greenhoe**, with a broken wrist encourages team mates to "Round the bases." Many of the seniors have lamented over how much they will miss the team next year. Senior **Bryan Bishop** says, "We've all enjoyed working together and improving as a team."

# Thinking of Softball at OHS...



**Carrie Cousino**

"When I think of softball at OHS, I will think of hanging out with the team and bonding with them."



**Suzy Curtis**

"When I think of softball at OHS, I will think of the family type atmosphere and the support for each other."



**Stephanie Pollok**

"I will remember our trips to Mark's Pizza after practice and how we were always joking around."

## SUPPORT YOUR TEAM!

Supportive players of the OHS softball team watch their teammates in anticipation and cheer them on to come home.



## HIT AND RUN

Senior **Celeste Garza** runs for the win during the Lansing Catholic Central game scoring the final run at "score."



## CATCH THAT BALL

Senior **Suzy Curtis** practices her catching and stance at an afternoon practice.



## A SUPPORTIVE WORD

Junior **Kristen Paterson** gives Senior **Celeste Garza** a quick tip before she goes up to bat.

## REST EQUALS SUCCESS

The OHS softball team takes a rest during a hard practice before the Lansing Catholic Central game.





**READY...SET...GO!**

Junior **Kristen Paterson** and senior **Carrie Cousino** prepare to snatch the ball and throw it home to prevent their opponent from scoring a run.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Everett	1-5 L
Saline	8-7 W
Mason	10-3/6-7
Lumen Christi	7-11/7-3
Grandledge	1-11/0-1
East Lansing	10-0 15-6
Bath	1-2 L
Perry	10-1W
Dansville	0-5 L
Eaton Rapids	3-2 W
Grandledge	8-7 W
Lumen Christi	8-6 W
St. Johns	9-5/3-8
Jackson NW	2-1/3-8
Lakewood	9-0/2-4
Eaton Rapids	8-14/5-10
Holt	4-8/9-5
Eastern	12-2/13-5
Haslett	10-0/15-6
LCC	7-13/9-21



**Girls' Varsity Softball:** Row 1: Amanda Wieland, Nikki Smith, Stephanie Pollok, Celeste Garza, Carrie Cousino, Suzy Curtis Row 2: Bethany Maniscalco, Sarah Friend, Ashlee Schroeder, Hillary Lyman Ashley Scott, Kristen Paterson Row 3: Jenny Vermeesch, Amanda Brown, Lauren Battaglia, Mary Cullen Row 4: Assistant Coach Kelly, Coach Tandoc, Assistant Coach Lonergan

# BASE Hit

STARTING OFF THE SEASON WITH A BANG

By **Lauren Madle**

If you hear the clang of a trash can being hit, it's the OHS Varsity Softball team getting ready for a game. They had a great year and worked hard practicing every day after school. Communicating and working as a team was an obstacle at first, but before long those skills were mastered. Junior **Ashlee Schroeder** says, "We work on that everyday at practice and we are improving everyday." Their hard work was rewarded every night after practice when they went to Mark's Pizza for dinner, joking, relaxing, and having an all around good time. This is a tradition carried on through the years. Most agree that memories for the softball team will be lasting. **Coach Tandoc** summed up the season by saying, "I am very proud of the girls, they were very successful and we had a lot of fun."



# GRAND Slam

JV AND FRESHMEN BASEBALL LEAD US TO VICTORY

By Megan Miller

For the boys of the JV and freshmen baseball team the sport seems to help them escape from the typical day in the classroom. Baseball is a sport of with many challenges, from a good pitch to a game saving catch. Every play is put together with great effort for a team victory. As the players enter the field, a feeling of pride overcomes them as they show off the talent and support of their teammates. Although the teams were unable to win every game, they had tried their best and showed a lot of improvement as the season progressed. Sophomore **Eddie Fletcher** says, "It was a season of challanges and defeats, but it was all worth it in the end when we won, or did well as a team."



**Boys' Junior Varsity Baseball:** Row 1: Grant Tungate, Brian Wei, Eddie Fletcher, Chris Meyer Row 2: John Harvey, Drew Mahan, John Leahy, Shawn Watkins Row 3: Coach Mike Backus, Geoff Gray, Kevin Kent, Marc Roffle, Pat Fink, Coach Harrod Not pictured: Ryan Walder, Ben Hess

## CLASSY HITTER

It's a bird, it's a plane, no, it's a fly ball in the outfield hit by sophomore **Eddie Fletcher** making a fabulous effort to win this game.

## IT'S OUTTA HERE

Okemos fans cheer as the ball floats past astonished outfielders and the hitter sprints to first base.



## STRIKE THREE

Freshmen **Dash Dudley** makes a great catch counting strike three for his team. **Dash** is also a great hitter for his team helping to win many games this season.



**Boys' Freshmen Baseball:** Row 1: Will Lawing, Matt Wagner, Rob Mayer, Brett Holmes, Dan Weaver Row 2: Jason Jecks, Chris Goulet, Dave Crouch, Eric Miller, Andy Robinson Row 3: Coach Jason Saros, Nick O'Dell, Casey Murphy, Joe Sheridan, Mike Hickey





**GO FOR THE WIN!**

Fans and teammates watch in anticipation as sophomore **Kim Vermeesch** prepares to hit the ball and score a run. **Kim** loves the competition.

**READY TO RUN**

As sophomore **Katie Traverse** swings the bat she prepares to run like the wind and make a home run. **Katie** became interested in softball because of the competition and starting the game at an early age.

**IN THE OUTFIELD**

Sophomores **Kim Vermeesch** and **Ashley Gallion** are prepared to block any balls that come their way in order to prevent their opponent from getting a run.



**Girls' JV Softball:** Row 1: Allison Gruner, Megan Gallagher, Kim Vermeesch, Ashley Rasmussen Row 2: Katie Traverse, Megan Moore, Stephanie Battalia, Sara Mulvaney, Jennifer Farmer Row 3: Lauren Bellows, Brianne Melton, Coach Rachel Freeman, Coach Jim Dobias



**Girls' Freshman Softball:** Row 1: Audrey Lovett, Julianna Lovik, Melanie Finn, Anna Zang, Ellen Creal Row 2: Alicia Sorber, Jessica Waltersdorf, Jessica Maidlow, Rachel Margulies, Shannon Meske, Susan Stillman Row 3: Coach Joy Chase, Erin Newman, Crystal Kent, Courtney Howard, Missy McCarthy Not Pictured: Zoe Zulakis, Alaine Go

# HIT and RUN

JV AND FRESHMAN SOFTBALL RUNS WILD TO WIN THE GOLD

By Lauren Madle

Competition drives many people to success and the OHS Freshman and JV Softball teams have become great successes. Every afternoon the teams practice after school to work on form, technique, and strategy. This pays off when they are in a tight game and have to think quickly. Challenges occur at practices, within the players, and at games. Sophomore **Katie Traverse** handles these challenges by "practicing and always thinking. This way you do things [right] subconsciously." Sophomore **Allison Gruner** adds "Staying focused 24-7 can be challenging." Whenever challenges arise, the JV and Freshman Softball teams are ready to take charge.



# My Thoughts on Moving Up...



**Vinny Gossain**

"Moving up divisions makes the teams a lot stronger from top to bottom, this puts more obstacles in the way of our climb up the mountain. This instead of being the front runner, we are the underdogs, but its not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog."



**McKay Shih**

"Together, the team can accomplish anything, all we have to do is believe in ourselves."



**Vamsi Surpaneni**

"As a senior, I am really looking forward to the challenge that comes with division one. Hopefully this will make for a fun and exciting senior year."

## SMASH THAT BALL

Senior Captain **Vinny Gossain** has great backhand form as he sends the ball cross court for another winner.



## TOTALLY FOCUSED

Ready to strike, senior **Neel Agrawal** stands prepared and waiting to return the fast approaching ball.



## TIME OUT

The boys take a break and hang out on the court during one of their many practices this year.

## POWER HITTING

Keeping the match alive, while showing his awesome skill junior **Dan Hidlay** hits the ball back to his opponent.



## Boys' Varsity Tennis Team:

Row 1: Vamsi Surapaneni, John Lark, Vinny Gossain, McKay Shih, Neel Agrawal Row 2: Gaurav Bhatnagar, Vitaly Volberg, Zac Barry, Jack Zuckerman, Dave Gupta Kevin Koons Row 3: Brain Jaaksi, TJ Warschefsky, Tommy Schneider, Chris Spagnuolo, Andy McIntyre, Adam Dow, Dan Hidlay Row 4: Adam Zynda, Rohit Narayan, Ben Fiechtner, David Rawlinson, Jisuk Chang Marco Ku, Brandon Kearney, Matt Storey Row 5: John Cawood, Scott Fulbright, Nam Cho, Chris Calder, Zach Wickham, Erik Berglund, Andrew Ault, Randy Ip, Bryce Fotui-Wojtowicz Row 6: Jake Fagan, Zubin Modi, Finley Huston, Coach Bryan Polston, Coach Jim Powers, Team Manager Jay Green, Steve Hwang. Not Pictured: Justin Linder, Rick MacGuidwin, Kal Jupalli



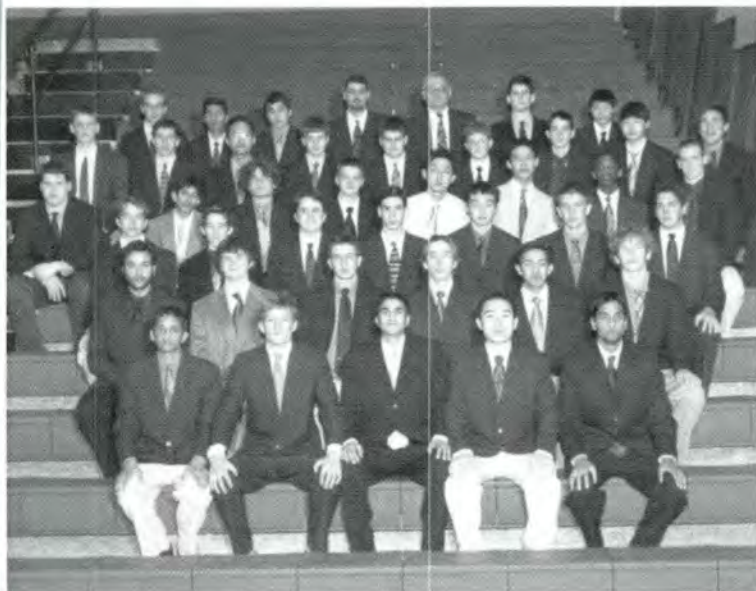


**SIZING UP THE COMPETITION**  
 Juniors **TJ Warschefskey** and **Adam Dow** sit out and relax, while cheering on their fellow team members.



OPPONENT	SCORE
LCC	7-1W
Eaton Rapids	8-0W
Charlotte	8-0W
Lakewood	6-2W
Ann Arbor Inv.	2nd
Jackson NW	8-0W
Mason	8-0W
Traverse City Inv.	1st
Dewitt Inv.	1st
Lumen Christi	8-0W
Forest Hills North	4-4T
Forest Hills Central	5-3W
Ann Arbor Huron	7-1W
East Lansing	7-1W
Okemos Inv.	2nd
Leagues	1st
State Tournament	4th

RECORD: 100-1



# NET Game

VARSIITY BOYS' STRIVE  
 TOWARD ANOTHER STATE  
 TITLE

By Kristina Putz

Traditionally the Okemos Tennis team has been a great team, with many hours of lessons and practices making each player strong even before they come into the high school program. This year, all the practices and lessons will pay off, due to the move from division two to division one. "This year will be very challenging we really need to stay focused and set our goals high" says senior **Neel Agrawal**. The many years of hard work and dedication displayed by every member of the team, makes this years new obstacles easier to overcome in the future. The boys' ended the season placing 4th in the State tournament. Once again the boys' hard work has paid off.



# To get focused I...



**Jessica Shaft**

"I walk around alone in the infield during pick-ups and visualize myself running my event."



**Ean Britt**

"I get really nervous, but that's okay because it gives me motivation during my race."



**Stephanie Linz**

"Since my main events are long jump and high jump I do jumping exercises."

## AND THEY'RE OFF!

The girl tracksters are fierce on the starting line, ready to blow their competitors out of the water.

## GONE WITH THE WIND

Senior **Ashley Sullivan** is determined to sprint the fastest and win each race like it's her last. **Ashley** competes in the 100, 200, 400, and 800 relay.



## BREAKING RECORDS

Junior **Ann McHenry** achieved her best time of 40.2 seconds in the 300 hurdles. **Ann** is only 1.5 seconds off of breaking the school record.

## GOING THE DISTANCE

Whether its long jump or high jump, senior **Stephanie Linz** is always determined to beat her own best mark. **Stephanie** played Varsity basketball for three years, and Varsity volleyball for two years.

## Girls' Varsity Track:

*Row 1:* Kange Kaneene, Lauren Puretz, Ean Britt, Stephanie Linz, Ashley Sullivan, Tracy Creal, Theresa Curtis-Watkins, Kara Dethlefsen *Row 2:* Olga Novichikhina, Stephanie Studwell, Ann McHenry, Laura Phelps, Roohy Gupta, Casey Probst, Beth Ames, Jessica Jones, Kathryn Economy, Ashleigh Anderson, Kenyon Richardson *Row 3:* Ariel Britt, Sarah Cho, Tessa Kaneene, Erin Serkain, Elizabeth Wagner, Sara Joos, Bree Chandler, Lindsay Harkema, Anna Wolfsonm Amy Meyer, Annete Mullaney, Kathleen Ku. *Row 4:* Elizabeth Kelterborn, Mary Meier, Lynn Washington, Emily Davidson, Lacy Bierlein, Sara Cherng, Valerie Seipel, Yan Zhao, Jennifer Harsch, Erin Zaroukian. *Row 5:* Monique Balthazar, Jessica Jean, Courtney Rice, Antonette Curry, Miysha Shaw, Darla Seipel, Elle Kargoulis, Diane Quiroga, Erica Soule, Carolyn Dillard, *Row 6:* Coach Larry Bozyk, Coach Jon Wozniak, Erin Keough, Stephanie Gardiner, Yuh Lo Sung, Coach Ann Hallgren, Coach John Quiring. *Not Pictured:* Haley Lertola, Jessica Shaft





Photo by Amber Doherty

**GOING THE DISTANCE**  
Senior **Kange Kanenee** whom is a great athlete has a lot of heart, and great jumping skills. She uses these qualities in the long jump. **Kange** also was a member of the dance team



OPPONENT	SCORE
Lumen Christi	98-30 W
Mason	63-65 L
Jackson NW	79-49 W
Lakewood	73-55 W
LCC	86-42W
Alma Invt.	1st Place
Mason Invt.	6th Place
Honor Meet	1st Place
League Meet	2nd Place
State Meet	7th Place



# ON YOUR Mark

GIRLS TRACK TEAM  
OVERCOMES HURDLES

By Courtney Mitchell

On your mark...get set...GO! Simultaneously the starting gun is shot and the runners explode into complete stride. Adrenaline is flowing and hearts are racing. All of this only begins to describe the excitement of OHS Girls Varsity Track. The team is led by senior captains **Ashley Sullivan**, **Stephanie Linz**, and **Ean Britt**. "The best part of this season has been that as a team, we have come together and overcome a lot of injuries and illnesses, and we have still come out on top. That's something to be proud of," explained **Ashley** who is a determined competitor in the 100, 200, 400, and 800 relay. **Olga Novichikhina** was more than happy to share her experiences on the track team, "I had a great opportunity to meet people and exercise."



# The greatest thrill of track...



**Pete Woiwode**

"The greatest thrill in track is being able to see so many people compete and succeed in so many varieties of sports!"



**Matt Armstrong**

"Practice is fun but nothing compares to a race, or even the high when you're done."



**David Juntune**

"If you aim for nothing, you'll hit nothing, remember that."

## HEIGHT IN HAND

Freshman **Zach Johnson**, proves that boys track is more than just running, as he uses his agility and speed to bounds over the pole.



## HIGHER GROUND

**Adam Puretz** runs and takes a leap onto the sand. Getting a good distance is hard, but the sheers from the crowd make it worth the effort.

## GET A MOVE ON!

Sprinters prepare to make a dash for the finish line as they anticipate the start of the race. The actual race may be short lived, but the glory of a victory is forever.



## Boy's Track:

Row 1: Soutrik Pramanik, Matt Armstrong, Chris Stilwill, Morgan Howard, Jeff Juhnke, Aaron Brand, Anil Pokharel, Josh Krier, Adam Puretz. Row 2: Brandon Massey, Kyle Davidson, Sunil Pokharel, Michael Richardson, Zac Johnson, Quincy Ezealah, Paul Kolososki, Etinosa Olomu. Row 3: Alan Katz, Jon Howe, Prince Choudhury, Adam Fishel, Tom Flegler, DC Card, James Chapman, Chris Terrill, Chad Hallman. Row 4: Matt Prygoski, Peter Jurmu, Zach Ebling, Jeff Ambrose, Ingmar Haug, Matt Kaufman, Nick Hooker, Matt Acker, Tom Wilbur. Row 5: Marshall Howard, Godwin Wamani, Matt Nelson, Tim Zietlow, Okezie Aguwa, Bryan Cooper, John Saules, Ted Amundsen, Ryan Thompson. Row 6: Jeff Hough, John Lanzetta, John Hubbard, Darin Tregloan, Mark Amboy, Ryan Floyd, Kulin Froelich, Mike Leago, Gabe Ellis. Row 7: Greg Boyd, Jeff Wurzler, Peter Breckner, David Morley, Scott Burger, Greg Serkaian, Drew Federau, Justin Whitman. Row 8: Stu Padaso, Brian Restuccia, David Juntune, Tim Thatcher, John Van Dam, Ben Lack, David Rudd-Ross, James Restuccia, Scott Goldammer. Row 9: Chris Detjen, Matt Zeitlow, Justin Adams, David Beretta, James Schoen, Mark Campfield. Row 10: Coach Jon Wozniak, Coach Debby Mitchell, Coach Jennifer Hawkins, and Coach Paul Palmer. Not pictured: Dana Irrer, Marco Bianchi.

## HIGHER GROUND

**Ingmar Huag** races to get the baton to his partner before his opponent passes him by.

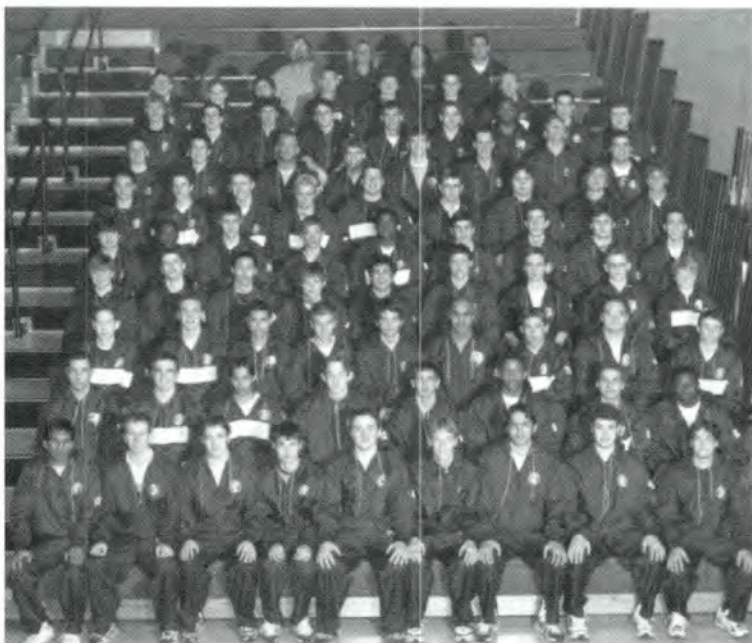




**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**  
 All life is a race for time, sometimes in the more literal sense!



OPPONENT	SCORE
Lumen Christi	47 pts
Alma	50 pts
Mason	81 pts
Jackson NW	88 pts
Lake wood	92 pts
Mason	81 pts
Eaton Rapids	91.5 pts
LCC	88 pts
Alma Invt.	50 pts
Honor Meet	8th Place
Regionals	15 pts
League Meet	106 pts



# SPEEDING *On by*

**BOY'S TRACK TEAM  
 RACES TO VICTORY!**

*By Kevin BANAS*

Being a part of track means being strong, running fast, jumping high, and throwing far. One of the largest sports teams at OHS, Boys' Track, offers a plethora of events for eager spectators to enjoy. The thrill of the 100m dash, the challenge of the shot put, and awe inspiring high jump are only a small part of the bouquet of events that take place at a Boys' Track meet.

Being such a large team, groups of friends tend to form between those who take place in the same events. However, this did not stop the whole team from coming together as a whole when they needed to toilet paper **Coach Mitchell's** house. But shhh! Don't tell anyone, she still thinks the girls were responsible for that little incident.

# What motivates you to play?



**Allison Jones**

"Everyone is so encouraging on the team. I think it's great that it is not only about winning, but about doing your best and having fun as well."



**Jennifer Johnson**

"The team's attitude is so positive and we get along really well. We are all working hard because we hope to make it to the State Finals."



**Lilly Shields**

"There have been some times when I've really lost self-confidence, but **Mr. Hursey** and my teammates have been great about helping me work through it."

## STRETCH IT!

Preparation is important for freshman **Katie Rawlinson** and sophomore **Allison Jones** who are stretching to warm up before their game.



## PLAYING THE GAME

Sophomore **Michelle Domagalski** takes a practice swing before it's her turn to tee off her first shot.



## READY...SET...HIT

Freshman **Jennifer Gools** takes her time to concentrate and aim before her shot to give that ball just the right spin.

## THE RIGHT TOUCH

Golfing takes training! On a typical day of after school practice seniors **Lauren Fiechtner** and **Lilly Shields** work on putting.



**Girls' Junior Varsity Golf:** Row 1: Katie Slivensky, Samantha Schultz, Katie Rawlinson, Sarah Grannemann, Sara Anderson, Jennifer Gools, Lindsey Wilner, Allison Jones, Megan Richardson, Jessica Putman, Coach Brian DeRath *Not pictured:* Kara Dowley





**VICTORY MARCH**

On their way to the next green seniors **Leslie Andrews** and **Jennifer Johnson** anticipate a winning match.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Ann Arbor H.	201
East Lansing	389
Charlotte	192
LCC	214
Jackson LC	197
Brighton	414
Mason	364
Mason	184
Lakewood	184
Lumen	199
AnnArbor	438
Flint Powers	408
Mason	172
Regiognal	398
LCC	176
Jackson NW	174
League	359
RECORD 12-3	



**Girls' Varsity Golf:** Row 1: Leslie Andrews, Lauren Fiechtner, Lilly Shields, Carly Nielsen, Jennifer Johnson Row 2: Coach Tyler Hursey, Michelle Domagalski, Ashley Jones, Susan David, Krista Mollhagen

# SWING Kids

GIRLS' GOLF TEAM GETS ON THEIR GAME

By Jona Mikosch

How to swing the iron right is no question for this year's JV and Varsity Girls Golf Team members who are full of skill and dedication to their sport. In spite of the loss of last years' seniors, a strong team was built again. "We lost some good seniors and in the beginning, but we definitely gained some really strong sophomores which made the season really exciting," says senior **Leslie Andrews**. One of the challenges of golf is the fact that it is an individual sport. Nevertheless, JV and Varsity alike exhibited a tremendous amount of team spirit that made this feeling less intense. To motivate the team before their game the players took turns at bringing in encouraging quotes about golf that they read to the team.



I'll never  
forget  
when...



**Courtney Mitchell**

"We beat East Lansing and Midland in the same day!"



**Rahill Jamalifard**

"I scored the winning goal against Haslett."



**Kelly Bozyk**

"We won News Center Six's Team of the Week. I was so proud."

**HIGH SPIRITS**

After scoring a goal against Midland, the team celebrates by congratulating senior **Courtney Mitchell** who was assisted by sophomore **Kelly Schoen**.



**UP FOR GRABS**

Junior **Colleen Donovan** jumps to catch the ball while senior **Boo Fagan** and junior **Janna Pearce** prepare to defend the net



**DEFENDING THE NET**

Sophomore **Kelly Schoen** and Junior **Janna Pearce** hustle to clear the ball to deny East Lansing any shooting opportunities.

**THATTA GIRL**

Seniors **Marisa Witzel** and **Amanda Thornburg** run back after **Marisa** scored a goal against Charlotte.



**Girls' Varsity Soccer:**

Row 1: Marisa Witzel, Katie Bastien, Amanda Thornburg, Courtney Mitchell, Boo Fagan, Angie Rowland, Sunny Worland  
Row 2: Elaine Kinsella, Jaci Lange, Carol Moser, Janna Pearce, Callie McCarthy, Robyn Jensen  
Row 3: Coach Rob Antcliff, Susan Armstrong, Kelly Schoen, Kathleen Stynes, Kelly Bozyk, Rahill Jamalifard, Coach Brian Guggemos  
Not Pictured: Colleen Donovan  
\* Gretchen Breckner and Laura White were moved up to Varsity



**SENIOR LEADERSHIP**

Just after a frustrating tie versus Traverse City, Coach **Rob Antcliff** speaks to the seniors about the importance of leadership on and off of the field.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Lapeer East	1-0W
Ann Arbor Huron	1-1T
Traverse City	1-1T
Charlotte	11-0W
East Lansing	1-0W
Eaton Rapids	4-0W
LCC	6-0W
Haslett	2-1W
Jackson NW	1-1T
Lakewood	10-0W
Mdiland Dow	3-2W
Sginaw Heritage	0-1L
Lakewood	11-0W
Mason	3-2W
Lumen Christie	0-1L
Jackson	2-1W
Jackson-Districts	2-0W
Holt-Districts	2-0W
Grand Haven-Regionals	2-1W
Brighton-Regionals	1-2L

**RECORD: 14-3-3**



# JUST Kickin' it

OHS GIRLS WAVE BYE BYE  
BYE TO THEIR COMPETITION

*By Heather Jones*

The Girls' Varsity Soccer team had high expectations for themselves this year. They were led by Senior Captains **Amanda Thornburg** and **Courtney Mitchell** as well as Junior Captain **Colleen Donovan**, and Sophomore Captain **Callie McCarthy**. "It was really great to lead such a dedicated and driven team," says **Amanda Thornburg**. The season began with a strong start. The girls not only won an early season tournament but achieved a big goal by beating East Lansing, a tough competitor. "To prepare for games many of the girls take a few minutes to relax and concentrate," says senior **Marisa Witzel**. The team's strength on the field stems from their closeness off the field. To gain unity among the team, they do many things such as team dinners, movie nights, and bus dance parties.



# RISING Stars

FRESHMAN AND JV TEAMS  
HOLD BRIGHT FUTURES

By Heather Jones

Both the Freshman and the JV girls had a great season this year. The Freshman girls' team began with several amazing victories, which included beating Haslett 7-0. "It was really fun to be able to coach such young and talented athletes," says **Coach Miller** of his Freshman team. Freshman **Lara Melvin** said, "When I was younger I always admired my older brother for playing soccer. I couldn't wait to be in high school and play. This year the JV team this year has gone above and beyond my expectations for soccer. It has been an awesome year." Fellow team member, sophomore **Kristen Ziara**, agreed by saying, "This year has been amazing, we have had some much fun on and off the field."



**Girls' Freshmen Soccer Team:** Row 1: Viva Gupta, Elizabeth Bartley, Rachel Frierson, Angela Ianni, Rosemarie Butler, Hannah Johnson, Sarah Thomas Row 2: Alison Tolly, Elizabeth Banks, Wynne Barry, Tiffany Worthy, Ashley Hinz, Tiffany Worthy, Monica Mehan Row 3: Coach Melissa Samluk, Lauren Liddell, Nicole Jensen, Elissa Meyrowitz, Julie Beall, Alyson Webster, Coach Keith Miller

## TAKING CONTROL

Sophomore **Erin Federau** denies her Haslett opponent any access to the ball.

## HOLDING HER OWN

Freshman **Lara Melvin** keeps the ball in her possession while sophomore **Megan Minnehan** anticipates the move.



## STAND BACK

The field players part as sophomore, **Lindsey Jaaksi** gets ready to shoot the ball in the hole.



**Girls' JV Soccer Team:** Row 1: Gretchen Brekner, Kristen Ziara, Michelle Munkacsy, Lauren Costello, Lauren Peters, Erin Campeau, Drew Carrigan, Sahar Eftekhar. Row 2: Laura White, Joann Fox, Arianne Flintoff, Marisa Novello, Meghan Minnehan Alicia Jaramillo, Carla Maniaci. Row 3: Kelly Swanson, Beth Clark, Lara Melvin, Erin Federau, Lindsey Jaaksi, Coach Josh Coty. Not pictured: Kristen Lawatsch



**WHO LET THE CHIEFS OUT!**  
Football fans pack tightly into the stands to cheer on their football team and socialize.

**BODY LANGUAGE**  
A group of fans painted "Go Chiefs" across their chests to encourage the girls Varsity Basketball team.



**SIDELINE CHAMPIONS**  
Sophomores **Marc Roffle**, and **Meghan Minnehan** support their Chieftain girl's Soccer team from the sidelines. **Meghan** plays JV soccer.

**PILE-ON!**  
Senior **Andy Russian** blows the whistle to end the play as he piles on top of senior **Jeff Juhnke** and others. These football players volunteered to be referees and fans at the Girls' powderpuff game this fall.



# "VAMOS A Ganar!"

OHS ATHLETICS TRANSLATES TO VICTORY

By Marisa Witzel

The OHS athletic program would not be what it is without the fans! OHS takes a lot of pride in their athletic program, and the students show their support by cheering on their teams. Some dedicated fans show up rain or shine to all the events. Ultimate fan, senior **Pete Woiwode** says "It's a great joy to watch others succeed in activities they love. There's nothing quite as pure as sports." **Pete** and many others travel the distances to see their classmates and friends compete.





## i WAS Perfect.

Some people can't wait for high school to end. The constant comparison between students, the need to be the best, the idea that average is not even good enough to make it on a scale of excellence. It's no secret that OHS is one of the most challenging and rewarding educational facilities in Michigan. Students file out of a classroom after a test and complain of how bad they did, when really they might have gotten a B-. Outside in the real world, adults wish that trivial events like these were the least of their worries, but to a high schooler, what goes on between these brick walls are everything.

When trying to get into college, students try to rack up the number of clubs and hours of community service to place on their college admissions applications. But the perfection doesn't lie in numbers, it is reflected in the effort put forth by every student in the school.

*By Katie Bastien*



At OHS Student Council leadership camp in late August, Seniors **Brandon Ballard** and **Neel Agrawal** play ring-around-a-rosie while rollerskating at Edru Rink in Holt.

Who is the strongest influence in your life thus far?



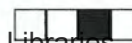
Sophomore Amanda Winter

"My polo friends have made a huge impact on my life because we support each other and have *many* memories together. I am the happiest when I'm playing polo."



Senior Bob Orloski

"My baseball coach sophomore year. He helped me out in sports as well as life in general."



What is the Surface Area of a Basketball?  
**Mr. Hursey** not only teaches Algebra and Geometry, but also coaches basketball and the golf team.

Opportunity Costs  
**Mrs. Ingles** says her first year at OHS has been a blast. She misses Kinawa, but enjoys the new view.

Science Rules!  
 Enthusiastic about science, **Mr. Chapman** has taken his classes on many field trips including a weekend camping trip.

Names, Names, Names...  
**Ms. Rynbrandt** diligently and carefully types absences and tardies into the computer attendance records.

The Law and Mr. Swan  
**Mr. Swan**, aka "Swany," teaches Street Law and Government. **Mr. Swan** is known for putting a twist on learning.



Cindy Baker  
 Zane Balks-Russell  
 Jim Barry  
 Marilyn Belanger  
 Joe Benzie  
 Larry Bozyk



Krista Budreau  
 Becky Butler  
 Karen Canestraight  
 Denise Carbonell  
 Nita Carpenter  
 David Chapman

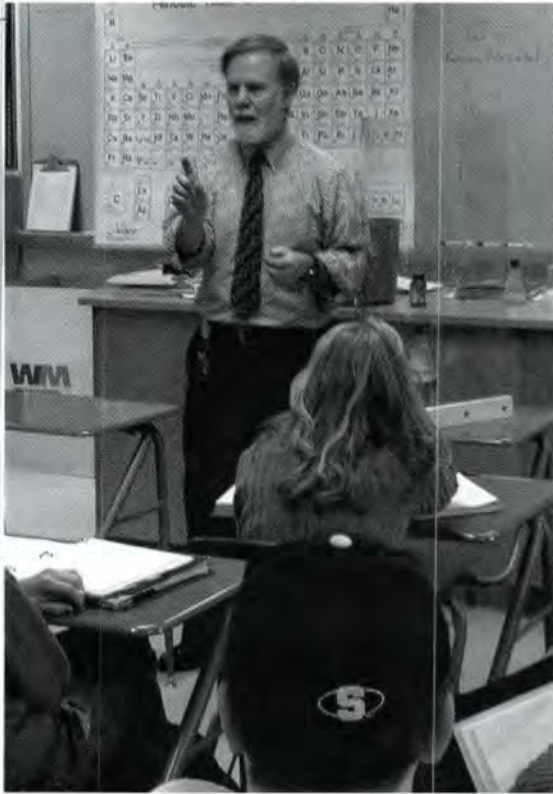


Laura Ciszewski  
 Vern Cobb  
 Denise Daberko  
 Jim Dobias  
 Jeremy Dowsett  
 Jim Fletcher



Rachel Freeman  
 Thea Glicksman  
 Carol Grabemeyer  
 Joyce Haner  
 Annis Harkiewicz  
 Brian Harrod





## The Hearts of OHS

Let's face it, what would be the point of going to school without the teachers? They are the very heart of OHS we could, of course, never do without. Teachers put all their time and effort into students, enlightening them on everything from "permutations" to the definition of "antidistabshmentarianism". They spend over seven hours a day with students, equalling about 1,350 hours a year. Remember to visit them ten years from now when you have a successful career as a brain surgeon or nuclear waste disposer.

*By Ron Corden*

# Faculty & Staff



Pat Hatcher  
Jennifer Hawkins  
Tammy Hetfield  
Stacie Hicks  
Mary Hosford  
Kelly Huhn

Amy Huntley  
Tyler Hursey  
Sally Ingles  
Beth Josephson  
Carole Kendy  
Jim Kirkey

Pat Larsen  
Dana Latham  
Trauda Laurence  
Lisa Magee  
Gayle Main  
Mike Malloch

Renee Maniaci  
Kate Marsh  
Minnie Martinez  
Missy Mc Carthy  
Steve Mc Giveron  
Margie Mc James

## Past Meets Present

Some students would be surprised to know how many teachers were once students like them at OHS. However, things have changed since they wandered the halls. Varsity basketball Coach **Mr. Stolz** remembers "High school was the same as it is now, except when I was here the students were wearing bell bottoms." Physical Education teacher **Mr. Palmer** adds "When I attended OHS the students wore funny 80's outfits, but they did the same things that students do now." Some things never change.

*By Marisa Witzel*



Keith Miller  
Maggie Miller  
Pat Miller  
Matt Morrison  
Paulette Narasimhan  
Ron O'Connor



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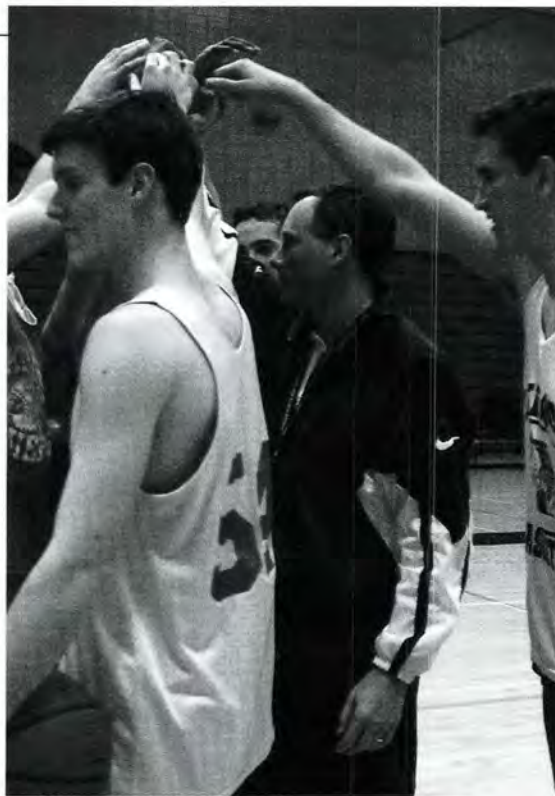


Jim Powers  
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Jeff Riffle  
Gloria Rozeboom  
Terry Saari  
Katrin Sandel



Jason Saros  
Eileen Sayer  
Dempsey Scott  
Christine Sermak  
Liz Shafer  
Kendra Shipp





*Back Again*

**Mrs. Tandoc** returned after college to teach science at OHS. She always has great school spirit.

*Can't Get Enough*

Ex-football player **Mr. Palmer** came back to teach physical education, and to coach football.

*Friends and Enemies*

OHS graduate **Ms. Freeman**, and LCC graduate **Mrs. Sermak** put away the high school competition to make a cute Halloween duo.

*Deja Vu*

Social Studies teacher and hockey coach **Mr. DeRath** stands once again in the doorway of an OHS classroom.

*Go OHS!*

Ex-student **Mr. Stolz** is now a physical education teacher, and the Varsity Basketball coach.



Cathy Smith  
Jill Solomon  
Brenda Stow  
Rich Sutliff  
Danielle Tandoc  
Marsha Tanner

Jodi Totte  
Justin Valla  
Bebe Welch  
Shauna Weller  
Tony Woods

**Staff Not Pictured**

Julie Achterberg  
Mike Backus  
Lynn Benore  
Ellen Bianchi  
Susan Bielski  
Cynthia Bontrager  
Karen Brown  
Alyssa Carl  
Kelly Carrier  
Joy Chase  
Derm Clarkin

Tony Conley  
Brian DeRath  
Frank DeWald  
Paul Evansen  
Keith Froelich  
Becky Gillespie  
Pam Gingrich  
Hadley Holley  
Lisa Holmes  
Sarah Juntune  
Ellie Keating

Marilyn Kesler  
Nancy Klug  
Scott Korth  
John Lanzetta  
Aaron Martin  
Sandra McDonald  
Debby Mitchell  
Scott Newsome  
Renee Nichols  
John Olstad  
Judy Richards

Cathy Rynbrandt  
Melissa Samluk  
Jacqueline Stewart  
Dan Stolz  
Gene Swan  
Carol Thorsen  
Michelle Urbanek  
Russ Verrell  
Asja Wilcox

# Behind the Desk

By Sheila Xiong

What is the very first thing you always do when you arrive at OHS?



**Mrs. Hawkins**  
Resource Teacher  
"I greet teachers and students. I also talk about events that occurred the previous night/week-end. Then, I check my messages."



**Dr. Lanzetta**  
Principal  
"I focus my day by reviewing my calendar and setting my agenda for the day."



**Ms. Grabemeyer**  
Resource Teacher  
"I check my voice mail and then get a big glass of water from the drinking fountain!"



**Mrs. Shafer**  
Resource Teacher  
"The very first thing I do when I arrive at OHS is, I put up unusual facts up on the board, so when my students become famous on *Jeopardy*, hopefully they'll remember me."



**Mrs. Bielski**  
Resource Teacher  
"I look for **Ryan Shapiro** so I can give him a detention. He's going for the world record. I'm just trying to help him out!"



## So Resourceful

**Mrs. Maniaci** always has time to take a quick break to smile! She believes that seniors shouldn't "sweat the small stuff."



## Loungin' At Lunch

One thing Assistant Principal **Mr. Verrel** enjoys doing with students is hanging out with them at lunch.

## Constructing Counselor

**Mrs. Shipps** loves to design houses in her spare time. Several of her designs have been built and currently, she is designing her daughter's family's house.





**Peppy Principal**

Dr. Lanzetta with sophomore Randy Ip. Outside of school, Dr. Lanzetta enjoys winter skiing, water sports and keeping up with professional baseball.

**Jammin with Josephson**

Counselor Ms. Josephson believes that students need to be friendly and persistent in order to make it in the world today.



**Caring Counselor**

Mrs. Carbonell likes to talk and really connect with students on real issues. She feels that students should control their stress level and enjoy what they have!



# On Students and Success

By Sheila Xiong

What are some things students need to do in order to survive in the world today?



**Mrs. Maniaci**

Resource Teacher

"Be open to people and their ideas, have good communication and be willing to work. There's no such thing as a free lunch!"



**Mrs. Shipps**  
Counselor

"Students should have goals that make them happy and content- not just powerful, superior or rich."



**Ms. Budreau**

Resource Teacher

"You have to be loyal and trustworthy. Enjoy yourself, have fun, and get involved!"



**Mrs. Carbonell**  
Counselor

"You must be responsible, which means you need to follow through on what you say and admit to your own mistakes. Be resourceful and have a positive attitude!"



**Mr. Verrell**

Assistant Principal  
"You must have integrity, motivation and a well-rounded education."

# How May I Help You?

By Megan Morse

If you could work in any famous place, which would you choose?



**Bob Feldpausch**  
Custodian

"I would work for Disney Land, I think the atmosphere would be a very enjoyable work place for me."



**Maureen O'Conner**  
Food Service Manager  
"I would work in the Riveria, it would be my top choice to work."



**Ron O'Conner**  
Custodian

"I would work for The Raddison. I like the people that work there and I think the facility is nice."



**Diane Lechleitner**  
Cafeteria Cashier

"I would still work for OHS, simply because I love the school and the students. Working here works so well with my schedule."



**Barbara Hill**  
Cafeteria Cashier  
"Any place in Paris. I love the food and the country."



### Wait a minute

Lunchlady Evonne Chang gets a few pointers from a student.

### Bon Appetit

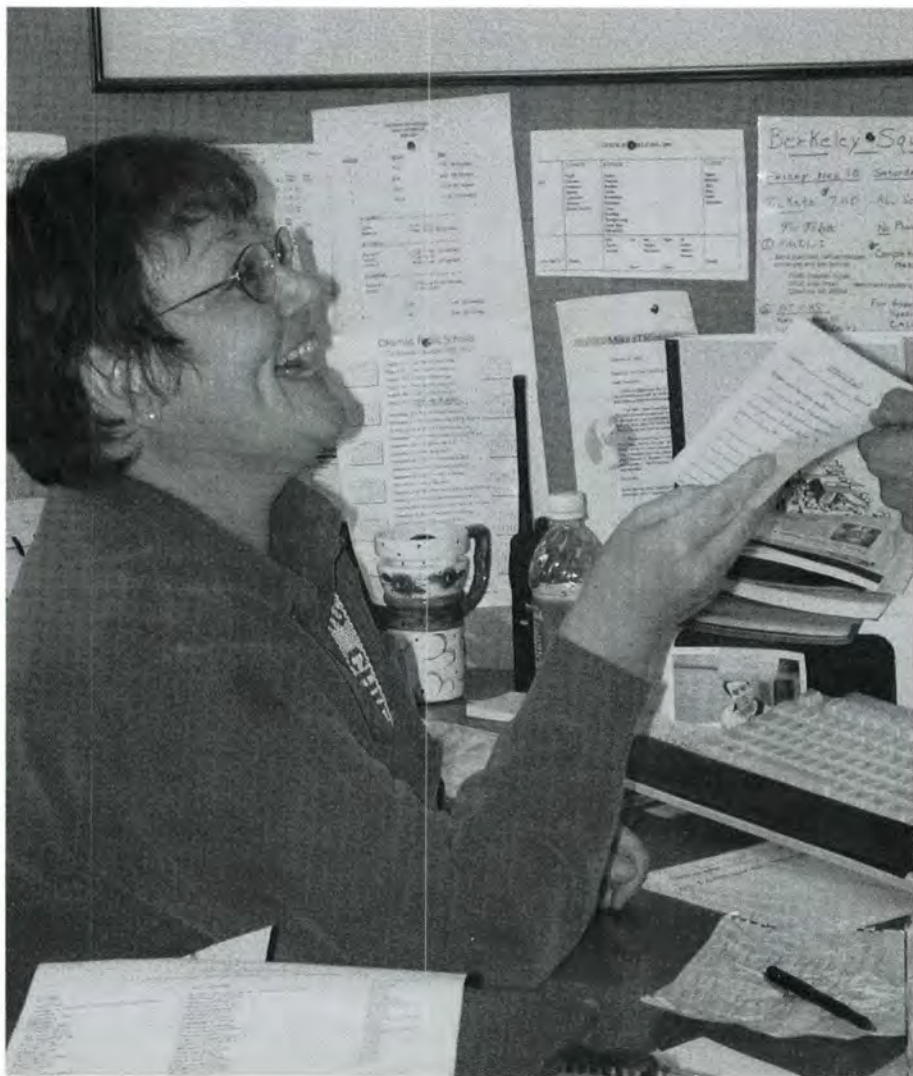
Lunchlady Christine Newton prepares a yummy taco for a student during C lunch.



