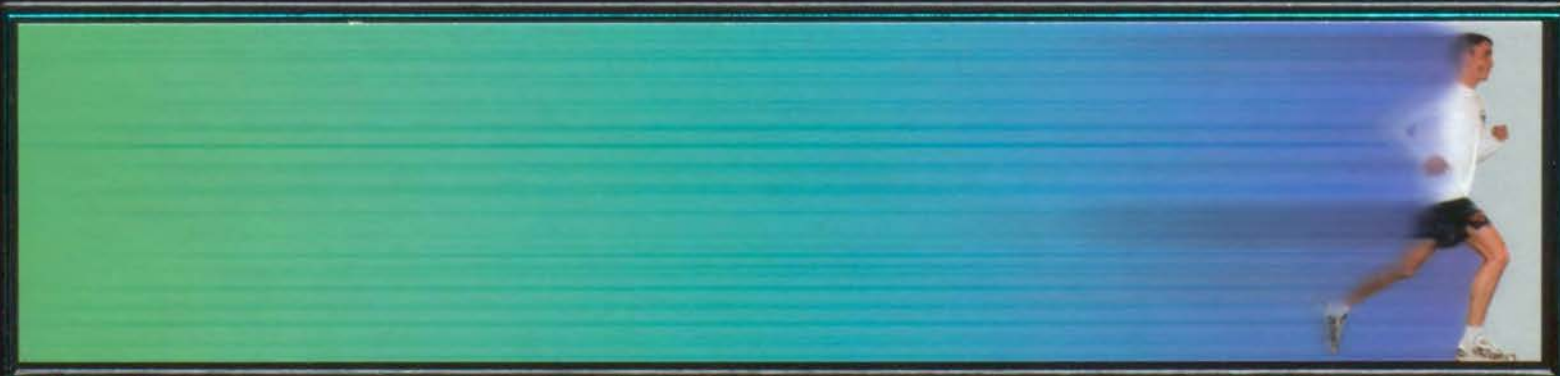


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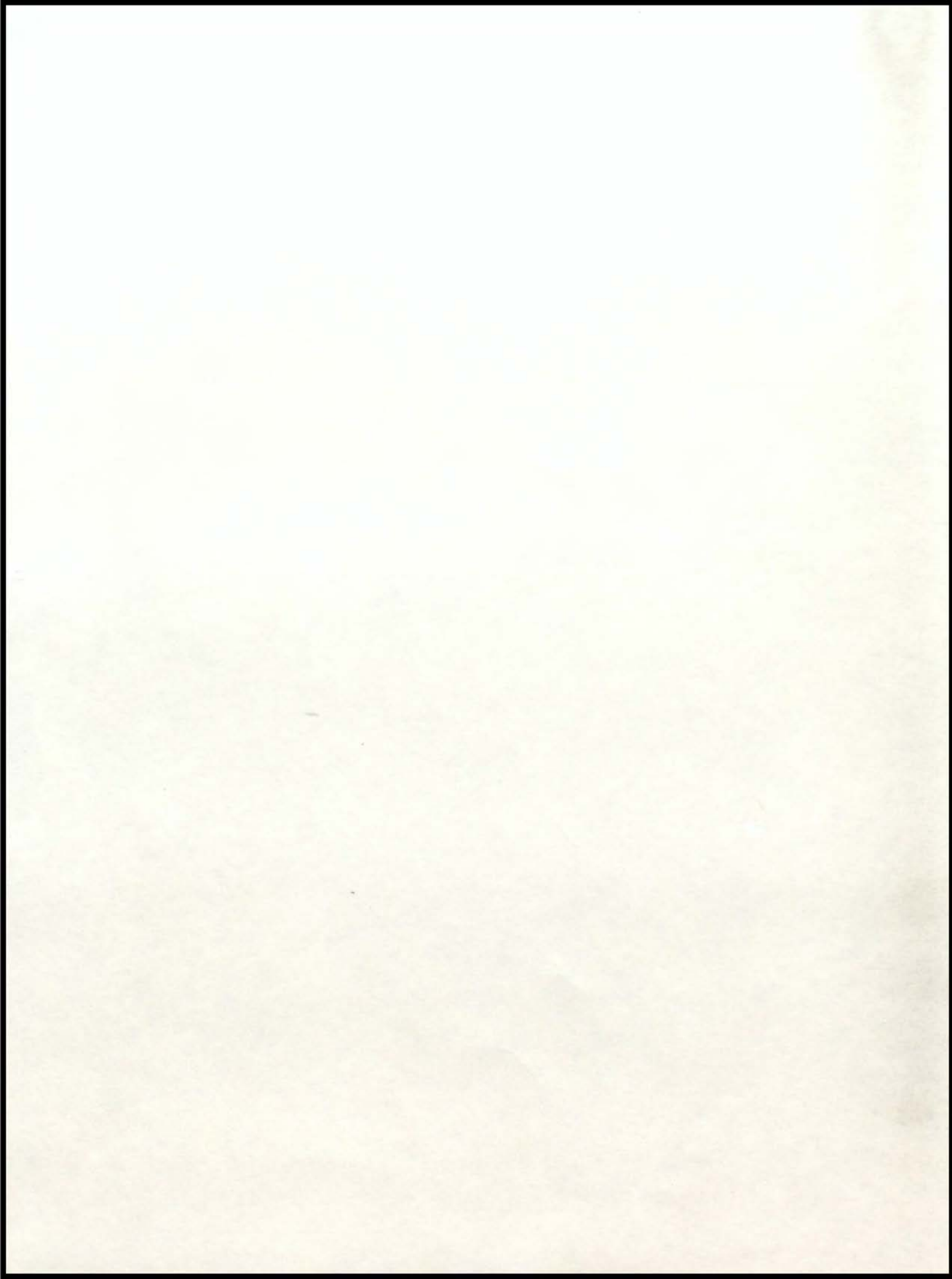
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Students wind their way through the crowded mall as they attempt to dodge other students rushing to lunch. Between locker stops, candy cravings and socializing, it was difficult to get to class on time. As soon as the bell rang, students sprinted to their seats and prepared for another hour of lectures, note-taking, and problem solving.—*photo by Bryson Gay*

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With each passing year, our lives seemed to grow more hurried and less care-free. Gone were the grade school days of summer that seemed to last a lifetime. Then, our only worries were ice cream that melted too quickly, skinned knees, monsters under our beds, who would be our best friend and catching cooties. We tried to act older and be "cool" like the big kids.



The pace of our lives accelerated when our attention turned to new interests in high school. We worked to be part of the right clique, learned how to flirt, gained a sense of independence and discovered that grades could determine our futures. We felt the pressures of growing up. What once seemed so cool had arrived. Still we thought we had all the time in the world.



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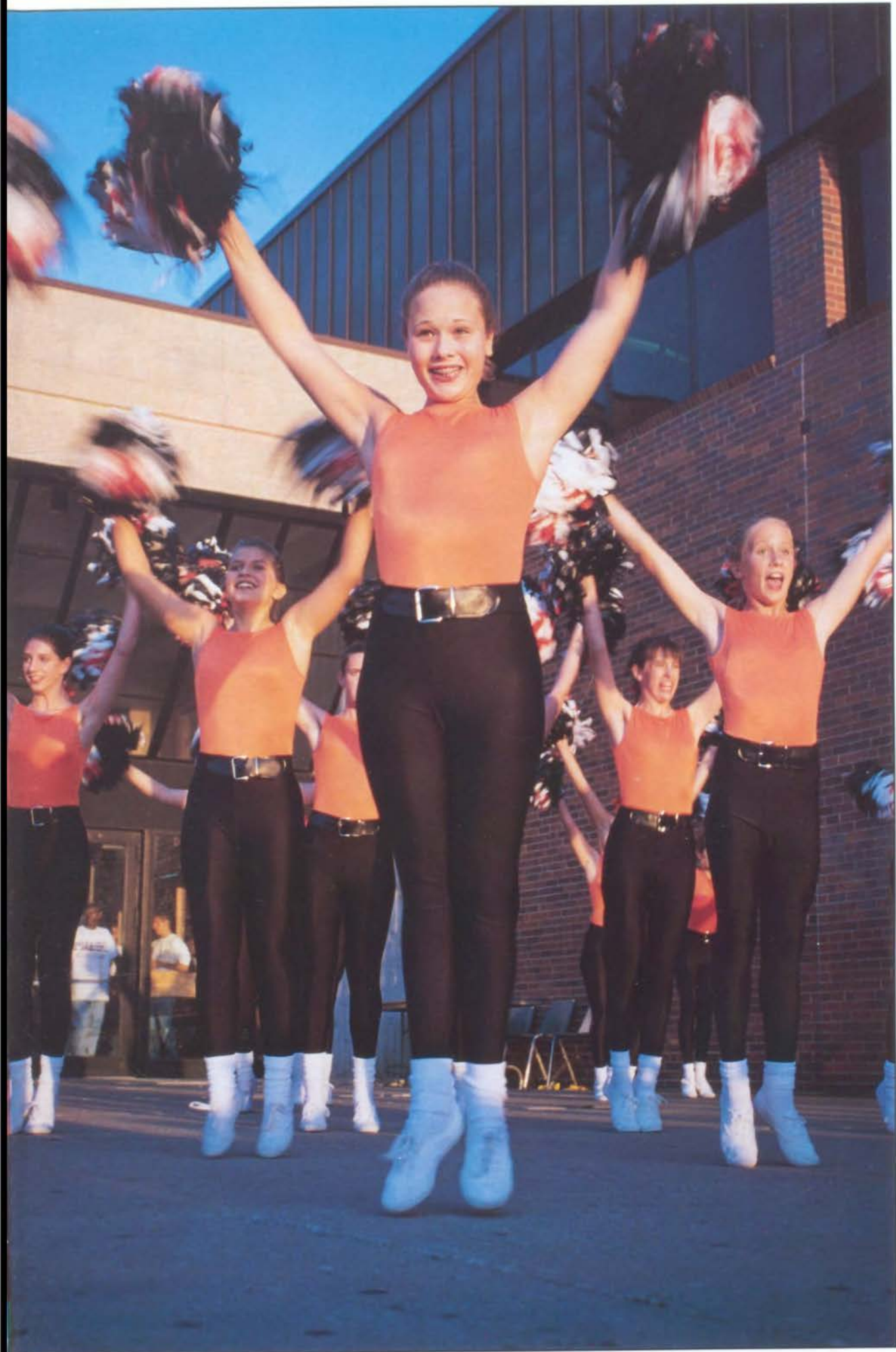
An earlier start date, two new administrators, 25 new teachers, halls crowded with 100 additional freshman and a computer attendance system all added to our awareness of how quickly the landscape of our lives could be altered.

Change, however, was not limited to our world at school.

The over-exposed life of Princess Diana came to a

(Clockwise from top) The race began as the Boys' Cross Country team left the starting line.—*photo by M.D.* — Jessica Corser and Melinda Moore, freshmen, members of the Marching Cougar Pride, play during a football game.—*photo by M.D.* — Melissa McKibben, senior, practices on the vault before a gymnastics meet.—*photo by R.M.* — Holly Hydeman, senior, receives a congratulatory hug from Erica Shoults, senior, after being crowned Homecoming Queen.—*photo by B.B.* — Laura Soltvedt, Missy Noslen and Jayme Butterfield, freshmen, do their routine at the Homecoming assembly.—*photo by M.D.*





Lauren Debiak, freshman, dances with the Cougar Express. Preparing for a toe touch, the team shows their spirit and enthusiasm at the bonfire. —
photo by Rachel Metzler



Drumline members

Nick Domke, Billy Finell and Jeff Nickerson concentrate on perfecting their performance at the Bonfire. Exact coordination and timing are required of all the members.

—photo by Rachel Metzler

tragic end at 121 miles per hour. News of her death quickly circled the globe. Our hurried pace slowed momentarily to reflect on the precious quality of life, the finality of death and how rapidly the two can collide.

Overshadowed by the death of Princess Diana, Mother Theresa quietly passed away seven days later. Even as her health rapidly declined, Mother Theresa dedicated her last days to helping people in need. As much as we would have liked to reflect on these events, we had to move on with our lives.

Athletes rushed home frantically after practice to get a head start on homework. Contrary to popular belief, athletics and academics can go hand-in-hand. The 1997 softball team earned the honor of having the highest cumulative grade point average in the nation and placed first in the state tournament.

The boys' soccer team kicked off the season and rapidly rose to the top. Almost as rapidly, they fell from grace. Just weeks into the season, they were ranked third in the nation, but after an unexpected loss to Olathe South, the team stumbled and never recovered.

Life, however, rushed on.

For the 7th year in a row, the Marching Cougar Pride received a superior rating at the Kansas Music Educators Association marching contest; November 8 marked the first



(Clockwise from top) Darcy Gentry, junior, works on her serve during practice—*photo by R.M.* - Anticipating the pain, Kim Conard, senior, gives blood at the StuCo Blood Drive.—*photo by B.G.* - Brad Kline, senior, dodges a lineman as he runs with the football at the Homecoming game.—*photo by R.M.* - Allison Reed, Katie Peterson and Erin Cole, sophomores, perform their class skit at the Bonfire.—*photo by R.M.* - Dancing to the song "Men in Black," Tracy Thau and Byron Bruce, sophomores, perform at the Bonfire.—*photo by B.B.*





(Clockwise from top) Brady Lilja, senior, blocks a Leavenworth forward from scoring.—*photo by B.G.* ~ While walking across the gym during the Homecoming assembly, Keri Goodman, senior, laughs nervously.—*photo by M.D.* ~ Amber Byrd and Katie Creeden, seniors, laugh at a joke as they introduce the freshmen skit.—*photo by B.G.* ~ Heidi Inthavong, Lindsey Hill and Blair Izard, juniors, perform their class skit at the Bonfire.—*photo by B.B.* ~ Nervously trying to hold still, Emily Gammill, junior, holds a snake around her shoulders in her Biology 1 class.—*photo by C.H.*

Mother/Son-Father/Daughter Dance; the class of '98 displayed a show of enthusiasm as they won the Spirit Stick for the very first time at the Homecoming Assembly; and the

boys' cross country team brought home the 4th consecutive state championship.

But time became a limiting factor. Our high school days were flying by faster than we could have ever imagined and we struggled to keep up.

We raced to get from one place to the next. We tried to act older, look older and sometimes feel older. At first, we wanted to be independent from our parents and out on our own, but the older we got, the more we wanted to go back to our carefree, childhood days and relive them.

Our days were filled with classes, our evenings with jobs, theater rehearsals, athletic practices or demands at home and our nights with more homework than sleep. The phrase "the human race" took on an entirely new meaning.

We were moving...

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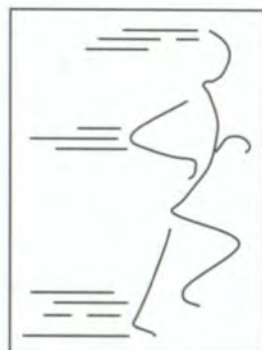
Alison Walla

and Ryan Siegert, seniors, dance at the Homecoming assembly. At every spirit assembly Walla and Siegert portrayed the Saturday Night Live Spartan cheerleaders. —photo by Rachel Metzler

Time was always in demand. More than once you made a frantic search for a parking space at 7:35 a.m. because you were up late studying for that big English test. After a mad dash across the parking lot and the slam of your locker door, you sprinted up the stairs. Your ultimate goal was to always beat the 7:40 bell. You slipped into your chair at the last second and the day began with a bang.

As your day continued, the pace never slowed. From dissecting cats in Mr. Al Frisby's Biology II class to pop quizzes in Mr. John Ryan's History class, you were always on the go. Even lunch was a race.

Seniors rushed to their cars to beat the line at McDonalds, while others fought the large freshman class in the lunch line for that last piece of pizza.



by heather castle
and amy miller

on your mark...

After lunch, you felt your energy level drop but knew you needed to stay focused to meet Mr. Luther Miller's meticulous standards in class. After a full day, you arrived home to pack as much homework as possible into a few short hours. You stopped long enough to sleep for a couple of hours, only to awaken early the next morning ready to begin the day...

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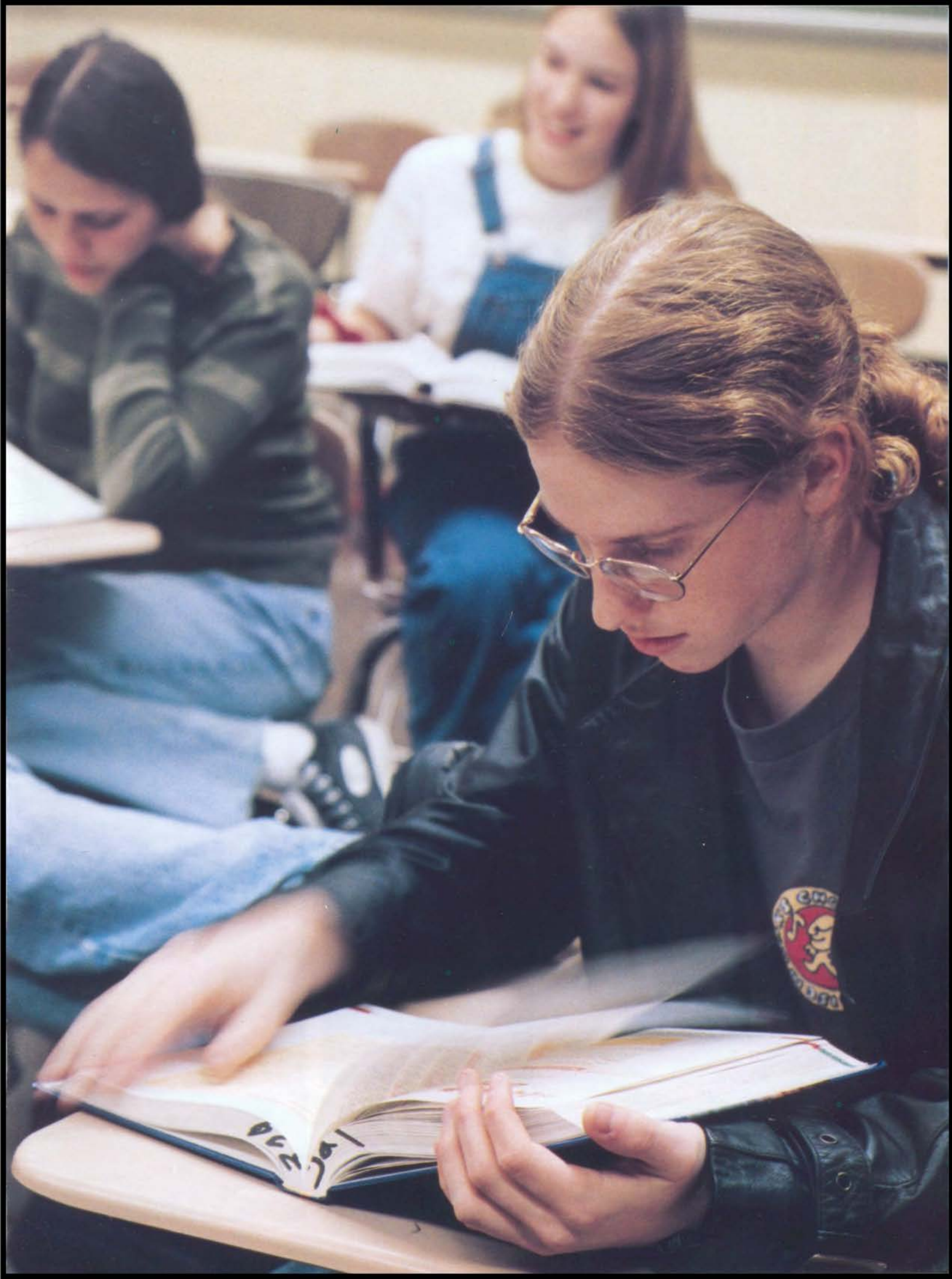
ACADEMICS

Adam Carey,

senior, takes advantage of a few extra minutes at the end of class to study for a test.

Students often use down time at the end of class to socialize with friends or prepare for their next class.

—photo by Rachel Metzler





Jessica Sandifer, junior, and Diane Klenklen, sophomore, add an acid to their solution while working on a lab. Their goal was to find out what solution was in their test tube. This was one step toward their final goal. —*photo by Michael Dalbom*



lights, camera, reaction

Chemistry I and II both involved labs which provided students with the opportunity to interact and work together. Labs also gave students a better understanding of hard-to-grasp concepts.

Lisa Monteen, junior, walks over to her lab station while holding a clear solution in a test tube. Her goal is to find out what chemicals are in the container. She extracts a small amount of the unknown solution using a dropper and carefully puts it into a clean test tube.

Chemistry I and II consisted of labs, doing book work and memorizing formulas.

"Chemistry II is about four times harder than Chemistry I. We cover all of Chemistry I in just the first month of class," Mr. Mike Alsin, chemistry teacher, said.

Several students enrolled in chemistry because they want to pursue a medical career.

"I think chemistry will help me in the future to know how different things will react in people's bodies when I go into the medical field," Monteen said.

Completion of lab assign-



While discussing a lab, Mary Ann Roatch, senior, receives help from Mr. Michael Alsin, Chemistry II teacher.
—photo by Michael Dalbom

ments usually took from one day to a week since students had to be extremely precise and accurate in their measurements and observations. For some students, however, labs were the best part of class.

"My favorite thing about doing labs is being able to work together in a group with other people," Jamie Steeve, junior, said.

As Monteen poured a few drops of a chemical into a test tube, the solution slowly began to turn purple, confirming that her test tube contained iodide. She then showed her teacher the results. Mrs. Stefanie Hallier, chemistry teacher, carefully examined her lab to make sure that all of the observations she had made were noted and correct.

"Good job," Hallier said. "You have an A for this lab." Hallier then recorded the grade in her book.

by jennifer buchele

After carefully picking up a bottle of chemicals during a Chemistry I lab, Kim Mann, sophomore, examines the label to make sure it is nitric acid. She cautiously poured a couple of drops to make the solution acidic. —photo by Michael Dalbom

To collect temperature data and measure the volume of a gas, Jeff McNeal, senior, uses a computer interfacing program. Chemistry II students used this lab to prove Charles' Law. —photo by Michael Dalbom





Ron Schroeder, and Rocky Wood, juniors, watch as Mr. Mike Eubanks demonstrates how to clean a chameleon's cage. Cleaning animal cages was also one of the main responsibilities in taking care of the animals.—*photo by Michael Dalbom*

During her Environmental Education class, Julie Geraghty, junior, plays with a muskrat. More than 30 species of animals were housed in room 235.—*photo by Michael Dalbom*





where the wild things are

Students in Environmental Education class handled a wide range of animals every day. Snakes, birds and other unusual animals were the responsibility of the students.

by Lauren Aircy

Stephanie Navarro, sophomore, holds a snake around her neck to demonstrate its calm manner. It slithers off and onto a nearby chair, maneuvering around the legs of a chair and coils itself tightly.

"I love the animals. It's a lot of work to maintain them, especially at the beginning of the year, but it's worth it," Navarro said.

Few students remained after school to look after the animals that were under their care. Animals ranging from the red-tailed boa to the Chinchilla made their homes in room 235. Each of them were fed, given water and had their cage cleaned by students who volunteered to help out.

The students who helped out received extra credit, but each had individual reasons for volunteering.

"I stay after because if I don't help, who will?" Melissa Nicholl, junior, said.

Sometimes, animals from

the environmental lab were found in other parts of the building. Crickets escaped from the room and made their home in the English office or the library directly below.

The strong odors, animal posters, tanks and cages of every size marked the room as an environmental science class.

The students did many things in class that were different than any other science class. Environmental Ed. students taught groups of grade school and Biology I students about the environmental lab outside.

"I liked working outside with the kids. They were really fascinated by the littlest things out there," Sarah White, senior, said.

Navarro returns the snake to its cage and closes the lid. Once again, she is the last student to leave. Waving goodbye to Mr. Mike Eubanks, science teacher, she lets the door shut behind her.

After cleaning out

Dusty's cage, Jo Morrison junior, feeds a chinchilla. Students were responsible for care of their assigned animal.

—photo by Michael Dalbom



hands - on technology

Wood technology and Metals I offered students hands-on experience. Both classes used specialized machines and techniques to create a variety of projects.

by jennifer jolly

a trail of sawdust leads the way through the lower hall and into the woods classroom. The scent of fresh cut wood clings to the air. A little farther down the hall, sparks fly as machines buzz and metal is pounded.

The wood technology class focused on the basics of wood carvings and machine use. Students learned to use tools such as jig saws, table saws and surfacers to create their projects. Students were assigned two projects: wall mirrors were assigned to help acquaint students with the machines and chessboards to give students experience using more advanced machinery and to allow students to create a higher quality project.

Mr. Scott Diebold, wood technology teacher, preferred using hands-on experience in order to teach students how to work with the various materials offered.

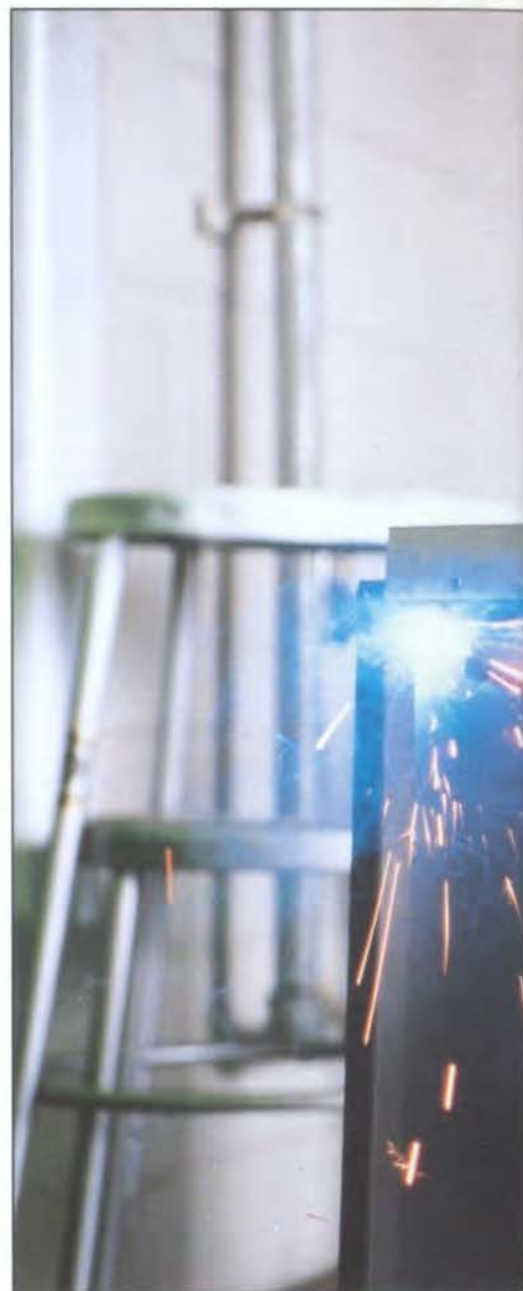
"The kids are down here to make sawdust and they don't want to spend a lot of time in books," Diebold said.

Students who took Metals I received hands-on training as well. Students worked individually on self-selected projects that ranged from building cages for snakes and lizards, to making medieval swords.

Along with these projects, a few disasters occurred despite the countless lessons that focused on safety.

"I once caught a freshman's shirt on fire and burnt my hand in a furnace," Marshall Cantrell, sophomore, said.

As the the end of class nears, students from both classes rush to clean up for the day. Projects are carefully put away until the next day. When the bell rings, they quietly file out, leaving behind them a fresh trail of sawdust and metal shavings.



As he welds pieces of metal together with a torch, Tony Brandenburg, junior, works to create a vertical file cabinet during the Metals I class. Welding required the use of a face mask in order to prevent eye injuries or blindness due to extreme light from the torch. —*photo by Bryson Gay*

Mr. Scott Diebold, teacher, instructs students Kyle Banks and Larry Motzkus, sophomores, on the use of a table saw to complete projects during wood technology class. Students enlisted the use of specialized machines to complete assigned projects. —*photo by Bryson Gay*



To create his project during fourth hour Metals I class, Andrew McMahon, freshman, files down strips of metal. Students used specialized machines, like this grinder, to create their projects. — photo by Bryson Gay



Meeting with a college representative Jeff Sims, Jon Howell and Eric Simonich, seniors, discuss plans for the next year. Students met with representatives to gain insight as to what colleges were like. —*photo by John Graham*

Joanna Ansley, senior, fills out an evaluation for college scholarships. Many students used scholarships to help fund their way through college. —*photo by Rachel Metzler*



applying for a change

Beginning for some in first semester, seniors prepared for the challenge that awaited them after high school.

They began the difficult journey of filling out applications and visiting colleges and universities.

by Lindsay Derr

Nicole Armstrong, senior, walks into her cluttered room and sits down at her desk. Looking down with a feeling of dread at an application for college, she reaches for her favorite black pen and begins to write.

In addition to the tensions of jobs, family and school, seniors also had to deal with the stress(es) of applying to colleges. This stress affected seniors who were trying to decide what direction they wanted their life to take.

"Colleges expect students who can concentrate, take responsibility for their studies and who have participated in volunteer work," Christy Hallock, senior, said.

In order to have a more impressive application, seniors tried to participate in as many leadership roles, honors classes and school activities as possible. When reviewing an application colleges looked for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Seniors rushed to get applications mailed early.

"Sending in applications

early gives seniors a better chance of receiving scholarships to the college of their choice," Kourtney Francis, senior, said.

To help them narrow their choices, seniors visited college campuses to see how they would fit their needs. In addition to visiting campuses, students talked with admission counselors, parents and school counselors to ask questions concerning college.

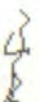
"Deciding on a college was really difficult. Ever since I was younger, I was sure I wanted to go to Missouri University, until I visited Bradley's campus [in Peoria, Illinois]. Now I'm having trouble deciding between the two," said Lainie Rosenthal, senior.

Armstrong caps her pen and carefully reads over her application for the last time. She slowly relaxes as she realizes she's done. Now she can start on the next application.

"I plan to keep all my options open for college, but I know I'm going to major in criminal justice," said Armstrong.



"Recommendations take forever to write because I try hard to make the reader visualize the person I know and what makes him or her wonderful," Mrs. Susan Massy, journalism adviser, said. Among the recommendation that Massy wrote was this one for Mae Luen Kuo, senior.
—photo by Rachel Metzler



a helping hand

Exploring Childhood gave juniors and seniors an opportunity to explore teaching. By assisting elementary teachers with teaching, planning lessons and grading papers.

by jennifer buechele

as Julie Yonker, senior, walks into Mrs. Christine Wood's kindergarten classroom at Ray Marsh, 17 eyes turn her way.

"All right," Wood said, "Julie is here to read with you."

"In order to be a teacher's assistant, you have to be a leader and know how to communicate well, or else the kids won't understand," Yonker said.

Exploring Childhood classes provided an opportunity for those who wanted to be teachers and also taught students skills that could be used in any other career.

"Exploring Childhood is an excellent parenting class and is good for those pursuing careers that deal with children," Mrs. Peggy Fuller, exploring childhood teacher, said.

In class, students learned about child psychology, teaching strategies and career opportunities. Four days a

week, students visited elementary schools where they assisted teachers with the day-to-day class routines.

"I want to be a teacher and I think having the experience of being a teacher's assistant will give me ideas for working with kids. It will tell me if this is what I really want to do," Jennifer Reed, junior, said.

Yonker sits down with the group of children and begins to read a book called *The Biggest Pumpkin Ever*. The children listen contentedly to the story, and before they know it, it is time for Yonker to leave.

As Yonker heads out the door, she hears a little voice, "No, no don't leave yet," Caitlin O'Conner, one of the kindergartners, cries.

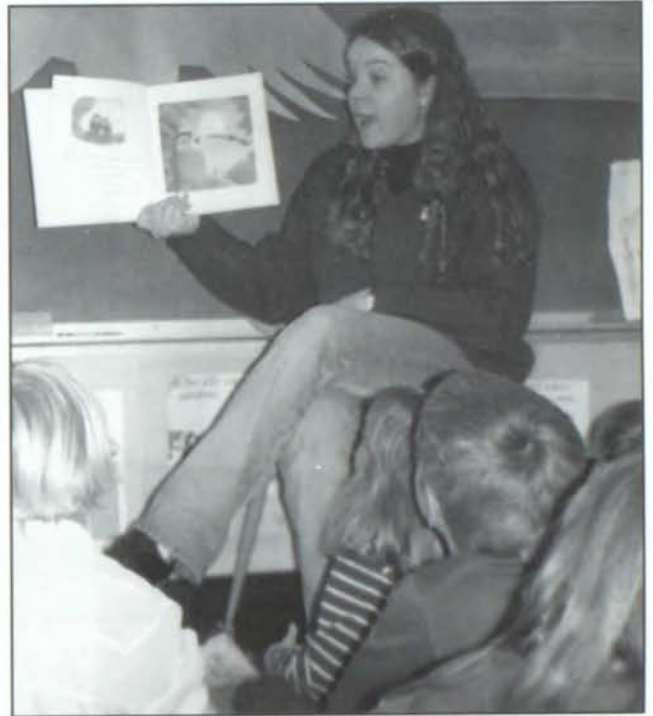
Yonker stops and turns around. The girl runs up to her and gives her a big hug. Yonker smiles and says goodbye, promising the little girl she will be back the next day.



Cindy Milton

senior, helps a group of girls color a drug free poster during drug free week at Ray Marsh.

— photo by Christina Lang



Mrs Wood's kindergarten class listens to a story about owls read by their classroom helper Julie Yonker, senior. Exploring Childhood students often read stories to small groups of children while they were helping out as teacher assistants. — photo by Christina Lang.

Mrs. Talley's third grade students write stories about pumpkins with the help of Paula O'Conner, senior. Often students had the opportunity to work with children one on one. — photo by Christina Lang





making an impression

Imagination was in great demand during jewelry class. Students were responsible for designing and creating their own jewelry, often using everything around them for inspiration.

by Lauren Aircy

Patrishia Boyle, sophomore, leans over a small strip of metal. She bends it around the sizer to fit her finger. She picks up a small saw and begins to smooth the edges. After several minutes, she lifts the crude ring to inspect it. The effect she is looking for is still not there, so she continues.

"My favorite part is making up the ideas for my jewelry," Boyle said.

Working with metals and stones allowed students in Jewelry I to show a more imaginative side. Instead of learning through books and lectures, they were given the freedom to express themselves through their art. Students used magazines, art books and scraps of metal for inspiration.

"It's fun making stuff. It lets me reach out with my creativity," Andy Stern, junior, said.

Required activities for the

year included pierce and saw projects, painting, soldering, and free choice projects such as earrings, necklaces and bracelets.

"I like making rings best because you can really fit it to your finger and put all kinds of cool stuff on it," Alex Marsh, sophomore, said.

Mrs. Carol Harder, art teacher, let the students work independently.

"It's really up to you to push yourself; you have to teach yourself that," Jenny Wilner, sophomore, said.

Boyle's project is finally completed, transformed from a narrow strip of metal to a slim, silver ring. She places the ring on her finger and begins to clean it with a small cloth. Boyle holds the ring at arms length, watching it shine brightly in the light. She nods her head and smiles with satisfaction.

Josie Pratt, senior, concentrates on her project during fifth hour Jewelry class. She holds her hands steady as she points the flame on to the small piece of metal.

—photo by
Rachel Metzler



As he bends over his project, Alex Marsh, sophomore, focuses on cutting the metal accurately. Marsh had to practice patience when dealing with such small tools. —photo by Rachel Metzler





Mrs. Helga Beuing, German teacher, is one of the many traveling teachers at Northwest. These teachers must push materials for their classes from room to room on carts down the crowded hallways. Those who teach in the basement found themselves far from restrooms, lockers and forgotten supplies.— *photo by Rachel Metzler*

Students are forced to wait outside of room 108 for Mrs. Esther Tuttle, Spanish teacher. Traveling teachers sometimes found it hard to make to their classes on time. — *photo by Rachel Metzler*



teachers on the move

With not enough classrooms and too many students, many teachers were forced to adapt to the stressful status of a traveling teacher.

by Lindsay Derr

Battling her way down the cramped hallway, Mrs. Barbara Turnbull, math teacher, struggles to reach to her next class. After she manages to arrive in her classroom, she sits down and breathes a sigh of relief, noticing that she has arrived before most of her students.

"Being a traveling teacher creates two problems: having all your materials with you and getting to class on time," Mr. Joe Hunsley, English teacher, said.

Because of a record student enrollment, fewer teachers had their own classroom.

"It's always best to have your own classroom, but we can't do that," Dr. Bill Harrington, principal, said. "For the next two to three years, there will be no room due to the increase of students."

Students knew all too well what teachers were feeling moving from class to class. Teachers were sometimes forced to leave their students waiting in the hallways, caus-

ing a traffic jam for other students on their way to class.

"My third hour teacher, Mr. Lorenzo, sometimes leaves my class waiting in the hallway. Usually he's on time though," Holly Pesek, freshman, said.

Traffic jams were only one of many problems facing both teachers and students.

Because of an increasing lack of appropriate class space, students were even forced to read *The Crucible* in the metals shop surrounded by machinery and occasionally breathing exhaust fumes from the adjacent auto shop.

"Students don't see the metals lab as a true academic environment," Mr. Tim Thornburg, junior English teacher, said.

As the class quickly files into the empty classroom, they begin to quiet down. They pull out the homework hoping there will be no pop quizzes. Mrs. Turnbull casually glances at the clock, knowing that her next class is a resource period. Finally, she can take a break from the stress of her day.

Placing supplies

for his next class on his cart, Dr. Carl Zell, social studies teacher, prepares for class. Teachers who were assigned to multiple classrooms had to spend more time planning ahead than teachers who remained in the same room all day.

— photo by Rachel Metzler





Standing in front of the class, Nicole Perez, sophomore, reads her speech. Rehearsing in front of classmates helped students to overcome their fear of speaking in front of crowds.—*photo by Derrick Schultz*





speaking of fear...

Students found Speech/Forensics class a good opportunity to overcome their fears of talking in front of groups.

by Lindsay Derr

Slowly walking to the front of her seventh hour, Evelina Lekser, freshman, prepares to deliver her speech. Her hands shake as she holds her note-cards. Her only sense of confidence comes from the fact that her speech is on Moscow, Russia, her native country.

"Speech/forensics is a great class to take because it helps you in and out of high school, and it helps you overcome your fear of public speaking," Lekser said.

For most giving a speech was a challenge. Taking speech classes helped students to overcome their fears of talking in front of large crowds or groups of people.

"I like to see students who learn to express themselves comfortably. My favorite part is watching students, who in the beginning of the year, are timid and paranoid, then change into speakers who have self confidence," Mrs. Erica Warren, speech/forensics teacher, said.

During the year, students gave informative, impromptu,


demonstrative, sales and persuasive speeches. Besides reciting speeches, students also did vocal exercises such as reciting tongue twisters to help their speeches flow better.

"The best part of the class is the competition. You become part of the class and you learn so much about people that you never knew," Aaron Cooper, junior, said.

After second semester, the speech and forensics classes were combined into one class, since there were only eight to ten people enrolled in each of the two classes.

"Trying to be two people in one hour is complicated. I hope I have given both classes what they deserve. I'm trying to build up the forensics class so administrators can justify it as its own class," Warren said.

As Lekser walks off the stage and down the steps, she lets out a sigh of relief. She cannot believe she will have to experience the same nervousness again; her next speech is due in a couple of days.



While listening to Evelina Lekser, freshman, Mrs. Warren, forensics teacher critiques the presentation of her speech. In preparation for speeches, students rehearsed in front of other classmates for constructive criticism. —photo by Derrick Schultz

Aaron Cooper, junior gives one of the many speeches required of the students enrolled in speech. During the year students were expected to give informative, impromptu, demonstrative, sales, discussion and persuasive speeches. —photo by Derrick Schultz





Trying out new dance moves, Lindsay Blocher, sophomore, and Tiffany Watson, senior, attempt to put together a floor routine. Making their own floor routines was one of the requirements for the girls in the gymnastics class. The boys were given routines already made to perform. —*photo by Keri Goodman.*

As Rayanne Freeman, sophomore tries a back-walkover to a split, Ashley Smalley and Heather Castle, sophomores, help spot her. Learning and performing new tumbling tricks and dance moves was required in order for students to make their own floor routines. —*photo by Keri Goodman.*



springing into action

In addition to the gymnastics program, the gymnastics class gave students an opportunity to learn basic skills on the vault, beam, bars and floor.

by heather castle

as Rayanne Freeman, sophomore, pulled over the bars, she silently focused on how to do a back hip circle. Nervousness caused her hands to sweat, saturating the moistureless chalk she applied moments before. Freeman pushed her hips up and away from the bars. In the blink of an eye, her hips rebounded back to the bar, circling it until she resumed her original position.

Gymnastics was an fun-filled class which taught students the basic skills of both men and womens' gymnastics. Although the majority of the class included girls, a few boys also found the class enjoyable. Grades were generally based upon daily participation, skills tests and a few written tests which included basic gymnastics vocabulary.

For three students it was their second or third year taking the class.

"I keep taking gymnastics because I like the sport, Ms. Miller and the class. It also

gives me extra practice," Michelle Humble, junior, said.

Most gymnastics students had their own favorite event.

"I like the bars because I can do them really well and it takes a lot of risk. When I was little, I used to always play on the bars in my backyard," Freeman said.

Occasionally, students were given extra credit in exchange for spending class time to help set up equipment for gymnastics meets held at school.

"Setting up equipment isn't as fun as doing gymnastics, but it's a good opportunity for much needed extra credit," Kira Doty, sophomore, said.

Freeman let out a deep sigh and concentrated while she again pushed her hips away from the bars, this time performing a squat-on. After the soles of her feet came in contact with the bar, she piked her legs and dismounted with a pike-sole circle. As she landed on the mat below, she bent her knees, sticking her landing perfectly.

While performing a standing backtuck, Janice Miller, gymnastics teacher, spots Ashley Smalley, sophomore. Students were often given the help of a spotter to learn a trick.
—photo by Keri Goodman



be our guest

With guest speakers ranging from parents of murdered children to moms of toddlers, students learned lessons about life that could not be found in textbooks.

by Lauren Aircy

Brad Sager, senior, was late to class, missing the beginning of the discussion with a panel of policeman. When he arrived, the discussion centered on the hiring requirements for police officers. As class progressed, they talked about drugs, speeding tickets and parties.

Guest speakers, such as these, provided students with a break in their usual routines. Their presence in class allowed students to learn through others' experiences.

"I think hearing guest speakers is more effective than learning from textbooks," Amy Verstraete, sophomore, said, "You have someone there to ask about their first hand experiences."

The chance to hear guest speakers gave students and teachers a perspective on a life different than their own. The speakers, from battered housewives to convicts spoke on topics including sexual deviation, disease, home management and detective work.

"The man that spoke to our health class about AIDS really made an impact. Some of the

girls in my class were crying. It was pretty emotional," Anne Bianculli, freshmen, said.

Most students were left with the memory of a speaker that stood out from the rest.

"My most memorable guest speaker was a 70-year-old ex-convict who came into sociology. He was in jail for 50 years for murder. I remember he was very smart and well spoken, which surprised me," Stacy Montee, senior, said.

Introduction to Business, Sociology I and II and Child Development were classes frequented by guest speakers.

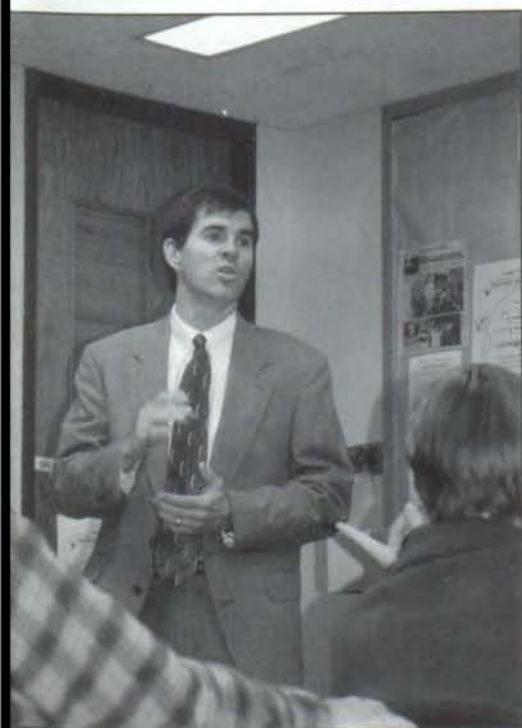
"During second semester, we'll have up to 80 speakers. The heartbeat of the school is room 202," Mr. Ron Poplau, sociology teacher, said.

When Poplau asked for volunteers, Sager's hand went up. The officers frisked and handcuffed him to give him the feeling of an arrest. Poplau instructed him to resist arrest. As soon as he moved, Officer Hotzel grabbed his thumb and twisted it behind his back. Sager stopped immediately, amazed by the pain that had been so quickly inflicted.



Mike Goudy, senior, took part in the mock trial for part of his American Government class, as his classmates looked on. Students attended the mock trial to get an insight on the atmosphere of a real courtroom.—photo by Rachel Metzler

Dr. Carl Zell's American Government fifth hour class had a chance to listen to Mr. John Fritz. Fritz, Assistant District Attorney, is in charge of the juvenile division. He is also a NW graduate and returned to speak about his position in the government.—photo by Rachel Metzler



instant insights

- ❖ "I think that guest speakers are a good thing when they have important things to say that actually apply," Jake White, senior, said.
- ❖ "Guest speakers are living textbooks.... These people do this everyday, so they have a real impact on students," Ron Poplau, sociology teacher, said.

Criminologist, Chief Frank Denning, a guest speaker in Sociology II, discussed murder and his experiences as the first investigator on the scene.

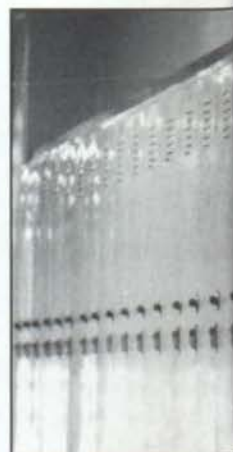
- ❖ "I hope to share my knowledge and make them (the students) knowledgeable about their surroundings. So, hopefully, they can avoid things such as death, prostitution and violence," Denning, said.





Mrs. Amanda Davis, science teacher, is reentering her grades into her computer after it crashed over winter break. Fortunately, Davis had a record of the grades in her gradebook so the computer crash was not anything more than an inconvenience. —photo by John Graham

While she types in her student's first tardy, Mrs. Kay Kassen, freshman English teacher, marks the tardy in her grade book, just to be safe. Kassen, like the majority of teachers, was affected by the large computer crash. —photo by John Graham



Since the Pinnacle system would not work, many lab assistants were required to go from classroom to classroom to collect attendance forms. —photo by Derrick Shultz



access denied

Numerous computer problems caused frustration for teachers and students alike. A computer crash over winter break caused many teachers to do their grades by hand.

by Lauren Airey and Jennifer Buchele

hunched over her grade book and armed with a calculator, Mrs. Stephanie Norton, social studies teacher, goes through the tedious process of figuring grades manually.

Teachers were notified at the beginning of the school year that they would be using the Pinnacle attendance system. Some of the teachers did not want to make this change, but it was mandatory. Northwest was to be the first school in the district to use computers in the classroom for attendance. Unfortunately, the system never took off. From the very beginning, the system refused to transmit.

"Somewhere along the way, something went wrong. The school system needed to follow the logical order of things instead of just pushing it at us," Mr. Joe Hunsley, English teacher, said.

Over winter break, the system crashed, erasing grades. At least 20 teachers completely lost their grades, while others were simply set back. Several teachers had their grades

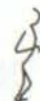
saved on disk or written in a grade book, but many were simply out of luck.

"I had my grades all written down, so it didn't personally affect me, but some teachers didn't," Mrs. Sandra Daigneaux, Spanish teacher, said.

One advantage to the new system was all teachers had access to e-mail. It was a way for teachers to communicate conveniently with each other without actually leaving their classroom. Later, a rule was passed that allowed administrators to review e-mail made some feel violated in their rights while others thought it was justified.

"I love e-mail. Just don't put anything on e-mail you wouldn't want your mother to read," Mrs. Linda Johnson, geography teacher, said.

After many tiring hours Norton hits the keys on her calculator for the last time that day. Finally her grades are finished. Although she is relieved, she wishes that she could have saved time and gone through the process on the computer.





Mrs. Peggy Fuller, Health Careers I teacher, instructs Megan Amos and Mary Kronawitter, juniors, during a group project. Group projects were common so that students could help each other learn about the health field. —*photo by Brandon Baker*

Natalie Jordan, junior, and Russ Schroeder, junior, work together on a group presentation. These presentations allowed students to demonstrate knowledge of diseases and treatments. —*photo by Brandon Baker*



During a Power Point presentation, Mrs. Peggy Fuller, Health Careers I instructor, tells students about common cardiac problems and its symptoms. Anatomy and physiology were also an essential part of the class —*photo by David Hosch*



learning

from the experts

Health Careers I and II provided students with a foundation in the medical field. Guest speakers were invited to teach and students shadowed medical professionals to get first-hand experience.

by jennifer jolly

at the beginning of the hour, Mrs. Peggy Fuller, health careers teacher, introduced the students to a dancing skeleton, who pointed to the parts of the body, on the computer screen. As they were entertained, the students were also able to become familiar with the parts of the skeleton.

Students enrolled in health careers were given the challenge of choosing occupations in which they were interested in studying.

"I've wanted to be a pediatrician for as long as I can remember," Cheryl Woodburn, senior, said.

Students of Health Careers I learned about the different types of medical professions, such as respiratory therapy, medical equipment sales, physical therapy, and nursing. Guest speakers visited from the different fields of study. Learning medical terminology and parts of the body, including muscles and bones, were also required.

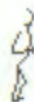
Health Careers II was offered at Shawnee Mission

West and Shawnee Mission North for Northwest students during a three hour time block. The extra time was needed for transportation to and from the schools for the 50 minute class. Students wrote journals of rounds they made with professionals in the medical field. They got the chance to rotate and experience different professions.

Most students enrolled in Health Careers to build foundations that will prepare them for medical school.

"I think that helping people is one of the best things a person can do and that's why I want to become a doctor," Jenny Simpson, senior, said.

More familiar with the parts of the body and how their bodies move, students chose a partner to work with. Students spread out on the floor to finish tracing each other's life-sized skeleton frames onto paper. With little time remaining, they rolled up their projects and put away their pencils and scissors as they rose to leave.



More often than we realized, we were caught in the rush of life. Sports motivated us to give our best performance and pushed us to our limit. Whether a designated captain or a member of the team, each of us found a way to lead. The true athlete strived for excellence—every practice, every game, every time.

We practiced running through the finish with our chins down at the end of every repeat mile. We dribbled aggressively down the soccer field to beat the countdown of the clock. We encouraged our teammates, even when we were not satisfied with our own performance.

In the back of our minds, there was always the glory of success—rushing two touchdowns in the second half, winning state in



by mae-luen kuo
and starr slavin

setting the pace

cross country four years in a row or knowing that we were third in the nation in soccer.

SPORTS

Our motivation to play the best pushed us to be our best, and this gave us the determination to lead others and ourselves. The other teams that could not keep up were the ones left behind because we were

setting the pace...

Rounding the corner

John Sumner, sophomore, prepares for an upcoming hill in the Power Bar Invitational at Shawnee Mission Park. He went on to finish fourth in the boys' varsity race, boosting the team to a second place finish. While running the course during practice, team members visualized how they planned to run their races.—photo by Rachel Metzler



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Varsity  scoreboard

Olathe North	3-2
SM South	2-1
Olathe East	3-0
SM East	3-1
Lawrence FS	5-1
Wyandotte	9-0
SM West	3-2
Olathe South	1-2
SM North	3-0
Topeka West	2-1OT
SM South	0-1
Lawrence	0-2
Olathe East	2-1
Leavenworth	0-5
Olathe North	1-2
Schlagle	10-0
SM South	3-4
Overall Record	17-6



Kevin Mertz, sophomore, tries to keep possession of the ball with a header. Headers were an easy way to get injured. Without proper placement, serious damage could be done.—photo by Bryson Gay



The soccer team had gone beyond all expectations. Hard work paid off with a winning season and a brief national ranking.

keeping **the goal** in mind

With hardly any room to breathe on the Northwest side of the bleachers, parents and students packed the stands to watch the varsity soccer team take the field against the Shawnee Mission West Vikings. Total attention was given to every move of the ball as the soccer team struggled under the pressure of an undefeated record. The scoreboard showed the teams tied at two with 15 minutes left to go. Play had turned physical; shoving matches and collisions became commonplace.

Mike Goudy, senior, was at the net. He faked the goalie, cut across, and gave the ball a kick with his left foot. The shot flew by the goalie and hit the net behind him.

"I started playing when I was three years old. My dad put me on a soccer club team and I loved it. I play year round now," said Goudy, the lead scorer for the year and team co-captain.

It took hours of personal determination, weeks of team practice and years of playing to reach this level. Practice ran two hours every day after school, except

on game days, with plenty of drills, passes, fitness and ball handling.

"It's seriousness and hard work, but lots of fun," Geoff Miles, sophomore, said.

With a losing 1996 season, expectations for the soccer team were not very high at the start of the season. Try-outs were intense, with a lot of people and a lot of skill.

Although there was obvious individual strength, the power in their game came from playing as a team. The varsity team acted like a family more than a group of players. Regular team dinners and overnight trips, complete with all the joking you would find among brothers, strengthened that bond. At one team dinner, teammates sprawled on the floor, teasing each other about their performances as the game played on the television. All the badgering only brought them closer.

"Of all the teams I've played for, none of them have been as close as this one. There's something special about this (continued on page 38)



Moving towards his opponent, Mike Goudy, senior, concentrates on stealing the ball. Goudy was one of three co-captains on the varsity soccer team and the the season's leading scorer.—*photo by Bryson Gay*

While sitting on the sideline, Chris Mirakian, freshman, waits for one of his teammates to try to stop the bleeding from the cut on his head. He received the injury from a collision with an opponent.—*photo by Kevin Izard*



"We are more than just a high school team that kicks the ball. We know all the plays and where the players are."

-Geoff Miles, sophomore



keeping **the goal** in mind

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team," Danny Maisch, senior,
said.

Maybe it was the unity, the talent or the desire to win, but the team seemed to be on top of everything this year. With an early win at the Olathe Tournament, a national ranking at mid-season, and a record of 11-6, the team had done what no other team in the past had managed to do. Although they were left out of state competition due to a loss in regional play, they proved to themselves and showed everyone else what could be accomplished.

"Hopefully we'll bring a new tradition to NW. In the future, there'll be three things to try for: The Olathe Tournament, state championships and now, a spot in the national poll," Matt Ireland, new varsity head coach, said.

Ireland's relative youth may have served him well for this

season. Being only five years older than half the team allowed him to relate to the athletes. As a NW graduate, he knew the program and he knew the school.

"He really listens to what we have to say, and he gave us the opportunity to play the way we wanted to," Brandon Dawson, senior co-captain, said.

Goudy's arms shot up in the air and his teammates gathered around him to voice their congratulations. The bleachers shook beneath the feet of the fans as they jumped, yelled and cheered. The traditional cheer of C-C-C-O-U-G-A-A-A-R-S roared as the school's largest crowd in recent history gave the soccer team their much deserved appreciation. The Cougars went on to win the game against West. As the final buzzer sounded, students stormed the field, crowding around the tired soccer players.

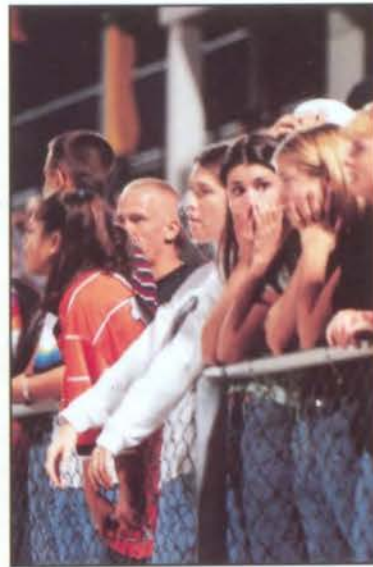
by lauren airey



"We didn't have anything to lose, going into the season. I think that's why we played so well."

—Zac Brennan, junior

As he runs for the ball, Brady Lilja, senior, dribbles it down the field. With no opponent nearby, he keeps his mind focused on the field and the goal.
—photo by Bryson Gay



Fans stand in shock as they watch their nationally ranked team lose their first game. A missed penalty kick cost them the game and their title.—*photo by Bryson Gay*

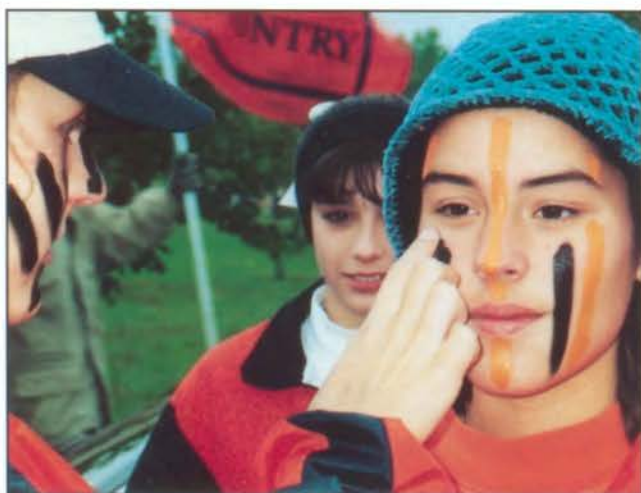
The varsity team huddles together before the second half in an attempt to pump each other up for the remainder of the game. They yell "Good to go" as they take the field.—*photo by Bryson Gay*



Junior Varsity = = scoreboard

SM East	1-0
Lawrence FS	8-0
Olathe East	2-5
SM West	2-1
Olathe South	3-2
SM North	1-2
Topeka West	3-1
SM South	2-1
Olathe North	1-0
Aquinas	0-8
Leavenworth	0-0
Lawrence	3-0
Rockhurst	0-4
Overall Record	9-4





Katieann Pesek, sophomore, gets her face painted by Kellie Spencer, sophomore, before a cross country meet. Runners cheered on their teammates when they were not running.—photo by Keri Goodman



I've got my pride, I've got my...

ORANGE SLUDGE

In most stories, fans are forgotten, left to read about the teams they supported. Not many think of those who pushed their imaginations and resources to the limit for their school and their team. Rain and cold weather never swayed them in their mission. Painted in orange and black, and dressed to receive a reaction, their main purpose was to excite the crowd. This is a their tribute.

These dedicated fans do not stop at simply wearing school colors or waving posters. They spray their hair and paint their faces. They yell and scream and do what they have to do to get the crowd on its feet.

"I wear a tie-dyed basketball shooting jersey, bandanna, and I paint myself different colors every time. It usually takes about 20 minutes to get ready," Ty Lohrey, senior, said.

The Orange Army was a group of family and friends that followed cross country runners at all meets. They made up a big part of the cheering section at the state competition this year.

"I went out to cheer on my brother and my friends. I painted my face half orange and half black and wrote "NW" in my hair," Chris Mirakian, freshmen, said.

It remained popular because of the feeling of tradition it brought to all those who participated. Though the groups were primarily made of seniors, everyone was welcome. A sense of belonging came with the territory as students of every class joined together.

"The older kids did it, so that made it okay. Someone's got to show the juniors what to do," George Walden, senior, said.

Friends of the athletes made it a point to be there and show their support.

"It's fun to show school spirit, but I love supporting my friends I've known all my life," Spencer Cryder, senior, said.

Orange Sludge is an important part of sports at NW and should not be overlooked. As long as there are athletes on the fields, the fans will be cheering them on from the stands.

The tradition of Orange Sludge continues. It is NW's unofficial fan club, a group of people who show their school spirit as loud as they can. They were the first to arrive and the last to leave.

At a varsity soccer game, Byron Bruce, sophomore, showed his school spirit for the first graduating class of the millennium. Orange Sludge started early this year when the soccer team started receiving national recognition.—*photo by Michael Dalbom*

To show his support at a varsity football game, Brent Sails, senior, raises his hands into the air. His yelling pumps up the crowd that surrounds him. Orange Sludge was a way for these students to increase spirit for the whole crowd and the team.—*photo by Michael Dalbom*

by lauren airey and heather wetzel



The cross country team this year was guided by a force much stronger than luck: Talent. This talent led the boys to a fourth straight state championship and a runner-up for the girls.

leader **of the** pack

Pickups were done and the varsity girls were staying loose at the starting line. Amber Phipps, sophomore, stood with the number 2665 pinned to her blue racing jersey, a crowd of orange and blue surrounding her on all sides. Suddenly, she crouched, a determined look in her eyes.

"On your mark, get set, GO!" yelled the announcer, and the girls were off. Her blonde ponytail bobbed in time with the rhythm her feet set as she started the two-mile run through Shawnee Mission Park at the Power Bar Invitational.

The 90 students who choose to run cross country not only had the legs to show for it but the friendships as well.

"There's really good team unity. We're all cool with each other and there's tons of support," Seth Enderby, senior, said.

Family and unity were key

issues within the team. Pasta dinners and group sleepovers kept the team spirit up. Runners made friends that carried out of practice and into the halls and the rest of their lives. It gave everyone a chance to meet people and become friends with people they would not have known under normal circumstances.

Team practices began in early June to prepare the runners for the season. Grueling workouts of sprints, distance running, aqua jogging and strength training were kept the team in shape. Frequent weekend runs gave the athletes the chance to get ahead while other teams rested. Students logged hundreds of miles before the season ended in October.

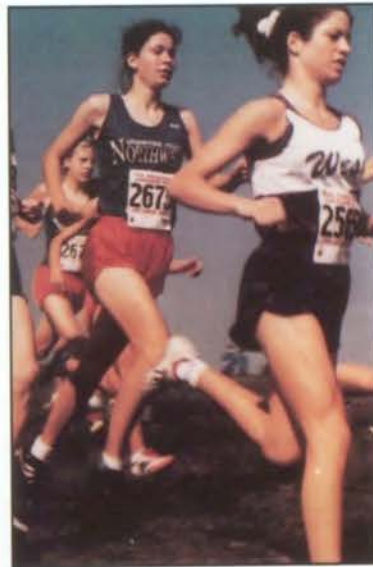
"Practices really prepare you for meets because of the
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"People thought that this would be a rebuilding year, but we proved them wrong and won a fourth state championship."

—Jeff Simms, Senior

Brandon Baker, junior, and Matt Quigley, freshman, join the rest of the boys varsity cross country team in the team prayer before their race at the Power Bar Invitational.
—photo by Michael Dalbom



Running in a pack allowed Jamie Wyatt, junior, and Kellie Spencer, sophomore, get good positioning on the downhill start in the girls' varsity race. Crowded starts were common among large meets.—*photo by Rachel Metzler*

The Junior Varsity boys start their race off at the Power Bar Invitational. A quick start was essential and allowed for good positioning early in the race.—*photo by Michael Dalbom*



Boys' Varsity ————— scoreboard

Baker Invitational	1st
Sport Shake Challenge	7th
Rim Rock Invitational	7th
Power Bar Invitational	2nd
El Dorado Invitational	1st
League	1st
Regionals	1st
State	1st





Girls' Varsity — scoreboard

Baker Invitational	1st
Sport Shake Challenge	4th
Rim Rock Invitational	9th
Power Bar Invitational	4th
El Dorado Invitational	2nd
League	2nd
Regionals	2nd
State	2nd



After an overdistance run, Mae Luen Kuo and Susan Bae, seniors, cool off with ice and popsicle. Coach Rose gave popsicles to the entire team whenever a team member had a birthday.—photo by Rachel Metzler



leader of the pack

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way Coach Rose varies them. We do hills, distance, and sprints," Calvin Locklear, freshmen, said.

Runners used different methods to take their minds off of the distance as they ran, from songs and mind games to praying.

"I play games with myself. I try to tell myself that it's only 15 more minutes and after that, I'm done," Jena Shackelford, sophomore, said.

Cross country had always done well in competition, and this year was no exception. As the only fall sports team to make it to the state competition, they had the burden of representing all of NW. The top runners competed at the state championship in Lawrence to defend their state titles. For the fourth straight year, the boys' varsity team were state champions, something never before accomplished by a Kansas 6A school. Girls varsity came home with a hard-won, second-place finish.

"It's such a great accomplishment for both of the teams to place in state this

year. We couldn't have done it without our loyal supporters. Everywhere you looked, all you could see was orange," Keri Goodman, senior, said.

This year's Orange Army was made up of parents, friends, and siblings of the runners. They followed the runners to every meet, no matter the distance. They never failed to show their encouragement of the team with orange and black flags, shirts, buttons and the occasional face painting. They ran around the course, making sure the runners knew everyone there was rooting for their success.

"Here they come!" a parent in the crowd shouts, pointing at the group of girls running around the corner. All heads turn to see the finish. Fans line the sides of the course, yelling encouragement at their team. Cheers of, "Come on, you can do it! Just a little bit further!" were deafening. Up the hill they ran, sweatsoaked and red in the face. As Phipps reaches the top of the hill, she sprints to the finish line. She is the first NW runner to cross the line.

by lauren airey



Amber Phipps, sophomore, leads the girls varsity race through Shawnee Mission Park. Long practices and hard work made wins like this possible.—photo by Rachel Metzler

After a hill workout in the Wedgewood neighborhood, Mark Vanderweide, senior, and Calvin Locklear, freshman, cool off by dipping their heads in the fountain.—photo by Rachel Metzler



"We wanted to prove to ourselves, and everyone else, that we could be more competitive."

-Holly Hydeman, Senior



Although this was a re-building year for the golf team, all the girls showed effort toward improving their game.

par and away

The smell of freshly cut grass fills the air as silence forms a blanket over the golf course at Lake Quivira. The girls are just arriving at the course to begin practice.

"Practices were long, but we learned a lot during the time that we were out there," Emily McFadden, sophomore, said.

By teaching the beginning steps in the game to the newcomers and reviewing with the returning players, Scheele helped everyone with her performances.

"Having a new coach definitely pays off. He helped everyone with their individual game, and made adjustments on the team," Amanda Karpinski, junior, said.

Practice was held every day at one of four courses, including Overland Park, Lake Quivira, St. Andrews and Tomahawk. They focused on the fundamentals of the game. Spending so much time prac-

ticing together allowed the girls to develop friendships that normally would not have occurred.

"We got along well with each other on and off the course," McFadden said.

People tend to think that golf is a relatively easy and pointless game, but to the lady golfers it provided a mental challenge that needed concentration, yet was fun at the same time.

Although they had no team traditions, some of the girls had good luck items to add a little spice to their games.

"We really don't have any superstitions as a team, but I always use my own tee to give me some good luck," Stephanie Melcher, sophomore, said.

As practice came to an end, the girls put their clubs into their bags. The light on the lake shone brightly as they left the gates of Lake Quivira.

by starr slavin



"Golf is a lot harder than what other people think. It's more of a mental game."

—Stephanie Melcher, sophomore

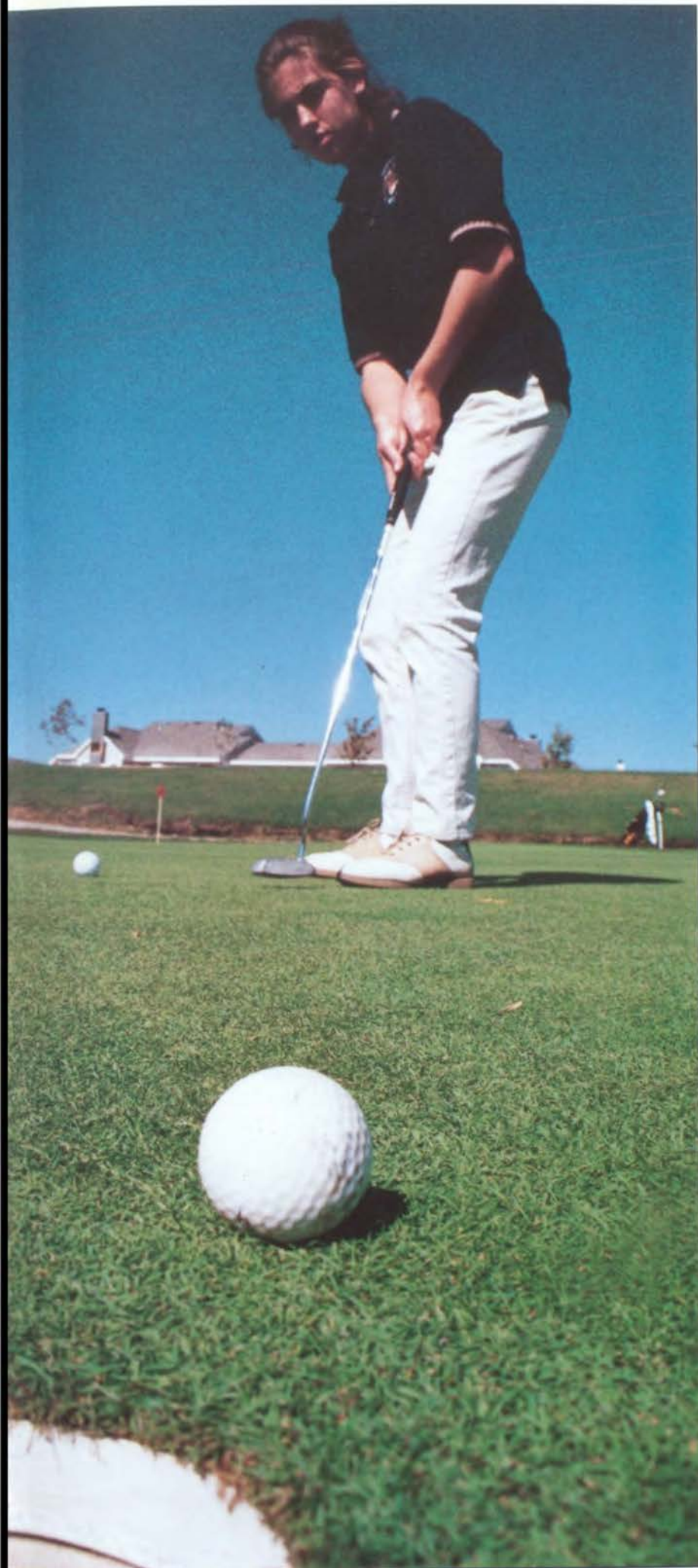
Betsy Blake, senior,

practices her putting skills before a tournament.

It was common for the girls to practice their game before they competed.

—photo by Michael Dalbom





Determined to keep the ball on the far-away, Amanda Karpinski, junior, drives towards the green. Putting from odd positions was something that the girls had to deal with.—*photo by Michael Dalbom*

Crouching down on the slope of the green to get a better view of the ball, Emily McFadden, sophomore, notes the adjustments she must make on her swing in order to putt the ball accurately.—*photo by Clay Hoelting*



Varsity scoreboard

Olathe Invitational	5th
SM West Dual	1st
SM Northwest Invitational	9th
Washburn Rural Invitational	4th
Lawrence Invitational	9th
Aquinas Invitational	8th
League	8th
Regionals	8th





Varsity scoreboard

Topeka West	3-2
Aquinas	5-0
SM South	4-1
Olathe North	4-1
SM West	3-2
Olathe South	3-2
Pembrooke	9-0
Olathe East	4-2
BV Northwest	4-2
District Tournament	3rd
Leavenworth	4-1
St. Joseph	4-1
Miege Tournament	4-0
BV North	4-1
SM North	4-1
SM East	5-0
Lawrence	3-1
League	4th
Regionals	3rd
State	11th



Marci Paegelow, senior, practices in the hot weather after school. Despite the high temperature, the girls did not lose their patience in trying to practice and have fun.—
photo by Rachel Metzler



Tennis was more than playing matches. Although the practices were not as productive as they would like, talent shined through and the girls succeeded in the long run.

love means nothing

"Blue 42, Blue 42! Hike!" Practicing in the hot, 90 degree weather, the sophomore football players are startled when a fuzzy yellow ball comes flying through the air landing in the middle of the field. A wave of laughter breaks out on the tennis court.

The girls tennis season was not what they expected, but they still managed to have a good time.

"Everyone had fun. In fact I think we had too much fun. We didn't get much accomplished in practice because we were too busy trying to hit people with balls," Rachel Metzler, senior said.

Something good did come out of all of this fun and games, though. Taylor White, freshman, and Darcy Gentry, junior, doubled up as partners at the beginning of the season, and by the end they each went home with a seventh place finish in the state competition.

"My only goal this year was to make it to state, so I was really happy. Darcy was a big help too," White said.

The state competition was not taken

lightly by Gentry either. It proved to be an amazing experience for her.

"State is a big deal to me. I was so close to state last year, so this year going to state made me so happy and it was so awesome," Darcy said.

Most of the varsity team made it to League and Regional competition in October. Although the weather was freezing, it did not stop them from playing. The girls bundled up into sweats, sweat-shirts, hoods, gloves and earmuffs along with the usual skirt and t-shirt to play their matches. The team had good matches and came back satisfied with their performances. They also came back with stronger friendships.

"We all bonded at regionals and it was kind of cool," Marcie Paegelow, senior, said.

Matt Lockhart, sophomore, runs to retrieve the random tennis ball. He throws it back and just misses Laura Fletcher's head. Practice resumes for both sports until another ball flies over the backboard...

by starr slavin

"During League and Regionals, the weather was freezing. It was hard to play with three layers of clothes on, but we had fun!"

—Laura Fletcher, senior



Returning the ball to her opponent Taylor White, freshman, practices after school. Her hard work and constant determination helped to put her in the state tournament where she ended up placing seventh with Darcy Gentry.—*photo by Rachel Metzler*

While leaning on the fence, Kelly Taylor, senior, talks to Coach Clow about her game. **C o m m u n i c a t i o n** between the players and the coach helped each girl improve their skills.—*photo by Rachel Metzler*



The volleyball team maintained a positive attitude, preformed well and a set a steady foundation for next season.

all set up

Holly Welter, junior, looks through the net at the opposing team with the ball in her hands. She is poised and ready to play. Pushing the thought of a loss out of her mind and regaining her calm manner, she serves the ball.

"I think the middle of the season was the hardest, but we worked through it. Now we're like best friends," said Welter.

The varsity team was composed of five seniors and four juniors. The players had known each other before, but used the season to strengthen those friendships.

"I think this team was closer than any other team. The juniors really bonded this year," Becky Leever, junior, said.

The highlight of the season was home mass, the only home quad for the Cougars. They managed to beat Aquinas but lost to Olathe South.

"I loved it when we beat

Aquinas. They're a really tough team," Jo Morrison, junior, said.

The team played in both the Lawrence and JCCC tournament. Tournaments were a large part of the season.

"Tournaments were fun, it was good quality time with the team," Leever said.

Though the team lost at sub-state, they placed fourth in the Sunflower League. Hard work was demanded of each of the players to maintain such a position.

"The girls have good motivation skills; they're always on the go. There's also really nice team work," John Reiff, volleyball coach, said.

"Ah...Ace!" the team yells as the ball hits the court on the other side. The players surround Welter and offer their high-fives and smiles. The team returns to their positions, determined to keep their lead over Lawrence.

by lauren airey and beather wetzel



"I think this team was closer than any other team. The juniors really bonded this year."

—Becky Leever, junior

Holly Welter, junior, jumps up to set to her teammate for a spike. The cougars had only one home quad during the season. Welter has been involved with volleyball at NW for three years.
—photo by Rachel Metzler





Waiting for the opposing team to serve the ball, Lauren Barber, junior, prepares to defend her side of the court. —photo by David Hosch

The varsity girls come together to slap hands after a good play. It was a tradition for the team and a way to show their support for each other. —photo by David Hosch



Varsity --- scoreboard

Leavenworth	1-2
Manhattan	1-1
SM West	3-0
JCCC	1-1
SM South	2-1
SM Northwest	2-1
Lawrence	0-4
Olathe State	2-1
League	2-2
SM West	3-0
Sub State	1-1

Overall Record  18-14





Varsity scoreboard

SMNW/SME/LFS/LHS	1st
SM South	96.65-99.4
SM North Invitational	7th
SM North	97.725-47.67
Olathe South Invitational	5th
Olathe East	99.2-105.1
SMW/Emporia	2nd
SME/Blue Valley	3rd
League	6th
Regionals	5th
Overall Record	15-18



Michelle Humble, junior, performs a back handspring on the balance beam during a meet. Meanwhile her teammate, Kelly Bray, junior, stands on the springboard as she waits for her turn. —photo by Sarah Holmes



With a new assistant coach and many new faces, the gymnastics team faced a rebuilding year and a season of...

head over heels

The gym is quiet except for the occasional sigh of Betsy Zahner, junior, as she falls off of the beam while practicing.

"I'm having a bad day. Just thought I'd tell you," Zahner said.

Melissa Amos and Kristin White, freshman, are sitting on the chalk-covered uneven bars, watching Zahner practice her state routine. Zahner hops back onto the beam to attempt the next move in her routine. This is usually not what practice is like throughout the year, but as the season winds down, not many girls show up anymore. Just the ones who want to stay in shape for the last couple of days.

Along with the many new girls on the team this year, there was also a new assistant coach. Kathy Miller is normally seen coaching the girls' dive team, but this year she took on gymnastics as well. Making this change did not phase her at all. She found it easy to take her skills that she knew from the pool and apply them to gymnastics.

"Diving and gymnastics have a lot in common, that's why I thought I could

make the transition," Miller said.


Leading Kathy Miller in the coaching job was long time head coach Janice Miller. They led the girls to a fourth place finish in the Sunflower League, and took Zahner to state as an all around competitor.

Along with these accomplishments came a very close family within the team. They encouraged each other through their big sis/little sis relationships, and they had a true team concept. Age and ability did not matter to them; they worked together as a family.

"The friendship on the team was like a special bond because we all became such good friends during the year," Lindsay Blocher, sophomore, said.

Even though their seasons are over, Amos and White continue to support Zahner's efforts. Their physical presence is an incentive for her to keep on practicing without the rest of her team. When the girls prepare to leave, Zahner concludes her practice routine with a finalized thump as she sticks the landing of her dismount.

by starr slavin and heather wetzel



At the end of her routine, Betsy Zahner, junior, flips in the air as she dismounts the balance beam. This is Zahner's second year at the varsity level for gymnastics. She was the only girl on the team to advance to state competition. —photo by Sarah Holmes.

Standing with her head down and her hands at her side, Lacey Zellers prepares herself for the tumbling pass ahead of her. The floor routine required gymnasts to incorporate dance moves with tumbling passes. —photo by Sarah Holmes



"I knew what my goals were that I set at the beginning of the year. I try to meet them at each meet."

—Kelli Bray, junior



*Team effort along with individual commitment
were key aspects of the game for the guys
who lived on the gridiron.*

maximum intensity

The stands were half-filled with students, the light rain keeping most at home. Those who attended were determined to show their support for the football team. Students' orange and black painted faces kept the fans excited throughout the game. The thudding sound of gloved hands clapping along was enough to make most cheer, if the score was not enough.

It was the last game of the season, and the final chance for the Cougars to redeem themselves and prove to everyone what they were capable of. Though the game meant nothing in regional play, they were ready to fight the Indians on their turf.

"We really played together as a team when we beat SM North. They have been our rival for a long time, and it's

always a good game when we play them," Nick Simien, senior, said.

Though their season ended sooner than they would have liked it to, players were not disappointed. There was more to it than just the scores and rankings. Cougar football players made their best efforts, but these efforts were not enough to win their games.

"We had a lot of keys, but we never really put them together," Ryan Siegert, senior, said. When things weren't working, players could always turn to their coaches and teammates for support and encouragement.

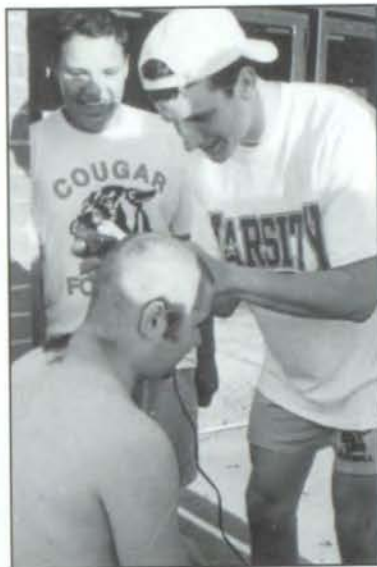
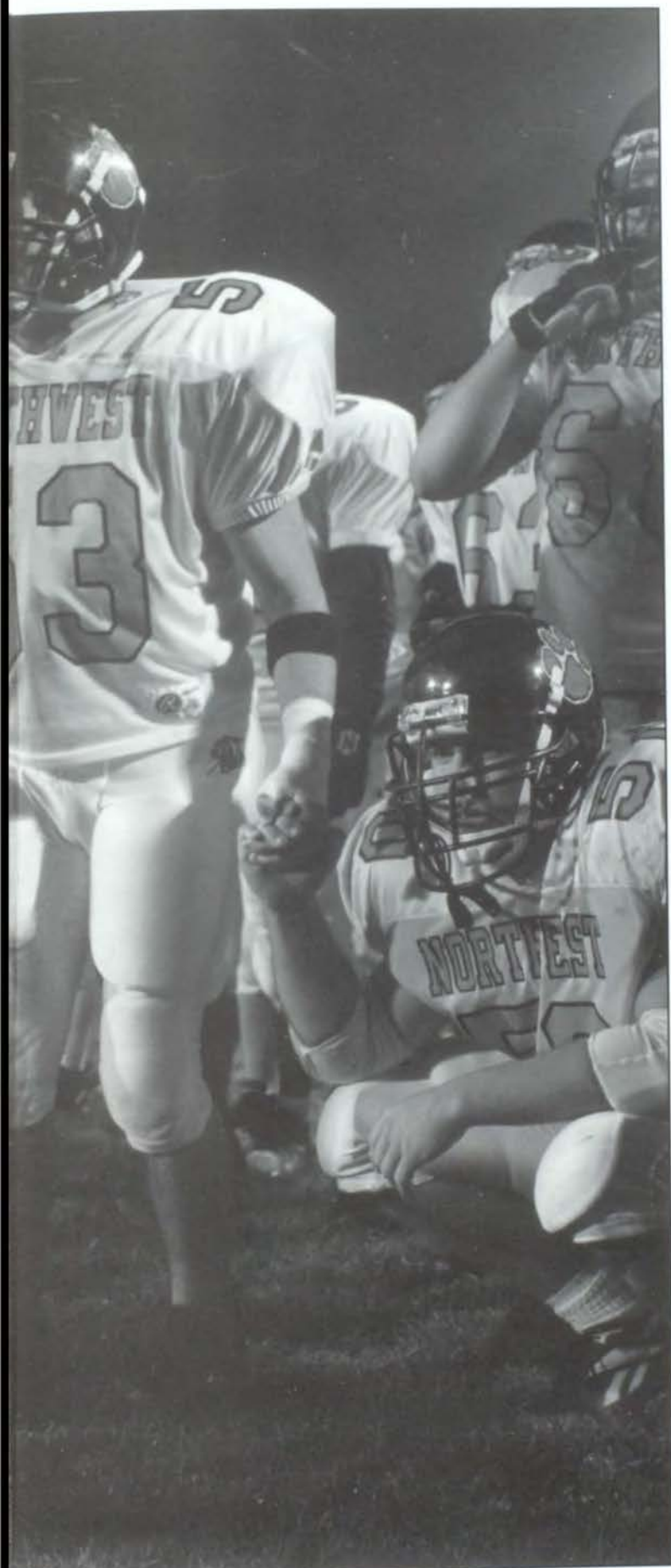
During practice, nothing less than the best was expected. Coaches pushed their players to their maximum intensity level for every **(continued by page 57)**

*"We didn't meet our potential. We just missed our opportunity."
—Cory Yates, senior*



Tony Bedora, senior, kneels while he holds the hand of his teammate, Kevin McNamara, senior: They focus on the field, waiting to see how the game will unfold.
—photo by Rachel Metzler





Over the years, shaving heads has become a symbol of team unity. Football was no exception as Biaggio Ortiz, junior, watches Eric Simonich, senior, shave his fellow lineman's head. —photo by Bryson Gay.

Keeping her eye on the game, Paige Price, junior, runs to hand Billy Dent, senior, a water bottle. As manager of the football team, she was responsible for focusing on the players as well as the action on the field. —photo by Bryson Gay.



Varsity --- scoreboard

Manhattan	17-28
Leavenworth	44-0
Olathe South	56-20
Olathe North	15-20
Lawrence FS	40-0
BV North	9-27
SM West	13-19
SM North	23-6
Olathe East	9-15



**Overall
Record**

4-5





Junior Varsity scoreboard

Leavenworth	48-0
Olathe South	24-13
Olathe North	35-8
Olathe East	29-7
B.V. Northwest	28-7
SM West	25-14



**Overall
Record**

6-0



Dan Padavic, senior, sits on the field, ball in hand, after a tackle. His tackler leans over to make sure he is okay. A fellow teammate comes up behind him to help him up. —photo by Bryson Gay



searching for new traditions

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practice and game. Practices were time consuming—beginning at 3 p.m. and ending no earlier than 6 p.m. Some practices ran as late as 7:30 p.m. when certain drills had to be perfected. Every player's hard work and dedication went into every practice.

Focus on playing better and winning games overtook their concern of developing their own personal status. They realized that by pulling together as a team, they could accomplish more.

"This year's football defines Cougar football. It's amazing what can be accomplished when you don't worry about who gets the credit," Billy Dent, senior, said.

The varsity team consisted mostly of seniors, many of whom had played together for years before this season. Unity helped the team stay disciplined and focused during long practices and tough games. Football was a team sport and required all eleven players on the field to play together as one. Each player

knew the responsibility of their position.

A tradition kept alive this year was the win over Lawrence Freestate 40-0 at the annual Homecoming game. This was the third year in a row that the Homecoming game has been won by the Cougars.

"Staying together and being disciplined are the main components in moving toward having a state championship team in the future," Brandon Hoge, senior, said.

Although their hopes for a state championship were dashed, the players put their hearts into their final game. They played with enthusiasm because most of them quite aware that this was the last game of their high school careers, and maybe of their lives. They were able to put their talents together that night to triumph over North. With a final score of 23-6, they ended the season on a positive note.

As the dedicated fans filed out of the stadium, they were looking forward to the next season and the possibilities it presented.

by lauren airey and courtney lynch



As he pushes past his opponent in an attempt to make a first down, Brandon Thompson, senior, holds the ball tightly in the crook of his arm. With a touchdown in mind, he focuses on the yardage ahead.—photo by Bryson Gay

In search of a tackle, Brad Kline, senior, dodges oncoming opponents. With each broken tackle, Kline drove further down the field toward his goal.—photo by Bryson Gay



**"I've got one word: discipline,
and that's all I've got to say."**

—Jon Howell, senior



urban COWBOY

Micah Beck rides rodeos with nothing beneath him but the animal and the hard dirt ground. The threat of falling is constant as he tempts fate to stop him from doing what he does best.

micah Beck, junior, rides a bucking horse with no saddle beneath him. Holding on single handedly for dear life, he tries not to be thrown off.

"Eight seconds, that's all I have to do, stay on for eight seconds," he says to himself. Every eight seconds, though, seems like a lifetime.

This was a normal part of Beck's life. He was introduced to bareback riding by his older brother three years ago. He learned to ride at the Homestead Rodeo School in Olathe and continued to practice there every Tuesday and Thursday. He often used a bucking machine to practice techniques.

Every month, *Ropers and Rodeo Review* magazine arrived in his mailbox, notifying him of every rodeo in his division. Two weeks before the show, Beck called the rodeo headquarters, using the number provided in the magazine, to register for events.

Someday Beck hopes to receive a scholarship to ride, or possibly turn professional. The future, however, remains unknown for him.

"You have to have a back-up profession because it's so easy to get hurt. I'll do whatever the Lord wants

me to do," he said.

Right now he just wishes that somebody else from Northwest would ride with him.

"I have asked everybody to start riding, but nobody wants to," Beck said.

Watching a rodeo from the stands does not do justice to the difficulty of the sport. According to Beck, riding brings that feeling of fear before getting on the horse. But fear was a necessary evil.

"If you didn't fear it, I would call you crazy," Beck said.

He had good reason to be slightly scared. He has broken his hand and had been knocked unconscious countless times. With fear comes respect.

"It sounds crazy, but if you don't respect the animal, then it will mess you up."

In order to participate in rodeos, not only was it necessary to practice technical aspect, but remain physically fit. Beck often gave up time with his friends and family to run, lift weights, or practice with his horse.

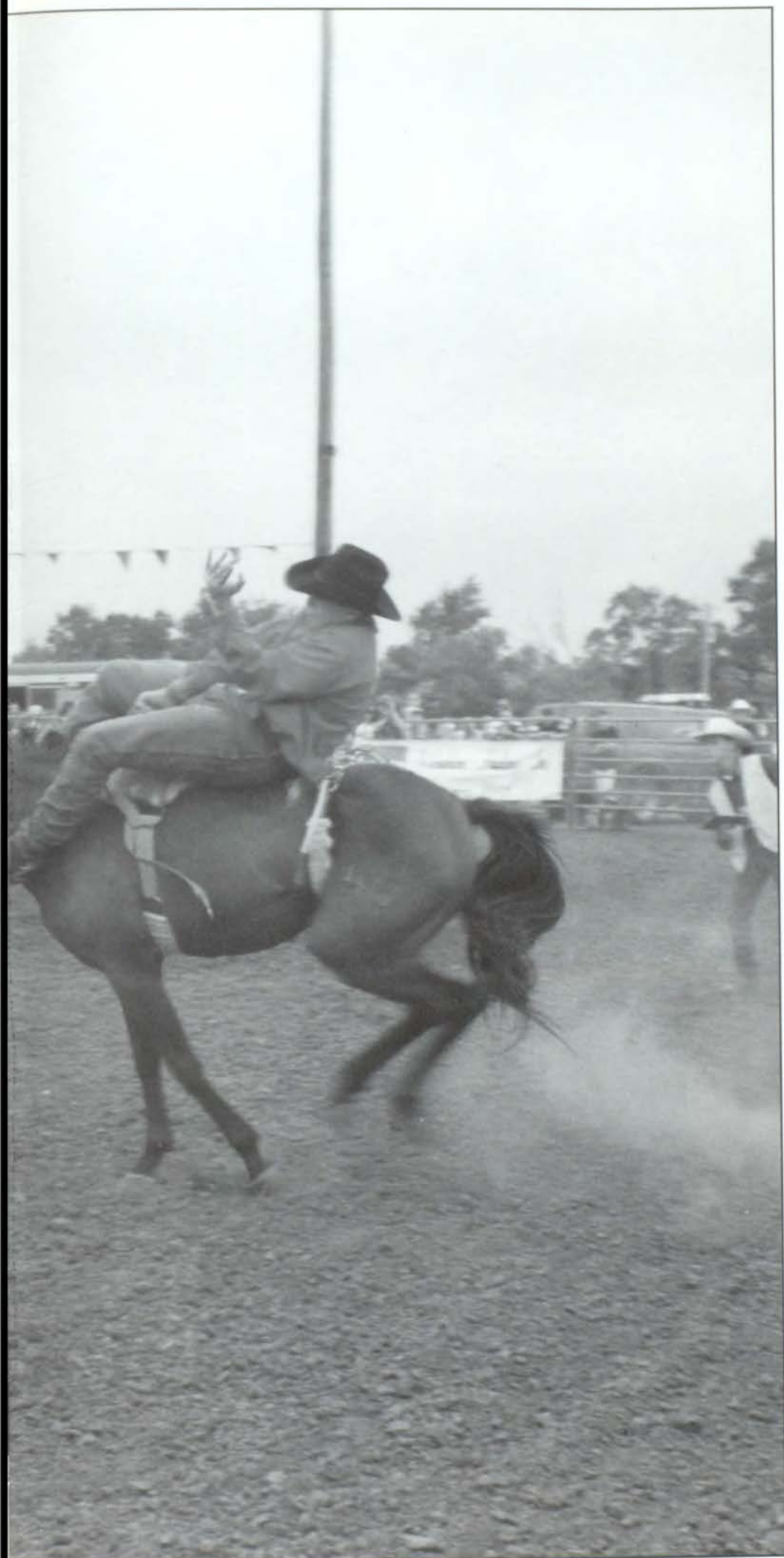
"You can't just show up to the rodeo and ride well. I have to stay fit to do what I want to do," Beck said.

As the
gate

opens, the timer starts and the horse begins to thrash wildly. With one hand in the air and one on the saddle, Beck tries to avoid being thrown to the ground.—
photo courtesy of Micah Beck

by lauren airey and starr slavin





Micah Beck watches for the signal to get on his horse. As soon as he is ready in the chute, the gate will open and his eight seconds will begin.—*photo courtesy of Micah Beck*



Beck sits and waits with his fellow rodeo riders. They watch the herd before them and talk amongst themselves. Friendships were formed between riders because of their common interest.—*photo courtesy of Micah Beck*





Varsity --- scoreboard

Washington	35-55
Topeka Seamen	42-72
Freestate	50-48
Olathe North	32-34
Olathe East	46-56
SM East	59-70
SM North	38-66
Topeka West	80-58
Wichita Southeast	44-62
Wichita Northwest	42-52
BV Northwest	47-55
SM West	22-58
SM North	32-59
Olathe South	44-53
Lawrence	50-53
Schlagle	40-71
SM South	43-40
SM East	43-61
Leavenworth	37-58
SM West	40-54



Jogging onto the court with his fellow teammates, Matt Reichl, sophomore, takes a deep breath before warming up. The team ran laps around the court and practiced some shots to warm up before the game. — photo by Michael Dalbom



Due to a lack of leadership and experience, the boys basketball team struggled to play to best of their ability

take your best shot

Slowly, fans begin to fill the bleachers. On the court, players are warming up for their approaching game against the Olathe South Falcons. They go through passing and shooting drills on the far end of the court. Sam Glennon, senior, places his feet on the free throw line to practice his shot.

The varsity team had a tough time capturing that elusive victory, but performance was not just numbers on a scoreboard. Rather, it was a state of mind. The fans were not discouraged; dedicated supporters showed up at all games to show the team that their faith was unconditional.

"Our season has been disappointing. We've proven we can win, but it's always that one last play or that extra something we just don't have. We don't believe in ourselves as much as we should," Chad Handley, junior, said.

The stress of playing at the high school level often affected playing style. Players were watched closely by their peers, family and the community. Every mistake was open for debate.

"There's a lot less pressure on JV. There's less of a crowd and it doesn't make as much difference if you win or lose. It's definitely a lot more laid back," Mark Funston, junior, said.

Practices were important to strengthening the team. They often ran as late as 9 p.m. With an hour of sprints, shooting, and scrimmages, the coaches and players used every tactic they knew to become a better team. The players themselves often cheered their teammates during on practice when fatigue set in. The constant clapping and yelling compelled many players to go that extra minute, make the basket or jump one more inch.

"We give 100 percent every time we're on the court. Even in practice we play like it's a game we've got to win," Tom Karcz, senior, said.

New head coach Ben Meseke made an impression on the school at the winter sports assembly with his refusal to use the offered microphone. With a rousing speech, he prompted the entire student body to get on its feet and cheer as

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Dribbling the ball, Josh Hydeman, sophomore, attempts to keep his opponent from stealing the ball by blocking him with his arm. He searches for an open teammate to pass the ball to. —*photo by Rachel Metzler*

Before the game begins, the team huddles together on the sidelines to get motivated. When the coach finishes speaking, they yell before they begin their game. —*photo by Rachel Metzler*



"We give a hundred percent every-time we are on the court."

—Tom Karcz, senior



take your best shot

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Glennon played against an imaginary opponent. Meseke's coaching tactics were different than others used in the past.

"He [Meseke] knows a lot about basketball. Even though we're going through some tough times right now, he always motivates us to do better the next time," Connor Durkin, junior, said.

Three players quit the team with only a handful of games left in the season. Glennon, Jake Davis, senior, and Ivory Clegg, senior, left due to personal conflicts with the coach and the program. This was a devastating loss to the team as a whole. The unity they had felt was lost in the absence of these players.

"We [the coach and I] disagreed on a lot of things. It was really hard to adjust to a new coach and a new program. It just wasn't fun for me anymore," Glennon said.

At the same time, the JV team made a name for themselves, as they trampled one team after the other. Although they did not receive the recognition of the varsity team, every JV player looked forward to that day he would be promoted to the varsity level.

"On varsity I get to play against better players. The competition is better, and that's the best part," Josh Hydeman, sophomore, said.

The clock shows twenty seconds until half time. John Sumner, sophomore, passes the ball to Glennon, who is waiting at the free throw line. Glennon jumps high into the air and sinks the ball through the net. He turns, running back down the court and points his finger at Sumner. With several lost free throws in the last thirty seconds, they lose 44-53. This is Glennon's last game as a member of the basketball team.

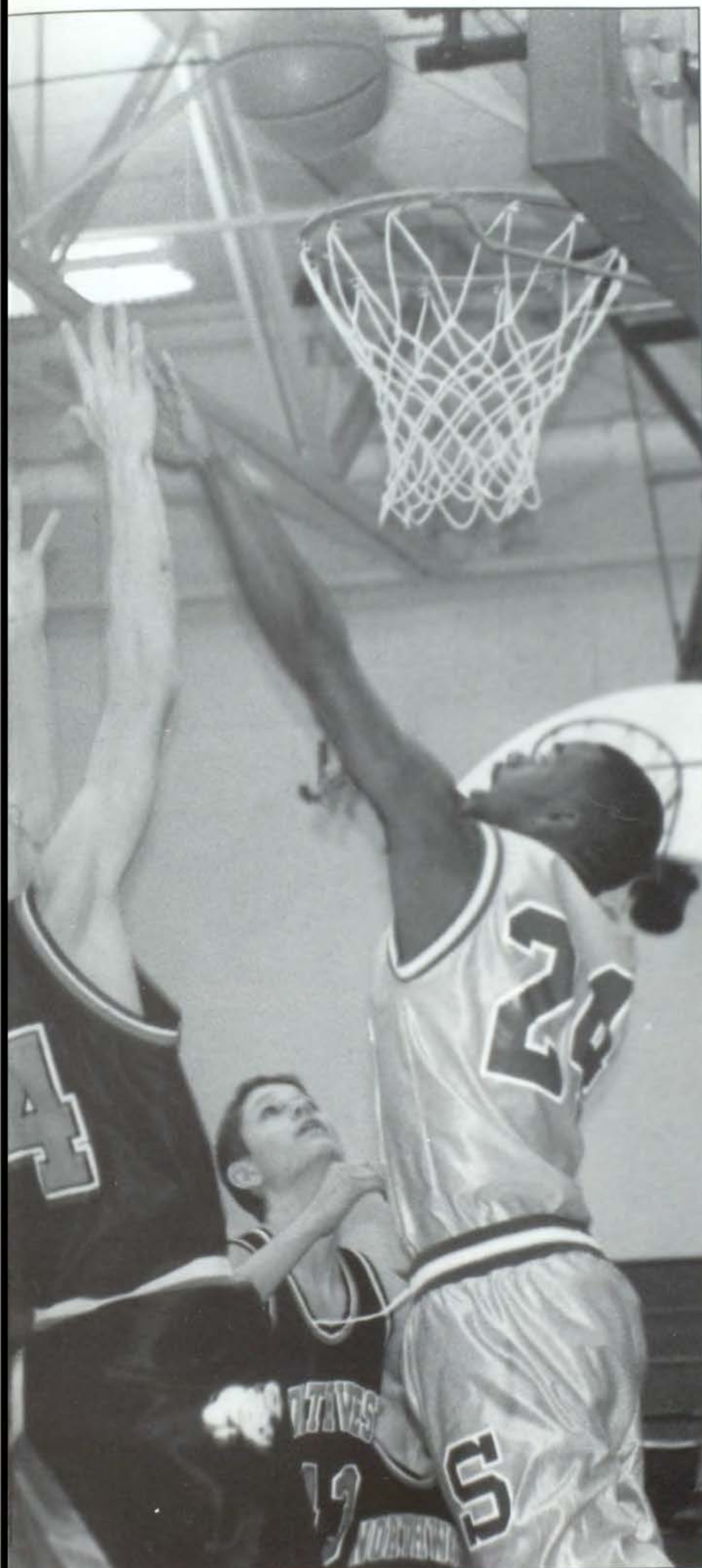
by lauren airey



"It was a hard season but everyone stuck with it and we've always got next year."

—Josh Hydeman, Sophomore

As several of his teammates look up at him, Matt Jenorich, junior, reaches his hands into the air for a rebound. His opponent tries to keep him away from the basket and the score.
—photo by Rachel Metzler



As he looks over his opponent, Connor Durkin, junior, dribbles the ball. With a guard in front of him, he keeps his eyes open for an unguarded teammate to pass the ball to. —photo by Rachel Metzler.

Running onto the court at the start of the game, Josko Brkic senior, slaps his teammates hands. Brkic was a foreign exchange student from Croatia. During the season, he was nicknamed the "Croatian Sensation". —photo by Rachel Metzler



Junior Varsity ——— scoreboard

Washington	49-38
Topeka Seamen	47-39
Free State	58-35
Olathe North	43-38
Olathe East	46-58
SM East	44-48
SM North	69-62
Topeka West	51-58
Olathe North	54-42
SM West	37-38
Leavenworth	57-41
SM West	34-32
SM North	38-35
Olathe South	47-33
Lawrence	67-58
Schlagle	61-53
SM South	49-48
SM East	42-49
Leavenworth	49-42
SM West	31-34





Varsity scoreboard

Coffeerville Invitational	2nd
BV North/Leavenworth	2nd
SM East Invitational	7th
Parkhill Invitational	5th
SM South	1st
Mo/Kan	21st
SM West/SM North	1st
Lawrence	1st
SM East	1st
SM East Dive Invitational	5th
Sunflower League	4th
State	14th



Ginger Waters, head coach, pats Brian Busch, sophomore on the back after he makes his qualifying state time in the 500 freestyle.—*photo by Rachel Metzler*



With new swimmers and state qualifiers this has proved to be an exceptional year for the boys' swim and dive team.

eat our wake

Aaron Jones, senior captain, stands by the wall of lane four and watches the clock by the side of the pool. As the red hand of the clock reaches the 30 seconds mark, Jones pulls down his red goggles off of his head and over his eyes, takes a deep breath and starts his next 100 freestyle.

"We might swim five miles in one practice, and some people can't even walk that far. It is harder than people think," Jones said.

Jumping in the water everyday was not always as easy as it looked. Beside the need for strength and endurance, the boys depended on devotion, as well as a coach who was dedicated to the job of enhancing their abilities. They proved to everyone through their individual improvement and their growth as a team, they had what it took to be successful.

"The boys work hard and they all have a lot of heart. I am very proud of them all," Ginger Waters, head coach, said.

For 17 years, Waters devoted nothing less than 100 percent of her time to the swim team. Coaching the boys through hard practices and pushing them to swim, she has turned the team into a family and

has made them one of the top teams in the state.

"As a team, we have a lot of togetherness. Ginger is like our mom away from home," Brian Busch, sophomore, said.

Although the dive team lost a lot of good talent from the previous year, they were able to keep their capability of being a top team in the league.

"Our team is small, but we have a lot of good talent," Danny Majewski, freshman, said.

Looking to place well at state, the boys practiced while the head coach of diving, Al Ringer, stood on the side to observe. Diving could get very repetitive, but with hard work, the divers usually improved their dive each time they preformed it. The boys looked forward to state and to a great season throughout the year.

Finally he finishes his last set. Jones once again puts his goggles on top of his head. Waters announces the cool down and he quickly pushes off of the wall, hoping the cool down would not take long. At the end of practice he gets out of the pool and walks to his towel. He steps out into the brisk winter air and goes home to relax after his and tedious practice.



While using a kickboard to practice, Chris Branham, sophomore, scrunches his face as the water splashes around him. Occasionally, the swimmers would take time off of the full stroke and focus on just kicking. —photo by Rachel Metzler

Practicing his back one in half pike, David Golden, senior, tries to get it down to perfection. Divers used the practice time to go over the dives that they will be doing in the meet that is coming up. —photo by John Graham

by starr slavin



"I think that we have improved as a team this year."

—Sean Anderson, freshman



*Despite the hard work of the wrestling team,
injury and an absence of senior leadership
brought a disappointing season.*

just weight and see

Tony Bedora, senior, sits on the sideline of the mats, waiting patiently for his chance to wrestle. As he watches, his teammates are beaten one by one.

Every day the wrestlers suited up and practiced for two hours after school. It took desire and perseverance to handle more than an hour of running, sit-ups, push-ups, scrimmages and sprints in the wrestling room.

"Five or six people didn't make it past our first practice. They just walked out," Brad Peterson, junior, said.

The coaches pushed their players to the limits of their physical and mental abilities, the constant pressure was essential in winning matches. The foresight and knowledge of the coaches helped the wrestler plan his next move.

"[Mr. Howard] Newcomb [JV coach] is the best coach. He makes you make yourself be a better wrestler," Garren Sallee, sophomore, said.

Wrestling was challenging for

the body as well as the mind. Bruises, bumps and sometimes even broken bones were a part of a wrestler's life.

"Sean Pearson [sophomore] cracked his ribs in a meet against Olathe North and he was out for a couple of weeks," Jon Redcorn, sophomore, said.

To remain in one weight class, wrestlers had to constantly watch their weight. Several players chose not to eat or drink before a match in order to keep their weight down. Tired and hungry, they met at 6 a.m. at the school to weigh in.

"It's easier to wrestle a lighter guy than a heavy one and I can put it right back on if I want to," John Owens, senior, said.

Bedora and his opponent circle each other, while shouts of instruction came from the crowd. His opponent dives for his legs, pulling him down. Bedora uses every move he knows; unfortunately he loses several points in the next few rounds.

by lauren airey



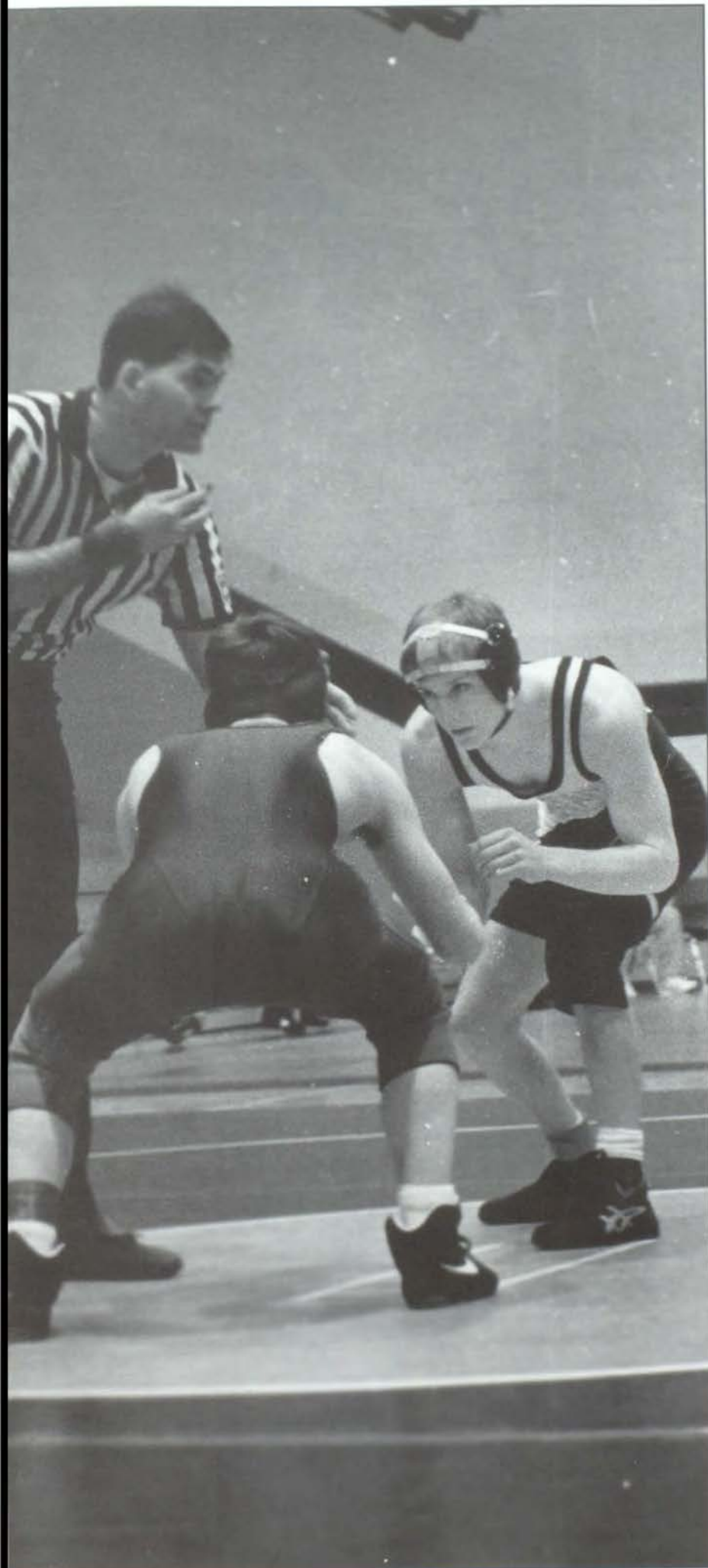
"Even though we were a young team this year, we will show improvement in the years to come."

—Kevin Izard, sophomore

Trying to be intimidating, John Redcorn, sophomore, glares at his opponent as he crouches down to start his match.

The round starts when the referee blows his whistle.

—photo by Sarah Holmes




Practicing wrestling techniques during practice, Brian Padavic, sophomore, is lifted off of the ground by a fellow teammate. —photo by Brandon Baker

Trapping a teammate in a headlock during practice, Jimi Stuart, junior, has defeat at his fingertips. By practicing these moves, it is easier for the wrestlers to win their matches. —photo by Brandon Baker



Varsity --- scoreboard

Leavenworth		36-48
Wyadotte		36-44
Olathe East		24-54
SM South		18-16
Louisberg		12-67
SM West		36-39
Topeka West		30-42
Rockhurst		12-53
SM East		34-45
Olathe South		42-31
League		6th
Regionals		4th
State		21st





Varsity --- scoreboard

St. Thomas Aquinas	50-62
SM North	49-23
Topeka Seaman	51-50
Free State	55-37
Olathe North	51-45
KC Northeast	71-65
Olathe East	53-44
SM East	58-40
B. Springs South	60-51
Blue Valley	52-53
SM East	42-52
Topeka West	57-40
St. Thomas Aquinas	65-56
SM North	65-43
Olathe South	63-50
Lawrence	38-36
SM South	38-59
Leavenworth	57-51
SM Northwest	56-64
SV West	53-47
Lawrence	45-37
Olathe South	45-52



As she backs into her opponent, Jena Shackelford, sophomore, looks over her shoulder to find an open teammate to pass the ball. —photo by Michael Dalbom



With every odd against them, the team could only go to the top. They put in all of their efforts as they proved to be a tough team to beat.

playing against the odds

The Lady Cougars stand in the locker room to get ready for their game. Tension is in the air, only to be broken by an occasional laugh after one of the girls tells a joke to lighten the mood.

When it came time to play, the girls knew that it was time to get down to business. Before each game, Coach John Reiff sat in the locker room with his team. Standing around him, the girls reviewed how they planned to play in the game ahead. This was also the time for them to get "pumped." Losing was not an option for them.

The atmosphere of the girls' varsity basketball games was a stark contrast to that of the boys'. The fans barely filled half the stands, but it was not due to lack of effort.

Having lost two All-American players last year, the expectations for this year were not as high. The girls had to overcome obstacles throughout the season. With two seniors on the team, people looked for them to do poorly this year. The ladies, however, proved to themselves and everyone else that they were a tough

team to be beat. By concentrating on playing well as a team, as well as individually, they pulled together to play their best.

Closeness played a key aspect in the game. The girls not only saw each other during school and at practices, but occasionally they were with each other on Friday or Saturday nights.


"Being as close as we are has helped us to win a lot of games," Erica Shoults, senior, said.

Practicing after school forced the girls to get along with each other. Fortunately, this was not a problem for them. To get through difficult practices, the girls often found themselves joking around with each other in order to get a few laughs.

"It is important for us to be friends with each other. We trust each other as friends and therefore we trust each other as teammates," Jena Shackelford, sophomore said.

Everyday after school, the girls put all their effort into practicing. By doing running, shootin drills, and full court scrimmages, they perfected their skills.

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Carissa Land, junior, stops suddenly at the end of the court as she attempts to keep the basketball away from the opponent guarding her. The crowd watches silently, hoping the ball stays in the possession of the Lady Cougars. —photo by Rachel Metzler

At the end of the court, a heated struggle takes place as the opposing teams try to rebound the ball. Lauren Barber, junior, reaches up, trying to grab the ball in air. —photo by Rachel Metzler



"Everybody thought we'd be the underdogs in our league this year, but we really stepped up and played as a team."

—Lauren Barber, junior



playing against the odds

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Intimidation from teams with more experienced players was something that the girls had to deal with.

"We try not to let it bother us...we might be younger, but the ball doesn't know that," Lauren Barber, junior, said.

Some of the girls had rituals that they preformed for good luck prior to the playing time. Their superstitions changed from time to time, depending on what worked for them in the past. Some ate peanut butter sandwiches before they played or listened to the "It's All About the Benjamins" remix by Puff Daddy and the Family in the car on the way to the game. Superstitions provided each girl with a sense of luck as she took to the court. If their game went well, then it would be repeated for the next

game. If a game went badly, however, a new ritual would have be preformed.

Being a young team posed no problem for them. They thought that it provided an advantage over their opponents and hope for future seasons.

"Being young is a positive perspective for us because it means that we can grow together as a team and get better," Kelly Reiff, junior, said.

The girls jogged around around the court to the cheering of their small crowd. After the warm-ups, they wait for the game to begin. As each name is announced, they run by the cheerleaders and their clapping teammates to the middle of the floor. The starting players find their places around center court, crouched and ready.

by starr slavin



"Our season was pretty awesome because nobody expected it. It's pretty shocking, really."

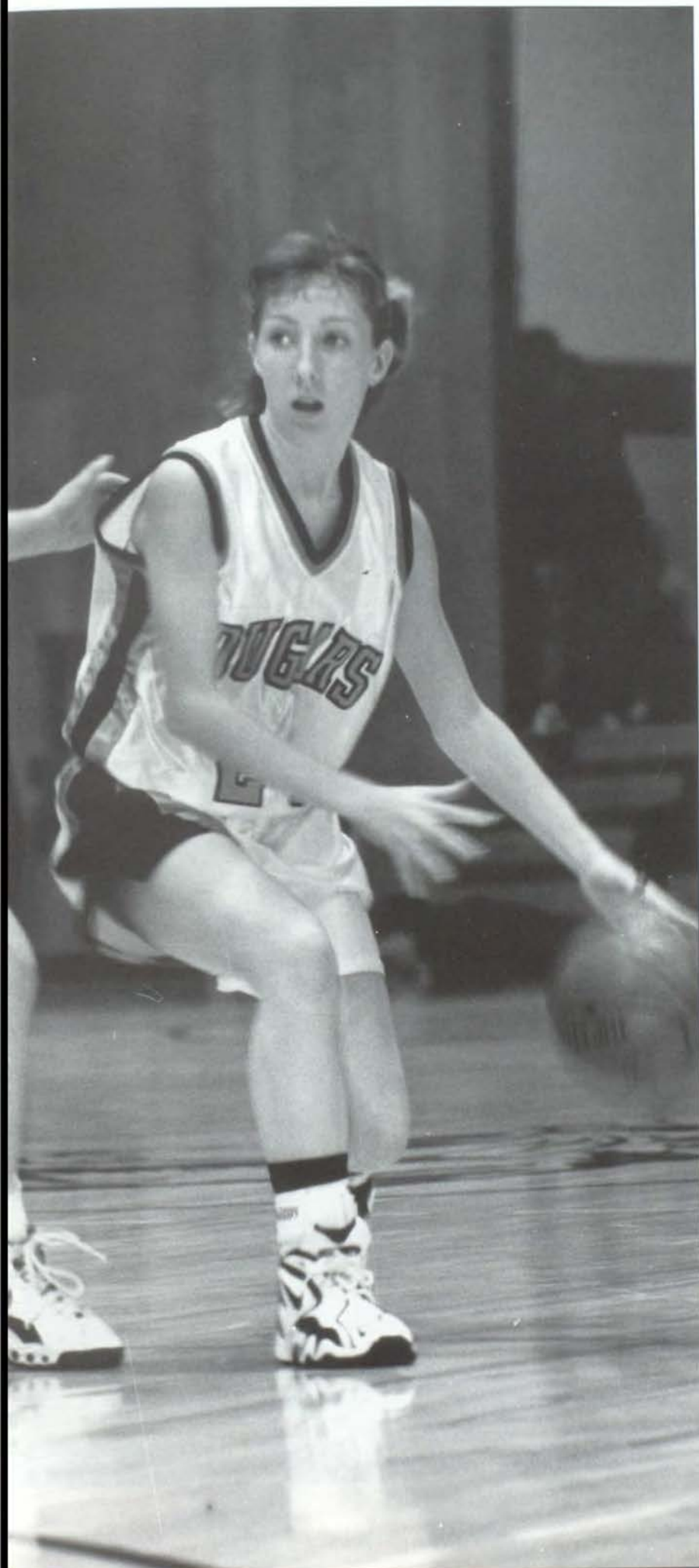
—Kelly Reiff, Sophomore

As she dribbles

the ball, Kelly Harvell, sophomore, tries to make eye contact with a teammate. Keeping track of where their teammates were on the court helped the girls play well together as a team.

—photo by Michael Dalbom





The girls varsity team surrounds Coach Reiff joins hands in a pre-game pep talk. Reiff goes over the plays for the approaching game. —photo by Rachel Metzler

As her name is announced over the intercom, Lauren Barber, junior, runs between the two rows of her teammates and cheerleaders. —photo by Michael Dalbom



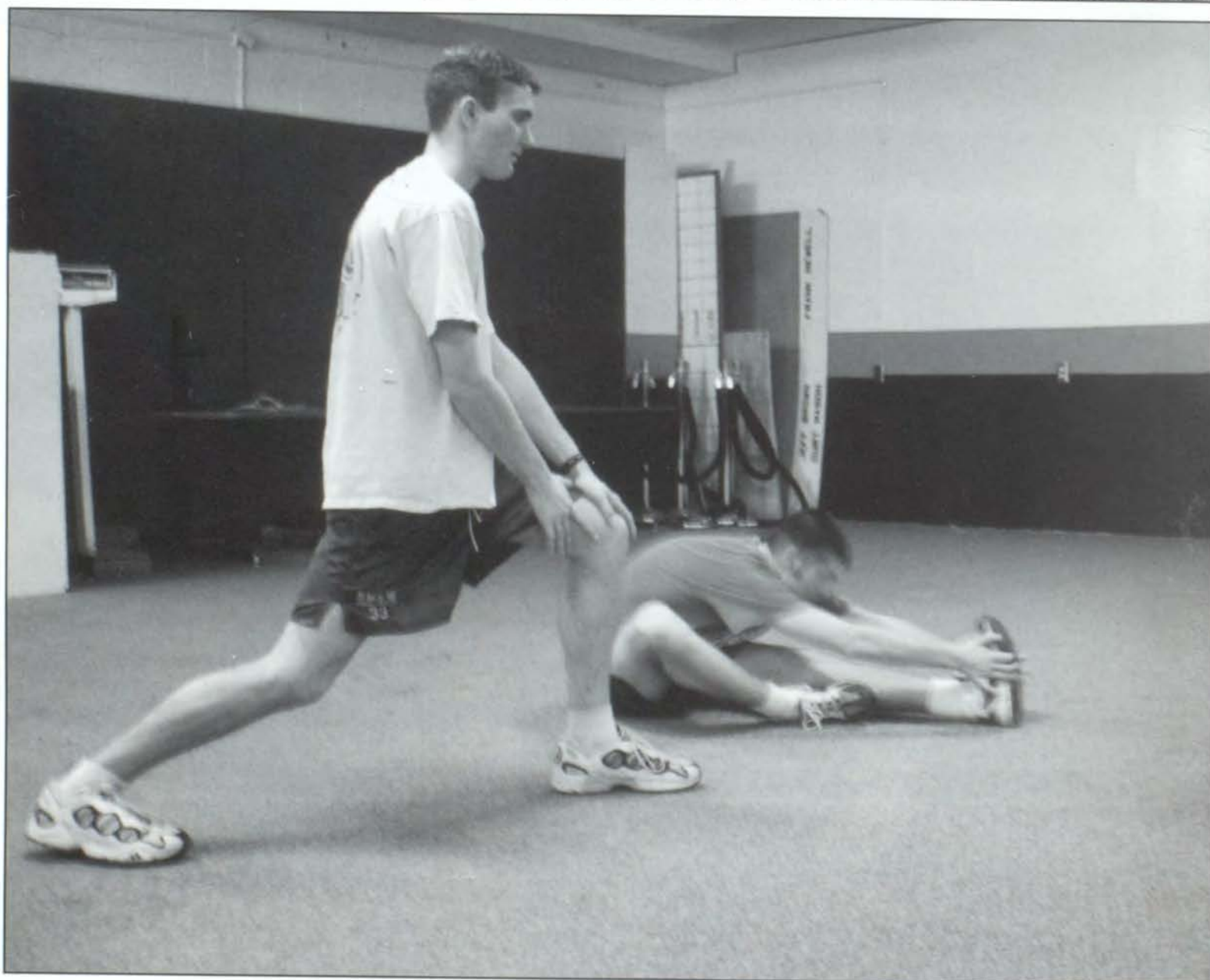
Junior Varsity — scoreboard

St. Thomas Aquinas	35-40
SM North	33-27
Topeka Seamen	55-37
Lawrence Free State	62-20
Olathe North	62-28
Olathe East	54-52
SM East	29-53
SM East	23-37
Olathe North	55-19
Topeka West	50-56
St. Teresa	51-28
SM North	43-26
Olathe South	31-34
Lawrence Free State	44-31
Lawrence	38-41
Lawrence	40-53
SM South	46-52
Leavenworth	54-34
Blue Valley North	58-45
SM West	59-20



Wearing sweats and a t-shirt to guard against the chilly fall weather, John Postlewait, sophomore, practices his baseball skills in preparation for the upcoming spring baseball season. —photo by Keri Goodman

Before an afternoon run, Seth Enderby, senior; Jeremy Foster, sophomore, and Matt Quigley, freshman, stretch in the weight room. Even though cross country season had ended, runners still practiced through out the winter. —photo by Keri Goodman



Off-season training was an activity taken on by many athletes who wanted to continue training for their sport after their season had ended. These athletes spent extra time lifting in the weight room or running on the track.

above and beyond

by ben lawrence

Lindsey Goodman, junior, feels the full force of the minus 20-degree windchill on her face as she opens the back door. Slipping an earwarmer over her head and tucking her hands into her sleeves, she braves the freezing weather to keep up with her off-season running.

"I run to stay in shape and be able to compete when the track season comes. When the track season begins, I will be at the same level that I was when the cross country season ended," Goodman said.

Many dedicated athletes took the advantage of the winter season to train for an upcoming sport or to just keep in shape between sports. Since the only sports offered during the winter were girls and boys basketball, boys swim and dive and wrestling, it limited the number of athletes who could be active in a sport.

To stay active in volleyball, Becky Leever, junior, competes in a tournament league during the winter season. When playing in organized events out of school, Leever also had the opportunity to play with new teammates and under different offenses.

"I have to readjust and learn new positions and offenses. You learn new techniques and gain more knowledge. Playing outside of my circle of friends helps me, because I can't assume things," Leever said.

One of the difficulties of winter condi-

tioning is staying dedicated. Sara Smith, senior, took part in softball conditioning in the morning before school started.

"[When I wake up], I lay in my bed and think, 'if I don't make the team, at least I tried and went to every conditioning.' It is a pride issue. Plus, if I don't wake up my father comes in and pours water on me," Smith said.

Goodman has finished her run. Her body has warmed up, and her heart is pumping. She has reached a second wind and feels that she has accomplished something. Now the bitter cold does not seem so bad.

Lifting a weight while leaning on a bench, Katie Miller, junior, prepares herself for the softball season ahead. The girls came to school early in the morning in order to make it to their softball conditioning. —photo by Keri Goodman



When a late winter snow storm hit on March 9, it left the spring sports stuck practicing inside. Teams and coaches realized we would just have to...



let it SNOW

The fresh snow put a blanket of slush and ice on the track, forcing runners to run in the parking lot or in the school hallways. The use of the hurdles, pole vault pit, long jump runway and high jump area were temporarily unavailable for practicing, making preparation for meets difficult. — photo by Michael Dalbom

Attentively awaiting the announcement: "SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT CLOSED," Amber Phipps, sophomore, smiles at the idea of sleeping in for a change. Soon, her smile fades when she realizes the effects of the blizzard on soccer practice. The team would not be able to practice outdoors.

The cancellation of school not only affected the soccer team but golf, baseball and softball, as well. Practice schedules had to be rearranged. For most of the teams' first week of practice, time was spent running through the hallways or in the gym's warmer environment.

"The blizzard also affected us financially because we had to practice at Gold's Gym. That put is on a lower budget for the rest of the year," Graham

Heaven, tennis captain, said.

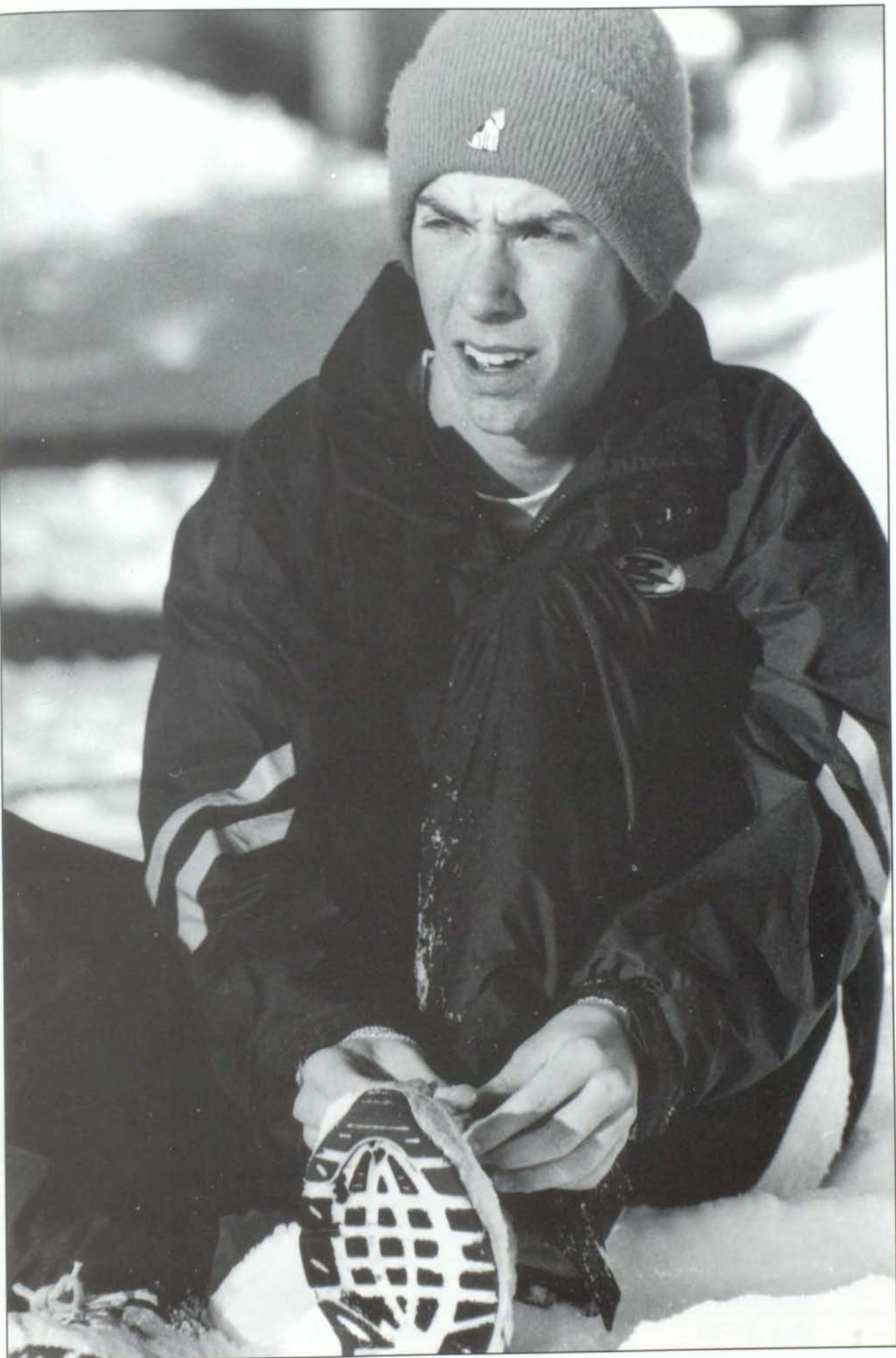
For many of the teams, starting the season in the snow was a given. Cold weather did not stop them from being outdoors.

"The blizzard only affected us by one track practice. If we have school then we have practice outside despite the snow," Coach Ken Fry, track coach, said.

The soccer teams relocated to Trailridge for practices because the NW gym was being used by other sports. Baseball set up batting cages in the gym, while outfielders practiced as best they could inside.

Realizing her day out of school would not be as calm as she had hoped, Phipps sighs and goes to get dressed. With the cancellation of practice, she decides to go and get her daily workout and conditioning done at Quivira Sports and Health.

by tiffany matson and lauren airey



Sitting in the new snow after a long distance run, Rick Ingraham, junior, reaches down to tie his shoes. The track team practiced outside every day, for at least a short time, despite the snow. Runners kept warm by wearing multiple layers and staying active. — photo by Michael Dalbom.





Varsity scoreboard

Leavenworth	March 26
SM West	April 2
Olathe North	April 7
Olathe South	April 9
Free State	April 14
Olathe East	April 16
SM South	April 21
SM East	May 5
Lawrence	May 7
SM North	May 12
Regionals	May 18
State	May 29-30



Tearing off her catcher's mask, Julie Blaufuss, junior, rushes to pick up a bunt. Catchers had to be quick to react to in-field hits. —photo by Sarah Holmes



The softball team strives to be the best by conditioning and remaining focused on both the sport and schoolwork.

diamonds are forever

As her alarm clock rings at 5:25 a.m., Jamie Steeve, junior, crawls out of bed. Disappointed that school was not called off for a snow day, she leaves her house 20 minutes later. Barely awake, Steeve drives through the snow to school for another strenuous morning of softball conditioning.

Striving to match the performance of last year's team, who won the state championship and had the highest cumulative grade point average of any high school team in the nation, the team worked to try to match the high standards set before them.

Factors needed for a repeat state championship include a good combination of talent, experience and the burning desire to be the very best. They put their every effort into softball as well as into school work.

The girls' high GPA came from their understanding that they needed to work hard both on and off the field. Expectations for outstanding school performance were set high by the coaches in order to keep the girls eligible to play on the team.

"For the team's goals to be achieved,

the girls need to work on their personal goals also," Cindy Roach, varsity softball coach, said.

Players found it more difficult to earn a place on the team due to the high turnout for tryouts. The girls encountered both unexpected cuts and surprising positionings.

Being on the softball team was very time consuming. Practices were held every weeknight, except on game days, and occasionally on Saturday mornings. While others enjoyed relaxing weekends and evenings, softball players trained for hours, equipping themselves for a winning season.

"In the off-season, I went to a private batting coach and the cages a lot. I also attended a lot of clinics. Then in January we started winter conditioning...at 6 a.m.," Leslie Duncan, sophomore, said.

After the girls use their last bit of strength on grueling sprints, Roach announces that school has been called off. As Steeve catches her breath, the stressful look on her face turns into a smile. She is looking forward to having a day off to relax. She grabs her bag and sports equipment to start for home.

by courtney lynch

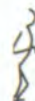


"We only have 20 games in the season. It goes by so fast. I love every minute of it."

—Dawn Nachbar, senior

At the bottom of the third, Katie Miller, junior; Kelly Harvell, sophomore and Jamie Steeve, junior, gather at the sidelines after a good inning. —photo by Sarah Holmes

Jamie Steeve, junior, pitches a stike to the opposing team. Steeve has been one of the Courgar's leading pitchers the past couple of years. —photo by Sarah Holmes



Conquering the snowy weather and loss of three state champions, the boys' tennis team rose to the challenge of defending their first-place title.

a perfect match

Thunk, thunk, thunk.' A cold, wet tennis ball bounces to the feet of Spencer Cryder, senior. At 3:40 p.m. in freezing March weather, the boys' fourth tennis practice has just begun. The heavy snow melts on the tennis balls, dragging them to the ground before a racket can touch them. However, the team is cracking jokes and not a complaint is heard on the courts.

Because an overwhelming number of boys tried out for the tennis team, Coach Scott Enge was forced to cut 10 people. Returning state champions from the previous year were Justin Hulsey, junior, and Graham Heaven, senior.

"I think this year's team will be as strong as last year's. Our varsity team consists of two experienced and six inexperienced players," Enge said.

The team prepared for the season by stretching and doing sprints along the court lines.

"We'll play in rain, sleet or

snow—the team is really dedicated. Some of us seniors will even play JV and risk our pride to play the sport we love," Joe Zucht, senior, said.

Tennis was viewed as a challenging but enjoyable sport.

"I used to play [tennis] all the time until I got wrapped up in basketball. Then, I decided to broaden my horizons and go on to a more sociable and laid-back sport," Sam Glennon, senior, said.

The underclassmen of the team had a positive outlook for the season, even with the absence of last year's seniors.

"I really think that the juniors on the tennis team are going to have a big influence this year," Casey Bohr, junior, said.

At 4 p.m., Enge decides to call off practice since the snow is sticking to the ground. The boys sling their wet racket bags over their shoulders and head for the locker room to change.

by Laura Fletcher



"I think the season has gone pretty well so far. We got second at districts and that's really good."

—Sok Yun, senior

Graham Heaven, senior, crouches in a ready position as he prepares to return the ball during a practice game. Players had to keep their eyes on the ball at all times and ready to return anything that comes at them. — photo by Brandon Baker





During practice, Brad Mirakian, senior, prepares to serve to his teammate. The goal of each serve was to out-maneuver the opponent with a power-filled ace. —photo by Brandon Baker

While practicing at Gold's Gym, Justin Hulsey, junior, returns the ball to his opponent with a forehand swing. Technique and skill were required to play accurately. —photo by Brandon Baker



Varsity

 scoreboard

Indian Creek Indoor	March 28
Olathe North	April 6
St. Joe Tournament	April 8
Olathe South	April 9
Olathe East	April 14
SM Districts	April 18
SM South	April 20
SM North	April 30
SM West	May 4
Sunflower League	May 12
Regionals	May 18
State	May 22-23





Varsity scoreboard

Sm East Relays	March 10
Olathe S/Washington	March 11
SM East	March 26
SM North	March 31
Olathe Invitational	April 3-4
Lawrence/SMS	April 7
Leavenworth/Olathe N	April 9
Olathe E/SMW	April 21
MO-Kan Invitational	April 24-25
SMS Dive Invitational	April 25
Sunflower League	May 4
State	May 15-16



While rubbing a cramp out of a swimmer's foot, Jennifer Mendoza, head coach, keeps her eye on the water and watches the rest of the swimmers practice.—photo by Michael Dalbom



With many changes to the girls' swim and dive team, such as a new coach and new members, it was obvious that the team was...

making new waves

Holly Pesek, freshman, walks toward the pool as she puts on her grey swim cap. She takes her position behind the starting block and upon the starter's command slides into the cool water.

"I joined swimming because it is a good way to stay physically active and participate in a school activity. It was also a great way to meet new people," Pesek said.

Joining the members of the girls' swim and dive team was new Coach Jennifer Mendoza.

"It is my first year coaching, so I am not sure how things were done in the past. I am trying to focus on the girls' individuality. Some girls are very fast, some are slow and some are here just to get in shape," Mendoza said.

Having their hair turn green from the chlorine were small in comparison to some fears that team members faced.

"I am afraid I will lose my goggles in a meet, because if I can't see I might mess up and be disqualified," Erin Hohne, sophomore, said.

Each member of the team had respect for fellow members, whether they were swimming or diving, and were able to recognize the differences between them.

"I have never done swimming before, but I think swimming takes more endurance than diving," Kyla Gunkler,

freshman, said.

The team began the season in mid-February with 52 members, but the number slowly dwindled because of the commitment that came with joining the team.

"The new coach seems really nice. She tried to make it hard in the beginning so the people who couldn't handle the work would quit," Faith Ford, sophomore, said.

Commitment to the team meant that swimmers and divers were there from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"It takes a lot out of your day and it is a little tiring, but it is great exercise," Allison Weir, freshman, said.

Coach Mendoza went over stroke techniques for swimmers who were unfamiliar with the sport.

"Some of the new members to the team did not realize there were four strokes or what freestyle meant," Mendoza said.

Besides worrying what strokes to do and how to do them, swimmers were busy concentrating on how well they swam. But hard work always seemed to pay off in the end, despite leaving sore and tired muscles.

As Pesek grabs her purple towel to dry off, she heads down the narrow stairway on her way to the locker room. She quickly dresses and heads on her way home, her muscles aching the entire way.

by lindsay derr



While fellow team members finish up their laps during a meet, their teammates cheer them on from the opposite end of the pool. Support from the team made each swimmer pull harder during their race.—*photo by Bryson Gay*

Gasping for breath, Trisha Holmes, junior, pushes off of the wall during one of her sets. Though out of breath, she keeps swimming in order to improve her stroke. —*photo by Michael Dalhom*



"Swimming is a big part of my life. It is a good way to show school spirit and get involved,"

—*Jenna Pierce, senior*



*Skateboarders and surfers tried their luck
at taking their boards to the slopes.
Soon, the popularity of snowboarding
attracted all ages and types.*

Surfin' the Snow

Mike McNary, senior, and his brother, Matt, '94, pose for a picture while snowboarding in Colorado. Since trips to Colorado are so expensive, snowboarders only get to go once or twice a year. —photo courtesy of Mike McNary



For most skiers, the only two things that stands between them and the bottom of the hill are trees and snowboarders.

When the sport first started out, most resorts banned the surf-like boards from their hills, but now the majority of mountains allow skiers and snowboarders.

Strapping a plank of wood to one's feet and pointing it down a steep, icy mountain may sound intimidating to some, but the sport's popularity keeps growing.

"The popularity and hype is out of control. With every season, the riding progresses. The tricks get more difficult, the riders push themselves harder and the danger factor is always increasing," Chris Molloy, senior, said.

Snowboarding first appealed to teenagers; now all ages are "shredding the slopes." Since Kansas did not provide the best terrain, students headed to Colorado. After mastering the basics, such as getting on

and off a lift and linking turns, jumps and other stunts were attempted.

"I was cruising down the mountain for the last run of the day, and I saw some rough snow on the side of the trail. I decided to go over and get a good jump out of it. Right before I jumped, my front edge got caught in the snow and I ended up doing a cartwheel with my head. I landed flat on my board going the same direction I was before," Mike McNary, senior, said.

Snowboarding has changed since it became popular among skateboarders and surfers who are bringing their skills to the slopes.

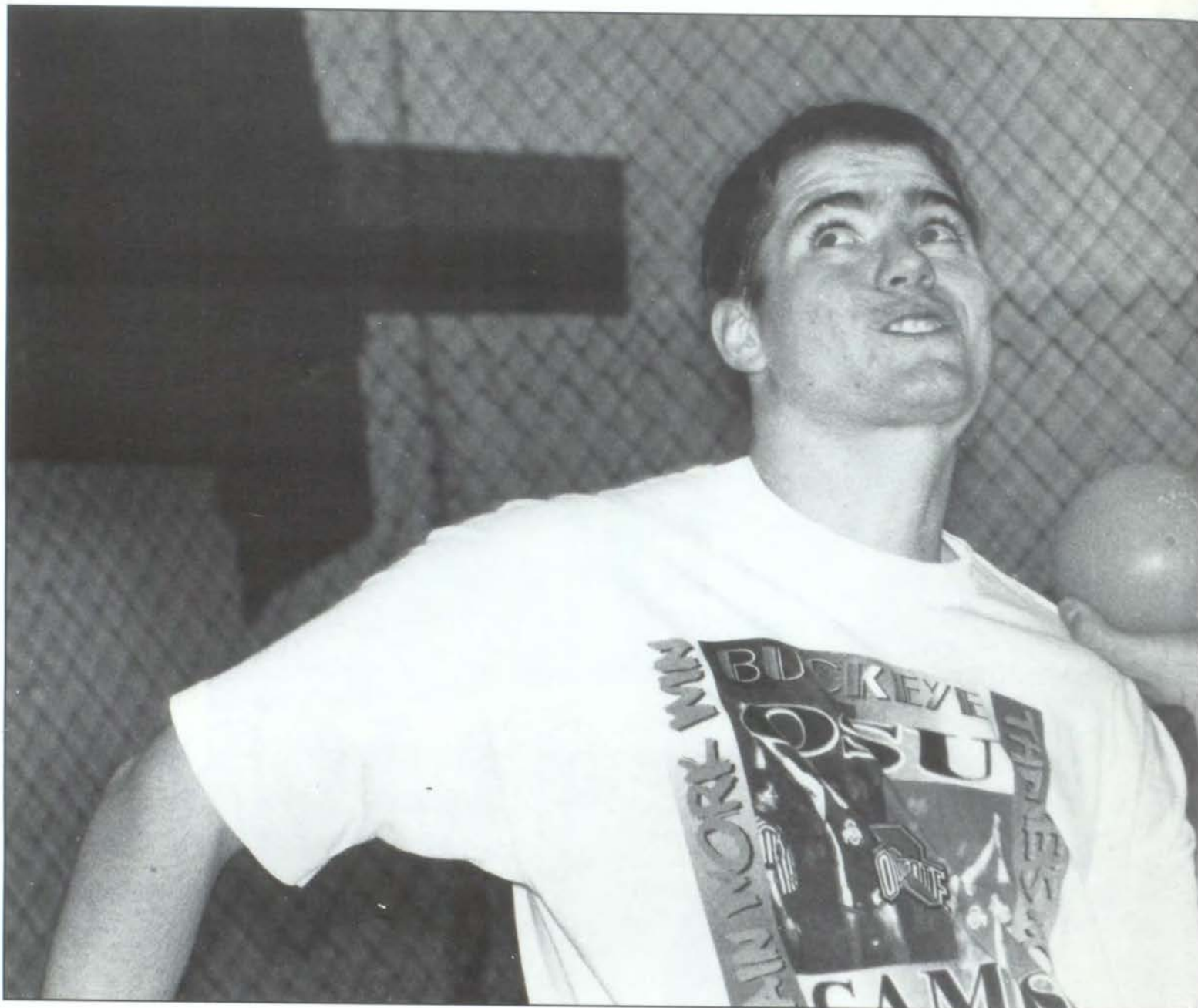
"The sport of snowboarding has progressed so rapidly over the past four years. I think it's cool how more mountains are allowing us to ride, even though some tensions and hostile feelings are still in the air," Molloy said. Everyone thinks that we are reckless and out of control, when in actuality skiers are more of a threat."

by laura fletcher



Snowboarding is a popular activity among those who skateboard, such as Chris Molloy, senior. Owning his own snowboard and a season lift ticket, Molloy enjoys a run at Tomohawk Hill on a Saturday afternoon. —
photo by Amy Swanson





Varsity scoreboard

SM North Quad	March 27
SM South Invitational	April 4
SM Northwest Triangular	April 10
SM District	April 16
State of KS Relays	April 17
Olathe Invitational	April 24
BV North Invitational	April 24
Seaman Relays	May 1
Aquinas Invitational	May 1
SM North Relays	May 8
Sunflower League	May 15
Regionals	May 22
State	May 29-30



Lifting weights on his ankles, Calvin Locklear, strengthens his muscles in preparing himself for the season ahead.—photo by Keri Goodman



The track team could be found running six miles daily, challenging even the most harsh weather conditions.

the race is on

After putting on her shorts and T-shirt, Keri Goodman, senior, laces up her shoes to prepare for practice. She then stretches her muscles and warms up before she starts to run.

"Practice is very challenging. We don't stop for the weather, we just bundle up and run through it," Goodman said.

Consisting of two major areas, running and field events, track did not limit its members to just one event. Each member could compete in the high jump, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, shot put, discus or javelin toss. The variety of events made it easier for students to perform a wider range of events than just running

Running from 3 to 5:30 p.m., practice took dedication, endurance and strength. It paid off, though, for Jeff Simms, senior, because he has gained a sense of accomplishment from it.

"It doesn't feel good in the middle of the run, but after you're done and you look back on what you have done, you feel like

you really have accomplished something," Jeff Simms, senior said.

Members of the track team had different reasons for joining. Whether it was to meet new people or just to stay in shape, they all shared the same passion for the sport.

"Some of my friends are in track so I joined to be with them. I also wanted to try something new that would keep me in shape," Kyle Coleman, junior, said.


Although track is considered a team sport by the school, it remains an individual sport to each of its participants because each member performs alone.

"You get to be your own coach," Tony Bedora, senior said.

Being in an individual sport, though, did not mean that there was any less pressure. Each member pushed himself or herself to reach his or her own goals.

"Track is different from any other sport because you get to work on what you need to work on. You don't waste your time on

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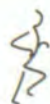
Making sure he is holding the ball correctly, Kevin Smith, freshman, gathers the strength to throw the shotput. Proper technique and skill is required to throw the shotput to prevent injury to oneself and others.—*photo by Keri Goodman*

While working out inside during the cold weather, Katieanne Pesek, sophomore, lifts weights as part of her strength training program. Snow at the beginning of the season limited the team to indoor practices.—*photo by Keri Goodman*



"Throwing stuff (discus and javelin) just feels right."

—Matt Williams, freshman



the race is on

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the fundamentals that you are already good at, unlike other big team sports," Garen Sallee, sophomore, said.

With pressure came the need to succeed. The track meets were rapid and intense. Each team member competed for a placing and to achieve their personal best. Because of the pressure, meets were not taken lightly by the team. Each individual had his or her own way of preparing for the big event. Whether it was getting a good night's sleep the night before or stocking up on Powerbars, each person made sure he was ready to perform well at the meet.

"I make sure to get a lot of sleep and try not to worry myself to death," Deas said.

Focusing on split times and visualizing their events were also remedies used to help prepare for meets.

"The races are 75 percent

mental preparation and 25 percent physical preparation," Brandon Baker, junior, said.

Pep talks seemed to be the best way to accomplish team goals. Even though the runners were on their own the majority of the time, a little motivation still helped.

"If you don't work hard, you are not going to accomplish anything," Kellie Spencer, sophomore, said.

Working hard meant completing every aspect of the workout. This included warming up, cooling down and all the activities in between.

Goodman kicks in the last 200 meters of her over distance run, remembering to keep her chin down as she crosses the make-shift finish line at the meter. Stopping just long enough to wait for the other runners to catch up, she catches her breath and walks across the parking lot to get started on cool down drills.

by dawn longobardi



"This year is going to be awesome. I can tell by the people on our team."