### Taking a Breather

Lunchlady Barbara Hill takes a little break from the hustle and bustle of the students during lunch. When Barbara isn't punching numbers, she enjoys painting and golf.





**Happy Helper**

Secretary Dana Latham happily gives a student a pass. When she isn't helping out students, Mrs. Latham enjoys traveling, cooking and reading.



**"Hold Please.."**

Athletic Office Secretary Mary Hosfjord keeps busy taking phone calls.

**Heads Up!**

Narc Derm Clarkin passes a football in the parking lot as he watches the students leave.



# Keep'n Tabs

By Megan Morse

**What do you feel is the most important part of your job?**



**Paul Evansan**  
TAB Instructor  
"Looking out for the students best interest."



**Cathy Rynbrandt**  
Secretary  
"Taking care of the kids who come in either sick or have an attendance problem."



**Aaron Martin**  
Narc  
"I think it's the interaction with the students because it makes me feel young at heart."



**Nancy Klug**  
Guidance Secretary  
"I feel that helping the students getting appointments to see their counselors is very important."



**Eileen Peck**  
Attendance Secretary  
"Keeping positive is very important to me, as for the students."

### Exploring The Sites

A group of OHS girls check out the Iwo-Jima monument. This statue was constructed in memory of the soldiers who have served in the United State Marine Corps.



## **OHS students experience first hand how the U.S. Government operates**

### Where It's At

Pausing in front of the U.S. Capitol are juniors **Hilary Lyman, Nick Russell, Nicole Woodstock, and Ashley Shroeder** while they explore the politician's jobs on Capitol Hill.



### Among The Falls

Gathering close in front of the waterfalls at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, juniors **Halie Leonard, Cindi Banks, Erik Hammerschmidt, and Kristen Anstett** strike a pose.

### Releasing Steam

In an effort to relieve excess stress on the job, history teacher **Mr. Pitts** goofs off with his United States History Student, sophomore **Dan Hackerman**.



# A Class Without

By Karli Schneider

# WALLS

This fall thirty-five Chieftains spent a week in the capitol of the most powerful nation in the world. Each year the History department organizes the week long Close-Up trip to Washington D.C. to give students first hand experience of how this nation operates. "The best part of the trip was when we sat and watched the US Supreme Court Justices debate an actual case," recalls junior **Halie Leonard**, "I now have a better appreciation of how hard our government officials work." Students passed through historical monuments, chatted with our state Senator Spencer Abraham, toured the national museums, and witnessed Congressional committee meetings in action. At the end of the day the students kicked back and dined at the world famous restaurant Planet Hollywood. "Eating at Planet Hollywood and traveling on the city's subway really gave me a feeling of a big city atmosphere," said junior **Dana Irrer**. In the end, Close Up became an opportunity for all to expand their horizons beyond the history walls of OHS.

## Playing Around

Juniors **Dana Irrer** and **Janet Mysliwiec** climb on the rocks of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial. "The FDR Memorial was the most interesting because it displayed the President's whole life," said **Janet**.



## **What was your favorite part of Washinton, D.C.?**

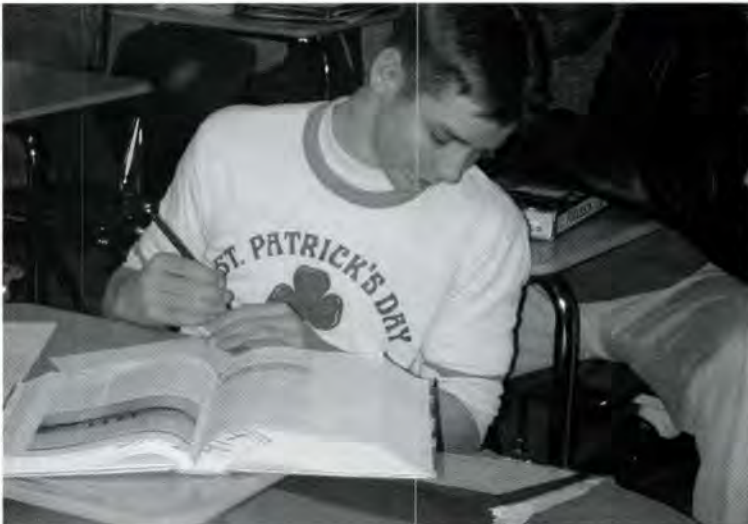
"The Korean War Memorial was my favorite part of Washington, D.C. The statues of the soldiers were so life-like that they gave me the impression I was walking through a battle scene. It was impressive."



Junior Kristina Putz

## Getting the Facts

Sophomore **Brenden Yonke** studies the pages of the U.S. History textbook searching for answers to a worksheet. "We do a lot of worksheets in the class to help us better understand all of the US events," said **Brenden**.



# Crazy labs and fun trips, Science brings movement into the monotonous school day

## Fire Up!

Freshman Ian Tiilikka-Birdsall plays with science. He is performing a hands-on fire experiment after school.



## Stretch It

Freshman Jennifer Farmer gets out of class lecture. She is testing out springs for her Science class in the hallway.



## United Colors

Juniors Marie Smith, Kristie Timber and Christin Siegele perform a take-home chromatography lab for their Chemistry class.

## Cut It Out!

Juniors Vinicius Ernani and Eunil Lee dissect a cat in Mrs. Tandoc's Anatomy class.



# The Mad Scientists

By Jona Mikosch

Rockets in the hallways, popcorn and tombstones... to the untrained eye it doesn't seem like there is any connection. Though they all appear to be different, students remember these activities as an avid part of their science experience. The variety of issues addressed and the various ways to further discover and explore them are what makes the Science Department so unique. Labs and projects enable students to experience real life processes through a beaker in the palm of their hands. "Labs get me excited about learning," says Senior **Kara Dethlefsen**, "Usually they are the most fun part of class." Where else in school are you allowed to break things, burn them or set people's hands on fire? Overall, Anatomy students agree that their favorite activity this year was dissecting a cat. "While dissecting the cat we couldn't get the skull off and so we had to pound on it with a hammer," said Senior **Amy Crosby**. This year's science trips were also thoroughly enjoyed. Not only do these voyages provide students with another view of the material, but they also present them with an opportunity to meet new people. The Earth Science students had a lot of fun on their overnight trip to Lake Michigan. "When we were camping by Lake Michigan groups started collapsing other groups tents in the middle of the night," reminisces Senior **Travis Wright**.

## Be Prepared!

Remembering safety comes first, Senior **Biz Latham** puts on an apron before starting a lab.



## What do you enjoy most in your science class?

"The labs. Especially the cloud in the bottle. I like how we make something that is great in the sky, hand-held in the bottle."



Jessica Bianchi

## Memorable People

Making these tombstones for a Chemistry class project last fall might have taken more effort and work than some students expected, but in the end everything turned out just right in time for Halloween.



# OHS students strive for English success while sacrificing sleep and sanity

## The Three Stooges

In an attempt to bring the *Canterbury Tales* to life, Seniors **Pat Emaus**, **Anton Maes**, and **Chris Burlingame** are dressed as the haberdasher, the squire, and the knight, for Ms. Haner's annual Halloween Brit. Lit. pilgrimage.



## Wake Up Sleepy Head!

A hard desk is converted into a comfy reading spot as Sophomore **Casey Probst** approaches the ending of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, in Mrs. Larson's Lit. Comp. 10 class.



## Puzzling Papers

Piles of printouts and research notes keep Sophomore **Sara Shaheen** busy sifting for story ideas for yet another American Studies project. This time, the students of the combined Lit. Comp. 10 and American History class created "Wild West" newspapers on PageMaker.

## Desk Side Discussions

The students of Mr. Dowsett's American Lit. Class are always asked to dig deeper and interpret important underlying themes; "We spent, like, a week talking about racism and Mark Twain before beginning *Huck Finn*," says Junior **Matt Geske**.



# Writing

By Kristie Timber

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Long nights, lengthy papers, and little sleep are all too often the results of an English class deadline. Whether you're in Lit. Comp. 9 writing your first real paper, or you're a Senior in Ms. Freeman's 4th hour Expos. class working on a Senior Scrapbook, everyone knows what it is like to lose sleep for school. "Last week I was up all night working on three papers for Mr. Dowsett's class and I have decided that grades are overrated," says Junior Randee Bierlein. Her American Lit. classmate, Junior Annie Rapaport, does not hesitate to add "and sleep is underrated." Though most students would agree with Annie's philosophy on sleep, they still end up staying up into the wee hours of the morning writing that ten-page research paper for Expos. that they've had five weeks to work on. Whether it be a lack of time, or a lack of those creative novel interpretations that English teachers are always looking for, writing a paper is often an agonizing process that gets set aside until the last minute. Apparently, students aren't the only one's with procrastination habit; American Studies teacher Mrs. Sermak admits, "When I have to grade papers, I alphabetize them and count them and recount them after each one, if all else fails, I make frequent trips to the refrigerator and keep lots of chocolate nearby."

### The Write Stuff

Within the hustle and bustle of paper due dates and assignments, Seniors Ian Slaven and Zac Barry find time to offer suggestions to Mike Chojonowski with an Expos. paper.



### What is the most valuable lesson you've learned from an English teacher?

"In my Freshman English class, our teacher always told us, 'Excuses are the stepping stones to failure,' now those are words to live by."



Leroy Permoda



### Lady in Waiting

To pass the time, Senior Comm. Lab assistant Carolyn Senger edits papers during 6th hour. The lab is open for all English classes to use at their convenience.



# Calculating and Computing, Math measures high on OHS student's lists

## All Stressed Out

After a hard day of math class, Senior Carrie Harris is all stressed out. Outside of school Carrie works at Subway.



## Fresh Start

Mrs. Stewart cleans off the board after a long day of math so that she is ready to go the following day.



## Look At Him Go

Mr. Quiring stays late in the day grading tests for AP Calculus. He coaches Track and Cross Country in his spare time.

## One Last Cram

Freshmen Jennifer Farmer, Angela Ianni, and Sara Mulvaney all study at the last minute just before their algebra test.



# Puzzling

By Heather Jones

# Thoughts

Math seems to be the most frustrating class for most students. In fact many OHS students have begun to ponder the reason why we even take math classes at all. Why do we sit 50 minutes day in and day out struggling with math problems? After talking to some fellow OHS alumni it's been concluded that math is actually useful in the real world, in fact it is a necessity. Alumnist **Sara Main**, who is now a market researcher admits, "In any sort of job you are faced with opportunities to problem solve on a daily basis. Math skills provide you with the tools to reach a desired outcome using various methods." Even if you are not planning on using math in your future career, it is still useful for budgeting your expenses, paying your taxes, and clocking gas mileage. Calculus teacher **Mrs. Narasimhan** says "Math is the language of all sciences. Nearly everything that you study in depth has to be explained through mathematical reasoning. If you can't speak the language your voice will never be heard." So if you are like Senior **Tonya Johnson** who admits, "I usually fall asleep during math," try and keep yourself awake because you may actually need to know this stuff!

## Crunching Numbers

Freshman **Kinnari Patel** tries to manage her time on her math test. Students have come to rely on their calculators.



## What part of math puzzles you the most?

"Story Problems. No matter how many times Mr. Quiring explains them. They are just so frustrating."



Brittnie Ward

## Team Work

Freshmen **Andy Robinson** and **Hannah Johnson** work hard to understand their homework in Mrs. **Bontrager's** class



## A Second language makes travel to foreign countries a breeze

### A Piece of the Wall

Senior Anna Flegler stands in front of an original piece of the Berlin Wall, which she saw on her trip to Germany this summer.



### Restaurant Role-Play

Students from Senora Bakers Spanish One class celebrate after their "restaurant role-play."

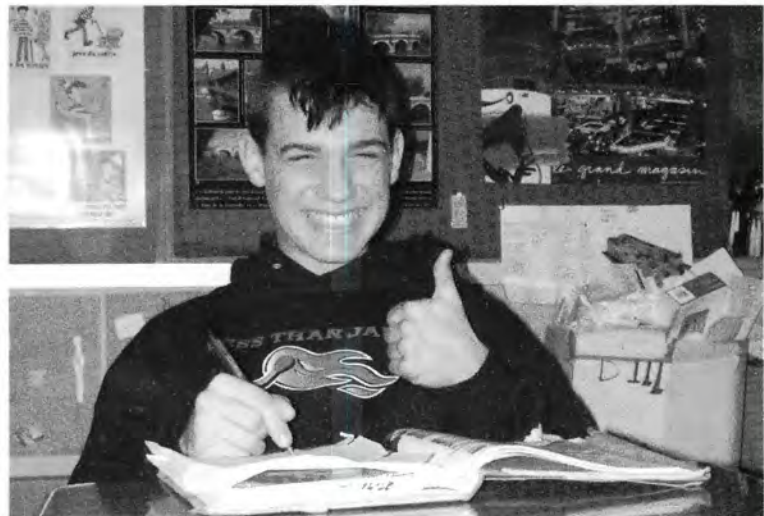


### "Bitte Laecheln"

The G.A.P.P. group, a foreign exchange program, stops to take a group photo after a day of sight-seeing in Germany.

### Study Break

Freshman John Passalacqua takes a break from his tough French homework for a quick picture.



# Tu Hablas

By Stephanie Miller

# Español?

Spanish, French, German, Latin... many students are taking advantage of the Foreign Language classes that OHS has to offer. Most students are planning ahead for college because so many colleges are currently recommending or requiring at least two years. Others plan on using it for travel. "[I am taking a foreign language because] I am half German, and I want to travel to Germany some day," says Senior **Alissa Harding**. Junior **Rachel Jankowski** says that when she went to Mexico her language classes helped her to interact with the natives.

Making videos, role playing, fashion shows, trivia games and of course having the occasional "fiesta" ranked high with the students. Although these classes are fun, most students feel that they are harder than their regular schedule. "The sentence structure is difficult to understand," says Senior **Michael Lapham**.

"If I had had any idea French was so much work, I would have taken Spanish!" jokes Senior **Lilly Shields**. As difficult as they may be, Foreign Language classes help to teach OHS students about a different culture and obtain a better understanding of the world.

## No English Allowed!

Freshman **Zubin Modi** wears this "English" cap in Mrs. **Samluk's** French class so that he can speak English.



## How do you plan on using your foreign language skills?

"I plan on going to Spain to watch the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona. Knowing Spanish will make it easier for me over there."



Kristi Hemstreet



## Conductors

Senior **Andy Russian** and Freshman **Dan Storey** lead their French One class in Frère Jacques.

# Whether computing, designing, or cooking, Career and Tech students are smart cookies

## IN YOUR BAKING CLASS, WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE FOOD CREATION?



Bill Tefft

"The cakes were the best, they took us a long time to make, but it was worth it"

BY MEGAN MILLER

### Sugar Muffins

Senior **Matt Soergel** and **Justin Doyle**, Sophomore **Brittany Lewis** and Junior **Quiana Snorden** work diligently along side Mrs. Main creating another baking masterpiece



### Candy Strippers

A group of students in Mrs. Miller's School Store class gather around the cash register to learn more helpful selling tips. Seniors **Paula Pinho** and **Simone Tuck** work hard everyday behind the counter to offer fellow students a treat after lunch.



### Fore!

Seniors **Mike Barnett** and **Nick Scarcella** make preparations to launch golf balls over the practice field for their robotics class.

### Helping Hands

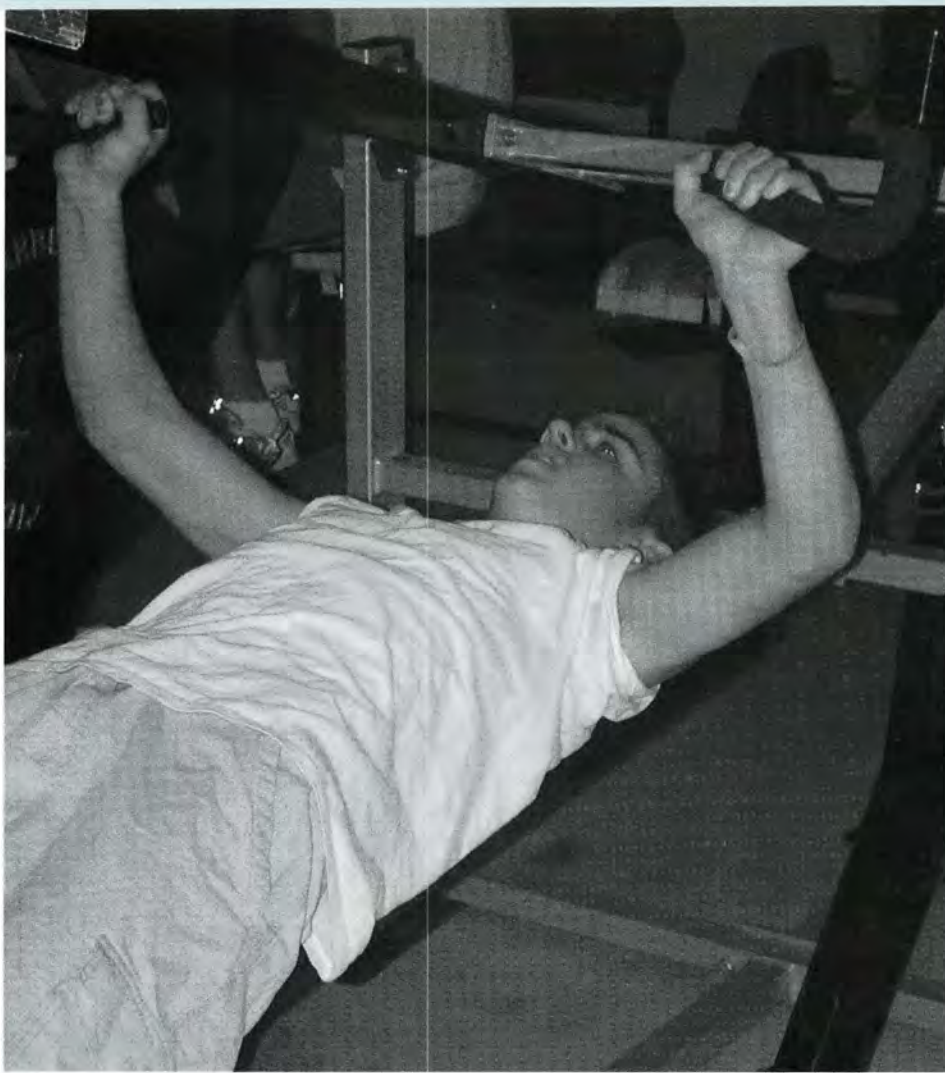
Mr. Harrod explains another computer mystery to Senior **Lauren Puretz**. It's well known that when something's goin' down, Mr. Harrod will be there!



### Aren't you proud?

Sophomore **Ben Hess** and Senior **Chris Phelps** invite **Coach Froh** to join them for a piece of cake. They are talented both on the field and in the kitchen.





**Tough Students**

P.E. students often show good sportsmanship, and encourage fellow classmates and team members. These students show a lot of effort and determination as Freshman Jeff Warren has shown here.



**Intense Athletes**

These team sports athletes put forth their best effort. These athletic titans are playing a friendly game of basketball, taking a break from their academic courses.



**Team Players**

Lending a helping hand is what friends are for. Freshmen Godwin Wamani and Arkady Vartazarov take turns spotting each other while lifting weights.



**Study time**

Senior Tiffany Reicosky studies for her health exam. Health class is required for graduation, and also essential knowledge for life.

**Rock Hard!**

Freshman Ashley Heinsen is working on her abdominal muscles in P.E. class.

Running,  
Walking,  
Kicking, or  
Shooting, Phys.  
Ed students excel  
athletically

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT P.E. CLASS?



Gretchen Breckner

"It's a nice break from everyday academic classes."

BY MEGAN MILLER



# What is your favorite type of art?

Mr. Golden Sunshine: "Sophomore Kristin Wilutis stands with the plaster sun that she made in her sculpture class."

"Late Impressionistic. My favorite artist is Maurice Denis because of his meloncholy color and smooth lines."

Ashely Chisholm

# Chicago or Bust

By Jessica Rand

"I love art class because it is a time where you can take a break from the pressures of all your academic classes, immerse yourself in something you enjoy and hang out with a lot of awesome people," said senior art student **Deana Banez**. The OHS art teachers, **Mrs. Butler** and **Mrs. Balks-Russell** offer a hands-on experience with a variety of materials. Art class gives students a chance to try everything and then further explore the medias they enjoy the most. For the ambitious, who need extra time in the art room, Art Club is offered once a week after school. President **Ron Corden** helped to plan the club's trip to Chicago. "The Chicago trip was great and I would recommend going if you get the opportunity!"



"My favorite type of art is music."

Rachel Linz



"Expressionism. I personally like it because you can show how you feel by being off the wall, and yet people can still see what you're talking about."

Chris Calcagno



*Painting frenzie:* Senior art student **Eric Skusa** works hard on his drawing during **Mrs. Balks-Russell's** 5th hour drawing class.

*Strike a Pose:* Juniors **Ryan Thompson** and **Kris Sophiea** look thoughtful at the Contemporary Art Museum in Chicago.



*Cool and in charge:* Art teachers **Mrs. Butler** and **Mrs. Balks-Russell** were accompanied by Ms. Black and Mrs. Brewster on this year's trip to Chicago.

*Sun in our eyes:* The Chicago group stops for a group shot in front of the Illinois Art Building, even with the sun blinding their eyes.

# What part of the Art Festival was most reward-



"I just love watching the little kids getting their faces painted. creating that kind of joy in someone is truly fulfilling."

Marisa Crane



"I love working at the art festival because I can see the joy that the day brings to the kids. For me, to be a part of that makes me feel good about myself."

Ann Marie Clark



*Hats Galore:* Elementary students from all over the community enjoy a day full of fun and excitement.

*Face painting anyone?:* Seniors **Marisa Crane** and **Deana Banez**, had a blast painting all the little kids' faces, as well as senior **Ron Corden's** face.

*The Proud Artist:* Senior **Ashley Chisholm** stands with pride next to her artwork which is displayed for the festival.



*Making Memories:* Juniors **Josh Clark**, and **Brandon Massey** help the kids play with clay. They get to show off their awesome skills, as well as inspire the younger generations in the Forest Park Library and Archives - Capital Area District Libraries

## Gallery of Fun

By Jessica Rand

The Fine Arts Festival is a great way for elementary age kids to learn about art, and experience it hands on. "I've really enjoyed helping out these past two years. It's so much fun to see all the kids get so excited about something that I can help teach them about," said senior art student **Ron Corden**.

The OHS cafeteria is turned into one big art studio on the day of the studio, where the tables are different stations. One where you can make creations with clay, one where your face can become the canvas of an artist, another where the latest fashions of hats are thought up and created out of paper. Others include making prints of your drawings, and even sculptures of any size that your heart desires.

If the day was a success, the cafeteria is a mess and everyone leaves with a smile on their face!



*Okemos Goes National: Kathryn Economy, Steve Carrasco and Meredith Damore hold up their homemade signs on the Today Show.*



*Broadway in the Making: Kim Dethlefsen stands with Mark McVeigh (star of Les Miserables) and former Someko member Christy Tarr.*



*Top of the World: Seniors Kris Leefers, Kelsi Carolan and Yvette Gross look over New York from the majestic Empire State Building.*

## OHS Concert Choir

### Soprano

Christina Aldrich  
Deana Banez  
Lauren Bell  
Kamerin Bell  
Terressa Birchen  
Stephani Bischof  
Amina Bofaris  
Aly Boggs-Smitley  
Kelly Bozyk  
Anne Chester  
Kiki Christakos  
Amy Cooley  
Amy Crosby  
Meredith Damore  
Jnanna David  
Susan David  
Waverly deBruijn  
Susanna Dobson  
Natasha Duvall  
Kathryn Economy  
Arianne Flintoff

Kathryn Frontier  
Carrie Galka  
Valerie Grant  
Diana Han  
Jennifer Harsch  
Sarah Hegge  
Allison Ianni  
Megan Jackson  
Laura Johnson  
Jennifer Jones  
Joanna Kagey  
Sandy Krakover  
Morgan Lindstrom  
Rachel Loncharich  
Brianna Melton  
Mary-Al Miller  
Christine Olin  
Jessica Rose  
Ebba Spyke  
Sarah Swientek  
Tracy TenEyck  
Ashley Thomas

Madeline Trier  
Molly Tuma

### Alto

Audrey Bashore  
Rachel Burrage  
Kelsi Carolan  
Jessica Denbow  
Kim Dethlefsen  
Robyn Goacher  
Kate Grady  
Yvette Gross  
Sharriese Hamilton  
Alissa Harding  
Angela Korrey  
Misayo Kurata  
Kris Leefers  
Britt Lindquist  
Christina Martin  
Amanda McConchie  
Dani McFadden

Krista Mollhagen  
Annie Rapaport  
Angela Sauer  
Lindsay Semmler  
Carolyn Senger  
Shawna Sump  
Sarah Witucki  
Erin Zaroukian

### Bass

Ted Amundsen  
Danny Balger  
Kevin Cox  
Phil Erickson  
Aaron Feinauer  
Doug Frischmann  
Alex Gentile  
Tom Grady  
Mark Kroos  
Paul Lessard  
Aaron Murphy  
Jeff Omura

Jay Pomala  
Mike Reynolds  
Casey Seiter  
Jordan Simpson  
Lucas Sinclair  
David Slep  
Jim Sorenson  
Alec Swartz  
Andrew Mattarella-  
Micke

### Tenor

Matt Acker  
Dan Ackerman  
Mark Cantrell  
Dave Chester  
Nam Kyu Cho  
Mike Gadaletto  
Chad Hallman  
Tyler Roth  
John Saules  
Chad Seiter  
Tom Wilbur



*Follow the Leader: Mr. DeWald gives a clearly pronounced downbeat for Concert Choir during the Winter Concert.*

# We're Gonna

# Be a Part of It

By Chad Seiter



On February 16th, 2001, almost 120 students boarded two planes to New York City to perform at the world-famous Carnegie Hall. Both Concert Choir and the Someko Singers anxiously looked forward to performing *Requiem* by famous choral composer **John Rutter** on the prestigious stage of Carnegie Hall, accompanied by a professional orchestra. The choirs spent four days in New York at the Grand Hyatt, and were able to experience all that NYC has to offer: restaurants, entertainment, shopping, and Broadway shows like *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera*, and *Rent*. Some students were also seen on the Today Show with signs and banners. After the performance at Carnegie Hall, the choirs even boarded a cruise ship that took them around New York.



*I Like My Altos Fiery:* John Rutter, world renowned choral composer and conductor, walks the alto section through part of his *Requiem* score.



**Lobby Loungers:** Tom Renaud, Kevin Hallman, Amy Crosby, Terressa Birchen, Aaron Murphy, Steve Carrasco, Chris Roberts, and Tiffany Reicosky stand in the bitter cold for a picture outside Carnegie Hall.



**Chilling Out:** Britt Lindquist, Casey Seiter and Meredith Damore wait for their chaperone in Grand Central Station, right next to the Grand Hyatt hotel.



**Cruising Along:** Seniors Carolyn Senger and Alissa Harding dance and relax after the *Requiem* performance at Carnegie Hall on a cruise around the bay.



*Take it From the Top:* The choirs ventured to the top of the Empire State Building on a tour of New York City.



*First Work, then Play:* Kelsi Carolan, Paul Lessard, Yvette Gross, Tyler Roth, Anne Rappaport and Phil Erickson take a group picture after a *Requiem* rehearsal.

## OHS Treble Ensemble & Choraliers:

### Treble Ensemble:

Maria Ahmad	Colleen Kron	Laura White	Kate Grady
Kailen Berry	Beth Longshore	Kendra Williams	Yvette Gross
Whitney Burns	Audrey Lovett	Anna Zang	SharrieseHamilton
Rosemarie Butler	Rachel Melody	Christin Vasilenko	Sarah Hegge
Monica Carr	Shannon Meske	Zoe Zulakis	Brianne Melton
Joanna Constigan	Jona Mikosch	Jennifer Zavadil	Crhistine Olin
Katy Detrisac	Renee O'Malley	<b>Choraliers:</b>	RachelLoncharich
Aderonke Fatunmbi	Courtney Rice	Christie Aldrich	Angela Sauer
Sara Fortino	Jennifer Ruben	Audrey Bashore	Tracy TenEyck
Shantel Hamilton	Erica Ruff	Waverly de Bruijn	Sarah Witucki
Hannah Hohnson	Sarah Thomas	Jessica Denbow	Annie Rapaport
Bhakti Joshi	Ayano Toth	Carrie Galka	



*Do-Re-Mi:* Practicing scales is an important part of vocal development. Freshman **Bhakti Joshi** sings a few scales with her fellow classmates.



*Resounding Divas:* Freshman **Rosemary Butler** and **Hannah Johnson** love to belt their songs everyday in class. This duo also participated in the Talent Show.

*Mistresses of Melody:* Sophomore **Tracy TenEyck**, seniors **Waverly de Bruijn** and **Rachel Loncharich**, and junior **Christie Aldrich** sing for all to hear. All the girls in Choraliers enjoy the time they spend together.



*A Magnificent Mantra:* They maybe Freshmen but they sure can sing! The OHS Treble Ensemble sing their best at every performance.

*A time for singing:* Choralier junior ladies, **Sarah Hegge** and **Carrie Galka** sound as elegant as they look in there formal attire. This year the Choraliers recieved a new dress style.



# Beautiful Melodies

*Wide Open Spaces:* Using excellent technique to create a dominating voice, senior **Chris Roberts** sings widely. **Chris** has been a member of choir since 6th grade.



## Echo of Voices

By Kathleen Mehan

The silvery sounds of high school voices resonate through the halls of OHS, adding a certain sweetness to each ordinary day. However these melodious tones travel beyond the OHS auditorium, all over the community to elementary schools, tree farms, Kiwanis clubs, and even the State Capitol. Indeed Carnegie Hall in New York City was the farthest destination this year. Although Carnegie Hall was a highlight, the Someko Singers, Treble Ensemble, and Choraliers focus on the improvement of their music making abilities. "Good times good tunes, good food, rock on!" explains senior **Tom Renaud**. A lot of dedication is shown by each member of the Someko Singers, Treble Ensemble, and Choraliers and many of the performances take place long after the last school bell.



*Listen to the Maestro!* **Mr. DeWald** leads a Someko practice from the piano. **Mr. DeWald** always has a cup of coffee at hand to keep him energized.



*I Love to Sing:* Freshman **Audrey Lovett** get her voice ready to sing with some of her favorite warm-ups.



*These Boys Can Sing...* Senior **Chad Seiter** and junior **Chris Austreng** belt out a jolly carol at the Winter Choir concert.



*Follow the Lead:* When learning a new piece, even senior **Carolyn Senger** needs to use her sheet music.

### OHS Someko Singers

Chris Austreng	Mike Fortino	Tom Renaud
Terressa Birchen	Kevin Hallman	Chris Roberts
Kelsi Carolan	Kris Leefers	Chad Seiter
Steve Carrasco	Bethany Maniscalco	Lindsay Semmler
Nick Crockett	Kathleen Mehan	Carolyn Senger
Susanna Dobson	Mike Owen	Annika Storey
Amy Fishel	Tiffany Reicosky	Charles Waller
		Ben Wright



*Make it Jazzy:* Senior Ean Britt plays her trumpet with all the experience she has acquired over the years. Marching Band requires all sorts of coordination and skill.



*The beat goes on:* Senior Neel Agrawal plays in a drum quartet to the cheers of his classmates. The drums are a favorite for all who attend the pep assemblies.



*With Arms Wide Open:* Mr. Barry Conducts Marching Band with 25 years of experience under his belt. He will be remember by all who were under his tutelage.

### OHS Marching Band

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|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Justin Adams      | Jenna Caulkett    | Ashley Flakes         | Eric Horsch      | Jason Kohl        | Jason Miller     | Mike Richardson    | Nick Tolly        |
| Neel Agrawal      | Sarah Cherng      | Eddie Fletcher        | Jeff Hough       | Jon Koller        | Casey Morley     | Bram Rigerink      | Natalie Valentine |
| Ben Alexander     | Jessica Claerhout | Bryce Fotiu-Wojtowicz | Kristin Hough    | Alexia Kranz      | Tristan Motz     | Jeff Rubitschun    | Emily Valentine   |
| Alena Aniskiewicz | Bryana Clover     | Emily Frantz          | Angela Ianni     | Rachel Kraushaar  | Sara Mulvaney    | Taylor Rutledge    | Amy VanOstran     |
| Andrew Ault       | Matt Cobbett      | Chris Fuller          | Matt Janicki     | John Lanzetta     | Janet Mysliwiec  | Vince Scarcella    | Adrienne Vogt     |
| Jennifer Ault     | Brian Cook        | Keith Gallagher       | Steve Johnson    | Michael Leahy     | Jimmy Mysliwiec  | Alex Scott         | Mike Wallace      |
| Sarah Baker       | Brian Cousino     | Ryan Gift             | Allison Jones    | Megan Lewis       | Matt Nelson      | Ashley Scott       | Natalie Walsh     |
| Becky Balger      | Zach Darwin       | Elliot Glass          | Ashley Jones     | Vince Libiran     | Scott Ninemeier  | Greg Serkaian      | Lynne Washington  |
| Mark Barry        | Chelsea Daza      | Jay Green             | Rian Jordan      | Lauren Liddell    | Renee O'Malley   | Nyoshi Shaw        | Brian Wei         |
| Katie Beck        | Adam Doby         | Yvette Gross          | Eric Jordan      | Matt Lieber       | Michael Ohlrogge | Lilly Shields      | Laura Whitener    |
| Sarah Berning     | Adam Dow          | Michael Gross         | Kevin Jou        | Kevin Lim         | Michael Owen     | Robbie Simon       | Kristin Wianecki  |
| Lacey Bierlein    | Shannon Drake     | Malani Gupta          | Peter Jurmu      | Kate Linske       | Mark Owen        | Stacey Simon       | Jesse Wieland     |
| Angela Bobay      | Natasha DuVall    | Edmond Han            | Katie Jury       | Emily Litchfield  | Hyunjeon Park    | James Smith        | Matt Wierzba      |
| Andrea Boes       | Inna Dykman       | Shannon Harburn       | Ellen Karagoulis | Kaitlin Mackenzie | Allison Paull    | Derek Smith        | Pat Womble        |
| John Bommarito    | Jill Eberly       | Leslie Harkema        | Alan Katz        | Nic Martens       | Deepa Pendse     | Molly Stojic       | Spencer Wood      |
| Christine Borton  | Alex Emery        | Kim Harkness          | Jennifer Kelley  | Andrew Micke      | Lauren Peters    | Dan Storey         | Nick Wosko        |
| Ean Britt         | Joey Erickson     | Dan Harrison          | Stephen Kerns    | Robin McCracken   | Matt Prygoski    | Stephanie Studwell | Chad Wozniak      |
| Alex Buranskas    | Mohamm Esfahanian | John Harvey           | Michael King     | Kelly McKenzie    | Heather Radke    | Joseph Svoboda     | Adam York         |
| Sean Burppee      | Jessica Everett   | Matt Hasho            | Kimberly Knight  | Shannon McKeon    | Katie Rawlinson  | Alec Swartz        | Eunice Yu         |
| Frank Cao         | Aaron Feinauer    | Zach Hayes            | Erin Knight      | Mary Meier        | Mike Reynolds    | Chloe Sweet        | Anna Zang         |
|                   |                   |                       |                  |                   |                  |                    | Erin Zaroukian.   |



# Play A Song With Flying Colors

By Kevin Banas

The Marching Band is made up of those students out on the field during half time wearing the maroon and white uniforms and the bright smiles. Under the direction of **Jim Barry**, they entertain us with timeless classics such as "Hey Baby," to this year's newer selections including "Sing, Sing, Sing," and "The Bottle Dance" from Fiddler on the Roof. Hours of practice and hard work on behalf of all the people in Marching Band provide entertainment and lift the spirits of

crowd while the Color Guard entertains the audience with their well-choreographed routines. Now entering its 25<sup>th</sup> year at OHS, "The Guard" has evolved into a beautiful and wondrous tradition featuring both synchronized flag motions and complex dance moves. The original Color Guard was originally called the "Flag Corps" and featured only one set of weighty eight feet tall flag poles. Just as Marching Band and Color Guard have grown and evolved over the years, so have those who

participate in them. Those who have the opportunity to see a performance by the Marching Band and the Color Guard walk away with a true sense of awe, it is both a privilege and a pleasure to have such wonderful performers at OHS. This year's drum major was Senior **Emily Valentine**, and the assistant drum major was Junior **Michael King**. The Color Guard captains were Senior **Leslie Harkema** and Senior **Allison Paull**.

*Playing it Up:* A Crowd forms to greet the Marching Band as they prepare to exit the football field.

*Star Light Star Bright:* Juniors **Angela Bobay** and **Amy VanOstran** shine like stars after another wonderful Color Guard performance.



*Forward March:* Senior **Allison Paull** and Sophomore **Chloe Sweet** race forward with the rest of the Marching Band and Color Guard to meet the audience. Fair weather is a blessing in this business!



*Left to Right:* Juniors **Angela Bobay**, **Megan Lewis** and **Taylor Rutledge** take a break to share a hug and a smile for the camera.



## OHS Color Guard

Sarah Berning  
Angela Bobay  
Andrea Boes  
Jenna Caulkett  
Yvette Gross  
Shannon Harburn

Leslie Harkema  
Megan Lewis  
Kaitlin Mackenzie  
Janet Mysliwicz  
Allison Paull  
Deepa Pendse

Taylor Rutledge  
Chloe Sweet  
Natalie Valentine  
Amy VanOstran



*Happy Colors:* Senior **Leslie Harkema** practices her Color Guard Routine with tireless effort. Throughout the football season no color guard member could be found without a cheerful look on her face.

## OHS Symphony

Justin Adams  
Neel Agrawal  
Ben Alexander  
Jannifer Ault  
Mark Barry  
Angela Bobay  
Andrea Boes  
Christine Borton  
Adam Doby  
Adam Dow  
Jessica Everett

Eddie Fletcher  
Emily Frantz  
Chris Fuller  
Elliot Glass  
Jay Green  
Yvette Gross  
Malani Gupta  
Leslie Harkema  
Eric Horsch  
Jeff Hough  
Rian Jordan

Kevin Jou  
Katie Jury  
Ellen Karagoulis  
Stephen Kerns  
Micheal King  
Erin Knight  
Megan Lewis  
Vince Librian  
Kate Linkse  
Kaitlin Mackenzie  
Andrew Matteredella-Micke

Jason Miller  
Tristan Motz  
Janet Mysliwicz  
Scott Ninemeier  
Mark Owen  
Micheal Owen  
Allison Paul  
Heather Radke  
Mike Richardson  
Taylor Rutledge  
Ashley Scott  
Stacey Simon

Robbie Simon  
James Smith  
Chloe Sweet  
Emily Valentine  
Natalie Valentine  
Amy VanOstran  
Natalie Walsh  
Lynne Washington  
Brian Wei  
Adam York  
Eunice Yu  
Erin Zaroukian



## The Beat Goes On

By Jessica Rand

Members of the Orchestra, except for freshmen, join a select, talented few from the band to make up the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, which is directed by **Mr. Barry**. Sophomore **Chloe Sweet** plays the clarinet and said, "It's a really good chance to get to know someone outside of class."

Talent is not gained in a day, students who have committed to spend hours upon hours practicing, rehearsing, and tooting their own horns! A combination of polite showmanship and excellent timing make for both a festive and relaxed atmosphere in the auditorium. So next time you're looking for an exciting evening of fine arts, look no further than the talented students of the OHS Symphonic Wind Ensemble.



*Making harmony:* Sophomore **Elliot Glass**, Senior **Ben Alexander**, and Sophomore **Chris Fuller** come together during a concert to produce euphonous melodies.



*Working together:* Senior **Neel Agrawal** plays away on the timpani drums while Senior **Mike Owen** blasts his trombone.



# Which jazz artist inspires you the most?

*Solo time:* Senior Jazz Band member **Kate Linske** plays her clarinet with pride.



## Jazz It Up

By Jessica Rand

The OHS Jazz Band was quite a hit this year! "I have always enjoyed performing at the spaghetti dinner. I love playing there because all my friends get to come and watch, and I think that this year went really well," said senior saxophone player **Lynne Washington**. The Jazz Band plays at the spaghetti dinner every year, always doing their best to add some swing to the Okemos festivities.

Lynne is just one of the 26 talented members of the OHS Jazz Band, all of whom spend many hours putting hard work and dedication into their music. Each were lucky enough to be chosen for this fun and exciting band and consider it to be a great privilege to be a part of entertaining the community of Okemos.



"I saw John Thunder-Chace in concert when I was younger, he inspired me to play the saxophone!"

**Lynne Washington**



"Ella Fitzgerald really inspires me. I just love her work!"

**Kate Linske**



OHS Jazz Band

- |                  |                       |                  |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Erin Knight      | Bryce Fotiu-Wojtowicz | Tristan Motz     |
| Steve Kerns      | Jason Miller          | Justin Adams     |
| Kate Linske      | Erin Zaroukian        | Matt Janicki     |
| Mike King        | Jessica Everett       | Dan Walshaw      |
| Kim Knight       | Brian Wei             | Peter Novello    |
| Lynne Washington | Ben Alexander         | Irving Campell   |
| Adam York        | Robbie Simon          | Kevin Richardson |
| Angela Ianni     | Elliot Glass          | Mark Barry       |
| Adam Doby        | Mike Richardson       |                  |



*Boogie on down:* Junior **Adam York**, senior **Lynne Washington**, and junior **Mike King** wail away on their saxophones during one of their concerts.

*Low notes:* Jivin' sensation junior **Adam York** throws in some bass notes with his tenor saxophone.



"I love band, It makes me feel close to cool and funny people. They rule!"

**Erin Knight**



# What is the most interesting thing about Orchestra?

*Flying Solo:* Junior **Halie Leonard** plays in the Okemos auditorium during the annual Winter Concert. Halie started playing the violin when her school participated in the Fifth Grade Strings program.

"Orchestra gives a person a strong foundation in other academic areas."

Jennifer Johnson

# Take Note

By Lauren Madle

The OHS orchestra was very busy this year. They participated in various festivals and performed in many concerts such as the Winter Concert and some students participated in the annual Solo Ensemble where they were judged. On March 9th, they went to District Festival. Three pieces were played for thirty minutes in front of judges. Sight reading, rhythm, tone, intonation, and the overall musical appeal are some examples of the areas that were judged. The orchestra did really well in the festival. All of the Okemos orchestras received all ones which is the highest rating. Junior **Christin Siegele** recalls "As an orchestra, we played better than we have ever played before."



"The fact that we get to play music among our day at school and taking a break from academics."

Gary Luu



*Play With Me:* Accompanist Mrs. Lee plays the violin with the Concert Orchestra during the Winter Concert.

*Playing by Heart:* Freshmen cellists fill the stage with song during a concert. Freshman **Elizabeth Banks** says, "The OHS Orchestra is a lot more serious in the way we play the music, we are playing because we want to."



"I like it when we play well known pieces that people can recognize."

Christin Siegele

*The Sound of Music:* The freshman orchestra meets everyday during third hour. There are fifty-six people this year. Freshman **Gregory Boyd** says, "I like the high school orchestra because it is bigger so you can meet a lot more people."





*Makin' Music:* Sophomores **Lauren Bellows**, and **Ashley Van Pool**, and junior **Chris Kluck** glide their bows across their strings to create a harmony.



*Having Fun With Music:* Senior **Michael Eisenberg**, juniors **Dana Irrer**, **Angela Sauer**, and **Colleen Donovan** of the Concert Orchestra, pluck their strings with song during a concert.



*Reaching for the Stars:* Junior **Steve Carrasco** of the Concert Orchestra brightens the stage with his musical talent.

## OHS Orchestra

Anderson, Michael  
Andrews, Leslie  
Balthazar, Monique  
Bashore, Audrey  
Bellows, Lauren  
Bloomquist, Brianne  
Britt, Ariel  
Bui, Patricia  
Burger, Scott  
Burlingame, Chris  
Burrage, Rachel  
Campbell, Irvin  
Carrasco, Steven  
Carrigan, Drew  
Chester, Anne  
Cho, Sarah  
Daza, Robbie  
Devers, Jerran  
Donovan, Colleen  
Dowley, Kara  
Dunlap, Amanda  
Eisenberg, Michael

Farmer, Sarah  
Fiechtner, Lauren  
Finn, Jennifer  
Fintushel, Sarah  
Forger, Sarah  
Fraser, Emily  
Froh, Robert  
Gadaleto, Michael  
Gardiner, Stephanie  
Garza, Celeste  
Gilberteyres, Erin  
Godbold, Megan  
Gonzalez, Alejandra  
Gossman, Lisa  
Goulet, Nicole  
Grant, Valerie  
Grattan, William  
Gruner, Allison  
Han, Sun Mee  
Harsch, Jennifer  
Hemstreet, Kristi  
Holtschlag, Kristen

Ianni, Dante  
Irrer, Dana  
Jayaraman, Vivek  
Jennings, Jennifer  
Johnson, Jennifer  
Johnson, Tanya  
Kearney, Brandon  
Keathley, Rachel  
Kim, Eury  
Kluck, Christopher  
Ku, Marco  
Kube, Matthew  
Leonard, Halie  
Leone, Rachel  
Lindquist, Britt  
Lindstrom, Morgan  
Linz, Rachel  
Luu, Gary  
Lynch, Ylinne  
Miller, R.B.  
Moore, Megan  
Morash, Valerie

Munkacsy, Michelle  
Nair, Kavitha  
Napoles, Courtney  
Ni, Elaine  
Nishon, Carolyn  
Novis, Elmer  
Patel, Seema  
Pramanik, Soutrik  
Raikhel, Vince  
Rhodes, Nathan  
Richardson, Kevin  
Rose, Jessica  
Ruben, Michael  
Sauer, Angela  
Saunders-Scott, Molly  
Savoie, Kate  
Schneider, Ben  
Shih, George  
Siegele, Christin  
Siegele, Lindsey  
Skaggs, Megan  
Slivensky, Katie

Smith, Marie  
Song, Bonita  
Sorenson, Jim  
Staat, Colleen  
Stepnitz, Rebecca  
Stilwill, Christopher  
Sung, Mengrung  
Tanimoto, Aki  
Turzewski, Elisa  
VanPool, Ashley  
Vaughan, Alana  
Viscomi, Gabriel  
Waller, Charles  
Wang, Kai  
Wey, Tiffany  
Wey, Jessica  
Wile, Greg  
Witucky, Sarah  
Yonke, Brendan  
Yoon, John  
Yoon, Samuel  
Zelenock, Julie  
Zhao, Yan

## Freshman Orchestra

Banks, Elizabeth  
Behm, Sara  
Berry, Kaitlin  
Boyd, Gregory  
Brady, Erin  
Brunger, Danna  
Cawood III, John  
Chester, David  
Christensen, Lauren  
Detjen, Christopher  
Ebling, Zachary  
Everett, Jamie  
Gangopadhyay, Antara  
Gliniecki, Christopher  
Go, Alaine  
Goulet, Christopher  
Grannemann, Sarah  
Holloway, Robert  
Howard, Courtney

Hwang, Sooa  
Hwang, Steven  
Jean, Jessica  
Karve, Amrita  
Kron, Colleen  
Ku, Kathleen  
Kunzelman, Lori  
Lim, Hyun  
Longo, Jessica  
Lovik, Julianna  
Mehan, Monica  
Miranda, Todd  
Moon, William  
Nyquist, Samuel  
Padden, Scott  
Quiroga, Dionisia  
Richardson, Megan  
Roth, Jason  
Roth, Tyler

Schultz, Samantha  
Shah, Kyle  
Singh, Noopur  
Solustri, Joanna  
Stillman, Susan  
Stringman, Susan  
Stringer, Ryan  
Tolly, Alison  
Traverse, Katie  
Vasilenko, Christin  
Vermeesch, Jennifer  
Voice, Alexander  
Wald, David  
Walker, Whitney  
Wang, David  
Wang, Shuyu  
Wozniak, Katie  
Zulakis, Zoe  
Zustiak, Lisa

### Fly Boy

Senior **Ben Wright** served as master carpenter for the crew of Berkeley Square. "Opportunity is missed by many for it is dressed in overalls and looks like work," said Mrs. McJames.



### It's Your Time

Senior **Tina Martin** gets her chance to shine starring as Helen Pettigrew, the love interest of Peter Standish. A smile speaks volumes in this scene!



### Acting Up

Sophomore **Audrey Bashore** and Sophomore **Phil Erickson** have a quick chat as Mr. Throstle and Lady Anne Pettigrew.



### Time to Time

Senior **Chris Roberts** and Sophomore **Alec Swartz** share a frustrated moment back in the present. Traveling from time to time can be stressful!



# Here On Berkeley Square

Kevin Banas

When things begin to get a bit cool and the leaves begin to turn colors one special group of kids begin thinking not of holidays and cold weather, but of one thing: The Fall Play! This dedicated groups of adults and students have spent their afternoons practicing lines, designing costumes and building sets. Thoughts of workshops and rehearsals danced through their heads as they busily prepared for this year's production, Berkeley Square! The Fall Play was eagerly anticipated by many people in the school this year. Originally produced in the 1920's, Berkeley Square has proven to be a timeless classic enjoyable for all ages.

The students of OHS were cordially in-

vited this fall to revisit the stylish Berkely Square; a popular residential district of Britain, just after the American Revolution. The audience got to enjoy themselves as they followed life of Peter Standish, who found himself confronting his family's past. Students working on this year's play had the fortune to be under the esteemed direction of **Mrs. Margie McJames**.

Starring in this year's Fall Play was **Chris Roberts** who had played Wilson in *Harvey*, and Motel in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Supported by an excellent cast, this play was a wonderful tapestry of great acting, stupendous direction, and unprecedented coordination on behalf of the crew.



Fall Play Cast and crew

Audrey Bashore, Kelsi Carolan, Waverly deBruijin, Phil Erikson, Yvette Gross, Tina Martin, Mike Moody, Aaron Murphy, Jeff Omura, Annie Rapaport, Chris Roberts, Angela Sauer, Alec Swartz, Tracy TenEyck. Not Pictured: Nick Lepeschkin-Noel. Crew not pictured: Laura Johnson, Paul Lessard, Christine Olin, Maddie Trier, Brian Cousino, Nick Tolly, Steve Schaberg, Christina Bischai, Andrea Boes, Aimee Herrick-Nim, Tessa Kaneene, Kaitlin McKenzie, Becky Stepnitz, Laura Johnson, Courtney Napoles, Stephani Bischof, Kate Grady, Ben Whitledge, Jessica Jean, Lori Kunzelman, Jessica Rand, David Smith, Colleen Weller, Whitney Burns.



Director, Mrs. McJames



Sophomore **Phil Erickson** advertises for Berkeley Square during the Homecoming parade.



Senior **Waverly deBruijin** as Kate Pettigrew faintly smiles as the show goes on. The hair style is both quick to arrange and authentic for the period!



Junior **Aaron Murphy** looks on as Tom Pettigrew. Patience is a virtue for both time travel and rehearsal.

### Welcome

Sophomore **Audrey Bashore** smiles happily as she is welcomed back into the high society of New York life. Naturally, dinner with Yonker's top citizen Horace Vandergelder soon followed.



### Step to it!

Junior **Mike Reynolds** as the head-waiter of Harmonia Gardens, stands at attention waiting for the return of Dolly.



### Jump Shot

Being a waiter at the famous Harmonia Gardens requires not only skill as a dancer, but being a good acrobat helps too!



### I hope you dance

The climactic scene of the musical is pictured here as waiters sway to the line "I feel the room swaying, while the band's playing, one of our old favorites songs from way back when...". This scene is as timeless as Broadway itself.



# Say Hello to The Musical!

Kevin Banas

Featuring a complicated set, a host of songs, and dozens upon dozens of intricately woven costumes, audiences this spring were treated to a dazzling performance of "Hello Dolly", as directed by **Mr. Jury** and **Mr. Hood**.

The audience was treated to memorable songs such as "It takes a Woman", and of course, the feature piece from which the play derives its name, *Hello Dolly*. Those who have seen the play before and heard the songs found it hard to resist humming the tunes in the hall as they left the OHS auditorium after a performance.

Featuring the talents of Senior **Chris Roberts** as Horace Vandergelder, and sophomore

**Audrey Bashore** as Dolly Levi, the play was a festival of colorful lighting and even more colorful characters. Supporting the two main characters was a cast of drama pros such as **Steve Carrasco** and **Carolyn Senger**, as well as many dedicated extras, gaffers, grips, and of course, drama boosters. Of course, for the seniors such as **Kevin Hallman**, this will be their last play. Says **Audrey Bashore**, "I had an absolute blast, I'll miss all of your seniors, and will always remember **Chris** and **Kevin**, running around on stage before the show. Good luck guys!"

All in all, the musical provided timeless memories for cast, crew, and audience.



"After rehearsing for over three months, it was good to hear the audience laugh, after all that time we had forgotten the lines were funny!"

Waverly deBruijn

## Spring Musical Cast and Crew

Aldrich, Christie	Christensen, Lauren	Goacher, Robin	Kron, Colleen	Reicosky, Tiffany
Alexander, Ben	Cousino, Brian	Gonzalez, Alejandra	Kunzelman, Lori	Roberts, Chris
Anderson, Mike	Cousino, Mike	Grannenmann, Sarah	Leefers, Kris	Seiter, Casey
Balger, Becky	deBruijn, Vanessa	Gross, Yvette	Leone, Rachel	Senger, Carolyn
Balger, Dan	deBruijn, Waverly	Hallman, Kevin	Lepeshkin-Noel, Nick	Wey, Tiffany
Bashore, Audrey	Denbow, Jessica	Hamilton, Shantel	Lessard, Paul	Whitledge, Ben
Berry, Kailen	Dethlefsen, Kim	Hamilton, Sharriese	Miller, Jason	Wianecki, Kristen
Birchen, Teressa	Doby, Adam	Harsch, Jennifer	Murphy, Aaron	Wile, Greg
Bischof, Stephanie	Dunlap, Amanda	Jackson, Meagan	Napoles, Courtney	Witucki, Sarah
Boes, Andrea	Erickson, Phil	Jayaraman, Vivek	Olin, Christin	Womble, Patrick
Borton, Christine	Forger, Sarah	Jennings, Jenni	Omura, Jeff	Wright, Ben
Burns, Whitney	Fotiu-Wojtowicz, Bryce	Johnson, Laura	Owen, Mike	Zaroukian, Erin
Burpee, Sean	Fraser, Emily	Juhnke, Jeff	Patel, Seema	Zavadil, Jennifer
Kelsi Carolan	Freddolino, Dave	Jury, Katie	Raikhel, Vince	
Carrasco, Steve	Gift, Ryan	Kerns, Stephen	Rapaport, Annie	
Carr, Monica	Glass, Elliot	Knight, Kim		



"Having been in the drama department for four years, *Hello Dolly* was an excellent culmination of all the skills I have developed over time. It left me with a lot of great memories."

Chris Roberts



## Lovely Ladies

Gathering outside for a brief minute of peace prior to another hectic show, the women of "Hello Dolly" show off their Edwardian style in a 21st Century setting.



## I Need Direction!

Directors **Mr. Jury**, **Mr. DeWald**, and **Mr. Hood** worked many long hours to put together the spring musical and remained smiling till the end!



"Working in crew was cool, this was my first time doing it and I had a really great time. I look forward to doing it some more in the next shows!"

Casey Seiter

# The Extra Yard

By Dana Irrer

Bearing a shiny silver earring in his newly pierced ear, Student Council Co-President **Vinny Gossain** concludes yet another successful meeting. His partner in crime, Co-President **Brandon Ballard**, looks over the minutes as he laughs at one of his trademark jokes that have entertained his student body for the past five months. Now the real work begins... This year's Council has been committed to students having a voice in how OHS is run. Rather than sit back and complain about every little thing, officers take a step forward and do something. "I chose to be a part of the 2001 Student Council because I wanted to put my opinion into what happens in this school," declares freshman Treasurer **Miysha Shaw**. This year's students strove to juggle their time between organizing float buildings and fund-raisers within their own class, all the while contributing to event committees within Student Council. More than anything, the goal of this year's Council is to boost school spirit. "The hardest thing about Student Council is that not everyone will agree on one thing," explains junior **Janna Pierce**, "It takes a real effort to get each group involved, but that's the key to spirit."

Student Council members  
give it their all



Secretary  
**Stephanie Pollack**

"The most memorable project that I will take from Student Council is when I had every single senior girl over to my house to tie-dye T-shirts for Homecoming."



Senior Class Co-President  
**Ben Herring**

"I chose to be a part of Student Council because I am the one of the greatest men alive."



## Partners in Crime

Student Body Co-Presidents and best friends **Vinnie Gossain** and **Brandon Ballard** worked together to make this year one of the most entertaining ever concentrating on themes such as spirit and pep assemblies.





Sign Language

Wetting his whistle, junior **Scott Goldhammer** can't help but notice the extravagant posters around the school that the publicity committee spent several hours on after school.

Chief Executive Officer

Keeping things under control, Advisor **Mrs. Main** makes a few last minute changes before another issue of the *Weekly Chieftain* goes off to the press.

Mondays @ 6

Looking forward to kicking off yet another meeting, seniors **Sarah Singleton** and **Kim Hidlay** wonder why **Sautrik Pramanik** doesn't show the same enthusiasm.



2001 Student Council

**Brandon Ballard and Vinny Gossain, Co-Presidents**  
**Stephanie Pollok, Secretary**  
**Ashek Ahmed, Treasurer**

Neel Agrawal	Dana Irrer	Megan Neff
Brenna Bautista	Robyn Jensen	Soutrik Pramanik
Brittany Bautista	Heather Jones	Heather Radke
Gaurav Bhatnagar	Katie Jury	Stephanie Riedinger
Angela Bobay	Joanna Kagey	Erin Serakaian
Amy Crosby	Kange Kaneene	Miysha Shaw
Vanessa Debruijn	Erin Knight	Sarah Singleton
Benjamin Fiechtner	Micheal Leago	Susan Stillman
Krista Finkbeiner	Richard MacGuidwin	Aki Tanimoto
Melanie Finn	Mary Kathleen Mehan	Whitney Walker
Dave Gupta	Zubin Modi	Meredith Williams
Vibha Gupta	David Morley	Tania Yusaf
Benjamin Herring	Megan Narasimhan	Jack Zuckerman
Kimberly Hidlay	Rohit Narayan	



Rockin' Tootin'

Boosting student spirit has been a major goal of this year. A group of OHS students sport the various props that the Student Council sells.

# Lendin' A Helping Hand

By Heather Jones

National Honor Society is an organization that focuses on leadership, academics, service, and character. Any junior or senior student with a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher who also completes 36 hours of community service is eligible. Many of its members think that NHS is an important tool for students to learn about the value of helping others. Secretary senior **Kathleen Mehan** says, "Helping others cheerfully is a lesson everyone of us should learn. Sometimes we need to step outside ourselves for a change." Others find that NHS is a good source of motivation for achieving a 3.5 G.P.A. Senior **Isaac Oswalt** feels that NHS "provides a good goal for students to work towards." Students find a variety of ways to complete their hours by helping the community. Common service activities include: tutoring, volunteering at Ele's place, serving food to the homeless at soup kitchens, working at nursing homes, campaigning for political candidates, and being a candy striper at a hospital. Some more intense activities include internships for the Senate or traveling to inner city schools to help other teens.

Which volunteer activity have you done that has meant the most to you?



Treasurer  
**Vinny Gossain**

"Touch of Class! It was the first time that I really felt like I was making a difference."



Junior Class Representative  
**Cindy Frelund**

"I really liked donating blood for the NHS blood drive because I know that it is for a good cause."



## Crowd Patrol

To earn NHS hours juniors **Christin Siegele**, **Valerie Takyi**, and **Sarah Fintushel** volunteered for the Gore Campaign. Their job at the Gore Rally was to regulate the crowd.





Cleaning Up

Senior **Eun Yeon Kang** cleans dishes after serving the homeless at a local soup kitchen.

Teaching Others

Junior **Kristie Timber** tutors sophomore **Shannon McKean** in Biology. **Kristie** has also tutored French.

Listen Up

This summer senior **Kathleen Mehan** traveled to Washington, D.C. to teach inner city girls lessons in English and helped them to put their life into perspective.



**2001 National Honor Society**

Neel Agrawal	Kara Dethlefsen	Jennifer Johnson	Kelly Meyer	Katherine Secord
Ashek Ahmed	Ben Dirx	Heather Jones	Clark Miller	Carolyn Segner
Brynn Amsler	Amber Doherty	Jeffrey Juhnke	Courtney Mitchell	Lillian Shields
Leslie Andrews	Andrea Durst	Andrew Jurmu	Sara Murray	Lindsay Simon
Matt Armstrong	Natasha Duvall	Kange Kaneene	Courtney Napoles	Stacey Simon
Jennifer Ault	Patrick Emaus	Christopher Killen	Megan Narasimhan	Sarah Singleton
Brandon Ballard	Megan Emery	Jeffrey Klug	Carly Neilson	Bonita Song
Zachary Barry	Minna Eschelbach	Joshua Krier	Kevin Newman	Annika Storey
Brenna Bautista	Lauren Fiechtner	M. Kube-McDowell	Patrick Nolan	Ashley Sullivan
Brittany Bautista	William Folland	Michelle Larivee	Peter Novello	Lang Sui
Caroline Beall	Sarah Forger	Elizabeth Latham	Devin O'Connor	Harnoor Tokhie
Guarav Bhatnager	Cindy Frelund	Michael Leago	Shane Onweller	Johnathon Urbanek
Neil Bokemeier	Mark Giromini	Charmbaro Lee	Isaac Oswalt	Alana Vaughan
Scott Bonato	Robyn Goacher	Nuram Lee	Michael Owen	Vitaly Volberg
Christine Borton	Vinny Gossain	Kristin Leefers	Heela Patel	Joseph Wadel
Patricia Bui	Lisa Gregg	Rachel Leone	Seema Patel	Amanda Wieland
Jaqueline Bulemore	Brandon Gregory	Kate Linske	Soutrik Pramanik	Erik Wilutis
Chris Burlingame	Yvette Gross	Rachel Linz	Jennifer Premer	Marisa Witzel
Kelsi Carolan	Dave Gupta	Owen Loh	Casey Price	Sun Hee
Ann Marie Clark	Kevin Hallman	Stephen	Lauren Poretz	Worland-Esquith
Sara Coleman	Alissa Harding	MacGuidwin	Heather Radke	Travis Wright
Logan Cook	Leslie Harkema	Anton Maes	Tiffany Reicosky	Katie Yang
Marisa Crane	Kimberly Hidlay	A. Matterella-	Chris Roberts	Anton Zalessov
Tracy Creal	Kristen Holtschlag	Micke	Jessica Rose	Jack Zuckerman
Amy Crosby	Morgan Howard	Mary Kathleen	David Rudd Ross	* Juniors will be
William Dart	Dante Ianni	Mehan	Ryan Sammartino	inducted into NHS
Waverly DeBruijn	Jennifer Jennings	Ryan Melvin	Karli Schneider	in 2002.



Showing Off

At Science Fun Day junior **Chris Sophia** explains to a little boy how chromatography works.

# C'est La Vie

By Jona Mikosch

The French Club provided many memorable experiences for its members this year. Activities included such "delicious" gatherings as the annual Christmas party, the famous potluck with French food and an evening at the Cajun restaurant "Jambalayas" in Lainsburg. Everyone had fun at the soccer game against the other language clubs. "I went to all the meetings this year, but I think I enjoyed the soccer tournament with the Spanish and German Clubs the best," recalls senior **Marisa Crane**. Moreover, the highlight for Club members is the biannual trip to France. Twenty-five students will spend two weeks traveling to Normandy, Loire, Provence and Paris. And best of all, the French Club offers members a great opportunity to meet new people and hang out with old friends while exploring French culture.

## En Appetit!

Gathered in the food lab room for their potluck, the French Club members don't mind standing in line for this amazing food.

## Ice princesses

Seniors **Lauren Fiechtner** and **Jacqueline Bulemore** goofed around on the ice on a French Club trip to the ice-skating rink the ARC.



## French Food Feasts Bring Culture Alive for OHS Students



Vincent Raikhel

"I like the out of school activities that we do the most. I really enjoyed the soccer game and the trip to Jambalayas!"



Jessica Wey

"The potluck was a blast; it was a fun experience, being crammed into Mrs. Main's room with your friends and tons of food."



Bill Latta

"I thought it would be really fun to go on the trip to France. I have never been to Europe and I want to see the French culture."

## 2001 French Club

Row 1: Erin Gilbert-Eyres, Elizabeth Pollok, Marisa Crane, Jacqueline Bulemore, Lauren Fiechtner, Ashley Van Pool, Sahar Eftekhari, Harini Reddy, Mrs. Marsh. Row 2 Carolyn Nishon, Dan Harrison, Andy McIntyre, Erin Knight, Kate Linske, Heather Jones, Jana Fields, Megan Hewat. Row 3: Ashley Jones, Megan Garcy, Chloe Sweet, Anna Wolfson, Lindsay Harkema, Vincent Raikhel, Bhatnagar Gaurav, Raman Agrawal, Shuyu Wang. Row 4: Matt Premer, Krystin Flanders, Jeff Kelley, Randy Ip, Nam Cho, Molly Saunders-Scott, Jennifer Ruben. Row 5: Michelle Munkascy, Drew Carrigan, Britt Lindquist, Jessica Wey, Tiffany Wey, Jennifer Harsch, Yan Zhao, Monique Balthazar, Rachel Burrage, Jill Eberly





## 2001 Spanish Club

Row 1: Kange Kaneene, Raman Agrawal, John Karagoulis  
 Row 2: Ellen Karagoulis, Allison Jones, Sarah Singleton,  
 Courtney Napoles Row 3: Annette Feuerstein, Simran  
 Singh, Mrs. Martinez



Plans, plans, plans...  
 Vice President **Lindsay Davidson** is taking time to plan the club's weekly agenda.

Spanish Spirit  
 With their smiling faces **Kange Kaneene**, **Mrs. Martinez**, **Elisa Turzewski** and **Lindsay Davidson** represent club's spirit perfectly.



**Ashkek Ahmed**

"When we went to teach at the elementary school it was interesting to see the differences between elementary and high school!"



President  
**Kange Kaneene**

"We have many great activities this year. I'm really looking forward to going to the Advent house to serve lunch for the homeless!"



Vice President  
**Lindsay Davidson**

"Teaching the kids was a lot of fun. It's really great that your work is appreciated and enjoyed so much!"



This year the Spanish Club found a great way to combine having fun with valuable learning experiences and charitable services. Activities like their trip to the Mexican restaurant "Rio Bravo" were enjoyed by everyone. The club members also reached out to the community when they made Christmas cards for the people of the Mother Theresa Home. "It felt really good to know that the cards we made would cheer someone up!" says sophomore **Supriya Kundani**. Other students had the opportunity to apply their knowledge of Spanish and pass it on when small groups went to Central Elementary School to teach children in first through fifth grade small Spanish lessons.

By Jona Mikosch

Spanish Club members have a great interest in culture and community

# Estudiantes Excelentes!

# Los Geht's!

By Megan Morse

When it comes to the German Club, you can be sure that the meetings are everything but boring. From making pretzels at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth to the ski trip, the German Club has always kept it's members active. As fun as the activities may be, members also have to apply their language skills when they have their movie marathons, watching consecutive films in German. Most of the members can agree that no matter what activity is going on, it is always fun regardless to just hang out with other people who understand German. Students got a taste of German culture at the St. Nikolaus Potluck at OHS, amongst all the food, spaghetti ice cream. For members, German Club has always been a treat all year long.

**Yummy!**

Here, juniors **Janet Mysliwiec, Erin Flatley** and **Abby Camann** all enjoy spaghetti ice cream at the St. Nicholas Potluck.

**Nice Hats**

Making pretzels at Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth transformed **Jim Lester, Mike Voice, Gabe Dixon,** and **James Shoen** into top chefs for a day.



Which activities did you enjoy the most?



President  
**Neil Bokemeier**

"I enjoyed playing the other clubs in soccer and driving our truck at the parade while throwing gummy bears to kids. 'Deutsch mach spass!'"



**Jon Hilliker**

"There was always so much to do, from just sitting around and eating good food, to playing video games or listening to music."



**Megan Emery**

"The pizza party and watching 'My Best Friends Wedding' in German."

**2001 German Club**

Row 1: Janna Pearce, Justin Darnell, Neil Bokemeier, Steve Macguidwin, Michael Voice, Carrie Sun, Sarah Novis. Row 2: x,x,x, Erin Knight, Jon Hiliker Row 3: Josh Krier, Megan Emery, Jessica Rand, Jona Mikosch, Scott Bontao, Mrs. Juntune






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## 2001 Equestrian Club

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Row 1: Lauren Long x, Tanya Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Megan Emery, Erica Ruff, Amy Laitala Emily Litchfield  
 Row 2: Lori Kinschy,x, Sarah Berning, Alexis Kranz, Neil Haarer



**Neil Haarer**

"I enjoy a sport which takes a lot of skill. It's also fun that I get to compete with my friends."



**Lori Kinschy**

"This club gave me a chance to show people that having horses takes a lot of work to get ready for a show and that takes commitment and dedication "



**Amy Laitala**

"This club is very important to me. It's nice to combine my sport and hobby together."



Standing Tall  
 Senior Neil Haarer takes a rest stop before he heads off into the Homecoming parade.

Riding into the Sunset  
 Senior Tanya Johnson and "x" rode horses instead of driving cars in the Homecoming Parade.

Cheerleading, volleyball, and basketball are only but a few sports that many students participate in at OHS. There is another sport, however, that some people may not have considered. Members of the Equestrian Club take very seriously and are very committed to what they do. The teamwork between rider, horse, and team takes extreme dedication and skill. Competing at meets allows the audience to actually watch all of the work the riders put into their sport. Competing in the meets turned out to be a favorite because it allows them to interact with others who love horses just as much as they do. Riding their horses in the parade was a favorite activity with members as well.

By Megan Morse

Why join Equestrian Club?

# Nice Ride!



# It's All About Art

By Kim Hilday

OHS is filled with talented artists. From drawing to ceramics, and sculpting, they can do it all. Art Club members meet weekly to work on individual projects or on a planned activity created by the advisors **Mrs. Baulks-Russel** and **Mrs. Butler**. Throughout the year, the Art Club has also gone on various field trips. Their favorite trip was visiting the MSU gardens, where they practiced photography and sketching. And in April, several members took a trip to Chicago to visit art galleries and take tours. The Art Club has made great contributions to the high school as well as the community throughout the year. In March they volunteered in the annual Okemos Art festival.

## An Artist at Work

Senior **Chris Pearson** creates a work of art on the potters wheel during a weekly Art Club meeting. Pottery is only one of **Chris's** many talents.

## The Making of a Masterpiece

Junior **Brittany Ward** puts the finishing touches on her work of art. **Brittany** is a talented artist as well as an accomplished student.



**Bill Latta**



**Ann Marie Clark**



**President  
Ron Cordon**

"I am planning on being an exhibit artist. I also hope to teach drawing at a university level."

"I'm going to have a career in architecture or interior design. The artistic skills that I have developed in high school will definitely help me in either of those fields."

"I am going to major in art at either Kendell or Central. Art will be a part of my life forever."

## 2001 Art Club

Row 1: Stephanie Miller, Ron Cordon, Ann Marie Clark  
Row 2: Megan Hewitt, Anja Meili, Jessica Rand, Jennifer Jennings, Leslie Emery. Row 3: Sarah Novis, Kara Jensen, Leia Minn, Mrs. Baulks-Russle.





## 2001 Asian Club

Row 1: Katie Yang, Sheila Xiong, Megan Morse, Lange Sui  
 Row 2: Mina Eshlebach, Eury Kim, Anna Morse, Sarah Cho, Mr. Malloch  
 Row 3: Randy Ip, Yan Zhao



Co-President  
**Megan Morse**

"As Co-President I have been able to teach others about my culture, as well as develop my leadership skills."



Co-President  
**Sheila Xiong**

"I have met many new friends and done many new things in Asian Club."



**Minna Eshelbach**

"I like to tell people to guess what type of Asian I am...but I'm German. I'm proud to be an honorary Asian."



### Happy New Year!!

Ssssss...it's the year of the snake. These signs were put up on each student's locker to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

### Rice Again!?

**Megan Morse** and **Sheila Xiong** enjoy their egg rolls while making fried rice for the Asian Club's annual potluck.

The Asian Club is all about friends, food, and good times...and you don't even have to be an Asian to join! This year the main goal of the Asian Club was to get the entire student body involved. It is important for Asian's to share their knowledge and culture with others. The Ping Pong Pandemonium, and the New Year's signs were a success in spreading the spirit throughout the school. Other activities put on by the Asian Club are planned at the weekly meetings. Everyone is encouraged to give their input. The LCC Asian Forum, the Potluck, the Homecoming parade, and the breakdancing show were the highlight events that made the Asian Club a ton of fun this year.

By Kim Hilday

What is your favorite part about the Asian Club?

# Asian Invasion



# In the Limelight

By Kathleen Mehan

Drama Club has always had a reputation for being filled with colorful and verbose people. This year is no different! Many hard working and dramatic students add spice to every meeting. "We make little everyday events into big traumatic ordeals!" explains Freshman **Paul Lessard**. All of the hard work done by the members of the Drama Club is put into the Talent Show and plays. It is during these events that many lasting friendships are forged. Junior **Sharriese Hamilton** adds, "The people in Drama Club are so cool and so nice! You make tons of friends!" The Drama Club's biggest event this year was the Talent Show and not only did they work behind the scenes but they also got on stage and stepped into the limelight!

## Strolling Along

The Drama Club has many activities that promote club closeness and among these are picnics in the park.



2001 Drama Club

Row 1: Steve Carrasco, Waverly deBruijn, Chris Roberts, Aaron Murphy, Yvette Gross, Kelsi Carolyn, Carolyn Senger, Colleen Weller Row 2: Christi Aldrich, Steve Schaberg, Kris Leefers, Morgan Lindstrom, Kate Savoy, Maddie Trier, Angela Sauer, Alec Swartz Row 3: Kim Dethlefsen, Paul Lessard, Amanda Dunlap, Laura Johnson, Vanessa deBruijn, Alissa Harding, Robyn Goacher, Tracey TenEyke Row 4: Jeff Omura, Ben Whitledge, Valerie Grant, Paul Lessard, Tiffany Riecoski, Sharriese Hamilton, Audrey Bashore, Phil Erickson

## Don't be shy, Smile!

Junior **Annie Rapaport**, an active member of the drama club, poses between scenes of the play, *Berkley Square*.



Aspiring thespians come together to share the joys of acting



President  
Aaron Murphy

"Anytime after the last big performance of a show is so amazingly exciting! It just completely rules!"



Steve Carrasco

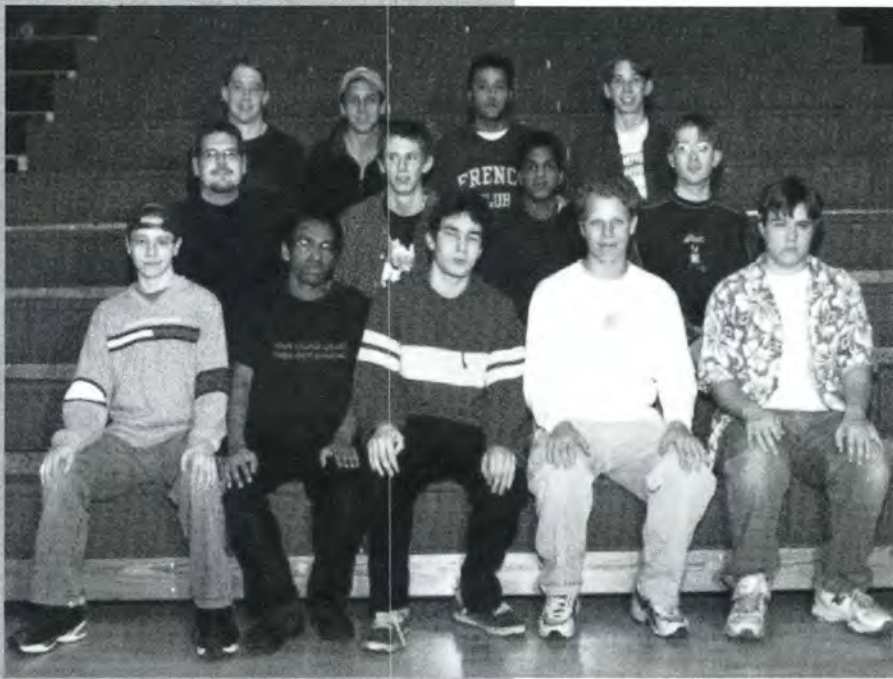
"I always enjoy the meetings because we always manage to goof around and have great time."



Amanda Dunlap

"The people in Drama Club are really cool and it gives you self-esteem because you always fit in!"





## 2001 Cinema Club

Row 1: Phil Digby, Soutrik Pramanik, Vincent Raikhel, Scott Lepisto, Matt Lieber Row 2: Mr. Morrison, Steve Schaberg, Raman Agrawal, Richard Johnston Row 3: Dan Harrison, John Karagoulis, Gaurav Bhatnagar, Mike Anderson



John Karagoulis

"We laugh, we cry, we watch T.V."



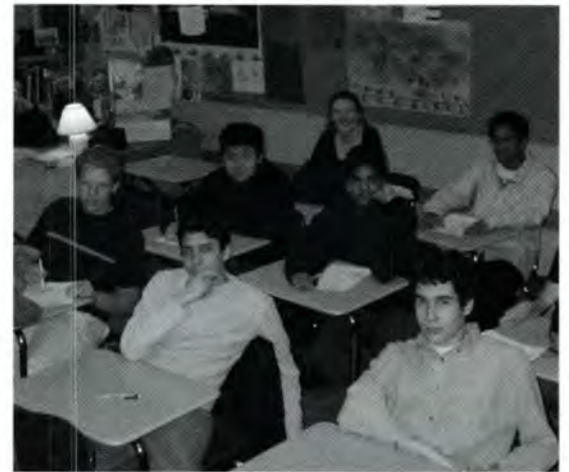
President  
Vincent Raikhel

"I have now learned how to rule over my club members as I act as supreme diety."



Kate Grady

"Movies give people insight into themselves."



### What about Tiffany?

Senior **John Karagoulis** and junior **Vincent Raikhel** ponder over the meaning of the famous *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

### Tuned Out!

The Cinema Club stare into the machine that makes their club possible, a movie screen, of course.

The increasingly popular Cinema Club has grown in it's number of participants over the last year. Much credit is due to enthusiastic officers and the leadership of **Mr. Morrison**. Some claim that Cinema Club has a profound impact on their life and junior **Scott Lepisto** adamantly claims, "I now have morals!" Cinema Club encourages members to expand their horizons watching such films as *Europa Europa* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. The club meetings consist of food, folks, and flims in the quiet comfort of **Mr. Morrison's** room. After the film, the young critics end the delightful get-together with a discussion of the movie, making an evening at Cinema Club not only enjoying but also beneficial.

By Kathleen Mehan

Cinema Club makes their mark in the OHS history books

# Watch Out!

# Northern Literature

Designed by students; fueled by art:  
the Aurora and the Literary Club

By Kevin Banas

A place to find art, to find poetry, to find stories and most importantly, to find yourself, that is what the *Aurora Literary Magazine* is. The *Aurora* and its past incarnations have brought OHS the finest in student produced art work and literature for 11 years now. With a new generation of high school students upon us, new mediums for art have been explored with the *Aurora's* new sister publication, the *Borealis*. The *Borealis* is a new CD allowing students to have their music published for the entire school to hear. For those more interested in reading and sharing their opinions on Literary Art, the Literary Club provides an excellent outlet.



## Poetic Honor

The annual poetry contest comes to an end as the winners are presented their awards and a special congratulations is filmed for the morning announcements.

## Helping Hands

Much like the yearbook staff, even the *Aurora* kids can have problems with PageMaker. Senior **Jenni Jennings** helps Senior **Robyn Goacher** battle with the computers of the Communications Lab.



2001 Aurora Staff

Row 1: Jenni Jennings, Sarah Singleton, Courtney Napoles, Kathleen Mehan Row 2: Robyn Goacher, Ashley Vanpool, Heather Radke, Stephanie Gardiner, Coleen Staatz. Row 3: Raman Agrawal, Gaurav Bhatnagar, Yan Zhao, Jennifer Harsch, Jennifer Jones Row 4: Steve Schaberg, Mike Anderson, Matt Lieber, Valerie Morash



Editor  
Courtney Napoles

"When we made the *Borealis*, we were in the choir room forever, eating Chinese food with our hands!"



Colleen Staatz

"For me the *Aurora* is the perfect chance to recognize people with artistic and creative writing talents"



Editor  
Sarah Singleton

"Everyone's a poet these days... I don't write poetry."



2001 Literary Club

Row 1: Lauren Madle, Val Marash, Ylinne Lynch, Alissa Harding Row 2: Jennifer Jones, Kathleen Mehan, Heather Radke, Courtney Napoles, Simran Singhe






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## 2001 Quiz Bowl

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Row 1: ShuYu Wang Carrie Sun Sarah Singleton, Dave Gupta Row 2: Mr. Morrison, Yan Zhao, Matt Lieber, Richard Johnston.



ShuYu Wang

"Even though the buzzers are awful; and they hurt my ears, I really enjoy Quiz Bowl!"



Chris Austreng

"Quiz Bowl is to me as, umm... Oh this was on final jeopardy last night... Water is to a fish!"



Tom Renaud

"Quizbowl is a really great time, and the bagels are really tasty too! \*hargle\*"



### Leader of the Pack

Mr. Morrison serves as the advisor for the Quiz Bowl group, sometimes at a great loss. Here he is pictured just before the tragic loss of a lamp via the opposing team

### I'm Hungry

Students from both Okemos and other schools enjoy food before getting to the match.

Pop Quiz hot shot! The game is nearing an end, your team is down by five points, and everything is resting on you. What do you do? Well, you had better be ready for the quiz of a lifetime! Students who participate in Quiz Bowl face this sort of thing all the time. Answering tough questions about art, science, math, literature, and geography as they face other schools from around the area is the business of these mental athletes. Sweating as the clock winds down, feeling the thrill of a victory, struggling to meet the challenge, that is the thrill of quiz bowl. It's no easy sport. But they are always dedicated, educated, and ready for a match, they are truly knowledgeable athletes.

By Kevin Banas

Quiz Bowl is the ultimate test!

# This is A Quiz



# Caught in the Crossfire

By Lauren Madle

This year's debate team has participated in several tournaments all across Michigan. The team has travelled to Grand Rapids, Frankenmuth and various other towns and schools around Michigan. This year's central topic revolves around privacy in our nation and how much the government knows about the citizens. The debaters work very hard during their weekly practices held on Fridays complete with mock debates with training topics. "In order to be a good debater, you have to be able to talk fast as well as clearly and be prepared to defend any argument that an opponent throws at you," elaborates junior **Krystin Flanders**. In general, the debate team had a great year.

### Ready, Set, Go!

Freshmen **Chris Detjen**, **Amritha Karve**, and sophomore **Eunice Yu** look over their materials in preparation for their next debate.

### Practice Makes Perfect

Freshman **Amritha Karve**, sophomore **Eunice Yu**, senior **Sautrik Pramanik**, and junior **Colleen Staatz** practice hard to perfect their debating skills.



2001 Debate Club

Row 1: Krystin Flanders, Amritha Karve, Colleen Staatz  
Row 2: Sautrik Pramanik, Steve McGuidwin

## Debaters Fight For Their Rights



Steve McGuidwin

"The most interesting thing about debate is the cross examination because you don't know what people are going to ask and you can ask them questions that they won't know the answer to."



Sautrik Pramanik

"I enjoyed the public speaking experience which greatly improved my skills."



Krystin Flanders

"The tournaments themselves are the best because you're bonding with your team and after the debate is over, even though it is a competition, you make friends with the other team."





## 2001 Key Club

Row 1: Tania Yusaf, Dave Gupta, Ashley Van Pool, Carrie Sun  
 Row 2: Kara Jenson, Michelle Munkacsy, Sahar Eftekhari, Gina Fox, Amrita Karve  
 Row 3: Elaina Vaughn, John Karagoulis, Gaurav Bhatnagar, Raman Agrawal, Mike Anderson  
 Row 4: Ashley Jones, Ellen Flatley, Hailey Leonard, Ellen Karagoulis, Allison Jones, Jennifer Jones



President  
**Dave Gupta**

"I'm really pleased with the turnout of our members for the amount they contributed to the community and the amount that we gained from the experience."



**Ashley Van Pool**

"Soup Kitchen was a great idea. It was great to see the direct impact it had on the people of our community and the smiles on their faces."



**Amrita Karve**

"I had no idea how many people were in need, and helping them out made working at the soup kitchen a great community experience."



### Good Deeds

Senior **Kim Hidlay** displays the basketballs that were sold in the cafeteria. They sold the basketballs to raise money to build a separate emergency room for Sparrow Hospital.

### Basketballs for a Cause

The main event that the Key Club orchestrated this year was selling paper basketballs. Students could purchase a ball to be put on display for \$1 with their name on it.