—Sarah Stone, Senior

As he watches over the distance runners do repeat 1000s on the local streets, Coach Van Rose, track distance coach, reads off their split times at the end of each repeat. Splits were important to the runner to help determine their pacing.—
photo by
Keri
Goodman



Sarah Alden, freshman, stretches her hamstrings on a bar during practice. Stretching was necessary in order and prevent injuries and keep the muscles loose.—
photo by Keri Goodman

Varsity sprinters practice their starts in the student parking lot. During the second week of practice, use of the track was impossible due to the snow.—
photo by David Hosch



Junior Varsity scoreboard

SM North Quad	March 27
SM Northwest Invitational	March 31
Aquinas, BVNW, SMW, Free State	April 9
SM North Dual	April 15
Wyandotte, SMN, Olathe S, Lawrence	April 23
BV North, Olathe E, SMS, Lawrence	April 30
SM South	May 4
Washburn, Miege, SME, Harmon	May 7
League	May 12



Varsity  scoreboard

Olathe East Invitational	March 30
SMNW Invitational	April 6
BV North Quad	April 8
Ryder Cup Matches	April 13
SM East Invitational	April 20
SMNW Scramble	April 21
Piper Invitational	April 25
Topeka West Invitational	April 27
Hutchinson Invitational	May 1
League	May 5
Aquinas Invitational	May 7
Leavenworth Invitational	May 11
Lawrence Invitational	May 14
Regionals	May 18
State	May 26



Discussing some golf tactics with Bob Barker, sophomore, Bob Scheele, Varsity Boys Golf Coach, tries to come up with ways the team can return to the state competition this year. —photo by John Graham



The competition of an individual sport like golf proved to be fierce, but the boys' golf team played well as a team.

on the **driving** range

Dressed in a collared shirt and khakis, Jake White, senior, leaves his sixth hour and heads to the boys locker room. Seventh hour is beginning. Although most students are in class, the varsity boys golf team is on their way to the Lake Quivira driving range.

If you are on Varsity it is pretty expected of you to take a study hall," White said.

Everyday the team practices, they try to play at least nine holes.

"It takes up a lot of time. Because we shoot nine holes a day, sometimes I don't get home til seven," Ryan Lilja, sophomore, said.

Living at Lake Quivira proved to be an advantage for Foster.

"I play everyday. I have access to a golf course for free. It got addicting and I want to be the best I can be. It is a sport you can not conquer," Foster said.

For the rest of the team who did not have the advantage of practicing everyday, the season required hard work and a lot of time to perfect strategies.

"A job can't work after school. We practice at least three hours," Aaron Uzelac, senior, said.

Although they practiced as a team, they worked and competed as individuals.

"Golf is such an individual sport. You're

against everyone. You compete with each other. You hope your teammates shoot well, but not as well as you. Freshmen year, me and another freshman got in a fight up at Tomahawk. We had been really competitive." Foster said.

Many golfers were introduced to the game at an early age.

"My grandpa introduced me to golf when I was 13. He had played in a couple PGA tournaments back in the 1940's and really wanted me to learn the game," Uzelac said.

The team's practices are held at country clubs. Although the boys are not usually members of these clubs, they are still expected to follow the general rules of the club. This includes dress codes.

"Golf is a traditional sport and people have always dressed up to play. Nicer courses set dress codes to keep those traditions," Lilja said.

Sometimes getting the desired 18 holes of golf was difficult.

"At the beginning of the season, days are shorter so we need the study hall to finish 18 holes. Without that extra hour we can only play about 9 holes," White said.

White places the ball on a tee and swings the club. "Fore!"

by jana schmitt and stephanie leclair



"We started our season pretty rough, but our scores have been improving."

—Evan Meyers, sophomore

As he follows through with his swing, Jason Miles, sophomore, watches the ball as it is in the air. Hoping that it lands in good positioning, Miles does not relax until the ball touches the ground. —photo by John Graham

Raising his golf club, Ryan Lilja, sophomore, gets ready to swing at the ball. Proper stroke and a steady arm ensured that the ball goes where the golfer intends it to land. —photo by John Graham



*With a new coaching staff and a different con-
duction of tryouts this year, the girls' soccer team
tried to make the best season.*

just kickin' it

As Natalie McFadden, senior, steps out of her car, she realizes this will be an even more challenging day of tryouts. Unexpected snow blankets the soccer field, creating mud and slush for the team.

Along with a new coaching staff, this year brought a different direction to the way tryouts were conducted. Each girl had to perform physical tests and drills along with the familiar scrimmages.

"The first and last day of tryouts were the most nerve racking. I was doing my best and trying to make a good first impression," Sara Thill, freshman, said.

Returning players provided team leadership while the new players brought along positive attitudes. Whether they were returning for another season or just beginning, each had the same goal for themselves: a successful season.

"I think it will be a good learning experience for all of us and a chance to improve the

team as a whole," Rebecca Beyer, sophomore, said.

Although the teams were excited about the season, they sometimes had to sacrifice other activities to play soccer. Homework became an obstacle.

"Sometimes soccer interferes with trying to get homework done, but the coaches understand and know that school comes first," Karen Loumaster, sophomore, said.

The teams practiced everyday after school and played a game at least once a week.

At the beginning of the season, they were forced to practice inside due to the freezing temperatures. When they could practice outdoors, they slipped across the fields and kept moving to keep warm on muddy fields left by the snow.

After a strenuous day of tryouts, McFadden races to her car to escape the frigid winds. In a matter of minutes she is in the comfort of her own home, finally warm.

by paula taschler and brianna weishaar



**"Soccer is a big commitment, we
have to get to know each other so
that we can play as a team."**

—Kelly Umberger, senior

Sticking her arm

out and stepping forward. Sarah Voos attempts to block her opponent from the ball. Physical contact with other players was essential in keeping the ball in Cougar possession—
photo by Rachel Metzler





Checking their names off the list, Janice Seaton, assistant varsity soccer coach, hands out jerseys to Allie Johnson and Mary Birgenheier, seniors. — photo by Keri Goodman

As the team huddles together to stay warm during half time, Coach Parker goes over the strengths and weaknesses they displayed during the first half. — photo by Rachel Metzler



Varsity --- scoreboard

SM South	March 24
STA Tournament	March 30-April 4
Olathe North	April 7
Pembroke Hill	April 13
Lawrence Free State	April 16
Lawrence	April 21
SM West	April 23
North Kansas City	April 24
SM North	April 28
SM East	April 30
KC Christian	May 1
Olathe East	May 7
Olathe South	May 12
Leavenworth	May 15
Regionals	May 18-22
Quarterfinals	May 26
State	May 29-30





Varsity scoreboard

Lawrence	March 31
Olathe North	April 4
SM West	April 9
Olathe East	April 13
Free State	April 18
Olathe South	April 22
SM South	April 28
SM North	May 2
Leavenworth	May 8
SM East	May 12
Regionals	May 18-21
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Crouching down behind home plate during tryouts, John Donovan, freshman, kept his eye on the pitcher and his body tensed for the throw. —photo by John Graham



Baseball players worked hard to maintain their tradition of excellence. Experience and familiarity got the season off on a high note.

cover all the bases

fans wrap their blankets tight around their shoulders as another blast of wind comes. Jason Kolich, junior stands on the pitcher's mound, concentrating on the pitch. He licks his fingers and absent-mindedly wipes them on his pants. He winds up and pitches the ball.

Snowflakes and gray skies marked try-outs. Echoes of cracks of bats and thundering feet were heard through the gym as the players ran timed sprints and practiced with pitching machines.

"We wanted good weather, but you take what you can get. We were all out last week, playing catch in shorts. The weather did a complete 180," George Walden, senior, said.

As always, expectations were high. With a winning tradition and new talent, the team hoped to return to the state competition for the ninth year in little over a decade.

"We've got a great shot at state this year. It'll take a lot of heart, though," Mike Goudy, senior, said.

The team brought atmosphere to practice as well as, games. Many of the players had been playing with each other since grade school. On and off the field, the players were at ease with other.

"The eight of us [seniors] have been playing together since middle school.

We've been friends forever," Brett Rushton, senior, said.

To prepare for the season, players played in the summer or practiced at batting cages. Many of the players could be seen running through the empty halls during the fall and winter.

"I lifted every day and hit with Ryan Burdolski [senior] at his batting cages. I went running whenever I could," Andy VanZante, senior, said.

Many players were committed to the team and the sport. Hours after school had ended, players were still in the weight room and on the fields, perfecting their skills.

"It's been tough since we're inside, but we've made the best of what we've got," Shane Soltvedt, senior, said.

Several players had to give up other activities and interests in order to play baseball. Others simply juggled both. Either way, their time was swallowed up by academics and athletics.


The batter connects with the ball and swings his arm behind him. The first baseman runs towards the dropping ball and Kolich runs to the base. The ball is thrown to Kolich and he tags the base as the batter speeds by. The umpire calls an out and the Cougars jog off the field, leading the Olathe North Eagles 2-1.

by lauren airey



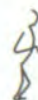
"I had to give up my other sports...but it was my choice and I don't regret it."

—Shawn Varner, freshman



On the stage gym, the boys' baseball team practices hitting into the nets since their fields were covered in ice and snow. Scott Patrick, junior, tosses a ball to Andy Vanzante, senior. Vanzante has been on the Varsity team for two years, Patrick for three.
—photo by Bryson Gay

As Coach Drew Magwire oversees practice, Brett Rushton, senior, asks him for advice. "This year's Varsity team is wide open. We'll have major contributors from all of the upper classes," Magwire said. —photo by Bryson Gay



Signing with a college to play sports was not an easy decision. Seniors struggled while hoping they would make the best decision.

by heather castle & jennifer buechele

As Dawn Nachbar, senior, anxiously walks down the steps of the library, she is overwhelmed with the bright flashes of cameras coming from families, friends and news reporters. Nachbar notices the colorful balloons and banners, provided by Spirit Club, which decorate the room. Nervousness causes the palms of her hands to sweat. Unsure of what to do next and eager to sign her contracts and get it off with, she quickly takes a seat at a table.

"It was like a dream for me to be recruited because my five older siblings and parents never went to college. It was also just as much of a dream for my parents as me. At times I felt they were more excited than I was," Nachbar, Washburn University soccer recruit, said.

Besides Nachbar, other students were

also given the opportunity to play sports at the collegiate level. For some, this was not only a chance to play a sport that they loved, but it also provided much needed scholarships to help pay for college tuition.

"The scholarship is basically paying for most of my college. It's not very often you are given free money. It also meant a lot less stress for my parents," Megan Urquhart, University of Kansas softball recruit, senior, said.

It took a lot of hard work and effort for many of those students to receive scholarships

"I didn't think I would get recruited since it was my first year playing, but my coaches told me if I worked hard enough, I had the talent to play college football," Billy Dent, Airforce Academy recruit, said.

Some of the students had to face the challenge of deciding which college they wanted to attend.

"I was supposed to go to a community college, but it didn't appeal to me. At the last minute I changed my mind and called Central Missouri State and asked them if they still wanted me. Luckily they said yes," Jake Davis, Central Missouri State University football recruit, said.

After a short introduction from Coach Cindy Roach, Nachbar begins signing her contracts, which are four pages long. The signing of the final page is marked by an applause from those watching.



Dawn Nachbar and Megan Urquhart, seniors, sign their contracts to play softball in college. Nachbar was recruited by Washburn and Urquhart by KU. "It was really cool to be able to sign with her because we grew up as friends with the same sport as a major part of our lives. We encouraged each other in the decision making process and we both feel as though we made the right choice," Nachbar said. —photo by Keri Goodman.

good

INTENTIONS



Filled with relief and uncertainty at the same time, Kelly Umberger, senior, hugs her aunt after her signing ceremony. She was recruited by Baker to play as a goalie on the soccer team and was unsure of what the future would hold for her. "That day was one of the biggest days of my life, and I was happy to have my family close by," Umberger said. — photo by Keri Goodman.



We saw them in the halls bolting to their lockers or zooming out of the parking lot to get to their next activity.

They were the people who took on more projects than others could comprehend. Often times, we were overwhelmed by just watching them. Striving to achieve their goals meant short nights, long homework hours and a planner filled with places to go and people to see. In the long run, the hard work and dedication to their activities rewarded them with self-fulfillment and strength.

Some people devoted themselves to one activity, such as a sport, job or club. Some were involved in many, but free time was scarce either way. This left little time for relaxing or spend-



by *laura fletcher and
brianna weishaar*

going the distance

ing time with friends. Socializing was not as important to some students as it was to others; it just added to their hectic schedules.

A busy schedule was not all that made an exceptional student or teacher stick out. A special talent or devotion to an activity was recognized by others as an example to all. These were the ones who were always *going the distance.*

MINI-MAG

Executing a spin, Michelle

Lauerman, junior, practices one of her many routines. Skating since second grade, Lauerman has dedicated much of her time to her skating.

A typical day for Lauerman consisted of waking up at 5 a.m. and skating at King Louie from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. After she finished a busy day at school, she again headed over to the skating rink to practice from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

—photo by Rachel Metzler





changing the world

by kasey ragan

Amidst the luscious mountains of Ecuador lies a town of 2,000 people who call their beloved city, Paccha. Chickens scurry through the houses, while naked children run through the streets picking strawberries, bananas and sugar cane.

Through a summer program called Amigos de las Americas, Nicole Georges-Abeyie, senior, was able to travel to Paccha and help the people living in poverty. By teaching nutrition and hygiene to adults and children, planting gardens for food and teaching them sex education, Georges-Abeyie did her part in lending a hand to those who needed it.

"We created a garden at an elementary school. There were 20 little kids helping with machetes plowing the area," Georges-Abeyie said. "There were no real tools, you had to do everything by hand."

As vice-president of National Honor Society, Georges-Abeyie was in charge of community service projects. She spent at least four to six hours a week volunteering.

Georges-Abeyie taught English to adults who only spoke Spanish, served food at soup kitchens, led clothing drives and many other service projects. A positive attitude helped Georges-Abeyie continue helping people that were normally scoffed at.

"Nothing is really depressing. I lift people up, so you only see improvements," she said. "They are quick to open up when they see someone who isn't put off by them."

The smile on the faces of the people she helped was enough to know that she was appreciated in their community.

"It's energizing," Georges-Abeyie said "You see people's appreciation and smile."

Question:

What do you do to save time in your morning routine?



"I have pancakes instead of cereal." —Brett McCracken, freshman

"I skip breakfast and putting on make-up."

—Annette Nicks, sophomore



"I put my make-up on in the car." —Erin McKinley, junior



"Nothing, I'm usually late."

—Ryan Siegert, senior



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF... Nicole Georges-Abeyie



Nicole fixes herself a bowl of cereal for breakfast.



She dissects a cat in Biology 2.



She leads her horse, Irish, out to groom him.



Before she goes to bed, she sits down to do her homework.

6 a.m.

6:30 a.m.

7 a.m.

11 a.m.

3 p.m.

5 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

9 p.m.



Nicole brushes her hair while getting ready for school.



As vice president of NHS, she attends one of their early-morning meetings.



Nicole crashes in front of the T.V. for a brief moment before she must do her homework.



Nicole goes to teach English to Spanish-speaking people in Westport.



(clockwise from top)
Nicole Georges-Abeyie, senior, volunteers her time to help a child draw at Nieman Elementary school.
• Since she is the vice president of NHS, Georges-Abeyie must attend all meetings.
• Most of Georges-Abeyie's life is devoted to community service; she spends her Tuesday nights teaching English to Spanish-speaking women.
• In Biology 2H, Georges-Abeyie helps Kristi Vandertragen, senior, place the last bone into the cat's re-built skeleton.
—photos by John Graham



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...
Evan North



North attends an early-morning StuCo meeting.



He works on the school's newspaper.



At home, North checks his e-mail.



North sits at his desk to do his World History homework.

6 a.m.

7 a.m.

10 a.m.

2:40 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

9 p.m.

10 p.m.



North's dog, Amanda, runs into his bedroom to give him a good-morning kiss.



During 3rd hour, North works with the radio and TV staff.



North develops film in the school's darkroom for his next issue of *Cosmic Haystack*.



He sends information on upcoming acts at Gee Coffee to local newspapers.

(clockwise from top)

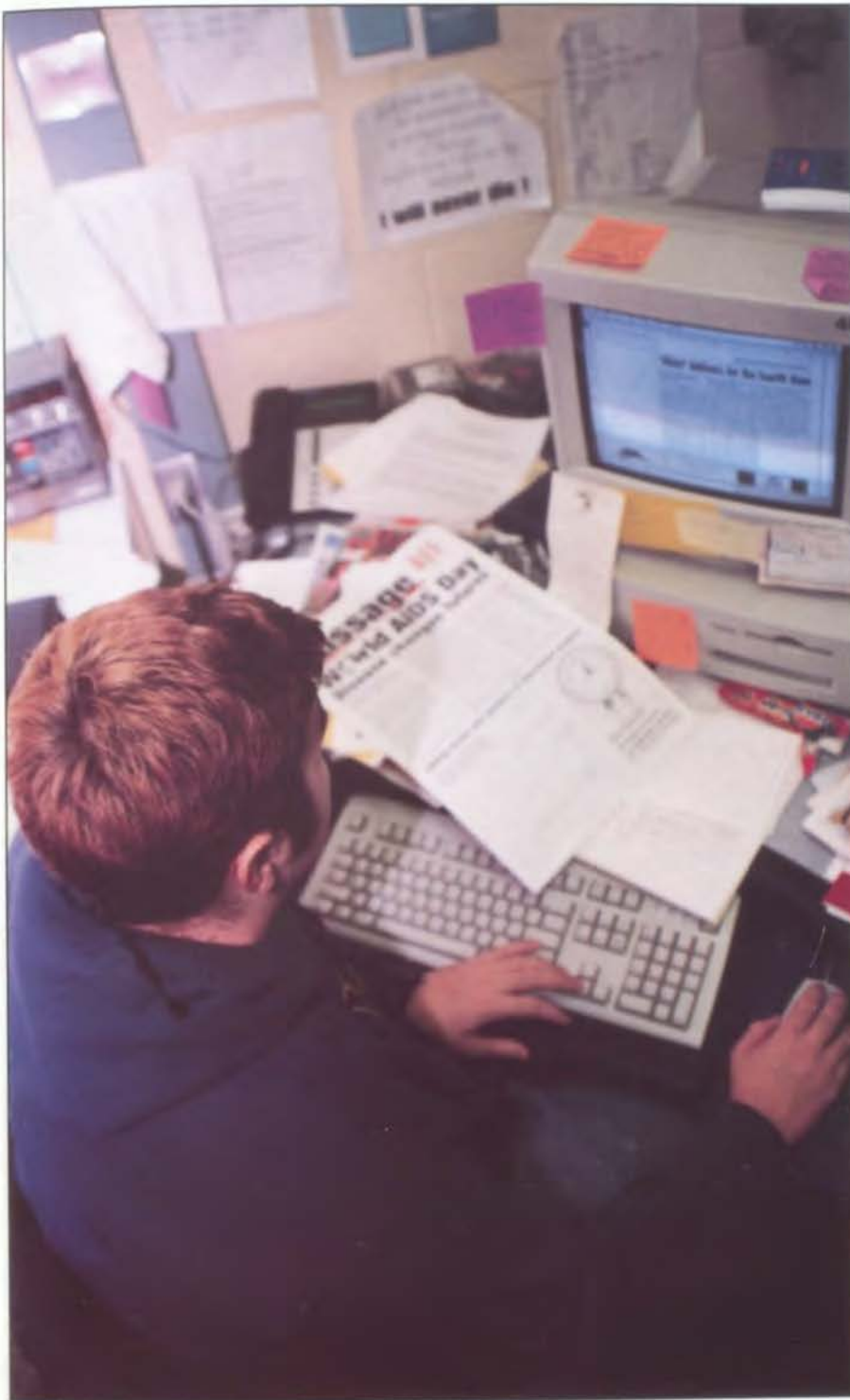
As part

of his job at Gee Coffee in Olathe, Evan North, sophomore, introduces local bands. - At his job, North sits at the sound board and plays CDs before a concert. - North tries out his Spanish talking to the Guadalupe kids that come every year for the holidays.

(opposite page) At a newspaper worknight, North designs the Noise page for The Northwest Passage.

-photos by Bryson Gay





Mr.

Cosmic

by Lindsay Derr

As Hanson blares in the background, Evan North, sophomore, sits and types on a computer. Under his breath, he mumbles complaints because his computer mouse does not work. After he pops his disk out, he walks to the front of the journalism room to begin another project.

North began publishing his own magazine in 1995, *Cosmic Haystack*, which he named himself, covers ska music. Along with the six other members, North is publisher, editor-in-chief, reporter and photographer of the magazine. The magazine is sold in Tower Records locations across the world.

"I decided it was something to try out and it just took off from there," North said. "I was inspired by other publications."

Although time and money consuming, the magazine provided opportunities for North to interview bands and keep in touch with the ska world.

"It's exciting because I get free CDs and it's a great outlet for my writing," North said. "It takes up a lot of time and money, though. It's mainly funded by ads, record companies and distribution (profits from sales)."

With six people working on the 52 page *Cosmic Haystack*, publishing can be nerve-racking.

"Working with Evan is great; it's hard sometimes because he's always busy, but he gets things done," Bret Sjerven, *Cosmic Haystack* artist, said.

Besides publishing his own magazine, North was vice-president of the sophomore class, Entertainment editor of the *Passage* and an employee of Gee Coffee in Olathe where he scheduled ska bands to play. Coping with the stress from these responsibilities comes naturally to North.

"I'm pretty laid back and easy to get to know," North said. "I treat people with the same respect I want to receive."

Question:
Just when you think you can go no further but have one more thing to do, how do you push yourself to do it?



"I just do it knowing that it needs to get done."
 —Andrew Gorton, sophomore

"I take a little break sitting and doing nothing."
 —Adam Larson, freshman



"I know that it will help me in my future, so I push myself to do it."
 —David Golden, senior

"I keep in mind that I can't do anything else until it's done."
 —Jason Fowler, junior



Question:

In order to fit in all of your activities, what did you give up?



"I gave up some of my friendships."
— **Rebecca Reeder, freshman**

"I had to give up my pet duck."
— **Nick McCarty, sophomore**



"I had to give up time to be by myself."
— **Megan Moffett, senior**

"I haven't had to give up anything yet." — **Joshua Allen, junior**



making a

splash

by lindray derr

When Shannon Cederlind, senior, was five years old, she asked her father for a green swim suit. She had noticed the suit when she went with her father on a visit to his country club. He agreed only on one condition— she take swimming lessons. Reluctantly, Cederlind agreed. Now, over thirteen years later she swims year round.

"There's four kids in my family and we all were in swimming, so my parents encouraged swimming, but they didn't force it," Cederlind said.

In addition to swimming for Northwest, Cederlind was team captain of the Kansas City Blazers swim team and an athlete representative for Kansas, Oklahoma and parts of Missouri and Texas.

"Shannon is a great team leader. She takes time to think of separate people and she talks to and considers everyone," Lindsey Krusen, Cederlind's teammate, said.

National Honor Society (NHS) was another of the many activities lined up on Cederlind's busy schedule, leaving her little time for other activities.

"It's hard when my friends call and want to do something, but I can't go because I have to go practice," Cederlind said.

Although she was constantly busy, she still found time for the people and activities she enjoyed.

She and her sister, Amy Cederlind, junior, rarely see each other, but manage to get along when they do.

"Shannon is determined and puts 110 percent into everything she does. She leads her own life, and never gives in," Amy said.





(clockwise from top left)

Shannon Cederlind, senior, practices swimming the butterfly for an upcoming Blazer's meet. Cederlind's license plate displays her team spirit. Checking her e-mail, Cederlind sits down to her home computer. With such a hard school schedule, it is necessary for Cederlind to stay up late studying. She grabs an apple before heading to the Roland Park Community Center to swim. —photos by Michael Dalbom

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF Shannon Cederlind



Shannon leaves for swim practice.



Shannon dissects a cat in Biology 2 Honors.



Shannon attends swim practice for another three hours after lifting weights.



As soon as she finishes the rest of her homework, she falls asleep, exhausted.

4:15 a.m.

4:30 a.m.

7:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

2:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

11:00 p.m.



Shannon grabs a bite of cereal before she goes to swim.



She attends an early-morning NHS meeting.



Shannon fills out scholarship applications and does her homework.



When Shannon returns home, her dog, Silver, greets her.



(clockwise from left)
During the Homecoming assembly,

Eric Yurkovich, freshman, introduces the fall sports as a caveman.

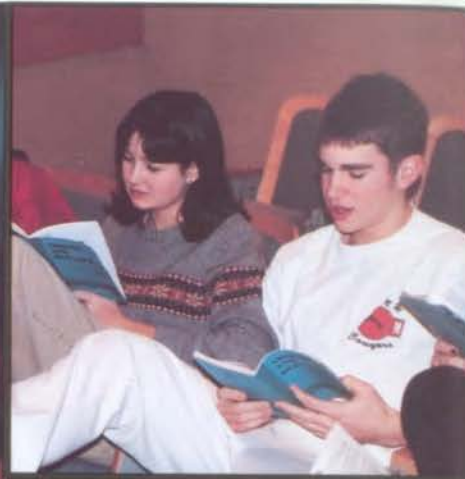
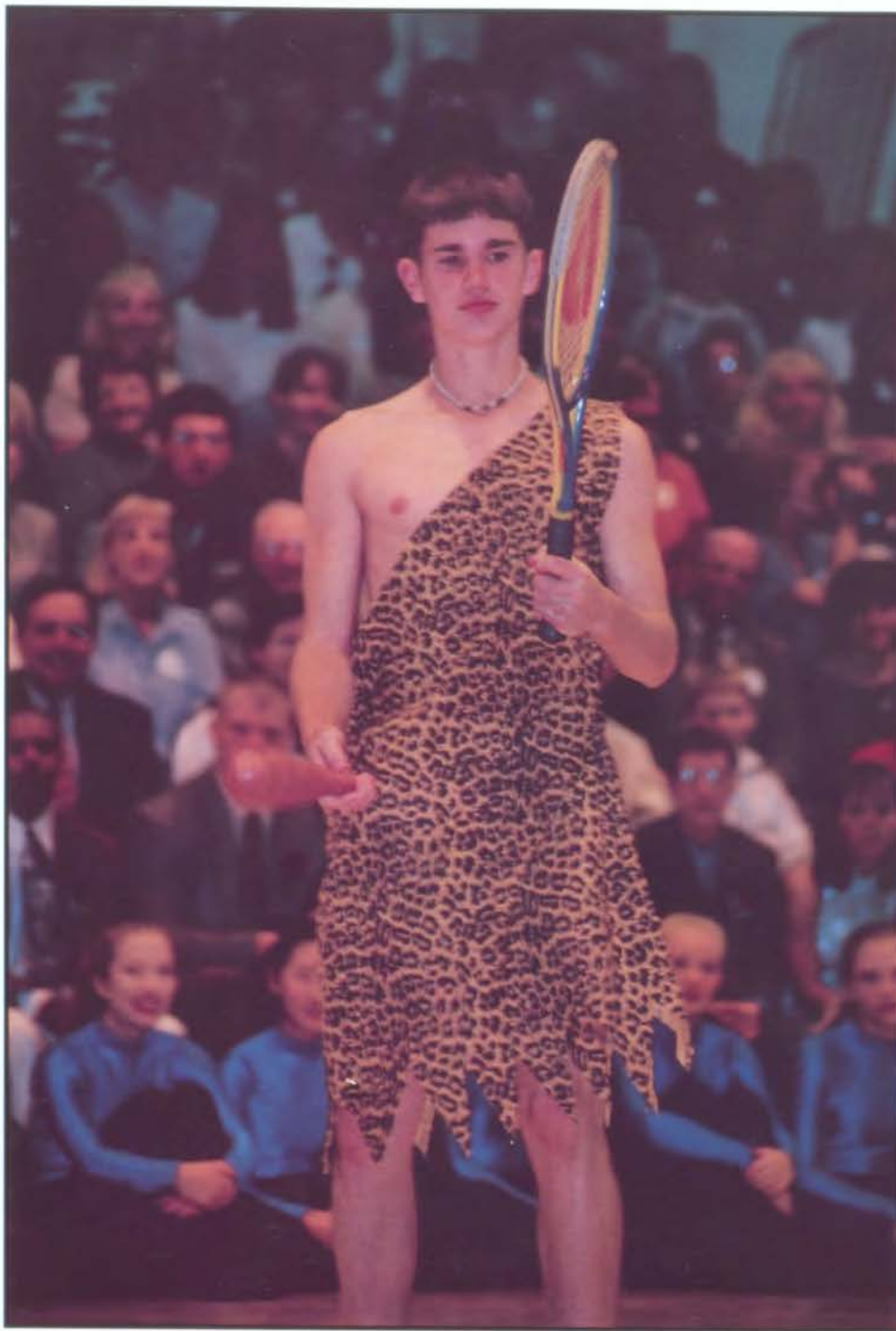
•Yurkovich rehearses lines in his drama class.

•Chosen to observe Shawnee Mission North's block scheduling program,

Yurkovich types up a presentation of his opinion of the schedules.

•Yurkovich paints a banner for the Queen of Courts mixer.

—photos by John Graham



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF... Eric Yurkovich



Eric's favorite class is Honors English with Mr. Hunsley.



He practices basketball.



He eats dinner after practice.



After a long day, he finally goes to bed at about 11 p.m.

6:45 a.m.

7:40 a.m.

9:35 a.m.

5 p.m.

8 p.m.

9 p.m.

10 p.m.

11:30 p.m.



He sits down to a quick breakfast before heading out the door.



Eric rehearses lines in his third hour drama class.



After practice, he lifts weights in his basement.



Cramming for a Biology test, he studies before bed.

Question:

What took up the most time in your life?



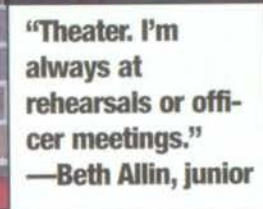
"I ice skate before and after school; it takes all my time."
—Robyn Brilliantine, sophomore



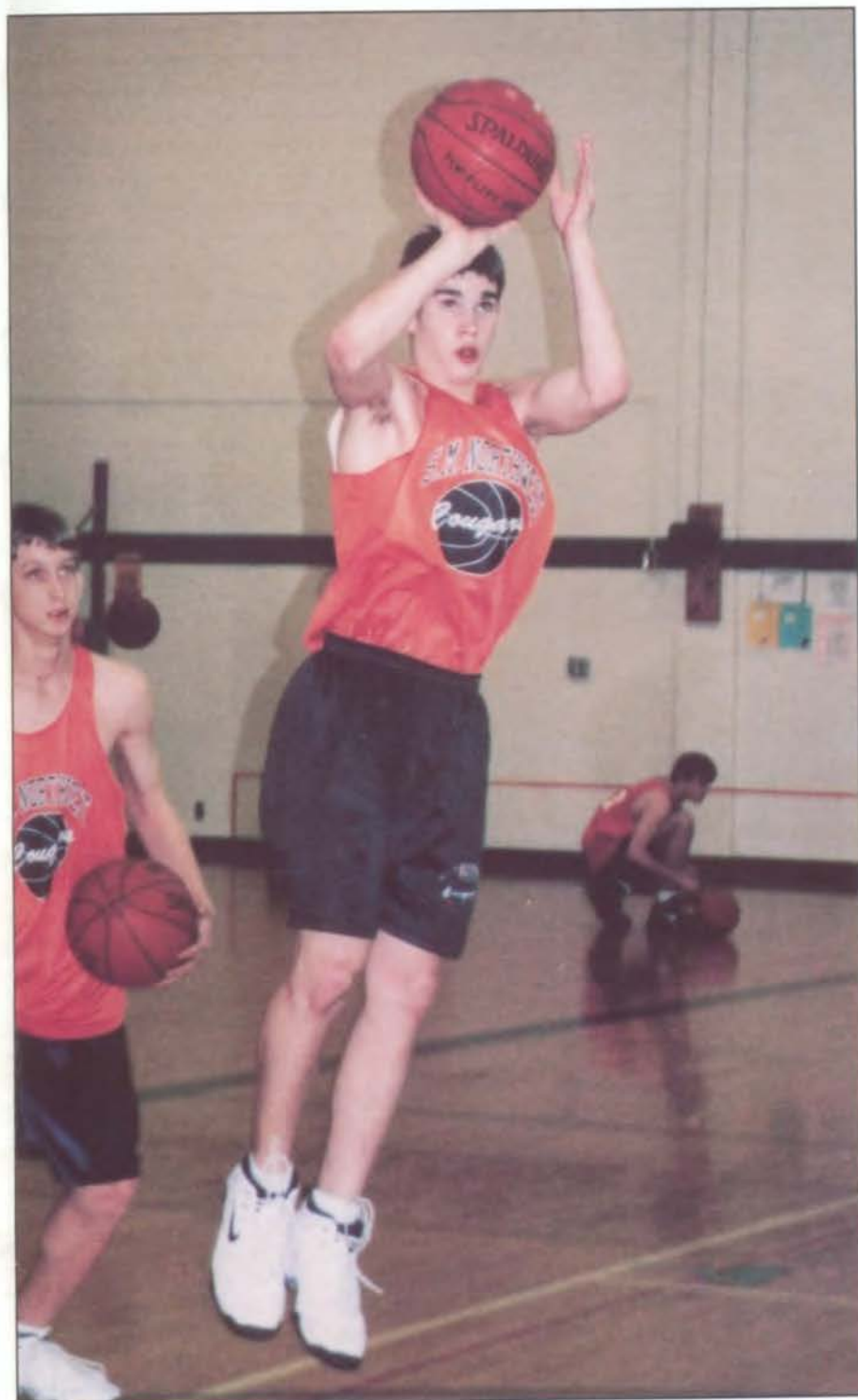
"Definitely my fantabulous boyfriend."
—Katie Figgins, senior



"School, because they give us too much homework."
—Kevin Hudson, freshman



"Theater. I'm always at rehearsals or officer meetings."
—Beth Allin, junior



shoot for the goal

by harcy ragan

Dribbling down the court, Eric Yurkovich, freshman, keeps his eyes on the opposition. With his mind cleared of everything, but the goal, he is certain of his success in basketball and in life. Despite his youth he has already taken the steps necessary to become a successful adult.

"I don't want to look back on high school and wish that I had done more, so I would like to do as much as I can," Yurkovich said.

Yurkovich was involved in freshman A-team basketball, Spirit Club, president of the freshman class, drama and a vigorous school schedule. With all of these activities he had to learn to manage his time.

"I don't manage my time very well. I don't get much sleep and sometimes I have to miss something or I am late," Yurkovich said.

Being involved in so many activities has resulted in hard decisions for Yurkovich. On many occasions he had to give up activities with his youth group to play baseball and basketball. In the fall he was forced to choose between either playing a fall sport or doing the musical.

"I couldn't do everything I wanted to do," Yurkovich said. "I felt like my choices were limited."

Yurkovich eventually decided to be in the musical *Guys and Dolls*.

"It was fun being in front of a lot of people that appreciated what you were doing," Yurkovich said.

Not only did his family support him by taking him to all of his activities and encouraging him to do his best, they were also a big influence.

The future being so far away, Yurkovich can only hope that he will be proud of the choices he makes in his life and career.

"I want to be happy, whether I'm a professional athlete or a businessman," Yurkovich said. "I just want to enjoy life."

eric yurkovich



the cutting

edge

by lindsay derr

Before the sun has a chance to rise, Michelle Lauerman, junior, awakens to get ready for ice skating practice. She slips out the door and heads towards King Louie skating rink.

"It's hard work and it takes up a lot of time, but I enjoy the practices, so it's worth the work," Lauerman said.

A regular school day consisted of getting up early and starting practice at 5 a.m. She skated until 6:30 a.m. and then barely had time to change and head toward school. When the school bell rang in the afternoon, she again went back to King Louie and practiced from 4:45 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"I meet a lot of friends skating and I like the competitions and ice shows, but it does cost a lot of money," Lauerman said.

Lauerman has also gained respect from her competitors and coach.

"Michelle is very nice and hard-working; she's probably one of the nicest people I've met," Leslie Defio, coach, said.

Lauerman has been skating for the the past nine years. She began skating when her mother enrolled her in classes.

"Skating has given me a lot of discipline and confidence. It has taught me how to get through the bad days," Lauerman said.

Because she spends almost five hours a day at the rink, Lauerman had a hard time fitting in school and homework.

"It's hard to balance both skating and homework at the same time," Lauerman said.

Even though doing both is hard work, Lauerman found the time to go to bed at 11 p.m. and get up six hours later to skate.

Question:

What do you consider to be the most important activity in your life?



"Basketball—playing sports for school." —Eric Davis, sophomore.



"My friends mean a lot to me and I always make time for them." —Joanna Ansley, senior



"I help teach a church class every summer; it helps both them and me." —Rebecca Joines, freshman



"Serving God to the best of my abilities and studying the Bible." —Justin Hulsey, junior



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...
Michelle Lauerman



After skating, she puts on her makeup before school.



She talks to Mr. Bolton about her grade.



She leaves to skate.



She practices for an upcoming skating competition.

4:30 a.m.

7:00 a.m.

7:10 a.m.

7:40 p.m.

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4:45 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:10 p.m.



Michelle gets up and eats breakfast before skating at 5:00 a.m.



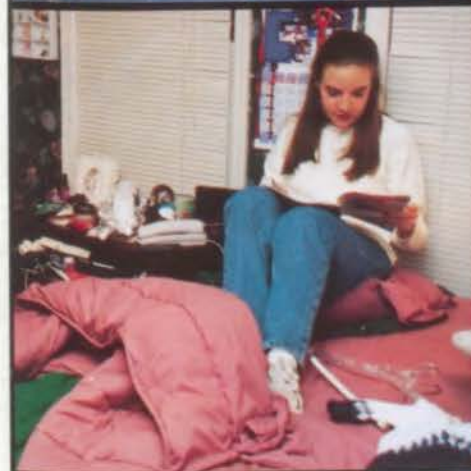
With only a few minutes to spare, she brushes her teeth quickly.



Michelle studies before going to skating practice at King Louie West.



Making sure her laces are tight, she prepares to hit the ice.



(clockwise from top right)

Before she

goes to skate, Michelle Lauerman, junior, sits down in her kitchen to do her homework.—Lauerman puts on her make-up to get ready for another school day.—Sitting on her bed, Lauerman reads a magazine in her spare time.—Lauerman finds time to talk to her friends about plans for the weekend. (opposite page) Looking behind her, Lauerman prepares for an upcoming jump.

—photos by Michael Dalbom



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF... Lauren Holmes



During French class, Lauren copies a sentence onto the chalkboard.



She types a paper for Government.



She flips through a book of colleges.



She cheers for the varsity basketball team.

7:20 a.m.

10 a.m.

3 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

5 p.m.

6 p.m.

7 p.m.



Lauren and her brother, Peter, freshman, get into the car to go to school.



After school, she comes home and studies for a Calculus test.



For ten minutes, she sits down to practice her piano music.



She picks out her cheerleading uniform for the basketball game.

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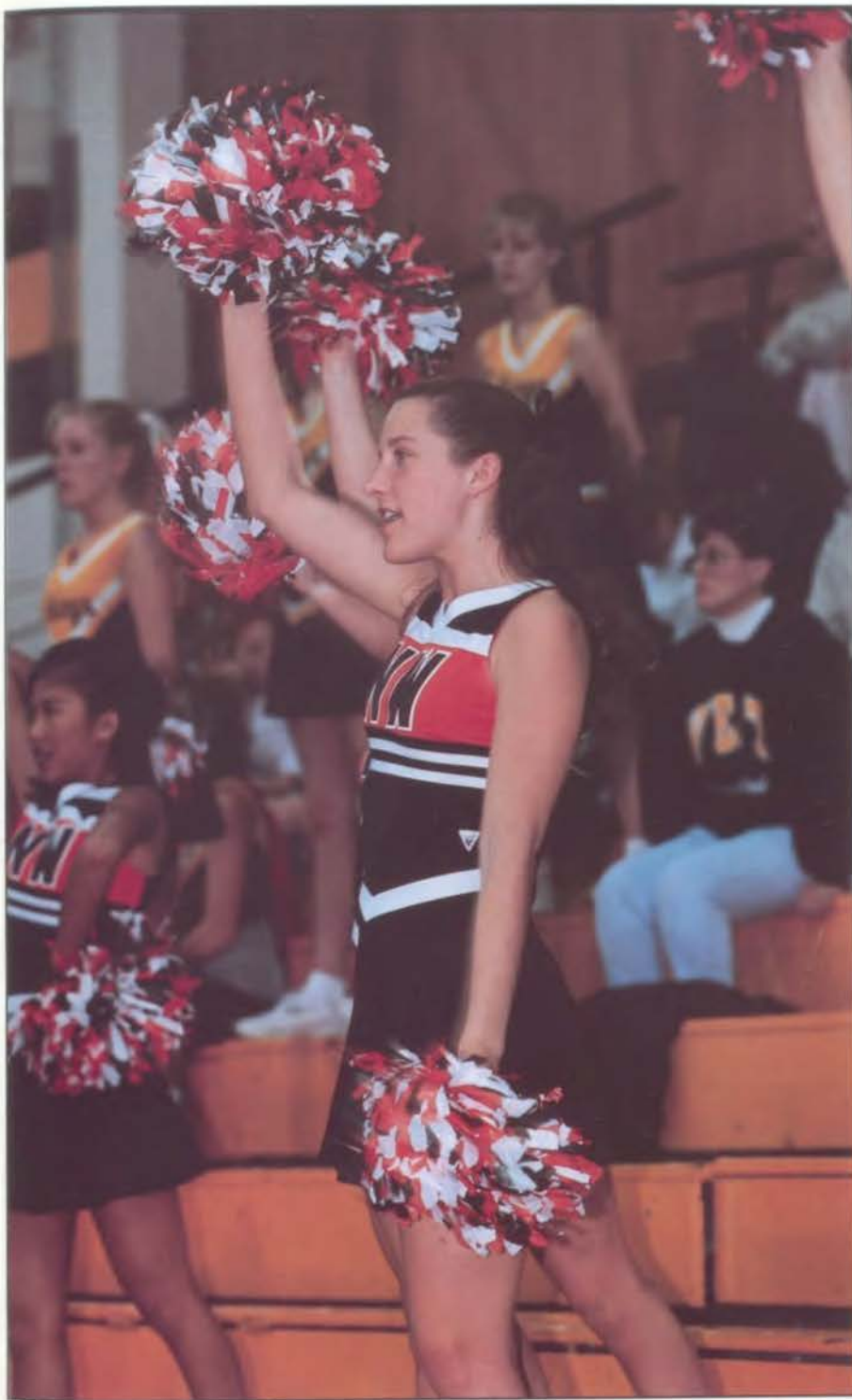
Lauren Holmes, senior, looks over a photo album with the Varsity Cheerleading Squad.

—Holmes plays "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" on her piano. — In order to keep her grade point average high, it is necessary for Holmes to stay up late studying for American Government.

(opposite page) With the Varsity Cheerleading squad, Holmes cheers on the Varsity basketball players.

—photos by Bryson Gay





breaking the barriers

by kasey ragan

Sitting in her fourth hour English class, Lauren Holmes, senior, discusses Hamlet with Mr. Roy Gunter, english teacher. Her traditional varsity cheerleading garb, is the only reminder of the activity. Balancing the amount of time that cheerleading involves and her school-work was hard, but she managed to do so with remarkable results. Being ranked number two in her class and being named a National Merit Semi-finalist was not easily, but it was worth the effort.

"It's an honor because there was such a small percentage of people," Holmes said. "It made me feel like the work I put into academics paid off."

Cheerleading was not always so easy for the shy senior, but her pride and respect in the squad helped her to perform in front of the school.

"I get really nervous because I'm not outgoing, but I am excited to show off what we do," Holmes said. "It's fun to be out there."

Holmes put a lot of time and commitment into cheering and studying. This pushed her to work harder to make every effort count.

"I motivate myself. I want to do my best, so I push myself to be successful," Holmes said. "I like to be busy. I couldn't handle not being busy."

Holmes met once a week with the cheerleading squad to practice the cheers for their performances during games. She stayed committed to the squad no matter what opportunity arose.

"I made the commitment to be on the squad and I'm keeping up my part," Holmes said.

In the future Holmes believes that she will be continuing many of the patterns she developed in high school.

"I'll be successful in whatever career I choose," Holmes said. "I think I'll still be busy, though."

Question:

If you had time for one more activity, what would it be?



"I would want to be in the movies."
—Matt Beckner, freshman

"I would do my homework."
—Jeff Box, sophomore



"StuCo; it sounds like fun. They do a lot of good things."
—Ashley Chaffee, junior

"I would want to star in a musical!"
—Matt Derks, senior



Question:

What do you
do in your
free time
(if any)?



"I workout, party
and watch T.V.,
but never study."
—Matt Lockhart,
sophomore



"I workout, hang
out with friends
and sleep when-
ever I get a
chance." —Julie
Ortman, senior

"I train for my
triathlons."
—Andy Phelps,
freshman



"I hang out with
my friends and
go shopping."
—Melissa Dale,
junior



dancing the night away

by Lindsay Derr

Standing before the mirror in Dixie Bell Dance Center, Erin Novak, sophomore, stretches on the bar in front of her. Music blares from the stereo in the corner of the bare wood-floored room.

Although practice and hard work helped Novak out, her real help came from herself.

"Dancing gives you a sense of self-discipline. The only bad part is if you get an injury," Novak said.

While an injury is a worry, getting along with the other dancers is a problem on all of their minds. During Novak's eleven years of dancing, she gained respect from other dancers and became a role model for them.

"She's really strong, really confident and fun to be around," Emily Rees, senior, said. "She's nice even when she's honest, she doesn't hurt feelings."

With all her activities, she found it difficult to spend time with her family and friends.

"It's frustrating sometimes to be with her. It's hard to work around her schedule, but she's very optimistic," boyfriend Adam Hansen, junior, said.

Knowing the techniques of dancing also helped Novak in other areas.

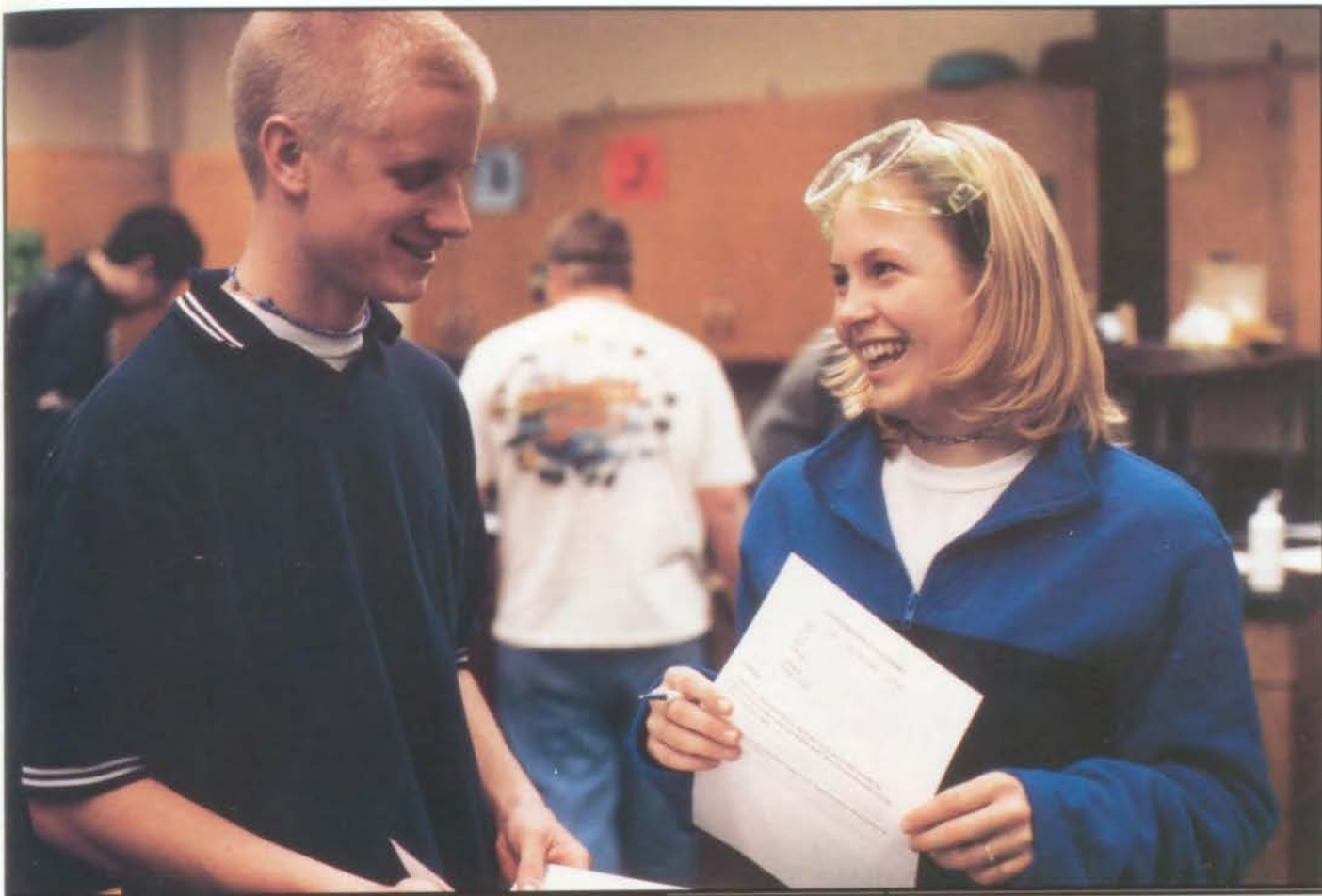
"I was a choreographer for drill team so it helped to be in dance and know what looked good," Novak said.

With just over five hours of sleep each night, and school, she had little spare time. She still managed to fit teaching dance classes into her schedule.

"I dance and teach jazz dance from 4 p.m. to about 9 p.m., then I go home and do homework until about 12:30 a.m.," Novak said. "Dancing has conflicted with homework a couple of times, but not often."

As the music ends, and the room begins to vibrate, Novak grabs her bag and walks out the door of the dance studio. She heads home to do her homework and catch up on much-needed sleep.





(clockwise from top) Working with Adam

Hansen, junior, Erin Novak, sophomore, completes a chemistry lab. - Checking herself in the mirror, one of Novak's students receives help from her instructor.

• Dixie Bell, owner of Dixie Bell Dance Studio, shows Novak some dance moves. (opposite page)

• Novak demonstrates a jazz dance to her class.

-photos by Keri Goodman



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF... Erin Novak



Erin conjugates verbs in her Spanish 2 class with classmates.



Erin teaches a beginning jazz class.



After she gets home, she calls her boyfriend, Adam Hansen, junior.



After a long day, she falls asleep.

6 a.m.

8:40 a.m.

12 p.m.

4 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

10 p.m.

11 p.m. 12 a.m.



Erin gets ready for school by putting on her make-up.



During her clothing class, she sews a dress in the hall.



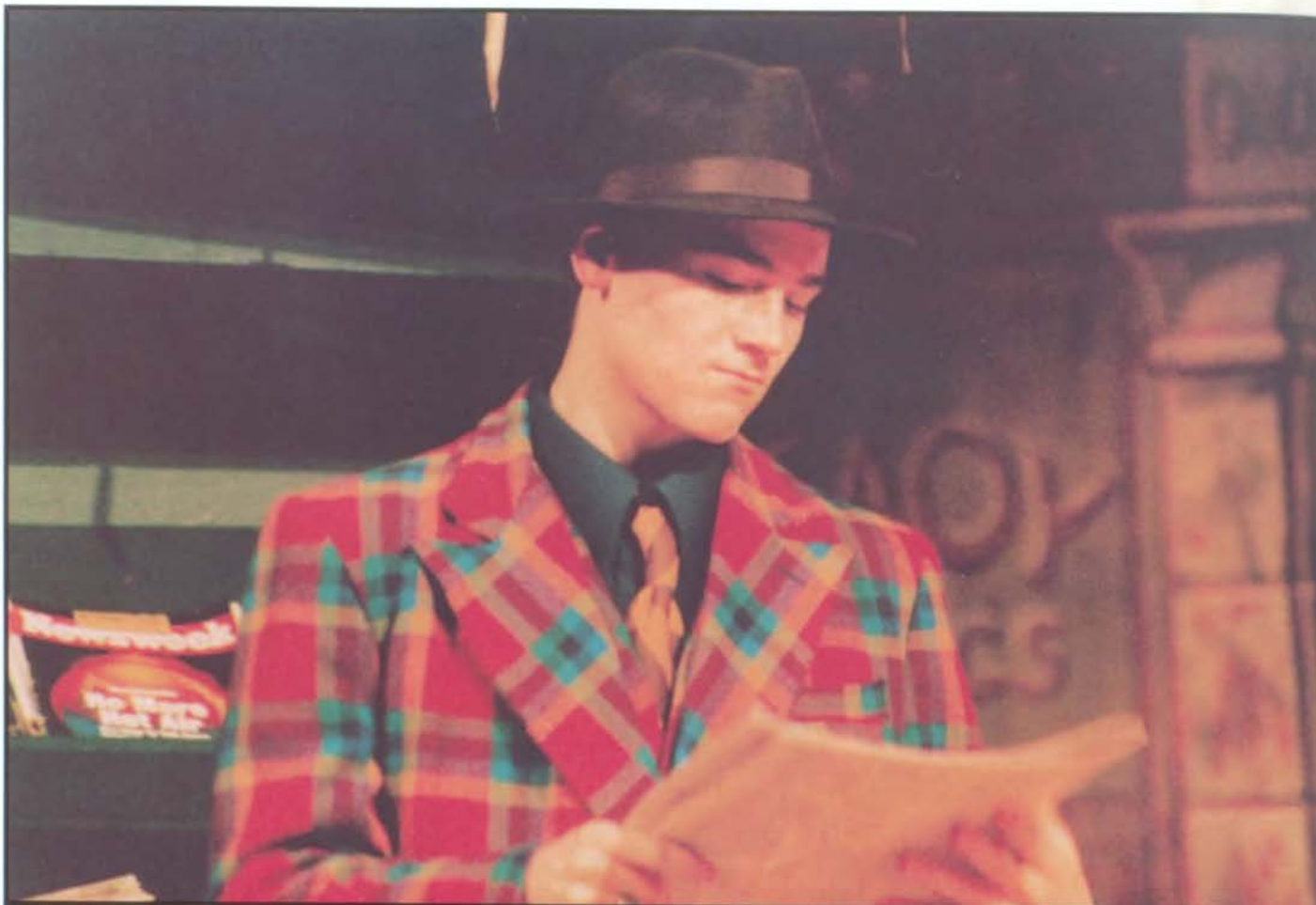
Erin practices at Dixie Bell with Shannon Judge, freshman.



She sits on her bed to do some of her homework.



(top photo)
Playing
the
character
of Benny
Southstreet,
Jeremy
Moritz,
junior,
reads a
newspaper
in the play
*Guys and
Dolls*,
(bottom
photos)



On the
auditorium
stage,
Moritz
and other
repertory
theater
students
act out a
scene
from a
recent
play.
—photos
by Rachel
Metzler



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF Jeremy Moritz



Moritz
sits down
to eat a
pop tart.



Moritz
does his
home-
work.



Before dance class-
es, Moritz often
stops by Taco Bell
for a quick dinner.



Moritz attends his jazz
class after a half hour
of stretching.

6:00 a.m.

7:20 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.



Moritz wakes up
reluctantly to get
ready for school.



While in Repertory
Theatre class, Moritz
performs a dialogue
on stage.



Moritz and his broth-
er play Nintendo 64
in their spare time.



Moritz practices tap
dancing at Miller
Marley Dance Studio

Question:

How much time do you spend studying?



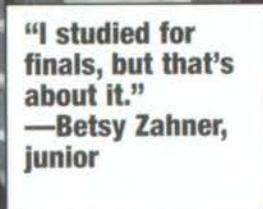
"I study enough to make an 'A' and please my mom."
—Lindsay Mayer, freshman



"Once I went two weeks straight without doing any homework."
—Nick Simien, senior



"I don't study unless it's cramming for a big test."
—Josh Johnson, sophomore



"I studied for finals, but that's about it."
—Betsy Zahner, junior



in the limelight

by harcy ragan

The stage is lit, and every seat in the house is filled. Sitting on the stage is Jeremy Moritz, junior, and Emily Corbett, senior, stands beside him. They are yelling at each other with thick Russian accents. He fumbles trying to stand with his left foot resting on a chair, his cane wobbling beneath his right hand. The audience laughs as he demands that his secretary, Andrea Schorb, junior, remove Corbett. Acting in his first play, Moritz stole the show with his performance in *The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon.

"It's fun to try to experience what the character is doing. It's temporarily taking on a new lifestyle," Moritz said. "It's a challenge to convey feelings that I am not really having."

When Moritz first came to high school, he thought that he was so good at acting that he did not need any help from Ms. Keli Rodgers, the drama teacher. He soon discovered that even the very best had room to improve.

"Ms. Rodgers treated me like just a freshman. She wasn't being mean, because I needed improvement," Moritz said.

Moritz has performed in many musicals at school and in the community, summer camps, a national Wal-Mart commercial, and various magazine ads. Even with his experience, he has had some rather embarrassing moments. When he was 15, he was in a Valentine's Day poster for Hallmark with Tara Ledbetter, senior. The picture posed the two of them in a kiss, which was Moritz's first.

When Moritz is not doing a show, he waits in anticipation for the next performance.

"I get bored with real life and want to act," Moritz said. "Regular life isn't fun without being able to act."



Throughout the world, events happened faster than we realized. The sudden death of Princess Diana left us devastated yet allowed us to see how precious time really was. Within the same week, Mother Theresa passed on comparatively unnoticed.

Locally, a Super Target and The Great Mall of The Great Plains were built, expanding the shopping choices in the Johnson County area.

After an impressive 13-3 season, the Kansas City Chief's dreams of making the Super Bowl were crushed. John Elway led the Broncos to yet another Marty Schottenheimer defeat, and went on to defeat the Greenbay Packers in the Super Bowl.



by heather castle
and amy miller

in the blink of an eye

NASA put an American, Michael Foale, on the Russian space station Mir. Chelsea Clinton was accepted into Stanford, moving from the comfort of the White House to a college dorm.

The clash and flow of the events happening around us gave us a new perspective on the outside world, yet with our hectic schedules it seemed as if they came and went

in the blink of an eye...

WORLD & COMMUNITY

Mother Theresa
walks with Princess Diana after visiting with her on Wednesday, June 18, 1997, in New York. They met privately at the Missionaries of Charity in the South Bronx Section of New York. The deaths of both Mother Theresa and Princess Diana in the same week was a tragedy that sent us into global mourning. — photo courtesy of AP Wide World Photos.

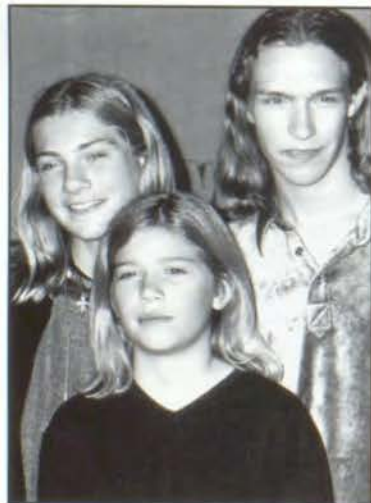


ENTERTAINMENT



The **Nebraska** Cornhuskers (13-0) used their victory over Tennessee at the Orange Bowl to take a share of the NCAA football national title from the **Michigan** Wolverines (12-0). Nebraska edged Michigan by four points in a post-season poll, securing 32 of 62 first-place votes from a panel of coaches throughout the nation. Michigan was able to secure the top position in the Associated Press poll. That gave Michigan their first taste of a national championship in 50 years.

The **Chiefs** will be remembered for three events in the 1997 season: their heartbreaking loss to Denver (14-10) during a playoff game, their first loss at Arrowhead and their 13-4 season record. The players new to the team brought hope to countless Chiefs fans. Chiefs player Kimble Anders was selected by his peers as the Unsung Hero and Pete Stoyanovich was selected AFC Kicker of the Year. This was the Chiefs' seventh winning season in nine years.

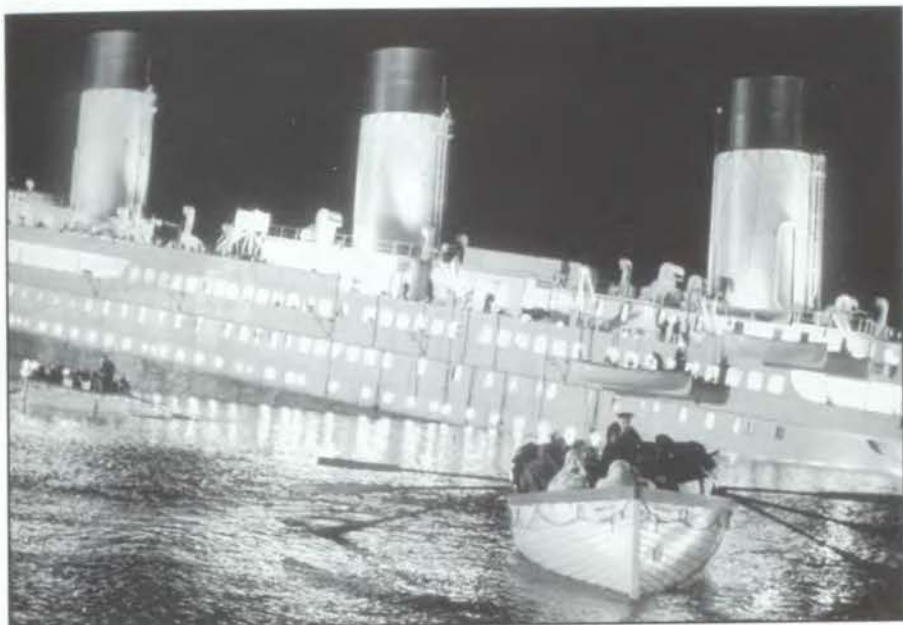


Thousands of fans piled into the 12-acre parking lot at Ward Parkway Center to claim their places for the show that was six hours away. Painted faces read "I Love Tay," and signs made with notebook paper and crayons were waved by anxious girls chanting, "**We want Hanson!**" The objects of their passion were the three brothers: Isaac, Taylor and Zac Hanson. They topped the charts with "Mmmmbop," "Where's the Love" and "I Will Come To You."

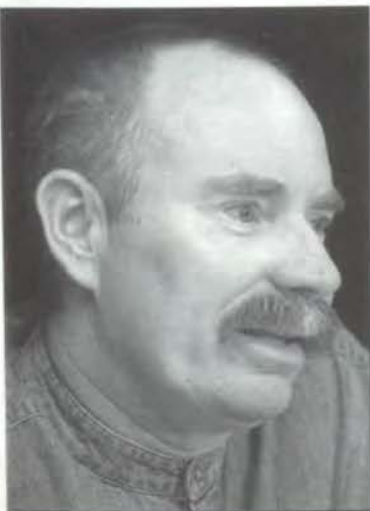


The 1998 **Winter Olympics** were held in Nagano, Japan. The U.S. women's hockey team took the first ever women's hockey gold medal. Later Tara Lipinski won the gold medal in figure skating after a tough competition with Michelle Kwan.

Jerry Seinfeld, the creator, star and producer of "**Seinfeld**," which is arguably the most beloved sitcom on prime time, announced he would not return for the next season. The show, in its ninth season was roughly 32 million viewers on any given week. The show's plot focuses on Jerry Seinfeld, a Manhattan comedian and his small circle of close friends: George Costanza (Jason Alexander), Elaine Benes (Julia Louise-Dreyfuss) and Cosmo Kramer (Michael Richards), as they deal with life's day-to-day problems. Seinfeld has been earning \$1 million per episode, along with a part of the show's syndication fee. His co-stars have been earning \$600,000 per episode this season, after a much publicized salary holdout last year.



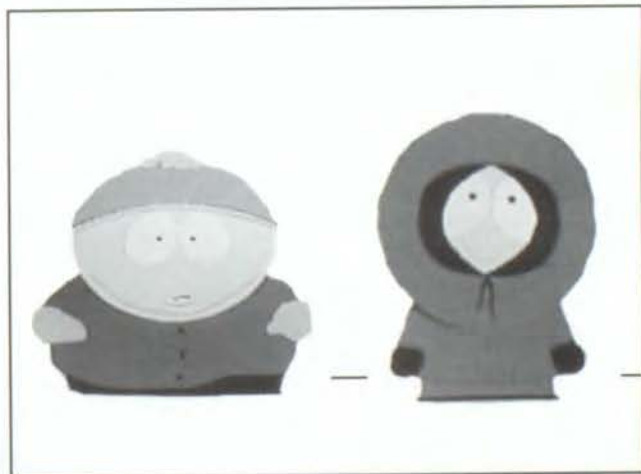
Titanic, the most costly movie of all time, made a huge splash at the box offices and won 11 academy awards the 70th Annual Oscars. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet captivated audiences with their love story. Writer/director James Cameron used the newest in special effects to stage the sinking of the *Titanic*.



Dan Quisenberry, former Royals pitcher, was diagnosed with a brain cancer. He has been heavily involved in local community service and various charity projects. His commitment to better the Kansas City area made him a role model to many.



After much criticism from feminist and child advocates, Mattel came out with a new, more realistic profile of Barbie. Although the **new Barbie** included a thicker waist; slimmer hips; a new nose; more realistic and softer, straighter hair and a new wardrobe, the changes were difficult to see.



Much to the dissatisfaction of parents, "**South Park**" ranked in the top 15 of the Nielsen Ratings, a rating system for television programs. The creators of the show, Matt Stone and Trey Park, have revised the ratings of *Comedy Central* with their hit show based on the lives of controversial third-graders Eric, Kenny, Kyle and Stan.

Top Ten

movies of 1997 according to a poll by The Lair

1. *Titanic*
2. *Men In Black*
3. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*
4. *Scream 2*
5. *Austin Powers*
6. *Conspiracy Theory*
7. *The Game*
8. *Amistad*
9. *Kiss The Girls*
10. *Chasing Amy*

PERSONALITIES



Formerly named Showtime's genderless "Funniest Person in America," **Ellen Degeneres**, came out of the closet on the network sitcom, "Ellen." Degeneres risked her professional career when she announced to millions that she was a lesbian. The outing seemed to have a positive effect on the show's ratings and Degeneres' reputation. Degeneres, at 39, lives with spouse, Anne Heche, 28, in Los Angeles. They do not want any children, but own two dogs named Murphy and Trevor.



Princess Diana was killed in a car crash inside a Paris tunnel. Since her death affected many people, it was named the "most memorable event of 1997." Even though she would never have been the Queen of England, she was still the "queen of people's hearts."

Mother Teresa, renowned for her work in India, died of heart complications only a week after the death of Princess Diana. Her loving dedication earned her the title "saint of the gutters." She devoted her life to those who were less fortunate.



As he entered his Miami Beach palazzo on July 15, 1997, **Gianni Versace**, an Italian fashion designer, was shot from behind by a man suspected of four other murders. His killer, Andrew Cunanan, was the most wanted man in America for over a week. Cunanan was later found on a houseboat where he took his own life. Versace became famous for his original designs and colors worn by celebrities including Princess Diana, Madonna and Courtney Love.



President Bill Clinton has been affected by a scandal once again. He denied all accusations of a sexual relationship with his intern, **Monica Lewinsky**. She reportedly said in tape-recorded conversations that she had an affair with Clinton three years ago and was asked to lie about it by Clinton in a deposition for the Paula Jones case.



Lt. Kelly Flinn was the first female pilot to ever fly B-52 bombers. She, however, left the military after being convicted of adultery, lying and disobeying an order, and was dishonorably discharged.



SONNY BONO
1935-1997. Was the senator of California when he died in a skiing accident after he ran into a tree.

The Spice Girls, a British music group, took the entertainment world by storm with two new hit albums and a hit movie, *Spice World*. At the American Music awards in January, they took awards in every category they were nominated for, including Best New Pop Group, and Best Album.

JEANNE CALMENT
1875-1997. Lived to be the oldest person, 122 years old. She enjoyed chocolates, cigarettes and "one-liners."



It was a "year of sevens" for country singer **Garth Brooks**. Singing with his "friends in low places," Brooks performed a free concert in New York City's Central Park. Over seven million viewed the live HBO show. His success continued when he won the People's Choice Award for Male Musical Performer for the seventh year in a row. Brooks' album, *Sevens*, debuted at No. 1 on the charts and sold over 5 million copies. He displayed his new music on an NBC special in the spring.

JOHN DENVER
1943-1997. Known to many, as a famous folk singer of the 70s. He died in a single-engine plane crash.

After starring in the hit movie *Men In Black*, **Will Smith**, married actress Jada Pinkett. Pinkett, 26, and Smith, 29, dated for two years prior to their marriage. Soon after the marriage, Pinkett announced that she was pregnant. Smith is known to many rap fans as "The Fresh Prince." He also starred in the television show *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*.



CHRIS FARLEY
1967-1997. Famous actor who starred in "Saturday Night Live" and several film productions. He died of a drug overdose.

MICHAEL KENNEDY
1958-1997. Nephew of John F. Kennedy. He died in a skiing accident after he ran into a tree while playing football.

JAMES STUART
1908-1997. An actor who was in film roles for over 50 years and starred in 80 films. He died in his sleep.

One TOO Soon

...a tribute to those who passed away

COMMUNITY NEWS



Terry Nichols was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to life imprisonment during the Oklahoma City bombing trial. **Timothy McVeigh** was convicted of conspiracy in the murders and later sentenced to death.



The Russian space station, Mir, had problems ranging from computer failure to a collision with a cargo ship. In recent years, Mir lost approximately two-thirds of its funding. The U.S. pays \$100 million annually to use Mir.



On March 23, 1997, 39 people, ranging from 26 to 72 years of age, committed suicide. Members of the **Heaven's Gate** cult killed themselves as comet Hale-Bopp journeyed by Earth and continued onward. The incident became the worst mass suicide in U.S. history.

Just THE Facts

...news in brief

EL NINO was a weather pattern affecting the entire world's climate. It resulted in unusual weather all over the globe.

IN CARLISLE, IOWA, Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey celebrated the birth of their septuplets. They were the first set of septuplets to ever survive after birth.

EVANDER HOLYFIELD won a heavy-weight fight against Mike Tyson but lost part of an ear when Tyson viciously bit him twice.

AN EXPERIMENT IN CLONING, took place in Scotland. It reportedly resulted in the first cloned animal ever, a sheep named Dolly.

TARGET, a new super store, opened in the Kansas City area, providing new shopping opportunities. The store offered a variety of items.

LOUISE WOODWARD, "the nanny," was charged with the murder of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. Her sentence was later reduced.



Two murders occurred during 1997 in the **Sedona Point** apartment buildings located in Shawnee, Kansas. On Nov. 12, 33-year-old John Fischer was found stabbed to death in his apartment which had been set on fire. In September a woman reported being raped by a maintenance worker on her visit to the complex. The 29-year old woman was also shot several times in December and was sent to the hospital in critical condition. These events created panic, and residents quickly moved.



As reported by the *Kansas City Star*, on Jan. 13, **Steve Kerrington's** house was vandalized by several Northwest students. According to Northwest students, Kerrington had a party and after it turned violent, he asked everyone to leave. Later, several Northwest students allegedly returned and struck Kerrington with a candlestick holder and broke several windows. The total damage was estimated around \$5,000. Kerrington returned to Olathe North High School after the incident occurred.



NASA's **Pathfinder** successfully landed on Mars. The Pathfinder sent pictures of the Red Planet's terrain back to Earth. Scientists had hopes of discovering more about the planet's terrain.



Theodore Kaczynski, 55 of Sacramento, California, admitted that he is the terrorist whose 18-year bombing campaign killed three people and injured 29. Overall, he was blamed for a total of 16 bombings. He was taken into custody at his mountain cabin in Helena, Montana. Kaczynski was spared the death penalty in exchange for pleading guilty. He also gave up the right to appeal and as a result, will serve a life sentence in prison without parole. Kaczynski decided to accept the offered deal after Judge Garland Burrell denied his plea to represent himself in court without an attorney. His sentence was given to him on May 15, 1997.



At one minute after midnight on July 1, 1997, Britain handed over **Hong Kong** to the People's Republic of China. Hong Kong became part of Britain in 1840 after the Emperor surrendered it. Home to more than 6 million Chinese, it was the first time Britain voluntarily gave up land to a communist state. In a survey in *Time* magazine, people were asked whether Hong Kong would prosper or decline. Sixty-four percent said it would prosper, while 16 percent predicted it would decline. With the change, the councils and crown symbols of British rule changed to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Hong Kong had been under democratic rule for 156 years.



At age 76, **John Glen**, Ohio senator, was chosen to make his second trip into space. This mission will make him the oldest man to enter space. In 1962, he went on his first mission and was named the first American to go into orbit. Even though Glen knew that he might not return, he had no doubts about going on the trip.



We were always busy, or so it seemed. Our schedules were packed and our lives hectic. Rushing from activity to activity, we used our days to the fullest.

Each of us wanted to discover that special something we excelled in. We joined the band, ran for Student Council, tried out for cheerleading or sometimes did all three. Many of us gave more than what was required to our activities. We went to that optional debate practice or stayed those extra hours to meet the yearbook deadline.

While some dreamed of being in the spotlight, many were content behind the scenes. We enjoyed the spirit assemblies but failed to remember the hard work of our Spirit Club members.



by vicki conner, jana schmitt and paula taschler

not a moment to spare

Some of us even became involved with our community through CCC, sharing our precious time to benefit others.

PEOPLE & CLUBS

We gave all we could to each of our commitments but tried to make sure we kept enough time for ourselves. In the end, our free time seemed to disappear, and we wished there were more hours in the day. We made the most of every minute and were often left with *not a moment to spare...*

As the band blasts out the last note of *Bellavia*, one of its three marching tunes, Nikki LeClaire, senior, hits the last position of her flag routine. The band and drill team formed the Marching Cougar Pride, which performed during pre-game and half-time shows at all varsity home football games.—
photo by Rachel Metzler



In high school, we learn to drive, try new hairstyles and meet lasting friends, while struggling to make the grade. Those things we deem significant become...

lasting memories



Miss Jessica Rulon, English teacher

My senior year, on prom night, a classmate was killed in a car accident. He was running from the cops and driving without lights. The funeral was so sad, and graduation without him was so painful.

Mrs. Gillian Williams, foreign language teacher

Coach Reiff was my basketball coach. My friend and I were talking to some guys we met there [at a game], and we missed the bus back to school. We had to get a ride from the guys we met. Coach Reiff was so mad he benched us for three games. I never dreamed we'd be colleagues one day!



Miss Beverly Gee, chemistry teacher

High school for me meant Apple IIe computers with dot matrix printers. Mustangs, Camaros and I-Roc Z were the choice cars. Pinched rolled jeans, polo shirts with collars up, loafers or high tops with untied shoelaces and feathered hair were fashionable.

Mrs. Suzanne Kissane, foreign language teacher

My boyfriend attended a military school that had very strict rules. He could not ride in a car (it was a small town, and we walked everywhere), and his curfew was always before mine. My parents didn't realize how easy they had it!





Sheila Albers: World Geography, Cougar Express Drill Team. **Years at NW-1.**
Mike Alsin: Chemistry 2 AP, Physics 1. **Years at NW-5.**
Jim Andra: Counselor. **Years at NW-24.**
LeAnne Apel: English 9, English 11. **Years at NW-4.**
Sharon Ashley: World History, American History, United States History AP. **Years at NW-13.**

Jack Ballard: A Cappella, Girls Select, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Folk Guitar, Vocal Director. **Years at NW-27.**
Helga Beuing: German 1, 2, 3, 4, Independent Study. **Years at NW-24.**
Lorie Blevins: Computer App., Desktop Publishing, Introduction to Business. **Years at NW-1.**
Carl Bolton: Psychology AP, Psychology 1, 2, S.A.D.D. **Years at NW-13.**
Nancy Bousman: Counselors' Secretary. **Years at NW-7.**

Sue Bryant: English 10 H, English 11. **Years at NW-13.**
Beverly Burdick: AV Aide. **Years at NW-2.**
Edith Campbell: Applied Math, English 9 CWC, Study Skills. **Years at NW-2.**
Corky Carner: Campus Police. **Years at NW-6.**
Patricia Caviar: Art Foundations, Drawing, Design, Commercial Art. **Years at NW-2.**

Jackie Christie: English 10 CWC, English 10 H. **Years at NW-6.**
Ken Clow: Algebra 1, Math 2, Girls' Tennis. **Years at NW-12.**
Larry Colburn: Physical Education, Assistant Coach Track and Field. **Years at NW-3.**
Nancy Colley: Counselor. **Years at NW-1.**
Tom Colley: Math 1. **Years at NW-12.**

Mary Cook: Attendance Office Aide, Choral Accompanist. **Years at NW-23.**
Karen Cranston: English 11, Varsity Cheerleading. **Years at NW-2.**
Sandra Daigneaux: Spanish 2, Spanish 3. **Years at NW-12.**
Amanda Davis: IIS. **Years at NW-1.**
Janine Deines: English 9, English 11 H, Key Club. **Years at NW-12.**

Scott Diebold: Construction Tech, Wood Tech, Head Football Coach. **Years at NW-11.**
Sherry Ely: Attendance Office Secretary. **Years at NW-10.**
Mike Eubanks: Biology 1, Environmental Education 1, 2, S.T.E.P. **Years at NW-6.**
Jody Fangman: Accounting, Computer App., Information Tech, Automated Accounting. **Years at NW-5.**
Pam Fellingham: Gifted Ed. 9, 10, 11, 12, Academics Decathlon, Odyssey of the Mind, Junior Science. **Years at NW-1.**

Debbie Finnell: Math 1 CWC, Learning Center Math, Learning Center World Geography. **Years at NW-1.**
Pam Forest: English 10. **Years at NW-28.**
Al Frisby: Biology 1, Biology 2 H, Science Olympiad. **Years at NW-26.**
Kenneth Frye: Geometry, Driver Education, Assistant Freshmen Football Coach, Head Track Coach. **Years at NW-19.**
Terri Fulghum: Paraprofessional. **Years at NW-4.**

Peggy Fuller: Health Careers 1, Exploring Childhood 1, Exploring Childhood 2, Exploring Childhood Club. **Years at NW-23.**
Beverly Gee: Chemistry 1, Student Council. **Years at NW-3.**
Joe Gehrler: Latin 1, Latin 2, Latin 3, Latin 4, Latin Club. **Years at NW-5.**
Anna Glass: Cafeteria. **Years at NW-10.**
Kerry Goodier: Special Education. **Years at NW-9.**



Hank Goodman: Campus Police. **Years at NW-8.**
Dan Gruman: Geometry H, Algebra 1, Computer Science 1. **Years at NW-2.**
Roy Gunter: English 11, English 12 H. **Years at NW-29.**
Stefanie Hallier: Chemistry 1. **Years at NW-6.**
Carol Harder: Art Foundations, Sculpture, Photography 1, Photography 2, Art Club, Prom Committee. **Years at NW-20.**



Bill Harrington: Principal. **Years at NW-3.**
Linda Hart: English 12 CWC, English 11 CWC, Learning Center Classes, Spirit Club. **Years at NW-10.**
Susan Hartman: Social Worker, Student Response Team, STAND. **Years at NW-3.**
Christine Hathaway: Spanish 1, Spanish 2, JV Cheerleading. **Years at NW-2.**
Jack Hazlett: Health, Driver Education. **Years at NW-27.**



Harlan Hess: Associate Principal. **Years at NW-13.**
Linda Higgins: Business Technology 1, 2, OJT, Business Technology Club. **Years at NW-4.**
Mark Hotzel: School Resource Officer. **Years at NW-4.**
Jill Hoverder: Drawing, Acrylic & Oil Painting, Ceramics, Watercolor, Art Foundations, Murals. **Years at NW-5.**
Terry Howard: American History CWC, American Government CWC, American History. **Years at NW-6.**



Joe Hunsley: English 9 Honors, English 12. **Years at NW-12.**
Fran Illum: Principal's Secretary. **Years at NW-16.**
Judy Jackson: College Notetaking, International Business, Computer App., Cougars United, D.C., Tech. Education. **Years at NW-27.**
Beth Jantsch: European History AP, Leadership Practicum, Student Council. **Years at NW-15.**
Bob Jensen: Marketing 1, Marketing 2, Entrepreneurship, Business Law, Intro to Business, Asst. Football Coach, JV Girls' Basketball, DECA. **Years at NW-9.**



Glenda Johnson: World Geography, World Geography H, Geography Fair. **Years at NW-12.**
Matthew Johnson: Psychology 1, Sociology 1, Sophomore Boys' Basketball. **Years at NW-2.**
Fred Jones: Algebra 2, Computer Science 1, 2, 3. **Years at NW-17.**
Kay Kassen: English 9, English 12, Philosophy Club. **Years at NW-8.**
Sandra Kay: Intro to Radio & T.V., Speech 1, 2, English 9, Advance Cable, Forensics, KUGR Television, National Forensics League, PTSA. **Years at NW-11.**



Julie Knittle: Algebra 2, Precalculus, ACT/SAT, Math Club. **Years at NW-23.**
Beth Koelker: Child Development, Home & Life Management, Focus on Foods. **Years at NW-3.**
Fran Koenigsdorf: English 11, Writer's Workshop. **Years at NW-1.**
Carolyn LaFever: Librarian. **Years at NW-2.**
Joseph Lorenzo: English 10 CWC, Learning Center English, Study Skills. **Years at NW-1.**





Mrs. Gillian Williams, French teacher, shows off her four-month-old daughter, Isabella, to Mrs. Kathy Tarbutton, Spanish teacher.



Visiting her mother at work is a treat for three-year-old Caitlyn Massy. Sharing every possible moment was important to them both.



Assisting a child with homework was important to all parents. Mrs. Debbie Mayer, science teacher, works with her daughter Susan.



Mrs. Jody Fangman, Computer Applications and business teacher, takes a stroll down the deserted hall after school with her daughter, Gabrielle, two years old. Teachers often brought their young children to school with them so that they could spend as much time together as possible. After Gabrielle is picked up from preschool, she requires most of Fangman's attention. During visits with her mother Jody, Gabrielle's favorite activities are having books read to her and watching Winnie-the-Pooh videos. For the Fangmans, a typical day is both busy and short.— photos by David Hosch.

learning your abc's

by stephanie leclair

All teachers are busy on school days, but for those who played the double role of teacher and parent, time was even more valuable.

“No Mom, no! It’s in my eyes!” three-year-old Caitlyn Massy cried when her mother, Mrs. Susan Massy, publications adviser, switched on the light at 6 am. It was the first day of the new school year, and Massy rushed to dress Caitlyn so she would be ready to go to her babysitter’s. After winning the battles of dressing and feeding her daughter, Massy tucked Caitlyn under one arm and her teaching materials under the other as she rushed out the door.

For the nearly five percent of teachers at NW who had one or more children under age 10, school days usually began around 5:30 am and did not slow down until well into the night. Busy parents worked hard to spend every spare moment with their children.

“After I get ready [for school], my wife Melissa wakes up Daniel, age three, and we watch Looney Tunes together until it’s time for me to go to school. With my son, every second counts,” Mr. Drew Magwire, social studies teacher, said.

Like most parents who work five to seven days a week, teachers often felt guilty about not getting to see their children grow up.

“One of the hardest things for me is missing the “firsts” during the day while I’m gone. I don’t get to witness first words or steps like I wish I could,” Mrs. Pat Williams, social studies teacher, said.

“Mommy, where are you going?” Caitlyn cautiously asked as her mom leaves the babysitter’s. When Massy explains she has to go to school, Caitlyn breaks into tears and whimpers, “But I thought we’d be together, forever.”



“Would all the African-American students please come to the front of the room,”

Cougars United president Sarah Kurien, senior, said.

The students file to the front of the room and begin to discuss what it is like to be African-American. They explain the racism they face on a daily basis.

“The purpose of Cougars United is for students to learn about other cultures and grow to be proud of their own,” vice president Leah Watkins, senior, said.

Each month Cougars United studied a different culture. Members learned about each culture’s religion, food, clothing, and school systems, where that culture is found. Members often went on field trips to restaurants, theaters and other places which enhanced their knowledge of the culture for each month.

The club benefitted members by allowing them to understand themselves and others better. Members worked to celebrate the importance of being different.

“Cougars United gives me something to relate to and be proud of. It makes me feel like I make a difference in our school,” Purvi Patel, sophomore, said.

Cougars United also participated in the school’s Geography Fair. The group sponsored many booths, each representing a unique culture. These booths contained food, artifacts and clothing which represented the various cultures including India, Korea, Italy and Thailand.

“We decided to participate in the Geography Fair to make the student body more aware of cultural differences,” Watkins said.

The students finish talking about being African-American and then go back to their seats, leaving their fellow club members with a much clearer picture of life as an African-American.

by jennifer buchele

VIVE LA DIFFERENCE



Glancing at some photographs, Lynn Wheeler and Sandy Rubin, sophomores, stop at one of the booths at the Geography Fair. Cougars United members sponsored most of these booths. —photo by Amy Swanson

Ms. Judy Jackson and Mrs. Marcia Brox, club sponsors, smile while enjoying a cultural show. Cougars United had numerous diverse events. —photo by Amy Swanson





Ann Linnell: Registrar. **Years at NW-24.**
Anna Lucas: English 10, English 12, English 12 AP. **Years at NW-13.**
Connie Lutz: Clothing 1, Clothing 2, Clothing 3, Clothing 4, Interior Design 1, Interior Design 2, Interior Design 3, Personal & Family Relations, Cougar Classics Drill Team. **Years at NW-13.**



Eddie LyDay: Associate Principal. **Years at NW-1.**
Drew Magwire: World Geography, World History, Freshmen Football Coach, Issues, J.V. Baseball. **Years at NW-3.**
Charleen Mankameyer: Biology Basics, Biology 1. **Years at NW-6.**



Max Marsh: Librarian. **Years at NW-12.**
Valerie Mason: Novice Debate, Advance Debate, Speech 1, Speech 2, Actor's Studio, Head Debate Coach, Asst. Forensics Coach. **Years at NW-1.**
Susan Massy: Beginning Journalism, Advanced Journalism, Photojournalism, Individual Tutoring, The Northwest Passage, The Lair. **Years at NW-19.**



Deborah Mayer: Biology 1. **Years at NW-12.**
Ben Meseke: Algebra 1, Geometry, Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach. **Years at NW-1.**
Nathan Meigs: Counselor. **Years at NW-14.**



David Mesh: English 10. **Years at NW-1**
Ken Michaels: Consumer Math, Intermediate Algebra. **Years at NW-10.**
Bill Miller: Counselor. **Years at NW-21.**



Janice Miller: Foundations of Physical Education, Gymnastics, Aerobics & Fitness, Dance Rhythms & Choreography, Health, Head Coach of Gymnastics Team. **Years at NW-25**
Luther Miller: Algebra 2, College Preparatory Mathematics. **Years at NW-12.**
Tom Moss: Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Drumline. **Years at NW-12.**



Monica Morrison: Paraprofessional. **Years at NW-2.**
Cheryl Murray: Fashion Careers 1, Fashion Careers 2. **Years at NW-17.**
Howard Newcomb: Basic Mechanical Drawing, Architecture Drawing, Advanced Drafting, Asst. Football Coach, Asst. Wrestling Coach. **Years at NW-4.**

Stefanie Norton: American History, Economics 1, Geography, Track, Freshman/ Sophomore Cheerleading. **Years at NW-2.**
Ken O'Neal: Driver Education, Assistant Track Coach. **Years at NW-29.**
Ruth Page: Computer Applications, Document Processing, Personal Finance. **Years at NW-12.**
Amy Parker: English 9, Algebra 1, Girls' Soccer. **Years at NW-3.**
Donna Pearson: World Geography, Geography Fair. **Years at NW-1.**



Karna Peterson: College Reading, Success Strategies, English 9, Reading and Study Skills. **Years at NW-1.**
Debbie Pfortmiller: Math 2, Algebra 1, Algebra 2. **Years at NW-1.**
Mike Pisani: IIS Basic, IIS, Environmental Education, STEP Club. **Years at NW-1.**
Ronald Poplau: Sociology 1, Sociology 2, American Government, American History, Cougars Community Commitment. **Years at NW-29.**
Darlene Post: Paraprofessional. **Years at NW-2.**



Lisa Primrose: World Geography CWC, Individualized Math. **Years at NW-11.**
Ed Provost: Auto Technology 1 and 2, Auto Maintenance, Metal Technology 1, Cafeteria Supervision. **Years at NW-18.**
Linda Ptacek: Learning Center English, Study Skills. **Years at NW-1.**
Tammy Ramsey: Paraprofessional. **Years at NW-2.**
John Reiff: Physical Education, Health, Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball, C-Team Softball. **Years at NW-5.**



Peggy Richardson: Paraprofessional. **Years at NW-13.**
Al Ringer: Pre-Calculus Honors, Geometry, Boys' Diving Coach. **Years at NW-28.**
Keli Rodgers: Drama, Actor's Studio, Stagecraft Repertory Theatre, Thespians. **Years at NW-7.**
Linda Rogers: Algebra 1, Geometry, First Priority. **Years at NW-20.**
Van Ross: Calculus Honors, Algebra 2, Boys' & Girls' Cross Country, Assistant Track Coach. **Years at NW-29.**



Jessica Rulon: English 11, ACT/SAT Prep, Freshman Basketball. **Years at NW-1.**
John Ryan: Government AP, Government, World History 1, World History 2, Economics 2 AP. **Years at NW-29.**
Debra Ryder: Biology 1. **Years at NW-1.**
Bonnie Salazar: Nutrition For Fitness, Focus on Foods, International Foods. **Years at NW-10.**
Mike Santilli: IIS, Biology 1. **Years at NW-4.**



Bob Scheele: Counselor, Boys' Golf Coach. **Years at NW-29.**
Mike Scott: Geography, Economics, Job Club, Work Experience, Work Program. **Years at NW-2.**
Nancy Sewell: Bookkeeper. **Years at NW-5.**
Robert Siemens: Biology 1, Biology 1 Honors. **Years at NW-28.**
Sheila Sigman: Associate Principal. **Years at NW-1.**



Karen Stockton: Office Aide. **Years at NW-1.**
Darene Street: Orchestra. **Years at NW-3.**
Doug Talley: Music Theory, Jazz Band, Assistant Director, Marching Band. **Years at NW-12.**
Kathy Tarbutton: Spanish 3, Spanish 4, Division Coordinator for International Languages. **Years at NW-12.**
Joe Thimes: Physics 1 Honors, Physics 2 Honors. **Years at NW-19.**



snapshot

van rose



Van Rose pulls a plastic glove over each of his hands and removes the lid of the trash can before him. His face scrunches up from the pungent smell, but Rose adjusts to the scent and shoves his arms into the garbage. A smile appears on his face as he pulls two aluminum cans from the trash. To Rose, the cans are not trash at all.

Rose, cross country coach, collected aluminum cans and cashed them in to raise money for his team. He often picked up cans along the road on practice runs.

Rose, along with cross country parents and his brother, separated garbage from aluminum cans in the mall's recycling bins. The job can become quite messy.

"It's not a glamorous job; there's a lot of trash," Rose said.

After the soda cans were collected, they were then crushed and eventually stored in plastic bags. Rose repeated the entire collection process every two months until over 200 pounds of aluminum was collected. The final step included taking all the bags filled with cans to a local recycling center.

From his efforts, Rose earned \$300-\$350 for his runners. This money paid for cross country items such as uniform closets, equipment carts, and birthday treats for the team members.

"I think it's fantastic that he's found such a great way to make money, and it's a way that the whole school can participate and support our team," Elaine Cobb, freshman, said.

Rose has been teaching at NW for 29 years in the math department. He taught calculus and Algebra II this year. Rose worked to connect with his students, and they greatly appreciate his efforts.

"Mr. Rose is a great teacher. He explains what he is doing in class and is willing to help answer any questions we have," Erica Van de Voort, senior, said.

Rose pulls off his gloves and stares with satisfaction at the mountain of collected cans. He places one can on the ground, raises his foot and smashes it. Rose tosses the can into a bag and reaches for another...

by jennifer jolly



Van Rose, math teacher and cross country coach, assists Anya Stankevsky, senior, with a challenging problem during an after school study session. At an after school practice, Rose points out the route for his team's run. —photos by Tiffany Mattson and Rachel Metzler

freeze
frame

What are the qualities of a good teacher?

"Smart, funny, good-talker, well-understood, easy to get along with."

-Brandon Boyles,
sophomore

"...Knows what they're teaching and enjoys their subject too."

-Joel Yeldell,
junior

"Good communication skills are an absolute necessity...and the realization of the importance of the job."

-Mrs. Beth Jantsch,
Social Studies teacher



IN LUNCH LADY LAND

by karcy ragan

Jessica Harck, senior, patiently waits in the lunch line for her food as her fries and chicken fingers splash in the oil bath, and the smell of sloppy joes waft through the air. Approaching the line, she hands her card to a smiling Arcelia Glass, cafeteria worker:

Whether the meal was pizza or chicken fingers, the lunchroom always provided a variety of different appetites. Change was evident with the new credit system to pay for lunches and the decision to allow teachers to have their choice of cafeteria duty.

"Hi! Sweetheart. How are you?" Glass says in a friendly tone.

"Just fine," Harck says, as she walks to the table.

Cafeteria workers sometimes did more work than students realized. Besides preparing lunch, they also served breakfast and planned the lunch menu.

This year, students and teachers faced new changes in the cafeteria. A new debit card system allowed students to pay for their lunches by means of their school I.D. cards. Lines were designated for the cards, but they failed and all lines were opened to all forms of payment.

"I like debit cards because my parents don't usually give me money on regular basis, so it's better to ask for a whole lot at one time," Carmen Collins, junior, said.

Teachers were given the choice of supervising lunch periods. Most disliked the lunchtime job, not only because of the time it took, but the lack of respect from students.

"I think that it is not an effective use of teachers' time. It's boring and it is not the most inspiring job. It's degrading picking up other people's trash," Ms. Karen Cranston, English teacher, said. The day progresses and the supplies of pizza and mashed potatoes are depleted. Students plod their way through the line to be eventually greeted by Glass with the same familiarity and gentleness.

"See you later, precious," Glass says to another student passing through her line.

Arcelia Glass, cafeteria worker, prepares the side items for the school lunch line before first lunch begins. Glass also worked as a cashier and greeter. —photo by Derrick Schultz

Behind the food carts, Becky Laningham, cafeteria worker, unwraps food for the a la carte line. The cafeteria workers spent many hours fixing food before the lunch bell, bringing students in at full speed. —photo by David Hosch





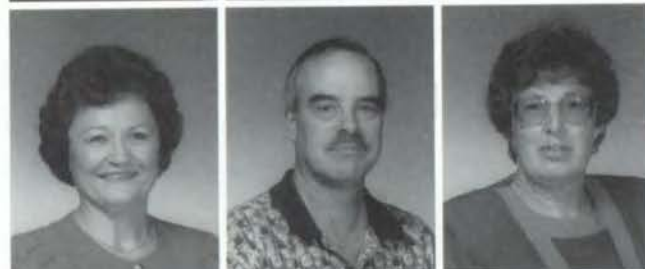
Tim Thornburg: English 9Honors, English 11, Penpoint, Assistant Yearbook Adviser. **Years at NW-4.**
Martha Tietze: Geometry, Pre-Calculus Statistics, Discrete Math, NHS. **Years at NW-11.**
Barbara Turnbull: Math SWS, Algebra 1, Algebra 2Honors, NHS. **Years at NW-12.**



Esther Tuttle: Spanish 1, Spanish 4. **Years at NW-26.**
Jim Urczyk: Foundations of Physical Education, Team Games, Weights, Head Wrestling Coach. **Years at NW-28.**
Leslie Wall: French 3, Spanish 1, JV Girls' Tennis. **Years at NW-12.**



Erica Warren: English 10, Drama, Speech 1, Forensics, Forensics AP, Forensics Coach. **Years at NW-1.**
Susan Warrington: Nurse. **Years at NW-1**
Marjorie Webb: American Government, Law and You, Youth in Government. **Years at NW-29.**



Sharon Wiber: Counselor, CUBS, Scholarships. **Years at NW-12.**
Richard Wiley: Health Education. **Years at NW-2.**
Ann Williams: Reading Specialist. **Years at NW-20.**



Gillian Williams: French 2, Spanish 1, Senior Class Sponsor. **Years at NW-4**
Nancy Wilson: English 9. **Years at NW-4.**
Jenny Wright: Paraprofessional. **Years at NW-20.**



Carl Zell: United States History AP, American Government, School within a School. **Years at NW-27.**
Sheri Ziegler: Receptionist. **Years at NW-7.**
Phyllis Zimmer: Math 1, Geometry Honors, Algebra 1. **Years at NW-11.**

Not Pictured:
Don Atteberry: Head Custodian. 7 yrs.
Marcia Brox: English 12, Cougars United. 11 yrs.
Cindy Cross: Cafeteria. 3 yrs.
Bob Higgins: American History, World Geography 23 yrs.
Shirley Hoffman: Athletic Director's Secretary. 16 yrs.
Chris Housel: Computer Clerk. 1 yr.
Suzanne Kissane: Spanish 1, 2, 5, 6, 4 yrs.
Dale Phipps: Driver's Education, Physical Education 20 yrs.
Cindy Roach: Physical Education Foundations, Aerobics, Weight Training, Varsity Softball Coach. 13 yrs.
Eric Scheele: IIS, Chemistry 1, Girls' Golf, Boys' Basketball Coach. 6 yrs.
Pat Williams: World Geography H, American History, FCA, Football Coach. 1 yr.
Marilyn Vranicar: Paraprofessional. 1 yr.
Kevin Wehner: Audio Visual. 1 yr.

Katherine Abbey
Ashley Abell
Clint Adams



Shanna Adams
Jessica Afnesko
Justin Agre



Lauren Airey
Lourance Al-Badarin
Jaime Aldape



Sarah Alden
Jessica Amir
Melissa Amos



Erin Anderson
Lindsey Anderson
Mallory Anderson



Nicholas Anderson
Nicole Anderson
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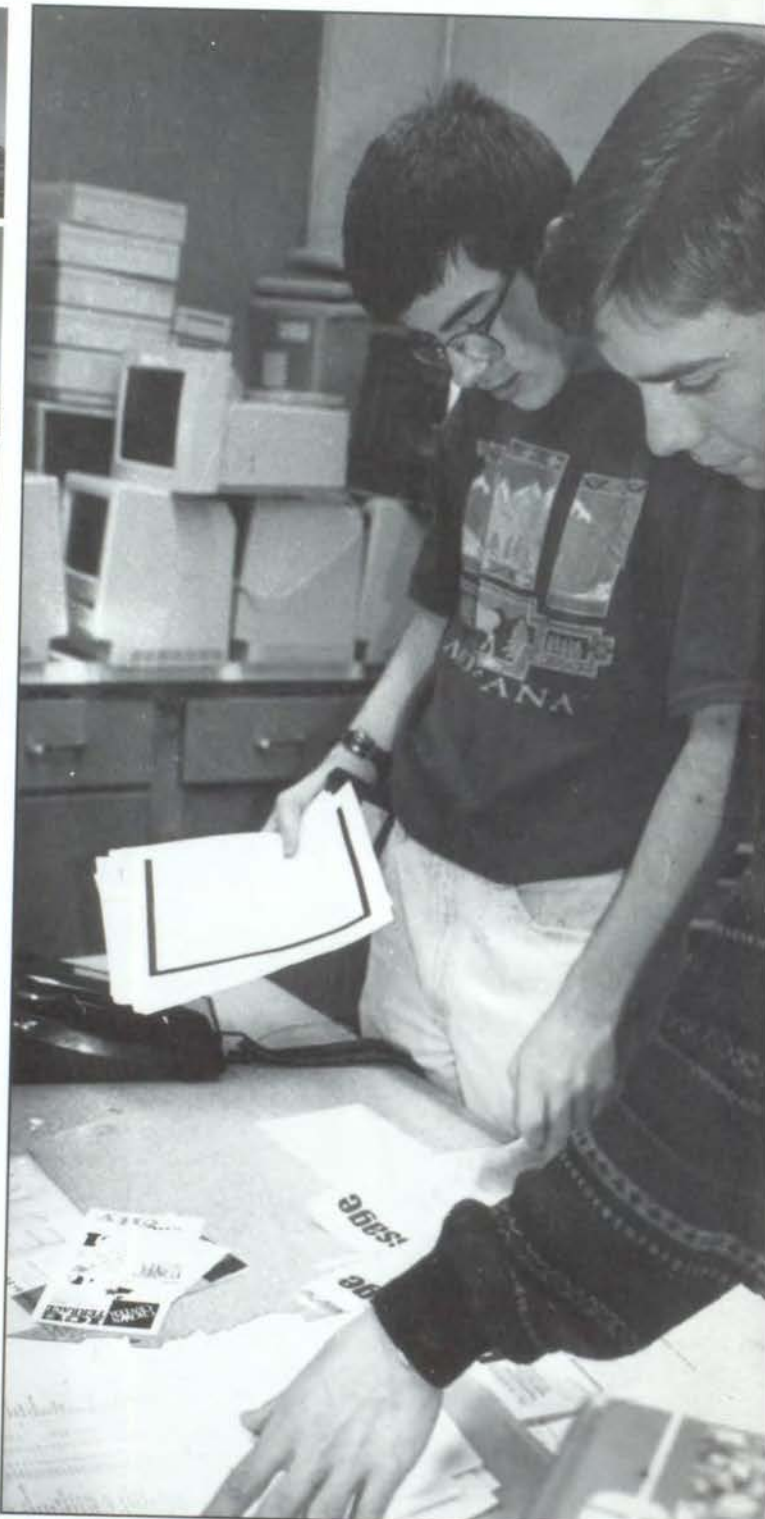
Brooke Anderton
Brett Armstrong
Jennifer Atkins



Jean Bahazi
Clayton Bailey
Roman Bailey



Tyler Baker
Richard Baker
Stephanie Baldwin



BEST SELLERS

Tucking last week's issue of the *Northwest Passage* under his arm, Tony Bedora, senior, opens the door and walks to the counter.

"I'd like to speak with the manager, please," he says to the girl behind the counter. The manager appears and Bedora removes the paper from beneath his arm.

"This is last week's issue, would you like to renew your ad?" Bedora asks. The manager checks his ad and agrees to renew.

Marketing I and II students sold all the advertisements for the yearbook and newspaper. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, students left campus to sell ads to businesses in the area.

Marketing students raised at least \$1,000 per issue of the paper and kept 10 percent of the profits.

"Selling ads lets writers write and marketing students to do something they love—sell," Bob Jensen, marketing teacher, said.

In addition to selling ads, most of the marketing students were involved in DECA, an international business club. Each year, members go to a district competition to test their marketing skills. They are given a written test and then asked to play out selling scenarios.

If the competitors are successful in district competition, they can continue to qualify for state and national competitions. To raise money for these expensive trips, students took part in fund-raisers.

"Earlier in the year, we sold coupons for J.C. Penney's to help pay for state competitions," Bedora said.

Marketing students not only sold ads for the publications, they also studied marketing and selling techniques.

"I learned a lot of important information for future jobs. It's the best class," Brent Sails, senior, said.

Anticipation peaks as Bedora and the manager exchange glances. Bedora claps a pen onto the counter and slides the contract to the manager.

"Sign here," Bedora says as he points to the thick black line in the middle of the page.

The manager uncaps the pen and scrawls a signature on the page. The results of this deal will be read by the entire student body in the next issue of the *Northwest Passage*.

by jennifer jolly



As advertising manager for the newspaper, Jon Ghilino, sophomore, talks to marketing student Jake Brown, senior, about ad placement for the Dec. 18 *Northwest Passage*.
—photo by Rachel Metzler

During his third hour class, Josh Mulsow junior, attempts to sell an ad for the school's newspaper, the *Northwest Passage*, to the owner of a local Dairy Queen.
—photo by Derrick Shultz

Choir traditions proved strong during the year with returning alumni and competitions. The words on their t-shirts made everyone realize "the difficult we accomplish immediately; the impossible takes..."

by kasey ragan

A LITTLE LONGER

“Where shall I kick her today? Zing-a zing-a zoo. Bibbity, bobbity, boo! SIEEEGNOOOORA!”

The melodic sounds of their daily warm-ups drift from room 11 and fill the surrounding halls. Students scatter as they warm up their voices for the hour of singing. With minds focused on the upcoming concert, they prepare for quartets. Mr. Jack Ballard, choir director, stands at the front of the room waving his hands in time with the music; the students follow.

The success of the choir as a whole depended upon each individual's effort. Daily vocalization and warm-ups helped students hear both tones and pitches as well as build breathing control. These practices led to an improved group sound.

“Anyone who really wants to sing can develop their ability. If they are willing to work on it, they can sing,” Ballard said.

The choir's strength was evident at the winter concert when students, alumni and parents were invited to sing the “Hallelujah Chorus.” For former students, this annual tradition brought back memories.

“It helped me because when I entered college I was majoring in music and always felt I was one step ahead of everyone because of the techniques I learned from Mr. Ballard,” Christy Miles, 1993 graduate, said.

The choir proved its excellence by entering many different contests. They participated in All-State choir, Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) and district/state solo and large ensemble festivals. Their successes did not come without work.

Choir members usually credited their success to Ballard.

“I think Mr. Ballard has a very unique way of working with people. He never gives up on them. I think it's a reward for him to see them get better just as much as it is a reward for them,” Angie Jepson, senior, said.

The intensity builds in the last measure of the song. With his hand suspended in the air, Ballard clenches his fingers into a fist, signaling to the choir that the song is complete. As Ballard turns to the crowd and bows, a triumphant smile appears on his face. Once again, a flawless finish and a satisfied crowd.



At the winter concert, choir members joined voices with alumni, including Greg Amos. Together they sang the “Hallelujah Chorus” for the grand finale. —photo by Rachel Metzler



Mr. Jack Ballard, choir director, directs the Girls' Select Choir during the winter concert. The concert featured many solos and performances by the orchestra and the choirs. The winter concert lived up to its reputations of being one of the best of the year.—photo by Rachel Metzler

Dan Gras and Mike Upshaw, juniors, rehearse their music for the upcoming winter concert. At times their rehearsals during class seemed redundant, but they paid off in the end.—photo by Rachel Metzler



Zachary Barry
Justin Batts
Michael Beam



Brittany Beatty
Matthew Beckner
Russ Befort



Carlos Bello
Kristina Belstner
Nathaniel Benham



Lori Bettes
Priya Bhattar
Anne Bianculli



Michael Billigmeier
Shannon Blackwell
Kelly Blandford



Debbie Blocker
Lacey Bloyed
Kellie Bohr



Joshua Boling
James Bondurant
John Borel



Jared Botteron
Tiffany Box
Tiffany Boyd



Christopher Braymen
Kyle Brennan
Huey Brentin



William Bricker
Kendra Brody
Holly Brooks
Andrea Brown
Cynthia Brown
Walter Brown
Patricia Brunner
Stephen Bryant



Katie Buckner
Bernard Budenbender
Seth Budimlija
John Bukovaz
Daniel Burch
Amber Burdolski
Cami Burgess
Lindsay Burnam



Richard Busch
Jayme Butterfield
Marshall Byrne
Hilary Cammack
Wesley Cannon
Brett Cantrell
Sarah Carr
Kylee Carter



Winn Cashion
Mellisa Cera
Chelsa Chandler
Brain Charles
McKenzie Charlton
Annie Chastain
Lindsay Cheek
Son Cho



Chi-chi Chou
Zachary Clarr
Bridget Clark
Sarah Clevenger
Elaine Cobb
Cole Coggburn
Ashley Conley
Nicholas Combs



Christine Cooper
Melanie Cooper
Jessica Courser
Reid Cox
Jennifer Craft
Crystal Crain
Jeremy Crane
Audery Cress



Desiree Cruz
Derek Cudney
Meggan Cummings
Rae Cunningham
Ashley Dahl
Catherine Daniels
Danielle Davey
Arron Davis



Erin Davis
Lauren Debiak
Tyler Deeds
Ashley Deke
J. Dekker
Jacob Denk
Lorraine Deroo
Lindsay Derr



Gautam Desai
Dustin Dewitt
Eva Dittrich
Melissa Dobbin
Joshua Doebele
John Donovan
Andrea Dost
Meghan Dowdy



you're a wreck!

Driving can be scary, but nothing compares to the fear felt during a car accident. Even if we are careful, wrecks are sometimes unavoidable...



Zeke Campbell, sophomore

I just came out of football practice, and I was driving my dad's Blazer he had let me borrow. I was going to make a left turn on to Long, and, for some reason, I didn't see the car...I swear I didn't see it! The car I hit was a Shawnee Police Sergeant. The damage total was \$3,287.46 including parts and labor.

Adam Hansen, junior

This girl was waiting to turn left across traffic. A van next to me was hiding me from the girl's view, and she pulled out. I didn't see her until the last second. I tried to swerve but it was too late. When our cars hit, she did a 180 and the back of my Blazer came off the ground. The force of impact totalled both cars.



Jana Schmitt, junior

I was coming home from school one night at about 9:30 p.m. I went through a green light and a car coming from the other direction turned left in front of me and I boned her. I later found out on the police report that the other driver was drunk and high and had lied about having insurance.

Amber Byrd, senior

I was coming home from school when I had my wreck. I turned to look at the side and the girl in front of me slammed on her brakes. I ran into the back of her and I cracked the windshield with my head. I had whiplash and a concussion. That was my third concussion.



From spirit assemblies to dances and Spirit Week to banner-making parties, Spirit Club worked continuously to increase school pride. The members' main goal was to involve more students than ever before in...

RAISING THE ROOF

by courtney lynch and tiffany mattson

As the class chanting became more deafening and less defined, Spirit Club co-presidents Dan Padavic and Adrienne Dreher, seniors, stood in front of the crowd, attempting to quiet everyone down so the assembly could begin. After the clamor faded, Padavic and Dreher announced the upcoming acts in the assembly.

"Adrienne and I are kind of mediators and need to make sure everything is going right and there is enough time for each performance," Padavic said.

Padavic worked approximately an hour every day as Spirit Club president.

In each assembly, Padavic and Dreher were responsible for the publicity of spirit activities, making the banners and supporting the athletes.

In addition Dreher and Padavic were responsible for preparing their speeches for the assemblies and announcements as well as having a good reputation among their classmates.

"Being in the spotlight is as much fun as working behind the scenes," Nick Williams, junior in Spirit Club, said.

A popular belief among students was there needed to be more assemblies throughout the year. In a survey of 100 students, 91 percent of the surveyed students greatly enjoyed Spirit Club assemblies.

They provided a much appreciated break in the otherwise typical school days. The class competitions throughout the assemblies got the students involved in the assembly by showing their class spirit.

At every spirit assembly, the most spirited class received the Spirit Stick. It has been a tradition for all of the school's 29 years. This year's senior class was awarded their first stick at the opening assembly.

"Spirit Club meetings motivate those involved to help their class get the Spirit Stick," Georgia Mulligan, sophomore member, said.

Spirit Club's biggest challenge was the annual bonfire. Almost every member helped with some aspect of the event. They put in extra hours to insure that the schedule including class skits, drill team dances, cheerleading chants and a drumline performance

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Lakeview Retirement Center residents perform the Macarena at the winter sports assembly. The crowd cheered them on as they danced across the gym floor.

—photo by Rachel Metzler

As a welcoming gesture, Dan Padavic and Adrienne Dreher, Spirit Club co-presidents, present a bag filled with NW memorabilia to Dr. Sheila Sigman at the school bonfire. —photo by Rachel Metzler





Lindsay Downey
Paul Dreher
Heather Drumwright



Denise Dryer
Jessica Dubin
Bryan Durham



Melissa Durheim
Leah Dutton
Joseph Easley



Matthew Eaton
Carla Eden
Jeffery Edmonds



Danney Elmore
Brad Emerson
Kristin Estes



Timothy Fajkus
Elizabeth Farmer
Krista Ferguson



Anna Fillmore
Kyle Fitzgerald
Andrew Fleming



Anne Flynn
Curtis Foster
Jarett Foster



Lauren Foster
Nathan Fournier
Jerilee Fox



Meghan Dowdy
Melissa Fox
Grant Franklin



Justin French
Karen Frisbie
Nicholas Frisby



Clayton Fulghum
Jill Funston
Chavelle Galton



Jyottika Gambhir
Larissa Gambill
Emily Gamm



Clay Gammill
Benjamin Garcia
Jeffery Garland



Melody Garrett
Stacy Garza
Kelly Gates



Leah Goebel
Jacqueline Golon
Myles Gorham



Bradley Gotobed
John Graham
Sara Granger



Baron Graves
Tinea Graves
Christina Gray



Erin Davis, freshman, carefully paints her class banner during a banner-making party. Unfortunately, the word "freshman" was misspelled. —photo by David Hosch



During the Student Appreciation Breakfast, Debbie Potter, sophomore, says hello to the cougar mascot in the school mall. The mascot tried to always be energetic. —photo by Rachel Metzler

During the winter sports' assembly, James Wilkerson, sophomore, shoots in a class competition of knock-out basketball. Sam Glennon and Erica Shoults, seniors, ended up winning the contest. —photo by Bryson Gay

[continued from page 140] drumline performance would be flawless.

School dances, like Homecoming, would not be possible without the organization Spirit Club provides. From setting up decorations to tallying the votes for Homecoming and Queen of Courts candidates, it was a strenuous task.

One week out of every year is designated Spirit Week. The purpose of this five-day event was to raise Cougar pride by having students match their daily outfits to each day's topic. This year had nerd, college, army, cougar and mismatch days. Cougar Day was the favorite among the students surveyed, closely followed by Army and College Day.

Although a lack of Spirit Week participation had been a problem in the past, dressed-up students were seen everywhere during the week. Forty-seven percent of the students surveyed said they participated in Spirit Week.

One of the greatest advantages of Spirit Club was that anyone in the school could join. It was not a popularity contest but instead a strong sense of equality. Members worked diligently to make sure they were each carrying their share of the club's workload.



Joyce Homan, cafeteria worker, dresses up as a devil for Halloween Day of Spirit Week. Spirit Week had more participation than in the past. —photo by Brandon Baker

"Each group has a certain sport to work on [for assemblies] and we all put our heads together to get good results," Alison Reed, sophomore, said.

As students file out of the gymnasium, Padavic and Dreher begin taking down banners. All their work ended with their last word, but another assembly is always on the way...



As Tiny Tim, Tyler Baker, freshman, and Rick Ingram, junior, as Scrooge perform in a skit during the winter sports assembly —photo by Rachel Metzler

RAISING THE ROOF



shannon judge

Snapshot



“5 -6-7-8-Go!” yells Shannon Judge, freshman, while counting off the Cougar Express drill team. The team immediately responds. As she demonstrates the next section, the girls copy the movements

Being a Drill Team officer took up a lot of Judge’s free time. When Judge and her fellow officers were choreographing dances, she was at school until 5:30 p.m. Once finished, Judge made sure everyone on the team had memorized the dance.

Besides being the choreographer of the drill team, Judge was active at her dance studio. Judge has been dancing for 11 years and dances six days a week. She enrolled in nine classes this year, including ballet, jazz and tap, and was the assistant teacher for three others. Last spring, Judge was invited to Los Angeles to learn from the top dance teachers in the world.

“It’s hard to find time for other things when I’m at the studio all the time, but I don’t know what I’d do without it.” Judge said.

Although her time was consumed by dance, Judge found time for school and studying. While taking three honor classes, Judge maintained straight A’s.

“I can’t believe Shannon does everything she does. I’d have a nervous breakdown if I had so many obligations,” Lauren Airey, freshman, said.

In between dance and school, Judge somehow found time for friends and family.

“She’s someone who’s always there when you need her. She’s trustworthy, honest, a great dancer and a good friend.” Alicia Stuart, freshman, said.

After second hour drill team practice is over, Judge hurries to the locker room to change back into her regular clothes. While she walks up the stairs from the basement, she talks with her friends—ready for the rest of the day.



At her dance studio, Shannon Judge, freshman, rehearses a duet with her partner before a Christmas performance. To perfect her solo routine, Judge spent several Saturdays at Dixie Bell Dance Center. —photos by Amy Swanson

by stephanie leclair

freeze
frame

Why do you enjoy dancing?

“I can release all my emotion and express my feelings in a beautiful art form.”

—Rubrey Brown,
sophomore

“It is good exercise. Also, it makes me happy, and it is an outlet for letting out emotions.”

—Erin Cole,
sophomore

“I can express what I am feeling through my movements.”

—Molly Howe,
junior



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 Kyla Gunkler
 Courtney Gunter
 Ryan Hadenfeld
 Lindsey Hague

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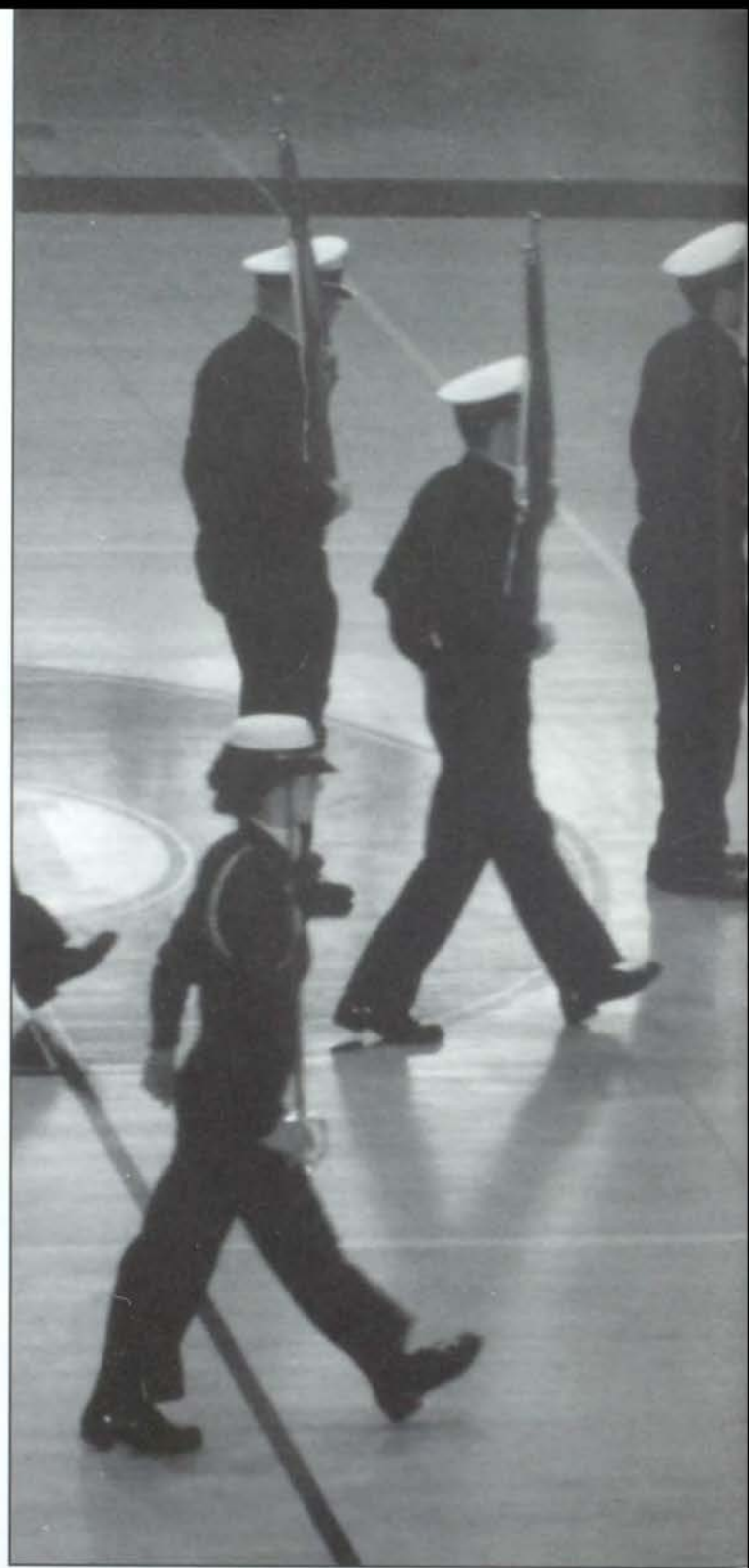
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*NJROTC participants learned lessons
that would lead to military expertise and
also better their daily lives.*

Every Tuesday morning Jay Brunner, junior, carefully shaves his face making sure he has no cuts or nicks. He takes a shower and carefully puts on his decorated uniform, making sure every star is in its place and every ribbon intact. After the uniform has been washed, the slightest imperfection of an insignia could lower his NJROTC grade.

"It should take about 30 minutes the night before uniform day to get it ready. If you're walking down the hall, your foot could get stepped on and you would have to polish the scuff or you could get counted off a gig," Brunner, battalion administrations officer, said.

A gig is equal to 0.1 on a 4.0 scale which could be significant to the NJROTC student's grade.

"When you don't wear your uniform you get a 0.1. It takes off about 39 gigs," Brunner said.

At the beginning of the year, all 140 members of the battalion received a field manual which listed all measurements for the uniform.

"You have to have certain creases and folds. You need the one on your pant leg and three creases evenly spaced on your back," Brunner said.

NJROTC is offered at Shawnee Mission North for students at North or Northwest. It is taken from 7:40 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. by NW students but for North students, the class is a half hour longer due to block scheduling.

Marching was a necessity in the class and being able to call the close quarter drill commands was a privilege given to upperclassmen.

"Two days a week we take the younger people down to the drill deck, which is the gym, to teach them and make sure they are doing it right," Brunner said.

Other privileges in the class were awarded by class standing. Class standing was determined by averaging military aptitude, academics and leadership ability. Ranking was done by grade and the top from each class could be given an officer position.

The instructor has been making his way down the line while all members of the battalion stand at inspection. Brunner's turn approaches and everything has seemed to measure correctly. The instructor places the ruler to Brunner's collar to check measurements. His insignia was off by "just a line", but this one sixteenth of an inch took Brunner's 4.0 grade down to a 3.9.



At a district performance, Shawnee Mission NJROTC members march from the center of the gym floor at S.M. North. NJROTC worked daily so that each routine would be perfect. The monthly performances were attended by friends and families of the students. —photo courtesy of Jay Brunner

Will Wickstrom, senior, and Sonny Kelley, sophomore, stand at attention. Every Tuesday was uniform day for NJROTC members and it was crucial that every insignia, ribbon and fold on their uniform be in place. The slightest error in their uniform could cost them their grade. —photo by Sarah Holmes

BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE IN NJROTC

by jana schmitt



KNOT THE SAME OLD DANCE

In the background as the narrator speaks, "Bock... bock ... bock...."

Narrator: "New in town? Like meeting new people? Want to learn the chicken dance? Then you need to learn more about CUBS."

Chicken noise fades in the background.

Narrator: "You're listening to Talk Radio and today we will be chatting with club members. CUBS, Club for Uniting Beginning Students, is an organization to help welcome new students and provide information about our school.

But don't take it from me. Listen to what Brad Sager, co-president, has to say about this group."

Sager: "Basically, we get new students to feel welcome and at home here at Northwest."

Narrator: "Thanks, Brad. And there you have it. Straight from the horse's, or should I say, chicken's mouth. Speaking of chickens, now here's Graham Heaven, co-president, to explain the unusual chicken dance performed by CUBS members."

Heaven: "The chicken dance was symbolic because we're flexible. We didn't plan it, but everyone was willing to try new things to make the new students feel comfortable. It's a way for them to get their feet in the door and not feel like outsiders."

Narrator: The club has been sponsored by Ms. Sharon Wiber, counselor, for the past 13 years.

Ms. Wiber: "This year has been one of the best years for CUBS. This is due to the student leaders: Graham Heaven, Brad Sager,

Sarah Stone, Amber Makalous and the devoted members of CUBS."

Narrator: During meetings, members split up into small groups to discuss what they are going to do at the next party and how to make new students feel welcome. This year was the first to add music and the chicken dance to parties, courtesy of Graham Heaven. The music allowed everyone to enjoy themselves as they performed. Even shy people got involved and enjoyed learning what NW could provide for them.

Narrator: CUBS sponsored four parties, with one given at the end of each quarter. They played cooperative games such as the human knot drill.

Heaven: "The human knot was when everyone grabbed hands and tried to turn around without breaking the bond."

Narrator: They played name games and shared their experiences and interests.

This offer expires May 22, 1998. Come and join the club next fall.

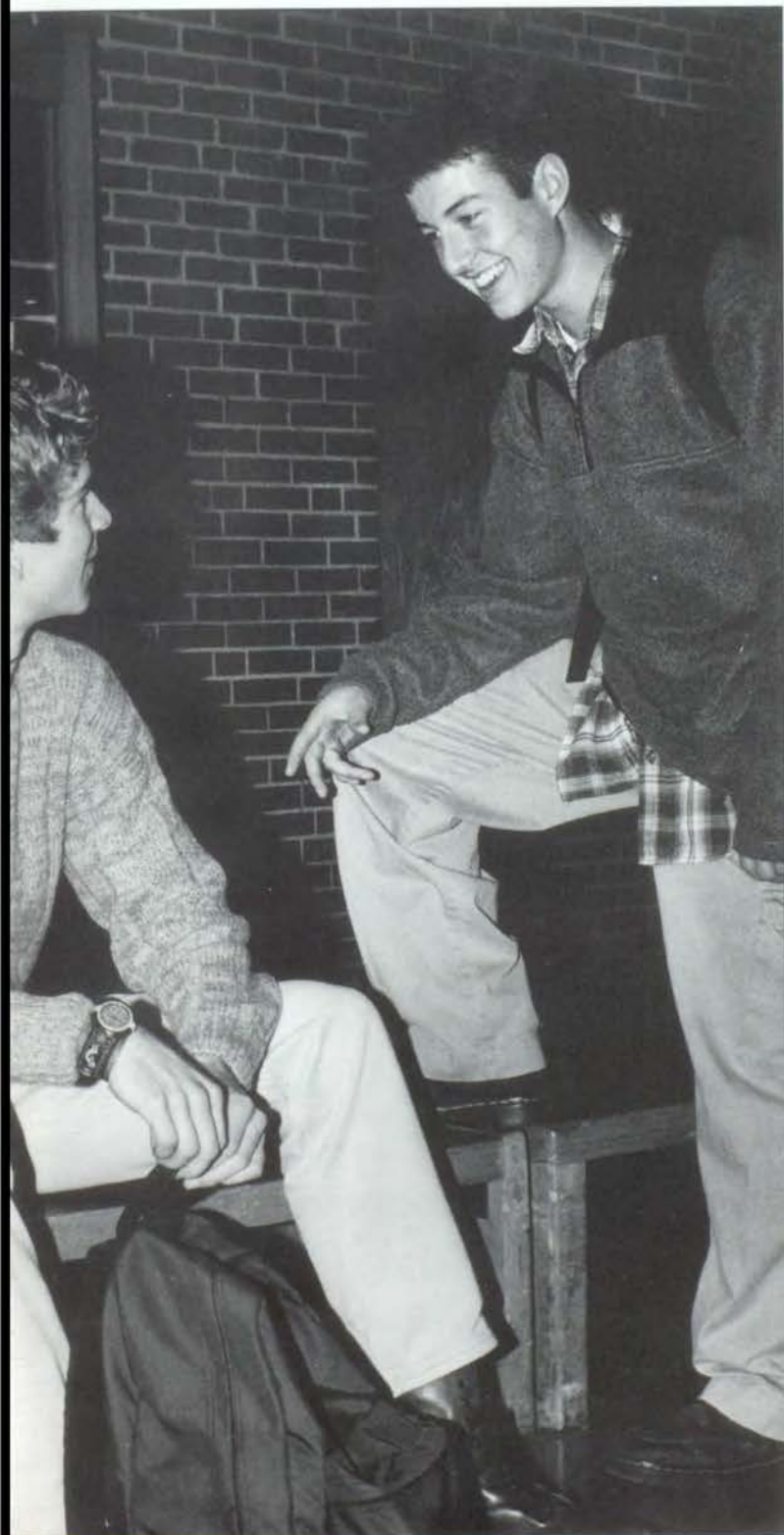
Narrator: "... And now a word from our sponsor..."

by paula taschler

At their second quarter party for new students, CUBS members Crystal Crain, freshman, and Amber Makalous, junior, play the "Name Game."
—photo by Keri Goodman

Graham Heaven, senior, makes Josko Brkic, senior, feel welcome at Northwest. Brkic is a foreign exchange student from Croatia. — photo by Keri Goodman





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Alison Mayer
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 Scott Myers
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Morgan Patton
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 Holly Peseck
 Adam Pessetto
 Andrew Phelps
 Lara Pickel
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 Miranda Porterfield
 Patricia Price
 Jolynn Puskas
 Matt Quigley
 Jennifer Quinlan
 Michael Raab



Erin Raffety
 Roberto Ramirez
 Jason Randall
 Alex Redcorn
 Pramod Reddy
 Joel Reed
 Shannon Reed
 Rebecca Reeder



schoolhouse rocks

Our carefree days of elementary school are distant memories. Whether happy or sad, they will always be remembered.



John Graham, freshman

Recess was my favorite part of school because we got to play kickball and football. The worst part was standing against the wall outside for throwing food at lunch. I think I had a reserved spot there.

Rebecca Beyer, sophomore

I remember in elementary school, Abby Zahner [freshman] and I got caught throwing snowballs at recess. We had to sit in front of the office and write 'I will not throw snowballs' 100 times. Everybody thought it was hilarious because I never got in trouble. I was humiliated.



Kory Miles, senior

Homework was really easy back then in elementary school. I had two minutes of homework then, but now I have two hours every night. Math was hard and has kept getting worse ever since.

Adrienne Dreher, senior

After school everyday my friends and I would walk home. Our guy friends would hide behind a sign and, when we walked by, they attacked us with water balloons. So we arranged for a teacher to hold them after school. We got sweet revenge. The ironic thing is I'm still friends with all of them.



An empty one-liter pop bottle, several marbles, a small amount of water, various pulleys, a couple light bulbs, a ping-pong ball, several screws and some parts from an old tape player. Put it all together, add some heavy-duty tape, and what do you have?

A pile of wet, sticky junk? No. The creation, called Mission Possible, was produced by Gautum Desai, freshman, and other Science Olympiad students.

Science Olympiad provided students an outlet for their scientific creativity. They learned and improved skills that would lead them into the future. "It's mainly the creative process of problem-solving," Mr. Al Frisby, Science Olympiad sponsor, said.

The purpose of this Rube-Goldberg apparatus was to make the simple task of dropping a ball into a cup abnormally difficult. It and other projects were the focus of the 10 club members for almost one-third of the school year.

Each science-related project was created to be entered in five Olympiad competitions throughout the year.

The main challenge for the Science Olympiad team was competing in the statewide contest. The members made the three-hour trip to Wichita State University to take on some of the best science students in Kansas.

"The state competition gets the kids into real-life situations. They are learning everyday life skills that carry on into every aspect of life, not just science," Mr. Al Frisby, sponsor, said.

Most Science Olympiad members showed an intense interest in some area of science, anywhere from biology to physics. They agreed that participating in the club would give them an advantage in their future careers and lives.

"I want to go into engineering at KU. Science Olympiad provides a hands-on experience for competitive problem-solving skills. The competitive events are a good introduction to the different kinds of science," Jon Wear, senior, said.

Got a few moments to spare? Take a look around. Find some miscellaneous objects, and put them together. Be creative. Test your science knowledge and skill. If you happen to become stumped and do not know what to do next, head into room 241, the unofficial room of the Science Olympiad team. The students would more than likely be willing to help.

by vicki conner

SCIENTIFICALLY SPEAKING



While working on the Road Scholar event for an upcoming Science Olympiad competition, Ryan Kaiser, junior, points out a location on the map to Jon Wear, senior. Students in the club spent many after-school hours cooperatively combining their scientific creativity to put together contest projects. —photo by Amy Swanson

As she peers through a magnifying glass, Amber Phipps, sophomore, carefully examines the shape of the particles in a powder sample. Science Olympiad members tried to figure out the type of powder they had through limited observations as part of the "Can't Judge a Powder" competition event. —photo by Amy Swanson



Ashley Rees
Tyrone Reyada
Aaron Rice



Keith Richer
Nicholas Riley
Jason Riordan



Patrick Rohrer
Katrina Roller
Ashley Roos



Heather Roos
Monika Roos
Rebecca Rose



Steven Ross
Bryson Rumple
Megan Rumple



Jana Rupp
Brenna Russell
Brian Russell



Erika Russell
Justin Sadler
Matthew Sajwaj



Michael Sanders
Travis Sanders
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 Jessica Stern
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Christine Storer
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 Alicia Stuart
 Katherine Sullivan
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 Michaela Terry
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 Sara Thill
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Brian Todd
 Geoffery Tompkins
 Evan Toren
 Kimberly Trompeter
 Brittany Trupka
 Meia Turner
 Rebecca Turner
 Brandie Turqueza



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 Doug Ubben
 Erica Ubben
 Todd Ubben
 Courtney Vancura
 Jacob Vandervelde



snapshot

matt quigley



by jennifer buchele

Matt Quigley, freshman, stands on the starting line at the cross country state meet. He hears a voice say, "Runners, on your mark." Already sweating, he takes a deep breath and crouches down in a starting position. The bang of the starter's gun rings in his ears and someone on the sideline yells, "Go." Quigley dashes off his mark.

"It was so exhilarating running in the race. I got very tired, but I kept pushing myself to go on because I really wanted to place well," Quigley said.

Strenuous, year-long training was part of Quigley's cross country experience; however, it was the support of his coach and teammates that kept him going.

"The hardest part of being a runner was the off-season training, but I love to run and everyone is so supportive and friendly that I was able to push myself to continue," Quigley said.

Besides the time he spent on the cross country team, Quigley participated in CUBS, Science Olympiad, Categories, and FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). He maintained straight A's on a schedule packed with honors classes.

One of those classes was Algebra II Honors, which is normally taken by advanced sophomores. Quigley, though, easily kept up with his older classmates.

Breathing deeply and gradually slowing down, Quigley begins to tire. Just when he feels like quitting, he hears loud cheers from bystanders along the course. Drawing strength from this encouragement, he finishes the race in an amazing 25th place.

"There were so many bystanders there that the entire course was just lined with people shouting and cheering us on," Quigley said. "It was great to have so much encouragement."



During his Spanish class, Matt Quigley, freshman, reviews vocabulary. Quigley runs at the Rim Rock meet. He was a standout both on the running path and in the classroom. —photos by Keri Goodman and Brandon Baker

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Why do you take challenging courses?

"...To get a higher GPA so I'll be at the top of my class. It looks good on a transcript, too."

—Nicholas Sidelnik,
freshman

"They cause heavier work loads so you have to divide your time up better, like in college."

—Ryan Williams,
sophomore

"I take AP classes to make college easier for me."

—Brian Pack,
junior





Mrs. Glenda Johnson, Geography Fair sponsor, samples food from one of the many student booths in the gymnasium. —photo contributed by Glenda Johnson



In an authentic costume, a Scottish dancer performs a dance from her country. Dances from different countries were a large part of the fair. —photo contributed by Glenda Johnson



A young visitor takes a glance at the Philippines exhibit. The Geography Fair brought guests of all ages to the school for a night of cultural enhancement. —photo contributed by Glenda Johnson

Celina Aldape, senior, makes her way around the gymnasium viewing items from around the world including countries from Mexico to Lithuania. Aldape sampled a frozen lemon slush at the Germany table and other more exotic foods, such as fried rice with chicken from Thailand.

"I didn't try most of the foods you wouldn't normally see. I was scared of some of it," Aldape said.

Early planning, off-campus publicity, extensive research and just plain hard work paid off for students and faculty involved in this year's Geography Fair.

The fair was held on Nov. 18 and, according to Mrs. Glenda Johnson, geography fair co-organizer, the fair was a success.

"The turnout was fantastic," Johnson said. "I would say at least a couple thousand people were there. Teachers and students from other schools, elementary kids and lots of adults attended."

The fair itself was honored with an official proclamation by the mayor of Shawnee Jim Allen, claiming that Nov. 18 will now be considered Geography Day.

The night included performances of song and dance by representatives from Lithuania, Scandinavia, Mexico, the Middle East, India, Ireland, Scotland and Germany.

Individual groups presented sessions in the classrooms on topics ranging from European disco to a multimedia presentation on the "Changing Winds in Eastern Europe" by sociology teacher Mr. Ron Poplau.

According to Ms. Donna Pearson, co-organizer of the fair, much of the night's success was due to the student involvement.

"So much work was required and it was overwhelming, but students really got into it and participated," Pearson said.

Johnson agreed that students were an essential part to the success of the evening.

"The students were the fair," Johnson said. "They put the posters up throughout the community." Without the kids, there would not have been a Geography Fair."

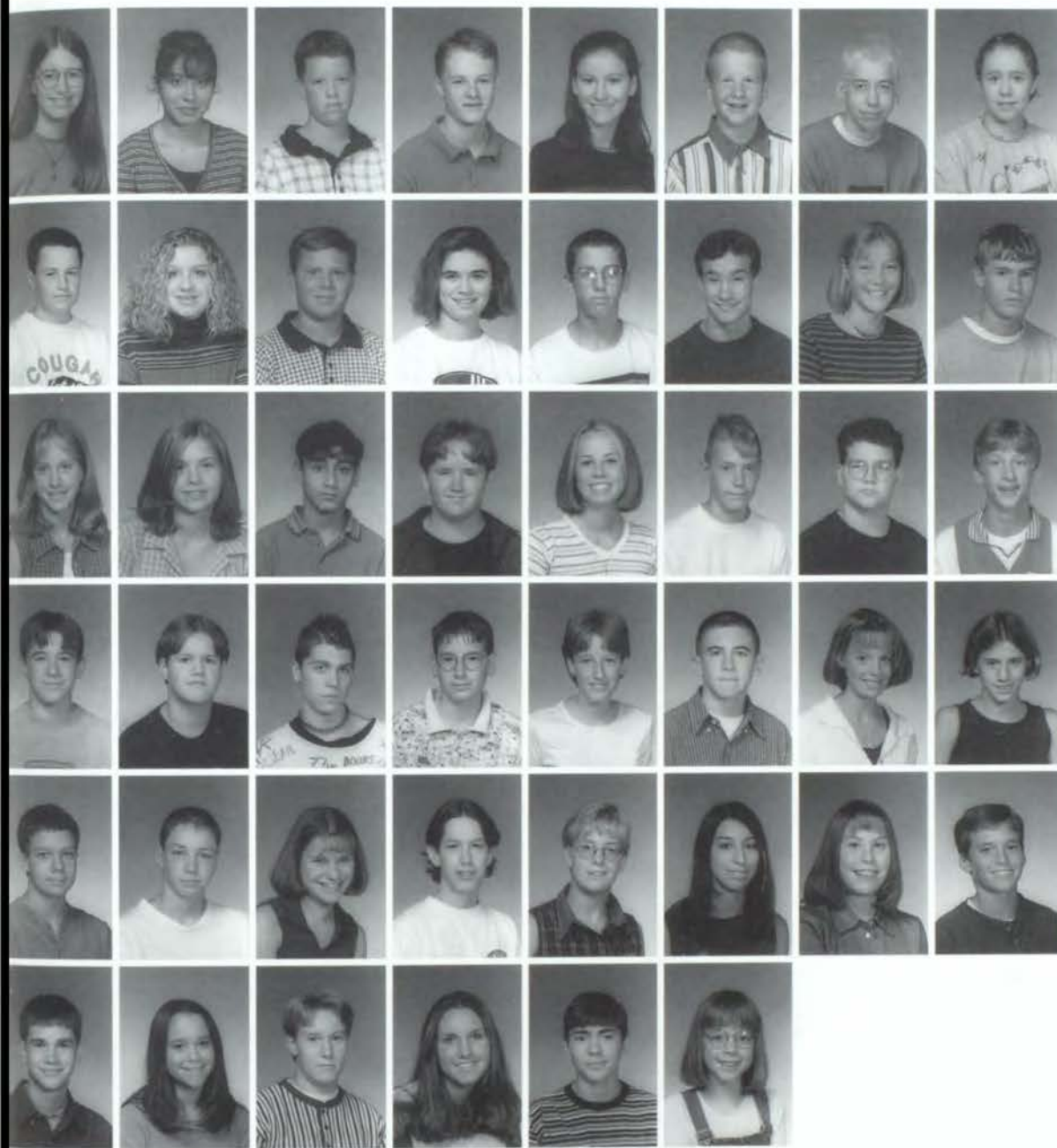
Students who were not a part of the organizing received extra credit for attending.

"We had to get a signature of the person who was working the booth, then we had to write a description of what it was about and write the name of the country," Aldape said.

Aldape turned in the descriptions and signatures to her Sociology teacher Mr. Matt Johnson, describing the activities at the second Geography Fair. Aldape received 25 points of extra credit.

by eric longman and jana schmitt

it's a *small*
world



Deanna Victor
 Nichole Villarreal
 Robert Vollenweider
 Kellen Voss
 Jane Wallace
 William Wall
 Sean Walsh
 Jennifer Watkins

Joshua Wear
 Allison Weir
 Brad Weller
 Ashley Wendler
 Eric Werly
 Jameson West
 Heather Wetzel
 Benjamin White

Kristen White
 Taylor White
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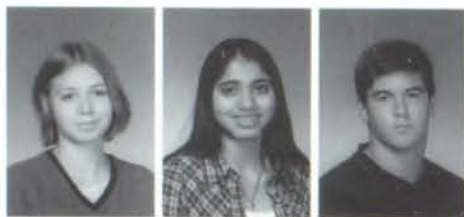


Standing next to the China exhibit she created, Erica Ubben, freshman, looks over a timeline of the country's history. At the Geography Fair, students and other guests learned about cultures from countries all over the world. —photo contributed by Mrs. Glenda Johnson.

Not Pictured: Ryan Adams, Randolph Aiken, Amanda Aird, Nicole Anderson, Lindsey Berry, Scott Boland, Kathryn Boomer, Patrick Bramlett, Bernard Bunenbender, Christopher Buie, Jennifer Carlton, Lucio Carrete, Jerry Collins, Nicholas Cox, Victoria Florenz, Stacy Foster, Phillip Frohling, Alexander Gerling, Benjamin Gilmore, Christopher Hampton, Elizabeth Harmon, Charles Hill, Amy Huber, Chelsea Knickerbocker, Kristina Le, Stephanie Lessard, Paul Lewis, Melody Ligas, Christina Long, Larry McFadden, David McKinney, Sean McNally, Sean McNamara, Jaccob McWhirt, Kyle Miller, Michael Morales, James Norval, Charles Peterson, Dedrick Peoples, Abhishek Ray, John Riewarts, Steven Ross, Stacy Schwartz, Michael Scrivanni, Audrey Shelton, Randall Simmons, Vestoris Smith, Corey Springer, James Springer, Andrew Tomasich, Elena Wolf, Joseph Yager



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Michael Ammerman



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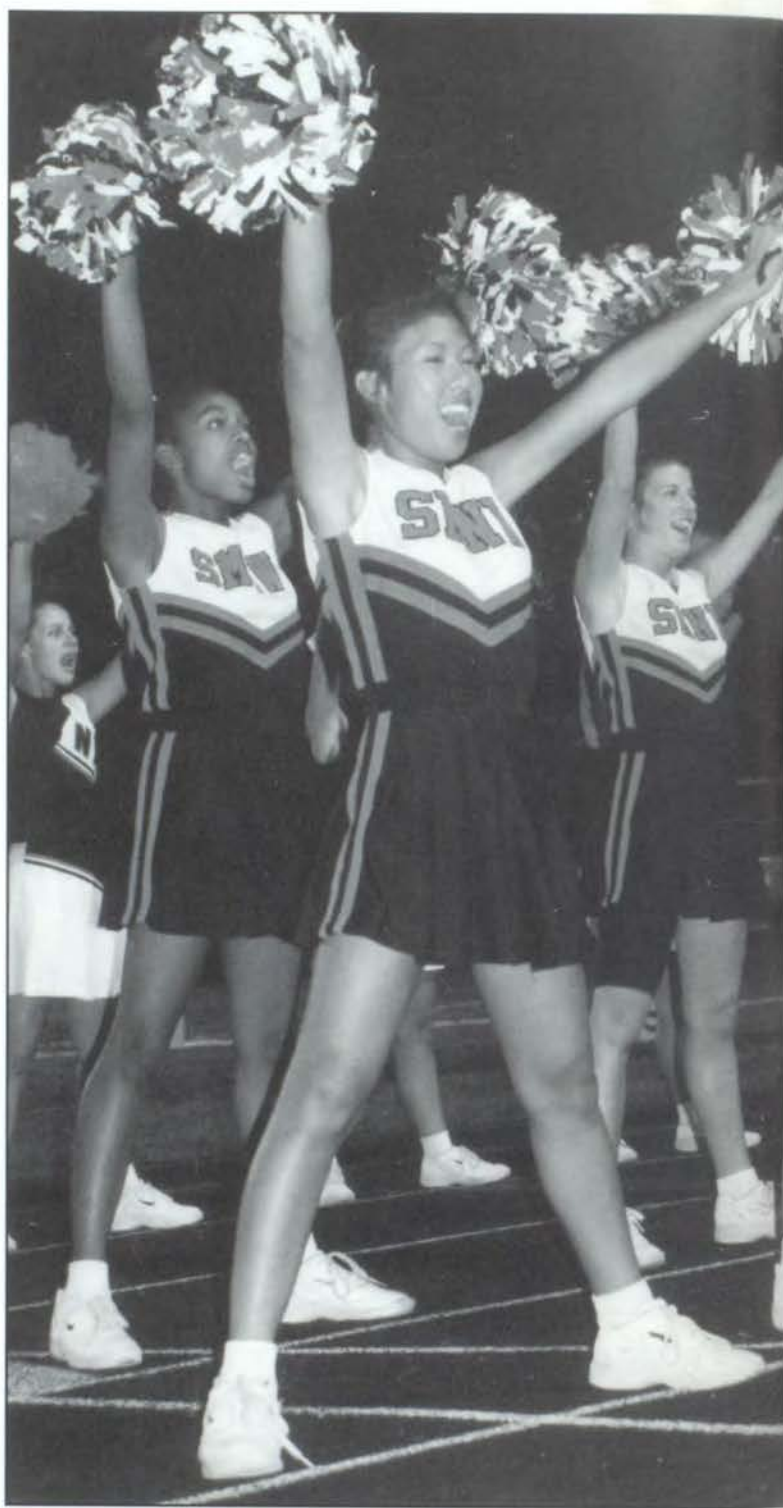
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Always pumping up school spirit, cheerleaders remained committed to their activity. At the most critical moments in games, cheerleaders were there to encourage the team along.

SAVED BY THE YELL

by mac lucn kuo

The single piece of paper posted on the glass door delivered both good news and bad. The group of girls gathered at the door pushed and shoved just to read that sheet. Some read it and cried, while some read it and smiled.