The Key Club has been very active in helping our community. They have participated in several activities that touch people throughout the Greater-Lansing area including the Coat Drive, Park and Ride, helping with the Festival of Trees, painting pumpkins, helping kids make holiday gifts in the Santa's Workshop, volunteering at Advent House Soup Kitchen and making Valentines Day cards. All of these services are for the Pediatric Ward in Sparrow Hospital. They also sold paper basketballs to raise money to build a separate pediatric emergency room. All of the money that the Key Club raises goes towards Iodine Deficiency Disorder that is a severe form of mental and physical retardation.

By Lauren Madle

Touching the Community with  
 kindness

# Helping Hands



# Somebody's Gotta Make the Tough Decisions!

By Chad Setter

The SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club's most important priority is the safety of all the students of OHS. As well as sponsoring such events as the seatbelt war with Mason and White Faces Day, SADD also sponsors fund-raisers for nonprofit organizations like the Make-A-Wish Foundation<sup>(R)</sup>. They insist their most important event is Red Ribbon week, when the club sponsors a week of information on drinking and driving and other alcohol-related accidents. During this week, students are greeted at every door, and given candy before school, complete with messages like "Be a smartie at the party, don't drink and drive." This year, SADD sponsored "Give Change to Make a Change," in which volunteers counted \$1,600 dollars in change donated by students, which was collected only in a few weeks. The seatbelt war was also a success, as OHS students proved that they cared about safety. In the preliminaries, 91% of students wore seatbelts at OHS, where only 80% of Mason students were wearing theirs!

SADD's highest priority is the safety of the OHS student body



Co-President  
Jessica Chiu

"Make constructive decisions!"

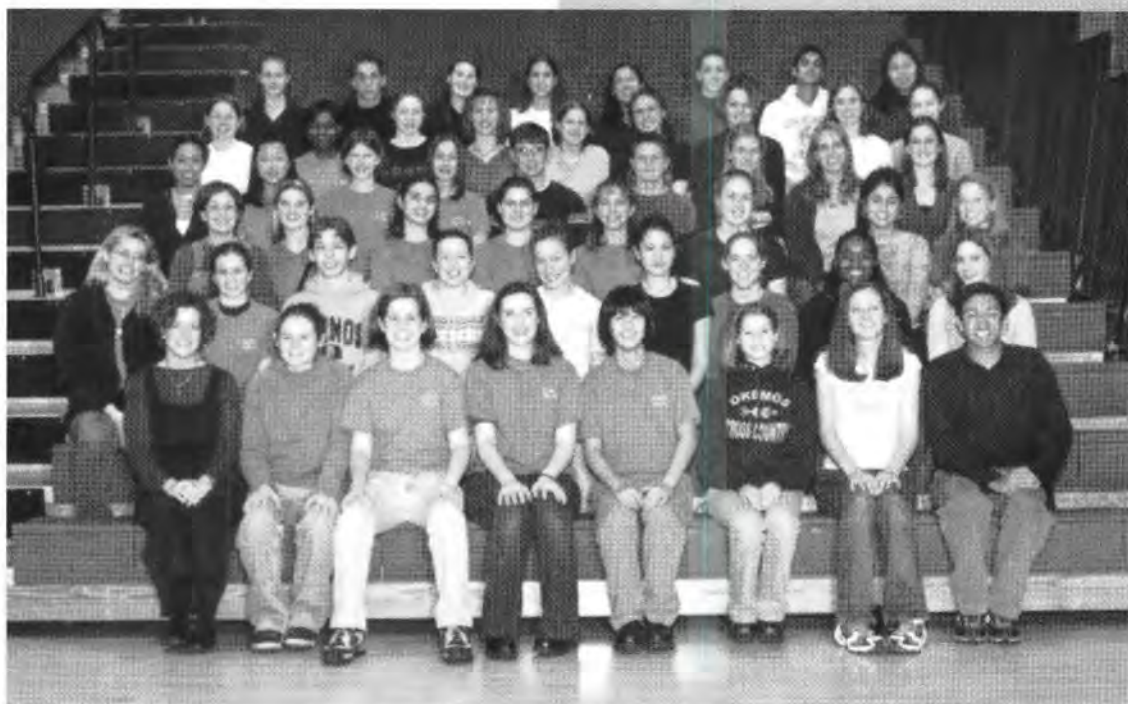


Co-President  
Kristie Timber

"SADD has had a great turnout this year, so we've been able to do so much more to influence the not only the student body but the community too. It's been great!"



Devoting All Ears  
Seniors **Jessica Rand** and **Stephanie Miller** listen intently during a SADD club meeting.





Size Does Matter

SADD started out as the biggest club that OHS had to offer this year with over fifty students. Yet with team practices, play rehearsals, and after school Orchestra, meeting attendance dwindled down to less than ten members by the end of the year.

Making a Change

Megan Jump, Ryan Floyd, and Christina Bishai led the "Give Change to Make a Change" project, and hand-counted \$1600 in change!

Leaders of the Pack

Co-President Jessica Chiu, along with Secretary Adrienne Vogt, Community Liason Lauren Puretz, co-president Kristie Timber and community liason Susan Armstrong lead yet another Wednesday afternoon meeting.



2001 SADD Club

Row 1: Advisor Rachel Freeman, Adrienne Vogt, Casey Probst, Kristie Timber, Jessica Chiu, Lauren Puretz, Susan Armstrong, Dave Gupta  
 Row 2: Jessica Rand, Kristi Hemstreet, Dana Irrer, Morgan Lindstrom, Christin Siegele, Ashley Van Pool, Valarie Takyi, Sarah Fintushal  
 Row 3: Megan Lewis, Lauren Bell, Chloe Sweet, Erin Knight, Sahar  
 Row 4: Christina Bishai, Megan Jump, Megan McCullough, Ryan Floyd, Doug Frischmann, Jona Mikosch, Lisa Gossman.  
 Row 5: Stephanie Studwell, Maddie Trier, April Calameta, Ann McHenry, Tanya Fields, Abby Kamman, Erin Flatley  
 Row 6: Amy Meyer, Pat Nolan, Laurn Madle, Kristen Anslett, Ryan Thompson, Vinny Gossain, Stephanie Miller.



Making a Statement

White Faces Day is when SADD members dress in black and paint their faces white, in remembrance of those who died in alcohol-related automobile accidents, pledging not to speak all day. They also wear information about drunk driving crashes around their necks.



# Earth Study

By Amber Doherty

Some may ask....What is SEA club? SEA club stands for Students for Environmental Action. Not only does this group discuss the problems occurring within our environment but they also strive to make a difference. At our high school alone, students are studying and maintaining wood boxes, bluebird boxes, and bat boxes. Many of the trails that we walk through near the high school were discovered and kept clear by this group. Members of SEA club not only help with OHS, but they also prepare programs for Okemos elementary students to introduce them to aspects of the environment. SEA club also helps by making younger generations aware of the consequences of society's actions.

## Recycle

Some of the group helps make the Earth a cleaner place by recycling. This is one of the things that they do to clean up the environment.

## Pure Fun

Freshmen Audrey Lovett checks one of the bluebird houses for remnants of feathers, eggs, or other substances.



Mike Mahoney

"SEA club is a great experience and I am glad that I am a part of it."



Audrey Lovett

"The best memory I have is when we cleared the paths in the woods around the high school."



Danna Brunger

"Mr. Chapman is a really nice man and helps to make the club interesting and enjoyable."

## 2001 SEA Club

Row 1: Danna Brunger, Mike Mahoney, Audrey Lovett, Courtney Howard  
Row 2: Sarah Novis, Megan Emery, Jeff Kelly, Lauren Christensen





## 2001 Science Olympiad

Row 1: Laura Kidder, Vincent Raikhel, Soutrik Pramanik, Dave Gupta Row 2: ShuYu Wang, Carrie Sun, Tahee Han, Jon Brown, Mrs. Ciszewski



President  
Dave Gupta

"This club is a great way to see how much knowledge in science one really has."



Brian Ehlers

"Science Olympiad is a way for people not in sports to be involved in something competitive."



Shannon Ruhf

"I'm the newest edition to the team and they have made me feel very accepted."



### Close Up

Junior **Brian Ehlers** examines a slide with a dandelion cell placed in it. **Brian** is preparing for his own project at the end of the year.

### Test It Out

Senior **Dave Gupta** pours a liquid into a mixture of his own creation. **Dave** is expanding his knowledge and getting ready for competitions that he will be questioned in.

Science Olympiad is a group of students who enjoy testing their knowledge and capabilities, while challenging each other to do the same. At the beginning of the year, each person picks an event that they are interested in. They choose between testing their knowledge or physically building something. Throughout the year students prepare for the Regional tournament. Last year they were not only first at Regionals, but they also finished eleventh at States. Senior president **Dave Gupta** said, "We have a very close team and have made many memories that will never be forgotten. Last year was a great accomplishment. This year we hope to go even farther."

By Amber Doherty

The Science Olympiad continues to invent their own paths for success.

# Beyond Limits



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# Live From OHS!

By Stephanie Miller

"During lunch we control a bunch of kids' moods; by playing music emotions can be triggered," explains junior **Cindi Banks**. WOHS, the school radio station, gives many students the chance to DJ for a crowd. Although they try to keep the music diverse, "Country Grammar" by Nelly and "Who Let the Dogs Out" by the Baha Men were among the top most requested and overplayed songs this year.

WOHS' counterpart, the TV Production Club, films, edits and airs many of the exciting events at OHS. "My favorite filming event was the Talent Show. I couldn't have done it without everyone, but it was also a personal triumph," said senior **Kevin Banas**.

Students experience real life DJing and TV production



Ben Ebner

"[The equipment] was a little tricky to use at first, but once I got the hang of it was smooth sailing."



Jon Hilliker

"Hopefully I will continue with both radio and TV and possibly even combine them to be an MTV VJ!"



Amina Bofaris

"Radio club is great. It teaches you how to have confidence because you must overcome stage fright."

## Head of the Class

Seniors **Stephanie Pollok** and **Hans Duwech** (not pictured) were the station managers this year for the lunchroom radio station.

## Musical Menage

Senior **Nikki Bono** sorts through CD covers to make her play list for the next lunch.



## 2001 Radio and TV Club

Row 1: Ellen Folino, Scott Joseph, John Larson Row 2: Bob Orlovski, Katie Minnehan, Bryan Bishop, Megan Morse, Anton Mayes, Ann McHenry Row 3: James Chapman, Nikki Bono, Fawn Dumond, Eric Hammerschmit, Cindi Banks, Amber Baraktasp, Marco Bianchi, Advisor Mrs. Kendy





### 2001 PALS Club

Row 1: Waverly Debruijn, Jackie Bulmore, Dave Gupta, Ashley VanPool, Megan Hewitt, Angela Sauer. Row 2: Amber Doherty, Laura Johnson, Vinny Gosain, Susan Stillman, Tania Yusaf. Row 3: Tracey TenEycke, Audrey Bashore, Ashley Jones, Advisor Mrs. Carbonell



Amber Doherty

"[PALS] not only develops social skills, but also promotes acceptance."



#### Inflicting Smiles

Junior Kristi Hemstreet smiles after finding a note on her locker left by the PALS during Random Acts of Kindness week.

#### Making New PALS

Seniors Karli Schneider and Amber Doherty went to Pottersville for PAL exchange day. They visited classes and learned about the school.



Ashley VanPool

"PAL exchange day was so much fun. To finally drop all the stereotypes of different schools and just be friends was great. I can't wait to do it again next year!"



Matt Armstrong

"PALS is about bringing OHS together, serving as a role model and helping others. The things I've been involved in have been a blast!"

Many heart warming events are sponsored by PALS, Peer Assistant Listeners. They hold the new student orientation in August and continue to help those new to OHS throughout the year. PALS also participated in PAL exchange day, where they went to school with other PALS from nearby districts. They had fun while learning about other school systems. Another activity that PALS is involved with is TATU, Teens Against Tobacco Use. They are trained to present the negative effects of tobacco to children. During Random Acts of Kindness Week, they give out hot chocolate, compliments and hugs to their fellow students. This makes for a friendlier environment all year 'round.

By Stephanie Miller

PALS is about reaching out to others and making them feel like they belong

# Here to Listen

# Political Party!

By Kevin Banas

The Young Democrats, Young Republicans and Green Party club is a place to go to share and express your opinions. They are also committed to serving the public, just like politicians do. Members of the Young Democrats, Republicans and Greens volunteer their time to candidates of their choice during campaigns, and pass petitions around the school. During this past November they went on a registration drive within the school to ensure that everyone who was eligible would express themselves with a vote. Rather than reflecting the political turmoil of their respective parties, these young political activists reflect how great cooperation can be.

## Work, Work, Work

Senior **Sautrik Pramanik** works at his desk signing a petition passed around this year by the Young Democrats, Republicans and Green Club. Sautrik was in Student Council.

## Political Passing

Juniors **Krystin Flanders** and **Adrienne Vogt** walk down the hallway with politics always on the mind. As the founders of the Human Rights club, they love this stuff.



Share an opinion, join the Young Democrats and Republicans, and Green Party Club



**Krystin Flanders**

"I was really happy to find out the Green Party Club had been founded because not everyone agrees with the Republicans and Democrats, but still wants to be involved politically."



**Scott Bonato**

"I really enjoyed the heated political debates, and I also enjoyed volunteering for the 2000 political campaigns."



**Dante Ianni**

"We invited The County Commissioner Curtes Hertel Jr. to speak this year, it was very fun to hear what he had to say."

## 2001 Young Democrats and Young Republicans and Young Green Party

Row 1: Kristen Flanders, Matthew Premer, Sautrik Pramanik, Scott Bonato, Mike Anderson. Row 2: Adrienne Vogt, Stefan Lanwermyer, Dante Ianni, Mr. Malloch.





## 2001 Philosophy Club

Row 1: Mike Rubin, Soutrik Pramanik, Heather Jones, Courtney Napoles, Jessica Wey, Tiffany Wey, Amanda Dunlap, Valerie Grant. Row 2: John Yoon, Valerie Morash, Ylinne Lynch, Stephanie Gardener, Rachel Burrage, Michael Ohlrogge, Carrie Wang. Row 3: Vincent Raikhel, Mike Huang, Jenny Harsh, Stephanie Bischof, Mr. Olstad



Jessica Wey

"We were talking about parasites, and we got to who controls you. You're controlled by a parasite, it's called your brain."



Jim Starnes

"Philosophy Club is the place I go where I can express my ideas that my friends sometimes reject."



Robyn Goacher

"It's a great place to be able to bounce ideas off of other people, especially when they give you new ones you've never heard before!"



### Philosophic Fun

Junior **John Yoon** and freshman **Michael Ohlrogge** sit and listen to all of the opinions, outlooks and stories shared in the Philosophy Club.

### Listenin' & Loungin'

The atmosphere does not get much more casual than a Philosophy Club meeting. Just pull up a chair, sit back and listen, and jump in when you can!

When the mysteries of the world get to be too much to try and figure out on your own, this is the club to turn to. Not every question has a definite answer, and not everyone can understand someone else's view, but that is why the Philosophy Club exists. Discussing everything from how to define life, warfare, cloning, religion, and other controversial topics. Discussion is informal, and points are often blurted out from thin air. The one thing about a Philosophy Club meeting that is certain is that everyone will have an opinion to share; boredom is not an option in this club. The Philosophy Club presents a great opportunity to expand one's horizons while helping others to do the same!

By Kevin Banas

Which came first, the Philosophy, or the Philosopher?

# Philosophic Fancies

# Making Memories

By Courtney Mitchell

Being responsible for the one single item for all your fellow school mates to look back at fondly for years to come is a big job. Yearbook class is a fun class to have at the end of the day, but it also is a lot of hard work. The yearbook class has had a lot of good times taking pictures, writing stories and bonding at the yearbook late night deadline parties. The snacks of choice for this year's staff were pizza and pop. This year the book went completely digital thanks to computer specialist senior **Chad Seiter**. The Editors this year are seniors **Katie Bastien**, **Amber Doherty** (Photo Editor), and junior **Kristie Timber**. Hats off to all the yearbook staff for capturing this year as a whole in such a great way. This class is different than any other because it's more of a family situation. We all have to work together to create a final product, and we depend on each other, especially the editors to help us out. Also congratulations to Advisor **Gayle Main** for pulling off an amazing product once again. Best of luck to her for the years to come.

What's the best part about being a yearbook editor?



Editor in Chief  
**Katie Bastien**

"Our Friday night deadline parties, and all the yummy food we get to eat"



Junior Editor  
**Kristie Timber**

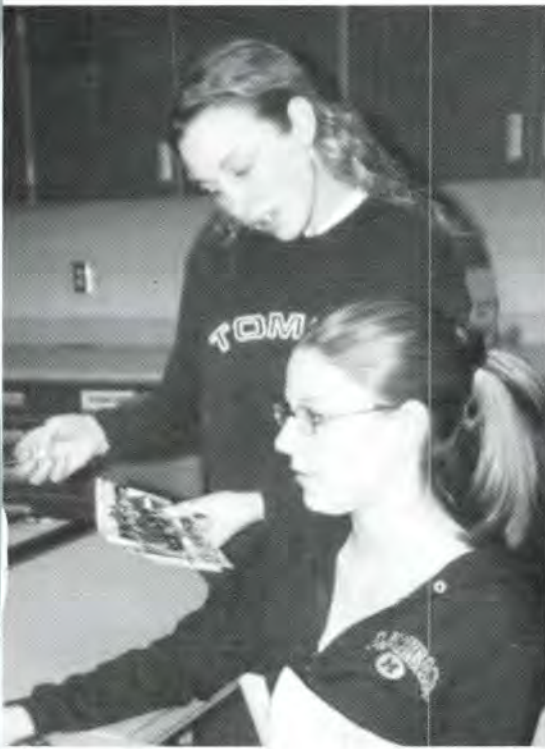
"Meeting and spending time with great people! Not to mention stressing out and ordering free food during a deadline. It's all worth it when we get awesome pages back."



## Good Eats

The yearbook staff enjoys a tasty breakfast at IHOP before a Jostens workshop at MSU.





Hard at Work

Seniors **Megan Miller** and **Heather Jones** depend on each other's opinion when it comes to decision making.

Yearbook in the Summer

Seniors **Lauren Madle**, and **Katie Bastien**, junior **Kristie Timber** and senior **Amber Doherty**, enjoyed an inspiring week at journalism camp this past summer taking classes to prepare for this year.

The Main Players

Jostens representative **Mike Lafferty**, senior **Chad Seiter**, and Editors **Katie Bastien** and **Kristie Timber** concur about all of the big yearbook decisions.



2001 Yearbook Staff

Row 1: Katie Bastien, Kristie Timber  
 Row 2: Mary Kathleen Mehan, Karli Schneider, Amber Doherty, Marisa Witzel, Chad Seiter  
 Row 3: Dana Irrer, Megan Morse, Megan Miller, Courtney Mitchell, Heather Jones, Kevin Banas  
 Row 4: Lauren Madle, Jona Mikosch, Kristina Putz, Katharine Schmidt, Advisor Mrs. Gayle Main  
 \*Not Pictured: Ronald Corden, Kim Hidlay, Stephanie Miller, Jessica Rand, Sheila Xiong

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## i was an Individual...

In a time where individuality is a virtue, the atmosphere at OHS nurtures every student and pushes them to be their own person. “There are so many different types of people in our school” says junior **David Rawlinson** “I feel lucky to be exposed to all sorts of people before I get out into the real world.”

The world is full of individuals and our little school of 1,450 people is nothing compared to it. Making students aware of peoples’ differences in sheltered atmosphere is giving them a step in the right direction. With so many possibilities, it’s not easy to find one’s destiny - the track you’re meant to travel on. Conformity among teenagers is unavoidable. But with strong role models, it is easier to side step the path where everyone’s the same and to start a new path to your own individuality.

*By Katie Bastien*



Sophomores **Mary Cullen** and **Maggie Shaberg** hang out with Seniors **Chris Killeen**, **Pete Woiwode** and **Bill Latta** on the infamous spirit week Retro-Day.

What's the most embarrassing thing you've ever done?



Sophomore **Lisa Knapp**

"After the Dave Matthews Kind of had a little accident all over myself!"



Freshman **Lisa Zuckerman**

"When I dropped my lunch tray in the cafeteria in front of a senior table."

# FRESHMEN

## Movin' On Up

After this year, the freshman class of 2004 will move on to bigger and better things. Freshmen look forward to later curfews, a driver's license, and finally getting those darn braces off. Until then, many freshmen will make the best of this year and enjoy the freedoms they have earned. As high schoolers they can finally participate in school dances, Friday night football games, longer breaks between classes and a wide array of clubs and sports. "I love being able to meet people from Chippewa Middle School!" explains Freshman **Whitney Walker**. For the class of 2004 the future looks bright.

By Kathleen Mehan



**Ribbit Ribbit Froggers!!**  
A group of 9th graders sport their Frogger T-shirts and show spirit with whistles. Who says freshmen don't have spirit?



**Freshmen Royalty**  
Freshmen Homecoming Representatives **Sean Burpee** and **Zoe Zulakis** march down the Football field after riding in golf carts around the track.

**Who's the Boss?**  
The Freshmen Class officers take a moment from their role as leaders to flash a smile. One responsibility they share is the carnation sale.

Class Officers:	Co-Presidents	Secretary	Treasurer	Representatives
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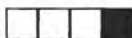
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 Jessica Claerhout



Steven Cobb  
 Brian Cook  
 Erica Cook  
 Seth Coombs  
 Joanna Costigan  
 Brian Cousino

## An Ease On Their Nerves

By Karli Schneider

For the average freshman trying not to get lost, searching for their friends at lunch, and avoiding eye contact with upperclassmen can make a stressful first day of high school. Some students, however, are able to avoid the traditional freshman jitters by coming to OHS with an older brother or sister. "I wasn't as intimidated of the upperclassmen on my first day because I knew so many of my older brothers' friends," remembers freshman **Gretchen Breckner**. "I don't have to worry about riding the school bus anymore," says freshman **Eric Jordan**. Talk about a family advantage!



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Ellen Creal  
David Crouch  
Arianna Dart  
Emily Davidson  
Chelsea Daza



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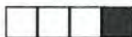
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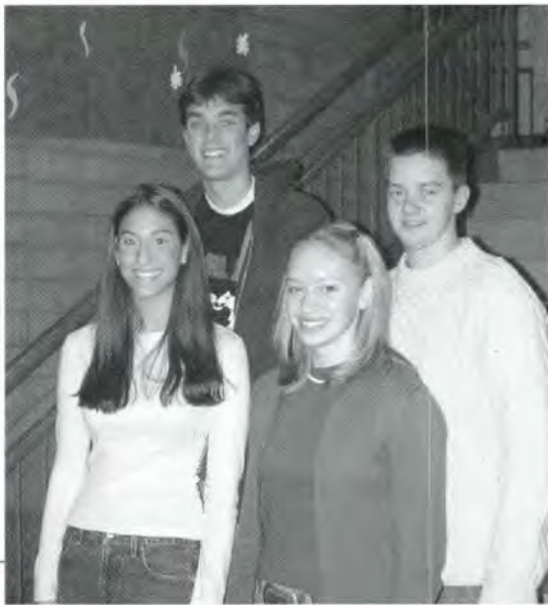


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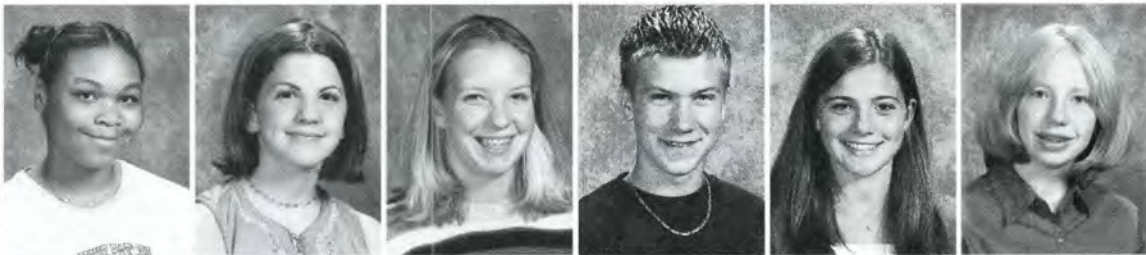




*Sister, Sister*  
Freshman **Monica Mehan** and her older sister senior **Kathleen Mehan** get ready to leave for the Homecoming Parade.

*Proudly Posing*  
Gladly showing they are related to each other are freshman **Arianna Dart** and senior **Will Dart** along with junior **David Rawlinson** and freshman **Katie Rawlinson**.

*An At Home Tutor*  
Listening with an attentive ear is freshman **Molly Eschelbach** to her senior sister **Minna Eschelbach** while she explains how to answer her Calculus problem.



Reo Ferguson  
Theresa Feuerstein  
Melanie Finn  
Adam Fishel  
Carly Ann Folino  
Sara Fortino



Juliet French  
Thomas Fricano III  
Rachel Frierson  
Antara Gangopadhyay  
Alex Gentile  
Christophe Gliniecki



Alaine Go  
Ashley Goodell  
Jennifer Gools  
Christopher Goulet  
Nicholas Govorchin  
Valerie Grabski



Thomas Grady  
Sarah Grannemann  
Adam Gray  
Mike Grondin  
Ross Gronsbell  
Vibha Gupta



Daniel Hagan  
Shantel Hamilton  
Ashley Hansen  
Kimberly Harkness  
Joseph Harrington  
Ingmar Haug



*Picture This*  
 Freshmen **Tyler Roth** and **Greg Boyd** stop eating lunch, their favorite part of the day, for a snapshot.



*Close Encounters*  
 Freshmen **Jon Howe** and **Miyasha Shaw** support each other on and off of the basketball court. **Jon** is on the Freshman basketball team, and **Miyasha** is on the JV cheerleading squad.

*Locker Space*  
 Freshman **Casey Seiter**'s last stop of the day is at his locker to pick up his homework.

Rebecca Haviland  
 Zachary Hayes  
 Nathaniel Henry  
 Ryan Henry  
 Alexis Herrera  
 Aimee Herrick-Nim



Ashley Herriman  
 Michael Hickey  
 Ashley Hinz  
 Frank Hobyak  
 Robert Holloway  
 Brett Holmes



Pierre Holt  
 Christina Hooker  
 Kristin Hough  
 Courtney Howard  
 Marshall Howard  
 Andrew Hoyles



Matt Hunter  
 J. Finley Huston  
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## Onward Freshmen

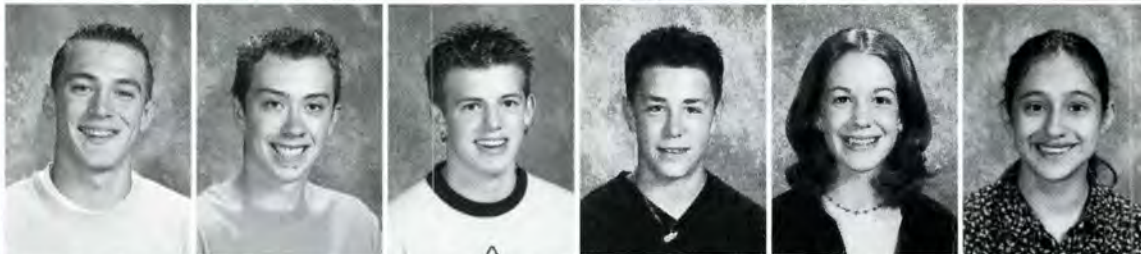
By Ron Corden

High school is full of new and exciting experiences. The first year at OHS may seem awkward at times but it's all worth it at the end of the year. The social and educational environment is completely different from middle school. Luckily, friends and teachers are there to give a motivational boost. **Casey Seiter** says he was more than prepared for high school, "The teachers are great, they know how to make the subjects interesting to learn and practical. I've also noticed how much more mature the students in high school act. I feel right at home." Casey added that he is looking forward to becoming a sophomore, as are all the freshmen.

# Freshmen



Kalyan Jupalli  
Peter Jurmu  
Sipiwe Kahari  
David Kain  
Amrita Karve  
Nader Kasim



Jonathan Kayanek  
Jeffrey Kelley  
Nick Kempf  
Alex Kemsley  
Crystal Kent  
Laura Kidder



Adam Kliebert  
Kimberly Knight  
Brian Koons  
Andrew Kossek  
Colleen Kron  
Mark Kroos



Kathleen Ku  
Lori Kunzelman  
Stefan Lanwermeyer  
John Lanzetta  
William Lawing  
Nick Lepeschkin



Paul Lessard  
Brian Levine  
Lauren Liddell  
Hyun Woo Lim  
Sarah Long  
Jessica Longo

# Freshmen

## High School-Phobia?!

By Jona Mikosch

"What is High School going to be like?" is a question that bothers most soon-to-be-freshmen when the end of summer vacation approaches. Earlier than most of them would like; they are forced to begin 9th grade at a new school. Soon after they step in the building many freshmen discover that High School is not as difficult as they thought it would be. "First I was worried, but now I think OHS is really cool," says **Jennifer Ruben**. And if they have a rough time everyonce in a while, they kick back with friends. "We like going to the dances or we just hang out at a friend's house," says **Anna Duff**.



Elizabeth Longshore  
Jordan Lovaas  
Audrey Lovett  
Julianna Lovik  
Richard Macguidwin  
Drew Mahan



Lee Mahoney  
Michael Mahoney  
Jessica Maidlow  
Rachel Margulies  
Robby Mayer  
Audra Mazzeo



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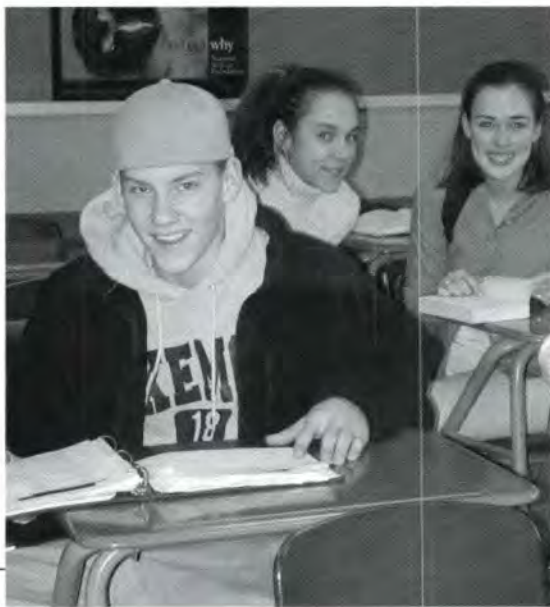


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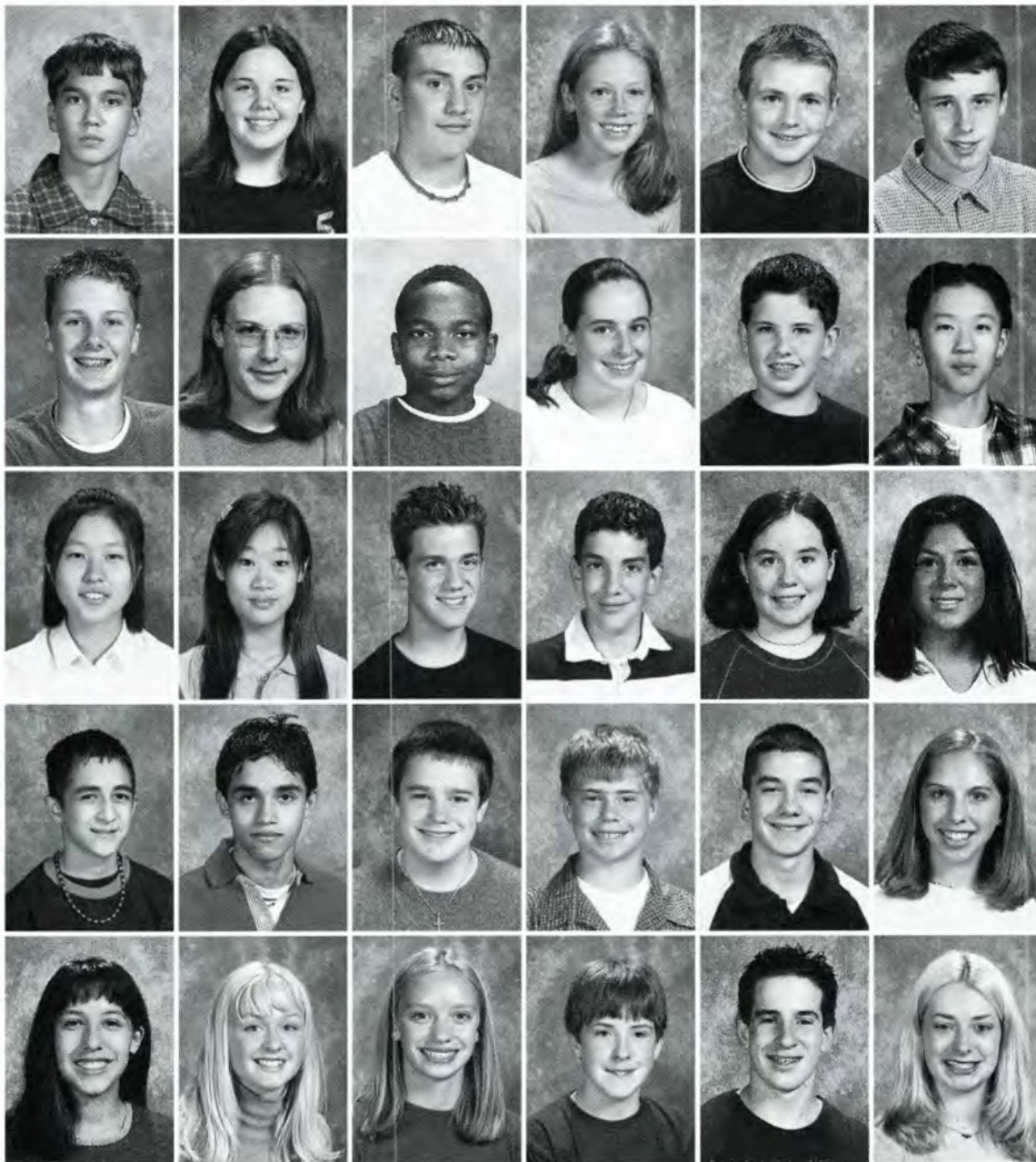




Fun with Friends  
Freshmen **David Chester**,  
**Tyler Roth**, **Julianna Lovik**,  
and **Alaine Go** reclaim their  
downstairs benches after  
school when all of the upper-  
classmen are gone.

Say Cheese!  
Freshmen **Matt Hunter**, **Zoe  
Zulakis** and **Monica Mehan**  
enjoy a few minutes of free-  
time before their next class be-  
gins.

It's Friday night...  
Freshmen buddies **Betsy Strobl**  
and **Carly Ann Folino** hurry to  
assemble their weekend home-  
work loads; the busses only  
wait for so long!



**James Mysliwicz**  
**Suzanne Nardozi**  
**Matthew Nevells**  
**Erin Newman**  
**Ryan Nichols**  
**Sam Nyquist**

**Nicholas Odell**  
**Michael Ohlogge**  
**Eghosa Olomu**  
**R.(Renee) O'Malley**  
**Scott Padden**  
**Dagun Park**

**Hyunjeong Park**  
**Soo Park**  
**John Passalacqua**  
**Eric Pavona**  
**Nicole Pfeifer**  
**Priscila Pinho**

**Edwin Pino**  
**Sunil Pokharel**  
**Brian Polakowski**  
**Matthew Prygoski**  
**Jared Pursley**  
**Jessica Putman**

**Dionisia Quiroga**  
**Shannon Ralph**  
**Katherine Rawlinson**  
**Alex Ray**  
**Brian Restuccia**  
**Angela Revis**

Smell of Success  
 Freshmen **Finley Huston** shows his determination to succeed by getting a jump start on his homework for World History.

Team Spirit  
 Freshmen classmates and team members **Crystal Kent, Kristin Hough, Jordan Silverman, and Lynette Seitz** enjoy new experiences as Varsity Dance Team members.

What's that you said?  
 Freshman **Suzanne Nardozzi** listens attentively to Mrs. Ingles thoughts and views in World History while taking precise notes.



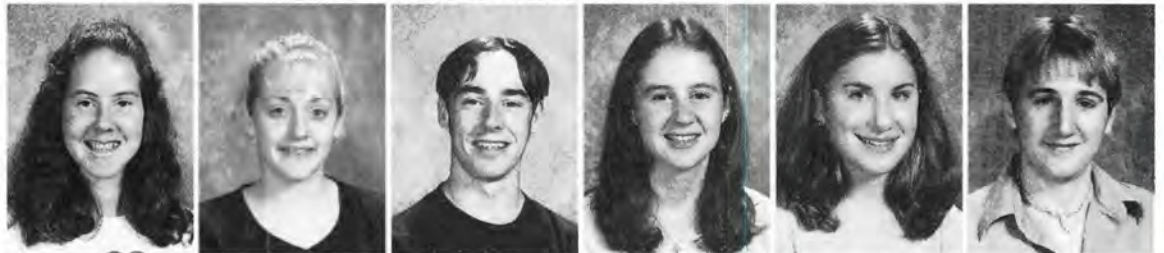
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 Kelsey Schaberg  
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Valerie Seipel  
 Casey Seiter  
 Lynette Seitz  
 Kyle Shah  
 Maria Shah  
 Miysha Shaw



Joseph Sheridan  
 Johnny Shih  
 Lindsey Siegele  
 Jordan Silverman  
 Jordan Simon  
 Jordan Simpson





## A New Beginning

*By Megan Miller*

The freshman Class of 2004 has set great goals and expectations for OHS. These students were a spectacular new addition to the high school this year, showing the upperclassmen what true leadership is all about. Not only are they leaders, but they are spirited too. These freshmen show their interest and determination to succeed. Walking down the hall many fellow students notice the kind words and peer bonding, these gestures show the unity of this class. To see the freshmen getting along with their classmates and encouraging others to do well sets a great example for the future classes to come.

# Freshmen



JNoopur Singh  
Jay Solustri  
Joanna Solustri  
Alicia Sorber  
Erica Soule  
Alicia Stain



Nadia Stecker  
Virginia Stevenson  
Susan Stillman  
Molly Stojic  
Daniel Storey  
Ryan Stringer



Betsy Strobl  
Eliott Such  
Joseph Svoboda  
Christina Swihart  
Gregory Takyi  
Sarah Thomas



Ian Tiilikka-Birdsall  
Lori Tokhie  
Alison Tolly  
Ayano Toth  
Katie Traverse  
Timothy Triezenberg



Grant Tungate  
Katherine Urbanek  
Sheena Vannortwick  
Christin Vasilenko  
Jennifer Vermeesch  
Megan Villaire

Alexander Voice  
 Troy Vonklingler  
 Matthew Wagner  
 David Wald  
 Benjamin Walker  
 Jenica Walker



Latisha Walker  
 Whitney Walker  
 Mike Wallace  
 Heather Walter  
 Jessica Waltersdorf  
 Godwin Wamani



David Wang  
 Shuyu Wang  
 Jeffrey Warren  
 Shawn Watkins  
 Daniel Weaver  
 Alyson Webster



Kathryn Weiser  
 Colleen Weller  
 Laura White  
 Laura Whitener  
 Kristin Wianeki  
 Jesse Wieland



Jill Wieland  
 Thomas Wilbur  
 Kendra Williams  
 Lindsey Wilner  
 Michael Witten  
 Courtney Wood



*Lounging Around*  
 Freshmen **Monica Mehan** and **Sarah Thomas** enjoy free time after completing a difficult test.

*A Real Page Turner*  
 English 9 student **Carlene Ebner** relishes the silence of the classroom and the story in her book.

*Break Time Relaxation*  
 Freshmen **Hannah Johnson**, and **Finley Huston** enjoy relaxing with friends during break time.





Tiffany Worthy  
Katie Wozniak  
Garrett Wright  
Chad Wroblewski  
Gina Wulff  
Jeffrey Wurzler

Tai Wey Yuan  
Anna Zang  
Jennifer Zavadil  
Lisa Zuckerman  
Zoe Zulakis  
Lisa Zustiak

Freshmen Not  
Pictured

- |                  |                |                    |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Maria Ahmad      | Brandon Jean   | Matthew Premer     |
| Joshua Baker     | Casie Keely    | Tiea Robison       |
| Matthew Dicks    | Raymond Miller | Shantel Tuck       |
| Chukwudi Ezealah | Ankita Patel   | Arkadiy Vartazarov |
| Jacquelyn Garner | Kinnari Patel  |                    |



## Exploring New Halls

*By Megan Miller*

From being on the top of the social ladder in 8th grade to the beginning step again, these freshmen create new experiences in high school. These fresh new students of OHS were a great addition to the student body. The combining of new classmates from both middle schools helped to develop new friendships. Freshman **Crystal Kent** said, "It's been great meeting and getting to know new people." With new friendships, classmates, and teachers, these students take large steps towards the long wait until graduation.

FRESHMEN

# Sophomores

## Getting With It

As sophomores, the class officers experienced more responsibilities. This was the first year that they had the task of organizing a major dance; the annual Sadie Hawkin's Dance. Planning a dance involves many tasks such as decorating, hiring a DJ, and finding chaperones. During the week of Homecoming the sophomore officers were also in charge of keeping track of spirit points and promoting spirit. *By Heather Jones*



**Hard at Work**  
The sophomore officers work diligently on planning the theme for Sadie's.

**Stretching Out**  
After working hard all day, the officers take a break to just relax and get comfortable.



<b>Class Officers:</b>	<b>Co-Presidents</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Representatives</b>
	Ben Fiechtner Rohit Narayan	Joanna Kagey	Tania Yusaf	Aki Tanimoto Meredith Willams

Matt Acker  
Daniel Ackerman  
Kyle Adams  
Okezie Aguwa  
Michael Aldrich  
Mark Amboy



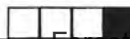
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Lauren Anderson  
Ryan Angst



Rachel Antonelli  
Susan Armstrong  
Anand Arun  
Andrew Ault  
Jon Austin  
Justin Bahrie



Sarah Baker  
Becky Balger  
Danny Balger  
Andrew Barnhart  
Audrey Bashore  
Betsy Bastien





Lauren Battaglia  
 Brian Beck  
 Kamerin Bell  
 Kevin Bell  
 Lauren Bellows  
 Omar Bennani



Katy Bennett  
 Andrew Bentsen  
 Erik Berglund  
 Rhonda Bishop  
 Corey Bixby  
 Tim Blood



Breanne Bloomquist  
 Andrea Boes  
 Paul Boulus  
 Kelly Bozyk  
 Jae Brent  
 Ariel Britt



Zach Brooks  
 Amanda Brown  
 Jonathan Brown  
 Justin Burger  
 Arran Burpee  
 Rachel Burrage



Christopher Calder  
 Erin Campeau  
 Matthew Card  
 Drew Carrigan  
 Jenna Caulkett  
 Meghan Chamberlain



Alex Chandler  
 Bree Chandler  
 Brian Chapman  
 Nam Kyu Cho  
 Sarah Cho  
 Steve Christakos



Beth Clark  
 Matthew Clark  
 Paul Clark  
 Bryana Clover  
 Stafford Cobb  
 Bobbi Cole

## One Step Closer to the Top...

A little smarter, a little taller, and a whole year older, the sophomores are ready to take on some more adult like responsibilities. They're ready to break out of their old freshman ways, and to start growing up. "I really like not being the shortest person in the school anymore, and finally, someone looks up to me." proclaims sophomore **Nikki Trudell**. They were teased and tortured when they were freshman, but now as sophomores, they're one step closer to the top.