"I was so excited that I made the squad, I was jumping up and down. I was shocked. There were so many good people trying out, I didn't even think that I had a chance," Kyla Gunkler, freshman, said.

Cheerleading, although not always viewed as a sport, required just as much endurance as any other high school athletic activity. This held true at try-outs, as the girls had to go through the same nerve-racking anticipation as that of any other athlete waiting for the team roster to be posted.

"I really wish cheerleading was recognized as a sport so we could have the same advantages as the team. Cheerleading activities aren't considered as important as matches, and games," Gunkler said.

Cheerleading was time consuming. Not only did the girls have to practice three nights a week and 45 minutes before each game, they also had to cheer for more than one sport. In the fall, sports included football, volleyball, and soccer. In the winter, they cheered for wrestling as well as boys and girls basketball.

"Cheerleading takes up a lot of my time. I have to balance school, social life and family around cheerleading," Elizabeth Dickey, senior, said.

Along with the extensive time commitment involved with cheerleading, there were also other responsibilities. To avoid demerits, the girls had to be on time and dressed in the correct uniform. In addition, they were required to know all cheers and chants precisely. All practices, games, assemblies and other activities were mandatory.

But the main concept of cheerleading was to encourage school spirit. The cheerleaders had to pump up the crowds in order to support each sport.

"I like the way the crowd gets into it," Katie Flaspohler, senior, said.

Cheerleaders had to be dedicated to their school and committed to their activity. As representatives of school spirit, they saw that their job was important. Just as important as that single piece of paper posted on the glass door at the first of the year.



Erica Johansen, senior, performs to the "Cougar Fight Song" during the Fall Sports Assembly. —photo by Michael Dalbom



At a home game, varsity cheerleaders Tiffany Watson, Erica Johansen, Heidi Inthavong and Julie Wendlandt, lead the crowd in a cheer. — photo by Rachel Metzler

During a spirit assembly, varsity cheerleaders Heidi Inthavong, Stephanie Grismore, Lauren Holmes, Erica Johansen, Julie Geraghty, Julie Wendlandt, Kristy Vanderhagen and Melissa Bowman hit the final pose in their opening routine. — photo by Rachel Metzler



Always working on meeting upcoming deadlines, the Northwest Passage staff cooperated in order to create the best possible newspaper. On delivery days, papers were...

When Jana Schmitt, junior, announces to the rest of the newspaper staff she was no longer going to be a part of the class, April Baack, junior, comforts Schmitt and wipes tears from her face. Because they spent so much time together putting together the school paper, *Northwest Passage* members became very close. —photo by Bryson Gay

HOT OFF THE PRESS

It is 9:30 p.m. on a Monday night as Brad Sager, editor-in-chief, reads through a news story for the third time putting the final touches on his own page.

Sager and the rest of the *Northwest Passage* staff spent long hours putting together a quality newspaper.

Hard work and plenty of effort paid off with a sense of accomplishment and seeing bylines in print. Meeting deadlines was a source of motivation for the staff.

"Deadlines are the foundation of our paper," Brad Sager, senior, said. "If we don't meet them, then the paper doesn't come out on time and that makes us look bad, makes our advertisers angry and makes the student body angry as well."

While deadlines may come easy for some, others felt the stress that was involved in putting a school newspaper together.

"There has been times where the stress has gotten to me and I've wanted to leave the paper," Nicole Armstrong, front page editor, said. "I would think about everything I'd be leaving behind, and I just couldn't do it."

A worknight was scheduled every Monday from 3:15 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m. or until the pages are completed.

The newspaper staff also attends conventions twice a year as well as regional and state competitions. This year in St. Louis, the *Passage* received second in the nation for Best of Show at the Journalism Educators of America/National Scholastic Press Association (JEA/NSPA) National Convention.

"Every year we have two national conventions. We compete for national awards, and we usually fare pretty well," Sager said. "We also compete in regional and state competitions, held in Lawrence."

As Sager checks the spelling on his page one last time, he breathes a sigh of relief before sending the pages to the printer. This is all in a normal day's work for a member of the *Passage* staff.

by natalie mcfadden and evan north





Every Monday night the *Passage* had a work night for the Newspaper staff to work toward their next deadline. Scott Longman, sophomore, types his stories while listening to music on his headphones. Students worked on their pages using both laptops and the larger computers. —*photo by Amy Swanson*

During their fourth hour class, the newspaper staff discussed the recent issue of the *Passage*. After each paper was printed and distributed the *Passage* staff would sit down as a class and talk about the recent paper, the positive points and what they needed to work on for the next issue of the paper — *photo by Brandon Baker*



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Candace Bukovaz

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Jarvon Burnett
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Brian Busch
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From recycling the excess paper to visiting elementary school kids, STEP members always worked toward an environmental...

STEP

IN THE

RIGHT DIRECTION

by nikki leclaire

I don't want my children to have to look in an encyclopedia to see what a tree looks like," Devin Richmond, sophomore, said.

This was a typical comment heard every Wednesday after school in room 253. Students concerned with environmental issues discussed the future at a weekly Save The Environment Program (STEP) meeting.

As co-presidents of STEP, Sarah White and Jenny Simpson, seniors, were in charge of running all the meetings and organizing activities for the club.

"One of our main focuses is to teach the future generations what hurts the environment and what they can do to prevent this from happening," Simpson, said.

STEP members were in charge of collecting paper from the teachers' blue recycling bins and taking their treasure to a recycling center for cash. Unfortunately, they only received \$2 a month for their effort.

At the same time, members also helped educate younger students about their concerns for the environment.

"We teach elementary kids how they can help save the environment starting at home and what can be recycled and what can not," Stephanie Anderson, junior, said.

Sometimes starting at a younger age made a bigger impact on how students viewed the environment when they got older.

"Some students at Northwest don't really care what happens to the environment, so we try to reach elementary school kids," Simpson said.

STEP's outreach did not stop at their field trips to elementary schools.

"We go on trips to the zoo to see the rain forest and see IMAX shows," Mr. Mike Pisani, STEP sponsor, said.

Besides the satisfaction of reaching out to the community, STEP members wanted to make an impact on the future.

"I'm concerned how the environment will be for my kids, White said, "I want to make sure that there's something left for them to enjoy."

STEP members Chelsea Cassell, sophomore; Joy Sutton, junior and Brian Todd, freshman, create paper with old newspapers. At the club's weekly meetings, members discussed concerns about the world's future for later generations. All of the students in STEP had a common interest: saving the environment. —

After collecting the teachers' blue recycling bins from the hallways, STEP members Devin Richmond, sophomore; Erica Vandevort, senior; Sarah White, senior and Jenny Simpson, senior, combine the paper into one trash can. The paper, collected every other Wednesday, was then taken to be recycled. —photo by Kerl





Heather Cameron
Darin Campbell
Zeke Campbell



Rocky Cannon
Marshall Cantrell
Brian Carbajo



David Carey
David Caron
Lucio Carrete



Kristi Carter
Melissa Carter
Chelsea Cassell



Heather Castle
Sean Cates
Gabriel Chambers



En-Kae Chang
Courtney Chapman
Jessica Chapman



Grant Charpentier
Allison Chastain
Matthew Clayton



Erin Cole
Skye Coleman
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 Joshua Coulter
 Lee Cowley
 Brandon Cox
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Michael Dalbom
 Courtney Dame
 Paul Daniels
 Eric Davis
 Laniya Deas
 Angela de Brabander
 Pandora Decosta
 Joseph Dickerson



Leann Dillbeck
 Stephanie Dinh-Phan
 Derek Dodd
 Nicholas Domke
 Nicholas Dominguez
 Jennifer Domsch
 Jacob Dotson
 Kira Doty



Guy Doubleday
 Courtney Dowding
 Megan Doyle
 Leslie Duncan
 Michael Duncan
 Lisa Dyer
 Natalie Ebbert
 Jessica Ellis



Anita Elmore
 Jacob Emerson
 Allyson Enderby
 Danielle Enyart
 Sommer Ervin
 Hunter Eshelman
 Kristen Estopane
 Ryan Etzen



Amy Falk
 Keith Falkner
 Jill Feinghny
 Rory Felton
 Jonathan Fender
 Kevin Flaherty
 Jason Ford
 Jeremy Foster



Michael Foster
 Rayann Freeman
 Nicholaus Fridblom
 Brent Fry
 Jennifer Fuentes
 Dustin Fults
 Michael Gaedtke
 Baiju Gandhi



Eric Garrett
 Sherelle Gaut
 Laveda Gaynor
 Gordon Geldhof
 Patrick Geraghty
 Natalie Gervais
 Jonathan Ghilino
 Lindsay Gibbons



Stephanie Glover
 Andrew Gorton
 Crystal Goulding
 Jerrad Gray
 Justin Greiner
 Katie Grismore
 Alisha Griswald
 Matthew Gruenewald



commercial

laughs

Television is a large part of many people's lives. Advertisers, therefore, jump at the chance to spread their messages...



Katie Heckert, freshman

"I love the Nike commercials, especially the Picabo Street one, because I like how she is standing on top of the building, ready to [ski off]."

Erica Johnson, sophomore

"I like the dog in the Taco Bell commercial because the dog has a cute accent, and I've always wanted a chihuahua."



Zach Allen, junior

"My favorite commercials are the budweiser frog ones because it's funny. I especially like the one where the frog attaches himself to the truck by his tongue."

Brian Cobb, senior

"I like the budweiser lizards commercial where the sign falls in the water and electrocutes them. They're just really funny."



Kevin Hager
Scott Hansen
Andrew Hanson



Benjamin Harrah
Kelly Harvell
Austin Heath



Frank Hernandez
Rachel Hester
Steven Hewlett



Cassie Hicks
Jordan Highfill
Sarah Hindman



Jarrold Hinton
Clayton Hoelting
Christopher Hoggan



Erin Hohne
William Holder
Jacob Holst



Mathew Hopper
Andrea Horner
Michelle Horner



Megan Horton
David Hosch
Charles Hubbell



Christine Hughes
Darrin Hughes
Erika Huston



Tabitha Willard, freshman, helps a Guadalupe child open a gift. The children made lists and the class that sponsored them tried their best to get what their child wanted. — photo by Rachel Metzler



During the limbo contest, Rick Ingraham and Jana Schmitt, juniors, hold the limbo stick for Spencer Cryder, senior, and his mother, as they see "how low they can go." The Mother/Son-Father/Daughter Dance was held to raise money for the food drive. —photo by Bryson Gay



During her Leadership Practicum class, Amy Cederlind, junior, sorts food items donated by students. The annual food drive, sponsored by StuCo, reached its goal on the final day. —photo by John Graham

“Who just grabbed my butt!?” asked Calvin Locklear, freshman. All girls denied the accusation, except for Renee Russell, senior, who giggled with a sly smirk on her face.

Locklear, on a Student Council (StuCo) field trip to Adventure Woods, was suspended in the air at waist-level by approximately eight of his fellow representatives.

Locklear was lying on outstretched hands, and Russell’s just happened to be in a convenient place.

As punishment for her actions, Kelvin, an Adventure Woods worker, said Russell would have to be the subject of a more difficult stunt.

Russell also laid on the hands of her StuCo friends, but instead of being held at waist level, she was held over their heads and was carefully spun 360 degrees.

The purpose of the field trip was for the organization to build trust and overcome obstacles through teamwork.

“The main reason behind going was to help us get to know each other better, to work on our problem-solving skills and to help us work more as a team instead of working as individuals,” Mrs. Beth Jantsch, sponsor, said.

However, most Student Council events throughout the year, however, benefitted the school rather than the organization itself.

“We tried to focus not on StuCo’s gain but on helping out the community. For example, the Mother/Son,

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Student Council had responsibilities to take care of from the moment they were elected. Whether they were decorating for a dance or raising cans for the needy, StuCo was at...

THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

by jana schmitt



Joshua Hydeman
Lucas Ingala
Derrick Irvin



Eric Ivie
Kevin Izard
Shelly Jaklevich



Sonia Jin
Carrie Johnson
Chase Johnson



Joshua Johnson
Nakeesha Jones
Spencer Jones



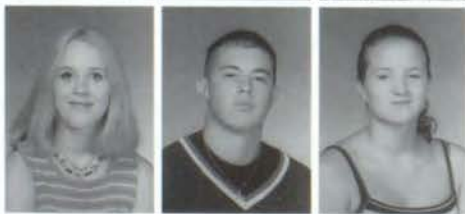
Michael Juliff
Kayce Kahl
Brian Kalinich



Courtney Kelley
Chris Kellogg
Sonny Kelly



Mary Kelsey
Dustin Kerby
Crystal Kidd



Michael Klemovich
Diane Klenklen
Shawn Klien



Justin Klinginsmith
Colleen Koporc
Philip Kostelac



THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

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Father/Daughter Dance was a way to have the parents involved in the school," Holly Hydeman, president, said.

This year was the first Mother/Son, Father/Daughter Dance. The dance had an oldies theme, "Blast From the Past," and was held for seniors and their parents.

"The dance was also a way to give money to the canned food drive," Hydeman said.

The food drive started out slow, but ended with a bang. The last day brought in over 25,000 cans which helped StuCo meet their goal of exactly 40,000.

"It was good to see NW students helping others by giving hospitality to those who need it," Rick Ingraham, junior, said.

This year, a new activity was added to Student Council's list of events.

"This was also the first year for the teacher appreciation projects. Every month we try to do something for the teachers. We've had cram bags for finals and bagels for before school," Hydeman said.

On Dec. 12, StuCo members transformed into Santa's elves to greet the Guadalupe children. Each child was adopted by a class who presented them with drinks, food and gifts.

As children piled out of the bus from the Guadalupe Center, StuCo members donned their red and white Santa hats. Chuck Neimoth, treasurer, pulled on his white beard to complete his Santa costume. Members held a child by the hand and led them up the west stairs and into the building.

Some of the children were excited while others seemed intimidated by the "big kids." The ones who had been apprehensive at first, relaxed and ran to give Neimoth a hug around his knees.

by jana schmitt



"We do so much behind the scenes. I wish the student body knew how much effort we put into them."

-Mike McNary, vice-president



While attempting to cheer up one of the frightened Guadalupe children, Chuck Neimoth, senior, dressed in a Santa suit, reaches out to give the boy a hug. The Guadalupe children have been a Student Council tradition around the holiday season.

—photo by Bryson Gay

Mrs. Beth Janstch and Ms. Beverly Gee, sponsors, chuckle at a comment made at a StuCo Open Forum. Open Forums were held during all three lunches to give students an opportunity to voice their opinions about events occurring at the school.

—photo by Michael Dalbom

snapshot

bret sjerven



Bret Sjervan, sophomore, works diligently on the foundation of one of his artworks. The drawing of "Some Guy" was created by Sjervan during his seventh hour art class. — photo by Tiffany Mattson

navatics engineer.

Thoughts pop into Sjerven's head while his pen moves across the paper. An image takes shape as it turns into more detailed lines are added. The arrangement of the lines flows together and parts of a face appear.

As a sheet of paper lay on sophomore Bret Sjerven's drawing desk, he thinks of the face he is about to draw. Sjerven has a unique style of drawing. He prefers to draw things as he sees them.

Sjerven's artwork was recognized more widely when he illustrated the 1995-96 Trailridge yearbook. His art career continued into high school when he designed the marching band's t-shirts for their Florida trip in 1996-97. Sjerven's artwork has been shown in the display cases at Northwest and sometimes published in *Cosmic Haystack*, a local ska magazine.

"Bret is always willing to work on any assignment I give him and is creative as far as his style," Evan North, *Cosmic Haystack* editor, said.

Sjerven spent a lot of his time on drawing, but it was always an enjoyable experience for him.

"I draw in my free time for entertainment and relaxation. I feel it is a form of expression that just comes naturally to me," Sjerven said.

Sjerven preferred to draw in a realistic way. He drew detailed objects that pertained to everyday life.

"I have enjoyed art all my life and plan to keep it as my hobby," Sjerven said.

Although art was his main focus, Sjerven did not plan to develop it as a career. His plans for the future included going to college and studying to be an aero-

by courtney lynch and paula taschler

freeze
frame

What type of art do you prefer the most?

"I like pictures that can capture a moment."

-Libby Taschler,
freshmen

"Abstract all the way. It's the most creative expression of art."

-Annie Auf Der Heide,
junior

"Anything that is expressive. Whether or not it is fundamentally perfect, it still says something to the eye."

-Rod Wakefield,
senior



Jay Knapp
 Kelly Krueger
 Suzanne Krull
 Ryan Kunellis
 Jaime Kunkel
 Amanda Lamas
 Joseph LaMourie
 Erin Land



Ryan Lane
 Dustin Larkin
 Benjamin Lawrence
 Jonathan Leary
 Morgan McCluyse
 Evan Lee
 Matthew Leeper
 Brian Leftridge



Daniel Leslie
 Michael Lewis-Johnson
 Justin Leyva
 Paul Lichtenhauer
 Ryan Lilja
 Jeni Linder
 Nicholas Linderer
 Chris Linn



Matthew Lockhart
 Jess Lohrey
 Matthew London
 Scott Longman
 Dawn Longobardi
 Karen Loumaster
 Melissa Lyden
 Kristie Lynch



James Lyons
 Laura Lysaught
 Adrienne Madison
 Kim Mann
 Craig Manthe
 Ben Mantooh
 Debbie Maresko
 Alex Marsh



Elizabeth Marvel
 Derek Mathews
 Tiffany Mattson
 Kevan Maurer
 Erin McBride
 Nick McCarty
 Brett McCord
 Emily McFadden



Steven McGhee
 Jonathan McNaw
 Ehren Meditz
 Charles Meiner
 Stephanie Melcher
 Alisha Mendoza
 Shawn Menssen
 Kevin Mertz



Bradley Metcalf
 Nick Meyer
 Raun Meyn
 Justin Michaels
 Shirley Mike
 John Mikel
 Geoffrey Miles
 Jason Miles



Heather Miller
 Joseph Moore
 Anne Morris
 Travis Mott
 Larry Motzkus
 Jeffrey Mulholland
 Georgia Mulligan
 Brett Murray



In the game where questions are answers and statements are questions, all knowledge topics are tested. In the club where jeopardy was the norm, the only question left to answer is..

WHAT Is CATEGORIES

by vicki conner

- Q.** An academic decathlon club testing the trivial knowledge of its members.
- A.** What is categories?
- Q.** Improving members' trivial knowledge in order to do well at competitions.
- A.** What is the purpose of Categories?
- Q.** After school approximately one Monday each month at the Shawnee Mission district's television recording studio at Indian Creek.
- A.** When and where were Categories' competitions held?
- Q.** For later broadcasts on the local school channel.
- A.** Why were Categories contests taped?
- Q.** Two rounds of fast-paced question rounds. One is back-and-forth questioning between the teams, and the other is the "Lightning Round" where either team is allowed to answer.
- A.** What was the format of Categories' competitions?
- Q.** "Being faster than the other team—'beating them to the punch'—when you're answering questions," Ryan Kaiser, junior, said.
- A.** What was the hardest part of the Categories' events?
- Q.** Playing Trivial Pursuit, researching on the Internet and studying "weird fact" books. "We try to fill our heads with as much as possible useful (or useless) information," Amit Kashyap, senior, said.
- A.** How do Categories' members prepare for competitions?
- Q.** An invitation to the year end contest between top teams from Shawnee Mission, Blue Valley, and Olathe where top three teams received trophies.
- A.** What did students involved in categories work toward?
- Q.** Overcoming their fear of saying a wrong answer— "...Not making a fool of yourself when you're in front of the camera," Kashyap said.
- A.** What was the most difficult obstacle for members to overcome?
- Q.** Mostly underclassmen who were sometimes hesitant to hit the buzzer. "Teams are more aggressive with more older students," Mrs. Barbara Turnbull, sponsor, said.
- A.** What was the make-up of the Categories team?
- Q.** Anyone, as there were no prerequisites to join. "The more the merrier!" Turnbull said.
- A.** Who could be a part of Categories?
- Do-do, do-do, do-do-do. Do, do-do, do, do-do-do.
Time's up! Answer please...

While playing Trivial Pursuit at a meeting, Categories' members Justin Yurkovich, senior, and Baiju Ghandi, sophomore, discuss the answer to a question. —photo by John Graham

At a club meeting, Amit Kashyap, senior, contemplates the answer to a question. Students used Trivial Pursuit to increase their knowledge. —photo by Clay Hoelting





Valerie Nachbar
Stephanie Navarro
Rebecca Nedrow



Luke Neville
Kim Nguyen
Phuong Nguyen



Issac Nichols
Annette Nicks
Matthew Nicks



Matthew Nimz
Evan North
Seth Norton



Erin Novak
Cody Olson
Olufisayo Oluola



Jackie Orr
Keri Ortega
Betsy Ortman



Lindsay Osburn
Adrian Otte
Ben Otto



Andrew Overbeck
Rebecca Owens
Brian Padavic



Tricia Paegelow
Bina Pandya
William Parrott



Reginald Paschall
 Mark Passaro
 Purvi Patel
 Samir Patel
 Vishal Patel
 Jeremy Pearce
 Christina Pendergrass
 Nicole Perez



James Perkins
 Rachel Pesek
 Katieann Pesek
 Emily Peterson
 Katie Peterson
 Kristy Peterson
 Amber Phipps
 Katherine Pierron



Andrew Platt
 John Postlewait
 Debbie Potter
 Shane Potts
 Krystin Quiln
 Kevin Quinn
 Lyndi Raccuglia
 Jennifer Raffel



Becky Ramel
 Ian Recchia
 Jon Redcorn
 Alison Reed
 Benjamin Reeder
 Matthew Reichl
 Devin Reichmond
 Thomas Reid



Kelly Reiff
 Maria Ridley
 Patrick Riley
 Michael Rivers
 Jonathan Rizzo
 Susan Roatch
 Elizabeth Roche
 Rebecca Rodger



Jason Roellchen
 Michael Roth
 Jonathan Rowell
 Sandra Rubin
 Desiree Ryerson
 Christian Salazar
 Garen Sallee
 Joseph Samuelson



Amy Sanchez
 Steven Sanford
 Cammi Schaeffer
 Tara Schleicher
 Jerry Schlotzhauer
 Katie Schoenberger
 Michael Schoettlin
 Nicole Service



Jena Shackelford
 Bassan Shakil
 Carrie Sharp
 Grant Shepard
 Amy Sherrets
 Michael Shirley
 Heather Shondell
 Paul Simonich



Brandon Sims
 Christopher Singleton
 Melinda Sizemore
 Brett Sjerven
 Craig Skinner
 Starr Slavin
 Ashley Smalley
 Blake Smith



GUYS and dolls

by vicki conner and renee marchin

Dancing girls, a floating crap game, and cops and gangsters were seen in the auditorium for over a month. School rules, however were not being broken. Instead, it was the drama department's fall musical, *Guys and Dolls*.

"A musical that we decide to put on must be within our range of talents, but still be a challenge to pull off. *Guys and Dolls* is a fun story with an opportunity for dancers, singers and actors," Miss Keli Rodgers, drama director, said.

Set in New York during the 1920s, the play revolves around the search of Nathan Detroit, played by Adam Dworkis, for a location for his floating crap game. Detroit's life is further complicated because his fiancée of 14 years, Adelaide, played by Alison Walla, is looking for more of a commitment.

When Detroit needs \$1,000 to use the Biltmore garage for his crap game, he decides to place a bet with the risk-taking Sky Masterson, played by Adam Mall, for the same amount of money. The bet involves Masterson taking the "mission doll" Sarah Brown, played by Tara Richart, to Havana, Cuba.

After many twists and turns, the plot ends "happily ever after" with two marriages: Nathan and Adelaide, Sky and Sarah.

"There are those who think *Guys and Dolls* is as good as it gets. I really like the play; it is well written and put together, with fun and witty dialogue," Rodgers said.

(top to bottom): Sterling Tuckness, junior, assembles a banister for the Hot Box dance scene in *Guys and Dolls*. - Backstage, stage manager Kay Hammons, senior, instructs actor Luke Armstrong, senior. - In costume, Scott Longman, sophomore and Mike McNary, senior, wait for their entrances in the play. - Singing "The Oldest Established," Jeremy Moritz, junior, Tom Reid, sophomore and Chris Ayers, junior, begin the play. - The preaching of a mission speaker has Jamie Blum, sophomore, Eric Yurkovich, freshman and Annie Auf Der Heide, junior, listening doubtfully. —Photos by Bryson Gay



Around the holidays, Key Club received letters to Santa written by elementary school children. Members responded, playing the role of jolly old Saint Nick...

DEAR SANTA,

How are your reindeer doing? I hope Rudolph is ready to lead the sleigh on Christmas Eve.

We've been really good this year. We've done our best to help others who are less fortunate than we are by putting in many hours of community service.

Lately, we've been putting a lot of hard work into our book drive. If it isn't too much trouble, please bring us lots of books to help us meet our goal.

Mary Ann Roatch, Key Club co-president, wants to ask you for a bowling ball. She needs practice for our tournament against other clubs around the area. If we raise enough money at the bowl-a-thon, we will be able to help out people with IDD (Iodine Deficiency Disorder.)

We made cookies with Mrs. Janine Deines, our sponsor, today to give to the nurses at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Since we couldn't go caroling, we thought this would be a nice surprise.

We are also going to help make food for Shalom House, a soup kitchen for homeless men in Wyandotte County. We will be serving dinner to them and keeping them company. Maybe you and your reindeer could stop by.

In the first part of February, we are planning a peanut butter and jelly party. We will be collecting pledges to see how many sandwiches we can make in an hour. All of the proceeds and sandwiches will be given to the City Union Mission.

We hope you are having fun up at the North Pole. We have been very busy this year, but it has definitely been worthwhile.

Love,
Key Club

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus hi for us.

by stephanie leclair



Key Club Co-President, Betsy Blake, senior, laughs during a discussion about the club's next activity, Have a Heart. The club was run by co-presidents Blake and Mary Ann Roatch, senior. They used their weekly meetings to talk about and plan for upcoming events. —photo by Keri Goodman

Looking through a fundraising booklet, Katherine Judd, senior, tries to decide on which fundraiser would be best for the club. During before school meetings, Key Club members also worked on projects to raise money for their club and community organizations. —photo by Keri Goodman



Cristal Smith
Kyle Smith
Rebecca Smith



Candice Snelson
Audrey Snyder
Melissa Snyder



Ervin Sommer
Darron Soren
Michael Sosebee



Adam Speck
Kellie Spencer
Blake Spilker



Justin Stacy
Ryan Stalnaker
Jennifer Staton



Ashley Stephan
Christopher Stephenson
Rebecca Stewart



Trevor Stewart
Crystal Stieffermann
Melissa Stone



David Stuart
Paul Stuart
John Stuhlman



Dylan Sullivan
John Sumner
Erin Swafford



Amy Swanson
 Jeffrey Tallent
 Paula Taschler
 Jennifer Tendick
 James Tharp
 Tracy Thau
 Joshua Theiss
 Brooke Thompson



Elizabeth Thompson
 Haylan Thurman
 Erica Titus
 Jennifer Toben
 Stephan Toburen
 Lindsey Tompkins
 Nicole Totten
 Tamara Townsend



Stephen Travis
 Christina Trinder
 Austin Turner
 Jennifer Ulmer
 Tracy Underwood
 Korie Uniak
 Brian Urbano
 Jeff Vanderhagen



Amie Van Fleet
 Stacie Vanlerberg
 David Vargas
 Amber Vaubel
 Amy Verstraete
 Cynthia Vielhauer
 Nichole Villarreal
 Sarah Voos



Nicole Walter
 Nicholas Walton
 John Warlick
 Kristen Warren
 Erik Weida
 Brianna Weishaar
 Kimberly Weiss
 Frederic Werly



Kristin Werner
 Scotty West
 Heather Wetzel
 Lynn Wheeler
 Morgan Wheeler
 Kristen White
 Evan Whitefield
 Tiffany Whitt



Ryan Wiksten
 Nichole Wilch
 Brandon Wilcox
 James Wilkerson
 Wayne Wilkford
 John Williams
 Ryan Williams
 Jennifer Wilner



Brandon Wilson
 Leslie Wood
 Lisa Wood
 Adam Woodson
 Erin Woodward
 Rebecca Wright
 Jonathan Youness
 Kari Young



Sok Yun
 Philip Zemler
 Nicholas Zipf



Not Pictured: Megan Allen, Scott Allman, Mia Anderson, Katherine Blocker, Ben Bull, Randall Campbell, Travis Day, Jason Harrison, Erica Johnson, Bary Jones, Arash Kamali, Raenae Kelley, Shawn Klein, Steven Kling, Jay Knapp, Ryan Lance, Courtney Lynch, Derek Matthews, Jesse Moore, Shane Nanneman, Jeffrey Norman, Jessica Oconner, Kenneth Owen, Jenelle Planchon, Ronald Romero, Jennifer Schwemmer, Melissa Snyder, Taylor Sperry, Garrett Stefanatos, John Stiles, Mardy Taggart, Scott Toren, Larry Walker, Laura Walker, Michelle Ward, Shane Weissner, Pamela Wilson, Karena Winkel, Kyle Wuellner, Lacey Zellers, Jamie Zimmerman

snapshot

aubrey brown



Scene 1: At home, Aubrey Brown, sophomore, sits in her bedroom, thinking about her tryout the day before for the role of a "torreadorable" in the New Theater Restaurant's summer production of *Gypsy*...

AUBREY: At the tryout, first they looked at us to see who was the right size. Everyone who looked over 20 and under 12 got eliminated. We each had to dance, sing and read a scene. My voice cracked on the song because it was so far above the staff. It was fine, though, because you have to be able to do everything—dance, sing and act.

Scene 2: Still at home. Oddly enough, Aubrey does not feel nervous. She has been through this routine before; nothing's new to her. She has seen both sides of the picture—making a play and getting cut.

AUBREY: The phone rang. I picked it up, and I heard, "This is Joe Fox from the New Theater Restaurant, and we'd like you to be in this summer's production of *Gypsy*." I tried to sound dignified on the phone because I'd have to work with Joe for the next three months, but at the same time, I was jumping up and down. When I told my mom the news, we danced around the room.

Scene 3: Rehearsal Hall, downtown. First day of rehearsal, June 4...

AUBREY: The first rehearsal was during finals, so I went late. When I walked in, I asked people my age what we were doing, and they said, 'Absolutely nothing!' The director had been working with main characters all day. Rehearsal was over an hour after that. We just talked and played cards.

Scene 4: At the theater. Opening night. Decked out in a blonde wig and 1930s traveling costume, Brown is almost unrecognizable. She dances her part like a machine—no flaws. The director no longer corrects the actors; they are on their own...

AUBREY: By being in *Gypsy*, I met lots of well-known Kansas City actors. The other Hollywood Blondes and I weren't a very big part, so we fooled around every day—switching lines or even wigs to make it more interesting. The show ran for 10 weeks. Everyone else wanted to quit after the third week, but I was still pumped: Show business is great, but there's an overabundance of people wanting to be a part of it.

Scene 5: Down Stage. Curtain call after last performance. Actors run out group by group. Brown and her fellow torreadorables scamper out from backstage and strike a quick pose. After cast mem-



Aubrey Brown, sophomore, strikes a pose with fellow show-girls in the New Theater Restaurant's summer production of *Gypsy*. In her blond wig, Brown smiles for the camera in the dressing room before appearing as a Hollywood Blonde in the play.—photos courtesy of Aubrey Brown

by jennifer buechele and vicki conner

freeze
frame

What makes an excellent actor?

"They need to be serious and committed to acting."

-Chelsea Chandler,
freshman

"...an understanding of all different people so they can portray many different characters"

-Chris Aigers,
junior

"...a good imagination allows them to visualize everything. It gives them no limit to what they can do."

-Dan Cady,
senior

Rachel Adams
 Jill Agre
 Joshua Allen
 Timothy Allen
 Zachary Allen
 Mary Beth Allin
 Drue Allison
 Megan Amos



Jaclyn Anderson
 Stephanie Anderson
 Amanda Armstrong
 Emily Asche
 Tamru Assefa
 Annie Auf Der Heide
 Eli Augustine
 Christopher Ayres



April Baack
 Lisa Bachtle
 Andrew Bailey
 Brandon Baker
 Matthew Baker
 Christi Balderstad
 Scott Ballard
 Lauren Barber



Melanie Bartels
 Zachary Beal
 Julie Bebermeyer
 Micah Beck
 Travis Becker
 Adam Benlon
 Chance Bennett
 Theresa Bernal



Christy Bettes
 Adrienne Bianco
 Stephanie Birdsall
 Laura Blann
 Amber Blasco
 Julie Blaufuss
 Jeremy Bloomfield
 Casey Bohr



Douglas Boland
 Brandon Bonewits
 Caroline Boyer
 Sarah Boyle
 Anthony Branden
 Lauren Brandenburg
 Craig Brase
 Kelli Bray



Zachary Brennan
 Anna Brescia
 Lucas Brines
 Laura Brockman
 Sean Brooks
 Jason Brunner
 Melinda Brunner
 Kris Bunselmeyer



Todd Busing
 Jessica Butterfield
 Jeffrey Cakin
 Ryan Callaghan
 Karrieanne Camp
 Anna Caples
 Erin Carr
 Steven Carrington



Molly Carter
 Amy Cederlind
 Ashley Chaffee
 Michael Chamber
 Amanda Chambers
 Melissa Chatfield
 Aaron Cheney
 Nicholas Cirrintano



BLAST

from the

past

by jana schmitt

at Winstead's on Shawnee Mission Parkway, parents and their children dressed in leather jackets and poodle skirts ate hamburgers and shakes. The nostalgic restaurant was an appropriate place for families to go before "Blast From The Past," the first Mother/Son, Father/Daughter Dance.

The dance gave seniors a chance to spend a night showing appreciation for their parents and to donate money to a good cause.

The dance on Nov. 8 was sponsored by Student Council and Spirit Club. All profits made through ticket sales and picture packets went toward the Student Council's annual canned food drive which was held Nov. 12 through Nov. 21. The drive brought in 40,000 cans.

The night featured several contests, including the limbo, Jell-O eating, root beer chugging, a twist contest, and a look-alike contest.

The dance was originally supposed to be offered to all classes, but Student Council decided it should become a privilege and offered it only to seniors.

"Our parents and peers were brought together to have a good time. My social life and my relationship with my parents are two separate things; it was fun when the two worlds meshed. I hope the evening created a tradition," Graham Heaven, senior, said.



Walking away with boxes of chocolate and spray-painted and spangled crowns, Jeffrey Monger, senior, and his mother, Wanda Monger, won the root beer chugging contest. Mrs. Monger and Jeff together slammed over nine cans of root beer in one minute.

The twist contest was a tough competition, but Jessica Duncan and her father had no problem dancing away with the trophy. The twist contest was the most popular of the night with parents asking for another chance.

Sarah Stone and Katherine Judd, seniors, dance together to an upbeat song at the Mother/Son Father/Daughter Dance.

—photos by Bryson Gay



Everyone has someone they would give anything in the world to talk to. Some dreams are very serious, while others get rather outrageous...

dream come true



Kellie Spencer, sophomore

"If I could talk to anyone, it would be Christopher Reeve. Even after getting in the accident, he continues to do charity work and help others. He's an inspiration."

Jon Hiatt, junior

"I would like to meet Charles Manson [serial killer]. I've just always wondered what exactly goes on inside his head."



Sam Glennon, senior

"I would like to meet Jerry Garcia because he touched so many people. A lot of people identified with his music, and he's always been one of my idols."

Jason Kolich, senior

"I would like to meet Cy Young, the pitcher because I am a pitcher, and he is one of the greatest baseball pitchers ever."





Paul Clark
 Alan Clayton
 Jeffrey Cloud
 Katie Coble
 Kyle Coleman
 Charmed Collins
 Chad Coolidge
 Aaron Cooper



Kristin Cooper
 Tiffany Cooper
 Ruth Correa
 Aaron Cosby
 Christopher Cosse
 Lexie Covington
 Lindsay Crabtree
 Chase Cross



Sean Cudney
 Nicholas Currie
 Melissa Dale
 Alison Davidson
 Jennifer Davis
 Tyler Davis
 Carol Delph
 Jason Demotte



Dennis Cosby
 Kelly Derks
 Brian Desch
 Brooke Detar-Ziolo
 Brian Diltz
 Tom Diltz
 Manuel Dominguez
 Kay Dougherty



Kristen Dow
 Kevin Dupriest
 Conor Durkin
 Michelle Eaton
 Shaun Edlin
 Jason Elliott
 Kira Elliott
 William Emerson



Lindsey Emery
 Brian Emick
 Joshua Enyert
 Lori Estes
 Audrey Feldmann
 William Fimmel
 Christine Fleming
 Jeff Foster



Jason Fowler
 Amber Fox
 Charles Frakes
 Damion Freeman
 Mary Frisbie
 Michael Frisbie
 Gabriel Fry
 Mark Funston



Mark Gafford
 Bronson Galton
 Karen Gamm
 Emily Gammill
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 Bryson Gay
 Darcy Gentry
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Lindsey Gibbons
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 Lindsey Goodman
 Kent Goodson
 Jaron Gordon
 Rhoda Gosling
 Aaron Graham
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Daniel Gras
Rafaela Grasl
Rhea Grassinger



Sha-laun Graves
Meredith Green
Daniel Greenwood



Jeremy Gribbin
Shawn Gross
Andrew Haddadi



Mariam Yohannes Haile
Grace Hamel
Chad Handley



Steven Hannigan
Charles Hansen
Kevin Hargrave



Jason Harmon
Derek Harralson
Scott Harris



Mary Harrison
Crista Havey
Robin Hatt



Jessica Hensley
Pete Hettinger
Jonathan Hiatt



Lindsey Hill
Tiffany Hockman
Clifford Hoelting





Painting was a form of expression for most artists. Rod Wakefield, senior, perfects his artwork. "I prefer expressive art. It has a point to get across and it's appealing to the eye," Wakefield, said. —*photo by Keri Goodman*

A parent admires a painting by Joe Walters, junior, at the NAHS "Art Is For All Ages" art show. —*photo by Brandon Baker*

With fingers covered in pastels, clay crusted under fingernails and sawdust in their hair, members of National Art Honors Society used any means available for...

CAPTURING LIFE

Standing in the hallway with a canvas in front of her and a paint pallet by her side, Jennifer Box, senior, soaks her brush in a pool of red oil paint and begins to paint. Each stroke of the paint brush makes the canvas come alive with feelings that most people can not express in such fashion.

"I usually don't do a lot of planning; I just start painting until it feels or looks right," Box said. "Most of the time I get inspiration from my friends or family, but sometimes my painting depends on the mood I'm in."

Being able to create beautiful works of art is something that only a few can do well. For the members of National Art Honors Society (NAHS), art came naturally.

"Being able to do art has always been something that I am good at," Katie Gruenewald, senior, said. "It feels good to have someone look at your drawing and say 'Wow! that's good!'"

Jill Hoverder, art teacher, chartered the organization two years ago. She began the program so that art students would have something to put on their resumes for colleges to see.

"NAHS helps me get scholarships and get into a good school because it looks good on college applications," Box said.

Members were also proud of their own art. They came up with ideas for paintings and drawings in different ways. For most of them, however, it came down to the basics.

"The ideas are either in my mind or something that strikes me as interesting," Rod Wakefield, senior, said.

Adding the last stroke of red, Box sighs and puts her brush down, her painting complete. The canvas is now filled with red and pink hues, with a particularly striking figure curled up in the picture. Despite the vivid colors, the picture shows a sad and confused world that the girl can barely handle. The painting is truly a master piece.

by kasey ragan



Keri Goodman, senior, hands out carnations at the NAHS ceremony. Being inducted was an honor that all members looked forward to.—*photo by Brandon Baker*





snapshot

brian desch



Injuries kept Brian Desch, junior, from driving, so he had to rely on family and friends to take him where he had to go. - While watching a girls' basketball game, Desch anticipates the next shot. — photos by Michael Dalbom

Cheerleaders in two lines wave their pom poms and shout for the basketball team. The crowd jumps to its feet, clapping and yelling. The announcer screams out names of the starting varsity players. "6'1', junior, Brian Desch." The crowd goes wild as the only starting junior runs down the line.

This was Desch's second year playing at the varsity level.

"I played my entire freshman year at the freshman level. My sophomore year I played a little bit of junior varsity, but mostly varsity," Desch said.

Desch has been successful even though he has only been playing a few years.

"I started playing when I was 11 or 12, not very long compared to most people who have been playing since they were eight or nine."

Desch fell on his ankle, tearing two ligaments in his right ankle, keeping him from the court for almost three weeks.

"I will have lost some feel for the game. I am upset because we are playing some very good teams that would help me prepare for sub-state."

He hopes his hard work will pay off by receiving scholarships.

"I like to play a lot, but now I'm looking for it to get me into a college if I'm good enough. If I had the choice, I'd go to MU or a school in California."

Desch moved to NW from Omaha, Nebraska, and has experienced life all over the country.

"I have lived in Missouri, Vermont, Tennessee, Nebraska and Kansas. My dad's company has moved us."

Desch also plays catcher for the NW baseball team.

"Basketball is more exciting, but I have been getting more attention from colleges as a catcher."

While slapping his teammates hands, Desch finds a place in the crowd to throw the shirt he has in his hands. He tosses the shirt to the front of the crowd and rushes to the huddle to get pumped for the game ahead.

by jana schmitt

freeze frame

What does teamwork mean to you?

"There is no I in TEAM."

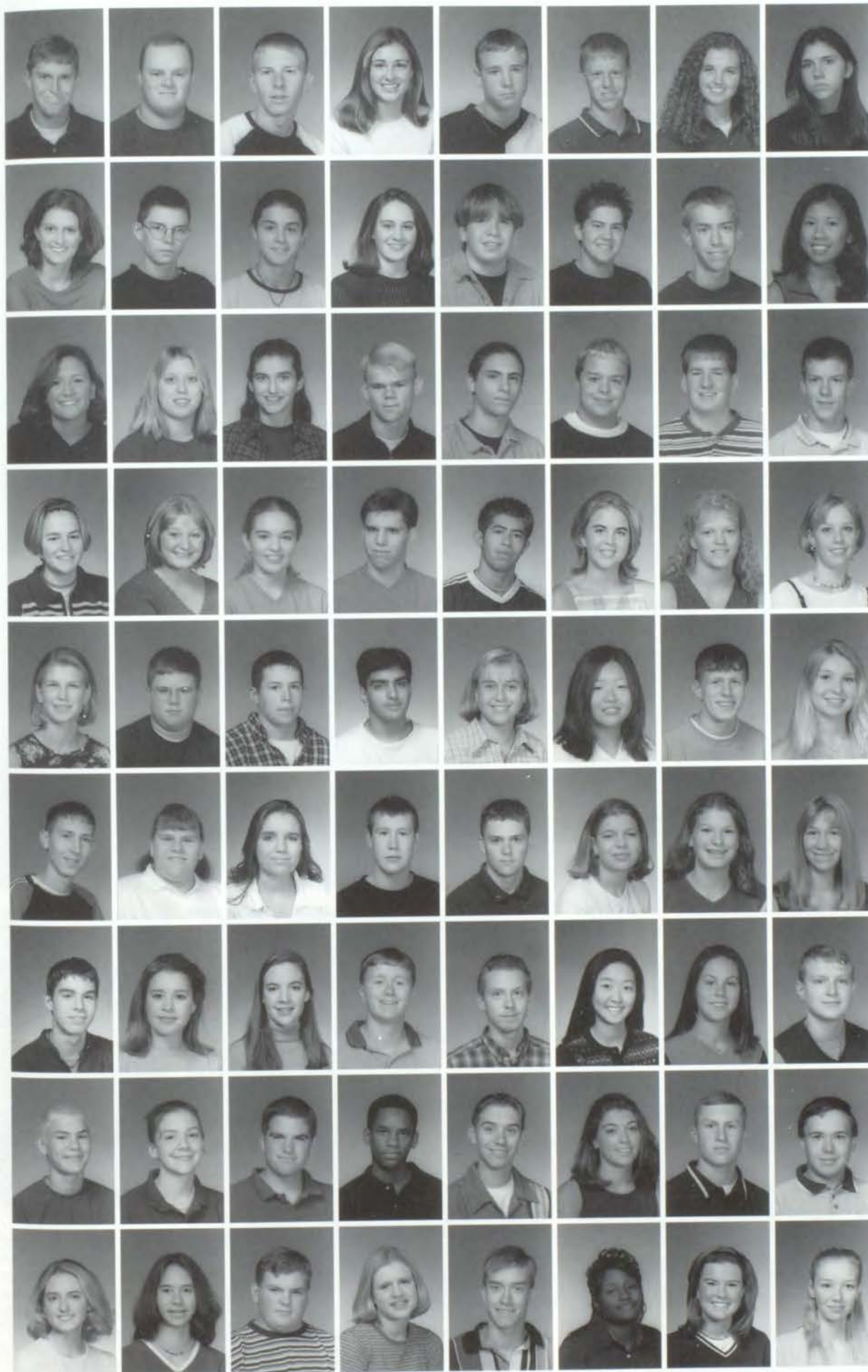
-Annie Karcz,
freshman

"A group working to receive satisfaction."

-Ashley Smalley,
sophomore

"It means five guys working together to achieve a team goal."

-Matt Jennerich,
junior



Michael Hoelting
 Thomas Hoelting
 Christopher Holland
 Trisha Holmes
 Karl Holzworth
 Justin Hoskins
 Molly Howe
 Gillian House

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 Michelle Humble
 James Hunter
 Timothy Huston
 Richard Ingraham
 Heidi Inthavong

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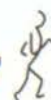
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 Rebecca Mason
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 Mary McBride
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Shane McClure
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Erin McKinley



Jonathan McQueen
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Jeffrey Meyers
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Nick Moffett



Lisa Monteen
Kristopher Moon
Jeremy Moritz



Barbara Morris
Jo Morrison
Danielle Mufich



Joshua Mulsov
Stephanie Neuburger
Melissa Nicholl



William Nichols
Justin Nickel
Leslie Nigro



Patrick Nuss
James Ondick
Biaggio Ortiz



Chris Sime, co-managing editor and Ashley Gallimore, copy editor, prepare cake at the marriage ceremony, which represented the staff's commitment to one another. —photo by Rachel Metzler



Tension seemed ever present as yearbook staff members worked to capture the year. Hundreds of hours later we were...

“Chris, why won't this print?...Chris, this caption box is too small...Chris, the coordinates are all wrong on these ads...Chris, you need to transfer all of these pages onto the zip disk...”

With four other staff member yelling at her while she desperately tries to label the rest of the pages that needed to be sent, Chris Sime, managing editor, screams in frustration.

“It's hard to accomplish things when you get interrupted with computer questions and layout problems. But I'm sure I asked a lot of questions, too, my first year. But frustration and a stressful workplace come with the job,” Sime said.

Work night on Thursdays was a typical night of frantic writing and last minute editing. But it was not all stress and no fun. The staff frequently had group laughs, origami sessions, hair braiding parties and award ceremonies for outstanding staff contributions.

“Work nights can be a lot of fun, but our focus is to get the pages finished and be proud of what we've done,” Mrs. Susan Massy, adviser, said.

Hard work paid off in the end. The yearbook staff made a commitment to get the book out on time and they worked together to accomplish it. The numerous days spent in room 103 only strengthened the teamwork.

“During the catch-up weekend, it felt like I was practically living up at school. It completely wore me out, but it was such a relief when we got it all done,” Vicki Conner, people and clubs editor, said.

Connor hands Sime the last of the people and clubs spreads to be put in the shipment boxes. After working till midnight every day that week, it was a nice change to be finished at the early hour of 8 p.m. Sime gives a sigh of relief as she heads out the door to deliver over a third of the book to the airport.

by mac luen huo and nikki leclaire

LIVING FOR THE MEMORY

On the deadline night, World and Community editors Heather Castle, sophomore, and Amy Miller, senior, select the most important events of the year. Team work on the all-girl staff was critical while creating the yearbook. —*photo by Rachel Metzler*



At a Thursday work night, Nikki LeClaire, design editor, helps her sister, Stephanie, freshman, with the drill team story for the book. —*photo by Rachel Metzler*

Debaters had the challenge of adapting to a new coach. Whether working with Mrs. Valerie Mason or competing, debate members were usually...

IT'S DEBATABLE

by jennifer buchele, dawn longabardi, paula taschler, and brianna weishaar



At a local district debate competition, Michael Rivers, sophomore, presents his side of the story. Debate members had to study not only information on their topic but also the best presentation techniques. —photo by John Graham

Behind two stacks of encyclopedias, magazines and newspapers, Audrey Snyder, junior, works diligently worked to finish the last few details on her notes.

To do well in debate, the students spent long hours researching their topic.

"If you want to do well in competition, you spend a lot of time researching. You have to update on all the information and stay on top of new technology," Audrey Snyder, sophomore, said.

Whether members wanted to add an impressive class to a transcript or just liked to argue, debate attracted a variety of students.

"I joined debate because it seemed to be a competitive outlet where I could succeed and better my education," Andrew Bailey, junior, said.

An obstacle that the debate students had to overcome was adjusting to the teaching style of their new coach, Mrs. Valerie Mason. For those students who were used to the old debate style, time was necessary for them to adjust.

"At first, it was difficult to change, but it didn't take to long to adapt to the new coach's style," Jeff Simms, senior, said.

Although the coach was new, the debate season was a successful one.

"This year we had to adjust to our new coach. For some it was difficult, but those of us who had experience were very successful. As a team we didn't do as well as we wanted, but the varsity excelled in competition," Simms said.

Debate gave students experiences that they could use in their careers, leaving them ready to face their futures.

"Debate helps in every aspect of life. The public speaking and researching skills you can't get anywhere else better than debate," Bailey said.

Snyder looks up at the clock, wondering how long she has been at the library. She adds the finishing touches to her notes and decides to head home. She pushes the last encyclopedia back into the shelf and puts her research into her box.

Michael Rivers, sophomore, gets his assignment from a substitute so he can prepare evidence for a debate. Debaters spent many hours in the library researching for upcoming tournaments. —photo by John Graham

Ryan Williams and Audrey Snyder, sophomores, skim over their evidence for a debate later that day. Without proper evidence, debaters would have much trouble arguing their views. —photo by John Graham





Corbett Ortmann
Brian Pack
Stephanie Palo



David Parrett
Carissa Parrish
Amanda Parsons



Daniel Patch
Neal Patel
Ravish Patel



Scott Patrick
Michael Patterson
Shaun Pearson



Michelle Perez
Bradly Peterson
Jacob Peterson



Michael Peterson
Matthew Pflumm
Katherine Pieper



Jessica Pieters
Heather Post
Megan Potter



Joseph Power
Paige Price
Boyd Pro



Jeremy Raab
Justin Rawie
Derek Reed

Jennifer Reed
Shawn Renner
Joseph Reyes



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No STRINGS ATTACHED

As Purvi Patel, sophomore, walks into the room at Overland Park Manor Nursing Home, she is excited to play her violin for the elderly man. The SMNW Orchestra had put on a concert in the main lobby of the nursing home, but the man, a former violinist himself, had been so bed ridden he was not able to attend the orchestra concert. He was happy to hear the high school students play for him.

The orchestra's responsibilities included playing background music for the school's theater productions and giving their own concerts. Orchestra met daily and had weekly playing tests every Friday. They also have daily grades based on participation and attendance.

"The hardest thing about orchestra is probably the Friday playing tests. Mrs. Street is a tough grader," Kylee Carter, freshman, said.

This year Mrs. Darene Street had to change her teaching style to accommodate a new student teacher. With a student teacher, the orchestra students received more personal attention and help.

"Miss Miros has been a strong contributor to this group just in the short time she has been with us. As a violist she is really helping that section come out in the orchestra." Mrs. Street, orchestra teacher, said.

Just before winter break, the orchestra combined with about ten band members to perform a holiday concert. Friends and family listened to a medley of well-known holiday music. The concert was rather informal, with the orchestra in jeans, t-shirts, and santa hats. Afterward the music, cookies and hot chocolate were served.

"The holiday concert was more fun than most of the concerts that we have done. It gave us a chance to play our favorite Christmas music," Andrew Platt, sophomore, said.

The elderly man was so excited to hear the students play that he asked to hold Patel's violin. To Patel's surprise, the man began to play from memory, his mind refreshed from the high school orchestra concert.

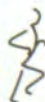
"We were so amazed to see the man play," Patel said. "Afterwards we went to Crown Center as a reward, but hearing the man play was reward enough."

With the addition of a new student teacher, Miss Miros, Orchestra members were given more individual attention. The year was topped with a holiday concert and a field-trip to a local nursing home to play for its residents.

While focusing on the music of music in front of her, Carrie House, senior, practices her violin for an upcoming orchestra concert. The orchestra met first hour everyday to rehearse and perfect their music. These practices were necessary to improve the sound of the orchestra as a whole.—photo by Derrick Schultz

Mary Harrison, junior, and Jennifer Reed, junior, play their violins in unison at a holiday concert. The concert was put on towards the end of December. Several band members accompanied the orchestra to perform some of their favorite holiday songs for friends and family.—photo by Derrick Schultz

by stephanie leclair



snapshot

jo morrison



The gym is hot and sweaty as the players enter. The sound of volleyballs hitting the court is heard echoing from the hallways. The players start off by warming-up, stretching, and setting the ball back and forth to each other.

Jo Morrison, junior, has been an athletic person all her life. Morrison has played a variety of sports, but volleyball became her favorite.

In the fall, Morrison played varsity volleyball. When the Northwest season ended, she played volleyball for Team K.C. Team K.C. is a volleyball club for girls ages ten to eighteen in the Kansas City area.

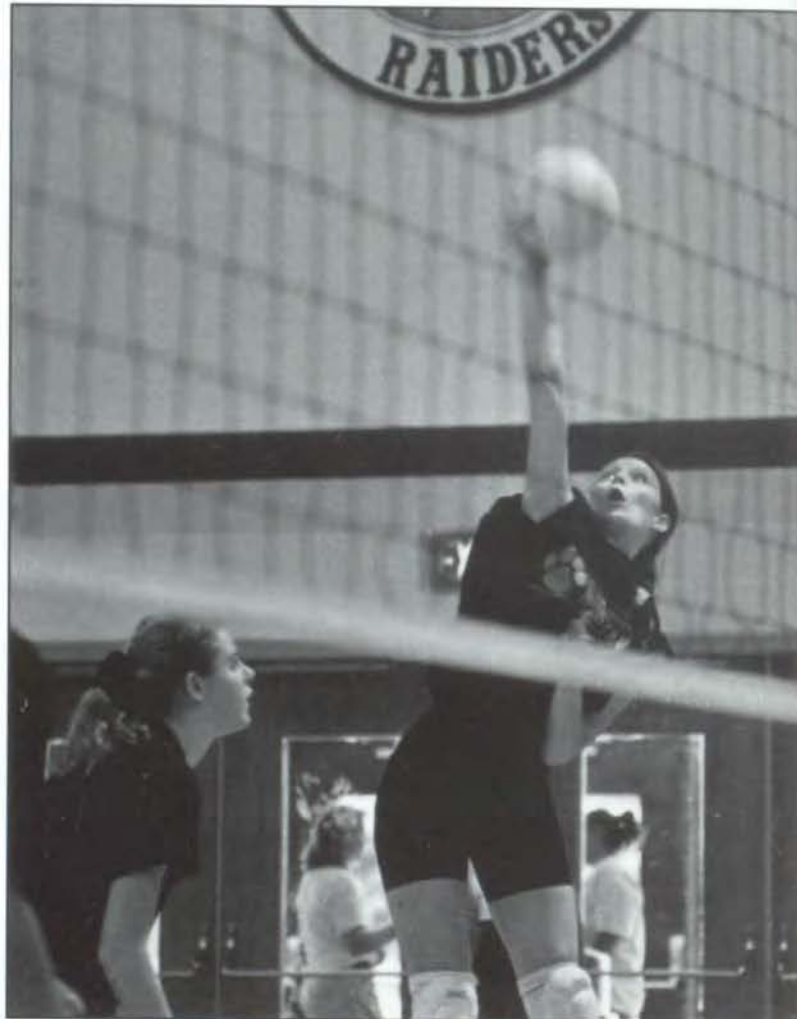
"In eighth grade I got a flyer from my gym teacher to tryout for the first ever Team K.C. I just tried out for the experience of tryouts. I didn't think I would make it," Morrison said.

The practices for Team K.C. were held two nights a week and every Saturday night. With practicing six to seven hours a week and working at Paco Designs, Morrison did not have much time to socialize.

"It just takes some getting use to. I usually can go out on Friday nights except when the coach calls a practice," Morrison said.

Morrison had been a part of Team K.C. for the past four years. Although she had trouble finding enough time for homework and studying, she still managed to be on the honor roll for her first three years of high school.

After a close, intense match, the sound of the buzzer blares through the gym. The game ends, and Morrison's team comes out on top. Morrison lines up with her teammates, and they shake hands with their opponents. For Morrison, another day of volleyball is complete.



Jo Morrison, junior, studies for an upcoming test. Because of her volleyball schedule, Morrison had to be very organized with her schoolwork. At a volleyball game at the school, Morrison slams the ball over the net. —photo compliment of Susie Morrison

by paula taschler

freeze frame

What makes a role model?

"Someone who knows what they are doing and doesn't break the rules."

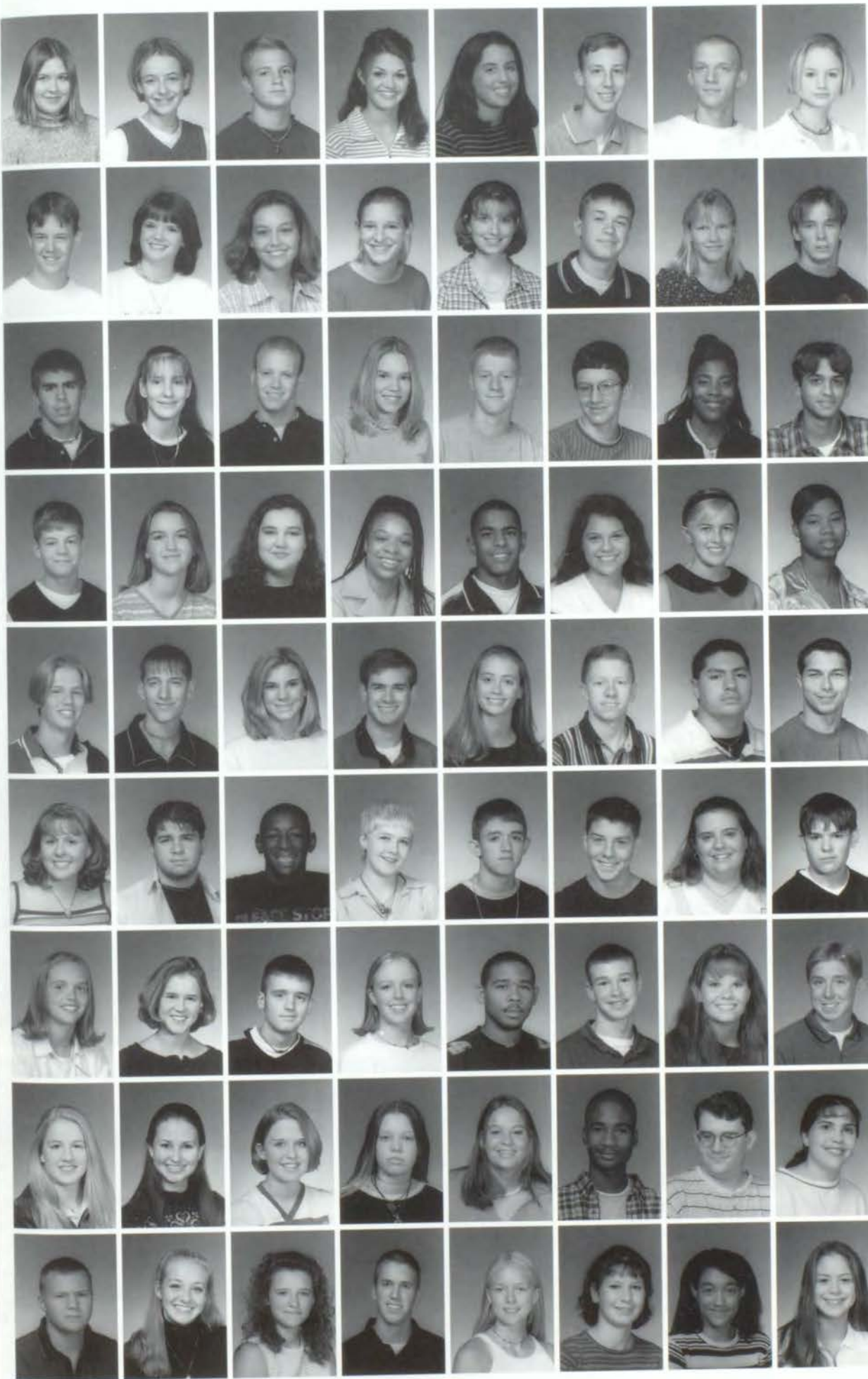
Missy Mauslein,
freshmen

"A person that's willing to suspend reality long enough to think for themselves."

Ben Lawrence,
sophomore

"Someone who has character, leadership, and good morals."

Meghan Blanks,
senior



Shawna Skeels
 Kelsey Simpson
 Nathan Simpson
 Melissa Slavens
 Christie Smith
 Corey Smith
 James Smith
 Lauren Smith

Michael Smith
 Tracy Smithyman
 Amanda Stack
 Alana Stankewsky
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 Warren White
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Amy Willt
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 Laura Wineinger
 Rebecca Winters
 Kathleen Willard
 Nicholas Williams
 Patrick Williams
 Samantha Wohler

Rocky Wood
 Rachel Woodridge
 Jackalyn Wright
 Kevin Wright
 Maria Wurtenberger
 Jamie Wyatt
 Chana Wyble
 Betsy Zahner

Prom Committee members worked to find a location for the dance and raise enough money to sponsor it. To accomplish this, members had to...

STOP AND SELL THE ROSES

by courtney lynch and tiffany mattson

Disappointed, Jana Schmitt, junior, put down the phone, trying to think of another place for the prom to be held. The usual location, Shawnee Civic Center, was to be occupied by a wedding that had been booked prior to the booking of the NW prom.

"I called every country club in the four-state region to try to find a place to hold the amount of people. All of them were either too small or were already booked," Schmitt, prom committee co-president said.

The prom committee was made up of mostly juniors, with a senior occasionally attending a meeting. Since the junior class hosted the prom, junior student council members were required to be on the committee.

During the Friday morning meetings, the committee made plans for a successful prom. Issues concerning location, decorations, finding a D.J. and preparing fundraisers were discussed.

Prom fundraisers consisted of the sale of Entertainment Books and roses. Passing out roses and cards took place on Feb. 13, just in time for Valentine's Day.

Disputes over decorations and themes were common. The theme "Whispers in the Night" was finally chosen with a picture backdrop including silver and black trees which simulated a dark and mysterious night.

But for the students who attended the After Prom party, their night had just begun. "Shout It Out!", the After Prom theme, provided a place for students to go and have fun that is drug and alcohol free. Students played craps and blackjack with monopoly money which was later auctioned off for prizes.

"After Prom is fun because they have gambling tables, like casinos set up," Rick Ingraham, junior, said.

After a great deal of time spent on the phone trying to find a suitable place for prom, Schmitt sighed with relief. She finally found a location, the Lenexa Community Center. "Whispers in the Night" would soon be heard.



Jana Schmitt and Rick Ingraham, prom committee co-presidents, look through the rose order to make sure all of the roses were of high quality for the rose sale. The rose sale took place on Feb. 9-13. This fundraiser brought in the most profit for the club. —photo by Keri Goodman

Looking at the Queen of Courts and Big on the campus nominee list, Amy Cederlind, Trisha Holmes and Samantha Kelble, juniors, decide who to vote for. Choosing nominees was difficult because seniors rarely attended meetings. —photo by Tiffany Mattson



Matthew Zemler

Not Pictured: Ji Bae, Eric Chambers, Dennis Cosby, Jeremy Gabaver, Elesha Gibbons, Maria Hager, Tiffany Housel, Karen Hoyes, Katie Jackson, Mark Johnson, Meredith Khan, Steven Lane, Marrin Lazo, Brooks Mabry, Brian Mankameyer, Jason Martinez, Timothy Newton, Romel Ocanas, Kevin Price, Essence Roland, Luis Sanchez, Dustin Simms, Brett Southard, Billy Stevenson, Renee Swisher, Krista Weiss, Jeffrey White, Ryan Whitehouse, Brendan Wiest, Cadricka Willis, David York, Kristina Zamora

A lot of time, nervousness and creative thinking goes into asking someone to a dance. But after the courage was gathered...

they *swept*
you off your
feet

Courtney Chapman, sophomore

"I cut up little pieces of red posterboard shaped in a heart-shaped puzzle which read, 'Will you go to WPA with me?' There were seven pieces and I left them in different places that I knew he would be the next day. The last puzzle piece I gave to him when he picked me up for a date. The answer was 'yes.'"

Chuck Neimoth, senior

"My girlfriend asked me to her Sadie Hawkins Dance by taping a note to my volleyball while I was playing in a tournament. She left before I could see her so I had to answer her later that night. It was right after we lost, so it put me in a much better mood."

Jeff Monger, senior

"I was at work and my girlfriend paged me. The numbers spelled out, 'Will you go to WPA with me?' I figured it out, called her back and said, 'Yes, I'd love to.'"

Celina Aldape, senior

"My sister's boyfriend put Hershey kisses from our garage door all the way to our bathtub which he filled with roses and he had a card that said, 'Now that I've kissed your feet and showered you with roses, will you go to prom with me?'"



Julia Adam
 Celina Aldape
 Shane Allen
 Christopher Ammerman
 Nicole Anderson



Larissa Andre
 Joanna Ansley
 Luke Armstrong
 Nicole Armstrong
 Brandon Atkins



Ryan Auf Der Heide
 Soo Bae
 Kathryn Barney
 Jaclyn Bartle
 Christine Beattie



Anthony Bedora
 Amy Belstner
 Trusha Bhatt
 Mary Birgenheier
 Angela Blake



Elizabeth Blake
 Meghan Blanks
 Lindsey Bosley
 Lisa Bowling
 Melissa Bowman



Jennifer Box
 Katherine Boyer
 Jonathan Bralley
 Gary Brewton
 Andrew Brinker



your own style

Everyone has their own sense of fashion. The trend-setters are always ahead of the crowd, or so they think...



Jessica Amir, freshman

"I liked the shorter 1-inch platforms and comfy-looking clothes. I hated the fishnet tights with holes in them because they are ugly. I also didn't like the combat boots with dresses, but people should be able to wear whatever they want."

Susie Roatch, sophomore

"I love the black pants trend. They can be fun and versatile. With different styles and fabrics, they can be worn for any occasion."

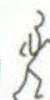


Justin Nickel, junior

"I think a bad thing this year is the big, baggy pants that gangsters wear. I normally wear boots, jeans, t-shirts and a hat. I like wearing Wranglers."

Krista Sperry, senior

"A good fashion trend has been the 'WWJD' bracelets. It has been a good chance for people to express their religion and opinions."



Josko Brkic
 Alison Brown
 Andrew Brown
 Nathan Brumet
 Jennifer Bruner



Sarah Brutto
 Ryan Burdolski
 John Bustle
 Amber Byrd
 Daniel Cady



Danielle Cady
 Andrew Caler
 Brett Callaghan
 Brandon Callison
 Christina Caples



Nina Carabajal
 Adam Carey
 Barrett Carver
 Travis Casper
 Shannon Cederlind



Catherine Chalk
 Carly Chandler
 Bradley Charette
 Matthew Christensen
 David Chung



Bryan Clark
 Ivory Clegg
 Brian Cobb
 Lisa Coester
 Kimberlee Conard



National Honors Society gave students the chance
to help others and meet people. NHS members
promised to be...

ON THEIR HONOR



Jeff Simms, senior, stands in front of the crowd of seniors in the Little Theater. As president of NHS, he is responsible for leading meetings. He quiets the chatting students and begins the discussion for the morning. He speaks about what has happened since the last meeting and what he has done as part of his commitment to National Honor Society (NHS).

NHS is an organization that encourages a student's scholastic ability as well as leadership capabilities and character development. Community service hours, a 3.5 GPA or better, and nine teacher recommendations were required for admittance. NHS was also a nice addition to any college application.

"When I found out I was in it, I was so excited. My parents were really proud. It was a big accomplishment for me," Christy Hallock, senior, said.

Throughout the year, members were required to have 10 total hours of community service. Students were responsible for their own hours, but there were several group projects. During Thanksgiving, the group visited a soup kitchen. Project Warmth, the clothing drive, and the Key Club book drive were also projects they participated in. Cougar Community Commitment activities and other non-profit organizations outside of school counted as service hours, as well.

"We had a clothing drive in downtown Kansas City and it was a real reality check for me. I don't usually see homeless people, and there I was, dealing with them," Simms said.

Meetings were held on the first Wednesday of every month in the Little Theater. Attendance at these meetings was required, and four absences were grounds for removal. Students agreed that these early morning meetings were the most difficult part of the club. Members discussed scholarship forms, college admittance, current projects and changes in the requirements for the following year: the GPA requirements would be raised and the number of necessary teacher requirements lowered.

Due to the large number of seniors in the club, students inevitably met people they did not know. Although their personalities differed, the common bond was their interest to succeed.

"NHS has a really good reputation. We do good things for people, but it's also a chance to meet people in my class that I didn't know," Dawn Nachbar, senior, said.

As the students fight to stay awake at 7 a.m., Simms closes the meeting with a reminder to pay dues for the special graduation cord each of them will be receiving.



At an early morning meeting, Jon Kurche, '97 graduate, speaks to NHS members about college preparation and life at Kansas State University.

After a meeting, Amy Randolph, senior, signs up for a NHS project while Jeff Simms, president, reflects on the meeting. —photos by John Graham and Keri Goodman

by Lauren Airey



*Drill team performed at assemblies, varsity football
half-time shows, basketball games and competitions. Discipline
and skill were necessary to light...*

MUSICA EN FUEGO

As the music starts to play, the crowd begins to clap to the beat. The Varsity Drill Team walks onto the court in formation and hits their beginning position. Rachel White, junior, feels the familiar adrenaline rush as she strikes the first move. Her rush of energy continues to show throughout the routine.

"I really love to perform in front of the entire school at assemblies. It's such a rush," Rachel White, junior, said.

The Cougar Classics attended an NCA Dance camp in June where they won various awards, but more importantly, they grew together as a team.

"The best thing about drill team has to be the friendships you make. After going through early morning practices and times when we are all frustrated, the hard work brings us closer," Emily Rees, senior said.

During marching season, the drill team was part of the Marching Cougar Pride. Each day began before sunrise with practices at 6:50 a.m. on the practice field. Here, the drill team practiced their halftime routine "Musica en Fuego," which means "Music on Fire," in Spanish.

All of the early practices paid off at the Kansas Music Educators Association annual competition on Oct. 18 in Lawrence where the drill team and marching band received a first-place rating.

"One of my favorite things about drill team is the competitions that we go to. They are a lot of fun and help us to become closer as a team," Kristen Quilty, sophomore, said.

Drill team was not all about competitions. It was also about having fun and making new friends. Before every performance the team met in the hallway outside of the girls locker room for circle.

"Circle is a time when we focus on the good and bad points of our performance. The officers also recognize someone who has done really well that week. It's very emotional; at least one person always cries," Leslie Duncan, sophomore, said.

The octopus award is given to someone who has shown outstanding effort before a performance by going out of their way to do something for the team or being a model of good behavior.

"I was so glad when I got the octopus because I sometimes feel inadequate because there are so many other talented dancers on the team. I felt that I counted enough to be recognized." Kathryn Larkin, senior, said.