*By Jessica Rand*



Jon Coleman  
Amy Jo Cooley  
Bryan Cooper  
Lauren Costello  
Mike Cousino  
Kevin Cox



Mary Cullen  
Antonette Currie  
Meredith Damore  
Maciek Danielewicz  
Sarah Darwin  
Zachary Darwin



Jnanna David  
Susan David  
Eve-Marie Davidoski  
Robbie Daza  
Jessica Denbow  
Kimberly Dethlefsen



Jerran Devers  
Snigdha Dhital  
Phil Digby  
Adam Doby  
Michelle Domagalski  
Kara Dowley



Meghan Doyle  
Shannon Drake  
Jill Eberly  
Kathryn Economy  
Sahar Eftekhar  
Scott Ehlers

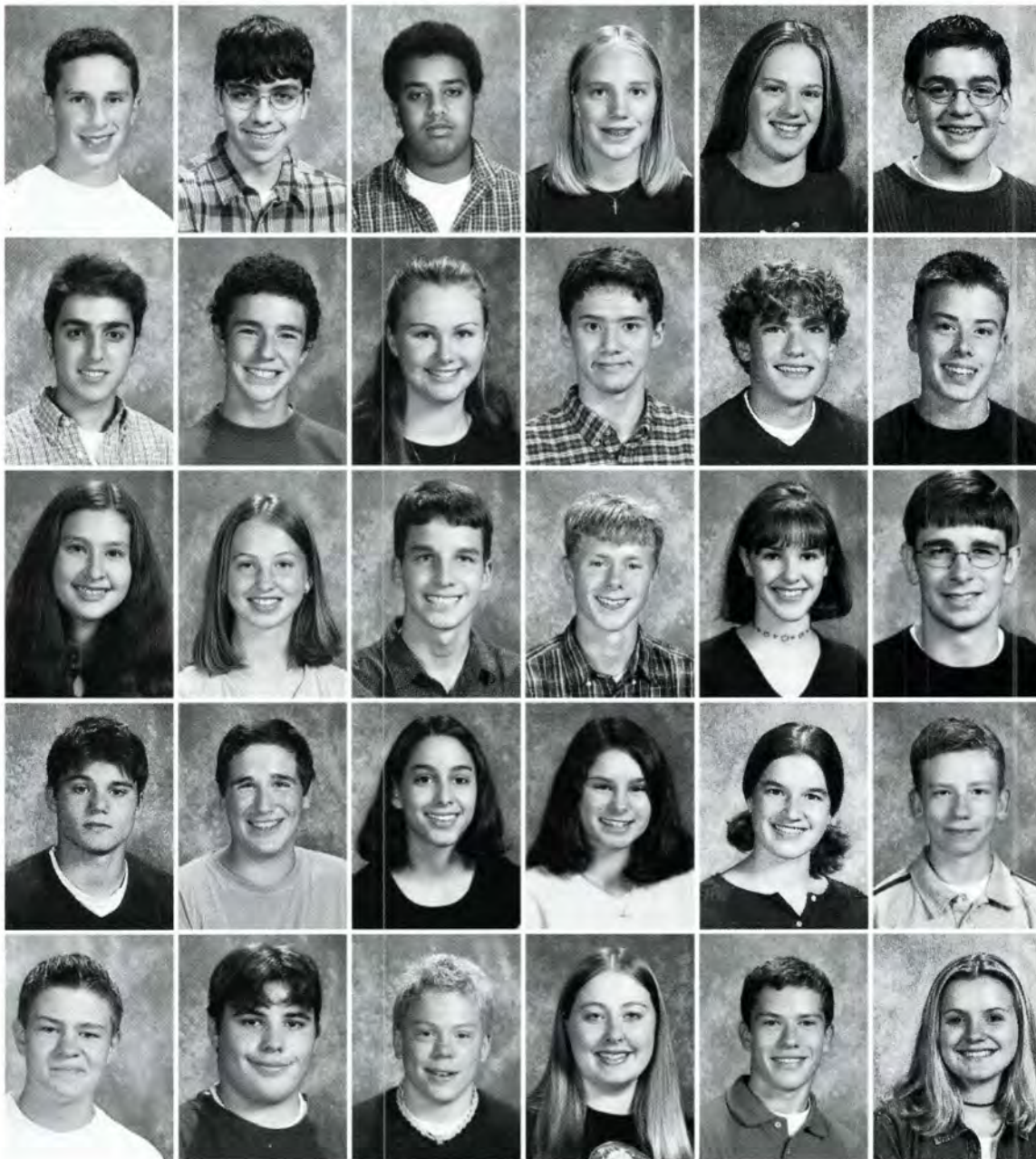




*Break Time*  
 Sophomores **Megan Doyle** and **Heather Elias** take a few minutes in-between classes to discuss the events of the day.

*Sophomore Pains*  
**Nick Hooker, Jessica Jones, Jenny Kelly, and Aki Tanimoto** hang out after school waiting for their rides.

*Friends Rule*  
 Sophomores **Katie Jury** and **Caitlin Mackenzie** enjoy not being at the bottom of the totem pole anymore.



**Anthony Ehret**  
**Michael Eisenberg**  
**Osman Elfaki**  
**Heather Elias**  
**Judith Emaus**  
**Philip Erickson**

**Mohammad Esfahanian**  
**Eric Eyde**  
**Erin Federau**  
**Scott Fergus**  
**Benjamin Fiechtner**  
**Pat Fink**

**Sarah Fitzgerald**  
**Kristen Flack**  
**Thomas Flegler**  
**Edward Fletcher**  
**Arianne Flintoff**  
**Ryan Floyd**

**John Folino**  
**Bryce Fotiu-Wojtowicz**  
**Gina Fox**  
**Joann Fox**  
**Emily Fraser**  
**David Freddolino**

**Doug Frischmann**  
**Kulin Froelich**  
**Robert Froh**  
**Kathryn Frontier**  
**Scott Fulbright**  
**Elizabeth Fuller**



Brian Fung  
 Holly Furseth  
 Michael Gadaletto  
 Carrie Galka  
 Keith Gallagher  
 Megan Gallagher



Ashley Galyon  
 Aneesha Gandhi  
 Megan Garcy  
 Mike Garland  
 Ryan Gift  
 Erin Gilbert-Eyres



Laura Giles  
 Elliot Glass  
 Joseph Goldshlack  
 Alejandra Gonzalez  
 Valerie Grant  
 Jonathan Grattan



Geoffrey Gray  
 Heather Griffin  
 Michael Gross  
 Allison Gruner  
 Tony Guastella  
 Malani Gupta



Chad Hallman  
 Edmond Han  
 Shannon Harburn  
 Lindsay Harkema  
 Jennifer Harsch  
 Caitlin Hartsell



John Harvey  
 Matthew Hasho  
 Matthew Hasso  
 Armando Hawkins  
 Lauren Hawkins  
 Elizabeth Henderson



Ben Hess  
 James Hewson  
 Geoffrey Hickox  
 Jonathan Hilliker  
 James Hooker  
 Jeffrey Hough





Brynn Howard  
 John Hubbard  
 Elizabeth Hunt  
 Allison Ianni  
 Randy Ip  
 Lindsey Jaaksi



Emily Jackson  
 Reshawn Jackson II  
 Rahill Jamalifard  
 Matthew Janicki  
 Alicia Jaramillo  
 Robyn Jensen



Todd Johnson  
 Allison Jones  
 Jennifer Jones  
 Jessica Jones  
 Sara Joos  
 Katie Jury



Joanna Kagey  
 Morgan Kaminski  
 Kutesa Kaneene  
 Ellen Karagoulis  
 Alan Katz  
 Matthew Kaufman



Brandon Kearney  
 Jennifer Kelley  
 Elizabeth Kelterborn  
 Kevin Kent  
 Stephen Kerns  
 Haley Keyworth-Perez



Phillip Khoury  
 Eury Kim  
 Lisa Knapp  
 Jonathan Koller  
 Paul Kolososki  
 Angela Korrey



Alexis Kranz  
 Rachel Kraushaar  
 Marco Ku  
 Supriya Kundani  
 Henry Kwok  
 John Leahy

## Renaissance Sophomores

Sophomores play a big part in the fine arts at OHS. In addition to their required classes, they always find the time to do what they truly love--whether it be art, drama, choir, band, or orchestra. Sophomores also enroll in other such classes as photography, sculpture, and two-dimensional and three-dimensional drawing and art. Other sophomores choose to participate in the fall play and spring musicals, among other fine arts classes that OHS has to offer.

*By Chad Seiter*



Michael Leahy  
Larry Leece  
Haley Lertola  
Jason Lester  
Brittany Lewis  
Mingjia Li



Tamy Liang  
Vincent Libiran  
Victoria Light  
Britt Lindquist  
Morgan Lindstrom  
Emily Litchfield



Melina Lito  
Jesse Lothamer  
Bradley Mack  
Kaitlin Mackenzie  
Ben Magen  
Carla Maniaci



Matthew Marble  
Daniel Marshall  
Terren Massey  
Callie McCarthy  
Nicholas McCollor  
Robin McCracken



Megan McCullough  
Michael McIntosh  
Kelly McKenzie  
Shannon McKeon  
Mary Meier  
Brienne Melton

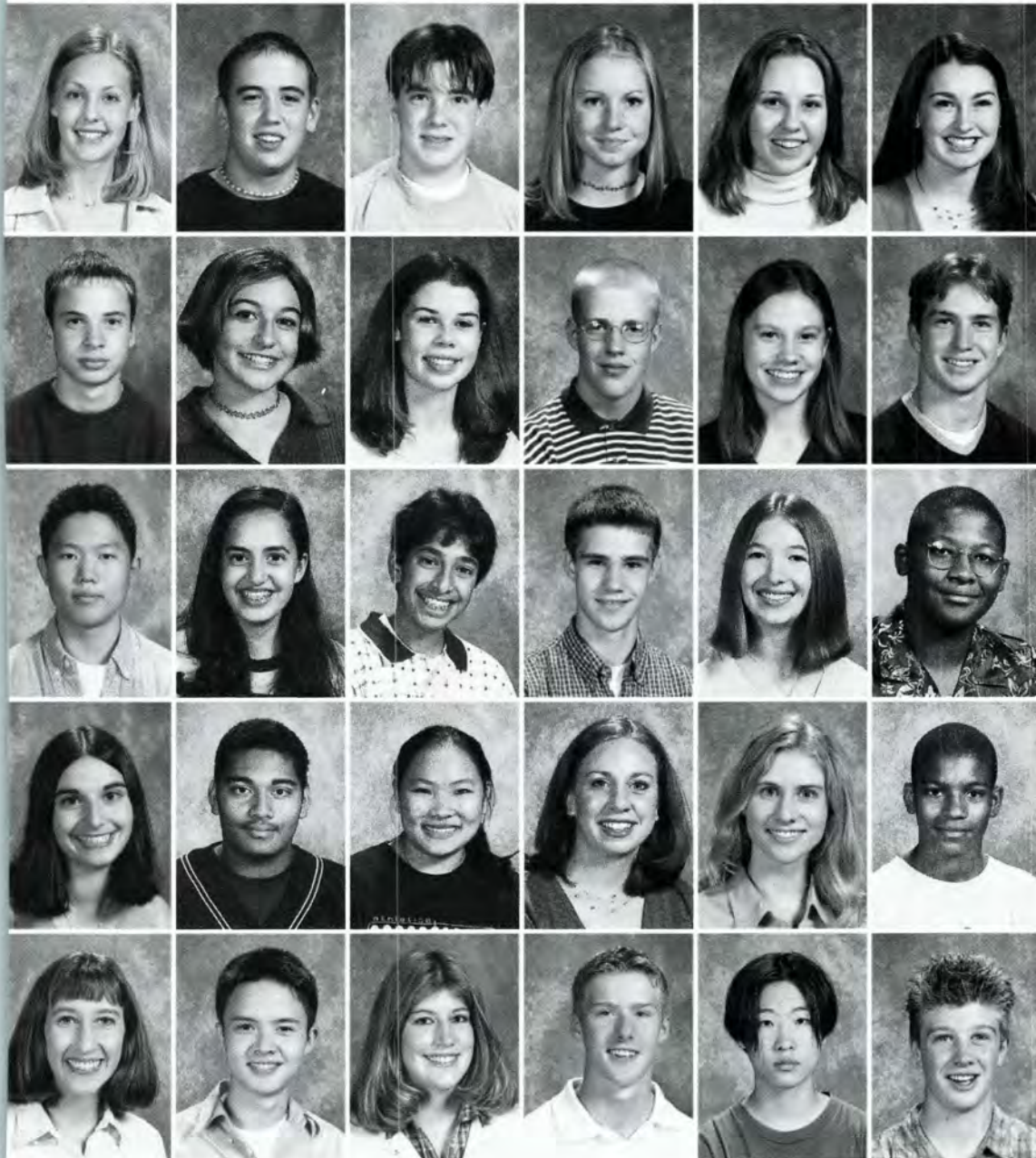




**Knock Their Socks Off!**  
 Sophomore **Jeff Omura** received roars of laughter at the 2001 Talent Show. **Jeff** did a stand-up comedy routine.

**Claying Around**  
 Sophomore **Erik Berglund** works on his ceramics project in his 6th hour ceramics class.

**The Men of the Choir**  
 Sophomore **Danny Balger** gets a Someko Singers application from **Mr. DeWald**. He hopes to get in next year!



Amy Meyer  
 Chris Meyer  
 David Miller  
 Mary-Al Miller  
 Samantha Miller  
 Meghan Minnehan

Steven Mirasola  
 Krista Mollhagen  
 Megan Moore  
 Tristan Motz  
 Michelle Munkacsy  
 Craig Murphy

David Nah  
 Kavitha Nair  
 Rohit Narayan  
 Matthew Nelson  
 Cherie Netzloff  
 Paul Newton

Carolyn Nishon  
 Rick Noda  
 Uangfah Nopareporn  
 Marisa Novello  
 Sarah Novis  
 Ajene Oden

Christine Olin  
 Jeffrey Omura  
 Megan Oswill  
 Mark Owen  
 Jang Park  
 Kyle Pentecost

Hang Time  
 Sophomores **Katie Jury, Chloe Sweet,** and **Jon Coleman** spend lots of time kicking back enjoying their second year of high school.

Smile Pretty  
 Sophomores friends **Spencer Wood, Morgan Kaminsky,** and **John Grattan** hang in the hall.

Almost There  
 Sophomores **Tom Flegler, Sarah Swintk, Nate Rhodes, Cherie Netzloff, Alicia Kranz,** and **Nick Hooker** all can't wait to be upperclassmen.



Lauren Peters  
 Kelli Pines  
 Whitney Plumb  
 Lindsey Potterpin  
 Casey Probst  
 Adam Puretz



Elliott Radcliffe  
 Ashley Rasmussen  
 Kevin Rauhe  
 David Raven  
 Harini Reddy  
 Jordan Reeser



Nathan Rhodes  
 Ashley Richard  
 Kevin Richardson  
 Christopher Rinek  
 Joseph Rinner  
 Elizabeth Robertson



Marc Roffle  
 Shannon Rolley  
 Jeffrey Rubitschun  
 David Ruddock  
 Joshua Russeau  
 Jake Russell



Daniel Russian  
 Nina Sarnelle  
 John Saules  
 Molly Saunders-Scott  
 Vincent Scarcella  
 Freddy Schaad





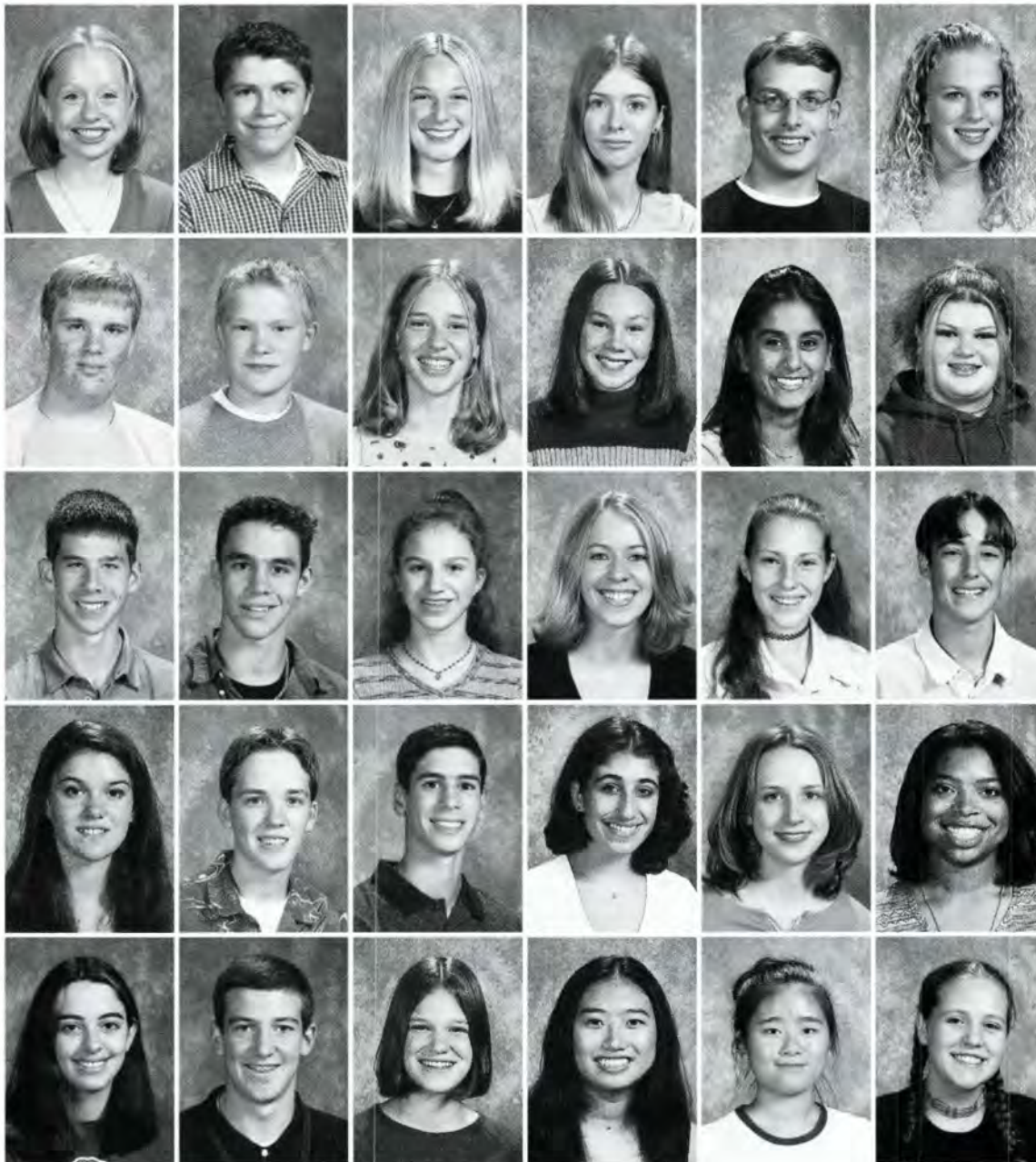
## We're Finally Growing UP!

Sophomore year is filled with many changes. Starting around April or May, it's much harder to find a spot in the student parking lot. The sophomores are just getting their licences and things tend to get a little hectic.

Loading on the homework, and coming closer to growing up also go hand in hand with your sophomore year. The feelings of uncertainty and awkwardness however, are replaced with a warm feeling of comfort as the realization of what high school is all about becomes apparent, hard work, friendship, and good times.

*By Jessica Rand*

# Sophomores



Margaret Schaberg  
Nathan Scherbarth  
Kelly Schoen  
Molly Schoen  
Austin Schreiber  
Jessica Schroeder

Jonathan Schwartz  
Patrick Seidlein  
Kelsey Sekedat  
Erin Serkaian  
Sara Shaheen  
Jennifer Shelley

Robert Simon  
Jordan Skole  
Katie Slivensky  
Kristin Smith  
Lydia Smith  
Nate Smith

Jennifer Smith-Dewey  
Jim Sorenson  
Chris Spagnuolo  
Sonia Stecker  
Rebecca Stepnitz  
Astin Steward

Mitra Sticklen  
Matthew Storey  
Kathleen Stynes  
Carrie Sun  
Meng-Rung Sung  
Kara Swanson



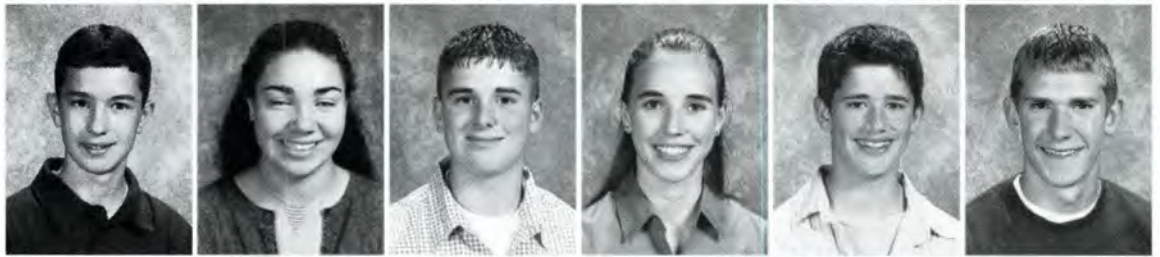
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Ashley Thomas  
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Samantha Topper  
Darin Tregloan  
Madeline Trier



Ryan Troshak  
Nicole Trudell  
Ryan Turpin  
Elisa Turzewski  
Jeffery Uitvlugt  
John VanDam



Ashley Van Pool  
Jason Varner  
Kimberly Vermeesch  
Gabriel Viscomi  
Michael Voice  
Elizabeth Wagner



Ryan Walder  
Leanne Ward  
Tom Waters  
Brian Wei  
Jessica Wey  
Tiffany Wey

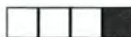


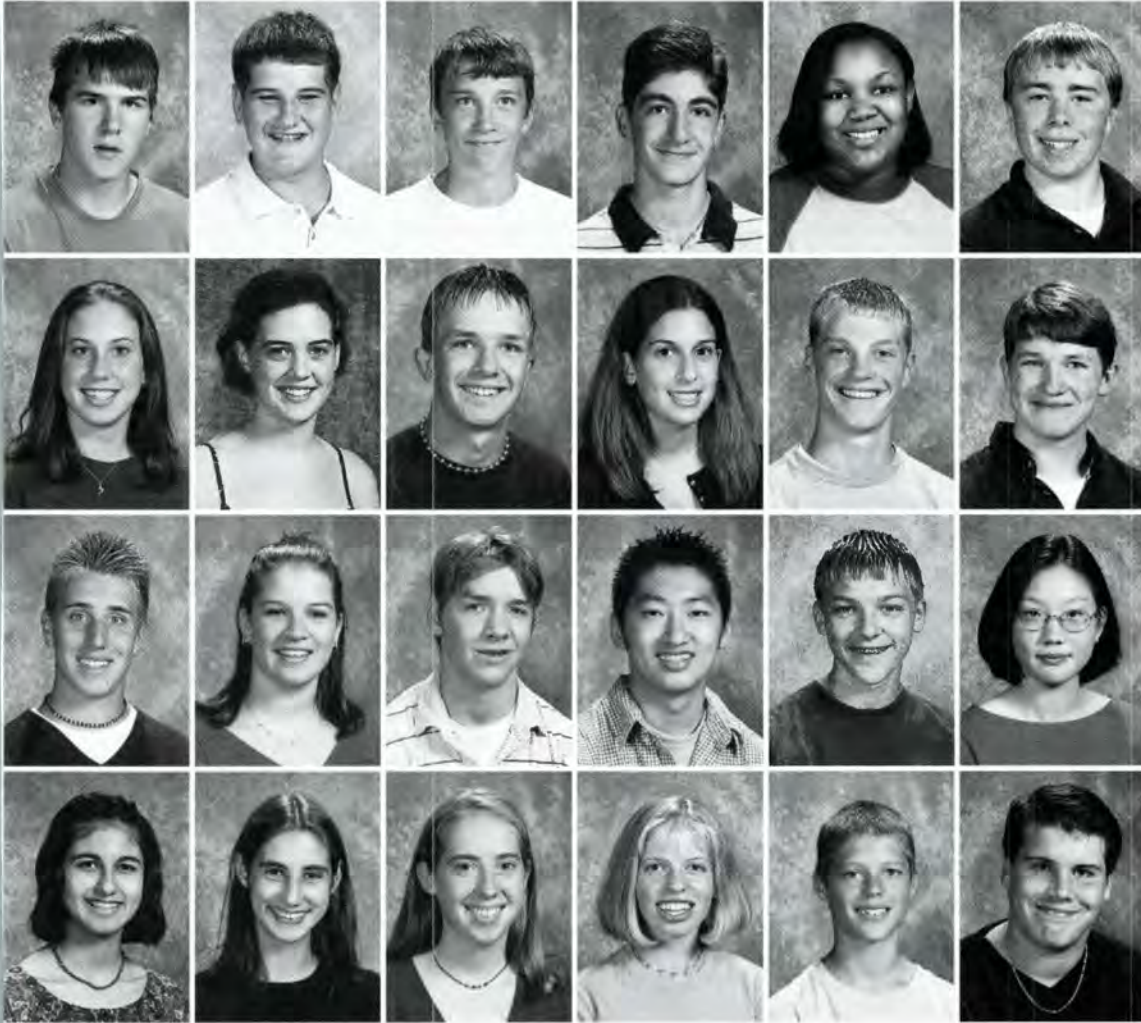
*A Dedicated Chief*

Sophomore **Katie Jury** is immersed in her writing. **Katie** not only coedits the *Weekly Chieftain*, but is also a very active member of band.

*I Wanna Be A Supermodel*

Sophomore **Joe Rinner** and **Sahar Eftekar** model clothing of the late 1700's while on a weekend American Studies field trip to Fort Erie and Niagra Falls.





Aaron Whitlege  
 Zachary Wickham  
 Matthew Wierzba  
 Greg Wile  
 Meredith Williams  
 Graeme Wilson

Kristen Wilutis  
 Amanda Winter  
 Scott Wolfe  
 Anna Wolfson  
 Spencer Wood  
 Nicholas Wosko

Chad Wozniak  
 Meghan Yirovec  
 Brendan Yonke  
 Samuel Yoon  
 Adam Young  
 Eunice Yu

Tania Yusaf  
 Erin Zaroukian  
 Julie Zelenock  
 Kristen Ziara  
 Timothy Zietlow  
 Adam Zynda

## Sophomores Not Pictured

Monique Balthazar	Tannar Nimmo
Leigh Beckmayer	Etin Olum
Taraz Buck	Ankita Patel
Mushfigur Chowdhury	Deepa Pendse
Gabriel Dixon	Jaakob Peters
Quincy Ezealah	David Slep
Ann Kasprazak	Jonathan Thomas
Kristen Lawatsch	Eric Wheeler
Tim Miller	Yan Zhao

## “Foolish Wisdom”

*By Ron Corden*

A Sophomore is a student who has gained “foolish wisdom”. Sophomore year is when a student begins to find his or her niche in his or her academic career. It’s like a portal to the beginning of your future, preparations for college and being on your own. The beauty of Freshmen year is being free of worries, and to move on in the process of discovering yourself and what you want to do. And when you finally do find yourself, that, above all else, is not foolish wisdom.

SOPHOMORES

# JUNIORS

## Head of the Class

Leading the junior class into political success, the class officers work hard to keep the student body in order. This year, Co-Presidents **Megan Neff** and **David Morley** focused mainly on the Homecoming Parade, Winter Dance and Prom. **Megan Neff** worked hard to raise money for Prom, "One way we raised money was through a candy cane sale. Everyone involved got a treat and a message delivered to their class, the extra profits really helped make prom memorable!" **Megan** explained. The junior officer's hard work paid off throughout the year for their own benefit, and the enjoyment of the entire junior class.

*By Katharine Schmidt*



**School Spirit**  
The junior class shows their spirit before the Homecoming Parade. Student council organized the parade.



**Quality Time**  
Juniors **Jessie Hauptman** and **Ryan Aprill** wait after school to buy their Winter Dance tickets.

**Ducker-up!**  
Junior Class Co-Presidents **Megan Neff** gives **David Morley** a well-deserved kiss on the cheek after working on their candy cane fund-raiser.

Class Officers:	Co-Presidents	Secretary	Treasurer	Representatives
	Megan Neff David Morley	Angela Bobay	Dana Irrer	Stephanie Riedinger Kristin Pavona

Justin Adams  
Sarah Al-Kabour  
Christie Aldrich  
Jessica Alfredson  
Mert Altinsel  
Jessica Ambrose



Chris Anders  
Alexa Andersen  
Amber Anderson  
Michael Anderson  
Mike Anderson  
Kristen Anstett



Ryan Aprill  
Benjamin Assaff  
Meghan Atkins  
Chris Austreng  
Ashley Avery  
Aaron Baer





*A Few Good Men and Women*  
 Junior officers **Stephanie Riedinger, Kristin Pavona, Angela Bobay, Megan Neff,** and **David Morley** take a break during their Monday meeting.

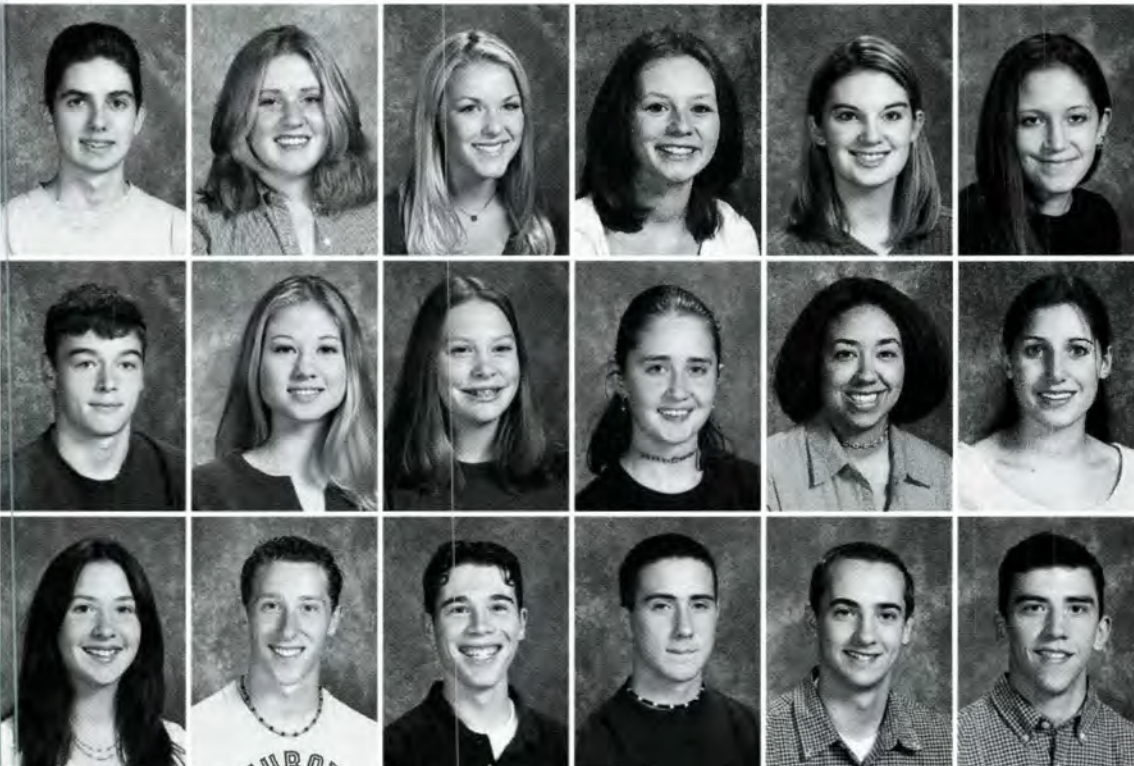
*Best friends*  
 Friends since 6th grade, **Valerie Takyi** and **Marie Smith** are still hanging out in the halls together.



*Bear Hug*  
 Junior **Jessica Everett** gives fellow Junior **Carol Moser** a big hug. The two enjoy the new benches upstairs.



*On Their Way Out*  
 Rushing out to the parking lot, Juniors **Halie Leonard** and **Ashley Jones** chat about the upcoming MEAP tests.



**Chris Baldwin**  
**Cindi Banks**  
**Kelsey Baum**  
**Amber Bayraktar**  
**Lauren Bell**  
**Chelsea Belonga**

**David Beretta**  
**Sarah Berning**  
**Randee Bierlein**  
**Stephanie Bischof**  
**Christina Bishai**  
**Angela Bobay**

**Aly Boggs-Smithley**  
**John Bommarito**  
**Nikolas Borges**  
**Aaron Bouma**  
**Jason Branta**  
**Jeffrey Branta**

# Climbin' to the Top

By Kristina Putz

The Class of 2002 is on their way to being at the top of the heap. Everyday that goes by is just one less day until they finally reach senior status. Monday is the hardest day of the week, after having the weekend to relax and have down time. "Mondays are the worst," complains junior **Sam Coultas** "it's so hard to wake up early Monday morning after a nice relaxing weekend." Tuesday through Thursday are long and drawn out days that seem to never end, where one hour seems like four, until long awaited Friday finally arrives. One more week down until that final year!



Peter Breckner  
TeEra Briggs  
Kristen Brown  
Scott Burger  
Chelsea Burns  
April Calamita



Christopher Callihan  
Abby Camann  
Irvin Campbell  
Christina Cappelletti  
David Card  
Steve Carrasco



Jisuk Chang  
James Chapman  
Erica Chepy  
Anne Chester  
Jessica Chiu  
Sabina Chowdhury



Kiki Christakos  
James Chun  
Joshua Clark  
Matthew Cobbett  
Mark Cole  
Ashley Cook



Derrick Coombs  
Laura Corbin  
Elizabeth Costigan  
Sam Coultas  
Nick Crockett  
Kyle Davidson

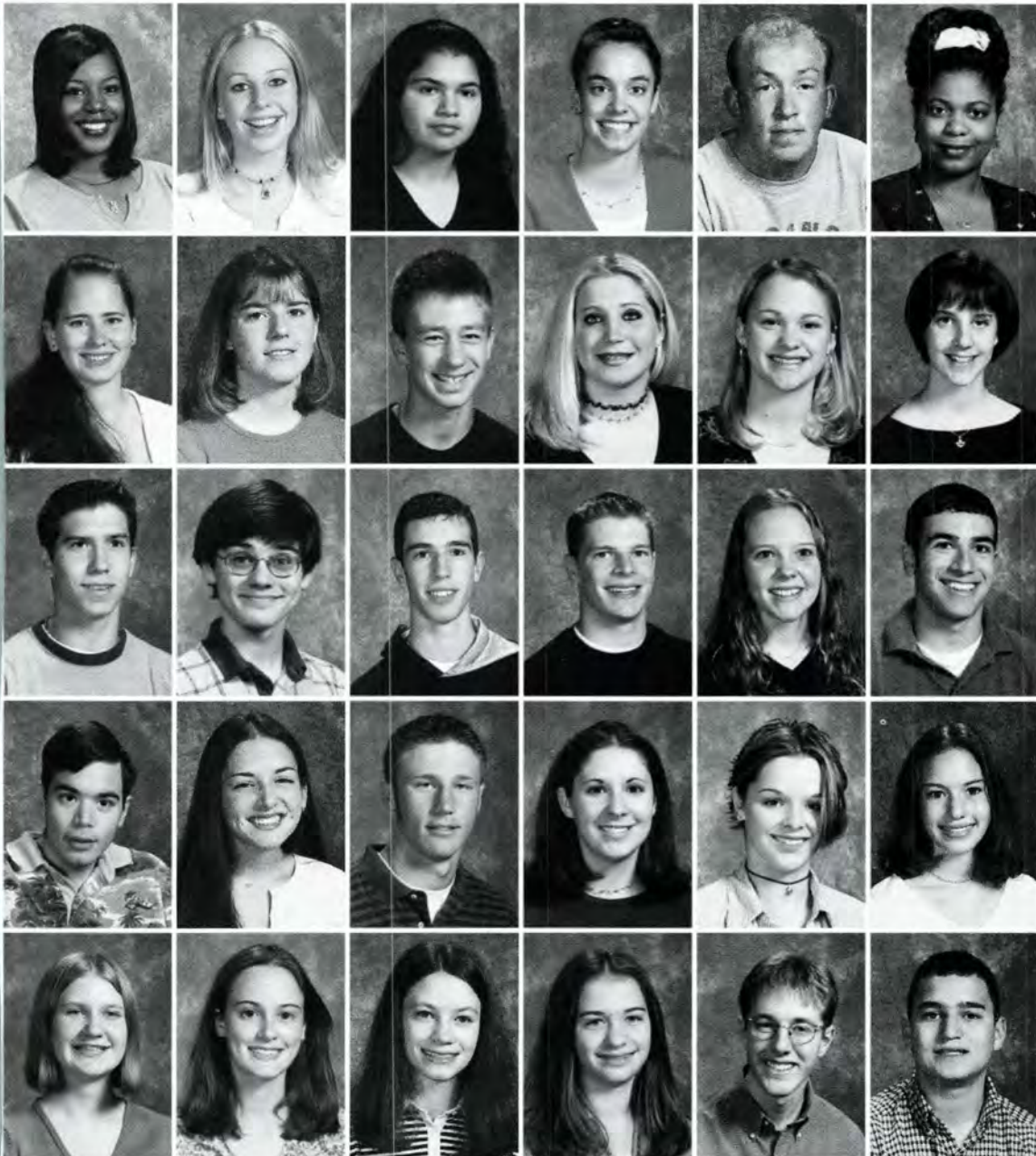




*Kickin' back and Relaxin'*  
 Juniors **Nick Norris**, **Justin Wooton**, **Tim Thatcher** and **Adam Fadly** take time to relax and catch up on their sleep after lunch.

*Girl Time!*  
 Junior girls **Kristi Hemstreet**, **Brittney Duncan**, and **Diana Meske** catch up on their gossip during break.

*Trash Talk*  
 Juniors **Cindi Banks** and **Peter Breckner** share a moment at the trash can. **Cindi** and **Peter** have been friends since middle school.



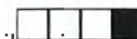
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**Kathy Dillard**

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**Colleen Donovan**  
**Adam Dow**  
**Alexandra Duda**  
**Brittany Duncan**  
**Amanda Dunlap**

**Benjamin Ebner**  
**Brian Ehlers**  
**Vinicius Ernani**  
**Todd Estry**  
**Jessica Everett**  
**Adam Fadly**

**Brian Fandialan**  
**Sarah Farmer**  
**Drew Federau**  
**Annette Feuerstein**  
**Jana Fields**  
**Sarah Fintushel**

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**Ryan Flintoff**  
**Matthew Forney**



**Listen Up!**

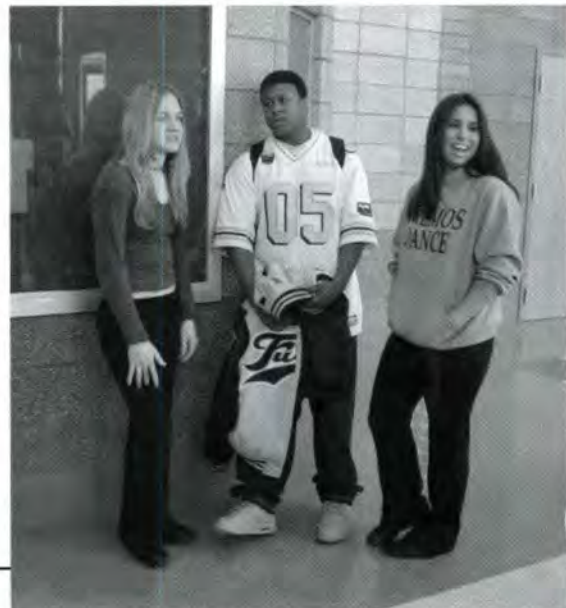
Junior **Todd Estry** listens attentively in **Mr. Malloch's** Government class. **Todd** is a member of both the Varsity football and hockey teams.

**Forever Friends**

Longtime friends, juniors **Chris Harton**, **Molly Tuma**, and **Kiki Christakos** hangout and chat after school.

**Music Man**

Junior **Dan Walshaw** plays his guitar during the break. **Dan** and his friends can always be found playing their instruments downstairs near the school store.



Brandon Forrest  
Matthew Forsman  
Kyle Fox  
Anton Frattaroli  
Sarah Friend  
Jim Galligan



Addison Galyon  
Stephanie Gardiner  
Jon Garner  
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Ajay Ghosh  
Michael Gietzen



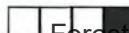
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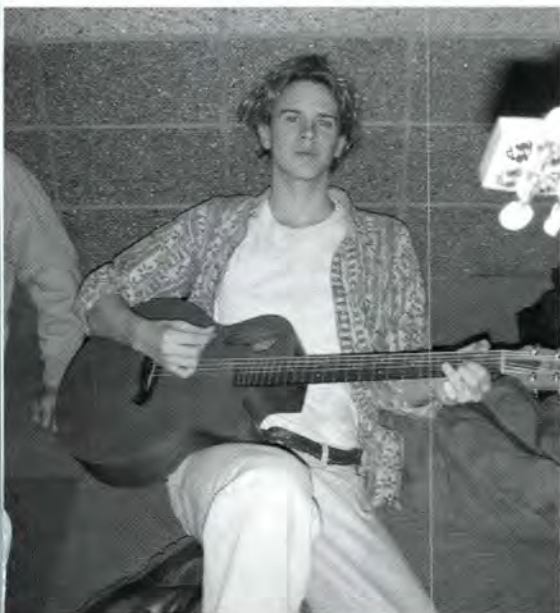


Nicole Goulet  
Kate Grady  
Robin Green  
Roohy Gupta  
Margaux Haarer  
Timothy Hagan



Sharriese Hamilton  
Eric Hammerschmidt  
Diana Han  
Sun Mee Han  
Tahee Han  
Dan Harrison





## Focus on the Future

Throughout the spring and summer of 2001 many juniors will be traveling around both the state and country, looking at colleges. Whether alone or with their parents, students in their junior year will be searching for that perfect school to spend the next four years. "My parents and I went looking at colleges this year, I want to make sure I find a place where I really fit in and feel comfortable," says junior **Meghan Atkins**. Junior year is definitely a time to look ahead. This makes the potential seniors really focus in on their future.

*By Kristina Putz*

# Juniors



Christopher Harton  
Amanda Hasso  
Jessie Hauptman  
Josh Hayes  
Sarah Hegge  
Kristi Hemstreet



Megan Hewat  
Angela Hickman  
Dan Hidlay  
Bradley Hoewel  
Joshua Holcomb  
Antwuan Holt



Eric Horsch  
Adam Houser  
Joshua Hundt  
Michael Hwang  
Mina Hwang  
Dana Irrer



Brian Jaaksi  
Megha Jain  
Stephanie Jameson  
Rachel Jankowski  
Kara Jensen  
Laura Johnson



Zac Johnson  
Ashley Jones  
Bryan Jones  
Scott Joseph  
Kevin Jou  
Megan Jump

**P** is for Procrastination.

*By Kristina Putz*

Pondering whether or not to study? It seems as though there are always many other things to do besides studying; listening to music, watching TV, hanging with friends, or talking on the phone. Studying is inevitable, especially in your junior year, even though you may not want to. There is always something to prepare for: daily quizzes and tests, and not to mention the SAT's, ACT's and the dreaded MEAP's. "This year is very overwhelming" says Junior **Courtney Lindbert** "I sometimes feel that I am studying all the time." Who wouldn't want to think of something else to do?