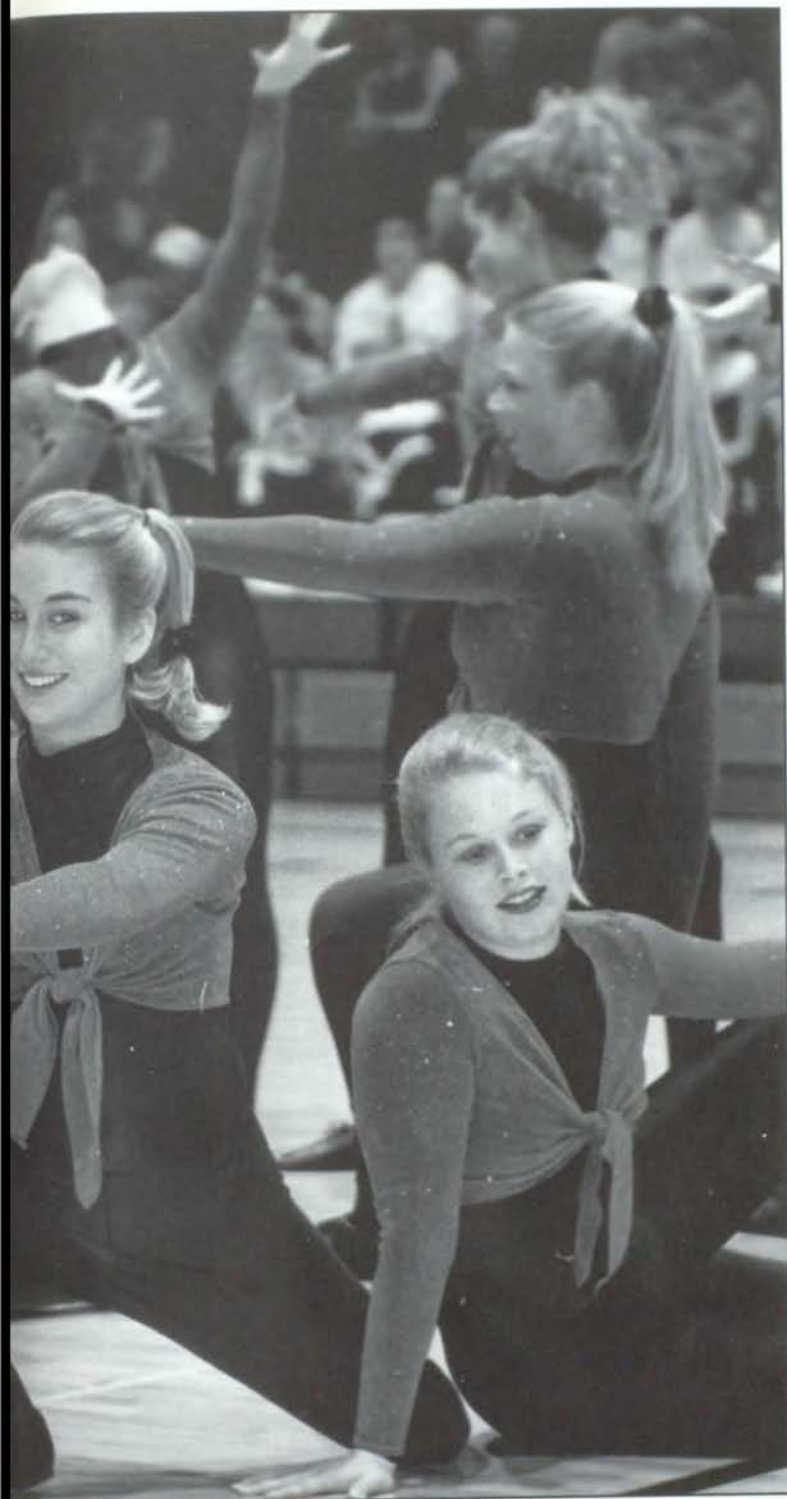
Once the routine is over, the smile on White's face shows that they are proud of their performance. While the crowd cheers, the exit music starts up. White walks off the basketball court with her chin held high.

by stephanie leclair



At a girls' basketball game, Courtney Chapman and Kristen Quilty, sophomores, smile as they strike the final pose in the varsity drill team's half-time performance to "Flashdance." The drill team rehearsed during first hour each day in order to perfect every aspect of their routines. —photo by Rachel Metzler

During the drill team performance with senior guys at the Winter Sports' Assembly, Chuck Niemoth, Mike Goudy and Brent Sails flip Andy VanZante and Dan Padavic over their arms. The senior holiday dance was a tradition for the drill team members. —photo by Rachel Metzler



Megan Cook
Emily Corbett



Kent Corser
Lisa Cosens



Michael Cosgrove
Whitney Coulter



Christopher Crabtree
Jacquelyn Crago



Katherine Creeden
Kenna Crone



Spencer Cryder
Jami Cudney



Sabrina Cullison
 Emily Davidson
 Jason Davis
 Brandon Dawson
 Blake Dean



Brandon Dean
 Michael Dekker
 Jason Dellinger
 William Dent
 Matthew Derks



Jonathan Dewald
 Elizabeth Dickey
 David Diepenbrock
 Brandie Dittman
 Leanna Dittrich



Hugh Downey
 Adrienne Dreher
 Ryan Duckworth
 Scott Dumm
 Jessica Duncan



Kevin Dusselier
 Adam Dworkis
 Laurie Easley
 Jared Ebel
 Erin Eberle



Christopher Emmel
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 Duncan Eshelman
 Justin Estes
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night on the town

Many teenagers' social lives revolve around dating, but their wallets could not always handle an expensive evening...

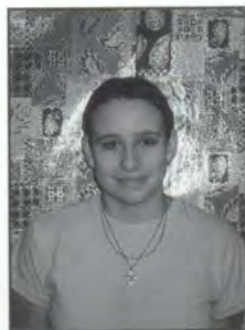


Aaron Rice, freshman

It has been my experience that women like a nice romantic dinner at Taco Bell. After that I would take her to a 'phat' party, then party all night 'till we drop.

Cammi Schaeffer, sophomore

I would go to the movies on a cheap date because that's about all you could fit in for \$15. I might go out for ice cream afterwards because it's cheap. Then I'd go to the park to eat it.



Christy Sauvan, junior

I would go to a fast food restaurant and then to a movie. It would be fun to get to know a person over a cheap dinner and talk. That, or I would rent a funny movie; not one that's too serious because you want to have fun the first time you go out with someone.

Sarah Stone, senior

I would go somewhere simple like a park and spend money on a picnic. It would be fun just hanging out. I would bring a frisbee and maybe my dog. We could talk, go on a bike ride, or go boating.



*SADD reminded students that although
high school was supposed to be fun,
drinking and driving should never mix.*

CAUTION: DANGER AHEAD

by ben lawrence

It is early Saturday morning and Megan Urquhart, SADD co-president, is driving to school to hang the chain of life, something that Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) had hung since 1991. Students had written their names on strips of paper and given them to SADD members to form the chain. Urquhart is optimistic knowing that the chain will make a difference in people's lives by educating them about the dangers of driving drunk.

"The chain of life is a symbol of the community that shows NW is caring for each other," Mary Ann Roatch, SADD co-president, said. "Hopefully, this will be the second year when it is not broken."

This year, the National SADD organization changed their name to Students Against Destructive Decisions (instead of Drunk Driving) and extending their area of concern to all aspects of choices that teenagers make. NW decided to stay focused on the issue of students driving drunk, and went by both names.

"We liked the idea of extending our area of focus to all 'destructive decisions', but agreed that drunk driving was still the main issue facing teenagers today. That is still one of the biggest decisions that teenagers will have to make," Mr. Carl Bolton, SADD sponsor, said.

The week before Homecoming, SADD sponsored an event called SADD Week to promote non-drinking activities. Members made announcements in the morning with facts about how often people die in drunk driving accidents. SADD also handed out candy during lunch with messages such as, "Don't be a dum-dum, don't drive drunk!" During the winter SADD week, they handed out candy canes to people that drove with their seat belt on.

In order to help educate the student body about the dangers of driving drunk, Roatch and Urquhart attended meetings with other SADD chapters in the district.

"We have district-wide SADD meetings where presidents get together and discuss ideas that we have received from the national SADD chapter," Roatch said

Urquhart stands back and looks at the chain that took her and other SADD members many hours to hang. She hopes the chain will not be broken this year.

At an early morning meeting, Emily Davidson, Megan Urquhart and Heather McLaughlin, seniors, organize student names to be used as part of the chain of life. The chain of life was a paper link of each NW student who promised not to drive while under the influence of alcohol during the school year. —photo by Keri Goodman

At a meeting in the little theater, Adrienne Dreher, senior, sits on the stage and sorts bumper stickers bearing the SADD slogan "Cougars with Pride Don't Drink and Drive." The bumper stickers were later distributed to the student body in the hope that students would choose not to drinking and driving. —photo by Keri Goodman





Melissa Ewing
Anastacia Faber



Thomas Fagan
Lyndsay Farnsworth



Jacob Fastner
Sarah Feil



David Felton
Katie Figgins



Callie Fischer
Kathryn Flaspohler



Sarah Flentie
Laura Fletcher



Laura Folsom
Jason Foster



Melody Fry
Alex Fulton



Jeffrey Gabrielson
Ashley Gallimore



Rebecca Galvan
Jennifer Gamm



Daniel Geyer
Kristi Gjerswold



Samuel Glennon
David Golden



Melissa Rohrer, junior, types the program for *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Every position, even assistant director, was filled by a student. —photo by Michael Dalbom



Beth Allin, junior, hugs Stacy Schwartz, freshman, during rehearsal for *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The actors worked hard to accurately portray their characters due to the reality of the play.
—photo by Rachel Metzler

Ms. Keli Rodgers, drama teacher, watches the actors during a rehearsal for *Anne Frank*. Rodgers had to make sure the events in the play correctly related to real-life time.
—photo by Michael Dalbom

Shoe polish and make-up brush in one hand, eye-liner in the other, I ran out of the scene shop looking for Melissa Rohrer, junior, so that I could transform her into an elderly woman. With brown and white cream make-up I was able to turn her into Arvella Abernathy from *Guys & Dolls*.

The ability to do age make-up for plays was something I learned from Ms. Keli Rodgers, drama teacher, in her Repertory Theater class. We learned to do make-up, direct plays and we performed student-directed plays.

"Directing was definitely a challenge worth taking," Nicole Anderson, senior, said. "I learned a lot from it that I never realized."

While Repertory Theater was a class for the actors, people behind the scenes took Stage Craft. They learned to develop scene designs, construct sets and helped backstage of the Repertory shows.

"We recognize all aspects of the theatrical process," Ms. Rodgers said. "Actors can act all day long, but they need someone to light them and give them sets."

Seconds before opening night of *Guys & Dolls*, the cast gathers in a circle, with pinky fingers clasped. Luke Armstrong, senior, says the pledge "Theater is magic, blessed are those that make that magic." Each cast member turns their minds to what they are about to do, as they squeeze the finger next to them, passing along energy. Adam Mall, senior, in a sweep of emotion, tells the cast why he loves to act. We were left with a feeling of respect. Magic was truly in the air.

by hasey ragan

KEEPING THE ILLUSION

*Whether they were
bowling away the
night or performing
such memorable plays
as The Nerd and The
Diary of Anne Frank,
the drama department
never lost sight of...*



Forensics members were usually preparing their act for upcoming competitions. Whether acts were memorized or improvised, students were always...

ACTING ON INSTINCT

by audrey feldmann

Beep! Beep! Beep! Smack! I slap the snooze button as my alarm wakes me up at 6 a.m. Saturday morning. Groggily, I get myself ready to go and head out the door. SM West is my destination for my third forensics tournament this year.

"Forensics is worth sacrificing Saturdays because it is so entertaining" Joe Jarvis, junior, said.

Jarvis, a third-year forensicator, served as tournament director for the novice competition that the squad hosted this year.

"Coordinating everything and getting everyone to do their share was the hardest part of running the tournament. It takes a lot of people and a lot of work to keep everything running smoothly," Jarvis said.

All the time and effort that forensics entailed could be a bit overwhelming to students new to the activity. Unlike debate, where teams competed against others at their own level, a first-year forensicator was likely to compete against someone who had been doing forensics for four years and had gone to the state level competition.

"I didn't know what to expect," Jessica Chapman, sophomore, said.

Chapman competed in the individual events of duo interpretation, poetry, and prose. For prose, students read a story with their own voice inflections and hand gestures. The story must be published somewhere. Chapman's prose piece was written by her older sister and published in Northwest's art and literary magazine, *Penpoint*.

Acting event participants could use a piece from a collection for general use. Competitors in speaking events often used current magazine and newspaper articles. Almost all events required extensive legwork before going to a tournament. But all the hard work paid off; the squad did well, qualifying several to the state competition in both acting and speaking events.

It is 4:45 p.m. and the awards ceremony is in full-swing. They call flight A Prose finalists to the front, and I navigate my way there. I stand and wait to claim my medal.

Jeremy Foster, sophomore, gives a speech on "Worry to the Judge." Foster received sixth place in the oratory competition at Blue Valley Northwest. Forensics students were trained to speak eloquently about a wide range of subjects that could be given to them. —*photo by Kerri Goodman*

Looking through a magazine, Andrew Bailey, junior, researches for his next forensics speech. Students prepared thoroughly before each tournament by using multiple sources. Bailey received fifth place in foreign extemporaneous speaking. This was Bailey's third consecutive year being actively involved in forensics. —*photo by Brandon Baker*





Keri Goodman
James Goudy



Kevin Grantham
Stephanie Grismore



Larissa Grodecki
Katherine Gruenewald



Diana Hall
Christy Hallock



Kay Hammons
Tara Haney

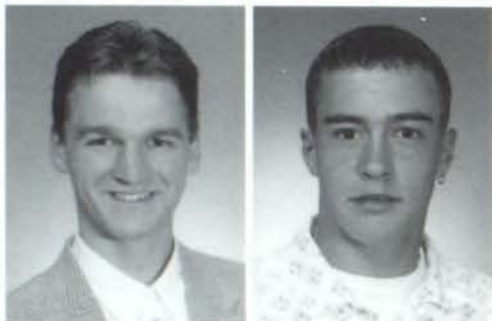


Christina Hansel
Carroll Hanusch

Jessica Harck
Candace Harrison



Donald Hartford
William Haverkamp



James Haynes
L. Graham Heaven



Jacqueline Heinen
Devin Henderson



Andrea Henricks
Benjamin Hicks



Lauren Hincks
Nicholas Hoelting



During the half-time show at a varsity football game, Kim Conard, drum major, directs the Marching Cougar Pride from the top of a ladder. As drum major, Conard was in charge of the marching of the band, both at performances and rehearsals. "It is the coolest feeling in the world. I call everybody to attention, in my little voice, and I have 150 people yell back at me. Each game progressively gets better," Conard said—photo by Bryson Gay



KEEPING IN STEP

by vicki conner



At a spirit assembly, drumline members Billy Finnell, Devin Henderson, and Jeff Nickerson concentrate while performing their competitive routine for the student body. The drumline's hard work payed off when they were awarded second place at the Blue Springs Drumline Competition in the fall. —photo by

In August, most students were frantically trying to end their summer with a bang. They worked to accomplish each summer activity, from vacationing to swimming, before another school year began all too soon.

I was experiencing a different kind of "bang:" the bang of a drum. A drumline drum, that is.

Each year, the Marching Cougar Pride, made up of the marching band and the drill team, kicked off their season with a summer band camp.

From the first day, we were told that camp was different from past years. Of course it was different to me because it was new, and new is different. But change was spread all over the marching field.

A big differences in the band was freshmen being allowed to march, where in previous times sophomores were the youngest in the group. Overall, I think the new concept worked out well. Besides, there were many upperclassmen who had as much or more difficulty staying on the right foot as the freshmen did!

Band members seemed to show greater commitment to the group this year. From day one, I noticed people talking about the greater responsibility accepted by the band's leaders.

"We worked to make the band our band, meaning the student's. The upperclassmen tried to reflect that on the freshmen. Seniority isn't one person. It's different people in different situations," Kim Conard, drum major, said.

One adjustment I had to make for marching band was being at school 40 minutes earlier than usual. Daily rehearsals began strictly at seven. While students filed sluggishly into the school, we worked on our marching routines, searching for perfection. In order to prevent tardiness from early morning rehearsals, some sections resorted to almost humorous measures.

"In drumline, if we were one minute late we had to do 10 push-ups. If we were two minutes late, it was 20, and so on. If you didn't listen or kept screwing up, push-ups. If you didn't learn the music, push-ups. In the end, though, it made our section more disciplined," Cory Smith, junior, said.

Our hard work paid off each time we performed. We were the half-time shows at varsity football games, and we kept the crowd entertained by playing in pep band during the games.

In October, we competed at the KMEA contest. Tension was high, and everyone was nervous. I tried to concentrate on my marching, as I did not want to make a mistake. Besides, we all were scared of how solemn the bus ride home would be if we did not do our best.

Although our performance was not flawless, we knew it was rather good. The judges agreed, awarding the Marching Cougar Pride a "one" or superior rating. Our pride soared, and we were happy to be the loudest group at the competition. The bus ride home was a blast.

On a dreary Saturday morning, we marched in the American Royal Parade. Despite the weather and some very inconveniently located horse droppings, the band played on. We were named the Top Band of the Parade.

I can't think of another way I would have rather ended my summer...



It needs to be catchy. Should be interesting. Must show contrast, and can't be boring. Has to showcase the talent, and hide the weakness...

March on Welsh Air? Too easy. *Korean Fok Song?* Not too hard; a possibility. *Children's March?* Keep it.

Song selection was a part of every band. Even in marching band, the wrong choice of music could be disastrous. This held true in each group, including concert band, symphonic band and jazz band.

Students involved in the band program shared a love for music and enjoyed playing their instruments. Dedicated Symphonic, Concert and Jazz Band members played their hearts out to ensure that...

posed of top musicians. Very competitive auditions resulted in a smaller, more advanced group.

"I thought try-outs were a lot better this year because it was actually like you were trying out, not just making the band because you're a senior. They helped weed out the people who weren't very good," Erica Van de Voort, senior, said.

Although Concert band members did not try-out, they were required to

remain serious, and emphasis was placed on improving basic musical skills.

The Concert and Symphonic bands both competed at the spring district competitions. Separate contests for the two bands allowed both to perform their best without competing against one another.

Jazz band was the other audition instrumental group. Made up of about 20 members, jazz band focused on performing the best blues and jazz music. Tunes were often by famous jazz composers, and songs were sometimes well known.

"Jazz band gives me the opportunity to play with the best musicians in the school. You can really learn a lot in an environment like that," Scott Smalley, senior, said.

All band members shared a common bond: the love of music.

THE *by vicki conner* BAND PLAYED ON



During his seventh hour Jazz band class, Josh Coulter, sophomore, concentrates on his trombone music. Jazz band members were selected by competitive auditions. —photo by Rachel Metzler



Practicing alone, rather than with the rest of the band, Rachel Bernard and Brian Pack, juniors, work on their part of the *Children's March* musical piece. Their Symphonic Band class took place during first hour. —photo by Vicki Conner



Boyd Pro, junior, strums his guitar as part of the percussion section of jazz band. Percussion included drums, piano and guitars. —photo by Rachel Metzler



Timothy Hoge
Ryan Holcomb



Lauren Holmes
Sarah Holmes



Dani Horseman
Gregory Horton



Brian Horvath
Carolyn House



Lani Houston
Jonathan Howell



Michael Howell
Johnny Hsu



Wendy Hudson
 Jacia Humiston
 Andrew Hurrelbrink
 Lisa Hutchison
 Holly Hydeman



James Ingraham
 Casey Jeffery
 Angela Jepson
 Tina Jin
 C. Brad Jodts



Erica Johansen
 Allenna Johnson
 Brett Johnson
 Katy Johnson
 Jennifer Jolly



Aaron Jones
 Brandon Jones
 Katherine Judd
 Thomas Karcz
 Amit Kashyap



Breonna Keaton
 Kara Keener
 David Kelly
 Susan Kelsey
 Jessica Kile



Kelly Killingsworth
 Diana Kim
 Susie Kim
 Justin King
 Angelia Klindt



snapshot

holly pruit

by jennifer bucchele



feeling excited and just a little nervous Holly Pruitt, senior, walks into the Convention Hall in Wichita for her performance in the State KMEA music festival. As she enters, she can hear the clattering of music stands as the other students await the beginning of the concert. Pruitt takes her seat as first chair clarinet of the All-State Band, pulls out her music, assembles her clarinet and gets ready to play.

"Making first chair in the state was exciting and an honor, but at the same time I was nervous and scared because I had to play solos," Pruitt said.

Along with being first in the state, Pruitt was a member of six other band groups. At school, she participated in Symphonic Band, Pep Band, Jazz Combos and the Marching Cougar Pride. Outside of school, Pruitt was a member of the Kansas City Youth Wind Ensemble and was one of only two clarinets in the Kansas City Youth Chamber Orchestra.

"I used to be really shy, but band has helped me to open up and I have met a lot of new people," Pruitt said.

Along with clarinet, Pruitt also played the mellophone in the Marching Band.

"I leaned how to play the mellophone at band camp over the summer. It's a lot of fun because it's different from the clarinet and since it's a brass instrument I am able to play much louder as well," Pruitt said.

The conductor raises his hands, motioning the band members to get ready. The Convention Hall, which only moments ago was full of commotion, becomes completely quiet. Pruitt draws her instrument up to her mouth, ready to play. Upon the conductor's signal to begin, a loud burst of music pierces the silence and fills the air. Just as their final piece concludes a loud roar is heard from the audience as they begin to applaud. Pruitt, along with the rest of the band, stands up to take a bow. As she takes her bow, all nervousness leaves Pruitt's mind and she is glad she had the opportunity to play in the festival.



Holly Pruitt, senior, builds a house during her fourth hour drafting class. During her first hour Symphonic Band class, Pruitt sight reads a new music piece. —photos by Keri Goodman

freeze frame

How has band affected your life?

"Band has helped me to meet a lot of new people and make a lot of new friends."

-Walter Brown,
freshman

"I have learned that when someone doesn't do their part everything can fall apart."

-Ann Morris,
sophomore

"Band has given me a lot of friends and memories that I will have for the rest of my life."

-Jill Agre,
junior



“Is reality really reality? If all one perceives is fantasy, then fantasy becomes reality. Therefore, reality is only what one perceives,” Jenny Simpson, senior, said.

Reality versus fantasy is just one of the many topics discussed in Philosophy Club. Members engaged in an in-depth analysis of ancient philosophers such as Plato and Confucius. They took the ideas of these great thinkers and applied them to their own lives.

Philosophy Club members discussed the ideas of ancient philosophers and related them to problems they had at home and school. The club's relaxed environment allowed students to share their...

The young philosophers were able to discuss their problems that they experienced at home and school.

“We usually come in and talk about our troubles. Since we're such a close, small group we don't have to worry about our problems getting spread all around school,” Susan Wood, senior, said.

In a sociological exercise, Philosophy Club members wandered the halls and bathrooms to examine the graffiti that was inscribed on the

walls thought the building.

“We went into the girls' bathroom and wrote stuff about being a lesbian on the walls. We thought it would be interesting to see how people would react and if we could get a response,” Bjorn Stromberg, senior, said.

Members met after school every Tuesday to have their discussions with Simpson and Stromberg as their presidents.

“My title is President of Presidents of Presidents of Presidents... it's a way to describe the hierarchy of authority in the club. Bjorn Stromberg is the President of Thought. We're really laid back. There is really no absolute authority in the club. I

by jennifer jolly

DEEP thoughts



At an after school meeting of the Philosophy Club, president of Thought Bjorn Stromberg explains his opinion on a philosophy to president Jenny Simpson. At their gatherings, members discussed issues that affected them and related to their lives at school and at home. —photo by Bryson Gay

Philosophy Club members Adam Carey, Jenny Simpson, and Bjorn Stromberg, seniors carefully pay attention to the ideas of a new member. Meetings were very informal and students made themselves comfortable to openly discuss their philosophies with each other. —photo by Bryson Gay



Bradley Kline
Ellen Knocke



Jason Kolich
Sarah Kring



Catherine Krstulic
Timothy Kulp



Mae Luen Kuo
Sarah Kurien



Michelle Lai
Lane Laird



Dennis Lammert
Kathryn Larkin



Amy Lawson
Nicole LeClaire



Tara Ledbetter
Hye Lee



Jenny Lee
Joo Lee



Dwight Lewis
Brady Lilja



Kelly Lohman
William Lohrey



Stephan Long
Eric Longman



Adam Carey, senior, reads a poem while Susie Krull, sophomore, looks over his shoulder. It often took several readings before a decision could be reached. —photo by Bryson Gay

*Penpoint, Northwest's Literary Magazine,
provided an outlet for students to explore
their creative sides through...*

WORDS OF EXPRESSION

by kasey ragan and jennifer jolly

Words on paper, written with meaning,
emotion sweeping from quatrain to couplet.
Sonnets of love,

Delicate prose about life's little lemons.

The thoughts of youth in one
beautiful package called Penpoint.

"It's the reflection of the people you see at school every day. You see depth to people that you ordinarily wouldn't notice," Brandon Cox, sophomore, said. After many cancelled meetings and empty boxes, The editors, in a desperate cry for submissions, Decided that a contest was the only solution.

"We thought a contest would bring in submissions from people who would normally not participate in our magazine," Jeff McNeal, senior editor-in-chief, said.

Pacing back and forth,
Words flowing from their mouths,
Excitement building with every new line,
The climax builds, everyone anticipating, and
Boom... The end.

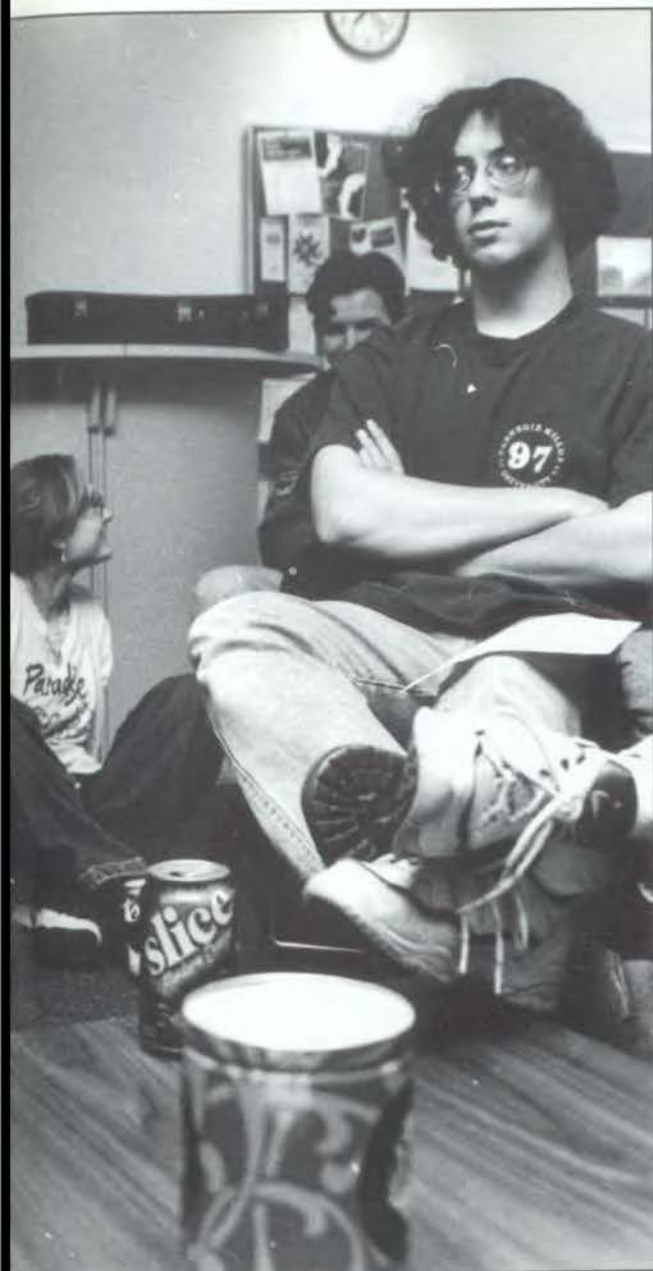
Simply reading someone else's work,
Gave many members goose bumps.

"It's really exciting when you read a poem that shows such intelligence and creativity," Larissa Grodecki, senior copy editor, said.

Expressions of joy and sorrow,
love and hate

Well represented in poetry, prose, stories and art
Members found themselves defending works that they loved.

"You can get really discouraged when hearing or reading things that irritate or don't connect with you. But, when you come to something that slaps you in the face, you want it in the magazine. You defend it, fight for it, and you won't stop until everyone is as consumed about it as you are." Scott Longman, sophomore, said.



Rod Wakefield, Carrie House and Adam Dworkis, seniors, discuss poetry at a Penpoint meeting. They met Thursday evenings to determine which entries would be published in their magazine. —photo by Bryson Gay



Feeling free to say what she thinks, Larissa Grodecki, senior, states her opinion on a piece of work that was submitted. But respecting the opinions of others was a must during meetings in order to a fair and unbiased discussion. —photo by Bryson Gay



Sometimes the simple words we read can touch us deeply. Those phrases we hope to live by remain in our minds indefinitely...

quote unquote



Bryson Rumble, freshman

I like the quote 'No pain, no gain.' I'm reminded of it when I play roller hockey. To me it means that if you get pushed down, you just need to get back up and try harder.

Kelly Krueger, sophomore

"Every day in Africa, a lion wakes. It knows it must out run the slowest gazelle, or it will starve to death. Everyday in Africa, a gazelle wakes. It knows it must out run the fastest lion, or it will get eaten. It doesn't matter if you're a lion or a gazelle. When the sun rises, you'd better be running."



Meredith Green, junior

'Ask the animals and they will teach you. Ask the birds and they will tell you. Ask the fish in the sea and they will inform you. If this is your path, the animals will teach you.'

Jake White, senior

I was coming home from school when I had my wreck. I turned to look at the side and the girl in front of me slammed on her brakes. I ran into the back of her and I cracked the windshield with my head. I had whiplash and a concussion. That was my third concussion.





Scott Lynn
Matthew Lyons
Leslie Maciejewski
Danny Maisch
Shelby Malin



Adam Mall
J. Mark Maresko
Katharine Marsh
Matthew McAnaw
Laura McAndrews



Robert McCall
Nicholas McCord
Natalie McFadden
Susan McIlvain
Melissa McKibben



Heather McLaughlin
Michael McNary
Jeffrey McNeal
Elizabeth Meier
Rachel Metzler



Jonathon Michaels
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Alvin Miller
Amy Miller
Bradley Mirakian



Megan Moffett
Christopher Molloy
Jeffrey Monger
Stacy Montee
Laura Morrison

Sarah Motzkus
Gregory Mulhulland



Dawn Nachbar
Nikita Negandhi



Emily Nelson
Jeffrey Nelson



Jeffrey Nickerson
Andrew Nicks



Charles Niemoth
Ole Kristian Nilsen



Walter Norman
Joel Norris



Members of Cougars Community Commitment shared an interest in service projects. While assisting both the young and the young at heart, students were willing to lend...

A HELPING HAND

Sarah Kurien, senior, stands idly in the corner of the packed room. She admires the work she and her fellow Cougar Community Commitment (CCC) members have done. They view a group of Lakeview Retirement Center Residents boogying, while doing the Macarena. Kurien watches as one of the senior citizen's face lights up with joy as she is asked to share a dance.

Besides holding dances for the elderly once a month, members of CCC provided other entertainment for elderly citizens and local elementary schools. The students encouraged the school children to read by reading to them. CCC members also aided the elementary teachers by grading papers and teaching the children.

"I go to Rhein Benninghoven to help Mrs. Kelly's first grade class. Sometimes I sit with them and help them with their reading. When a kid gets the word right their face lights up and it makes me feel that I have somehow helped them in their journey to development. I enjoy working with the children because it gives me experience to become an elementary school teacher," Ashley Gallimore, senior, said.

At the Lakeview Retirement Center, CCC members visited with the senior citizens and participated in one-on-one activities such as taking walks.

"It (visiting the retirement home) is worth it. Someday I may be old, and I'd like for some nice kid to help me out," Cory Yates, senior, said.

Whatever each CCC member gained from the program depended on the effort he or she put in.

"Do onto others as you would have them do onto you," Jeff Weber, junior, said.

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At the Halloween party, Susie Kelsey, senior, dances with one of the residents of Lakeview Retirement Center. They spent the Saturday night getting to know each other and having fun on the dance floor. —photos by Rachel Metzler

At a CCC Halloween dance for senior citizens from Lakeview Retirement Home, Sarah Feil, senior, helps a resident get her food from a buffet line. Desserts at the party were provided by CCC members. —photo by Rachel Metzler

Lauren Holmes and Adrienne Dreher, seniors, struggle to carry a box upstairs while helping an elderly woman move into her house. —photo by Christina Lang



A HELPING HAND

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CCC members also worked at the Shawnee Price Chopper, where they placed coupons on products for shoppers to use. The money saved from the coupons could be taken off the customer's purchase or be donated to CCC. Eventually, CCC donated the money to those residents of our community who were in need.

This year CCC gave the student body a chance to choose a Teacher of the Month. Students picked a teacher who they thought deserved this honor due to their teaching abilities.

"We decided to do a Teacher of the Month to publicly express our appreciation for the fine work our teachers do for students. So many times our teachers go unrecognized for the work they do," Ron Poplau, CCC sponsor, said.

The winning teachers were presented with a gift certificate. The first teacher presented with the award was Van Rose. CCC wanted to make teachers who teach, know that they are appreciated by students they have taught.

"We wanted to do Teacher of the Month Award because Mr. Poplau told us a story about a teacher who insisted that he hated being here at Northwest. We want Northwest to be a place that teachers enjoy teaching and being here each day," Sarah Weekly, junior, said.

CCC members also had the experience of talking to convicts. Over Labor Day weekend, members of CCC assisted in returning a convict to society. Besides visiting him, the members donated furniture and helped him settle into his new home.

"We tried to give him a personal tie with the community," Katherine Larkin, co-president, said.

While the last group of senior citizens leave, Kurien looks at the scattered decorations on the tables and floor. The room that was once packed was now empty and ready for her and other CCC members to clean. Kurien does not regret that she gave up her Saturday night. In fact, she feels good that she did what she could to aid the members of the elderly community.

by Lindsay Derr and Paula Taschler



As part of their Cougar Community Commitment class, Jeff Weber, junior, and Mark Smith, senior, stick special coupons on food products at the Shawnee Price Chopper. At the Halloween dance, seniors Tom Karcz, Adrienne Dreher, Laura McAndrews, Dawn Nachbar, and Katherine Larkin perform as a band to entertain senior citizens. —photos by Christina Lang and Rachel Metzler



Paula O'Connor
Amanda Oropeza
Julie Ortmann
Jonathan Owens, Jr.
Joshua Owens



Daniel Padavic
Marcie Paegelow
Richard Parizek
Sacara Parrish
Wess Parsons



Janet Patchen
Matthew Peterson
Jenna Pierce
Ian Pointelin
Matthew Potter



Josie Pratt
Lindsey Presley
Holly Pruitt
Emily Ptacek
Kasey Ragan



Amy Randolph
Katie Redhair
Emily Rees
Jamie Reese
Jessica Reppert



Emily Rice
Kathryn Richardson
Tara Richart
Ashley Richerson
Mary Ann Roatch



Julie Rock
Ryan Rogers



Kenneth Root
Stephen Rose



Lainie Rosenthal
Jesko Rossman



Jeremy Rowe
Kevin Royer



Lydia Ruddy
Brett Rushton



Renee Russell
Bradley Sager





Sitting on the gym floor, B.J. Haverkamp, senior, tapes the winter sports assembly for the Christmas edition of the KUGR news show. Haverkamp is a camera man for the news segment of NW Dimensions. KUGR students tried to cover every important event that occurred at the school. —photo by Rachel Metzler

Billy Dent, senior, sits at the editing table and edits the latest copy of NW Dimensions, KUGR's television news show, for visual and sound problems. KUGR students had to do much 'behind the scenes' work before a show could be aired. Dent is also a narrator for several of the segments. —photo by John Graham

“5

...4...3...2...1!” Aaron Cooper, junior, pointed his finger at the camera and said, “Go camera one!” Emily Corbett, senior, smiles and says, “Welcome to this edition of NW Dimensions. This is Emily Corbett. Today we have a story

on Fellowship of Christian Athletes...”

KUGR was the school's television station that put on five shows per year. Taping was held at the Indian Creek Technology Center. It took the KUGR staff four hours to tape a 30-minute segment. In this time, they were responsible for running the switcher, operating the cameras, and cueing the anchors.

Original story ideas were difficult to find. New places and concepts were needed for each show. The staff covered local news, sports and feature stories. Most interviewing for these stories took place during fifth hour. Feature stories were stories covered outside of school and traveling was required.

“We went to some coffee houses in Westport for a story on coffee first semester,” Holly Welter, junior, told a class of prospective staff members.

During the Radio and T.V class, students conducted interviews, edited tapes and researched stories. Students received grades based on the quality of their work, meeting deadlines, and other written work. The staff was selected on the basis of their technical ability, their patience and their sense of humor. To meet production deadlines, staff members put in many hours of work after school and on the weekends.

“Even though our class time looks really chaotic, we get a lot accomplished. I spend four to seven hours a week working on the show,” Cooper said.

Being a part of KUGR helped many students to select a career in broadcast journalism. Skills learned during high school that could be beneficial in their futures.

“I want to major in broadcast journalism in college. This class has taught me techniques of being on-air and how to edit,” Katie Boyer, senior, said.

“...Thanks for watching this edition of NW Dimensions. Have a safe and happy Valentine's Day.” Cooper cued the cameras off and said...

Students involved in KUGR were responsible for writing, producing, and editing NW Dimensions, a news show put on throughout the year. It gave students an insight into the field of broadcast journalism.

THAT'S A WRAP

by Lauren Airey and Jennifer Buechle





snapshot

chuck niemoth

by Lauren Brandenburg



Chuck Niemoth, senior, hits a volleyball during a practice. As part of a Student Council activity on Kansas Day, Niemoth plays the role of a lunch lady in the school cafeteria. —photo by Keri Goodman

It was the 1996 national championship tournament for junior volleyball, and the team Chuck Niemoth, senior, was playing on was the underdog. But it turned out to be Niemoth's best moment in volleyball.

"We beat our archrivals in the junior qualifier. We weren't supposed to be there, we weren't supposed to win that game, no one had heard of us, and we were the shortest team there," Niemoth said. "But winning that last point was my favorite moment in volleyball, and I've probably watched that last point on videotape over 100 times."

Volleyball has been Niemoth's passion for years. He joined his first team in the eighth grade after seeing his older brother join one.

"I put more into volleyball than anything else, put more effort into it than schoolwork. My biggest motivation is for the team. Last year we finished really good at nationals, and this year a few players are talking about a national championship, so nationals is probably my biggest motivation. I am also competing for next year, because I would love to start as a setter for college."

Since joining his first team five years ago, Niemoth has expanded his horizons. He manages the girls' volleyball team at school and holds a job in addition to being president of the Technology Club and a member of student council, spirit club, NHS, and the technology student association. Out of all of these activities though, Niemoth's plans include volleyball

and a career in the field of technology.

"I think I'm going to go to the University of California Irvine and major in mechanical engineering, and hopefully start for their volleyball team."

Not all of his accomplishments have come easily though. He has learned a lot from watching his father, which helps explain the reason for his volleyball successes.

"The biggest influence on my life is probably my dad more than anybody else because of his work ethic and dedication to what he does."

freeze frame

Why is playing sports important to you?

"Tennis is important to me because I have a lot of high set goals."

-Taylor White,
freshman

"Playing sports gives me something to do and helps me to stay in shape."

-Matt Reichl,
sophomore

"It's a great way to meet people and gives me a good way to spend my time."

-Jaime Wyatt,
junior



Brent Sails
Carlos Salazar
Patrick Saleh
Melissa Sanders
Emily Sawyer



Jesse Schomer
Holland Schooler
Derrick Schultz
Kevin Schwab
Claire Scott



Justin Sell
Kyle Sexton
Laurie Sexton
Scott Shaw
Jennifer Sherry



Jeffrey Shockey
Erica Shoults
Erick Shultz
Ryan Siegert
Christine Sime



Nicholas Simien
Jeffrey Simms
Eric Simonich
Jennifer Simpson
Jeffrey Sims



Kendra Sizemore
Amanda Sliffe
Scott Smalley
Jennifer Smith
Mark Smith

Noel Smith
 Sara Smith
 Shane Soltvedt
 Jennifer Sparks
 Krista Sperry



Heidi Sprague
 Anya Stankewsky
 Lisa Stanton
 Cory Stone
 Sarah Stone



Michelle Stoway
 Bjorn Stromberg
 Nicole Sztorch
 Kelly Taylor
 Kenneth Taylor



Chad Tebbe
 Christine Tennissen
 Joel Teply
 Tsion Tesfaye
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Lindsay Thomas
 Allison Thompson
 Kevin Thurman
 Sean Tilley
 Andrew Toburen



Clayton Todd
 Adam Toren
 Mark Trinder
 Melanie Trinkler
 David Tucker



rise and shine

Mornings are all too often simply crazy. Trying to choose the perfect outfit and do your hair just right causes many to feel overly stressed...



Richard Busch, freshman

Every morning I wake up, take a shower, and get dressed. A lot of times I wake up late and end up having to miss breakfast in order to make it to school on time.

Jena Shackelford, sophomore

I normally have to rush to get ready in the morning because I hit the snooze button so many times. When I'm not in a hurry, I take my time, eat breakfast, and check the scores in the sports section of the newspaper.



Brad Peterson, junior

I wake up at 6:45 and hurry to get ready and leave the house by 6:55. I sometimes feel rushed, but I work well under pressure. Occasionally I don't comb my hair so I can get to class on time.

Tom Karz, senior

Most mornings I wake up about 10 minutes until 7:00. I get ready away from my sister because she usually gets done about 7:15. We try not to rush each other. I usually don't eat breakfast because it saves me time.



WORTH 1,000 WORDS

by dawn longobardi

They wanted each picture to be worth at least thousand words. Photojournalists spent many hours making sure each of their photos said something special.

The photojournalism staff spent a great deal of time after school fulfilling their assignments for yearbook and newspaper. Almost three hours each day were spent in the darkroom.

Students in Photojournalism experienced the art of photography firsthand. Photographers worked hard to give life to their pictures, which were published in both the school newspaper and yearbook.

"People think that taking pictures and developing film is easy, but it's not," Rachel Metzler, senior, said.

Processing film was often very tricky. If the photographers did not develop their film correctly, they usually had to reshoot the whole assignment.

"I spend a lot of time on my assignments and it's a lot of work, but at the end it's cool because you get to see your name under your picture," Bryson Gay, junior, said.

Photographers could be found at sporting events, club meetings and drama productions. They were seldom seen without their cameras around their necks, always hoping for that "spur of the moment" shot.

Good photographers were always determined to get a good shot and focused on capturing a moment in time. They needed both skill and luck to create the best products. From experimenting with different types of pictures and film, photographers learned techniques that would help them in the future.

"I hope through photojournalism and the photography class I'm taking this summer, I can learn more methods to being a good photographer. When I'm older, I hope photography will still be a part of my life," Tiffany Mattson, sophomore, said.

Working for a common goal, which was providing photographs for the school publications, made the photojournalists a close-knit group.

"We get into a lot of little fights and place a lot of blame on each other. But when it comes down to it, we have to get along and most of the time we do. We have a blast," Metzler said.

Although the pictures were not actually able to speak, they said something different to every person.

Leaning over a rock wall, Rachel Metzler, senior, zooms in on the cross country team. Photojournalists were always seen with their cameras in case of a picture opportunity. —photo by Michael Dalbom

At a local golf course, Clay Hoelting, sophomore, tries to take the perfect photograph of the school's girls' golf team. Photographers often had to travel to picture locations. —photo by Michael Dalbom





Joshua Turner
Paul Tuttle



Kelly Umberger
Ashley Underwood



Michael Urbom
Megan Urquhart



Aaron Uzelac
Erica Van De Voort



Andrew Van Zante
Kristin Vanderhagen



Mark Vanderweide
Leah Vandiver



Ann Vielhauer
Emily Vogel



Roderick Wakefield
George Walden



Jennifer Walker
Alison Walla



Daniel Warne
Kelly Warren



Leah Watkins
Tiffany Watson



Jonathan Wear
Brian Welch





After graduating early from high school, Jami Cudney, '98 graduate, spends her days working at the Burlington Coat Factory. The 27 seniors from the graduating class who chose to finish their high school careers early had to carefully plan their high school schedules. —photo by Keri Goodman

Leaving behind her high school days, Jackie Craigo, '98 graduate, packs a suitcase of clothes. Craigo graduated at semester and immediately began her college career at Kansas University. —photo by Keri Goodman

Since elementary school, students have looked forward to summer. But what if summer vacation started in December?

For 27 seniors, it did. These 27 students graduated at the end of first semesters end in December.

"I get to sleep in and stay out as late as I want. Everyone else is in school, I'm sleeping," Leslie Maciejewski, '98, said.

In order to meet all the requirements needed to graduate early, most importantly English, a student graduating at semester either had to go to summer school five hours a day, five days a week, three weeks of the summer, or go to night school.

"It kind of sucked sitting there, (summer school) knowing you didn't have to be there, but I told myself it's three weeks compared to a semester," Jacia Humiston, '98 said.

Once out, many early graduates either bulked up on credit for state universities by going to Johnson County Community College (JCCC) or worked to save money for the future.

"I'm working and saving money. I'm going to JCCC next year and get rid of my freshman classes and then go to KU," Michael Rix '98 said.

Melody Frye went directly to college after graduation. She began second semester as a freshman at Kansas State University (KSU).

"My parents just said, 'Well, you already know what you want to do, so just go do it,'" Frye said.

Those contemplating graduating early sometimes felt that they would miss out on things but Frye said that she would not miss Prom, and besides, if she did, KSU has its own formal.

Some enjoyed the new lifestyle away from home.

"It's a totally different atmosphere. I was ready to move on," Frye said.

Rix also realized the disadvantages of getting out early.

"It's a lot easier, I don't have to worry about homework and studying, but I do worry about making payments for the apartment I'm getting soon."

A small percent of the senior class worked extra hard throughout their high school career with the intention of not only graduating but graduating early. They struggled to experience every aspect of high school before...

by brad sager

LEAVING THE NEST



Benjamin White
Jacob White
Sarah White
Jennifer Wickizer
William Wickstrom



Bryan Wilcox
Erik Wilhelmi
Susan Wood
Cheryl Woodburn
Brian Wosel



Aubrey Wright
Misty Wright
Chad Wynia
Cory Yates
Julie Yonker



Veronica Young
Bo Mi Yu
Sok Yun
Jenny Yuran
Justin Yurkovich



Christopher Zarda
Justin Zart
Heidi Zimmerman
Joseph Zucht



Not Pictured: Sean Daniels, Kevin Derks, Smita Desai, Joshua Eker, Kourtney Francis, Nicole Georges–Abeyie, Nicole Georges, Jeremy Gillespie, Mickael Greathouse, Syed Haider, Matthew Kim, Vu Le, Andrew Ligas, Anna Mason, Kevin McNamara, John Meiners, Lester Melton, Fortune Mukabizi, Nandish Patel, Ricky Patterson, Chad Puskas, Kimberly Raley, Jason Renner, Michael Rix, Angela Schubert, Andrea Stephans, Karen Thaira, Melissa Wilson, Richard Wilson, Wai Yip



Volleyball, sophomore – Row 1: L. Duncan. Row 2: J. Linder, D. Maresko, K. Warner, H. Wetzel, N. Ebbert, C. Carter, L. Lysaught, K. Peterson

quick
QUOTES

"It was important to be quick so we could dig out any strong hits. During practice, we did a lot of sprints and distance running to improve our endurance and quickness." —Leslie Duncan, sophomore



Volleyball, freshmen – Row 1: H. Hoelting, B. Turqueza, A. Burdoski, A. Chastain, E. Youness, M. Rumpel, A. Longhibler. Row 2: T. Box, A. Karcz, K. Bohr, L. Bettes, A. Johnson, M. Daulbin, C. Konechey, K. Harriet, K. Henkle. Row 3: W. Shoults, E. Morrison

quick
QUOTES

"We had a last second win. We had been making a lot of mistakes. Our coach called time-out and gave us a quick talk. We decided to focus and concentrate and pulled off the win." —Kellie Bohr, freshman



Wrestling, varsity – Row 1: C. Schafersman, A. Redcorn, Z. Allen, S. Pearson, J. Redcorn, J. Owens, K. Izard, T. Mott, N. Darrah. Row 2: T. Brandenburg, T. Bedora, K. DuPriest, J. Stuart, G. Perler, S. Ballard, J. Warlick

quick
QUOTES



Wrestling, junior varsity – Row 1: M. Kreig, G. Chambers, J. Schelbar, M. Lewis-Jones, D. Freeman, V. Bahazi, D. Soren. Row 2: P Williams, B. Peterson, B. Padavic, M. Williams, G. Sallee, M. Holmes.

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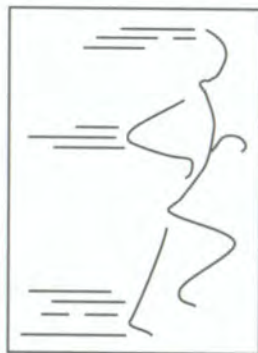
Our lives consisted of more than what people thought. We went through a constant juggling act to balance school work and our social lives. Life was moving faster than we wanted it to, and we learned that we had to keep up to complete our tasks.

Our weekends seemed to disappear before our eyes. When it seemed we had a moment to spare someone or something would come along and we would again be busier than what we expected.

Our social lives demanded more of us on weekends than during the week.

On Fridays, we went to football games, mixers, jobs or parties.

During the rest of the weekend, we often spent time with our best friends and significant others.



by Laura Fletcher and
Brianna Weischaar

shifting into high gear

there were few occasions that we could just sit back and relax on a **STUDENT LIFE**

Friday or Saturday night.

It was on those rare nights, however, that we realized just how fast our lives were passing by. The rest of the week consisted of busy work schedules, sports games, homework and family time. To get everything done we found ourselves...

shifting into high gear.

Jeff Monger and Cory Yates, seniors, go off-roading in Monger's jeep while the ground was still wet from a long rain. Even though the activity was exhilarating, washing the mud off of the jeep was not.

—photo by Michael Dalbom



did someone say "PARTY?"

by Laura Fletcher

On Monday morning, students rushed into class, talking about a big party that weekend. The next Friday's plans began almost instantly as they looked to the week ahead.

When the last bell rang on Fridays, students rushed out of the school doors with plans for the night already in mind. Word of a party had spread around school by the time third hour was over and most students, invited or not, were planning to go.

If more students than one house could hold showed up, the parties were usually ended by disturbed neighbors.

"At about 2 a.m. on Saturday, November 8th, my neighbors complained about the noise at my house. The police were pretty cool about it; they said a couple people could stay, and they weren't going to bust anyone even though they found alcohol. Everyone left for a little while and came back later," Shane Allen, senior, said.

When drinking was mixed with driving, many faced DUI and MIP charges.

"I was coming home from a party, and

I ran a yellow light that had just turned red. A Shawnee cop pulled me over and asked me to show him proof of insurance and registration, so my friend opened up the glove compartment. When he saw two warm beers sitting there, he instantly knew I had been drinking and asked me to get out of the car. I was charged with an MIP," Jeremy Rowe, senior, said.

A sober driver was not always designated when students drank at a party, resulting in accidents with severe penalties.

"I hit a house when I passed out while driving. I got charged with a DWI, and my driving license was revoked," Kris Losure, junior, said.

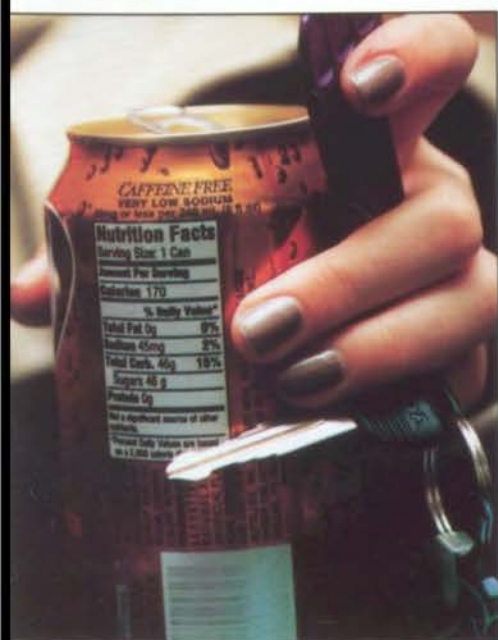
Mark Smith, senior, was hanging out at a park with friends when policemen suspiciously searched his friend's car for marijuana. They were arrested for alcohol found in the girl's trunk, but Smith's charges were dropped since he was not drinking. His only punishment was a fine.

"Being a minor in possession is not worth it. If you are going to drink, don't go anywhere where you'll get caught," Smith said.

Although students knew the consequences of getting in trouble with the law or with parents, some still chose to take that risk in order to have a good time.



A sophomore sits on the front steps of a friend's house drinking a beer and smoking. Police can easily detect parties when party-goers are in plain view of the street. —photo by Michael Dalbom



The counter full of beer was present at many B.Y.O.B (Bring Your Own Beer) parties, since kegs are not always available.

—photo illustration by Michael Dalbom

Not all students chose to drink alcohol while at parties. Some chose to stay sober in order to provide a safe ride home for those who drank.

—photo illustration by Michael Dalbom

Too much alcohol and/or drugs at a party led to uncomfortable nights lying unconscious on a stranger's floor.

—photo illustration by Michael Dalbom



Georgia Mulligan, sophomore, cheers after the freshman skit; Dr. Sheila Sigman cheers with the crowd after receiving her spirit club shirt; and the Varsity cheerleaders perform their dance. —photos by Rachel Metzler

Students turned
out in record
numbers for the
annual bonfire,
which featured
class skits and
the drumline's
performance.
Students proved
they were proud
to attend
Northwest by
getting...

Music suddenly blasted from nearby speakers, stopping me in mid-sentence. Conversations slowly died and all eyes focused on the back school doors. I stood on tip-toe, trying to get a glimpse of what was soon to begin: the annual bonfire.

Standing behind the west doors of the school, Tracy Thau, sophomore, glanced at her outfit to make sure she was ready to perform. Seconds later, she rushed out the doors, adjusting her Ray Bam glasses.

When music from the summer blockbuster *Men In Black* blared out of the speakers, Thau began the moves she had perfected over the past three weeks.

"Being in the skit was really nerve-racking because people have a tendency to make fun of the skits. At the end of our *Men In Black* section, when we turned around and showed the 2000 [graduating year] sign on our backs, I felt very proud to be representing my class," Thau said.

Although a skit was performed by each class, only the sophomore act seemed to compete with the seniors' medley of '80s music.

"I thought the senior skit was hilarious, especially when the marshmallow man from *Ghostbusters* threw flour on the crowd," Shannon Judge, freshman, said.

When the performers needed more space for their routines, the entire crowd was ordered to move backwards.

"Move back! Move back!" Dan Padavic, Spirit Club co-president, shouted repeatedly.

Seniors Alison Walla and Ryan Siegert, returning in their roles as the Spartan cheerleaders, initiated new administrators Mr. Eddie Lyday and Dr. Sheila Sigman into Spirit Club by having them perform a quick cheer.

"T-R-U-C-K. Keep on truckin' all the way!" they shouted, fighting back laughter. I couldn't help but smile myself.

Wham! I knew the drumline had arrived. With their sticks flying, cymbals crashing and feet moving in perfect rhythm, the drummers wowed the audience with their performance. As the performance ended, the crowd roared.

"The drumline's performance gave me a good sense of school pride, like I was glad they go to my school. Their show looks so complicated, and the fact that I'm not able to do what they do makes it all the more awesome," Michelle Perez, junior, said.

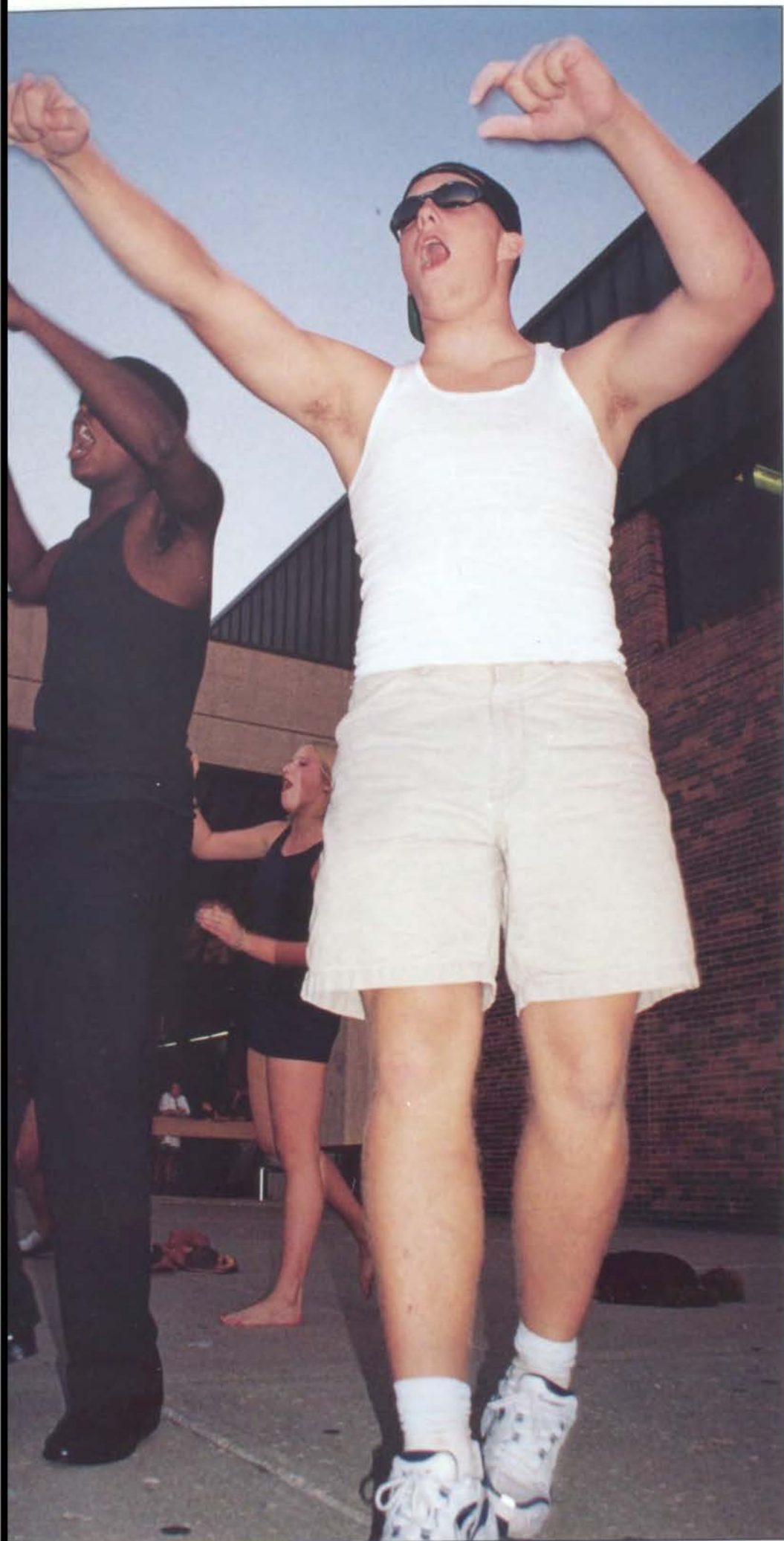
When the sun had disappeared and the last performance was done, I rushed to get a front row spot to view the bonfire. The wind kicked up a shower of sparks that flew from the fire, causing a small group of teachers and administrators to scatter. After only a few short minutes, firefighters extinguished the orange flames and the sky returned to black.

all
Fired
by vicki conner
up

Leading a chant

at the conclusion of their class skit. Keith Falkner and Byron Bruce, sophomores, pump up the bonfire crowd. The sophomore skit included music from the movie *Men In Black* and the Spice Girls. —photo by Rachel Metzler





Following the senior skit, Brad Jodts, Katie Figgins, Lindsey Presley and Scooter Norman, seniors, cheer for their classmates —photo by Michael Dalbom



Introducing new administrator Dr. Sheila Sigman to the crowd, Ryan Siegert and Alison Walla, seniors, perform a Spartan cheer. —photo by Rachel Metzler

Loud and clear

by brianna weishaar

*Loud music, sweaty guitar players, and mosh pits...
Concerts in the Kansas City area allowed students to
unwind to the music of their favorite bands.*



The lead singer of T.V. 50, Byron Huhmann, entertains the crowds while wearing a dress; a growing trend of alternative bands.—photo by Bryson Gay

An unwelcome rain drop hits the ground as hundreds of people walk onto a field by Clinton Lake. It is 11 a.m., and the Jayhawk Music Fest is about to begin. Michelle Keffer, junior, glances up hoping that it would not start raining, but she is not so lucky. It pours for about 30 minutes, causing delays in setup. At around 12:15 p.m., FrogPond, a local band, runs onto the stage and begins playing their hit song, "[Just Let Me] Be".

Over the summer, students often spent their free time and money attending the concerts of their favorite artists. Many concerts such as the Steve Miller Band, 311, No Doubt, Rage Against the Machine, Tim McGraw, Warped Tour, and Y'allapolooza attracted crowds from all over Kansas. The most popular concerts over the summer were Spirit Fest and Lollapolooza '97.

Many of these concerts also provided area students with memorable experiences. Ben

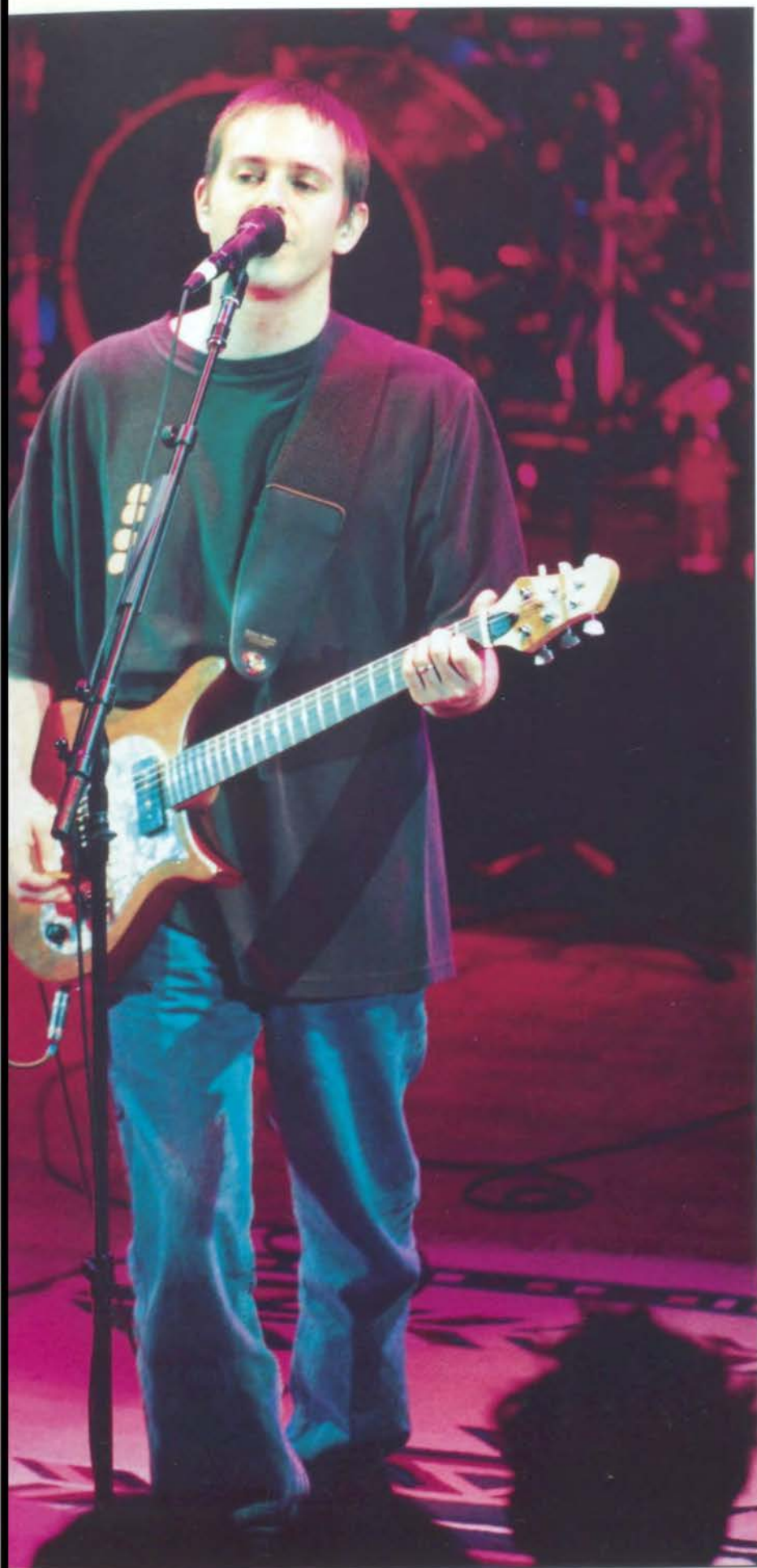
Trillo, 1995 Northwest graduate, and other area skaters were offered the chance to skate in front of the crowd at the Warped tour.

"It was a great experience for all the skaters because they had great music to skate to that pumped us up and the skating conditions were good because you were not under pressure," Trillo said.

All too often, students were injured while the crowd surfed and moshed at concerts.

"When I was at the Jayhawk Fest, I got a huge headache because everyone was crowd surfing and began falling on me. A few of them kicked me in the head," Collin LaJoie, freshman, said.

As the sky fades to dusk, Cracker walks out onto the stage. The crowd is beginning to diminish and only a few supportive fans stay to watch them perform. The last note of "Being Low" blasts out of the speakers and echoes into the dark.



fast facts

The most attended concert over the summer of each grade was:

- ✧ Freshman: Lollapalooza
- ✧ Sophomores: Spirit Fest
- ✧ Juniors: Jayhawk Fest
- ✧ Seniors: Spirit Fest and Jayhawk Fest



Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket plays at Liberty Hall in Lawrence. —photo by Bryson Gay

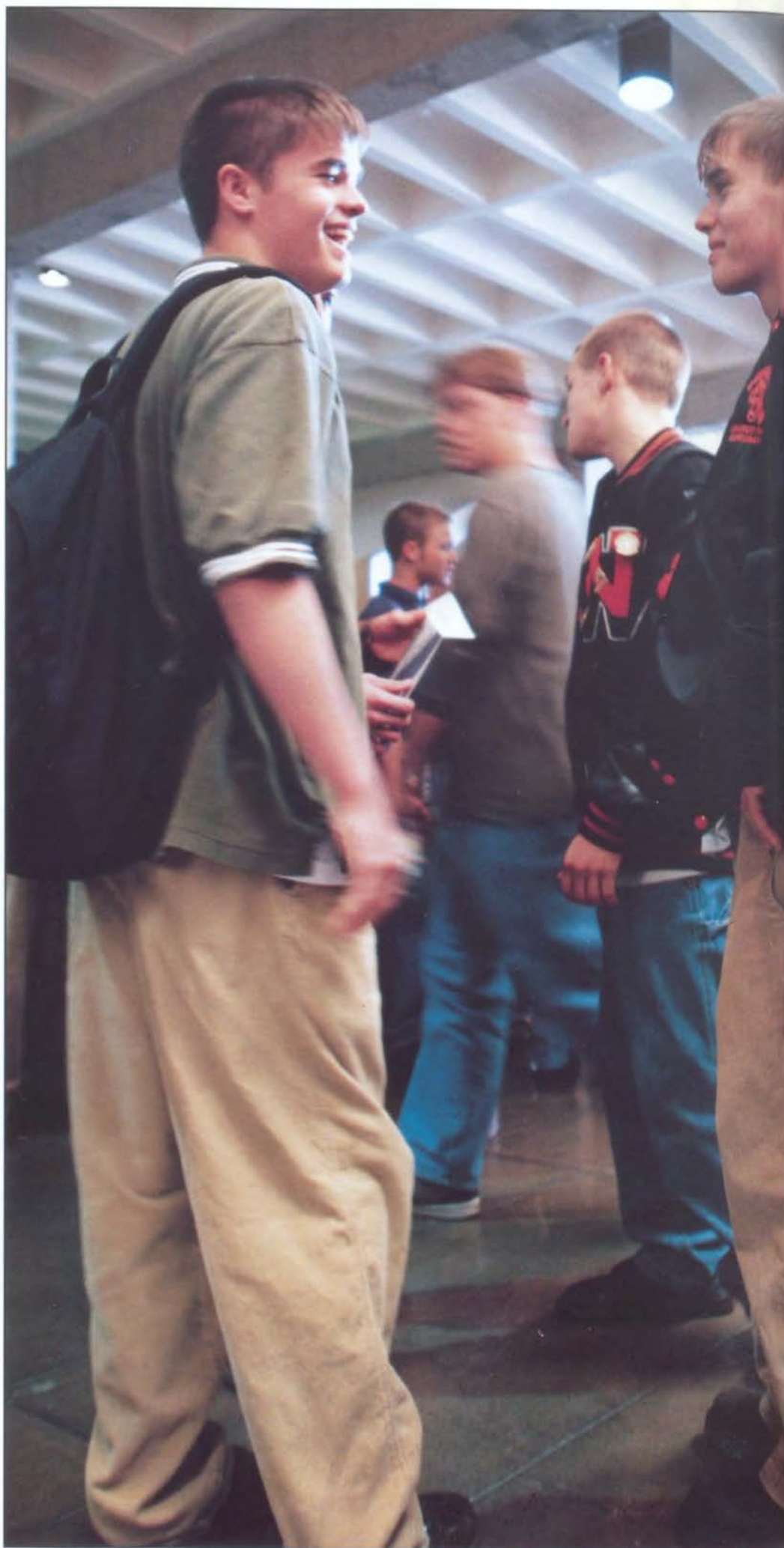
Spirit Fest performer, Julie Shields of Shallow, sings "Missile Command." —photo by Bryson Gay



On a Saturday afternoon, Natalie and Julia Patrick, freshmen, relax at Perkins restaurant after a fashion show at the international center.
—photo by Bryson Gay



Heather and Ashley Roos, freshmen, help each other with their algebra homework in the mall after school. Their hair length was one of their few distinguishing features.
—photo by Bryson Gay



Throughout the year, twins were seen walking the halls and going to different classes. Students were often surprised by the number of twins at school.

Heather Roos, freshman, tightened the saddle on her horse and smoothed her outfit in preparation for the jumping portion of the horse show. Before entering the arena, she took a second to congratulate her twin sister, Ashley, on her earlier performance.

"We're in the same age group and on the same level, so there's stiff competition, but it's all in fun," Ashley said.

Since twins were more common this year than in the past, students were often caught by surprise when they saw identical faces in the halls.

"I was amazed to see so many twins at school this year," Stephanie Bloomfield, sophomore, said.

Having an identical twin made switching places for a day tempting.

"When we were little, we would trade places and play

tricks on our family," Lisa Wood, sophomore, said.

Trading places was not so easy for fraternal twins, such as Bryson and Megan Rumble, freshman.

"It is different when you are not identical. Lots of people think we are kidding [about being twins] because we don't look alike," Megan said.

Determining twins like the Roos's was easier because of their different hair styles, but telling apart identical twins Julia and Natalie Patrick, freshmen, was more difficult.

"At first I got them [Julia and Natalie Patrick] confused. I could only keep them straight by their clothing," Mr. Joe Hunsley, English teacher, said.

Heather forced herself to keep her mind off the competition with her sister. At the end of the show, the scores were posted; they each went home with a ribbon.



As they play a one-on-one game of basketball in the school gym after school, Megan Rumble, freshman, tries to steal the ball from her fraternal twin brother, Bryson. —photo by Bryson Gay

by Lauren Airey

"It's kind of weird knowing that there's someone else walking around school that looks just like you," Ron Schroeder, junior, said. He and his brother, Russ, catch up after a day of school. —photo by Bryson Gay

seeing **Double**





Dan Padavic, senior, is crowned the second Homecoming king by former king, Harvey Hayselden. —*photo by Bryson Gay*

The First Homecoming Queen of Northwest, Carmen White, strolls through the gym with the Cougar mascot. —*photo by Rachel Metzler*



heir to the **Throne**

After a victory over Lawrence Freestate the previous night, students dressed up for an evening out to dinner and then a dance "Under the Sea".

Homecoming Queen, Holly

Hydeman, senior, is crowned during half-time. "We always knew we had a little queen," Doug Hydeman, Holly's father, said.
—photo by Bryson Gay

After decorating the bathrooms for homecoming with sea shells in the soap dispensers and palm trees on the walls, Bridget Clark, freshman, rushes to get ready. Once her aunt finishes her hair and make-up, Clark leaves to meet her date and the rest of her group at a friend's house. Parents and siblings crowd in the hallway, taking pictures before their ride arrives. The white stretch limo pulls into the driveway and they leave for dinner.

On October 11, the school cafeteria was transformed from the familiar lunch room into an under-sea wonderland. To add to the theme, a screen with footage of fish swimming and giant florescent fish hung on the walls.

"I liked the decorations a lot. The slides of the fish were kind of cheesy, but it all really went with the theme," Kristi Carter, sophomore, said.

The homecoming dance followed a 40-0 win over Lawrence Freestate the night before. During half time at the game, the queen candidates

were escorted by their fathers and the winners were crowned. Holly Hydeman, senior, became the 1997 homecoming queen. Renee Russell and Elizabeth Dickey were the first and second runners up.

Saturday night at the dance, king candidates were escorted by their mothers. Dan Padavic was named the second homecoming king, along with first and second runners up Ryan Siegert and Mike Goudy.

For most people, the dance was not over at 11 p.m. Afterwards students went to parties, restaurants, bowling and friend's homes.

"After the dance, my friends threw me a surprise birthday party. I wasn't expecting that!" Amber Lafferty, freshman, said.

Once the dance is over and the cafeteria empty, Clark, along with fellow Student Council members, helps to clean up the glitter fish and leftover food. Her date and friends wait patiently in the mall for her to finish. When she is done, they run through the rain to the limo.

by stephanic leclair

Students attending the

dance found the cafeteria fitting to the theme, "Under the Sea," with fishes on the walls and shells in the restrooms.
—photo by Bryson Gay



up and Away...

by stephanie leclair

Whether they traveled abroad or stayed in the country, students found different ways to spend their 72 days of freedom.

As she steps off the plane, Anna Maughn, freshman, catches her first glimpse of the brilliant blue water of the Mediterranean Sea. She is greeted by her parents, who have been vacationing in Europe for a week. Maughn and her parents take a relaxing taxi ride to the large brick Hyatt, where they are staying.

"Our taxi driver was showing us the different landmarks on the beach, but it was hard to understand him because of his strong accent," Maughn said.

Vacations are a way of escaping from the chaos of everyday life. Whether traveling internationally or staying in the country, vacations provide quality time with family and friends.

"Near our time share in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, you could drive all-terrain-vehicles on the sand dunes. You could also go parasailing, scuba diving, deep sea fishing, and go to fiestas practically every night. The fiestas were great, there was plenty of Mexican food and drinks. The waiters also taught us Mexican dances and songs. Even though it was a developing area, there was plenty to do," Jenny Wilner, sophomore, said.