David Juntune  
James Karnes  
Rachel Keathley  
Meghan Kelly  
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Katherine Kern



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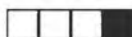
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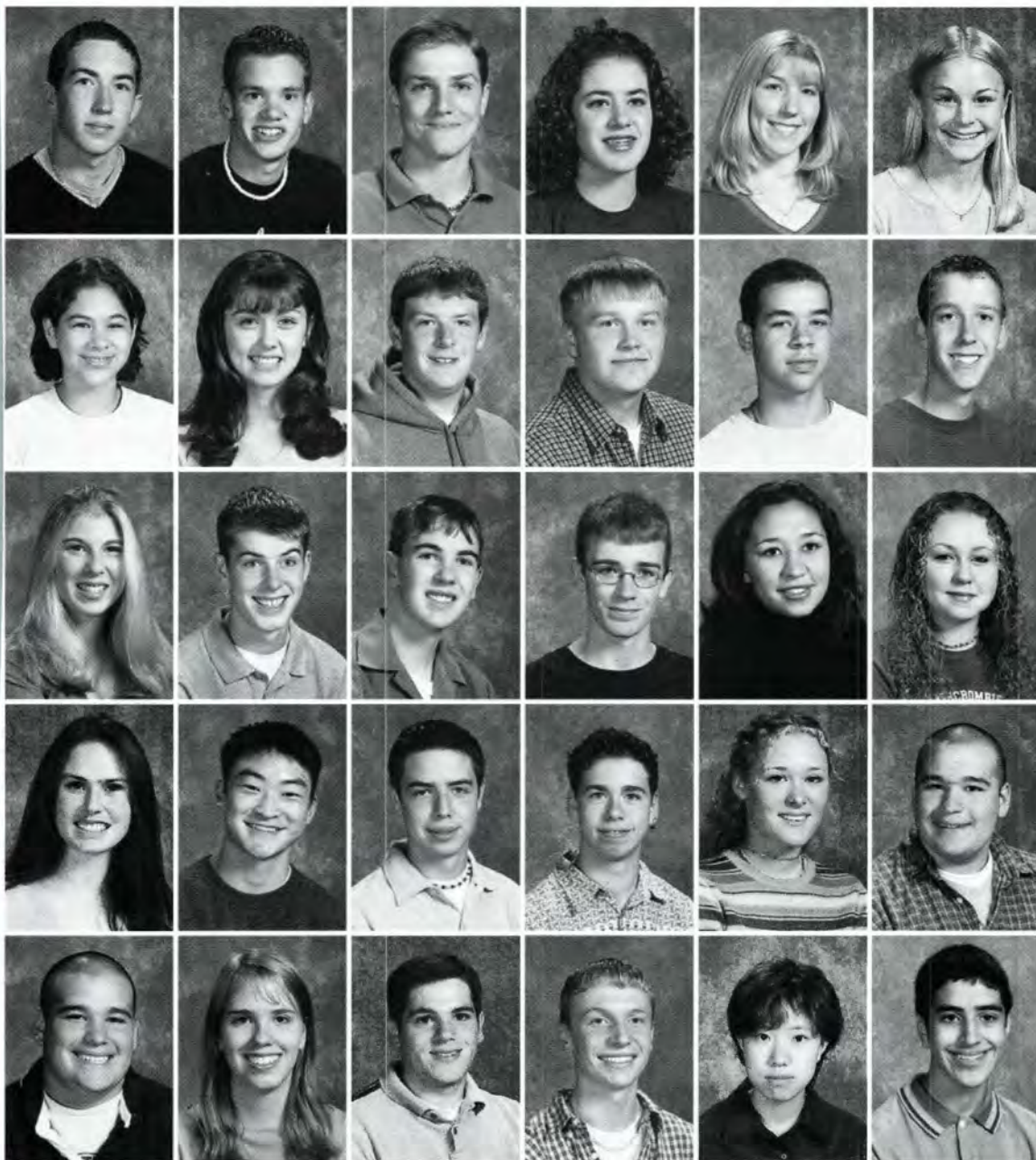




*Zzzzzz...*  
 Junior **April Calamita** catches up on her sleep. **April's** only downtime is at school, she keeps busy while working at Wendy's several days a week.

*Busy Body*  
 Junior **Adam Houser** studies hard for one of his many tests and quizzes this year!

*Laying Around*  
 Juniors **Erica Dickonson** and **Andre Wright** hang low during break. **Erica** and **Andre** have been friends for many years.



Justin Linder  
 Peter Linsmeier  
 Brandon Lloyd  
 Leslie Lohman  
 Lauren Long  
 Hilary Lyman

Ylinne Lynch  
 Bethany Maniscalco  
 Nicolas Martens  
 Jeff Martin  
 Brandon Massey  
 David May

Karen Mazur  
 Chad McAlvey  
 Kyle McCarthy  
 Matthew McCloskey  
 Amanda McConchie  
 Dani McFadden

Ann McHenry  
 Andy McIntyre  
 Mike McKnight  
 Matt Medler  
 Sara Melvin  
 Dan Michael

Matt Michael  
 Jona Mikosch  
 Jason Miller  
 Mike Miller  
 Lia Min  
 Andrew Mishra

*Brotherly Love*

Junior twins **Jason** and **Jeff Branta** are able to spend time together at lunch because they share the same fourth hour government class.

*Two of a Kind*

Although they do share a resemblance, one probably wouldn't guess that juniors **Erin** and **Ellen Flatley** are actually twins.

*Seeing Double*

Junior twins **Dan** and **Matt Michael** model their practically identical appearances. The brothers look so much alike that sometimes their friends get them confused!



Michael Moody  
David Morley  
Adam Morrisett  
Anna Morse  
Carol Moser  
Aaron Murphy



Erin Murphy  
Tyler Murphy  
Janet Mysliwicz  
Megan Neff  
Scott Ninemeier  
Jennifer Norman



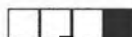
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Kristin Pavona  
Janna Pearce  
Matthew Pecora



Matt Permoda  
Laura Phelps  
Michael Post  
Kristina Putz  
Marc Pyne  
Vincent Raikhel



Anne Rapaport  
David Rawlinson  
Brian Reinerth  
Jimmy Restuccia  
Michael Reynolds  
Ian Richardson





## Double Take

By Katharine Schmidt

As the juniors get closer to the end of high school, they are faced with difficult decisions, especially junior twins. Junior **Erin Flatley** thinks about her sister **Ellen**, "Ellen and I get along well, but, we are planning on separating for college." But, some twins would prefer to stay together, Juniors **Dan** and **Matt Michael** have decided they would be much happier going to the same college. Some twins are still undecided. "We haven't really decided what we are going to do about college, but if we do get separated, we will definitely still be in close contact with each other." **Jason Branta** assures his brother **Jeff**.

Juniors



Kellen Richardson  
Kenyon Richardson  
Michael Richardson  
Nathan Richter  
Stephanie Riedinger  
Robin Rose



Michael Ruben  
Drew Ruonavaara  
Nick Russell  
Taylor Rutledge  
Kylee Ryan-Meredith  
Leanne Sancrainte



Eric Sartorius  
Angela Sauer  
Katie Savoie  
Stephen Schaberg  
Katharine Schmidt  
Tommy Schneider



Jamie Schoen  
Ashlee Schroeder  
Alexander Scott  
Ashley Scott  
Darla Seipel  
Greg Serkaian



Neil Shah  
Maissaa Shaheen  
George Shih  
Christin Siegele  
Tommy Sime  
Lucas Sinclair

Simran Singh  
 Geoffrey Singleton  
 Megan Skaggs  
 David Smith  
 Derek Smith  
 Marie Smith



Kris Sophiea  
 Ebba Spyke  
 Colleen Staatz  
 Jim Starnes  
 Michael Strand  
 Jenny Strongrich



Stephanie Studwell  
 Vik Subramanian  
 Shawna Sump  
 Yuhlo Sung  
 Beth Swartz  
 Dai Takaoka



Valerie Takyi  
 Chris Terrill  
 Tim Thatcher  
 Ryan Thompson  
 Ashley Throckmorton  
 Kristie Timber



Derek Tobias  
 Nicholas Tolly  
 Allison Tons  
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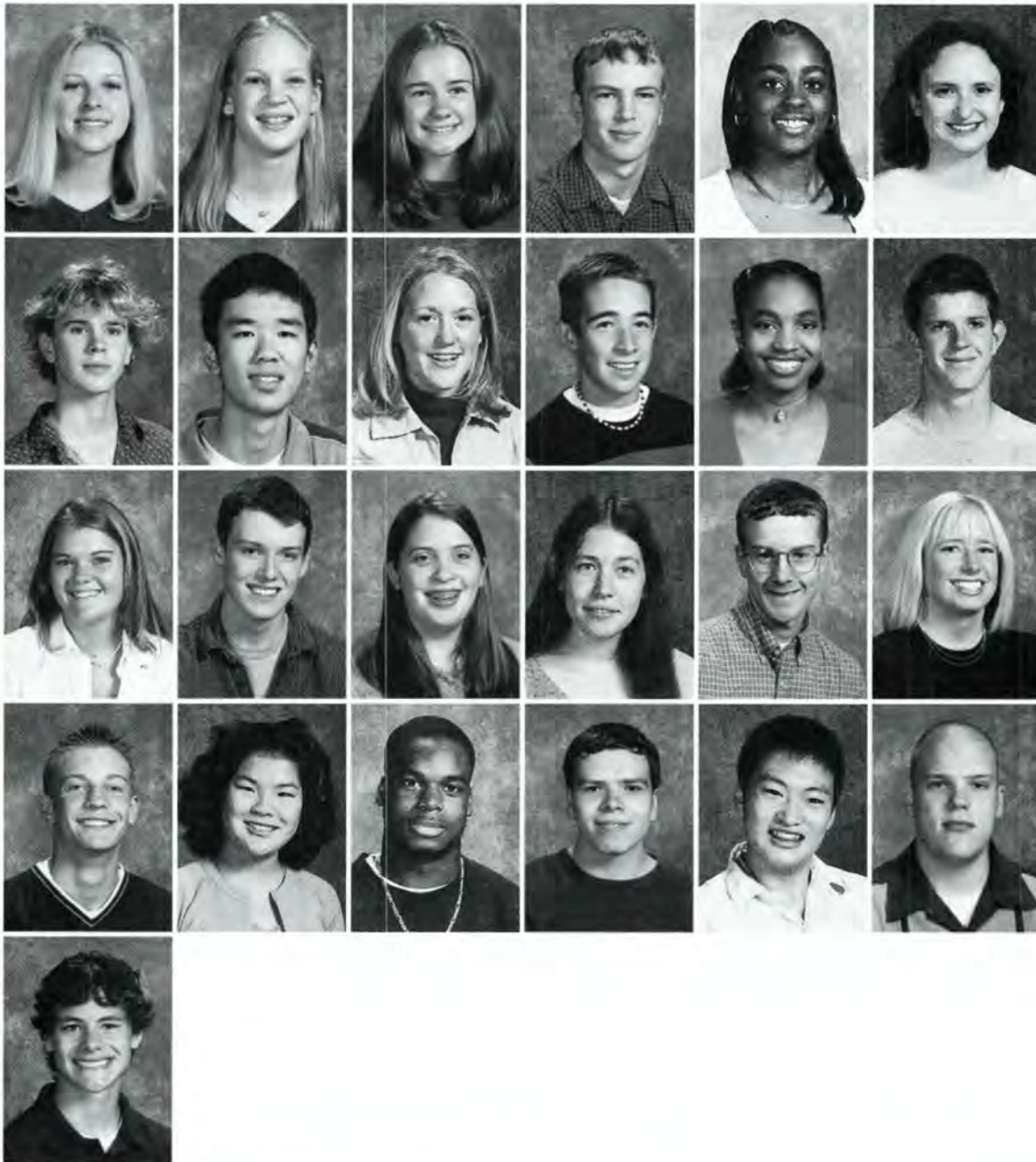


*Open and Shut*  
 Juniors **David Rawlinson** and **David May** visit **David's** locker after racing cars they made in **Mr. Fletcher's** robotics class.



*Drive in Drive out*  
 Right after the bell rings, juniors **Aly Boggs-Smitley** and **Mikey Anderson** head straight out to the parking lot. The two are now licensed and experienced drivers.





Natalie Valentine  
Amy Vanostran  
Adrienne Vogt  
Justin Walker  
Latora Walker  
Natalie Walsh

Dan Walshaw  
Kai Wang  
Brittanie Ward  
T.J. Warschefsky  
Andria Watkins  
Chris White

Wendy Wieland  
Richard Winters  
Sarah Witucki  
Caitlin Wolfe  
Patrick Womble  
Nicole Woodstock

Justin Wooton  
Danielle Worthy  
Andre Wright  
Stephen Wulff  
John Yoon  
Adam York

Matthew Zietlow

### Juniors Not Pictured

Jesse Ames  
William Bennett  
Sean Berry  
Marco Bianchi  
Krissy Black  
Joshua Burkitt  
Mark Campfield  
Ronnie Curtiss  
Fawn DuMond  
Arava Geva  
Wickie Gibson  
Jonathon Gong  
Joshua Gobis  
Sarah Grondin  
Alex Hoge  
Albert Hwang  
Nathan LaCourse  
Elizabeth Lanigan

Avesta Loloe  
Diana Meske  
Valerie Morash  
Elaine Ni  
Patrick O'Malley  
Pilar Parish  
Kannari Patel  
Patricia Pinho  
Corey Potter  
Oren Schindler  
Jessica Schneider  
Niyoshi Shaw  
Theodoros Sine  
Quiana Snorden  
Kenneth Stark  
Valerie VonEye  
Charles Waller  
Nicholas Zulakis

### Saved By The Bell

*By Katharine Schmidt*

The daily routine is pretty much the same for all junior students during school, but after school the juniors are free to do as they please. On average, a junior reports spending 41% of their out-of-school time doing homework, 23% of their time working or participating in sports, 26% of time with friends and family and the remaining 10% of their time engaging in other activities. Junior **Kellen Richardson** reports "After school I spend most of my time relaxing with friends," while junior **Megan Skaggs** admits that she spends most of her time doing homework and working, but she never forgets to set aside a great portion of her time for fun.

JUNIORS



# And so it Goes...

Every beginning must have an end and every end must have a beginning and so it goes for the graduating class of 2001. Each senior started their OHS career as freshmen; some self-conscious, some cocky, and others a little of both. After four years of learning about math, English, friendship, and themselves they leave the school changed. They leave the doors arm and arm with the friends they found and the memories they made. Graduating seniors release their caps in one final salute to the four years filled with laughter, tears, joys and sorrows. This class has left it's mark, but it is time to move on. The end of high school days is the beginning of new adventures, new people, and new experiences for the 2001 graduating seniors.

By Kathleen Mehan

1. Ben Litchfield lets loose on the guitar and entertains a group of friends. 2. Choir buddies, Terresa Birchen and Amy Crosby share good times and good tunes around a blazing campfire. 3. Scott Bonato and Greg Lemon celebrate a victory in the annual water races on the OHS pond. 4. Mark Berry points out what a good meal is to a group of attentive sophomores. 5. Taking a little time out for each other, Kevin Hallman gives Alana Vaughn a little smooch. 6. Brandon Ballard, a HUGE fan of hamburgers, takes a big bite for all to see.

# Advice from Someone who Knows

"It may seem others don't believe in you, never stop believing in yourself it's all you have."

~Emily Frantz

"Go to Space Camp if you can!"

~Neel Agrawal

"Frustra laborat qui omnibus placere studet. Translation: He labors in vain who attempts to please everyone."

~Chris Fuller

"Leave the senior guys to the senior girls."

~Sabine Rohde

"Apply to colleges early- you do not want to race to the post office minutes before it closes on the application deadline."

~Waverly de Bruijn

"If you smile and look pretty the narks will never bother you."

~Courtney Napoles

"Sleep first. Homework later."

~Michael Owen

"If you're hosing off your shaving cream, covered car at two a.m. and a police officer drives up and wonders what's going on and your friends desert you, have **Wave DeBruijn** explain it cuz she looks innocent!"

~Sarah Henry

"Everything In Moderation!"

~Matthew H. Armstrong

"Appearance is nothing, ask **Andy Rinek!**"

~Matt Hudson

"These are some of the best days of your life. Savor them. Just don't sit near the blowers at lunch. You will regret it because it is cold."

~Sara Coleman

"Ten minutes is a long time so always keep a folding chair in your locker."

~Andy Russian

"Avoid the Carpets."

~Lauren Fiechtner

"Always remember the you are unique. -just like everyone else."

~Kelly Meyer

"If there is grass on the field, play ball."

~Ben Dirkx

"Homework can always be done the day it is due."

~Steve Fraas

"High School is only four years of your life, make sure that they are four years filled with great memories and experiences."

~David Rudd Ross

"Always tell your friends who you want to go to prom."

~Christian Smucker

"Always be open to new friends. That's what high school is all about; new people and new experiences will get you ready for the real world."

~Brenna Bautista

"Save hesitation for adulthood, live and love to the fullest."

~Pete Woiwode

"Don't be afraid to screw up, I do it all the time."

~Nick Scarcella

"Don't waste your time worrying about small stuff. Life always goes on and better times are bound to come."

~Seema Patel

"You cannot take the elevator to success, you've got to take the stairs one at a time!"

~Navid Ghavami

"Be friends with exchange students."

~Misayo Karata

"Cut your hair short and go to Arizona for spring break, it is ROCKIN'!"

~Heather Radke

"Find a stack of yellow passes; they're real handy, and don't use

the school toilet."

~Dwight Bernabei

"Don't kick your locker, it's just not nice."

~Katie Yang

"Don't be afraid to take chances, if you are, you will regret the opportunities that passed you by.."

~Don Schiessler

"Military school is the product of BIG parties."

~Megan Jackson

"Don't let people tell you who and what you are, you're the only one who knows the true you! Don't live by your mistakes, live by correcting them. Be young, be crazy, be positive, be careful, but most of all, be **YOURSELF!**"

~Shelia Xiong

"No one really cares if your you're miserable so you might as well be happy."

~Jennifer Johnson

"Don't download MP3's... Mr. Dobias really does watch!"

~Chad Seiter

"Get in good with Derm."

~Rian Jordan

# In 10 years, I'll be...



## Raman Agrawal

In the most successful touring jam band.

## Anton Maes

Eating rice from a small handmade bowl, while my lawyers attempt to release me from a small South Eastern prison.

## Joe Granger

An architect and married to Ashley Flakes with our four kids, Xavier, D'Vante, and the twins Mia and Lila.

## Jessica Rand

Partying like it's 2001 at our ten year reunion bragging about all the cool things I've done.

## Ann Marie Clark

I will be designing celebrity homes!

## Kris Leefers

Living in some exciting foreign country working for the US government or the Peace Corps or some large business.

## Kelly Meyer

Living in a box. My job will be running a fruit stand off the freeway.

## Emily Frantz

A missionary somewhere in the middle of nowhere.

## Seema Patel

Living in a "fairy-tale" as Lilly puts

it.

## Mark Barry

I have a dream of being a spaceman. Someday I will be in space, maybe not outer space, but space the same.

## Brenna Bautista

A CPA at a powerful accounting firm thanks to Mr. Harrod.

## Marisa Crane

Causing a rucus on Capitol Hill.

## Chad Seiter

Either a networking engineer or a professional composer.

## Alissa Harding

I hope to be a writer living in Hawaii. And I will have met Hanson, my favorite band.

## R. B. Miller

I will be a maverick, flying the F-14's. Oh yeah!

## Sean Bennett-Caswell

Don't worry about it.

## Ean Britt

Eminem's lawyer.

## Bruce Brenneise

Creating imaginary worlds...and getting paid for it!

## Scott Bonato

King of Canada with one lucky lady as my queen.

## Jay Green

Manufacturing velcro shoes that

lightup when you walk for big kids.

## Anja Meili

Settling down after being alone with my education and having travelled around the world.

## Teresa Curtis-Watkins

I will be a military engineer with a husband that listens to me and I will be the dominator.

## Chris Thompson

Hanging out in the mother land...England!

## Christian Smucker

I plan on going into the National Park Service and becoming a park ranger.

## Jeff Juhnke

I will be one heck of a high school football coach. I will try to be as amazing as the Okemos coaching staff.

## Ric Heller

I will be a high school teacher who steelhead and salmon fishes 52 weeks a year.

## Tim Mayer

NHL referee.

## Lauren Danielle Kop

The next Bjork

## Amy Crosby

NYC baby! Working with Katie and Matt on the Today Show.



1. OHS ladies Krista Finkbeiner, Marisa Witzel and Katie Batsien are sparkling on Prom night. 2. Ann Marie Clark, Stephanie Miller and Deana Banez kick relax in a Chicago hotel room during the art class field trip. 3. Lauren Mazzeo and Eric David snuggle next to their lockers. 4. John Karagoulis, Raman Agrawal and Kevin Burris are dressed up and ready to go to the Sadie Hawkins Dance.

## Say Goodbye

Matt Armstrong and Eric Skusa enjoy their last meal in the OHS cafeteria.

## Working Woman

Katie Secord leans back to relax from the burden of senior year.

## Seniors reveal their secret plans for the future

### **Robyn Goacher**

Discovering something important/interesting and telling you about it.

### **Carrie Beall**

I will be in Colorado working as the athletic trainer for the Colorado College hockey team.

### **Ashek Ahmend**

Stuck in a desert riding a camel.

### **Karen Witten**

Myself.

### **Courtney Mitchell**

Living in New York working for an advertising company.

### **Brandon Ballard**

Bass player for P.O.D. or Limp Bizkit.

### **Sheila Xiong**

Acting like I'm 18!

### **Mark Giromini**

The owner of the New York Yankees.

### **Vinny Gossain**

A professional weightlifter living in the motherland-India!

### **Amber Doherty**

In an exotic place having the time of my life.

### **Dante Ianni**

Practicing law, fighting for a good cause or a client, or serving as a priest.

### **Olga Novichikhina**

A fashion designer with stores all over the world and visiting all my friends in

the USA!

### **Steve Johnson**

Living in a van down by the river.

### **Lynne Washington**

A corporate businesswoman in New York.

### **Carolyn Senger**

Doing something amazing with someone wonderful in someplace tropical.

### **Richard Johnston**

Happy, rich, successful and still a hopeless optimist!

### **Nikki Smith**

Tearin' up the slopes, already without a job.

### **Sarah Waterbrook**

I hope to be living on a little island with two dogs and a cat and married to Taylor Hanson.

### **Lee Kiesel**

Chillin' like a villan! Being a muralist!!

### **Natasha Duvall**

Twisting the young minds of the future with my demented educational standards.

### **Kevin Newman**

A successful bungee jumper, fat and bald and watching TV.

### **Courtney Napoles**

I will be married to a European prince...I wish. I'll probably still be in grad school.

### **Tyrone Ezealah**

Chillin' in a phat house!!!

### **Chris Fuller**

Traveling the cold, unfriendly depths of the real world in all its harsh, unfeeling glory!

### **Chris Burlingame**

Living off government unemployment checks.

### **Amina Bofanis**

Working for a good television network like NBC or ESPN.

### **Jessica Rose**

Living in New York with my husband Jason Seahorn.

### **Chris Killeen**

Opening a law firm, bringing in the bacon to support my gorgeous wife.

### **Kelsi Carolan**

Really happy...I think that's all I know for sure, all anyone can know for sure.

### **Chris Roberts**

Representing professional athletes and living in the suburbs. And still writing songs.

### **Pamela Pfeifer**

A teacher of special education and married to the most wonderful man alive.

### **Katie Bastien**

Living abroad editing and designing a famous magazine.

### **Dante Ianni**

Practicing law, fighting for a good cause or client, or serving as a priest.

### **Tiffany Reicosky**

I hope to be performing on Broadway.

### **Teressa Birchen**

Teaching and performing music, singing is my life.

### **Patrick Bui**

Mechanical engineer working for Ferrari or BMW. My second job will be owning the best dance club in Miami.

### **Jackie Bulemore**

Hopefully I'll be writing and teaching somewhere warm and be an awesome surfer!

### **Stephen McGuidwin**

King of the world.

### **Kange Kaneene**

Using my computer science major to live in an exciting place.

### **Hanoor Tokhie**

I'll be involved in sports medicine, helping to coach runners somewhere.

### **Clayton Schettler**

Mechanical engineer or navy seal.

### **Mary Kathleen Mehan**

I will be a rock star no matter what!

### **Stephen MacGuidwin**

King of the world.

### **Lauren Pruretz**

Winning marathons



### *Friends Forever*

Alicia Hovey and Nichole Revis are never found far apart.

### *Party all Night Long*

Gabe Ellis and Greg Lemon visited Cancun during spring break. . .

### *Szechwan Chef Sarah*

Sarah Henry loves gourmet cooking. In Foreign Foods she made this Szechwan Chicken-Pasta Salad which was hot and spicy.

### *From Here to There*

Japanese exchange student Misayo Karata and Russian exchange student Olga Novichikhina give a hug of world peace.



# Embarrassing Moments



*"At the Winter Dance sophomore year, I tripped over a streamer and knocked down half of the decorations while Jorge Lopez stood there laughing hysterically."*

~Amy Crosby

*"Freshman year I was taking a shower when the fire alarm went off."*

~Chris Burlingame

*"At my first Cross Country meet I really had to go to the bathroom with about a mile left in the race. As I ran around the corner I peed my pants all over. Coach Quiring just kept telling me to keep going."*

~Suzy Curtis

*"After a soccer game in Jackson, I ran into Subway with*

*Brenna Bautista and Kristen Holstchalg with my car." Whoops!*

~Heather Jones

*"My sophomore year on the baseball team, senior Brian Smith made me balance a bottle of bodily waste on my back the entire bus ride to Saginaw Heritage."*

~Chris Killeen

*"At Meet the Chiefs, I forgot my name, grade, and soccer position...my senior year."*

~Katie Bastien

*"On 80's Day, I wore spandex with no underwear and Jim McGariaty pulled them down in front of everyone."*

~Ben Herring

*"Being told that one of my swimsuits was completely see through*

*when wet."*

~Liz Pollok

*"Freshman year we rapped Big Pun's "Still Not a Player" at lunch and got booted of the stage."*

~Brenna and Brittany Bautista

*"Two words: Garage Door"*

~Mark Battaglia

*"I came to school with gasoline all over my shoes but couldn't figure out what smelled."*

~Amanda Wieland

*"At Buddies, I announced to my friends that I had gotten my first kiss when some man in the booth came over to shake my hand and congratulate me."*

~Lilly Shields

1. Senioritis kicks in for Brandon Ballard, Teresa Curtis-Watkins, Chris Burlingame, Steve Johnson, Rian Jordan, and Kevin Koons while they sit in Mr. Powers' physics class. 2. Jeff Juhnke gives Lauren Fiechtner a piggy-back ride. 3. A group of seniors hangout at Jackie Bulemore's house. 4. Kange Kaneene falls gracefully down the stairs. 5. Brenna Bautista, Kristen Hotschlag, and Heather Jones grab a bite to eat at Subway just before crashing into it. 6. Angie Rowland and Kris Sophia stand by the door a little embarrassed about the mess they made in the bathroom

# Seniors share their most humiliating experiences at OHS

"During a game of touch football, **Mark Barry** ripped off my tear away pants, exposing my tighty whiteys to my whole gym class."

~Matt Hudson

"I fell off of a stool during our big sex ed talk during health freshman year."

~Pat Emaus

"Coming to school for two weeks with a black eye because my little brother hit me."

~Chris Roberts

"I forgot my phone number on the first day of driver's ed sophomore year."

~Lindsey Davidson

"While at the Waverly doubles, I ripped my pants jumping over the tennis fence."

~Pamela Pfeifer

"Sophomore year after going down the waterslide at the MAC, Brian Greenhoe informed me that I had been flashing everyone."

~Biz Latham

"When I arranged to have dinner with a guy only to hang up the phone and realize I had no idea who I had talked to."

~Kate Linske

"The one day I skipped my 4th hour class, I ran into my teacher at 7-11."

~Minna Eschelbach

"I fell asleep on the bus, conked my head on the front seat, dropped my discman and shouted loudly."

~Kevin Banas

"Being given a swirly my freshman year by Forest Fredline and Andrew Duda."

~Jeff Junke

"During the last pep assembly, I was in the front row and completely froze half way through the dance."

~Ashley Flakes

"During base running practice, I was rounding third and flopped in the air and fell flat on my face with the whole baseball team watching-it was the only time **Kriston Paterson** beat me."

~Carrie Cousino

"Sophomore year during Winter Agilities, Nate Hokestra pantsed me in front of all of the ladies."

~Andy Jurmu

"I lost my hubcap in the parking lot one day after school year."

~Jackie Bulemore

"Having Mr. Verrell confront me about the postcard of the naked guy that Kevin Newman and I sent him from Hawaii."

~Nate Hoekstra

"I had a hand print on my butt from **Kyle Froelich** and he threatened to give me another one if I didn't show everyone."

~Ric Heller

"I lost a bet and had to run around naked at the Pro Bowl East parking lot."

~Kevin Newman

"One day at lunch I was trying hard to impress Tow West as I was walking to the trash can I ran into a girl and was covered in my lunch."

~Jennifer Ault

"While walking down the hall, my backpack fell apart and spilled all over the floor."

~Clayton Schettler

"On the American Studies trip, Jessica Rose, Lauren Fiechtner, Jenn Finn, and I were discovered building igloos in our hotel room."

~Leslie Andrews

"My speech for student council body treasurer... then losing."

~Dave Gupta

"Back in freshman year, Gabe Ellis, Aaron Lewis, Ian Slaven and I made such a stink that Mr. Palmer kicked us out."

~Greg Lemon

"In cross country half way through a race I lost my shoe and finished the race with only one shoe."

~Paula Pinho

"Driving my car off the road because I was going too fast."

~Vamsi Surapaneni

"I was cheerleading with my JV team during half time at a basketball game and when we all did cartwheels, we ran into each other. Everyone fell over."

~Allison Paull

"Walking into the guys' bathroom at FSU."

~Annika Storey

"Walking with Vinny Gossain at graduation!"

~Brandon Ballard

# I Will...



## Boo Fagan

To **Lara Melvin**, I will my driving ability in hopes that she might break the **Melvin** curse!

## Lauren Mazzeo

To my little sister **Audie Mazzeo**, the ability to be at all three lunches and not be marked skipping from 4th hour.

## Ryan Melvin

I will **John Van Dam** ONE of my sisters.

## Eric David

To **Dash Dudely**, I will my golden wrestling shoes.

## Logan Cook

I will to **Matt Marble** my skills with the ladies.

## Emily Valentine

To my little sister **Natalie Valentine**, the happiness you deserve and the special moments we've shared.

## Vinny Gossain

I will **Rohit Narayan** and **Ben Fiechner** my 74 school related absences second semester senior year.

## Kange Kaneene

To my little sister **Tessa Kaneene**, I will all of my nicknames.

## Scott Bonato

I will to **Justin Barnes** twenty pounds of pure Italian Stallion muscle.

## Andy Rinek

To **Tom Wilbur**, I will the ability to pick up chicks while still having a mullet.

## Amanda Wieland

I will my sister **Jill Wieland** my incredible driving skills.

## Zac Barry

To my sister **Wynne Barry**, I will the beautiful Toyota Camry with an endless supply of rear bumpers.

## Jason Neff

To **Megan Neff** and **Adam Neff**, I will good luck and success for the rest of high school.

## Chris Phelps

To **Andre Wright**, I will my football shoes so maybe he can have the speed to be able to blitz the gaps.

## Ric Heller

I will to **Sara Shaheen** my 1985 Chevy Suburban with the rust holes in the side. It's been driven here since the school opened and I think the pride should continue.

## Jona Mikosch

To **Sarah Novis**, I will a picture of Ghandi to remember a certain class and a plane ticket to Germany so she can come visit me.

## Jeff Juhnke

I will the ability of bring "The Man" to **Rob Mayer** because who's the man? **Rob's** the man.

## Ben Alexander

To **David Freddolino**, I leave the booth quotes plus need to laugh and make others laugh.

## Stephanie Linz

To **Jenn Smith-Dewey**, I will all of my basketball playing time.

## Anton Currie

To **TeEra Briggs**, I leave much love from your boy.

## Matthew Kube-McDowell

To **Michael Moody**, I will the deranged imagination that ensures the existence of the universe.

## Michelle Kolososki

To my little brother **Paul Kolososki**, I will the endurance to get through two more years of high school!

## Eric Skusa

I will my car to **Ryan Walder** because he ALWAYS needed a ride home.

## Stephanie Miller

I will **Kristi Hemstreet** the bowling ball I used during IM bowling, because it was a lucky ball that got me a 195.



1. Seniors are so smart they don't even have to work in class. 2. **Carolyn Senger** and **Pieter VanRooyen** are two seniors who are whizzes at the computer. 3. **Steve MacGuidwin** and **Jim Lester** are typical seniors who coast after those first semester finals. 4. Seniors **Brenna Bautista**, **Kara Dethlefsen**, and **Ean Britt** are all seniors who took computer classes to prepare for next year.

## Work hard or hardly work

For seniors keeping their grades up are important for those dreaded second semester transcripts that will be sent to the school they will attend next year.

## Love our Planet

The environment is key for the future. Senior **Andy Rinek** is **Mr. Chapman's** student assistant and recycles his papers for him.

# Seniors will their possessions and memories to underclassmen

**Yvette Gross**

I will **Michael Gross** the strength to live for many years of hearing the phrase "Throw another shrimp on the barbie."

**Chris Roberts**

I will **Carol Moser** my University of Michigan hat because it looks good on her.

**Courtney Mitchell**

I will my basketball jersey number 22 to **Erica Dickenson**. Make me proud your senior year!

**Kevin Hallman**

To my brother **Chad Hallman**, I will my blinding hatred of chemistry.

**Paula Pinho**

To my sister **Priscilla Pinho**, I leave all of my clothes.

**Harnoor Tokhie**

To **Tom Wilbur**, I will some height so that he can follow in the line of great Okemos runners.

**Kathleen Mehan**

I will the **Monica Mehan** the courage to be true to yourself and also a GI-GANTIC toothbrush.

**Marisa Witzel**

To **Callie McCarthy**, I leave the will to survive enteritis as a junior and a senior.

**Tom Cooke**

I will to **Matt Hunter** "The best seat in the house."

**Erin Larkin**

To **Astin Stewart**, I will the strength and endurance for two more years, because you'll never be as good as me.

**Leslie Harkema**

To **Lindsay Harkema**, I will my blue Saturn. From now on you won't have to wait for me to drive you to school in the morning.

**Chris Fuller**

To **Underclassman Everywhere**, I will a will, ambiguous and uncertain for them to complete when they near graduation in the hope that they too will will a will, which will carry the will of my will far into the twenty-first century and the first financial quarter afterwards.

**Okenwa Aguwa**

To **Mark Roffle**, I will leave my boxing gloves.

**Brenna Bautista**

I will **Ryan Thompson** my big eraser and number three spot.

**Lauren Puretz**

To **Erin Serkain** and the rest of the girls cross country team, I will some peanut butter.

**John Karagoulis**

I will **Ellen Karagoulis**, I will all of the expensive pairs of sunglasses I've either lost or broken in the past four years.

**Matt Armstrong & Morgan Howard**

To **Ryan Thompson**, a dime, a quarter, two pool balls and a bag of ice.

**Stephen MacGuidwin**

I will to **Rick MacGuidwin** my wonderfully rusted 1987 grey Astro minivan.

**Patricia Bui**

To **Elaine Ni**, I will my hand lotion.

**Teressa Birchen**

I will to **Steve Carrasco** the Someko Senior Slacker Award. Have fun baby!

**Neil Bokemier**

To **Eric Eyde**, I will my bright pink cap and lucky purple swimming suit with the holes in it.

**Simone Tuck**

To my little sister **Shantel Tuck**, I leave behind a better attitude on life and high school. Stay out of trouble for the next three, four, five years or whenever you graduate.

**Tanya Johnson**

I will to **Hannah Johnson** my permission to call **Amanda's** mom to call you out and excuse you as often as I have.

**Megan Emery**

To **Alex Emery**, I will a country music CD for his car every morning. Wouldn't be the same without it.

**Jennifer Johnson**

I will to **Todd Johnson** the ability to believe in yourself and persevere through all obstacles.

**Brian Greenhoe**

I will to **Andy Robinson** the King of the Greenhouse! Treat it well.

**Rian Jordan**

I will my brother **Eric Jordan** the power to choose what is right for him and no one else.

**Rachel Leone**

To **Colleen Donovan**, I will the Chinese pants in **Mr. Morrison's** room.

**Gabe Ellis**

To **Marco Bianchi**, I will my Victoria's Secret running headband.

**Mike Owen**

To **Jessica Everett**, I will a senior year without stress.

**Pete Novello**

I will my sister **Marisa Novello** a bottle of chill pills to preserve her sanity.

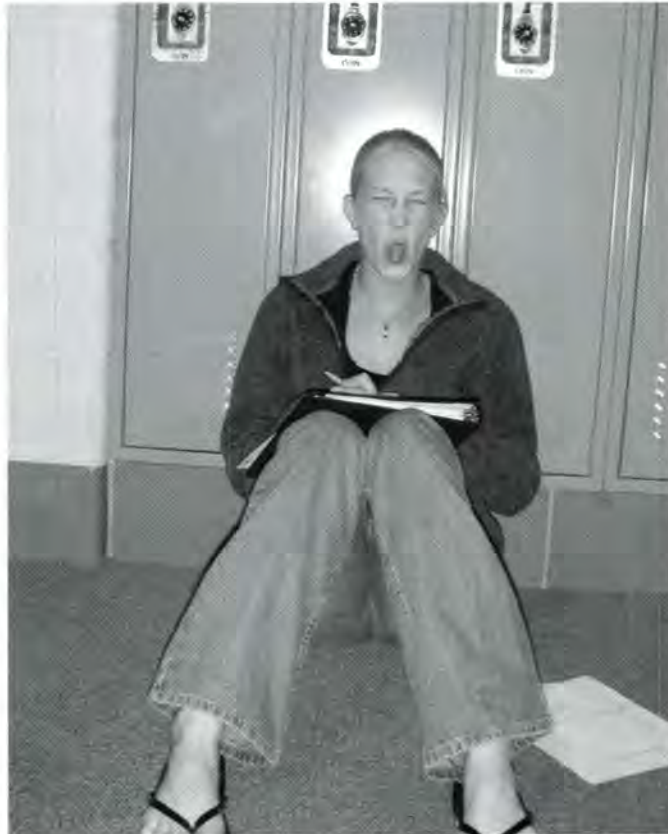
**Kevin Banas**

I will my mad TV skills to **Casey Seiter**.



*Hangin' around*

During passing time, seniors socialize with their friends. Too bad for that tardy policy.



*Super Seniors*

These seniors are a talented group. Their skills range from being all-star athletes to skilled artists and everything in between.

*Picture Perfect*

**Jessica Shaft** is enthusiastic about her schoolwork. All seniors feel the same as her after first semester. **Jessica** has been a crucial member of the basketball and track teams throughout high school.

*Send us on our way*

School is a breeze senior year, and it goes so quickly. Seniors **Chelsea Bowlby** and **Jennifer Ault** are nothing but smiles with graduation just around the corner.



# SENIORS

## Adjusting to High School

This year the senior members of student council were involved in many activities. During Homecoming the senior officers not only helped build a prize winning float, but also managed to decorate the dance. They also brought back the idea of Senior Servant Day, which had been cancelled the past few years. "I was so glad that we decided to do Senior Servant Day this year because from what it sounds like a lot of people enjoyed themselves," says senior **Ben Herring**. While many of the officers have enjoyed their work, many do not mind handing the job over to someone else. "While it has been fun, it will great to have a break from all of the stress," says senior representative **Kim Hidlay**. **Kathleen Mehan**, the Senior class secretary said, "For the past four years, it has been hard work but seeing such great results has made it all worth it."

*By Heather Jones*

### A True Artist

Class President **Heather Jones** paints a picture of Mario for Sign Day. **Heather** also headed the homecoming bonfire this year.

### Helpin' out

Seniors **Rian Jordan**, **Bill Schmidt**, and **Krista Finkbeiner** help improve school spirit by selling the "Viva Maroon" t-shirts at lunch. The shirts were a big seller this year.

### All Tied Up

Senior **Brenna Bautista** participates in a leadership game that involves making four pieces of cardboard into a cup while being blindfolded.



### Clean Up Duty

Student Body President **Brandon Ballard** cleans up the cafeteria after sign day during spirit week. Brandon also plays the guitar.



### Medical Emergency

Senior class president **Ben Herring** got a little bump on the head after diving into a pool. Ben runs cross country but shyed away from swim team.



## Student Body Officers:

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Viny Gossain

**Secretary**  
Stephanie Pollok

**Treasurer**  
Ashek Ahmad

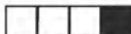
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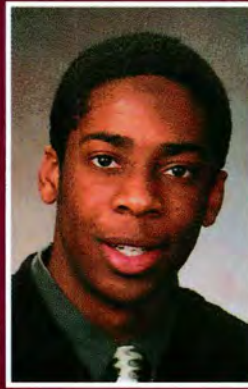
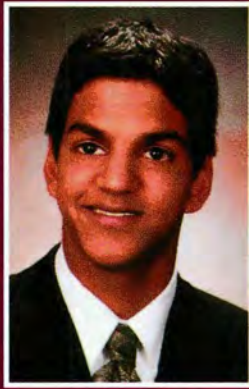
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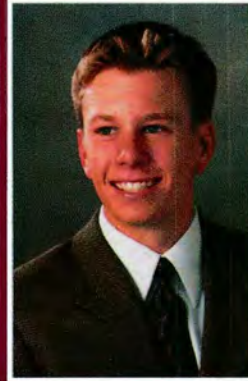
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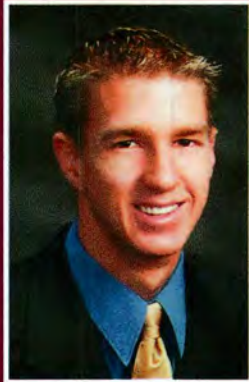




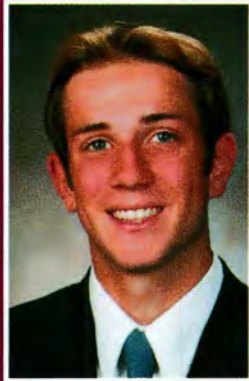
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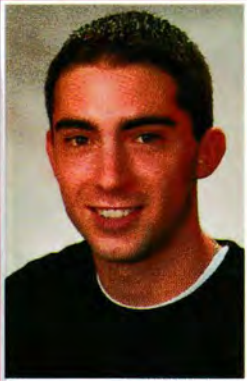
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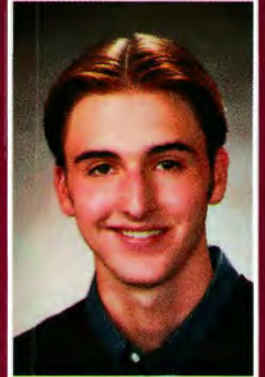


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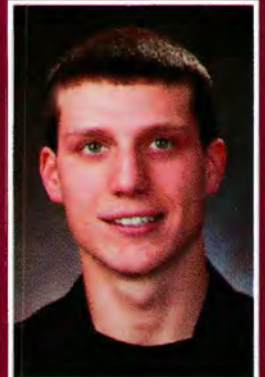
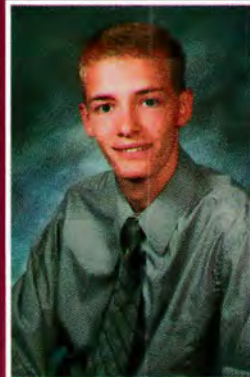
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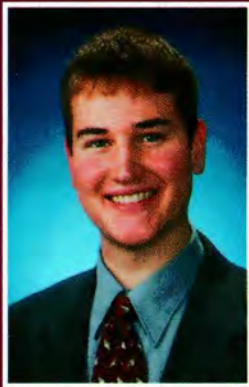


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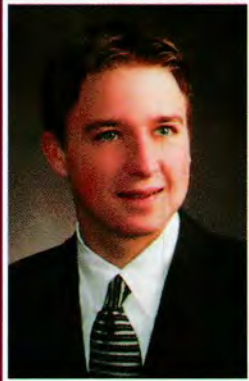


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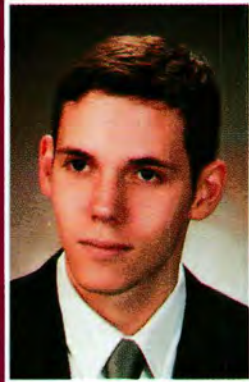
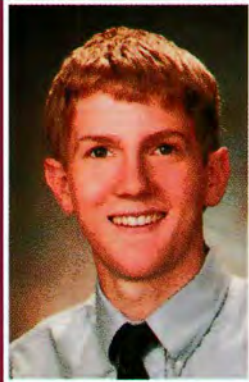
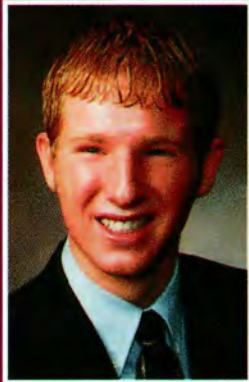




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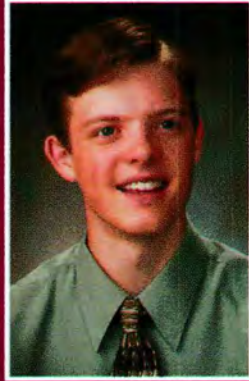
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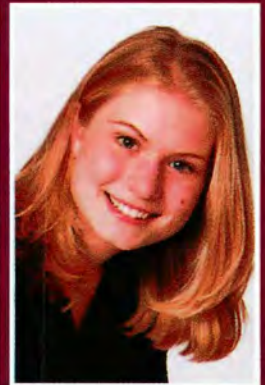
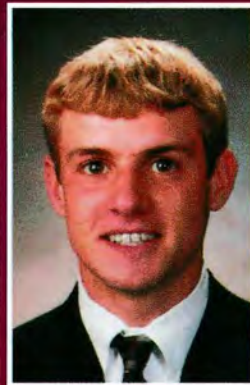


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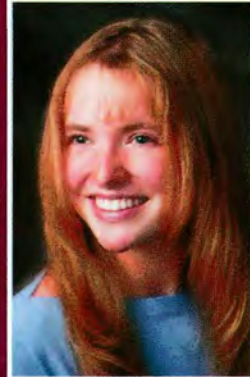


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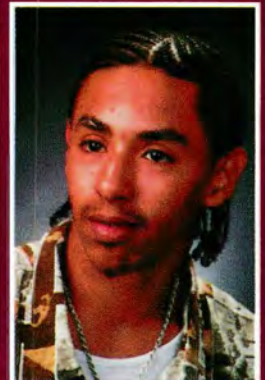
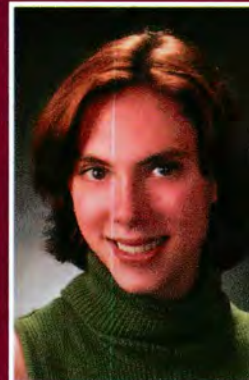
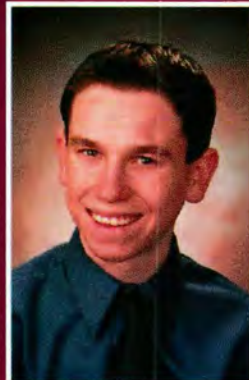
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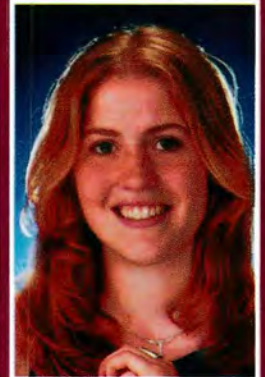
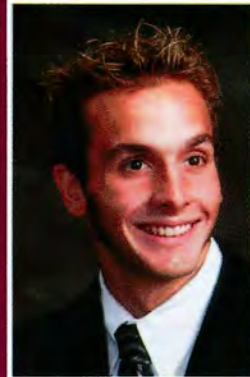
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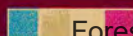
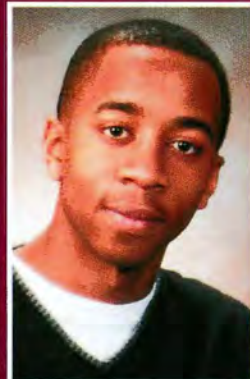
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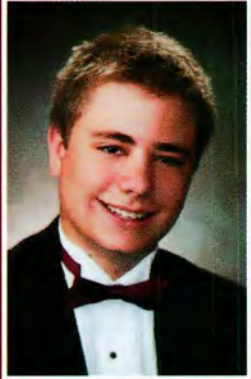
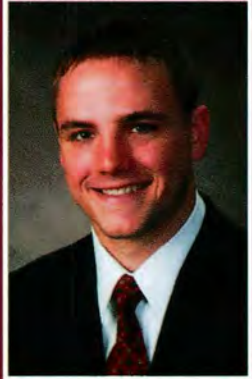


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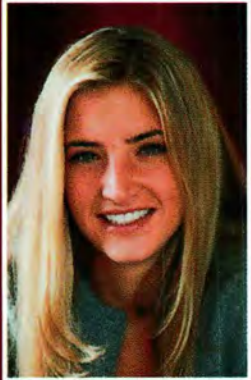
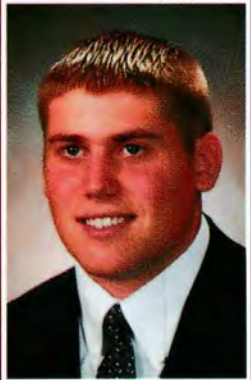




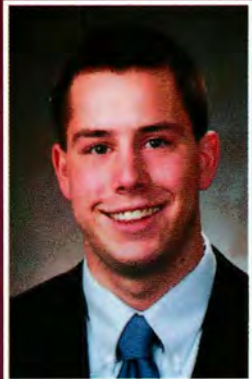
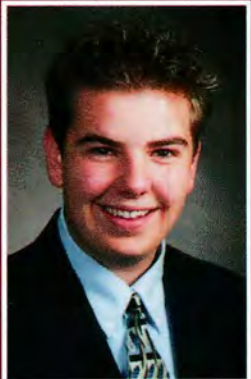
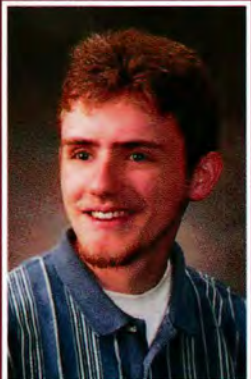
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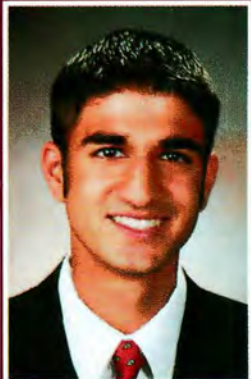
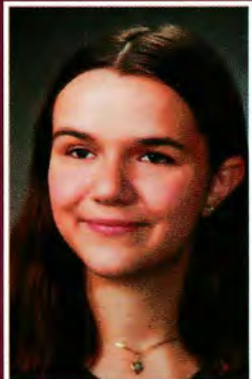
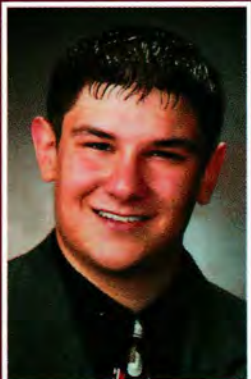
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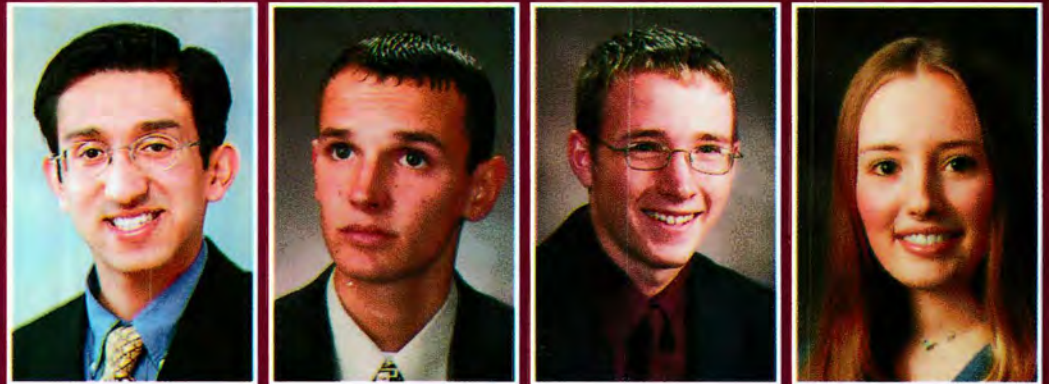
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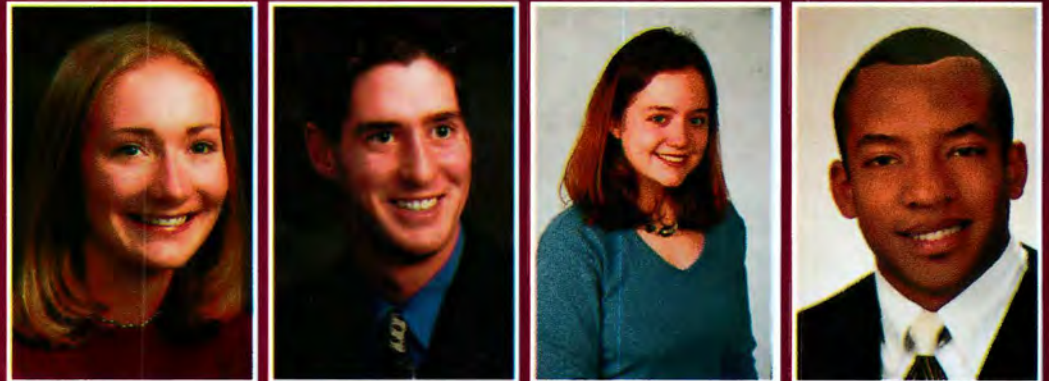
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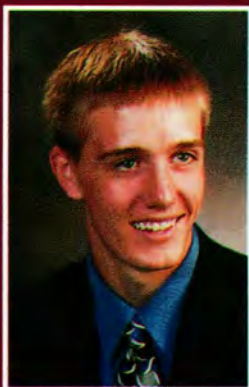


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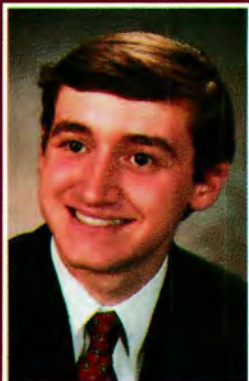
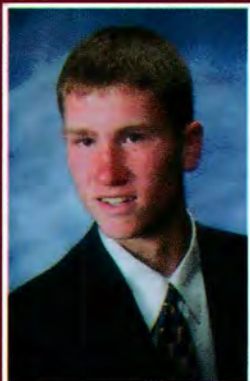


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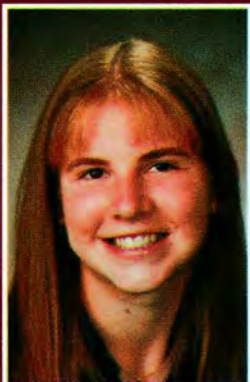




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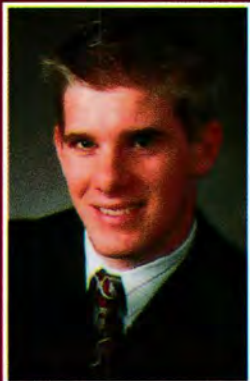
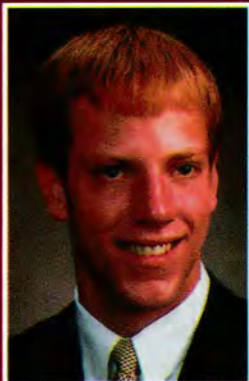
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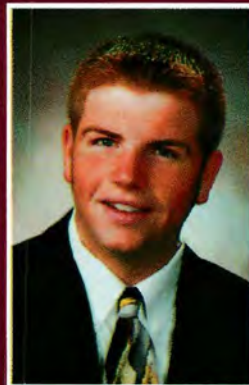


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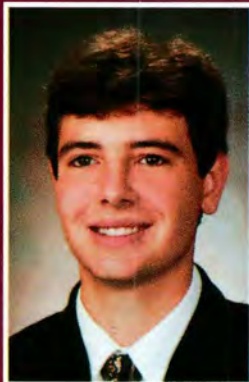
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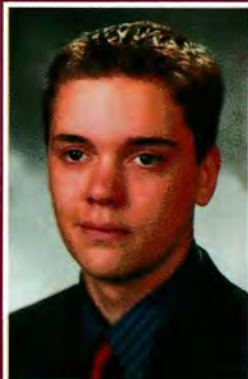
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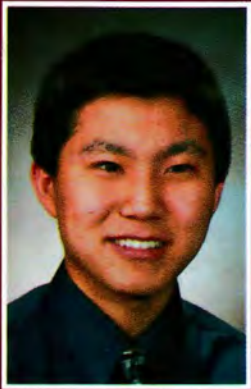


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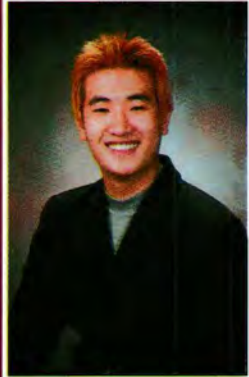


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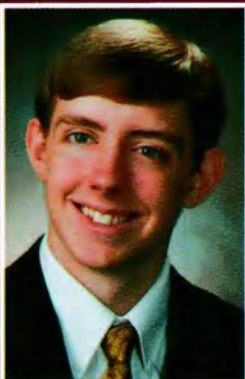


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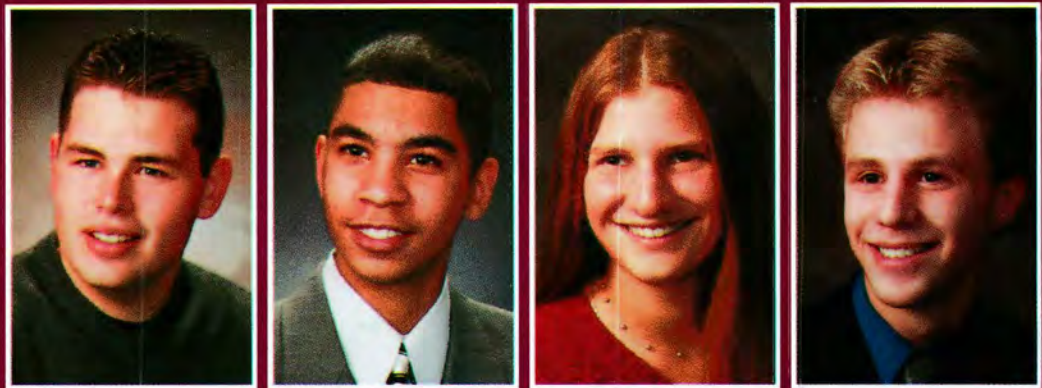
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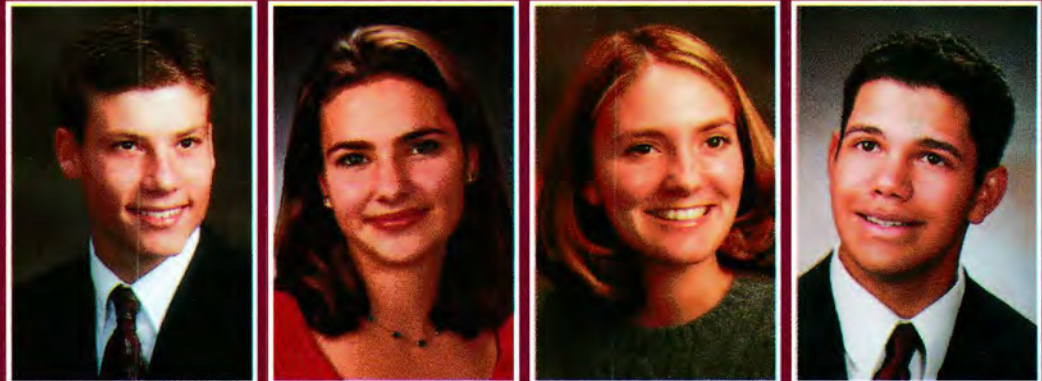
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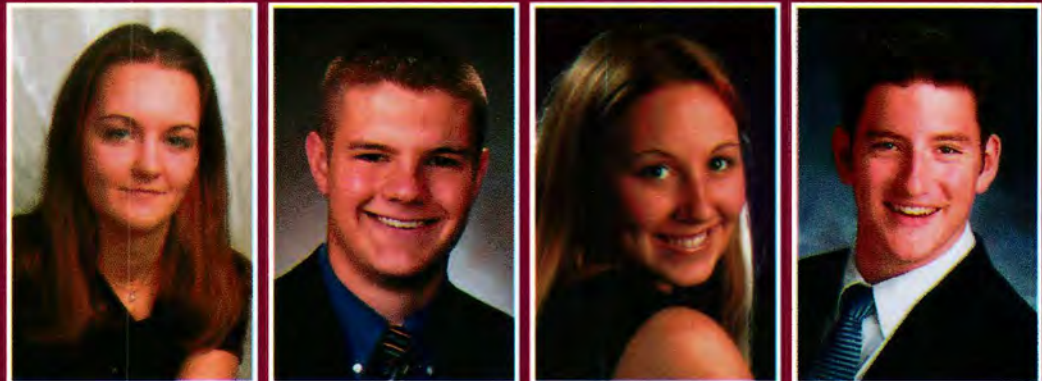
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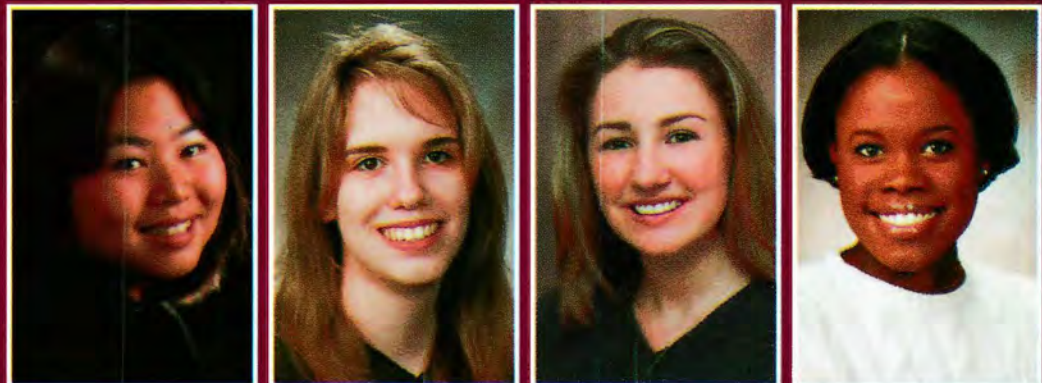
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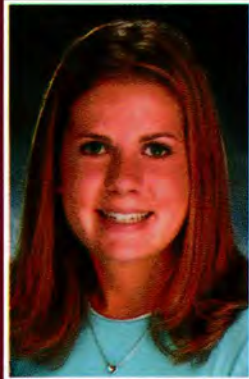
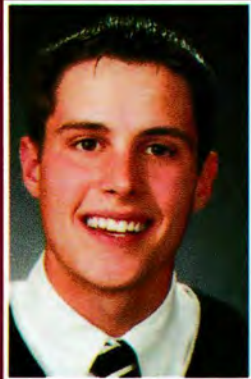


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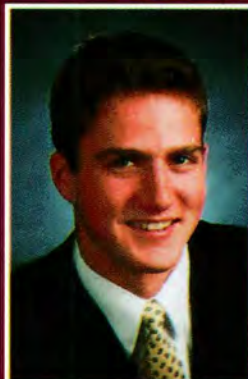
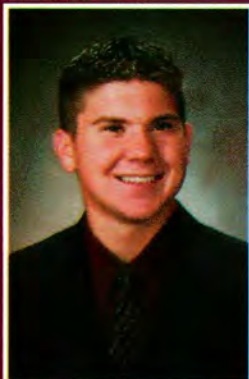
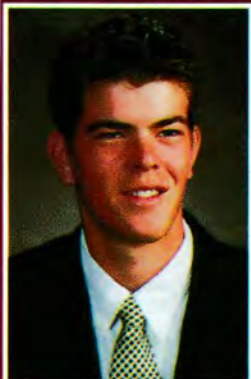
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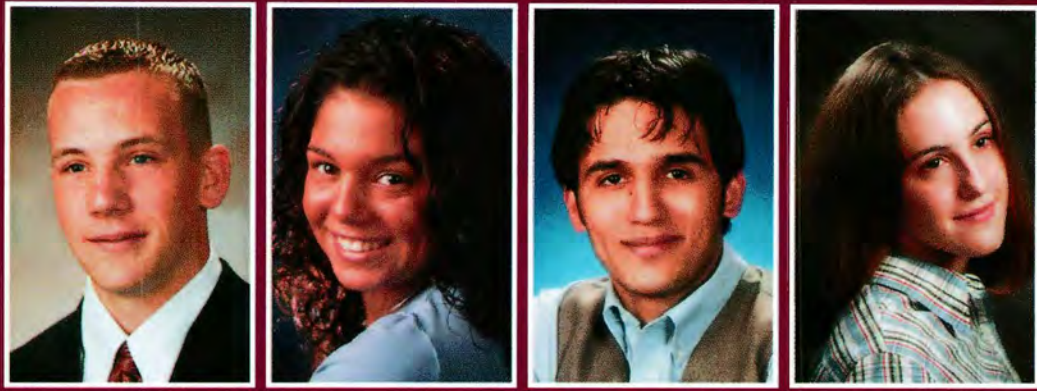


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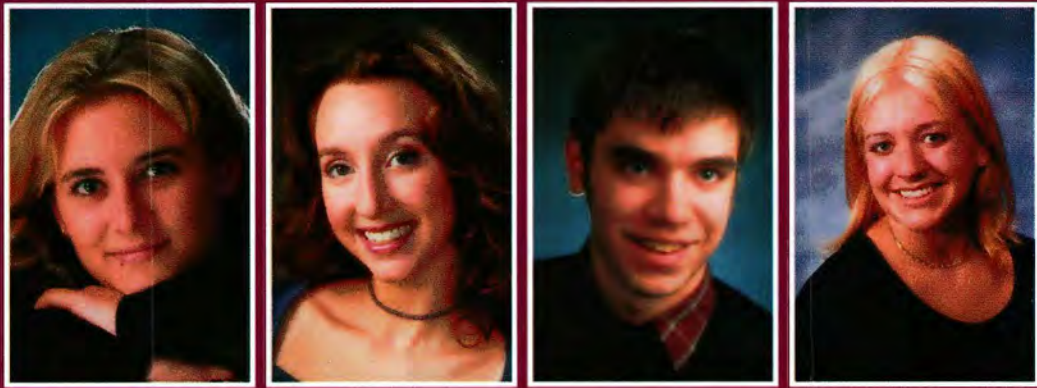
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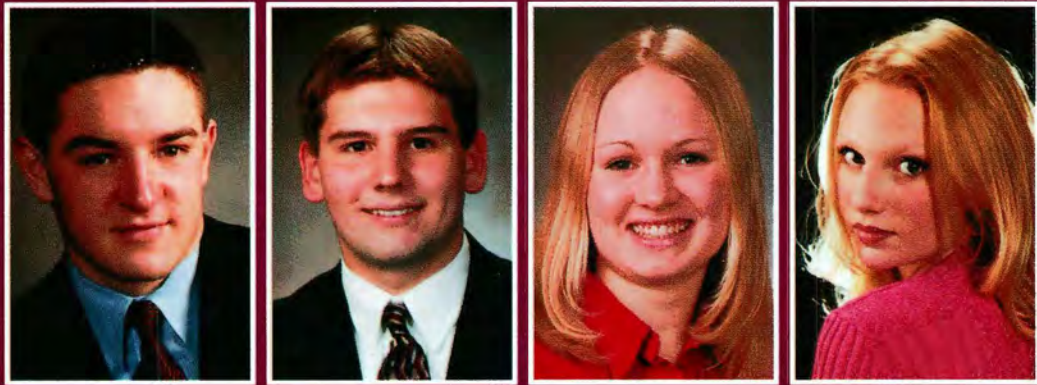
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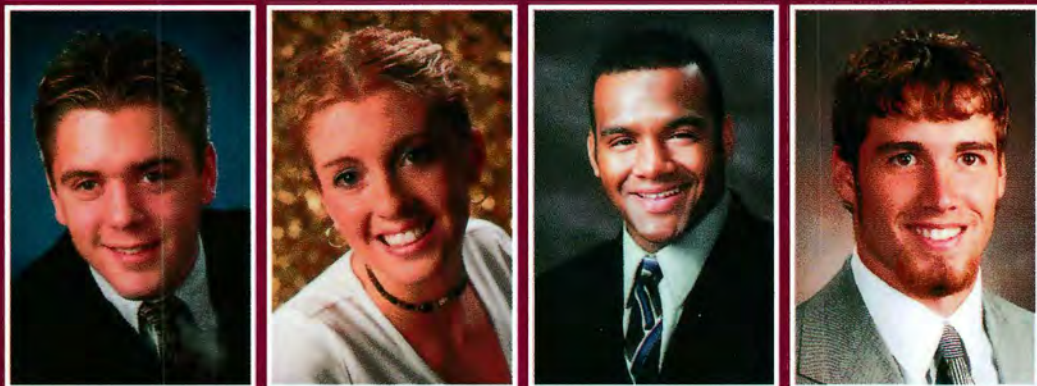
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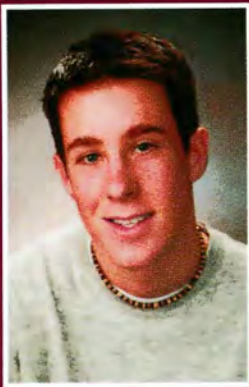


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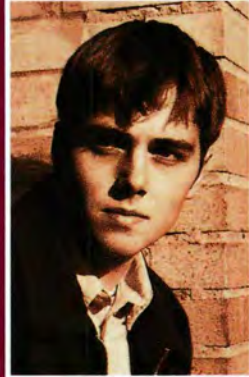


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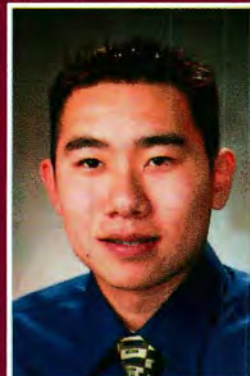


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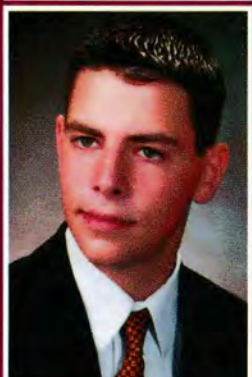


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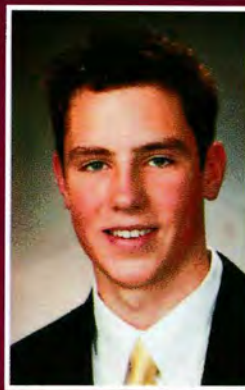
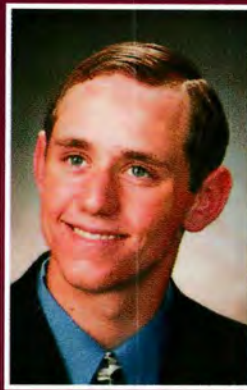
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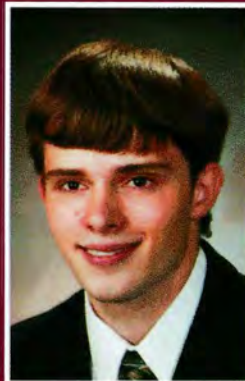


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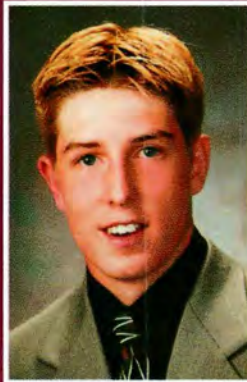


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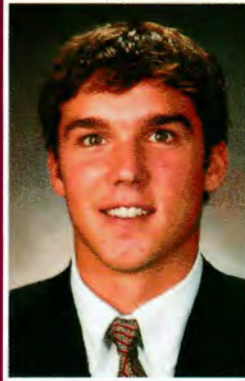
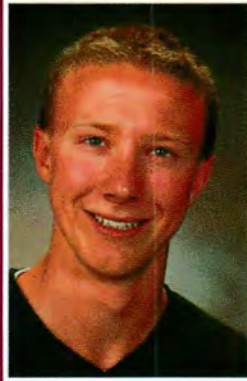


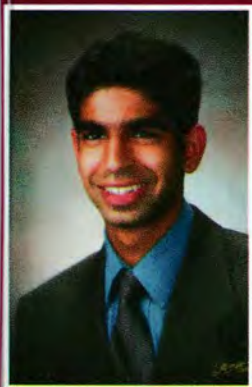
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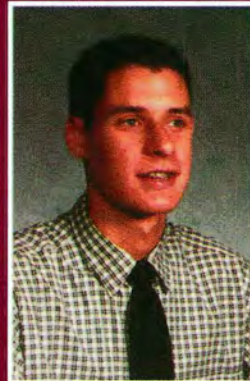
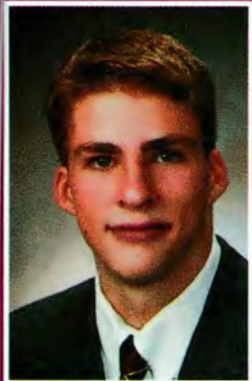
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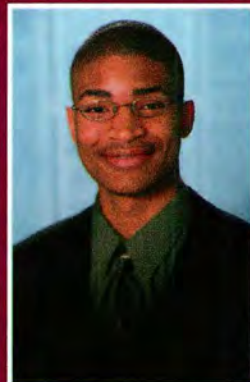




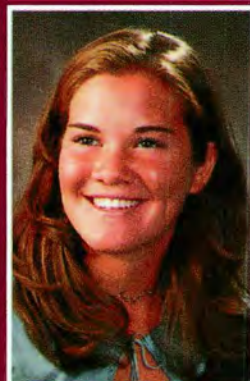
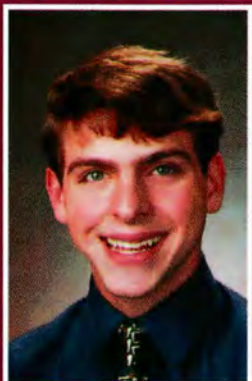
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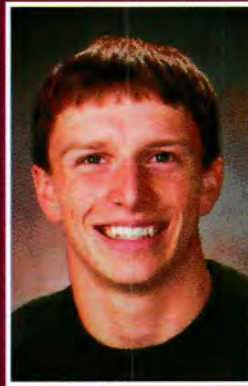


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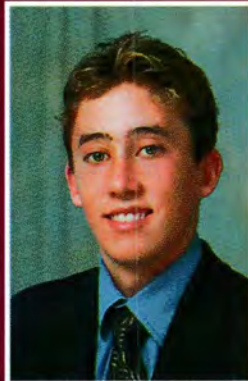


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*Seniors Not Pictured:*

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Sean Bennet- Caswell	Robert Orłowski
Eric Chaing	Patricia Pino
Richard Curtiss	Jennifer Premer
Johannes Duweck	Stephen Robertson
Jason Fancher	Jennifer Tilikka
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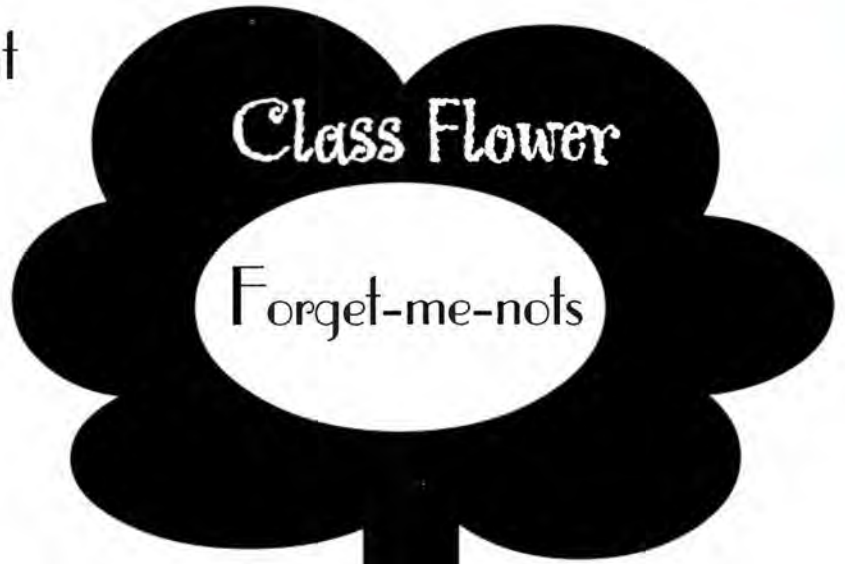
**All Smiles**  
 Seniors **Marisa Witzel** and **Krista Finkbeiner** pass through the arch on their way to college and their future.

**The Chosen Ones**  
 Seniors **Pete Woiwode**, **Olga Novichikhina**, **Justin Whitman**, and **Megan Narasimhan** were selected as speakers for the Class of 2001.

# Seniors

“Don't walk in front  
of me, I may not  
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Don't walk behind  
me, I may not lead  
Just walk beside  
me and be my  
friend”

Class Motto



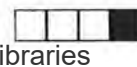
Class Flower

Forget-me-nots

Class Song

*“Send me on  
my Way”*  
By Rusted  
Root

2001



# With Honors

Senior Awards Night is a chance for final recognition for those who worked hard during their years at OHS. The recipients of the awards are carefully chosen by the faculty of OHS. The awards recognize the students' achievements in different academic departments as well as dedication in outside activities. The Humanitarian Award was introduced by **Mr. DeRath** to honor the memory of his father. **Logan Cook** who received this award mused, "I was totally surprised. I thought there were many people more deserving than me." An outstanding number of students were also presented with the *Michigan Merit Award*, the *President's Award*, and the *State of Michigan Award*. Even for those who did not go on stage, the Senior Awards Night was a great opportunity to look back on all the success of their high school career.



1. **Dr. Lanzetta** presents **Dave Gupta** with the *Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship*.
2. **Jackie Bulemore** accepts the *Okemos Education Association Award* with pride.
3. **Leslie Harkema** walked on the stage with pride to acquire the *Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship*.
4. **Mr. Willard Walker** shakes **Anton Currie's** hand as he awards him with the *Alpha Chi Boule Award*.

## What does the award mean to you?



**Jackie Bulemore**  
"Winning the OEA award was a dream come true for me. I was very flattered that a district with as excellent teachers as Okemos felt I would make a good teacher."



**Soutrik Pramanik**  
"It was really cool to meet people at Kiwanis who were as enthusiastic in helping the community as I was."



**Vinny Gossain**  
"Out of all the hard work in planning and all the things we tried to do, we were given recognition, but most of the activities that went on were due to everyone in Student Council."



**Emily Valentine**  
"Hard work and dedication to music and not giving up on it."



**Dante Ianni**  
"I was very honored. It's always nice to be recognized for the efforts that you've done. I'm happy that I was able to do something for the school; I know there were a lot of people that did work to help others and lead the school."



**Kelsi Carolan**  
"It meant a lot to me. I was really honored. I know there were a lot of people who could have gotten it, so I was really honored that my English teachers thought enough of me to give it to me."



# And the Award Goes To...

## Kiwanis Citizen of the Month

Amy Crosby  
Christine Borton  
Dave Gupta  
Leslie Andrews  
Courtney Napoles  
Peter Novello  
Mary Kathleen Mehan

## Haslett-Okemos Rotary Scholarship

Soutrik Pramanik  
Brenna Bautista  
Brittany Bautista  
Vineeth Gossain  
Cindy Frelund  
Dante Ianni  
Michelle Larivee  
Elizabeth Latham  
Mary Kathleen Mehan

## Alpha Chi Boule

Anton Currie

## Okemos Education Association

Jackie Bulemore

## Humanitarian Award

Logan Cook

## University of Michigan Honors Trophy Award

Dante Ianni

## Shipman Award

Christopher Roberts

## Semper Fidelis Award

Emily Valentine

Chris Fuller

## Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

Leslie Harkema

Dave S. Gupta

## National Achievement Scholarship Program

David W. Rudd-Ross

## National Hispanic Recognition Program

Courtney D. Napoles

## AP Scholar Awards

Ashek Ahmed

Sarah Forger

Dave Gupta

Stephen MacGuidwin

Soutrik Pramanik

Vamsi Surapaneni

## English

Kesli Carolan

## French

Michelle Larivee

## Betty Goldstein

## Award

Christine Borton

Lauren Fiechtner

## Michigan Foreign

## Language Award

Jackie Bulemore

## German

Minna Eschelbach

## Latin

Jennifer Finn

## Spanish

Leslie Harkema

Harnoor Tokhie

## Michigan Foreign

## Language Award

Dante Ianni

## History

Leslie Andrews

Lauren Fiechtner

## Social Studies

Dante Ianni

## Mathematics

Micheal Owen

## Science

Leslie Andrews

Gaurav Bhatnagar

## Student Council

Vineeth Gossain

Brandon Ballard

Brenna Bautista

Brittany Bautista

Mary Kathleen

Mehan

Heather Jones

## Yearbook

## Editor's Award for

## Excellence

Katie Bastien



Minna Eschelbach hugs Frau Sandal as she receives the German award.

# The Top Dogs

Being the top dogs at OHS is hard work, but these 12 determined students managed to do it. On top of them keeping their 4.0 GPA for the four years of high school, the majority of these students also manage to keep a busy extra curricular schedule. Many are in sports, while some participate in band, orchestra, or choir. Amongst the valedictorians, it's agreed that the reason why they kept their 4.0 GPA's was because there was simply no reason not to. Maintaining their 4.0 was difficult, and sometimes seemed impossible, but through thick and thin they pulled through. Their hard work and determination proves that they really are the top dogs at OHS.



1. **Jenn Finn, Leslie Andrews and Leslie Harkema** enjoy a free day in class.
2. **Carrie Beall** hangs out with fellow Talent Show participants after their performance.
3. **Lauren Fichtner and Amy Crosby** are so thirsty that they couldn't wait to pour their Coke into glasses.
4. **David Rudd-Ross and Brittany Bautista** reigned as OHS Homecoming King and Queen.

## Reflections on success...



**Leslie Andrews**  
Valedictorian

"In senior year physics honors, I needed an 86 on my final, and I got an 87!"



**Carrie Beall**  
Valedictorian

"After freshman year I had a 4.0, and so I decided maybe I could try to keep it."



**Waverly DeBrujin**  
Valedictorian

"Thank God I'm done!"



**Lauren Fichtner**  
Valedictorian

"There were many times that I thought I wouldn't pull it off, but there has to be struggles to make any challenge worth it!"



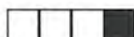
**Sarah Forger**  
Valedictorian

"It is always worth it to put forth as much effort as you can."



**Chris Fuller**  
Valedictorian

"So long, and thanks for all the fish!"



## 2001 Valedictorians

Mike Owen

Leslie Harkema

Megan Narasimhan

Chris Fuller

Waverly deBruijn

Leslie Andrews

Lauren Fiechtner

Pete Novello

Sarah Singleton

Carrie Beall

Michelle Larivee

Sarah Forger



## 2001 National Merit Scholars

Michelle Larivee

Sarah Singleton

Leslie Harkema

David Rudd-Ross

Chris Fuller

Mike Owen

Matt Kube-McDowell



Leslie Harkema  
Valedictorian



Michelle Larivee  
Valedictorian



Megan Narasimhan  
Valedictorian



Pete Novello  
Valedictorian



Mike Owen  
Valedictorian



Sarah Singleton  
Valedictorian

"Once I made it through freshman year, I really wanted to keep my 4.0. It was pretty stressful at times, but I'm glad I stuck to it."

"I would have felt like I was selling myself short if I didn't try my hardest."

"Deeds cannot dream what dream can do, so follow your passions, and dream on."

"It's not like I was striving to be a valedictorian, I just did what I had to do."

"If it's not easy, don't bother. The stress isn't worth it."

"In middle school my teachers told me I didn't have the drive to do well in high school. Ha!"

*"We will remember until old age the nights we spent in our brilliant youth."*

# That Loving Feeling



Ahh yes, Prom Night. What is it about this event that makes every guy try to think of a more clever way to ask their date and every girl do twirls around her bedroom? Well maybe it has something to do with black tuxedo rentals, french manicures, glamorous hair styles, and elegant dining that isn't a part of everyday life. Although guys and girls equally anticipate attending the formal evening, the amount of time each gender spends preparing for the dance differs greatly. "I began getting ready for Prom around one o'clock in the afternoon and that doesn't count the time I spent the days before looking for my dress and getting my nails done either!" junior **Kristina Putz** remembers. "While on the other hand, my date junior **Bryan Jones** said he only took a half an hour to get ready."

Prom is the chance for two friends to enjoy each other's company or a couple to embrace the romantic evening. A time of cherishing memories, a time of elegant food, and a time of loving feelings is what Prom Night is all about.

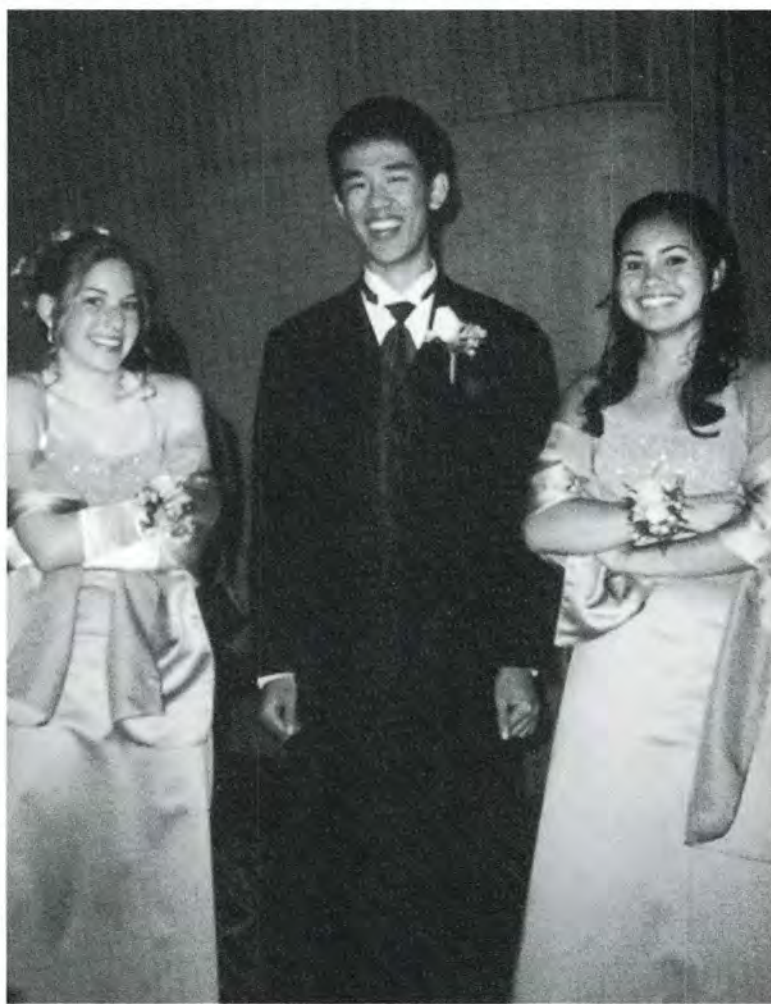
*By Karli Schneider*



It's time to celebrate! Newly crowned King **Pete Woiwide** and Queen **Amy Crosby** dance together.