Students who traveled abroad were surprised to find pieces of American culture in foreign places.

"While we were in London, my family went to see *Sunset Boulevard*, a Broadway play. I thought it was weird seeing a New York play in England," Erin Cole, sophomore, said.

On the last day of their vacation, the Maughns take a sunset boat ride in the Mediterranean Sea.

"As I watched the sun disappear over the Alps, I was sad that I had to leave the next day," Maughn said.

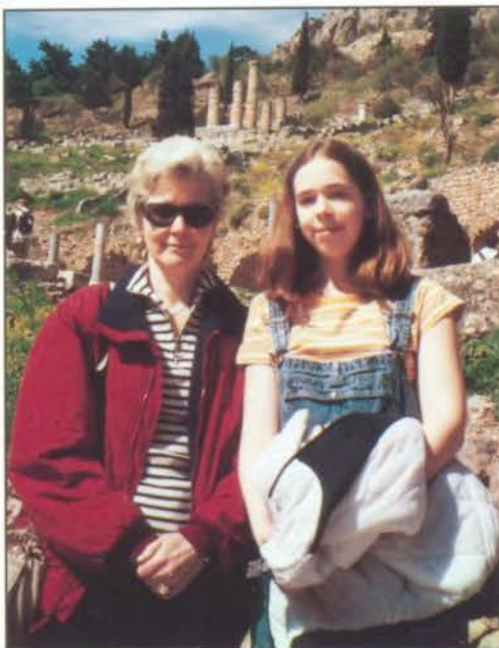
The Macarena will never die in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Lisa Bowling, senior, and her brother Ryan, sophomore, dance at a fiesta while vacationing there with the Wilners and the Swansons. —photo courtesy of Jenny Wilner





fast facts

- ✦ Most students go on vacations with their families.
- ✦ The most favorite thing to do on vacations is visit beaches.
- ✦ Favorite vacation spots of students are: Cancun, Mexico; Pensacola, Florida; Keystone, Colorado; and the Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.



Amy Swanson and Jenny Wilner, sophomores, drove their all-terrain vehicles on the sand dunes of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. —*photo courtesy of Jenny Wilner*

During their vacation in Greece, Anna Maughn, freshman, and her mother pose in front of the Temple at Delphi over Spring Break. —*photo courtesy of Anna Maughn*





ON THE Ruin



When students were on the go, low on cash and craving a hamburger, many headed to fast food restaurants for a quick meal.

As Wendy Hudson, senior, rushes out the door on Monday morning, she suddenly remembers that she has no money for lunch. Grabbing a couple dollars off of her mother's dresser, Hudson quickly runs out the door.

"I usually spend between \$5 and \$10 a week on fast food for lunch," Hudson said.

Seniors often found themselves low on cash for gas and lunch money from open lunch privileges. Other students stood in the long lines of the cafeteria waiting for that last slice of Little Caesar's cheese pizza or a Subway sandwich.

"I usually have to cut in front of people in the pizza line in order to get a slice in a reasonable amount of time," Katie Peterson, sophomore, said.

A survey revealed that the four classes did not agree on a favorite: Seniors chose Mr. Goodcents; juniors, Taco Bell; sophomores, Sonic; and fresh-

men, McDonald's. Most students claimed that they ate fast food two to three times a week, mostly on the weekends.

Resisting the temptation of those greasy french fries and onion rings, some students chose Bagel & Bagel for lunch or got a salad at the Hy-Vee food court.

"I would rather eat Bagel & Bagel over most fast foods because I feel that I am getting more of a nutritional meal rather than a fattening and greasy meal," Amy Verstraete, sophomore, said.

Hudson and a few of her friends patiently wait in the line at Bagel & Bagel. She pulls out the money that she had grabbed that morning and sets it on the counter. After eating, they pile into senior Julie Ortman's mini-van and head back. Hoping to beat the tardy bell, they run up to the locked doors and knock until they find a friend to come open them.

by tiffany mattson

Making a quick stop

at Sonic afterschool, sophomores John Postlewait, Cassie Hicks and Jenny Wilner are served by Heather Castle, sophomore. —photo by Tiffany Mattson





BAGEL & BAGEL



Jason Harmon, junior, who works at Dairy Queen, begins to fix a blizzard for a customer. Harmon has been working there since the past July and in addition to making treats, also works in the back. —photo by Tiffany Mattson





The guitar players, Garen Sallee, sophomore, and Dan Gras, junior, follow the music at a Young Life meeting. —photo by John Graham

At a weekly Young Life meeting, Jeff Monger, senior, leads songs, and Justin Hulsey, junior, accompanies on the guitar. — photo by John Graham



paving a path of **Faith**

by heather wetzel

**Silently
hold-
ing
hands,**

Becky Owen and Kim Weiss, sophomores, pray at their Wednesday night youth group meeting of Broadway Baptist Church. — photo by Rachel Metzler

Carmen Collins, junior, slowly wakes up to a warm morning in Hermosillo, Mexico. After getting ready for a sweaty afternoon, she and her church youth group head off to build portable chapels for the town on their week-long mission trip.

Many students attended youth groups at their church or temple. Some went on mission trips to places like Mexico or camps like Windy Gap and Frontier Ranch.

Young Life consisted of oldie songs, funny skits and testimonies from different speakers, which enlightened students and made learning about religion fun. The speakers related Bible passages to high school life, helping teenagers to cope with their problems and find comfort in one another.

"Young Life gives me suggestions to help myself and others out in life," Amber

Sarah Stone, senior, participates in a discussion at her early-morning Seminary class. Every day at 5:30 a.m., she attends the *Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints* church to study the Book of Mormon with peers. —photo by John Graham

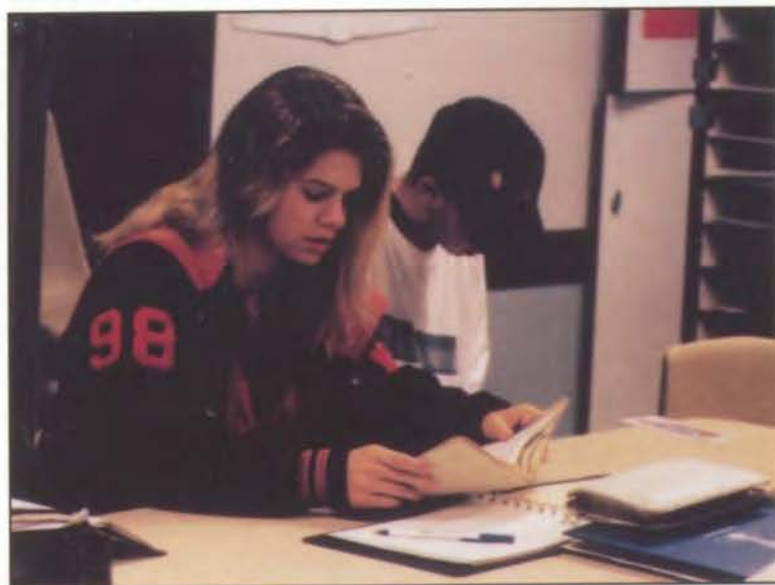
Lafferty, freshman, said.

Youth groups emphasized helping others. Adrienne Dreher, senior, was offered a chance to go to a four week training session at Windy Gap in North Carolina, Colorado.

On the way home from Mexico, Collins and her youth group are interrupted by an eight-hour layover in Denver, Colorado.

"We sang songs in the airport terminal with one [student] playing the guitar. We definitely bonded," Collins said. Yawning as they find their seats, they wearily board their final plane at 2:00 a.m. and head home.

Students found sanctuary in attending religious youth groups that helped them get in touch with their faith through mission trips or weekly meetings.



left Behind

by Laura Fletcher

Students who have come close to or have lost their parents understand more than anyone else just how important that relationship is and never forget to cherish all time spent with them.



After school, Leah Dutton and Liz Schrantz, freshmen, hang out and watch T.V. Friends became more important after losing a parent.
—photo by Tiffany Mattson

They say that you never know the true worth of something until you lose it. Although we all complain about our parents, can you imagine what it would be like if you lost one of them?

Courtney Chapman and Leah Dutton know exactly what it is like.

Walking in from school, 10-year-old Courtney Chapman found her mother looking less enthusiastic than normal. Paula Chapman told her daughter that they need to have a talk. As Paula sat down, she told her daughter that she had not been feeling well, so she saw a doctor. After her visit, the doctor told her that she had breast cancer.

"I remember watching my mother's hair slowly thin from her chemotherapy treatments. As a fourth-grader, I didn't quite understand why my mom was balding, but I knew that the doctors were doing all that they could to help her," Courtney Chapman, sophomore, said.

Seven years after surgery, the cancer has not returned.

"I learned that what you hope for can come true. There was always a chance that my Mom might not have recovered," Chapman said.

Freshman Leah Dutton's father had been having heart problems for a while. After cardiac arrest, he had an Automatic Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator (AICD) implanted in his heart to shock it back into its normal pace. Assured of a 99 percent chance of recovery, he decided to receive a heart valve replacement.

"After about two days, my dad came home from the hospital, but had to go back when he saw that his incision was bleeding too much and his blood pressure was really low," Dutton said. "Several days later, he passed away due to an infection from the transplant. My best advice would be to spend as much time with your parents as you can, because you never know what could



A smile of appreciation fills Courtney Chapman's, sophomore, eyes as she and her mother, Paula, embrace in a brief hug before Courtney goes to school. —photo by Tiffany Mattson

Nicole Walter, sophomore, and her mother, Judy Baringer, play with their cat while her sister, Amy, gets herself a glass of water. —photo by Tiffany Mattson



fast facts

- ✧ One in every 1,000 Americans between the ages of 20 and 40 is a survivor of a childhood cancer.
- ✧ Every 20 seconds, a person in the United States has a heart attack.
- ✧ Congestive heart failure affects an estimated 4.7 million Americans.
- ✧ Heart failure accounts for approximately 250,000 deaths annually.



quick quotes

Why do you want to meet your birth parents?

*"I could be blood-related to someone famous and not even know it."
—Mike Peterson, junior*

Are you glad that you were adopted?

*"Yes. The greatest gift I ever received was a new family."
—Ashley Gallimore, senior*



Mike Peterson, junior, and his father examine the engine of their car. Shortly after his adoption, his sister, Emily Peterson, sophomore, was born. —*photo by Tiffany Mattson*

Looking at last year's yearbook, Ashley Gallimore, senior, shows her adopted parents a few of her friends' pictures. —*photo by Tiffany Mattson*



In a perfect world, all children would be raised by their birth parents. In our world, adoption provides a second chance for children and mothers in need.

Richard and Claudette Bartle awake from a seemingly sleepless night to drive to Wichita, where they will adopt a baby girl. Only five days old, Jaclyn Bartle is brought out in a dress and covered in blankets during the adoption ceremony. Since they had only one night to prepare, the Bartles brought Jackie home to a mattress on the floor. Exhausted, the new family fell asleep.

"I'm glad my mom put me up for adoption because she put me in a better home, but I would like to meet her to see what she looks like," Jackie Bartle, senior, said.

Because his mother was too young to raise a child, Michael Peterson, junior, was adopted at birth.

"I would like to meet my mom so that I could find out who my relatives are," Peterson said.

On the other hand, Ashley Gallimore, senior, had no desire to see her birth parents.

Due to an abusive situation, Gallimore was taken from her family at age five.

"My dad told us to hide in the bathroom (while he went to talk to the police). I thought

we were going to be taken away to jail. I was absolutely terrified and had no idea what was going on," Gallimore said.

For five years, she moved from one foster home to another until her parents lost all custody of Gallimore, who then was ten years old. She was adopted by her counselor at age 15. When Gallimore turned 18, she was legally able to contact her sisters.

"I want to try and contact my sisters, but the only way I can do that is through my dad, whom I don't have any desire to talk to," Gallimore, said. "It's just a complicated situation."

Working together on their computer, Jackie Bartle, senior, and her mother, Claudette Bartle, write a paper. "Whenever I've needed her, she's always been there for me," Jackie said. —photo by Tiffany Mattson



by tiffany mattson

Chosen children



innocent Lies

by stephanie leclair

As innocent as some may have seemed, lying often caused more trouble for students than anticipated. Big or small, lies were not worth the effort.

As she calls her dad, Becky Smith, sophomore, can feel her voice trembling. She knows lying is wrong, but her options are limited.

"Dad, we're going to stay for another two hours. A ride? Um... of course I have a ride! Seat belts? Um... there's plenty; it's a van. Really? Thanks, Dad!" Smith said.

Almost everyone lies; sometimes it is inevitable in order to get out of difficult situations or try to not to hurt a friend's feelings. Whether it's telling a

friend that her new outfit looks great or explaining to angry parents why curfew was missed, lies are a permanent part of students' lives. Hardly a day goes by without a little exaggeration.

"I try not to lie, unless it's to protect someone. I don't want to hurt my friends," Natalie Ebbert, sophomore, said.

Some students realized the mistake of lying and tried to stop themselves before it got out of hand.

"Last year I hung out with people that lied, and I guess it rubbed off on me. I told myself it was stupid and this year I don't lie to my friends anymore," Joanna Ansley, senior said.

As Smith and her friends pull up in a little pick-up truck with six people and only two seatbelts, her Dad is waiting.

"A van, huh?," Mr. Smith comments as Becky walks into the house.

Courtney Lynch, sophomore, flashes a guilty grin when Joanna Ansley, senior, finds out from Melissa Ewing, senior, about a lie she had told. — photo by Sara Clevenger





As he opens the door an hour past his curfew, Matt Holmes, freshman, finds his disappointed father waiting for him. — photo by Sara Clevenger

Becky Smith, sophomore, risks calling her father to ask if she can stay out with friends and lies to him about her ride home. — photo by Tiffany Mattson



quick quotes

What do you lie about the most?

☀ "Where I'm going or where I've been."

—Greg Horton, senior.

☀ "I lie to my parents about doing drugs. When they ask me about them, I tell them that I've never done any."

—anonymous, junior.



As the years flew by, we experienced things that would change our lives forever. Whether it was the first day of kindergarten or high school, we were intimidated not only by the big kids, but also by what the future would hold.

Often our experiences in elementary school helped us to develop an understanding of our world. We quickly learned to stay away from the boy who picked his nose and not to eat crayons or dirt because they tasted bad.

As we made the transition from elementary school to middle school we became used to the privilege of choosing classes and getting there within five minutes. We went through physical and emotional changes. We became more aware of the opposite sex and our voices constantly cracking. By the end of our eighth grade year we



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sarah weekly

where did the time go?

had learned more about ourselves, our family and our friends.

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During high school, we discovered our strengths and weaknesses. We found out who we were as individuals and what we were going to do with our lives. As we tried to balance our hectic schedules, we experienced a different, faster way of living. The times we shared with friends and family would always stay with us as we looked back and wondered *where did the time go?*

While sorting
through baby pictures, Carly Chandler, senior and her mother, Janice Chandler, remember the special moments of her childhood. Some students helped their parents choose the pictures for their baby ad. — photo by Rachel Metzler





Andy Doodle



When you were young,
you had a mind of your
own ... you still do!
Remember, in life it doesn't
matter what you have or
what you do. Your worth
will be measured by who
you are.
Be proud and always be
true unto yourself.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Patrick Saleh

**We love you
Bunches!**

Dad, Mom, Tom and Ted

Andy Van Zante

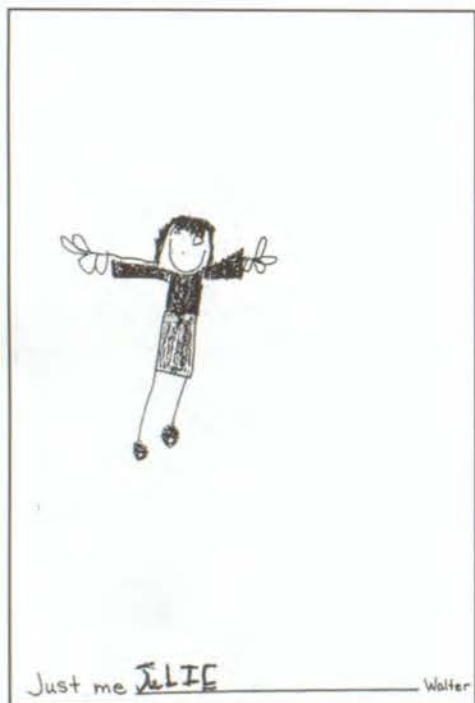


*Always a sweetheart
Mostly a Dear
Your family is proud of you
Congratulations and God's
Blessings!*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Amy Kathleen Randolph

We are blessed . . .
you are a
part of
us. Now,
go take
on the
world!



Love, Mom, Dad, Corby, Betsy,
Molly & Max

Julie Ortmann



Bubba-

Congratulations, Chino!
I'm very proud of you!
Let's take a road trip down
I-70 and I'll buy ya dinner
at Big Wongs.

Love always,
Your sissy

Cory Yates

Hey Cory,
As you go through
life, remember to
always keep your eyes
wide open! We're
proud of you and love
you very much!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Cory Yates



Erin Claire,
Congrats to "Girl"! High School's Now a
Memory, College is Now a
Reality. We're so proud of
you! We're with you
Always.

Love Mom, Dad,
Lisa and Pat

Erin Eberle



Megan -

You've charted your course, You've set your sail,
The journey ahead has yet to tell. Of the life you'll lead,
Or the person you'll be.

But always hold dear- The joy of friendship,
the love of family, the inner strength you possess,
And the feel of the wind on you face.

For these are a part of what you are today,
And will be a part of the sails that will take you away ...
to whom you will become.

We love you Monkey Bones and are so proud of you
and your accomplishments!

Hugs and kisses,
Mom, Dad and Mandy

Megan Urquhart



Congratulations,
Jackie!

You've brought
joy and happi-
ness into our
lives. We love
you and are so
very proud of
you!!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Romans 8:28



Jackie Bartle



MEGAN,

You have been the light of my life for the past 18 years.
 Always joking, always fun, always making smart cracks,
 Always busy, always going and growing up too fast for old Dad.
 We all wish you the best in the year ahead—
 And the best in the years ahead
 And know you will succeed.
 One thing is for sure, you'll have fun!

ALL OUR LOVE- DAD, K.D., BRIAN, AUBREY, AMY, & GEOFF
 (THE BRADY BUNCH)

Megan Moffett

Gary,
 Remember on this great day God always finds you.
 He never hides from you.
 He has always been there for you. Let Him always be.
 I am so proud for what you have become.

Love always,
 Mom



Gary Brewton

**Born to shop!!
 Forever in style!!**
 Laura, may you work hard



enough in the future to live in the "fashion" you are accustomed to.

Good Luck, Love always,
 Mom, Dad, Pac, and Mac

Laura McAndrews



You are the BEST big sister!!
 Allison,
 We are so very proud of you,
 your activities, and your achievements. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."
 Proverbs 3:16

Love always,
 Mom, Dad & Elizabeth
 Allison Thompson

Go get 'em,
 DeDe!
 We are so proud of



your accomplishments and even more proud of the person you have become.

We will always be there to love and support you.

**WE LOVE YOU,
 MOM, DAD & JEFF**

Kristin Ann VanDerhagen



Thank you
for helping
to make
this a beau-
tiful world
for us.

We are so proud
of you, Sarah!
All our love,
Mom, Dad, and
Rebecca

"Go placidly amid
the noise and the
hate... Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to
others... Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.
Be yourself...whatever your labors and aspirations in the
noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With
all its shame drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a
beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy."

-Desiderata

Sarah Feil



OUR #1 SON

AS YOU ARE
LEARNING
FROM US –
WE ARE
LEARNING
FROM YOU.

THANKS!

LOVE,
MOM & DAD

PSALM 34:11-14

Eric Simonich

We're so
proud of
you—
Your faith
in the
Lord,
your



convictions, and your academic
achievements to name a few.
Your bright smile lights up our
hearts and your zest for life does
not let you settle for less. "Nee-
nee," we love you and support
you for an
eternity.

Love,
Mommy,
Daddy,
Desiree &
Jaime



Celina Aldape



Erica,
Always keep your
great
attitude and
tremendous work ethic
and you will reach
your goal.
You are our hero!!!

Mom, Dad & Whitney

Erica Shoults



Sarah,

Your gift for enjoying life is
an inspiration to us all. We're
very proud of who you are!!

May God bless you as you
begin to take advantage of
the many opportunities life
holds.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Melissa, Michelle
& Stephanie

Sarah Stone



YOU HAVE GONE FROM A BEAUTIFUL BABY TO A LOVELY YOUNG LADY. I TRULY BELIEVE YOU WERE HEAVEN SENT FROM THE LORD ABOVE.

THANK YOU FOR 17 YEARS OF WONDERFUL MEMORIES.

"CONGRATULATIONS LINDSEY"

WE LOVE YOU,
MOM, DAD, JENNIFER &
BRETT



Lindsey Bosley

Kim,
As you continue to march through life, do not follow where the path may lead ... Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.



We are so very proud of you!!

All Our Love,
Dad, Mom,
Kevin, Keith and
Craig



Kimberlee Conard



Dear Diana,
Congratulations on all your accomplishments!

You'll always be our little doughnut!
Good Luck! We love you with all our hearts, Mom, Dad, Lauren, Daniel, John and Lawrence

Diana,
I am so very proud of you! Even though we are two incredibly different people, we'll still always be close. You are beautiful on the inside as well as the outside.
Your best friend and loving sister,
Lauren



Diane Lee Hall



Te deseamos lo mejor y que tus esperanzas sean como las deseas con cariño de tus padres.

Rebecca Galvan



Lisa,

You are still as beautiful as ever—inside and out. May the happiness and joy you have given us return to you a hundred fold. You have been a very special gift from God and may He richly bless you as we were blessed the day you were born.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Ben

Lisa Cosens

Jami,

Keep climbing to reach your goals. Set your sights high and look above. We know you are ready to branch out, but we also know your roots are deep.

We love you,
Mom & Dad
Sean & Derek



Jami Cudney

DAVID



Mr. Jensen in Australia always called you "Mr. Happy". Now you are a gentle giant. Keep looking until you find your "special thing". We love having you around and are proud of you.

Mum, Dad, Peter and Rory

David Felton



BLESSINGS OF LOVE, LAUGHTER
AND HAPPINESS.

— MOM AND LACEY

Thomas Fagan



Mikey,

Since you were born you have always been determined. Always implementing to get to the **TOP**. We are very proud of you. We pray to our Lord to be with you on whatever you decide to do.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Gayle
and Cheryl



Mike Goudy



Chrissy,



We are proud of you.
We hope all your dreams
come true.
We Love You!
Mom and Dad

Christina Hansel



Dear Erica, (Sweenie)
You've got all you need
to make your dreams
come true ... Your talent,
your intelligence, and
your great sense of
humor
will take you far!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Ashley,
Lance, and Taylor

Thanks for lead-
ing the way You
have been a
good role
model.

Love,
Lancer



Erica Johansen

Still Cute as ever!!



Way to go! We are so proud
of you & love you very much.
Mom & Dad

I'll miss you very much.
Thanks for being there for me.
Your loving sister, Meggan

Greg Horton



Andy,

There's never a dull moment
with you around! That's
because your mind is always
busy with ideals. You will go
far, son, and we are very
proud of you.



Love, Mom,
Dad, Annette
& Michael

Andrew Nicks



We're all so
proud of you,
Chuck!

Keep stretching for
the stars.

Love, Mom, Dad
& Mike

P.S. Continue asking one
good question everyday.

Chuck Niemoth



Ty,
 You have given your parents
 something to be so proud of, and your
 brothers someone to look up to.

Congratulations & Good Luck!!
 Love, Mom, Dad, Jess, Brock & Brady

Ty Lohrey

Shelbs,

We are so very proud of
 you. You have become a
 vibrant and beautiful young
 woman. Thank you for the
 joy you have brought to us,
 and the memories we will
 always cherish. Follow
 your dreams and the goals
 you have set. Most of all,
 remember how much we
 love you and will always be
 here for you.

Love you "Baby Chops",
 Mom & Dad



Shelb,
 I've always looked up
 to you, how smart you
 are, how pretty you are
 and have been proud to
 have had such a won-
 derful sister. I hope we
 can be best friends for
 life.

Luv ya "Sis,"
 Kacie

Shelby Malin



Nat,

I guess I've always looked
 up to you, and, hey, look!

We even wore the same
 clothes back then.

I'll miss you!

Love always, Emily

Natalie,

You have made us proud with your 1st step, 1st boy's
 kiss, 1st soccer kick, 1st basket made, 1st A, 1st time
 driving, 1st job, and 1st prom date (Jn that order).
 You'll always be #1!

Love always, Mom & Dad



Natalie McFadden



Jamie

Spirited, Spicy,
Energy, Warm Smile,
Soft Feelings, Musical
talk, whiskers, happy
fish, Pond, Jordache,
Cabbage Patch,
Pound puppy, James,
Beaner, Jame bo
Lynn, Lawrence, cow-

boy up, Ropers, Rockies, mall, Car, Truck,
Wuddies, Florida, I don't think so, Bad Hair day,
boys, Cars & dates, oh my brownie mix, south
paw, mom—can I?, cupcakes, everyone else can,
leave me alone, not fair, dad said I could,
because I said so, pink panther.

We are proud of you. You have grown up,
but not away.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Eric

Jamie Reese

KENNY



We are so proud of you for
achieving this milestone and know
you will accomplish many more.

Love, Mom & Dad

Kenneth Root

Sarah,

We're very proud of you. Continue to do
your best.

Love always,
Dad & Mom



Sarah Motzkus



Congratulations,
Nikita!

You will always be special to
us and we wish you the very
best, now and forever.
Mom, Dad, Heena, Vipul and
Pankaj

Nikita Negandhi



Congratulations, Princess!
You are a special Blessing to us.
Look to God for your future and
continue to walk with Him.
We love you,
Mom & Dad

Laurie Sexton

"You must have been a beautiful baby 'cause baby
look at you now".



TIFFANY,

Well, here you are about to
go out into the world and be
whatever life holds for you.

You have made many
accomplishments so far in
life: Dancing, Gymnastics,
Cheerleading, and, of
course, Diving. We are very
proud to be you parents.

Your
sisters and brother wish you
much success. Tiffany,
know that your family stands
beside and wishes you well.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Family

Tiffany Watson



Emily,

From the minute I knew you
were on the way, I knew you
would be our Sunshine. You
always have been, and I know
you will keep your light strong.
We're so proud of the decisions
you have made in life. Stay close
to the Lord and continue to let
Him bless you. You have certainly
been a blessing to us. Stay
happy and keep smiling that
wonderful smile.

With our love and respect,
Mom & Bob

Emily Vogel



HOLLY,
Thanks for always
being there for me. I
really appreciate all
the support you and
Kim have provided
me with over the
years.

Love,
Josh

Holly Hydeman



Brad,

You've brought great
joy into our lives.
We're so proud of you!

We love you so much!!
Mom, Dad & Jennifer

Brad Jodts





Dearest Lainie,
 All through your life, you
 have been our shining star.
 You have kept us enter-
 tained and on our toes.
 We wish you good health,
 happiness and success as
 you strive for your goals.
 You can do
 anything.

We love you,
 Mom, Dad & Scott



Lainie Rosenthal



Holly,

We have always liked
 your style. Thank
 you for making life so
 fun and exciting.
 May the Lord contin-
 ue to guide you
 through each day.
 We are so very proud
 of you.

We know you will do

great things in the future.
 Just remember, we love
 you.

Love,
 Mother and Dad, Kim,
 Josh, Noah and Micah

Isaiah 40: 30-31



Holly Hydeman



CONGRATULATIONS,
 Dawn...The Beginning!!



As a "New Dawn" begins, take with you your special smile and contagious enthusiasm. We are so proud of your dedication, hard work, patience and determination for goals to achieve. With this "Balance of Life", success is yours. Times go by so fast and wherever in life you may go, you will always be our "Special Girl" (MM). With all our love, respect and admiration.

Thank you for all the memories we will cherish for a lifetime.
 May God bless, guide and watch over you always!
 All our love,
 Mom, Jim and Family

Dawn Nachbar



Nikki,

You are the greatest sister, but more than that, you are my friend. It's been fun growing up with you. I will miss you next year when you are in college.

Love,
Stephanie

P.S. Can I have your room?



Nikki LeClaire

Nikki,

For the wonderful person you are, for all you have accomplished, for all your future holds, we love you. Keep that dazzling smile, believe in yourself and reach for your dreams. Thanks for giving us so much to be proud of, as well as all the memories and fun along the way!

Love,
Mom & Dad



TARA,

You've always been a free spirit and followed your own path to adventure and excitement. We hope nothing ever changes that or the wonderful person you've become!

Love, Mom & Matt

Tara Ledbetter



How wonderful to have watched you grow from a tiny little girl into a young woman. The accomplishments you've made

along the way have been a source of both pride and happiness. You've grown to be a very special woman...a wonderful daughter and sister.

We are proud of you and love you very much.

Congratulations,
Mom, Carrie and

Stephanie Grismore





L- Laughter Contagious
 A- Air of Delight
 U- Unbelievable Smile
 R- Resourceful Imagination
 A- Authentic Personality

You are a treasure to behold. We love you deeply and wish
 all your dreams into existence.
 Love, Mom & Dad

Laura Folsom

Dear Katie,



Congratulations!
 Thanks for making our
 lives brighter in your
 unique way.

Love Always-
 Mom & Dad
 Tyler & Justin

Katie Barney



Katie,

You are always
 Number 1
 with us.

We love you!
 Mom & Dad

Katherine Creeden

MIKE



Being your brother
 has been great so far.
 Looking forward to many
 more adventures together.
 Congratulations and
 I'm proud of you, Bro!

Love,
 Matt

Mike McNary



NICK,

You are a very special,
 talented and energetic per-
 son. Always strive to do
 your
 personal best. We love you
 and are proud of you.
 "Life is a journey,
 enjoy the trip along the
 way."

Love always, Mom, Dad,
 Justin, Carb and Monique
 Nick Simien

Jo,
Our sweet
"Nadine."
We wish you
the very best



life has to offer (and we know you expect it)!
Keep reach-
ing for your
dreams, and
they will be
reality before
you know it.

We love you very much!
Dad, Mom Jake & Juli

Joanna Ansley



John,
It has been a total joy to see you grow and
develop into a magnificent young man.
We thank God for the talents and abilities
He has given you.

We love you very much!
Mom & Dad, Beth & Rick

John Bustle

Congratulations,
Jenny



We are so very proud of
you.

Love,
Mom. Dad. Jeff & Lizzy

Jenny Yuran



Travis,
We feel very
fortunate to have
you for a son.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Travis Casper



CONGRATULATIONS,
Bryan!

We are very proud of
you. We hope you find
Happiness
in whatever you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad
& Eric

Bryan Clark



MY DAUGHTER

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"Tuesdays...our day!"
Love, Grandma



"Baby's got her blue jeans on!"
Love, Grandpa

Brandie,
Congratulations! I'm
very proud of you.
I love you,
Mom

Brandie Dittman



Congratulations,
Josie Rae!

We Love You!
Mom, Dad & Tracy

Josie Rae Pratt



Paula,
Never a dull moment
since you entered our lives.
Excitement abounds
when you are around!

Love and Hugs from,
Mom, Tim, Lisa, Amy, Beth, Matt
Frank, Cheyenne, Matt Jr. and Chris

Paula O'Connor

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Follow the path of your caring spir-
it. It will lead to joy...
However, watch your step.
You never know what or who
might be under foot.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Meg

Betsy Blake



Alison,

You are very special to us.
We love you and we're so very
proud of you!

Congratulations!
Dad, Mom & David

Alison Brown



Ryan,

No matter what
accomplishments
you achieve,
remember somebody
helped you
along the way!

I am so proud of you.
I love you very much!
Your Big Sister,
Stacey

Ryan Siegert

Congratulations &
Good Luck!



We are very proud of
you!!

Mom, Dad,
Monica and Kylee

Aaron Jones

Amy,

Congratulations!! We are so
proud of all of your accomplishments
and the person you've become.
Always set your sights high and
keep looking ahead.



We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Brent,
Drexler & Bailey

Amy Miller

Kasey, you have always
been our *Super Girl!*



So our wish for you—sunny
skies, the sound of the sea
and flowers always
blooming... and some
California dreaming.
May your greatest
dreams become realities.

We Love You More With
Every Passing Day,
Mom, Dad, Matt and Rod

Kasey Ragan



RYAN



Looking at the sunny side of
everything...
you make your optimism
come true!
We're proud of you!

Congratulations & Good Luck!
Love,
Dad, Mom, John and Austin

Ryan Christopher Duckworth

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
YOUNGEST
CHAMPION!!



All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Jason & Gretchen

Devin Henderson



Mark,

Keep that smile on your face;
keep that dream in your heart.
Keep our love with you;
as you make a new start.

All our love-
Mom, Dad, Kevin & Jill

Mark Vanderweide

Dear Megan,

We love you, and together we look
forward to your bright future.

Congratulations!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Josh, Sandy, Jim, Jake & Lauren



Megan Cook



Amber,

We're very proud of the young woman you've become. We love you very much and will always try to be there for you as you begin a new chapter of your life.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Amy & Eric

Amber Byrd

Amy



Congratulations on all of your achievements! I've always been proud to be your brother. You know I won't always be shorter than you, but I know we'll always be close.

I love you, Brent

Amy Miller



Daniel...

Since you were little, the world has never ceased to amaze you. It's yours now. Go out and explore all the world has to offer you. And remember we love you and will always be here for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mike, and Brian (Rocky, too!)

Daniel Padavic

Congratulations, "Beasley"



We are very proud of you and your accomplishments! Always appreciate the true values in life. Those values will lead you to happiness and success.

We love you-
Mom, Dad, & Kevin

Wendy Hudson

Congratulations!

Go forth, do good
& find happiness...
money would help,
too.



Love,
Mom & Dad

Ashley Gallimore





Hey Sissy Doodles,

*Congrats on a Great Finish!
But it is really just a great Beginning.
Stay Focused and All your Dreams will come true.
Love, M & D*

P.S. Definition of focus:

- 1) Point where Rays of light meet*
- 2) To concentrate*
- 3) E.J.C.*

Emily Corbett



Brandon,

Congratulations on your graduation! You have filled our lives with great memories. We applaud your achievements and support you in your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Brett

Brandon Dawson

DAVID



Your potential is unlimited. We are so proud of your hard work and many accomplishments. Continue to grow in the talents that God has given you, and above all, believe in yourself.

Love,
Mom and Dad

David Diepenbrock

**Congratulations,
Katie!**



Love,
Mom and Dad

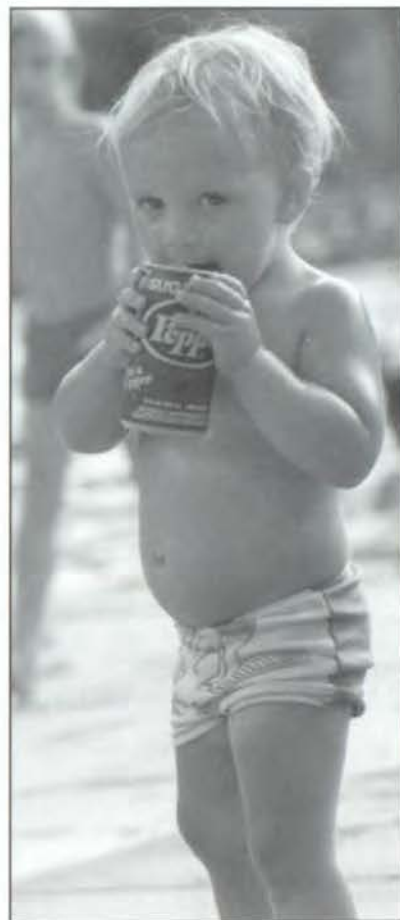
Katherine Gruenewald

Kevyn,
 I suppose congratulations are in order, but you don't know how easy you've had it! Back when I was in school, besides having to trudge 5 miles thru 3 foot drifts of snow, we had to throw our meager sack lunches on the ground for the wolves so that we might safely pass. And that was just preschool! Now, clean up your room!

Love,
 Dad



Kevyn Schwab



WILL

All your hard work and commitment has paid off. Keep your focus, follow your dreams, stay happy and be proud. We are!!

Love,
 Mom & Dad

Will Wickstrom



MIKE



Your passion for life is as infectious as your smile. The way you look at the world thru different eyes is refreshing (& often challenging!) I'm very proud of you & you know I love you. Be true to yourself and follow your spirit.

Carpe diem!
 Love, Mom

Mike McNary



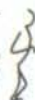
Kelly,

When you were two, you would raise your arms and exclaim "tah dah", signifying a proud moment. You certainly have had a number of accomplishments since. You have a lifetime of "tah dahs" ahead of you.

Congratulations on your success and best wishes for what is certain to be a very prosperous future.

Love, Mom, Dad,
 Kristin, Michael & Bo

Kelly Warren





You've come a long way, babe!
 Congratulations!

Love,
 Ma, Big Bro & Prince

Mike McNary



You have been a bright light in our lives for eighteen years, bringing joy and pride to our family. Now it's time to share that light in new beginnings.

Good Luck!
 Make a difference!
 All our love,
 Dad, Mom and Andy

Congratulations,
 Kelly!!



Kelly Taylor



Susan...

From the time of Dele bobbers and chiquita stickers to the last tears and cheers for graduation..."You have been the sunshine" in our life.

LET YOUR LIFE
 SO SHINE

We are so very proud of you. We love you. Dad, Mom and John

Proverbs
 3:5&6



Susan Wood



To Our Little
 Cowboy



If the Lord had asked us what kind of son we would like to have in our life, we could not have picked one as wonderful as you. Listen to your heart and chase your dreams (we hope you catch them!).

We love you, J.T.!!
 Love,
 Dad, Mom and Amanda

Joshua Turner

CONGRATULATIONS,
MIKE!!



WE LOVE YOU,
MOM, DAD, JOE & CAITLIN

Mike Dekker

Jacia Girl,

You've always been a
Party Girl

And kept our life in
such a whirl

Rather than normal,
our lives were unique

We've been resourceful
with adventures to
seek!

But now you've made it through high school
You've made good grades and were no fool
Now it's time to follow your dreams
We're very proud of you and love you reams!

Yo' Mama

Jacia Humiston



Kenna (A.K.A. Kenzy),
You've weathered the storms and
come through like a bright shining
star. We are so proud of you and
want only the best for you always.
Happiness and health are our
wishes for your future. K.U. is in
for a special treat!

GO FOR THE GOLD!!!



We love you
very much!
Mom and Dad

Kenna Crone

**"Reach high, for stars lie
hidden in your soul.
Dream deep, for every
dream precedes the goal."
—Pamela Vaull Starr**



**Jennifer,
Follow your dreams.
We are behind you all
the way.
Love always,
Mom, Dad & Jeff**

Jennifer Box

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We can't believe it's graduation time for our Little Lizzy! We are so proud of you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Natalie and Meredith

Elizabeth Dickey

Shane,

You are our baby,

It's hard to let you go.

Through fun and hard times,

It's been an honor to watch you grow.



We know there will be many wonderful adventures for you yet to come.

Always remember:

"Home is where they love you."

Love,
Mom, Brett and Jenny

Shane Allen

Congratulations
Graduate!



You've been a wonderful daughter. Here's a wish and prayer that all your dreams come true.

Love,
Dad, Mom,
Derrick and Linea

Janet Patchen

CONGRATULATIONS



Good job, Kenny!

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Beth

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Kenny Taylor



All dressed up then and now plenty of places to go. Thank you for letting us dry your tears and share your giggles. Your future can be anything you want it to be.

Love you,
Mom, Mike, Tony and Robin

Sarah Kring



Ryan,

Well, you did it! Say "good-bye" to Northwest and "hello" to a whole new world out there. Set goals for yourself, reach out to help others and never, never lose that smile!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Randy & Annie

Ryan Auf Der Heide



From the first day of school to the last, we know you'll be up to the challenge. We are so proud!

Love always, Mom & Dad



Good luck
cruisin' onto
college.
Love, Pete

Lauren Holmes

Always remember how proud your Dad was of you and how much he loved you. You have given me so much support, pride and happiness.



I will
love you
forever.

Love, Mom

Brady Lilja



Congratulations,
Nick!

You've come a long way and we are very proud of you. You have a bright future ahead.

Enjoy it!!

Love,

Mom, Dad,
Brett & Lauren



Nick McCord

CONGRATULATIONS
TINA!



We are proud of you. May your future be happy and all your dreams come true.

Love,
Your Family

Christina Caples

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no♥ for
you

Jessie's note to her parents, 1986

Jessica,

We are so proud of you. May you bless the world with your gifts of intelligence and compassion, and may the force of Fred and Ellard always be with you.

Love and Kaloopas,
Mom and Dad



Jessica Duncan



"This time is precious, it cannot
last long...
We look toward tomorrow,
And yesterday's gone.
What happened to these days?
They went by so fast...
These were the days to remember..."



Carly,

We've been truly blessed with the best
daughter a parent could ask for! You are a
truly beautiful person. Your future is so bright!
We love you, Mom and Dad



Carly-

I have followed in your
footsteps since we were very
young. As you go off
to college, I will be on my
own. Thank you for being
such a wonderful sister and
role model.

Love, Chelsea

Carly Chandler

BOO-WET WORLD,
HERE COMES AH-WAH.
CONGRATULATIONS, KEVIN!

WE LOVE YOU,
DAD, MOM, WENDY & JOE



Kevin McNamera

Rounding third, and heading for
home, it's a brown-eyed
handsome man, anyone can
understand the way I feel.

Jimmy the Tick,

In this big
game of life,
you are a
superstar!

We love you,

Dad, Mom,
Rick, Kathleen,
Rebecca & Hallie



James Ingraham





Congratulations, Holly
Now on to bigger and better things.

Love, Mom



A musician?
A scholar?
A dreamer?
Whatever you dream,
Whatever you do,
I will always be very proud of you.

**Little Miss Magic,
what are you gonna be?**



Love,
Dad

Holly Pruitt

BRAD

It seems only yesterday we held you for the first time and wondered what life held for you. For 18 years, you've given us the answer. Life holds for you whatever you choose to take from it. While we can't take credit for all you've accomplished, we can and do take endless joy in the fact that you're our son.



You've prepared yourself to take on the world. So, go and face every challenge like you've always done, with quiet confidence. And, though we know you must soon leave, how we'd love to hold on to our "sweet little Brad" for just a little longer.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Brad Mirakian



Angie,

You always were the performer in the family!
Don't go too far away and remember the way home.

Thanks for being a great sister.

Love, Brad

Angela Jepson

Who would have thought...



Dearest Cory

In the eighteen years, since God gave you to me it has been a privilege being your mother.

You are my greatest source of pride and inspiration. As you go through life, touching those along your way, hold your head up high... be strong... stay focused...and know that you are loved and respected by all who have the honor of knowing you.

With all my love, for now and always,
Mom

Cory Stone



CONGRATULATIONS!



Thank you for all the joy and happiness you have brought to us. We wish you much happiness. We will miss you next year.

We all love you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Janese,
Megan, Kelly, Kathleen, and
Daniel

Chrissy Beattie

Lisa, Since you were born you have been a wonderful addition to our family; now that you are growing up, you are a wonderful addition to the world



and we are so very proud of you. As we watch you doing things on your own, we know you will find happiness and success because we are confident in your ability, your self-knowledge and your values. We are always here to support and to love you. We are forever grateful God gave you to us.

Lisa Bowling

Congratulations, AMY!

I'm very proud of you and Grandpa would have been too. Watching you grow up into an intelligent, reliable, considerate, very lovely young woman. Your standards were high and you succeeded.

To always believe in God and to be true to yourself are very important.

Remember the fun times we've had. Birthdays, family vacations and Green Beans!!

You are always loved,
Grandma



Amy,

As you begin a new chapter of your life, our thoughts and prayers go with you. We are so proud of the person you have become and of all you have accomplished. You always have been and always will be special to us!

We love you so very much,
Mom, Dad and Kristy

Amy,

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and how much we love you! May God continue to be with you.

Grandma and Grandpa Belstner



Amy Belstner

Congratulations, Kevin!

Always give your best
and the best will always
come back to you.
Remember—we will
always be here if you
need us. We're very
proud of you!



**Thanks for the
memories!!**

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Brian, & Chad
Grandma & Grandpa Carter
Grandma & Grandpa Thurman

Kevin Thurman



Sara Smith

Sara, you bring life to a home
light to a dim room.
You turn "ho" into "hum" with your style.
Change is always your friend.
Life's greatest challenges
are your daily tasks.
You chose to fly;
soar high, Sara.
All my love
Dad

Sara Smith

Lisa-

I will miss you very much when you leave for college. I know you will become what you want to be. Remember all of our good times together. I hope I can come visit you at KU.

Your great sis, Lori



Lisa-

We've been through a lot growing up; you were always there to help guide me. You have always been a great influence to me. Have fun in college. I will miss you.

-Ryan

Lisa Bowling

Scotty Dumm



You've always been a
winner to us. **Hold**
onto your **dreams** and
you'll
reach your **goals**.

Love,
Mom, Dad,

Scott Dumm





Stacy,

Thanks for the joy and happiness you've brought to us. We wish the best for you always.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Stacy Montee

MELODY-

As you go through this next phase of your life, remember that life is not always fair. But no matter what happens, always remember that we are proud of you, we support you and we love you very much.

Have a wonderful time in college and best of luck! Our thoughts and our prayers will be with you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Gabe



Melody Fry

Stacy,



We laugh, we cry,
we make time fly,
best friends are we
my sisters and me.

Love,
Lara and Amy

Stacy Montee



Anzy Fog,
You're a great brother!
Good luck in the future
Love, Steve, Snip & Bubbles



Good luck, **BIG ANG!**
Marshall & Melissa



Fondest memories of your
creative career from
movie production to
musical instruments, and
your first microphone.
Our love,
Gramo ("Deedle-Deedle") &
Grandpa

Congratulations, Andy!

You made it! Your independent spirit has wanted to take off for years. Now is the time to soar. You are unique and wonderful. Go into the world and do unique and wonderful things.

We love you lots!
Mom and Dad



Andy Toburen

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You were born for a purpose, God's purpose. I am very proud of you, not only for what you have done, but also for what you will do for God's Kingdom. Never quit, never compromise, win the game in your head, and "no crybabies."



Keep your standards high, and God's purpose for your life will come to pass. Always base your decisions on His Word and remember, I love you very much.

-Dad

Angela Blake

Laura,

We're not sure who developed more character — you or us. Thanks for all the delightful moments.



Love,
Mom, Dad & Julie

Laura Fletcher

KTB,

We will always be your biggest cheerleaders.



We love you!
Mom, Dad
& Betsy

Proverbs 3:5-6

Katie Boyer

Congratulations, Melissa!



You have worked hard and accomplished a lot. We are so proud of everything you do. You have become a lovely young woman and are successful at everything you try. May all your dreams come true. We love you!
Mom & Dad



Melissa McKibben



Dearest Jennifer,

I admire your strength, compassion, insights and wisdom. I find joy in your smile, confidence, humor and watching you learn and grow. You are a natural-born listener, empathizer, synthesizer, organizer and counselor. Over the years I have watched you unselfishly give of your time, talents and love to touch the hearts of others in need without ever expecting anything in return. You are so much more than I ever could have hoped for! You are truly a child of God and we all thank Him everyday for entrusting us with you.

Love,
Mom

"Jeffifer"

Thank you for being the big sister our mom and dad never had.

(Even if you did kiss us!)

Your little brothers, Adam and Kevin

Jennifer,

We may have never known the joy of having a daughter if God hadn't brought you into our lives. We're thankful our boys had you as their 'big sister.'

Ma & Pa McClure

Jen,

Remember that day in Ed's office when you told me J'd be a great teen sponsor? That was the beginning of our friendship. Since then, we've shared both good times and bad times, laughter and tears. Remember using nature's outhouse in Colorado? Sweating to death in Phoenix?

Sweating even more in Mexico? No matter what path you choose to take next, I know God will turn your journey into something beautiful. You are a beautiful, talented, compassionate young woman. Keep Jesus #1. I love you.

Shawna

Jennifer,

We're proud of you!

Proud to have known you all these years;

Proud of the way you have matured into a young woman;

Proud of your leadership skills and abilities;

Proud of your integrity in life issues;

Proud of your purity;

Proud of your beauty;

Proud of your level-headedness, despite being blonde and coming from a broken home;

Proud of your affinity to the under privileged of our world;

Proud of your gentle spirit; and

Proud to call you "daughter" and "sister!"

Love,
Ed, Lori and Robyn

Dear Jennifer,

Some of the best advice we could give you upon graduation is to quote Leo Busaglia, Ph.D., "You are at the center of all your relationships, therefore you are responsible for your self-esteem, growth, happiness and fulfillment. Don't expect the other person to bring you these things. You must live as if you are alone and others are the gift offered to help you enrich your life." One of life's great lessons is to learn and accept this as the truth. Please know the we will always be there to love, support and applaud you. We are already so proud of the person you have grown to become, as well as all of your accomplishments. Keep your faith in God and yourself.

All of our love,
Pete, Heather, Olivia and Spencer

Jennifer Smith



Jennifer,

The light of our lives—we have watched you grow from a little curly-headed doll, always sweet and gentle with people of all ages, into a lovely, caring young woman. You have quietly overcome adversity and have become stronger in your beliefs and actions because of it. We couldn't be more proud of our precious granddaughter.

Love, Grammy and Granddaddy

Jennifer Smith



Jennifer Smith

From the moment you were born, I've known you were special. You've grown from a wonderful child to a beautiful young woman, and I've always been proud to be your father. As you leave to explore new directions, I wish you all the success and happiness life can bring. No matter where you are, I'll be there for you!

All my love,
Dad

Jennifer Smith

Joe,

You'll always be the **BOMB** because of your sense of humor, warm heart and enthusiasm for life. It's that joy, joy, joy, joy, joy... Pass it on. I am so very proud of you.

Love, Mom



Wowuf-

I've always looked up to you.
Congratulations!
Love, Sis

Joe Zucht

Jake,

Follow your dreams, hit fairways and greens, and keep trying to "catch the big one."

We love you and are so proud of you,
Dad, Mom and

Rachel



Jake White



Once a cat, always a cat? Kitten, Cougar... Wildcat?

Congratulations & best wishes, Pat!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Janna, Fred & Lisa

Patrick Thaete



Melissa,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You have grown into a wonderful and caring person. We wish you success and happiness in all that you do.



Love,
Mom & Dad
Angela & Michael

Melissa Sanders

Shortcake,

You are proof that good things come in small packages. Keep your enthusiasm for life and determination to make a difference. You have accomplished great things, and we know this is only the beginning. We will always be proud of you.



Love always,
Mom and Dad

Angela Jepson

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I know things haven't been easy, but your welfare is always on my mind and I know that the rest of your life will be a great experience for you. I'm looking forward to being a part of it. I (all of us) love you, always.

-Dad

Kara Keener

Emily-

We're so proud of you, who you are and all you've done. With your intelligence, drive, determination and integrity, we know you have the qualities to bring you happiness and success.

We love you,
Mom & Dad
Jeremiah 29:11



Hey Em,
Remember Minister
golfing and
Presbyterian
Crossings.

We love you,
Ash and Al

Emily Elizabeth Rees

Freshen each day with your laughter and gentle spirit. Continue to look to God for guidance in the challenges ahead.

We are so proud of all your accomplishments and know your determination will help you succeed in all you do.

May your days be filled with bluebirds and butterflies and your journey through life be on the wings of angels.

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Sara &
Molly too!!



Andrea Henricks



Sam,
I Love You!

"For the child you were to the person you are, thanks for 18 years of pride and happiness."

Love,
Mom

Sam Glennon

Julia,

You were our first born, the answer to our hopes and dreams. Our only daughter who we've always over-protected, and wanted only the best for. You have attended four different schools in your four years of high school. We know it was tough at times and we are very proud of all that you have accomplished, and the wonderful young woman you've become along the way. Remember always that you are in our thoughts and hearts, and that we will always be there for you.

All our love,

Dad
&
Mom



Julia Adams

Adam...



Your "stage" is now stretching out before you... Set out with confidence in the direction of your dreams remembering that life offers no "dress rehearsal." So go out there and "break-a-leg."

We are so proud of you and love you very much.

Mom, Dad, Brett & Scott

Adam Dworkis

Matt,

Congratulations!! We are so proud of you. You have been a great kid and a lot of fun. We wish you much success, happiness and God's blessings in all you do. Thanks for all the memories. We love you very much.

Mom, Dad,
Michael, Mark & Mitchel



Matt Peterson





Continue on the path of doing your best to achieve excellence in all that you do. May your faith in God, your sensitive nature to others and your determination to succeed be motivators for your future students. We love you and are very proud of you.

Dad, Mom and Jeff

Kay Hammons



You are the wind beneath our wings, and we couldn't be more proud of you.

Love you loads,

Mom and Dad
Paul and Conor

Adrienne Dreher

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A person like you makes the world more special, just by being in it! We're proud of you and will always be here for you. Keep laughing; it is contagious!

Love, Mom, Dad, Abbie,
Andrea and Ashley

Allie Johnson

Jenna,

You are the best sister anyone could have.

I love you, Jaime



Nothing is more wondrous than a person when she begins to discover herself.

You have always been such a joy in our lives. We have watched you grow into a beautiful, caring woman and we are very proud of you.

May the sun always shine on you!
With all our love,
Mom, Dad and Jaime



Jenna Pierce

Congratulations, Jim!

We're
proud of
you.



Love,
Mom & Dad

Jim Haynes



MEGHAN (W.L.)

GOD GAVE YOU TO US
TO LOVE AND TEACH.
WE GIVE YOU BACK TO HIM
TO BE YOUR STRENGTH AND GUIDE
TRUSTING HIM ALWAYS.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
MOM, DAD & JOSHUA

Meghan Blanks

Jared,

Where have the last 18 years gone? It seems that just yesterday "all your parents" were sitting together in your kindergarten class open house. You've had to deal with special family arrangements through the years, which included putting up with two sisters and lots of extra grandparents. Just remember, that in our extended family there's just that many more people who love you. Thank you for so graciously playing Trina and Allisa's games and keeping all of us entertained with your antics and sense of humor. We know you had to endure many hours of playing house, dress up and "special tea" parties, but you never complained. We're just glad your clothing selections have changed for the better. You have grown into a very caring and loving person, and with those qualities, you will never go wrong.

All our love and support,
Mom, Dad, Suz, Chris, Trina and
Allisa

Jared Ebel



Jenny,

Wherever you travel in life, never leave home without your gentle, fun-loving spirit. May your faith and confidence in God always guide you. You are a joy and inspiration to us. We love and believe in you.

Love,
Dad, Mom
&
Julie

Philippians 4:13



Jennifer Bruner





Leslie,

To believe is to cling to impossible dreams and strive 'till you make them come true! Dad, Michael and I are proud of your inner spirit and special creative nature. Enjoy life's journey!

Love, Mom, Dad & Michael

Leslie Maciejewski

"Congratulations! Today is your day, you're off to great places! You're off and away! You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose. Oh, the places you'll go! And will you succeed? Yes!! You will indeed."
 — Dr. Seuss



Emily, we are so proud of you!!
 Love, Mom, Dad & Ali

Emily Davidson



Anastacia ("Staci"),
 We're proud of you.
 You're beautiful. You can accomplish anything.
 We'll always be here for you!

Love, Mom, Dad,
 Valeri & Chris

Staci Faber

BRETT,



"Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!" — Dr. Seuss

Thanks for always keeping me laughing! Good luck in the future. You've always been a good brother and friend.

Love, Lesley

Brett,
 Independent, charming, witty, loving and full of life. Thank you for all of the special memories. You have been the joy of our lives. We are so proud of all that you have done and the wonderful young man you have become. We have been



very blessed. May your future be happy and full of success! Set your goals high and go for it.

All of our love (Bubba),
 Dad & Mom



Brett Rushton



Jennifer, Congratulations to our favorite "anchor."

We've watched you grow from a delightful little girl to a charming young lady. The years have flown by and we've seen you accomplish many successes. We know that you have the ability to achieve many more in the future.

Much love and happiness from,
Dad, Mom, Jon and Joanne

Jennifer Sherry



Dani,

We are so very proud of you. We were truly blessed when you were born.

Go get 'em, Queenie!
Love, Mom, Dad & Jeremy



Dani Horseman

Dear Lyndsay,

I can't believe that you are about to graduate from high school. It seems like yesterday you were starting kindergarten - standing on the front porch insisting that I didn't need to walk you to school. You've always been so independent.

I hope you know how special you are to me - you've brought me such joy & I've



learned so much from you. You've grown up to become a remarkable young woman, and I'm so proud of you. You're beautiful, thoughtful, loving, intelligent and so much more organized than me.

This is an exciting time for you, as you go off to college. Remember your "roots", they will give you stability and strength and I know you have the "wings" to fly.

I Love You, Mom

Lyndsay Farnsworth



Congratulations

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You're a great guy with many special talents. Always believe in yourself. We wish you a future of great health and happiness.

We're so proud of you!

We love you!

Mom and Dad

Clay Todd





Adam,

Your journey's just begun.
Your life lies ahead of you.
Listen to your heart. Believe in
yourself and your life will be
fulfilling.

We love you and believe in you!

Mom, Dad, David, Elizabeth & Joe

"Try not! Do! Or do not! There is no try."

Adam Carey

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Keep your head held high and
strive for the best, for you deserve
it. Always know that we love you
and are very proud of you.

Love ya forever,
Mom, Dad, Annie & Carol Ann

Catherine Krstulic

Andy,

Always remember to always do your best
at whatever you attempt. We love you
and wish you only the best and always
remember — keep your stick on the ice.



Love,
Mom
&
Dad

Andy Brinker



JONNY,
ALWAYS REMEMBER TO
KEEP SMILING AS YOU
CONTINUE YOUR
JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE.
CONGRATULATIONS!
LOVE, MOM, DAD AND
YOUR FAMILY

Jonny Owens

Congratulations
Derrick. We are very
proud of you.

Love,
Misty, Adam & Dad



Derrick Schultz

Krista,
You are a precious gift from
God. May your life be filled
with as much joy and happi-
ness as you have given us.



We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Scot, Ryan, & Todd
Proverbs 3:6

Krista Sperry



Chris,

Since you were a little girl, you have set your goals and attacked them with determination and resolve. We can't remember if there has ever been a time when you didn't express your opinions. We have watched you grow into a strong, determined, beautiful young woman. You will always have our support and love in whatever your future goals may be.

Love,

Mom, Dad and Scott

Chris Sime



Congratulations— we are so very proud of you. Your potential is only limited by your dreams. May your happiness be unlimited! If you keep your heart going in the right direction, you won't have to worry about your feet.



We love you!
Mom, Dad, Paul
and Lucky too.

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Melissa,

You are a true blessing to us...
We are so proud of you! We know your
future will be as bright as your smile!

We love you! Mom, Dad and Corey

Melissa Bowman

Dear Jesse,
We wish for you the wisdom to value honesty and kindness in all your future actions; the courage to accept all challenges with confidence and to experience joy in your accomplishments. But, most of all, we wish for you great love like the gift we've shared since the day you were born.

Congratulations on your Graduation!
Love you always,
Mom and Dad



Jesse Schomer

The best is yet to
come!
Good Luck... We
are so proud of
you!



Love,
Mom, Dad & Catie

Graham Heaven

Congratulations, Kevin!

You've come a long way. You've made us proud, and we wish you success in all that you do.



Love,
Dad
&
Mom

Kevin Dusselier



Congratulations, David!
We are so proud of you.
It's the beginning of your
bright future.
God Bless you now
and forever!

Love, Dad, Mom & Andrew

David Chung

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WITH ALL OUR LOVE

You want to fly free
And we want you to be yourself
But remember, please,
Remember what we have learned:
That sometimes, even in clear air,
There is turbulence, and
Directions can become confused.

Oh, you will find your way,
Of that we have no doubt;
You would find it by yourself.

But with some problems you will face
Some mistakes that may erase your gains,
Bear in mind that you are not alone,
And if that single word, Help,
Has meaningful appeal,
You have only to ask.

We are so proud of you!
Never let go of your dreams.

Love, Mom and Dad

Adam Mall



Ryan,

You've been a cute little mouse, an ornery little devil, and even tried a fireman's suit on for size. Life will be a wonderful adventure. You can be anything you want. Always know, I'm very proud of the person you've become.

Love always, Mom & Shaun

Ryan Rogers



Luke,

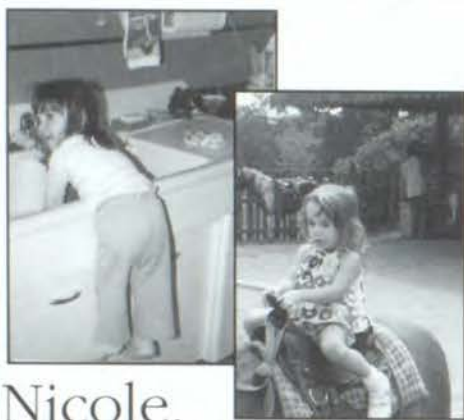
We're very proud of the accomplishments you've attained. Your hard work and diligence, to do your best. But we're especially proud of your character and desire to follow God and stand up for what is right.

Good Luck!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Olivia, Talia,
Gabe & Heidi

Luke Armstrong





Nicole,

You've always "hung in there" when the "going got tough," and done your very best. We know that your future will be filled with success.

Congratulations on all you've accomplished and may all your dreams come true. We're very proud of you.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Brett,
Peter & Champ

Nicole Armstrong

Scott,

You will always be first chair in the great Jazz Band of Life.

We're proud to be your family,
Dad, Mom, Kris and Ashley



To change your mind and follow Him that sets you right is to be nonetheless the free agent than you were before.

Scott Smalley

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Life is hard to smile at sometimes, but don't give up.

Love, Dad and Barb

Andrea Stephens



Through the years, you have always been the same...

"That Special Spencer"

Love
Always,
Mom & Dad



Spencer Cryder

For My Special Angel,



May you find true happiness all of your life.
 May you always feel compassion in your heart. May all your dreams become reality.
 May you find love that lasts a lifetime.

I love you,
 Mom

Melissa Evans



Mike, Thanks for filling our lives with wonderful memories; from T-ball to football you've always been a winner. We are so proud of you and the things you have accomplished. You're a special young man. Keep your dreams and you can do anything.

Love, Mom, Kirk, Mark, Dylan, Dad, Jill & Stephanie

Michael Cosgrove

Odie,

May your future have:
 Enough success to keep you eager,
 Enough failure to keep you humble,
 Enough joy to share with others,
 Enough trials to keep you strong,
 Enough hope to keep you happy,
 Enough faith to banish depression,
 Enough friends to give you comfort,
 Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

We love you! Mom, Dad, Amber, Dustin and Ashley



Odie,
 I can't believe this day is already here. My big brother is leaving me and who knows if he'll even stay near. I will never forget you and all the fun memories we have had playing, lying, crying and making me mad. We have gone through everything brothers and sisters

do, but I just wanted to let you know I really do love you. I'm glad we have become closer over the years because it made me realize you're a brother who actually cares. I'm really going to miss you and your friends, too. I will always be there for you, no matter what you do. Thank you for leading the way. I have always looked up to you and it will always be that way.

Love you now and always, Amber

Ryan Burdolski

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CONGRATULATIONS!!
 Remember that your best is always good enough.



We love
 you,
 Dad
 &
 Jean

Ryan Rogers





Kory,
 Congratulations on your graduation. We are so proud of you and all the choices you've made (except for that infamous "donut decision"). We love you, wish you the best and will always be there for you.



Love,
 Mom, Dad,
 Geoff, Scott and
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Kory Miles



Hold on to your hat, son, as you start your new adventure. Exciting and wonderful times are yet to come.

Congratulations, Jeff!
 We are proud of you and will always be here for you.

Love, Mom and Dad

Jeff Nelson

"May God give you
 A spirit of wisdom and of
 Revelation in the
 Knowledge of Him."
 Ephesians 1:7



Mark,
 We love you and pray for you as you take the next step in your journey of faith.

Love,
 Dad, Mom, Sharon, Steve & Debbie

John Mark Maresko



Jeff,
 Congratulations!!
 We're very proud of you. Keep on playin'!

Love,
 Mom, Dad and
 Shannon

Jeff McNeal



Lisa, The past is full of memories. It's time to make some wonderful new ones!

Congratulations!
 Love Always,
 Mom

Lisa Coester

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CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE!!!

We wish you much success and happiness as you start your college life. We couldn't be more proud of you. Keep on doing the right thing.

Love, Mom, Dad & Gregg

Mike Howell

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS!
WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE, MOM & DAD



Brian Cobb

Christinabella,



Congratulations, you finally made it! Now, you only have four more years to go! Even through the tough times, you've grown and made us all very proud. Remember we'll always be there for you and we're very proud of you. May God give you strength to do the right thing and never waste the special gifts He has given you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Kim and Carrie

Christine Tennissen





Leah & Katie

Follow your dreams &
enjoy the journey!

Congratulations!

We are so very proud of you,
Your Loving Parents, Siblings and
Animals

Katie Figgins & Leah Vandiver



Brian,

We've had our good times and
our bad times, but the good will
always be the ones I remember.
I am very proud to have you as
a brother and hope you
continue to be yourself. Good
luck in the years to come.



I Love
You,
Dan

BRENT,

IT'S BEEN AN
ADVENTURE ALL
THE WAY!

WE LOVE YOU,
MOM, DAD, MARK & DAVE



Brent Sails



Nicole,

You've always made us
proud of you, and amazed
us with your talents.

Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Sean

Nicole Anderson

LINDSAY,

From dolls to boys (who are
you kissing now?) and from
orchestra concerts to field
parties...Always watching out
for your younger sister...as
well as your six best friends.



You're finally graduating
from high school (whew!)
and embarking on a new life
of your own. We're proud
of you...and grateful for all
the joy that having you has
brought us.

Love, Mom, Dad & Jamie

Lindsay Thomas



Liz,

God's gift to you is what you are.
Your gift to God is what you become.
Our Gift from God was you!

We are so proud of you and love you very much.

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Mom, Dad, Jenny and Tom

Liz Meier



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YEA!
YOU GO GIRL!!
We are so proud
of you. The future
is yours.



We love you!!
Mom & Dad
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Nicole Sztorch



Dear Eric,

I'll be right here...ET

May the Force be with you...Yoda

Come on down...Bob Barker

All you Need is Love...The Beatles

There's No Place Like Home...Dorothy

Go where no man has gone before...Captain Kirk

The Love Boat soon will be making another run...

Capt. Steubing

Clean Up Your Room, Be Home At Ten and Remember...

Nobody loves you like we do...

Mom, Dad, & Scott



Eric Longman



You made it...Awesome...
Congratulations, Mark!!

Best of luck to you as you enter
a New Phase of your life.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Mark Trinder



Dear Adam,
We have always been
proud of you.
Congratulations!!

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Adam Toren



ASHLEY RICHERSON

Ashley,
Preschool through high
school, you have been a delight
and we are extremely proud of
the person you have become. As
you move from this milestone to
the next, remember that we will
always love you.

Love, Mom & Dad

Ashley Richerson



B.J., You're a wonderful
young man. We're so proud of
you and all your accomplish-
ments! You have filled our
lives with so much joy! The
future is yours, so go and get
it! Congratulations! We love
you!

Mom, Dan,
Grandpa, Grandma
(Spike too!)

B.J. Haverkamp



Michael-

You've always known
exactly who you are
and where you're
going. We couldn't
be more proud .

Love, Mom, Dad & Leah

Michael Urbom

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From our tiny, curly haired,
loving baby,

To our strong, independent,
loving man. The years have
brought many outward
changes but have only
strengthened the inner
character.

Congratulations!
We love you, Mom & Dad



Erik Wilhelm

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are very proud of you!!!
Love, Pops, Mom & Jennifer

Justin Estes

Dear Aaron,
Happy 18th Birthday
and Congratulations on
your graduation! You
have been a joy in our
lives and will continue to
be.



We love you and pray
for God's blessing on
all your future days!

II Timothy 2:15

Love, Mom, Dad & Gina
(and a hug from Isabella!)



Aaron Uzelac



Mookie,

You have truly been a gift
from God! May you always keep
your eyes on Him as you continue
down the pathway of life. Thanks
for all the memories!

Lots of Love forever,
Mom, Dad, Stacey & Brett

Jeffrey Monger

Kent Charles

Congratulations!
Dad, M.J. & Mom



Yo Bro!
"Precious made it"
Kissy Buca
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Kent Corser

bryan@kc.net~

From a train engineer to a Systems Engineer
we are very proud of you.



"The past is but the beginning of the beginning,
and all that is and has been is but the twilight
of the dawn."

Love,
Mom, Dad and Brandon



Dear Kelly,
We are so proud of you.
It was hard to be the third
child, but you have led in so
many ways. We want you to
be happy - be true to your-
self and your dreams. And
relax-everything is **not** due
today!

Your family
(who will always be here for you)
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Meggan,
Ryan, Brendon, Chris and
Jordan
Kelly Killingsworth



Brian,

What a special little guy you were.
What fun we've had watching you
grow! Stay curious. Try new things.
Go new places. Believe in
yourself. You can achieve whatever
you set your mind to. We wish you
happiness.



Congratulations.
We're very proud
of you!
Love always,
Mom, Dad
Andrea & Benji

Brian Wosel



Erica,
 Congratulations on your
 graduation! Keep smiling and the
 best of luck in your future. Your
 music has brightened our lives.
 We wish you happiness and may
 all your dreams come true.

Love Always,
 Dad, Mom and Erin

Erica Van de Voort

David,

To write down a tribute
 Using just a few lines
 About you is impossible
 I'm so proud you are mine
 Thanks for enriching our
 lives. Now it's time to
 enrich the world.



Love,
 Mom &
 Gary

David Tucker

Nicole...

You light up our lives...



Love from,
 Your people and
 your animals

Nicole George-Abeyie

Ashley,

Every candle ever lit;
 every home, bridge,
 cathedral or city ever
 built; every act of human
 kindness, discovery,
 daring, artistry or
 advancement started
 first in someone's
 imagination; and then
 worked its way out. You
 have that power - use it.



Love,
 Dad, Mom,
 Tracy and
 Ryan



Ashley Underwood



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Roses are Red
 Violets and Blue
 now get a joy Jiver Joe!

Congratulations! We love you!
 Mom, Dad, Jodi and our zoo

Jake Davis





"Little KK"

Kara,

The one who made everyday special, and made everyone around her laugh and smile. May your future bring everything you wish for as you go out into the world!

My love with you always.

Love, Mom

Kara Keener

Ryan,

We use this favorite photo of you at five years old in disbelief of how quickly the time has passed as a young boy taking little steps to kindergarten.

Ryan, we have watched you grow, learn and mature through the school years always with great pride. Now that you are taking a large step away from high school we are very proud of the man you have become.



Congratulations Ryan!

We Love You,
Mom & Dad

Ryan Holcomb

JULIE,



You are very special to all of us. Set your goals and work hard achieve them. Your best is always good enough!

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Grandma,
Charlie and David

Julie Rock

A Sister is...
a friend, a companion
a listener, an adviser
a special gift - love



It's going to be lonely shampoo. No one across the hall to talk with at 1:00 AM, no one to laugh for hours with, just me and Cameron. It's funny to think about, we look and act completely different, yet we are sisters and best friends!!! I'm going to miss you!!! Make Mom and Dad proud, like you always have!

Your admirer, Amy Lynne

Shannon Cederlind



Brandon,

You were given to us to guide, to love, to walk thru life beside, to fill our loving arms. Now it's your time to spread your wings and fly. We believe in you.

We love so much,
Mom, Dad & Courtney



Brandon Hoge



You have given us the ride of a lifetime and we're so proud of where you are. Remember your seatbelt on the rest of your journey!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Matt Christensen

BRETT,
LIFE IS HECTIC AND WE NEVER GET TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH IN YOUR LIFE YET TO COME.

WE LOVE YOU,
MOM, DAD AND TANYA

Brett Johnson

Rachel,

We're behind you as you BEGIN YOUR OWN PATH. Trust in your PASSIONS, CREATIVITY and INTUITIONS. Our dream is that you pursue and CAPTURE YOUR OWN! We'll always be two of your biggest fans!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Rachel Metzler





Jennifer,
You are the light of our lives.
Congratulations on all of your
accomplishments.



Love,
Mother
and
Dad

Jennifer Walker



MAY ALL YOUR
DREAMS COME
TRUE!

LOVE, MOM & JUSTIN

Jon Michaels

Snickerr doodle,
We are so proud of you.
You never cease to
amaze us! May you
accomplish all your
dreams!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Kajsa & Carl



Bjorn Stromberg



"If there was already a path, it would have
to be someone else's; the whole point is
to find your own way."

All out love and support,
Mom and Mic

MAY YOU HAVE...

Enough Happiness to keep you sweet, Trials to keep
you strong, Sorrow to keep you human, Hope to keep
you happy, Failure to keep you humble, Success to
keep you eager, Friends to give you comfort, Wealth to
meet your needs, Enthusiasm to look forward, Faith to
banish depression, DETERMINATION to make each
day better than yesterday.

All our love, Granni & Papa Dean



Kelly Umberger



Pretty good car to start!

"Bigger, better, faster!"

WESS,

In the past eight years we've lived in five different states. You've gone to eight new schools. No matter where we were you made a place for yourself. We want you to know how proud we are of you.

Love, Momer & Dad



"Jewels"

Wess Parsons



TONY!!

Your journey has taken you to this next step. It's been wonderful to walk with you. We have a lot of pride for you and from you. We love you.

Dad and Mom

Right from the start you had our hearts. Your smile filled our lives. Your love filled our hearts and made being there an even greater delight. Thanks.