Extending their friendship from the softball field are the ladies of the OHS softball team at the Prom Dance.



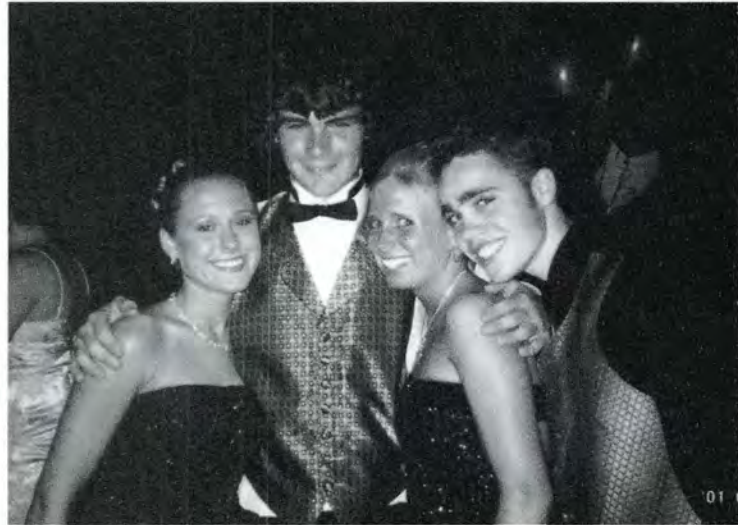


**Kai Wang** stands with **Sarah Fintushel** and **Anna Morse** as they show off the exact same dress. The girls did not realize they had the same dress until after they did their hair and make up, moments before their dates picked them up.

Seniors **Robyn Goacher**, **Lauren Madle**, and **Sara Coleman** stop and take a break because they are tired of dancing.

Juniors **Andrew Federau**, **Bryan Jones**, **Sam Coultas**, and **Mike Gietzen** along with senior **Rian Jordan** wait patiently for their dates to finish getting ready.

Seniors **Kim Hidlay** and **Ian Slaven** smile for one last picture. After a million pictures together the couple gets tired of taking pictures.



Juniors **Rachel Jankowski**, **Jim Galligan**, **Nicole Woodstock**, and **Ryan Thompson** take a break from the vigorous dancing they had been doing to smile and take a picture.



A group of friends take a picture in front of the **City Lights** decorations. This year the juniors worked hard at decorating for the dance.

*"Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life."*

# The laziest of days



A day of rest and relaxation turned into a weekend of fun filled memories. Many of this year's seniors took trips up north to different campsites for a weekend of no worries. They packed up their bags and headed for the most remote pieces of land that Michigan has to offer. With a four day weekend ahead students began planning weeks in advance, many used Memorial weekend as a time with friends and a last hurrah.

A lot of time was spent in vehicles traveling and bonding with fellow classmates and friends. Senior **Eric Skusa** said "A road trip up north, what a concept. All fun, and no worries." With failed tents and not so perfect weather, these seniors went on to have one of the best times of their lives. No complaints were made except the rare run-in's with the cops and lack of showers and sleep. As the weekend wound down and students returned to school there was a ease in the air. Many people were counting down days 'till graduation, even minutes. But at heart they were happy to at least be together.

By Megan Miller



Chris Stilwill, Pete Woiwode, Isaac Oswalt, Brittany Bautista, Biz Latham and Bryan Bishop packed their bags for a four day camping trip in Ludington.

Brian Greenhoe, Ganim Shihadeh and Bill Tefft work hard to set up their eight person tent at the DH Day campground in Glen Arbor.



A group of seniors climb up the Sleeping Bear Dunes. Half of them had to stop half way up to take a break!



Ric Heller and Tim Mayer let out whoops of joy on their last walk from the school as students.

Smiling jovially, Chad Seiter waves good bye with the rose he recieved in his last yearbook class.

After dying his hair in the school parking lot during the breakfast tailgate, Anton Maes waits anxiously for the end of his career at OHS.

A group of seniors gather around a police car, which was waiting in the parking lot in case anyone wanted to cause some trouble.



## Beginning of the End

A day devoted to pleasing seniors couldn't have been more perfect. With self reduced schedules because of the lack in seniors attending class. These students began their rounds of good-byes and farewells to teachers, fellow classmates, and underclassmen. Many seniors couldn't hide their excitement when the bell rang for lunch and the partying began. A large group of seniors went straight for the dance floor beneath the DJ stand and began boogying down to their favorite and most requested songs of the year. Kisses and hugs were given as they whispered their goodbyes and bellowed shouts of joy. Senior **Steve Snethkamp** said "I just keep thinking the end is near!" With three days to go until graduation, there were mixed emotions on the last day. Tears of joy, with tears of sadness showed the truth that this place and these people will be missed as the seniors start a new stage in their lives.

By Megan Miller

*"The fireworks start today- every diploma a lighted match, each one of you the fuse."*

Released from the commons with 12 minutes left in their last sixth hour period, seniors gathered in the hallway to count down the remaining seconds.

*"Together we may fly, but separate we soar."*

# Open House Party



Spring time is the busiest time of the year for seniors. Not only are they hurriedly preparing for graduation, but also racing around to the hundreds of open houses, and dancing the nights away at countless parties. Every year there are at least 100 open houses packed with graduates, balloons, and free food. The seniors gather in tents and back yards to reminisce about the days of old, and predict the brightness of their futures. After the students say goodbye and congratulations to their classmates and friends, they head out to events like the senior party to celebrate.

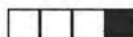
The senior party is the biggest party of the year. The parents put on the event by donating money and collecting donations of great prizes ranging from money to refrigerators and DVD players. Almost all of the seniors attend to look at old pictures and take new ones, to dance and sing, and to take a chance at winning some prizes. When the lights go up and the music is done, everybody says goodbye. Some walk away with prizes, but hopefully they all walk away with a few more happy memories.

*By Marisa Witzel*



Junior Jessica Schroeder, and senior Amanda Wieland admire a picture display of their friend Lauren Poretz at her open house.

A group of students chow on some homemade breakfast and socialize at Logan Cook's brunch open house.





Good friends **Sarah Singleton** and **Lindsay Davidson** hug and sing at the senior party.

**Kelly McDaniel** glances over a senior scrapbook at one of the many open houses she attended.

**Rian Jordan, Logan Cook, and Chris Stilwill** dance along to their class song which is "Send Me on My Way" by Rusted Root.

**Kara Dethlefsen and Stephanie Linz** dance to the techno beats from the DJ booth.



**Casey Price, Carly Neilson, and Lindsay Simon** dig into the free food at an open house celebration.



**Megan Emery, Matt Kube-McDowell, Ben Litchfield and Michelle Kolososki** take a break to get some lemonade and share their memories at the senior party.

*"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.  
 Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.  
 Walk beside me and be my friend."-Albert Camus*

# Red Carpet to Tomorrow



Every year like clockwork the time comes when underclassmen's thoughts turn to summer, and senior's thoughts turn to graduating. Graduation is the definitive moment of any high school career, when 13 long years of hard work finally pay off in the form of a diploma. While some students approach graduation with excitement and enthusiasm, others look back with tears at the life they'll leave behind. But every new graduate has one thing in common. Whether you were a valedictorian, member of the National Honors Society, or of the National Art Society, or just a regular old graduate, you are starting a new life just like everyone else. Graduation means going from student to adult, and finally finding your place in life.

This year graduation featured four student speakers, **Pete Woiwode, Olga Novichikhina, Justin Whitman, and Megan Narasimhan**. They talked about the importance of kindness, the experience of being new to American high school life, and the lessons learned through our time here. All of the festivities were pleasantly accompanied by a warm June day, and the orchestra's rendition of "Pomp and Circumstance".

*By Kevin Banas*



**Don Schiessler, Jennifer Finn and Lisa Gregg** look on in seriousness at the future before them.

The seniors proudly launch their hats into the air in a fit of joy as **Dr. Lanzetta** pronounce them graduates.



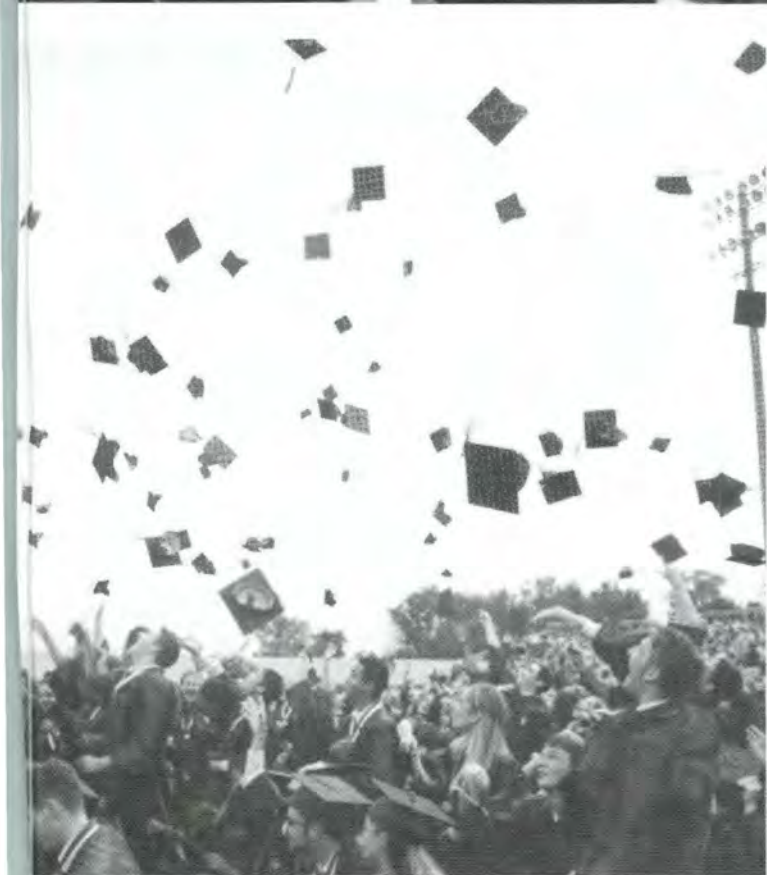


"Graduation was a pretty emotional experience and it's sad that you won't see these people again," said **Jennifer Johnson** shown here with **Seema Patel** completing the traditional tassel toss.

**Brandon Ballard** and **Vinny Gossain** who served as OHS Student Body Presidents make the traditional walk through the archway.

Student athletes and friends **Jessica Shaft** and **Courtney Mitchell** embrace and smile as they congratulate each other on graduating.

**Olga Novichikhina** shares the story of her stay in the United States. Although her speech was serious, **Olga** delivered it on a light note with a splash of humor, and drawing more than one chuckle from the audience.



**Bill Schmidt** shakes the hands of the school board members as he accepts his diploma and rose from them.



Following the end of commencement ceremonies, seniors hug one another, and for some, bid their final farewells.

# Class of 2001



*"Together forever, never apart. Maybe in distance but never in heart."*





## i WAS Unforgettable...

The Okemos Tomahawk works hard to preserve each school year's unique memories for the students of OHS. But the students and yearbook staff can't do it all themselves, the reason the Tomahawk is still going strong is because of the support it receives from the Okemos community. Buddies Bar and Grill, Applebees, and Cappucino Cafe were named as the most popular "hangouts" that are frequently visited by students looking for a good time, good food or just trying to relax.

Memories are priceless, but the Tomahawk certainly is not! Okemos is a give and take kind of place. So, our school gives to the community by visiting and dining all around Okemos, and the community gives back by supporting our yearbook so we can enjoy each other, making the year we spend at OHS truly unforgettable.

*By Katie Bastien*



Seniors **Jessica Rand** and **Jen Premer** enjoy dinner at Buddies on Grand River in Okemos. Jen moved to Arizona and several of her friends were there with a gift and many good wishes.

## Where's your favorite Okemos hangout?



Junior **Steve Wolf**

"I love to go to the Meijer once in a while and hang out with my friends"



Freshman **Angie Revis**

"Hmmm. . . Okemos doesn't have too many hangouts. I just like to go my friends houses and chill."

## Andrea Durst



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TAINS!

With much love,  
Mom, Bruce and Zach



## Chris Killeen



From the moment we saw you,  
we've been so proud of you.  
Stay focused and all your hopes  
and dreams will come true.

With all our love,  
Mom and Dad

## Christopher Stilwill



We are very proud of you and all  
of your personal, academic, and  
athletic achievements. As one  
door closes, another one opens.

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Mom, Dad, and Jen

## Courtney Danielle Mitchell



Congratulations! We are very proud of the person you have become, from a little girl so full of life and laughter to a young woman of maturity, style and grace.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Cindy Frelund



Congratulations! You have always had a positive, happy outlook on life with an infectious smile. Believe in yourself and follow the dreams inside your heart. We love you and will always be there for you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Blake Graves



We are so very proud of you, and we wish you happiness and success.

Love you dearly,  
Mom, Dad, and Jason

## Greg Lemon



We're proud of all you've accomplished through your quiet commotion. Always look up and know we're cheering for many more successes. Go Gregor!

With Much Love,  
Mom and Stephanie

## Amy J. Crosby



Amy,  
Your best accomplishment, among a great many, is the wonderful person you've turned out to be. Keep running toward your goals, never away.

Love,  
Dad, Mom and Christine

## Leslie Harkema



You were our best Christmas present ever, and have filled our lives with "joy". As you continue to develop all your gifts, remember their source.

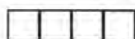
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Lindsay

## Nate Hoekstra

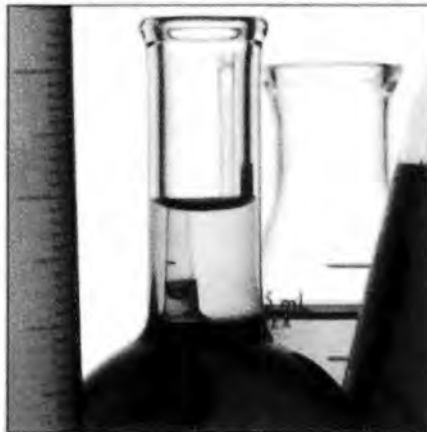


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Katie, put your "joie de vie" to good use. May you find fulfillment in your journey and comfort in your home.

Remember, you have a very big, very supportive family. We are always here for you.

Love,  
Mom and Dave, Dad and Karen, Betsy,  
Carter and Brady



# Marisa Witzel

Time goes so fast! You are so very special to us, and we are proud of the person you have grown to be. We know you will make the world a better place. We love you! Go Buffs!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Jimmy



# Brian Greenhoe

You're a shining light in the classroom, on the playing field and within our family! We're so proud of all you are and all you will be: caring, confident, intelligent, determined, funny and loving. Follow your dreams, Brian-we're behind you all the way!

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From the ball diamond to the classroom to your  
friendships, you have more fun accomplishing  
your goals that anyone we've ever known.  
Your make us proud!  
May all good things be yours.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



# Carrie Beall

From the bouncing, bubbly, laugh-  
ing little girl to the confident, witty,  
joyful young woman you've  
become...we congratulate you on all  
you've done. All the very best to  
you at MSU - We love you Care-  
Bear.

Mom, Dad, Julie and Clancy



# Krista Finkbeiner



Congratulations Krista! We are so proud  
of your accomplishments and the won-  
derful person you've become. We love  
you and will always be there for you.

Follow your dreams,  
Mom, Dad, Derek, Rachel, and Bran-  
don

# Eric Fine

We are very proud of your ac-  
complishments. We hope that  
you will always succeed in the  
Arena of Life, and may all your  
dreams come true.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Andrew and Brooke



# Jacqueline Bulemore



We are very proud of  
the kind and thoughtful  
person you have be-  
come. May you continue  
to spread your warmth  
to others you meet  
throughout your life.



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Mom, Dad, Julie, and Andrew

## Scott Bonato



You are the light of our lives. We are so proud of the fine young man you have become. May all your dreams come true and remember to call home! Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Alaina

## Fraas and Skusa

Best Friends! We had great camping trips. Good weather, bad weather, and always great food. The Camping Motto: NO LEFTOVERS! We loved every minute with you guys.

Love,  
Rick and Mo Skusa



## Minna Eschelbach



You are definitely the jewel in the crown; may you always sparkle.

Godspeed Minna!

Love, Mom



## Brandon Ballard



Congratulations! We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished. You are a natural leader. We wish you happiness and success always.

Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, and Briana

## Jessica Kate Bianchi



What lies behind you and before you is small compared to what lies within you. Go forward with courage as we are lovingly behind you and you have all you need within.

Proudly,  
Mom, Dad, and Marco

# *Congratulations*

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Your sensitivity, and your strength.

You make us smile,  
You make us proud,  
You make us complete.

All our love,  
Mom and Dad,  
Michael and Nicole,  
Gus and Taffy



# Kevin Hallman

Dear Kev,  
Congratulations on your graduation!  
As you continue on your journey through  
life, we wish for you:  
-Continued health and happiness.  
-Comfort in faith, family, and friends.  
-And a lifetime of loving and being loved.

With all of our love,  
Dad, Mom, Chad, and Chels



# Tim Mayer

Dear Tim,  
Live each day to its fullest extent. Get  
the most out of each hour, each day,  
each age of your life. Then you can look  
forward with confidence and back with-  
out regrets. You have brought smiles to  
our faces, warmth to our hearts, and we  
are proud to say "That's my son!"

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Robby



# Ashley Flakes

You are truly an exceptional daughter.  
You have a kind heart, are committed  
to community service, academically  
talented and a leader. Continue to set  
high goals and be the best that you can  
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Love,  
Dad, Mom and Wynne



## Neil Bokemeier



Always follow your dreams! We believe in you and are so proud of all you've accomplished! Happy trails.

Love,  
Dad, Mom and Schnookums

## Bill Schmidt



"Whatever you can do, or dream you can; begin it."

-Goethe

We love you; keep golfing!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Heidi, Katharine, Joey and Michael

## Terressa Birchen

Your beautiful smile captured everyone's hearts from the start. Always the compassionate one, your patience and understanding will carry you far in life. A gifted vocalist, a talented pianist, an accomplished athlete, and a well-rounded student--what could make a family more proud! We all wish you success, love, and happiness as you graduate and follow your paths.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Heather, and Jennifer



## Ryan Melvin



Congratulations Ryan!  
We love you.

Mom and Dad

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Congratulations! Your hard work and effort have paid off. You are a kindhearted, generous person. We are very proud of you.

Love,  
Grandpa Jim and Susan

## Dave S. Gupta



Thank you for all the joy you have brought into our lives. Congratulations for all you have accomplished.

Good luck to you in college and beyond. We are so proud of you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



## Michael Frank Leago



"It is said that life is the collection of great memories." Always remember your time at OHS as you move on in your life. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Elizabeth and Cooper

## Ben Dirkx



Ben, You put so much of yourself into the things that are important to you. WE are very proud of you. Keep using that charming smile.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Sara Murray



Whenever one door closes we hope one more opens. and when you get a choice to sit it out or dance we hope you dance!

Love always,  
Dad, Mom and Seth

## Jennifer Jennings



Our sweet little Jenni has always looked out toward new horizons. Now that you are a lovely young lady, don't forget that all great beginnings start with baby steps. We are behind you all the way to MSU and beyond!

With great love and pride from,  
Mom, Dad, Ted and Ben



# Michelle Kolososki

Congratulations!  
If there ever was a time to embark on something worth doing, it's now.

Something that's your aspiration.  
Something that's your dream.  
You owe it to yourself.

HAVE FUN.  
DIG DEEP.  
STRETCH.  
PERSIST.

Believe in the incredible power of the human mind.

Anything is possible.

We love you MUCHO Michelle,  
Always and Forever,  
Dad, Mom, Jenny, Chris,  
Theresa and Paul



# Emily Frantz

You've brought joy to our lives!

Congratulations, Emily  
We're so proud of you!



# Bill Latta



Bill,  
We are extremely proud of all that you are and all that you have achieved.  
The best is yet to come!!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Chris

# Michael P. Kain



Mike,  
We wish for you,  
A life full of peace and happiness,  
A heartful of love and laughter,  
And the wisdom to make all your dreams come true.

We are very proud of your accomplishments.

All our love,  
Dad, Mom, Dave and John

# Peter Novello



From the beginning, we knew that you would wear many different "hats" in life. Through your strength of character, intelligence and love of music you have made us very proud.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



# Chelsea Bowlby



You have brought us such joy and pride. Keep sharing your love and enthusiasm for life. The fun is just beginning!

We love you,  
Mom, Dad and Connor

# Rodney T. Brown



May your future bring you as much joy as you brought us.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad and Amanda

# Chris Burlingame



Congratulations Chris!  
Good luck on your ride into a bright future.

Love,  
Mom and Dad  
Tim and Meredith

# Tracy Creal



Congratulations Tracy!  
We're so proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Ellen

## Kevin Burris

Boy, is this good.....if I was only an inch or two taller.



## Navid Ghavami



Navid,  
You are a great pilot, musician and business man. We are proud of all your accomplishments! We wish you continued success pursuing your goals!

Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Devon Hawks



From California to Michigan, how you have grown! We are so proud of the young man you have become! Congratulations!

Love you,  
Mom and Dad

## Jenn Finn

Congratulations on a great job.  
Lots of luck at Michigan.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Julie



## Kimberly Hidlay



Congratulations Kim! We are so proud of you.

All our love,  
Mom, Dad, Dan and Kara

## Teresa Curtis-Watkins



We're all very proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Peter, Matthew and  
Dusty

# Matthew Henry Hudson

He lives in his world of dreams  
Where the lions still scream  
The hawks circle high  
And the stars fill the sky  
Our Huddy: Funny as laughter, loyal as  
your best friend  
Gonna miss him as he spread his wings  
And reaches for his own golden ring

We still haven't figured out if the bear  
or lion would win the fight :-)  
All our love: Mom, Dad, Liz, Aach,  
Livliv and Sir Winston



# Alissa Ann Harding

Sweet 'Lissa: We love you more  
than words can ever say, and  
we are so proud of the lovely  
lady you became, Go State!

With all our love,  
Mom, Dad, and Laura



# Steve Johnson



You're a great son-always  
happy and a great sense of  
humor. We enjoy your quick  
wit and spontaneity in life.  
We'll miss you a lot next year.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

# Courtney Napoles

Courtney,  
Your journey from a wonderous child  
to a mature, loving young woman has  
been a marvel and joy to behold. Our  
wish for you is that your life be blessed  
with the same happiness and joy that  
you have brought to us. We are very,  
very proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Ashley



# Casey R. Price

"Tweet"

Casey Ruth Price

At the age of six months you could do facial  
expressions on command, your "grandma  
look", "fish face", your "mad and happy  
faces." You had talent then and look at you  
now! You are going places girl! We love  
you! We are extremely proud of the awe-  
some individual you are and the beautiful  
woman you are becoming!

Congratulations!  
Mom and Jason





## Yvette Gross

Congratulations Vetty!  
We are so proud of you. Very  
will done.

Love,  
Dad and Kath

## Erik Wilutis

What great times and adventures we've  
had as a family. Now you're heading  
out on an adventure all your own.  
You've made us very proud and we  
know you always will. All our love and  
support goes with you wherever you  
go. Have fun and enjoy!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Kristen



## Ryan Sammertino

Ryan (Sammy),  
"It is good to have an end to journey  
toward, but it is the journey that mat-  
ters in the end."  
Buona Viaggio, Bruno!

You are loved more than you know,  
Mom, Dad, Nicole and Erica

## Andy Russian

Congratulations Andy!

"A man has two names. The one he is born with and the  
one he makes for himself."

We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Good  
luck with your future goals and dreams.

Much love and happiness,  
Mom, Dad, Matt, Dan and Audie



## Adam Smith

You have been a blessing to us!  
We are proud of you now and  
forever.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



## Lindsay Simon

Lindsay,  
You are everything a parent  
wishes for in a child. You are  
kind, generous, smart, independ-  
ent, and thoughtful. We are so  
proud of you!

With much love,  
Mom, Dad and Jordan

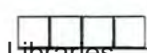


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Mom and Dad



# Anna Flegler

Congratulations Dod. We are proud of you. We hope you enjoy MSU.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Tom and Mary



# Ben Alexander

How you've grown in a few short years! As you graduate and move on in life, we want you to know how proud we are of you and all you've accomplished.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



# Vineeth Gossain

Congratulations Vinny! Job well done. We are very proud of you. Best of luck in college and the future!

Love,  
Mom and Dad, Anuja and Maneesh



# Stephanie Linz

Dear Stephanie,  
It has been such fun watching you grow up!  
You have delighted us at every age!  
Enjoy life and follow your dreams!

Love,  
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Many songs are yet to be sung  
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Know in your heart that you are loved  
By Emily, your Mom, and Dad!



## Elmer R. Novis



Persistence, hard work, talent  
and dedication that are  
uniquely yours have all  
worked together to bring this  
wonderful moment. Con-  
gratulations! We couldn't be  
happier for you. We hope you  
fulfill your dreams.

## Carly Neilson



Carly,  
We're so proud of you and  
we hope you "dance!"

Love you,  
Mom, Dad and Jessie

## Leroy Permoda



Gone Fishin'

You've made school the experience  
it is meant to be. Okemos was the  
first of many great choices. We've  
enjoyed the ride.  
Keep being you!

Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Andy Rinek



Congratulations Andy,  
You are blessed with strong  
character, wit and resilience  
and those traits will take you  
far. We are so proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Chris

## Carolyn Senger



You will always be our singing SUN-  
SHINE BEAR! May you always keep  
your optimism and caring ways...We  
love you!

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Love,  
Dad, Mom and Katie



## Emily Valentine

Emily,  
Since your first day of school when you stepped on the bus, it was evident to us that you would shine. We are proud of you and wish you success in all your future endeavors. We love you very much and always will.

Mom, Dad and Natalie



## Karen Witten



Congratulations! The world is a stage and you have our applause.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Mike, Muffy and S'more

## Amanda Mardigan



(Little Butt)

Angel-You have given us so much happiness and joy. You're a beautiful young woman. We couldn't be prouder!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Blizz and Louie

## Erin Larkin



Erin,  
You have always known what you wanted to do with your life and we know you will achieve it. You make us very proud. We love you.

Lori and Jimmy

## Leslie Andrews



We love you. We're proud of you. You're a wonderful young lady.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Mike



## Lindsay Davidson

Aloha, our beautiful Hawaiian princess. You continue to bring sunshine to our lives. We love you.

Mom, Dad and Mike

## David Wellington Rudd Ross



CONGRATULATIONS!

From Mom and Dad

We are proud of you...



## Simone Tuck

Simone,  
We're very proud of you and we love you! We know you'll be as successful in your future as you are now.

Love,  
Mom and family

## Steven Snethkamp

Your integrity, dedication, and hard work has earned you confidence and pride in yourself, and the love and respect of your friends and family. May the song in your heart keep you inspired, happy, warm, and giving throughout your life.

Love and Peace,  
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Our wish for your future: clear skies, calm waters, and steady footsteps. We love you very much and are so proud of you. You are more than a parent can hope for and a great friend to all.



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Heather, you are the dearest of souls. Your wise and loving presence in our lives is a gift to us all. May life offer back all you put into it.

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"You are my sunshine!" May you have best of all the world has to offer!

Love,  
Mom and John



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We love you and are so proud of you! As life takes you in new directions, we wish you happiness and great success!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Joe

## Lauren Madle



Remember you youth fondly. Look forward to your future with excitement. Expect greatness, believe in yourself, achieve greatness. We're proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Bryan

## Jason Hunter



We are very proud of you! Your hard work and determination have given you success both on and off the ice and will carry you through that lies ahead. Cherish your friends, laugh often, and live life to the fullest. Remember we will always be there for you!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Matt

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Love,  
Mom, Dad and Angela

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Love,  
Mom, Dad, Sam, Michelle and  
Alix

# Michael Chojnowski



Congratulations-  
We are so proud of all your accomplishments in both academics and sports. Hard work does pay off. We wish you much success at MSU. Go Green!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Mark

# William Dart

William-

Your name means "Resolute, Protector". Resolute you are, marked by firm determination in whatever you do. What a wonderful quality, one that has taken you where you are today and will lead you to many more successes in the future. You have grown into a fine young man with qualities and attributes which I so admire and am proud of.

Remember, as you leave your childhood years behind to always remain as you are-steadfast, honest and honorable, not just to yourself but to all those who will touch your life. Arianna and I are so proud of you and your accomplishments as you graduate from Okemos High School. Be strong and brave and embrace the world. It's yours!

Love You-  
Mom and Arianna



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May your eyes guide you into the future, and you always speak your mind. In my heart you will remain, forever young.

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Congratulations! You're on your way. Thanks for all the great memories you've given us. We wish you happiness and success in all of your adventures. We will love you always.

Dad, Mom, Shelby and Alexis

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You are loved for the little girl you were... the special woman you are now... and the wonderful daughter you will always be.

With love,  
Mom, Dad, and Alex

## Johannes Duweck



Congratulations Hans ! We love you beyond measure. We are proud of the young man you have become. Stay on the high road. Enjoy the view.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Katy

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To our much loved son whose now becoming a fine young man. We look forward to your first Gold Recording.

All our love,  
Mom, Dad

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We have proudly watched you grow from a cheerful little boy to an intelligent and compassionate young man. Your innate and deep insight into life will serve you well in the years ahead. Don't ever lose your great smile and tremendous sense of humor. We love you with all our hearts, Buddy.

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Erin,  
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whatever you do in life! We  
will be there for you.

Love,  
Mom and Bobby,  
Brittney, Rocky and the Pig

## Jessica Rose

To our beautiful, talented, politically correct,  
world travelled, Tom Cruise loving daugh-  
ter...

"Living each and every day to the fullest"  
doesn't mean you have to drain our bank  
account!

We wish you much love, happiness, and  
continued success always.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Erica and Allie

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We are so proud of you! Re-  
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Love,  
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The two of you were a joyful sur-  
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We have enjoyed your accom-  
plishments and watching you  
grow into compassionate, mature,  
intelligent, and beautiful young  
women.

As you embark on your adult  
lives we wish you all the success  
you want and all the happiness  
life can bring.

We love you,  
XOXO  
Dad, Mom and Kenneth



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Love,  
Mom, Pop, Sandy, Molly and  
the herd

# Angie Rowland

Dear Angie,  
What a year this has been! But you handled it all so well. We're very proud of you! Congratulations!

Love you always,  
Mom, Dad and Sean



# Tyler Smith



We are proud of the independent person you have become marching to your own drummer. When you get a chance to sit it out or dance- dance! Seize the day!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Meaghan

# Gabe Ellis & Ryan Sammartino

"You only meet your once in a lifetime friend...once in a lifetime."  
-Little Rascals

With love and gratitude for the many memories your friendship has brought us,  
The Sammartinos & the Sutherlands



# Erin Larkin



Erin,  
Though there have been miles between us over the years and I have not always been there, I am very proud of you and love you very much.

Dad

# Ashley Sullivan



"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."  
-Langston Hughs

Congratulations! We are so proud of you.

Love, Your Family



## Nikki Smith

May your indomitable spirit help you stay the course on any of the paths you choose in life. Remember, no matter what the contest, always "Finish the darn race."

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Nathan, and Andrew



## Tim Wilson



Captain of the water polo team? No suprise to us! We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Congratulations!

All our love,  
Mom, Dad and Brian

## Chad Seiter



Dear Chad:  
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments at OHS. Have fun and study hard at GVSU. We love you always!

Mom and Dad



## Lynne Washington

Lynne,  
We are proud of all your school and community accomplishments; Pom/Dance Team, Band and Jazz Band, Track, 2001 Cotillion, Jack and Jill Teens, Science in the City and Y Teens. Your hard work will reap great rewards. Remember, "It's not the years in your life, but the LIFE in your years!"

Love,  
Laura, Brenda and Ira Washington

# Christopher Thompson



With your energy and fun, there is never a dull moment! Keep on living your life to the fullest!  
Go Kristof...!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Ashley and Andrew

# Amanda Thornburg



You're as beautiful inside as you are lovely outside, and we're very proud of you! Remember to shoot for the moon, because even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Aaron

# Pete Woiwode



Pete,  
May the adventures to come live up to your dreams.

Love,  
Tom, Anne and Nate Woiwode

# Lisa Gregg



We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished! You are a strong, confident, and capable young woman who can achieve any goal.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Ryan

# In Loving Memory of Michael "Mike" J. Henderson



### Remember Me

To the living, I am gone  
To the sorrowful, I will never return  
To the angry, I was cheated  
But to the happy, I am at peace  
And to the faithful, I have never left.  
I cannot speak, but I can listen  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard  
So as you stand upon a shore gazing  
At a beautiful sea,  
As you look upon a flower and admire  
it's simplicity,  
Remember me,  
Remember me in your heart  
Your thoughts, and your memories  
Of the times we loved,  
The times we cried,  
The times we fought,  
The times we laughed,  
For if you always think of me,  
I will never have gone.



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i was  
**Extraordinary...**



Freshman **Lacey Bierlein** stands amidst her freshmen classmates at one of their first assemblies of their high school careers.



Senior **Vinny Gossain** hangs out at the Winter Dance with Sophomores **Kelly Schoen, Sara Shaheen, Jesse Schroeder** and **Sarah Cho**.



A group of students gather around to look back and reminisce while flipping through the 2000 yearbook.



Senior **Leslie Andrews** serves a group of anxious "customers" during Touch of Class.

Four brave students chose to represent their classes in the hool-a-hoop competition in the cafeteria during the week of Homecoming.

Junior **Todd Estry** and senior **Scott Bonato** try out their hard core look. Both boys attended a school trip to Germany last summer.

Senior **Gabe Ellis** tore up the court in the slam dunk contest during the last pep assembly of the year.

Juniors **Taylor Rutledge** and **Laura Phelps** work diligently in their art class.



## Once Upon a Time... i was...

# Addicted

"I had to have my warm chocolate chip cookie every day at lunch."

-Lauren Madle

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-Waverly deBruijn

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 -Tom Fleger

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"I used to pretend I was a Charlie's Angel and attack random things."  
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Seniors **Katie Bastien**, **Marisa Witzel** and **Amber Doherty** goof around with the Chiefs foam sticks in their 6th hour yearbook class before the Homecoming pep-assembly.

Students got a kick out of senior **Jay Green** at the talent show when he and senior **Mark Barry** imitated Muppets singing a silly song.

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"I dressed up like a pink Easter bunny and went to the prom."  
-Will Darr

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"But then I stopped laughing at my own jokes."

-Mike Gietzan

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# a Girl Scout



Creative senior **Ben Schneider** carefully works on another masterpiece.



Juniors **Stephanie Studwell** and **Justin Adams** dress up for retro day. Both students are in the band.



Students that participate in ouch of Class are all smiles when they see all the yummy food and the seniors dressed to serve!



Junior **Steve Carrasco** is so excited about being chosen as sophomore **Kelly Schoen's** date in SADD's annual dating game, that he carries her off the stage!



Juniors **Kristie Timber** and **Christin Siegele** show their not too old for Halloween by dressing up as beautiful fairies.

Senior **Greg Lemon**, along with a group of helpers created a boat in Engineering and tried to take it across the pond behind the school!

Maybe Europe isn't much different than the United States...juniors **Dana Irrer** and **Erin Flatley** went bowling in Germany!

Senior **James Smith** provides the cafeteria with lunchtime entertainment. **James** has been known throughout high school as the "Du Hast" guy because of his spirited rendition of the German song.



"But then I found out that there were boy scouts."

-Sam Coullas

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# Hysterical

"Listening to the Spanish answering machine lady in Cancun, I've never laughed so hard!"  
 -Marisa Witzel



Seniors **Lauren Madle** and **Sara Coleman** show off their Senior Class T-shirts. Both girls were in **Madame Marsh's** AP French class.

Junior **David May** shows off the sign he created out of Magic Noodles for Homecoming Sign day.

Junior **Ashley Throckmorton** has a good time in her Algebra II Class.

A group of junior girls attended the fall Yearbook Dance together and flipped through the 2000 Tomahawk.



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 -Josh Hundt

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"Chocolate chip cookie... cinnamon twist... bagel...chocolate chip cookie..."  
 -Jona Mikosch

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 -Katie Bastien

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"Because I'm still at the school on June 27th working on yearbook!"  
 -Ron Cordon

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Seniors Sarah Singleton, Megan Narasimhan, Neel Agrawal, Cindy Frelund and Anil Pokharel play with Play-do.



The Juniors worked hard building their float at their fellow classmate Ashlee Schroeder's house.



Senor Woods and Senora Weller demonstrate the authentic Spanish way to do the Macarena at a pep assembly right before spring break.



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**Perfectionist**

"I've learned that the little mistakes you make in life make your life unique and sometimes more exciting than it would have been."

-Ashley Richard

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"Before me there were many, after there will be none. I am the one."

-Sean Bennett-Caswell

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"Some people say that I am nervous just like those deer in headlights."

-Heather Radke

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Exchange Students **Sabine Rohde** and **Misayo Kurata** enjoy themselves while eating lunch in the commons.



Junior **Amy Van Ostran** demonstrates her school spirit by participating after school in sign painting day.



Senior Chippewa camp counselors **Jacki Bulemore**, **Matt Armstrong** and **Casey Price** show off their "Golden Toilet Seats" which they recieved for keeping their bathrooms clean.



Hanging out in the hallway during their 10 minute break are juniors **Jim Galligan** and **Erica Chepy**.

Senior **Bill Latta** recieved laughs and props for having one of the most creative and interesting costumes for Video Game Day.

The freshmen weren't sure when to stand, when to chant, and nobody could quite understand the lyrics to the school song at their very first pep assembly.

Seniors and good friends **Lauren Mazzeo** and **Megan Miller** were excited to find each other at during the long awaited Prom night.

Senior Valedictorian and National Merit Finalist **Chris Fuller** marches proudly with the band at the Homecoming Parade



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"I beat that little brat from Mason in the hurdles."

-Ann McHenry

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"The policeman told us never to shaving cream **Jason Hunter's** car again."

-Sarah Henry

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"My mom left me in the mall one day when I was little."

-David Morely

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Maybe junior **Stephanie Gardiner** spent too much time getting ready for Halloween, instead of finishing her homework!



Sophomores **Chris Rinek**, **Paul Boulus**, and **Pat Fink** enjoy the warm fall weather with their dogs before the Homecoming bonfire.



Students always jump at the chance to challenge their teachers, that's why the student vs. teacher tug-a-war at the spring break pep assembly was such a big hit!



Seniors **Chris Roberts** (Who really did dance on the table for money!) and **Lauren Fietchner** were bought by underclassmen for senior servant day.



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"...because I never remembered to bring my water bottle to soccer practice."  
 -Boo Faqan

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"...Just like everyone else."  
 -Kelly Meyer

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"I was late to 1st hour everyday, yet miraculously never lost the class!"  
 -Krista Finkbeiner



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"I actually tried to convince Mrs. Main that there weren't any commencement ceremonies to avoid doing a yearbook page."

-Kevin Banas

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## X-chromosome

"and a y-chromosome...but then I was born, and since then I've been ok."

-Aaron Murphy

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"Like a teenager."

-Brad Mack

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"...just like my tacos."

-Karl Timmerman

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## The End



All those boring books for literature, what a headache! Good thing Senior Ben Alexander is a soon to be graduate.



Retro Day never goes out of style! As long as anyone can remember, it has been a spirit day atleast once during every school year.

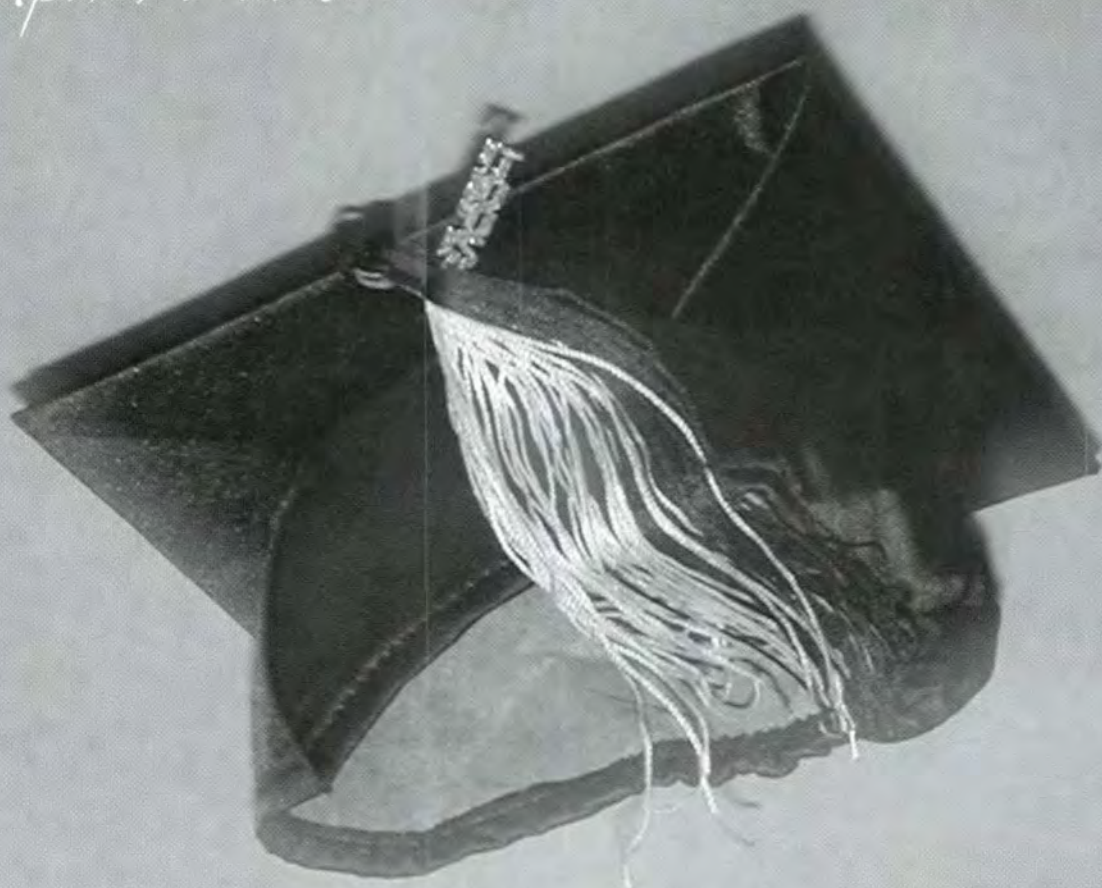


Along with a majority of the senior class, Jason Hunter and Pat Emaus went camping for senior skip day.



Junior Marco Bianchi stayed after school on Sign Painting Day, determined to help his class win..

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*i was...*

*an OHS graduate*



# Autographs











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Successful

Powerful

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able To Vote

A Volunteer

Confident

Open Minded

Faithful

The King

The President

A Princess

*thing i want to be...*