Tony Bedora



Aubrey,
I hope you always remember how special you are to me. I'm very proud of my first born child and I love you very much. You'll go far in your life – just don't ever go too far from me.

Love, Mom

Aubrey Wright





Every child is a precious gift and you have certainly been a special treasure to me. May you always remember to use the gifts and abilities He has given you to bless others and your path will be bright and your life fullfilled.

Always your #1 fan - Love, Dad

Alison Walla

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Congratulations on your graduation. Your drive, intelligence and concern for others will make you successful. You are very special and we love you.

Love, Mom & Dad



Leah Watkins



MATTHEW,
We are proud
of you.

Congratulations,
Dad, Dorthy, Megan & T.D.

Matthew Potter

RYAN,



Since the first day you came into this world, you have given us pure joy and happiness. We couldn't have asked God for a more perfect son. With your quick sense of humor, you bring smiles to everyone. Don't ever change and pursue your dreams, for the world is waiting for you.

With All Our Love,
Mom and Dad

Ryan Siegert

Happy, Bright,
Positive, Athletic,
Intelligent, Cute,
Kind and LOVING,
Son, Brother and
Grandson. Never
forget the fun times.
Especially dancing and
singing with Grandma
to Slim Whitman!



Congratulations
Sweetie!

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Derek,
Heidi, Grandma and
Grandpa

Chris Zarda





CONGRATULATIONS, LANE!!!!

Thank you for all the love, joy and pride you have brought into our lives over these last 17 years. We wish you continued success in the next leg of your journey as you continue onward and upward, through college, career and life! Thanks for your efforts and attitude.

All Our Love,
Dad, Mom, Shawnda and Shane

Lane Laird



Tara,

Your face has always lit up a room. We are so proud of all your accomplishments. We are especially proud of the wonderful person you turned out to be!
Congratulations!

We love you, Mom, Dad, Ryan & Niki

Tara Richart



Keri,

We are proud of you and what you have accomplished. Your determination, talents and zest for life will help you to reach your dreams and goals.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Lindsey and Laurie

Keri Goodman

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Thank you for 18 years of wonderful memories. We couldn't be more proud of you for not only what you've accomplished, but who you are. We wish you all the success and happiness in the future as you begin the next chapter in your life.

Love
you more,
Mom & Dad



Amy Lawson

Best ~ Friends ~ Forever



Bannandana~Rice chrispi ~
Taylor ~Rhonda ~Festing ~1-yr.
fight ~ FRO ~ Iowa men ~
College boys ~ SMOS ~ Jo's
modeling ~ Staci's designing ~
everyone's staring? ~ glitter-
gals ~ vinyl jackets ~ Da tape ~
Habijii's w/Lisa~X-mas party ~
Birthday bash ~ Band Nerd ~
High school boys ~ grounded,
again ~ all nighters ~ platforms
~ Andy-ahh?

Joanna Ansley & Staci Faber





I think I can!
I think I can!

Cares, you made us sad
sometimes, you made us
glad sometimes, but you've
always made us proud.

Congratulations!
Mom & Dad

Carolyn House



Look at us then, think
of us now. How close
we've been and
always shall.

With love and luck!
Your sister, Alana

"To Our 1st Angel"

Two things we give to you: One is
roots, the other wings. Spread your
wings and soar High.
We love you, Mom and Dad



"I'll love you forever
I'll love you always
As long as I'm
living my sister you
shall be."
I Love You, Allie



Anya Stankewsky

Live a life you love, love the life you live ~~ Hold yourself responsible
for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you ~~ Do not think
you are on the right road just because it is a well-beaten path ~~ If you
refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it~~ It is
good to have an end to journey towards, but it is the journey that mat-
ters in the end ~~ The time when you need to do something is when no
one else is willing to, when people are saying it can't be done ~~ Don't
judge those who try and fail, Judge only those who fail to try ~~ All



serious daring starts from within ~~ You
keep on getting what you've been getting
when you keep on doing what you've
been doing ~~ Success is performing to
the limit of your potential. It's trying your best so that you can look back
and say to yourself, I did everything I possibly could ~~ If there is no
wind... row~~ Never, Never, Never, Never give up!!!

Thank you for making our lives so special. Never change.
Congratulations and We Love You!
Mom & Dad



Shannon Cederlind



Dear Cheryl,

You have brought such joy to us all during your lifetime. We have had great times together. Now, it is time for bigger and better things, and we are going to have to let you go off to college.

Graduation will be the beginning of your adult life and striving for the goals you have set for yourself. We have no doubt that you will become a doctor, and we will be so proud of you as you devote your career to helping children. And if you should change your mind and pursue another career, our pride will still be there. We know you will be successful in anything you decide to do, and will be helping others.

Work hard to achieve your goals in life, but have fun too. Life has to be in balance to be really wonderful. Keep your sense of humor. You have to be able to laugh at yourself. It helps to soften the difficult things that will come your way.

Remember that we love you dearly, you are the apple of our eyes and your Grandmother is going to hold you on her lap even when she is 90 years old and you are 6'6" tall. We love you, sweetie.

Love, Crazy Grandma and Teasing Grandpa

Dear Cheryl,

So much to say; so little space! Surprise! No endearing childhood names.

A fun thing about being a parent is looking at your tiny baby and imagining what she'll be like when she grows up. It's exciting to watch the progression from total dependence to independence. (Your journey was sure faster than most! Not everyone had Sesame Street's, I Can Do it Myself, as a favorite book!) What has impressed me most is that you have always had a goal. You can do anything you want in life if you have a goal and if you persevere. I have complete confidence in you. You can do it!

I'm looking forward to watching the next step in your life unfold.

I love you a lot!
Mom



Cheryl Woodburn





"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

Nikita Negandhi & Trusha Bhatt

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You've brought so much joy and happiness into our lives. Congratulations on all that you've accomplished. We're very proud of you and hope that your future will be as bright as your smile. Follow your dreams and be happy!

Love, Mom. Dad. Brian & Jessica



Renee Russell

Matt and Kevin,
From adorable little boys to wonderful young men, we have loved every minute of your lives. With everything you will have in your life, REMEMBER, you will always have each other.

Love, Mom and Dad



Kevin (left) & Matt (right)



Matt & Kevin Derks

Chad,

What a gift you have been to us. Filling our family with joy, laughter and music. With your sweet gentle spirit, your infectious smile and your God-given talents, you will go far. We know God has great plans for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Lisa and Bryan



"For 2 know the plans 2 have for you says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."
Jeremiah 29:11

Chad Tebbe



Lisa,

It seems not so very long ago, you were our little baby girl. Now you're all grown up and we want you to know how very proud of you we are. We hope you achieve all the goals you've set for yourself.



We love you,
Mom, Dad and Donny

Lisa Hutchison

Katie



Try to remember to stop and smell the roses every once in awhile! Good Luck and we wish you the best of times in the future.
Have a wonderful life!

Love Always,
Mom, Dad and Bryan

Katie Redhair

"best friends...now and for always"



↳ Do you prefer a truck or a VW? ↳ "I feared for your life!" ↳ M E L O Y L O ↳ Mel & Joe 3/24/96 ↳ Chris & Jasen 11/29/95 ↳ Haunted Houses ↳ Prom '97 ↳ Worlds of Fun ↳ We have men in our locker ↳ Mr. Miller ↳ Odie & Chrissy ↳ "I'm not opinionated, I'm just always right" ↳ Homecoming '96 ↳ WPA '96 ↳ "Oops, I didn't need that side" ↳ the dressing rooms at DEB ↳ "so how many times did we go prom dress shopping?" ↳ "You can hear her coming all the way down the hall" ↳ "Don't you have any school spirit?!" ↳ SENIORS... finally ↳ Meg Ryan... the restaurant scene ↳ Aerosmith & Metallica ↳ Hallmark and Mel's job of the week ↳ "Hey, at least I beat him!" ↳ "Don't you just hate on-line stalkers" ↳ "Scott-mobile" ↳ "What's Joe doing on the mural?" ↳ Golf vs. sleep... tough decision ↳ "So, Mel who would you tell first?" ↳ POOH & TIGGER ↳ Open Lunch ↳ KSU & Rockhurst ↳ B&J's Chocolate Fudge Brownie ↳ Redheads forever ↳

Melody Fry & Chris Sime

Chris Emmel



Congratulations Tiger!
 You made it all the way!
 I'm proud of you!
 Love and Blessings,
 Mom and Alex
 XOXXOXO
 You're the Best!!!

Chris Emmel

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◆ Your car is my holy temple, my donut maker, my love shack...WHERE is this from? ◆ our van isn't Titanic or is it? ◆ Is Adam fat? ◆ sing mmm-bop to pick up guys ◆ Nikki & Ashley was that a snort or a laugh? ◆ guy wall ◆ it's kinda sweet! I can't believe you just said that! ◆ Mae Luen's dip bed ◆ Ashley's more exciting than Helvetica ◆ Load ◆ Aren't you proud of Jasen? He called! ◆ It's making me completely insane! ◆ Thingy ◆ Suckey, suckey now ◆ Ashley wants the guy with the striped shirt ◆ The Time Machine is closed ◆ Fruit Head Monkeys ◆ Bazooka Mae Luen ◆ We get to walk through the sucky tube ◆ Freshly Squeezed ◆ What do you mean you don't have Metallica? ◆ Livin' Large ◆ Nikki is the Bagel Girl ◆ We represent every hair color ◆ Nikki can't be Scary Spice but if she were, she'd have to be Jungle Woman with a tongue ring ◆ Housekeeping



...No thank you!
 ◆ Nikki is too positive! ◆ What's the speed limit here...cuz, I'm going 90 ◆ chasing the FedEx truck at KCI ◆ styrofoam airplanes ◆ Brad took Mae Luen's FedEx box ◆ who's staying tonight? ◆ dinner at the Plaza ◆ Spice Girls Minus One

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My life story

It's me! My name is Jaqueline Marie Heinen. I was born on October 2, 1979. I've lived in Kansas all of my life. I moved to Lenexa December 6, 1986. I do not have any brothers or sisters. I have four wonderful people in my family.

My favorite books are Curious George Rides a Bike, The Little Red Hen, Fire! Fire!, and Alf the Great Alfonso.

I have played softball for the last two years. My favorite places to go are Arkansas, Colorado and Florida. My favorite movies are Annie, Grease and Grease 2, The Apple Dumpling Gang and The Shaggy Dog.

My favorite things to eat are hot dogs, ham, turkey, bacon, eggs, corn, pizza, macaroni and cheese, tortellini, crackers, cookies, pancakes and sausage. But not all

at once!

Keep

Riding High



With Love From: Mom, Tya and Nana

Jacci Heinen



Our Dearest Mary Ann,

From a child's "look what a 2-year-old can do: to your accomplishments of today -- your "CAN DO!!" attitude has taken you far! We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Chris & Susie



Mary Ann,
Good luck on your journey through life.
Always know that I will be behind you every
step of the way. Thanks for being such a true
friend!!

Love Always,
Susie

"There are places I remember all my life,
though some have changed,
some forever, not for better,
some have gone and some remain.

All these places had their moments
with lovers and friends I still can recall.
Some are dead and some are living.
In my life I've loved them all.

But of all these friends and lovers,
there is no one that compares with you.
And these memories lose their meaning
when I think of love as something new.

Though I know I'll never lose affection
for people and things that went before.
I know I'll often stop and think about them.
In my life, I'll love you more.

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for people and things that went before.
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In my life, I'll love you more.

— In My Life
The Beatles

Mary Ann Roatch





CONGRATULATIONS,
KATHARINE THE GREAT!

WE LOVE YOU,
DENNIS, CHRISTY, EMILY & ALEX



Katherine Marsh

Brad & Mae Luen



Even though we're not actually related, we consider you a part of our family. In fact, we probably spent more time with you than with our real families. We love you and appreciate all of your hard work and dedication the past four years. Good Luck with everything you do. We'll never forget you!

Love,
Your Yearbook brothers & sisters &
Mom Cough

Brad Sager & Mae Luen Kuo

Just you, me and the Beast

monkey ~ you didn't see that?! ~ Becky ~
Cap Fed Fridays ~ Fachoo ~ Tool ~ Tori! ~
Varooooomm! ~ What's that noise? ~
S'n'M-M-n'M ~ Fred ~ Runnin' on fumes ~
Carries not gonna stop there...or there...
okay nowhere! ~ stars ~ mail box!! ~
Nope, didn't want to get home today ~ Putt

~ putt ~ putt ~ It's snowing, I'm wearing a white T-shirt, and the car won't start ~ Jill, go get my muffler ~ I think I have a concussion ~



La - Zan - Ya ~ Jeff ~ Giggle girls ~ Trouble ~ Is this the first time you've had car trouble? ~ Should I tell her the wipers are on first...Whapuch...AHHH...Oh, nevermind ~ Fluffy, our road kill friend ~ Have you ever seen Dogbert go "Ahhh, Ahhh, Ahhh?" ~ Freshman! ~ "uh, that was my right of way." ~ Watch for the ice on the road ~

Love ya sis, CH

Carrie and Jill House



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Hey You! ~ Drive-by at Jimmy's ~ Homecoming ~ Bus Nuts ~ 98.9 ~ Nate Dog ~ Southwind ~ winner and a half ~ shut your hole ~ Stacy's car broke... again ...and again ~ Cancun ~ Stacy's curse ~ Be a good little girl ~ Allie's day at the mail box ~ The Tercel ~ SHAG ~ Cooper ~ Pie in the Hood ~ Crazy Snake Man ~ Moothies ~ Where's Stacy and Nick? ~ Allie likes cops ~ clueless in Hawaii, like Waikiki ~ boys' b-ball state ~ 100% pure water ~ climbing the wall at L.Q. ~ Junior campout... we cleared it ~ Guys, Tupac spelled backwards is capulet! ~ You were throwing rocks at my car!?! ~ That's a quarter ~ Good coffee, Jim ~ this is like a cult ~ Stacers and Gina ~ Jeff's our favorite boy

Allie Johnson & Stacy Montee

The Girls – Friends Forever



~ New Wave ~ Grandma Heady ~ Fragles! ~ Heidi's house sophomore year ~ Party at the Vielhauer's ~ Schnucks ~ Cedar... Tree...Blossoming ~ the "dork lot" ~ the Plateau ~ New Year's '97 ~ Guitars ~ Jenny & Lindsay's 17 b-day ~ the Farm ~ the chicken coop ~ Princess Lindsay ~ Kelsey's poker games ~ BBH ~ old man at New Wave ~ John Deere Green ~ BUCKSHOT ~ Jay & Dammon's—"don't I have pretty eyes?" ~ Kyle & Ron's cheese nips ~ Heidi's move ~ DUCK SAUCE ~ Taco Bell ~ Surge—Oh GOD it's JEMILY!! ~ campout at Lindsay's ~ Purple Dinosaur—Nee, Nee, Nee!! ~ 4-wheeling at Hocker ~ Lake Quivira Golf Course ~ TGI Fridays ~ Yummy, Yum, Yum ~ Sarah, wanna get a slurpie? ~ the rinks ~ CHAP-STICK ~ sidebrowns ~ SWEAT ~ whose in jail now ~ tent parties ~ Disco Dad ~ Emily & Heidi's TAKE ACTION PLAN ~ The House ~ sauce shots ~ Truman Lake ~ Sharades ~ dirty clowns at Amoco ~ chick fight at New Wave ~ Heidi & George Strait ~ Emily meets Odum's mom ~ Worm ~ Bubbles ~ Rouse's ~ Oink ~ Redneck man saves the day ~ STALKING! ~

Heidi Zimmerman, Jenny Yuran, Lindsay Thomas, Sarah Flentie, Susie Kelsey and Emily Corbett

Dan is Conan ~ Sixty Monkeys ~ Nick Package ~ You shut my hole ~ Do you like pie? ~ Smed Due ~ Whatever, dude! ~ Raynaud's Phenomenon ~ I wanna go home and play with my Venus ~ Watchy ~ Thwatch ~ Snatch up a friend and come on down ~ There ain't no rules around here! ~ Jeff, our names are in UPPERCASE



~ Turtle ~ Bunny, bunny, bunny, bunny! ~ Take me home, I'm delicious ~ I want Jeff's pager! ~ Hot Slot Tournaments ~ Jen's Tupperware shoes ~ Mac and cheese ~ Unmasculine European Coffee ~ Wanna cap? ~ Dad! ~ Prepare to defend yourself! ~ No Doubt exists for one reason: Dream Movie ~ Neun! Beamed straight form Germany ~ Battle ~ the pit of fighting men ~ (insert Dan's special sound effect here) ~ You're not the choreographer! ~ Dolbytters ~ Your mom on a slick: shishkamom! ~ Friends are fun ~ I love you guys.



Beth and Chris ~ it's your baby now.

1997/98 Thespian Officers—Adam Dworkis, Chris Ayres, Lainie Rosenthal, Jennifer Smith, Jeff McNeal, Beth Allin, Dan Cady, Angie Jepson & Kay Hammons

There's only one friend that will always be there. There's only one friend you can count on to care. You're the only person I can call late at night. And unlike a boyfriend, we make up when we fight. I trust you with secrets that no one else knows. I'll always let you borrow my favorite clothes. You're there when I need you... Please know I'm here too. There really isn't anything I wouldn't do for you. I know exactly where you are. Even when we are apart. We've become so very close. One may say we share a heart. You don't have to say a word. I am thinking just the same. When one of us makes a mistake, it's both of us they blame. We're as close as any sisters possibly could be. I have trust in you that I hope you have in me. There's a special place in my heart. I have kept it there for you. It's full of memories, laughter, and jokes... All things I've shared with you.



... 'til we build a bowling alley

Best friends forever—
Together or Apart

Aims and Lains

Amy Miller & Lainie Rosenthal



Dear James Michael (i.e. Goudy),
You have been there through it all
and it means more than you will ever
know. You are the perfect definition
of a best friend. I will miss all of our
long talks about life and all the other
little things. Good luck in life and I
will treasure your friendship always!

Love your best girl-friend,
Crista Rae

P.S. You are pushin' my buttons
because you were in a pickle and
forgot to pray!

Mike Goudy

Kara ~ Renee ~ Krista

room mates ~ big taco ~ cancel
website ~ junior campout
with Ghetto ~ gimp ~ bath-
room ~ Do you really think he
is? ~ Odie, nice robe! ~ big,
bad and mean ~ North cam-
pout ~ your dad will be there
in 15 minutes ~ it's not empty
~ private eye on Kara ~ What
about Joe? ~ by the way Renee,
we stole your car ~ Are you
still eating, Renee? ~ Miss
America ~ another letter ~
Grandma ~ Krista, is it raining
vegetables? ~ Brett, have you
found Renee yet? ~ Krista, why
is your purse in the washing
machine? ~ Don't you need
shoes? ~ Hi mom! ~ Kay Jay's
~ How did you break your arm?
~ What about Ryan? ~ getting
rich at Bacara ~ fist ~ keds ~
wrong side, Krista ~ hot tub ~
Kara has stomach problems,
again ~ a pit war ~ Top Gun
~ kicked off plan III ~ Renee,
Fashion Show '97 ~ K-state ~
broken knee ~ Grilled cheese,
anyone? ~ Aren't those Brett's
clothes ~ drill team formal
'97... ~ Does anyone know
about it? ~ Jelly ~ I love
stinky... ~ Kara open the door
~ who's in the closet? ~ break
in at Michael's ~ sink ~ switch
~ dance party ~ trampoline ~
free meals ~ Kara, where's your
car? ~ Julie's house ~ Anya,
how's your ankle? ~ Who's that
girl in your wallet?



Kara Keener, Renee Russell, Krista Sperry

Bob Lives Forever ✂ "I hope I'm sober when I meet you." ✂
Wanna-Be Hippies ✂ Ashley's pointless stories ✂ Kasey takes deadly
turns and Ashley never stops ✂ Are you crying? v Let's tattoo our
bodies blue and put the superman logo on our chests ✂ Do the voices
in my head bother you? ✂ If you guys don't shut up...I'll rewind
the tape again ✂ moo-4 ✂ Jessi, are you going out on a date
tonight?? (shoes) ✂ Pulp Fiction Fixation ✂ Monty Python ✂ Let's
play Twister ✂ Killing Zoe? ✂ Miss Ashwee ✂ Jennifer & Kasey-Old
maids ✂ shoe fetish ✂ Ashley has a snooty car ✂ Stacy, Oswald,
Grover, Mad Max, Lois and Baby ✂ Stayin' Alive ✂ Saran Wrap
makes good clothing ✂ Ashley walking into guys restrooms ✂ Italian
Delight on Friday Night ✂ Sorry Jessi, James has a boy scout meet-
ing ✂ I'm sorry, my morning brain is still functioning ✂ Marshmellow
✂ Jenny's English accent ✂ You can't do that here, it's a family restaurant ✂ My goalie is in the penalty zone ✂ Cross eyed Elmo ✂ Multiple
Personalities ✂ Winnie the Pooh and Tigger too ✂ Stupid Men ✂ There are sticks coming out of those lights ✂ Shelter 10 ✂ Hey let's go to the
Ragan's ✂ Living in Leo's closet ✂ Jenny's 10- foot bubble ✂ Cameron is a big dude ✂ Jenny's pager incident ✂ That brings a new meaning
to the song Brown Eyed Girl ✂ Hey Jenny B, you bumper just fell off ✂ Denny's in the morning ✂ Koters ✂ Proper Slurpee Procedure ✂ IHOP
at 1 a.m. ✂ The beauty that is Helmet ✂ Hey, Hey we're the Monkees ✂ Corrupting Jens ✂ The Beast in the rain ✂ Hardee's mashed pota-
toes ✂ A.D.I.D.A.S. ✂ The people who must die list ✂ Shh...the cars are sleeping ✂ Jell-O ✂ The Margaritas Experience ✂ Katie and her
troop of unknown soldiers ✂ You always go along with everything, then you whine about it later ✂ Don't touch me ✂ I'm always here for you,
except when I'm at work ✂ No, I don't have any I.D. on me, thank you ✂ Hey, Woman with the nudie people ✂ Jenny the Sneezzer ✂ Guys in
Spandex shirts ✂ Do you spleen often? ✂ MOSH PIT ✂ Is it "Cran" or "Crayon"? ✂ I can't believe you call yourself my friend ✂ Betsy and the
meat tenderizer ✂ Jon and Issac ✂ We can't listen to the radio, I don't have my sunglasses on ✂ I'm going to accidentally on purpose bump
into him ✂ BOUNCY PEOPLE ARE ANNOYING ✂ She threw your clothes away? ✂ Whipped Cream ✂ Shut up you guys, it's not funny ✂
Chick Flicks ✂ The invisible Band ✂ My Brother just got ejected from the park ✂ Kasey's purple ✂ I Camino ✂ That is the fattest cat I have
ever seen ✂ Why does it suddenly smell like...trash ✂ smell the smelly smell ✂ Hey Katie, don't pour that out here ✂ I can't hear you, my shirt
is too loud ✂ Hey, I heard Korn is coming to town ✂ The Gaping Lotus Experience ✂ Mr. Ragan's salsa and Silva's chips ✂ Have you cleaned
your crusties today? ✂ JJ, Jen and Ashley's bonding experience ✂ 7th Heaven and Zowies ✂ Ashley's party (enough said) ✂ "Do you have
your drivers license on you, cause you might have to drive yourself home. There's a warrant out for my arrest." ✂ I love you guys...



Jenny Simpson, Jennifer Jolly, Ashley Gallimore, Jesse Harck, Katie Gruenewald, Kasey Ragan and Jennifer Box

Cougar Classic Drill Team Seniors 1998



With each and every day
You've always found a way
To brighten up my day
In a special way.
But now it's time to go
In our own separate ways
But we must remember
These special days
Because you are a friend
And you've always been there for me.

Chrissy Beattie
Lisa Bowling
Katie Boyer
Carly Chandler
Sarah Feil
Kara Keener
Kathryn Larkin
Nikki LeClaire
Shelby Malin
Melissa McKibben
Stacy Montee
Emily Rees
Julie Rock
Renee Russell
Anya Stankewsky



You've made us proud these past four years! We wish you much love and happiness in your futures. Thanks for all the fun and memories along the way! We love you!

Love, Your Parents

Andrea Henricks & Diana Hall

Diana's message ✂ 3 keys to a good life ✂ Jonesie's 5th hour ✂ Environmental Ed ✂ Da Da Da... ✂ Lady Di & Blondie ✂ '98 ✂ Grease ✂ She's like the Wind—the week ✂ Muddin ✂ No one wear white! ✂ Train tracks fountains—water fight—on the chairs ✂ We can't on the hill ✂ Lost in locked my keys in my car! ✂ CC what creeps! ✂ Our me so mad ✂ J have a date! moody ✂ Leonardo and his honks ✂ NHS? My friends normal 2 left ✂ We wear the same shoe size? ✂ Don't look (CD) ✂ Late night jobs ✂ Boys, when will they get the point ✂ Whoa Nellie ✂ That shirt—that one! ✂ Diana, they can hear you! ✂ roses ✂ Shawnee Mission Park ✂ Two drowning victims in two days ✂ Our sexy red cars ✂ One head light ✂ Late night lessons ✂ 311 hospitalization ✂ Cancun ✂ Stalkers ✂ Homecoming ✂ Good Old Tor ✂ Miss President ✂ Our plaza apartment ✂ Purple and lime green ✂ they go so good together ✂ He's too nice ✂ Oldies 95



How Romantic ✂ 173 ✂ Guitars song ✂ i've almost died 8 times this ever listens to me! ✂ She can't ✂ Midland ✂ Let's play in the "Diana!" ✂ Andy & Lee, Dancing jump that fence— "Wait!", Fireworks Westport ✂ Torston's Big Truck, J ✂ Applebees ✂ Winsteads ✂ DZ week of total freedom ✂ she makes ✂ Our daily prayers ✂ We are so Mitz. 3000 GT ✂ Semi-truck are all messed up—we're the only

We've become so close in the past few years you'd think we have been friends from the start. We've shared our laughter and our tears and we're thankful that we aren't saying goodbye just yet. This is not the end but a whole new beginning.

The Girls: Katie Flaspohler * Dani Horseman * Sarah Feil



Whose idea was it to come here anyway? * Hey, Sarah, is that your dad? * Why is it that every time we do anything romantic, we plan it? * Why is it that the only guys who ever show interest live out of state? * Hot pink bracelets * Fiddy-ate * Dani & Sarah get away with everything * Moms * Great talks on the KU hill * Oh my gosh * I promise * If he doesn't call by 8:00, we're calling the other guys—I promise— well maybe we should make it 8:30—and that's final—I promise * You don't understand * Sarah, your mom is watching * Spanisho * Can I drive * Illegal tans * Whatever * Fire at Will's * Lucky #15 * Make a wish * Dani's 11:11 * Wud-up * Dawg * I know you hate it when I talk about my boyfriends so much, but I have just one more thing to tell you * "She's sick," Dani lies * Why are you putting perfume on at midnight when you just got home from a date? * Does anyone have to go? * Hey guys, don't you have to go yet? * Don't tell anyone * Katie's parties * 1996 Senior girls—our best friends * If people only knew Katie * Jalepeno * Party grandmas * Which Ryan? * Ok guys—I'm breaking up with Ryan for real this time * Kissane's fifth hour * Amy wants to cut Sarah's hair * Katie—don't tell your mom * Dani's Bluejacket boy's * Hottie * Dani's going camping again * Don't let her mom talk to your mom Sarah * She's ruining my life * Have questions? Need Advice?...call 1-800-DEAR-DANI * I didn't need to know that * Long distance relationships *

Boyfriends without benefits * Friends always come before boys * timing is everything * O.K., here's the story * setting the clock back * which boy? * Why does everyone want to marry us—why can't we just have fun? * 3 A.M. runs to the beach * Cold shrimp, potato chips & grapefruit * I don't remember that * I don't like them but lets get their presents * Stacy and Anna * Security chase * We lost the pictures * Owen in the zone * How old are we—where do we go to school today? * Are you a U.S. citizen? * I think we'll have to make up some names...yeah right * There's a first time for everything * Did you use my list * Dani, can I borrow some money? * Sarah is late? What a surprise? * That boy! * Katie likes the bad boys...until now! * Do you think I care about spelling? * Two months later * Nice music * Love lights * Sleeping fights—faking sleep * Poker * The lodge * Everyone has seen Dani...Thanks Odie * Spring Break 1998— Cancun we're still dreaming * Pitt State talks * Thumbs * Gone with the Wind * Two Down—one to go * Girls just wanna have fun! *

Like sands through the hourglass...so are the days of our lives.

Just the 10 of us!!

It's girls night ~ Stupid Anya ate my pizza
~ New years Eve '95 ~ Ice skating in the
bath tub ~ WPA ~ Ahh... ~ Permant no
hard thing ~ That was a close bottom out
~ Dress up for monkey boys ~ -800-COL-
LECT ~ Bad people classes ~ Where's
Julie? ~ Pickels, cheese - cheese popcorn
~ Taboo ~ 3 in 1 ~ Kristi's or Melissa's? ~
Life guarding ~ My battery ran out! ~
Mormon ~ Rad Dog '96 ~ Florida ~
Lawrence is illegal ~ K-10 ~ Jayhawk
Fest ~ Big Daddy ~ Smelly house ~ There
is a white ca-sor-ca outside ~ Just paper
towels ~ Anya, where is your shoe? ~ Julie
is crying! again ~ Emporia for state ~
Stupid Anya bit my finger ~ Stupid Lisa
kinda started ~ Laurie Belle ~ Detector
gadget ~ Velvet isn't a color ~ I'm Fine! ~
Fashion show ~ NINA ~ Nappy socks ~ Possom - living road kill ~ Spicy duck ~ Lubbock ~ YL
camp ~ Jr. camp out hillbillies ~ Keds ~ Mama Jo van out of oil ~ Leopards ~ I'm home ~ Piercings
~ Lisa can spell ~ Please leaf now ~ Angie's driving ~ Fighting 'till 2 am at Shelby's ~ KU ~ K-
STATE ~ ORU ~ Pitt State



We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go we take
a little of each
other...everywhere!



Angie Blake
Melissa Bowman
Lisa Bowling
Elizabeth Dickey
Stephanie Grismore
Erica Johansen
Shelby Malin
Julie Rock
Anya Stankewsky
Kristi Vanderhagen



SENIOR WOMEN

1998

"Vous et nul autre"

Jerry Maguire ~ Peanut Butter & Chocolate Ice Cream ~ Don't! Stop it!
 What don't stop? ~ dimples ~ magnum PI ~ NO GIRLS ~ much appreciated ~ Florida '96 ~ goosebumps ~ October 15 ~ Me love you long time
 ~ You shaved your head?! ~ We have caramell ~ Hey To-ny to register
 6. Shu up, Lisle! ~ band nerds in love ~ Hey, it's Jim! Hi, Jim!... must
 you do that everytime we see a movie here?! ~ eskimo kisses ~ my green
 toothbrush ~ So anyway, I said to the guy... ~ Jerry Springer moments ~
 cuteness diss ~ Soda pop can prevent what?! ~ the Haunted Mansion ~
 "High School sweethearts have the highest success rate." ~ Why are the
 police at Swarner? ~ Are you working agaaainn on Sat. night? thanks, Jeff!
 ~ The Sesame Street gang learns something new ~ I know you're hot!
 No, I really am hot. ~ Oh, and by the way, you look wonderful tonight!



Thanks for all the memories, and for being my best friend and my one and only. Have a blast! (and come home every once in a while.)

Love, Jilly

Tony Bedora

I got my head shaved...by a Jemojay * Scratch * Leo is gonna marry me * Go Rutiger! * I got Mark's autograph * dress shopping * low card * Metallica Freak * Chem 2 dropout * Baby Blue * They're so perky! * grape wars * Do you really want to live with me? * Slackers * Turkey Run * haunted house freeby * star gazing on the driveway * plush, slinky, and cute * Farley's Fruits * You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling * Ferris Buehler Day * Friday's desserts * Mae Luen's fender benders * What's happening, Hot Stuff? * homecoming crisis * Skies * girls' annual sleepover * My truck is dead * I just wanna fly - 20 times in a row * falling down the bunny slope * Sunday football * That should have happened a long time ago * Thanksgiving dinner * 16 Candles * running in the snow * Oh my gosh, I forgot to put on a bra today * I love you, man! * I love Paris in the springtime * late night worknights * Chicago or bust * teaching Keri how to drive a manual * cookie stops * chatting online * tye dye party * Oh my gosh, my socks are wet...what a tragedy! * Whatever



"We do not remember days, we remember moments.

Make moments worth remembering."

Mae Luen Kuo & Keri Goodman

~ Spirit Club ~



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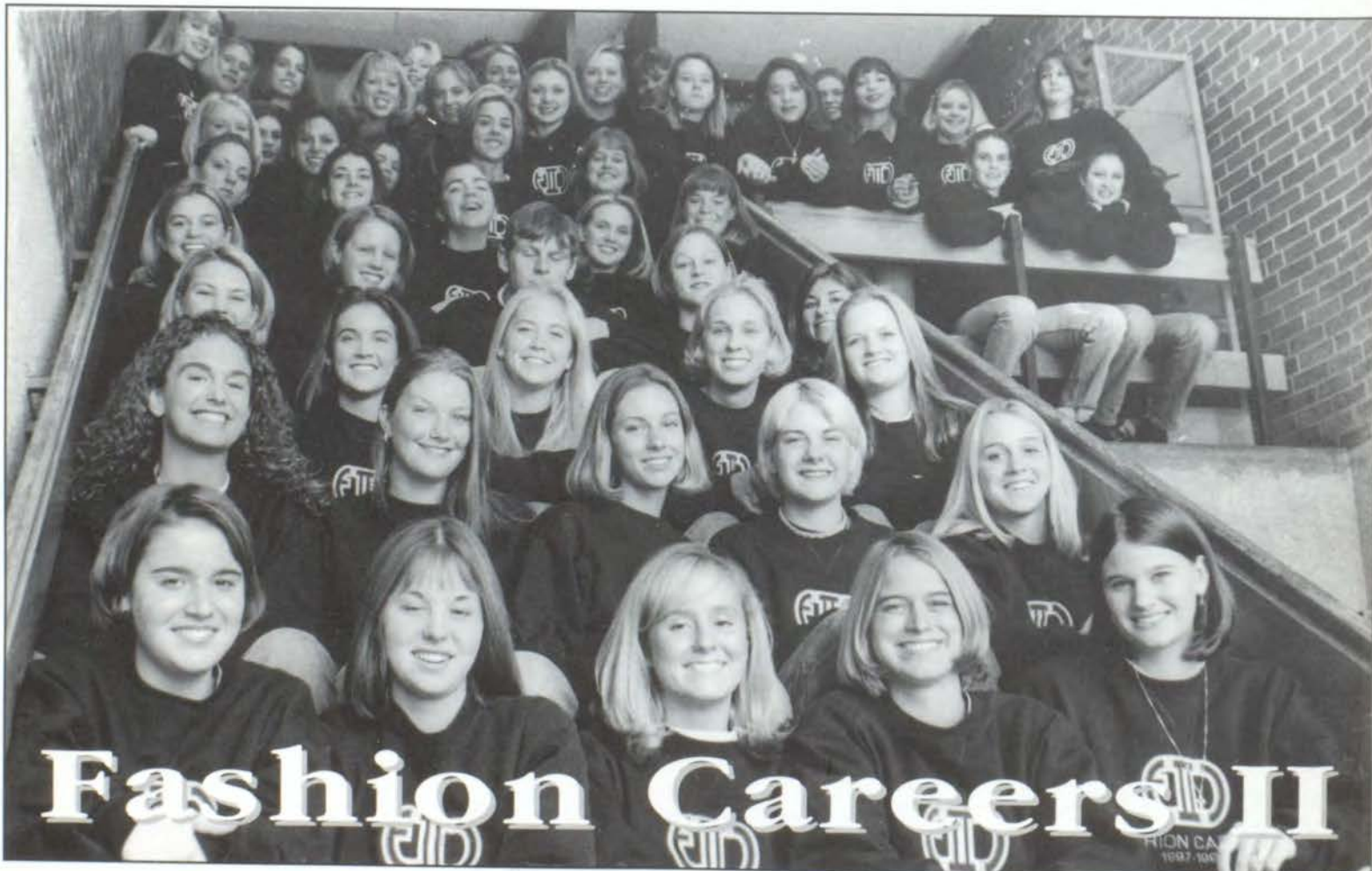
Cougar Classics

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After another successful year, through all the hard work, early mornings and stressful competitions we've still managed to make 35 friendships that will last a lifetime. These days will always be remembered.



Fashion Careers II

Varsity Cheerleaders
1997-98

"The Juniors"
Heidi, Julie & Julie

I guess the time has come
to say good-bye...
It's been special knowing
you and sharing the
times we've shared.
No matter how far away
we go we will always be
thinking of you and
wishing you well.
Good luck wherever you
go, whatever you do...

We'll miss you!
The Seniors



Seniors '98

Kristi, Erica, Angie, Melissa, Katie, Stephanie, Lauren,
Elizabeth, & Tiffany

Best of luck in the future.

Thanks for making our first year on varsity the BEST!
Heidi, Julie & Julie



Chuck Niemoth ~
George Walden ~ Jon Michaels

The All-American, the Natural, and The Confused Man -
Hey Shuck, where's Shuck?! - Pride - The 3 sludgers -
Did Keith get in George's trunk again? - Who wasn't at
Chuck's? - Jason's basement, again? - Jon always gets
caught - George never gets caught (knock on wood) -
Were your parents up? - Is there a person you don't talk
to, Jon? - #2 on old Rage - Has George made up his
mind? - What is an Anteater? - 311 - George's treble
really hits hard - Going to Lawrence! - Free stuff at Best
Buy - Rage - What do you drive now? - Don't speed
Chuck - What are we doing tonight? - Playstation -
Schlibber Schlobber...What is that? - #6 on Urge -
Dillon's at midnight - What's going on this weekend? -
CANCUN - Patio frozen burritos - Lets go bowling - New
Year's Eve - Mudding in George's car - Jon, you better
slow down - The Frog hat - Hoge's asleep...again -
Junior campout - Jon's stupid predictions - Did you see
South Park? - Chuck, what happened last night? -
George's harmonica - Chuck nut



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spice girls • Amy is my social queen • shopping in Lawrence • Spring Break on the cruise • yoga is the best • Quivira queens • Panzons • Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis • Tyrone & Shequita • The direction goddess gets lost • the plaza...where else would we go? • Lakeview • Birchie • Laura is the only one that does Chinese fire drills • roller skating with seventh graders • Plaza lights • Fountain cafe • sobriety checks • Cheesecake Factory at 1 a.m. • Dawn's mom got a haircut • Laura's got a shotgun • Carly's home videos • our Boys • It's Dec., lets put the top down • Amy & Laura are elves • New Years Eve • Superbowl - Greenday vs. Broncos • Skies •



Riding the elevators • Dancin' with the old folks • "How do I live" • Ice skating at Crown Center • Figlio's • *Scream 2* • *Titanic*... twice • WPA '98 • Laura and her talking dolphin • *Mission Impossible* on the Plaza • who's talking about the Gap? • We're living *Titanic*! • Nikki's dancing in the disco • Women & Children first • Snorkeling in Cozumel •

Favorite people, favorite places, favorite memories of the past...these are the joys of a lifetime...these are the things that last.

Carly, Nikki, Amy, Dawn & Laura

Senior Women Campaigners '98

"God never loved me in so sweet a way before"



Tis He alone who can
such blessings send. And
when His love would now
expressions fin, he
brought thee to me and
He said - "Behold a
Friend."

Allison Doubleday, Thank you and we love you!

Congratulations to our
little Princess

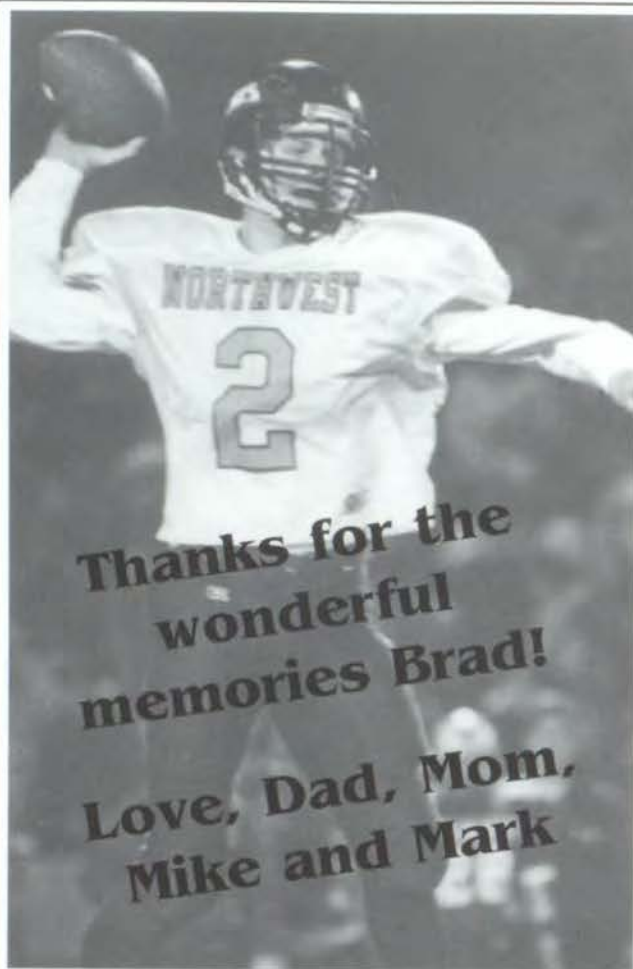


"Be bold be strong, for the
Lord thy God is with you."
We are so proud of your
achievements your committ-
ments and who you are
becoming.

Jeremiah 29:11

Love, Mom & Dad

Kathryn Larkin



Thanks for the
wonderful
memories Brad!

Love, Dad, Mom,
Mike and Mark



Brad Kline



Tom,
We are so very proud of
your accomplishments!
Follow your dreams.

Love you,
Mom, Dad,
Annie and Patrick

Tom Karcz

What a Whirlwind this has been...

As I sit typing this, it is going on 9 p.m. Caitlyn is crying that she needs to go home and, as usual, I am rushing. Faster than the Speed of Life. I think these words have become the theme for our lives as well as for our yearbook.

Despite the flurry of teaching new staff members how to survive yearbook and the panic of completing more than 100 pages in February, Mr. T., Miss Miller and I have not only survived, we have enjoyed the company of staff members that became family and the shared jokes that this closeness fosters.

Things we will always remember (or maybe we should say things that will haunt us for the rest of our lives)...Dalbom's BAA-HA-HA-HA, the cries of "Who's bringing dinner?" that began at 4:30 p.m. each worknight and continued until the appropriate parent showed up laden with food; the panic as I searched at worknights and on the Seattle trip to determine "Who has Caitlyn"; then there was Officer Angle and the sensation of rolling to a dead stop 6 miles outside of Henderson (where the heck is that?), Missouri; from the Seattle trip came the cry of "Rachel's gotta go... again!"; on worknights we rubbed our eyes and held our heads thinking "we're STILL reading copy" and then we would smile to ourselves and add "and some of it is pretty darn good"; the frustration of "MORE proofs are here" and "I still don't like the cover."

To Nikki, Ashley, Mae Luen and Chris (why do I always list you in that order?): you have been the most harmonious group of leaders ever to head the yearbook. To Rachel: You have been incredible and we all want to be invited to the Metzler-Dalbom wedding. To Vicki, Laura, Heather, Jana, Amy, Paula, Starr, Brianna, Sarah: What would have done without the tremendous leadership and sense of responsibility you have shown through crashed disks, missing quotes and the Spring Break that started after everyone else's. To the writers and photographers: Too often we fail to emphasize your importance, but it couldn't be done without you.

From our wedding ceremony conducted by Dr. Father Harrington to packing away the last pencil in room 103, it has been an unparalleled experience. This year brings to a close an era in NW journalism as we move to a new facility. There the members of this staff who remain will start new traditions and honor old ones. It's been a heck of a ride. Thanks for sharing it with us.

Cough, Mr. T, Miss Miller



Joanna Ansley, Christy Beattie, Angie Blake, Lisa Bowling, Melissa Bowman, Jake Brown, Andy Caler, Katie Creeden, Kenna Crone, Spencer Cryder, Jake Davis, Brandon Dawson, Lyndsey Farnsworth, Kourtney Francis, Jeff Gabrielson, Mike Goudy, Stephanie Grismore, Diana Hall, Andrea Henricks, Brandon Hoge, Erica Johansen, Tom Karcz, Brad Kline, Brady Lilja, Ty Lohrey, Danny Malsch, Stacy Montee, Melissa McKibben, Chuck Niemoth, Dan Padavic, Stephen Rose, Brent Salls, Ryan Siegert, Nick Simien, Shane Soltvedt, Anya Stankewsky, Andy Vanzante, Kristi Vanderhagen, George Walden, Kelly Warren

Congratulations, Andrew!



You have always been ready for this moment!
 We are all very proud of you and you have brought much joy into our lives. We know there is something very special in store for you.

Love,
 Mom, Dad, Jeff and Ellie

Andy Caler

Danie



We are confident all of your hard work will help as you begin a new direction on the road of life. We are very proud of you.

Love,
 Mom, Daddy & Scott

Danielle Cady

! Viva Galeana '98 !

"We're dancing on the chaos of life."

Kathryn
Larkin
Lauren
Holmes
Jennifer
Sherry
Kevin
Grantham
Devin
Henderson



Becky
Galvin
Adrienne
Dreher
Megan
Urquhart
Christine
Tennisen

Philippians 3:14

"Experience is not what happens to a man.
It is what a man does with what happens to him."—Aldous Huxley

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Shirley,
We want to wish you well as
you retire. We hope you have
lots of fun with your grandson
and lots of time for hobbies, etc.

Best Wishes,
Nancy Sewell
Peggy Richardson
Sheri Ziegler
Mary Cook
Nancy Bousman



Shirley,
I will miss your wealth
of knowledge! Keep in
touch – lets do lunch!
Karen

Wishing you all the best
in your retirement! Fun
in the Sun! –Ann

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Publications Booster Club congratulates the
1997-98 staff on another successful year.

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Congratulations, You're the Best!
Love, Your Parents

Journalism Booster Club

Y E A R B O O K



It involves Vicki and fire ~ Nikki has a big mouth ~ you're fraternal ~ 122 pages in 5 days ~ Laura, Rachel and Starr made the girls' varsity fishing team ~ How do you spell Bryson Gay? ~ When's dinner coming... wait, it's not! ~ What's wrong with the printer? ~ Computer Boy to the rescue ~ Darkroom floods ~ Sewage leaks ~ The Night Before Deadline and The Night Before Deadline - Photog style ~ Stephanie, I mean Nikki, I mean Stephanie ~ Nikki! / Vicki! ~ What weekend plans? ~ Vicki to Nikki LeClaire to LeClaire ~ What's a deadline? ~ Don't blame us it was Harry Charlie! ~ Rachel likes orange cupcakes ~ Nikki says you're tardy, absent, stupid, bad ~ Dinner at Niko's ~ Super, thanks for asking ~ John, I need a backrub ~ Hey frosh! ~ I shoot wabbits ~ Corbett is kicking ~ Co-cheese ~ Brad is jondas boy ~ The big four ~ Riding in the pit ~ Two points, Starr and Michael need two points more ~ COPY!! ~ Rachel dropped the whole gallon of developer and it's eating through Ben's pants ~ sorry I'm busy... click ~ The Spice Girls ~ Metallica girl ~ Laura and her lisp and by the way P.S. ~ Who's listening to this rap...? it's Heather again ~ Ashley and Christina are Pimp Chics ~ Chair races ~ Nice hat ~ I know someone gay ~ Mae Luen's trip to the airport and Brad driving her nuts in the back seat ~ Brad and Nikki's airplane fight, the tail is gone ~ The yearbook picture with Miss Miller ~ phone interviews ~ Stephanie, what was it again? ~ Anyone want to help? ~ Don't harry me ~ Brad and his back rubs ~ the snowman in St. Louis ~ someone stole my shoes ~ Chris and Lauren must like macaroni ~ Your **Mom** ~ Jana's snow angels ~ that stupid lady bug ~ Smart Trunks ~ Make your own bear ~ Is the floor shaking? ~ Cough's in a bath robe ~ Mae Luen's origami flowers ~ Put it in the inferno ~ Laura's cheesecake ~ Brianna and Ashley are Leo lovers for life ~ Mae Luen on Mountain Dew... ~ Practicing Drill Team entrances ~ Laura almost ran over Brianna ~ Starr you look better in a hat ~ The dark room is flooding again ~ Caitlyn is playing tarzan again ~ Nikkigami ~ It isn't our fault ~ BAAAA ~ Vicki's got a stud man, that's not what I meant ~ Paula's mom won't let her wear that shirt, OH, there's Mr. Thornburg ~ Starr's the stud

Good bye room 103, the darkroom and CANCER

Who elected these guys?



"Get Down On It"

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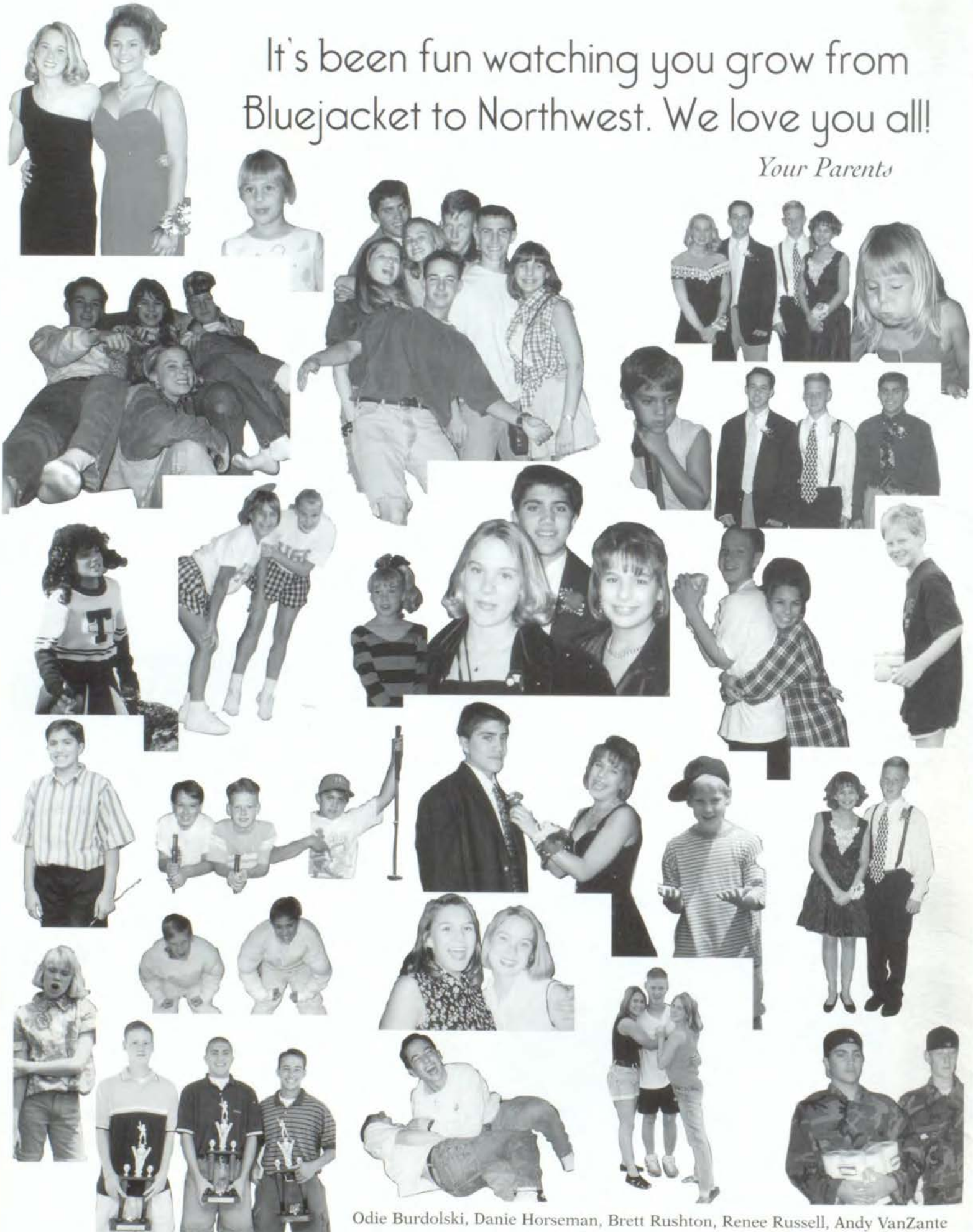
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It's been fun watching you grow from
Bluejacket to Northwest. We love you all!

Your Parents



Odie Burdolski, Danie Horseman, Brett Rushton, Renee Russell, Andy VanZante



The neighborhood pool ~ Juddy Hulsey and Dustin ~ Bus rides ~ SMACK ~ Halloween ~ Who's stalking you this time ~ Senior year: uhh...locker partners ~ Cherry Sticker ~ The girls ~ Zinn?? ~ A marine?? ~ A year and ul...way to long ~ You really should quit that ~ Grounded again ~ 3 years of threats then it happened ~ No locker partners 1st semester ~ Can you take me to school? ~ I'm not rich ~ Wyandotte guys ~ Sonic ~ grounded again ~ how are you and Vogel? ~ Do your parents like him? ~ restraining orders ~ Susie's got a car ~ Grounded again ~ Kemper ~ babysitting ~ ESU? ~ College students at Creighton ~ Tell Mary to shut up ~ Who's in the window ~ Janna ~ SUEY ~ Hick day or not hick day ~ Who was that? ~ Just your coat ~ This thing has a deadline? ~ "ready; get set, close your eyes, don't move, here we go...SMACK ~ What happened to Nick's shirt? ~ The grey dog ~ Remember him? ~ Susie-You are the best!



then
&
now



When did
we go to
Hawaii
anyway?

Rapper's Delight ~ Downloading South Park ~ Nikki's finally getting my jokes! ~ Sager, the police are here...again ~ Sager, where's my street sign? ~ If I ever get arrested, I'm coming to Nikki for evidence ~ Snow football ~ Brad's shoe got stuck in Nikki's tree ~ Mountain Dew & Pixy sticks & Brad's line dance ~ Top Gun ~ Austin Powers ~ Nikki's calenders ~ Graham's mirror ~ Nikki's lot ~ Graham's answering machine messages ~ Sherman melted ~ Be-Gaaa... ~

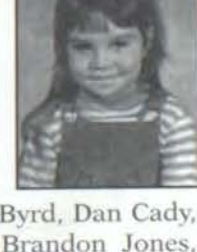
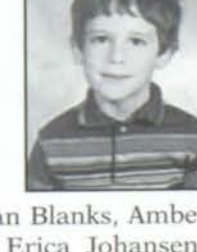
Brad Sager, Brad Jodts, Graham Heaven, Nikki LeClaire



Science
Olympiad

Newspaper 97/98





Benninghoven Knights

1985-1998

Benninghoven graduates from left to right: Ryan Auf Der Heide, Tony Bedora, Meghan Blanks, Amber Byrd, Dan Cady, Katie Figgins, Kevin Grantham, Kay Hammons, Andrea Hendricks, Lauren Holmes, Erica Johansen, Brandon Jones, Katherine Judd, Brad Kline, Nikki LeClaire, Scott Lynn, Nick McCord, Sarah Motzkus, Johnny Owens, Lindsey Presley, Emily Rees, Katy Richardson, Jeremy Rowe, Emily Sawyer, Nick Simien, Jeff Simms, Krista Sperry, Kenny Taylor, Pat Thaete, Megan Urquhart, Leah Vandiver, Susan Wood, Brian Wosel, Julie Yonker

Queen of Courts & Big Man on Campus



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Carly Chandler
Lauren Holmes
Stacy Montee
Rachel Metzler
Julie Rock
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Alison Walla
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Tom Karcz
Bo McCall
Chuck Niemoth
Brent Sails
Shane Soltvedt
Chad Tebbe



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Brent Sails
Devin Henderson
Tom Karcz

Congratulations!!
Love,
Your Parents



Katie
and
Amber

Kamber, Sandy, Sy T-check ~ Amber, I don't think I like him anymore ~ headbutt ~ 4 crazy cowboys ~ housekeeping ~ we love soccer players, hear us roar ~ tulip ~ Katie from Kansas ~ we never like the same boys ~ Spring Break '97 ~ Topeka Boys ~ cheezit party mix ~ myrtle the turtle while wearing a girdle hurt herself going over a hurdle ~ Loser 7 times ~ Lucy! where's my white collarless shirt from Fred Siegel! ~ Clueless ~ It's slippery on the cement ~ sweetie, sugar ~ henrietta the jetta ~ truck stop ~ 16th birthday ~ environmental ed stairs ~ prehistoric cockroaches ~ the wak wagon ~ did you guys come in a truck (Bryan White) ~ Amber dextrous ~

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"Go, then to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 19-20

Let us not give up meeting together... but let us encourage one another." -Hebrews 10:25



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Contrary to past years, second semester began immediately following Winter Break. Finals completed before our vacation marked the end of first semester and for the first time in Northwest history, we had a truly carefree Winter Break.

Upon our return, we found our schedules even more full than before. Seniors awaited the return of their college acceptance letters and with feelings of excitement and anxiety, began counting the days until graduation. At the same time, underclassmen anxiously filled out their schedules for the following year, hoping to receive one that included friends and favorite teachers.

News of a sex scandal involving President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, a former White House intern, overshadowed an escalating conflict with Iraq. Iraqi president Saddam Hussein failed to comply with United Nations' sanc-

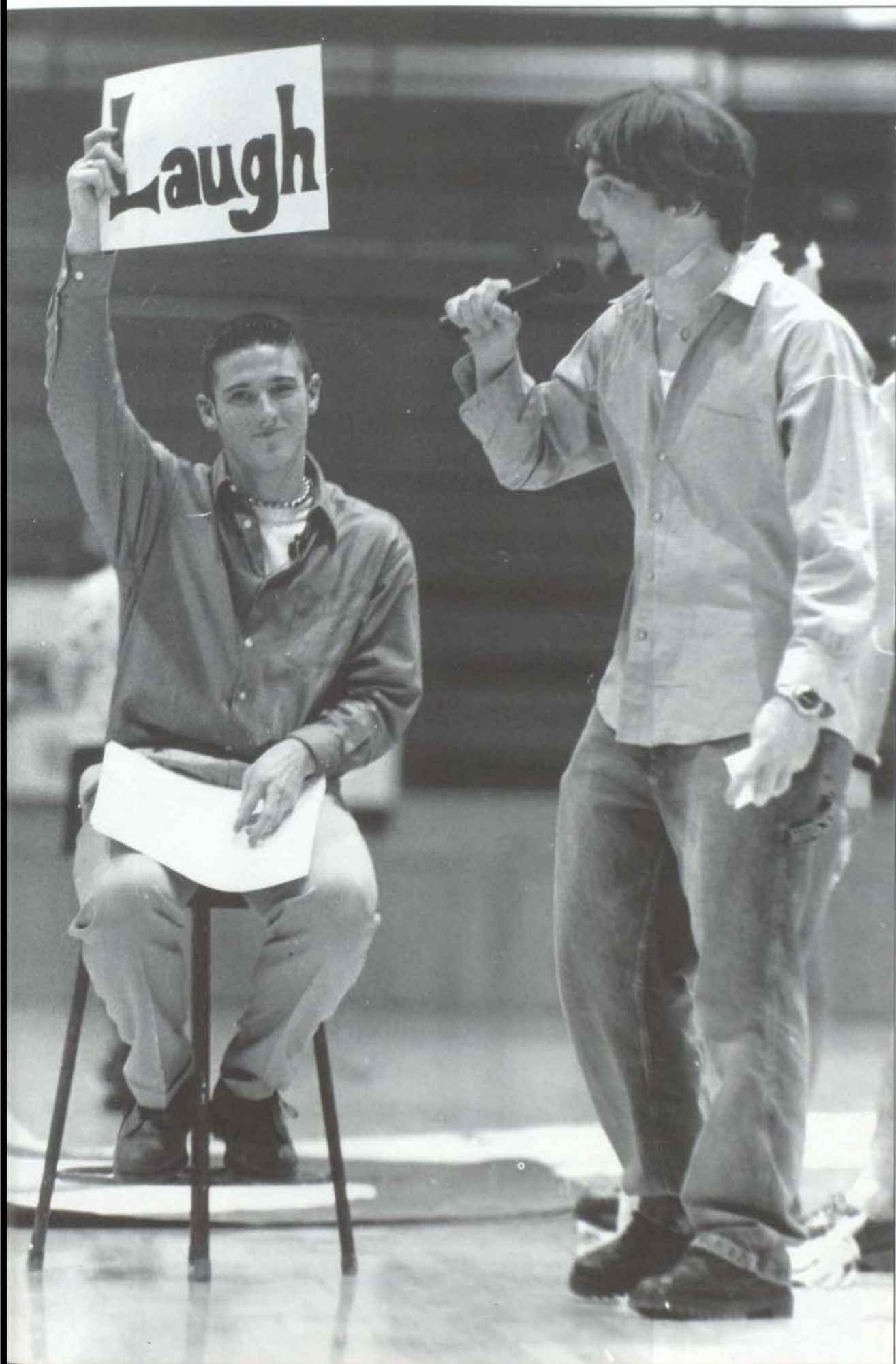
tions when he refused to allow UN officials to search for weapons of mass destruction. Despite the seriousness of the situation, the press played on the voyeuristic appetites of the American people.

Our concerns, however, were more immediate.

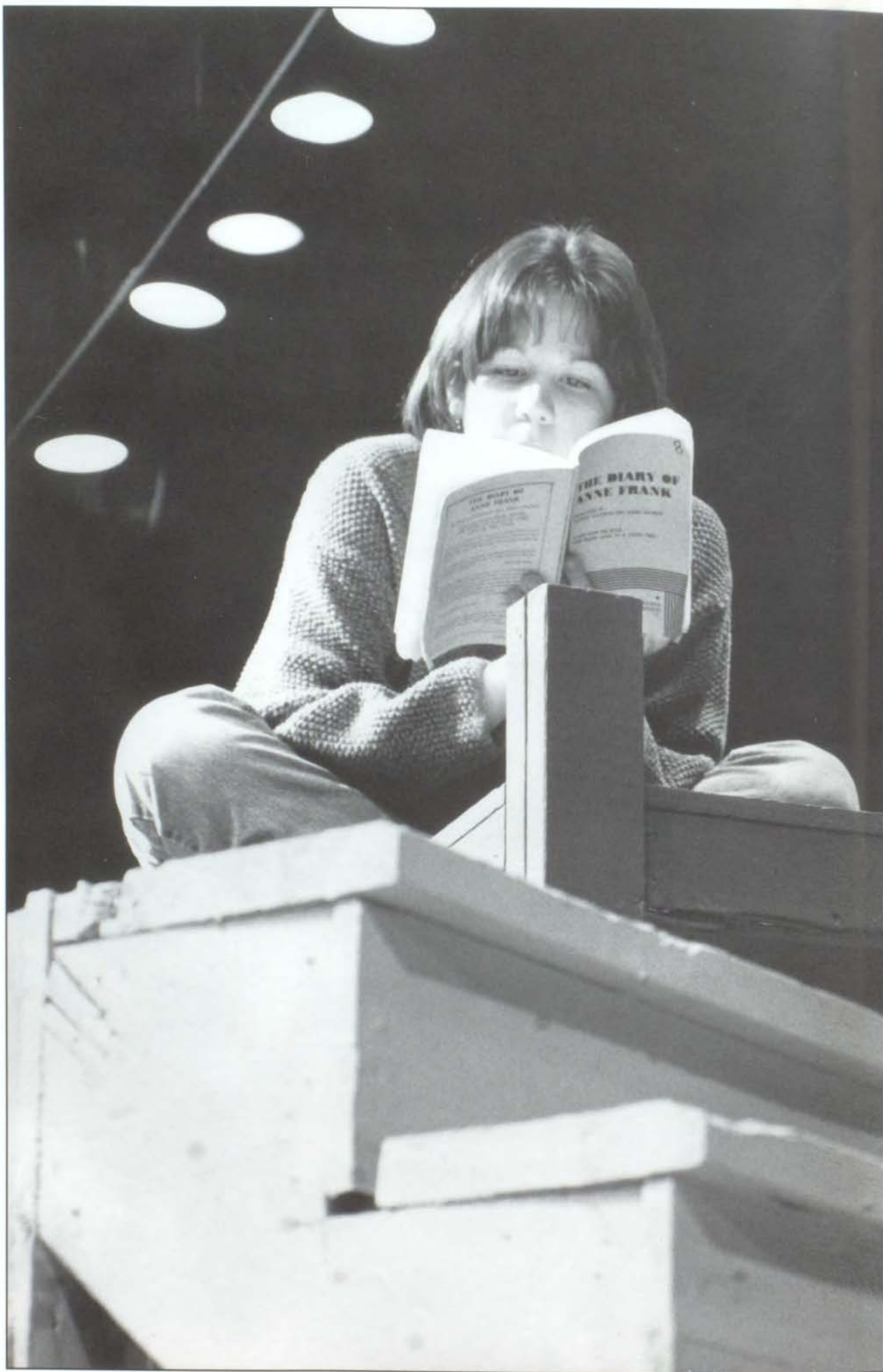
In late February, we noticed a fenced-off area in front of the building where the new library would soon be. Books and computers found new homes



Photos top to bottom, left to right -At the spring sports assembly, the senior class showed off their pride after winning the spirit stick-B.G.-Seniors cheer at the mock basketball countdown encouraged by the new basketball coach Ben Meske.-R.M.-Black History Month speaker, LaDoris Bias Davis, told stories to students at a fourth hour assembly.-B.G.-Beth Allin, junior, and Leah Vandiver and Emily Nelson, seniors, rehearse "Great Day."-K.G.-Jeff Monger and Adrienne Dreher, seniors, dance in a Saturday Night Live skit at the Queen of Courts assembly.-J.G.



During the first ever Singled Out game show Brandon Dawson, senior, holds up a sign to reveal the answer to a question asked by Dan Padavic, senior. 50 girls were eligible to win a date with Dawson. Katie Greenwood, freshman, won dinner and a movie with Dawson. — photo by Michael



Nicole

Anderson, senior,
The Diary of Anne Frank
stage manager, read
through stage directions
for the play. Anderson
had to make sure sound
and lighting was perfect
throughout the show in
order for the perfor-
mance to run smoothly.
—photo by Bryson Gay

on the stage gym and in the Little Theater. As construction plans became a reality, so did rumors of an early dismissal. After Spring Break, administrators confirmed that the school year would end on May 22, two weeks before the rest of the district.

After one rumor was dispelled, another quickly took its place. With the chance of a tradition fading away, the student body worried about the future of the plans program. The validity of Plan 3 was called into question. Unlike previous years, the rumor was taken more seriously as a faculty committee was formed and new criteria were discussed.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, MTV's Kris Hardwick and Jenny McCarthy helped make a love connection. Played by Spirit Club co-presidents Dan Padavic and Adrienne Dreher, the "Singled Out" stars hosted the school's first game show. In the end, two love matches were made and over \$1,000 was raised for Cougars' Community Commitment.

A week later, the student body got into the retro groove for the annual Queen of Courts/Big Man on Campus assembly and after-game mixer. After seniors Alison Walla and Brent Sails were crowned, students showed off their best dance moves at "Funky Town."

At the same time, Olympic hopefuls showed off their best moves at the final Winter Games of the millenium in Nagano, Japan. The United States won 13 medals, tying their own record. The women of the U.S. team overshadowed



Photos top to bottom, left to right—Megan Urquhart, Emily Vogel, Katie Barney and Kelly Lohman watch a skit at the Winter Sports Assembly.—R.M.—At the Fashion Careers I fashion show, Mike Kline and Heidi Inthavong, juniors, model in the final scene.—B.G.—Josko Brkic, Tom Karcz, seniors, and Matt Reichl, sophomore, discuss a play during a time out at a boys' varsity basketball game.—R.M.—Mike McNary, senior, attempts to climb a rope ladder at the Renaissance Festival.—B.G.—Karen Cranston, English teacher, and Rick Ingraham, junior, talk during a basketball game.—K.G.



Photos top to bottom, left to right—Nikki LeClaire and Brad Sager, seniors, celebrate the completion of an issue of the *Northwest Passage*.—K.G.—Dan Padavic and Shelby Malin, seniors, perform the senior drill team Holiday Dance at the Winter Sports Assembly.—B.G.—During a categories meeting, Winn Cashion, freshman, and Ryan Kaiser, junior, play Trivial Pursuit.—R.M.—Missy Mauslin, freshman, does a cradle with the help of the freshman cheerleaders at the Queen of Courts Assembly.—M.D.—Adam Dworkis, senior, and Eric Yurkovich, freshman, paint a banner for the StuCo Blood Drive.—R.M.

owed their male counterparts. Tara Lipinski skated to gold while Michelle Kwan had to settle for silver. Unexpectedly, Picabo Street won gold in the Super-G ski event and the women's hockey team impressed the world when they won Olympic gold. The men's hockey team went to Nagano as the Dream Team and turned into a nightmare of bad sportsmanship as they trashed their rooms in the Olympic Village before leaving. We found new heroes in previously unknown faces and tried to forget those who seemed oblivious to the true meaning of the games.

The pace of our lives never seemed to slow. Even the unimportant things demanded time. We worked to do what we could within the time we had, realizing, unfortunately sometimes too late, that we could not do everything—no matter how hard we tried.

But we were impatient.

We were in a hurry to get out of school, we could not wait to grow up, we were rushing with full force toward our futures. Our time here was brief and we made the most of it as we moved...

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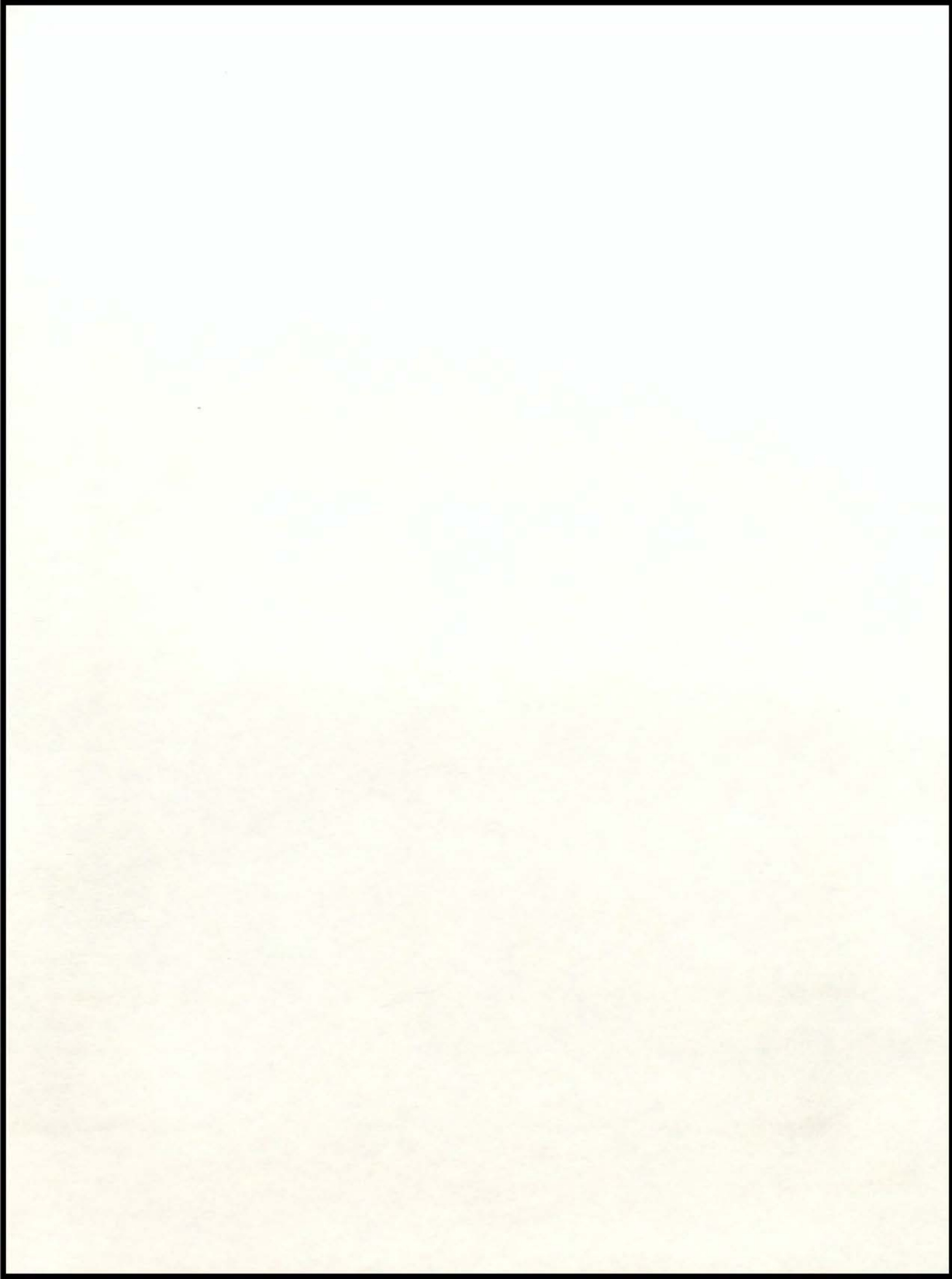


Rebecca Joines, freshman, carries a child from the Guadalupe Center on her back, trying to keep her from stealing the other StuCo member's Santa hats. —*photo by Brandon Baker*

Chris
Ayres,
junior,
sleeps dur-
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